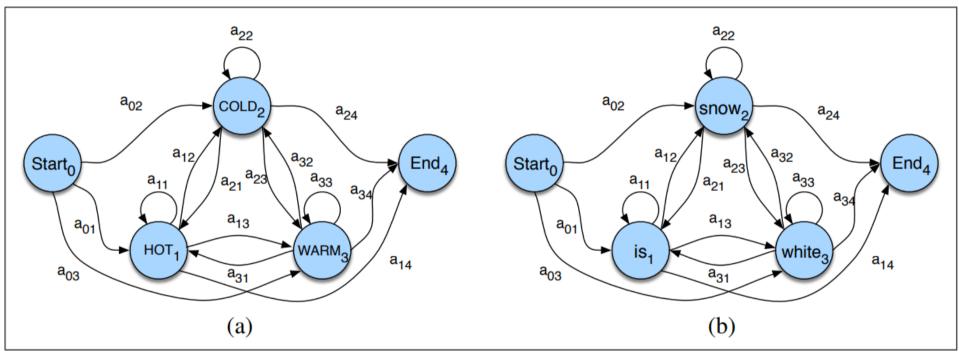
# Markov Chains and Hidden Markov Models

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### Markov Chains



**Figure 9.1** A Markov chain for weather (a) and one for words (b). A Markov chain is specified by the structure, the transition between states, and the start and end states.

#### Markov Chains

- Q: a set of states
- A: a transition matrix
   a<sub>ii</sub> = P(moving from state i to state j)
- $\pi$ : initial probability distribution
- Q<sub>A</sub>: a set of accept states
  - May be empty

#### Markov Chains

- (first-order) Markov assumption  $P(q_i|q_1...q_{i-1}) = P(q_i|q_{i-1})$ 
  - Where have we seen this before?

#### Hidden Markov Models

- Q: a set of states
- A: a transition matrix
   a<sub>ii</sub> = P(moving from state i to state j)
- B: an emission matrix
   b<sub>i</sub>(o<sub>t</sub>) = P(observation o<sub>t</sub> generated by state i)
- $\pi$ : initial probability distribution
- Q<sub>A</sub>: a set of accept states
  - May be empty

#### Hidden Markov Models

(first-order) Markov assumption

$$P(q_i|q_1...q_{i-1}) = P(q_i|q_{i-1})$$

- Where have we seen this before?
- Output independence

$$P(o_i|q_1...q_i...q_To_1...o_T) = P(o_i|q_i)$$

#### Hidden Markov Models

- Problem 1
  - Likelihood: P(O)
  - Lab 7 exercises
- Problem 2
  - Decoding: Q
  - HW 4 main assignment
- Problem 3
  - (unsupervised) Learning: A, B
  - HW 4 extra credit

#### Likelihood Problem

- How many ice creams did Jason Eisner eat?
   (3, 1, 3)
  - What is the probability of this sequence?

#### Likelihood Problem

$$P(O,Q) = P(O|Q) \times P(Q) = \prod_{i=1}^{T} P(o_i|q_i) \times \prod_{i=1}^{T} P(q_i|q_{i-1})$$
(9.10)

$$P(O) = \sum_{Q} P(O,Q) = \sum_{Q} P(O|Q)P(Q)$$
 (9.12)

## Forward Algorithm

Computing P(O) using dynamic programming

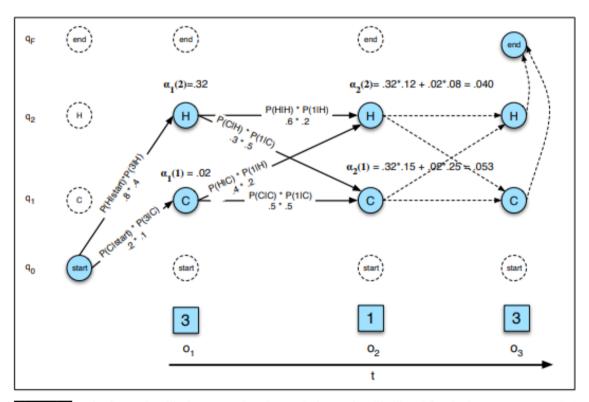


Figure 9.7 The forward trellis for computing the total observation likelihood for the ice-cream events 3 1 3. Hidden states are in circles, observations in squares. White (unfilled) circles indicate illegal transitions. The figure shows the computation of  $\alpha_t(j)$  for two states at two time steps. The computation in each cell follows Eq. 9.14:  $\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{t-1}(i)a_{ij}b_j(o_t)$ . The resulting probability expressed in each cell is Eq. 9.13:  $\alpha_t(j) = P(o_1, o_2 \dots o_t, q_t = j | \lambda)$ .

## Forward Algorithm

$$\alpha_t(j) = P(o_1, o_2 \dots o_t, q_t = j | \lambda) \tag{9.13}$$

$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t)$$
(9.14)

## Forward Algorithm

**function** FORWARD(observations of len T, state-graph of len N) **returns** forward-prob

create a probability matrix forward[N+2,T]

for each state s from 1 to N do ; initialization step

 $forward[s,1] \leftarrow a_{0,s} * b_s(o_1)$ 

for each time step t from 2 to T do ; recursion step

for each state s from 1 to N do

 $forward[s,t] \leftarrow \sum_{s'=1}^{N} forward[s',t-1] * a_{s',s} * b_{s}(o_{t})$   $forward[q_{F},T] \leftarrow \sum_{s=1}^{N} forward[s,T] * a_{s,q_{F}}$ ; termination step

**return** forward  $[q_F, T]$ 

Figure 9.9 The forward algorithm. We've used the notation forward[s,t] to represent  $\alpha_t(s)$ .

## **Decoding Problem**

- Jason Eisner ate (3, 1, 3) ice creams
  - What was the weather in Baltimore?

## **Decoding Problem**

- Two options
  - Run the forward algorithm for each possible hidden state sequence
  - Run the Viterbi algorithm once

## Viterbi Algorithm

- = forward algorithm, except
  - Max instead of sum
  - Backpointers