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## NEURAL CRF TRANSDUCERS FOR SEQUENCE LABELING

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## Motivation

- ◆ To capture long-range dependencies in the label sequence;
- ◆ Globally normalized models overcome label bias and exposure bias problems.

#### Label bias:

"successors of wrong histories receive the same mass as do the successors of the correct history" [1]

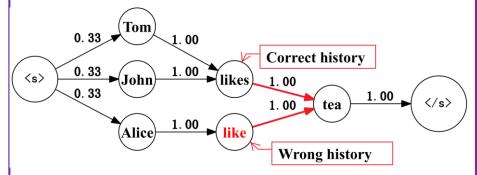
## **Exposure bias:**

"Only exposed to the training data, instead of its own predictions" [1]

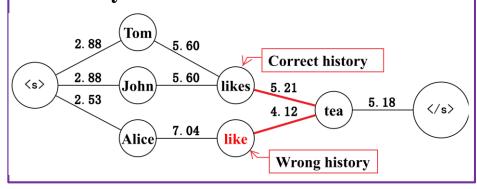
#### **Training data:**

Tom likes tea
John likes tea
Alice like tea

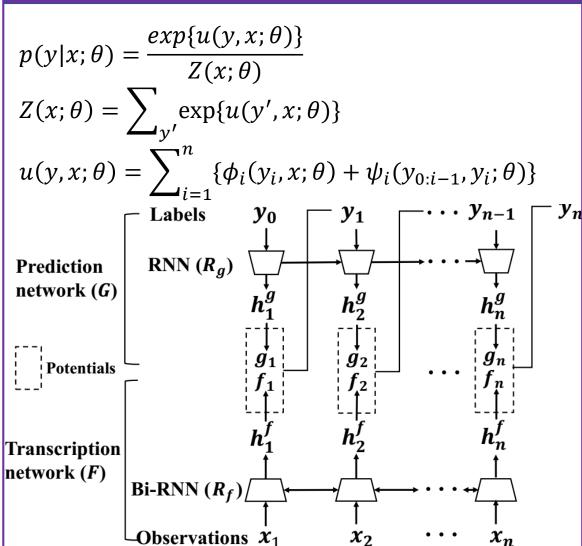
## Locally normalized model



## Globally normalized model



## Model Definition



## Potential Design: two choices

$$\phi_{i}(y_{i} = k, x; \theta) = f_{i}^{k}$$

$$\psi_{i}(y_{0:i-1}, y_{i} = k; \theta) = g_{i}^{k}$$

$$\phi_{i}(y_{i} = k, x; \theta) = [logsoftmax(f_{i})]^{k}$$

$$\psi_{i}(y_{0:i-1}, y_{i} = k; \theta) = [logsoftmax(g_{i})]^{k}$$

## Training and Decoding

$$L(y^*; \theta) = -u(y^*, x; \theta) + \log Z(x; \theta)$$

#### **Monte Carlo Method**

$$\left| \nabla_{\theta} log Z(x; \theta) = \frac{E_{p(y'|x;\theta)}}{[\nabla_{\theta} u(y', x; \theta)]} \right|$$

# Beam search with early updates [2] $L(y_{1:i}^*; \theta)$

$$= -u(y_{1:j}^*; \theta) + log \sum_{\mathbf{y'} \in \beta_j} \exp\{u(y_{1:j}'; \theta)\}$$

**Decoding with beam search** 

## Evaluation

	POS (Accuracy)	Chunking (F1 score)	English NER (F1 score)	Dutch NER (F1 score)	Globally normalized	Long-range dependencies
Linear-chain NCRF	97.52	95.01	91.11	81.53	٧	×
RNN Transducer [3]	97.50	95.02	91.02	81.59	×	٧
NCRF Transducer	97.52	95.14	91.40	81.84	٧	٧

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