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Part 1: Generative Models for Word Alignment

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Finding the best alignment: IBM Model 1

Learning Parameters: IBM Model 1

### Noisy Channel Model

## Alignment Task

 $e \longrightarrow \mathsf{Program} \longrightarrow \mathsf{Pr}(e \mid f)$ 

#### Training Data

► Alignment Model: learn a mapping between fand e.

Training data: lots of translation pairs between fand e.

#### The IBM Models

- ► The first statistical machine translation models were developed at IBM Research (Yorktown Heights, NY) in the 1980s
- ► The models were published in 1993:

  Brown et. al. The Mathematics of Statistical Machine Translation.

  Computational Linguistics. 1993.
  - http://aclweb.org/anthology/J/J93/J93-2003.pdf
- ► These models are the basic SMT models, called: IBM Model 1, IBM Model 2, IBM Model 3, IBM Model 4, IBM Model 5 as they were called in the 1993 paper.
- We use eand f in the equations in honor of their system which translated from French to English.
   Trained on the Canadian Hansards (Parliament Proceedings)

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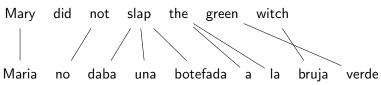
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# Generative Model of Word Alignment

- ► English **e**: Mary did not slap the green witch
- ▶ "French" **f**: Maria no daba una botefada a la bruja verde
- Alignment **a**:  $\{1, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 7, 6\}$ e.g.  $(f_8, e_{a_8}) = (f_8, e_7) = (bruja, witch)$

### Visualizing alignment a



## Generative Model of Word Alignment

#### Data Set

▶ Data set  $\mathcal{D}$  of N sentences:

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \mathbf{e}^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{f}^{(N)}, \mathbf{e}^{(N)})\}$$

- ▶ French **f**:  $(f_1, f_2, ..., f_l)$
- ▶ English **e**:  $(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_J)$
- Alignment **a**:  $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_l)$

### Generative Model of Word Alignment

Find the best alignment for each translation pair

$$\mathbf{a}^* = \arg\max_{\mathbf{a}} \Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e})$$

Alignment probability

$$Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{Pr(\mathbf{e}) Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{e}) Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

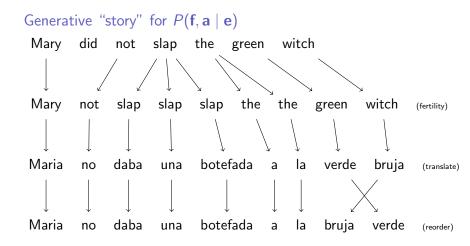
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### Fertility parameter

$$n(\phi_j \mid e_j)$$
:  $n(3 \mid slap)$ ;  $n(0 \mid did)$ 

#### Translation parameter

$$t(f_i \mid e_{a_i}) : t(bruja \mid witch)$$

#### Distortion parameter

$$d(f_{pos} = i \mid e_{pos} = j, I, J) : d(8 \mid 7, 8, 6)$$

### Generative model for $P(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})$

$$P(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{j=1}^{J} n(\phi_i \mid e_i)$$

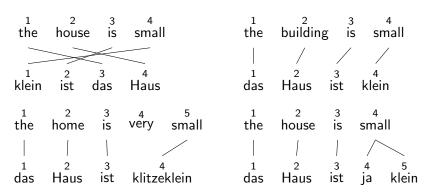
$$\times \prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$

$$\times \prod_{i=1}^{I} d(i \mid j, I, J)$$

### Sentence pair with alignment $\mathbf{a} = (4, 3, 1, 2)$

If we know the parameter values we can easily compute the probability of this aligned sentence pair.

$$\mathsf{Pr}(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{a}\mid\mathbf{e}) =$$



#### Parameter Estimation

- ▶ What is  $n(1 \mid \text{very}) = ?$  and  $n(0 \mid \text{very}) = ?$
- ▶ What is  $t(\text{Haus} \mid \text{house}) = ?$  and  $t(\text{klein} \mid \text{small}) = ?$
- ▶ What is d(1 | 4, 4, 4) = ? and d(1 | 1, 4, 4) = ?

the home is very small

1 2 3 4 5
very small

1 2 3 4
das Haus ist klitzeklein

Parameter Estimation: Sum over all alignments

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}} \Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} \prod_{i=1}^{I} n(\phi_{a_i} \mid e_{a_i}) \times t(f_i \mid e_{a_i}) \times d(i \mid a_i, \mathbf{f}_{len}, \mathbf{e}_{len})$$

### Summary

- ► If we know the parameter values we can easily compute the probability Pr(a | f, e) given an aligned sentence pair
- ▶ If we are given a corpus of sentence pairs with alignments we can easily learn the parameter values by using relative frequencies.
- ▶ If we do not know the alignments then perhaps we can produce all possible alignments each with a certain probability?

IBM Model 3 is too hard: Let us try learning only  $t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$ 

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}} \Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} \prod_{i=1}^{l} n(\phi_{a_i} \mid e_{a_i}) \times t(f_i \mid e_{a_i}) \times d(i \mid a_i, \mathbf{f}_{len}, \mathbf{e}_{len})$$

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### Alignment probability

$$Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

### Example alignment

$$\Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$

$$\Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = t(\text{das} \mid \text{the}) \times t(\text{Haus} \mid \text{house}) \times t(\text{ist} \mid \text{is}) \times t(\text{klein} \mid \text{small})$$

$$\mathsf{Pr}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$

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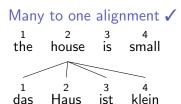
# Finding the best word alignment: IBM Model 1

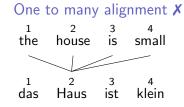
### Compute the arg max word alignment

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg\max_{\mathbf{a}} \mathsf{Pr}(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})$$

▶ For each  $f_i$  in  $(f_1, ..., f_l)$  build  $\mathbf{a} = (\hat{a_1}, ..., \hat{a_l})$ 

$$\hat{a}_i = \arg\max_{a_i} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$





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### Learning parameters [from P.Koehn SMT book slides]

- ▶ We would like to estimate the lexical translation probabilities t(e|f) from a parallel corpus
- ... but we do not have the alignments
- Chicken and egg problem
  - if we had the alignments,
    - ightarrow we could estimate the *parameters* of our generative model
  - if we had the parameters,
    - ightarrow we could estimate the *alignments*

- Incomplete data
  - ▶ if we had *complete data*, we could estimate *model*
  - ▶ if we had *model*, we could fill in the *gaps in the data*
- Expectation Maximization (EM) in a nutshell
  - 1. initialize model parameters (e.g. uniform)
  - 2. assign probabilities to the missing data
  - 3. estimate model parameters from completed data
  - 4. iterate steps 2–3 until convergence

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... la maison ... la maison blue ... la fleur ...

the house ... the blue house ... the flower ...
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- Initial step: all alignments equally likely
- ▶ Model learns that, e.g., *la* is often aligned with *the*

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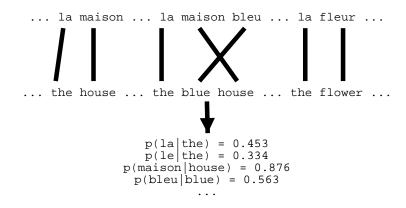
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- After one iteration
- ▶ Alignments, e.g., between *la* and *the* are more likely



- After another iteration
- ▶ It becomes apparent that alignments, e.g., between *fleur* and *flower* are more likely (pigeon hole principle)

- Convergence
- ▶ Inherent hidden structure revealed by EM



Parameter estimation from the aligned corpus

### IBM Model 1 and the EM Algorithm [from P.Koehn SMT book slides]

- EM Algorithm consists of two steps
- Expectation-Step: Apply model to the data
  - parts of the model are hidden (here: alignments)
  - using the model, assign probabilities to possible values
- ► Maximization-Step: Estimate model from data
  - take assign values as fact
  - collect counts (weighted by probabilities)
  - estimate model from counts
- Iterate these steps until convergence

### IBM Model 1 and the EM Algorithm [from P.Koehn SMT book slides]

- ▶ We need to be able to compute:
  - Expectation-Step: probability of alignments
  - Maximization-Step: count collection

### Alignment probability

$$Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} \prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})}$$

### Computing the denominator

- ▶ The denominator above is summing over  $J^I$  alignments
- ▶ An interlude on how compute the denominator faster ...

Sum over all alignments

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}} \Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \sum_{a_1=1}^{J} \sum_{a_2=1}^{J} \dots \sum_{a_l=1}^{J} \prod_{i=1}^{l} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$

Assume  $(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  and  $(e_1, e_2)$ 

$$\sum_{a_1=1}^2 \sum_{a_2=1}^2 \sum_{a_3=1}^2 t(f_1 \mid e_{a_1}) \times t(f_2 \mid e_{a_2}) \times t(f_3 \mid e_{a_3})$$

Assume 
$$(f_1, f_2, f_3)$$
 and  $(e_1, e_2)$ :  $I = 3$  and  $J = 2$ 

$$\sum_{a_1=1}^2 \sum_{a_2=1}^2 \sum_{a_3=1}^2 t(f_1 \mid e_{a_1}) \times t(f_2 \mid e_{a_2}) \times t(f_3 \mid e_{a_3})$$

 $J^{\prime}=2^3$  terms to be added:

# Word Alignments: IBM Model 1

#### Factor the terms:

### Word Alignments: IBM Model 1

Assume 
$$(f_1, f_2, f_3)$$
 and  $(e_1, e_2)$ :  $I=3$  and  $J=2$  
$$\prod_{i=1}^3 \sum_{a_i=1}^2 t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})$$

 $I \times J = 2 \times 3$  terms to be added:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} (t(f_1 \mid e_1) & + & t(f_1 \mid e_2)) & \times \\ (t(f_2 \mid e_1) & + & t(f_2 \mid e_2)) & \times \\ (t(f_3 \mid e_1) & + & t(f_3 \mid e_2)) & \end{array}$$

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#### Alignment probability

$$Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} \prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})}$$

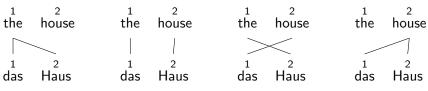
$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{I} t(f_i \mid e_{a_i})}{\prod_{i=1}^{I} \sum_{j=1}^{J} t(f_i \mid e_j)}$$

### Learning parameters t(f|e) when alignments are known

$$\begin{split} t(\textit{das} \mid \textit{the}) &= \frac{c(\textit{das}, \textit{the})}{\sum_{f} c(f, \textit{the})} & t(\textit{house} \mid \textit{Haus}) = \frac{c(\textit{Haus}, \textit{house})}{\sum_{f} c(f, \textit{house})} \\ t(\textit{ein} \mid \textit{a}) &= \frac{c(\textit{ein}, \textit{a})}{\sum_{f} c(f, \textit{a})} & t(\textit{Buch} \mid \textit{book}) = \frac{c(\textit{Buch}, \textit{book})}{\sum_{f} c(f, \textit{book})} \\ t(f \mid e) &= \sum_{s=1}^{N} \sum_{f \rightarrow e \in \mathbf{f}^{(s)}, \mathbf{e}^{(s)}} \frac{c(f, e)}{\sum_{f} c(f, e)} \end{split}$$



### Learning parameters t(f|e) when alignments are unknown



Also list alignments for (the book, das Buch) and (a book, ein Buch)

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Initialize t^0(f|e)

t(Haus \mid the) = 0.25 t(das \mid house) = 0.5

t(das \mid the) = 0.5 t(Haus \mid house) = 0.5

t(Buch \mid the) = 0.25 t(Buch \mid house) = 0.0
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#### Compute posterior for each alignment

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Initialize t^0(f|e)

t(Haus \mid the) = 0.25

t(das \mid house) = 0.5

t(Buch \mid the) = 0.25

t(Buch \mid house) = 0.05

t(Buch \mid house) = 0.00
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### Compute $Pr(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})$ for each alignment

| the house  1 2 the house  1 2 das Haus | the house                | the house  1 2 das Haus    | the house  1 2 das Haus  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| $0.5 \times 0.25$ $0.125$              | $0.5 \times 0.5 \\ 0.25$ | $0.25 \times 0.5 \\ 0.125$ | $0.5 \times 0.5 \\ 0.25$ |

Compute 
$$Pr(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{Pr(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}{Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e})}$$
  
 $Pr(\mathbf{f} \mid \mathbf{e}) = 0.125 + 0.25 + 0.125 + 0.25 = 0.75$ 

| the house  1 2 the house  1 2 das Haus | the house      1 2  that   2   4   4   4   5   6   7   6   7   7   8   9   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1 | the house  1 2 das Haus                                      | the house |
|--|--|--|-----------|
| 0.125                                  | 0.25   | $\begin{array}{c} 0.125 \\ \hline 0.75 \\ 0.167 \end{array}$ | 0.25      |
| 0.75                                   | 0.75   |  | 0.75      |
| 0.167                                  | 0.334  |  | 0.334     |

### Compute fractional counts c(f, e)

$$c(Haus, the) = 0.125 + 0.125$$
  $c(das, house) = 0.125 + 0.25$   $c(das, the) = 0.125 + 0.25$   $c(Haus, house) = 0.25 + 0.25$   $c(Buch, the) = 0.0$   $c(Buch, house) = 0.0$ 

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Expectation step: expected counts g(f, e)
 g(das, the) = 0.5
                          g(das, house) = 0.5
                       g(Haus, house) = 0.667
 g(Haus, the) = 0.334
 g(Buch, the) = 0.0
                          g(Buch, house) = 0.0
 total = 0.834
                                 total
                                         = 1.167
Maximization step: get new t^{(1)}(f \mid e) = \frac{g(f,e)}{\sum_{f} g(f,e)}
  t(Haus \mid the) = 0.4
                           t(das \mid house) = 0.43
  t(das, | the) = 0.6
                       t(Haus \mid house) = 0.57
                           t(Buch \mid house) = 0.0
  t(Buch \mid the) = 0.0
Keep iterating: Compute t^{(0)}, t^{(1)}, t^{(2)}, \dots until convergence
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#### Parameter Estimation: IBM Model 1

EM learns the parameters  $t(\cdot | \cdot)$  that maximizes the log-likelihood of the training data:

$$\arg \max_{t} L(t) = \arg \max_{t} \sum_{s} \log \Pr(\mathbf{f}^{(s)} \mid \mathbf{e}^{(s)}, t)$$

- Start with an initial estimate t<sub>0</sub>
- ▶ Modify it iteratively to get  $t_1, t_2, ...$
- $\blacktriangleright$  Re-estimate t from parameters at previous time step  $t_{-1}$
- lacktriangle The convergence proof of EM guarantees that  $L(t) \geq L(t_{-1})$
- ▶ EM converges when  $L(t) L(t_{-1})$  is zero (or almost zero).

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