

Word Alignment

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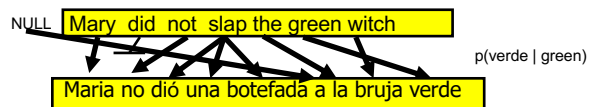
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Assignment 5

Language translation



Word models: IBM Model 1



Each foreign word is aligned to exactly one English word

This is the **ONLY** thing we model!

$$p(f_1 f_2 \dots f_{|F|}, a_1 a_2 \dots a_{|E|} | e_1 e_2 \dots e_{|E|}) = \prod_{i=1}^{|F|} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$

Training a word-level model

The old man is happy. He has fished many times. — El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.
 His wife talks to him. — Su mujer habla con él.
 The sharks await. — Los tiburones esperan.
 ...

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$p(f_i | e_{a_i})$: probability that e is translated as f

How do we learn these?

What data would be useful?

Thought experiment

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.
 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
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His wife talks to him. The sharks await.
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 Su mujer habla con él. Los tiburones esperan.

$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = ?$$

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$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

$$p(\text{el} | \text{the}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{Los} | \text{the}) = 0.5$$

Any problems concerns?

Thought experiment

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Getting data like this is expensive!

Even if we had it, what happens when we switch to a new domain/corpus

Thought experiment #2

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.



Annotator 1

El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

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Annotator 2

El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

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What do we do?

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$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

Use partial counts:
 - count(viejo | man) 0.8
 - count(viejo | old) 0.2

Training without alignments

a b
~~x y~~

How should these be aligned?

c b
 ||
 z x

There is some information!
 (Think of the alien translation task last time)

Training without alignments

a b
x y

IBM model 1: Each foreign word is aligned to 1 English word (ignore NULL for now)

What are the possible alignments?

Training without alignments

a b a b a b a b
| | X / \ \ /
x y x y x y x y

IBM model 1: Each foreign word is aligned to 1 English word

Training without alignments

a b a b a b a b
| | X / \ \ /
x y x y x y x y
0.01 0.9 0.08 0.01

IBM model 1: Each foreign word is aligned to 1 English word

If I told you how likely each of these were, does that help us with calculating $p(f | e)$?

Training without alignments

a b a b a b a b
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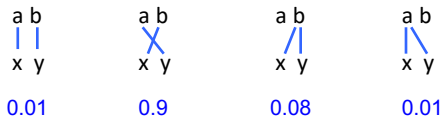
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$$p(f_i | e_a) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

Use partial counts and sum:

- count(y | a) 0.9+0.01
- count(x | a) 0.01+0.01

One the one hand



If you had the likelihood of each alignment, you could calculate $p(f|e)$

$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

One the other hand



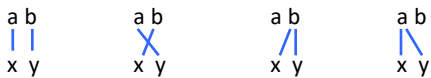
$$p(F, a_1 a_2 \dots a_{|F|} | E) = \prod_{i=1}^{|F|} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$



If you had $p(f|e)$ could you calculate the probability of the alignments?

$$p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$

One the other hand



We want to calculate the probability of the alignment, e.g.

$$p(\text{alignment1} | F, E) = p(A_1 | F, E)$$

We can calculate $p(A_1, F | E)$ using the word probabilities.

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$$p(A, F | E) \quad ? \quad p(A | F, E)$$

How are these two probabilities related?

Our friend the chain rule

$$p(A_1, F|E) = p(A_1|F, E) * p(F|E)$$

$$p(A_1|F, E) = \frac{p(A_1, F|E)}{p(F|E)}$$

What is $P(F|E)$?

Hint: how do we go from $p(A_1, F|E)$ to $P(F|E)$?

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$$p(A_1|F, E) = \frac{p(A_1, F|E)}{p(F|E)}$$

$$p(A_1|F, E) = \frac{p(A_1, F|E)}{\sum_A p(A, F|E)}$$

sum over the variable!

How likely is this alignment, compared to all other alignments under the model

One the other hand

Alignment 1 Alignment 2 Alignment 3 Alignment 4

a b
| |
x y

a b
X X
x y

a b
/ /
x y

a b
\ \
x y

$$p(x|a) * p(y|b)$$

$$p(x|b) * p(y|a)$$

$$p(x|b) * p(y|b)$$

$$p(x|a) * p(y|a)$$

$$p(F, a_1|E)$$

$$p(F, a_2|E)$$

$$p(F, a_3|E)$$

$$p(F, a_4|E)$$

$$p(F, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{|F|} | E) = \prod_{i=1}^{|F|} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$

One the other hand

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$$p(x|a) * p(y|a)$$

$$p(F, a_1|E)$$

$$p(F, a_2|E)$$

$$p(F, a_3|E)$$

$$p(F, a_4|E)$$

Normalize

$$p(a_1|E, F) = \frac{p(x|a) * p(y|b)}{\sum_{i=1}^4 p(F, a_i|E)}$$

Have we gotten anywhere?



Training without alignments

Initially assume a $p(f|e)$ are equally probable

Repeat:

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)
- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from **all** alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

EM algorithm

(something from nothing)

General approach for calculating “**hidden variables**”, i.e. variables without explicit labels in the data

Repeat:

E-step: Calculate the expected probabilities of the hidden variables based on the current model

M-step: Update the model based on the expected counts/probabilities

EM alignment

E-step

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate **how probable the alignments** are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from **all** alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

green house the house
 casa verde la casa

What are the different p(f|e) that make up my model?

p(casa green)		p(casa house)		p(casa the)	
p(verde green)		p(verde house)		p(verde the)	
p(la green)		p(la house)		p(la the)	

Technically, all combinations of foreign and English words

green house green house the house the house
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

p(casa green)	1/3	p(casa house)	1/3	p(casa the)	1/3
p(verde green)	1/3	p(verde house)	1/3	p(verde the)	1/3
p(la green)	1/3	p(la house)	1/3	p(la the)	1/3

Start with all p(f|e) equally probable

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p(casa green)	1/3	p(casa house)	1/3	p(casa the)	1/3
p(verde green)	1/3	p(verde house)	1/3	p(verde the)	1/3
p(la green)	1/3	p(la house)	1/3	p(la the)	1/3

E-step: What are the probabilities of the alignments?

1. calculate: $p(f_1 f_2 \dots f_{|F|}, a_1 a_2 \dots a_{|E|} | e_1 e_2 \dots e_{|E|}) = \prod_{i=1}^{|F|} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$

green house green house the house the house
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

sum = 4/9 sum = 4/9

p(casa green)	1/3	p(casa house)	1/3	p(casa the)	1/3
p(verde green)	1/3	p(verde house)	1/3	p(verde the)	1/3
p(la green)	1/3	p(la house)	1/3	p(la the)	1/3

E-step: What are the probabilities of the alignments?

2. normalize: $p(a_i | E, F) = \frac{p(F, a_i | E)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|F|} p(F, a_j | E)}$

green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/4 X 1/4 | | 1/4 X 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

p(casa green)	1/3	p(casa house)	1/3	p(casa the)	1/3
p(verde green)	1/3	p(verde house)	1/3	p(verde the)	1/3
p(la green)	1/3	p(la house)	1/3	p(la the)	1/3

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 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

M-step: What are the p(f|e) given the alignments?

p(casa green)	1/3	p(casa house)	1/3	p(casa the)	1/3
p(verde green)	1/3	p(verde house)	1/3	p(verde the)	1/3
p(la green)	1/3	p(la house)	1/3	p(la the)	1/3

c(casa,green) = ?	c(casa,house) = ?	c(casa,the) = ?
c(verde,green) = ?	c(verde,house) = ?	c(verde,the) = ?
c(la,green) = ?	c(la,house) = ?	c(la,the) = ?

First, calculate the partial counts

green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/4 X 1/4 | | 1/4 X 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

M-step: What are the p(f|e) given the alignments?

p(casa green)	?	p(casa house)	?	p(casa the)	?
p(verde green)	?	p(verde house)	?	p(verde the)	?
p(la green)	?	p(la house)	?	p(la the)	?

c(casa,green) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(casa,house) = 1/4+1/4+1/4+1/4 = 1 c(casa,the) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2
 c(verde,green) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(verde,house) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(verde,the) = 0
 c(la,green) = 0 c(la,house) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(la,the) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2

Then, calculate the probabilities by normalizing the counts

green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/4 X 1/4 | | 1/4 X 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

p(casa green)	1/2	p(casa house)	1/2	p(casa the)	1/2
p(verde green)	1/2	p(verde house)	1/4	p(verde the)	0
p(la green)	0	p(la house)	1/4	p(la the)	1/2

c(casa,green) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(casa,house) = 1/4+1/4+1/4+1/4 = 1 c(casa,the) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2
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 c(la,green) = 0 c(la,house) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2 c(la,the) = 1/4+1/4 = 1/2

Then, calculate the probabilities by normalizing the counts

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 | | / \ / \ | | / \ / \
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa la casa

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 / \ / \ / \ / \
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa la casa

p(casa green)	1/2	p(casa house)	1/2	p(casa the)	1/2
p(verde green)	1/2	p(verde house)	1/4	p(verde the)	0
p(la green)	0	p(la house)	1/4	p(la the)	1/2

E-step: 1. what are the $p(A,F|E)$?

green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/8 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/8
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/8 / \ 1/4 / \ 1/8
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa la casa

p(casa green)	1/2	p(casa house)	1/2	p(casa the)	1/2
p(verde green)	1/2	p(verde house)	1/4	p(verde the)	0
p(la green)	0	p(la house)	1/4	p(la the)	1/2

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sum = (3/4) sum = (3/4)

p(casa green)	1/2	p(casa house)	1/2	p(casa the)	1/2
p(verde green)	1/2	p(verde house)	1/4	p(verde the)	0
p(la green)	0	p(la house)	1/4	p(la the)	1/2

$$p(a_i|E, F) = \frac{p(F, a_i|E)}{\sum_{j=1}^4 p(F, a_j|E)}$$

E-step: 2. what are the alignments, i.e. normalize?

green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/6 / \ 1/3 / \ 1/3 / \ 1/6
 casa verde casa verde la casa la casa la casa

green house green house the house the house
 / \ 1/3 / \ 1/6 / \ 1/3 / \ 1/6
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sum = (3/4) sum = (3/4)

p(casa green)	1/2	p(casa house)	1/2	p(casa the)	1/2
p(verde green)	1/2	p(verde house)	1/4	p(verde the)	0
p(la green)	0	p(la house)	1/4	p(la the)	1/2

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casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

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casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

M-step: What are the p(f|e) given the alignments?

p(casa green)	p(casa house)	p(casa the)
p(verde green)	p(verde house)	p(verde the)
p(la green)	p(la house)	p(la the)

c(casa,green) = ?	c(casa,house) = ?	c(casa,the) = ?
c(verde,green) = ?	c(verde,house) = ?	c(verde,the) = ?
c(la, green) = ?	c(la,house) = ?	c(la,the) = ?

First, calculate the partial counts

green house 1/6 green house 1/3 the house 1/3 the house 1/6

casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house 1/3 green house 1/6 the house 1/3 the house 1/6

casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

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p(la green)	(la house)	p(la the)

c(casa,green) = 1/6+1/3 = 3/6	c(casa,house) = 1/3+1/6+1/3+1/6 = 6/6	c(casa,the) = 1/6+1/3 = 3/6
c(verde,green) = 1/3+1/3 = 4/6	c(verde,house) = 1/6+1/6 = 2/6	c(verde,the) = 0
c(la, green) = 0	c(la,house) = 1/6+1/6 = 2/6	c(la,the) = 1/3+1/3 = 4/6

green house 1/6 green house 1/3 the house 1/3 the house 1/6

casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

green house 1/3 green house 1/6 the house 1/3 the house 1/6

casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

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c(verde,green) = 1/3+1/3 = 4/6	c(verde,house) = 1/6+1/6 = 2/6	c(verde,the) = 0
c(la, green) = 0	c(la,house) = 1/6+1/6 = 2/6	c(la,the) = 1/3+1/3 = 4/6

Then, calculate the probabilities by normalizing the counts

green house green house the house the house

casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

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casa verde casa verde la casa la casa

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Then, calculate the probabilities by normalizing the counts

green house $\frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{35} = .086$ green house $\frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{35} = .34$ the house $\frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{35} = .34$ the house $\frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{35} = .086$

green house $\frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{12}{49} = .24$ green house $\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{25} = .12$ the house $\frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} = \frac{12}{49} = .24$ the house $\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{25} = .12$

$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$	$\frac{3}{7}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	$\frac{3}{7}$
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$	$\frac{4}{7}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0	$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	$\frac{4}{7}$

E-step: 1. what are the $p(A,F|E)$?

green house 0.108 green house 0.432 the house 0.432 the house 0.108

green house 0.309 green house 0.151 the house 0.309 the house 0.151

$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$	$\frac{3}{7}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	$\frac{3}{7}$
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$	$\frac{4}{7}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0	$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	$\frac{4}{7}$

E-step: 2. what are the alignments, i.e. normalize?

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$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$	$\frac{3}{7}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	$\frac{3}{7}$
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$	$\frac{4}{7}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0	$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	$\frac{4}{7}$

$c(\text{casa}, \text{green}) = .108 + .309 = 0.417$ $c(\text{casa}, \text{house}) = .432 + .151 = 0.583$ $c(\text{casa}, \text{the}) = .108 + .309 = 0.417$
 $c(\text{verde}, \text{green}) = .432 + .309 = 0.741$ $c(\text{verde}, \text{house}) = .108 + .151 = 0.259$ $c(\text{verde}, \text{the}) = 0$
 $c(\text{la}, \text{green}) = 0$ $c(\text{la}, \text{house}) = .108 + .151 = 0.259$ $c(\text{la}, \text{the}) = .432 + .309 = 0.741$

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$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$	0.36	$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	0.69	$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	0.36
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$	0.64	$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	0.15	$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0	$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	0.15	$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	0.64

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Iterate...

5 iterations

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{green})$	0.24
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{green})$	0.76
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{green})$	0

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{house})$	0.84
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{house})$	0.08
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{house})$	0.08

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{the})$	0.24
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{the})$	0.76

10 iterations

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{green})$	0.1
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{green})$	0.9
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{green})$	0

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{house})$	0.98
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{house})$	0.01
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{house})$	0.01

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{the})$	0.1
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{the})$	0.9

100 iterations

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{green})$	0.005
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{green})$	0.995
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{green})$	0

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{house})$	~ 1.0
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{house})$	~ 0.0
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{house})$	~ 0.0

$p(\text{casa} \mid \text{the})$	0.005
$p(\text{verde} \mid \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \mid \text{the})$	0.995

EM alignment

E-step

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate **how probable the alignments** are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from **all** alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Why does it work?

EM alignment

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Why does it work?

EM alignment

Intuitively:

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from **all** alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Things that co-occur will have higher probabilities

E-step

- Calculate **how probable the alignments** are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

Alignments that contain things with higher $p(f|e)$ will be scored higher

An aside: estimating probabilities

What is the probability of “the” occurring in a sentence?

$$\frac{\text{number of sentences with "the"}}{\text{total number of sentences}}$$

Is this right?

Estimating probabilities

What is the probability of “the” occurring in a sentence?

$$\frac{\text{number of sentences with "the"}}{\text{total number of sentences}}$$

No. This is an *estimate* based on our data

This is called the **maximum likelihood estimation**.
Why?

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Maximum likelihood estimation picks the values for the model parameters that maximize the likelihood of the training data

You flip a coin 100 times. 60 times you get heads.

What is the MLE for heads?

$p(\text{head}) = 0.60$

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MLE example

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MLE for heads: $p(\text{head}) = 0.60$

What is the likelihood of the data under this model (each coin flip is a data point)?

$$\text{likelihood}(\text{data}) = \prod_i p(x_i)$$
$$\log(0.60^{60} * 0.40^{40}) = -67.3$$

MLE example

Can we do any better?

$$\text{likelihood}(\text{data}) = \prod_i p(x_i)$$

$p(\text{heads}) = 0.5$

$$\log(0.50^{60} * 0.50^{40}) = -69.3$$

$p(\text{heads}) = 0.7$

$$-\log(0.70^{60} * 0.30^{40}) = -69.5$$

EM alignment: the math

The EM algorithm tries to find parameters of the model ($p(f|e)$) that *maximize the likelihood of the data*

In our case:

$$p(f_1 f_2 \dots f_{|f|} | e_1 e_2 \dots e_{|e|}) = \sum_{a_1} \sum_{a_2} \dots \sum_{a_{|f|}} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$

Each iteration, we increase (or keep the same) the likelihood of the data

Implementation details

Any concerns/issues?
Anything underspecified?

Repeat:

E-step

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from all alignments, weighted by how probable they are

Implementation details

When do we stop?

Repeat:

E-step

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from all alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Implementation details

- Repeat for a fixed number of iterations
- Repeat until parameters don't change (much)
- Repeat until likelihood of data doesn't change much

Repeat:

E-step

- Enumerate all possible alignments
- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from all alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Implementation details

For $|E|$ English words and $|F|$ foreign words, how many alignments are there?

Repeat:

E-step

Enumerate all possible alignments

- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from all alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Implementation details

Each foreign word can be aligned to any of the English words (or NULL)

$(|E|+1)^{|F|}$



Repeat:

E-step

Enumerate all possible alignments

- Calculate how probable the alignments are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

M-step

- Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from all alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

Thought experiment

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.



El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

His wife talks to him.



Su mujer habla con él.

The sharks await.



Los tiburones esperan.

$$p(f_i | e_i) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

$$p(\text{el} | \text{the}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{Los} | \text{the}) = 0.5$$

If we had the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for (E, F) in corpus:
for aligned words (e, f) in pair (E, F):
count(e, f) += 1
count(e) += 1

for all (e, f) in count:
p(f | e) = count(e, f) / count(e)

If we had the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for (E, F) in corpus:
for e in E:
for f in F:
if f aligned-to e:
count(e, f) += 1
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for e in E:
for f in F:
if f aligned-to e:
count(e, f) += 1
count(e) += 1

Are these equivalent?

for all (e, f) in count:
p(f | e) = count(e, f) / count(e)

Thought experiment #2

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.



80 annotators

El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.



20 annotators

El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

Use partial counts:
 - count(viejo | man) 0.8
 - count(viejo | old) 0.2

Without the alignments

if f aligned-to e:

count(e,f) += 1
 count(e) += 1



$p(f \rightarrow e)$: probability that f is aligned to e *in this pair*

count(e,f) += $p(f \rightarrow e)$
 count(e) += $p(f \rightarrow e)$

Key: use **expected** counts (i.e., how likely based on the current model), rather than actual counts

Without alignments

$p(f \rightarrow e)$: probability that f is aligned to e *in this pair*

a b c

y z

What is $p(y \rightarrow a)$?

Put another way, of all things that y could align to in this sentence, how likely is it to be a?

Without alignments

$p(f \rightarrow e)$: probability that f is aligned to e *in this pair*

a b c

y z

Of all things that y could align to, how likely is it to be a:

$p(y | a)$

Does that do it?

No! $p(y | a)$ is how likely y is to align to a over the whole data set.

Without alignments

$p(f \rightarrow e)$: probability that f is aligned to e *in this pair*

a b c
y z

Of all things that y could align to, how likely is it to be a :

$$\frac{p(y | a)}{p(y | a) + p(y | b) + p(y | c)}$$

Without the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for (E, F) in corpus:

for e in E :

for f in F :

$$p(f \rightarrow e) = p(f|e) / \sum_{e \text{ in } E} p(f|e)$$

$$\text{count}(e, f) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$

$$\text{count}(e) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$

for all (e, f) in count:

$$p(f|e) = \text{count}(e, f) / \text{count}(e)$$

EM: without the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for some number of iterations:

for (E, F) in corpus:

for e in E :

for f in F :

$$p(f \rightarrow e) = p(f|e) / \sum_{e \text{ in } E} p(f|e)$$

$$\text{count}(e, f) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$

$$\text{count}(e) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$

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for all (e, f) in count:

$$p(f|e) = \text{count}(e, f) / \text{count}(e)$$

Where are the E and M steps?

EM: without the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for some number of iterations:

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for e in E:

for f in F:

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for all (e, f) in count:

$$p(f|e) = \text{count}(e, f) / \text{count}(e)$$

Calculate **how probable the alignments** are under the current model (i.e. $p(f|e)$)

EM: without the alignments

Input: corpus of English/Foreign sentence pairs along with alignment

for some number of iterations:

for (E, F) in corpus:

for e in E:

for f in F:

$$p(f \rightarrow e) = p(f|e) / \sum_{e \text{ in } E} p(f|e)$$
$$\text{count}(e, f) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$
$$\text{count}(e) += p(f \rightarrow e)$$

for all (e, f) in count:

$$p(f|e) = \text{count}(e, f) / \text{count}(e)$$

Recalculate $p(f|e)$ using counts from **all** alignments, **weighted** by how probable they are

NULL

Sometimes foreign words don't have a direct correspondence to an English word

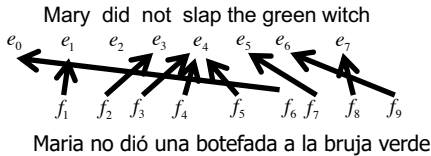
Adding a NULL word allows for $p(f | \text{NULL})$, i.e. words that appear, but are not associated explicitly with an English word

Implementation: add "NULL" (**or some unique string representing NULL**) to each of the English sentences, often at the beginning of the sentence

$p(\text{casa} \text{NULL})$	1/3
$p(\text{verde} \text{NULL})$	1/3
$p(\text{la} \text{NULL})$	1/3

Benefits of word-level model

Rarely used in practice for modern MT system



Two key side effects of training a word-level model:

- Word-level alignment
- $p(f | e)$: translation dictionary

How do I get this?

Word alignment

100 iterations

$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$	0.005
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$	0.995
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0

green house

casa verde

How should these be aligned?

$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	~ 1.0
$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	~ 0.0
$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	~ 0.0

the house

$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	0.005
$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	0.995

la casa

Word alignment

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$p(\text{la} \text{green})$	0

green house
~~casa verde~~

Why?

$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$	~ 1.0
$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$	~ 0.0
$p(\text{la} \text{house})$	~ 0.0

the house
 la casa

$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	0.005
$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	0
$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	0.995

Word-level alignment

$$\text{alignment}(E, F) = \arg_A \max p(A, F | E)$$

Which for IBM model 1 is:

$$\text{alignment}(E, F) = \arg_A \max \prod_{i=1}^{|F|} p(f_i | e_{a_i})$$

Given a model (i.e. trained $p(f|e)$), how do we find this?

Align each foreign word (f in F) to the English word (e in E) with highest $p(f|e)$

$$a_i = \arg_{j \in |E|} \max p(f_i | e_j)$$

Word-alignment Evaluation

The old man is happy. He has fished many times.
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
El viejo está feliz porque ha pescado muchos veces.

How good of an alignment is this?
How can we quantify this?

Word-alignment Evaluation

System:
The old man is happy. He has fished many times.
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Human
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Precision and recall!

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Precision: $\frac{6}{7}$

Recall: $\frac{6}{10}$