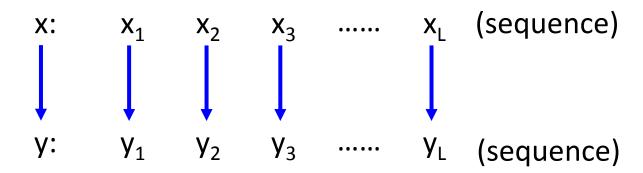
# Sequence Labeling Problem

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# Sequence Labeling

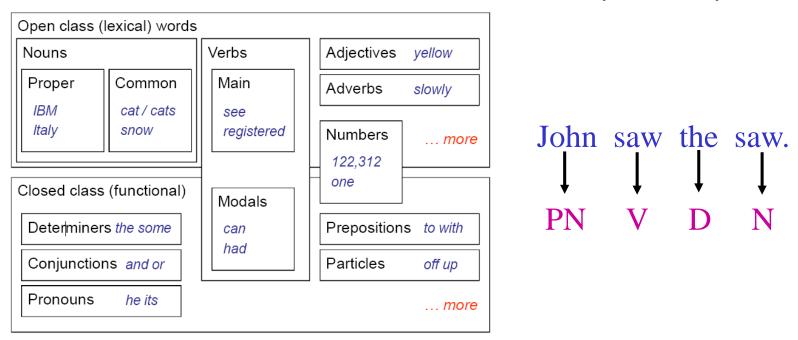
$$f: X \longrightarrow Y$$
Sequence Sequence



RNN can handle this task, but there are other methods based on structured learning (two steps, three problems).

# Example Task

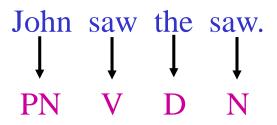
- POS tagging
  - Annotate each word in a sentence with a part-of-speech.



Useful for subsequent syntactic parsing and word sense disambiguation, etc.

# Example Task

POS tagging



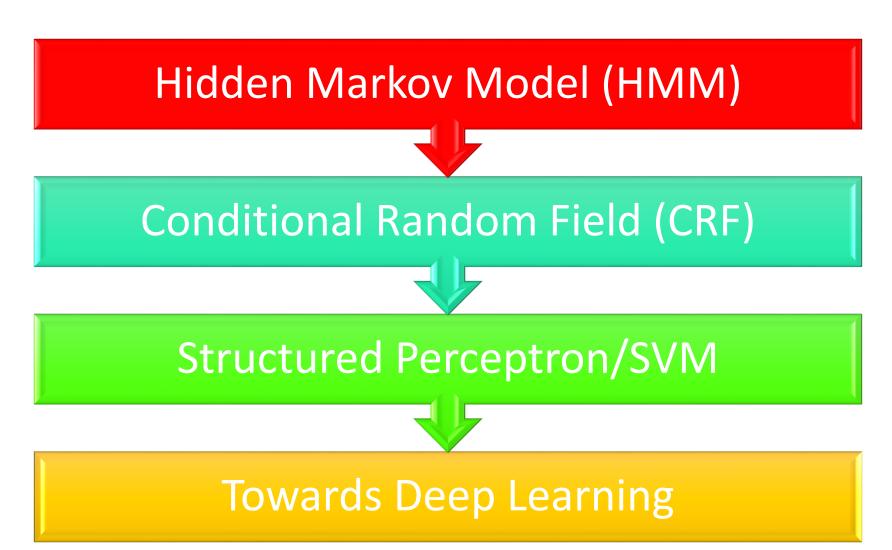
The problem cannot be solved without considering the sequences.

- "saw" is more likely to be a verb V rather than a noun N
- ➤ However, the second "saw" is a noun N because a noun N is more likely to follow a determiner.

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## **HMM**

How you generate a sentence?

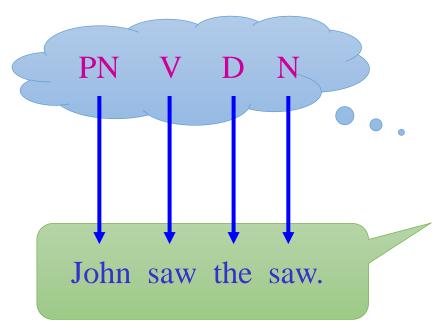
Just the assumption of HMM

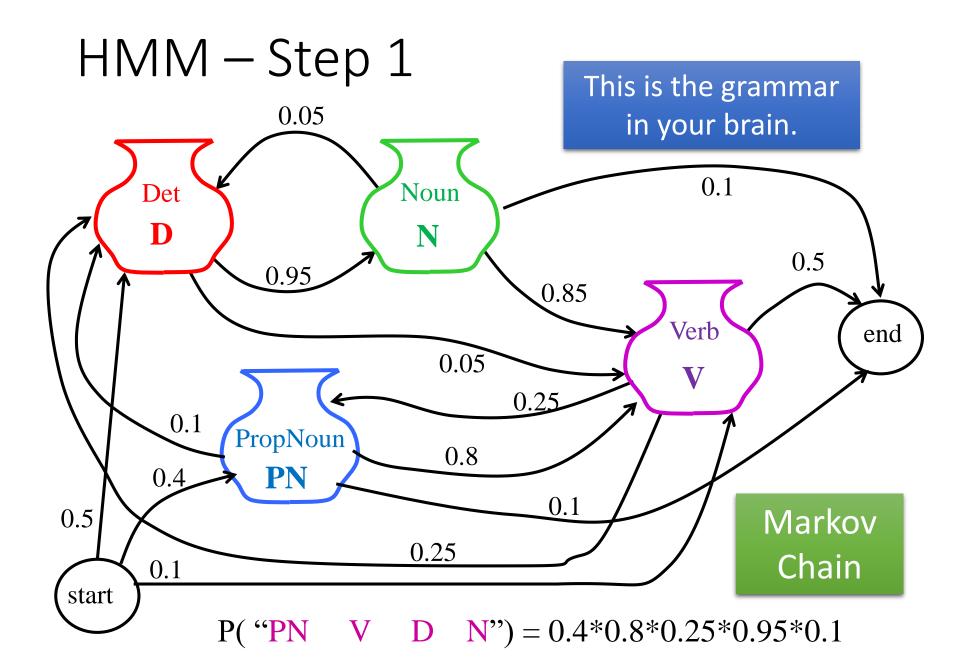
#### Step 1

- Generate a POS sequence
- Based on the grammar

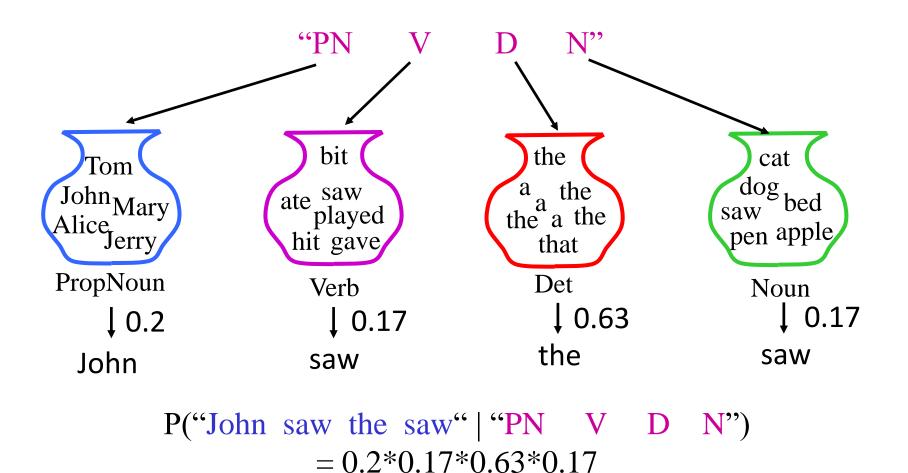
#### Step 2

- Generate a sentence based on the POS sequence
- Based on a dictionary





# HMM – Step 2



## **HMM**

x: John saw the saw.  
y: start 
$$\longrightarrow PN \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow end$$
  

$$P(x,y)=P(y)P(x|y)$$

$$P(y) = P(PN|start) \qquad P(x|y) = P(John|PN) \\ \times P(V|PN) \qquad \times P(saw|V) \\ \times P(D|V) \qquad \times P(the|D) \\ \times P(N|D) \qquad \times P(saw|N)$$

 $\mathsf{HMM}$ 

x: John saw the saw.

 $x = x_1, x_2 \cdots x_L$ 

y: PN V D N

 $y = y_1, y_2 \cdots y_L$ 

$$P(x,y)=P(y)P(x|y)$$

$$P(y) = P(y_1|start) \times \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) \times P(end|y_L)$$
Transition probability

### Step 2

$$P(x|y) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$
 Emission probability

## **HMM**

- Estimating the probabilities
- How can I know P(V|PN), P(saw|V) .....?
- Obtaining from training data

#### **Training Data:**

```
(\chi^1, \hat{y}^1) 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 ./.
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 $(x^2, \hat{y}^2)$  2 Mr./NNP Vinken/NNP is/VBZ chairman/NN of/IN Elsevier/NNP N.V./NNP ,/, the/DT Dutch/NNP publishing/VBG group/NN ./.

( $\chi^3$ ,  $\hat{y}^3$ ) 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 ./.

## **HMM**

## Estimating the probabilities

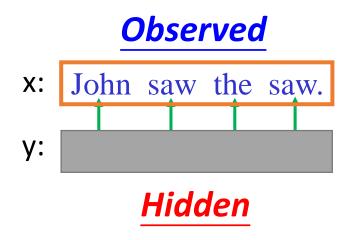
$$P(x,y) = P(y_1|start) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) P(end|y_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$

$$\frac{P(y_{l+1} = s' | y_l = s)}{(s \text{ and } s' \text{ are tags})} = \frac{count(s \to s')}{count(s)}$$

$$P(x_l = t | y_l = s) = \frac{count(s \to t)}{count(s)}$$
(s is tag, and t is word)

# HMM – How to do POS Tagging?

We can compute P(x,y)



Task: given x, find y

$$y = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(y|x)$$

$$= arg \max_{y \in Y} \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)}$$

$$= \arg\max_{y\in\mathbb{Y}} P(x,y)$$

# HMM – Viterbi Algorithm

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

- Enumerate all possible y
  - Assume there are |S| tags, and the length of sequence y is L
  - There are |S|<sup>L</sup> possible y
- Viterbi algorithm
  - Solve the above problem with complexity  $O(L|S|^2)$

# HMM - Summary



$$F(x,y)=P(x,y)=P(y)P(x|y)$$

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

P(y) and P(x|y) can be simply obtained from training data

• Inference:

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

To obtain correct results ...

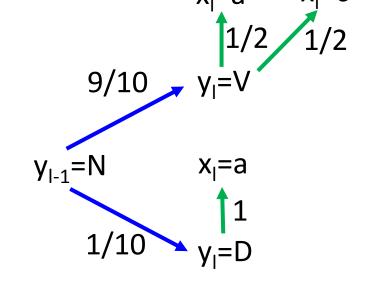
 $(x, \hat{y})$ :  $P(x, \hat{y}) > \underline{P(x, y)}$  Can HMM guarantee that? not necessarily small

#### **Transition probability:**

$$P(V|N)=9/10 P(D|N)=1/10 \dots$$

#### **Emission probability:**

$$P(a|V)=1/2$$
  $P(a|D)=1$  .....



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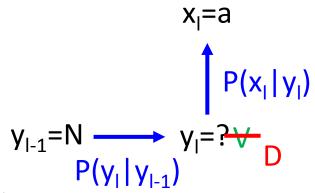
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  $P(a|D)=1$  .....

$$x_{l}=a$$

$$\uparrow P(x_{l}|y_{l})$$

$$y_{l-1}=N \longrightarrow y_{l}=? \lor$$

$$P(y_{l}|y_{l-1})$$



• Inference:

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y)$$

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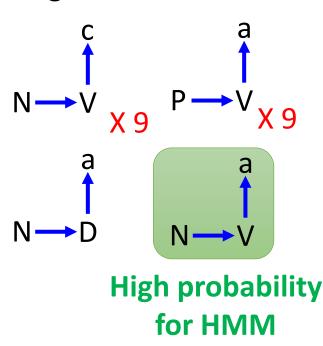
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#### **Transition probability:**

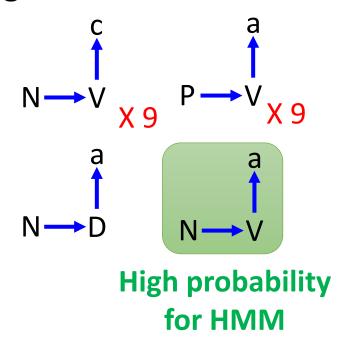
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#### **Emission probability:**

$$P(a|V)=1/2$$
  $P(a|D)=1$  .....



- The (x,y) never seen in the training data can have large probability P(x,y).
- Benefit:
  - When there is only little training data
  - More complex model can deal with this problem
  - ➤ However, CRF can deal with this problem based on the same model



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## **CRF**

$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$

- $\triangleright \phi(x,y)$  is a feature vector. What does it look like?
- $\triangleright w$  is a weight vector to be learned from training data
- $\ge exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$  is always positive, can be larger than 1

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x,y)}{\sum_{y'} P(x,y')} \quad P(x,y) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{R}$$
$$= \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathbb{Y}} exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y'))} = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{Z(x)}$$

$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$
 very different from HMM?

In HMM:

$$P(x,y) = P(y_1|start) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) P(end|y_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$

$$= logP(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} logP(y_{l+1}|y_l) + logP(end|y_L)$$
$$+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(x_l|y_l)$$

$$logP(x,y) = logP(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(y_{l+1}|y_l) + logP(end|y_L)$$

Log probability of word t given tag s

Number of tag s and word t appears together in (x, y)

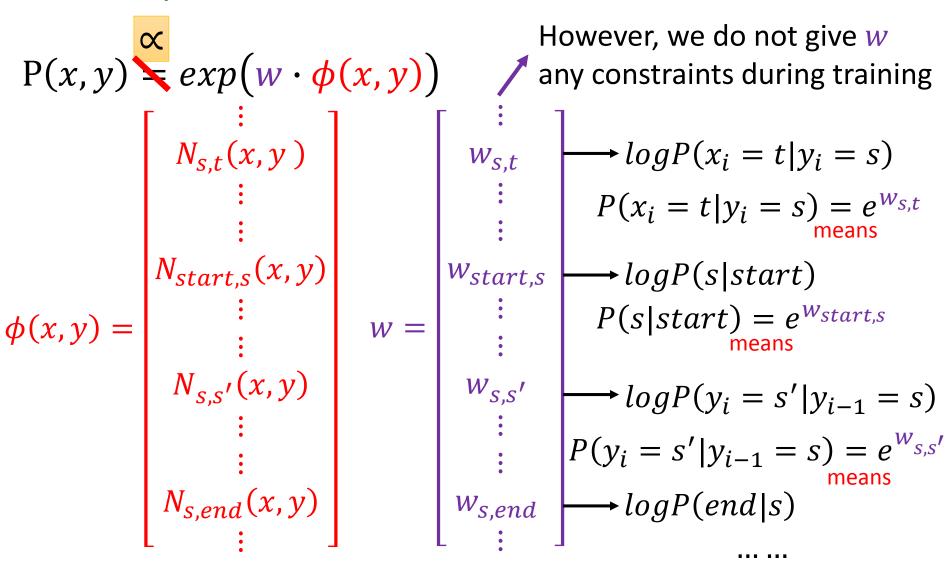
$$\sum_{l=1}^{L} log P(x_l|y_l) = \sum_{s,t} log P(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y)$$

Enumerate all possible tags s and all possible word t

 $N_{D,the}(x,y)=2$ 

$$\begin{split} \log P(x,y) &= \log P(y_1|start) + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \log P(y_{l+1}|y_l) + \log P(end|y_L) \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} \log P(x_l|y_l) \\ &\log P(y_1|start) = \sum_{s} \log P(s|start) \times N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ &\sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \log P(y_{l+1}|y_l) = \sum_{s,s'} \log P(s'|s) \times N_{s,s'}(x,y) \\ &\log P(end|y_L) = \sum_{s} \log P(end|s) \times N_{s,end}(x,y) \end{split}$$

$$logP(x,y) = \sum_{s,t} logP(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} logP(t|s) \\ \vdots \\ logP(s|start) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} N_{s,t}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{s,s'} logP(s'|s) \times N_{s,s'}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} logP(s|start) \\ \vdots \\ logP(s'|s) \\ \vdots \\ logP(end|s) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} N_{s,t}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,s'}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,end}(x,y) \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{s} logP(end|s) \times N_{s,end}(x,y) = exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$



## Feature Vector

• What does  $\phi(x, y)$  look like?

- $\phi(x,y)$  has two parts
  - Part 1: relations between tags and words



Part 2: relations between tags
 If there are |S| possible tags,
 |L| possible words

Part 1 has |S| X |L| dimensions

Part 1	Value
D, the	2
D, dog	0
D, ate	0
D, homework	0
N, the	0
N, dog	1
N, ate	0
N, homework	1
V, the	0
V, dog	0
V, ate	1
V, homework	0

## Feature Vector

 $N_{D,D}(x,y) \rightarrow N_{D,N}(x,y) \rightarrow$ 

D, D

D, N

V, D

Part 2

2

Value

D, V

• What does  $\phi(x, y)$  look like?

X: The dog ate the homework.Y: DNVDN

- $\phi(x,y)$  has two parts
  - Part 1: relations between tags and words
  - Part 2: relations between tags



 $N_{s,s'}(x,y)$ : Number of tags s and s' consecutively in (x,y)

N, D	0
N, N	0
N, V	1

•••••	•••••

V, N	0
V, V	0

•••••	•••••

Start, D	Т
Start, N	0

## Feature Vector

• What does  $\phi(x, y)$  look like?

- $\phi(x,y)$  has two parts
  - Part 1: relations between tags and words
  - Part 2: relations between tags



If there are |S| possible tags, |S| X |S| + 2 |S| dimensions

Define any  $\phi(x, y)$  you like!

Part 2	Value
D, D	0
D, N	2
D, V	0
N, D	0
N, N	0
N, V	1
V, D	1
V, N	0
V, V	0
Start, D	1
Start, N	0
******	
End, D	0
End, N	1

# CRF – Training Criterion

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x,y)}{\sum_{y'} P(x,y')}$$

- Given training data:  $\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1), (x^2, \hat{y}^2), \cdots (x^N, \hat{y}^N)\}$
- Find the weight vector  $w^*$  maximizing objective function O(w):

$$w^* = \arg \max_{w} O(w)$$
  $O(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} log P(\hat{y}^n | x^n)$ 

$$logP(\hat{y}^n|x^n) = logP(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - log\sum_{y'} P(x^n, y')$$
Maximiza what

Maximize what we observe

Minimize what we don't observe

## CRF – Gradient Ascent

#### **Gradient descent**

Find a set of parameters  $\theta$  minimizing cost function  $C(\theta)$ 

$$\theta \to \theta - \eta \nabla C(\theta)$$

Opposite direction of the gradient

#### **Gradient Ascent**

Find a set of parameters  $\theta$  maximizing objective function  $O(\theta)$ 

$$\theta \to \theta + \eta \nabla O(\theta)$$

The same direction of the gradient

# CRF - Training

$$O(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} log P(\hat{y}^{n} | x^{n}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} O^{n}(w)$$

Compute 
$$\nabla O^n(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \partial O^n(w)/\partial w_{s,t} \\ \vdots \\ \partial O^n(w)/\partial w_{s,s'} \end{bmatrix}$$
 Let me show  $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$  Let me show  $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$  Let me show  $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$  very similar  $\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,s'}}$ 

$$P(y'|x^n) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^n, y'))}{Z(x^n)}$$

## CRF - Training

$$w_{s,t} \to w_{s,t} + \eta \frac{\partial O(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$$

After some math .....

Can be computed by Viterbi algorithm as well

$$\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \underline{N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)} - \underline{\sum_{y'}} P(y'|x^n) N_{s,t}(x^n, y')$$

If word t is labeled by tag s in training examples  $(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$ , then increase  $w_{s,t}$ 

If word t is labeled by tag s in  $(x^n, y')$  which not in training examples, then decrease  $w_{s,t}$ 

$$P(y'|x^n) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^n, y'))}{Z(x^n)}$$

# CRF - Training

$$\nabla O(w) = \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{v'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y')$$

#### Stochastic Gradient Ascent

Random pick a data  $(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$ 

$$w \to w + \eta \left( \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y') \right)$$

### CRF – Inference

#### Inference

$$y = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(y|x) = arg \max_{y \in Y} P(x,y)$$
$$= arg \max_{y \in Y} w \cdot \phi(x,y) \quad \text{Done by Viterbi as well}$$
$$P(x,y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))$$

### CRF v.s. HMM

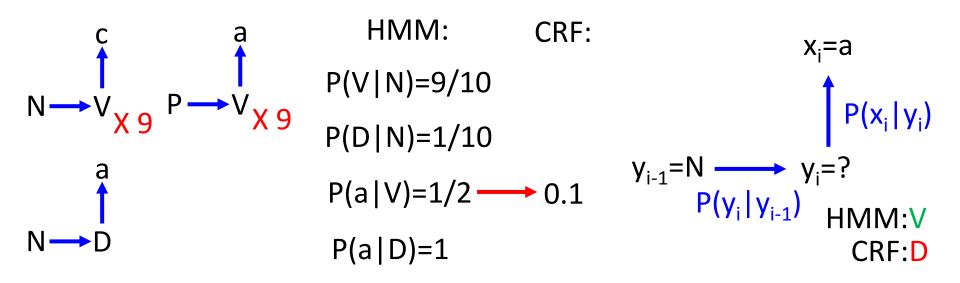
• CRF: increase  $P(x, \hat{y})$ , decrease P(x, y')

• To obtain correct results ...

$$(x, \hat{y})$$
:  $P(x, \hat{y}) > P(x, y)$ 

#### HMM does not do that

CRF more likely to achieve that than HMM



## Synthetic Data

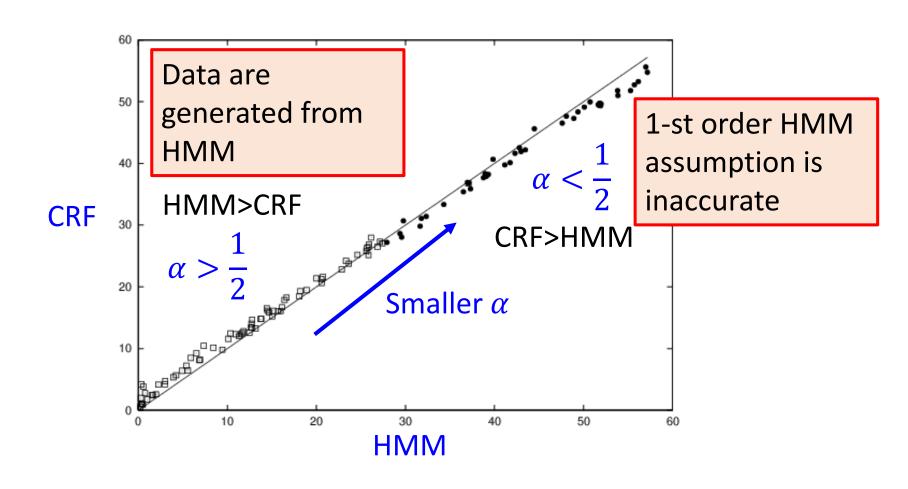
- $x_i \in \{a z\}, y_i \in \{A E\}$
- Generating data from a mixed-order HMM
  - Transition probability:

• 
$$\alpha P(y_i|y_{i-1}) + (1-\alpha)P(y_i|y_{i-1},y_{i-2})$$

- Emission probability:
  - $\alpha P(x_i|y_i) + (1-\alpha)P(x_i|y_i,x_{i-1})$
- Comparing HMM and CRF
  - All the approaches only consider 1-st order information
    - Only considering the relation of  $y_{i-1}$  and  $y_i$
  - ullet In general, all the approaches have worse performance with smaller lpha

Ref: John D. Lafferty, Andrew McCallum, and Fernando C. N. Pereira, "Conditional Random Fields: Probabilistic Models for Segmenting and Labeling Sequence Data", ICML, 2001

### Synthetic Data: CRF v.s. HMM



### CRF - Summary

# Problem 1: Evaluation

$$F(x,y) = P(y|x) = \frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathbb{Y}} exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y'))}$$



Problem 2: Inference

$$\tilde{y} = \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(y|x) = \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} w \cdot \phi(x,y)$$



Problem 3: Training

$$w^* = \arg\max_{w} \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(\hat{y}^n | x^n)$$

$$w \to w + \eta \left( \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y') \right)$$

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# Structured Perceptron

Problem 1: **Evaluation** 

$$F(x,y) = w \cdot \phi(x,y)$$
 The same as CRF



Problem 2: Inference



Problem 3: **Training** 

$$\tilde{y} = \arg\max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} w \cdot \phi(x, y)$$

Viterbi

$$\forall n, \forall y \in \mathbb{Y}, y \neq \hat{y}^n:$$

$$w \cdot \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) > w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)$$

$$\tilde{y}^n = \arg\max_{y} w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)$$

$$w \to w + \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \phi(x^n, \tilde{y}^n)$$

# Structured Perceptron v.s. CRF

### Structured Perceptron

$$\tilde{y}^{n} = \arg \max_{y} w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y)$$

$$w \to w + \underline{\phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})} - \underline{\phi(x^{n}, \tilde{y}^{n})}$$
Hard

• <u>CRF</u>

$$w \to w + \eta \left( \frac{\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)}{-\sum_{y'} P(y'|x^n) \phi(x^n, y')} \right)$$
Soft

### Structured SVM

Problem 1: Evaluation

$$F(x,y) = w \cdot \underline{\phi(x,y)}$$

The same as CRF



Problem 2: Inference



Viterbi



Consider margin and error:

Way 1. Gradient Descent

Way 2. Quadratic Programming (Cutting Plane Algorithm)

### Structured SVM — Error Function

- Error function:  $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$ 
  - $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$ : Difference between y and  $\hat{y}^n$
  - Cost function of structured SVM is the upper bound of  $\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y)$
  - Theoretically,  $\Delta(y, \hat{y}^n)$  can be any function you like
  - However, you need to solve Problem 2.1

• 
$$\bar{y}^n = arg\max_{y} [\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y) + w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)]$$

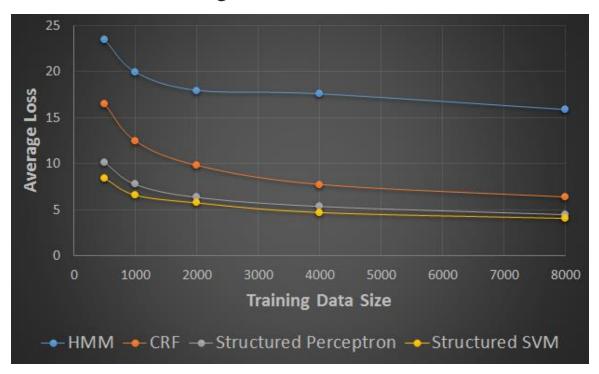
**Example** 
$$\hat{y}$$
: A T T C G G G G A T  $\Delta(\hat{y}, y) = 3/10$   $y$ : A T T A G G A A

In this case, problem 2.1 can be solved by Viterbi Algorithm

#### <u>Performance of Different Approaches</u>

POS Tagging

Ref: Nguyen, Nam, and Yunsong Guo. "Comparisons of sequence labeling algorithms and extensions." *ICML*, 2007.



#### Name Entity Recognition

Method	HMM	CRF	Perceptron	SVM
Error	9.36	5.17	5.94	5.08

Ref: Tsochantaridis, Ioannis, et al. "Large margin methods for structured and interdependent output variables." *Journal of Machine Learning Research*. 2005.

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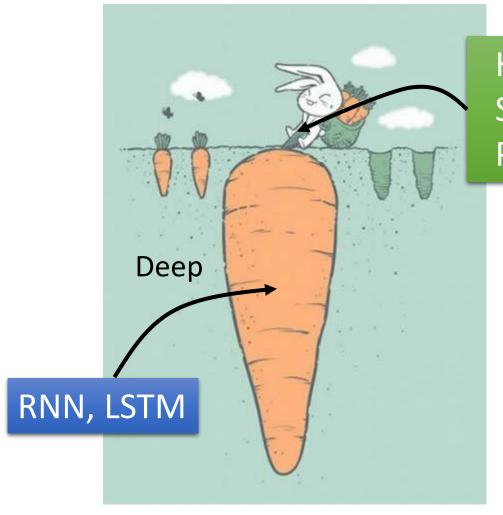
### How about RNN?

- RNN, LSTM
  - Unidirectional RNN does not consider the whole sequence
  - Cost and error not always related
  - Deep 🐻



- HMM, CRF, Structured Perceptron/SVM
  - Using Viterbi, so consider the whole sequence
    - How about Bidirectional RNN?
  - Can explicitly consider the label dependency
  - Cost is the upper bound of error

# Integrated together



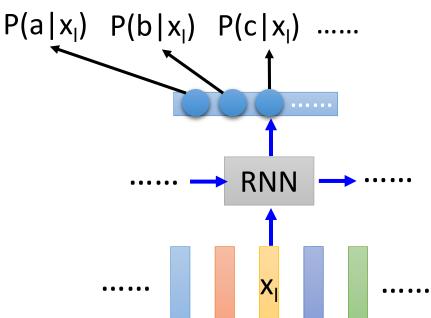
HMM, CRF,
Structured
Perceptron/SVM

- Explicitly model the dependency
- Cost is the upper bound of error

# Integrated together

 Speech Recognition: CNN/RNN or LSTM/DNN + HMM

$$P(x,y) = P(y_1|start) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} P(y_{l+1}|y_l) P(end|y_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l|y_l)$$

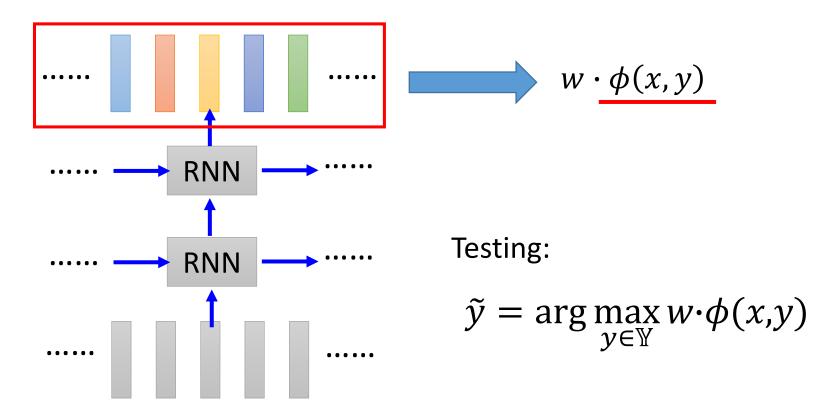


$$P(x_{l}|y_{l}) = \frac{P(x_{l}, y_{l})}{P(y_{l})}$$

$$= \frac{P(y_{l}|x_{l})P(x_{l})}{P(y_{l})}$$
Count

# Integrated together

 Semantic Tagging: Bi-directional RNN/LSTM + CRF/Structured SVM



# Concluding Remarks

	Problem 1	Problem 2	Problem 3
HMM	F(x,y) = P(x,y)	Viterbi	Just count
CRF	F(x,y) = P(y x)	Viterbi	Maximize $P(\hat{y} x)$
Structured Perceptron	$F(x,y) = w \cdot \phi(x,y)$ (not a probability)	Viterbi	$F(x,\hat{y}) > F(x,y')$
Structured SVM	$F(x,y) = w \cdot \phi(x,y)$ (not a probability)	Viterbi	$F(x, \hat{y}) > F(x, y')$ with <b>margins</b>

The above approaches can combine with deep learning to have better performance.

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# Appendix

### CRF - Training

$$O^{n}(w) = \log \frac{\exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}))}{Z(x^{n})} \quad Z(x^{n}) = \sum_{y'} \exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y'))$$
$$= \underline{w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})} - \log Z(x^{n})$$

$$\frac{\partial O^n(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

The number of word t labeled as s in( $x^n$ ,  $\hat{y}^n$ )

The value of the dimension in  $\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$  corresponding to  $w_{s,t}$ .

$$w \cdot \phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

$$= \sum_{s,t} w_{s,t} \cdot N_{s,t}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

$$+ \sum_{s,s'} w_{s,s'} \cdot N_{s,s'}(x^n, \hat{y}^n)$$

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$$\frac{\partial O^{n}(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \underline{N_{s,t}(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}) - \frac{1}{Z(x^{n})}} \frac{\partial Z(x^{n})}{\partial w_{s,t}}$$

$$= \sum_{y'} \underbrace{\frac{exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y'))}{Z(x^{n})}} N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y') = \sum_{y'} P(y'|x^{n}) N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y')$$

$$\frac{\partial Z(x^{n})}{\partial w_{s,t}} = \sum_{y'} exp(w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y')) N_{s,t}(x^{n}, y')$$

### CRF v.s. HMM

- Define  $\phi(x, y)$  you like
  - For example, besides the features just described, there are some useful extra features in POS tagging.
    - Number of times a capitalized word is labeled as Noun
    - Number of times a word end with ing is labeled as Noun
- Can you consider this kind of features by HMM? Too sparse...  $P(x_i = A, x_i \text{ is } capitalized, x_i \text{ end } with \text{ ing, ... } |y_i = N)$

#### Method 1:

$$P(x_i = A | y_i = N)P(x_i \text{ is capitalized} | y_i = N)....$$
  
Inaccurate assumption

**Method 2.** Give the distribution some assumptions?