HMM Tagging as Decoding

- · HMM taggers make two simplifying assumptions.
- The first is that the probability of a word appearing depends only on its own tag and is independent of neighboring words and tags:

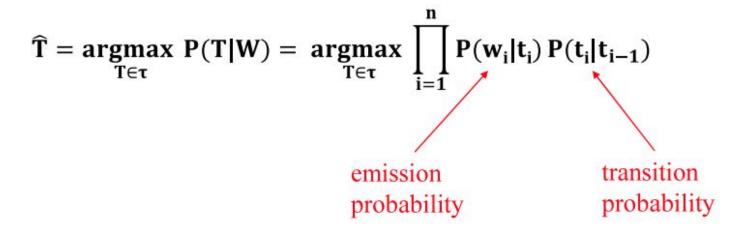
$$P(W|T) = P(w_1 ... w_n | t_1 ... t_n) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i | t_i)$$

The second assumption, the bigram assumption (first-order HMM), is that the
probability of a tag is dependent only on the previous tag, rather than the entire
tag sequence:

$$P(T) = P(t_1 ... t_n) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(t_i | t_{i-1})$$

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 Plugging the simplifying assumptions results in the following equation for the most probable tag sequence from a bigram tagger (first-order HMM):



Observation likelihoods B computed from the WSJ corpus without smoothing

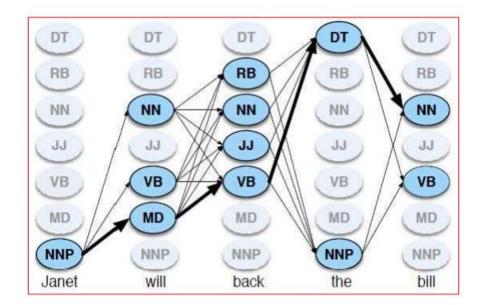
| | Janet | will | back | the | bill |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NNP | 0.000032 | 0 | 0 | 0.000048 | 0 |
| MD | 0 | 0.308431 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VB | 0 | 0.000028 | 0.000672 | 0 | 0.000028 |
| JJ | 0 | 0 | 0.000340 | 0 | 0 |
| NN | 0 | 0.000200 | 0.000223 | 0 | 0.002337 |
| RB | 0 | 0 | 0.010446 | 0 | 0 |
| DT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.506099 | 0 |

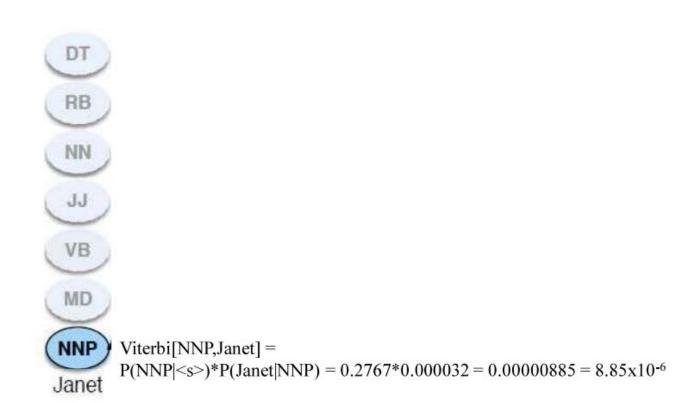
• The A transition probabilities $P(t_i|t_{i-1})$ computed from the WSJ corpus without smoothing.

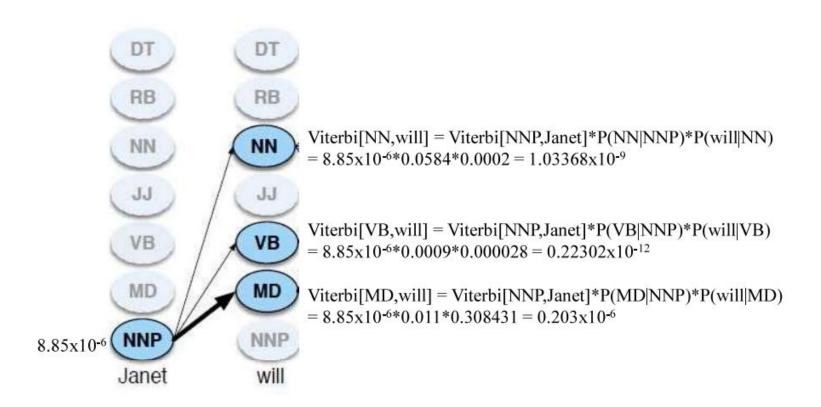
| | NNP | MD | VB | JJ | NN | RB | DT |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <s></s> | 0.2767 | 0.0006 | 0.0031 | 0.0453 | 0.0449 | 0.0510 | 0.2026 |
| NNP | 0.3777 | 0.0110 | 0.0009 | 0.0084 | 0.0584 | 0.0090 | 0.0025 |
| MD | 0.0008 | 0.0002 | 0.7968 | 0.0005 | 0.0008 | 0.1698 | 0.0041 |
| VB | 0.0322 | 0.0005 | 0.0050 | 0.0837 | 0.0615 | 0.0514 | 0.2231 |
| JJ | 0.0366 | 0.0004 | 0.0001 | 0.0733 | 0.4509 | 0.0036 | 0.0036 |
| NN | 0.0096 | 0.0176 | 0.0014 | 0.0086 | 0.1216 | 0.0177 | 0.0068 |
| RB | 0.0068 | 0.0102 | 0.1011 | 0.1012 | 0.0120 | 0.0728 | 0.0479 |
| DT | 0.1147 | 0.0021 | 0.0002 | 0.2157 | 0.4744 | 0.0102 | 0.0017 |

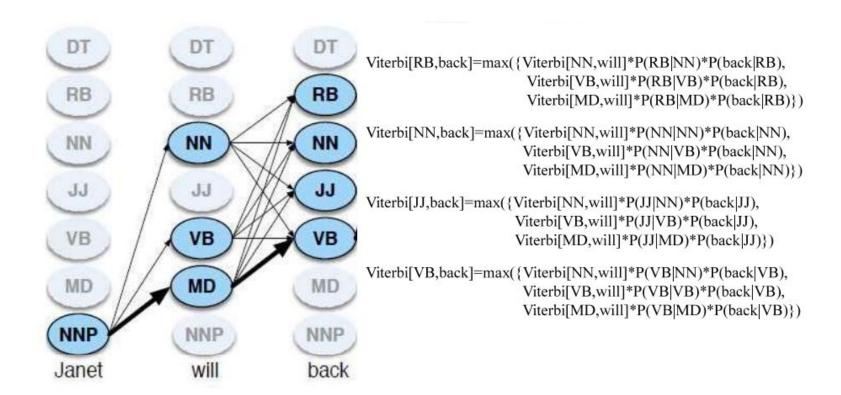
Sketch of Viterbi matrix for Janet will back the bill,

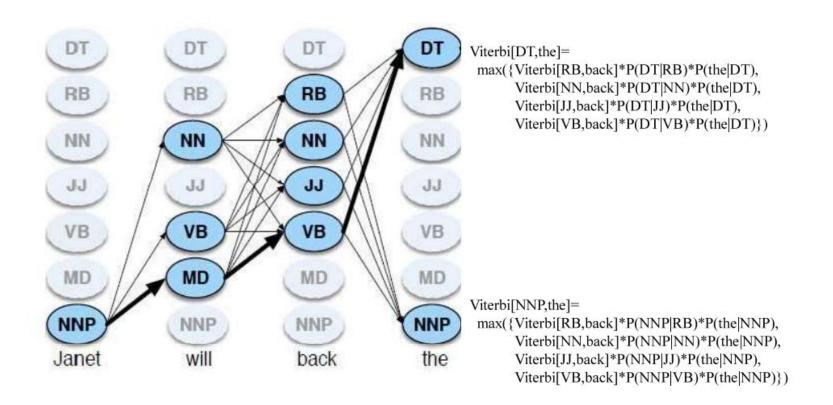
- possible tags for each word and highlighting the path corresponding to the correct tag sequence through the hidden states. States (parts-of-speech) which have a zero probability of generating a particular word according to the B matrix (such as the probability that a determiner DT will be realized as Janet) are greyed out..

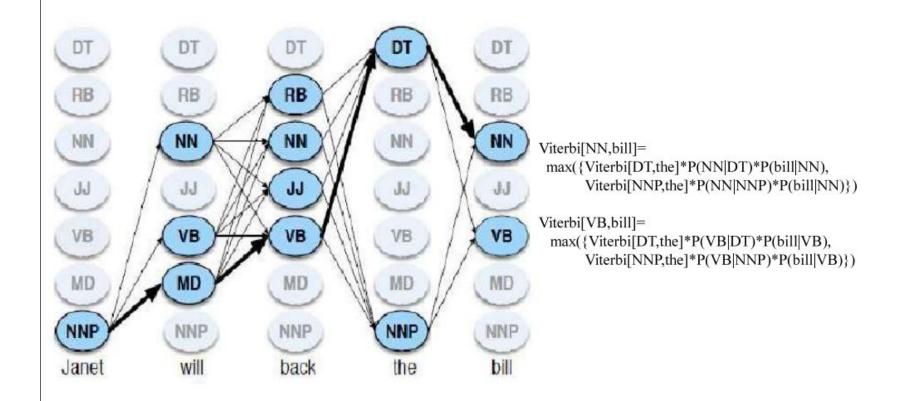












Another Example

A colored ball choosing example:





Probability of transition to another Urn after picking a ball:

| | U1 | U2 | U3 |
|----|-----|-----|-----|
| U1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| U2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| U3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

Example (contd.)

Given:

| | U1 | U2 | U3 |
|----|-----|-----|-----|
| U1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| U2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| U3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

and

| | R | G | В |
|----|-----|-----|-----|
| U1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| U2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| U3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

Observation: RRGGBRGR

State Sequence: ??

| | u1 | u2 | u3 |
|---------|-----|-----|----|
| | | | |
| <s></s> | 0.4 | 0.3 | .3 |
| | | | |
| u1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | .5 |
| | | | |
| u2 | .6 | .2 | .2 |
| | | | |
| u3 | .3 | .4 | .3 |
| | | | |