Assignment 2: Parts-of-Speech Tagging (POS)

Welcome to the second assignment of Course 2 in the Natural Language Processing specialization. This assignment will develop skills in part-of-speech (POS) tagging, the process of assigning a part-of-speech tag (Noun, Verb, Adjective...) to each word in an input text. Tagging is difficult because some words can represent more than one part of speech at different times. They are **Ambiguous**. Let's look at the following example:

- The whole team played well. [adverb]
- You are doing well for yourself. [adjective]
- Well, this assignment took me forever to complete. [interjection]
- The **well** is dry. [noun]
- Tears were beginning to well in her eyes. [verb]

Distinguishing the parts-of-speech of a word in a sentence will help you better understand the meaning of a sentence. This would be critically important in search queries. Identifying the proper noun, the organization, the stock symbol, or anything similar would greatly improve everything ranging from speech recognition to search. By completing this assignment, you will:

- Learn how parts-of-speech tagging works
- Compute the transition matrix A in a Hidden Markov Model
- Compute the emission matrix B in a Hidden Markov Model
- Compute the Viterbi algorithm
- Compute the accuracy of your own model

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```
# Importing packages and loading in the data set
from utils_pos import get_word_tag, preprocess
import pandas as pd
from collections import defaultdict
import math
import numpy as np
import w2_unittest
```

0 - Data Sources

This assignment will use two tagged data sets collected from the Wall Street Journal (WSJ).

Here is an example 'tag-set' or Part of Speech designation describing the two or three letter tag and their meaning.

- One data set (WSJ-2_21.pos) will be used for training.
- The other (WSJ-24.pos) for testing.
- The tagged training data has been preprocessed to form a vocabulary (hmm_vocab.txt).
- The words in the vocabulary are words from the training set that were used two or more times.
- The vocabulary is augmented with a set of 'unknown word tokens', described below.

The training set will be used to create the emission, transition and tag counts.

The test set (WSJ-24.pos) is read in to create y.

- This contains both the test text and the true tag.
- The test set has also been preprocessed to remove the tags to form **test_words.txt**.
- This is read in and further processed to identify the end of sentences and handle words not in the vocabulary using functions provided in **utils_pos.py**.
- This forms the list prep, the preprocessed text used to test our POS taggers.

A POS tagger will necessarily encounter words that are not in its datasets.

- To improve accuracy, these words are further analyzed during preprocessing to extract available hints as to their appropriate tag.
- For example, the suffix 'ize' is a hint that the word is a verb, as in 'final-ize' or 'character-ize'.
- A set of unknown-tokens, such as '--unk-verb--' or '--unk-noun--' will replace the unknown words in both the training and test corpus and will appear in the emission, transition and tag data structures.

Implementation note:

- For python 3.6 and beyond, dictionaries retain the insertion order.
- Furthermore, their hash-based lookup makes them suitable for rapid membership tests.
 - If dis a dictionary, key in di will return True if di has a key key, else False.

The dictionary **vocab** will utilize these features.

```
# load in the training corpus
with open("./data/WSJ 02-21.pos", 'r') as f:
    training_corpus = f.readlines()
print(f"A few items of the training corpus list")
print(training corpus[0:5])
A few items of the training corpus list
['In\tIN\n', 'an\tDT\n', 'Oct.\tNNP\n', '19\tCD\n', 'review\tNN\n']
# read the vocabulary data, split by each line of text, and save the
list
with open("./data/hmm_vocab.txt", 'r') as f:
    voc_l = f.read().split('\n')
print("A few items of the vocabulary list")
print(voc l[0:50])
print()
print("A few items at the end of the vocabulary list")
print(voc l[-50:])
A few items of the vocabulary list
['!', '#', '$', '%', '&', "'", "''", "'40s", "'60s", "'70s", "'80s",
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"'86", "'90s", "'N", "'S", "'d", "'em", "'ll", "'m", "'n'", "'re", "'s", "'til", "'ve", '(', ')', ',', '-', '--', '--n--', '--unk--', '--unk_adj--', '--unk_adv--', '--unk_digit--', '--unk_noun--', '--unk_punct--', '--unk_upper--', '--unk_verb--', '.', '...', '0.01',
'0.0108', '0.02', '0.03', '0.05', '0.1', '0.10', '0.12', '0.13',
'0.15'1
A few items at the end of the vocabulary list
['yards', 'yardstick', 'year', 'year-ago', 'year-before', 'year-earlier', 'year-end', 'year-on-year', 'year-round', 'year-to-date', 'year-to-year', 'yearlong', 'yearly', 'years', 'yeast', 'yelled', 'yelling', 'yellow', 'yen', 'yes', 'yesterday', 'yet', 'yield', 'yielded', 'yielding', 'yields', 'you', 'young', 'younger', 'youngest', 'youngsters', 'your', 'yourself', 'youth', 'youthful', 'yunnies', 'zero', 'zero-coupon', 'zeroing', 'zeros',
'yuppie', 'yuppies', 'zero', 'zero-coupon', 'zeroing',
                                                                                            'zeros',
'zinc', 'zip', 'zombie', 'zone', 'zones', 'zoning', '{', '}', '']
# vocab: dictionary that has the index of the corresponding words
vocab = \{\}
# Get the index of the corresponding words.
for i, word in enumerate(sorted(voc l)):
      vocab[word] = i
print("Vocabulary dictionary, key is the word, value is a unique
integer")
cnt = 0
for k,v in vocab.items():
      print(f"{k}:{v}")
      cnt += 1
      if cnt > 20:
             break
Vocabulary dictionary, key is the word, value is a unique integer
:0
!:1
#:2
$:3
%:4
&:5
':6
'':7
'40s:8
'60s:9
'70s:10
'80s:11
'86:12
'90s:13
'N:14
'S:15
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'd:16
'em:17
'll:18
'm:19
'n':20
# load in the test corpus
with open("./data/WSJ 24.pos", 'r') as f:
    y = f.readlines()
print("A sample of the test corpus")
print(y[0:10])
A sample of the test corpus
['The\tDT\n', 'economy\tNN\n', "'s\tPOS\n", 'temperature\tNN\n',
'will\tMD\n', 'be\tVB\n', 'taken\tVBN\n', 'from\tIN\n', 'several\tJJ\
n', 'vantage\tNN\n']
#corpus without tags, preprocessed
_, prep = preprocess(vocab, "./data/test.words")
print('The length of the preprocessed test corpus: ', len(prep))
print('This is a sample of the test corpus: ')
print(prep[0:10])
The length of the preprocessed test corpus: 34199
This is a sample of the test corpus:
['The', 'economy', "'s", 'temperature', 'will', 'be', 'taken', 'from',
'several', '--unk--']
```

1 - Parts-of-speech Tagging

1.1 - Training

You will start with the simplest possible parts-of-speech tagger and we will build up to the state of the art.

In this section, you will find the words that are not ambiguous.

- For example, the word is is a verb and it is not ambiguous.
- In the WSJ corpus, 86% of the token are unambiguous (meaning they have only one tag)
- About 14% are ambiguous (meaning that they have more than one tag)

Before you start predicting the tags of each word, you will need to compute a few dictionaries that will help you to generate the tables.

Transition counts

• The first dictionary is the transition_counts dictionary which computes the number of times each tag happened next to another tag.

This dictionary will be used to compute:

$$P(t_i \vee t_{i-1})$$

This is the probability of a tag at position i given the tag at position i-1.

In order for you to compute equation 1, you will create a transition_counts dictionary where

- The keys are (prev_tag, tag)
- The values are the number of times those two tags appeared in that order.

Emission counts

The second dictionary you will compute is the emission_counts dictionary. This dictionary will be used to compute:

$$P(w_i \vee t_i)$$

In other words, you will use it to compute the probability of a word given its tag.

In order for you to compute equation 2, you will create an emission_counts dictionary where

- The keys are (tag, word)
- The values are the number of times that pair showed up in your training set.

Tag counts

The last dictionary you will compute is the tag counts dictionary.

- The key is the tag
- The value is the number of times each tag appeared.

Exercise 1 - create_dictionaries

Instructions: Write a program that takes in the training_corpus and returns the three dictionaries mentioned above transition_counts, emission_counts, and tag_counts.

- emission counts: maps (tag, word) to the number of times it happened.
- transition counts: maps (prev_tag, tag) to the number of times it has appeared.
- tag_counts: maps (tag) to the number of times it has occured.

Implementation note: This routine utilises defaultdict, which is a subclass of dict.

• A standard Python dictionary throws a *KeyError* if you try to access an item with a key that is not currently in the dictionary.

- In contrast, the *defaultdict* will create an item of the type of the argument, in this case an integer with the default value of 0.
- See defaultdict.

```
# UNQ C1 GRADED FUNCTION: create dictionaries
def create dictionaries(training_corpus, vocab, verbose=True):
    Input:
        training corpus: a corpus where each line has a word followed
by its tag.
        vocab: a dictionary where keys are words in vocabulary and
value is an index
    Output:
        emission counts: a dictionary where the keys are (tag, word)
and the values are the counts
        transition counts: a dictionary where the keys are (prev tag,
tag) and the values are the counts
       tag counts: a dictionary where the keys are the tags and the
values are the counts
    # initialize the dictionaries using defaultdict
    emission counts = defaultdict(int)
    transition counts = defaultdict(int)
    tag counts = defaultdict(int)
    # Initialize "prev tag" (previous tag) with the start state,
denoted by '--s--'
    prev tag = '--s--'
    # use 'i' to track the line number in the corpus
    i = 0
    # Each item in the training corpus contains a word and its POS tag
    # Go through each word and its tag in the training corpus
    for word tag in training corpus:
        # Increment the word tag count
        i += 1
        # Every 50,000 words, print the word count
        if i \% 50000 == 0 and verbose:
            print(f"word count = {i}")
        ### START CODE HERE ###
        # get the word and tag using the get word tag helper function
(imported from utils pos.py)
        # the function is defined as: get word tag(line, vocab)
        word, tag = get word tag(word tag, vocab)
```

```
# Increment the transition count for the previous word and tag
        transition counts[(prev tag, tag)] += 1
        # Increment the emission count for the tag and word
        emission counts[(tag, word)] += 1
        # Increment the tag count
        tag counts[tag] += 1
        # Set the previous tag to this tag (for the next iteration of
the loop)
        prev tag = tag
        ### END CODE HERE ###
    return emission counts, transition counts, tag counts
emission counts, transition counts, tag counts =
create dictionaries(training corpus, vocab)
word count = 50000
word count = 100000
word count = 150000
word count = 200000
word count = 250000
word count = 300000
word count = 350000
word count = 400000
word count = 450000
word count = 500000
word count = 550000
word count = 600000
word count = 650000
word count = 700000
word count = 750000
word count = 800000
word count = 850000
word count = 900000
word count = 950000
# get all the POS states
states = sorted(tag counts.keys())
print(f"Number of POS tags (number of 'states'): {len(states)}")
print("View these POS tags (states)")
print(states)
Number of POS tags (number of 'states'): 46
View these POS tags (states)
['#', '$', "''", '(', ')', ',', '--s--', '.', ':', 'CC', 'CD', 'DT', 'EX', 'FW', 'IN', 'JJ', 'JJR', 'JJS', 'LS', 'MD', 'NN', 'NNP', 'NNPS',
```

```
'NNS', 'PDT', 'POS', 'PRP', 'PRP$', 'RB', 'RBR', 'RBS', 'RP', 'SYM', 'TO', 'UH', 'VB', 'VBD', 'VBG', 'VBN', 'VBP', 'VBZ', 'WDT', 'WP', 'WP$', 'WRB', '``']
```

```
Number of POS tags (number of 'states'46
View these states
['#', '$', "''", '(', ')', ', ', '--s--', '.', ':', 'CC', 'CD', 'DT',
'EX', 'FW', 'IN', 'JJ', 'JJR', 'JJS', 'LS', 'MD', 'NN', 'NNP', 'NNPS',
'NNS', 'PDT', 'POS', 'PRP', 'PRP$', 'RB', 'RBR', 'RBS', 'RP', 'SYM',
'TO', 'UH', 'VB', 'VBD', 'VBG', 'VBN', 'VBP', 'VBZ', 'WDT', 'WP',
'WP$', 'WRB', '``']
# Test your function
w2_unittest.test_create_dictionaries(create_dictionaries,
training_corpus, vocab)
All tests passed
```

The 'states' are the Parts-of-speech designations found in the training data. They will also be referred to as 'tags' or POS in this assignment.

- "NN" is noun, singular,
- 'NNS' is noun, plural.
- In addition, there are helpful tags like '--s--' which indicate a start of a sentence.
- You can get a more complete description at clips/MBSP.

```
print("transition examples: ")
for ex in list(transition counts.items())[:3]:
    print(ex)
print()
print("emission examples: ")
for ex in list(emission counts.items())[200:203]:
    print (ex)
print()
print("ambiguous word example: ")
for tup,cnt in emission counts.items():
    if tup[1] == 'back': print (tup, cnt)
transition examples:
(('--s--', 'IN'), 5050)
(('IN', 'DT'), 32364)
(('DT', 'NNP'), 9044)
emission examples:
(('DT', 'any'), 721)
(('NN', 'decrease'), 7)
(('NN', 'insider-trading'), 5)
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ambiguous word example:
('RB', 'back') 304
('VB', 'back') 20
('RP', 'back') 84
('JJ', 'back') 25
('NN', 'back') 29
('VBP', 'back') 4
```

```
transition examples:
  (('--s--', 'IN'), 5050)
  (('IN', 'DT'), 32364)
  (('DT', 'NNP'), 9044)

emission examples:
  (('DT', 'any'), 721)
  (('NN', 'decrease'), 7)
  (('NN', 'insider-trading'), 5)

ambiguous word example:
  ('RB', 'back') 304
  ('VB', 'back') 20
  ('RP', 'back') 84
  ('JJ', 'back') 25
  ('NN', 'back') 29
  ('VBP', 'back') 4
```

1.2 - Testing

Now you will test the accuracy of your parts-of-speech tagger using your emission_counts dictionary.

- Given your preprocessed test corpus **prep**, you will assign a parts-of-speech tag to every word in that corpus.
- Using the original tagged test corpus **y**, you will then compute what percent of the tags you got correct.

Exercise 2 - predict_pos

Instructions: Implement predict pos that computes the accuracy of your model.

- This is a warm up exercise.
- To assign a part of speech to a word, assign the most frequent POS for that word in the training set.

- Then evaluate how well this approach works. Each time you predict based on the most frequent POS for the given word, check whether the actual POS of that word is the same. If so, the prediction was correct!
- Calculate the accuracy as the number of correct predictions divided by the total number of words for which you predicted the POS tag.

```
# UNQ_C2 GRADED FUNCTION: predict_pos
def predict_pos(prep, y, emission_counts, vocab, states):
    Input:
        prep: a preprocessed version of 'y'. A list with the 'word'
component of the tuples.
        y: a corpus composed of a list of tuples where each tuple
consists of (word, POS)
        emission counts: a dictionary where the keys are (tag,word)
tuples and the value is the count
        vocab: a dictionary where keys are words in vocabulary and
value is an index
        states: a sorted list of all possible tags for this assignment
    Output:
        accuracy: Number of times you classified a word correctly
    # Initialize the number of correct predictions to zero
    num correct = 0
    # Get the (tag, word) tuples, stored as a set
    all words = set(emission counts.keys())
    # Get the number of (word, POS) tuples in the corpus 'y'
    total = len(y)
    for word, y tup in zip(prep, y):
        # Split the (word, POS) string into a list of two items
        y_tup_l = y_tup.split()
        # Verify that y tup contain both word and POS
        if len(y_tup_l) == 2:
            # Set the true POS label for this word
            true label = y tup l[1]
        else:
            # If the y tup didn't contain word and POS, go to next
word
            continue
        count_final = 0
        pos \overline{final} = ''
```

```
# If the word is in the vocabulary...
        if word in vocab:
            for pos in states:
            ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your
code) ###
                # define the key as the tuple containing the POS and
word
                key = (pos, word)
                # check if the (pos, word) key exists in the
emission_counts dictionary
                if key in emission counts: # complete this line
                # get the emission count of the (pos,word) tuple
                    count = emission counts[key]
                    # keep track of the POS with the largest count
                    if count>count final: # complete this line
                        # update the final count (largest count)
                        count final = count
                        # update the final POS
                        pos final = pos
            # If the final POS (with the largest count) matches the
true POS:
            if pos final == true label: # complete this line
                # Update the number of correct predictions
                num correct += 1
    ### END CODE HERE ###
    accuracy = num correct / total
    return accuracy
# Test your function
w2 unittest.test compute accuracy{compute accuracy(pred,y):4f}")
Accuracy of prediction using predict pos is 0.8889
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Accuracy of prediction using predict_pos is 0.9253
```

92.5% is really good for this warm up exercise. With hidden markov models, you should be able to get **95% accuracy.**

2 - Hidden Markov Models for POS

Now you will build something more context specific. Concretely, you will be implementing a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) with a Viterbi decoder

- The HMM is one of the most commonly used algorithms in Natural Language Processing, and is a foundation to many deep learning techniques you will see in this specialization.
- In addition to parts-of-speech tagging, HMM is used in speech recognition, speech synthesis, etc.
- By completing this part of the assignment you will get a 95% accuracy on the same dataset you used in Part 1.

The Markov Model contains a number of states and the probability of transition between those states.

- In this case, the states are the parts-of-speech.
- A Markov Model utilizes a transition matrix, A.
- A Hidden Markov Model adds an observation or emission matrix **B** which describes the probability of a visible observation when we are in a particular state.
- In this case, the emissions are the words in the corpus
- The state, which is hidden, is the POS tag of that word.

2.1 - Generating Matrices

Creating the 'A' transition probabilities matrix

Now that you have your emission_counts, transition_counts, and tag_counts, you will start implementing the Hidden Markov Model.

This will allow you to quickly construct the

- A transition probabilities matrix.
- and the B emission probabilities matrix.

You will also use some smoothing when computing these matrices.

Here is an example of what the A transition matrix would look like (it is simplified to 5 tags for viewing. It is 46x46 in this assignment.):

Note that the matrix above was computed with smoothing.

Each cell gives you the probability to go from one part of speech to another.

- In other words, there is a 4.47e-8 chance of going from parts-of-speech T0 to RP.
- The sum of each row has to equal 1, because we assume that the next POS tag must be one of the available columns in the table.

The smoothing was done as follows:

$$P(t_i \vee t_{i-1}) = \frac{C(t_{i-1}, t_i) + \alpha}{C(t_{i-1}) + \alpha * N}$$

- N is the total number of tags
- $C(t_{i-1},t_i)$ is the count of the tuple (previous POS, current POS) in transition_counts dictionary.
- $C(t_{i-1})$ is the count of the previous POS in the tag counts dictionary.
- α is a smoothing parameter.

Exercise 3 - create transition matrix

Instructions: Implement the create_transition_matrix below for all tags. Your task is to output a matrix that computes equation 3 for each cell in matrix A.

```
# Get a sorted list of unique POS tags
    all tags = sorted(tag counts.keys())
    # Count the number of unique POS tags
    num tags = len(all tags)
    # Initialize the transition matrix 'A'
    A = np.zeros((num tags,num tags))
    # Get the unique transition tuples (previous POS, current POS)
    trans keys = set(transition counts.keys())
    ### START CODE HERE ###
   # Go through each row of the transition matrix A
    for i in range(num tags):
        # Go through each column of the transition matrix A
        for j in range(num tags):
            # Initialize the count of the (prev POS, current POS) to
zero
            count = 0
            # Define the tuple (prev POS, current POS)
            # Get the tag at position i and tag at position j (from
the all tags list)
            key = (all tags[i], all tags[j]) # tuple of form (tag, tag)
            # Check if the (prev POS, current POS) tuple
            # exists in the transition counts dictionary
            if key in transition counts: # Replace None in this line
with the proper condition.
                # Get count from the transition counts dictionary
                # for the (prev POS, current PO\overline{S}) tuple
                count = transition counts[key]
            # Get the count of the previous tag (index position i)
from tag counts
            count prev tag = tag counts[all tags[i]]
            # Apply smoothing using count of the tuple, alpha,
            # count of previous tag, alpha, and total number of tags
            A[i,j] = (count + alpha) / (count prev tag + alpha *
num tags)
    ### END CODE HERE ###
    return A
```

```
alpha = 0.001
A = create transition matrix(alpha, tag counts, transition counts)
# Testing your function
print(f"A at row 0, col 0: {A[0,0]:.9f}")
print(f"A at row 3, col 1: {A[3,1]:.4f}")
print("View a subset of transition matrix A")
A sub = pd.DataFrame(A[30:35,30:35], index=states[30:35], columns =
states[30:35])
print(A_sub)
A at row 0, col 0: 0.000007040
A at row 3, col 1: 0.1691
View a subset of transition matrix A
              RBS
                             RP
                                          SYM
                                                     T0
                                                                   UH
RBS
     2.217069e-06
                   2.217069e-06 2.217069e-06
                                               0.008870 2.217069e-06
RP
     3.756509e-07
                  7.516775e-04
                                 3.756509e-07
                                               0.051089 3.756509e-07
SYM
    1.722772e-05
                  1.722772e-05 1.722772e-05
                                               0.000017 1.722772e-05
T0
     4.477336e-05
                  4.472863e-08 4.472863e-08
                                               0.000090 4.477336e-05
UH
     1.030439e-05
                   1.030439e-05
                                 1.030439e-05
                                               0.061837
                                                         3.092348e-02
```

```
A at row 0, col 0: 0.000007040
A at row 3, col 1: 0.1691
View a subset of transition matrix A
                                                    T0
                                                                  UH
             RBS
                            RP
                                         SYM
RBS
    2.217069e-06
                  2.217069e-06 2.217069e-06 0.008870 2.217069e-06
                               3.756509e-07
RP
    3.756509e-07
                  7.516775e-04
                                              0.051089 3.756509e-07
SYM 1.722772e-05
                  1.722772e-05 1.722772e-05 0.000017 1.722772e-05
    4.477336e-05
                  4.472863e-08 4.472863e-08 0.000090 4.477336e-05
T0
UH
    1.030439e-05
                  1.030439e-05 1.030439e-05
                                            0.061837
                                                        3.092348e-02
# Test your function
w2 unittest.test create transition matrix(create transition matrix,
tag counts, transition counts)
All tests passed
```

Create the 'B' emission probabilities matrix

Now you will create the B emission matrix which computes the emission probability.

You will use smoothing as defined below:

$$P(w_i \vee t_i) = \frac{C(t_i, w \text{ or } d_i) + \alpha}{C(t_i) + \alpha * N}$$

• $C(t_i, word_i)$ is the number of times $word_i$ was associated with tag_i in the training data (stored in emission_counts dictionary).

- $C(t_i)$ is the number of times $t \, a \, g_i$ was in the training data (stored in tag_counts dictionary).
- *N* is the number of words in the vocabulary
- α is a smoothing parameter.

The matrix **B** is of dimension (num_tags, N), where num_tags is the number of possible parts-of-speech tags.

Here is an example of the matrix, only a subset of tags and words are shown: B Emissions Probability Matrix (subset)

| В | | 725 | adroitly | engineers | promoted | synergy | ••• |
|-------------|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-----|
| C D | ••• | 8.201296e- 05 | 2.732854e-08 | 2.732854e-08 | 2.732854e-08 | 2.732854e- 08 | |
| N N | | 7.521128e-09 | 7.521128e-09 | 7.521128e-09 | 7.521128e-09 | 2.257091e- 05 | |
| N N S | | 1.670013e-08 | 1.670013e-08 | 4.676203e- 04 | 1.670013e-08 | 1.670013e- 08 | ••• |
| V B | | 3.779036e-08 | 3.779036e-08 | 3.779036e-08 | 3.779036e-08 | 3.779036e- 08 | |
| R B | | 3.226454e-08 | 6.456135e- 05 | 3.226454e-08 | 3.226454e-08 | 3.226454e- 08 | |
| R P | ••• | 3.723317e-07 | 3.723317e-07 | 3.723317e-07 | 3.723317e-07 | 3.723317e- 07 | |
| ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• |

Exercise 4 - create_emission_matrix

Instructions: Implement the create_emission_matrix below that computes the B emission probabilities matrix. Your function takes in α , the smoothing parameter, tag_counts, which is a dictionary mapping each tag to its respective count, the emission_counts dictionary where the keys are (tag, word) and the values are the counts. Your task is to output a matrix that computes equation 4 for each cell in matrix B.

```
vocab: a dictionary where keys are words in vocabulary and
value is an index.
               within the function it'll be treated as a list
    Output:
      B: a matrix of dimension (num tags, len(vocab))
    # get the number of POS tag
    num tags = len(tag counts)
    # Get a list of all POS tags
    all_tags = sorted(tag_counts.keys())
    # Get the total number of unique words in the vocabulary
    num words = len(vocab)
    # Initialize the emission matrix B with places for
    # tags in the rows and words in the columns
    B = np.zeros((num tags, num words))
    # Get a set of all (POS, word) tuples
    # from the keys of the emission counts dictionary
    emis keys = set(list(emission counts.keys()))
    ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your code)
###
    # Go through each row (POS tags)
    for i in range(num tags): # complete this line
        # Go through each column (words)
        for j in range(num words): # complete this line
            # Initialize the emission count for the (POS tag, word) to
zero
            count = 0
            # Define the (POS tag, word) tuple for this row and column
            key = (all tags[i], vocab[j])
            # check if the (POS tag, word) tuple exists as a key in
emission counts
            if key in emission counts.keys(): # complete this line
                # Get the count of (POS tag, word) from the
emission counts d
                count = emission counts[key]
            # Get the count of the POS tag
```

```
count tag = tag counts[all tags[i]]
            # Apply smoothing and store the smoothed value
            # into the emission matrix B for this row and column
            B[i,j] = (count + alpha) / (count tag + alpha * num words)
   ### END CODE HERE ###
    return B
# creating your emission probability matrix. this takes a few minutes
to run.
alpha = 0.001
B = create emission matrix(alpha, tag counts, emission counts,
list(vocab))
print(f"View Matrix position at row 0, column 0: {B[0,0]:.9f}")
print(f"View Matrix position at row 3, column 1: {B[3,1]:.9f}")
# Try viewing emissions for a few words in a sample dataframe
cidx = ['725', 'adroitly', 'engineers', 'promoted', 'synergy']
# Get the integer ID for each word
cols = [vocab[a] for a in cidx]
# Choose POS tags to show in a sample dataframe
rvals =['CD','NN','NNS', 'VB','RB','RP']
# For each POS tag, get the row number from the 'states' list
rows = [states.index(a) for a in rvals]
# Get the emissions for the sample of words, and the sample of POS
taas
B sub = pd.DataFrame(B[np.ix (rows,cols)], index=rvals, columns = cidx
print(B sub)
View Matrix position at row 0, column 0: 0.000006032
View Matrix position at row 3, column 1: 0.000000720
             725
                       adroitly engineers
synergy
    8.201296e-05 2.732854e-08 2.732854e-08 2.732854e-08
CD
2.732854e-08
    7.521128e-09 7.521128e-09 7.521128e-09 7.521128e-09
2.257091e-05
                  1.670013e-08 4.676203e-04 1.670013e-08
NNS 1.670013e-08
1.670013e-08
    3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08
VB
3.779036e-08
    3.226454e-08 6.456135e-05 3.226454e-08 3.226454e-08
3.226454e-08
```

```
RP 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07
```

```
View Matrix position at row 0, column 0: 0.000006032
View Matrix position at row 3, column 1: 0.000000720
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                      adroitly
                                   engineers
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synergy
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                  7.521128e-09 7.521128e-09 7.521128e-09
2.257091e-05
NNS 1.670013e-08
                  1.670013e-08 4.676203e-04 1.670013e-08
1.670013e-08
    3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08 3.779036e-08
3.779036e-08
    3.226454e-08 6.456135e-05 3.226454e-08 3.226454e-08
3.226454e-08
RP
    3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07 3.723317e-07
3.723317e-07
# Test your function
w2 unittest.test create emission matrix(create emission matrix,
tag counts, emission counts, list(vocab))
All tests passed
```

3 - Viterbi Algorithm and Dynamic Programming

In this part of the assignment you will implement the Viterbi algorithm which makes use of dynamic programming. Specifically, you will use your two matrices, A and B to compute the Viterbi algorithm. We have decomposed this process into three main steps for you.

- Initialization In this part you initialize the best_paths and best_probabilities matrices that you will be populating in feed forward.
- **Feed forward** At each step, you calculate the probability of each path happening and the best paths up to that point.
- Feed backward: This allows you to find the best path with the highest probabilities.

3.1 - Initialization

You will start by initializing two matrices of the same dimension.

 best_probs: Each cell contains the probability of going from one POS tag to a word in the corpus. • best_paths: A matrix that helps you trace through the best possible path in the corpus.

Exercise 5 - initialize

Instructions: Write a program below that initializes the **best_probs** and the **best_paths** matrix.

Both matrices will be initialized to zero except for column zero of best probs.

- Column zero of best_probs is initialized with the assumption that the first word of the corpus was preceded by a start token ("--s--").
- This allows you to reference the **A** matrix for the transition probability

Here is how to initialize column 0 of best_probs:

- The probability of the best path going from the start index to a given POS tag indexed by integer i is denoted by best_probs $[s_{idx}, i]$.
- This is estimated as the probability that the start tag transitions to the POS denoted by index i: $A[s_{idx}, i]$ AND that the POS tag denoted by i emits the first word of the given corpus, which is B[i, vocab[corpus[0])].
- Note that vocab[corpus[0]] refers to the first word of the corpus (the word at position 0 of the corpus).
- **vocab** is a dictionary that returns the unique integer that refers to that particular word.

```
Conceptually, it looks like this: best_probs[i,0] = A[s_{idx},i] \times B[i,vocab[corpus[0]]]
```

In order to avoid multiplying and storing small values on the computer, we'll take the log of the product, which becomes the sum of two logs:

$$best_probs[i,0]=log(A[s_{idx},i))+logi$$

Please use math.log to compute the natural logarithm.

The example below shows the initialization assuming the corpus starts with the phrase "Loss tracks upward".

```
corpus: a sequence of words whose POS is to be identified in a
list
        vocab: a dictionary where keys are words in vocabulary and
value is an index
    Output:
        best probs: matrix of dimension (num tags, len(corpus)) of
floats
        best paths: matrix of dimension (num tags, len(corpus)) of
integers
    # Get the total number of unique POS tags
    num_tags = len(tag_counts)
    # Initialize best probs matrix
    # POS tags in the rows, number of words in the corpus as the
columns
    best probs = np.zeros((num tags, len(corpus)))
    # Initialize best paths matrix
    # POS tags in the rows, number of words in the corpus as columns
    best paths = np.zeros((num tags, len(corpus)), dtype=int)
    # Define the start token
    s idx = states.index("--s--")
    ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your code)
    # Go through each of the POS tags
    for i in range(num tags): # complete this line
        # Handle the special case when the transition from start token
to POS tag i is zero
        if A[s idx,i] == 0: # complete this line
            # Initialize best probs at POS tag 'i', column 0, to
negative infinity
            best probs[i,0] = float('-inf')
        # For all other cases when transition from start token to POS
tag i is non-zero:
        else:
            # Initialize best_probs at POS tag 'i', column 0
            # Check the formula in the instructions above
            best probs[i,0] = math.log(A[s idx,i]) +
math.log(B[i,vocab[corpus[0]]])
    ### END CODE HERE ###
    return best probs, best paths
```

```
best_probs, best_paths = initialize(states, tag_counts, A, B, prep,
vocab)

# Test the function
print(f"best_probs[0,0]: {best_probs[0,0]:.4f}")
print(f"best_paths[2,3]: {best_paths[2,3]:.4f}")

best_probs[0,0]: -22.6098
best_paths[2,3]: 0.0000
```

```
best_probs[0,0]: -22.6098
best_paths[2,3]: 0.0000

# Test your function
w2_unittest.test_initialize(initialize, states, tag_counts, A, B, prep, vocab)

All tests passed
```

3.2 - Viterbi Forward

In this part of the assignment, you will implement the viterbi_forward segment. In other words, you will populate your best probs and best paths matrices.

- Walk forward through the corpus.
- For each word, compute a probability for each possible tag.
- Unlike the previous algorithm predict_pos (the 'warm-up' exercise), this will include the path up to that (word,tag) combination.

Here is an example with a three-word corpus "Loss tracks upward":

- Note, in this example, only a subset of states (POS tags) are shown in the diagram below, for easier reading.
- In the diagram below, the first word "Loss" is already initialized.
- The algorithm will compute a probability for each of the potential tags in the second and future words.

Compute the probability that the tag of the second word ('tracks') is a verb, 3rd person singular present (VBZ).

- In the best_probs matrix, go to the column of the second word ('tracks'), and row 40 (VBZ), this cell is highlighted in light orange in the diagram below.
- Examine each of the paths from the tags of the first word ('Loss') and choose the most likely path.
- An example of the calculation for **one** of those paths is the path from ('Loss', NN) to ('tracks', VBZ).

- The log of the probability of the path up to and including the first word 'Loss' having POS tag NN is –14.32. The best_probs matrix contains this value -14.32 in the column for 'Loss' and row for 'NN'.
- Find the probability that NN transitions to VBZ. To find this probability, go to the A transition matrix, and go to the row for 'NN' and the column for 'VBZ'. The value is 4.37 e 02, which is circled in the diagram, so add -14.32 + l o g (4.37 e 02).
- Find the log of the probability that the tag VBS would 'emit' the word 'tracks'. To find this, look at the 'B' emission matrix in row 'VBZ' and the column for the word 'tracks'. The value 4.61e 04 is circled in the diagram below. So add -14.32 + log(4.37e 02) + log(4.61e 04).
- The sum of -14.32 + log(4.37e 02) + log(4.61e 04) is -25.13. Store -25.13 in the best_probs matrix at row 'VBZ' and column 'tracks' (as seen in the cell that is highlighted in light orange in the diagram).
- All other paths in best_probs are calculated. Notice that -25.13 is greater than all of the other values in column 'tracks' of matrix best_probs, and so the most likely path to 'VBZ' is from 'NN'. 'NN' is in row 20 of the best_probs matrix, so 20 is the most likely path.
- Store the most likely path 20 in the **best_paths** table. This is highlighted in light orange in the diagram below.

The formula to compute the probability and path for the i^{th} word in the c or pu s, the prior word i-1 in the corpus, current POS tag j, and previous POS tag k is:

$$prob = best_prob_{k,i-1} + log(A_{k,j}) + log(B_{j,vocab(corpus_i)})$$

where $corpus_i$ is the word in the corpus at index i, and vocab is the dictionary that gets the unique integer that represents a given word.

$$path=k$$

where k is the integer representing the previous POS tag.

Exercise 6 - viterbi_forward

Instructions: Implement the viterbi_forward algorithm and store the best_path and best_prob for every possible tag for each word in the matrices best_probs and best_tags using the pseudo code below.

for each word in the corpus

for each POS tag type that this word may be

for POS tag type that the previous word could be

compute the probability that the previous word had a given POS tag, that the current word has a given POS tag, and that the POS tag would emit this current word.

```
retain the highest probability computed for the current word

set best_probs to this highest probability

set best_paths to the index 'k', representing the POS tag of the previous word which produced the highest probability
```

Please use math.log to compute the natural logarithm.

```
# UNQ C6 GRADED FUNCTION: viterbi forward
def viterbi_forward(A, B, test_corpus, best_probs, best_paths, vocab,
verbose=True):
    Input:
        A, B: The transition and emission matrices respectively
        test corpus: a list containing a preprocessed corpus
        best probs: an initilized matrix of dimension (num tags,
len(corpus))
        best paths: an initilized matrix of dimension (num tags,
len(corpus))
        vocab: a dictionary where keys are words in vocabulary and
value is an index
    Output:
        best probs: a completed matrix of dimension (num tags,
len(corpus))
        best paths: a completed matrix of dimension (num tags,
len(corpus))
    # Get the number of unique POS tags (which is the num of rows in
best_probs)
    num tags = best probs.shape[0]
    # Go through every word in the corpus starting from word 1
    # Recall that word 0 was initialized in `initialize()`
    for i in range(1, len(test_corpus)):
        # Print number of words processed, every 5000 words
        if i \% 5000 == 0 and verbose:
            print("Words processed: {:>8}".format(i))
        ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your
code EXCEPT the first 'best path i = None') ###
        # For each unique POS tag that the current word can be
        for j in range(num_tags): # complete this line
```

```
# Initialize best prob for word i to negative infinity
            best prob i = float('-inf')
            # Initialize best path for current word i to None
            best path i = None
            # For each POS tag that the previous word can be:
            for k in range(num tags): # complete this line
                # Calculate the probability =
                # best probs of POS tag k, previous word i-1 +
                # log(prob of transition from POS k to POS j) +
                # log(prob that emission of POS j is word i)
                prob = best probs[k,i-1] + np.log(A[k,j]) +
np.log(B[j,vocab[test corpus[i]]])
                # check if this path's probability is greater than
                # the best probability up to and before this point
                if prob > best prob_i: # complete this line
                    # Keep track of the best probability
                    best prob_i = prob
                    # keep track of the POS tag of the previous word
                    # that is part of the best path.
                    # Save the index (integer) associated with
                    # that previous word's POS tag
                    best path i = k
            # Save the best probability for the
            # given current word's POS tag
            # and the position of the current word inside the corpus
            best probs[j,i] = best prob i
            # Save the unique integer ID of the previous POS tag
            # into best paths matrix, for the POS tag of the current
word
            # and the position of the current word inside the corpus.
            best paths[j,i] = best path i
        ### END CODE HERE ###
    return best_probs, best_paths
```

Run the viterbi forward function to fill in the best probs and best paths matrices.

Note that this will take a few minutes to run. There are about 30,000 words to process.

```
# this will take a few minutes to run => processes ~ 30,000 words
best probs, best paths = viterbi forward(A, B, prep, best probs,
best_paths, vocab)
Words processed:
                     5000
Words processed:
                    10000
Words processed:
                    15000
Words processed:
                    20000
Words processed:
                    25000
Words processed:
                    30000
# Test this function
print(f"best probs[0,1]: {best probs[0,1]:.4f}")
print(f"best probs[0,4]: {best probs[0,4]:.4f}")
best probs[0,1]: -24.7822
best_probs[0,4]: -49.5601
```

```
best_probs[0,1]: -24.7822
best_probs[0,4]: -49.5601

# Test your function: this test may take some time to run
w2_unittest.test_viterbi_forward(viterbi_forward, A, B, prep, vocab)
All tests passed
```

3.3 - Viterbi Backward

Now you will implement the Viterbi backward algorithm.

• The Viterbi backward algorithm gets the predictions of the POS tags for each word in the corpus using the best paths and the best probs matrices.

The example below shows how to walk backwards through the best_paths matrix to get the POS tags of each word in the corpus. Recall that this example corpus has three words: "Loss tracks upward".

POS tag for 'upward' is RB

- Select the the most likely POS tag for the last word in the corpus, 'upward' in the best_prob table.
- Look for the row in the column for 'upward' that has the largest probability.
- Notice that in row 28 of best_probs, the estimated probability is -34.99, which is larger than the other values in the column. So the most likely POS tag for 'upward' is RB an adverb, at row 28 of best_prob.
- The variable z is an array that stores the unique integer ID of the predicted POS tags for each word in the corpus. In array z, at position 2, store the value 28 to indicate that the

- word 'upward' (at index 2 in the corpus), most likely has the POS tag associated with unique ID 28 (which is RB).
- The variable pred contains the POS tags in string form. So pred at index 2 stores the string RB.

POS tag for 'tracks' is VBZ

- The next step is to go backward one word in the corpus ('tracks'). Since the most likely POS tag for 'upward' is RB, which is uniquely identified by integer ID 28, go to the best_paths matrix in column 2, row 28. The value stored in best_paths, column 2, row 28 indicates the unique ID of the POS tag of the previous word. In this case, the value stored here is 40, which is the unique ID for POS tag VBZ (verb, 3rd person singular present).
- So the previous word at index 1 of the corpus ('tracks'), most likely has the POS tag with unique ID 40, which is VBZ.
- In array z, store the value 40 at position 1, and for array pred, store the string VBZ to indicate that the word 'tracks' most likely has POS tag VBZ.

POS tag for 'Loss' is NN

- In best_paths at column 1, the unique ID stored at row 40 is 20. 20 is the unique ID for POS tag NN.
- In array z at position 0, store 20. In array pred at position 0, store NN.

Exercise 7 - viterbi_backward

Implement the viterbi_backward algorithm, which returns a list of predicted POS tags for each word in the corpus.

- Note that the numbering of the index positions starts at 0 and not 1.
- m is the number of words in the corpus.
 - So the indexing into the corpus goes from 0 to m 1.
 - Also, the columns in best_probs and best_paths are indexed from 0 to m 1

In Step 1:

Loop through all the rows (POS tags) in the last entry of best_probs and find the row (POS tag) with the maximum value. Convert the unique integer ID to a tag (a string representation) using the list states.

Referring to the three-word corpus described above:

- z[2] = 28: For the word 'upward' at position 2 in the corpus, the POS tag ID is 28. Store 28 in z at position 2.
- states [28] is 'RB': The POS tag ID 28 refers to the POS tag 'RB'.
- pred[2] = 'RB': In array pred, store the POS tag for the word 'upward'.

In Step 2:

- Starting at the last column of best_paths, use **best_probs** to find the most likely POS tag for the last word in the corpus.
- Then use best paths to find the most likely POS tag for the previous word.
- Update the POS tag for each word in z and in preds.

Referring to the three-word example from above, read best_paths at column 2 and fill in z at position 1.

```
z[1] = best paths[z[2],2]
```

The small test following the routine prints the last few words of the corpus and their states to aid in debug.

```
import numpy as np # Assuming numpy is used for matrix operations
# UNO C7 GRADED FUNCTION: viterbi backward
def viterbi backward(best probs, best paths, corpus, states):
   This function returns the best path (list of POS tags).
   # Get the number of words in the corpus (number of columns in
best probs)
   m = best paths.shape[1]
   # Initialize array z (for storing the index of the best POS tag)
   z = [None] * m
   # Initialize pred array (for storing the predicted POS tags)
   pred = [None] * m
   # Get the number of unique POS tags (number of rows in best probs)
   num tags = best probs.shape[0]
   # Step 1: Find the POS tag with the highest probability for the
last word
   best prob for last word = float('-inf') # Initialize the best
probability
   for k in range(num tags):
        if best probs[k, -1] > best prob for last word:
            best prob for last word = best probs[k, -1]
            z[m - 1] = k # Store the best tag's index for the last
word
   # Convert the last word's predicted POS tag to string
   pred[m - 1] = states[z[m - 1]]
   # Step 2: Walk backward to find the best POS tags for the rest of
```

```
the words
    for i in range(m - 1, 0, -1): # Start from the second-to-last
word and go backwards
         z[i - 1] = best paths[z[i], i] # Get the POS tag for the
previous word
         pred[i - 1] = states[z[i - 1]] # Convert the index to the POS
tag string
    return pred
# Run and test your function
pred = viterbi backward(best probs, best paths, prep, states)
m=len(pred)
print('The prediction for pred[-7:m-1] is: \n', prep[-7:m-1], "\n",
pred[-7:m-1], "\n")
print('The prediction for pred[0:8] is: \n', pred[0:7], "\n",
prep[0:7])
The prediction for pred[-7:m-1] is:
 ['see', 'them', 'here', 'with', 'us', '.']
['VB', 'PRP', 'RB', 'IN', 'PRP', '.']
The prediction for pred[0:8] is:
 ['DT', 'NN', 'POS', 'NN', 'MD', 'VB', 'VBN']
['The', 'economy', "'s", 'temperature', 'will', 'be', 'taken']
```

```
The prediction for pred[-7:m-1] is:
    ['see', 'them', 'here', 'with', 'us', '.']
    ['VB', 'PRP', 'RB', 'IN', 'PRP', '.']
The prediction for pred[0:8] is:
    ['DT', 'NN', 'POS', 'NN', 'MD', 'VB', 'VBN']
    ['The', 'economy', "'s", 'temperature', 'will', 'be', 'taken']
```

Now you just have to compare the predicted labels to the true labels to evaluate your model on the accuracy metric!

```
# Test your function
w2_unittest.test_viterbi_backward(viterbi_backward, prep, states)
All tests passed
```

4 - Predicting on a Dataset

Compute the accuracy of your prediction by comparing it with the true y labels.

• pred is a list of predicted POS tags corresponding to the words of the test corpus.

```
print('The third word is:', prep[3])
print('Your prediction is:', pred[3])
print('Your corresponding label y is: ', y[3])

The third word is: temperature
Your prediction is: NN
Your corresponding label y is: temperature NN
```

Exercise 8 - compute_accuracy

Implement a function to compute the accuracy of the viterbi algorithm's POS tag predictions.

To split y into the word and its tag you can use y.split().

```
# UNO C8 GRADED FUNCTION: compute accuracy
def compute accuracy(pred, y):
    Input:
        pred: a list of the predicted parts-of-speech
       y: a list of lines where each word is separated by a '\t'
(i.e. word \t tag)
    Output:
    1.1.1
    num correct = 0
    total = 0
    # Zip together the prediction and the labels
    for prediction, y in zip(pred, y):
        ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your
code) ###
        # Split the label into the word and the POS tag
        word tag tuple = y.split()
        # Check that there is actually a word and a tag
        # no more and no less than 2 items
        if len(word_tag_tuple) != 2: # complete this line
            continue
        # store the word and tag separately
        word, tag = word tag tuple
        # Check if the POS tag label matches the prediction
        if prediction == tag: # complete this line
            # count the number of times that the prediction
            # and label match
```

```
num_correct += 1

# keep track of the total number of examples (that have valid
labels)

total += 1

### END CODE HERE ###
return num_correct/total

print(f"Accuracy of the Viterbi algorithm is {compute_accuracy(pred, y):.4f}")

Accuracy of the Viterbi algorithm is 0.9531
```

```
Accuracy of the Viterbi algorithm is 0.9531
```

Congratulations you were able to classify the parts-of-speech with 95% accuracy.

```
# Test your function
w2_unittest.test_compute_accuracy(compute_accuracy, pred, y)
All tests passed
```

Key Points and overview

In this assignment you learned about parts-of-speech tagging.

- In this assignment, you predicted POS tags by walking forward through a corpus and knowing the previous word.
- There are other implementations that use bidirectional POS tagging.
- Bidirectional POS tagging requires knowing the previous word and the next word in the corpus when predicting the current word's POS tag.
- Bidirectional POS tagging would tell you more about the POS instead of just knowing the previous word.
- Since you have learned to implement the unidirectional approach, you have the foundation to implement other POS taggers used in industry.

References

- "Speech and Language Processing", Dan Jurafsky and James H. Martin
- We would like to thank Melanie Tosik for her help and inspiration

