

Sequence Models

- Hidden Markov Models (HMM)
- MaxEnt Markov Models (MEMM)

Many slides from Michael Collins

Overview and HMMs

- ▶ The Tagging Problem
- ▶ Generative models, and the noisy-channel model, for supervised learning
- ▶ Hidden Markov Model (HMM) taggers
 - ▶ Basic definitions
 - ▶ Parameter estimation
 - ▶ The Viterbi algorithm

Part-of-Speech Tagging

INPUT:

Profits soared at Boeing Co., easily topping forecasts on Wall Street,
as their CEO Alan Mulally announced first quarter results.

OUTPUT:

Profits/N soared/V at/P Boeing/N Co./N ,/, easily/ADV topping/V
forecasts/N on/P Wall/N Street/N ,/, as/P their/POSS CEO/N
Alan/N Mulally/N announced/V first/ADJ quarter/N results/N ./.

N = Noun

V = Verb

P = Preposition

Adv = Adverb

Adj = Adjective

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Named Entity Recognition

INPUT: Profits soared at Boeing Co., easily topping forecasts on Wall Street, as their CEO Alan Mulally announced first quarter results.

OUTPUT: Profits soared at [Company Boeing Co.], easily topping forecasts on [Location Wall Street], as their CEO [Person Alan Mulally] announced first quarter results.

Named Entity Extraction as Tagging

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Our Goal

Training set:

- 1 Pierre/NNP Vinken/NNP ,/, 61/CD years/NNS old/JJ ,/, will/MD join/VB the/DT board/NN as/IN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN Nov./NNP 29/CD ./.
 - 2 Mr./NNP Vinken/NNP is/VBZ chairman/NN of/IN Elsevier/NNP N.V./NNP ,/, the/DT Dutch/NNP publishing/VBG group/NN ./.
 - 3 Rudolph/NNP Agnew/NNP ,/, 55/CD years/NNS old/JJ and/CC chairman/NN of/IN Consolidated/NNP Gold/NNP Fields/NNP PLC/NNP ,/, was/VBD named/VBN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN of/IN this/DT British/JJ industrial/JJ conglomerate/NN ./.
- ...
- 38,219 It/PRP is/VBZ also/RB pulling/VBG 20/CD people/NNS out/IN of/IN Puerto/NNP Rico/NNP ,/, who/WP were/VBD helping/VBG Hurricane/NNP Hugo/NNP victims/NNS ,/, and/CC sending/VBG them/PRP to/TO San/NNP Francisco/NNP instead/RB ./.

- ▶ From the training set, induce a function/algorithm that maps new sentences to their tag sequences.

Two Types of Constraints

Influential/JJ members/NNS of/IN the/DT House>NNP Ways>NNP and/CC
Means>NNP Committee>NNP introduced/VBD legislation/NN that/WDT
would/MD restrict/VB how/WRB the/DT new/JJ savings-and-loan>NN
bailout/NN agency/NN can/MD raise/VB capital/NN ./.

- ▶ “Local”: e.g., *can* is more likely to be a modal verb **MD** rather than a noun **NN**
- ▶ “Contextual”: e.g., a noun is much more likely than a verb to follow a determiner
- ▶ Sometimes these preferences are in conflict:
The trash can is in the garage

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 - ▶ For any test input x , define $f(x) = \arg \max_y p(y|x)$

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- ▶ Note: we then have

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

where $p(x) = \sum_y p(y)p(x|y)$

Decoding with Generative Models

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- ▶ Output from the model:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \arg \max_y p(y|x) \\ &= \arg \max_y \frac{p(y)p(x|y)}{p(x)} \\ &= \arg \max_y p(y)p(x|y) \end{aligned}$$

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Hidden Markov Models

- ▶ We have an input sentence $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
(x_i is the i 'th word in the sentence)
- ▶ We have a tag sequence $y = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$
(y_i is the i 'th tag in the sentence)
- ▶ We'll use an HMM to define

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

for any sentence $x_1 \dots x_n$ and tag sequence $y_1 \dots y_n$ of the same length.

- ▶ Then the most likely tag sequence for x is

$$\arg \max_{y_1 \dots y_n} p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

Trigram Hidden Markov Models (Trigram HMMs)

For any sentence $x_1 \dots x_n$ where $x_i \in \mathcal{V}$ for $i = 1 \dots n$, and any tag sequence $y_1 \dots y_{n+1}$ where $y_i \in \mathcal{S}$ for $i = 1 \dots n$, and $y_{n+1} = \text{STOP}$, the joint probability of the sentence and tag sequence is

$$p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_{n+1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} q(y_i | y_{i-2}, y_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^n e(x_i | y_i)$$

where we have assumed that $y_{-1} = *$.

Parameters of the model:

- ▶ $q(s|u, v)$ for any $s \in \mathcal{S} \cup \{\text{STOP}\}$, $u, v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \{*\}$
- ▶ $e(x|s)$ for any $s \in \mathcal{S}$, $x \in \mathcal{V}$

An Example

If we have $n = 3$, $x_1 \dots x_3$ equal to the sentence *the dog laughs*, and $y_1 \dots y_4$ equal to the tag sequence D N V STOP, then

$$\begin{aligned} & p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_{n+1}) \\ &= q(D|*, *) \times q(N|*, D) \times q(V|D, N) \times q(STOP|N, V) \\ & \quad \times e(the|D) \times e(dog|N) \times e(laughs|V) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ STOP is a special tag that terminates the sequence
- ▶ We take $y_0 = y_{-1} = *$, where * is a special “padding” symbol

Why the Name?

$$p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_n) = \underbrace{q(\text{STOP} | y_{n-1}, y_n) \prod_{j=1}^n q(y_j | y_{j-2}, y_{j-1})}_{\text{Markov Chain}} \\ \times \underbrace{\prod_{j=1}^n e(x_j | y_j)}_{x_j \text{'s are observed}}$$

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Smoothed Estimation

$$\begin{aligned} q(Vt \mid DT, JJ) &= \lambda_1 \times \frac{\text{Count}(Dt, JJ, Vt)}{\text{Count}(Dt, JJ)} \\ &\quad + \lambda_2 \times \frac{\text{Count}(JJ, Vt)}{\text{Count}(JJ)} \\ &\quad + \lambda_3 \times \frac{\text{Count}(Vt)}{\text{Count}()} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1, \quad \text{and for all } i, \lambda_i \geq 0$$

$$e(\text{base} \mid Vt) = \frac{\text{Count}(Vt, \text{base})}{\text{Count}(Vt)}$$

Dealing with Low-Frequency Words: An Example

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Dealing with Low-Frequency Words

A common method is as follows:

- ▶ **Step 1:** Split vocabulary into two sets

Frequent words = words occurring ≥ 5 times in training

Low frequency words = all other words

- ▶ **Step 2:** Map low frequency words into a small, finite set, depending on prefixes, suffixes etc.

Dealing with Low-Frequency Words: An Example

[Bikel et. al 1999] (**named-entity recognition**)

| Word class | Example | Intuition |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| twoDigitNum | 90 | Two digit year |
| fourDigitNum | 1990 | Four digit year |
| containsDigitAndAlpha | A8956-67 | Product code |
| containsDigitAndDash | 09-96 | Date |
| containsDigitAndSlash | 11/9/89 | Date |
| containsDigitAndComma | 23,000.00 | Monetary amount |
| containsDigitAndPeriod | 1.00 | Monetary amount, percentage |
| othernum | 456789 | Other number |
| allCaps | BBN | Organization |
| capPeriod | M. | Person name initial |
| firstWord | first word of sentence | no useful capitalization information |
| initCap | Sally | Capitalized word |
| lowercase | can | Uncapitalized word |
| other | , | Punctuation marks, all other words |

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firstword/NA soared/NA at/NA initCap/SC Co./CC ,/NA easily/NA
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- Inference and the Viterbi Algorithm

The Viterbi Algorithm

Problem: for an input $x_1 \dots x_n$, find

$$\arg \max_{y_1 \dots y_{n+1}} p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_{n+1})$$

where the arg max is taken over all sequences $y_1 \dots y_{n+1}$ such that $y_i \in \mathcal{S}$ for $i = 1 \dots n$, and $y_{n+1} = \text{STOP}$.

We assume that p again takes the form

$$p(x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_{n+1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} q(y_i | y_{i-2}, y_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^n e(x_i | y_i)$$

Recall that we have assumed in this definition that $y_0 = y_{-1} = *$, and $y_{n+1} = \text{STOP}$.

Brute Force Search is Hopelessly Inefficient

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The Viterbi Algorithm

- ▶ Define n to be the length of the sentence
- ▶ Define S_k for $k = -1 \dots n$ to be the set of possible tags at position k :

$$S_{-1} = S_0 = \{*\}$$

$$S_k = S \quad \text{for } k \in \{1 \dots n\}$$

- ▶ Define

$$r(y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k q(y_i | y_{i-2}, y_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^k e(x_i | y_i)$$

- ▶ Define a dynamic programming table

$\pi(k, u, v)$ = maximum probability of a tag sequence
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that is,

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \max_{\langle y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k \rangle : y_{k-1}=u, y_k=v} r(y_{-1}, y_0, y_1 \dots y_k)$$

A Recursive Definition

Base case:

$$\pi(0, *, *) = 1$$

Recursive definition:

For any $k \in \{1 \dots n\}$, for any $u \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$ and $v \in \mathcal{S}_k$:

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \max_{w \in \mathcal{S}_{k-2}} (\pi(k-1, w, u) \times q(v|w, u) \times e(x_k|v))$$

The Viterbi Algorithm

Input: a sentence $x_1 \dots x_n$, parameters $q(s|u, v)$ and $e(x|s)$.

Initialization: Set $\pi(0, *, *) = 1$

Definition: $\mathcal{S}_{-1} = \mathcal{S}_0 = \{*\}$, $\mathcal{S}_k = \mathcal{S}$ for $k \in \{1 \dots n\}$

Algorithm:

- ▶ For $k = 1 \dots n$,
 - ▶ For $u \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$, $v \in \mathcal{S}_k$,

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \max_{w \in \mathcal{S}_{k-2}} (\pi(k-1, w, u) \times q(v|w, u) \times e(x_k|v))$$

- ▶ **Return** $\max_{u \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}, v \in \mathcal{S}_n} (\pi(n, u, v) \times q(\text{STOP}|u, v))$

The Viterbi Algorithm with Backpointers

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$$bp(k, u, v) = \arg \max_{w \in \mathcal{S}_{k-2}} (\pi(k-1, w, u) \times q(v|w, u) \times e(x_k|v))$$

- ▶ Set $(y_{n-1}, y_n) = \arg \max_{(u,v)} (\pi(n, u, v) \times q(\text{STOP}|u, v))$
- ▶ For $k = (n-2) \dots 1$, $y_k = bp(k+2, y_{k+1}, y_{k+2})$
- ▶ **Return** the tag sequence $y_1 \dots y_n$

The Viterbi Algorithm: Running Time

- ▶ $O(n|\mathcal{S}|^3)$ time to calculate $q(s|u, v) \times e(x_k|s)$ for all k, s, u, v .
- ▶ $n|\mathcal{S}|^2$ entries in π to be filled in.
- ▶ $O(|\mathcal{S}|)$ time to fill in one entry
- ▶ $\Rightarrow O(n|\mathcal{S}|^3)$ time in total

A Simple Bi-gram Example:

(X, Y): $P(X/Y)$, POS tags for “bears fish” ?

- noun * .80 bears noun .02
- Verb * .10 bears verb .02
- STOP noun .50 fish verb .07
- STOP verb .50 fish noun .08
- noun verb .77
- verb noun .65
- noun noun .0001
- nerb verb .0001

Answer

- bears: noun
- fish: verb

The Forward Algorithm

Input: a sentence $x_1 \dots x_n$, parameters $q(s|u, v)$ and $e(x|s)$.

Initialization: Set $\pi(0, *, *) = 1$

Definition: $\mathcal{S}_{-1} = \mathcal{S}_0 = \{*\}$, $\mathcal{S}_k = \mathcal{S}$ for $k \in \{1 \dots n\}$

Algorithm:

- ▶ For $k = 1 \dots n$,
 - ▶ For $u \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$, $v \in \mathcal{S}_k$,

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_{k-2}} (\pi(k-1, w, u) \times q(v|w, u) \times e(x_k|v))$$

- ▶ **Return** $\sum_{u \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}, v \in \mathcal{S}_n} (\pi(n, u, v) \times q(\text{STOP}|u, v))$

Pros and Cons

- ▶ Hidden markov model taggers are very simple to train (just need to compile counts from the training corpus) *If you already have a labeled training set.*
Use forward-backward algorithms in the unsupervised setting.
- ▶ Perform relatively well (over 90% performance on named entity recognition)
- ▶ Main difficulty is modeling

$$e(\text{word} \mid \text{tag})$$

can be very difficult if “words” are complex

- MaxEnt Markov Models (MEMMs)

Log-Linear Models for Tagging

- ▶ We have an input sentence $w_{[1:n]} = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ (w_i is the i 'th word in the sentence)
- ▶ We have a tag sequence $t_{[1:n]} = t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ (t_i is the i 'th tag in the sentence)
- ▶ We'll use an log-linear model to define

$$p(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$$

for any sentence $w_{[1:n]}$ and tag sequence $t_{[1:n]}$ of the same length.
(Note: contrast with HMM that defines $p(t_1 \dots t_n, w_1 \dots w_n)$)

- ▶ Then the most likely tag sequence for $w_{[1:n]}$ is

$$t_{[1:n]}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{[1:n]}} p(t_{[1:n]} | w_{[1:n]})$$

How to model $p(t_{[1:n]} | w_{[1:n]})$?

A Trigram Log-Linear Tagger:

$$p(t_{[1:n]} | w_{[1:n]}) = \prod_{j=1}^n p(t_j | w_1 \dots w_n, t_1 \dots t_{j-1}) \quad \text{Chain rule}$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^n p(t_j | w_1, \dots, w_n, t_{j-2}, t_{j-1}) \quad \text{Independence assumptions}$$

- ▶ We take $t_0 = t_{-1} = *$
- ▶ Independence assumption: each tag only depends on previous two tags

$$p(t_j | w_1, \dots, w_n, t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}) = p(t_j | w_1, \dots, w_n, t_{j-2}, t_{j-1})$$

An Example

Hispaniola/NNP quickly/RB became/VB an/DT important/JJ
base/?? from which Spain expanded its empire into the rest of the
Western Hemisphere .

- There are many possible tags in the position ??

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{\text{NN, NNS, Vt, Vi, IN, DT, ...}\}$$

Representation: Histories

- ▶ A **history** is a 4-tuple $\langle t_{-2}, t_{-1}, w_{[1:n]}, i \rangle$
 - ▶ t_{-2}, t_{-1} are the previous two tags.
 - ▶ $w_{[1:n]}$ are the n words in the input sentence.
 - ▶ i is the index of the word being tagged
 - ▶ \mathcal{X} is the set of all possible histories
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- ▶ $t_{-2}, t_{-1} = \text{DT, JJ}$
- ▶ $w_{[1:n]} = \langle \text{Hispaniola, quickly, became, \dots, Hemisphere, .} \rangle$
- ▶ $i = 6$

Recap: Feature Vector Representations in Log-Linear Models

- ▶ We have some input domain \mathcal{X} , and a finite label set \mathcal{Y} . Aim is to provide a conditional probability $p(y | x)$ for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$.
- ▶ A **feature** is a function $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
(Often **binary features** or **indicator functions**
 $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$).
- ▶ Say we have m features f_k for $k = 1 \dots m$
⇒ A **feature vector** $f(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$.

An Example (continued)

- ▶ \mathcal{X} is the set of all possible histories of form $\langle t_{-2}, t_{-1}, w_{[1:n]}, i \rangle$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{Y} = \{\text{NN}, \text{NNS}, \text{Vt}, \text{Vi}, \text{IN}, \text{DT}, \dots\}$
 - ▶ We have m features $f_k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $k = 1 \dots m$
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For example:

$$f_1(h, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if current word } w_i \text{ is base and } t = \text{Vt} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$f_2(h, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if current word } w_i \text{ ends in ing and } t = \text{VBG} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

...

$$f_1(\langle \text{JJ}, \text{DT}, \langle \text{Hispaniola}, \dots \rangle, 6 \rangle, \text{Vt}) = 1$$

$$f_2(\langle \text{JJ}, \text{DT}, \langle \text{Hispaniola}, \dots \rangle, 6 \rangle, \text{Vt}) = 0$$

...

Training the Log-Linear Model

- ▶ To train a log-linear model, we need a training set (x_i, y_i) for $i = 1 \dots n$. Then search for

$$v^* = \operatorname{argmax}_v \left(\underbrace{\sum_i \log p(y_i|x_i; v)}_{\textit{Log-Likelihood}} - \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_k v_k^2}_{\textit{Regularizer}} \right)$$

(see last lecture on log-linear models)

- ▶ Training set is simply all history/tag pairs seen in the training data

The Viterbi Algorithm

Problem: for an input $w_1 \dots w_n$, find

$$\arg \max_{t_1 \dots t_n} p(t_1 \dots t_n \mid w_1 \dots w_n)$$

We assume that p takes the form

$$p(t_1 \dots t_n \mid w_1 \dots w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n q(t_i \mid t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_{[1:n]}, i)$$

(In our case $q(t_i \mid t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_{[1:n]}, i)$ is the estimate from a log-linear model.)

The Viterbi Algorithm

- ▶ Define n to be the length of the sentence
- ▶ Define

$$r(t_1 \dots t_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k q(t_i | t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_{[1:n]}, i)$$

- ▶ Define a dynamic programming table

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that is,

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \max_{\langle t_1, \dots, t_{k-2} \rangle} r(t_1 \dots t_{k-2}, u, v)$$

A Recursive Definition

Base case:

$$\pi(0, *, *) = 1$$

Recursive definition:

For any $k \in \{1 \dots n\}$, for any $u \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$ and $v \in \mathcal{S}_k$:

$$\pi(k, u, v) = \max_{t \in \mathcal{S}_{k-2}} (\pi(k-1, t, u) \times q(v|t, u, w_{[1:n]}, k))$$

where \mathcal{S}_k is the set of possible tags at position k

The Viterbi Algorithm with Backpointers

Input: a sentence $w_1 \dots w_n$, log-linear model that provides $q(v|t, u, w_{[1:n]}, i)$ for any tag-trigram t, u, v , for any $i \in \{1 \dots n\}$

Initialization: Set $\pi(0, *, *) = 1$.

Algorithm:

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 - ▶ For $u \in \mathcal{S}_{k-1}$, $v \in \mathcal{S}_k$,

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- ▶ Set $(t_{n-1}, t_n) = \arg \max_{(u, v)} \pi(n, u, v)$
- ▶ For $k = (n-2) \dots 1$, $t_k = bp(k+2, t_{k+1}, t_{k+2})$
- ▶ **Return** the tag sequence $t_1 \dots t_n$

Summary

- ▶ Key ideas in log-linear taggers:

- ▶ Decompose

$$p(t_1 \dots t_n | w_1 \dots w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(t_i | t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_1 \dots w_n)$$

- ▶ Estimate

$$p(t_i | t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_1 \dots w_n)$$

using a log-linear model

- ▶ For a test sentence $w_1 \dots w_n$, use the Viterbi algorithm to find

$$\arg \max_{t_1 \dots t_n} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n p(t_i | t_{i-2}, t_{i-1}, w_1 \dots w_n) \right)$$

- ▶ Key advantage over HMM taggers: **flexibility in the features they can use**