



Information Extraction (1)

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Outline

- Information Extraction (part1)
 - Information Extraction Architecture
 - Part-of-Speech Tagging
 - Sequence Labeling
 - Named Entity Recognition
 - Named Entity Typing
 - Entity Linking



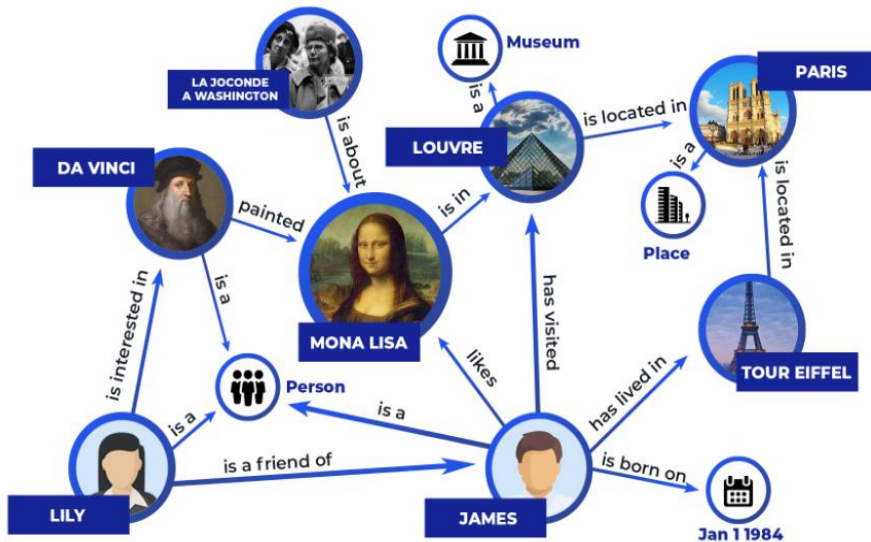
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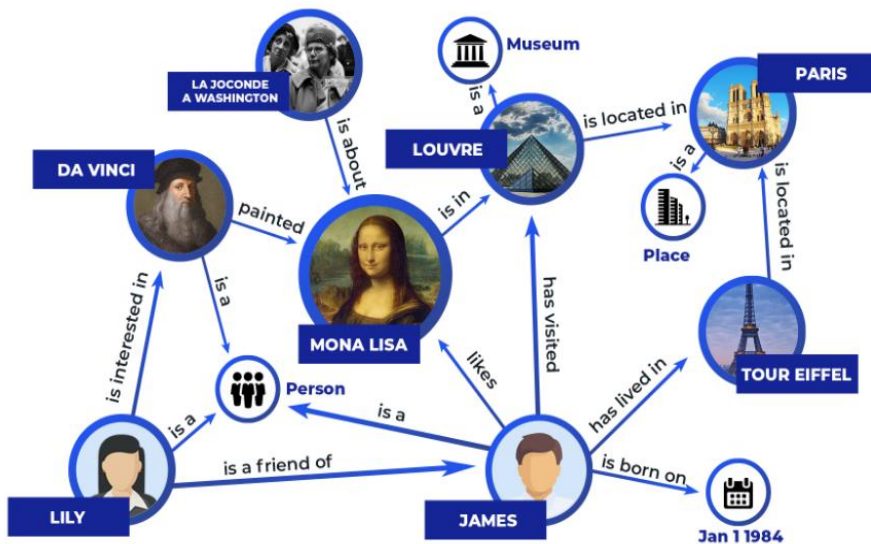
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Ambiguous. Complex. Hard to use.



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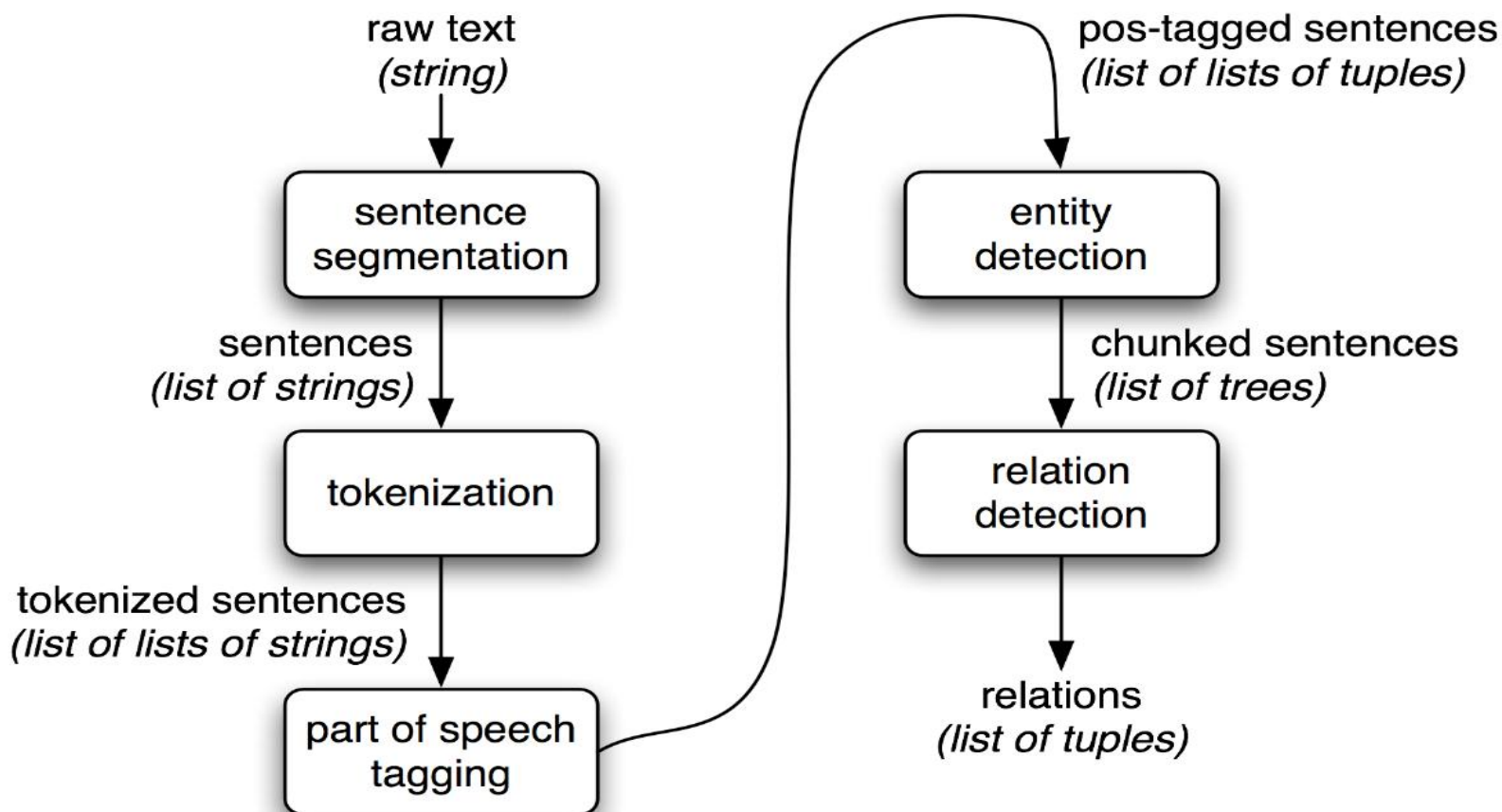
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How?



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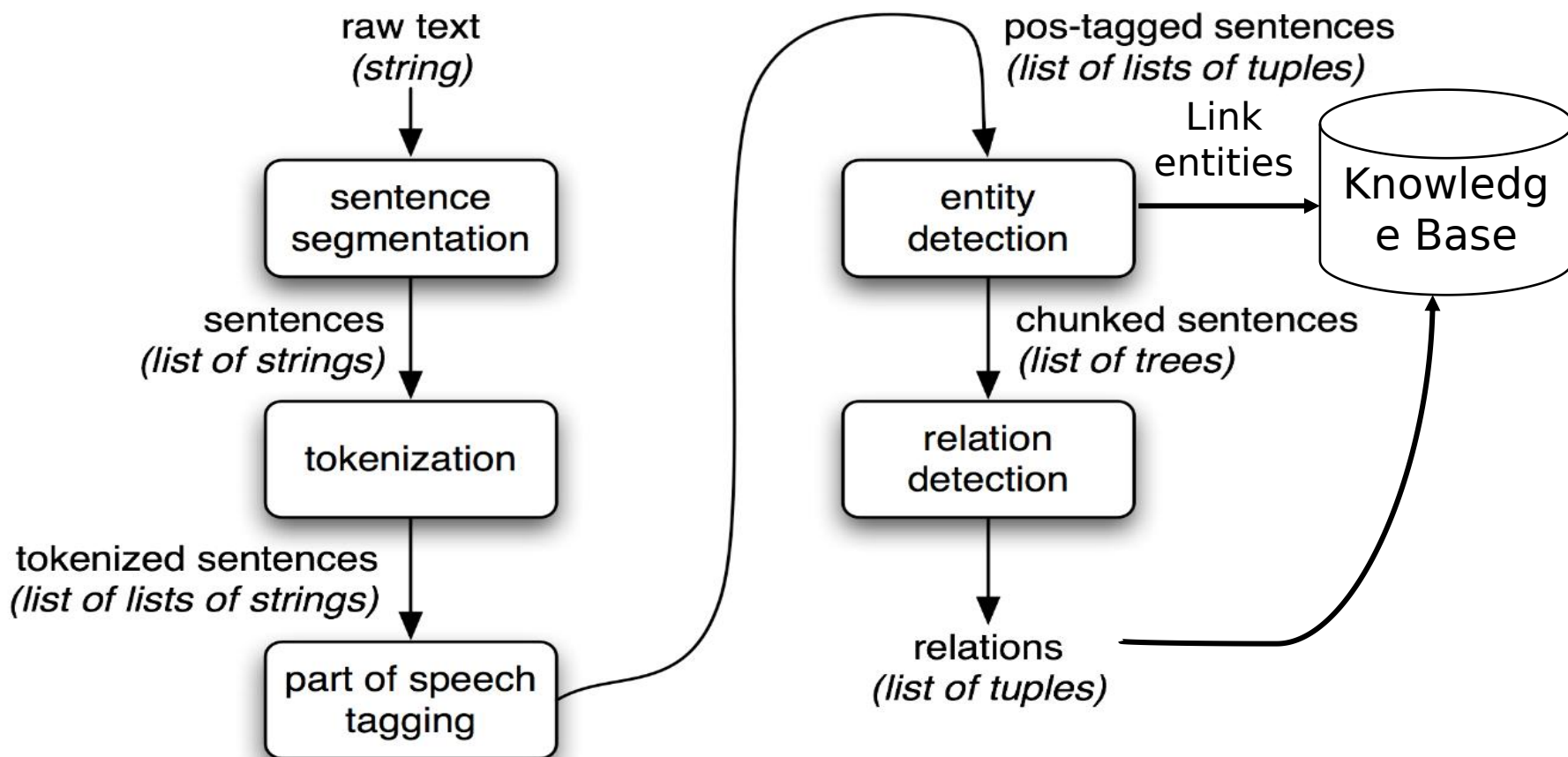
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Part-of-Speech Tagging

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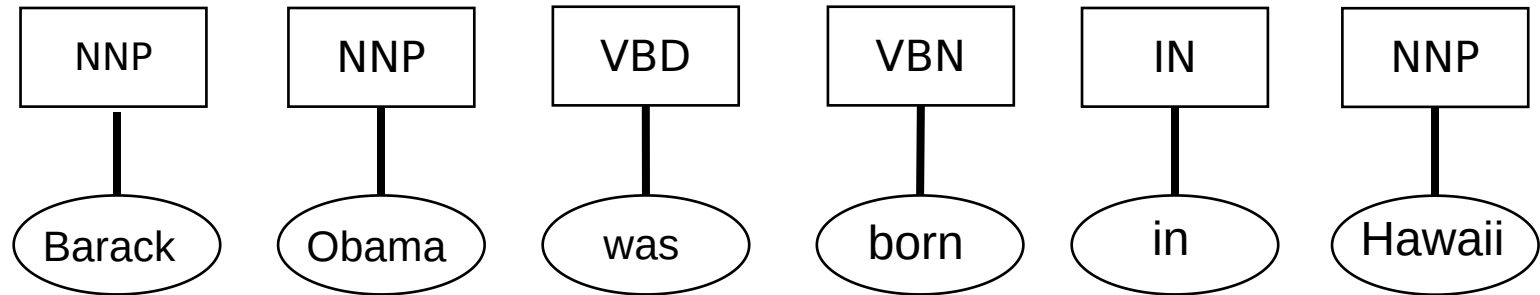
Part-of-Speech Tagging

- “Colorless green ideas sleep furiously”
 - -- Syntactically correct but semantically ill sentence.
- “I no like mathematical”
 - -- Semantically correct (have some meaning) but syntactically ill sentence.
- Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging is helpful for machine to understand sentences syntactically.



Part-of-Speech Tagging

- Part-of-Speech: words (lexical items) that have similar grammatical properties.





Part-of-Speech Tagging

- Common datasets for POS-tagging include:
 - Brown Corpus.
 - Penn tag set .
(Penn Treebank projects)



Part-of-Speech Tagging

- English Penn Treebank Tag set

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>	VCN	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>			



Part-of-Speech Tagging

- Why POS-Tagging?

- Text-to-Speech

“They refuse to permit us to obtain the refuse permit.”

- The two “refuse” pronounce differently because of their different POS.

- Lemmatization

Saw[v] → see , Saw[n] → saw

- Helpful in Named Entity Recognition.



Part-of-Speech Tagging

- Ways to tag a corpus:
 - Use human labor:
Penn tag set is painstakingly tagged by hand.
 - Using machine learning models of **sequence labeling**.



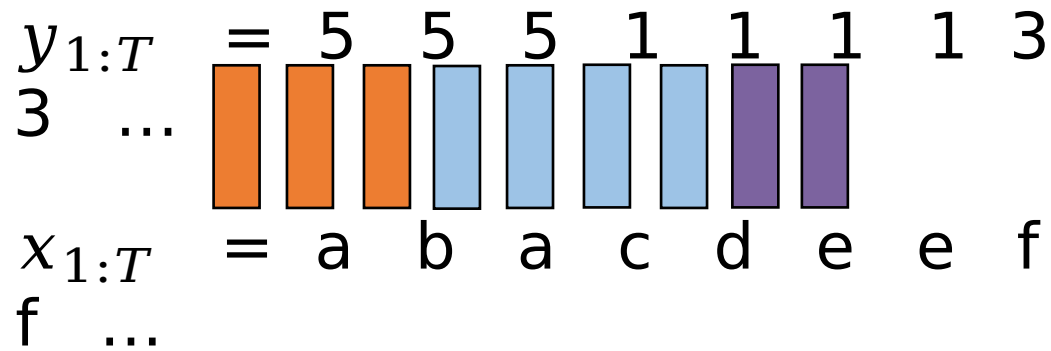
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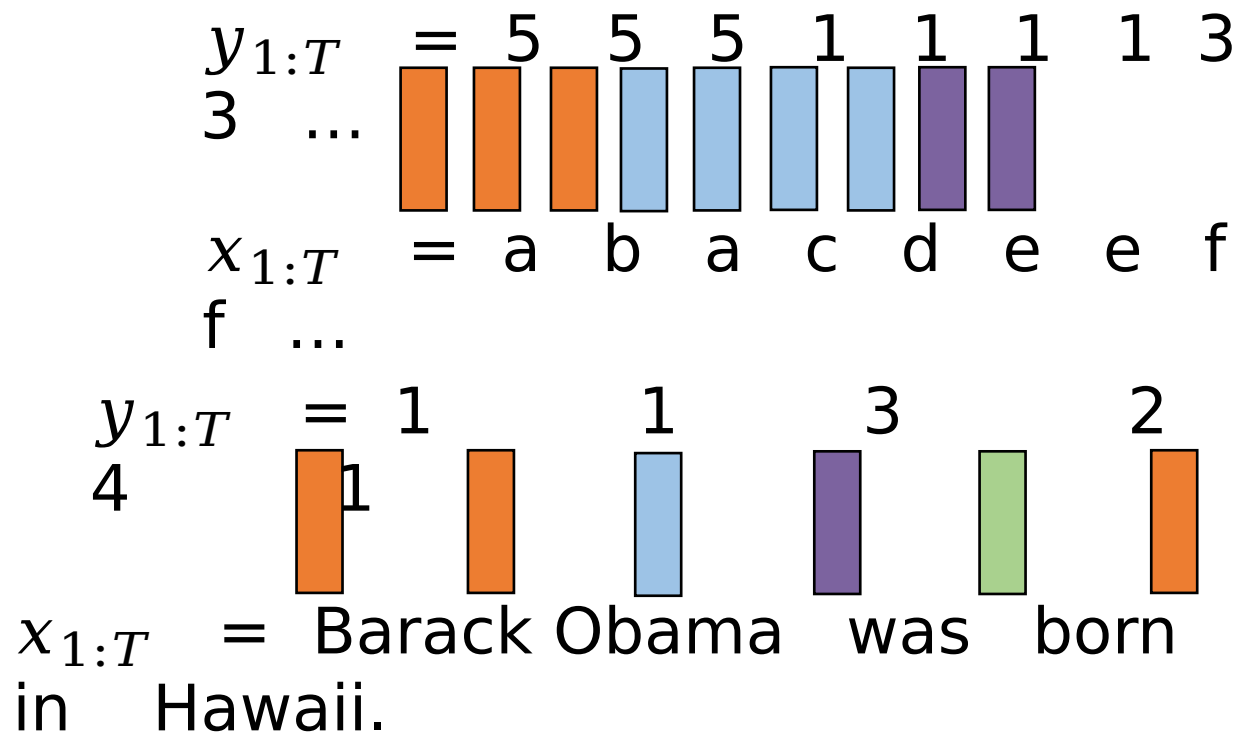
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NNP	: 1
VBN	: 2
VBD	: 3
IN	: 4
...	



Sequence Labeling

- Framework

- Input: sequence of observations (feature vectors)

$$x_{1:T} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T)$$

- Output: sequence of labels (states)

$$y_{1:T} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T)$$

- The input feature set is $\{f_i\}$, the label set is $\{l_i\}$
- In the POS-Tagging scenario, $\{f_i\}$ is the vocabulary set, $\{l_i\}$ is the tag set.
- Label set : a finite set with discrete labels.
- Feature set : continuous representation/ discrete token.



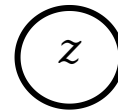
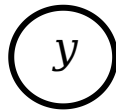
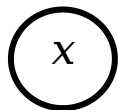
Sequence Labeling

- Classic Solutions:
 - Simple classification
 - Hidden Markov Model (HMM)
 - Conditional Random Fields (CRF)
- Can all be represented in Probabilistic Graphic Model (PGM).



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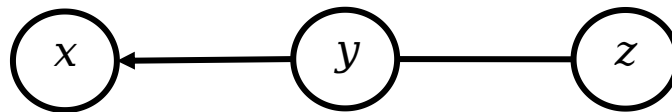
- Brief introduction to Probabilistic Graphical Model.
 - Represent the **dependency structure** of random variables.
 - Each node (draw as a circle) is a random variable.





Sequence Labeling

- Brief introduction to Probabilistic Graphical Model.
 - Edge between nodes is the dependency between the two random variables.
 - Undirected edge: modeling the **joint probability** over the two nodes.
 - Direct edges: modeling the **conditional dependency** between the HEAD node and the TAIL node.



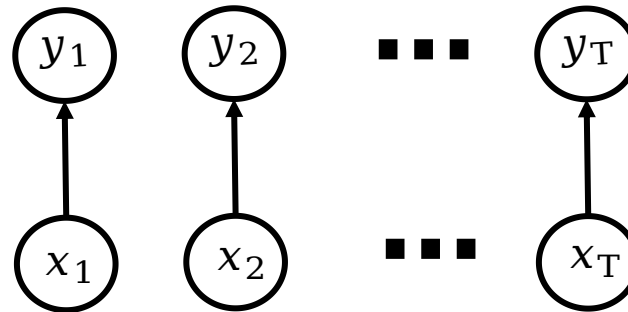
$$P(x = x_i, y = y_j, z = z_k) = P(x = x_i | y = y_j) P(y = y_j, z = z_k)$$



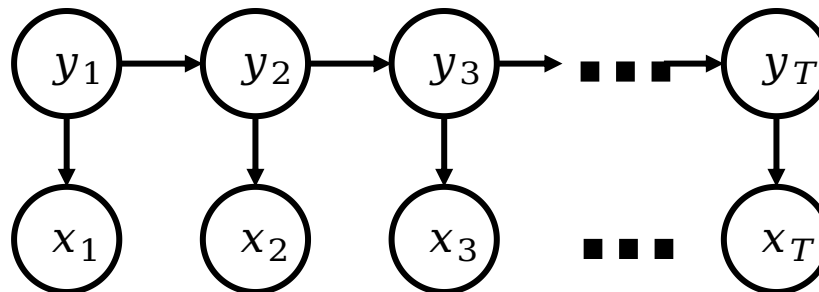
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- Three classic solutions in PGM view.

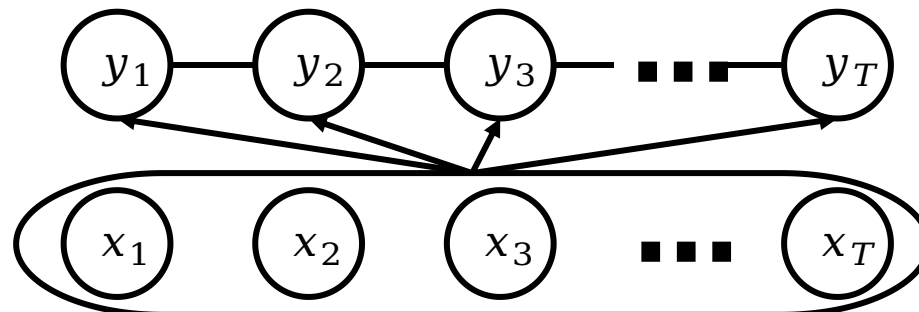
- Simple Classification:



- Hidden Markov Model:



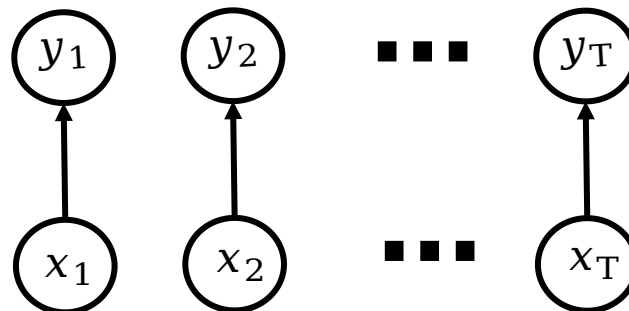
- Conditional Random Fields





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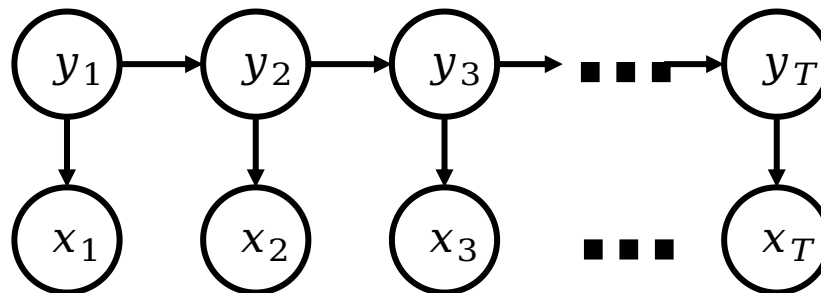
- Simple classification:
 - Ignore the relations between neighboring states and do classification independently for each word.
 - Choose the most common tag.
 - Perform well sometimes.
 - Most words appear only in one POS in most sentences.
 - $\sim 93\%$.
 - SOTA $\sim 97+\%$.





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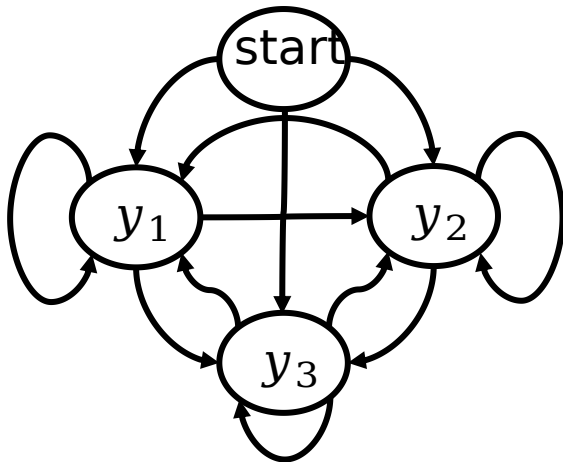
- Hidden Markov Model
 - A **generative** model ($P(x, y), P(x|y)$).
 - Firstly, generate a sequence of y_t . Each y_t depends only on y_{t-1} . (Markov assumption) [transition]
 - Generate x_t based on the conditional probability $P(x_t|y_t)$. [emission]
 - The first statistical model of sequences applied to entity recognition.



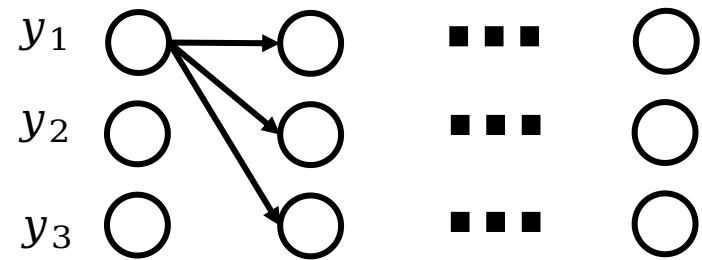


Sequence Labeling

- Hidden Markov Model
 - In state transition view



State Transition



Trellis/ lattice



Sequence Labeling

- Hidden Markov Model
 - Model the joint probability of label sequence and observed feature sequence: $P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})$
Transition prob Generation prob

$$P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T}) = \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | y_{t-1}) P(x_t | y_t)$$



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- Parameters in the model (denote by λ):
 - Transition matrix $\mathbf{P} = (P(y_t = l_i | y_{t-1} = l_j))$
 - Emission probability $\mathbf{E} = (P(x = x_i | y = y_j))$
 - Together $\lambda = \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{E}\}$



Sequence Labeling

- Hidden Markov Model
 - Learn parameters (**supervised learning** setting)
 - Training objective: Maximize $P(x_{1:T}|y_{1:T}, \lambda)$
 - The maximum likelihood is reached when
$$P(y_t = l_i | y_{t-1} = l_j) = \#(l_j, l_i) / \#(l_j)$$
$$P(x_t = f_i | y_t = l_j) = \#(l_j \rightarrow f_i) / \#(l_j)$$

$\#(l_j, l_i)$: number of label l_j followed by label l_i).

$\#(l_j \rightarrow f_i)$: number of observed feature f_i generated by label l_j
 - Reduce to simple counting!



Sequence Labeling

- Hidden Markov Model
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$$P(x_{1:T}|\lambda) = \sum_{y_{1:T}} P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T} | \lambda)$$
$$= \sum_{y_{1:T}} \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t|y_{t-1}, \lambda) P(x_t|y_t, \lambda)$$
 - Sum over all possible $y_{1:T}$.
 - $O(N^T)$



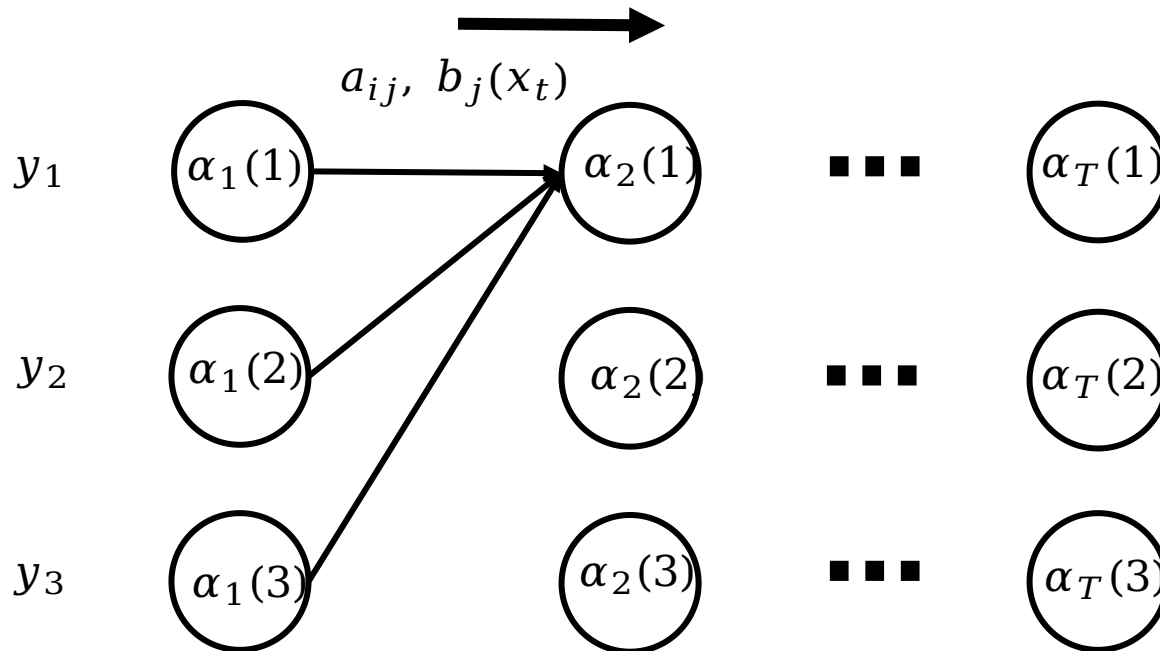
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 - Forward Algorithm:
 - $\alpha_t(j) = P(x_{1:t}, y_t = j | \lambda)$
 - $P(x_{1:T}|\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i)$
 - $\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(x_t)$
 - Use dynamic programming



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 - Forward Algorithm:
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 - Optimize using E-M algorithm (Forward-Backward algorithm), basic idea:
 - E-step: use λ_{old} to get the probability of $y_{1:T}$: $P(y_{1:T} | x_{1:T}, \lambda_{old})$.
 - M-step: find the optimal λ of generating $x_{1:T}$ using $y_{1:T}$.



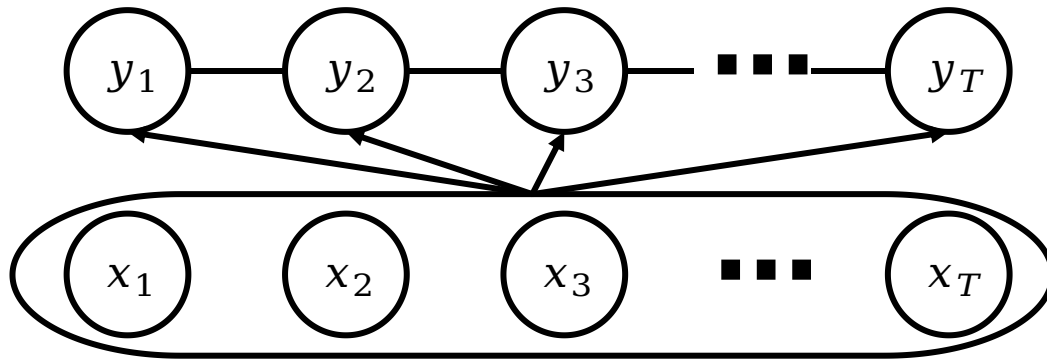
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- Hidden Markov Model
 - Infer (decode) with HMM.
 - compute the most probable label sequence by
$$y^* = \arg \max_{y_1, \dots, y_n} \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | y_{t-1}) P(x_t | y_t)$$
 - $y_t^* = P(y_t | y_{t-1}) P(x_t | y_t) \times y_{t-1}^*$
 - Efficient algorithm for finding the maximum value route is **Dynamic Programming**.



Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:
 - **Discriminative** model ($P(y|x)$). Doesn't consider the generating process of the observed data.
 - Directly modeling conditional probability

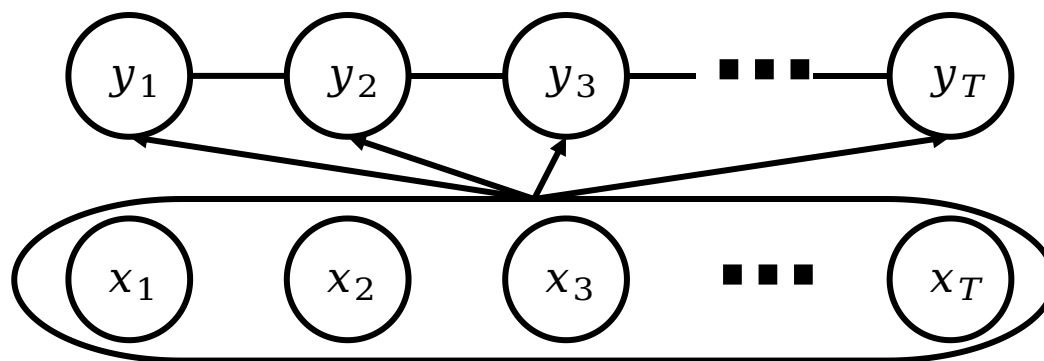


$$\begin{aligned} P(y_{1:T}|x_{1:T}) &= \frac{P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})}{P(x_{1:T})} = \frac{P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})}{\sum_{y_{1:T}} P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(S(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})) \end{aligned}$$



Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:
 - The dependency structure in CRF.



- So the joint probability of the whole sequence & label is:

$$P(x_{1:T}) \times P(y_1, y_2 | x_{1:T}) \times \dots \times P(y_{T-1}, y_T | x_{1:T})$$



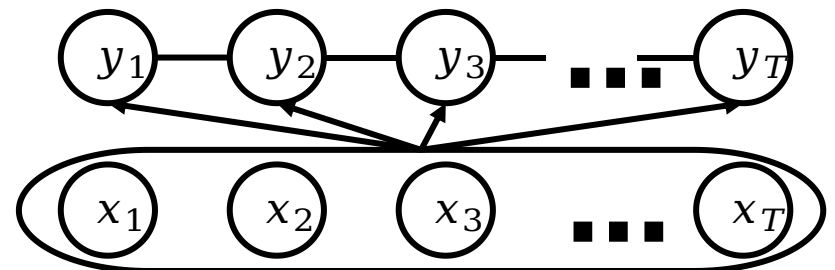
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 - The joint probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_{1:T}|x_{1:T}) &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(S(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T})) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\sum_{t=1}^T w f(y_t, y_{t-1}, x_{1:T}, t)) \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \exp(\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_k w_k f_k(y_t, y_{t-1}, x_{1:T}, t))$$

- The combination of the random variables obeys the structure of CRF and forms the feature f_k .
- Each feature f_k is assigned a weight w_k .





Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:

The diagram illustrates the equation for the probability of a label sequence y given an observation sequence x in a Linear-Chain Conditional Random Field. The equation is:

$$P(y|x; w) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_i \sum_j w_j f_j(y_{i-1}, y_i, x, i)\right)}{\sum_{y' \in Y} \exp\left(\sum_i \sum_j w_j f_j(y'_{i-1}, y'_i, x, i)\right)}$$

Annotations in the diagram:

- Length of sequence x** : Points to the x in the feature function arguments.
- Sum over all feature function**: Points to the inner summation \sum_j .
- Weight for given feature function**: Points to the weight w_j .
- Feature Functions**: Points to the function f_j .
- Sum over all possible label sequence**: Points to the summation $\sum_{y' \in Y}$.
- Feature function can access all of observation**: Points to the x in the denominator's feature function arguments.

Linear-Chain Conditional Random Field.
(taken from Sameer Maskey slides)



Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:
 - Optimize (estimate the parameters):
 - Find the parameters w_i that best fit the training data, when given a set of labeled sentences:

$$\{(x_{1,1:T}, y_{1,1:T}), (x_{2,1:T}, y_{2,1:T}), \dots (x_{m,1:T}, y_{m,1:T})\}$$



Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:
 - Optimize (estimate the parameters):
 - Negative Log-Likelihood:

$$L(X, y, \{w_k\}) = \sum_{i=1}^m -\log P(y_{i,1:T} | x_{i,1:T}, \{w_i\})$$

- Take derivative of $\{w_k\}$, and perform gradient descent.



Sequence Labeling

- (Linear Chain) Conditional Random Fields:
 - Usually we add a regularization term to the trainable parameters:

$$L(X, y, \{w_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^m -\log P(y_{i,1:T} | x_{i,1:T}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

Big weights are bad!



Sequence Labeling

- POS-Tagging using CRF
 - Specify the feature function.

$$L(y|x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_k w_k f_k(y_t, y_{t-1}, x_{1:T}, t)$$

- Commonly used features:
 - Word suffix and prefix of $x_{t-2}, x_{t-1}, x_t, x_{t+1}, x_{t+2} \dots$
 - Word length (function word ~ 3.13, content word ~ 6.47)
 - Contain digits or symbols?
 - In noun/adjective/verb lexicon? (if available)

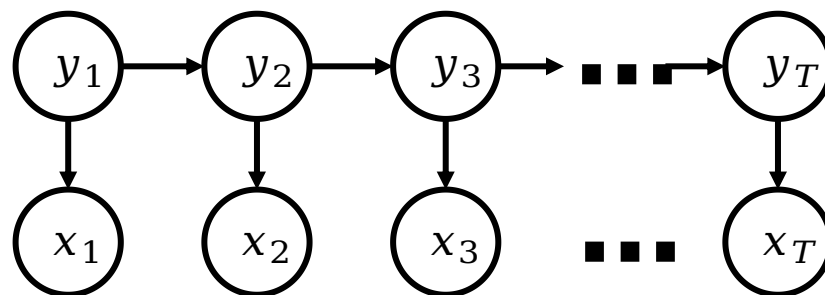


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- Comparison between HMM, CRF

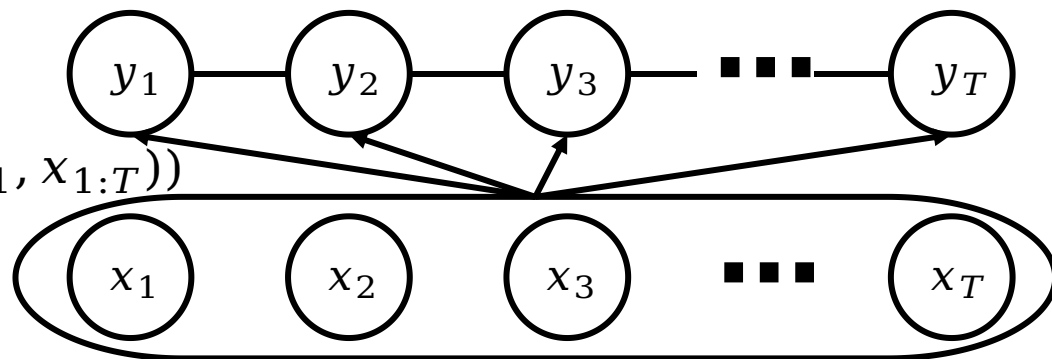
HMM

$$P(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T}) \\ = \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | y_{t-1}) P(x_t | y_t)$$



CRF

$$P(y_{1:T} | x_{1:T}) = \\ \frac{1}{z} \exp\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_k w_k f(y_k, y_{k-1}, x_{1:T})\right)$$





Sequence Labeling

- A table of open-source toolkits for CRF.

Name	Description
<u>python-crfsuite</u>	is a python binding for <u>CRFsuite</u> which is a fast implementation of Conditional Random Fields written in C++.
<u>CRF++: Yet Another CRF toolkit</u>	is a popular implementation in C++ but there are no python bindings.
<u>MALLET</u>	includes implementations of widely used sequence algorithms including hidden Markov models (HMMs) and linear chain conditional random fields (CRFs), it's written in Java.
<u>FlexCRFs</u>	supports both first-order and second-order Markov CRFs, it's written in C/C++ using STL library.
<u>python-wapiti</u>	is a python wrapper for <u>wapiti</u> , a sequence labeling tool with support for maxent models, maximum entropy Markov models and linear-chain CRF.



Sequence Labeling

- Application of Sequence Labeling framework
 - POS-Tagging
 - Named Entity Recognition
 - Named Entity Typing
 - Speech Recognition
 - Handwriting Recognition
 - Video Analysis
 - Protein Secondary Structure Prediction



Named Entity Recognition

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Named Entity Tasks

- Named Entity:
 - A real-world object that can be denoted with a proper name.
 - E.g.
Person names, organizations, locations, time expressions, quantities, medical codes, etc.
 - In a text: Entity mention.



Named Entity Tasks

- Three tasks about Named Entity:
 - Named Entity Recognition (NER)
 - Sequence labeling
 - Named Entity Typing (NET)
 - Classification
 - Entity Linking (EL)
 - Classification/matching



Named Entity Tasks

- Three tasks about Named Entity:
 - Named Entity Recognition (NER)
 - Locate and classify named entities by predicting a label for each word in text.

Unstructured Text Barack Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961.

Named Entity Recognition





Named Entity Tasks

- Three tasks about Named Entity:
 - Named Entity Typing (NET)
 - Label an entity mention in a text with detailed type
 - Different from NER:
 - Provide the boundary of entity mentions
 - Classify the entities into finer-grained classes

Named Entity Typing

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii

in 1961

President Husband state/Island Year



Named Entity Tasks

- Three tasks about Named Entity:
 - Entity Linking (EL)
 - Link mentions in text to their corresponding entities in a knowledge base.

Barack Obama
1961 .

was born in Hawaii in

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii>





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Named Entity Tasks

- Named Entity Recognition:
 - Difficulty: not always single words.
E.g.
New York City, Tsinghua University,
 - Compositionality.
E.g.
Barack Obama, Romeo and Juliet



Named Entity Recognition

- Named Entity Recognition:
 - Annotation schemes for NER:
 - IOB
 - BIOES



Named Entity Recognition

- IOB
 - I: Inside an entity, but not the first entity
 - O: Outside an entity
 - B: Beginning of an entity

Barack	B-PER
Hussein	I-PER
Obama	I-PER
was	O
born	O
in	O
Hawaii	B-LOC



Named Entity Recognition

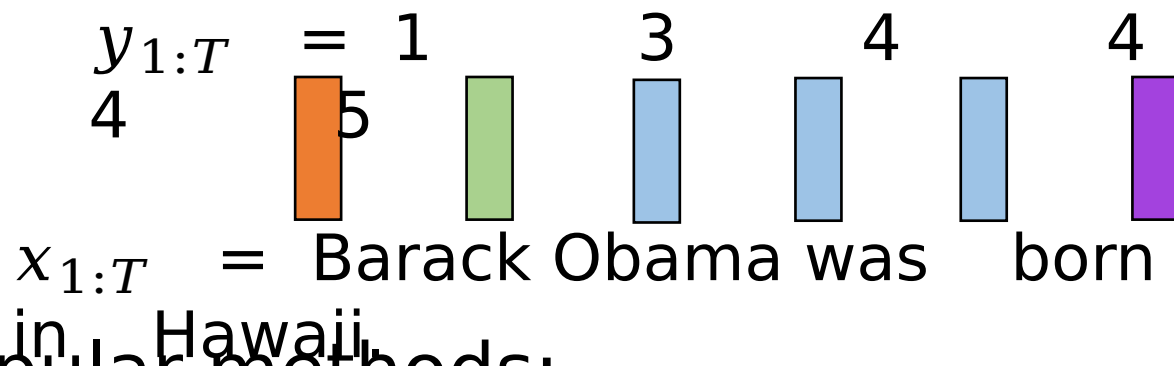
- BIOES: the most widely used scheme
 - B: Beginning of an entity
 - I: Inside an entity
 - O: Outside an entity
 - E: End of an entity
 - S: Single-word entity

Barack	B-PER
Hussein	I-PER
Obama	E-PER
was	O
born	O
in	O
Hawaii	S-LOC



Named Entity Recognition

- Another sequence labeling problem.



B-PER	:	1
I-PER	:	2
E-PER	:	3
O	:	4
S-LOC	:	5

- Popular methods:
 - CRF
 - Deep Neural Network combined with CRF



Named Entity Recognition

- CRF for NER
 - Specify the **feature function**.

$$L(y|x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_k w_k f_k(y_t, y_{t-1}, x_{1:T}, t)$$

- Commonly used features:
 - Word feature—orthographical features of the $(-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$ words.
 - POS tag —part-of-speech tag of the $(-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$ words.



Named Entity Recognition

- Build CRF on top of Bi-LSTM.
- Define the energy function as:

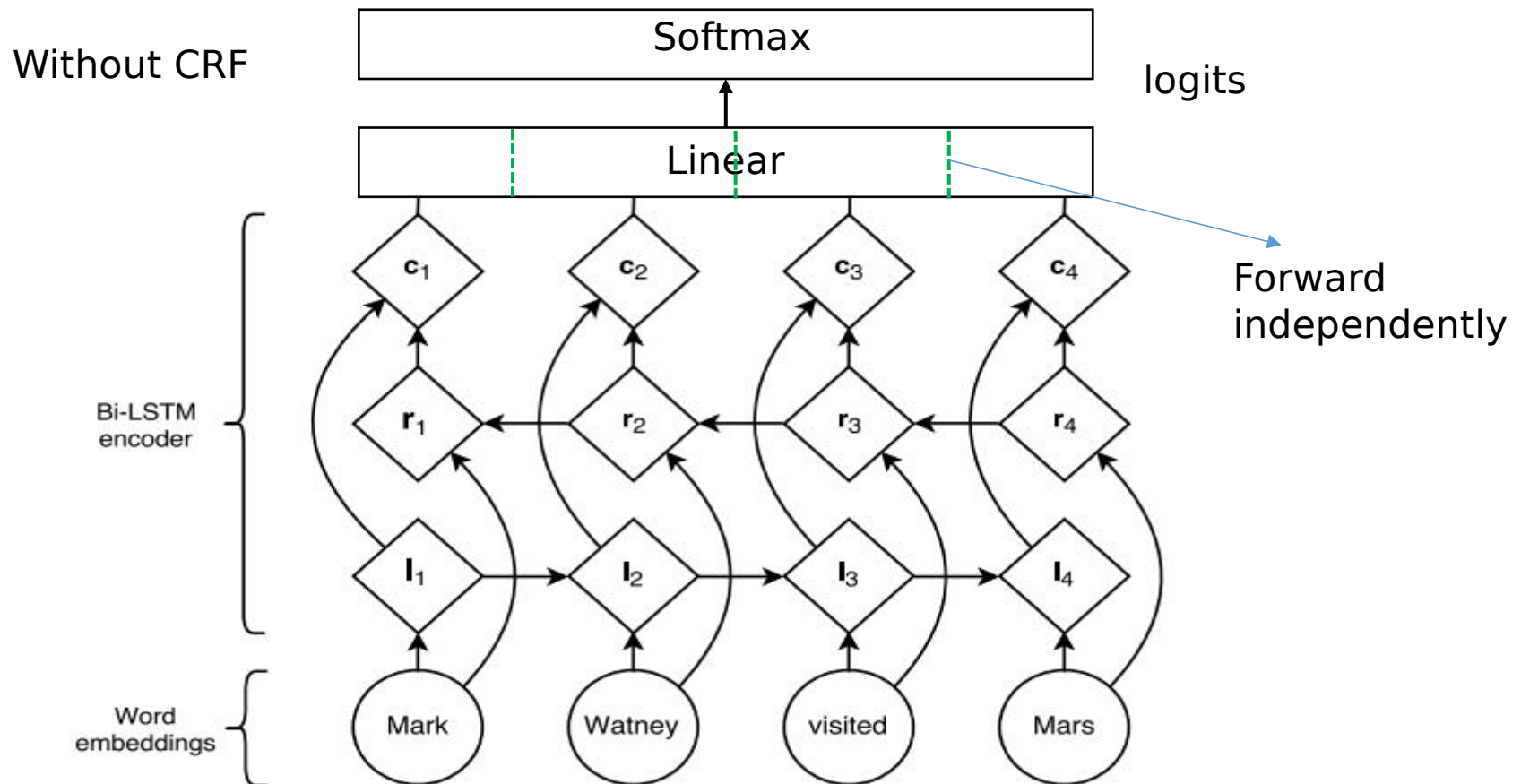
$$S(x_{1:T}, y_{1:T}) = \sum_{i=0}^n A_{y_i, y_{i+1}} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{i, y_i}$$

- $A_{y_i, y_{i+1}}$: the transition probability between tags.
- P_{i, y_i} : logits output from Bi-LSTM, followed by a Softmax operator.



Named Entity Recognition

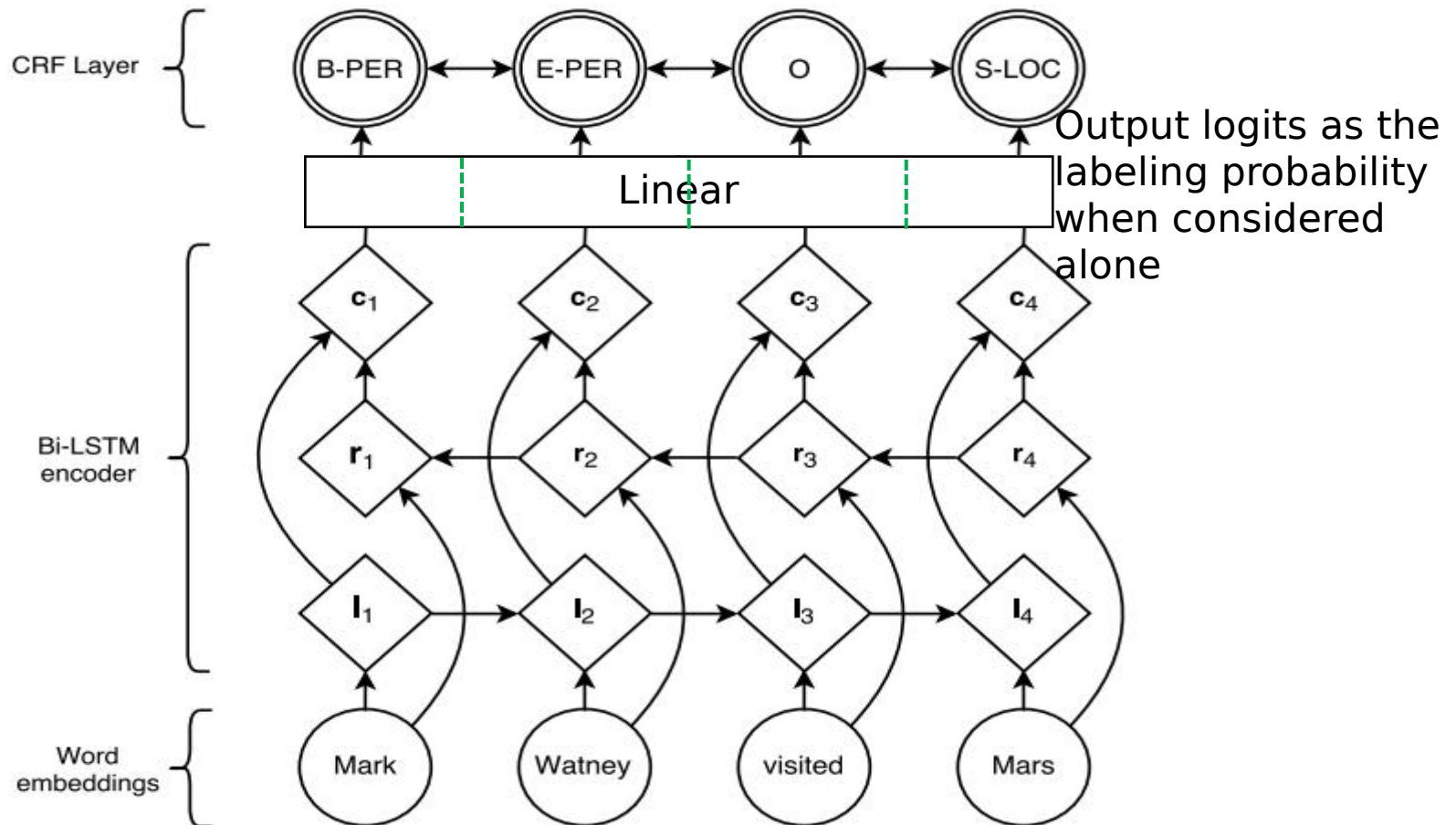
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Named Entity Recognition

- Build CRF on top of Bi-LSTM.





Named Entity Recognition

- Application of NER
 - Recommendation system.

22 dead in 'callous terrorist attack'

Theresa May says the security services believe they know the attacker's identity - but are not yet able to confirm it.

🕒 3 minutes ago | Manchester

🔴 LIVE

**Manchester suicide blast:
Latest updates**

- ▶ Police: This was a terrorist attack
- ▶ 'I was thrown 30ft by the blast'
- **Manchester:** Subdued but strong



**Witnesses' stories from
Manchester**



Manchester attacker 'evil
loser' - Trump



Manchester Arena attack:
What we know so far



Named Entity Recognition

- Application of NER
 - News classification. (+ Named Entity Typing)

When Michael Jordan was at the peak of his powers as an NBA superstar, his Chicago Bulls teams were mowing down the competition, winning six National Basketball Association titles and setting a record for wins in a season that was broken by the Golden State Warriors two seasons ago.

Extract

KEYWORDS

Place: Chicago

Name: Michael Jordan

Group: National Basketball Association



Named Entity Recognition

- Application of NER

- Efficient searching.

Speed up matching when the content is related to some named entity.





Named Entity Recognition

- Some Demo websites for NER

Name	Link
Allennlp	https://demo.allennlp.org/named-entity-recognition
StanfordNLP	https://nlp.stanford.edu/software/CRF-NER.html



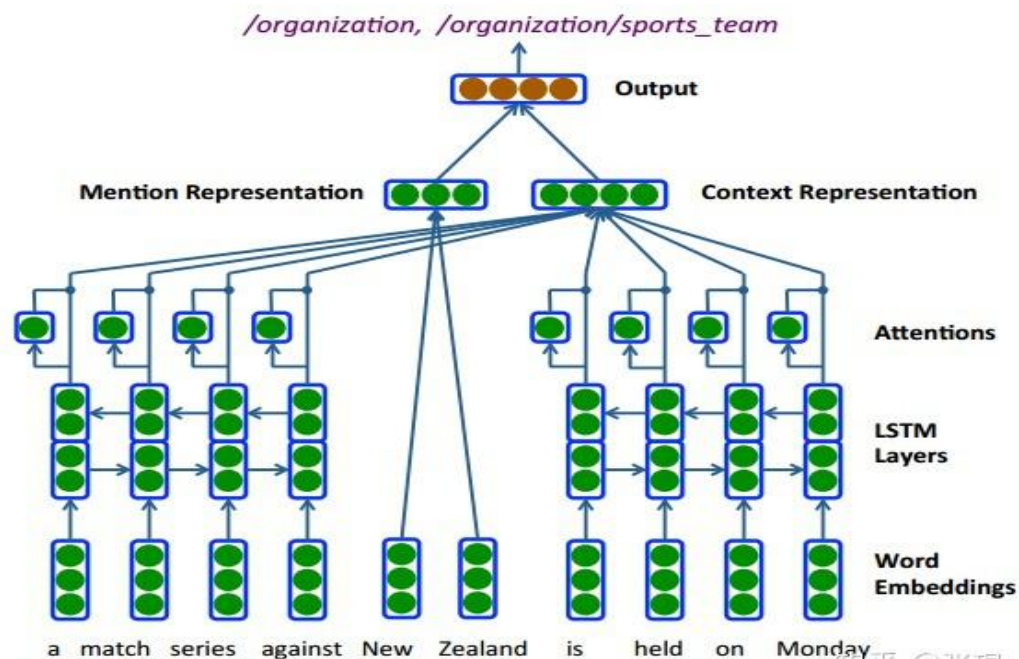
Named Entity Typing

- Information Extraction (part1)
 - General Framework
 - Part-of-Speech Tagging
 - Sequence Labeling
 - Named Entity Recognition
 - **Named Entity Typing**
 - Entity Linking



Named Entity Typing

- A simple approach
 - Use LSTM to encode the entity's context.
 - Use average word embedding as the entity embedding..





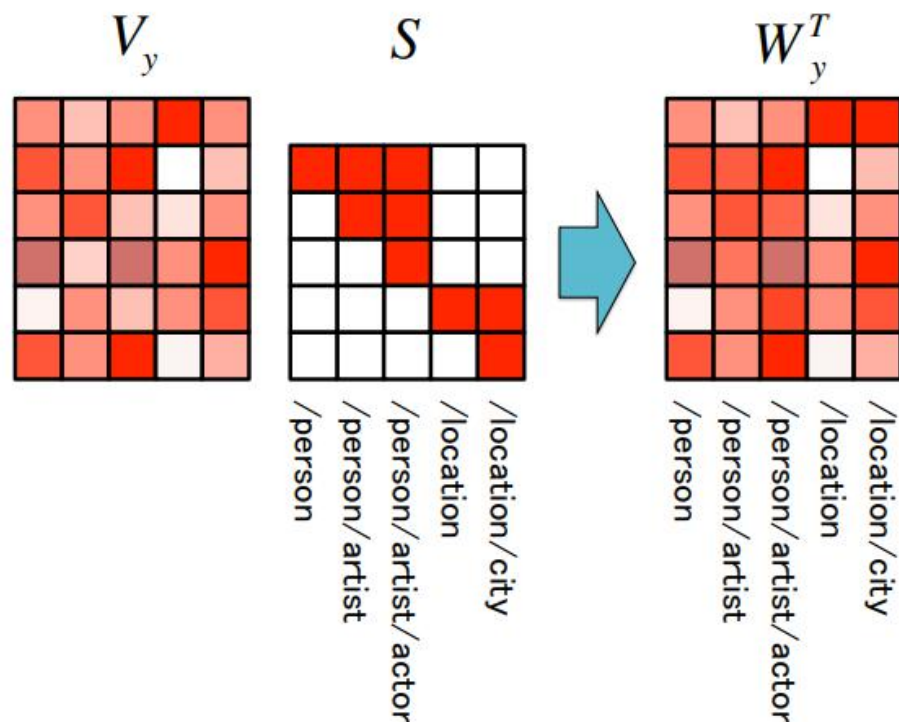
Named Entity Typing

- Multiple/Hierarchical type prediction
 - In real world, an entity often belongs to multiple types.
 - E.g.
 - *I went to Chicago this weekend.*
Chicago can be labeled as “location” and “city”
 - *person/artist/actor*
- Predicting the coarse-grained types may be helpful to the fine-grained types and vice versa.



Named Entity Typing

- Multiple/Hierarchical type prediction
 - Hierarchical label encoding





Named Entity Typing

- Some further improvement
 - Add document-level context for entity mentions.
 - Better handle type hierarchy chains:
Types in different granularities should be assigned with different weights.

$$P'(y|m, c) = P(y|m, c) + \beta \sum_{t \in \Gamma} P(t|m, c)$$



Named Entity Typing

- Relationship between NER and NET
 - Now: Coupled.
 - As suggested in a survey paper:
 - Considering NER as a task
 - Dedicated in detecting named entity's boundary
 - Without considering entity typing.
 - Advantages: a more robust solution which can be shared across different domains.



Entity Linking

- Information Extraction (part1)
 - General Framework
 - Part-of-Speech Tagging
 - Sequence Labeling
 - Named Entity Recognition
 - Named Entity Typing
 - Entity Linking



Entity Linking

- Why Entity Linking?
 - Enrich existing knowledge bases using new facts from text.
 - It can also be used in information retrieval



Entity Linking

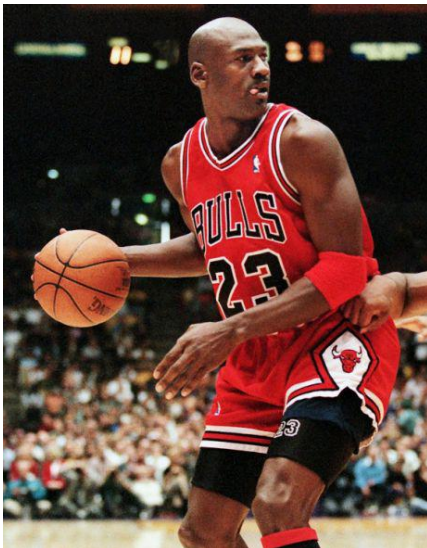
- Challenges in Entity Linking
 - Name variations: A named entity may have multiple names.
 - E.g.
New York City = Big Apple = NYC
Tsinghua University = Tsinghua = THU




Entity Linking

- Challenges in Entity Linking
 - Entity ambiguity (more important)

Q: What is the birthdate of the famous basketball player Michael Jordan?



OR



Michael I. Jordan
Professor of EECS and Professor of Statistics
Verified email at cs.berkeley.edu - [Homepage](#)
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Entity Linking

- Challenges in Entity Linking
 - Entity ambiguity (more important)

Q: What is the birthdate of the famous basketball player Michael Jordan?

Michael Jordan (disambiguation)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Michael Jordan (born 1963), American basketball player and businessman

Michael Jordan or **Mike Jordan** may also refer to:

People [\[edit \]](#)

Sports [\[edit \]](#)

- [Michael Jordan \(footballer\)](#) (born 1986), English goalkeeper
- [Mike Jordan \(racing driver\)](#) (born 1958), English racing driver
- [Mike Jordan \(baseball, born 1863\)](#) (1863–1940), baseball player
- [Mike Jordan \(cornerback\)](#) (born 1992), American football cornerback
- [Michael Jordan \(offensive lineman\)](#), American football offensive lineman
- [Michael-Hakim Jordan](#) (born 1977), American professional basketball player
- [Michal Jordán](#) (born 1990), Czech ice hockey player

Other people [\[edit \]](#)

- [Michael B. Jordan](#) (born 1987), American actor
- [Michael I. Jordan](#) (born 1956), American researcher in machine learning and artificial intelligence
- [Michael Jordan \(insolvency baron\)](#) (born 1931), English businessman



Entity Linking

- Similar Problems:
 - Coreference resolution
 - Word sense disambiguation
 - Database record linkage



Entity Linking

- Basic steps in Entity Linking
 - Candidate Entity Generation
 - Candidate Entity Ranking
 - Unlinkable Mention Prediction



Entity Linking

- Basic steps in Entity Linking
 - Candidate Entity Generation
 - Name dictionary (generated by searching engine)

TABLE 1

A part of the name dictionary D

k (Name)	$k.value$ (Mapping entity)
Microsoft	<i>Microsoft</i>
Microsoft Corporation	<i>Microsoft</i>
Michael Jordan	<i>Michael Jordan</i> <i>Michael I. Jordan</i> <i>Michael Jordan (footballer)</i> <i>Michael Jordan (mycologist)</i> ...
Hewlett-Packard Company	<i>Hewlett-Packard</i>
HP	<i>Hewlett-Packard</i>
Bill Hewlett	<i>William Reddington Hewlett</i>



Entity Linking

- Basic steps in Entity Linking
 - Candidate Entity Generation
 - Surface form expansion: using heuristic or supervised learning to generate expansion rules.
 - E.g.
Communist Party of China = CPC
New York City = NYC



Entity Linking

- Basic steps in Entity Linking
 - Candidate Entity Ranking
 - Useful features include:
 - String similarity
 - Entity type. E.g. football player Michael Jordan
 - Entity popularity
 - Textual context.



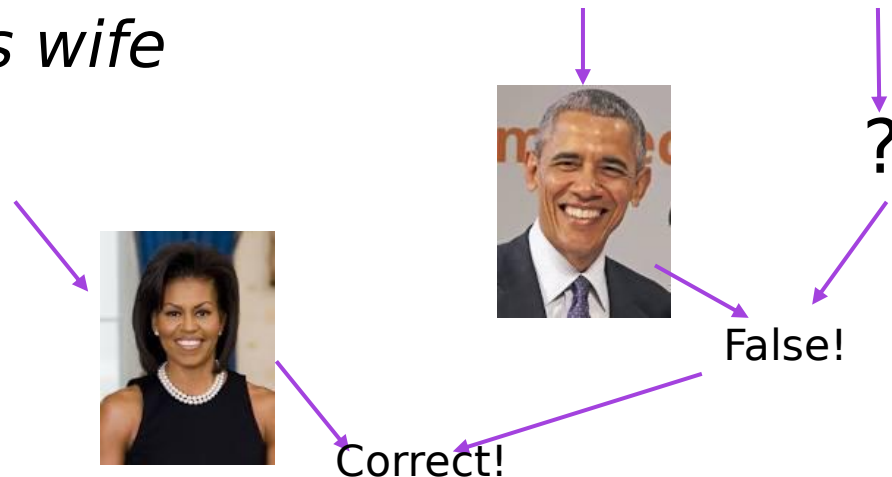
Entity Linking

- Basic steps in Entity Linking
 - Unlinkable Mention Prediction:
 - Set a threshold for similarity score.
 - If the highest scored entity in KB is still lower than the threshold, predict as Unlinkable.



Entity Linking

- Entity Linking + NER:
 - Advantages:
 - NER may split a larger span into two mentions of less informative entities:
E.g. *B.Obama's wife gave a speech ...*
 - NER system recognizes *B.Obama & wife*.
 - Joint System:
B.Obama's wife





Entity Linking

- Entity Linking + NER:
 - Advantages:
 - NER may choose a shorter span, referring to an incorrect entity:
E.g. *The New York Times is a popular newspaper.*
 - NER system only recognizes *New York*
a perfect Entity linking system will fail
 - Joint system:
New York : False → back propagate error to NER system.



Entity Linking

- Entity Linking + NER:
 - Advantages:
 - NER may choose a longer span
E.g. *Babies Romeo and Juliet were born hours apart*
 - NER system only recognizes *Romeo and Juliet* immediately.
 - Joint system:
Romeo and Juliet is different from the context embedding → back propagate error to NER system.



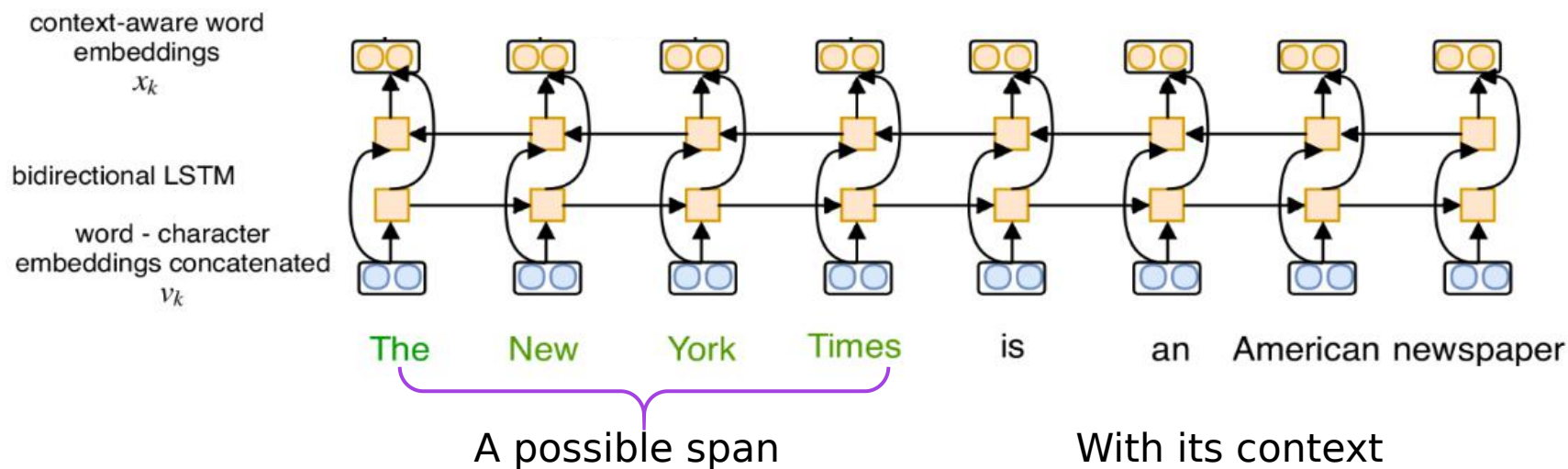
Entity Linking

- End-to-End Neural Entity Linking (Entity Linking+NER)
 - Assume the existence of gold (ground-truth) text-link pairs.
 - Compare all possible spans with all entities in the knowledge base.
 - Span: a short sequence of words, possible entity mention.
 - Use context information to justify the pairing.



Entity Linking

- End-to-End Neural Entity Linking (Entity Linking+NER)
- Context embedding:
Use Bi-LSTM to generate context-aware word embeddings.





Entity Linking

- End-to-End Neural Entity Linking (Entity Linking+NER)
 - (Possible) entity mention embedding:
how to represent spans with different lengths.

$$g^m = [x_q; x_r; \hat{x}^m]$$

The first word

The last word

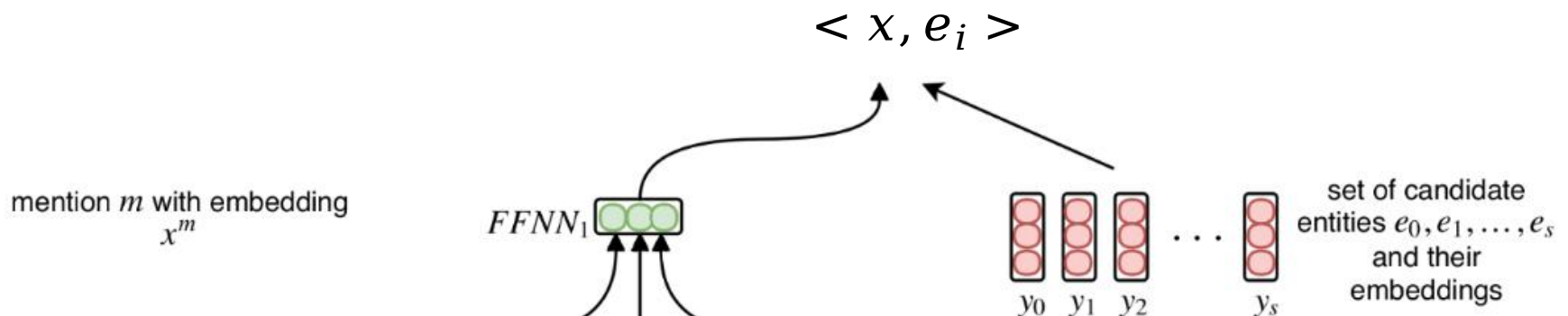
The weighted average words

A diagram illustrating the components of the entity mention embedding g^m . The equation $g^m = [x_q; x_r; \hat{x}^m]$ is shown at the top. Three purple arrows point from the components of the vector to descriptive text below: one from x_q to 'The first word', one from x_r to 'The last word', and one from \hat{x}^m to 'The weighted average words'.



Entity Linking

- End-to-End Neural Entity Linking (Entity Linking+NER)
- Compare all possible spans with all entities in the knowledge base.





Entity Linking

- End-to-End Neural Entity Linking (Entity Linking+NER)
 - Use well-matched pairs to help uncertain pairs.
 - Well-matched pairs set in the document V .
 - Global similarity score: if the entity is close to other entities in the same document.

Entity in the KB



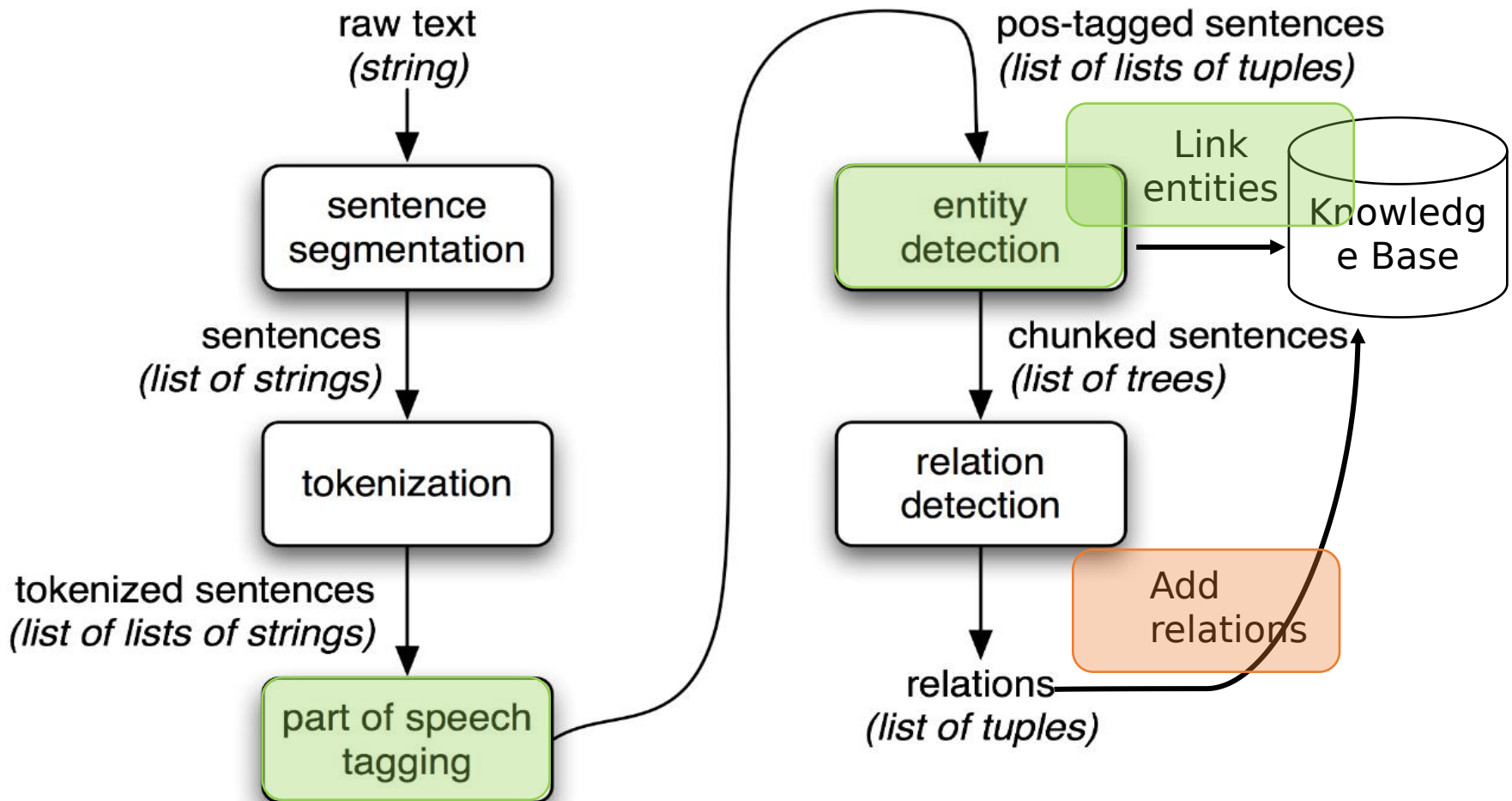
$$x_V = \sum_{e \in V} x_e, \quad \text{Score}(e_j, m) = \cos(e_j, x_V)$$

Possible entity mention



Information Extraction Architecture

- Review of the IE process (part 1)





Reading Material

a. Part-of-Speech Tagging (POS Tagging)

- Introduction from Wikipedia [[link](#)]
- Multilingual Part-of-Speech Tagging with Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory Models and Auxiliary Loss. Plank 2016 [[link](#)]
- Blog: NLP Guide: Identifying Part of Speech Tags using Conditional Random Fields [[link](#)]

b. Sequence Labeling

- Hierarchically-Refined Label Attention Network for Sequence Labeling. EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019 [[link](#)]
- End-to-end Sequence Labeling via Bi-directional LSTM-CNNs-CRF. ACL 2016 [[link](#)]
- Comparisons of sequence labeling algorithms and extensions. ICML 2007 [[link](#)]



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c. Named Entity Recognition

- Blog: Named Entity Recognition Tagging, CS230 [[link](#)]
- A survey of named entity recognition and classification. David Nadeau, Satoshi Sekine. 2007 [[link](#)]
- Neural Architectures for Named Entity Recognition [[link](#)]
- Named entity recognition with bidirectional LSTM-CNNs [[link](#)]



Q&A

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