# Part-of-Speech Tagging

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**Neural Networks** 

CS 287

#### Quiz: ReLU

Last class we focused on standard hinge loss. Consider now the squared hinge loss, ( $\ell_2$  SVM)

$$L_{hinge} = \max\{0, 1 - (\hat{y}_c - \hat{y}_{c'})^2\}$$

What is the effect does this have on the loss? How do the parameters gradients change?

### Today's Class

- Part-of-Speech Tagging as a Motivating Example
- ► Bilinear Models
- Windowed Models

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## Penn Treebank (Marcus et al, 1993)

- ▶ The ur-dataset of statistical NLP
- ► Constructed from 1989-1992.
- Contains 4.5 million token
- Around 1 million make up the core PTB, text from 1989 Wall Street Journal

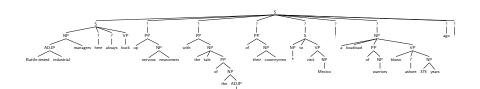
## **Tagging**

So what if Steinbach had struck just seven home runs in 130 regular-season games , and batted in the seventh position of the A 's lineup .

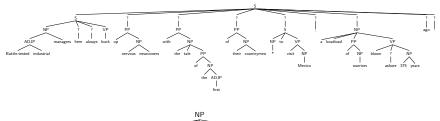
### Part-of-Speech Tags

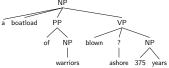
So/RB what/WP if/IN Steinbach/NNP had/VBD struck/VBN just/RB seven/CD home/NN runs/NNS in/IN 130/CD regular-season/JJ games/NNS ,/, and/CC batted/VBD in/IN the/DT seventh/JJ position/NN of/IN the/DT A/NNP 's/NNP lineup/NN ./.

# Syntax



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# "Simplified" English Tagset I

- 1. , Punctuation
- 2. CC Coordinating conjunction
- 3. CD Cardinal number
- 4. DT Determiner
- 5. EX Existential there
- 6. FW Foreign word
- 7. IN Preposition or subordinating conjunction
- 8. JJ Adjective
- 9. JJR Adjective, comparative
- 10. JJS Adjective, superlative
- 11. LS List item marker

# "Simplified" English Tagset II

- 12. MD Modal
- 13. NN Noun, singular or mass
- 14. NNS Noun, plural
- 15. NNP Proper noun, singular
- 16. NNPS Proper noun, plural
- 17. PDT Predeterminer
- 18. POS Possessive ending
- 19. PRP Personal pronoun
- 20. PRP\$ Possessive pronoun
- 21. RB Adverb
- 22. RBR Adverb, comparative

## "Simplified" English Tagset III

- 23. RBS Adverb, superlative
- 24. RP Particle
- 25. SYM Symbol
- 26. TO to
- 27. UH Interjection
- 28. VB Verb. base form
- 29. VBD Verb, past tense
- 30. VBG Verb, gerund or present participle
- 31. VBN Verb, past participle
- 32. VBP Verb, non-3rd person singular present
- 33. VBZ Verb, 3rd person singular present

## "Simplified" English Tagset IV

- 34. WDT Wh-determiner
- 35. WP Wh-pronoun
- 36. WP\$ Possessive wh-pronoun
- 37. WRB Wh-adverb

#### NN or NNS

Whether a noun is tagged singular or plural depends not on its semantic properties, but on whether it triggers singular or plural agreement on a verb. We illustrate this below for common nouns, but the same criterion also applies to proper nouns.

Any noun that triggers singular agreement on a verb should be tagged as singular, even if it ends in final -s.

EXAMPLE: Linguistics NN is/\*are a difficult field.

If a noun is semantically plural or collective, but triggers singular agreement, it should be tagged as singular.

EXAMPLES: The group/NN has/\*have disbanded. The jury/NN is/\*are deliberating.

## Language Specific?

► Chinese has circumpositions, German doesn't really gerunds, etc.

### Universal Part-of-Speech Tags

- 1. VERB verbs (all tenses and modes)
- 2. NOUN nouns (common and proper)
- 3. PRON pronouns
- 4. ADJ adjectives
- 5. ADV adverbs
- 6. ADP adpositions (prepositions and postpositions)
- 7. CONJ conjunctions
- 8. DET determiners
- 9. NUM cardinal numbers
- 10. PRT particles or other function words
- 11. X other: foreign words, typos, abbreviations
- 12. . punctuation

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However note,

- ▶ Possibly have "solved" PTB tagging (Manning, 2011)
- ▶ Deep Learning skepticism

# Strawman: Sparse Tagging Models

Let,

- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{F}$ ; just be the set of word type
- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{C}$ ; be the set of part-of-speech tags,  $|\mathcal{C}| \approx$  40
- Use a linear model,  $\hat{y} = f(\mathbf{xW} + \mathbf{b})$

However this runs into clear issues.

# Why is tagging hard?

#### 1. Rare Words

- 3% of tokens in PTB dev are unseen.
- What can we even do with these?

#### 2. Ambiguous Words

- ► Around 50% of seen dev tokens are ambiguous in train.
- ▶ How can we decide between different tags for the same type?

### Better Tag Features: Word Properties

Representation can use specific aspects of text.

- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{F}$ ; Prefixes, suffixes, hyphens, first capital, all-capital, hasdigits, etc.
- ightharpoonup  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_i \delta(f_i)$

Example: Rare word tagging

in 130 regular-season/JJ games ,

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{x} & = & \delta(\texttt{prefix:3:reg}) + \delta(\texttt{prefix:2:re}) \\ & + & \delta(\texttt{prefix:1:r}) + \delta(\texttt{has-hyphen}) \\ & + & \delta(\texttt{lower-case}) + \delta(\texttt{suffix:3:son}) \dots \end{array}$$

## Better Tag Features: Tag Sequence

Representation can use specific aspects of text.

- F; Prefixes, suffixes, hyphens, first capital, all-capital, hasdigits, etc.
- Also include features on previous tags

Example: Rare word tagging with context

in 130/CD regular-season/JJ games ,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{x} &= \delta(\texttt{last:CD}) + \delta(\texttt{prefix:3:reg}) + \delta(\texttt{prefix:2:re}) \\ &+ \delta(\texttt{prefix:1:r}) + \delta(\texttt{has-hyphen}) \\ &+ \delta(\texttt{lower-case}) + \delta(\texttt{suffix:3:son}) \ldots \end{split}$$

### **Modeling Context**

- ▶ Features on context require inference.
- Still standard way to do tagging.
- Very fast implementation in Stanford CoreNLP

### NLP From Scratch (Collobert et al. 2011)

What if we just used words and context?

- ► No lexical features (mostly)
- No inference (mostly)

We will work our way up to the full paper.

- 1. Word representations with shared information
- 2. Contextual input representations
- 3. Semi-Supervised training.

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#### Motivation: Dense Features

- Strawman linear model learns one parameter for each word.
- Features allow us to share information between words.
- ▶ However, requires knowledge of what to share.
- lacktriangle We will build up to dense,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 imes d_{\mathrm{in}}}.$

#### Bilinear Model

Bilinear model,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f((\mathbf{x}^0 \mathbf{W}^0) \mathbf{W}^1 + \mathbf{b})$$

- $m{ iny} ~ m{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{1 imes d_0}$  usually  $m{x}^0 \in \{0,1\}^{1 imes d_0}$  or one-hot
- $ightharpoonup \mathbf{W}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_0 imes d_{\mathrm{in}}}$ ,  $d_0 = |\mathcal{F}|$
- $lackbox{W}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{
  m in} imes d_{
  m out}}$  ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 imes d_{
  m out}}$ ; model parameters

#### Notes:

- Bilinear parameter interaction.

### Bilinear Model: Intuition

$$(\mathbf{x}^0\mathbf{W}^0)\mathbf{W}^1 + \mathbf{b}$$

$$w_{d_{\mathrm{in}},0}^1$$
 ...  $w_{d_{\mathrm{in}},d_{\mathrm{out}}}^1$ 

### **Embedding Layer**

- Critical for natural language applications
- Informal names for this idea,
  - Feature embeddings/ word embeddings
  - Lookup Table
  - ► Feature/Representation Learning
  - ▶ (In Torch, nn.LookupTable (x one-hot) or nn.SparseLinear)

#### Dense Features

Example 1: single-word classfication with embeddings

$$\mathbf{x} = v(f_1; \theta) = \delta(f_1) \mathbf{W}^0 = \mathbf{x}^0 \mathbf{W}^0$$

lacksquare  $v: \mathcal{F} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{1 imes d_{\mathrm{in}}}$ ; parameterized embedding function

With dense features, we write bilinear model as,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{W}^1 + \mathbf{b})$$

Example 2: Bag-of-words classfication with embeddings

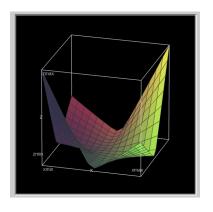
$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} v(f_i; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \delta(f_i) \mathbf{W}^0$$

### Log-Bilinear Model

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \log \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{xW}^1 + \mathbf{b})$$

- ► Same form as multiclass logistic regression, but with dense features.
- ightharpoonup However, objective is now non-convex (no restrictions on  $\mathbf{W}^0$ ,  $\mathbf{W}^1$ )

# Log-Bilinear Model



$$-15\log\sigma(xy) - 5\log\sigma(-xy) + \lambda/2||[x\ y]||^2$$

#### Does it matter?

- We are going to use SGD, in theory this is quite bad
- ▶ However, in practice it is not that much of an issue
- Argument: in large parameter spaces local optima are okay
- Lots of questions here, beyond scope of class

# Embedding Gradients: Cross-Entropy

Chain Rule:

$$\frac{\partial L(f(\mathbf{x}))}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial L(f(\mathbf{x}))}{\partial f(\mathbf{x})_j}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \log \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{W}^1 + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_f} = \sum_{i} W_{f,i}^1 \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_{f,i}} = W_{f,c}^1 (1 - \hat{y}_c) - \sum_{i \neq c} W_{f,i}^1 \hat{y}_i$$
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^0 \mathbf{W}^0$$

$$\frac{\partial x_j}{\partial W_{k,j'}^0} = x_k^0 \mathbf{1}(j = j')$$

Update:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W^{0}_{k,i'}} = x^{0}_{k}(W^{1}_{j',c}(1-\hat{y}_{c}) - \sum_{i \neq c} W^{1}_{j',i}\hat{y}_{i})$ 

## Geometric Interpretation

[On Board]

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## Sentence Tagging

- $\triangleright$   $w_1, \ldots, w_n$ ; sentence words
- $ightharpoonup t_1, \ldots, t_n$ ; sentence tags
- $ightharpoonup {\cal C}$ ; output class, set of tags.

#### Window Model

#### **Goal:** predict $t_5$ .

Windowed word model.

$$w_1 \ w_2 \ [w_3 \ w_4 \ w_5 \ w_6 \ w_7] \ w_8$$

- ► w<sub>3</sub>, w<sub>4</sub>; left context
- ▶ w<sub>5</sub>; Word of interest
- $\triangleright$   $w_6, w_7$ ; right context
- $d_{\text{win}}$ ; size of window ( $d_{\text{win}} = 5$ )

### **Boundary Cases**

**Goal:** predict  $t_2$ .

$$\left[\left\langle \mathbf{s}\right\rangle \ \mathbf{w}_{1} \ \mathbf{w}_{2} \ \mathbf{w}_{3} \ \mathbf{w}_{4}\right] \ \mathbf{w}_{5} \ \mathbf{w}_{6} \ \mathbf{w}_{7} \ \mathbf{w}_{8}$$

**Goal:** predict  $t_8$ .

$$w_1$$
  $w_2$   $w_3$   $w_4$   $w_5$   $\left[ w_6$   $w_7$   $w_8$   $\left< /s \right> \left< /s \right> \right]$ 

Here symbols  $\langle s \rangle$  and  $\langle /s \rangle$  represent boundary padding.

#### Dense Windowed BoW Features

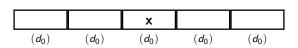
- $ightharpoonup f_1, \ldots, f_{d_{\text{win}}}$  are words in window
- ▶ Input representation is the concatenation of embeddings

$$\boldsymbol{x} = [v(f_1) \ v(f_2) \ \dots \ v(f_{d_{\min}})]$$

Example: Tagging

$$w_1 \ w_2 \ [w_3 \ w_4 \ w_5 \ w_6 \ w_7] \ w_8$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [v(w_3) \ v(w_4) \ v(w_5) \ v(w_6) \ v(w_7)]$$



Rows of  $W^1$  encode position specific weights.

#### Dense Windowed Extended Features

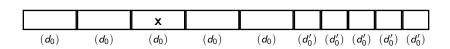
 $ightharpoonup f_1, \ldots, f_{d_{\min}}$  are words,  $g_1, \ldots, g_{d_{\min}}$  are capitalization

$$\mathbf{x} = [v(f_1) \ v(f_2) \ \dots \ v(f_{d_{\min}}) \ v_2(g_1) \ v_2(g_2) \ \dots \ v_2(g_{d_{\min}})]$$

Example: Tagging

$$w_1 \ w_2 \ [w_3 \ w_4 \ w_5 \ w_6 \ w_7] \ w_8$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [v(w_3) \ v(w_4) \ v(w_5) \ v(w_6) \ v(w_7) \ v_2(w_3) \ v_2(w_4) \ v_2(w_5) \ v_2(w_6) \ v_2(w_7)]$$



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# Tagging from Scratch (Collobert et al, 2011)

Part 1 of the key model,

