

Sequence Labeling

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Inference in HMMs: Viterbi and F/B

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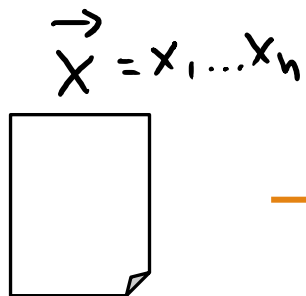
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Classification



$$y \in \{1 \dots L\}$$

Sentiment Analysis

$$y \in \{+, -\}$$

Identify Topic

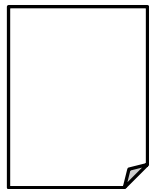
$$y \in \{\text{sports, politics, ...}\}$$

Language Model

$$y \in \{1 \dots V\}$$

Sequence Labeling

$x_1 \dots x_n$



X



$y_1 \dots y_n$

$y_i \in \{1 \dots L\}$
 Y

$\vec{y} \in Y^n$

Part\$ of Speech

x_1 x_2 . . . x_5 x_6
This is a simple sentence .
DET VB DET ADJ NOUN .
:
 $y_i \in \textcircled{Y}$

Applications:

- Text to speech: record, lead, ...
- Machine translation: run, walk, ...
- Noun phrases: ``grep {JJ | NN}* {NN | NNS}``
- and many others...

Parts of Speech: Tags

Tag	Description	Example	Tag	Description	Example
CC	coordin. conjunction	<i>and, but, or</i>	SYM	symbol	<i>+, %, &</i>
CD	cardinal number	<i>one, two</i>	TO	“to”	<i>to</i>
DT	determiner	<i>a, the</i>	UH	interjection	<i>ah, oops</i>
EX	existential ‘there’	<i>there</i>	VB	verb base form	<i>eat</i>
FW	foreign word	<i>mea culpa</i>	VBD	verb past tense	<i>ate</i>
IN	preposition/sub-conj	<i>of, in, by</i>	VBG	verb gerund	<i>eating</i>
JJ	adjective	<i>yellow</i>	VBN	verb past participle	<i>eaten</i>
JJR	adj., comparative	<i>bigger</i>	VBP	verb non-3sg pres	<i>eat</i>
JJS	adj., superlative	<i>wildest</i>	VBZ	verb 3sg pres	<i>eats</i>
LS	list item marker	<i>1, 2, One</i>	WDT	wh-determiner	<i>which, that</i>
MD	modal	<i>can, should</i>	WP	wh-pronoun	<i>what, who</i>
NN	noun, sing. or mass	<i>llama</i>	WP\$	possessive wh-	<i>whose</i>
NNS	noun, plural	<i>llamas</i>	WRB	wh-adverb	<i>how, where</i>
NNP	proper noun, sing.	<i>IBM</i>	\$	dollar sign	<i>\$</i>
NNPS	proper noun, plural	<i>Carolinas</i>	#	pound sign	<i>#</i>
PDT	predeterminer	<i>all, both</i>	“	left quote	<i>‘ or “</i>
POS	possessive ending	<i>’s</i>	”	right quote	<i>’ or ”</i>
PRP	personal pronoun	<i>I, you, he</i>	(left parenthesis	<i>[, (, {, <</i>
PRP\$	possessive pronoun	<i>your, one’s</i>)	right parenthesis	<i>],), }, ></i>
RB	adverb	<i>quickly, never</i>	,	comma	<i>,</i>
RBR	adverb, comparative	<i>faster</i>	.	sentence-final punc	<i>. ! ?</i>
RBS	adverb, superlative	<i>fastest</i>	:	mid-sentence punc	<i>: ; ... --</i>
RP	particle	<i>up, off</i>			

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“Open classes”

Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, numbers

“Closed classes”

- Modal verbs
- Prepositions (on, to)
- Particles (off, up)
- Determiners (the, some)
- Pronouns (she, they)
- Conjunctions (and, or)

Named Entity Recognition

Barack Obama spoke from the White House today .

PER PER O O O LOC LOC O O

Field Segmentation: Ads

3BR flat in Bruntsfield , near main roads . Bright , well maintained ...

SIZE TYPE O LOC O LOC LOC LOC O FEAT O FEAT FEAT ...

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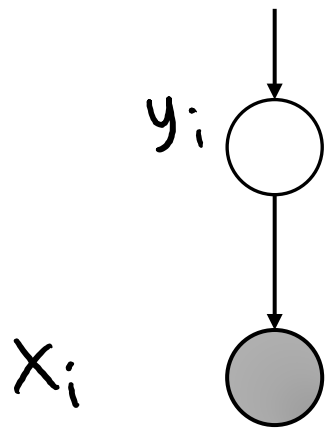
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Naïve Bayes Classifier

$$p(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) = \prod_i p(y_i, x_i)$$



$$= \prod_i \underbrace{p(y_i)}_{\frac{\# y_i}{N}} \underbrace{p(x_i | y_i)}_{\frac{\# x_i, y_i}{\# y_i}}$$

From labeled data \rightarrow

$\sim 90\%$

WST

$\sim 3.5\%$

“Transitions” matter

VBD		VB				
VBN	VBZ	VBP	VBZ			
NNP	NNS	NN	NNS	CD	NN	

Fed raises interest rates 0.5 percent

“Impossible” Transitions

- Two determiners never follow each other
- Two base form verbs never follow each other
- Determiner is followed by adjective or noun

Based on semantics

Fruit flies **like** a bird.

VB IN

Fruit flies **like** bananas.

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How do we select a “consistent” set of POS tags?

“Transitions” matter

“like”, “bananas”

Types:

Unambiguous (1 tag)

WSJ
44,432 (**86%**)

Brown
45,799 (**85%**)

Ambiguous (2+ tags)

7,025 (**14%**)

8,050 (**15%**)

Tokens:

Unambiguous (1 tag)

577,421 (**45%**)

384,349 (**33%**)

Ambiguous (2+ tags)

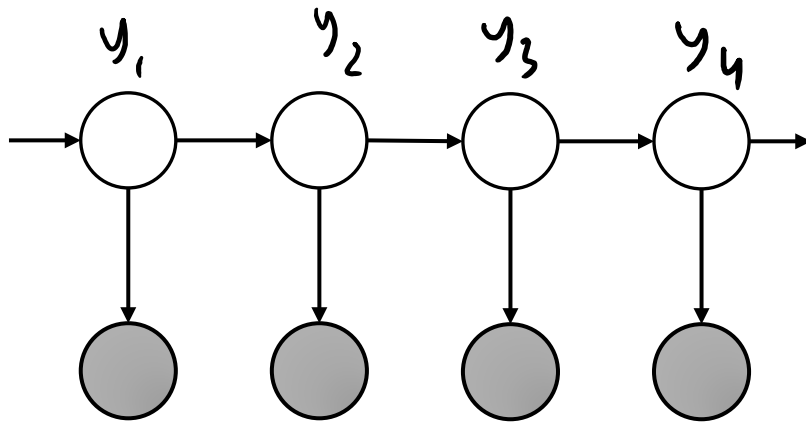
711,780 (**55%**)

786,646 (**67%**)

$x_i = \text{“like”}$

in “I like bananas”

“Transitions” matter

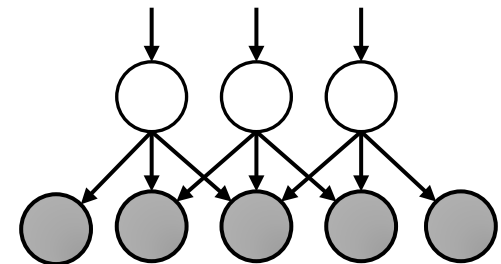


$$p(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) = \prod_i p(y_i) p(x_i | y_i)$$

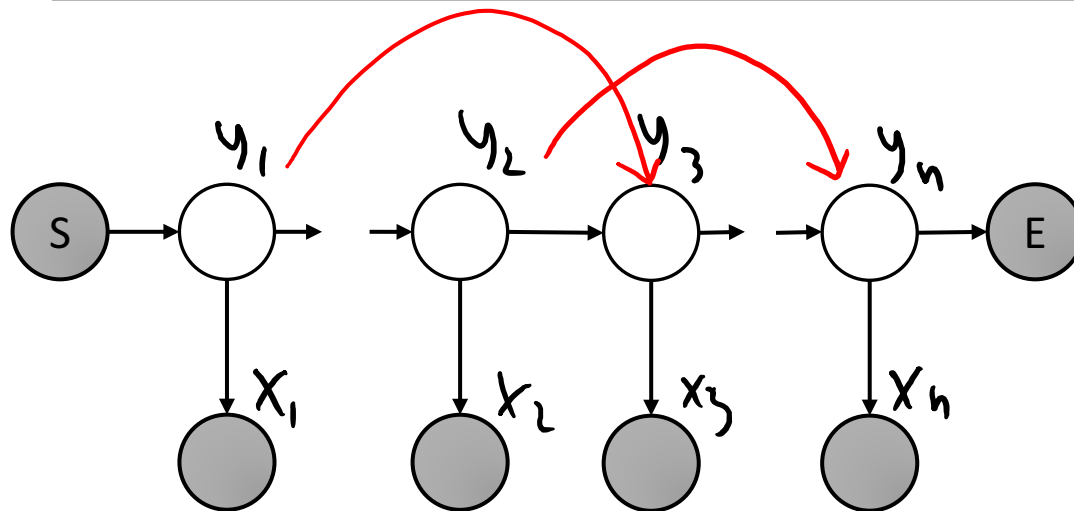
$$p(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) = \prod_i p(y_i | y_{i-1}) p(x_i | y_i)$$

Transition on Words versus Tags

- Too many words, learn the same thing again
- Support for unseen words: “I like tenguizino!”



Hidden Markov Models



$$P(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$$

$$= \prod_i e(x_i | y_i) t(y_i | y_{i-1})$$

emission

Transition

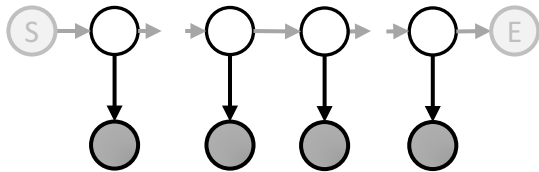
Example Sentence

x This is a simple sentence

y S DET VB DET ADJ NOUN E

$$p(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) = e(\text{This}|\text{DET}) e(\text{is}|\text{VB}) e(\text{a}|\text{DET}) \dots \\ t(\text{DET}|S) t(\text{VB}|\text{DET}) \dots t(E|\text{NOUN})$$

Estimating Emissions



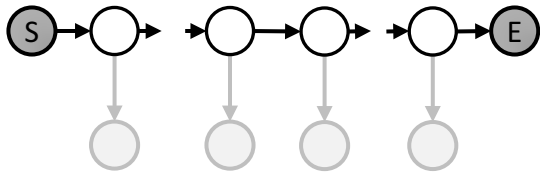
$$e(x_i | y_i) = \frac{\# x_i \wedge y_i}{\# y_i}$$

Smoothing

- Unknown/rare words get inaccurate probabilities
- Reminder: Laplace Smoothing (Add-k)
- Next lecture: we will look at “features”

$$e(x_i | y_i) = \frac{\# x_i \wedge y_i + k}{\# y_i + kV}$$

Estimating Transitions



$$t(y_i | y_{i-1}) = \frac{\#y_{i-1} \wedge y_i}{\#y_{i-1}}$$

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Interpolation

- If there are too many tags, or too little data, some combinations are too rare
- Same as N-gram language models, “backoff” to simpler models

$$t(y_i | y_{i-1}) = \lambda P(y_i | y_{i-1}) + (1-\lambda) P(y_i)$$

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Predicting from HMMs

$$p(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$$

$$\vec{x} = \text{"..."}'$$

$$\vec{y} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} y^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in y^n} p(\vec{y} | \vec{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_y \frac{p(\vec{y}, \vec{x})}{p(\vec{x})} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_y p(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Brute Force Inference

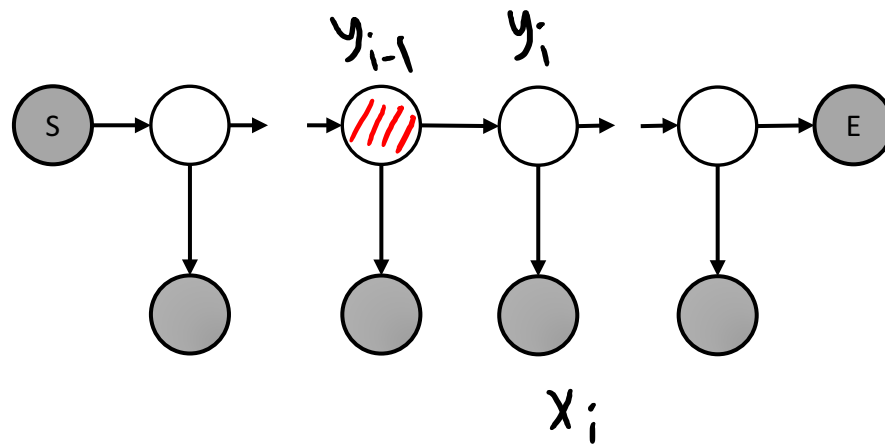
$$\hat{y}^* = \underset{\vec{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^n}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\vec{y} | \vec{x})$$

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$$O(|\mathcal{Y}|^n) \begin{matrix} \text{--- } 15 \\ \text{--- } 45 \end{matrix}$$

$$(45)^{15}$$

Conditional Independence



$$y_i \perp y_1 \dots y_{i-2} \mid y_{i-1}$$

$$y_i \perp y_{i+2} \dots y_n \mid y_{i+1}$$

Dynamic Programming

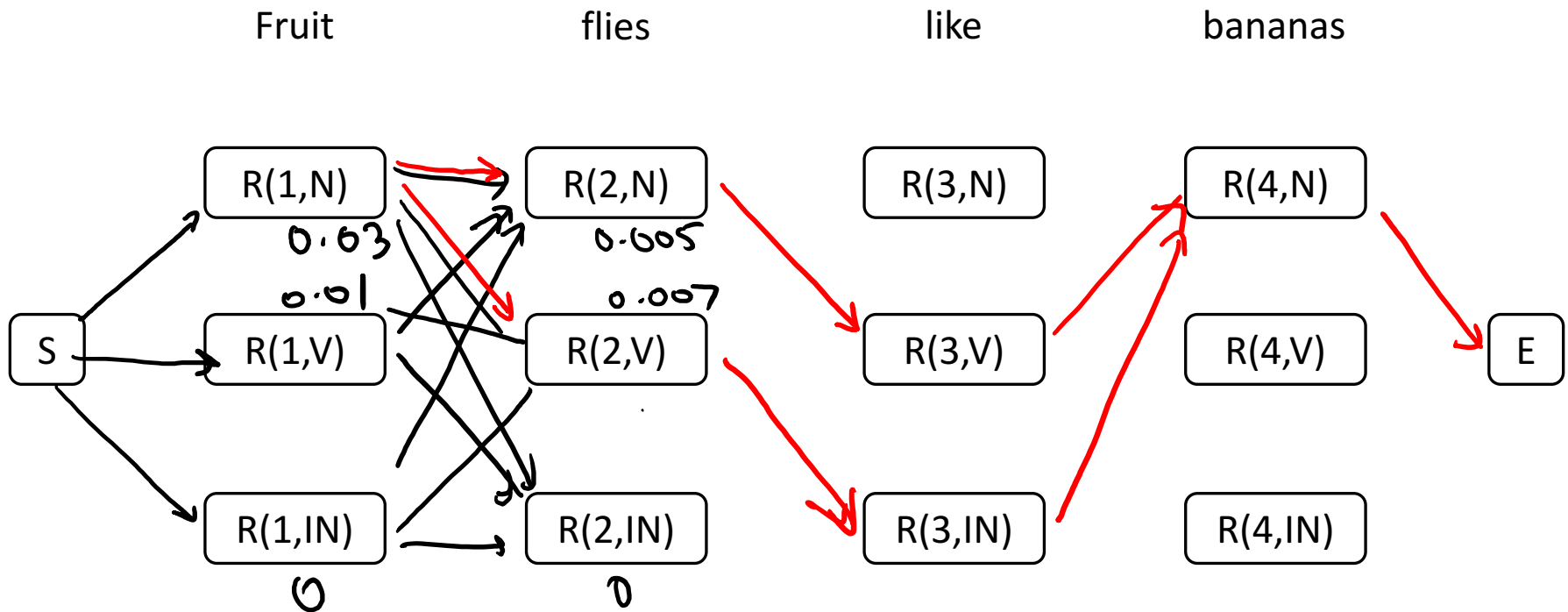
$$R(i, y_i) = \max_{y_1 \dots y_{i-1}} P(x_1 \dots x_i, y_1 \dots y_i)$$

max probability
of setting y_i
before i

$$= \max_{y_{i-1}} e(x_i | y_i) t(y_i | y_{i-1}) \max_{y_1 \dots y_{i-2}} P(x_1 \dots x_{i-1}, y_1 \dots y_{i-1})$$

$$= \max_{y_{i-1}} e(x_i | y_i) t(y_i | y_{i-1}) R(i-1, y_{i-1})$$

State Lattice



Viterbi Decoding Algorithm

Initialization

$$R(0, s) = 1$$

Iterative Computation (forward)

$$R(i, y_i) = \max_{y_{i-1}} e(x_i | y_i) t(y_i | y_{i-1}) R(i-1, y_{i-1})$$

Handwritten annotations:
A red arrow points from the $\max_{y_{i-1}}$ term to the word "argmax" written below it.
A red arrow points from the $R(i-1, y_{i-1})$ term to the underlined $R(i-1, y_{i-1})$ term.

Follow pointers (backward)

Computational Complexity

$$R(i, y_i) = \max_{y_{i+1}} \dots$$

1...n 1...|Y| 1...|Y|

$$O(n |Y|^2)$$

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Unsupervised Tagging

Supervision is not always appropriate

- Linguist has to read and understand each sentence
 - Time consuming and expensive
- Contains domain specific signal in the labels
 - WSJ doesn't generalize to Twitter, for example
- Difficult to agree on the universal part-of-speech tags (C5 tags: 61, Brown: 87)
- Want to apply it to low-resource/unknown languages

Generalize the notion of “clustering” to sequence labeling.

Expectation Maximization

K-Means

Initialization

K "pos" tags
 $e(x_i | y_i), t(y_i | y_{i-1})$

Pick K random centroids

Compute Expectations

$p(\vec{y} | \vec{x})$ given e, t

Cluster all the points

Update Parameters

e, t given $p(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$

Update centroids

Upcoming...

Homework

- Homework 2 is due (~10 days): **February 9, 2017**
- Write-up, data, and code for Homework 2 is up
- Ask questions early!

Project

- Proposal is due in a week: **February 7, 2017**
- Only **2 pages**

Summaries

- Paper summaries: **February 17, February 28, March 14**
- Only **1 page** each