



But how do you calculate the prob. of a string of words?

$P(\text{"its water is so transparent"}) =$
 $P(\text{transparent}) \times P(\text{transparent}|\text{so}) \times$
 $P(\text{transparent}|\text{is so})$
 $\times P(\text{transparent}|\text{water is so})$
 $\times P(\text{transparent}|\text{its water is so})$

Too much. → Simplify w/ Markov

$P(\text{the}|\text{its water is so transparent that}) \approx P(\text{the}|\text{transparent that})$

n-gram language models

look back (n-1) words.

* Bigram MLE: $P(w_i|w_{i-1}) = \frac{\text{count}(w_{i-1}, w_i)}{\text{count}(w_{i-1})}$

Eg1:

$P(<S> \text{ I want chinese food } </S>) =$
 $P(\text{I}|<S>) \times P(\text{want}|\text{I}) \times P(\text{chinese}|\text{want}) \times$
 $P(\text{food}|\text{chinese}) \times P(</S>|\text{food})$

Bigram = pair of consecutive words.

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	5	827	0	9	0	0	0	2
want	2	0	608	1	6	6	5	1
to	2	0	4	686	2	0	6	211
eat	0	0	2	0	16	2	42	0
chinese	1	0	0	0	0	82	1	0
food	15	0	15	0	1	4	0	0
lunch	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
spend	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

no. of times
"to spend" showed
up in 9222
sentences.

Too big.
Normalize by counts.

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i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
2533	927	2417	746	158	1093	341	278

i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	0.002	0.33	0	0.0036	0	0	0.00079
want	0.0022	0	0.66	0.0011	0.0065	0.0054	0.0011
to	0.00083	0	0.0017	0.28	0.00083	0	0.0025
eat	0	0	0.0027	0	0.021	0.0027	0.056
chinese	0.0063	0	0	0	0.52	0.0063	0
food	0.014	0	0.014	0	0.00092	0.0037	0
lunch	0.0059	0	0	0	0.0029	0	0
spend	0.0036	0	0.0036	0	0	0	0

$P(\text{chinese}|\text{want})$

"to food" has never
occurred.

This is great and all, but what about long term dependencies?

• Syntactic dependencies
 • "The man next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner is tall."
 • "The men next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner are tall."

- Syntactic dependencies

- "The *man* next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner *is* tall."
- "The *men* next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner *are* tall."

- Semantic dependencies

- "The *bird* next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner *flies* rapidly."
- "The *man* next to the large oak tree near the grocery store on the corner *talks* rapidly."