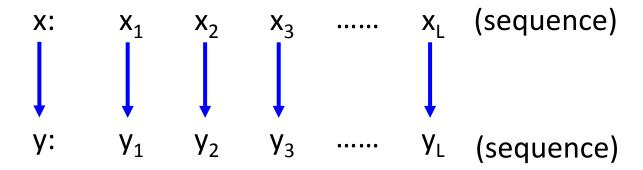
Sequence Labeling Problem

Sequence Labeling

$$f: X \longrightarrow Y$$
Sequence Sequence



Application

- Name entity recognition
 - Identifying names of people, places, organizations, etc.
 from a sentence
 - Harry Potter is a student of Hogwarts and lived on Privet Drive.
 - people, organizations, places, not a name entity

Can be difficult ...



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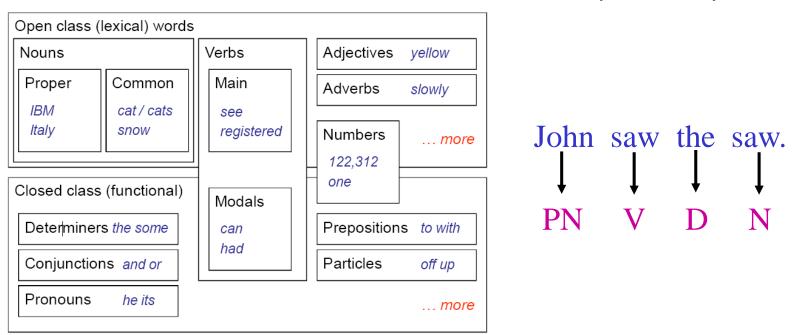
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Example Task

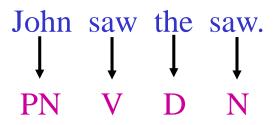
- POS tagging
 - Annotate each word in a sentence with a part-of-speech.



Useful for subsequent syntactic parsing and word sense disambiguation, etc.

Example Task

POS tagging



The problem cannot be solved without considering the sequences.

- "saw" is more likely to be a verb V rather than a noun N
- ➤ However, the second "saw" is a noun N because a noun N is more likely to follow a determiner.

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Structured Perceptron/SVM

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HMM

How you generate a sentence?

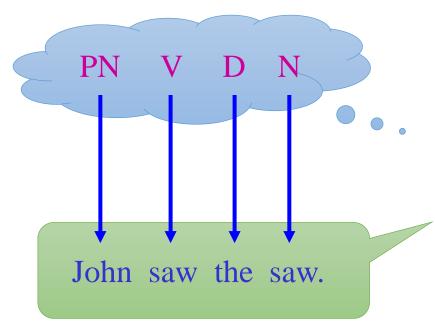
Just the assumption of HMM

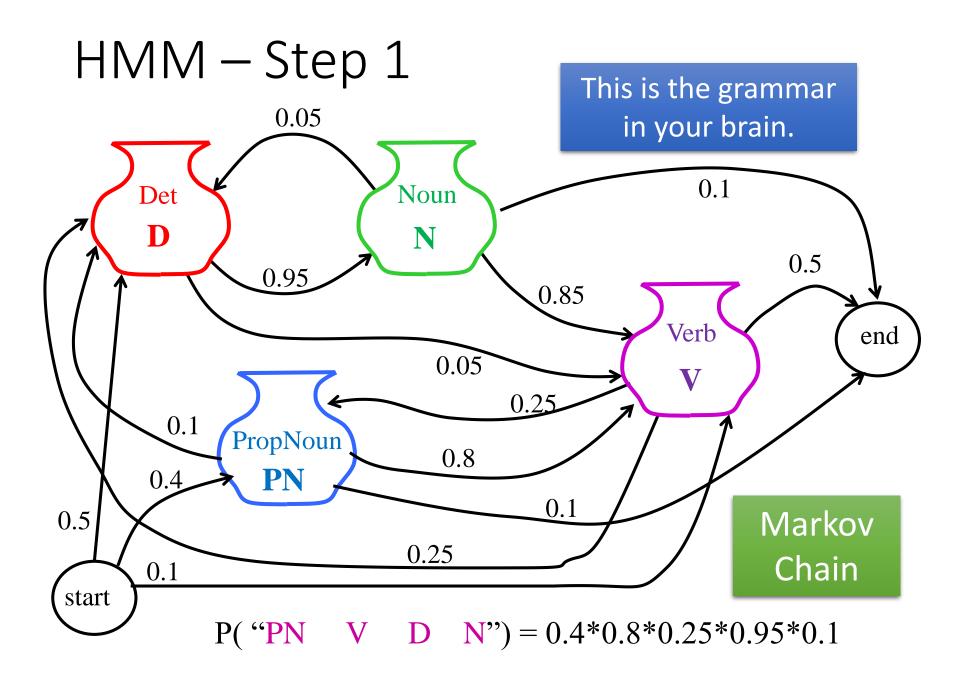
Step 1

- Generate a POS sequence
- Based on the grammar

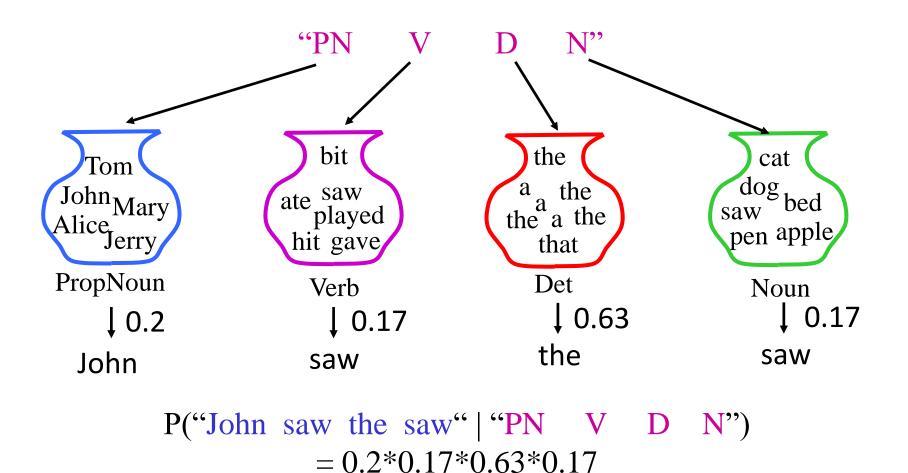
Step 2

- Generate a sentence based on the POS sequence
- Based on a dictionary





HMM – Step 2



HMM

How about P(x,y)=P(x)P(y|x)?

x: John saw the saw.
y: start
$$\longrightarrow PN \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow end$$

 $P(x,y)=P(y)P(x|y)$

$$P(y) = P(PN|start) \qquad P(x|y) = P(John|PN) \\ \times P(V|PN) \qquad \times P(saw|V) \\ \times P(D|V) \qquad \times P(the|D) \\ \times P(N|D) \qquad \times P(saw|N)$$

 HMM

x: John saw the saw.

 $x = x_1, x_2 \cdots x_L$

y: PN V D N

 $y = y_1, y_2 \cdots y_L$

P(x,y)=P(y)P(x|y)

$$P(y) = P(y_1|start) \times \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) \times P(end|y_L)$$
Transition probability

Step 2

$$P(x|y) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$
 Emission probability

HMM

- Estimating the probabilities
- How can I know P(V|PN), P(saw|V)?
- Obtaining from training data

Training Data:

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(\chi^1, \hat{y}^1) 1 Pierre/NNP Vinken/NNP ,/, 61/CD years/NNS old/JJ ,/, will/MD join/VB the/DT board/NN as/IN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN Nov./NNP 29/CD ./.
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- (x^2, \hat{y}^2) 2 Mr./NNP Vinken/NNP is/VBZ chairman/NN of/IN Elsevier/NNP N.V./NNP ,/, the/DT Dutch/NNP publishing/VBG group/NN ./.
- (χ^3 , \hat{y}^3) 3 Rudolph/NNP Agnew/NNP ,/, 55/CD years/NNS old/JJ and/CC chairman/NN of/IN Consolidated/NNP Gold/NNP Fields/NNP PLC/NNP ,/, was/VBD named/VBN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN of/IN this/DT British/JJ industrial/JJ conglomerate/NN ./.

HMM

Estimating the probabilities

$$P(x,y) = P(y_1|start) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) P(end|y_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$

$$P(y_{l+1} = s'|y_l = s) = \frac{count(s \to s')}{count(s)}$$
(s and s'are tags)
$$P(x_l = t|y_l = s) = \frac{count(s \to t)}{count(s)}$$
So simple ©
(s is tag, and t is word)

Different from what you learned in DSP?

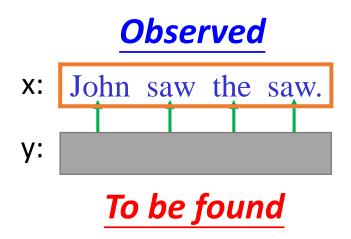
Latent information in speech recognition

Ref:

http://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~tlkagk/courses/MLDS_2015_2/Lecture/Hidden% 20(v7).ecm.mp4/index.html

HMM – How to do POS Tagging?

We can compute P(x,y)



Task: given x, find y

$$y = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(y|x)$$
$$= arg \max_{y \in Y} \frac{P(x,y)}{P(x)}$$

$$= \arg\max_{y\in\mathbb{Y}} P(x,y)$$

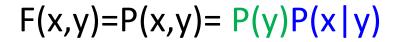
HMM – Viterbi Algorithm

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

- Enumerate all possible y
 - Assume there are |S| tags, and the length of sequence y is L
 - There are |S|^L possible y
- Viterbi algorithm
 - Solve the above problem with complexity $O(L|S|^2)$

HMM - Summary







$$\tilde{y} = arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$



P(y) and P(x|y) can be simply obtained from training data

• Inference:

$$\tilde{y} = arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

To obtain correct results ...

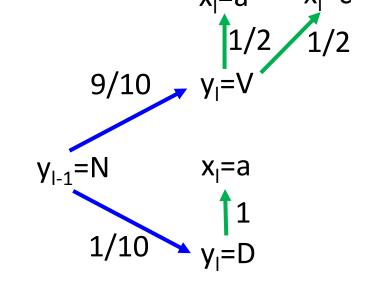
 (x, \hat{y}) : $P(x, \hat{y}) > \underline{P(x, y)}$ Can HMM guarantee that? not necessarily small

Transition probability:

$$P(V|N)=9/10 P(D|N)=1/10 \dots$$

Emission probability:

$$P(a|V)=1/2$$
 $P(a|D)=1$



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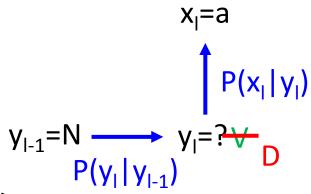
$$P(a|V)=1/2$$
 $P(a|D)=1$

$$x_{l}=a$$

$$\uparrow P(x_{l}|y_{l})$$

$$y_{l-1}=N \longrightarrow y_{l}=? \lor$$

$$P(y_{l}|y_{l-1})$$



• Inference:

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

To obtain correct results ...

$$(x, \hat{y}): P(x, \hat{y}) > \underline{P(x, y)}$$
 Can HMM guarantee that?

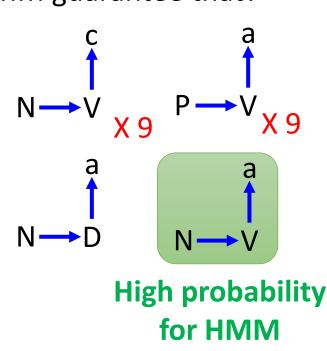
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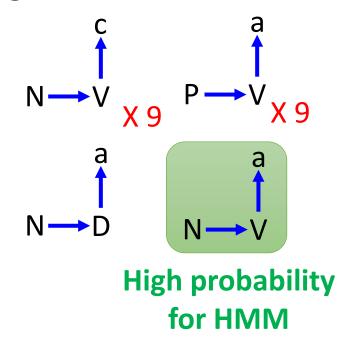
$$P(V|N)=9/10 P(D|N)=1/10 \dots$$

Emission probability:

$$P(a|V)=1/2$$
 $P(a|D)=1$



- The (x,y) never seen in the training data can have large probability P(x,y).
- Benefit:
 - When there is only little training data
 - More complex model can deal with this problem
 - ➤ However, CRF can deal with this problem based on the same model



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CRF

$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$

- $\triangleright \phi(x,y)$ is a feature vector. What does it look like?
- $\triangleright w$ is a weight vector to be learned from training data
- $\ge exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$ is always positive, can be larger than 1

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x,y)}{\sum_{y'} P(x,y')} \quad P(x,y) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{R}$$
$$= \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathbb{Y}} exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y'))} = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{Z(x)}$$

$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$
 very different from HMM?

In HMM:

$$P(x,y) = P(y_1|start) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) P(end|y_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$

$$= logP(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} logP(y_{l+1}|y_l) + logP(end|y_L)$$

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(x_l|y_l)$$

$$logP(x,y) = logP(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(y_{l+1}|y_l) + logP(end|y_L)$$

Log probability of word t given tag s

Number of tag s and word t appears together in (x, y)

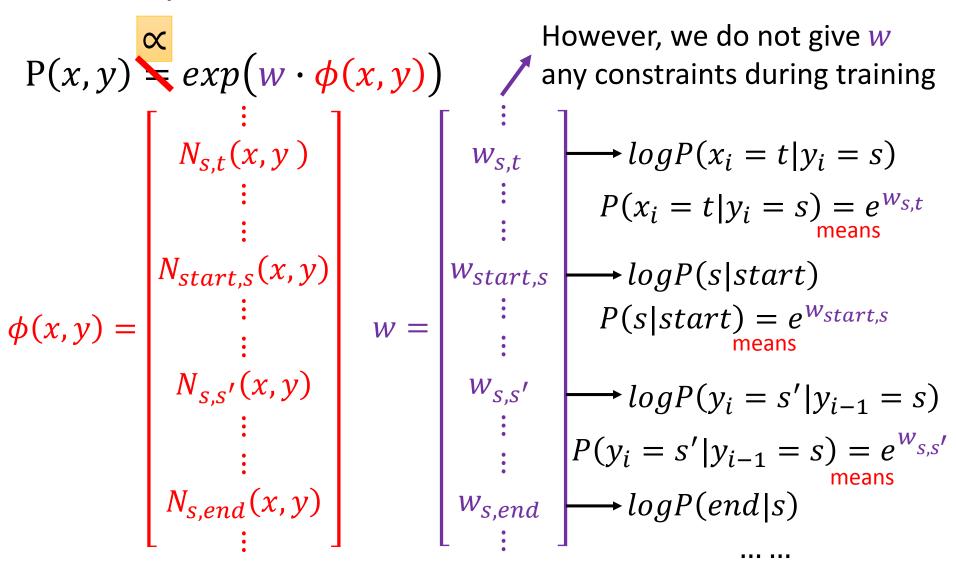
$$\sum_{l=1}^{L} log P(x_l|y_l) = \sum_{s,t} log P(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y)$$

Enumerate all possible tags s and all possible word t

 $N_{D,the}(x,y)=2$

$$\begin{split} \log P(x,y) &= \log P(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \log P(y_{l+1}|y_l) + \log P(end|y_L) \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} \log P(x_l|y_l) \\ &\log P(y_1|start) = \sum_{s} \log P(s|start) \times N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ &\sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \log P(y_{l+1}|y_l) = \sum_{s,s'} \log P(s'|s) \times N_{s,s'}(x,y) \\ &\log P(end|y_L) = \sum_{s} \log P(end|s) \times N_{s,end}(x,y) \end{split}$$

$$logP(x,y) = \sum_{s,t} logP(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} logP(t|s) \\ \vdots \\ logP(s|start) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} N_{s,t}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{s,s'} logP(s'|s) \times N_{s,s'}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} logP(s|start) \\ \vdots \\ logP(s'|s) \\ \vdots \\ logP(end|s) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} N_{s,t}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,s'}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,end}(x,y) \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{s} logP(end|s) \times N_{s,end}(x,y) = exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$



Feature Vector

• What does $\phi(x, y)$ look like?

- $\phi(x,y)$ has two parts
 - Part 1: relations between tags and words



Part 2: relations between tags
 If there are |S| possible tags,
 |L| possible words

Part 1 has |S| X |L| dimensions

Part 1	Value
D, the	2
D, dog	0
D, ate	0
D, homework	0
N, the	0
N, dog	1
N, ate	0
N, homework	1
V, the	0
V, dog	0
V, ate	1
V, homework	0

Feature Vector

 $N_{D,D}(x,y)$

 $N_{D,N}(x,y) \rightarrow$

• What does $\phi(x, y)$ look like?

X: The dog ate the homework.Y: DNVDN

- $\phi(x, y)$ has two parts
 - Part 1: relations between tags and words
 - Part 2: relations between tags



 $N_{s,s'}(x,y)$: Number of tags s and s' consecutively in (x,y)

Part 2	Value
\rightarrow D, D	0
\rightarrow D, N	2
D, V	0
N, D	0
N, N	0
N, V	1
V, D	1
V, N	0
V, V	0
Start, D	1
Start, N	0
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End, D	0
End, N	1

Feature Vector

• What does $\phi(x, y)$ look like?

- $\phi(x, y)$ has two parts
 - Part 1: relations between tags and words
 - Part 2: relations between tags



If there are |S| possible tags, |S| X |S| + 2 |S| dimensions

Define any $\phi(x, y)$ you like!

Part 2	Value
D, D	0
D, N	2
D, V	0
N, D	0
N, N	0
N, V	1
V, D	1
V, N	0
V, V	0
Start, D	1
Start, N	0

End, D	0
End, N	1

CRF – Training Criterion

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x,y)}{\sum_{y'} P(x,y')}$$

- Given training data: $\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1), (x^2, \hat{y}^2), \cdots (x^N, \hat{y}^N)\}$
- Find the weight vector w^* maximizing objective function O(w):

$$w^* = \arg \max_{w} O(w)$$
 $O(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} log P(\hat{y}^n | x^n)$

$$log P(\hat{y}^n | x^n) = log P(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - log \sum_{y'} P(x^n, y')$$

Maximize what we observe

Minimize what we don't observe

CRF – Gradient Ascent

Gradient descent

Find a set of parameters θ minimizing cost function $C(\theta)$

$$\theta \to \theta - \eta \nabla C(\theta)$$

Opposite direction of the gradient

Gradient Ascent

Find a set of parameters θ maximizing objective function $O(\theta)$

$$\theta \to \theta + \eta \nabla O(\theta)$$

The same direction of the gradient

CRF - Training

$$O(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} log P(\hat{y}^{n} | x^{n}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} O^{n}(w)$$

Compute
$$\nabla O^n(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \partial O^n(w)/\partial w_{s,t} \\ \vdots \\ \partial O^n(w)/\partial w_{s,s'} \end{bmatrix}$$
 Let me show $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$ Let me show $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$ Let me show $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$ very similar $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,s'}}$

$$P(y'|x^n) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^n, y'))}{Z(x^n)}$$

CRF - Training

$$w_{s,t} \to w_{s,t} + \eta \frac{\partial O(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$$

After some math

Can be computed by Viterbi algorithm as well

$$\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \underline{N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)} - \underline{\sum_{y'}} P(y'|x^n) N_{s,t}(x^n, y')$$

If word t is labeled by tag s in training examples (x^n, \hat{y}^n) , then increase $w_{s,t}$

If word t is labeled by tag s in (x^n, y') which not in training examples, then decrease $w_{s,t}$

$$P(y'|x^n) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^n, y'))}{Z(x^n)}$$

CRF - Training

$$\nabla O(w) = \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{v'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y')$$

Stochastic Gradient Ascent

Random pick a data (x^n, \hat{y}^n)

$$w \to w + \eta \left(\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y') \right)$$

CRF – Inference

Inference

$$y = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(y|x) = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(x,y)$$
$$= arg \max_{y \in Y} w \cdot \phi(x,y) \quad \text{Done by Viterbi as well}$$
$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$

CRF v.s. HMM

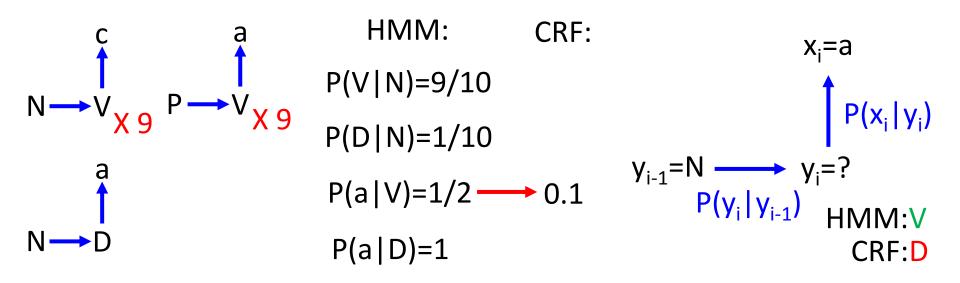
• CRF: increase $P(x, \hat{y})$, decrease P(x, y')

• To obtain correct results ...

$$(x, \hat{y})$$
: $P(x, \hat{y}) > P(x, y)$

HMM does not do that

CRF more likely to achieve that than HMM



Synthetic Data

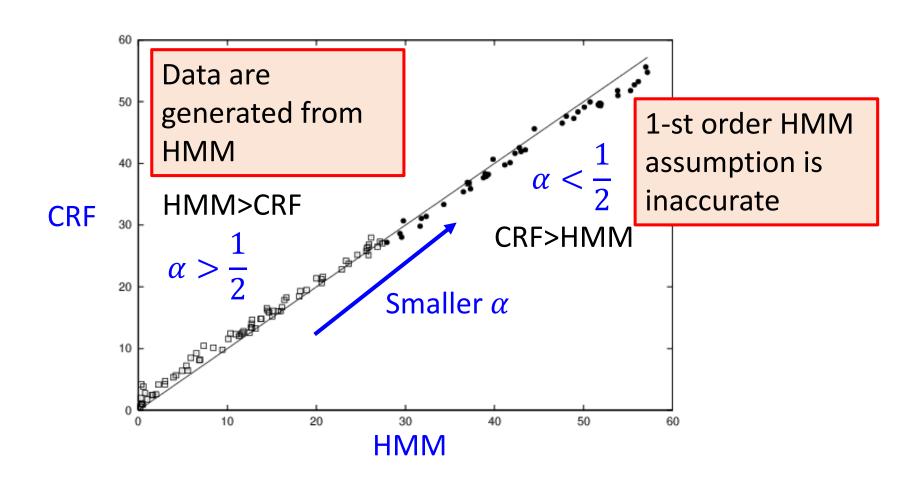
- $x_i \in \{a z\}, y_i \in \{A E\}$
- Generating data from a mixed-order HMM
 - Transition probability:

•
$$\alpha P(y_i|y_{i-1}) + (1-\alpha)P(y_i|y_{i-1},y_{i-2})$$

- Emission probability:
 - $\alpha P(x_i|y_i) + (1-\alpha)P(x_i|y_i,x_{i-1})$
- Comparing HMM and CRF
 - All the approaches only consider 1-st order information
 - Only considering the relation of y_{i-1} and y_i
 - ullet In general, all the approaches have worse performance with smaller lpha

Ref: John D. Lafferty, Andrew McCallum, and Fernando C. N. Pereira, "Conditional Random Fields: Probabilistic Models for Segmenting and Labeling Sequence Data", ICML, 2001

Synthetic Data: CRF v.s. HMM



CRF - Summary

Problem 1: Evaluation

$$F(x,y) = P(y|x) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathbb{Y}} exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y'))}$$



Problem 2: Inference

$$\tilde{y} = \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(y|x) = \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} w \cdot \phi(x,y)$$



Problem 3: Training

$$w^* = \arg\max_{w} \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(\hat{y}^n | x^n)$$

$$w \to w + \eta \left(\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y') \right)$$

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Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

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Structured Perceptron

Problem 1: **Evaluation**

$$F(x,y) = w \cdot \underline{\phi(x,y)}$$
 The same as CRF



Problem 2: Inference



Viterbi

Problem 3: **Training**

$$\forall n, \forall y \in \mathbb{Y}, y \neq \hat{y}^n$$
:

$$w \cdot \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) > w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^n = \arg\max_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}^n, \mathbf{y})$$

$$w \to w + \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \phi(x^n, \tilde{y}^n)$$

Structured Perceptron v.s. CRF

Structured Perceptron

$$\tilde{y}^n = \arg \max_{y} w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)$$

$$w \to w + \underline{\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)} - \underline{\phi(x^n, \tilde{y}^n)}$$
Hard

• CRF

$$w \to w + \eta \left(\frac{\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)}{-\sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y')} \right)$$
Soft

Structured SVM

Problem 1: Evaluation

$$F(x,y) = w \cdot \underline{\phi(x,y)}$$

The same as CRF



Problem 2: Inference



Problem 3: Training

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} w \cdot \phi(x, y)$$

Viterbi

Consider margin and error:

Way 1. Gradient Descent

Way 2. Quadratic Programming (Cutting Plane Algorithm)

Structured SVM — Error Function

- Error function: $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$
 - $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$: Difference between y and \hat{y}^n
 - Cost function of structured SVM is the upper bound of $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$
 - Theoretically, $\Delta(y, \hat{y}^n)$ can be any function you like
 - However, you need to solve Problem 2.1

•
$$\bar{y}^n = arg\max_{y} [\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y) + w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)]$$

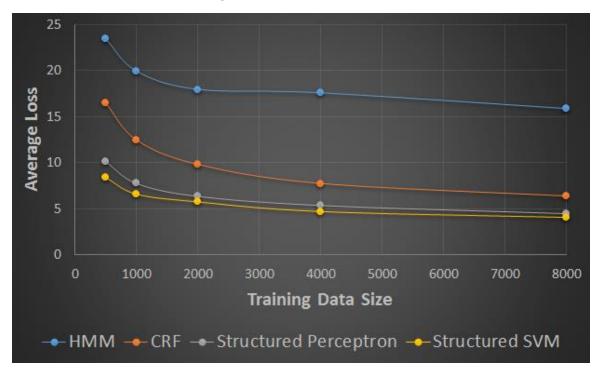
Example
$$\hat{y}$$
: A T T C G G G G A T $\Delta(\hat{y}, y) = 3/10$ y : A T T A G G A A

In this case, problem 2.1 can be solved by Viterbi Algorithm

<u>Performance of Different Approaches</u>

POS Tagging

Ref: Nguyen, Nam, and Yunsong Guo. "Comparisons of sequence labeling algorithms and extensions." *ICML*, 2007.



Name Entity Recognition

Method	HMM	CRF	Perceptron	SVM
Error	9.36	5.17	5.94	5.08

Ref: Tsochantaridis, Ioannis, et al. "Large margin methods for structured and interdependent output variables." *Journal of Machine Learning Research*. 2005.

Concluding Remarks

	Problem 1	Problem 2	Problem 3
HMM	F(x,y) = P(x,y)	Viterbi	Just count
CRF	F(x,y) = P(y x)	Viterbi	Maximize $P(\hat{y} x)$
Structured Perceptron	$F(x,y) = w \cdot \phi(x,y)$ (not a probability)	Viterbi	$F(x,\hat{y}) > F(x,y')$
Structured SVM	$F(x,y) = w \cdot \phi(x,y)$ (not a probability)	Viterbi	$F(x, \hat{y}) > F(x, y')$ with margins
Semi- Markov	F(x,y) for x and y with different lengths	Modified Viterbi	Can be the same as CRF, structured perceptron or SVM

http://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~tlkagk/courses/MLDS_2015/Structured%20Lecture/Segmental%20CRF%20(v8).fsp/index.html (請用 IE 開啟)

The above approaches can combine with deep learning to have better performance.

Next lecture: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

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Appendix

CRF - Training

$$O^{n}(w) = \log \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}))}{Z(x^{n})} \quad Z(x^{n}) = \sum_{y'} exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y'))$$
$$= \underline{w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})} - \log Z(x^{n})$$

$$\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

The number of word t labeled as s in(x^n , \hat{y}^n)

The value of the dimension in $\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$ corresponding to $w_{s,t}$.

$$w \cdot \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

$$= \sum_{s,t} w_{s,t} \cdot N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

$$+ \sum_{s,s'} w_{s,s'} \cdot N_{s,s'}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

CRF - Training

$$O^{n}(w) = \log \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}))}{Z(x^{n})} \quad Z(x^{n}) = \sum_{y'} exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y'))$$

$$= \underline{w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}) - \log Z(x^{n})}$$

$$\frac{\partial O^{n}(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \underline{N_{s,t}(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}) - \frac{1}{Z(x^{n})}} \frac{\partial Z(x^{n})}{\partial w_{s,t}}$$

$$= \sum_{y'} \underbrace{\frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y'))}{Z(x^{n})}} N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y') = \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^{n}) N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y')$$

$$\frac{\partial Z(x^{n})}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \sum_{y'} exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y')) N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y')$$

CRF v.s. HMM

- Define $\phi(x, y)$ you like
 - For example, besides the features just described, there are some useful extra features in POS tagging.
 - Number of times a capitalized word is labeled as Noun
 - Number of times a word end with ing is labeled as Noun
- Can you consider this kind of features by HMM? Too sparse... $P(x_i = A, x_i \text{ is } capitalized, x_i \text{ end } with \text{ ing, ...} | y_i = N)$

Method 1:

$$P(x_i = A|y_i = N)P(x_i \text{ is capitalized}|y_i = N).....$$

Inaccurate assumption

Method 2. Give the distribution some assumptions?