Midterm Review: CFGs, Parsing, and Neural **Networks**

Linguistic Structure

Constituency

- "Groups of words can behave as single units (constituents)"
- Based on Context Free Grammars (CFGs)

Dependency

● "Syntactic structure of a sentence is described solely in terms of relations between the words"

Constituency Parsing

Context-Free Grammars (CFGs)

A formal system for modeling constituent structure in natural language

Consists of:

- Non-terminals *N*
	- \circ E.g. {S, NP, VP, DT, NN, Vi}
- Terminals $Σ$
	- E.g. {the, man, sleeps}
- Rules *R* (grammar, lexicon)
	- \circ E.g. $\{S \rightarrow NP \ VP, NP \rightarrow DT \ NN, VP \rightarrow Vi, DT \rightarrow the,$ NN -> man, Vi -> sleeps}
- Start symbol *S* (picked from *N*)
	- \circ E.g. S

Deriving Parses with CFGs

Given a CFG, we want to get from a starting string s' to a target string s

(i.e. we want the **derivation** of s starting from s')

Probabilistic Context-Free Grammars (PCFGs)

 $N = \{S, NP, VP, PP, DT, Vi, Vt, NN, IN\}$ $S = S$

 $\Sigma = \{\text{sleeps}, \text{ saw}, \text{man}, \text{woman}, \text{ telescope}, \text{ the}, \text{with}, \text{ in}\}\$

Grammar

Lexicon

The probability of a tree τ is the product of the probabilities of all its rules:

Probability: 0.6 * 0.8 * 0.3 * 0.1 * 0.6 * 0.9 = .0077

Treebanks

Dataset of sentences + associated parse trees

PCFG from Treebank

- 1) Get *N,* Σ, *S, R*
	- *a) N* = All non-terminals
	- b) Σ = All terminals
	- c) *S* = Root of trees
	- *d) R* = For each node, get all children
- 2) To construct probabilities *q*:
	- a) For each non-terminal:
		- i) Count all parent -> children relationship
		- ii) Divide by number of occurrences of the non-terminal

CKY Algorithm

For a string with multiple parses, we want the highest probability one

Inputs:

 \bullet PCFG given by *N*, Σ, *S, R, q*, where *R* is in CNF (all nodes have either 1 terminal child, or 2 non-terminal children)

• A sentence
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X = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)
$$

Outputs:

● The parse of *X* with highest probability

The man slept *π*(1,1,DT)=1 *π*(1, 2, NP)=.6 (1, 1) (1, 2) (1, 3) *^π*(2, 3, X) = 0 *^π*(2,2,NN)=1 We only need to consider k = 2 (i.e. π(2,2,Y) and π(3,3,Z)) *π*(2, 3, S) = 0 *π*(3,3,VP)=1 π(2, 3, NP) = 0

Dependency Parsing

The Arc-standard algorithm

- Given: a sentence of $w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$
- The parsing process is modeled as a sequence of transitions
- A configuration (current state of parse) consists of a stack s , a buffer b and a set of dependency arcs A: $c = (s, b, A)$
- Initially, $s = [ROOT], b = [w_1, w_2, ..., w_n], A = \emptyset$
- A configuration is terminal if $s = [ROOT]$ and $b = \emptyset$
- Three types of transitions: SHIFT, LEFT-ARC (1), RIGHT-ARC (r)

Arc-standard

Want to build a dependency parse for a sentence

• Three types of transitions: SHIFT, LEFT-ARC (r) , RIGHT-ARC (r)

Arc-standard system: three operations

\n- Shift: top of buffer
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 top of stack
\n- Left-Arc: $\sigma|w_{-2}, w_{-1} \rightarrow \sigma|w_{-1}$, w_{-2} is now a child of w_{-1}
\n- Right-Arc $\sigma|w_{-2}, w_{-1} \rightarrow \sigma|w_{-2}$, w_{-1} is now a child of w_{-2}
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"Book me the morning flight" A running example

Neural Networks

Feed-forward NNs

- The units are connected with no cycles
- The outputs from units in each layer are passed to units in the next higher layer
- No outputs are passed back to lower layers

Fully-connected (FC) layers:

All the units from one layer are fully connected to every unit of the next layer.

*: f is applied element-wise

 $f([z_1, z_2, z_3]) = [f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3)]$

C: number of classes d: input dimension, d_1, d_2 : hidden dimensions

- Input layer: $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Hidden layer 1: ${\bf h}_1 = f({\bf W}^{(1)}{\bf x} + {\bf b}^{(1)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ $\mathbf{W}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$
- Hidden layer 2. $\mathbf{h}_2 = f(\mathbf{W}^{(2)}\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{b}^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ $\mathbf{W}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times d_1}, \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$
- Output layer:

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\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}^{(o)} \mathbf{h}_2, \mathbf{W}^{(o)} \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times d_2}
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A: $NH + H + (L-1)(H^2 + H) + CH$

Neural bag-of-words models for text classification

- Want to train a feed forward network to classify text
- We need a way to get a feature vector **x** given a sentence w_1 , ..., w_n
- Solutions:
	- Extract features manually from sentence
	- Use **word embeddings** to embed each word, and pool

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\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} e(w_i)
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How to train this model?

- Training data: $\{(d^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), ..., (d^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$
- Parameters: $\{W, b, U\}$
- Optimize these parameters using gradient descent!
- Word embeddings can be treated as parameters too!

 $E \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times d}$

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- \bullet y = Uh
- \hat{y} = softmax(y)

Feedforward Neural Language Model

Recap:

Language models: Given $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in V$, the goal is to model: $P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \prod^n P(x_i | x_1, ..., x_{i-1})$ $i=1$

- N-gram models suffer from many issues:
	- Exponential scaling with context size
	- Sparse probabilities as context size increases

Feedforward Neural Language Model

- Solution: Can treat language modelling as V way classification task
	- Input layer (m= 5):
		- $\mathbf{x} = [e(\text{the}); e(\text{cat}); e(\text{sat}); e(\text{on}); e(\text{the})] \in \mathbb{R}^{md}$
	- Hidden layer:
		- $\mathbf{h} = \tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^h$
	- Output layer \bullet

 $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$

 $P(w = i |$ the cat sat on the) = softmax_i(**z**) = $\frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}}$

