Structured Prediction in NLP

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Supervised (Structured) Prediction

Learning to predict: given training data

 $\left\{ (\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(m)}, \mathbf{y}^{(m)}) \right\}$

learn a predictor $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ that works well on unseen inputs \mathbf{x}

- ► Non-Structured Prediction: outputs y are atomic
 - Binary prediction: $\mathbf{y} \in \{-1, +1\}$
 - Multiclass prediction: $\mathbf{y} \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$
- Structured Prediction: outputs y are structured
 - Sequence prediction: y are sequences
 - Parsing: y are trees
 - <u>►</u> . . .

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Part-of-speech Tagging

Syntactic Dependency Parsing



 ${\bf x}$ are sentences ${\bf y}$ are syntactic dependency trees

Machine Translation



(illustration by Ben Taskar)

x are sentences in some source language (e.g. French) **y** are sentence translations in a target language (e.g. English)

Object Detection



(Kumar and Hebert, 2003)

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Today's Goals

- Introduce basic concepts for structured prediction
 - We will focus on sequence prediction
 - Quick overview of dependency parsing
- What can we can borrow from standard classification?
 - Learning paradigms and algorithms, in essence, work here too
 - However, computations behind algorithms are prohibitive
- Today's main topics:
 - Transition systems versus factored models
 - Feature representations of structured input-output pairs
 - Prediction algorithms
 - Learning algorithms: Perceptron and CRF
 - Local and global learning losses

Outline

Sequence Prediction

Transition-based Sequence Prediction Factored Sequence Prediction Algorithms for Factored Models Log-linear Factored Models

Learning

The Learner's Game Structured Perceptron Log-linear Models and CRFs

Dependency Parsing Arc-factored Models Transition-based Parsing

Summary

Sequence Prediction

\mathbf{y}	\mathbf{PER}	\mathbf{PER}	-	-	LOC
\mathbf{x}	Jack	London	went	to	Paris

Sequence Prediction

- $\mathbf{x} = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ are input sequences, $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$
- $\mathbf{y} = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$ are output sequences, $y_i \in \{1, \dots, L\}$
- Goal: given training data

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What is the form of our prediction model?

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Approach 1: Label Classifiers



Multiclass prediction over individual labels at each position

$$\hat{y}_t = \operatorname*{argmax}_{l \in \{ \text{LOC, PER, -} \}} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, t, l)$$

- For linear models, score(\mathbf{x}, i, l) = $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t, l)$
 - $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t,l) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ represents an assignment of label l for x_t
 - $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a vector of parameters (learned), has a weight for each feature in \mathbf{f}
- \blacktriangleright Can capture interactions between full input sequence ${\bf x}$ and one output label l

 $e.g.: \ current \ word, \ surrounding \ words, \ capitalization, \ prefix-suffix, \ gazetteer, \ \ldots$

Can not capture interactions between output labels!

Approach 2: Transition-based Sequence Prediction



Predict one label at a time, left-to-right, using previous predictions:

$$\hat{y}_t = \operatorname*{argmax}_{l \in \{\text{LOC, PER, -}\}} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1:t-1})$$

- \blacktriangleright Captures interactions between full input ${\bf x}$ and prefixes of the output sequence
- Prediction of $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is approximate (greedy, beam search)
 - Why left-to-right and not right-to-left?

Approach 3: Factored Sequence Prediction



> At each position, multiclass prediction over label bigrams (pairs of adjacent labels):

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^n} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

- Output sequence factored into label bigrams
- Captures interactions between full input x and factors of output sequence
- Prediction is tractable for many types of factorizations

Approach 4: Re-Ranking

PER	PER	-	-	LOC
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LOC	LOC	-	-	LOC
PER	PER	-		PER
PER	PER	PER	-	LOC
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 $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{Y}^n)} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

- Scoring of full inputs and outputs: very expressive!
- ▶ Relies on an active set $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{Y}^n)$ of full outputs, enumerated exhaustively
- A base model is used to select active set
 - The base model follows one of the previous approaches

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Greedy Sequence Prediction



Run a greedy classifier left-to-right:

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• For t = 1 \dots n:
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- What is the form of $score(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{y}_{1:t-1})$?
 - We focus on linear scoring functions: $\operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{y}_{1:t-1}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{y}_{1:t-1})$

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Indicator Features for One Label Only

- $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t, l)$ is a vector of d features representing label l for x_t
- What's in a feature $\mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, t, l)$?
 - Anything we can compute using \mathbf{x} and t and l
 - Anything that indicates whether l is (not) a good label for x_t
- Indicator features: binary-valued features looking at:
 - \blacktriangleright a simple pattern of x and target position t
 - and the candidate label l for position t

$$\mathbf{f}_{j}(\mathbf{x}, t, l) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_{t} = \text{London and } l = \text{LOC} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbf{f}_{k}(\mathbf{x}, t, l) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_{t+1} = \text{went and } l = \text{LOC} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Indicator features produce sparse feature vectors

Feature Templates

- Feature templates generate many indicator features
- > A feature template is identified by a type, and a number of values
 - ► Example: template WORD indicates the current word

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- In feature-based models:
 - Define feature templates manually
 - ► Instantiate the templates on every set of values in the training data → generates a very high-dimensional feature space
 - \blacktriangleright Define parameter vector ${\bf w}$ indexed by such feature tuples
 - Let the learning algorithm choose the relevant features



More Features for NE Recognition

PER Jack London went to Paris

next word

together

previous word

current and next words

other combinations

In practice, construct $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t,l)$ by . . .

• Define a number of simple patterns of \mathbf{x} and t

- current word x_t
- ▶ is x_t capitalized?
- ► x_t has digits?
- prefixes/suffixes of size 1, 2, 3, ...
- is x_t a known location?
- is x_t a known person?
- Define feature templates by combining patterns with labels l
- Generate actual features by instantiating templates on training data



Feature Templates in Greedy Sequence Prediction

y PER PER x Jack London went to Paris

- $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1:t-1})$ has access to all preceding labels
- Example: A template for word + current label + previous label:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\langle \mathrm{WB}, a, b, w \rangle}(\mathbf{x}, t, l, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1:t-1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_t = w \text{ and} \\ & \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t-1} = a \text{ and } l = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- In practice:
 - Preceeding labels next to t
 - Bag-of-labels in $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1:t-1}$
 - Combinations with other features
- \blacktriangleright Neural networks automatically induce "good" features out of x and $\hat{y}_{1:t-1}$

Transition Systems (general form)

- Given an input x, a transition system defines:
 - A set of states $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})$
 - An initial state $s_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})$, and a set of final states $S_{\infty} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})$
 - A set of allowed actions $\mathcal{A}(s, \mathbf{x})$ for all $s \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})$
 - A transition function transition : $s \times a \rightarrow s'$
 - A scoring function: score : $\mathbf{x} \times s \times a \to \mathbb{R}$
- ► To predict output y from input x:
 - $s = s_0$
 - while $s \notin S_{\infty}$:
 - $\bullet \ a = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in \mathcal{A}(s, \mathbf{x})} \operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x}, s, a)$
 - s = transition(s, a)
 - extract y from s
- Simple, very fast and expressive! Very popular in NLP:
 - Greedy sequence prediction (one label at a time, left-to-right or right-to-left)
 - Shift-reduce parsing (more later)
 - Word segmentation, machine translation, ...

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Next questions:

- What is the form of score(x, i, a, b)?
 We will use linear scoring functions: score(x, i, a, b) = w · f(x, i, a, b)
- There are exponentially-many sequences y for a given x, how do we solve the argmax problem?

Representations Factored at Bigrams

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Linear Factored Sequence Prediction

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})\qquad \text{where}\qquad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})=\sum_{i=1}^n\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

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Note the linearity of the expression:

 $score(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ $= \mathbf{w} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$ $= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$ $= \sum_{i=1}^{n} score(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$

Predicting with Factored Sequence Models

- Assume we have a score function $score(\mathbf{x}, i, a, b)$
- Given $\mathbf{x}_{1:n}$ find:

$$\underset{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}{\operatorname{argmax}}\sum_{i=1}^n\operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x},i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

- Use the Viterbi algorithm, takes $O(n|\mathcal{Y}|^2)$
- Notational change: since $\mathbf{x}_{1:n}$ is fixed we will use

 $s(i, a, b) = \text{score}(\mathbf{x}, i, a, b)$

Viterbi for Factored Sequence Models

• Given scores s(i, a, b) for each position *i* and output bigram *a*, *b*, find:

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\sum_{i=1}^n s(i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

Intuition: consider this example x and two alternative solutions y and y':

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output sequences that share bigrams also share scores

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$$\delta(i,a) = \max_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^{i}:y_{i}=a} \sum_{j=1}^{i} s(j, y_{j-1}, y_{j})$$

• Use the following recursions, for all $a \in \mathcal{Y}$, for $i = 2 \dots n$:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \delta(1,a) &=& s(1,y_0=\operatorname{NULL},a) \\ \delta(i,a) &=& \max_{b\in\mathcal{Y}} \delta(i-1,b) + s(i,b,a) \end{array}$$

- The optimal score for \mathbf{x} is $\max_{a \in \mathcal{Y}} \delta(n, a)$
- The optimal sequence \hat{y} can be recovered through *back-pointers*
- Cost: $O(n|\mathcal{Y}|^2)$

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- Homework: rewrite the Viterbi equations such that the algorithm proceeds right-to-left. Observe that the factored model remains the same (i.e. it is not a directional model)

Variations of Viterbi

- Sparse Viterbi
 - Only a few labels in $\mathcal Y$ apply to a position
 - Only a few label bigrams are possible
 - A sparse implementation cuts the $O(|\mathcal{Y}|^2)$ factor
- Higher-order Viterbi: factorize at trigrams instead of bigrams
 - Cost $O(n|\mathcal{Y}|^3)$
 - Very common in POS tagging (using sparse Viterbi to cut the $O(|\mathcal{Y}|^3)$ cost factor)
- \blacktriangleright k-best Viterbi: return the best k sequences (not just the single best)
 - Used in re-ranking approaches and some loss functions
- ► Forward-Backward: Viterbi for sum-product computations (instead of max-sum)

Forward-Backward Max-Sum Computations

► The Viterbi algorithm solves a max-sum recurrence

$$\max_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\sum_{i=1}^n s(i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

► The sum-product recurrence is also very useful (more later)

$$\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\prod_{i=1}^n s(i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

The same style of dynamic programming works

Forward Algorithm

 $\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\prod_{i=1}^n s(i,y_{i-1},y_i)$

Definition: forward quantities

$$\alpha(i,a) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}_{1:i} \in \mathcal{Y}^{i}: y_{i}=a} \prod_{j=1}^{i} s(j, y_{j-1}, y_{j})$$

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- The total sum-product is $\sum_{a} \alpha(n, a)$
- Like Viterbi, the forward algorithm runs in $O(n|\mathcal{Y}|^2)$

i i+1

a

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Backward Algorithm

 $\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\prod_{i=1}^n s(i,y_{i-1},y_i)$

Definition: backward quantities

$$\beta(i,a) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}_{i:n} \in \mathcal{Y}^{(n-i+1)}: y_i = a} \prod_{j=i+1}^n s(j, y_{j-1}, y_j)$$

▶ Now the recursions run *backwards*! For all $a \in \mathcal{Y}$, for $i = n - 1 \dots 1$:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \beta(n,a) &=& 1\\ \beta(i,a) &=& \displaystyle\sum_{b\in\mathcal{Y}} s(i,a,b) \ast \beta(i+1,b) \end{array}$$

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Log-linear Models for Sequence Prediction

Model the conditional distribution:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp\left\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\right\}}{Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})}$$

where

- f(x, y) represents x and y with d features
- $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ are the parameters of the model
- $Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$ is a normalizer called the *partition function*

$$Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} \exp \left\{ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \right\}$$

To predict the best sequence

 $\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n} \Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$

Log-linear Models: Name

Let's take the log of the conditional probability:

$$\log \Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \log \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\}}{Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})}$$
$$= \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \log \sum_{y} \exp\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\}$$
$$= \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \log Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$$

- Partition function: $Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} \exp\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})\}$
- $\log Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$ is a constant for a fixed \mathbf{x}
- In the log space, computations are linear,
 i.e., we model log-probabilities using a linear predictor

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Probability of an Output Sequence given an Input Sequence

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- To compute $Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$ we need to sum over \mathcal{Y}^n !
- ▶ But with some algebraic massaging: (let $s(i, y_{i-1}, y_i) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$)

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Z(x; w) is a sum-product computation: forward algorithm (with exponentiated scores)!
 Z(x; w) = ∑_a α(n, a)

Marginal Probability of a Single Label



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Use forward-backward (using exponentiated scores)

• Recall that $Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{l} \alpha(n, l)$

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	$\alpha(i, \text{PER})$	PER	$\beta(i, \text{PER})$		
I	saw	Paris i	Jackson	playing	

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Linear Factored Sequence Prediction

 $\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$

Factored representation, e.g. based on bigrams

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

- Flexible, arbitrary features of full x and the factors
- Efficient prediction using Viterbi
- ▶ In probabilistic models, efficient computation of marginals using Forward-Backward
- Next, learning w:
 - The Structured Perceptron
 - Probabilistic log-linear models:
 - Local learning, a.k.a. Maximum-Entropy Markov Models
 - Global learning, *a.k.a.* Conditional Random Fields

Outline

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Summary

Learning Structured Predictors

Perceptron, Log-Linear Models and CRFs

Training Data

Weight Vector ${\bf w}$

PER Maria	- is	- young				
LOC Athens	- is	- big				
PER Jack	- went	- to	LO Athe	ens		
LOC Argenti	na	 is big	ger			
PER Jack	PEF Lond	ہ . on we	- ent	- to	LOC South	LOC Pacific
ORG Argenti	na	- played	ag	- ainst	ORG Chile	

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Weight Vector ${\bf w}$

 $\mathbf{w}_{(\text{LOWER},-)} = +1$

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PER Maria	- is	- young	5			
LOC Athens	- is	- big				
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Training Data

PER Maria	- is	- young		
LOC Athens	- is	- big		
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DED	DDD			

PER PER - - LOC LOC Jack London went to South Pacific

ORG - - ORG
 Argentina played against Chile

Weight Vector ${\bf w}$

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Training Data

LOC

Pacific

PER Maria	- is	- young			
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ORG - - ORG Argentina played against Chile

Weight Vector ${\bf w}$

Training Data

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The Structured Perceptron Collins (2002)

- Set w = 0
- For $t = 1 \dots T$
 - \blacktriangleright For each training example $({\bf x}, {\bf y})$
 - 1. Compute $\mathbf{z} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{z}} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$
 - 2. If $\mathbf{z} \neq \mathbf{y}$

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

► Return w
The Structured Perceptron + **Averaging** Freund and Schapire (1999); Collins (2002)

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3.
$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{w}^{\mathbf{a}} + \mathbf{w}$$

• Return $\mathbf{w}^{\mathbf{a}}/mT$, where m is the number of training examples

Perceptron Updates: Example

У	PER	PER	-	-	LOC
\mathbf{Z}	PER	LOC	-	-	LOC
\mathbf{x}	Jack	London	went	to	Paris

- Let \mathbf{y} be the correct output for \mathbf{x} .
- \blacktriangleright Say we predict z instead, under our current w
- ► The update is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_{i} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i) - \sum_{i} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, z_{i-1}, z_i) \\ &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 2, \text{PER}, \text{PER}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 2, \text{PER}, \text{LOC}) \\ &+ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 3, \text{PER}, \text{-}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, 3, \text{LOC}, \text{-}) \end{aligned}$$

Perceptron updates are typically very sparse

Properties of the Perceptron

- Online algorithm. Often much more efficient than "batch" algorithms
- ▶ If the data is separable, it will converge to parameter values with 0 errors
- Number of errors before convergence is related to a definition of *margin*. Can also relate margin to generalization properties

► In practice:

- $1. \ \mbox{Averaging improves performance a lot}$
- 2. Typically reaches a good solution after only a few (say 5) iterations over the training set
- 3. Often performs nearly as well as CRFs, or SVMs
- Structured Perceptron and Beam Search:
 - Transition systems can not recover the argmax solution
 - Structured Perceptron can use beam search instead (i.e. an approximation to argmax)
 - See Collins and Roark (2004); Zhang and Clark (2011); Huang et al. (2012)

Averaged Perceptron Convergence

Iteration	Accuracy
1	90.79
2	91.20
3	91.32
4	91.47
5	91.58
6	91.78
7	91.76
8	91.82
9	91.88
10	91.91
11	91.92
12	91.96





perceptron with beam search (Zhang and Clark, 2011)

Log-linear Models for Sequence Prediction

Model the conditional distribution:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp\left\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\right\}}{Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})}$$

where

- f(x, y) represents x and y with d features
- $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ are the parameters of the model
- $Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$ is a normalizer called the *partition function*

$$Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} \exp \left\{ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \right\}$$

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Given training data

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How to estimate w?

▶ Define the conditional log-likelihood (or cross-entropy) of the data:

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Learning Log-Linear Models: Loss + Regularization

Solve:



where

- The first term is the negative conditional log-likelihood
- > The second term is a regularization term, it penalizes solutions with large norm
- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ controls the trade-off between loss and regularization
- \blacktriangleright Convex optimization problem \rightarrow gradient descent
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Local Log-linear Loss (a.k.a. Maximum Entropy Markov Models) McCallum, Freitag, and Pereira (2000)

If we apply the chain rule:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{y}_{1:n} \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) = \Pr(y_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) \times \Pr(\mathbf{y}_{2:n} \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, y_1)$$
$$= \Pr(y_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) \times \prod_{i=2}^n \Pr(y_i \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, \mathbf{y}_{1:i-1})$$

Markov assumption (the model becomes factored):

 $\Pr(y_i | \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, \mathbf{y}_{1:i-1}) = \Pr(y_i | \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, y_{i-1})$

Now we can write

$$\Pr(\mathbf{y}_{1:n} \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) = \Pr(y_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) \times \prod_{i=2}^n \Pr(y_i \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, \mathbf{y}_{i-1})$$

Parameter Estimation with Local Log-Linear Markov Models

$$\Pr(y_{1:n} \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) = \Pr(y_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}) \times \prod_{i=2}^n \Pr(y_i \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:n}, i, y_{i-1})$$

The log-linear model is normalized locally (i.e. at each position):

$$\Pr(y \mid \mathbf{x}, i, y') = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y', y)\}}{Z(\mathbf{x}, i, y')}$$

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(k)}} \log \Pr(\mathbf{y}_{i}^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}^{(k)}, i, \mathbf{y}_{i-1}^{(k)})$$



Conditional Random Fields

Lafferty, McCallum, and Pereira (2001)

Log-linear model of the conditional distribution:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x};\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})\}}{Z(\mathbf{x})}$$

where

- \blacktriangleright x and y are input and output sequences
- $\blacktriangleright~ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$ is a feature vector of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} that decomposes into factors
- ▶ w are model parameters
- ▶ To predict the best sequence

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} \Pr(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$$

Log-Likelihood at the global (sequence) level:

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \log \Pr(\mathbf{y}^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}^{(k)}; \mathbf{w})$$

Computing the Gradient in CRFs

Consider a parameter \mathbf{w}_j and its associated feature \mathbf{f}_j :

$$\frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \left[\underbrace{\mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \mathbf{y}^{(k)})}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} - \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} \Pr(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}^{(k)}; \mathbf{w}) \ \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \mathbf{y})}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^*} \right]$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

- First term: observed value of f_j in training examples
- Second term: expected value of f_j under current w
- In the optimal, observed = expected

Computing the Gradient in CRFs

▶ The first term is easy to compute, by counting explicitly

$$\sum_{i} \mathbf{f}_{j}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}^{(k)}, y_{i}^{(k)})$$

The second term is more involved,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^*} \Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^{(k)};\mathbf{w}) \sum_i \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$$

because it sums over all sequences $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^n$

But there is an efficient solution ...

Computing the Gradient in CRFs

For an example $(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \mathbf{y}^{(k)})$:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^n} \Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^{(k)};\mathbf{w}) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{a,b\in\mathcal{Y}} \mu_i^k(a, b) \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, i, a, b)$$

• $\mu_i^k(a, b)$ is the marginal probability of having labels (a, b) at position *i*:

$$\mu_i^k(a,b) = \Pr(\langle i, a, b \rangle \mid \mathbf{x}^{(k)}; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^n : y_{i-1} = a, y_i = b} \Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(k)}; \mathbf{w})$$

 \blacktriangleright The quantities μ_i^k can be computed efficiently in $O(nL^2)$ using the forward-backward algorithm

CRFs: summary so far

- \blacktriangleright Log-linear models for sequence prediction, $\Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x};\mathbf{w})$
- Computations factorize on label bigrams
- Model form:

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^*}\sum_{i}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

- Prediction: uses Viterbi
- Parameter estimation:
 - Gradient-based methods, in practice L-BFGS
 - Computation of gradient uses forward-backward

CRFs: summary so far

- \blacktriangleright Log-linear models for sequence prediction, $\Pr(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x};\mathbf{w})$
- Computations factorize on label bigrams
- Model form:

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^*}\sum_{i}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

- Prediction: uses Viterbi
- Parameter estimation:
 - Gradient-based methods, in practice L-BFGS
 - Computation of gradient uses forward-backward
- Next Question: Local Loss or CRFs?

Local vs. Global Log-linear Losses

Local Loss:
$$\Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\exp\left\{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)\right\}}{Z(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}; \mathbf{w})}$$

CRFs:
$$\Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)\right\}}{Z(\mathbf{x})}$$

- Both exploit the same factorization, i.e. same features
- Same computations to compute $\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}} \Pr(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x})$
- Local loss is locally normalized; CRFs globally normalized
 - Local loss assumes that $Pr(y_i \mid x_{1:n}, y_{1:i-1}) = Pr(y_i \mid x_{1:n}, y_{i-1})$
 - ▶ Leads to "Label Bias Problem" (Lafferty et al., 2001; Andor et al., 2016)
- Local loss is cheaper to train (reduces to multiclass MaxEnt learning)
- CRFs are easier to extend to other structures

Learning Structure Predictors: summary so far

Linear models for sequence prediction

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}^*}\sum_{i}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i,y_{i-1},y_i)$$

- Computations factorize on label bigrams
 - Decoding: using Viterbi
 - Marginals: using forward-backward
- Parameter estimation:
 - Perceptron, Log-likelihood, SVMs
 - Extensions from classification to the structured case
 - Optimization methods:
 - Stochastic (sub)gradient methods (LeCun et al., 1998; Shalev-Shwartz et al., 2011)
 - Exponentiated Gradient (Collins et al., 2008)
 - SVM Struct (Tsochantaridis et al., 2005)
 - Structured MIRA (Crammer et al., 2005)

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Dependency Parsing

Dependency Trees



Dependency Trees



Theories of Syntactic Structure



- Main element: dependency
- Focus on relations between words

 Main element: constituents (or phrases, or bracketings)

the problem

- Constituents = abstract linguistic units
- Results in nested trees

with statistics

Dependency Parsing: Arc-factored models McDonald, Pereira, Ribarov, and Hajič (2005)



• Parse trees decompose into single dependencies $\langle h, m \rangle$

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}\sum_{\langle h,m\rangle\in y}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},h,m)$$

- Each arc or dependency (h,m) is scored independently of each other
- ► Some features: $f_1(\mathbf{x}, h, m) = [$ "saw" \rightarrow "movie"] $f_2(\mathbf{x}, h, m) = [$ distance = +2]
- Tractable inference algorithms exist

Features in Arc-Factored Dependency Parsing

 $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},h,m,l):$ a vector of features of (h,m,l) assigned to \mathbf{x}

- ► As in sequence prediction, we typically use indicator features
- Templates in McDonald et al. (2005):

word features		
<i>h</i> -word, <i>h</i> -pos		
h-word h-pos		
<i>m</i> -word		
<i>m</i> -pos		

dependency features			
h-word, h -pos, m -word, m -pos			
<i>h</i> -pos, <i>m</i> -word, <i>m</i> -pos			
<i>h</i> -word, <i>m</i> -word, <i>m</i> -pos			
<i>h</i> -word, <i>h</i> -pos, <i>m</i> -pos			
<i>h</i> -word, <i>h</i> -pos, <i>m</i> -word			
<i>h</i> -word, <i>m</i> -word			
<i>h</i> -pos, <i>m</i> -pos			

Example: (feature template + dependency direction)

$$\mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, h, m, l) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \operatorname{word}(h) = solve \text{ and } \operatorname{word}(m) = problem \\ & \text{and } l = dobj \text{ and } h < m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

MST Parsing for Arc-factored models

McDonald, Pereira, Ribarov, and Hajič (2005)

Parsing problem, given a sentenc x:

$$\underset{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}{\operatorname{argmax}}\sum_{\langle h,m\rangle\in\mathbf{y}}\operatorname{score}(\mathbf{x},h,m)$$

Can be formulated as a directed Maximum Spanning Tree (MST) problem:



• The Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm finds the optimal tree in $O(n^2)$

The Eisner Algorithm for Arc-factored models Eisner (1996); McDonald and Pereira (2006); Carreras (2007); Koo and Collins (2010)



(illustration by Joakim Nivre)

- The Eisner (1996) algorithm is a variant of CKY specific to non-crossing dep trees
- Finds optimal tree in $O(n^3)$

Extension to higher-order parsing:



- First-order $O(n^3)$
- Second-order:
 - Horizontal ${\it O}(n^3)$ (McDonald and Pereira, 2006)
 - Vertical $O(n^4)$ (Carreras, 2007)
- Third-order $O(n^4)$ (Koo and Collins, 2010)

Experiments with Higher-Order and Word Cluster Features Koo, Carreras, and Collins (2008)



Transition-based Parsing: Nivre's Arc-Standard System Nivre (2008)

State:

- Buffer: list of upcoming words to be parsed
- Stack: stack of subtrees that are already parsed

Parsing actions:

- Shift: shift next word in the buffer to the task
- Left-arc (l): add a left arc between the two top subtrees of the stack, with label l
- Right-arc (l): add a right arc between the two top subtrees of the stack, with label l
- Parsing is linear in the sentence length, very fast! But prone to greedy mistakes!
- Parsing model: score a candidate action in the context of a state
 - Has access to the full sentence and the full history of actions

(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)

SBJ NAME OBJ Mark Watney visited Mars

transition Stack Buffer [] [Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]

(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)



transition	Stack	Buffer
	[]	[Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]

Mark Watney visited Mars

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(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)



transition	Stack	Buffer
	[]	[Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark, Watney]	[visited, Mars]

(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)



transition	Stack	Buffer	
	[]	[Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]	
SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]	
SHIFT	[Mark, Watney]	[visited, Mars]	
LA(NAME)	[Watney]	[visited, Mars]	

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transition	Stack	Buffer
	[]	[Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]
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SHIFT	[Watney, visited]	[Mars]

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LA(SUBJ)	[visited]	[Mars]
Arc-Standard Parsing: Example

(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)

Mark Watney visited Mars

transition	Stack	Buffer
	[]	[Mark, Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark, Watney]	[visited, Mars]
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SHIFT	[Watney, visited]	[Mars]
LA(SUBJ)	[visited]	[Mars]
SHIFT	[visited, Mars]	[]

Mark Watney visited Mars

Arc-Standard Parsing: Example

(illustration by Miguel Ballesteros)



transition	Stack	Buffer
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SHIFT	[Mark]	[Watney, visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Mark, Watney]	[visited, Mars]
LA(NAME)	[Watney]	[visited, Mars]
SHIFT	[Watney, visited]	[Mars]
LA(SUBJ)	[visited]	[Mars]
SHIFT	[visited, Mars]	[]
RA(OBJ)	[visited]	[]

Mark Watney visited Mars

Features in Transition-based Dependency Parsing

(slide by Joakim Nivre)



- Features in $f(\mathbf{x}, buffer B, stack S, past actions A, candidate action a)$:
 - Words in the stack S and the buffer B
 - Partial subtrees in the stack S (higher-order)
 - Sequence of previous actions A (higher-order)

Neural nets are effective at encoding all these structures into feature vectors

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Linear (Structured) Prediction

Multiclass classification

 $\mathop{\mathrm{argmax}}_{\mathbf{y} \in \{1, \dots, L\}} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

Sequence prediction (bigram factorization)

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}\sum_{i}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i,\mathbf{y}_{i-1},\mathbf{y}_{i})$$

Dependency parsing (arc-factored)

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})}\sum_{\langle h,m,l\rangle\in y}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},h,m,l)$$

- ► Factored models: Applicable to other tasks and factorizations
- Alternative: transition systems (very fast and expressive, but prone to search errors)

Factored Sequence Prediction: from Linear to Non-linear

score(
$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$$
) = $\sum_{i} s(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i)$

Linear:

$$s(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i, \mathbf{y}_{i-1}, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

► Non-linear, using a feed-forward neural network:

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, i, y_{i-1}, y_i) = \mathbf{w} \cdot [e_{y_{i-1}, y_i} \otimes h(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, i))]$$

where:

$$h(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i)) = \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 \sigma(W^0 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},i))))$$

Remarks:

- The non-linear model computes a hidden representation of the input
- Still factored: Viterbi and Forward-Backward work
- Parameter estimation becomes non-convex, use backpropagation

Recurrent Sequence Prediction



- Induction of hidden vectors (i.e. embeddings) that keep track of previous observations and predictions
- Making predictions is not tractable
 - In practice: greedy predictions or beam search
 - Making predictions was not tractable for transition systems either!
- Learning is non-convex, so what?
- ▶ Popular methods: RNN, LSTM, Spectral Models, ...

Neural Architectures for Named Entity Recognition

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Model	F ₁
Collobert et al. (2011)*	89.59
Lin and Wu (2009)	83.78
Lin and Wu (2009)*	90.90
Huang et al. (2015)*	90.10
Passos et al. (2014)	90.05
Passos et al. (2014)*	90.90
Luo et al. (2015)* + gaz	89.9
Luo et al. $(2015)^* + gaz + linking$	91.2
Chiu and Nichols (2015)	90.69
Chiu and Nichols (2015)*	90.77
LSTM-CRF (no char)	90.20
LSTM-CRF	90.94
S-LSTM (no char)	87.96
S-LSTM	90.33

Table 1: English NER results (CoNLL-2003 test set).

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	PO	DS	NER					
	Dev	Test		Dev			Test	
Model	Acc.	Acc.	Prec.	Recall	F1	Prec.	Recall	F1
BRNN	96.56	96.76	92.04	89.13	90.56	87.05	83.88	85.44
BLSTM	96.88	96.93	92.31	90.85	91.57	87.77	86.23	87.00
BLSTM-CNN	97.34	97.33	92.52	93.64	93.07	88.53	90.21	89.36
BRNN-CNN-CRF	97.46	97.55	94.85	94.63	94.74	91.35	91.06	91.21

Table 3: Performance of our model on both the development and test sets of the two tasks, together with three baseline systems.

Model	Acc.
Giménez and Màrquez (2004)	97.16
Toutanova et al. (2003)	97.27
Manning (2011)	97.28
Collobert et al. (2011) [‡]	97.29
Santos and Zadrozny (2014) [‡]	97.32
Shen et al. (2007)	97.33
Sun (2014)	97.36
Søgaard (2011)	97.50
This paper	97.55

Table 4: POS tagging accuracy of our model on test data from WSJ proportion of PTB, together

Model	F1
Chieu and Ng (2002)	88.31
Florian et al. (2003)	88.76
Ando and Zhang (2005)	89.31
Collobert et al. (2011) [‡]	89.59
Huang et al. (2015) [‡]	90.10
Chiu and Nichols (2015) [‡]	90.77
Ratinov and Roth (2009)	90.80
Lin and Wu (2009)	90.90
Passos et al. (2014)	90.90
Lample et al. (2016) [‡]	90.94
Luo et al. (2015)	91.20
This paper	91.21

Table 5: NER F1 score of our model on test data set from CoNLL-2003. For the purpose of com-

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