NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

CHAPTER 22

Natural Language Processing

- Intelligent Agents
 - Knowledge Acquisition
- Knowledge Acquisition Tasks
 - Text Classification
 - Information Retrieval
 - Information Extraction
- Language Models

- Language Models
 - Predicts the probability distribution of language expressions
 - Formal languages: Grammar, Semantics
 - Natural Languages
 - Ambiguous
 - No definite set of sentences
 - Probability distribution over sentences
 - Models are approximations

- N-gram Character Models
 - Text / Sentence : characters, digits, symbols...
 - Probability dist. over sequence of characters
 - N-gram
 - A sequence of characters of length N
 - N-gram Model
 - Model of prob. Dist. Of n-characters
 - Defined as Markov chain of order n-1
 - Depends only on the immediately preceding characters

- N-gram Character Models
 - Tri-gram Model (Markov chain order-2)
 - Is given by: $P(c_i | c_{1:i-1}) = P(c_i | c_{i-2:i-1})$
 - Applying Markov Chain rule and Markov assumption

$$P(c_{1:N}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} P(c_i \mid c_{1:i-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} P(c_i \mid c_{i-2:i-1})$$

Corpus

- N-gram Models for Language Identification
 - Build a Tri-gram Model with each language
 - Represented by: $P(c_i | c_{i-2:i-1}, \ell)$
 - Results in a model of P(Text|Language)
 - To find Most probable language apply Bayes and Markov assumption

$$\ell^* = \underset{\ell}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\ell \mid c_{1:N})$$

$$= \underset{\ell}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\ell) P(c_{1:N} \mid \ell)$$

$$= \underset{\ell}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\ell) \prod_{i=1}^{N} P(c_i \mid c_{i-2:i-1}, \ell)$$

 Applications: Genre classification, named entity recognition, Spelling correction

- Smoothing N-gram Models
 - Provides only estimate of true prob. Distribution
 - Smoothing
 - Process of adjusting the probability of low frequency counts
 - Assign a small non-zero probability
 - Laplace Smoothing: P(X=True) → 1/(n+2)
 - Back-off Model
 - Back-off n-1 grams
 - Linear Interpolation Smoothing

$$P(c_i|c_{i-2:i-1}) = \lambda_3 P(c_i|c_{i-2:i-1}) + \lambda_2 P(c_i|c_{i-1}) + \lambda_1 P(c_i)$$

- Model Evaluation
 - Training corpus and validation corpus
 - Perplexity
 - Is a measure of probability of sequence $Perplexity(c_{1:N}) = P(c_{1:N})^{-\frac{1}{N}}$
 - Reciprocal of probability normalized by sequence length
- N-gram Word Models
 - Larger Vocabulary
 - How to deal with Out-of-Vocabulary words?

Text Classification

- Text Classification (Categorization)
 - Language Identification, genre classification,
 Sentiment analysis, Spam Detection
 - Spam Detection: A Supervised Learning Approach
 - Spam and Ham
 - Both Word model and Character model

Spam: Wholesale Fashion Watches -57% today. Designer watches for cheap ...

Spam: You can buy ViagraFr\$1.85 All Medications at unbeatable prices! ...

Spam: WE CAN TREAT ANYTHING YOU SUFFER FROM JUST TRUST US ...

Spam: Sta.rt earn*ing the salary yo,u d-eserve by o'btaining the prope,r crede'ntials!

Ham: The practical significance of hypertree width in identifying more ...

Ham: Abstract: We will motivate the problem of social identity clustering: ...

Ham: Good to see you my friend. Hey Peter, It was good to hear from you. ...

Ham: PDS implies convexity of the resulting optimization problem (Kernel Ridge ...

Text Classification

- Text Classification Approach
 - Define one n-gram language model for Spam,
 P(Message | Spam) and Ham P(Message | Ham)
 each
 - Classify a new message

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\underset{c \in \{spam, ham\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(c \mid message) = \underset{c \in \{spam, ham\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(message \mid c) P(c)
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- Bag of words
- Feature Selection
- Classification using data compression
 - LZW compression algorithms
 - Better compression is the predicted class

- Information Retrieval
 - Finding relevant document based on user request
 - IR system has
 - Corpus of documents
 - Page, Multiple pages, paragraph
 - Queries posed
 - Format in which query is given
 - Result Set
 - Subset produced by IR based on query
 - Presentation of the result set
 - Order in which it is displayed
- Boolean Keyword model

- IR Scoring Fucntions
 - Document+Query → Numeric Score
 - Linear weighted combination of scores
 - Factors affecting Weight:
 - Term Frequency (TF)
 - Inverse document frequency(IDF)
 - Length of the document
 - BM25 Function
 - Has index of N documents with look-up TF(qi, dj) and Document frequency count DF(qi)

$$BM25(d_j, q_{1:N}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} IDF(q_i) \cdot \frac{TF(q_i, d_j) \cdot (k+1)}{TF(q_i, d_j) + k \cdot (1 - b + b \cdot \frac{|d_j|}{L})}$$

- IR System Evaluation
 - Precision
 - Proportion of documents in the result set that are relevant
 - Recall
 - Proportion of all the relevant documents in the collection that are in the result set

IR refinements

- Case folding
- Stemming
- Synonyms

- Page Rank Algorithm
 - TF score problem
 - Pages with in-link is ranked higher
 - In-link defines the quality of the linked-to page
 - Count of in-links : scope for spammer
 - PR algo: Weight links from high quality sites
 - PR is given by:

$$PR(p) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d\sum_{i} \frac{PR(in_i)}{C(in_i)}$$

Random Surfer Model

- HITS (Hyperlink Induced Topic Search) Algorithm
 - Query dependent, link analysis algorithm
 - Intersection of HIT lists of query
 - Set of pages relevant to the query
 - Pages link-to or link-from the original set
 - Authority: degree of other pages pointing to it
 - Hub: degree it points to authoritative pages
 - Normalize the score recursively for convergence

HITS (Hyperlink Induced Topic Search) Algorithm

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function HITS(query) returns pages with hub and authority numbers pages \leftarrow \text{EXPAND-PAGES}(\text{Relevant-Pages}(query)) for each p in pages do p.\text{AUTHORITY} \leftarrow 1 p.\text{HUB} \leftarrow 1 repeat until convergence do \text{for each } p \text{ in } pages \text{ do} p.\text{AUTHORITY} \leftarrow \sum_{i} \text{INLINK}_{i}(p).\text{HUB} p.\text{HUB} \leftarrow \sum_{i} \text{OUTLINK}_{i}(p).\text{AUTHORITY} \text{NORMALIZE}(pages) \text{return } pages
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Figure 22.1 The HITS algorithm for computing hubs and authorities with respect to a query. RELEVANT-PAGES fetches the pages that match the query, and EXPAND-PAGES adds in every page that links to or is linked from one of the relevant pages. NORMALIZE divides each page's score by the sum of the squares of all pages' scores (separately for both the authority and hubs scores).

- Information Extraction
 - Process of acquiring knowledge
 - Skimming a text
 - Look for occurrence of class and their related objects
 - Accuracy
 - High: Domain specific
 - Less: Generalised domains

- Finite State Automata for Information Extraction
 - Attribute based extraction
 - Entire text : Object
 - Extract its attributes
 - Eg. text: "IBM Thinkbook 970. Our price \$199"
 - Attribute List: {Manufacturer: IBM, Model: Thinkbook 970, Price:\$199)
 - Identify a pattern (template) for each attribute to be extracted (Regex)
 - Template Structure: Prefix regex, target regex and postfix regex
 - Attribute matching with text
 - Exactly one match, No match, Multiple matches: On priority

- Finite State Automata for Information Extraction
 - Relational Extraction Systems
 - Multiple objects and their relationship
 - Built as a series of small, efficient FSAs (Cascaded FS Transducers)
 - Eg:FASTUS: handles news stories and extract relations

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Bridgestone Sports Co. said Friday it has set up a joint venture in Taiwan with a local concern and a Japanese trading house to produce golf clubs to be shipped to Japan. e \in JointVentures \land Product(e, "golf clubs") \land Date(e, "Friday")
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- - Transduce to different format
 - Forward to next automata

- Finite State Automata for Information Extraction
 - Stages of FASTUS
 - Tokenization
 - Complex word handling
 - Lexical entries and FS grammar rules
 - Basic group handling
 - Noun group, verb groups, preposition and conjunction
 - Complex phrase handling
 - FS rules that are processed quickly and produce unambiguous o/ps
 - Deals with domain specific events
 - Structure merging
 - Merges multiple instances to same lexical entries in a specific domain

- Probabilistic Models Information Extraction
 - Hidden Markov model for information extraction
 - Hidden states: Prefix, Target, Postfix of the attribute template
 - Observations: Words of the text
 - Two HMMs

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Text: There will be a seminar by Dr. Andrew McCallum on Friday

Speaker: - - - PRE PRE TARGET TARGET TARGET POST -

Date: - - - - - PRE TARGET
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- Pros
 - Noise tolerance & Template not required
- Most likely path: Apply each attribute HMM
 separately / combine all attributes into a single HMM

Probabilistic Models Information Extraction

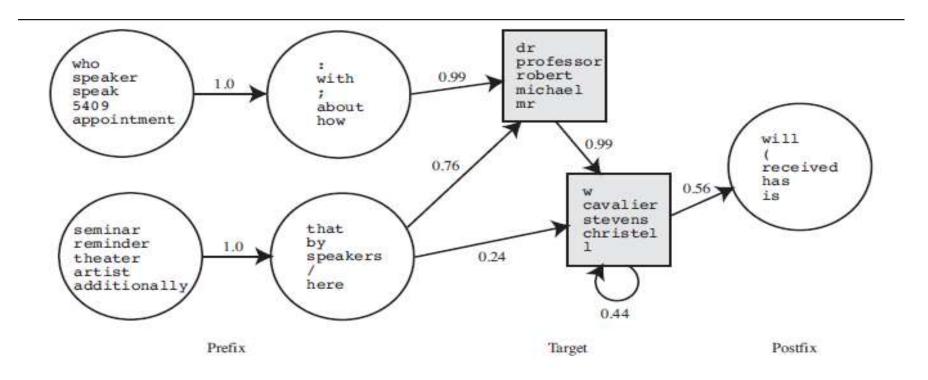


Figure 22.2 Hidden Markov model for the speaker of a talk announcement. The two square states are the target (note the second target state has a self-loop, so the target can match a string of any length), the four circles to the left are the prefix, and the one on the right is the postfix. For each state, only a few of the high-probability words are shown. From Freitag and McCallum (2000).

- Conditional random Fields for Information Extraction
 - HMM: generative model
 - Need a discriminative model
 - Models the CP of the hidden attributes given the observations
 - Given text e1:N, the conditional model finds the hidden state sequence X1:N that maximizes P(X1:N | e1:N)
 - Linear chain CRF: models temporal sequence and defines a CPD

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_{1:N}|\mathbf{e}_{1:N}) = \alpha e^{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} F(\mathbf{X}_{i-1}, \mathbf{X}_{i}, \mathbf{e}, i)\right]} F(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{e}, i) = \sum_{k} \lambda_{k} f_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{e}, i)$$

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{e}, i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i = \text{SPEAKER and } \mathbf{e}_i = \text{ANDREW} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{e}, i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i = \text{ SPEAKER and } \mathbf{e}_{i+1} = \text{ SAID} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Ontology Extraction from Large Corpora
 - Building a large KB from a corpus
 - Differs from other approaches
 - Open ended, Precision, Aggregated results
 - Generalized template focussing on high precision and low recall

NP such as NP (, NP)* (,)? ((and | or) NP)?

- Automated Template Construction
 - Learn templates from few examples and apply it recursively

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("Isaac Asimov", "The Robots of Dawn")
("David Brin", "Startide Rising")
("James Gleick", "Chaos—Making a New Science")
("Charles Dickens", "Great Expectations")
("William Shakespeare", "The Comedy of Errors")
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– Pros & Cons

- Given good set of templates, system can collect good set of examples and vice-versa
- If incorrect template is provided, error will propagate

Machine Reading

- No human intervention
- Eg:TEXTRUNNER

Туре	Template	Example	Frequency
Verb	NP ₁ Verb NP ₂	X established Y	38%
Noun-Prep	$NP_1 NP Prep NP_2$	X settlement with Y	23%
Verb-Prep	NP_1 Verb Prep NP_2	X moved to Y	16%
Infinitive	NP ₁ to Verb NP ₂	X plans to acquire Y	9%
Modifier	NP ₁ Verb NP ₂ Noun	X is Y winner	5%
Noun-Coordinate	NP_1 (, and - :) NP_2 NP	X-Y deal	2%
Verb-Coordinate	NP ₁ (, and) NP ₂ Verb	X, Y merge	1%
Appositive	$NP_1 NP (: ,)? NP_2$	X hometown: Y	1%

Figure 22.3 Eight general templates that cover about 95% of the ways that relations are expressed in English.

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