Applications

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Outline

- Alchemy applications
- Readings:
  - Marc Summer and Pedro Domingos (2007), *The Alchemy Tutorial*, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Washington

Information Retrieval

```
InQuery(word)
HasWord(page,word)
Relevant(page)
Links(page,page)

InQuery(+w) ^ HasWord(p,+w) => Relevant(p)
Relevant(p) ^ Links(p,p’) => Relevant(p’)
```

Cf. L. Page, S. Brin, R. Motwani & T. Winograd, “The PageRank Citation Ranking: Bringing Order to the Web,” Tech. Rept., Stanford University, 1998.

Record deduplication

Problem: **Given database, find duplicate records**

```
HasToken(token,field,record)
SameField(field,record,record)
SameRecord(record,record)

HasToken(+t,+f,r) ^ HasToken(+t,+f,r’)
   => SameField(f,r,r’)
SameField(+f,r,r’) => SameRecord(r,r’)
SameRecord(r,r’) ^ SameRecord(r’,r”)
   => SameRecord(r,r”)
```

Cf. A. McCallum & B. Wellner, “Conditional Models of Identity Uncertainty with Application to Noun Coreference,” in *Adv. NIPS 17*, 2005.

Record resolution

Can also resolve fields:

```
HasToken(token,field,record)
SameField(field,record,record)
SameRecord(record,record)

HasToken(+t,+f,r) ^ HasToken(+t,+f,r')
   => SameField(f,r,r')
SameField(+f,r,r') <=> SameRecord(r,r')
SameRecord(r,r') ^ SameRecord(r',r")
   => SameRecord(r,r")
SameField(f,r,r') ^ SameField(f,r',r")
   => SameField(f,r,r")
```

More: P. Singla & P. Domingos, "Entity Resolution with Markov Logic", in *Proc. ICDM-2006*.

Information Extraction

- **Problem:** Extract database from text or semi-structured sources
- **Example:** Extract database of publications from citation list(s) (the "CiteSeer problem")
- Two steps:
  - **Segmentation:**
    Use HMM to assign tokens to fields
  - **Record resolution:**
    Use logistic regression and transitivity

Information Extraction

```
Token(token, position, citation)
InField(position, field, citation)
SameField(field, citation, citation)
SameCit(citation, citation)

Token(+t,i,c) => InField(i,+f,c)
InField(i,+f,c) <=> InField(i+1,+f,c)
f != f' => (!InField(i,+f,c) v !InField(i,+f',c))

Token(+t,i,c) ^ InField(i,+f,c) ^ Token(+t,i',c')
   ^ InField(i',+f,c') => SameField(+f,c,c')
SameField(+f,c,c') <=> SameCit(c,c')
SameField(f,c,c') ^ SameField(f,c',c") => SameField(f,c,c")
SameCit(c,c') ^ SameCit(c',c") => SameCit(c,c")
```

Information Extraction

```
Token(token, position, citation)
InField(position, field, citation)
SameField(field, citation, citation)
SameCit(citation, citation)

Token(+t,i,c) => InField(i,+f,c)
InField(i,+f,c) ^ !Token(".",i,c) <=> InField(i+1,+f,c)
f != f' => (!InField(i,+f,c) v !InField(i,+f',c))

Token(+t,i,c) ^ InField(i,+f,c) ^ Token(+t,i',c')
   ^ InField(i',+f,c') => SameField(+f,c,c')
SameField(+f,c,c') <=> SameCit(c,c')
SameField(f,c,c') ^ SameField(f,c',c") => SameField(f,c,c")
SameCit(c,c') ^ SameCit(c',c") => SameCit(c,c")
```

More: H. Poon & P. Domingos, "Joint Inference in Information Extraction", in *Proc. AAAI-2007*.

Next Class

- Lifted inference