

# Speech Recognition (DSAI 456)

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## Lecture 7

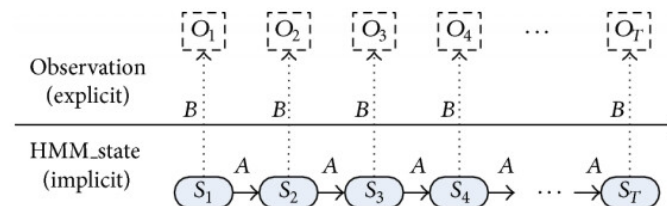
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# Lecture 5 Recap

- HMM : sequence of observed and hidden states
- HMM model  $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$
- Problems
  - **Evaluation:**  $p(O \mid \lambda)$ 
    - Direct Computation  $O(TN^T)$
    - Forward Algorithm  $O(TN^2)$
  - **Decoder:**  $p(Q \mid O, \lambda)$
  - **Learning:**  $\arg \max_{\lambda} p(O \mid \lambda)$



# The Decoding Problem $p(Q|O, \lambda)$

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**Find the most likely sequence of hidden states that produced a given sequence of observations**

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You got it right! 👍 use Induction



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Where is the state sequence? 🤔

We need to keep track of selected states along the path

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Backtrack from  $q_T^*$  to  $q_1^*$  using  $\psi_t(i)$  to get the most probable state sequence

The Viterbi algorithm efficiently solves the decoding problem with complexity  $O(N^2T)$

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