

① Given the grammar provided use the A\* algorithm to find the best parse for the example sentence. Show the agenda at each step. I've started you off...

	prob.	$-\log \text{prob.}$	they	can	fish	
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	1.0	0.00	0	1	2	3
$VP \rightarrow VM VV$	0.9	0.04				
$VP \rightarrow VV NP$	0.1	1.00				
$VV \rightarrow \text{can}$	0.2	0.70				
$VV \rightarrow \text{fish}$	0.8	0.10				
$VM \rightarrow \text{can}$	1.0	0.00				
$NP \rightarrow \text{they}$	0.5	0.30				
$NP \rightarrow \text{fish}$	0.5	0.30				

Agenda:

step 1:  $[NP, 0, 1] - 0.30$

step 2:  $[VM, 1, 2] - 0.00$

$[NP, 0, 1] - 0.30$

$[VV, 1, 2] - 0.70$

remember lowest cost highest priority

step 3:

There's one more initialisation

step before you're into the main

loop...

when finished restart the video...

② how many steps did you save over doing the CKY algorithm?

a) Given the supertagger probabilities provided use the  $A^*$  algorithm to find the best parse for the example sentence.

		prob.	$-\log$ prob.	
can	$S \setminus NP$	0.2	0.70	• they • can • fish •
can	$(S \setminus NP) / (S \setminus NP)$	1.0	0.00	0            1            2            3
fish	$S \setminus NP$	0.8	0.10	
fish	$NP$	0.5	0.30	
they	$NP$	0.5	0.30	

Agenda:

step 1:  $[NP, 0, 1] - 0.3$

step 2:  $[(S \setminus NP) / (S \setminus NP), 1, 2] - 0.00$   
 $[NP, 0, 1] - 0.30$   
 $[S \setminus NP, 1, 2] - 0.70$

step 3: ...

always do the same thing for ties

you can assume

all non-stated probabilities are zero. — there's no point putting items of infinite cost in the agenda...

remembers to calculate cost using  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$