

# Structured Linear Models

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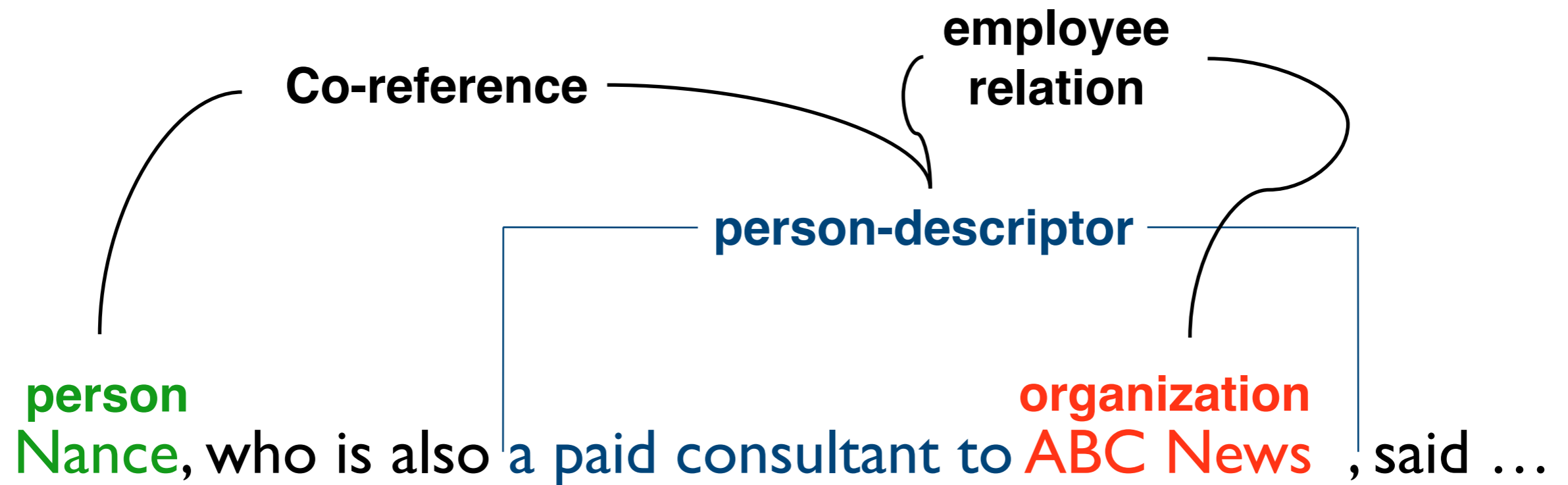
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# Goals

- *What*: link document and structured databases
- *How*: *information extraction*:
  - *Tag* entity and relation mentions in text
  - Map (“normalize”) the mentions to database entities and relations
- *Example*: biomedical databases

# Information Extraction



# Biomedical Examples

- Gene/protein mentions:

In the absence of **MHC class II**, **purified soluble D10 TCR** bound to **Staphylococcus aureus enterotoxin C2** with an association rate of 1.

- Variation events: **type**, **location**, and **state change**

One ER showed a **G** to **T point mutation** in the **second position of codon 12**

# Approach

- Develop text annotation guidelines
- Annotate initial training documents
- Train machine learning algorithms for extraction
- Automatically label more documents and correct (active annotation)

# Annotation Tool

The screenshot displays the WordFreak annotation tool interface, which is divided into several panels:

- Main Text Area:** Contains the text: "Laboratorio di Ematologia Sperimentale e Genetica Molecolare, Servizio di Ematologia, Universita degli Studi di Milano, Ospedale Maggiore IRCCS, Milano, Italy." followed by a paragraph: "Chromosomal translocations involving the immunoglobulin heavy chain (IGH) locus at chromosome 14q32 represent a common mechanism of oncogene activation in lymphoid malignancies. In multiple myeloma (MM), the most consistent chromosomal abnormality is the 14q+ marker, which originates in one third of cases through a t(11; 14)(q13; q32) chromosomal translocation; in the".
- Tree View (Bottom Left):** A hierarchical tree structure showing the document's structure. The selected node is "(gene#5 IGH)". Other nodes include "(variation#4)", "(Chromosomal)", "(translocations)", "(involving)", "(the)", "(gene#5 immunoglobulin heavy chain)", "(locus)", "(at)", "(chromosome)", "(14q32)", and "(represent)".
- Chooser Panel (Top Right):** A panel for selecting and managing entities. It includes navigation buttons (back, forward, home, end), a "Named Entity" section with a "Type" dropdown (currently set to "Gene"), and a "Co-Reference" section with "Merge", "Split", and "Re-Number" buttons. The "Head" field is set to "IGH".
- Entity List (Bottom Right):** A list of entities extracted from the text, including "FGFR3", "gene#5", "immunoglobulin heavy chain", "IGH", "chromosomal translocation t(4; 14)(p16.3; q32)", "a novel, recurrent chromosomal translocation", "malignancy#11 (plasma cell leukemia; PC)", "variation#10 (IGH switch-mediated chromo", "variation#16 (a point mutation at codon 37", "malignancy#7 (lymphoid malignancies)", "variation#13 (the breakpoints on 4p16.3 oc", and "variation#15 (FGFR3 gene was translocate".

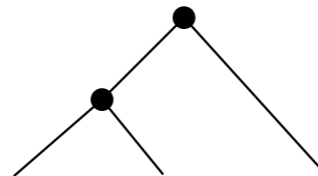
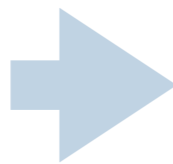
# Analyzing Text

- Segmentation
  - units (paragraphs, sentences)
  - layout (lists, FAQs,...)
- Tagging
  - part of speech
  - sense
- *Information extraction*
- Parsing

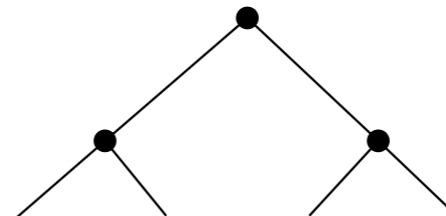
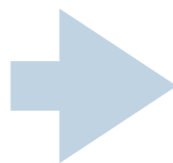
# Structured Classification

- Learn mapping from objects (documents, sentences,...) to structures

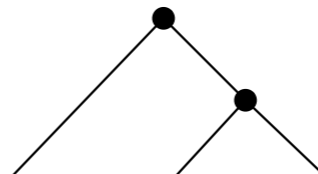
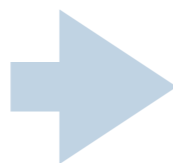
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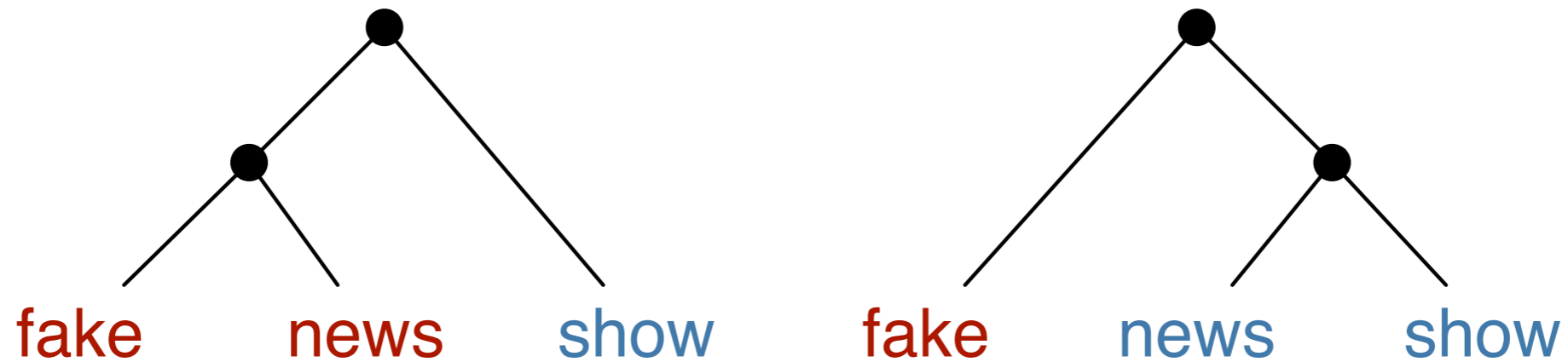
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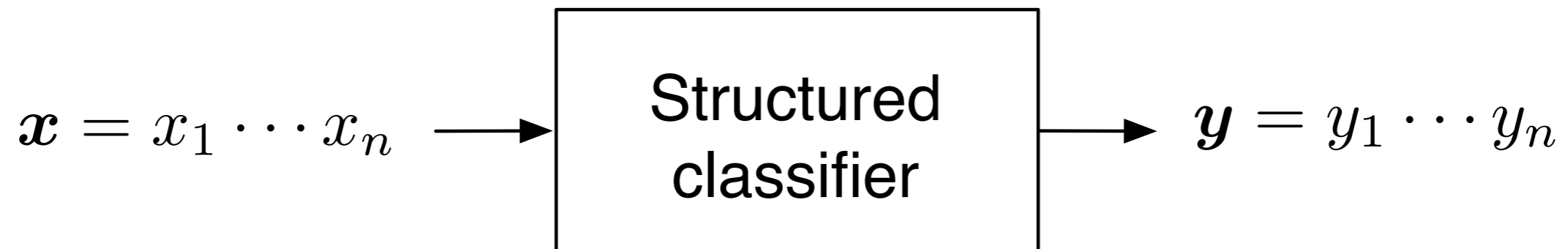
# Challenges

- Interacting decisions



- Many types of sequence features
- Computing an answer is relatively costly

# Analysis by Tagging



- Labels give the role of corresponding inputs
  - *Information extraction*
  - Part-of-speech tagging
  - Shallow parsing
  - Other segmentation/labeling tasks (speech, genomic sequences,...)

# Segmentation as Tagging

Rockwell International Corp. 's Tulsa unit said

B I I B I I O

it signed a tentative agreement extending its contract

B O B I I O B I

with Boeing Co. to provide structural parts

O B I O O B I

for Boeing 's 747 jetliners

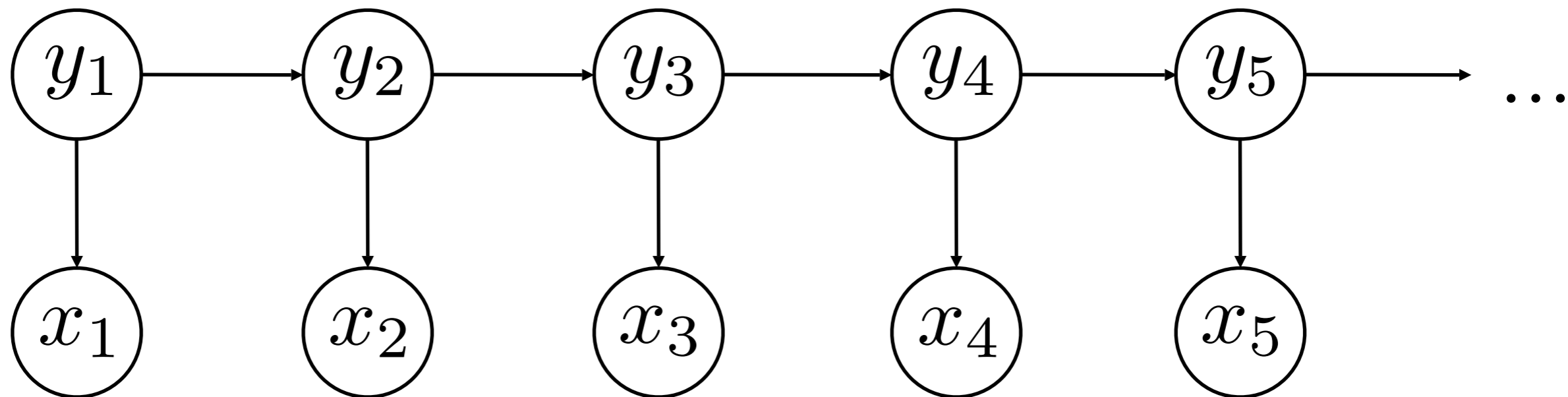
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# Traditional Approaches

- *Generative modeling*: probabilistic generators of sequence-structure pairs
  - HMMs, probabilistic CFGs
  - Hard to model non-independent features
- *Sequential classification*: decompose structure assignment into a sequence of structural decisions
  - Cannot trade-off decisions at different locations: *label-bias* problem

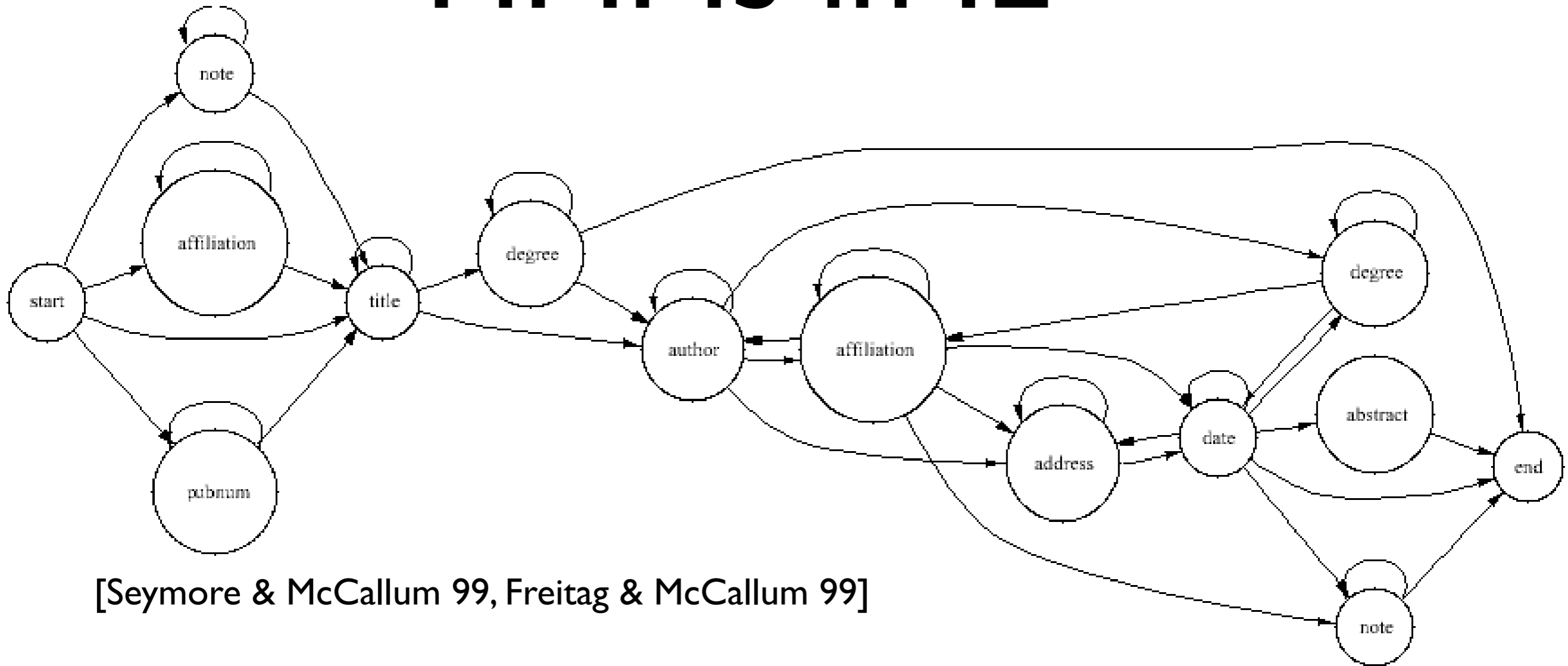
# Hidden Markov Model

- Instances: symbol sequences
- Labels: state sequences



$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = p(y_1)p(x_1|y_1) \prod_{i=2}^n p(y_i|y_{i-1})p(x_i|y_i)$$

# HMMs in IE



[Seymore & McCallum 99, Freitag & McCallum 99]

- **Inputs  $x$ :** words

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \prod_i p(y_i | y_{i-1}) p(x_i | y_i)$$

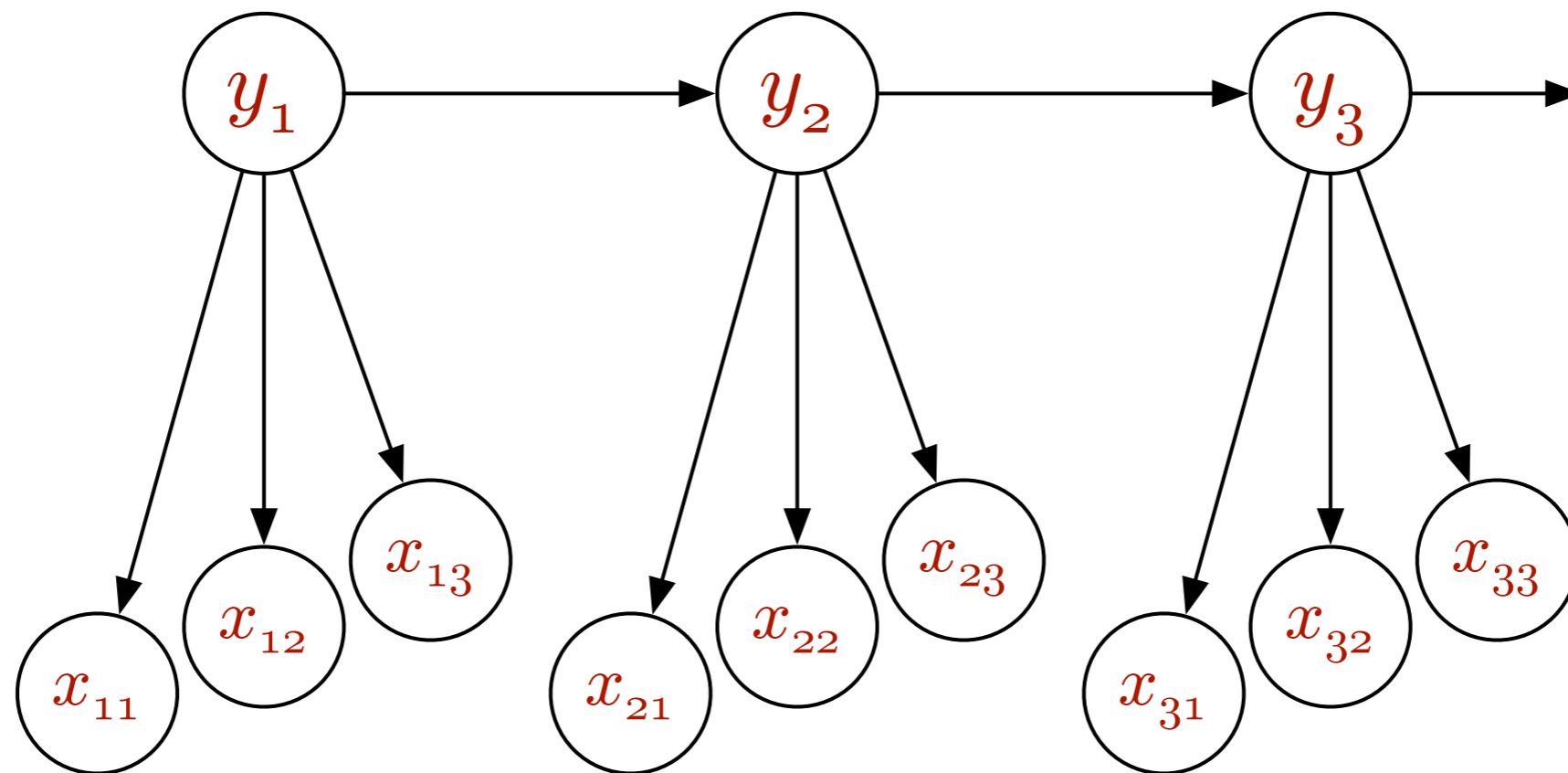
- **States  $y$ :** fields to extract

# Problems with HMMs

- Applications need richer input representation

<i>Word features</i>	<i>Formatting features</i>
word identity	centered
capitalization	indentation
ends in “-tion”	white space ratio
word in word list	begins with number
word font	ends with “?”

# Generating Multiple Features



- Relax conditional independence of features on labels  $\Rightarrow$  *intractability*



# Structured Linear Models

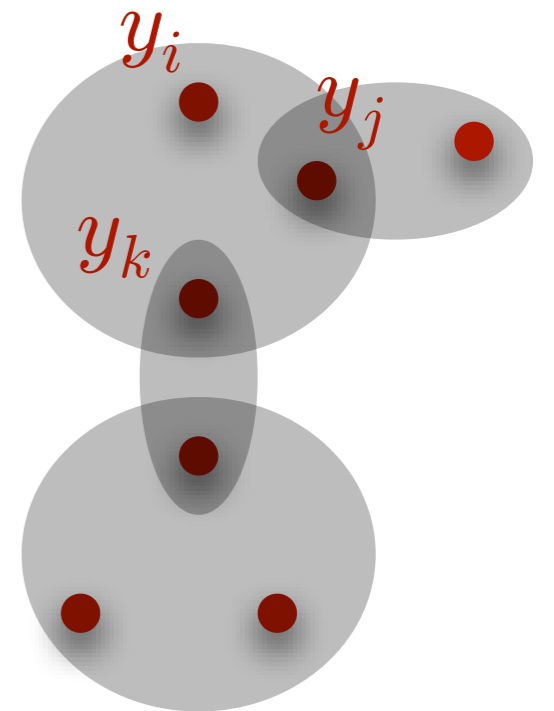
- Generalize linear classification

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- Features based on local domains

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})} f_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ f_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= f_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_C) \end{aligned}$$

- Efficient Viterbi decoding for tree-structured interactions



# Learning

- Prior knowledge
  - local domains  $\mathcal{C}(x)$
  - local feature functions  $f_C$
- Adjust  $w$  to optimize objective function on some training data

$$w^* = \arg \min_w \underbrace{\lambda \|w\|^2}_{\text{regularizer}} + \sum_i \underbrace{L(x_i, y_i; w)}_{\text{loss}}$$

# Margin

- Score advantage between correct and candidate classifications

$$m(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}'; \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{w} \cdot F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}')$$

# Losses

- Log loss  $\Rightarrow$  maximize probability of correct output

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}) = \log \sum_{\mathbf{y}'} e^{-m(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}'; \mathbf{w})}$$

- Hamming loss  $\Rightarrow$  minimize distance-adjusted misclassification

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}) = \max_{\mathbf{y}'} [d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') - m(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}'; \mathbf{w})]_+$$

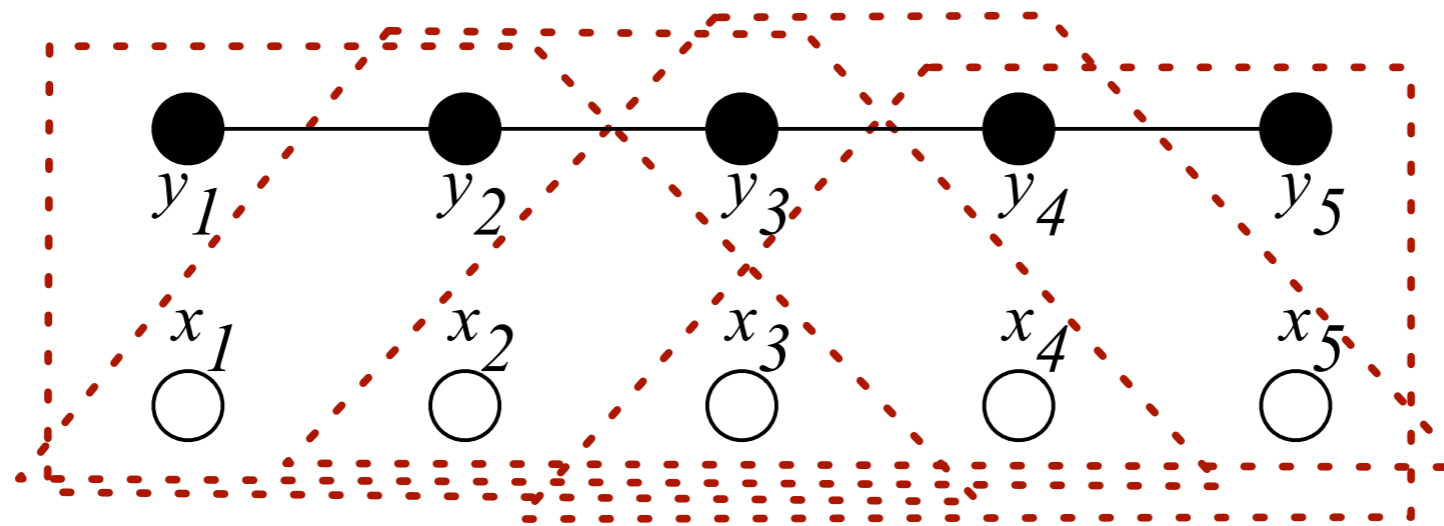
- Search over  $\mathbf{y}'$ : dynamic programming on “good” graphs

# Why?

- Combine the best of generative and classification models:
  - Trade off labeling decisions at different positions
  - Allow overlapping features
- Modular
  - factored scoring
  - loss function

# Probabilistic Version

- Sequence *conditional random fields (CRFs)*



$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) &= \frac{\exp \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})} \\ Z(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \exp \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \sum_i \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{f}_i(y_{i-1}, y_i, \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

- Training criterion: log loss

# Features

- Conjunctions of
  - Label configuration
  - Input properties
    - Term identity
    - Membership in term list
    - Orthographic patterns
    - Conjunctions of the these for current and surrounding words
    - *Feature induction*: generate only those conjunctions that help prediction

# Main Page

## From Mallet

MALLET is an integrated collection of Java code useful for statistical natural language processing, document classification, clustering, information extraction, and other machine learning applications to text.

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## Getting Started

Find out about obtaining MALLET and look at a few tutorials.

## Features

The toolkit provides facilities for:

- Several classification methods including naive Bayes, maximum entropy, Boosting, Winnow.
- Maximum entropy classifier training is highly efficient, making use of Nocedal's "Limited-Memory BFGS", an efficient quasi-Newton optimization technique. It also handles arbitrary real-valued features.
- A general framework for finite state transducers.
- An implementation of finite-state Conditional Random Fields, also trained by Limited-Memory BFGS.
- A general framework for optimization (based on "Numerical Recipes in C").
- Recursively descending directories, finding text files.
- Quite arbitrary pipelines of text processing steps.
- Tokenizing a text file, according to arbitrary regular expressions.
- Including N-grams among the tokens.
- Creating real-valued feature vectors, and feature vector sequences.
- Mapping strings to integers and back again, very efficiently.
- Selecting features by information gain, or other measures.
- Building and manipulating feature vectors.
- Saving trained models to disk.
- Performing test-train splits.
- Various evaluation procedures for performing multiple trials, calculating accuracy, precision, recall, F1, etc.

[http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/index.php/Main_Page)



# Evaluation

- *Precision  $P$* : what proportion of predicted entities are correct
- *Recall  $R$* : what proportion of correct entities are predicted

- *$F_1$  measure:*

$$\frac{2PR}{P + R}$$

# Gene/protein results

		Precision	Recall	F <sub>1</sub>
AbGene		63	65	64
CRF	words + spelling	83	77.3	80.1
	(non-)gene tokens + rare trigrams	86.4	78.7	82.4

- Exact match
- AbGene: Brill-style POS and gene tagger, post-processor

# Variation Results

	Precision	Recall	F
Type	0.80	0.72	0.76
Location	0.85	0.73	0.79
State	0.90	0.80	0.85

# University of Pennsylvania BioTagger

This is a quick and dirty web-page for information on the UPenn BioTagger software suite. Currently the tagger supports three types of entities – gene entities, genomic variations entities and malignancy type entities.

Please view the README file to learn about usage and input/output format.

## Tagger

- [Download tagger](#)
- [View the README file](#)
- [JavaDoc](#)

The core of the tagger is derived from the machine learning package [MALLET](#)

These taggers are based on those discussed in:

- *Identifying and Extracting Malignancy Types in Cancer Literature*  
Y. Jin, R. McDonald, K. Lerman, M. Mandel, M. Liberman, F. Pereira, R.S. Winters and P.S. White  
Linking Literature, Information and Knowledge for Biology, BioLink 2005  
[\[PDF\]](#)
- *Identifying gene and protein mentions in text using conditional random fields*  
Ryan McDonald and Fernando Pereira  
BMC Bioinformatics 2005, 6(Suppl 1):S6  
[\[PDF\]](#)
- *An entity tagger for recognizing acquired genomic variations in cancer literature*  
R. McDonald, R.S. Winters, M. Mandel, Y. Jin, P.S. White and F. Pereira  
Journal of Bioinformatics, November 2004.  
[\[PDF\]](#)

Programming Credits: Kevin Lerman, Yang Jin, Eric Pancoast and Ryan McDonald.

Questions: ryantm at cis dot upenn dot edu

<http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~ryantm/software/BioTagger/>

# Fable

## Fast Automated Biomedical Literature Extraction

FABLE finds MEDLINE articles that mention human genes and proteins more thoroughly than other systems. To search FABLE, type a human gene or protein name into the search bar at the top right, choose search options, and click submit. The result will list MEDLINE articles mentioning this gene. [Learn more...](#)

**4/5/2006: FABLE release v1.0** provides a way to search MEDLINE for human genes and proteins. [Learn more...](#)

**Search:**

**Include Synonyms:**

**Sort order:**

**Results/page:**

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<http://fable.chop.edu/index.jsp>

# Technical challenges

- Very large number of features:
  - 820,000 at least once on training set
  - 3,800,000 input tests true at least once
  - most features are term-based
- Slow training
  - *online methods*
  - stochastic gradient
- Overfitting
  - *improve term lists*
  - *large margin methods*

# Alternative: online training

- Process one training instance at a time
- Very simple
- Predictable runtime, small memory
- Adaptable to different loss functions
- Basic idea:  $w = 0$

for  $t = 1, \dots, T$  :

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  :

classify  $x_i$  incurring loss  $l$

update  $w$  to reduce  $l$

# Online maximum margin

(MIRA)

- Project onto subspace where the correct structure scores “far enough” above all incorrect ones

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$$

for  $t = 1, \dots, T$  :

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  :

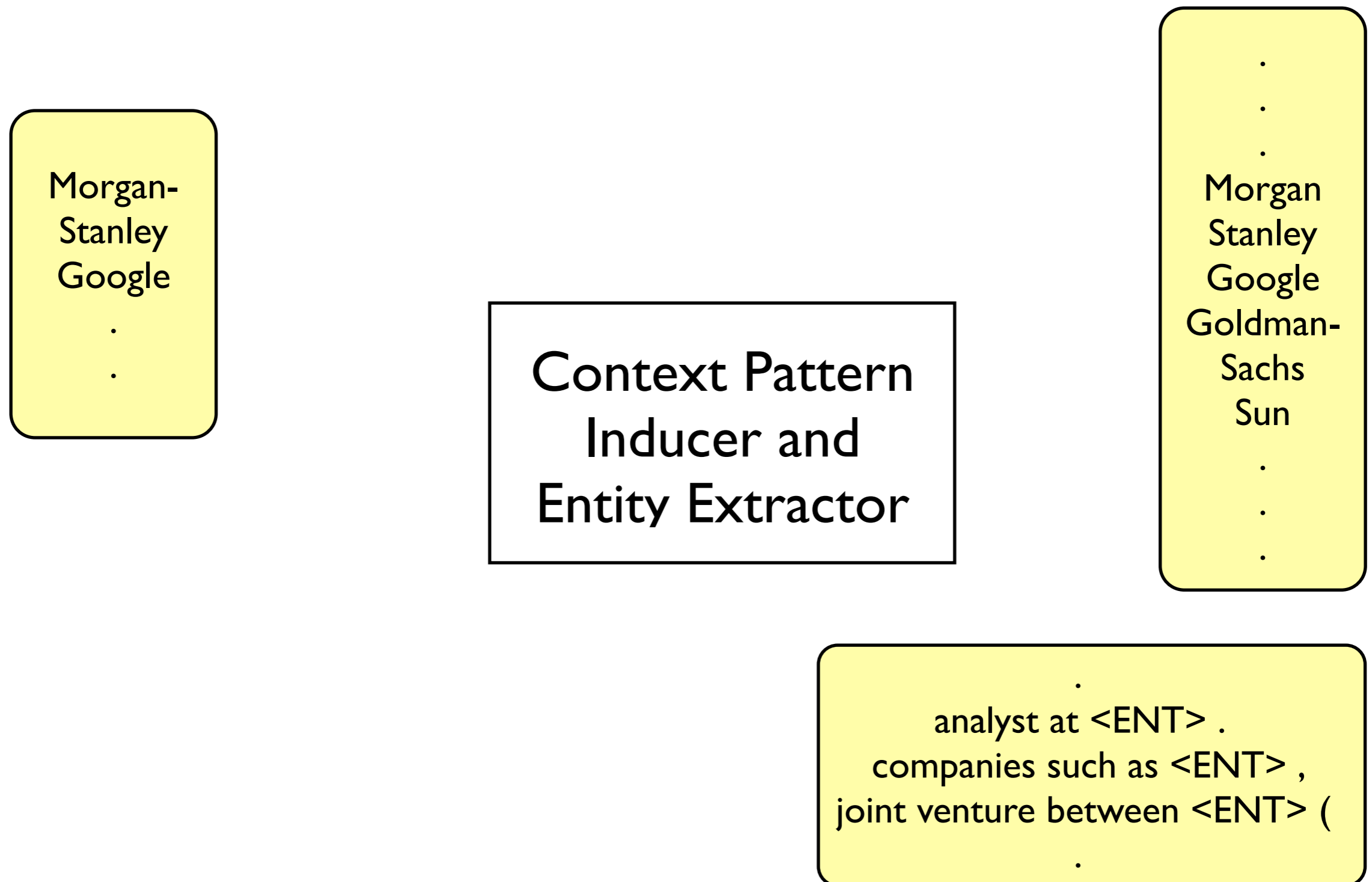
$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}'} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}' - \mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall \mathbf{y} : \mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) \geq d(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y})$$

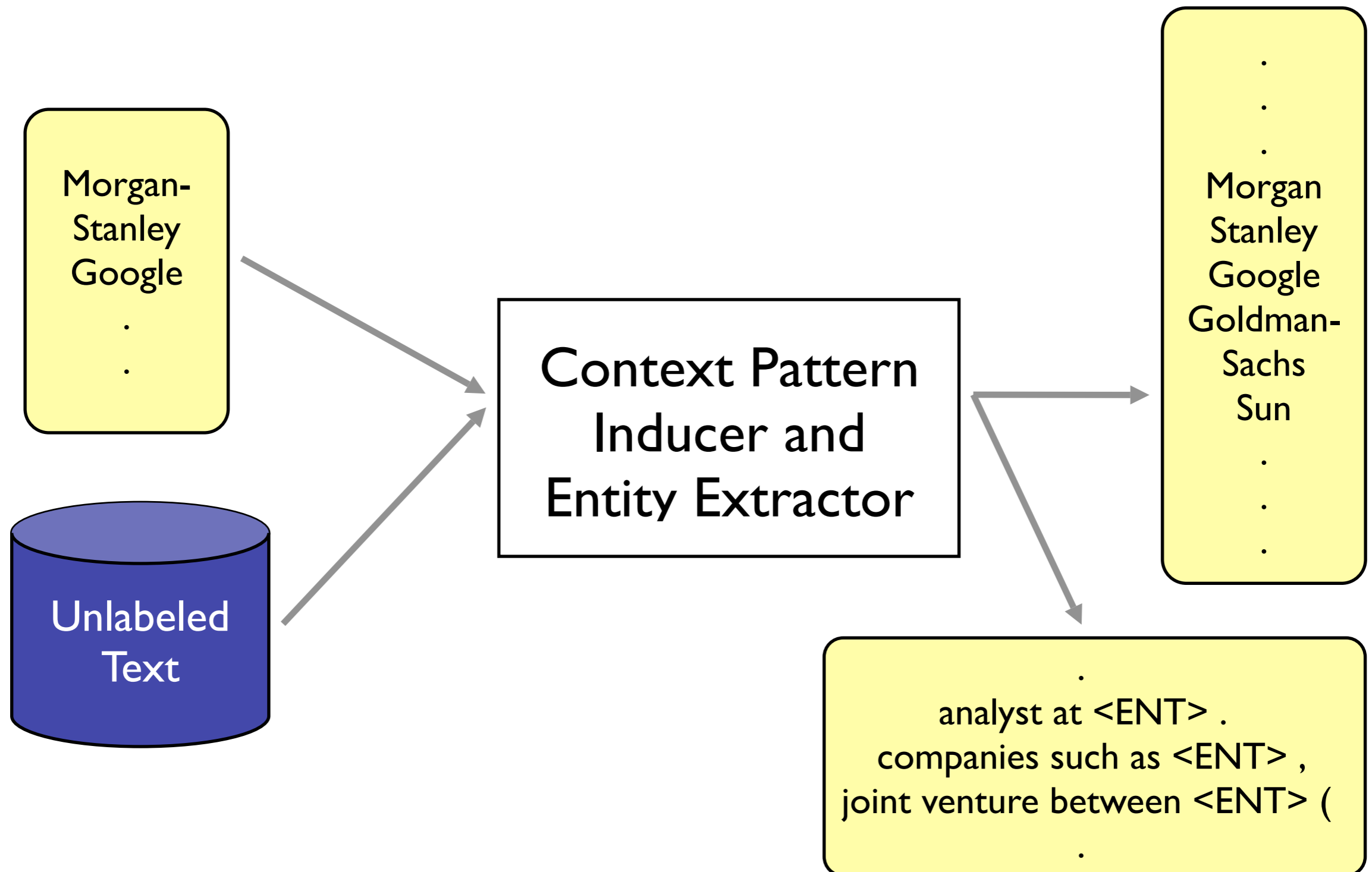
- Exponentially many  $\mathbf{y}$ s: select best  $k$  instead
- Related to Hamming loss



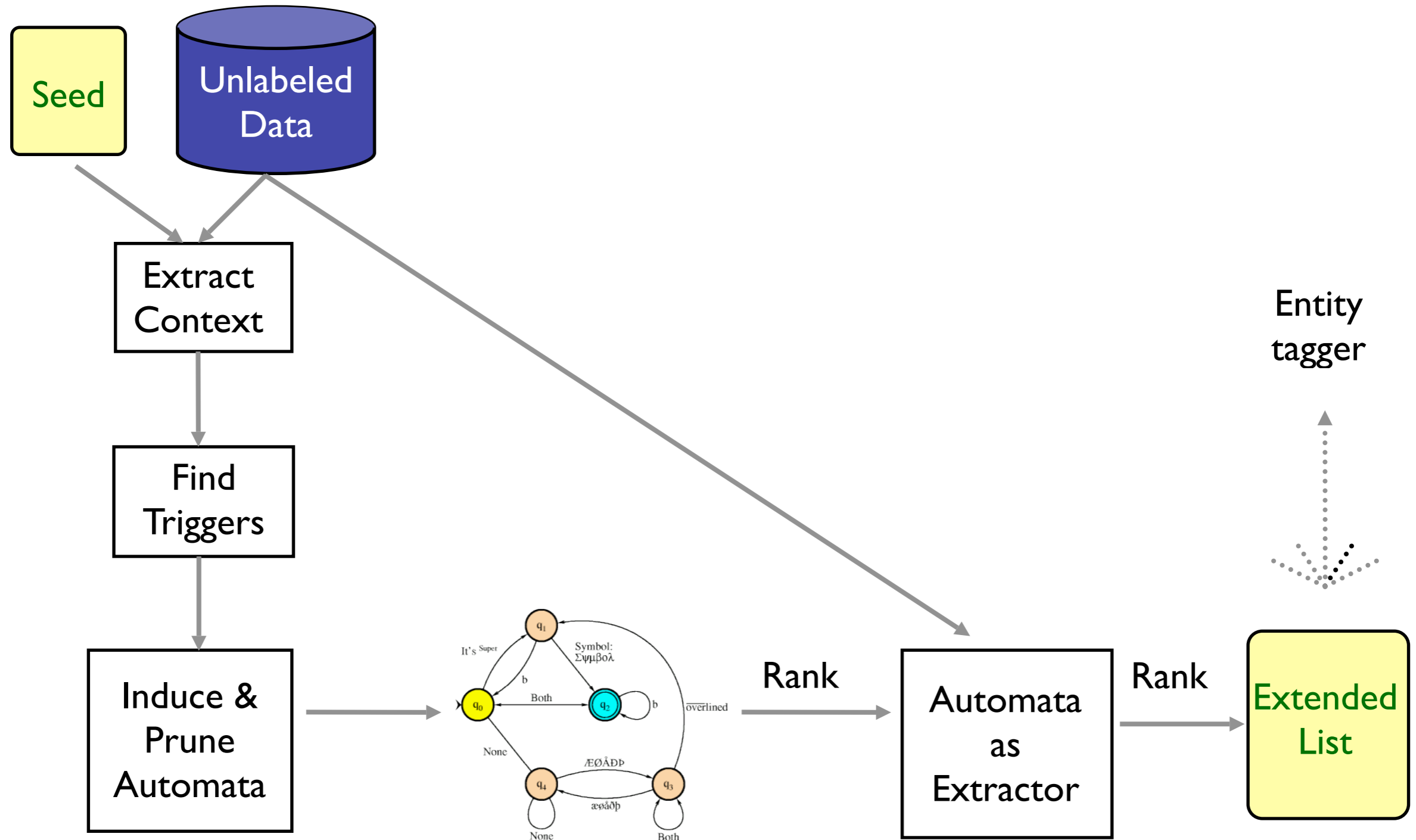
# Lists and Unlabeled Text



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# Pattern Induction



# Person Names

compatriot *-ENT-* .  
compatriot *-ENT-* in  
Rep. *-ENT-* ,  
Actor *-ENT-* is  
Sir *-ENT-* ,  
Actor *-ENT-* ,  
Tiger Woods , *-ENT-* and  
movie starring *-ENT-* .  
compatriot *-ENT-* and  
movie starring *-ENT-* and

Tiger Woods  
Andre Agassi  
Lleyton Hewitt  
Ernie Els  
Serena Williams  
Andy Roddick  
Retief Goosen  
Vijay Singh  
Jennifer Capriati  
Roger Federer  
...

# Improving CRF Tagger

PER, LOC, ORG

Training Data (Tokens)	Test-a			Test-b		
	No List	Seed List	Unsup. List	No List	Seed List	Unsup. List
9268	68.16	70.91	<b>72.82</b>	60.30	63.83	<b>65.56</b>
23385	78.36	79.21	<b>81.36</b>	71.44	72.16	<b>75.32</b>
46816	82.08	80.79	<b>83.84</b>	76.44	75.36	<b>79.64</b>
92921	85.34	83.03	<b>87.18</b>	81.32	78.56	<b>83.05</b>
203621	89.71	84.50	<b>91.01</b>	84.03	78.07	<b>85.70</b>

PER, LOC, ORG, MISC

Training Data (Tokens)	Test-a			Test-b		
	No List	Seed List	Unsup. List	No List	Seed List	Unsup. List
9229	68.27	70.93	<b>72.26</b>	61.03	64.52	<b>65.60</b>
204657	89.52	84.30	<b>90.48</b>	83.17	77.20	<b>84.52</b>

Test Data Sizes: Test-a 51362 tokens, Test-b 46435 tokens

# Extensions

- Reducing training data requirements
  - *Pattern induction*
  - Unsupervised domain adaptation for linear models: *structural correspondence learning*
- Deeper analysis
  - Syntactic features
    - Structured linear models for *dependency parsing*
- Joint entity-relation extraction
  - Computational challenges in inference and learning