

# Natural Language Processing IN2361

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# Chapter 8

## Sequence Labeling for Parts of Speech and Named Entities

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# Part-of-Speech-Tags

- **Parts-of-Speech** (POS, word classes, syntactic categories)
- **Examples:** noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, ....
- **important for**
  - language models (“nouns are preceded by determiners or adjectives”),
  - information extraction tasks such as **Named Entity Recognition** and **Classification**,
  - stemming,
  - auto-summarization,
  - pronunciation (e.g. CONtent vs conTENT)
  - etc.

# Part-of-Speech-Tags

- POS: based on not primarily semantic categories (adjective  $\leftrightarrow$  property of smth) but rather
  - syntactic categories / functions (e.g. distributional properties (which other words usually in neighborhood)) and
  - morphological categories/functions (e.g. to carry similar suffixes)
- closed class (function words (e.g. *of*, *it*); fixed members (e.g. prepositions)) vs.  
open class (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs; e.g. new nouns are continually created)

# POS Overview

	Tag	Description	Example
Open Class	<b>ADJ</b>	Adjective: noun modifiers describing properties	<i>red, young, awesome</i>
	<b>ADV</b>	Adverb: verb modifiers of time, place, manner	<i>very, slowly, home, yesterday</i>
	<b>NOUN</b>	words for persons, places, things, etc.	<i>algorithm, cat, mango, beauty</i>
	<b>VERB</b>	words for actions and processes	<i>draw, provide, go</i>
	<b>PROPN</b>	Proper noun: name of a person, organization, place, etc..	<i>Regina, IBM, Colorado</i>
	<b>INTJ</b>	Interjection: exclamation, greeting, yes/no response, etc.	<i>oh, um, yes, hello</i>
Closed Class Words	<b>ADP</b>	Adposition (Preposition/Postposition): marks a noun's spacial, temporal, or other relation	<i>in, on, by, under</i>
	<b>AUX</b>	Auxiliary: helping verb marking tense, aspect, mood, etc.,	<i>can, may, should, are</i>
	<b>CCONJ</b>	Coordinating Conjunction: joins two phrases/clauses	<i>and, or, but</i>
	<b>DET</b>	Determiner: marks noun phrase properties	<i>a, an, the, this</i>
	<b>NUM</b>	Numeral	<i>one, two, first, second</i>
	<b>PART</b>	Particle: a preposition-like form used together with a verb	<i>up, down, on, off, in, out, at, by</i>
	<b>PRON</b>	Pronoun: a shorthand for referring to an entity or event	<i>she, who, I, others</i>
Other	<b>SCONJ</b>	Subordinating Conjunction: joins a main clause with a subordinate clause such as a sentential complement	<i>that, which</i>
	<b>PUNCT</b>	Punctuation	<i>; , ()</i>
	<b>SYM</b>	Symbols like \$ or emoji	<i>\$, %</i>
	<b>X</b>	Other	<i>asdf, qwfg</i>

**Figure 8.1** The 17 parts of speech in the Universal Dependencies tagset (Nivre et al., 2016a). Features can be added to make finer-grained distinctions (with properties like number, case, definiteness, and so on).

- **Nouns:**
  - occur with **determiners** (*a goat, its bandwidth*)
  - can take **possessives** (*husband's house*)
  - may occur in **plural** (*goats, hounds*)
  - **Proper Nouns**: specific entities, no *the* (*Regina, IBM, Colorado*)  
(usually capitalized)
  - **Common Nouns**:
    - **Count Nouns**: *one goat, two goats*
    - **Mass Nouns**: *snow, salt, communism*
- **Verbs:**
  - $\leftrightarrow$  actions, processes, smth. dynamic,...
  - may be inflected: *eat, eats, eating, eaten*
- **Adjectives**
  - $\leftrightarrow$  properties, qualities,...
  - *beautiful, tall, small*

- **Adverbs:**
  - **modify** something: ***Unfortunately**, John walked **home extremely slowly yesterday***
  - **directional** adverbs / **locative** adverbs: *home, here, downhill*
  - **degree** adverbs: *extremely, very, somewhat*
  - **manner** adverbs: *slowly, slinkily, delicately*
  - **temporal** adverbs: *yesterday, Monday*
- **Prepositions:**
  - occur **before** noun phrases: ***by** the house, **on** time, **with** gusto, **at** the gate*
  - indicate spatial, or temporal, or other relations
- **Particle:**
  - occur with verbs: *hand the paper **over**, throw the ball **at***
  - together with verb: **phrasal verb** (with non-compositional meaning):  
*turn down == reject, rule out == eliminate, go on == continue*

- **Determiners:**

- especially articles: definite: *the*; indefinite: *a, an*
- also: *this, that, ...*

- **Conjunctions:**

- join phrases, sentences, clauses
- **Coordinating** conjunctions: *and, or*
- **Subordinating** conjunctions (Complementizers): *I thought **that** you might fail*

- **Pronouns:**

- shorthand referring to noun phrase etc.
- **Personal** pronoun: *you, I, he, she, it*
- **Possessive** pronoun: *your, mine, his, her, its, one's*
- **Wh**-pronouns: *what, whom, whoever, why*



- **Auxiliary verbs:**
  - mark semantic features of verbs: *can, do, may, should, are, have*: whether action is completed, negated, necessary, possible, suggested, desired, ....
  - **Copula** *be* : connects: *he is a duck*
  - **Modal** verbs: *can, must*
- **Other classes:**
  - **Interjections** *oh, hey, um, hmmm*
  - **Negatives** *no, not*
  - **Politeness markers** *please, thank you*
  - **Greetings** *hello, goodbye*
  - ...

# Penn Treebank POS Tags

Tag	Description	Example	Tag	Description	Example	Tag	Description	Example
CC	coord. conj.	<i>and, but, or</i>	NNP	proper noun, sing.	<i>IBM</i>	TO	“to”	<i>to</i>
CD	cardinal number	<i>one, two</i>	NNPS	proper noun, plu.	<i>Carolinas</i>	UH	interjection	<i>ah, oops</i>
DT	determiner	<i>a, the</i>	NNS	noun, plural	<i>llamas</i>	VB	verb base	<i>eat</i>
EX	existential ‘there’	<i>there</i>	PDT	predeterminer	<i>all, both</i>	VBD	verb past tense	<i>ate</i>
FW	foreign word	<i>mea culpa</i>	POS	possessive ending	<i>’s</i>	VBG	verb gerund	<i>eating</i>
IN	preposition/ subordin-conj	<i>of, in, by</i>	PRP	personal pronoun	<i>I, you, he</i>	VBN	verb past partici- ple	<i>eaten</i>
JJ	adjective	<i>yellow</i>	PRP\$	possess. pronoun	<i>your, one’s</i>	VBP	verb non-3sg-pr	<i>eat</i>
JJR	comparative adj	<i>bigger</i>	RB	adverb	<i>quickly</i>	VBZ	verb 3sg pres	<i>eats</i>
JJS	superlative adj	<i>wildest</i>	RBR	comparative adv	<i>faster</i>	WDT	wh-determ.	<i>which, that</i>
LS	list item marker	<i>1, 2, One</i>	RBS	superlatv. adv	<i>fastest</i>	WP	wh-pronoun	<i>what, who</i>
MD	modal	<i>can, should</i>	RP	particle	<i>up, off</i>	WP\$	wh-possess.	<i>whose</i>
NN	sing or mass noun	<i>llama</i>	SYM	symbol	<i>+, %, &amp;</i>	WRB	wh-adverb	<i>how, where</i>

There/**PRO**/**EX** are/**VERB**/**VBP** 70/**NUM**/**CD** children/**NOUN**/**NNS**  
there/**ADV**/**RB** ./**PUNC**/.

Preliminary/**ADJ**/**JJ** findings/**NOUN**/**NNS** were/**AUX**/**VBD** reported/**VERB**/**VBN**  
in/**ADP**/**IN** today/**NOUN**/**NN** ’s/**PART**/**POS** New/**PROPN**/**NNP**  
England/**PROPN**/**NNP** Journal/**PROPN**/**NNP** of/**ADP**/**IN** Medicine/**PROPN**/**NNP**

- examples:
  - Brown corpus (1961,  $10^6$  words, different genre texts),
  - Wall Street Journal corpus (1989,  $10^6$  words),
  - Switchboard corpus (1991,  $2 \cdot 10^6$  words, telephone conversations)
- slight differences in using POS tags (e.g. in corpora)
  - e.g.
    - Brown, WSJ: **to/TO** for both uses of to (preposition: *go to the store*; infinitive: *too dangerous to swim*)
    - Switchboard: Well/UH ,/, I/PRP ,/, I/PRP want/VBP **to/TO** go/VB **to/IN** a/DT restaurant/NN

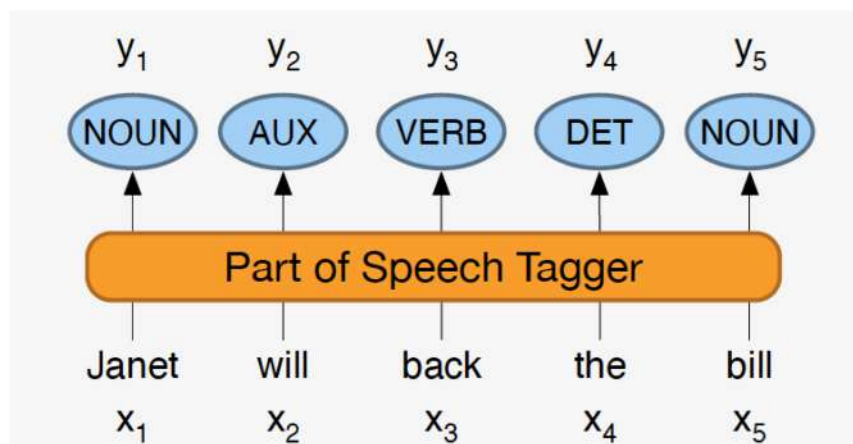
- POS tag sets: **pragmatic decisions**:
  - Penn 45 is a subset of larger POS tagsets, leaving off syntactic information **recoverable from a parse tree**, e.g. in Penn, the tag IN is used for subordinating conjunctions  
**after/IN** spending/VBG a/DT day/NN at/IN the/DT beach/NN  
as well as prepositions:  
**after/IN** sunrise/NN
  - Penn 45 assumes **tokenization** of multipart words:  
a/DT New/NNP York/NNP City/NNP firm/NN (New York City as one word)

- After tokenization: **POS tagging** for each word: **disambiguation task** (*book a flight, read a book*)  
Not many words ambiguous but ambiguous words are among the most common tokens:

Types:		WSJ	Brown
Unambiguous	(1 tag)	44,432 (86%)	45,799 (85%)
Ambiguous	(2+ tags)	7,025 (14%)	8,050 (15%)
Tokens:			
Unambiguous	(1 tag)	577,421 (45%)	384,349 (33%)
Ambiguous	(2+ tags)	711,780 (55%)	786,646 (67%)

- Most frequent POS tag (class) baseline: always **predict the most frequent POS tag** among the possible POS tags for an ambiguous word:  
on WSJ: accuracy:  $\approx 0.92$   $\leftrightarrow$  state of the art: accuracy:  $\approx 0.97$

# POS Tagging



earnings growth took a **back/JJ** seat  
a small building in the **back/NN**  
a clear majority of senators **back/VBP** the bill  
Dave began to **back/VB** toward the door  
enable the country to buy **back/RP** debt  
I was twenty-one **back/RB** then



# Named Entity Recognition

- **Named Entity**: Anything referred to by a **proper name**, often extended to **temporal** or **numerical** expressions

Citing high fuel prices, [ORG **United Airlines**] said [TIME **Friday**] it has increased fares by [MONEY **\$6**] per round trip on flights to some cities also served by lower-cost carriers. [ORG **American Airlines**], a unit of [ORG **AMR Corp.**], immediately matched the move, spokesman [PER **Tim Wagner**] said. [ORG **United**], a unit of [ORG **UAL Corp.**], said the increase took effect [TIME **Thursday**] and applies to most routes where it competes against discount carriers, such as [LOC **Chicago**] to [LOC **Dallas**] and [LOC **Denver**] to [LOC **San Francisco**].

- **Entity Types**:

Type	Tag	Sample Categories	Example sentences
People	PER	people, characters	<b>Turing</b> is a giant of computer science.
Organization	ORG	companies, sports teams	The <b>IPCC</b> warned about the cyclone.
Location	LOC	regions, mountains, seas	The <b>Mt. Sanitas</b> loop is in <b>Sunshine Canyon</b> .
Geo-Political Entity	GPE	countries, states, provinces	<b>Palo Alto</b> is raising the fees for parking.
Facility	FAC	bridges, buildings, airports	Consider the <b>Tappan Zee Bridge</b> .
Vehicles	VEH	planes, trains, automobiles	It was a classic <b>Ford Falcon</b> .
...			

# Named Entity Recognition

- **Named entity recognition**: finding spans of text that constitute NEs + classification
- **categorial ambiguities**:

Name	Possible Categories
<i>Washington</i>	Person, Location, Political Entity, Organization, Vehicle
<i>Downing St.</i>	Location, Organization
<i>IRA</i>	Person, Organization, Monetary Instrument
<i>Louis Vuitton</i>	Person, Organization, Commercial Product

[PER Washington] was born into slavery on the farm of James Burroughs.  
[ORG Washington] went up 2 games to 1 in the four-game series.  
Blair arrived in [LOC Washington] for what may well be his last state visit.  
In June, [GPE Washington] passed a primary seatbelt law.  
The [VEH Washington] had proved to be a leaky ship, every passage I made...



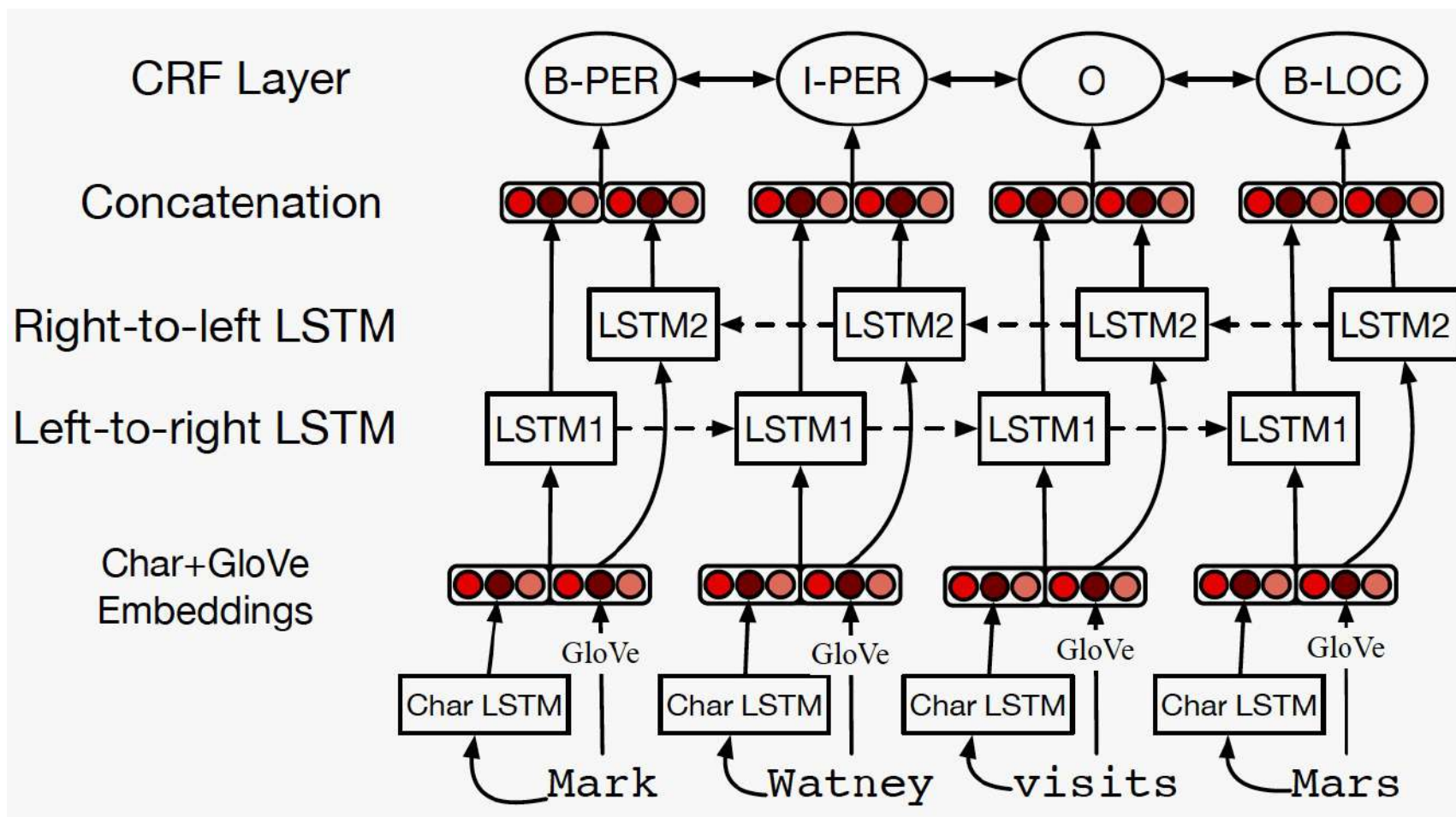
# NER as Sequence Labeling Task

- use supervised **sequence classifier** such as HMM or RNN, with **BIO** tagging (for  $n$  entity types  $\rightarrow 2n+1$  corresp. BIO classes) or **IO** tagging ( $n+1$  corresp. IO classes) or **BIOES** tagging (E=end, S=one word span):

[**PER Jane Villanueva**] of [**ORG United**] , a unit of [**ORG United Airlines Holding**] , said the fare applies to the [**LOC Chicago**] route.

Words	IO Label	BIO Label	BIOES Label
Jane	I-PER	B-PER	B-PER
Villanueva	I-PER	I-PER	E-PER
of	O	O	O
United	I-ORG	B-ORG	B-ORG
Airlines	I-ORG	I-ORG	I-ORG
Holding	I-ORG	I-ORG	E-ORG
discussed	O	O	O
the	O	O	O
Chicago	I-LOC	B-LOC	S-LOC
route	O	O	O
.	O	O	O

# NER as Sequence Labeling Task – NN Methods



(more on the details in the second half of the lecture)

- **States**: tags; **observations**: words
- **training on labelled data: MLE by counting** for A and B separately  
(No Baum Welch necessary): *→ counting*

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

- POS-Tagging via **Viterbi** algorithm: find:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{t}_{1:n} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} P(t_1 \dots t_n | w_1 \dots w_n) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} P(w_1 \dots w_n | t_1 \dots t_n) P(t_1 \dots t_n) \end{aligned}$$

- First order **Markov assumptions** for A and B:

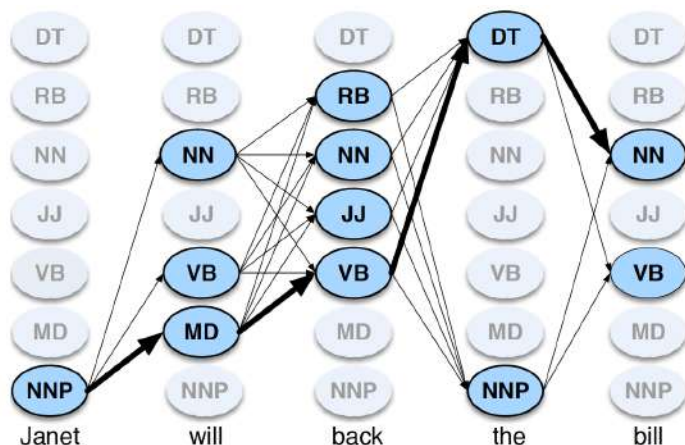
$$\begin{aligned} P(w_1 \dots w_n | t_1 \dots t_n) &\approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | t_i) \\ P(t_1 \dots t_n) &\approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i | t_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{t}_{1:n} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} P(t_1 \dots t_n | w_1 \dots w_n) \approx \\ &\operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} \prod_{i=1}^n \overbrace{P(w_i | t_i)}^{\text{emission}} \overbrace{P(t_i | t_{i-1})}^{\text{transition}} \end{aligned}$$

**example:** Janet will back the bill →  
 true POS tags:  
 Janet/NNP will/MD back/VB the/DT bill/NN

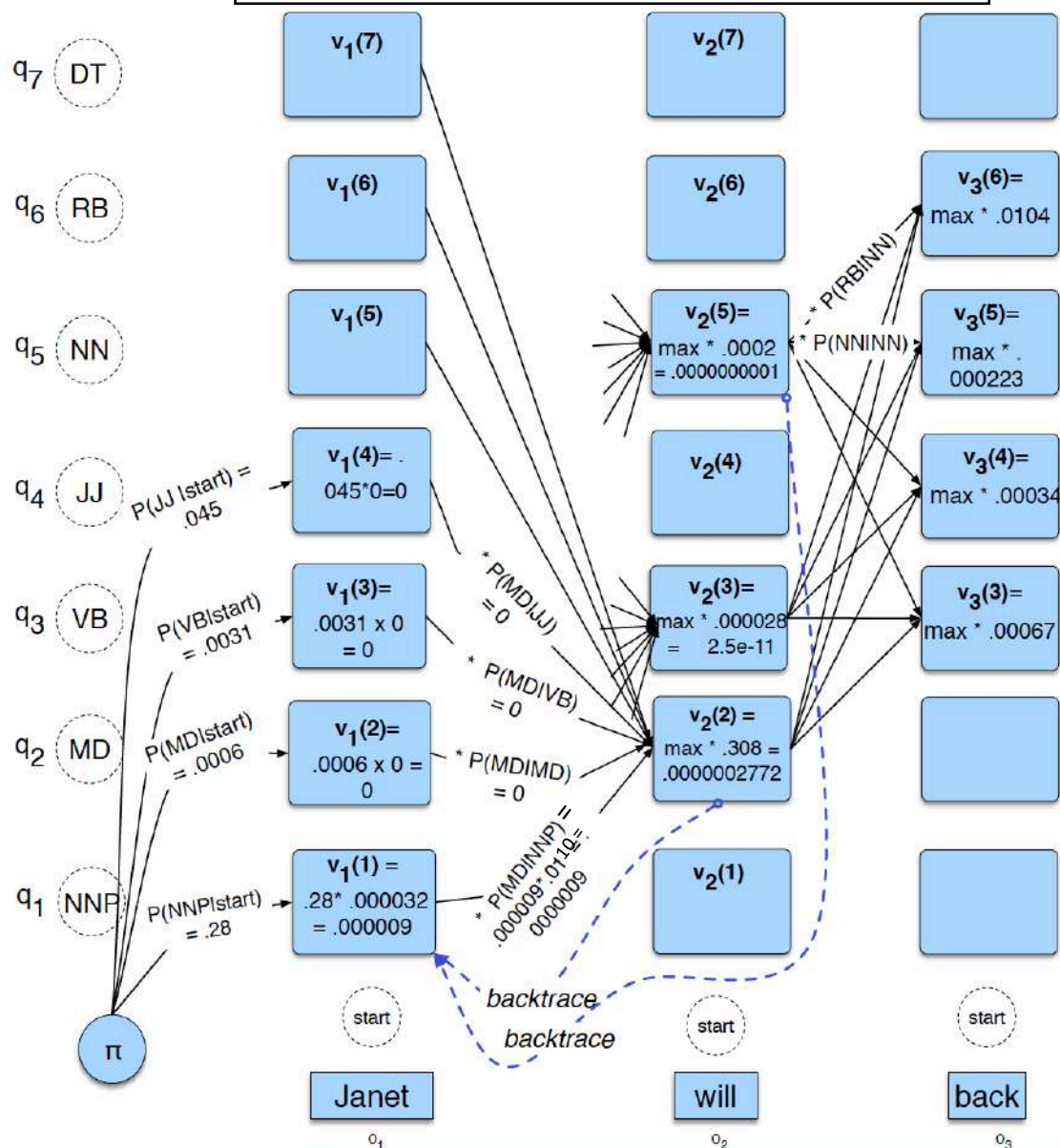
	NNP	MD	VB	JJ	NN	RB	DT
<s>	0.2767	0.0006	0.0031	0.0453	0.0449	0.0510	0.2026
NNP	0.3777	0.0110	0.0009	0.0084	0.0584	0.0090	0.0025
MD	0.0008	0.0002	0.7968	0.0005	0.0008	0.1698	0.0041
VB	0.0322	0.0005	0.0050	0.0837	0.0615	0.0514	0.2231
JJ	0.0366	0.0004	0.0001	0.0733	0.4509	0.0036	0.0036
NN	0.0096	0.0176	0.0014	0.0086	0.1216	0.0177	0.0068
RB	0.0068	0.0102	0.1011	0.1012	0.0120	0.0728	0.0479
DT	0.1147	0.0021	0.0002	0.2157	0.4744	0.0102	0.0017

	Janet	will	back	the	bill
NNP	0.000032	0	0	0.000048	0
MD	0	0.308431	0	0	0
VB	0	0.000028	0.000672	0	0.000028
JJ	0	0	0.000340	0.000097	0
NN	0	0.000200	0.000223	0.000006	0.002337
RB	0	0	0.010446	0	0
DT	0	0	0	0.506099	0



$$v_t(j) = \max_{q_{1:t-1}} P(q_{1:t-1}, q_t = j, o_{1:t} | \lambda)$$

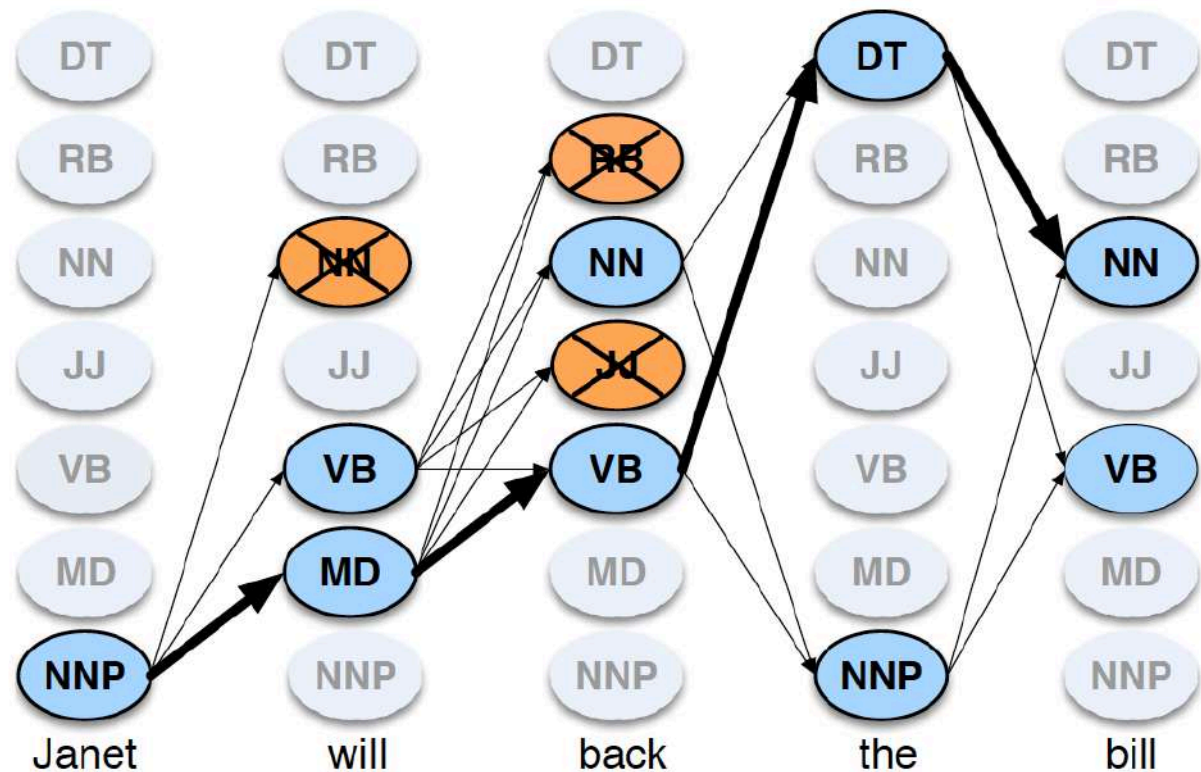
$$= \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t)$$





# Beam Search

- no of states  $N$  large  $\rightarrow$  Viterbi ( $O(N^2T)$  inefficient  $\rightarrow$
- instead of keeping all  $N=45$  possibilities at each column, just **concentrate on the  $\beta$  most probable ones** (prune the possible hidden sequence tree);
- $\beta$  : beam width



# Conditional Random Fields (CRFs)

- **Problems of HMMs:** unknown words. Possible remedies:
  - use **morphological features**: \_\_\_\_-ed → VBN or VBD more likely
  - **deviate from Markov first order** (use previous word or next word)
- Generative Models (like HMM): incorporate those features: cumbersome → switch to discriminative model (compare Naïve Bayes → Logistic Regression): new features easy to include in conditioning side
- discriminative sequence processing model: **linear chain CRF**

HMM:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_Y p(Y|X) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_Y p(X|Y)p(Y) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_Y \prod_i p(x_i|y_i) \prod_i p(y_i|y_{i-1})\end{aligned}$$

Diagram labels: tag-sequence (pointing to  $Y$ ), word-sequence (pointing to  $X$ )

CRF:

$$\hat{Y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(Y|X)$$

$$p(Y|X) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y)\right)}{\sum_{Y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y')\right)}$$

$$p(Y|X) = \frac{1}{Z(X)} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y)\right)$$

$$Z(X) = \sum_{Y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y')\right)$$

$$F_k(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i, X, i)$$

global feature

local feature

$$p(Y|X) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y)\right)}{\sum_{Y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y')\right)}$$

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restriction to current and previous tags:

„linear chain“ → variants of HMM algorithms (e.g. Viterbi) can be used



# CRF Features for POS Tagging

- any feature constructed from  $(y_{i-1}, y_i, X, i)$  e.g.

$\mathbb{1}\{x_i = \textit{the}, y_i = \text{DET}\}$   
 $\mathbb{1}\{y_i = \text{PROPN}, x_{i+1} = \textit{Street}, y_{i-1} = \text{NUM}\}$   
 $\mathbb{1}\{y_i = \text{VERB}, y_{i-1} = \text{AUX}\}$

- e.g. using feature templates such as

$\langle y_i, x_i \rangle, \langle y_i, y_{i-1} \rangle, \langle y_i, x_{i-1}, x_{i+2} \rangle$

example : for Janet/NNP will/MD back/VB the/DT bill/NN and  $x_i = \textit{back}$ :

$f_{3743}$ :  $y_i = \text{VB}$  and  $x_i = \textit{back}$

$f_{156}$ :  $y_i = \text{VB}$  and  $y_{i-1} = \text{MD}$

$f_{99732}$ :  $y_i = \text{VB}$  and  $x_{i-1} = \textit{will}$  and  $x_{i+2} = \textit{bill}$

# CRF Features for POS Tagging

- useful for unknown words: **word shape features**: x: letter; X: uppercase letter; d: number; punctuation.  
examples: I.M.F.  $\rightarrow$  X.X.X   DC10-30  $\rightarrow$  XXdd-dd

- useful for unknown words: **prefix- or suffix-features**:

$x_i$  contains a particular prefix (perhaps from all prefixes of length  $\leq 2$ )  
 $x_i$  contains a particular suffix (perhaps from all suffixes of length  $\leq 2$ )  
 $x_i$ 's word shape  
 $x_i$ 's short word shape

example: *well-dressed*:  
 $\text{prefix}(x_i) = w$   
 $\text{prefix}(x_i) = we$   
 $\text{suffix}(x_i) = ed$   
 $\text{suffix}(x_i) = d$   
 $\text{word-shape}(x_i) = \text{xxxX-xxxxxxx}$   
 $\text{short-word-shape}(x_i) = \text{x-X}$

# CRF Features for NER

identity of  $w_i$ , identity of neighboring words  
embeddings for  $w_i$ , embeddings for neighboring words  
part of speech of  $w_i$ , part of speech of neighboring words  
presence of  $w_i$  in a **gazetteer**  
 $w_i$  contains a particular prefix (from all prefixes of length  $\leq 4$ )  
 $w_i$  contains a particular suffix (from all suffixes of length  $\leq 4$ )  
word shape of  $w_i$ , word shape of neighboring words  
short word shape of  $w_i$ , short word shape of neighboring words  
gazetteer features

**Figure 8.15** Typical features for a feature-based NER system.

Words	POS	Short shape	Gazetteer	BIO Label
Jane	NNP	Xx	0	B-PER
Villanueva	NNP	Xx	1	I-PER
of	IN	x	0	O
United	NNP	Xx	0	B-ORG
Airlines	NNP	Xx	0	I-ORG
Holding	NNP	Xx	0	I-ORG
discussed	VBD	x	0	O
the	DT	x	0	O
Chicago	NNP	Xx	1	B-LOC
route	NN	x	0	O
.	.	.	0	O

**Figure 8.16** Some NER features for a sample sentence, assuming that Chicago and Villanueva are listed as locations in a gazetteer. We assume features only take on the values 0 or 1, so the first POS feature, for example, would be represented as  $\mathbb{1}\{\text{POS} = \text{NNP}\}$ .

# CRF Inference & Training

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(Y|X) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{1}{Z(X)} \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^K w_k F_k(X, Y) \right) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \sum_{i=1}^n f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i, X, i) \right) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \sum_{i=1}^n f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i, X, i) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K w_k f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i, X, i)\end{aligned}$$

*state sum*

- For HMM we had:

$$\hat{t}_{1:n} = \operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} P(t_1 \dots t_n | w_1 \dots w_n) \approx \operatorname{argmax}_{t_1 \dots t_n} \prod_{i=1}^n \overbrace{P(w_i | t_i)}^{\text{emission}} \overbrace{P(t_i | t_{i-1})}^{\text{transition}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Viterbi: } v_t(j) &= \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) P(s_j | s_i) P(o_t | s_j) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T \\ &= \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t); \quad 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T \end{aligned}$$

- HMM Viterbi formulated in terms of tags  $t$  (also denoted as states  $s$ ) as  $y$  and outputs  $w$  (also denoted as  $o$ ) as  $x$ :

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) P(y_j | y_i) P(x_t | y_j) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T$$

- Linear chain CRF version of Viterbi

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) \sum_{k=1}^K w_k f_k(y_{t-1}, y_t, X, t) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T$$

*freedom to add new features*



# Practical Variation for POS and NER

- **Combine rule-based with ML-based:** *→ difficult data to label, subjective, hidden-meanings, etc.*

1. First, use high-precision rules to tag unambiguous entity mentions.
2. Then, search for substring matches of the previously detected names.
3. Use application-specific name lists to find likely domain-specific mentions.
4. Finally, apply supervised sequence labeling techniques that use tags from previous stages as additional features.

- **POS-Tagging for morphologically rich languages:** use morphologically rich POS tags to be able to deal with unseen variants of words (→ 4-10 times larger tag-set)

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| 1. Yerdeki <b>izin</b> temizlenmesi gerek.<br><b>The trace</b> on the floor should be cleaned. | iz + Noun+A3sg+Pnon+Gen   |
| 2. Üzerinde parmak <b>izin</b> kalmış<br><b>Your</b> finger <b>print</b> is left on (it).      | iz + Noun+A3sg+P2sg+Nom   |
| 3. İçeri girmek için <b>izin</b> alman gerekiyor.<br>You need <b>permission</b> to enter.      | izin + Noun+A3sg+Pnon+Nom |



- (1) Dan Jurafsky and James Martin: Speech and Language Processing (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. draft, version Jan 2023); Online: <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/> (URL, Oct 2023) (this slide-set is especially based on chapter 8)



# Recommendations for Studying

- minimal approach:

work with the slides and understand their contents! Think beyond instead of merely memorizing the contents

- standard approach:

minimal approach + read the corresponding pages in Jurafsky [1]

- interested students

= standard approach + do a selection of the assignments in Jurafsky