

# CS 378 Lecture 9: Sequence Labeling, POS, HMMs

## Announcements

- A2 due Thurs
- A1 back soon
- Bias response due Thurs

Today Set up the problem of  
sequence labeling

Example: part-of-speech  
tagging

Why sequence models?

Recap Course so far:

Input / language — bag-of-words  
(tokenization, etc.)  
— word embeddings

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Model

— LR  
— FFNNs

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(Multiclass) predictions 2~20  
classes

This lecture:

Sequential predictions

# Part-of-speech tagging

Input: sentence  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

Output: POS tags  $y_1, \dots, y_n$   
for each word

Why POS?

find the action  
verb

Teacher

strikes

idle

Kids

N

N

V

N

N

V

J

N

adjective

Text-to-speech: record

# POS tags

Open-class: new words with these tags are always emerging

Closed-class: (function words) tags with a known fixed set of words

## Open-class

(N) Nouns: Paper: Google

Common: cat, company  
plural vs. singular

(v) Verbs: see, registered, (Google)  
tense, subject agreement

(J) Adjectives: yellow

(RB) Adverbs: swiftly

## Closed-class

(DT) Determiners: the, a (articles)

DT + N  $\Rightarrow$  NP      Some, many

Cardinal: 1, 27, ...

Conjunctions: and, or

Prepositions: up, on, in, to

Particles: made up

Auxiliary: had

Modal verbs: could / would / should

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Fed VBD I fed the cat  
NNP  
VBN I had fed

raises NNS plural  
VBZ 3rd person present verb

interest NN  
VBP present "I interest you"  
VB infinitive "I want you to interest me"

rates NNS  
VBZ alternate

0.5 CD percent NN

# Tagging with classifiers

Input:  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Position:  $i$

Output:  $y_i$  (tag at  $i$ )

MCLR:  $P(y_i = t | \bar{x})$  run for  $i=1 \dots n$

$P(y_3 = N | \text{Fed raises interest...})$

Features (1) bag-of-words X DOES NOT work

$f(\bar{x}) = [ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots ]$   
                    raises                    interest

$f(\bar{x})$  doesn't depend on  $i$ , ignores order

$P(y_3 | \bar{x})$  vs.  $P(y_2 | \bar{x})$  same? NO!

② Features that depend on  $i$

$f(\bar{x}, i)$  look at  $x_i$  and words around it

$$f(\bar{x}, i=3) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{interest} \text{---} \end{array} \right]$$

one-hot vector for  $x_3$

$$f(\bar{x}, i=3) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Prev Word} = \text{raises} \\ \text{Curr Word} = \text{interest} \\ \text{Next Word} = \text{rates} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(\bar{x}, i=3) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

"bag of positional words"

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \end{array} \right]$$

Prev Word = raises  
Curr Word = interest



weights

"what score does  
CW = interest add  
to N"?

$$\bar{w}_N = \left[ \begin{array}{c} +1 \\ \text{Curr Word} = \text{interest} \end{array} \right]$$

$i=2$

$$f(\bar{x}, i=2) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{Curr Word} = \text{raises} \\ 1 & 0 & - \end{array} \right]$$

Prev W = Fed

Tagger:

Fed  $\rightarrow f(\bar{x}, i=1) \rightarrow \text{MCLR} \rightarrow y_1$

raises  $\rightarrow f(\bar{x}, i=2) \rightarrow \text{MCLR} \rightarrow y_2$

⋮

## Problems with this

VBZ                  VBP  
↑                    ↑  
Fed   raises   interest   rates

Should not  
have Z  
V tags  
adjacent

How to prohibit this?

① Incremental approach

$y_1 \rightarrow y_2 | y_1 \rightarrow y_3 | y_1 y_2 \dots$

Problem: greedy

We want to model + predict  
the sequence

# Hidden Markov Models

$P(\bar{y}, \bar{x})$  model whole sequence  
jointly