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CRF-package

*CRF - Conditional Random Fields*


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## Description

Library to decode/infer/sample/train Conditional Random Fields

## Details

CRF is R package for various computational tasks of conditional random fields as well as other probabilistic undirected graphical models of discrete data with pairwise (and unary) potentials. The decoding/inference/sampling tasks are implemented for general discrete undirected graphical models with pairwise potentials. The training task is less general, focusing on conditional random fields with log-linear potentials and a fixed structure. The code is written entirely in R and C++. The initial version is ported from UGM written by Mark Schmidt.

Decoding: Computing the most likely configuration

- [decode.exact](#) Exact decoding for small graphs with brute-force search
- [decode.chain](#) Exact decoding for chain-structured graphs with the Viterbi algorithm
- [decode.tree](#) Exact decoding for tree- and forest-structured graphs with max-product belief propagation
- [decode.conditional](#) Conditional decoding (takes another decoding method as input)

- `decode.cutset` Exact decoding for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning
- `decode.junction` Exact decoding for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees
- `decode.sample` Approximate decoding using sampling (takes a sampling method as input)
- `decode.marginal` Approximate decoding using inference (takes an inference method as input)
- `decode.lbp` Approximate decoding using max-product loopy belief propagation
- `decode.trbp` Approximate decoding using max-product tree-reweighted belief propagation
- `decode.greedy` Approximate decoding with greedy algorithm
- `decode.icm` Approximate decoding with the iterated conditional modes algorithm
- `decode.block` Approximate decoding with the block iterated conditional modes algorithm
- `decode.ilp` Exact decoding with an integer linear programming formulation and approximate using LP relaxation

Inference: Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

- `infer.exact` Exact inference for small graphs with brute-force counting
- `infer.chain` Exact inference for chain-structured graphs with the forward-backward algorithm
- `infer.tree` Exact inference for tree- and forest-structured graphs with sum-product belief propagation
- `infer.conditional` Conditional inference (takes another inference method as input)
- `infer.cutset` Exact inference for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning
- `infer.junction` Exact decoding for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees
- `infer.sample` Approximate inference using sampling (takes a sampling method as input)
- `infer.lbp` Approximate inference using sum-product loopy belief propagation
- `infer.trbp` Approximate inference using sum-product tree-reweighted belief propagation

Sampling: Generating samples from the distribution

- `sample.exact` Exact sampling for small graphs with brute-force inverse cumulative distribution
- `sample.chain` Exact sampling for chain-structured graphs with the forward-filter backward-sample algorithm
- `sample.tree` Exact sampling for tree- and forest-structured graphs with sum-product belief propagation and backward-sampling
- `sample.conditional` Conditional sampling (takes another sampling method as input)
- `sample.cutset` Exact sampling for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning
- `sample.junction` Exact sampling for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees
- `sample.gibbs` Approximate sampling using a single-site Gibbs sampler

Training: Given data, computing the most likely estimates of the parameters

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- J. Lafferty, A. McCallum, and F. Pereira. Conditional random fields: Probabilistic models for segmenting and labeling sequence data. In *the proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, pp. 282-289, 2001.
- Mark Schmidt. UGM: A Matlab toolbox for probabilistic undirected graphical models. <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~schmidtm/Software/UGM.html>

## See Also

[make.crf](#)

## Examples

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
decode.exact(small.crf)
infer.exact(small.crf)
sample.exact(small.crf, 100)
```

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clamp.crf

*Make clamped CRF*

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## Description

Generate clamped CRF by fixing the states of some nodes

## Usage

```
clamp.crf(crf, clamped)
```

## Arguments

crf	The CRF generated by <a href="#">make.crf</a>
clamped	The vector of fixed states of nodes

## Details

The function will generate a clamped CRF from a given CRF by fixing the states of some nodes. The vector clamped contains the desired state for each node while zero means the state is not fixed. The node and edge potentials are updated to the conditional potentials based on the clamped vector.

## Value

The function will return a new CRF with additional components:

original	The original CRF.
clamped	The vector of fixed states of nodes.
node.id	The vector of the original node ids for nodes in the new CRF.
node.map	The vector of the new node ids for nodes in the original CRF.
edge.id	The vector of the original edge ids for edges in the new CRF.
edge.map	The vector of the new edge ids for edges in the original CRF.

**See Also**

[make.crf](#), [sub.crf](#), [clamp.reset](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
crf <- clamp.crf(small.crf, c(0, 0, 1, 1))
```

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clamp.reset	<i>Reset clamped CRF</i>
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**Description**

Reset clamped CRF by changing the states of clamped nodes

**Usage**

```
clamp.reset(crf, clamped)
```

**Arguments**

crf	The clamped CRF generated by <a href="#">clamp.crf</a>
clamped	The vector of fixed states of nodes

**Details**

The function will reset a clamped CRF by changing the states of fixed nodes. The vector `clamped` contains the desired state for each node while zero means the state is not fixed. The node and edge potentials are updated to the conditional potentials based on the clamped vector.

**Value**

The function will return the same clamped CRF.

**See Also**

[make.crf](#), [clamp.crf](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
crf <- clamp.crf(small.crf, c(0, 0, 1, 1))
clamp.reset(crf, c(0,0,2,2))
```

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crf.nll	<i>Calculate CRF negative log likelihood</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the negative log likelihood of CRF model

**Usage**

```
crf.nll(par, crf, instances, node.fea = NaN, edge.fea = NaN,  
        node.ext = NaN, edge.ext = NaN, infer.method = infer.chain, ...)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
par  
instances  
node.fea  
edge.fea  
node.ext  
edge.ext  
infer.method  
...

**Details**

Calculate the negative log likelihood of CRF model

**Value**

This function will return the value of CRF negative log-likelihood.

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crf.update	<i>Update CRF potentials</i>
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**Description**

Update node.pot and edge.pot of CRF model

**Usage**

```
crf.update(crf, node.fea = NaN, edge.fea = NaN, node.ext = NaN,  
           edge.ext = NaN)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`  
`node.fea`  
`edge.fea`  
`node.ext`  
`edge.ext`

**Details**

Update `node.pot` and `edge.pot` of CRF model

**Value**

This function will directly modify the CRF. Do not use the returned value.

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<code>decode.block</code>	<i>Decoding method using block iterated conditional modes algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.block(crf, blocks, decode.method = decode.tree, restart = 0,
  start = apply(crf$node.pot, 1, which.max), ...)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`  
`blocks`  
`decode.method`  
`restart`  
`start`  
`...`

**Details**

Approximate decoding with the block iterated conditional modes algorithm

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.block(small.crf, list(c(1,3), c(2,4)))
```

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decode.chain	<i>Decoding method for chain-structured graphs</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.chain(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact decoding for chain-structured graphs with the Viterbi algorithm.

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.chain(small.crf)
```

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decode.conditional	<i>Conditional decoding method</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.conditional(crf, clamped, decode.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
clamped  
decode.method  
...

**Details**

Conditional decoding (takes another decoding method as input)



**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.conditional(small.crf, c(0,1,0,0), decode.exact)
```

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decode.cutset	<i>Decoding method for graphs with a small cutset</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.cutset(crf, cutset, engine = "default", start = apply(crf$node.pot,
  1, which.max))
```

**Arguments**

<code>crf</code>	
<code>cutset</code>	
<code>engine</code>	The underlying engine for cutset decoding, possible values are "default", "none", "exact", "chain", and "tree".
<code>start</code>	

**Details**

Exact decoding for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.cutset(small.crf, c(2))
```

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decode.exact	<i>Decoding method for small graphs</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.exact(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact decoding for small graphs with brute-force search

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.exact(small.crf)
```

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decode.greedy	<i>Decoding method using greedy algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.greedy(crf, restart = 0, start = apply(crf$node.pot, 1, which.max))
```

**Arguments**

crf  
restart  
start

**Details**

Approximate decoding with greedy algorithm

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.greedy(small.crf)
```

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`decode.icm`*Decoding method using iterated conditional modes algorithm*

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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.icm(crf, restart = 0, start = apply(crf$node.pot, 1, which.max))
```

**Arguments**

`crf`  
`restart`  
`start`

**Details**

Approximate decoding with the iterated conditional modes algorithm

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.icm(small.crf)
```

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`decode.ilp`*Decoding method using integer linear programming*

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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.ilp(crf, lp.rounding = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`

`lp.rounding` Boolean variable to indicate whether LP rounding is need.

**Details**

Exact decoding with an integer linear programming formulation and approximate using LP relaxation

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.ilp(small.crf)
```

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`decode.junction`*Decoding method for low-treewidth graphs*

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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.junction(crf)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`

**Details**

Exact decoding for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.junction(small.crf)
```

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`decode.lbp`*Decoding method using loopy belief propagation*

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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.lbp(crf, max.iter = 10000, cutoff = 1e-04, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`  
`max.iter`  
`cutoff`  
`verbose`

**Details**

Approximate decoding using max-product loopy belief propagation

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.lbp(small.crf)
```

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decode.marginal	<i>Decoding method using inference</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.marginal(crf, infer.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
infer.method
...
```

**Details**

Approximate decoding using inference (takes an inference method as input)

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.marginal(small.crf, infer.exact)
```

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decode.sample	<i>Decoding method using sampling</i>
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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.sample(crf, sample.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
sample.method
...
```

**Details**

Approximate decoding using sampling (takes a sampling method as input)

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.sample(small.crf, sample.exact, 10000)
```

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`decode.trbp`*Decoding method using tree-reweighted belief propagation*

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**Description**

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

**Usage**

```
decode.trbp(crf, max.iter = 10000, cutoff = 1e-04, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

`crf`  
`max.iter`  
`cutoff`  
`verbose`

**Details**

Approximate decoding using max-product tree-reweighted belief propagation

**Value**

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.trbp(small.crf)
```

---

 decode.tree

*Decoding method for tree- and forest-structured graphs*


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### Description

Computing the most likely configuration for CRF

### Usage

```
decode.tree(crf)
```

### Arguments

crf

### Details

Exact decoding for tree- and forest-structured graphs with max-product belief propagation

### Value

This function will return the most likely configuration, which is a vector of length `crf$n.nodes`.

### Examples

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
d <- decode.tree(small.crf)
```

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 duplicate

*Duplicate CRF*


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### Description

Duplicate an existing CRF

### Usage

```
duplicate(crf)
```

### Arguments

crf                      The existing CRF

### Details

The function will duplicate an existing CRF. Since CRF is implemented by using environment, normal assignment will only copy the pointer instead of the real data. The function will really copy all data of an existing CRF to a new CRF.



**Value**

The function will return a new CRF with copied data

**See Also**

[make.crf](#)

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get.logPotential	<i>Calculate the log-potential of CRF</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the logarithmic potential of a CRF with given configuration

**Usage**

```
get.logPotential(crf, configuration)
```

**Arguments**

crf	The CRF
configuration	The vector of states of nodes

**Details**

The function will calculate the logarithmic potential of a CRF with given configuration, i.e., the assigned states of nodes in the CRF.

**Value**

The function will return the log-potential of CRF with given configuration

**See Also**

[get.potential](#)

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get.potential	<i>Calculate the potential of CRF</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the potential of a CRF with given configuration

**Usage**

```
get.potential(crf, configuration)
```

**Arguments**

crf                      The CRF  
configuration      The vector of states of nodes

**Details**

The function will calculate the potential of a CRF with given configuration, i.e., the assigned states of nodes in the CRF.

**Value**

The function will return the potential of CRF with given configuration

**See Also**

[get.logPotential](#)

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gradient

*Calculate CRF negative log-likelihood gradient*

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**Description**

Calculate the gradient of negative log likelihood of CRF model

**Usage**

```
gradient(par, crf, ...)
```

**Arguments**

par  
crf  
...

**Details**

Calculate the gradient of negative log likelihood of CRF model. This function is used by optimization algorithm in training.

**Value**

This function will return the gradient of CRF negative log-likelihood.

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infer.chain	<i>Inference method for chain-structured graphs</i>
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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.chain(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact inference for chain-structured graphs with the forward-backward algorithm

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.chain(small.crf)
```

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infer.conditional	<i>Conditional inference method</i>
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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.conditional(crf, clamped, infer.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
 clamped  
 infer.method  
 ...

**Details**

Conditional inference (takes another inference method as input)

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.conditional(small.crf, c(0,1,0,0), infer.exact)
```

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infer.cutset

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*Inference method for graphs with a small cutset*


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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.cutset(crf, cutset, engine = "default")
```

**Arguments**

crf	
cutset	
engine	The underlying engine for cutset decoding, possible values are "default", "none", "exact", "chain", and "tree".

**Details**

Exact inference for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.cutset(small.crf, c(2))
```

---

infer.exact

*Inference method for small graphs*


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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.exact(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact inference for small graphs with brute-force counting

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.exact(small.crf)
```

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infer.junction	<i>Inference method for low-treewidth graphs</i>
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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.junction(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact decoding for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.junction(small.crf)
```

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infer.lbp	<i>Inference method using loopy belief propagation</i>
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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.lbp(crf, max.iter = 10000, cutoff = 1e-04, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
 max.iter  
 cutoff  
 verbose

**Details**

Approximate inference using sum-product loopy belief propagation

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor $Z$ .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.lbp(small.crf)
```

---

infer.sample

*Inference method using sampling*


---

**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.sample(crf, sample.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
 sample.method  
 ...

**Details**

Approximate inference using sampling (takes a sampling method as input)

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.sample(small.crf, sample.exact, 10000)
```

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infer.trbp	<i>Inference method using tree-reweighted belief propagation</i>
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**Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.trbp(crf, max.iter = 10000, cutoff = 1e-04, verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
max.iter
cutoff
verbose
```

**Details**

Approximate inference using sum-product tree-reweighted belief propagation

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor <code>Z</code> .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.trbp(small.crf)
```



infer.tree

*Inference method for tree- and forest-structured graphs***Description**

Computing the partition function and marginal probabilities

**Usage**

```
infer.tree(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Exact inference for tree- and forest-structured graphs with sum-product belief propagation

**Value**

This function will return a list with components:

node.bel	Node belief. It is a matrix with <code>crf\$n.nodes</code> rows and <code>crf\$max.state</code> columns.
edge.bel	Edge belief. It is a list of matrices. The size of list is <code>crf\$n.edges</code> and the matrix <code>i</code> has <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,1]]</code> rows and <code>crf\$n.states[crf\$edges[i,2]]</code> columns.
logZ	The logarithmic value of CRF normalization factor $Z$ .

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
i <- infer.tree(small.crf)
```

make.crf

*Make CRF***Description**

Generate CRF from the adjacent matrix

**Usage**

```
make.crf(adj.matrix, nstates)
```

**Arguments**

adj.matrix	The adjacent matrix of CRF network
nstates	The state numbers of nodes

## Details

The function will generate a empty CRF structure from a given adjacent matrix. If the length of `nstates` is less than `n.nodes`, it will be used repeatedly. All node and edge potentials are initialized as 1.

Since the CRF data are often very huge, CRF is implemented by using environment. Therefore, normal assignment will only copy the pointer instead of real data. The vairables using normal assignment will refer to the exactly same CRF data. For complete duplication of the data, please use [duplicate](#).

## Value

The function will return a CRF, which is an environment with components:

<code>n.nodes</code>	The number of nodes.
<code>n.edges</code>	The number of edges.
<code>n.states</code>	The number of states for each node. It is a vector of length <code>n.nodes</code> .
<code>max.state</code>	The maximum number of states. It is equal to <code>max(n.states)</code> .
<code>edges</code>	The node pair of each edge. It is a matrix with 2 columns and <code>n.edges</code> rows. Each row denotes one edge. The node with smaller id is put in the first column.
<code>n.adj</code>	The number of adjacent nodes for each node. It is a vector of length <code>n.nodes</code> .
<code>adj.nodes</code>	The list of adjacent nodes for each node. It is a list of length <code>n.nodes</code> and the <i>i</i> -th element is a vector of length <code>n.adj[i]</code> .
<code>adj.edges</code>	The list of adjacent edges for each node. It is similiar to <code>adj.nodes</code> while contains the edge ids instead of node ids.
<code>node.pot</code>	The node potentials. It is a matrix with dimmension <code>(n.nodes,max.state)</code> . Each row <code>node.pot[i,]</code> denotes the node potentials of the <i>i</i> -th node.
<code>edge.pot</code>	The edge potentials. It is a list of <code>n.edges</code> matrixes. Each matrix <code>edge.pot[[i]]</code> , with dimension <code>(n.states[edges[i,1]], n.states[edges[i,2]])</code> , denotes the edge potentials of the <i>i</i> -th edge.

## See Also

[duplicate](#), [clamp.crf](#), [sub.crf](#)

## Examples

```
library(CRF)

nNodes <- 4
nStates <- 2

adj <- matrix(0, nrow=nNodes, ncol=nNodes)
for (i in 1:(nNodes-1))
{
  adj[i,i+1] <- 1
  adj[i+1,i] <- 1
}

crf <- make.crf(adj, nStates)

crf$node.pot[1,] <- c(1, 3)
```

```
crf$node.pot[2,] <- c(9, 1)
crf$node.pot[3,] <- c(1, 3)
crf$node.pot[4,] <- c(9, 1)

for (i in 1:crf$n.edges)
{
  crf$edge.pot[[i]][1,] <- c(2, 1)
  crf$edge.pot[[i]][2,] <- c(1, 2)
}
```

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make.features	<i>Make CRF features</i>
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### Description

Make the data structure of features

### Usage

```
make.features(crf, n.nf = 1, n.ef = 1)
```

### Arguments

crf  
n.nf  
n.ef

### Details

Make the data structure of features need for modeling and training

### Value

This function will return the same CRF.

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make.par	<i>Make CRF parameters</i>
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### Description

Make the data structure of parameters

### Usage

```
make.par(crf, n.par = 1)
```

### Arguments

crf  
n.par

**Details**

Make the data structure of parameters need for modeling and training

**Value**

This function will return the same CRF.

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mrf.nll	<i>Calculate MRF negative log-likelihood</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the negative log-likelihood of MRF model

**Usage**

```
mrf.nll(par, crf, instances, infer.method = infer.chain, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
par
instances
infer.method
...
```

**Details**

Calculate the negative log-likelihood of MRF model

**Value**

This function will return the value of MRF negative log-likelihood.

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mrf.stat	<i>Calculate MRF sufficient statistics</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the sufficient statistics of MRF model

**Usage**

```
mrf.stat(crf, instances)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
instances
```

**Details**

Calculate the sufficient statistics of MRF model

**Value**

This function will return the value of MRF sufficient statistics.

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mrf.update	<i>Update MRF potentials</i>
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**Description**

Update node.pot and edge.pot of MRF model

**Usage**

```
mrf.update(crf)
```

**Arguments**

crf

**Details**

Update node.pot and edge.pot of MRF model

**Value**

This function will directly modify the CRF. Do not use the returned value.

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sample.chain	<i>Sampling method for chain-structured graphs</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.chain(crf, size)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
size

**Details**

Exact sampling for chain-structured graphs with the forward-filter backward-sample algorithm

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.chain(small.crf, 100)
```

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sample.conditional	<i>Conditional sampling method</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.conditional(crf, size, clamped, sample.method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
size
clamped
sample.method
...
```

**Details**

Conditional sampling (takes another sampling method as input)

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.conditional(small.crf, 100, c(0,1,0,0), sample.exact)
```

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sample.cutset	<i>Sampling method for graphs with a small cutset</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.cutset(crf, size, cutset, engine = "default")
```

**Arguments**

crf	
size	
cutset	
engine	The underlying engine for cutset sampling, possible values are "default", "none", "exact", "chain", and "tree".

**Details**

Exact sampling for graphs with a small cutset using cutset conditioning

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and crf\$*n*.nodes columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.cutset(small.crf, 100, c(2))
```

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sample.exact	<i>Sampling method for small graphs</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.exact(crf, size)
```

**Arguments**

crf
size

**Details**

Exact sampling for small graphs with brute-force inverse cumulative distribution

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.exact(small.crf, 100)
```

---

sample.gibbs

*Sampling method using single-site Gibbs sampler*


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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.gibbs(crf, size, burn.in = 1000, start = apply(crf$node.pot, 1,
  which.max))
```

**Arguments**

```
crf
size
burn.in
start
```

**Details**

Approximate sampling using a single-site Gibbs sampler

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.gibbs(small.crf, 100)
```



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sample.junction	<i>Sampling method for low-treewidth graphs</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.junction(crf, size)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
size

**Details**

Exact sampling for low-treewidth graphs using junction trees

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.junction(small.crf, 100)
```

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sample.tree	<i>Sampling method for tree- and forest-structured graphs</i>
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**Description**

Generating samples from the distribution

**Usage**

```
sample.tree(crf, size)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
size

**Details**

Exact sampling for tree- and forest-structured graphs with sum-product belief propagation and backward-sampling

**Value**

This function will return a matrix with size rows and `crf$n.nodes` columns, in which each row is a sampled configuration.

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
s <- sample.tree(small.crf, 100)
```

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sub.crf	<i>Make sub CRF</i>
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**Description**

Generate sub CRF by selecting some nodes

**Usage**

```
sub.crf(crf, subset)
```

**Arguments**

crf	The CRF generated by <a href="#">make.crf</a>
subset	The vector of selected node ids

**Details**

The function will generate a new CRF from a given CRF by selecting some nodes. The vector `subset` contains the node ids selected to generate the new CRF. Unlike [clamp.crf](#), the potentials of remaining nodes and edges are untouched.

**Value**

The function will return a new CRF with additional components:

original	The original CRF data.
node.id	The vector of the original node ids for nodes in the new CRF.
node.map	The vector of the new node ids for nodes in the original CRF.
edge.id	The vector of the original edge ids for edges in the new CRF.
edge.map	The vector of the new edge ids for edges in the original CRF.

**See Also**

[make.crf](#), [clamp.crf](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CRF)
data(Small)
crf <- sub.crf(small.crf, c(2, 3))
```

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train.crf	<i>Train CRF model</i>
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**Description**

Train the CRF model to estimate the parameters

**Usage**

```
train.crf(crf, instances, node.fea = NaN, edge.fea = NaN, node.ext = NaN,  
          edge.ext = NaN, trace = 0)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
instances  
trace  
node.fea  
edge.fea  
node.ext  
edge.ext

**Details**

This function train the CRF model.

**Value**

This function will return the same CRF.

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train.mrf	<i>Train MRF model</i>
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**Description**

Train the MRF model to estimate the parameters

**Usage**

```
train.mrf(crf, instances, trace = 0)
```

**Arguments**

crf  
instances  
trace

**Details**

This function trains the Markov Random Fields (MRF) model, which is a simple variant of CRF model.

**Value**

This function will return the same CRF.

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