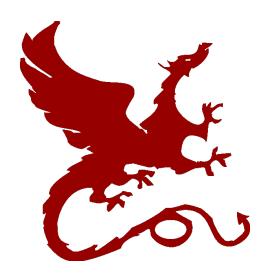
# Algorithms for NLP



## Part-of-speech Tagging

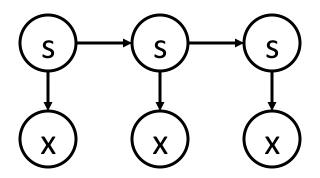
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# **Speech Training**



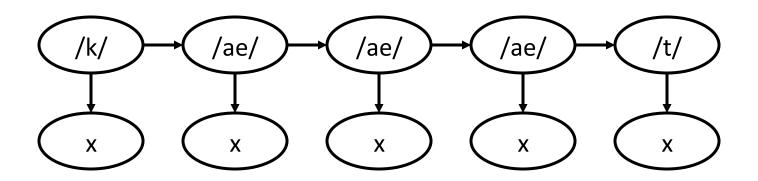
# What Needs to be Learned?



- Emissions: P(x | phone class)
  - X is MFCC-valued
- Transitions: P(state | prev state)
  - If between words, this is P(word | history)
  - If inside words, this is P(advance | phone class)
  - (Really a hierarchical model)

# **Estimation from Aligned Data**

What if each time step was labeled with its (contextdependent sub) phone?



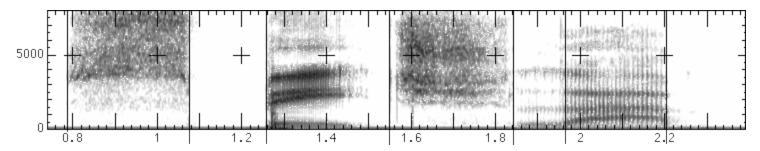
- Can estimate P(x|/ae/) as empirical mean and (co-)variance of x's with label /ae/
- Problem: Don't know alignment at the frame and phone level

# Forced Alignment

- What if the acoustic model P(x|phone) was known?
  - ... and also the correct sequences of words / phones
- Can predict the best alignment of frames to phones

"speech lab"

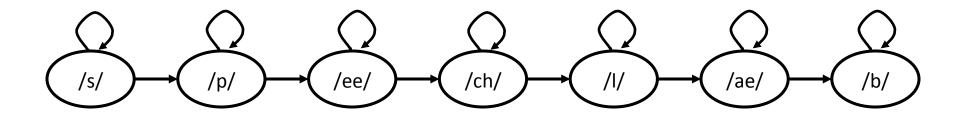
### sssssssppppeeeeeetshshshllllaeaeaebbbbb



Called "forced alignment"

# Forced Alignment

 Create a new state space that forces the hidden variables to transition through phones in the (known) order



- Still have uncertainty about durations
- In this HMM, all the parameters are known
  - Transitions determined by known utterance
  - Emissions assumed to be known
  - Minor detail: self-loop probabilities
- Just run Viterbi (or approximations) to get the best alignment



# EM for Alignment

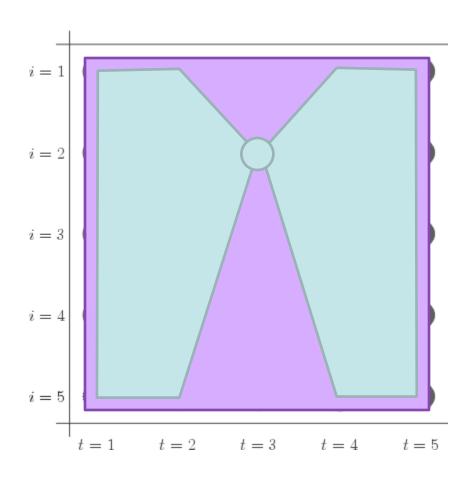
- Input: acoustic sequences with word-level transcriptions
- We don't know either the emission model or the frame alignments
- Expectation Maximization (Hard EM for now)
  - Alternating optimization
  - Impute completions for unlabeled variables (here, the states at each time step)
  - Re-estimate model parameters (here, Gaussian means, variances, mixture ids)
  - Repeat
  - One of the earliest uses of EM!

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### Soft EM

- Hard EM uses the best single completion
  - Here, single best alignment
  - Not always representative
  - Certainly bad when your parameters are initialized and the alignments are all tied
  - Uses the count of various configurations (e.g. how many tokens of / ae/ have self-loops)
- What we'd really like is to know the fraction of paths that include a given completion
  - E.g. 0.32 of the paths align this frame to /p/, 0.21 align it to /ee/, etc.
  - Formally want to know the expected count of configurations
  - Key quantity:  $P(s_t | x)$

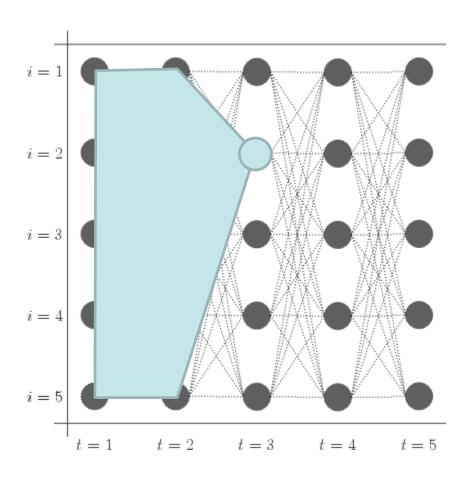
# **Computing Marginals**



$$P(s_t|x) = \frac{P(s_t, x)}{P(x)}$$

= sum of all paths through s at t sum of all paths

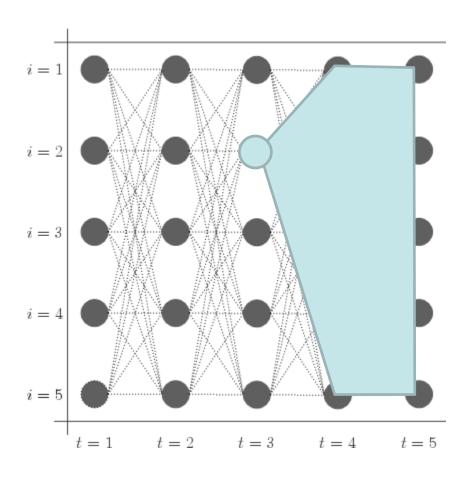
## **Forward Scores**



$$v_t(s_t) = \max_{s_{t-1}} v_{t-1}(s_{t-1})\phi_t(s_{t-1}, s_t)$$

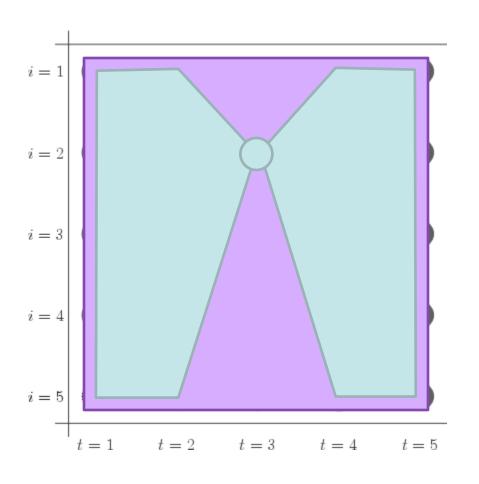
$$\alpha_t(s_t) = \sum_{s_{t-1}} \alpha_{t-1}(s_{t-1}) \phi_t(s_{t-1}, s_t)$$

# **Backward Scores**



$$\beta_t(s_t) = \sum_{s_{t+1}} \beta_{t+1}(s_{t+1}) \phi_t(s_t, s_{t+1})$$

## **Total Scores**



$$P(s_t, x) = \alpha_t(s_t)\beta_t(s_t)$$

$$P(x) = \sum_{s_t} \alpha_t(s_t)\beta_t(s_t)$$

$$= \alpha_T(\text{stop})$$

$$= \beta_0(\text{start})$$



### **Fractional Counts**

- Computing fractional (expected) counts
  - Compute forward / backward probabilities
  - For each position, compute marginal posteriors
  - Accumulate expectations
  - Re-estimate parameters (e.g. means, variances, self-loop probabilities) from ratios of these expected counts



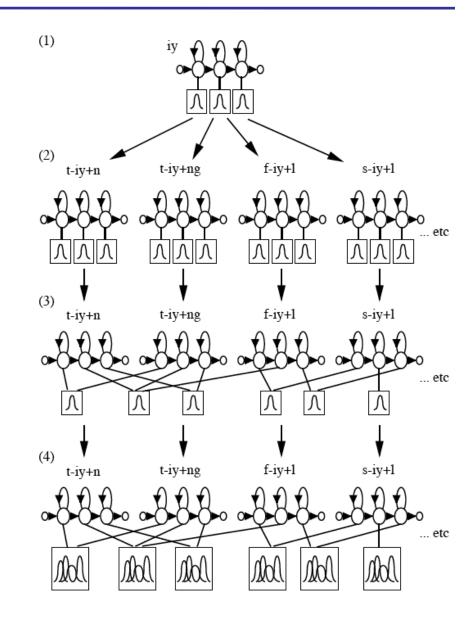
# Staged Training and State Tying

#### Creating CD phones:

- Start with monophone, do EM training
- Clone Gaussians into triphones
- Build decision tree and cluster
   Gaussians
- Clone and train mixtures (GMMs)

#### General idea:

- Introduce complexity gradually
- Interleave constraint with flexibility

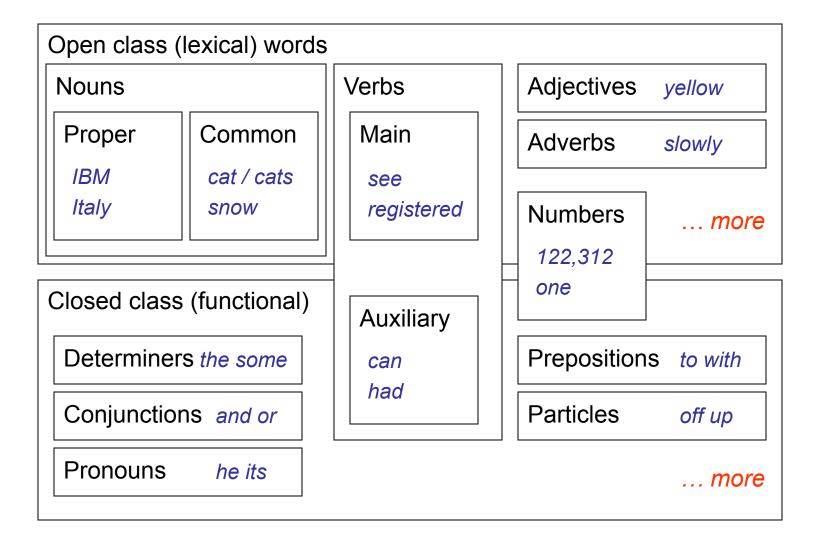


# Parts of Speech



# Parts-of-Speech (English)

One basic kind of linguistic structure: syntactic word classes



CC	conjunction, coordinating	and both but either or
CD	numeral, cardinal	mid-1890 nine-thirty 0.5 one
DT	determiner	a all an every no that the
EX	existential there	there
FW	foreign word	gemeinschaft hund ich jeux
IN	preposition or conjunction, subordinating	among whether out on by if
JJ	adjective or numeral, ordinal	third ill-mannered regrettable
JJR	adjective, comparative	braver cheaper taller
JJS	adjective, superlative	bravest cheapest tallest
MD	modal auxiliary	can may might will would
NN	noun, common, singular or mass	cabbage thermostat investment subhumanity
NNP	noun, proper, singular	Motown Cougar Yvette Liverpool
NNPS	noun, proper, plural	Americans Materials States
NNS	noun, common, plural	undergraduates bric-a-brac averages
POS	genitive marker	''s
PRP	pronoun, personal	hers himself it we them
PRP\$	pronoun, possessive	her his mine my our ours their thy your
RB	adverb	occasionally maddeningly adventurously
RBR	adverb, comparative	further gloomier heavier less-perfectly
RBS	adverb, superlative	best biggest nearest worst
RP	particle	aboard away back by on open through
то	"to" as preposition or infinitive marker	to
UH	interjection	huh howdy uh whammo shucks heck
VB	verb, base form	ask bring fire see take
VBD	verb, past tense	pleaded swiped registered saw
VBG	verb, present participle or gerund	stirring focusing approaching erasing
VBN	verb, past participle	dilapidated imitated reunifed unsettled
VBP	verb, present tense, not 3rd person singular	twist appear comprise mold postpone
VBZ	verb, present tense, 3rd person singular	bases reconstructs marks uses
WDT	WH-determiner	that what whatever which whichever
WP	WH-pronoun	that what whatever which who whom
WP\$	WH-pronoun, possessive	whose
WRB	Wh-adverb	however whenever where why



# Part-of-Speech Ambiguity

Words can have multiple parts of speech

VBD VB
VBN VBZ VBP VBZ
NNP NNS NN NNS CD NN

Fed raises interest rates 0.5 percent

Mrs./NNP Shaefer/NNP never/RB got/VBD **around/RP** to/TO joining/VBG All/DT we/PRP gotta/VBN do/VB is/VBZ go/VB **around/IN** the/DT corner/NN Chateau/NNP Petrus/NNP costs/VBZ **around/RB** 250/CD

- Two basic sources of constraint:
  - Grammatical environment
  - Identity of the current word
- Many more possible features:
  - Suffixes, capitalization, name databases (gazetteers), etc...

# Why POS Tagging?

- Useful in and of itself (more than you'd think)
  - Text-to-speech: record, lead
  - Lemmatization:  $saw[v] \rightarrow see$ ,  $saw[n] \rightarrow saw$
  - Quick-and-dirty NP-chunk detection: grep {JJ | NN}\* {NN | NNS}
- Useful as a pre-processing step for parsing
  - Less tag ambiguity means fewer parses
  - However, some tag choices are better decided by parsers

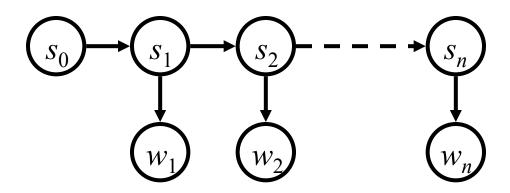
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IN
DT NNP NN VBD VBN RP NN NNS
The Georgia branch had taken on loan commitments ...
```

```
VDN
DT NN IN NN VBD NNS VBD
The average of interbank offered rates plummeted ...
```

# Part-of-Speech Tagging

## Classic Solution: HMMs

We want a model of sequences s and observations w



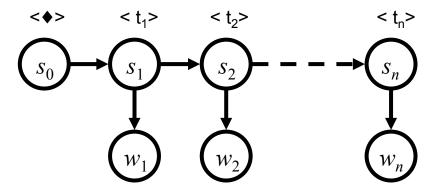
$$P(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i} P(s_i|s_{i-1})P(w_i|s_i)$$

#### Assumptions:

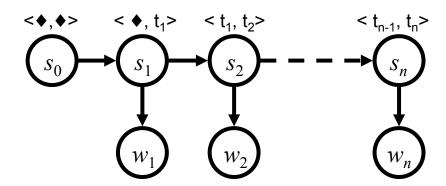
- States are tag n-grams
- Usually a dedicated start and end state / word
- Tag/state sequence is generated by a markov model
- Words are chosen independently, conditioned only on the tag/state
- These are totally broken assumptions: why?

### States

- States encode what is relevant about the past
- Transitions P(s|s') encode well-formed tag sequences
  - In a bigram tagger, states = tags



■ In a trigram tagger, states = tag pairs



# **Estimating Transitions**

Use standard smoothing methods to estimate transitions:

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

- Can get a lot fancier (e.g. KN smoothing) or use higher orders, but in this case it doesn't buy much
- One option: encode more into the state, e.g. whether the previous word was capitalized (Brants 00)
- BIG IDEA: The basic approach of state-splitting / refinement turns out to be very important in a range of tasks

# **Estimating Emissions**

$$P(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i} P(s_i | s_{i-1}) P(w_i | s_i)$$

#### Emissions are trickier:

- Words we've never seen before
- Words which occur with tags we've never seen them with
- One option: break out the fancy smoothing (e.g. KN, Good-Turing)
- Issue: unknown words aren't black boxes:

343,127.23

11-year

Minteria

reintroducibly

Basic solution: unknown words classes (affixes or shapes)

 $D^+,D^+,D^+$ 

D+-x+

 $Xx^+$ 

x+-"ly"

- Common approach: Estimate P(t|w) and invert
- [Brants 00] used a suffix trie as its (inverted) emission model

# Disambiguation (Inference)

Problem: find the most likely (Viterbi) sequence under the model

$$t^* = \underset{t}{\text{arg max }} P(t|\mathbf{w})$$

Given model parameters, we can score any tag sequence

<+,+> <+,NNP> <NNP, VBZ> <VBZ, NN> <NN, NNS> <NNS, CD> <CD, NN> <STOP> NNP VBZ NN NNS CD NN .
Fed raises interest rates 0.5 percent .

P(NNP|<♦,♦>) P(Fed|NNP) P(VBZ|<NNP,♦>) P(raises|VBZ) P(NN|VBZ,NNP).....

 In principle, we're done – list all possible tag sequences, score each one, pick the best one (the Viterbi state sequence)

> NNP NNS NN NNS CD NN 
>
> □ logP = -29

NNP VBZ VB NNS CD NN  $\implies$  logP = -27



# The State Lattice / Trellis

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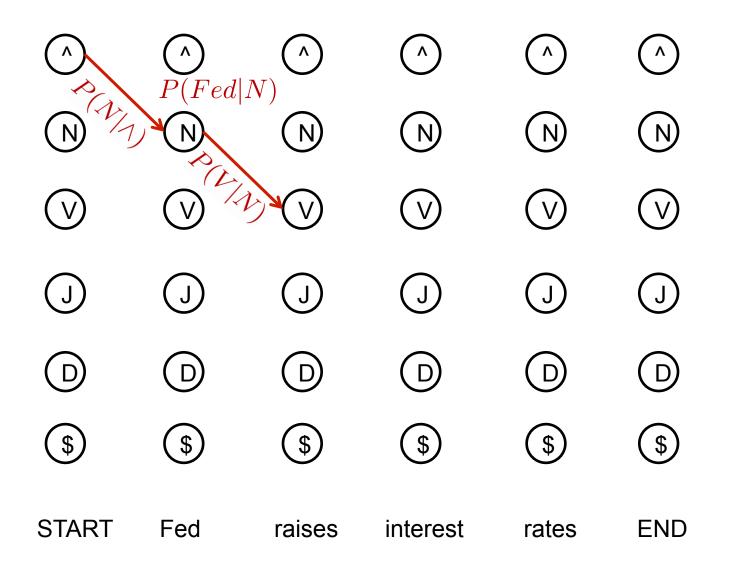
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**END** 



# The State Lattice / Trellis





## So How Well Does It Work?

- Choose the most common tag
  - 90.3% with a bad unknown word model
  - 93.7% with a good one
- TnT (Brants, 2000):
  - A carefully smoothed trigram tagger
  - Suffix trees for emissions
  - 96.7% on WSJ text (SOTA is 97+%)
- Noise in the data
  - Many errors in the training and test corpora

DT NN IN NN VBD NNS VBD The average of interbank offered rates plummeted ...

 Probably about 2% guaranteed error from noise (on this data) JJ JJ NN
chief executive officer
NN JJ NN
chief executive officer
JJ NN NN
chief executive officer
NN NN NN
chief executive officer



### Overview: Accuracies

Roadmap of (known / unknown) accuracies:

■ Most freq tag: ~90% / ~50%

■ Trigram HMM: ~

~95% (~55%

■ TnT (HMM++): 96.2% / 86.0%

Most errors on unknown words

■ Maxent P(t|w): 93.7% / 82.6%

■ MEMM tagger: 96.9% / 86.9%

■ State-of-the-art: 97+% / 89+%

■ Upper bound: ~98%



### **Common Errors**

Common errors [from Toutanova & Manning 00]

	JJ	NN	NNP	NNPS	RB	RP	IN	VB	VBD	VBN	VBP	Total
JJ	0	177	56	0	61	2	5	10	15	108	0	488
NN	244	0	103	0	12	1	1	29	5	6	19	525
NNP	107	106	0	132	5	0	7	5	1	2	0	427
NNPS	1	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
RB	72	21	7	0	0	16	138	1	0	0	0	295
RP	0	0	0	0	39	0	65	0	0	0	0	104
IN	11	0	1	0	169	103	0	1	0	0	0	323
VB	17	64	9	0	2	0	1	0	4	7	85	189
VBD	10	5	3	0	Ø	0	0	3	0	143	2	166
VBN	101	3	3	0	Q	0	0	3	108	Q	1	221
VBP	5	34	3	1	1	0	2	49	6	3	0	104
Total	626	536	348	144	317	122	279	102	140	269	108	3651

NN/JJ NN official knowledge

VBD RP/IN DT NN made up the story

RB VBD/VBN NNS recently sold shares

# Richer Features



### **Better Features**

Can do surprisingly well just looking at a word by itself:

■ Word the: the  $\rightarrow$  DT

■ Lowercased word Importantly: importantly → RB

■ Prefixes unfathomable: un- → JJ

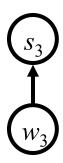
■ Suffixes Surprisingly: -ly → RB

■ Capitalization Meridian: CAP → NNP

■ Word shapes 35-year: d-x → JJ

Then build a maxent (or whatever) model to predict tag

Maxent P(t|w): 93.7% / 82.6%



# Why Linear Context is Useful

Lots of rich local information!

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RB
PRP VBD IN RB IN PRP VBD .
They left as soon as he arrived .
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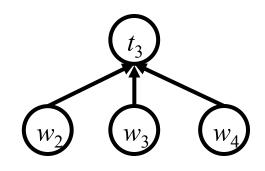
We could fix this with a feature that looked at the next word

```
NNP NNS VBD VBN .
Intrinsic flaws remained undetected .
```

- We could fix this by linking capitalized words to their lowercase versions
- Solution: discriminative sequence models (MEMMs, CRFs)
- Reality check:
  - Taggers are already pretty good on newswire text...
  - What the world needs is taggers that work on other text!

# Sequence-Free Tagging?

What about looking at a word and its environment, but no sequence information?



- Add in previous / next word the \_\_\_\_
- Previous / next word shapesX \_\_\_ X
- Occurrence pattern features [X: x X occurs]
- Crude entity detection \_\_\_ ..... (Inc. | Co.)
- Phrasal verb in sentence? put ..... \_\_\_
- Conjunctions of these things
- All features except sequence: 96.6% / 86.8%
- Uses lots of features: > 200K
- Why isn't this the standard approach?



## Named Entity Recognition

- Other sequence tasks use similar models
- Example: name entity recognition (NER)

PER PER O O O O O O ORG O O O O LOC LOC O

Tim Boon has signed a contract extension with Leicestershire which will keep him at Grace Road.

### **Local Context**

	Prev	Cur	Next
State	Other	???	???
Word	at	Grace	Road
Tag	IN	NNP	NNP
Sig	х	Xx	Xx

## MEMM Taggers

 Idea: left-to-right local decisions, condition on previous tags and also entire input

$$P(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i} P_{\mathsf{ME}}(t_i|\mathbf{w}, t_{i-1}, t_{i-2})$$

- Train up P(t<sub>i</sub>|w,t<sub>i-1</sub>,t<sub>i-2</sub>) as a normal maxent model, then use to score sequences
- This is referred to as an MEMM tagger [Ratnaparkhi 96]
- Beam search effective! (Why?)
- What about beam size 1?
- Subtle issues with local normalization (cf. Lafferty et al 01)



### **NER Features**

Because of regularization term, the more common prefixes have larger weights even though entire-word features are more specific.

#### **Local Context**

	Prev	Cur	Next
State	Other	???	???
Word	at	Grace	Road
Tag	IN	NNP	NNP
Sig	Х	Xx	Xx

### Feature Weights

Feature Type	Feature	PERS	LOC
Previous word	at	-0.73	0.94
Current word	Grace	0.03	0.00
Beginning bigram	<b>→</b> < <i>G</i>	0.45	-0.04
Current POS tag	NNP	0.47	0.45
Prev and cur tags	IN NNP	-0.10	0.14
Previous state	Other	-0.70	-0.92
Current signature	Xx	0.80	0.46
Prev state, cur sig	O-Xx	0.68	0.37
Prev-cur-next sig	x-Xx-Xx	-0.69	0.37
P. state - p-cur sig	O-x-Xx	-0.20	0.82
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Total:		-0.58	2.68

# Conditional Random Fields (and Friends)



## Perceptron Taggers

Linear models:

$$score(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \lambda^{\top} f(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{w})$$

... that decompose along the sequence

$$= \lambda^{\top} \sum_{i} f(t_i, t_{i-1}, \mathbf{w}, i)$$

... allow us to predict with the Viterbi algorithm

$$\mathbf{t}^* = \underset{\mathbf{t}}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w})$$

 ... which means we can train with the perceptron algorithm (or related updates, like MIRA)

# Conditional Random Fields

- Make a maxent model over entire taggings
  - MEMM

$$P(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i} \frac{1}{Z(i)} \exp\left(\lambda^{\top} f(t_i, t_{i-1}, \mathbf{w}, i)\right)$$

CRF

$$P(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{w})} \exp\left(\lambda^{\top} f(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{w})\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{w})} \exp\left(\lambda^{\top} \sum_{i} f(t_{i}, t_{i-1}, \mathbf{w}, i)\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{w})} \prod_{i} \phi_{i}(t_{i}, t_{i-1})$$

### **CRFs**

Like any maxent model, derivative is:

$$\frac{\partial L(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \sum_{k} \left( \mathbf{f}_{k}(\mathbf{t}^{k}) - \sum_{\mathbf{t}} P(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}_{k}) \mathbf{f}_{k}(\mathbf{t}) \right)$$

- So all we need is to be able to compute the expectation of each feature (for example the number of times the label pair DT-NN occurs, or the number of times NN-interest occurs) under the model distribution
- Critical quantity: counts of posterior marginals:

$$count(w,s) = \sum_{i:w_i=w} P(t_i = s|\mathbf{w})$$

$$count(s \to s') = \sum_{i} P(t_{i-1} = s, t_i = s'|\mathbf{w})$$

# **Computing Posterior Marginals**

How many (expected) times is word w tagged with s?

$$count(w,s) = \sum_{i:w_i=w} P(t_i = s|\mathbf{w})$$

How to compute that marginal?

$$\alpha_i(s) = \sum_{s'} \phi_i(s', s) \alpha_{i-1}(s')$$

$$\beta_i(s) = \sum_{s'} \phi_{i+1}(s, s') \beta_{i+1}(s')$$

$$P(t_i = s | \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\alpha_i(s)\beta_i(s)}{\alpha_N(\mathsf{END})}$$

# Transformation-Based Learning

- [Brill 95] presents a transformation-based tagger
  - Label the training set with most frequent tags

```
DT MD VBD VBD .
The can was rusted .
```

Add transformation rules which reduce training mistakes

```
    MD → NN : DT ___
    VBD → VBN : VBD .
```

- Stop when no transformations do sufficient good
- Does this remind anyone of anything?
- Probably the most widely used tagger (esp. outside NLP)
- ... but definitely not the most accurate: 96.6% / 82.0 %



### **Learned Transformations**

### What gets learned? [from Brill 95]

	Change Tag			
#	From	То	Condition	
1	NN	VB	Previous tag is $TO$	
2	VBP	VB	One of the previous three tags is $MD$	
3	NN	VB	One of the previous two tags is $MD$	
4	VB	NN	One of the previous two tags is $DT$	
5	VBD	VBN	One of the previous three tags is $VBZ$	
6	VBN	VBD	Previous tag is PRP	
7	VBN	VBD	Previous tag is NNP	
8	VBD	VBN	Previous tag is $VBD$	
9	VBP	VB	Previous tag is TO	
10	POS	VBZ	Previous tag is $PRP$	
11	VB	VBP	Previous tag is NNS	
12	VBD	VBN	One of previous three tags is $VBP$	
13	IN	WDT	One of next two tags is $VB$	
14	VBD	VBN	One of previous two tags is $VB$	
15	VB	VBP	Previous tag is $PRP$	
16	IN	WDT	Next tag is $VBZ$	
17	IN	DT	Next tag is NN	
18	JJ	NNP	Next tag is NNP	
19	IN	WDT	Next tag is $VBD$	
20	$_{ m JJR}$	RBR	BR Next tag is $JJ$	

	Change Tag			
#	From	То	Condition	
1	NN	NNS	Has suffix -s	
2	NN	CD	Has character .	
3	NN	JJ	Has character -	
4	NN	VBN	Has suffix -ed	
5	NN	VBG	Has suffix $-ing$	
6	??	RB	Has suffix <b>-ly</b>	
7	??	JJ	Adding suffix <b>-ly</b> results in a word.	
8	NN	$^{\mathrm{CD}}$	The word \$ can appear to the left.	
9	NN	JJ	Has suffix -al	
10	NN	VB	The word would can appear to the left.	
11	NN	CD	Has character 0	
12	NN	JJ	The word be can appear to the left.	
13	NNS	JJ	Has suffix <b>-us</b>	
14	NNS	VBZ	The word it can appear to the left.	
15	NN	JJ	Has suffix <b>-ble</b>	
16	NN	JJ	Has suffix <b>-i</b> c	
17	NN	CD	Has character 1	
18	NNS	NN	Has suffix -ss	
19	??	JJ	Deleting the prefix un- results in a word	
20	NN	JJ	Has suffix <b>-iv</b> e	



### **Domain Effects**

- Accuracies degrade outside of domain
  - Up to triple error rate
  - Usually make the most errors on the things you care about in the domain (e.g. protein names)

#### Open questions

- How to effectively exploit unlabeled data from a new domain (what could we gain?)
- How to best incorporate domain lexica in a principled way (e.g. UMLS specialist lexicon, ontologies)

# **Unsupervised Tagging**



# **Unsupervised Tagging?**

- AKA part-of-speech induction
- Task:
  - Raw sentences in
  - Tagged sentences out
- Obvious thing to do:
  - Start with a (mostly) uniform HMM
  - Run EM
  - Inspect results

### **EM for HMMs: Process**

- Alternate between recomputing distributions over hidden variables (the tags) and reestimating parameters
- Crucial step: we want to tally up how many (fractional) counts of each kind of transition and emission we have under current params:

$$count(w,s) = \sum_{i:w_i=w} P(t_i = s|\mathbf{w})$$

$$count(s \to s') = \sum_{i} P(t_{i-1} = s, t_i = s'|\mathbf{w})$$

Same quantities we needed to train a CRF!



## Merialdo: Setup

Some (discouraging) experiments [Merialdo 94]

#### Setup:

- You know the set of allowable tags for each word
- Fix k training examples to their true labels
  - Learn P(w|t) on these examples
  - Learn P(t|t<sub>-1</sub>,t<sub>-2</sub>) on these examples
- On n examples, re-estimate with EM
- Note: we know allowed tags but not frequencies



## Merialdo: Results

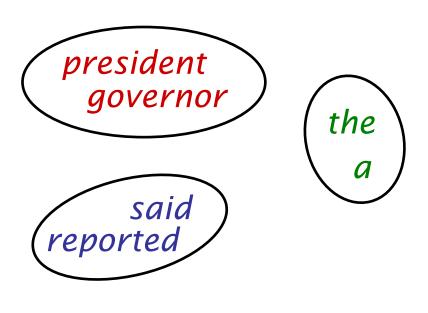
Number of tagged sentences used for the initial model							
	0	100	2000	5000	10000	20000	all
Iter	Co	rrect tag	gs (% w	ords) af	ter ML c	on 1M we	rds
0	77.0	90.0	95.4	96.2	96.6	96.9	97.0
1	80.5	92.6	95.8	96.3	96.6	96.7	96.8
2	81.8	93.0	95. <i>7</i>	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.4
3	83.0	93.1	95.4	95.8	96.1	96.2	96.2
4	84.0	93.0	95.2	95.5	95.8	96.0	96.0
5	84.8	92.9	95.1	95.4	95.6	95.8	95.8
6	85.3	92.8	94.9	95.2	95.5	95.6	95.7
7	85.8	92.8	94.7	95.1	95.3	95.5	95.5
8	86.1	92.7	94.6	95.0	95.2	95.4	95.4
9	86.3	92.6	94.5	94.9	95.1	95.3	95.3
10	86.6	92.6	94.4	94.8	95.0	95.2	95.2



# Distributional Clustering

♦ (the president said) that the downturn was over ♦

president	the of
president	the said ←
governor	the of
governor	the appointed
said	sources ◆
said	president that
reported	sources ♦



[Finch and Chater 92, Shuetze 93, many others]



# Distributional Clustering

- Three main variants on the same idea:
  - Pairwise similarities and heuristic clustering
    - E.g. [Finch and Chater 92]
    - Produces dendrograms
  - Vector space methods
    - E.g. [Shuetze 93]
    - Models of ambiguity
  - Probabilistic methods
    - Various formulations, e.g. [Lee and Pereira 99]

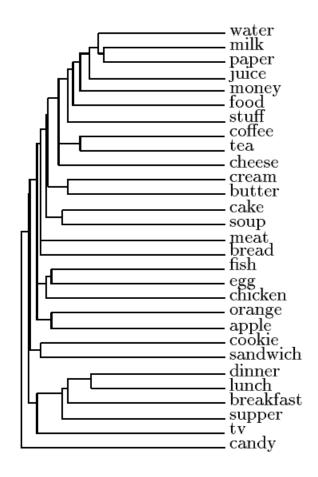


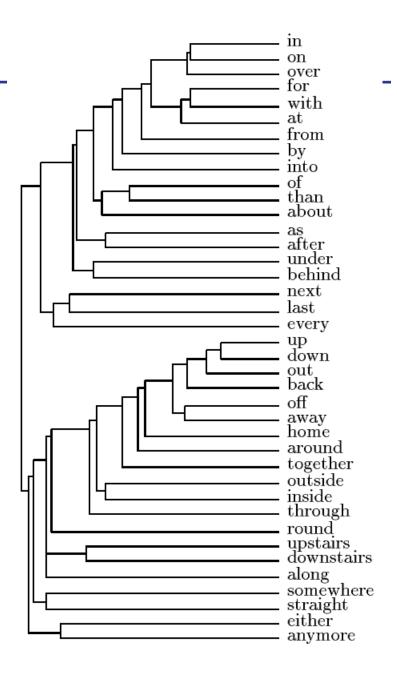
# Nearest Neighbors

word	nearest neighbors
accompanied	submitted banned financed developed authorized headed canceled awarded barred
almost	virtually merely formally fully quite officially just nearly only less
causing	reflecting forcing providing creating producing becoming carrying particularly
classes	elections courses payments losses computers performances violations levels pictures
directors	professionals investigations materials competitors agreements papers transactions
goal	mood roof eye image tool song pool scene gap voice
japanese	chinese iraqi american western arab foreign european federal soviet indian
represent	reveal attend deliver reflect choose contain impose manage establish retain
think	believe wish know realize wonder assume feel say mean bet
york	angeles francisco sox rouge kong diego zone vegas inning layer
on	through in at over into with from for by across
must	might would could cannot will should can may does helps
they	we you i he she nobody who it everybody there



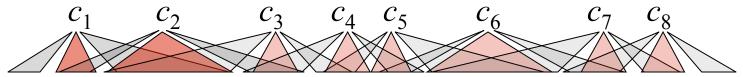
# Dendrograms





# A Probabilistic Version?

$$P(S,C) = \prod_{i} P(c_i) P(w_i \mid c_i) P(w_{i-1}, w_{i+1} \mid c_i)$$



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