

Viterbi algorithm

Input: observations of length T , state-graph of length N

Output: best-path

for each state s from 1 to N do

$$q[1, s] \leftarrow p(s|s_0) \cdot p(o_1|s)$$

$$\text{backpointers}[1, s] \leftarrow 0$$

for each time step t from 2 to T do

for each state s from 1 to N do

$$q[t, s] \leftarrow \max_{s'=1}^N q[t-1, s'] \cdot p(s|s') \cdot p(o_t|s)$$

$$\text{backpointers}[t, s] \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s'=1}^N q[t-1, s'] \cdot p(s|s')$$

$$s \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s'=1}^N q[T, s']$$

return the backtrace path from backpointers $[T, s]$