## Exercise 2

## Problem 1 – Hidden Markov Models

a) Formulate the information given above as a hidden Markov model, and provide the complete probability tables for the model.

We know that the state variable  $X_t$  denotes whether there is fish nearby on day t.

Let  $e_t$  (evidence variables) denote whether there are birds nearby on day t.

Observe that  $X_t$  is the parent of nodes  $X_{t+1}$  and  $e_t$  for all  $t \neq 0$ . As we have a Bayesian Network with a single (hidden) state variable and an observation variable for each state variable, this is a Hidden Markov Model.

We have the following probability tables, from the assignment

$P(X_0)$	0.5
$P(\neg X_0)$	0.5

$P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$	0.8
$P(\neg X_t \mid X_{t-1})$	0.2
$P(X_t \mid \neg X_{t-1})$	0.3
$P(\neg X_t \mid \neg X_{t-1})$	0.7

$P(e_t \mid X_t)$	0.75
$P(\neg e_t \mid X_t)$	0.25
$P(e_t \mid \neg X_t)$	0.2
$P(\neg e_t \mid \neg X_t)$	0.8

b) Compute  $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ , for t = 1, ..., 6. What kind of operation is this (filtering, prediction, smoothing, likelihood of the evidence, or most likely sequence)? Describe in words what kind of information this operation provides us.

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Probability distribution, P(X1 | e{1:1}):
  X 1(No fish)
                      0.1791
   X_1(Fish)
                      0.8209
Probability distribution, P(X2 | e{1:2}):
  X 2(No fish)
   X 2(Fish)
                      0.9020
Probability distribution, P(X3 | e{1:3}):
  X 3(No fish)
                      0.5148
   X 3(Fish)
                      0.4852
Probability distribution, P(X4 | e{1:4}):
  X_4(No fish)
                      0.1835
   X 4(Fish)
                      0.8165
Probability distribution, P(X5 | e{1:5}):
  X 5(No fish)
                      0.5687
   X_5(Fish)
                      0.4313
Probability distribution, P(X6 | e{1:6}):
  X_6(No fish)
                      0.2003
   X 6(Fish)
                      0.7997
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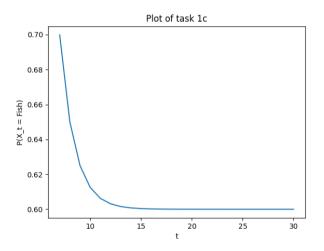
This is a filtering operation, as it finds the distribution over the "current" hidden variable, given evidence up to and including current day.

This information provides us probabilities of the current status of the lake. It tells us how likely it is that the lake contains fish at the current day, given all the observations made until now. As an example, given the observations made on day 1-6, the chance of the lake containing fish is 79.97 %.

c) Compute  $P(X_t \mid e_{1:6})$ , for t = 7, ..., 30. What kind of operation is this (filtering, prediction, smoothing, likelihood of the evidence, or most likely sequence)? Describe in words what kind of information this operation provides us. What happens to the distribution in Equation (2) as t increases?

Probability distr	ibution, P(X7	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X13	e{1:6}):
X_7(No fish)	0.3001		X_13(No fish)	0.3984	
X_7(Fish)   	0.6999   		X_13(Fish) +	0.6016	į
Probability distr	ibution, P(X8	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X14	e{1:6}):
X_8(No fish)	0.3501		X_14(No fish)	0.3992	į
X_8(Fish)	0.6499		X_14(Fish)	0.6008	į
Probability distr	ibution, P(X9	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X15	e{1:6}):
X_9(No fish)	0.3750		X_15(No fish)	0.3996	į
X_9(Fish)	0.6250		X_15(Fish)	0.6004	į
Probability distr	ibution, P(X10	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X16	e{1:6}):
X_10(No fish)	0.3875		X_16(No fish)	0.3998	į
X_10(Fish)	0.6125		X_16(Fish)	0.6002	į
Probability distr	ibution, P(X11	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X17	e{1:6}):
X_11(No fish)	0.3938		X_17(No fish)	0.3999	į
X_11(Fish)	0.6062		X_17(Fish)	0.6001	į
Probability distr	ibution, P(X12	e{1:6}):	Probability distr	ribution, P(X18	e{1:6}):
X_12(No fish)	0.3969		X_18(No fish)	0.4000	İ
X_12(Fish)   +	0.6031		X_18(Fish)   +	0.6000	ļ

P(0) = 0.4 and P(1) = 0.6 for all remaining distributions. All distributions are plotted below:



This is an example of a prediction-operation.

This information tells us the chances of a given state (in this case, the probability of the pond containing fish) in the future, based on the evidence we have seen.

As t increases, we can see that the model converges on  $P(X_t) = 0.6$ . This indicates that as the pond stabilizes on a 60% chance of containing fish. As the time without observations increases, this is the long-term stable probability for the pond.

d) Compute  $P(X_t \mid e_{1:6})$ , for t = 0, ..., 5. What kind of operation is this (filtering, prediction, smoothing, likelihood of the evidence, or most likely sequence)? Describe in words what kind of information this operation provides us.

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Probability distribution, P(X0 | e{1:6}):
   X_0(No fish)
                      0.3351
    X_0(Fish)
                      0.6649
Probability distribution, P(X1 | e{1:6}):
   X_1(No fish)
                      0.1236
    X_1(Fish)
                      0.8764
Probability distribution, P(X2 | e{1:6}):
   X_2(No fish)
                      0.1342
    X_2(Fish)
                      0.8658
Probability distribution, P(X3 | e{1:6}):
   X 3(No fish)
                      0.4021
    X_3(Fish)
                      0.5979
Probability distribution, P(X4 | e{1:6}):
   X 4(No fish)
                      0.2334
    X 4(Fish)
                      0.7666
Probability distribution, P(X5 | e{1:6}):
                      0.4292
   X_5(No fish)
    X_5(Fish)
                      0.5708
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This is an example of a smoothing-operation.

The operation tells us the most likely state in past variables, given all evidence up to the current date. In this example, it tells us the probability for the pond containing fish for each day in the past, given all the evidence we currently have.

It is different from filtering, as it takes in observations "in the future" (relative to the node it calculates).

e) Compute  $\underset{x_1,...,x_{t-1}}{arg\ max}\ P(x_1,...,x_{t-1},X_t\mid e_{1:t})$ , for t=1,...,6. What kind of operation is this (filtering, prediction, smoothing, likelihood of the evidence, or most likely sequence)? Describe in words what kind of information this operation provides us.

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arg max P(X1 | e{1}):
The most likely path is: Fish
With a probability of 0.37500
arg max P(x\{1\}, ..., x\{1\}, X2 \mid e\{1:2\}):
The most likely path is: Fish -> Fish
With a probability of 0.22500
arg max P(x\{1\}, ..., x\{2\}, X3 \mid e\{1:3\}):
The most likely path is: Fish -> Fish -> Fish
With a probability of 0.04500
arg max P(x\{1\}, ..., x\{3\}, X4 \mid e\{1:4\}):
The most likely path is: Fish -> Fish -> Fish
With a probability of 0.02700
arg max P(x\{1\}, ..., x\{4\}, X5 \mid e\{1:5\}):
The most likely path is: Fish -> Fish -> Fish -> Fish
With a probability of 0.00540
arg max P(x\{1\}, ..., x\{5\}, X6 \mid e\{1:6\}):
The most likely path is: Fish -> Fish -> Fish -> Fish -> Fish -> Fish
With a probability of 0.00324
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The operation done in this task is finding the most likely sequence/path.

This provides us the most likely combination of states leading up to the current state given the evidence we have. In this task, it shows us the most likely sequence of fish/no-fish leading to today, given the evidence we have seen thus far.

The actual calculations above show us that the most likely sequence leading up to all days 1-6 is that the pond has always contained fish.

I realize that I have the wrong answer on this task, but I have worked on this for at least 24 hours now (not straight, but almost), and I simply cannot seem to work it out. I have tried implementing the Viterbi algorithm three times, and none of them worked. My issue arises from the fact that it is unclear to me what is expected from, and how to programmatically calculate,  $\max_{x_t} (P(X_{t+1}|x_t) \max_{x_1,\dots,x_{t-1}} P(x_1,\dots,x_t|e_{1:t})$ . The above are the results from *viterbi()* in *WRONGexercise2.py* 

## **Problem 2 – Dynamic Bayesian Networks**

a) Formulate the information given above as a dynamic Bayesian network and provide the complete probability tables for the model.

We can see, from the assignment, that we have one state variable – whether there are animals nearby or not. Let  $X_t$  represent this state variable on day t.

The state variable is only dependent on the state on the previous day, and the evidence variables are only dependent on the current state. This means we have a first-order Markov process.

There are two ways of formulating this – we can either combine the observations to one evidence variable (thus creating a Hidden Markov Model), or by having two evidence variables. I will formulate both, then use whichever makes for the easiest calculations in the following problems.

We have the following probability tables, from the assignment

$P(X_0)$	0.7
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$P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$	0.8
$P(X_t \mid \neg X_{t-1})$	0.3

Let  $a_t$  denote whether there were animal tracks on day t, and  $f_t$  denote whether the food was gone on day t. We then have

$P(a_t \mid X_t)$	0.7
$P(a_t \mid \neg X_t)$	0.2

$P(f_t \mid X_t)$	0.3
$P(f_t \mid \neg X_t)$	0.1

Alternatively, we can let  $e_t = (a, f)$  have four states, and represent the combination of tracks and food, where a indicates whether there are tracks and f represents if the food is gone. Because we are given that animal tracks and food gone are conditionally independent given animals nearby, we can see that

$$P((i,j)|X_t) = P(i|X_t) * P(j|X_t)$$

We can then calculate the probability for all  $e_t$  given  $X_t$ :

	Calculation	P
$P(e_t = (0,0) X_t)$	$= (1 - P(a_t \mid X_t))(1 - P(f_t \mid X_t)) = 0.3 * 0.7$	0.21
$P(e_t = (0,0) \mid \neg X_t)$	$= (1 - P(a_t \mid \neg X_t))(1 - P(f_t \mid \neg X_t)) = 0.8 * 0.9$	0.72
$P(e_t = (0,1) X_t)$	$= (1 - P(a_t \mid X_t))(P(f_t \mid X_t)) = 0.3 * 0.3$	0.09
$P(e_t = (0,1)  \neg X_t)$	$= (1 - P(a_t \mid \neg X_t))P(f_t \mid \neg X_t) = 0.8 * 0.1$	0.08
$P(e_t = (1,0) X_t)$	$= P(a_t \mid X_t)(1 - P(f_t \mid X_t)) = 0.7 * 0.7$	0.49
$P(e_t = (1,0)  \neg X_t)$	$= P(a_t \mid \neg X_t)(1 - P(f_t \mid \neg X_t)) = 0.2 * 0.9$	0.18
$P(e_t = (1,1) X_t)$	$= P(a_t \mid X_t)P(f_t \mid X_t) = 0.7 * 0.3$	0.21
$P(e_t = (1,1)  \neg X_t)$	$= P(a_t \mid \neg X_t)(P(f_t \mid \neg X_t) = 0.2 * 0.1$	0.02

b)	Compute	$P(X_t e_1)$	$_{:t}$ ), for $t$	= 1,	<i>2, 3,</i>	4.
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	$P(x_t e_{1:t})$	$P(\neg x_t   e_{1:t})$
t = 1	0.951	0.049
t=2	0.795	0.205
t=3	0.4021	0.5979
t = 4	0.7322	0.2678

Because we have formulated this as a Hidden Markov Model, we can apply known methods for operations such as filtering, which this is an example of. We therefore apply the FORWARD-algorithm to this problem:

$$P(X_t | e_{1:t}) = \alpha P(e_t | X_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(X_t | x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1} | e_{1:t})$$

We first find prior probabilities:

$$P(X_0) = [0.7, 0.3]$$

We then find the rest

$$P(X_1 | e_{1:1}) = \alpha P(e_1 | X_1) \sum_{x_0} P(X_1 | x_0) P(x_0)$$

We know  $P(e_1 \mid X_t)$  directly from the observation table,  $P(X_t \mid x_0)$  from the transition table and  $P(x_0)$  from the calculations above. We know from the assignment that  $e_1 = (1, 1)$ 

$$= \alpha * P(e_1 = (1,1) | X_t) * (P(X_1 | x_0)P(x_0) + P(X_1 | \neg x_0)P(\neg x_0))$$

$$= \alpha * [0.21, 0.02] * ([0.8, 0.2] * 0.7 + [0.3, 0.7] * 0.3)$$

$$= \alpha * [0.21, 0.02] * [0.65, 0.35]$$

$$= \alpha * [0.1365, 0.007] = [\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{951}, \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{049}]$$

Prediction from t = 1 to t = 2:

$$P(X_2|e_1) = \sum_{x_1} P(X_2|x_1) P(x_1|e_1)$$
  
= [0.8, 0.2] \* 0.951 + [0.3, 0.7] \* 0.049 = [0.7755, 0.2245]

Updating with  $e_2 = (0, 1)$ :

$$P(X_2|e_{1:2}) = \alpha P(e_2 \mid X_2) \sum_{x_1} P(X_2 \mid x_1) P(x_1|e_1)$$

$$= \alpha * [0.09, 0.08] * ([0.8, 0.2] * 0.951 + [0.3, 0.7] * 0.049)$$

$$= \alpha * [0.09, 0.08] * [0.7755, 0.2245]$$

$$= \alpha * [0.0698, 0.0180] = [0.795, 0.205]$$

Prediction from t = 2 to t = 3:

$$P(X_3|e_{1:2}) = \sum_{x_2} P(X_3|x_2) P(x_2|e_{1:2})$$

$$= [0.8, 0.2] * 0.795 + [0.3, 0.7] * 0.205 = [0.6975, 0.3025]$$

Updating with  $e_3 = (0, 0)$ :

$$P(X_3|e_{1:3}) = \alpha P(e_3|X_3) * P(X_3|e_{1:2})$$
  
=  $\alpha * [0.21, 0.72] * [0.6975, 0.3025]$   
=  $\alpha * [0.1465, 0.2178] = [\mathbf{0.4021}, \mathbf{0.5979}]$ 

Prediction from t = 3 to t = 4:

$$P(X_4|e_{1:3}) = \sum_{x_3} P(X_4|x_3) P(x_3|e_{1:3})$$

= [0.8, 0.2] \* 0.4021 + [0.3, 0.7] \* 0.5979 = [0.5011, 0.4989]

Updating with  $e_4 = (1, 0)$ :

$$P(X_4|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(e_4|X_4) * P(X_4|e_{1:3})$$

$$= \alpha * [0.49, 0.18] * [0.5011, 0.4989]$$

$$= \alpha * [0.2455, 0.0898] = [\mathbf{0.7322}, \mathbf{0.2678}]$$

c) Com	pute $P(X_t e_{1:}$	$_4$ ), for $t=$	5, 6	, 7,	8
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	$P(x_t e_{1:4})$	$P(\neg x_t   e_{1:4})$
t = 5	0.6661	0.3339
t=6	0.6331	0.3669
t = 7	0.6166	0.3834
t = 8	0.6083	0.3917

We once again use formulas for Hidden Markov Models to conduct operations, which this prediction is part of. We know  $P(X_4|e_{1:4}) = [0.7322, 0.2678]$  from problem (b), so we use the following formula for prediction:

$$P(X_{t+k+1}|e_{1:t}) = \sum_{x_{t+k}} P(X_{t+k+1}|x_{t+k}) P(x_{t+k}|e_{1:t})$$

Let t = 4, and k = 0:

$$P(X_5|e_{1:4}) = \sum_{x_4} P(X_5|x_4) P(x_4|e_{1:4})$$
  
= [0.8, 0.2] \* 0.7322 + [0.3, 0.7] \* 0.2678 = [**0**.6661, **0**.3339]

Let k = 1

$$P(X_6|e_{1:4}) = \sum_{x_5} P(X_6|x_5)P(x_5|e_{1:4})$$

$$= [0.8, 0.2] * 0.6661 + [0.3, 0.7] * 0.3339 = [\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{6331}, \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{3669}]$$

Let k = 2

$$P(X_7|e_{1:4}) = \sum_{x_6} P(X_7|x_6) P(x_6|e_{1:4})$$
  
= [0.8, 0.2] \* 0.6331 + [0.3, 0.7] \* 0.3669 = [**0**. **6166**, **0**. **3834**]

Let k = 3

$$P(X_8|e_{1:4}) = \sum_{x_7} P(X_8|x_7) P(x_7|e_{1:4})$$

$$= [0.8, 0.2] * 0.6166 + [0.3, 0.7] * 0.3834 = [\mathbf{0}.6083, \mathbf{0}.3917]$$

d) By forecasting further and further into the future, you should see that the probability converges towards a fixed point. Verify that  $\lim_{t\to\infty} P(X_t|e_{1:4}) = [0.6, 0.4]$ .

The distribution which a Markov chain transforms into when  $t \to \infty$  is called its stationary distribution. Let the distribution be called  $\pi$ . Then the stationary distribution has been reached when  $\pi_t = \pi_{t+1}$ , or  $\pi T = \pi$  for a transition matrix T.

We have our transition matrix  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and are to check that  $\pi = [0.6, 0.4]$ . We calculate that

$$\pi T$$
=  $[0.6, 0.4] * \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$ 
=  $[0.6 * 0.8 + 0.4 * 0.3, 0.6 * 0.2 + 0.4 * 0.7]$ 
=  $[0.48 + 0.12, 0.12 + 0.28]$ 
=  $[0.6, 0.4] = \pi$ 

Thus, the distribution  $\pi = [0.6, 0.4]$  is a stationary distribution for the system, and  $\lim_{t \to \infty} P(X_t | e_{1:4}) = [0.6, 0.4]$ 

e	) Com	nute P	$(X_{t} e_{1})$	.4). fo	rt =	0.	1. 2	. 3.
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	$P(x_t e_{1:4})$	$P(\neg x_t   e_{1:4})$
t = 0	0.9187	0.0813
t = 1	0.9441	0.0559
t=2	0.7240	0.2760
t=3	0.5133	0.4867

We will, once again, use formulas for Hidden Markov Model to do our operations, this time we will use them do to SMOOTHING. The formula for this is as follows:

$$P(X_t|e_{1:k}) = \alpha P(X_t|e_{1:t}) P(e_{t+1:k}|X_t)$$

Insert k = 4, and we get

$$P(X_t|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(X_t|e_{1:t}) P(e_{t+1:4}|X_t)$$

We know  $P(X_t|e_{1:t})$  from task (b) (and the assignment for t=0):

	$P(x_t e_{1:t})$	$P(\neg x_t   e_{1:t})$
t = 0	0.7	0.3
t = 1	0.951	0.049
t=2	0.795	0.205
t=3	0.4021	0.5979
t=4	0.7322	0.2678

To find  $P(e_{t+1:4}|X_t)$ , we use the BACKWARD algorithm:

$$P(e_{t+1:k}|X_t) = \sum_{x_{t+1}} P(e_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) P(e_{t+2:k}|x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}|X_t)$$

With k = 4:

$$P(e_{t+1:4}|X_t) = \sum_{x_{t+1}} P(e_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) P(e_{t+2:4}|x_{t+1}) P(x_{t+1}|X_t)$$

As this algorithm moves backwards, we will start by finding the probability when t = 3. Observe that  $e_4 = (1, 0)$ :

$$P(e_{4:4}|X_3) = \sum_{x_4} P(e_4|x_4) P(e_{5:4}|x_4) P(x_4|X_3)$$

$$= P(e_4|x_4) P(e_{5:4}|x_4) P(x_4|X_3) + P(e_4|\neg x_4) P(e_{5:4}|\neg x_4) P(\neg x_4|X_3)$$

$$= 0.49 * 1 * [0.8, 0.3] + 0.18 * 1 * [0.2, 0.7]$$

$$= [0.428, 0.273]$$

Thus:

$$P(X_3|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(X_3|e_{1:3}) P(e_{4:4}|X_3)$$
  
=  $\alpha * [0.4021, 0.5979] * [0.428, 0.273]$   
=  $\alpha * [0.1721, 0.1632] = [0.5133, 0.4867]$ 

Iterate the BACKWARD algorithm the whole way, until t = 0:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t} &= 2,\, e_3 = (0,0) \\ &P(e_{3:4}|X_2) = \sum_{x_3} P(e_3|x_3) \, P(e_{4:4}|x_3) \, P(x_3|X_2) \\ &= P(e_3|x_3) \, P(e_{4:4}|x_3) \, P(x_3|X_2) + P(e_3|\neg x_3) \, P(e_{4:4}|\neg x_3) \, P(\neg x_3|X_2) \\ &= 0.21 * 0.428 * [0.8,0.3] + 0.72 * 0.273 * [0.2,0.7] \\ &= [0.1112,0.1646] \\ \mathbf{t} &= 1,\, e_2 &= (0,1) \\ &P(e_{2:4}|X_1) = \sum_{x_2} P(e_2|x_2) \, P(e_{3:4}|x_2) \, P(x_2|X_1) \\ &= P(e_2|x_2) \, P(e_{3:4}|x_2) \, P(x_2|X_1) + P(e_2|\neg x_2) \, P(e_{3:4}|\neg x_2) \, P(\neg x_2|X_1) \\ &= 0.09 * 0.1112 * [0.8,0.3] + 0.08 * 0.1646 * [0.2,0.7] \\ &= [0.01064,0.01222] \\ \mathbf{t} &= 0,\, e_1 &= (1,1) \\ &P(e_{1:4}|X_0) = \sum_{x_1} P(e_1|x_1) \, P(e_{2:4}|x_1) \, P(x_1|X_0) \\ &= P(e_1|x_1) \, P(e_{2:4}|x_1) \, P(x_1|X_0) + P(e_1|\neg x_1) \, P(e_{2:4}|\neg x_1) \, P(\neg x_1|X_0) \\ &= 0.21 * 0.01064 * [0.8,0.3] + 0.02 * 0.01222 * [0.2,0.7] \\ &= [0.001836,0.0008414] \end{aligned}$$

We can then find

$$P(X_2|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(X_2|e_{1:2}) P(e_{3:4}|X_2)$$

$$= \alpha * [0.795, 0.205] * [0.1112, 0.1646]$$

$$= \alpha * [0.0884, 0.0337] = [\mathbf{0.7240}, \mathbf{0.2760}]$$

$$P(X_1|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(X_1|e_{1:1}) P(e_{2:4}|X_1)$$

$$= \alpha * [0.951, 0.049] * [0.01064, 0.01222]$$

$$= \alpha * [0.01012, 0.0005988] = [\mathbf{0.9441}, \mathbf{0.0559}]$$

$$P(X_0|e_{1:4}) = \alpha P(X_0|) P(e_{1:4}|X_0)$$
  
=  $\alpha * [0.7, 0.3] * [0.001836, 0.0008414]$   
=  $\alpha * [0.002852, 0.0002524] = [\mathbf{0.9187}, \mathbf{0.0813}]$