Conditional Random Fields with Latent Variables

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Outline

- Overview of General Conditional Random Fields
- Conditional Random Fields with Latent Variables

Binary Logistic Regression



Classify using $y = \operatorname{sign}(w^T x)$.









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Conditional Random Fields

CRFs model correlation in the y_n





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We can have any graph structure on the y_n





Tasks involving states s:

- Decoding: $\arg \max_{s} p(y = s | x, w)$
- Inference: $\sum_{s} p(y = s | x, w)$ and $\sum_{s | s_i = c} p(y = s | x, w)$
- Sampling: generate $s \sim p(y = s | x, w)$

For chain structured data:

- Decode using Viterbi
- Inference using Forward-Backward
- Sampling using Forward-Filter, Backward-Sample

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Use one task to perform the other:

- Inference with sampling: counting
- Inference with decoding: Viterbi approximation
- Decoding with inference: max-product
- Decoding with sampling: simulated annealing
- Sampling with inference: variational MCMC
- Sampling with decoding: herding

Estimation methods to find w:

- Inference: maximum likelihood and regularized maximum likelihood
- Decoding: perceptron and max-margin Markov networks
- Sampling: contrastive divergence and stochastic maximum likelihood
- None: pseudo-likelihood and composite likelihoods

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Inference with super-nodes

Semi-Markov CRF

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Can also have small number of global dependencies: 'at least one verb'

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If all variables hidden, cancels out

Numerator leads to non-convex optimization

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Hidden-Unit CRF, Conditional Neural Field (CNF)

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A standard CRF where we learn the features Related to earlier support vector random fields

Latent Dynamic CNF

