

Statistical Machine Translation

Lab Exercise

4: Language Modelling

Please use Java as your programming language for this lab
Refer to the [lecture slides](#) for extra information

1- Given an input sentence, please calculate the **frequency** ($p(w)$) of each word (w) in the sentence according to the formula:

$$p(w) = \frac{\text{occurrences of word}}{\text{number of tokens}} \quad (1)$$

Input: "the cat sat on the mat with a cat"

Output:

The word "a" frequency is: 0.111111111111
The word "on" frequency is: 0.111111111111
The word "mat" frequency is: 0.111111111111
The word "cat" frequency is: 0.222222222222
The word "the" frequency is: 0.222222222222
The word "with" frequency is: 0.111111111111
The word "sat" frequency is: 0.111111111111

2- Given an input sentence (s), please calculate the **unigram language model** of the sentence according to the formula:

$$p(s = w_1, \dots, w_n) = p(w_1) \times \dots \times p(w_n) \quad (2)$$

Hint: Interpolation of the $P(w)$ function in Question 1 could be a good idea.

Input: "the cat sat on the mat with a cat"

Output: 8.36300632515e-07

3- Following Question 1&2, please write a program to compute **bigram probability of a sentence**. The input to your program is a file containing a number of sentences and the output is the probability of one sentence. To compute **bigram relative frequency** use this formula:

$$p(w_2|w_1) = \frac{\text{count}(w_1, w_2)}{\sum_w \text{count}(w_1, w)} \quad (3)$$

To compute the bigram probability of a sentence use this formula:

$$p(s) = p(w_2|w_1) \times p(w_3|w_2) \dots \times p(w_n|w_{n-1}) \quad (4)$$

Hint:

- 1, Interpolation of the function in Question 1 of Lab-3 could be a good idea.
- 2, Creating functions based on Question 1 and 2 could be a good idea.

Input: file_name.txt

Please calculate the probability of the sentence "<s> a cat sat on the mat </s>"

Output: 0.00097615576843

4- First, try another sentence using your program of Question 3:

Please calculate the probability of the sentence "<s> a cat sat on the car </s>". What result do you get?

Think about what the reason is and why we need smoothing technique in language modeling.

Second, modify your function of **bigram relative frequency** according to add-one smoothing formula:

$$p(w_2|w_1) = \frac{\text{count}(w_1, w_2) + 1}{\sum_w \text{count}(w_1, w) + v} \quad (5)$$

where v is vocabulary size (how many unique words in your file). Please use your smoothed function to calculate **bigram probability of a sentence** of the two sentences.

Input: file_name.txt

Please calculate the probability of the sentence "<s> a cat sat on the mat </s>"

Output: 0.000140949604457

Please calculate the probability of the sentence "<s> a cat sat on the car </s>"

Output: 3.00170453936e-05

Optional- In order to adapt your **bigram probability** program to **n-gram probability** program. Please add one more input to your program of Question 4.

Input:

- 1, file_name.txt
- 2, gram_number

Please calculate the n-gram probability of the sentence "<s> a cat sat on the mat </s>".

Output:

- 1-gram: 2.28175851587e-08
- 2-gram: 0.000140949604457
- 3-gram: 0.000263061746438
- 4-gram: 0.000423106305459