Dependency Parsing with Bounded Block Degree and Well-nestedness via Lagrangian Relaxation and Branch-and-Bound

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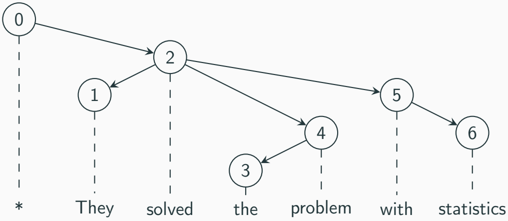

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- Arc factored model: $score(y) = \sum_{a \in Y} score(a)$
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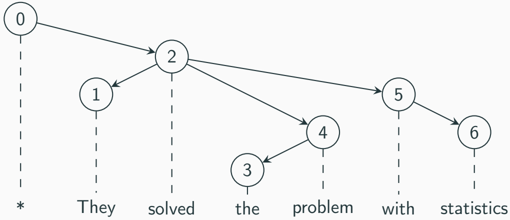

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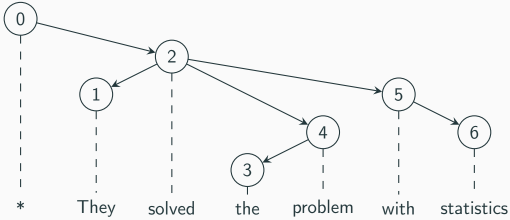

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Motivations

Observation

- Projective parsing: does not correctly cover datasets
- Non-projective parsing: produce invalid structures

Problem

- WN and k-BBD parsing: no tractable algorithm

Contribution

- First efficient parsing algorithm based on Lagrangian Relaxation

Outline

1.Introduction

2. Dependency tree characterization

3. Existing parsing algorithms

4. Novel characterization based on arc-sets

5. Efficient parsing with fine-grained constraints

6. Experiments

7. Conclusion

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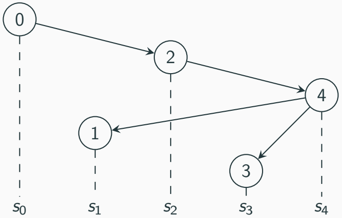

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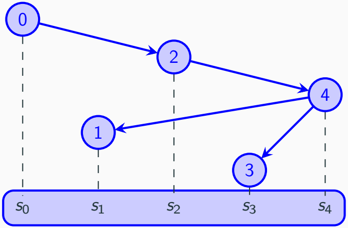

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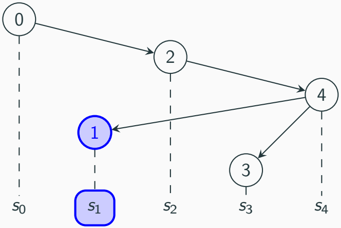

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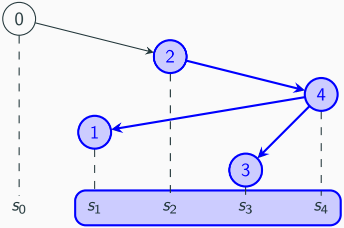

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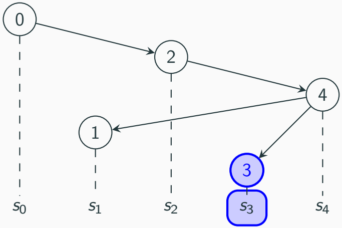

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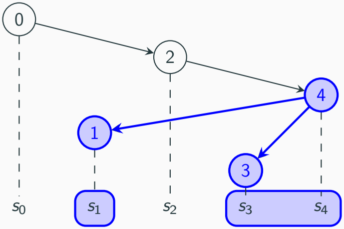

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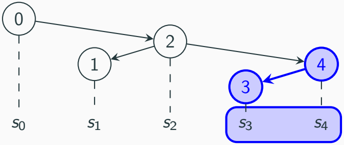

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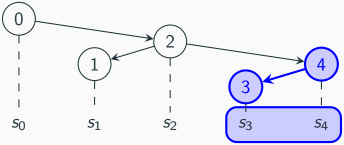

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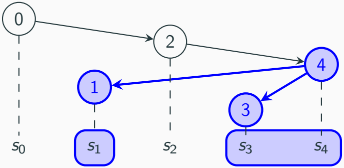

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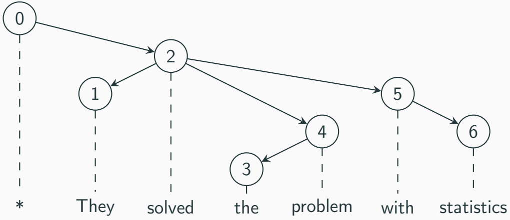

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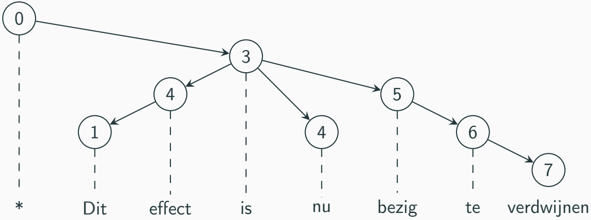

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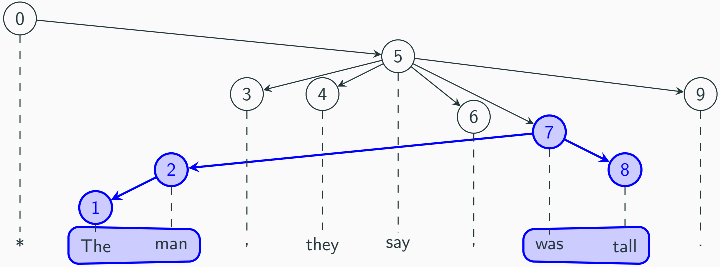

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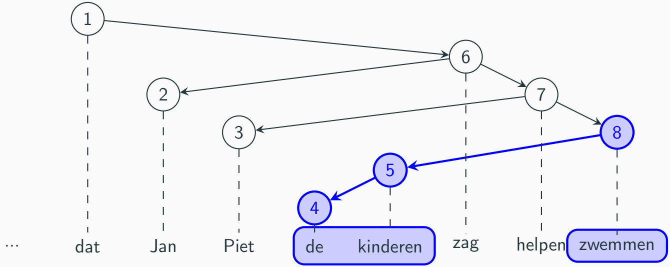

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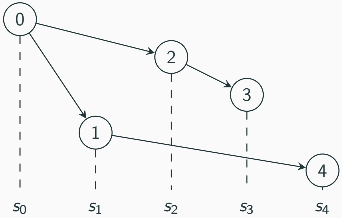

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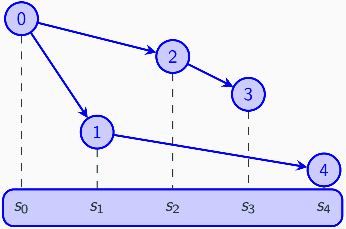

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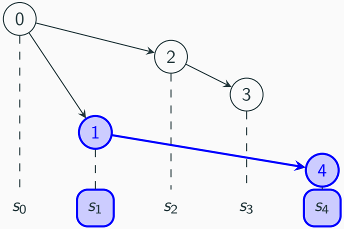

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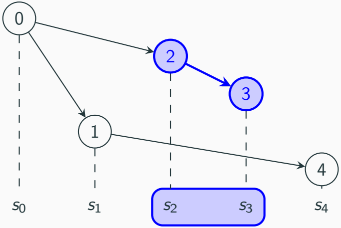

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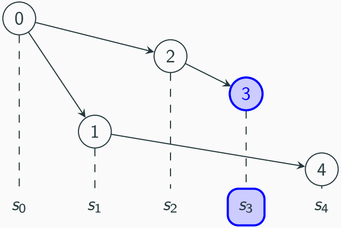

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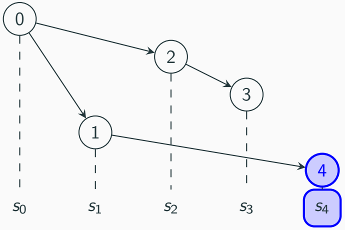

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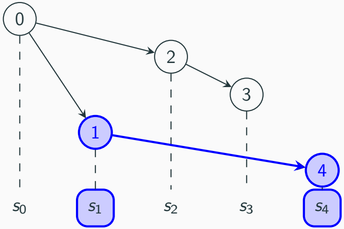

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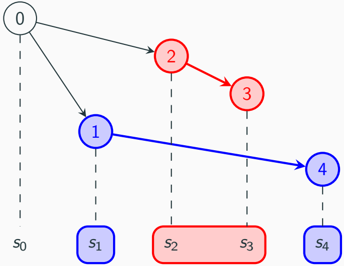
Well-nestedness (WN)

- Interleaving sets I_1, I_2: there exist $i, j \in I_1$ and $k, l \in I_2$ such that $i < k < j < l$
- *Well-nested* tree: does not contain two vertices whose yields are disjoint and interleave



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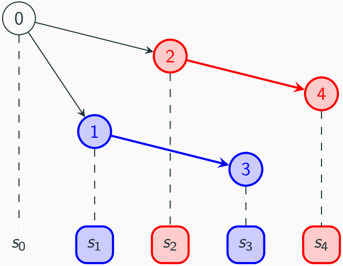

Not well-nested tree

Complexity (arc-factored)

Non-projective	$O(n^2)$	[McDonald et al. 2005]
Projective	$O(n^3)$	[Eisner 2000]
WN + 2-BBD	$O(n^7)$	[Gómez-Rodríguez et al. 2009]
WN + k-BBD, $k \geq 2$	$O(n^{5+2(k-1)})$	[Gómez-Rodríguez et al. 2009]

Remark

Projective $\Leftrightarrow$ 1-BBD and WN

Tractability

- Non-projective and projective: tractable
- WN + k-BBD: not tractable

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Efficient decoding

In practice: (directed) *Maximum Spanning Tree* (MST) algorithm
[Schrijver 2003; McDonald et al. 2005]

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Problem enhancement

$\Rightarrow$ Integrating fine-grained structural constraints ?

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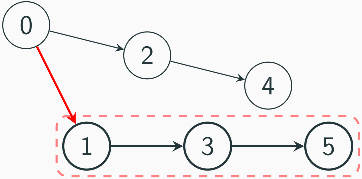

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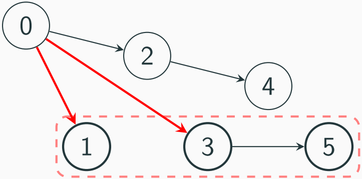

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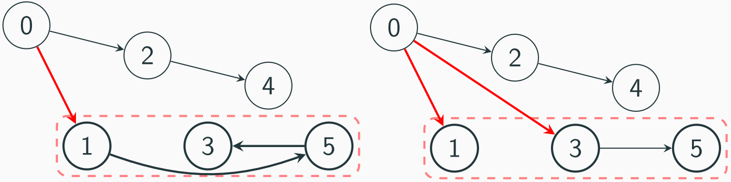

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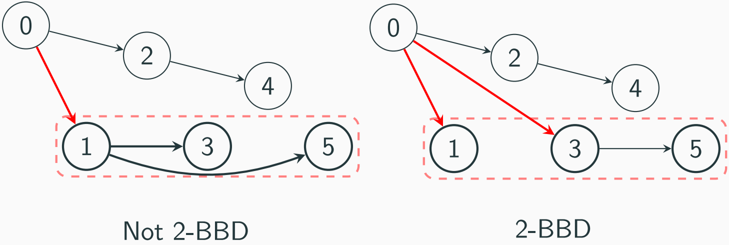

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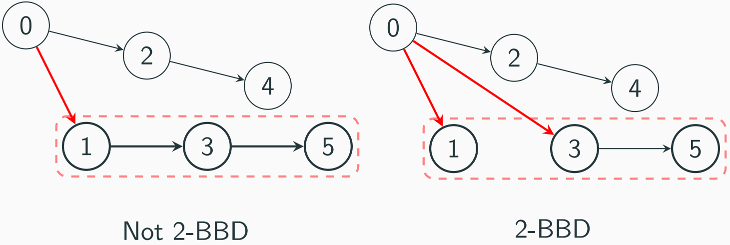

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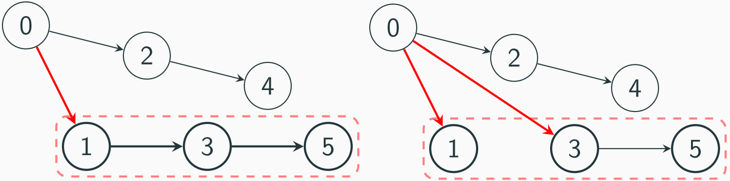

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Constraint

For each vertex subset $W \in \mathcal{W}^{\geq k+1} \Rightarrow$ At least two adjacent arcs

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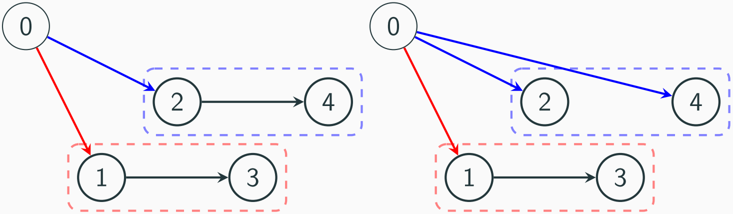

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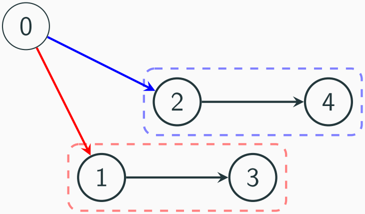

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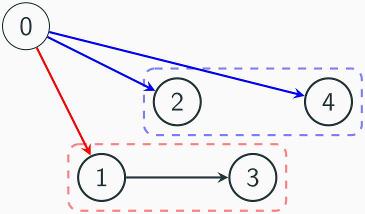

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Constraint

For each couple $(I_1, I_2) \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow$ At least two adjacent arcs for I_1 or I_2

Full ILP: parsing with k-BBD and WN constraints

$$\max_z \sum_{a \in A} score(a) \times z_a \qquad \textit{Arc-factored} \qquad (5)$$

$$\text{s.t.} z \in Z \qquad \textit{Non-projective} \qquad (6)$$

$$\sum_{a \in \delta(W)} z_a \geq 2 \qquad \forall\ W \in \mathcal{W}^{\geq k+1} \qquad \textit{k-BBD} \qquad (7)$$

$$\sum_{a \in \delta(I_1)} z_a + \sum_{a \in \delta(I_2)} z_a \geq 3 \qquad \forall (I_1, I_2) \in \mathcal{I} \qquad \textit{WN} \qquad (8)$$

Problem

- MST: k-BBD and WN constraints can not be integrated
- Generic solver: exponential number of constraints
- Polynomial algorithm: intractable [Gómez-Rodríguez et al. 2009]

Solving the ILP

$\Rightarrow$ Lagrangian Relaxation applied on constraints (7)-(8)

Lagrangian Relaxation

Lagrangian Dual Problem

$$\min_{u \geq 0} \max_{z \in Z} L(z, u)$$

Efficient minimization of the dual

- Min: Subgradient descent
- Max: Maximum Spanning Tree
- Many relaxed constraints: Non Delayed Relax-and-Cut

Efficient maximization of the primal

- Branch-and-Bound
- Problem reduction (exact pruning technique)

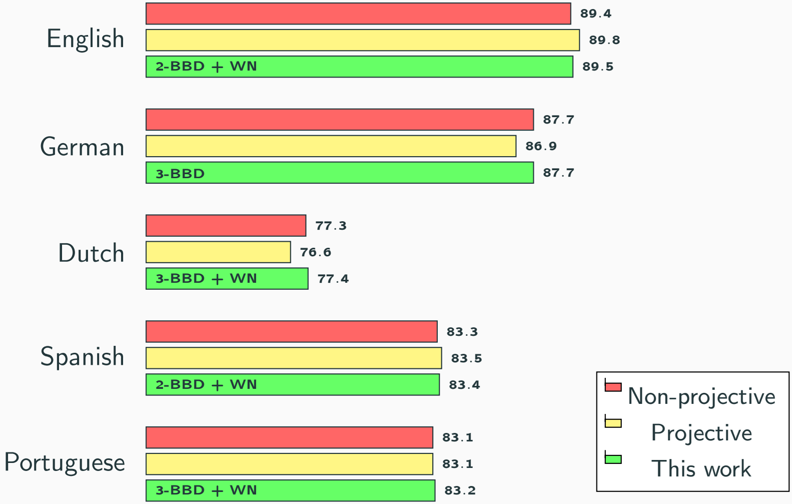
Distribution of dependency tree characteristics

	English (PTB/LTH)		German (SPMRL)		Dutch (UD)	
	WN	~~WN~~	WN	~~WN~~	WN	~~WN~~
BD 1	**92.26**		**67.60**		**69.13**	
BD 2	**7.58**	0.12	**27.12**	**0.79**	**28.50**	0.08
BD 3	0.12	0.01	**3.86**	**0.30**	**2.24**	0.01
BD 4	0.00	0.00	0.19	$<$0.01	0.04	0.00
BD $>$ 4	0.00	0.00	0.11	$<$0.01	0.00	0.00

	Spanish (UD)		Portuguese (UD)	
	WN	~~WN~~	WN	~~WN~~
BD 1	**93.95**		**81.56**	
BD 2	**5.99**	0.04	**13.92**	0.05
BD 3	0.02	0.00	**3.76**	0.02
BD 4	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.00
BD $>$ 4	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00

- **Blue**: Projective dependency trees
- **Blue** + **Purple**: $\approx$ 99% of the dependency trees

UAS (Ratio of correct arcs)



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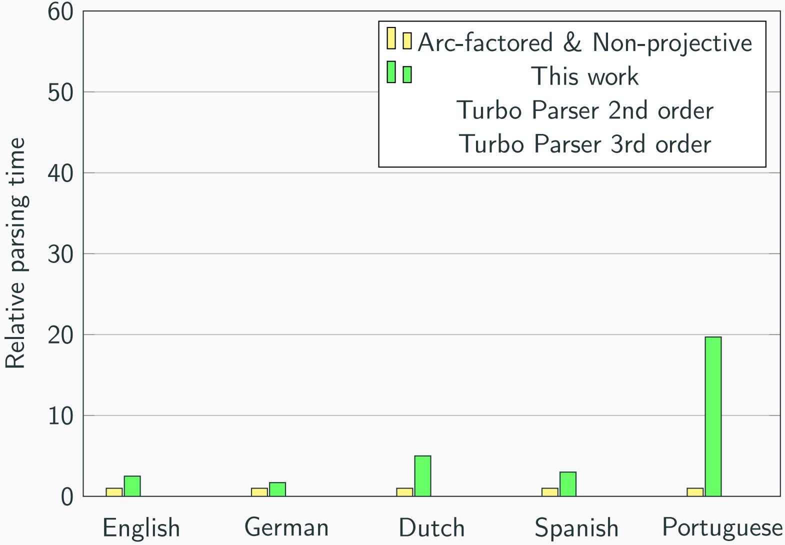

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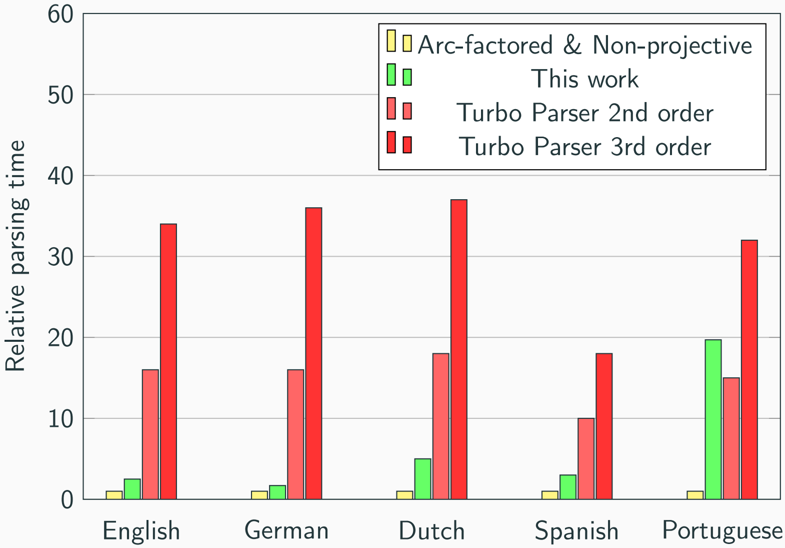

Conclusion: k-BBD and WN dependency parsing

Our contribution

- Novel characterization based on arc sets only
- The first efficient and flexible algorithm:
  - k-BBD with arbitrary k
  - WN optional

  } Tunable for different languages/properties
- First experimental results with K-BBD and WN parsing

Surprising observation

- Does not improve UAS under an arc-factored model

Perspectives

- LTAG derivation parsing (2-BBD and WN)
- Parsing lexicalized mildly context sensitive languages

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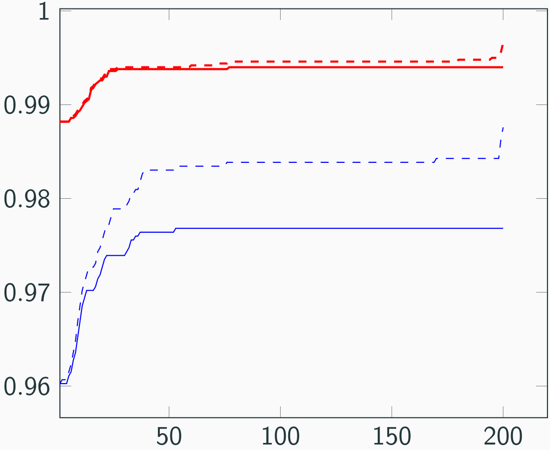
Lagrangian Relaxation: Optimality Rate



(y-axis) Optimality rate
(x-avis) Number of iterations
(blue) English
(red) German
(solid) With certificate
(dashed) Without