# Conditional Random Fields with Latent Variables 

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- Overview of General Conditional Random Fields
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For ordered classes, use ordinal logistic regression.

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Challenges: share information across the $w_{n}$ model in correlations in the $y_{n}$

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CRFs model correlation in the $y_{n}$



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p(y=s \mid x, w) \propto \prod_{i \in N} \exp \left(w_{s_{i}}^{T} x_{i}\right) \prod_{i, j \in E}^{N} \exp \left(v_{s_{i}, s_{j}}\right)
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## General Conditional Random Fields

Tasks involving states $s$ :

- Decoding: $\arg \max _{s} p(y=s \mid x, w)$
- Inference: $\sum_{s} p(y=s \mid x, w)$ and $\sum_{s \mid s_{i}=c} p(y=s \mid x, w)$
- Sampling: generate $s \sim p(y=s \mid x, w)$

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 wtih 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


## General Conditional Random Fields

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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- 1st-order: $O\left(N S^{2}\right)$
- 2nd-order: $O\left(\frac{N}{2} S^{4}\right)$
- ith-order: $O\left(\frac{N}{i} S^{2 i}\right)$



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

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An HMM with a supervised label

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p(y=s \mid x, w) \propto \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^{H} v_{i, s} g_{i}\left(w_{i}^{T} x\right)\right)
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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



