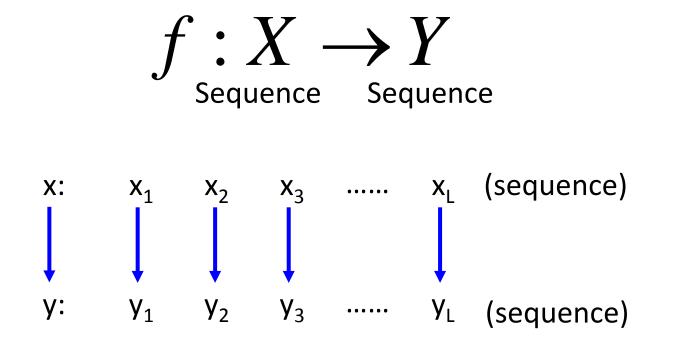
Sequence Labeling Problem

## Sequence Labeling



## Application

- Name entity recognition
  - Identifying names of people, places, organizations, etc. from a sentence
  - Harry Potter is a student of Hogwarts and lived on Privet Drive.
    - people, organizations, places, not a name entity

Can be difficult ...

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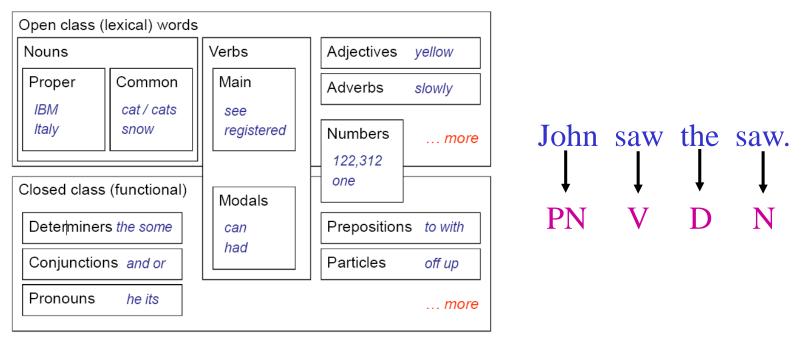
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## Example Task

#### POS tagging

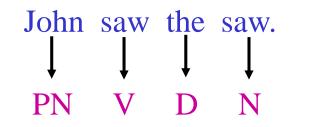
• Annotate each word in a sentence with a part-of-speech.



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.



#### Hidden Markov Model (HMM)



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## HMM

• How you generate a sentence?

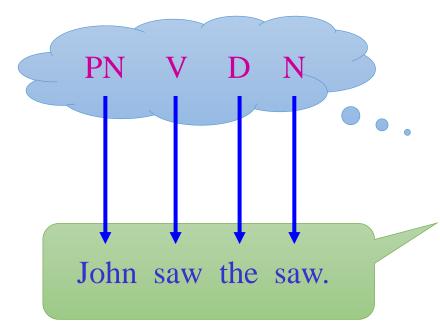
#### Step 1

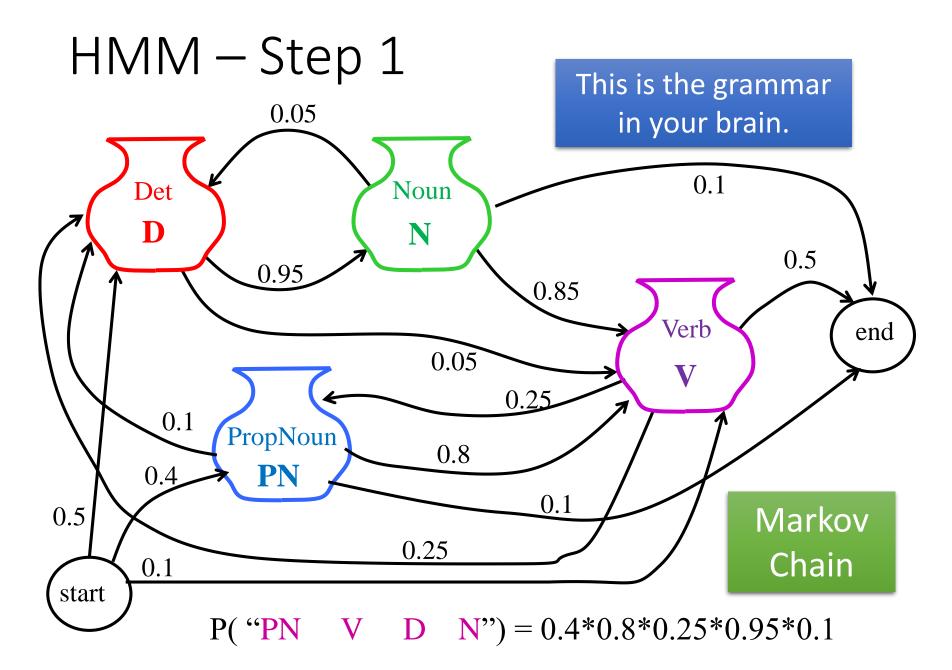
- Generate a POS sequence
- Based on the grammar

#### Step 2

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

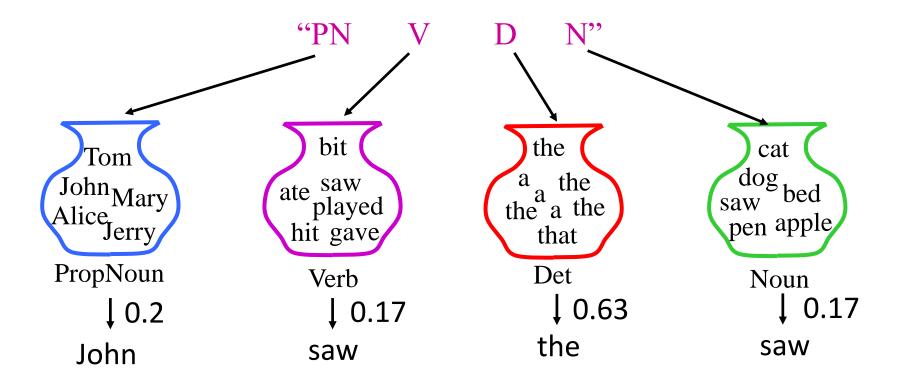
Just the assumption of HMM





[Slide credit: Raymond J. Mooney]

### HMM – Step 2



P("John saw the saw" | "PN V D N") = 0.2\*0.17\*0.63\*0.17

## HMM How about P(x,y)=P(x)P(y|x)?

x: John saw the saw.  

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$
  
y: start  $\rightarrow PN \rightarrow V \rightarrow D \rightarrow N \rightarrow end$ 

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

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

# 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)

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

$$\frac{\text{Step 2}}{P(x|y) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} P(x_l | y_l) \quad \text{Emission probability}}$$

# HMM – Estimating the probabilities

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

#### Training Data:

 $\begin{array}{l} (x^1, \hat{y}^1) & 1 \mbox{ Pierre/NNP Vinken/NNP ,/, 61/CD years/NNS old/JJ ,/, will/MD join/VB the/DT board/NN as/IN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN Nov./NNP 29/CD ./. \\ (x^2, \hat{y}^2) & 2 \mbox{ Mr./NNP Vinken/NNP is/VBZ chairman/NN of/IN Elsevier/NNP N.V./NNP ,/, the/DT Dutch/NNP publishing/VBG group/NN ./. \\ (x^3, \hat{y}^3) & 3 \mbox{ Rudolph/NNP Agnew/NNP ,/, 55/CD years/NNS old/JJ and/CC chairman/NN of/IN Consolidated/NNP Gold/NNP Fields/NNP PLC/NNP ,/, was/VBD named/VBN a/DT nonexecutive/JJ director/NN of/IN this/DT British/JJ industrial/JJ conglomerate/NN ./. \\ \end{array}$ 

HMM  
- Estimating the probabilities  

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

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

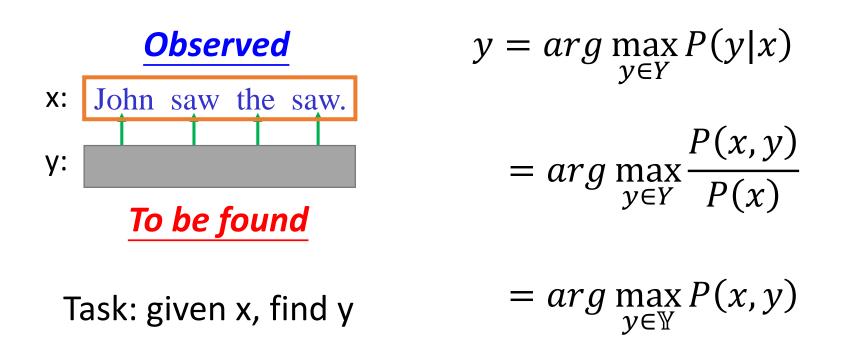
$$\frac{P(x_{l} = t|y_{l} = s)}{(s \text{ is tag, and } t \text{ is word})} = \frac{count(s \to t)}{count(s)}$$
So simple  $\textcircled{S}$ 

#### Different from what you learned in DSP?

Ref: http://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~tlkagk/courses/MLDS\_2015\_2/Lecture/Hidden% 20(v7).ecm.mp4/index.html

## HMM – How to do POS Tagging?

• We can compute P(x,y)

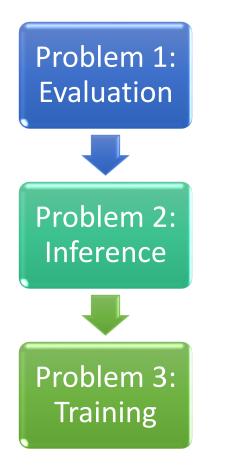


## HMM – Viterbi Algorithm

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

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

## 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 ...

 $(x, \hat{y}): P(x, \hat{y}) > \underline{P(x, y)} \quad \text{Can HMM guarantee that?}$ not necessarily small  $\begin{array}{rcl} x_{l} = a & x_{l} = c \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \\ P(V|N) = 9/10 & P(D|N) = 1/10 & \dots \end{array}$ 

 $y_{|-1} = N$ 

x<sub>i</sub>=a

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

• Inference:

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#### Transition probability:

P(V|N)=9/10 P(D|N)=1/10 .....

#### **Emission probability:**

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

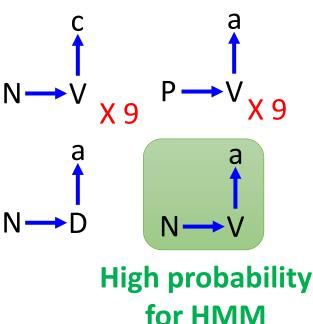
 $x_{l}=a$   $P(x_{l} | y_{l})$   $y_{l-1}=N \longrightarrow y_{l}=? \bigvee$   $P(y_{l} | y_{l-1})$ 

- Inference:  $\begin{aligned} y_{l-1} = N & \longrightarrow & y_l = ? & \\ P(y_l | y_{l-1}) & P(y_l | y_{l-1}) & \\ \tilde{y} = \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} P(x, y) & \end{aligned}$
- To obtain correct results ...

 $(x, \hat{y}): P(x, \hat{y}) > P(x, y)$  Can HMM guarantee that? not necessarily small P→V<sub>X9</sub> Transition probability: x 9 P(V|N)=9/10 P(D|N)=1/10 ..... **Emission probability:** P(a|V)=1/2 P(a|D)=1 ..... **High probability** for HMM

x<sub>I</sub>=a

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

→  $\phi(x, y)$  is a feature vector. What does it look like? → w is a weight vector to be learned from training data →  $exp(w \cdot \phi(x, y))$  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) for CRF

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

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

$$P(x,y) \text{ for CRF}$$

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

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(x_l|y_l)$$
Log probability of word t given tag s
$$\sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(x_l|y_l) = \sum_{s,t} logP(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y)$$
Enumerate all possible tags s and all possible word t

P(x,y) for CRF

$$\sum_{l=1}^{logP(x_l|y_l)} = \frac{logP(the|D)}{logP(the|D)} + \frac{logP(dog|N)}{logP(ate|V)} + \frac{logP(the|D)}{logP(homework|N)} + \frac{logP(the|D)}{logP(homework|N)}$$

 $= logP(the|D) \times 2 + logP(dog|N) \times 1 + logP(ate|V) \times 1 + logP(homework|N) \times 1$ 

$$= \sum_{s,t} logP(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y)$$

$$P(x,y) \text{ for CRF}$$

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

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^{L} logP(x_{l}|y_{l})$$

$$logP(y_{1}|start) = \sum_{s} logP(s|start) \times N_{start,s}(x,y)$$

$$\sum_{l=1}^{L-1} logP(y_{l+1}|y_{l}) = \sum_{s,s'} logP(s'|s) \times N_{s,s'}(x,y)$$

$$logP(end|y_{L}) = \sum_{s} logP(end|s) \times N_{s,end}(x,y)$$

$$P(x,y) \text{ for CRF}$$

$$logP(x,y) = \sum_{s,t} logP(t|s) \times N_{s,t}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & 0 \\ logP(t|s) & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 \\ s,t & 0 \\ s,t$$

$$P(x,y) \text{ for CRF}$$

$$P(x,y) \stackrel{\boldsymbol{\bigotimes}}{\leftarrow} exp(w \cdot \phi(x,y)) \stackrel{\boldsymbol{\bigotimes}}{\rightarrow} any \text{ constraints during training}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} N_{s,t}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{start,s}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,s'}(x,y) \\ \vdots \\ N_{s,end}(x,y) \end{bmatrix} \qquad w = \begin{bmatrix} w_{s,t} \\ \vdots \\ w_{start,s} \\ \vdots \\ w_{s,s'} \\ \vdots \\ w_{s,end} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad bogP(x_i = t | y_i = s) \\ P(x_i = t | y_i = s) = e^{w_{s,t}} \\ e^{w$$

## Feature Vector

- What does  $\phi(x, y)$  look like?
  - x: The dogatethe homework. $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$ y: DNVD
- $\phi(x, y)$  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

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  - 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)

	Part 2	Value
$N_{D,D}(x,y)$	$\rightarrow$ D, D	0
$N_{D,N}(x,y)$	$\rightarrow$ D, N	2
	D, V	0
1	N, D	0
ework.	N <i>,</i> N	0
ţ	N, V	1
N		
	V, D	1
ags	V, N	0
	V, V	0
ags		
	Start, D	1
s and $s'$	Start, N	0
(x, y)		
	End, D	0
	End, N	1

## Feature Vector

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  - 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

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

uon l'observe

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

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

$$logP(\hat{y}^{n}|x^{n}) = logP(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}) - log\sum_{y'} P(x^{n}, y')$$
  
Maximize what  
we observe  
Minimize what we  
den'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  $\frac{\partial O^{n}(w)}{\partial w_{s,t}}$ 

$$\frac{\partial O^{n}(w)}{\partial w_{s,s'}}$$
 very similar

CRF - Training  

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

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

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

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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

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

#### **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

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

 $= \arg \max_{y \in Y} w \cdot \phi(x, y)$  Done by Viterbi as well

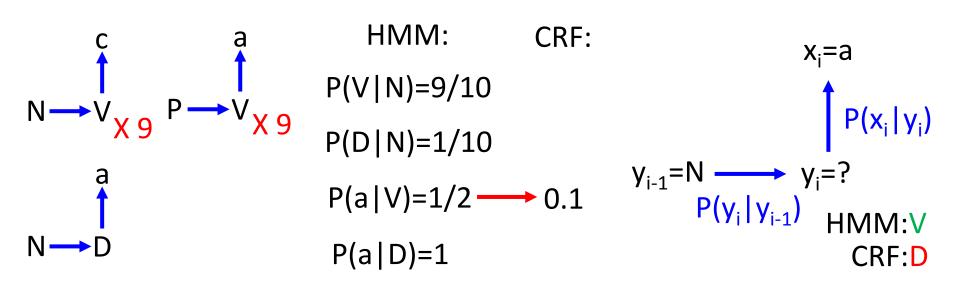
 $P(x, y) \propto exp(w \cdot \phi(x, y))$ 

### 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

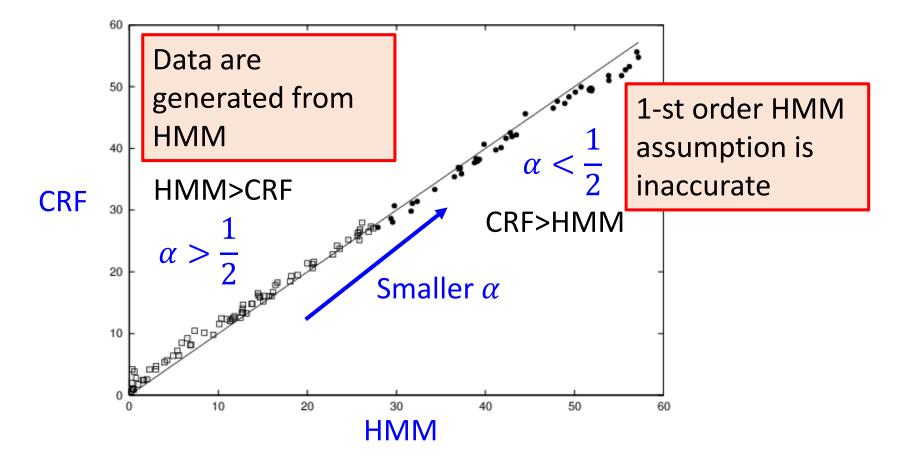


## Synthetic Data

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

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  

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

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

$$w^* = \arg\max_{w} (\phi(x^n, \hat{y}^n) - \sum_{y'} P(y' | x^n) \phi(x^n, y'))$$



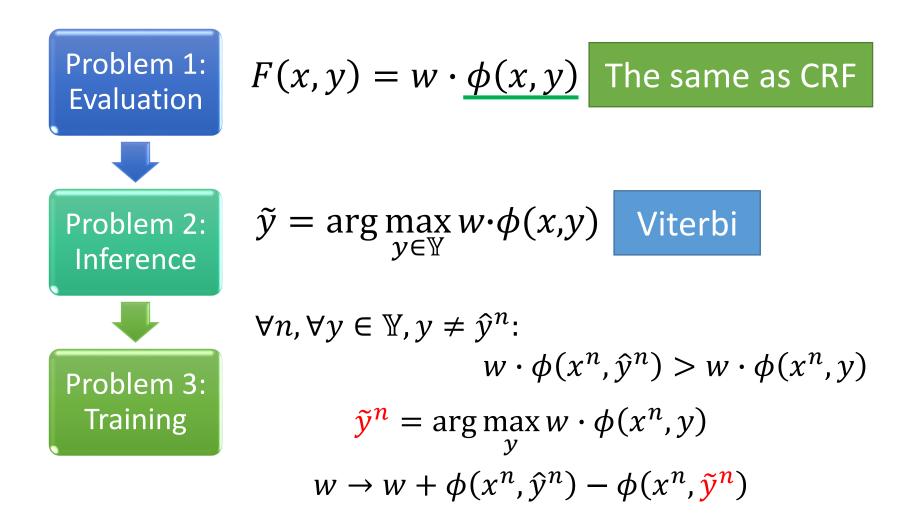
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# Structured Perceptron



## Structured Perceptron v.s. CRF

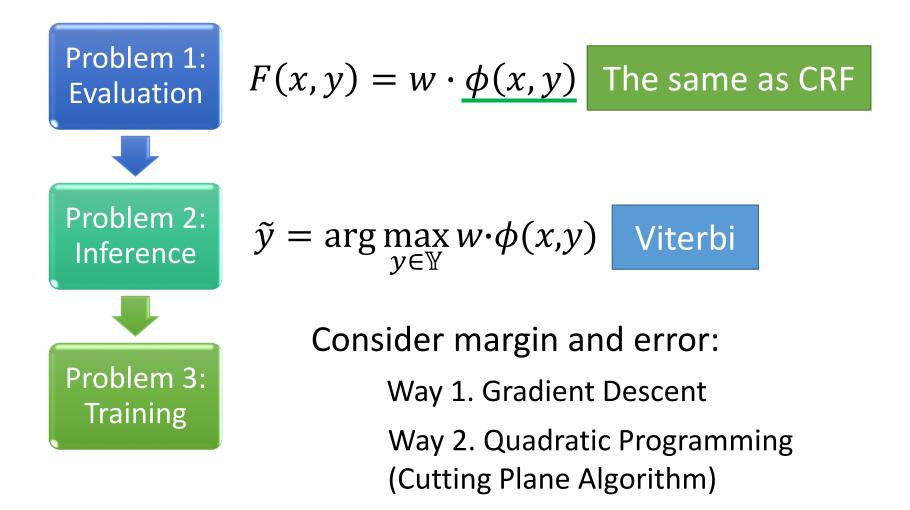
• Structured Perceptron

$$\tilde{y}^{n} = \arg \max_{y} w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, y)$$
$$w \to w + \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n}) - \phi(x^{n}, \tilde{y}^{n})$$
Hard

• CRF

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

# Structured SVM



# 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

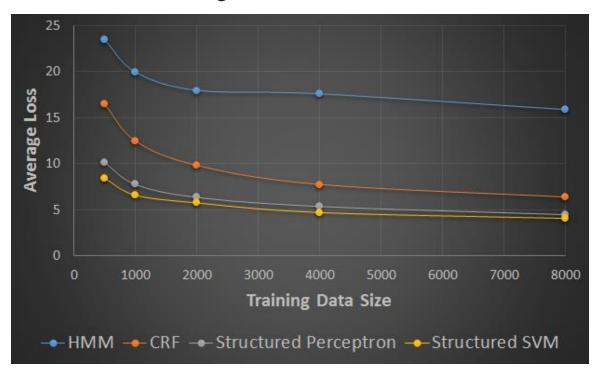
• 
$$\bar{y}^n = \arg\max_{y} [\Delta(\hat{y}^n, y) + w \cdot \phi(x^n, y)]$$

Example	ŷ:	A	Т	Т	С	G	G	G	G	A	Т
$\Delta(\hat{y}, y) = 3/10$	y:	A	Т	Т	А	G	G	A	G	А	A

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

#### Performance of Different Approaches

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.

### **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>
Semi- Markov	F(x,y) for x and y with different lengths	Modified Viterbi	Can be the same as CRF, structured perceptron or SVM

http://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~tlkagk/courses/MLDS\_2015/Structured%20Lecture/Segmental %20CRF%20(v8).fsp/index.html (請用 IE 開啟)

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

Next lecture: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

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Appendix

$$CRF - Training$$

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

$$= \frac{w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})}{-\log Z(x^{n})}$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \sum_{s,t'} w_{s,s'} \cdot N_{s,s'}(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})$$

CRF - Training  

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

$$= \frac{w \cdot \phi(x^{n}, \hat{y}^{n})}{Z(x^{n})} - \frac{\log Z(x^{n})}{\log Z(x^{n})}$$

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

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

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

## 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...  $P(x_i = A, x_i \text{ is capitalized}, x_i \text{ end with ing, ...} | y_i = N)$

#### 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?