

Neural networks

Conditional random fields - factors, sufficient statistics and linear CRF

LINEAR CHAIN CRF

Topics: factor, sufficient statistic

- CRFs are often written in the standard form:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{X})} \prod_f \underbrace{\Psi_f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X})}_{\text{factors or compatibility functions}}$$

- A parametrization of the factor that is often used is:

$$\Psi_f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \exp \left(\sum_s \theta_{f,s} \underbrace{t_{f,s}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X})}_{\text{sufficient statistics}} \right)$$

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