

Natural Language Models and Interfaces

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NLMI

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Generalisations in language

We can organise words into classes

- ▶ semantic criteria: what does the word refer to?
nouns often refer to 'people', 'places' or 'things'
- ▶ formal criteria: what form does the word have?
-ly makes an adverb out of an adjective
-tion makes a noun out of a verb
- ▶ distributional criteria: in what contexts can the word occur?
adjectives precede nouns

Criteria for classifying words

	Semantically	Formally	Distributionally
Nouns	refer to things, concepts	-ness, -tion, -ity, -ance	After determiners, possessives
Verbs	refer to actions, states	-ate, -ize	infinitives: to jump, to learn
Adjectives	properties of nouns	-al, -ble	appear before nouns
Adverbs	properties of actions	-ly	next to verbs, beginning of sentence

Importance of formal and distributional criteria

Often in text, we come across **unknown** words

*And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!*

Formal and distributional criteria help one recognise which class an unknown word belongs to:

Those zorls you splarded were malgy

Parts of Speech

- ▶ **Open** class words (or content words)
 - ▶ nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
 - ▶ mostly content-bearing
 - they refer to objects, actions, and features in the world
 - ▶ open class, since there is no limit to what these words are
 - new ones are added all the time (email, website, selfie)
- ▶ **Closed** class words (or function words)
 - ▶ pronouns, determiners, prepositions, connectives, ...
 - ▶ there is a limited number of these
 - ▶ mostly functional: to tie the concepts of a sentence together

But how many parts of speech

- ▶ Both linguistic and practical considerations
- ▶ Corpus annotators decide. Distinguish between
 - ▶ proper nouns (names) and common nouns ?
 - ▶ past and present tense verbs?
 - ▶ auxiliary and main verbs?

English POS tag sets

Brown corpus (87 tags)

- ▶ one of the earliest large corpora collected for computational linguistics (1960s)
- ▶ **balanced** corpus: different genres (fiction, news, academic, editorial, etc)

Penn Treebank corpus (45 tags)

- ▶ first large corpus annotated with POS and full syntactic trees (1992)
- ▶ possibly the most-used corpus in NLP
- ▶ originally, just text from the Wall Street Journal (WSJ)

Universal POS tags

- ▶ Simplify the set of tags to lowest common denominator across languages
- ▶ Map existing annotations onto universal tags

VBD, VBN, VB, VBG, VBP → VERB

- ▶ Allows interoperability of systems across languages
- ▶ Promoted by Google and others

Universal POS tags

NOUN (nouns)

VERB (verbs)

ADJ (adjectives)

ADV (adverbs)

PRON (pronouns)

DET (determiners and articles)

ADP (prepositions and postpositions)

NUM (numerals)

CONJ (conjunctions)

PRT (particles)

?.? (punctuation marks)

X (anything else, such as abbreviations or foreign words)

Example of POS tagged data

The */DT* grand */JJ* jury */NN* commented */VBD* on */IN* a */DT* number */NN* of */IN* other */JJ* topics */NNS* ./.

There */EX* was */VBD* still */JJ* lemonade */NN* in */IN* the */DT* bottle */NN* ./.

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How does any of that help modelling language?

Linguistic generalisation abstracts away from surface form

- ▶ knowing X_i took on an adjective should increase the chance that X_{i+1} takes on a noun
 - ▶ regardless of the adjective and of the noun

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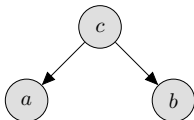
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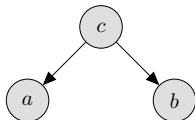
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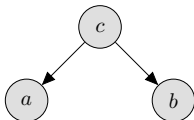
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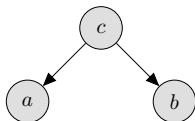
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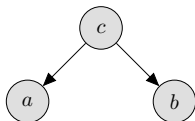
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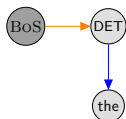
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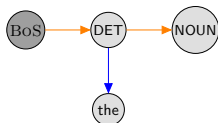
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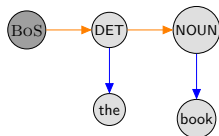
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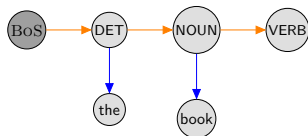
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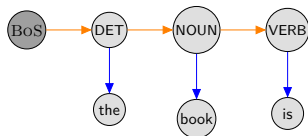
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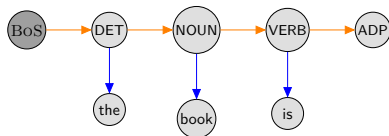
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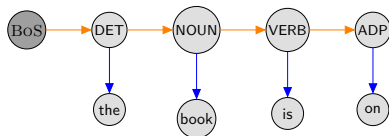
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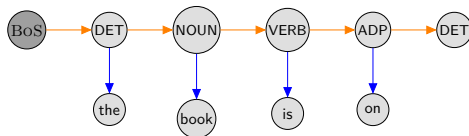
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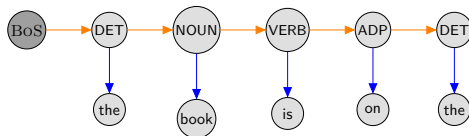
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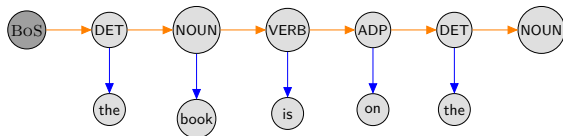
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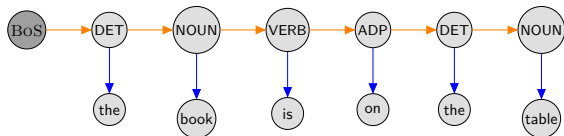
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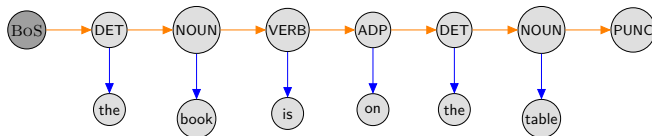
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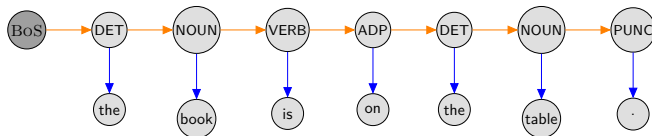
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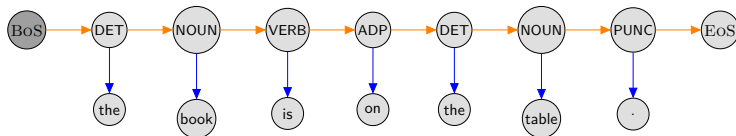
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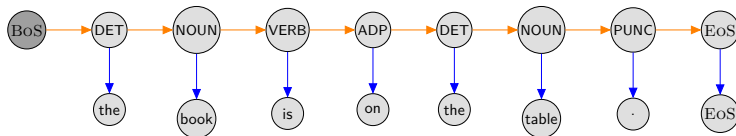
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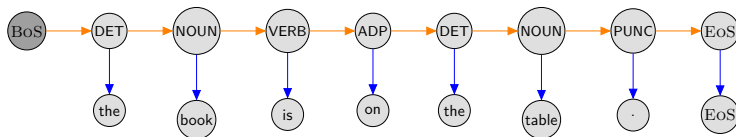
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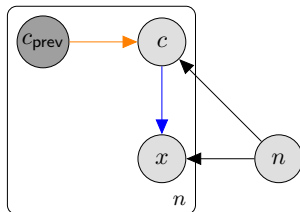
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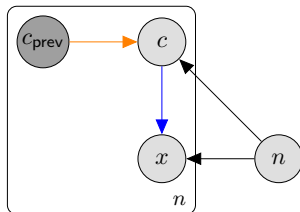
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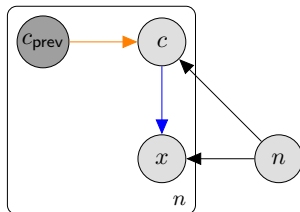
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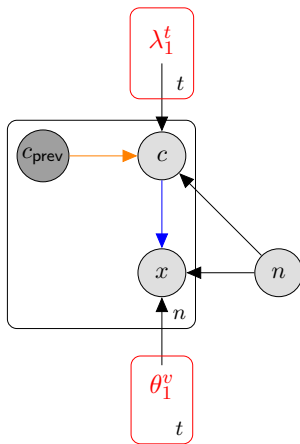
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NLMI

Parts of speech

Hidden Markov Models

Evaluation

Evaluate HMM POS model

Extrinsically

given labelled test set

- ▶ compare best possible tag sequence to tagged test set
- ▶ accuracy of tag prediction

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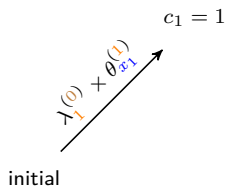
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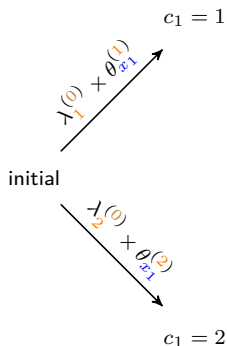
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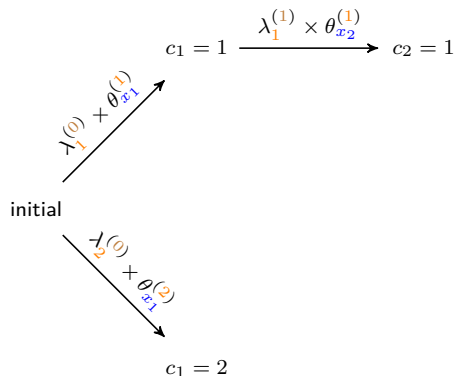
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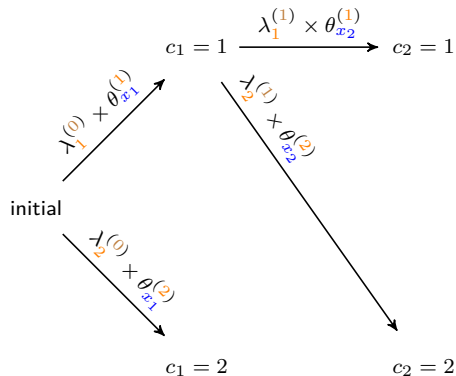
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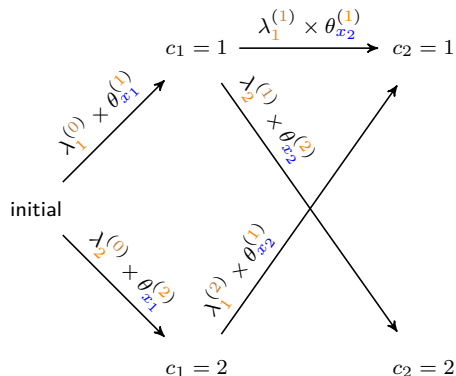
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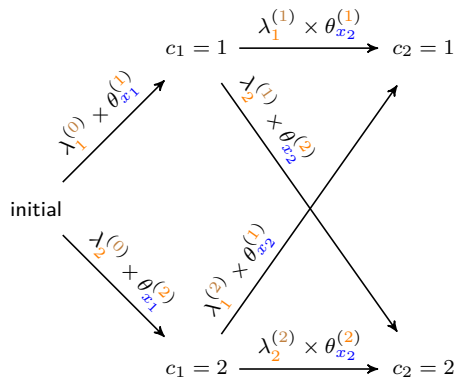
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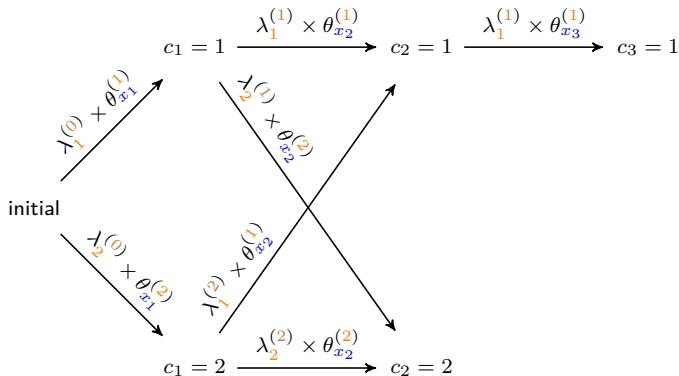
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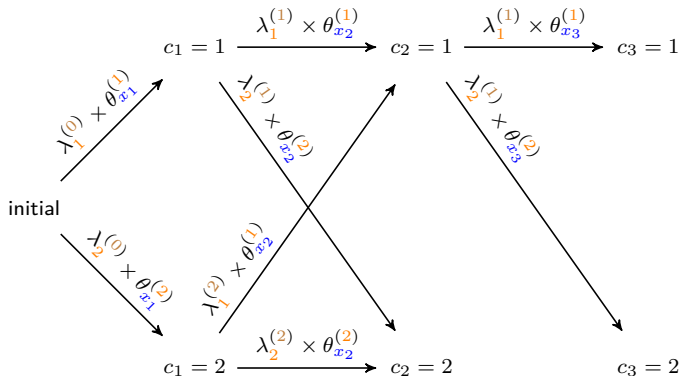
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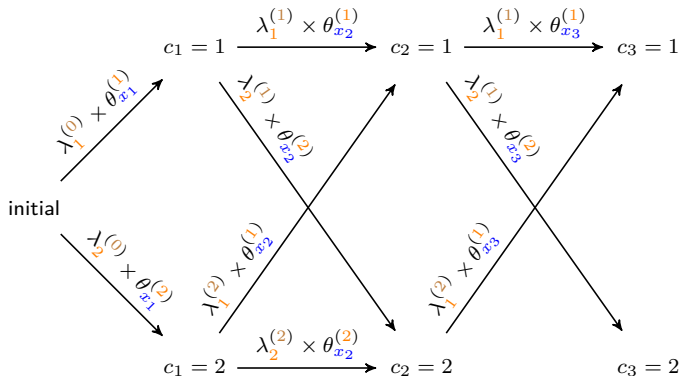
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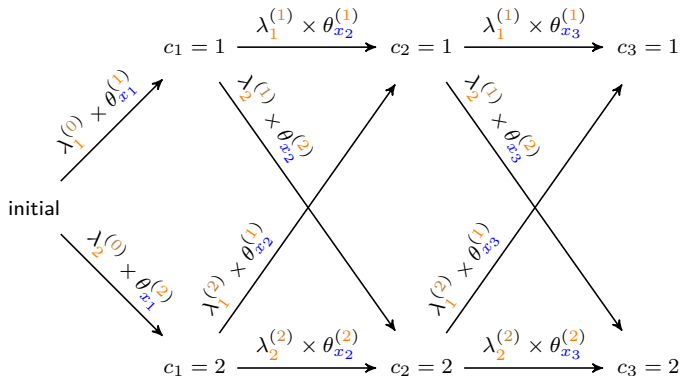
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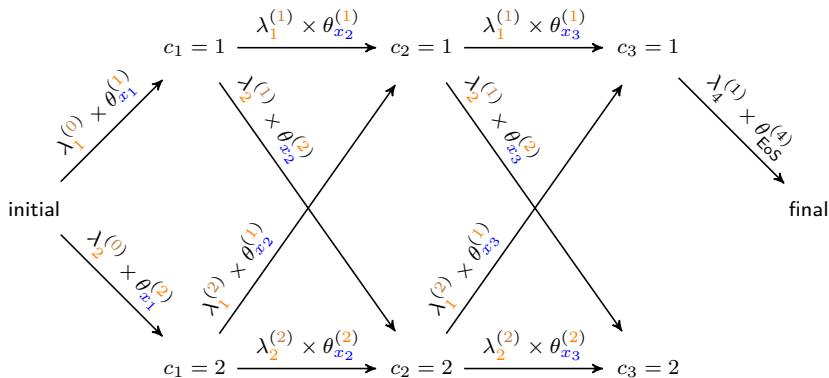
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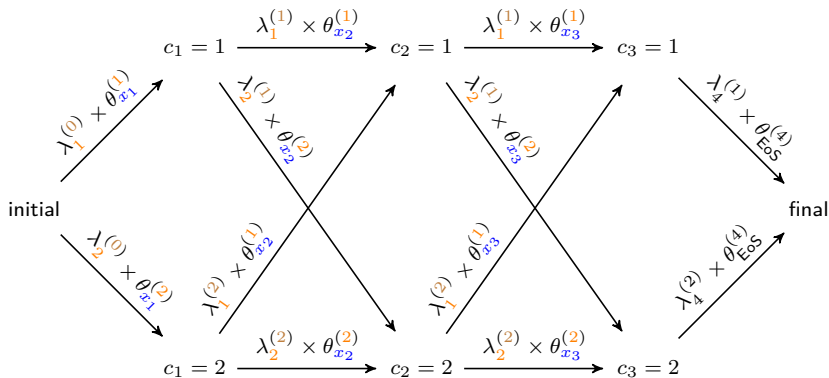
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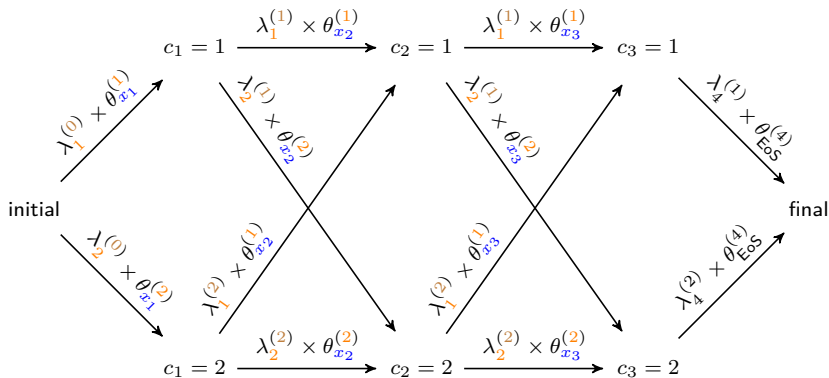
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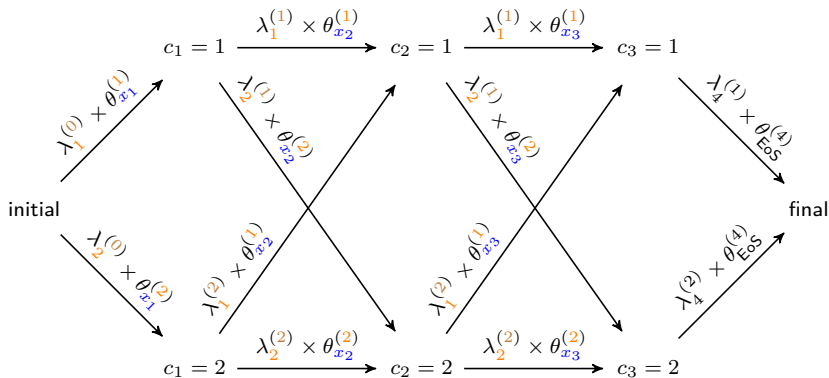
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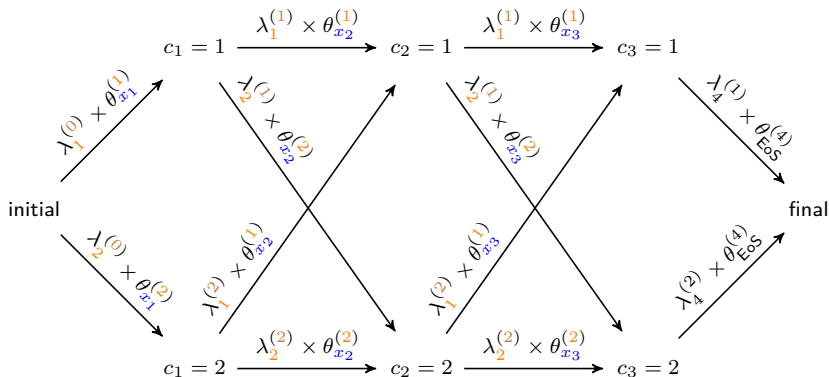
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Recursion

It's numerically convenient to compute $\log \alpha$ instead!

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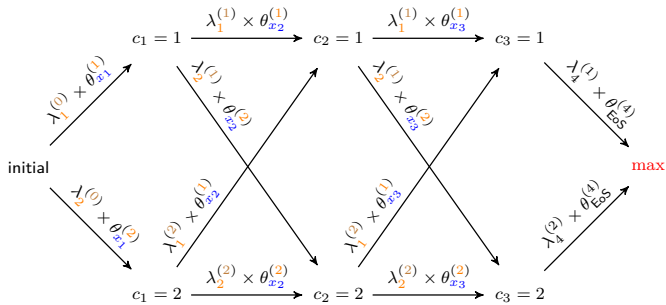
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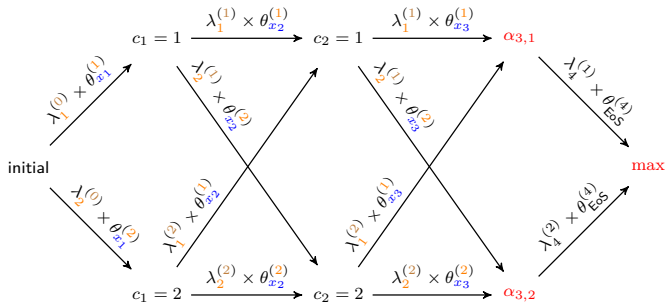
Viterbi recursion

$$\alpha(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \max_{p \in \{1, \dots, t\}} \alpha(i - 1, p) \lambda_j^{(p)} \theta_{x_i}^{(j)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

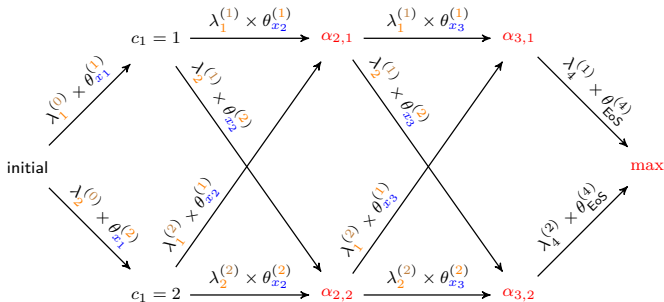
$\alpha(i, j)$ is the maximum value of any sequence $\langle C_1, \dots, C_i = j \rangle$



We want to know the maximum of the joint distribution

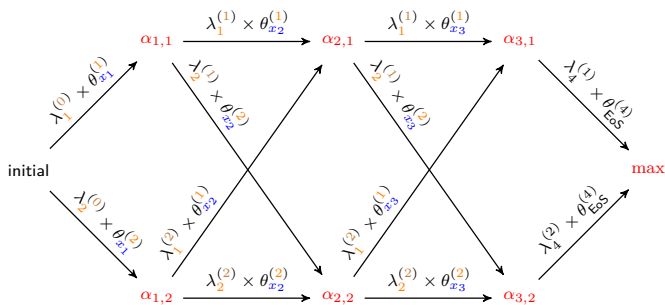


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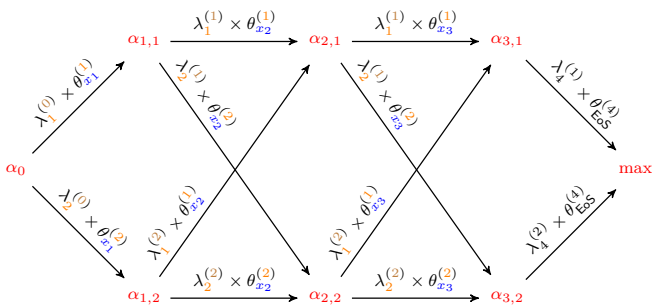
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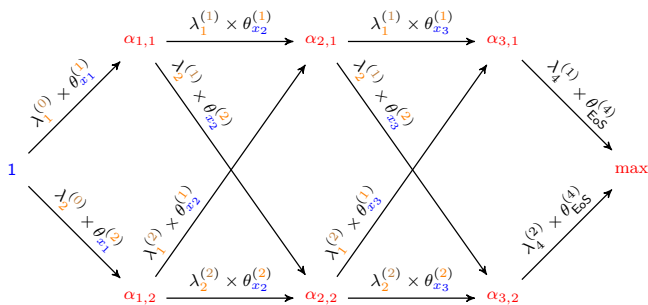
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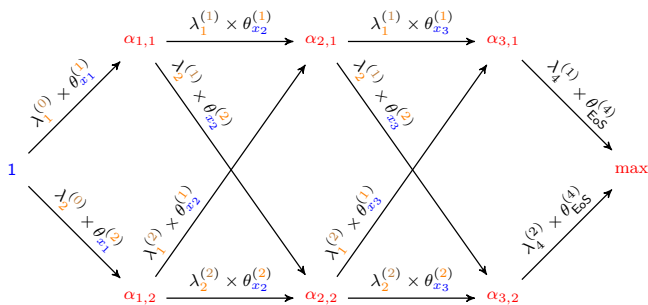


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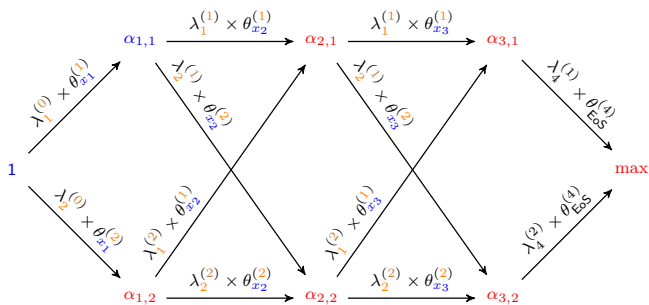
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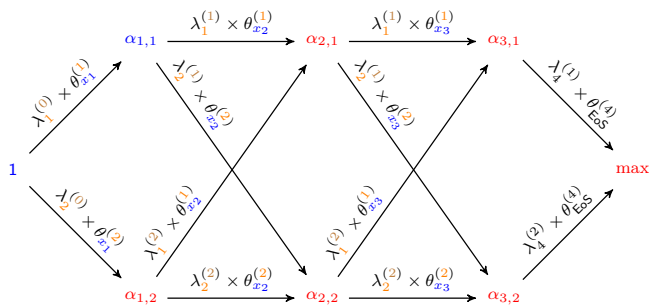
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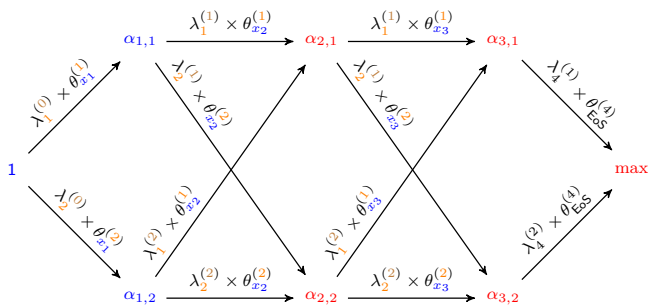
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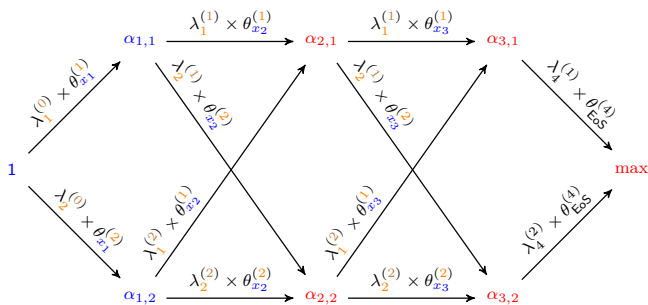


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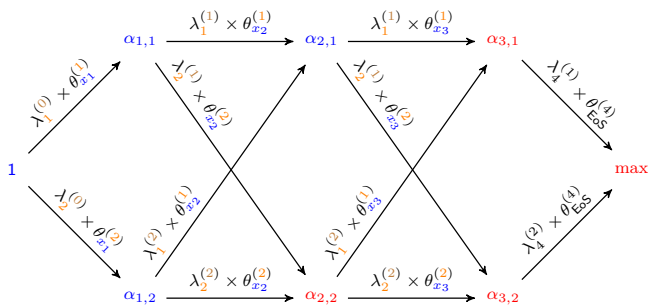


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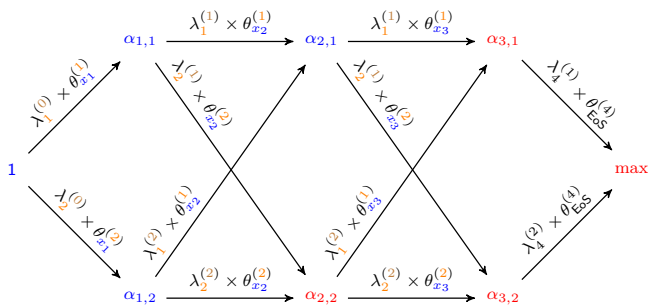


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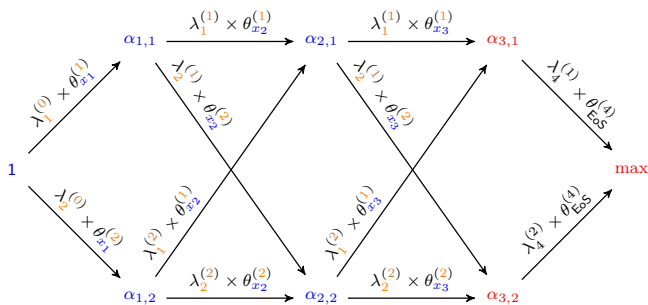


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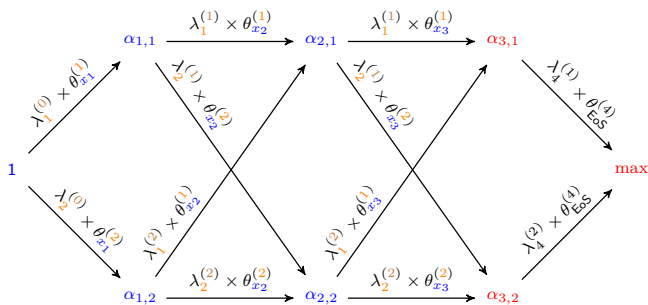


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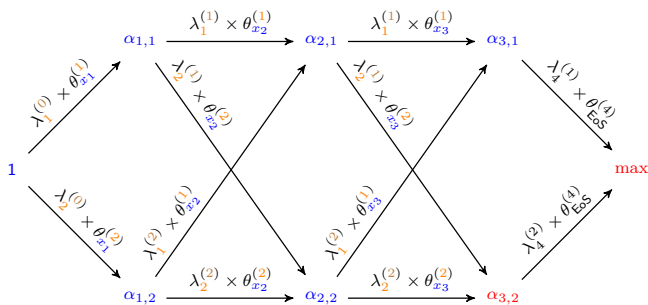
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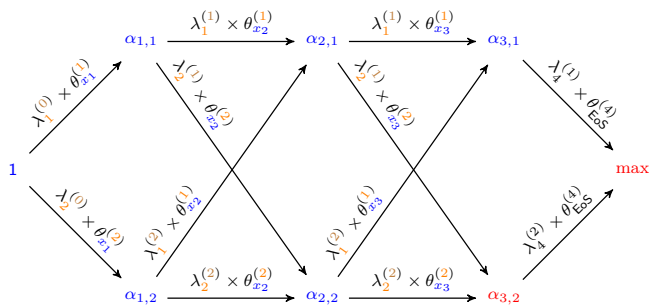


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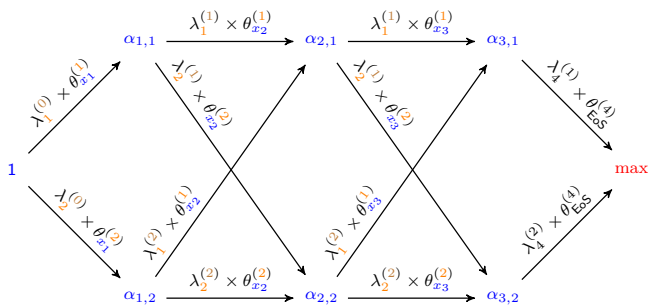
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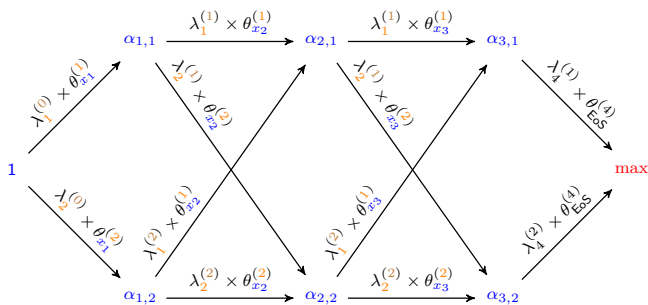


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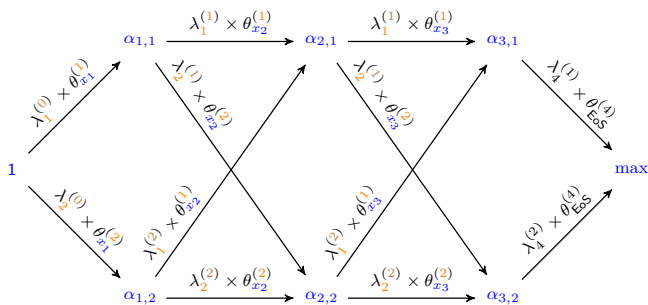


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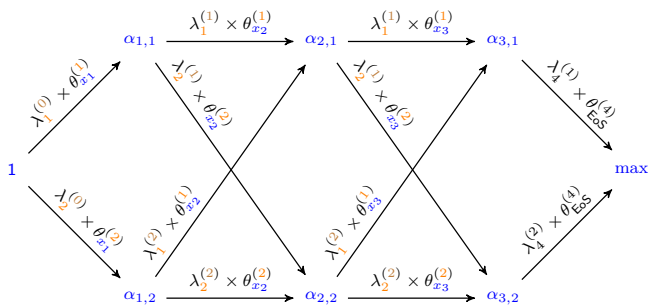


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Finding an argmax is a simple matter of traversing in reverse direction tracking the best path.

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each requires solving a max over t pre-computed values
thus $O(n \times t^2)$

Evaluate our HMM language model

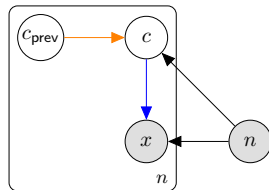
Intrinsically

no need for POS tag sequences

- ▶ test set perplexity
- ▶ perplexity requires computing $P_{S|n}(x_1^n|n)$ by marginalising over tag sequences
- ▶ what's the complexity?

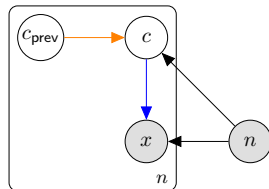
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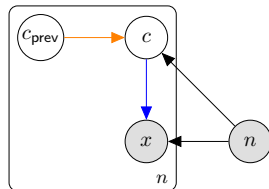


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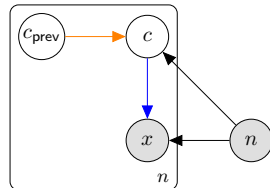
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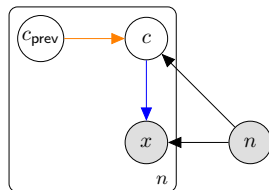
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$$P_{S|N}(x_1^n|n) = \alpha_{n+1}(\text{EOS})$$

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$$\alpha_1(c) = P_{X|C}(x_1|c) P_{C|C_{\text{prev}}}(c|\text{BoS})$$



where we conveniently pad the sequences with

- ▶ $C_0 = \text{BoS}$ and $C_{n+1} = \text{EOS}$
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For complete derivation see

- ▶ [pdf](#) or [notebook](#)

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Forward algorithm

Forward recursion

$$\alpha(i, j) = \begin{cases} \theta_{x_i}^{(j)} \times \lambda_j^{(0)} & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \theta_{x_i}^{(j)} \times \sum_{p \in \{1, \dots, t\}} \alpha(i-1, p) \lambda_j^{(p)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Implementation without recursion:

- ▶ for $i = 1, \dots, n$
 - ▶ for $j = 1, \dots, t$
 - ▶ solve $\alpha(i, j)$ and store its value in cell $M[i, j]$

Complexity

- ▶ space: $O(n \times t)$ cells in M
- ▶ time: there are $O(n \times t)$ calls to $\alpha(i, j)$
each requires solving a \sum over t pre-computed values
thus $O(n \times t^2)$

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