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# Hidden Markov Models

**Question 1: This problem can be formulated in matrix form.**

**Please specify the initial probability vector  $\pi$ , the transition probability matrix  $A$  and the observation probability matrix  $B$ .**

We want to formulate  $P(O | \lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  is  $(A, B, \pi)$  ( $t = [1, T]$ ). Now,  $\mathbf{O}$  is  $\{\mathbf{o}_1, \mathbf{o}_2, \dots, \mathbf{o}_K\}$ ,  $K$  is the number of Possible Observations,  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , and  $N$  is the number of Possible Hidden States.

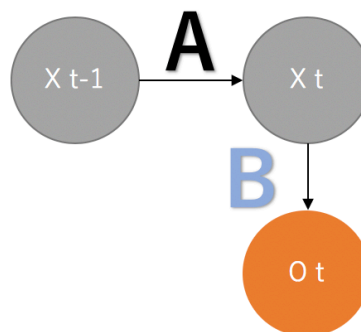


Figure 1: An Example of states

As a preparation, let's prove  $P(O, X | \lambda) = P(O | X, \lambda) * P(X | \lambda)$ . From

$$P(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{X} | \lambda) = \frac{P(\mathbf{O} \cap \mathbf{X} \cap \lambda)}{P(\lambda)}$$

and

$$\frac{P(\mathbf{O} \cap \mathbf{X} \cap \lambda)}{P(\lambda)} = \frac{P(\mathbf{O} \cap \mathbf{X} \cap \lambda)}{P(\mathbf{X} \cap \lambda)} * \frac{P(\mathbf{X} \cap \lambda)}{P(\lambda)} = P(\mathbf{O} | \mathbf{X}, \lambda) * P(\mathbf{X} | \lambda)$$

we proved  $P(O, X | \lambda) = P(O | X, \lambda) * P(X | \lambda)$ .

Now, we define the forward path as  $\alpha_t(j) = P(\mathbf{o}_1, \mathbf{o}_2, \dots, \mathbf{o}_t, x_t = q_j | \lambda)$ , where  $q_j$  is the state at  $t$ . “The  $t$  state in the sequence of states is state  $q_j$ ” is be represented by  $x_t = q_j$ .

So, when  $t = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1(j) &= P(\mathbf{o}_1, x_1 = q_j | \lambda) \\ &= P(\mathbf{O} | x_1 = q_j, \lambda) * P(x_1 = q_j | \lambda) = \pi_j * B_j(\mathbf{o}_1)\end{aligned}$$

and when  $1 < t \leq T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_t(j) &= P(\mathbf{o}_1, \mathbf{o}_2, \dots, \mathbf{o}_t, x_t = q_j | \lambda) \\ &= P(\mathbf{O} | \mathbf{X}, \lambda) * P(\mathbf{X} | \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{t-1}(i) * A_{i,j} * B_j(\mathbf{o}_t).\end{aligned}$$

The figure, which describes a concretely, is shown in the following Figure 2.

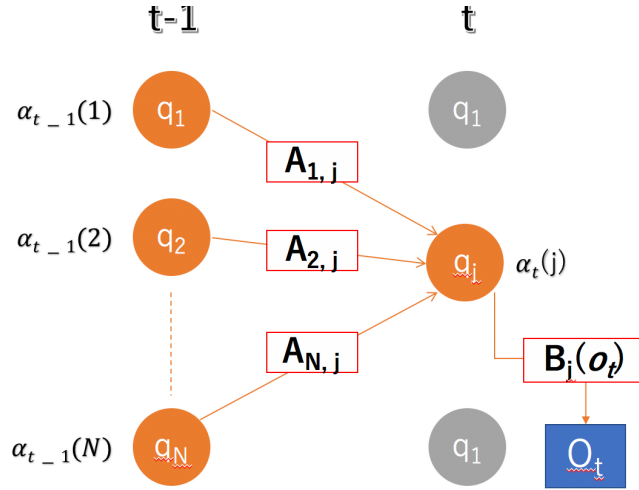


Figure 2:  $\alpha$  explanation

From the  $\alpha$  definition,

$$P(\mathbf{O} | \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i).$$

So, we can formulate  $P(\mathbf{O} | \lambda)$  with A, B, and  $\pi$ .

### **Question 2 & 3: What is the result of this operation?**

Figure 3 shows  $\pi$ , A and B in the given problem for this Question 2 and 3.

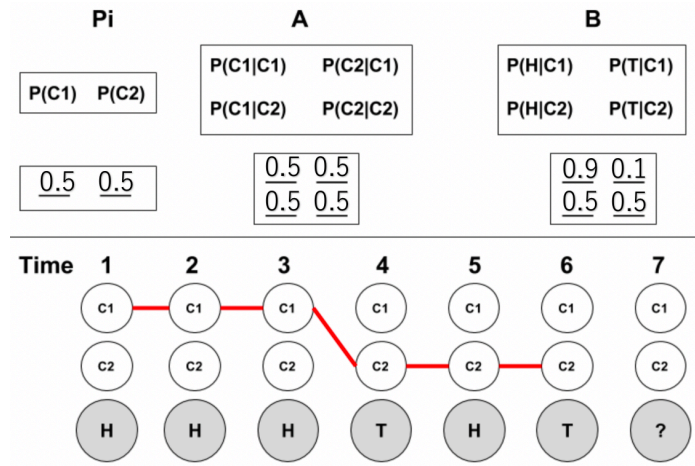


Figure 3: Pi, A and B in the given problem

When  $X_{t-1}=C1$ ,  $P(X_t=C1)=0.5$ , and when  $X_{t-1}=C2$ ,  $P(X_t=C2)=0.5$ . Also, when  $X_{t-1}=C1$ ,  $P(O_t=C1)=0.9$ , and when  $X_{t-1}=C2$ ,  $P(O_t=C2)=0.5$ . Therefore, we can get the matrix shown in the Figure 3. So, the answer of Question 2 ( $Pi * A$ ) is following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& Pi * A \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

And the answer of Question 3 ( $Pi * A * B$ ) is following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (Pi * A) * B \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $O_7$  is Head with a probability of 0.7, and Tail with a probability of 0.3.

**Question 4: Why is it valid to substitute  $O_{1:t}=o_{1:t}$  with  $O_t=o_t$  when we condition on the state  $X_t=x_i$ ?**

When  $X_t=x_i$  is given, we can ignore  $O_{1:t-1}$  because there is no arrow from  $O_{1:t-1}$  to  $O_t$  since Figure 4 shows. Therefore, we can substitute them with  $O_t=o_t$ .

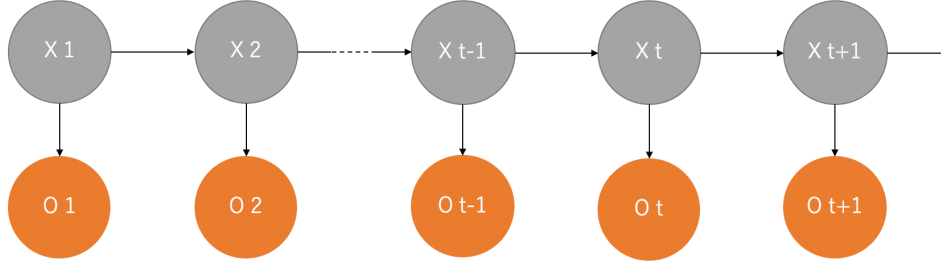


Figure 4: Hidden states and observations

**Question 5: How many values are stored in the matrices  $\delta$  and  $\delta_{idx}$  respectively?**

$\delta$  is represented with:

$$\delta_1(i) = \pi_i * B_i(\mathbf{O}_1) \quad \text{when } t = 1, \text{ and}$$

$$\delta_t(i) = \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \delta_{t-1}(j) * A_{j,i} * B_i(\mathbf{O}_t) \quad \text{when } t = 2, \dots, T$$

$\delta_{idx}$  is represented with:

$$\delta_t^{idx}(i) = \log(\pi_i * B_i(\mathbf{O}_1)) \quad \text{when } t = 1, \text{ and}$$

$$\delta_t^{idx}(i) = \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \{\delta_{t-1}^{idx}(j) + \log(A_{j,i}) + \log(B_i(\mathbf{O}_t))\} \quad \text{when } t = 2, \dots, T.$$

Therefore, there are  $N*T$  values in  $\delta$ , where  $N$  is the number of states in the model and  $T$  is the length of the observation sequence. And, there are  $N*T$  values in  $\delta_{idx}$ .

**Question 6: Why we do we need to divide by the sum over the final  $\alpha$  values for the di-gamma function?**

The reason is for scaling  $\alpha$ . Before proving this reason, we show an intuitive explanation.

First of all,  $\gamma_t(i, j)$  is the probability in a state  $q_i$  at  $t$  and a state  $q_j$  at time  $t+1$ . And  $\alpha$  definition is following:

$$\alpha_t(j) = P(\mathbf{o}_1, \mathbf{o}_2, \dots, \mathbf{o}_t | x_t = q_j | \lambda)$$

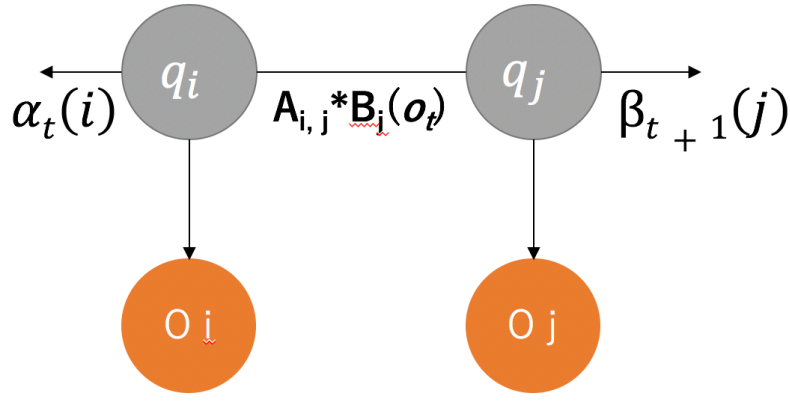


Figure 5:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in the model of (A, B, and Pi)

$\alpha_t(j)$  ( $j=[1, N]$ ) will become lower number (approach to 0) as  $t$  increases. This is because the number of condition ( $\mathbf{o}_t$ ) increases. Therefore, the result of  $\gamma_t(i, j)$  become lower as  $t$  increases. For solving this problem,  $\alpha$  should be scaled. Therefore, we divide  $\alpha$  with the sum over the final  $\alpha$ .

Now, we start to prove the need to divide by the sum over the final  $\alpha$  values for the digamma function.

Before calculating  $\gamma_t(i, j)$ , we have to calculate:

$$P(A|B, C) = \frac{P(A, B|C)}{P(B|C)}$$

and

$$P(x_t = q_i, x_{t+1} = q_j, \mathbf{O} | \lambda) = \alpha_t(i) A_{i,j} B_j(\mathbf{o}_t) \beta_{t+1}(j).$$

From the definition of  $\gamma_t(i, j)$ ,

$$\gamma_t(i, j) = P(x_t = q_i, x_{t+1} = q_j | \mathbf{O}, \lambda)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_t(i, j) &= \frac{P(x_t = q_i, x_{t+1} = q_j, \mathbf{O} | \lambda)}{P(\mathbf{O} | \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha_t(i) A_{i,j} B_j(\mathbf{o}_t) \beta_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_T(j)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the need to divide is proved.