

YEAH Hours: Assign5

Python Programs

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Welcome to Week 6 of CS106AX!



Autumn



Week 6



Winter

So ... how's life everyone



Lecture Recap!

JavaScript → Python Translation



~10 minutes

Recap on the classroom whiteboard; feel free to ask any questions!

If you have questions on ✨ PyCharm, lmk also!



Jerry Picture of the Week 💖



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator



Part 2: Reassemble



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Reading context-free grammar from a file

A context-free grammar – for the sake of this assignment – is a series of definitions, each comprised of a **placeholder** (called a **non-terminal**) and **replacement options** (called **expansions**).



```
<start>
1
The <object> <verb> tonight.

<object>
3
waves
big yellow flowers
slugs

<verb>
3
sigh <adverb>
portend like <object>
die <adverb>

<adverb>
2
warily
grumpily
```



```
grammar = {
  "<start>": ["The <object> <verb> tonight"],
  "<object>": ["waves", "big yellow flowers", "slugs"],
  "<verb>": ["sigh <adverb>", "portend like <object>",
            "die <adverb>"],
  "<adverb>": ["warily"]
}
```

🎯 Our goal is to read a grammar file into a dictionary of this form, mapping **non-terminals** to a list of expansions!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

To start generating a random sentence from this grammar dictionary, like Monopoly game, we always start with “<start>” :)



“<start>”



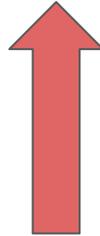
Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

To start generating a random sentence from this grammar dictionary, like Monopoly game, we always start with "`<start>`" :)



Grammar Non-Terminals: "`<start>`", "`<object>`", "`<verb>`", "`<adverb>`"

"<start>"



Find first non-terminal in the string



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

To start generating a random sentence from this grammar dictionary, like Monopoly game, we always start with "`<start>`" :)



"`<start>`"



Let's expand it!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

To start generating a random sentence from this grammar dictionary, like Monopoly game, we always start with "`<start>`" :)



"`<start>`"



grammar["`<start>`"]

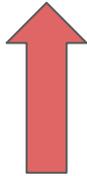
"The `<object>` `<verb>` tonight" ●

One possible expansion, so just choose that one!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The <object> <verb> tonight”



Expanded!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Repeat until no more non-terminals in string, in which case we terminate with a full, randomly generated sentence!

“The <object> <verb> tonight”



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Grammar Non-Terminals: "<start>", "<object>", "<verb>", "<adverb>"

"The <object> <verb> tonight"



Against, find first non-terminal



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The **<object>** **<verb>** tonight”



Let's expand it!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The **<object>** <verb> tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar[“<object>”]

“waves”

“big yellow flowers”

“Slugs”

3 possible expansions: choose a random one! 



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The **<object>** **<verb>** tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar[“<object>”]

“waves”



“big yellow flowers”

“slugs”

Three possible expansions: **have chosen a random one!**



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves <verb> tonight”



expanded!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Repeat until no more non-terminals in string, in which case we terminate with a full, randomly generated sentence!

“The waves <verb> tonight”



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Repeat until no more non-terminals in string, in which case we terminate with a full, randomly generated sentence!

Grammar Non-Terminals: "<start>", "<object>", "<verb>", "<adverb>"

"The waves <verb> tonight"



Against, find first non-terminal



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves **<verb>** tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar["<verb>"]	"sigh <adverb>"	"portend like <object>"
	"die <adverb>"	

3 possible expansions: choose a random one! 



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves **<verb>** tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar[“<verb>”]	“sigh <adverb>”	“portend like <object>” ●
	“die <adverb>”	

Three possible expansions: **have chosen a random one!**



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves portend like <object> tonight”



Expanded!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Repeat until no more non-terminals in string, in which case we terminate with a full, randomly generated sentence!

“The waves portend like <object> tonight”



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

Grammar Non-Terminals: "<start>", "<object>", "<verb>", "<adverb>"

"The waves portend like <object> tonight"



Against, find first non-terminal



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves portend like **<object>** tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar[“<object>”]

“waves”

“big yellow flowers”

“slugs”

3 possible expansions: choose a random one! 🎲



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves portend like **<object>** tonight”



Let's expand it!

grammar[“<object>”]	“waves”	“big yellow flowers” ●	“slugs”
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3 possible expansions: **have chosen a random one!**



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

“The waves portend like big yellow flowers tonight”



Expanded!



Part 1: Random Sentence Generator

With no more nonterminals, the sentence generation has concluded!

“The waves portend like big yellow flowers tonight”

We have our random sentence yay! 🎉

It's poetry (not really at all)

 **Interactive examples
on the classroom board!**
Random Sentence Generation





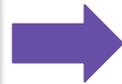
Part 2: Reassemble

Reading fragments from a file

Our goal is to reconstruct the original full text from a list of fragments, which we have to first read from a text file.



```
allswell_  
{all is well}  
{ell that en}  
{hat end}  
{t ends well}
```



```
fragments = ["all is well", "ell that en",  
             "hat end", "t ends well"]
```

🎯 Our next goal is to assemble them together! In the case above, the result should be *"all is well that ends well"*



Part 2: Reassemble

Let's put these **four fragments back together!**

→ First, we'll want to identify the **pair of fragments with the most overlap** when the back of one fragment is combined with the front of another

a l l i s w e l l

e l l t h a t e n

h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l





Part 2: Reassemble

There's 6 possible pairs among 4 fragments. For each pair:

- We identify the **largest possible overlap** when combining them
- In the case of the two strings "all is well" and "ell that en",

a	l	l		i	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

e	l	l		t	h	a	t		e	n
---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---



Part 2: Reassemble

There's 6 possible pairs among 4 fragments. For each pair:

- We identify the **largest possible overlap** when combining them
- In the case of the two strings "all is well" and "ell that en", the max overlap is 3 characters, with "all is well" going first

a l l i s w e l l

e l l t h a t e n



a l l i s w e l l t h a t e n



Part 2: Reassemble

→ Let's check the max overlap for all possible pairs among our fragments!

e l l t h a t e n

h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

→ Let's check the **max overlap** among all possible pairs of fragments!

Pair of Fragments	Longest Overlap Result	Length
"all is well" + "ell that en"	"all is <u>well</u> that end"	3
"all is well" + "hat end"	no overlap	0
"all is well" + "t ends well"	no overlap	0
"ell than en" + "hat end"	"ell <u>than end</u> "	6
"ell that en" + "t ends well"	ell that <u>ends</u> well	3
"hat end" + "t ends well"	<u>t ends</u> well	5



Part 2: Reassemble

→ We have a winner! 🏆

Pair of Fragments	Longest Overlap Result	Length
"all is well" + "ell that en"	"all is <u>well</u> that end"	3
"all is well" + "hat end"	no overlap	0
"all is well" + "t ends well"	no overlap	0
"ell than en" + "hat end"	"ell <u>than end</u> "	6
"ell that en" + "t ends well"	ell that <u>ends</u> well	3
"hat end" + "t ends well"	<u>t ends</u> well	5





Part 2: Reassemble

This pair has highest overlap (6), so let's combine!

e l l t h a t e n

h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

We've combined them!

e l l t h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

→ Let's repeat the same thing as before: check the **max overlap** among all possible pairs of fragments! (three in total)

e l l t h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

→ Let's repeat the same thing as before: check the **max overlap** among all possible pairs of fragments! (3 possible pairs in total)

Pair of Fragments	Longest Overlap Result	Length
"ell that end" + "t ends well"	"ell that <u>ends</u> well"	5
"all is well" + "ell that end"	"all is <u>well</u> that end"	3
"t ends well" + "all is well"	no overlap	0



Part 2: Reassemble

→ We have a winner! 🏆

Pair of Fragments	Longest Overlap Result	Length
"ell that end" + "t ends well"	"ell that <u>ends</u> well"	5
"all is well" + "ell that end"	"all is <u>well</u> that end"	3
"t ends well" + "all is well"	no overlap	0





Part 2: Reassemble

This pair has highest overlap (5), so let's combine!

e l l t h a t e n d

t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

This pair has highest overlap (5), so let's combine!

e	l	l		t	h	a	t		e	n	d	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

a	l	l		i	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---



Part 2: Reassemble

→ Let's repeat the same thing **one last time**: check the **max overlap** among the last two remaining fragments

e	l	l		t	h	a	t		e	n	d	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

a	l	l		i	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---



Part 2: Reassemble

e l l t h a t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l

Pair of Fragments	Result	Length
"all is well" + "ell that ends well"	"all is <u>w</u> ell that ends well"	3





Part 2: Reassemble

Let's combine along their overlapping portion!

e l l t h a t e n d s w e l l

a l l i s w e l l



Part 2: Reassemble

And we can get the final reassembly, tada! 🎉

a	l	l		i	s		w	e	l	l		t	h	a	t		e	n	d	s		w	e	l	l
---	---	---	--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

“all is well that ends well”

 **Interactive examples
on the classroom board!**

Reassemble



Keep up the amazing work! :)

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, e.g., in the office hours following the overview portion of the YEAH session.

Make sure to take a break also after the midterm – you deserve it! :)

