

More Word Alignment

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Assignment 5a solutions posted

Assignment 5b due Monday

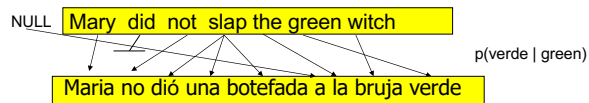
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Language translation



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Word models: IBM Model 1



Each foreign word is aligned to exactly one English word

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

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

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Thought experiment

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

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His wife talks to him.

Su mujer habla con él.

The sharks await.

Los tiburones esperan.

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Any problems concerns?

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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

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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)

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Training without alignments

a b

x y

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

What are the possible alignments?

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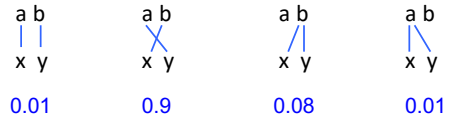
Training without alignments



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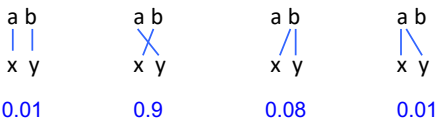


IBM model 1: Each foreign word is aligned to 1 English word

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

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Training without alignments



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

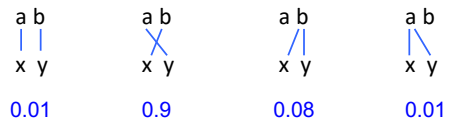
$$p(f_i | e_{a_i}) = \frac{\text{count}(f \text{ aligned-to } e)}{\text{count}(e)}$$

Use partial counts and sum:

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

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One the one hand

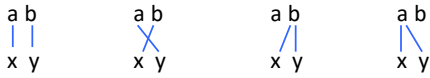


If you had the likelihood of each alignment, you could calculate $p(f|e)$

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

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One the other hand



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



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

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

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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.

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

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One the other hand



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

How are these two probabilities related?

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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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$$p(A_1|F, E) = \frac{p(A_1, F|E)}{\sum_A p(A, F|E)} \quad \text{sum over the variable!}$$

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

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One the other hand

Alignment 1 Alignment 2 Alignment 3 Alignment 4



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

$$p(F, a_1|E) \quad p(F, a_2|E) \quad p(F, a_3|E) \quad p(F, a_4|E)$$

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

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One the other hand

Alignment 1 Alignment 2 Alignment 3 Alignment 4



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$$p(F, a_1|E) \quad p(F, a_2|E) \quad p(F, a_3|E) \quad p(F, a_4|E)$$

Normalize

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

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Have we gotten anywhere?



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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

(Note: theoretical algorithm)

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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

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EM alignment

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M-step

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green house the house
casa verde la casa

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

$p(\text{casa} \text{green})$		$p(\text{casa} \text{house})$		$p(\text{casa} \text{the})$	
$p(\text{verde} \text{green})$		$p(\text{verde} \text{house})$		$p(\text{verde} \text{the})$	
$p(\text{la} \text{green})$		$p(\text{la} \text{house})$		$p(\text{la} \text{the})$	

Technically, all combinations of foreign and English words

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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

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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

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

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green house green house the house the house
 | | 1/8 X 1/4 | | 1/4 X 1/8
 casa verde casa verde 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

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)

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

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

green house green house the house the house
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EM alignment

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Why does it work?

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EM alignment

E-step

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M-step

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Why does it work?

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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

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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?

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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?

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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)?

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

$$\log(0.60^{60} * 0.40^{40}) = -67.3$$

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MLE example

Can we do any better?

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

p(heads) = 0.5

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

p(heads) = 0.7

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

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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

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Implementation details

Any concerns/issues?
Anything underspecified?

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Implementation details

When do we stop?

Repeat:

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M-step

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

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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
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Implementation details

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

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Implementation details

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

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



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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)
```

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  for e in E:
    for f in F:
      if f aligned-to e:
        count(e,f) += 1
        count(e) += 1
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    for f in F:
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        count(e) += 1
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Are these equivalent?

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```

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