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Bilexical context-free grammars (2-LCFGs) have proved to be accurate models for statistical natural language parsing. Existing dynamic programming algorithms used to parse sentences under these models have running time of  $O(|w|^4)$ , where w is the input string.

A 2-LCFG is splittable if the left arguments of a lexical head are always independent of the right

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arguments, and vice versa. When a 2-LCFGs is splittable, parsing time can be asymptotically improved to  $O(|w|^3)$ . Testing this property is therefore of central interest to parsing efficiency. In this article, however, we show the negative result that splittability of 2-LCFGs is undecidable.

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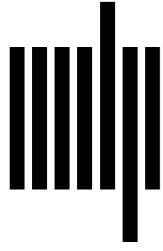
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