

# CS 378 Lecture 11

Viterbi, Beam search, POS

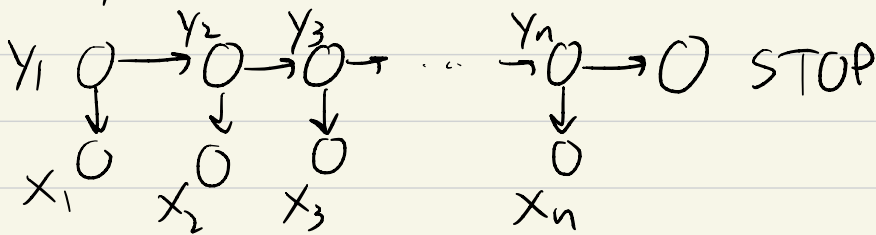
## Announcements

- Sam Bowman talk
- A3
- Midterm topics, old exams
- FP

## Recap

HMMs  $T$  tags,  $V$  words

$$P(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) = P(y_1) P(x_1 | y_1) P(y_2 | y_1) P(x_2 | y_2) \dots$$



generative model

Parameters:

$P(y_1)$  initial distribution  
 $|\mathcal{T}|$ -len vector

$P(y_i | y_{i-1})$  transitions,  $|\mathcal{T}| \times |\mathcal{T}|$  mat

$P(x_i | y_i)$  emissions,  $|\mathcal{T}| \times |\mathcal{V}|$  mat

Inference:

$$\arg \max_{\bar{y}} P(\bar{y} | \bar{x}) \rightarrow \arg \max_{\bar{y}} \log P(\bar{y}, \bar{x})$$

"what are the most likely tags for sent  $\bar{x}$ ?"

Use Viterbi algorithm to compute

Example: log probabilities

$$S = \begin{matrix} & N & V & \text{STOP} \\ N & -1 & & \\ V & & -1 & \end{matrix} \quad T = \begin{matrix} & N & V & \text{STOP} \\ N & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ V & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{matrix}$$

$$E = \begin{matrix} & \text{they} & \text{can} & \text{fish} \\ N & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ V & -3 & -1 & -1 \end{matrix}$$

they can fish: what is the most likely tag sequence?

NNN      8 choices

NNV       $\Rightarrow$  each has a score (sum of log probs)

NVN

⋮       $\begin{matrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ N & V & V & \text{STOP} \end{matrix}$       7 terms

$\begin{matrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \text{they} & \text{can} & \text{fish} \end{matrix}$       score = -8

$N \quad V \quad N \quad \text{STOP} \Rightarrow \text{score} - 1$   
 $t \quad c \quad f$

Viterbi Dynamic programming

Define  $v_i(\tilde{y})$   $n \times |\mathcal{T}|$  matrix  
 $n$  is sent length

log prob of the best tag sequence  
ending in  $\tilde{y}$  at timestep  $i$

$N$	$-1$ $-2$		
$V$	$-1$ $-3$ $-4$		

$V$

they can fish

$$\text{Initial} = v_1(\tilde{y}) = \log P(x_1 | \tilde{y}) + \log P(\tilde{y}) \quad \text{initial dist}$$

Recurrent: compute  $v_i$  using  $v_{i-1}$

$$v_i(\tilde{y}) = \log P(x_i | \tilde{y}) +$$

$$\max_{\tilde{y}_{\text{prev}}} \left[ \log P(\tilde{y} | \tilde{y}_{\text{prev}}) + v_{i-1}(\tilde{y}_{\text{prev}}) \right]$$

Viterbi alg

for  $i = 1 \dots n$

for  $\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{T}$

Compute  $v_i(\tilde{y})$  as above

Compute  $v_{n+1}(\text{STOP}) =$  do the recurrent one more time

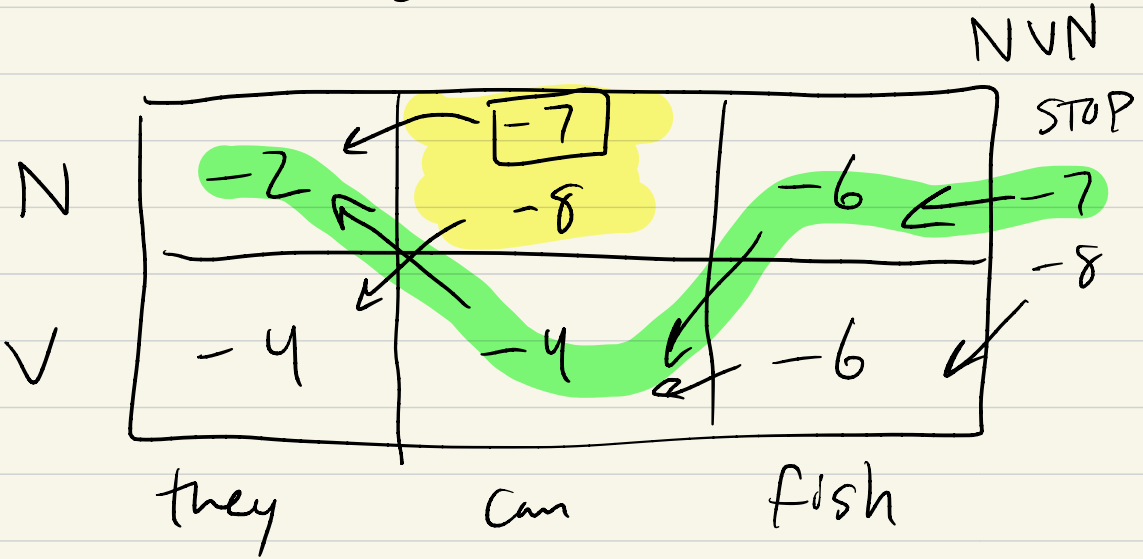
$$v_{n+1}(\text{STOP}) = \max_{\tilde{y}} \log P(\tilde{y}, \bar{x})$$

Track "backpointers" to reconstruct the sequence

$$S = \begin{matrix} N & -1 \\ V & -1 \end{matrix} \quad T = \begin{matrix} N & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ V & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{matrix}$$

they can fish

$$E = \begin{matrix} N & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ V & -3 & -1 & -1 \end{matrix}$$



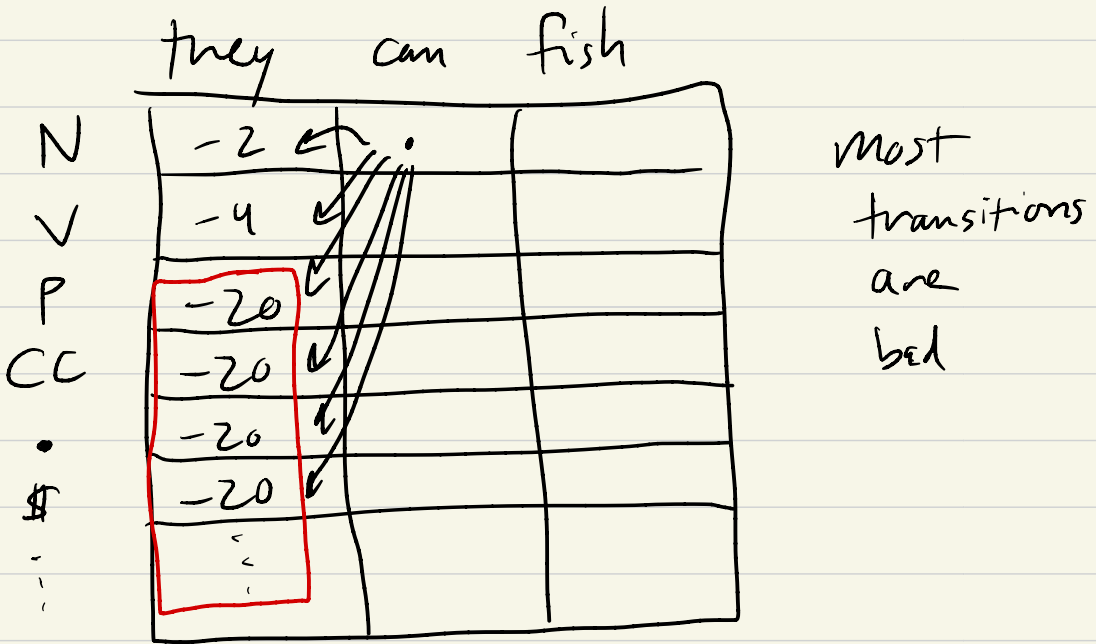
$$V_2(N) = \log P(\text{can} | N) \rightarrow -3 \leftarrow -2 - 2 = -4$$

$$+ \max \begin{cases} N: \log P(N | N) + v_1(N) \\ V: \log P(N | V) + v_1(V) \end{cases}$$

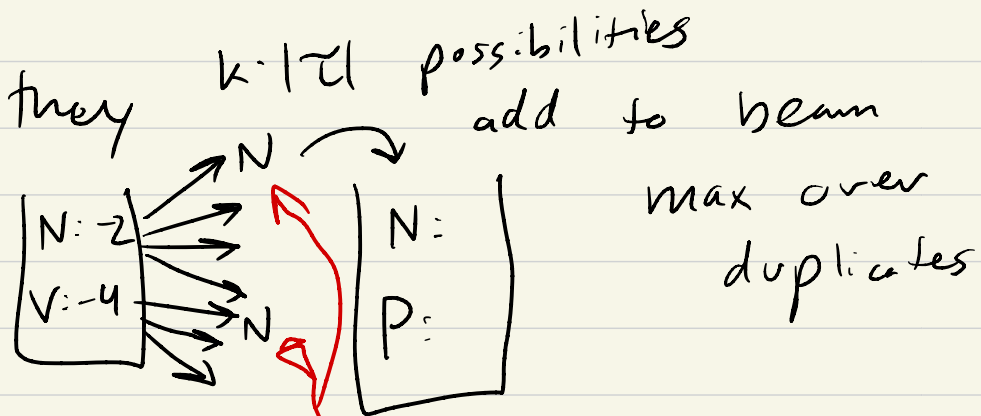
$$= -7 \quad \quad \quad -1 \quad -4 = -5$$

# Beam search

Viterbi runtime:  $O(|\Sigma|^2 \cdot n)$



Beam search: only track top  $k$  scoring states in each column



everything else is kicked out

keep only higher N

$$O(n |\tau|^2) \Rightarrow O(n |\tau| k \log k)$$

(really  $\log k$  from data structure)

$k = 1$  : greedy

$k$  ranges from 2 to 100