# Hidden Markov Model (HMM) Part-of-Speech Tagging

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### POS tagging techniques

Rule-based: Regular Expression Tagger

#### **→** Probabilistic tagging:

- Default Tagger
- N-gram Tagger
- HMM tagger

#### >Transformation-based:

- pre-defined rules
- automatically induced rule
- Brill tagger
- Deep learning models:
  - Meta-BiLSTM

### Probability Tagging

- 1) Data: tagged corpus
- 2) Train a tagger: create a lookup table to store the word and tag information
- 3) Prediction: tag new sentences i.e., tag sentences not seen in the training data
- 4) Evaluation:

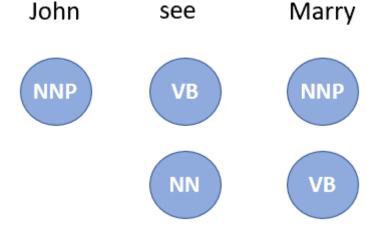
train test split tags assigned by human expert as gold standard

#### HMM POS tagging

**Observation**: a sequence of words  $w_1^n$ 

**Goal**: assign a sequence of POS tags  $t_1^n$ 

$$\underbrace{\hat{t}_1^n} = \underbrace{\operatorname{argmax}}_{t_1^n} P(t_1^n | w_1^n)$$



- argmax: the x that maximize f(x)
- Hat ^ notation: our estimate of the correct tag sequence

#### Hidden Markov Model

$$\hat{t}_1^n = \underset{t_1^n}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(t_1^n | w_1^n)$$

$$\hat{t}_1^n = \underset{t_1^n}{argmax} \ \frac{P(w_1^n \mid t_1^n) P(t_1^n)}{P(w_1^n)}$$

$$\hat{t}_1^n = \underset{t_1^n}{\operatorname{argmax}} \underbrace{P(w_1^n | t_1^n)} \underbrace{P(t_1^n)}^{\text{prior}}$$

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

Drop denominator  $P(w_1^n)$ 

#### HMM tagger: 2 assumptions

likelihood prior

 $\hat{t}_1^n = \operatorname*{argmax} P(w_1^n|t_1^n) \quad P(t_1^n)$  The probability of a word appearing only depends

on its own POS tag

Bigram assumption: a tag appearing only depends on the previous tag, rather than the entire tag sequence

$$P(w_1^n|t_1^n) \approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i|t_i) \qquad P(t_1^n) \approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i|t_{i-1})$$

$$\hat{t}_{1}^{n} = \underset{t_{1}^{n}}{argmax} P(t_{1}^{n} | w_{1}^{n}) \approx \underset{t_{1}^{n}}{argmax} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_{i} | t_{i}) P(t_{i} | t_{i-1})$$

#### HMM: 2 probabilities

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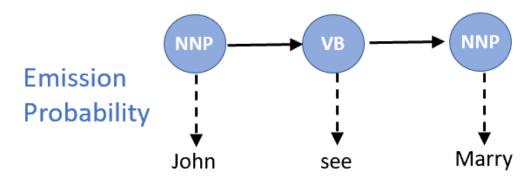
$$P(w_i|t_i) = \frac{C(t_i, w_i)}{C(t_i)}$$

$$P(see|VB) = \frac{C(VB, see)}{C(VB)} = 0.057$$

$$P(t_i | t_{i-1}) = \frac{C(t_{i-1}, t_i)}{C(t_{i-1})}$$

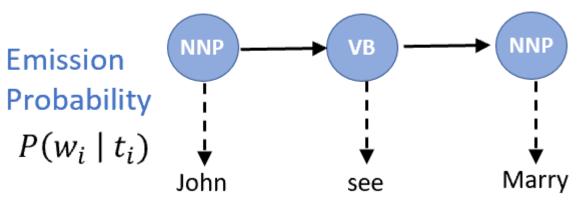
$$P(VB|NNP) = \frac{C(NNP, VB)}{C(NNP)} = 0.49$$

#### **Transition Probability**



## Formalizing HMM tagger

Transition Probability  $P(t_i | t_{i-1})$ 



Hidden states: a sequence of POS tags

Observation: a sequence of words

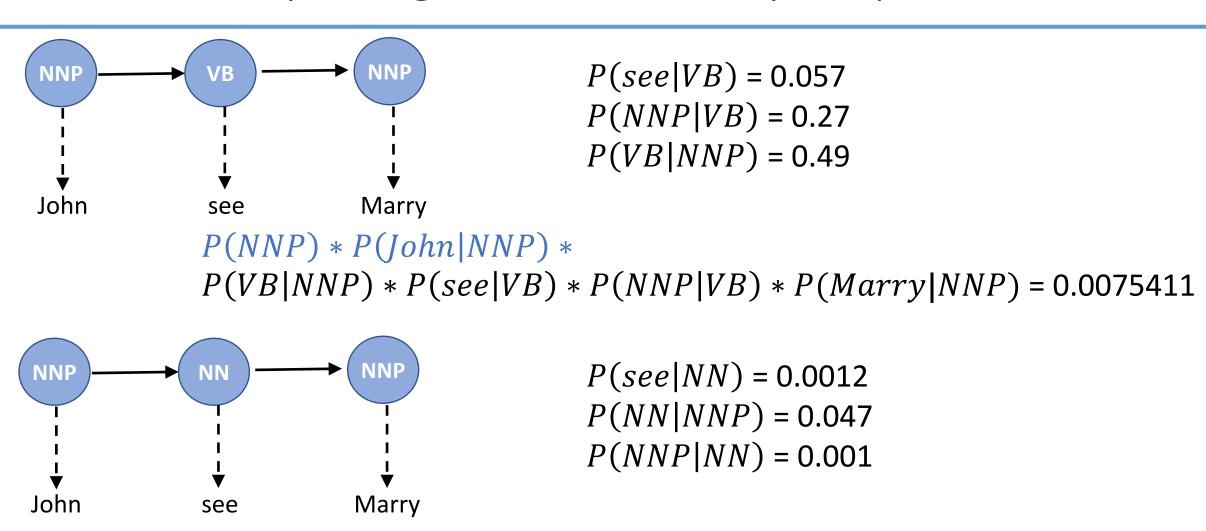
Emission Probability: given a particular tag, how likely is a word generated from this particular tag?

- what is the probability that:
  - John is a NNP
  - see is a VB
  - Marry is a NNP

Transition Probability: the probability of a POS tag followed by another tag

- how likely is that:
  - a NNP is followed by a VB
  - a VB is followed by a NNP

### Computing the most likely sequence



P(NNP) \* P(John|NNP) \*

P(NN|NNP) \* P(see|NN) \* P(NNP|NN) \* P(Marry|NNP) = 0.0000000564

#### Data

- Marry can see Will
- Jane will see Marry
- Will Marry find Jane?
- Will Jane marry Will?



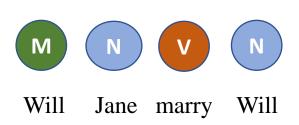
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Jane will see Marry



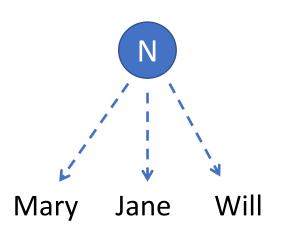
Will Marry find Jane



	Noun	Verb	Model
marry	3	1	0
jane	3	0	0
will	2	0	3
can	0	0	1
see	0	2	0
find	0	1	0

# Train a tagger: learn emission probability

Given a particular tag, how likely is a word generated from this particular tag?

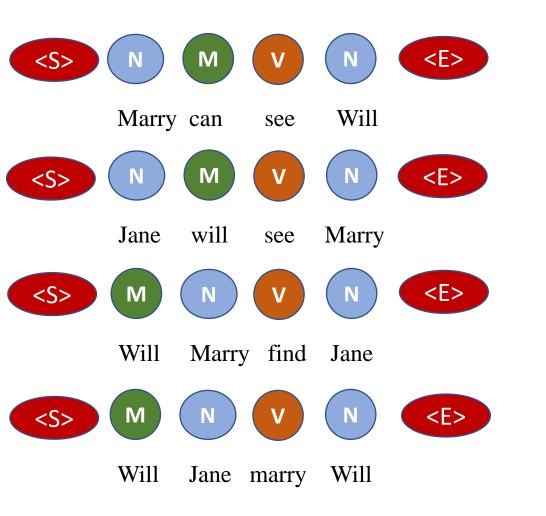


	Noun	Verb	Model
marry	3/8	1/4	0
jane	3/8	0	0
will	2/8	0	3/4
can	0	0	1/4
see	0	2/4	0
find	0	1/4	0

### Train a tagger: learn transition Probability

M

The probability of a POS tag followed by another tag How likely is that: a Noun followed by a Modal?



	N	V	M	<e></e>
<s></s>	2	0	2	0
<s></s>	0	2	2	4
V	4	0	0	0
M	2	2	0	0
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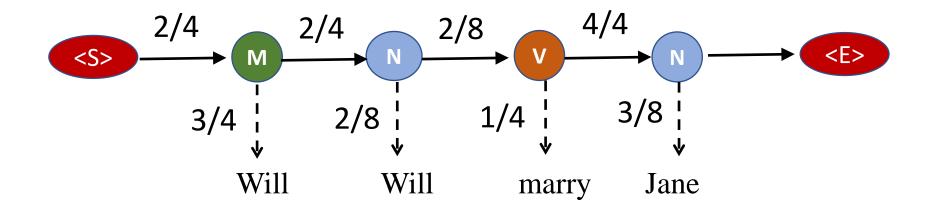
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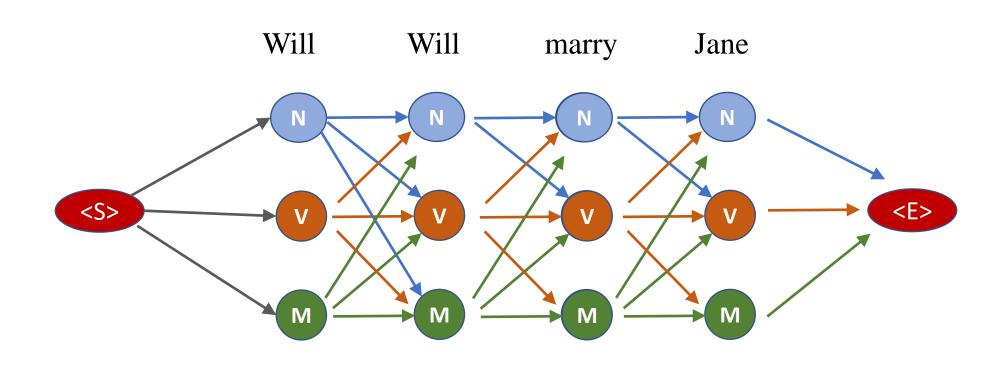
#### Prediction: tag new sentences

How does the HMM determine the appropriate sequence of tags for a new sentence? E.g., "Will Will marry Jane?"



$$\langle S \rangle - M - N - V - N - \langle E \rangle = 2/4*3/4*2/4*2/8*2/8*1/4*4/4*3/8$$

### All possible tags



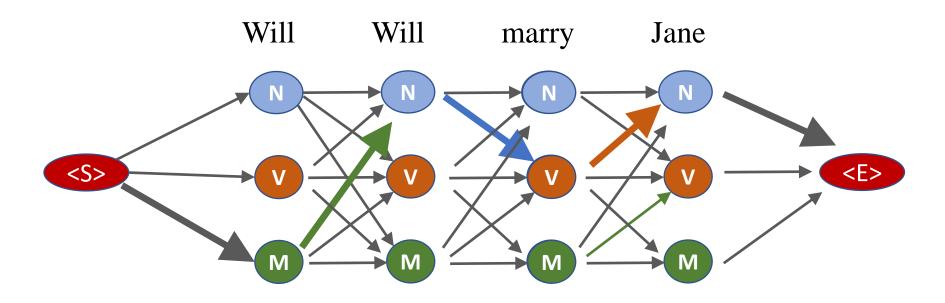
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3\*3\*3\*3 = 81 combinations

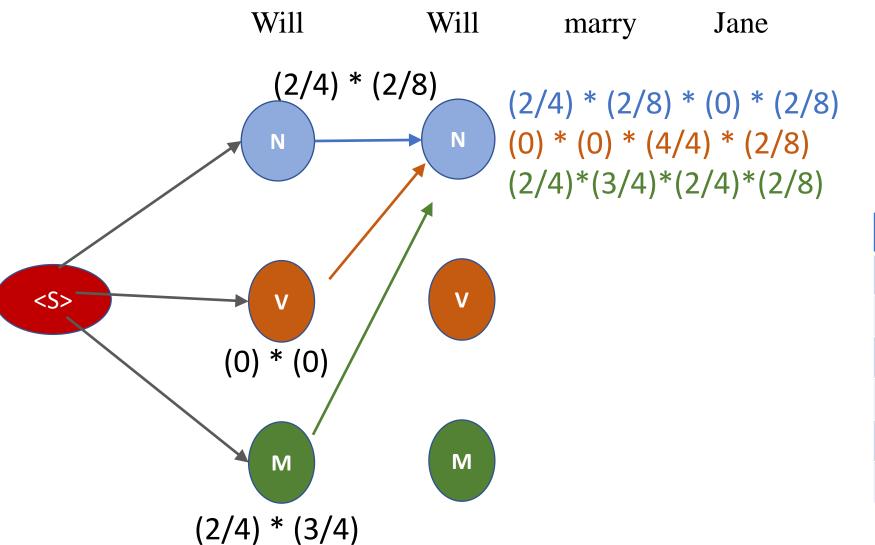
### Optimizing HMM with Viterbi

#### Viterbi algorithm:

- dynamic programming
- Input: a single HMM and a sequence of observed words
- Output: the most probable hidden state / tag sequence, together with its probabilities
  Viterbi path

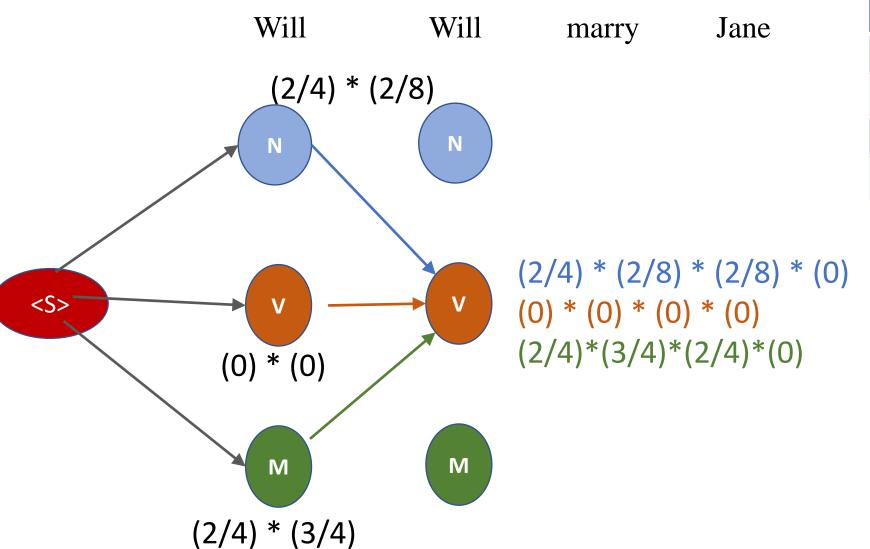


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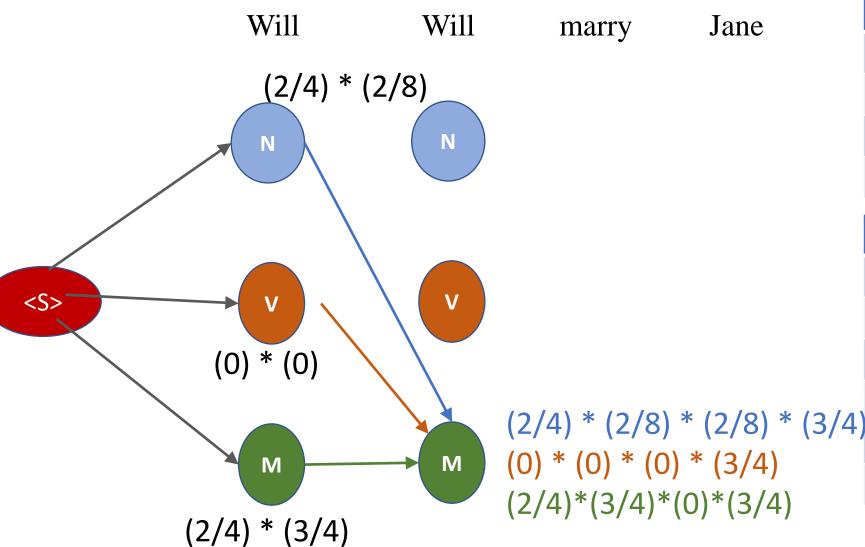
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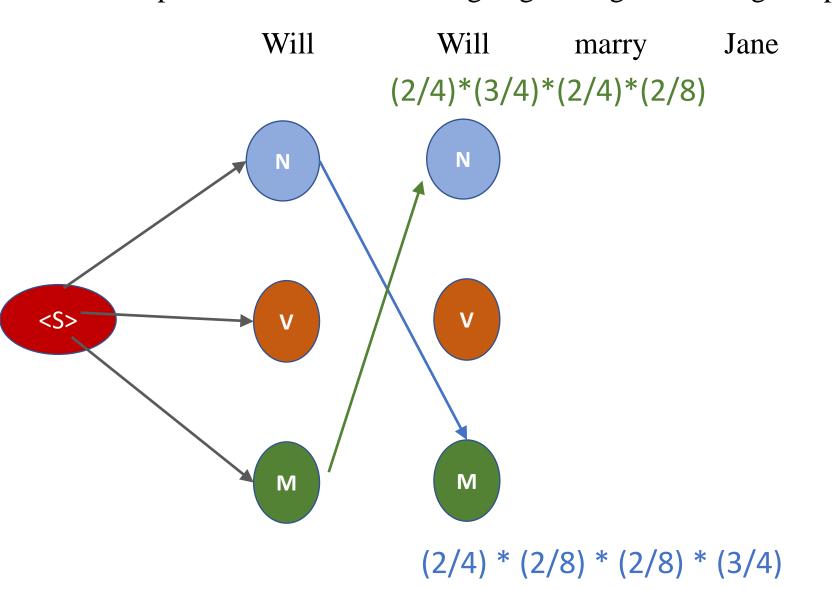
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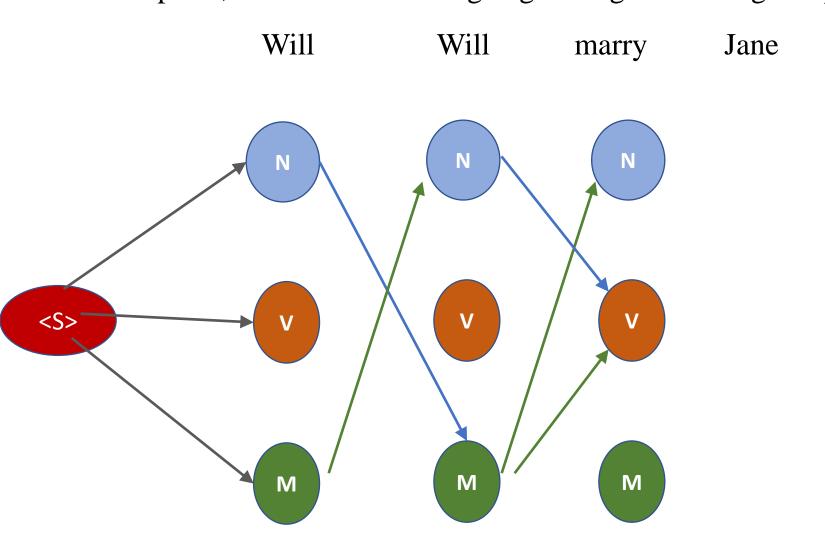
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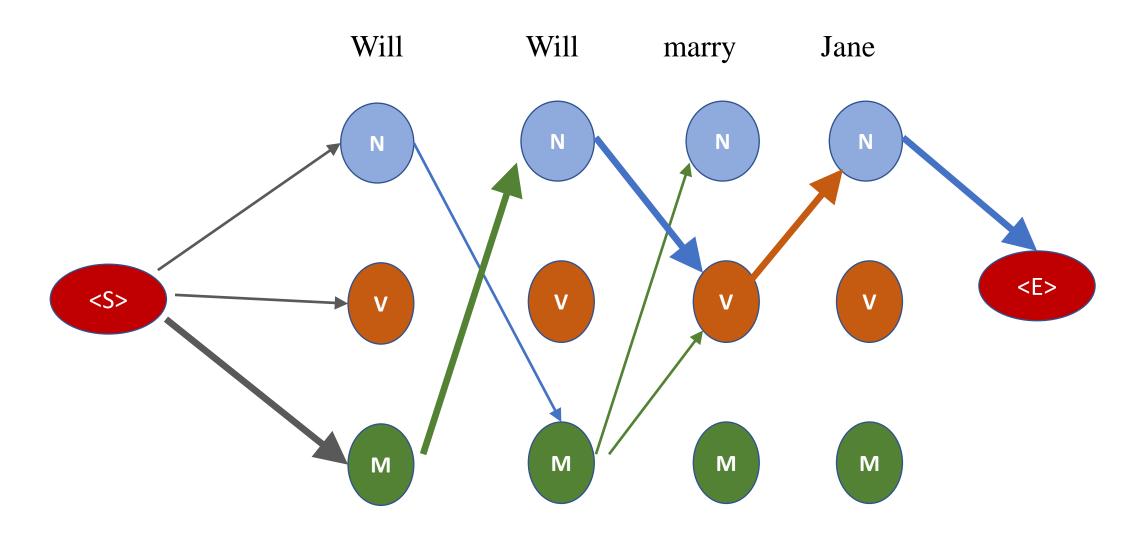
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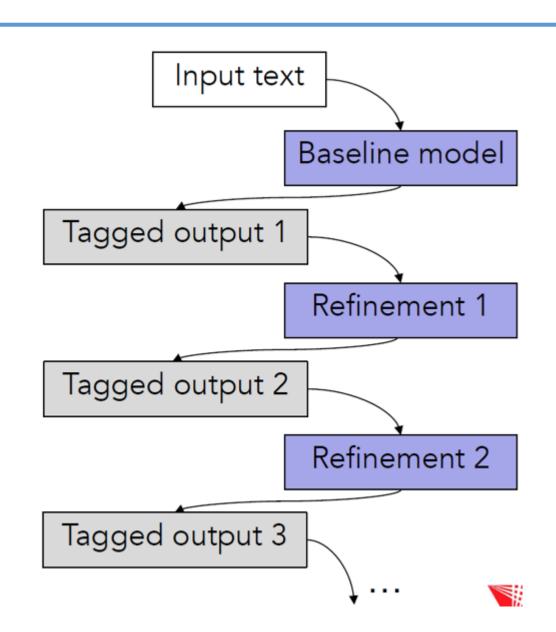
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# Transformation-based learning (Brill Tagger)

- A pre-tagged training corpus
- Supervised machine learning technique
  - 1) Label every word with its most likely tag;
  - 2) Identify the most common errors;
  - 3) Induce a new rule to fix the errors;
  - 4) Repeat (2) and (3) until reaches the stopping criterion

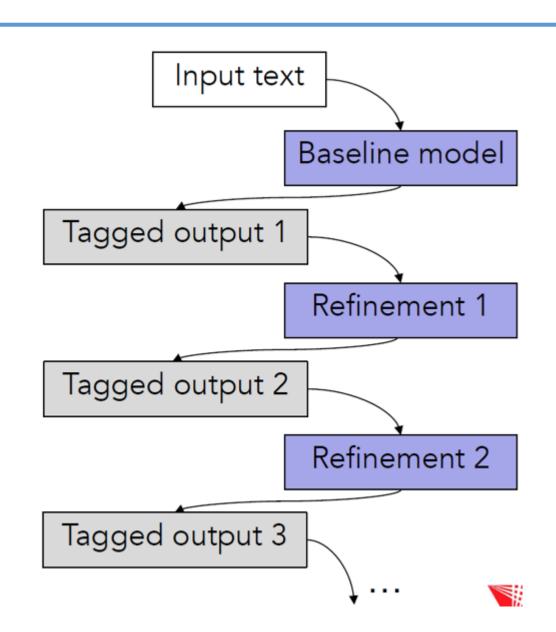


### Painting example as analogy

A white house with green trim against a blue sky

- 1) Big brush, paint the entire canvas blue;
- 2) Medium brush, color the white house;
- 3) Small brush, trim on the gables;

Start from a broad layer, gradually corrects smaller and smaller layers.



### Rule-templates for Brill Tagger

#### Change tag a to tag b when:

The preceding (following) word is tagged **z**.

The word two before (after) is tagged **z**.

One of the two preceding (following) words is tagged z.

One of the three preceding (following) words is tagged z.

The preceding word is tagged z and the following word is tagged w.

The preceding (following) word is tagged **z** and the word two before (after) is tagged **w**.

	Change tags			
#	From	To	Condition	Example
1	NN	VB	Previous tag is TO	to/TO race/NN $\rightarrow$ VB
2	VBP	VB	One of the previous 3 tags is MD	might/MD vanish/VBP $\rightarrow$ VB
3	NN	VB	One of the previous 2 tags is MD	might/MD not reply/NN $\rightarrow$ VB
4	VB	NN	One of the previous 2 tags is DT	
5	VBD	VBN	One of the previous 3 tags is VBZ	

### Brill Tagger: tradeoff

#### Pro:

- Simple ways of incorporating both local context features and top-down information about consistency of tag sequences
- Good accuracy, especially on unknown words

#### Con:

Fairly slow to learn and slow at prediction time