

# Einführung in die Computerlinguistik

## HMMs

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## Definition

Statistical Natural Language Processing (StatNLP) uses methods of supervised, semisupervised and unsupervised learning to address tasks that involve written or spoken (human) language.

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an important / the most important subfield of machine learning

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## Applications that use some StatNLP

speech recognition  
optical character recognition  
information retrieval

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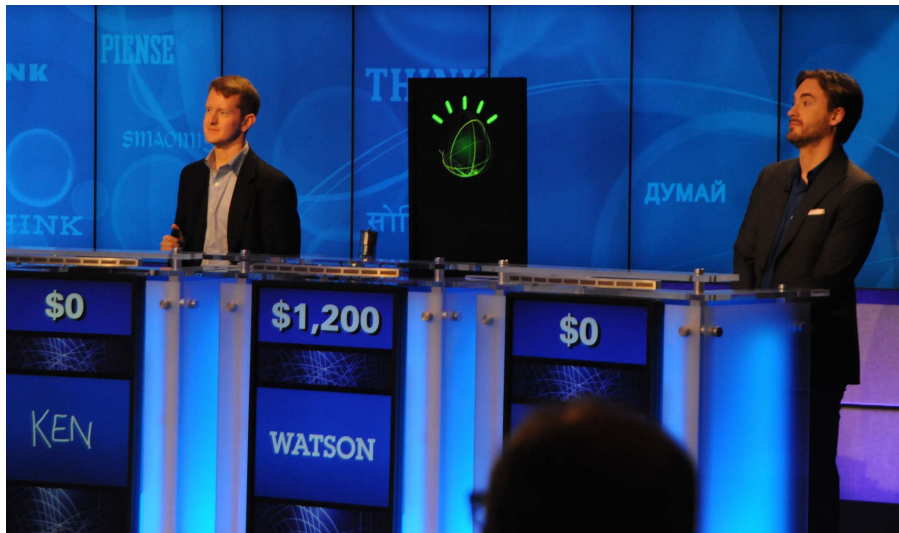
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  - a small group of researchers that do active research on machine learning methods

# Recent big success story 1



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### Siri. beta Your wish is its command.

Siri on iPhone 4S lets you use your voice to send messages, schedule meetings, place phone calls, and more. Ask Siri to do things just by talking the way you talk. Siri understands what you say, knows what you mean, and even talks back. Siri is so easy to use and does so much, you'll keep finding more and more ways to use it.



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Google Translate – more on this later

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## max

$$\max_x f(x)$$

the largest value of  $f(x)$

## argmax

$$\operatorname{argmax}_x f(x)$$

that value of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  is largest

- $\max_x (-(x-2)^2 + 5)$
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# Positive factor $c > 0$ does not affect $\operatorname{argmax}$

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$$\sum_{i=m}^{i=n} f(i) = f(m) + f(m+1) + \dots + f(n-1) + f(n)$$

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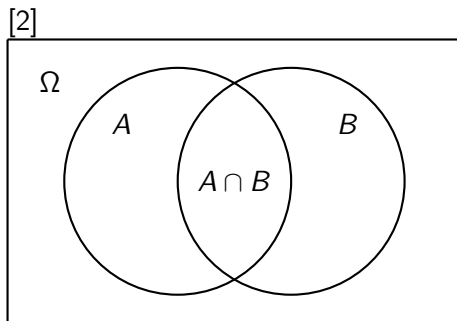
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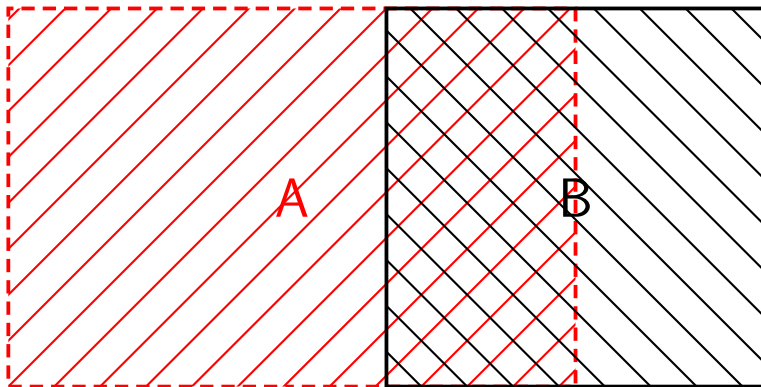
# Venn diagram



To compute  $P(A|B)$ : Divide the area of  $A \cap B$  by the area of  $B$ .

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$$P(X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots X_n) =$$

$$P(X_1) \cdot P(X_2|X_1) \cdot P(X_3|X_1 X_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_n|X_1 X_2 \dots X_{n-1})$$

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# Testing for independence: Example

A = champagne, B = sparkling



## Übung

Find either two independent words or two words that occur less often on the same page than expected by chance

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ikr	smh	he	asked	fir	yo	last
!	G	O	V	P	D	A
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JJR	comparative adjective
MD	modal
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NNP	singular proper noun
NNS	plural noun
PERIOD	. : ? !
PN	personal pronoun

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RB	adverb
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TO	the word “to”
VB	verb, base form
VBD	verb, past tense
VBG	verb, present participle, gerund
VCN	verb, past participle
VBZ	verb, 3rd singular present
WDT	wh-determiner: “what”, “which”, ...

Are these typical syntactic categories?

Tag: “Peter arrived in London on Tuesday”

# What information can we use for tagging?

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“The representative put chairs on the table.”
- What information is available to disambiguate this sentence syntactically?

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- For most words in English, the distribution of tags is very **uneven**: there is one very frequent tag and the others are rare.

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$w_i$	the word at position $i$ in the corpus
$t_i$	the tag of $w_i$
$w^l$	the $l^{\text{th}}$ word in the lexicon
$t^j$	the $j^{\text{th}}$ tag in the tag set
$C(w^l)$	the number of occurrences of $w^l$ in the training set
$C(t^j)$	the number of occurrences of $t^j$ in the training set
$C(t^j t^k)$	the number of occurrences of $t^j$ followed by $t^k$
$C(w^l : t^j)$	the number of occurrences of $w^l$ that are tagged as $t^j$

# Notation: Example

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Give the values of the following:  $w_4$ ,  $t_5$ ,  $C(w_8)$ ,  $C(t_9)$ ,  $C(t_1 t_2)$ ,  
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# Tagged training corpus/set: Example

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# Parameter estimation: Context

- The conditional probabilities  $P(t^k | t^j)$  are the context parameters of the model.
- This will be our formalization of the first source of information in tagging: the context.
- Note that this is a very impoverished model of context.
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  - Time invariance, stationary: we assume that these conditional probabilities don't change. (e.g., the same at the beginning and at the end of the sentence)

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# $n^{\text{th}}$ order Markov model

In an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order Markov model,  
the tag at time  $t$  depends on the  $n$  previous tags.

- Order 0: Tag does not depend on previous tags.
- Order 1: Tag depends on immediately preceding tag.
- Order 2: Tag depends on two immediately preceding tags.
- Order 3: Tag depends on three immediately preceding tags.
- ...

(analogous for Markov model that emits words instead of tags)

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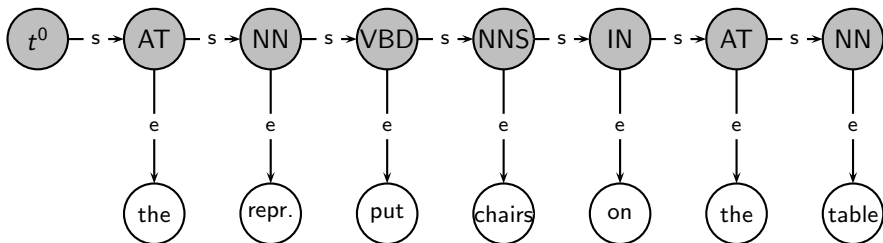
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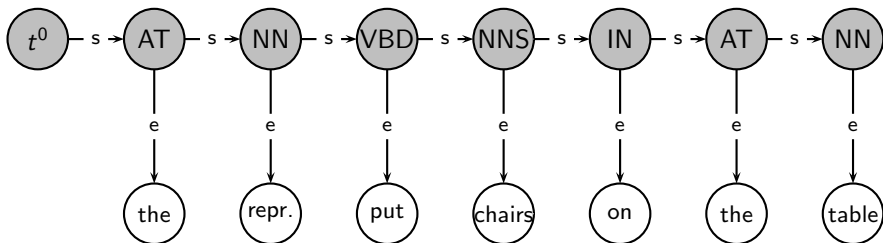


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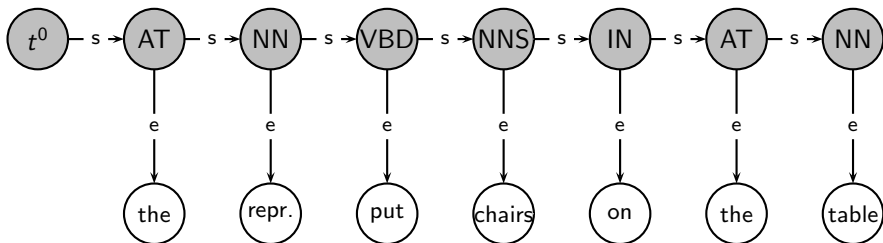


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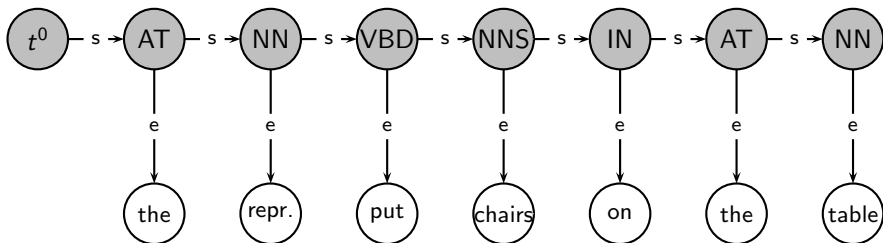


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# How do we actually do the tagging?

- Context:  $P(t_{i+1}|t_i)$
- Word bias:  $P(w_i|t_i)$
- Given a sequence of words (a sentence), how do we compute the corresponding (disambiguated) part-of-speech sequence?
- Example:
  - Input: the representative put chairs on the table
  - Output: AT NN VBD NNS IN AT NN
- How can we do this?

# “Greedy” tagging

- Suppose we’ve tagged a sentence up to position  $i$ .
- Then simply choose the tag  $t$  for the next word  $w_{i+1}$  that is **most probable**.
- At position  $i$ , choose tag that maximizes:  
 $P(t_i|t_{i-1})P(w_i|t_i)$
- Let’s do this for: “The representative put chairs on the table.”
- $P(\text{VBD}|\text{NN})P(\text{put}|\text{VBD})$
- $t_3 = \text{VBD}$  maximizes  $P(t_3|\text{NN})P(\text{put}|t_3)$

# Problems with greedy tagging

- What can go wrong with greedy tagging?
- Example?
- A representative put costs 20% more today than a month ago.

## Notation (2)

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$w_i$	the word at position $i$ in the corpus
$t_i$	the tag of $w_i$
$w_{i,i+m}$	the words occurring at positions $i$ through $i + m$ (alternative notations: $w_i \cdots w_{i+m}$ , $w_i, \dots, w_{i+m}$ , $w_{i(i+m)}$ )
$t_{i,i+m}$	the tags $t_i \cdots t_{i+m}$ for $w_i \cdots w_{i+m}$
$w^l$	the $l^{\text{th}}$ word in the lexicon
$t^j$	the $j^{\text{th}}$ tag in the tag set
$C(w^l)$	the number of occurrences of $w^l$ in the training set
$C(t^j)$	the number of occurrences of $t^j$ in the training set
$C(t^j t^k)$	the number of occurrences of $t^j$ followed by $t^k$
$C(w^l : t^j)$	the number of occurrences of $w^l$ that are tagged as $t^j$
$T$	number of tags in tag set
$W$	number of words in the lexicon
$n$	sentence length

# Part-of-speech tagging: Problem statement

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# Simplifying the argmax (1)

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$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} P(t_{0,n} | w_{1,n}) \quad (2)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \frac{P(w_{1,n} | t_{0,n}) P(t_{0,n})}{P(w_{1,n})} \quad (3)$$

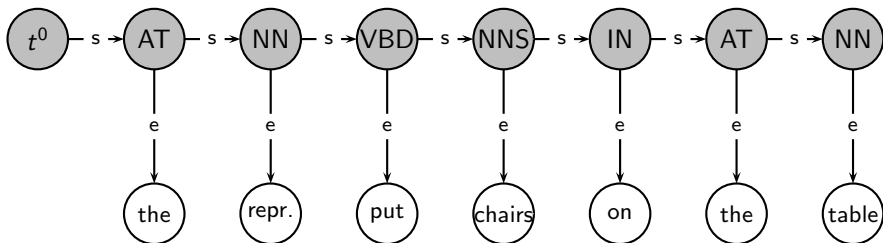
$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} P(w_{1,n} | t_{0,n}) P(t_{0,n}) \quad (4)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | t_{0,n}) \right] P(t_{0,n}) \quad (5)$$

2: dummy “start” tag; 3: Bayes; 4: positive factor doesn't affect argmax; 5: assumption: words are independent

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## Simplifying the argmax (2)

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | t_i) \right] P(t_{0,n}) \quad (6)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | t_i) \right] \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i | t_{0,i-1}) \right] \quad (7)$$

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$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \prod_{i=1}^n [P(w_i | t_i) P(t_i | t_{i-1})] \quad (9)$$

7: chain rule; 8: Markov assumption; 9:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \prod_{i=1}^n y_i = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

## Simplifying the argmax (3)

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \prod_{i=1}^n [P(w_i|t_i)P(t_i|t_{i-1})] \quad (10)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \sum_{i=1}^n [\log P(w_i|t_i) + \log P(t_i|t_{i-1})] \quad (11)$$

11: computation in log space more efficient / convenient

Do you recognize these parameters?

# Outline

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# The most probable tag sequence (= tagging)

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \sum_{i=1}^n [\log P(w_i | t_i) + \log P(t_i | t_{i-1})]$$

What's the difficulty if you want to tag based on this?

# Brute force is very inefficient

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{t_{1,n}} \sum_{i=1}^n [\log P(w_i | t_i) + \log P(t_i | t_{i-1})]$$

There are  $|T|^n$  different tag sequences. E.g.:

$40^{20} = 109,951,162,777,600,000,000,000,000,000,000$

Is there a better way?

# Dynamic programming: Viterbi

- Optimal substructure: The optimal solution to the problem contains within it **subsolutions**, i.e., optimal solutions to subproblems.
- **Overlapping subsolutions**: The subsolutions overlap. These subsolutions are computed over and over again when computing the global optimal solution in a brute-force algorithm.
- Subproblem in the case of tagging: what is the best path (tag sequence) that gets me to tag  $t$  at position  $j$ ?
- Overlapping subsolutions: The best path that gets me to tag  $t$  at position  $j$  is needed for computing all  $T$  paths at position  $j + 1 \dots$
- ...but I only compute it once!

$$P(t_i|t_{i-1})$$

Example:  $P(\text{VB}|\text{MD}) = 0.7968$

	<b>NNP</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>VB</b>	<b>JJ</b>	<b>NN</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>DT</b>
$\langle s \rangle$	0.2767	0.0006	0.0031	0.0453	0.0449	0.0510	0.2026
<b>NNP</b>	0.3777	0.0110	0.0009	0.0084	0.0584	0.0090	0.0025
<b>MD</b>	0.0008	0.0002	0.7968	0.0005	0.0008	0.1698	0.0041
<b>VB</b>	0.0322	0.0005	0.0050	0.0837	0.0615	0.0514	0.2231
<b>JJ</b>	0.0366	0.0004	0.0001	0.0733	0.4509	0.0036	0.0036
<b>NN</b>	0.0096	0.0176	0.0014	0.0086	0.1216	0.0177	0.0068
<b>RB</b>	0.0068	0.0102	0.1011	0.1012	0.0120	0.0728	0.0479
<b>DT</b>	0.1147	0.0021	0.0002	0.2157	0.4744	0.0102	0.0017

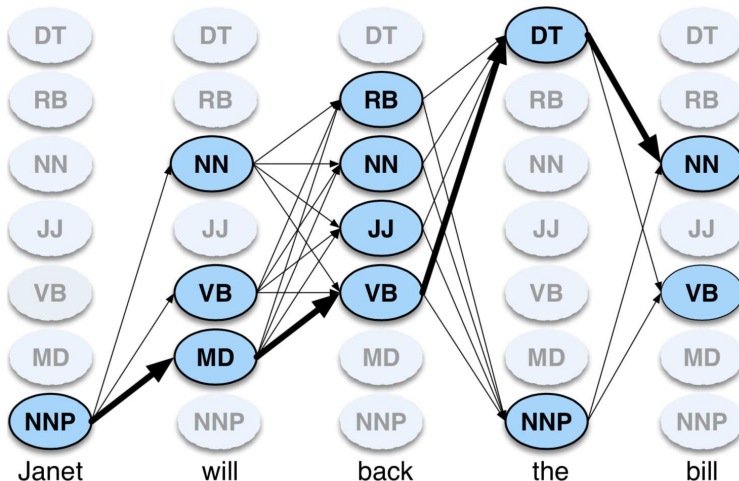
$P(w|t)$

Example:  $P(the|DT) = 0.506099$

	<b>Janet</b>	<b>will</b>	<b>back</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>bill</b>
<b>NNP</b>	0.000032	0	0	0.000048	0
<b>MD</b>	0	0.308431	0	0	0
<b>VB</b>	0	0.000028	0.000672	0	0.000028
<b>JJ</b>	0	0	0.000340	0	0
<b>NN</b>	0	0.000200	0.000223	0	0.002337
<b>RB</b>	0	0	0.010446	0	0
<b>DT</b>	0	0	0	0.506099	0



# Key idea of Viterbi: Lattice



**function** VITERBI(*observations* of len  $T$ , *state-graph* of len  $N$ ) **returns** *best-path*, *path-prob*

create a path probability matrix *viterbi*[ $N, T$ ]

**for** each state  $s$  **from** 1 **to**  $N$  **do** ; initialization step

$viterbi[s, 1] \leftarrow \pi_s * b_s(o_1)$

$backpointer[s, 1] \leftarrow 0$

**for** each time step  $t$  **from** 2 **to**  $T$  **do** ; recursion step

**for** each state  $s$  **from** 1 **to**  $N$  **do**

$viterbi[s, t] \leftarrow \max_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s', t-1] * a_{s', s} * b_s(o_t)$

$backpointer[s, t] \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s', t-1] * a_{s', s} * b_s(o_t)$

$bestpathprob \leftarrow \max_{s=1}^N viterbi[s, T]$  ; termination step

$bestpathpointer \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s=1}^N viterbi[s, T]$  ; termination step

$bestpath \leftarrow$  the path starting at state  $bestpathpointer$ , that follows  $backpointer[]$  to states back in time

**return**  $bestpath$ ,  $bestpathprob$

$$P(t_i | t_{i-1})$$

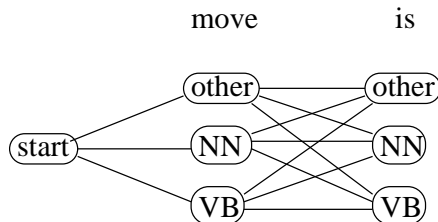
Example:  $P(\text{VB} | \text{NN}) = 0.5$

	next	other	NN	VB
prev				
start		0.3	0.4	0.3
other		0.2	0.2	0.6
NN		0.4	0.1	0.5
VB		0.1	0.8	0.1

$P(w|t)$

Example:  $P(bear|NN) = 0.45$

	other	NN	VB
bear	0.1	0.45	0.4
is	0.3	0.05	0.05
on	0.3	0.05	0.05
the	0.2	0.05	0.05
move	0.1	0.4	0.45



Goal: Compute

$$\arg \max_{t_1, t_2} p(t_1, \text{move}, t_2, \text{is}) =$$

$$\arg \max_{t_1, t_2} p(t_1 | \text{start}) p(\text{move} | t_1) p(t_2 | t_1) p(\text{is} | t_2)$$

viterbi = vtrb  
backpointer = bptr  
lattice = path probability matrix

$\text{vtrb}_j(t_i)$  is the probability of [the most probable path from 0 to  $j$  that tags word  $w_j$  with tag  $t_i$ ].

$\text{bptr}_j(t_i)$  is the tag of  $w_{j-1}$  on [the most probable path from 0 to  $j$  that tags word  $w_j$  with tag  $t_i$ ].

Initialization:  $\text{vtrb}_0(\text{start}) = 1$

# Viterbi probabilities for the tags of the first word

$$\text{vtrb}_1(\text{other}) = \text{vtrb}_0(\text{start}) p(\text{other}|\text{start}) p(\text{move}|\text{other}) = 1.0 * 0.3 * 0.1 = 0.03$$

$$\text{vtrb}_1(\text{NN}) = \text{vtrb}_0(\text{start}) p(\text{NN}|\text{start}) p(\text{move}|\text{NN}) = 1.0 * 0.4 * 0.4 = 0.16$$

$$\text{vtrb}_1(\text{VB}) = \text{vtrb}_0(\text{start}) p(\text{VB}|\text{start}) p(\text{move}|\text{VB}) = 1.0 * 0.3 * 0.45 = 0.135$$



## Viterbi probabilities for the tags of the second word (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vtrb}_2(\text{other}) &= \max( \\ &\quad \text{vtrb}_1(\text{other}) p(\text{other}|\text{other}) p(\text{is}|\text{other}) = 0.03 * 0.2 * 0.3 = 0.0018, \\ &\quad \text{vtrb}_1(\text{NN}) p(\text{other}|\text{NN}) p(\text{is}|\text{other}) = 0.16 * 0.4 * 0.3 = 0.0192, \\ &\quad \text{vtrb}_1(\text{VB}) p(\text{other}|\text{VB}) p(\text{is}|\text{other}) = 0.135 * 0.1 * 0.3 = 0.00405 \\ &)= 0.0192 \\ \text{bptr}_2(\text{other}) &= \text{NN} \end{aligned}$$

## Viterbi probabilities for the tags of the second word (2)

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{vtrb}_2(\text{VB}) = \max( \\ & \text{vtrb}_1(\text{other}) \, p(\text{VB}|\text{other}) \, p(\text{is}|\text{VB}) = 0.03 * 0.6 * 0.05 = 0.0009, \\ & \text{vtrb}_1(\text{NN}) \, p(\text{VB}|\text{NN}) \, p(\text{is}|\text{VB}) = 0.16 * 0.5 * 0.05 = 0.004, \\ & \text{vtrb}_1(\text{VB}) \, p(\text{VB}|\text{VB}) \, p(\text{is}|\text{VB}) = 0.135 * 0.1 * 0.05 = 0.000675 \\ & ) = 0.004 \\ & \text{bptr}_2(\text{VB}) = \text{NN} \end{aligned}$$

Probability of the most likely path:  $0.0192 = \max_t \text{vtrb}_2(t)$

Last tag of the most likely path:  $\text{other} = \arg \max_t \text{vtrb}_2(t)$

First tag of the most likely path:  $\text{NN} = \text{bptr}_2(\text{other})$

**Result:**

$\text{NN other} = \arg \max_{t_1 t_2} p(t_1, \text{move}, t_2, \text{is})$

- Part-of-speech tagging, informal definition
- Part-of-speech tagging, formal definition

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