# Assignment 2

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## Logistics

- ☐ Instructions are on canvas
- Download the starter code from canvas
- **□** HW2:
  - ☐ Due Feb 12 at 2pm

## HW: POS Tagging

John saw the saw and decided to take it to the table.

NNP VBD DT NN CC VBD TO VB PRP IN DT NN

#### Intro: Data

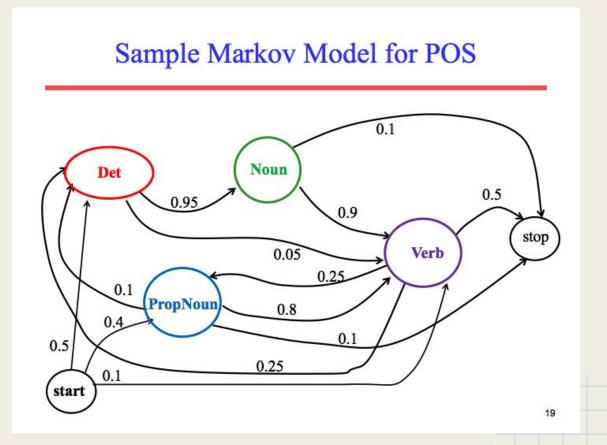
- Part of the Penn Treebank POS data set
  - Collection of sentences pretagged with POS
- ☐ Read the README file
- ☐ ./train hmm.py ptb.2-21.tgs ptb.2-21.txt > my.hmm
- $\Box$  ptb.2-21.tgs  $\rightarrow$  all the POS tags
- $\Box$  ptb.2-21.txt  $\rightarrow$  all the sentences
- $\Box$  train\_hmm.py  $\rightarrow$  zip the two files together

### Intro: Train\_hmm

- $\square$  Either perl or python is fine  $\rightarrow$  they do the same thing
- ☐ Zip the POS and sentences together
- Generates my.hmm
  - List of emissions and transitions
    - Emissions → token and tag pair, and the probability assigned to it
      - float(emissions[tag][token]) / emissionsTotal[tag]
    - □ Transitions → previous token and current token pair, and the probability assigned to it
      - transitions[prevtag][tag]) / transitionsTotal[prevtag]

### Intro: Train\_hmm

Essentially this



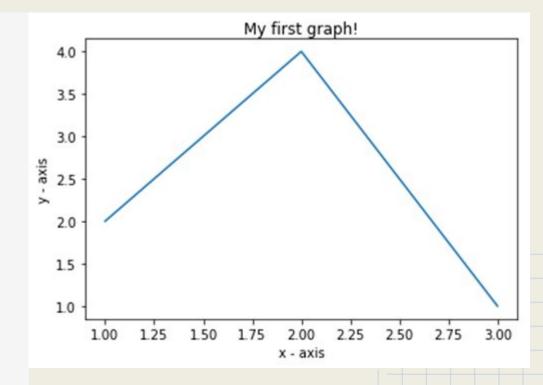
#### Task 1

- Train the model on subsets of the training data of different sizes
  - Divide the dataset into several subsets (based on index or randomly)
  - Get different performance by increasing the number of subsets
  - ☐ Plot the performance
- Resizing can be done in train\_hmm.py, where you don't use all the pairs taken from the tagFile and tokenFile

#### Plot

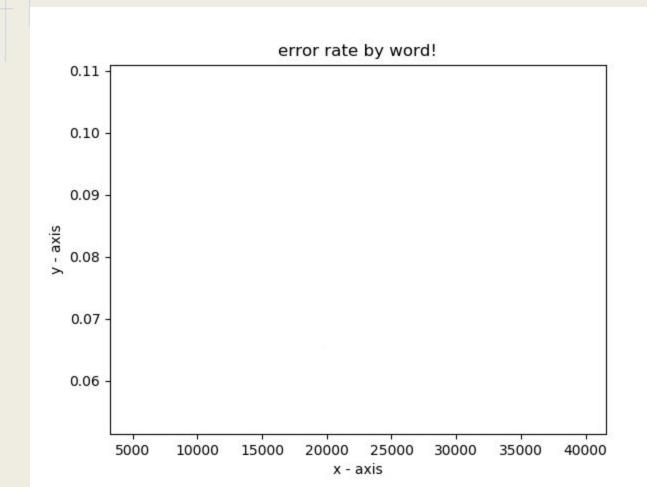
pip install matplotlib

```
# importing the required module
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# x axis values
x = [1, 2, 3]
# corresponding y axis values
y = [2, 4, 1]
# plotting the points
plt.plot(x, y)
# naming the x axis
plt.xlabel('x - axis')
# naming the y axis
plt.ylabel('y - axis')
# giving a title to my graph
plt.title('My first graph!')
# function to show the plot
plt.show()
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### Plot

Learning curve



### Task 1

- Generate a learning curve
- Give your thoughts about getting more POS-tagged data and and how it would affect your system?

#### Task 2

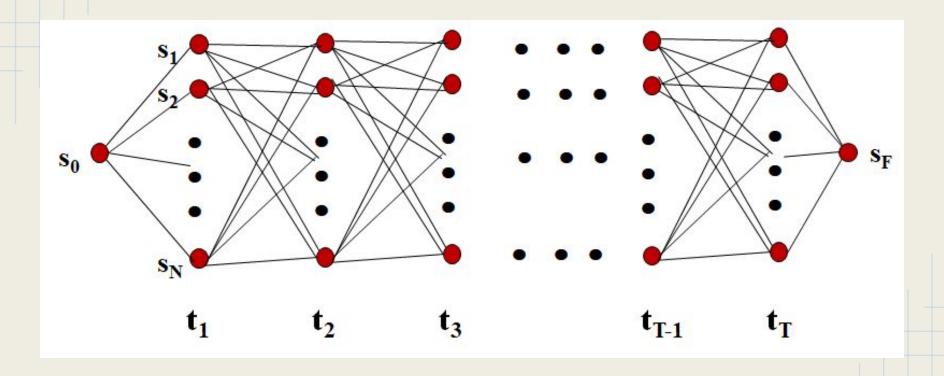
Come up with a way to improve the model

- Build a replacement for the train\_hmm.{py,pl} script (using HMM)
- Write your own Viterbi algorithm in Python (recommended)

## Implement a trigram HMM

- Learn from train\_hmm.py
- ☐ Keep the observations for each state
- Add two initial states before the first token
- Update previous two states in training

## Viterbi for trigram



### Viterbi for trigram

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

**Definitions:** Define  $\mathcal{K}$  to be the set of possible tags. Define  $\mathcal{K}_{-1} = \mathcal{K}_0 = \{*\}$ , and

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \mathcal{K} \text{ for } k = 1 \dots n.$$

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

Algorithm:

• For 
$$k = 1 ... n$$
,

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

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

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

• Set 
$$(y_{n-1}, y_n) = \arg\max_{u \in \mathcal{K}_{n-1}, v \in \mathcal{K}_n} (\pi(n, u, v) \times q(\text{STOP}|u, v))$$

• For 
$$k = (n-2) \dots 1$$
,

$$y_k = bp(k+2, y_{k+1}, y_{k+2})$$

• **Return** the tag sequence  $y_1 \dots y_n$ 

## Implement a trigram HMM

- Use log
  - Initialization
  - Observations out of vocabulary
  - Overflow
- Use dictionaries in Python

### Smooth the probability estimates

☐ To solve data sparsity

$$P(t_i|t_{i-1}t_{i-2})$$

- Replace every tag by its first letter only, the tags would still be meaningful, only more coarse
- Estimate the probability by combining more robust but weaker estimators

$$P(t_i|t_{i-1}t_{i-2}) = \lambda_3 \hat{P}(t_i|t_{i-1}t_{i-2}) + \lambda_2 \hat{P}(t_i|t_{i-1}) + \lambda_1 \hat{P}(t_i)$$

#### How to choose $\lambda$ ?

```
function DELETED-INTERPOLATION(corpus) returns \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3
   \lambda_1 \leftarrow 0
   \lambda_2 \leftarrow 0
   \lambda_3 \leftarrow 0
   foreach trigram t_1, t_2, t_3 with C(t_1, t_2, t_3) > 0
       depending on the maximum of the following three values
           case \frac{C(t_1,t_2,t_3)-1}{C(t_1,t_2)-1}: increment \lambda_3 by C(t_1,t_2,t_3)
           case \frac{C(t_2,t_3)-1}{C(t_2)-1}: increment \lambda_2 by C(t_1,t_2,t_3)
           case \frac{C(t_3)-1}{N-1}: increment \lambda_1 by C(t_1,t_2,t_3)
       end
   end
   normalize \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3
   return \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3
```

#### Task 2

- ☐ Describe your approach clearly
- ☐ Provide the performance of your model on ptb.22.\*
- Run your tagger on ptb.23.txt (the test data) and turn in the code and output
- ☐ Do not search ptb23.tag

### Task 3: Different Languages

- Run the baseline model and your model from Task 2 on Japanese and Bulgarian
- Report and explain the results
  - Why are the baseline model and your model performing better/worse on Japanese and/or Bulgarian?

### Bonus Task:

- Current:
  - We have only been reporting #errors compared to the test data in terms of words and sentence.
- Are there better metrics you can do to evaluate the difference between your model and the baseline?
  - What model can you use instead of just tallying up mismatch with the test set?

### Bonus task

- ☐ In your answer
  - ☐ Your modified script
  - Your results in the PDF
  - Your explanation:
    - Why you get this results
    - ☐ Why your metric is better

### Submission

- ☐ Submit a .tgz archive to canvas
- ☐ In the archive:
  - ☐ Your code
  - A pdf document of all your answers,
    - ☐ Including the learning curve in part 1.
    - Tag your question number clearly