CSE 4309/5361 - Artificial Intelligence II

Homework 4- Spring 2013

Due Date: May 2, 2013

Note: Problems marked with * are required only for students enrolled in CSE 5361. They will be graded for students enrolled in CSE 4309 for extra credit.

N-Gram Models

N-Gram models provide a means of probabilistically modeling language and using this model to infer correct sentence completions and evaluate the likelihood of a particular sentence being actually the one spoken. For this assignment you are provided a small dataset of sentences over a very small vocabulary, all related to grid navigation. The data format of the dataset (given as a text file) is such that it first provides a list of the words in the vocabulary and then a list of sentences.

- 1. Using this dataset you are to build N-gram models.
 - a) Write a program that builds a unigram model for the dataset.
 - b) Write a program that builds a bigram model for the dataset.
 - c) Write a program that builds a trigram model for this dataset.
- 2. Evaluate the three models by determining how well they predict a missing word in a sentence. For this, randomly pick a set of at least 30 sentences in which you remove a single word and then determine whether each of the three models correctly completes the sentence when choosing the maximum like-lihood sentence completion (i.e. the word that has the highest likelihood given the respective n-gram model). Briefly discuss the result.
- 3.* Build a probabilistic model by combining the three models formed in part 1. (either as a weighted sum of the models or by selecting the one with the best support) and use it for the same completion task of part 2.