

# Inference by variable elimination

# Factors and Factor Graph

$$f(x) = f_a(x_1, x_2)f_b(x_1, x_2)f_c(x_2, x_3)f_d(x_3)$$

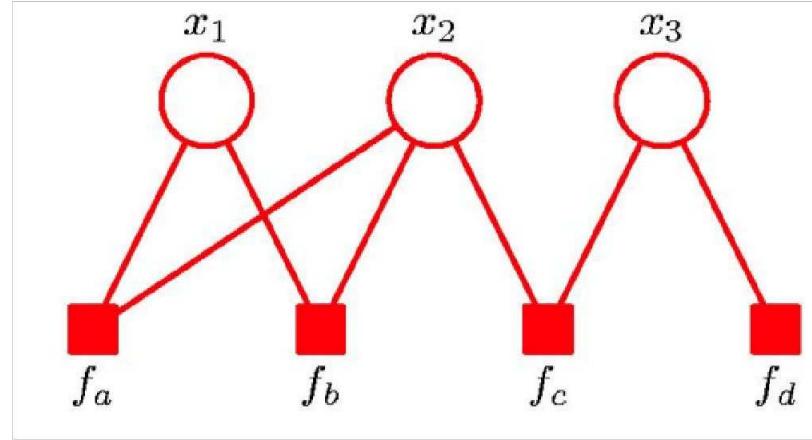


Figure 1: Two factors  $f_a$  and  $f_b$  of the same variables

They are bipartite since

- Two types of nodes
- All links go between nodes of opposite type

# Factors

We assume that we are given a graphical model as a product of factors

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{c \in C} \phi_c(x_c)$$

- We can view a factor as a multi-dimensional table assigning a value to each assignment of a set of variables  $x_c$ .
- In a Bayesian network, the factors correspond to conditional probability distributions.
- In a Markov Random Field, the factors encode an unnormalized distribution; to compute marginals.

# Conditional Independence and Factorization

- Assuming the descriptive features are conditionally independent of each other given MENINGITIS we only need to store four factors:

*Factor<sub>1</sub>* :  $\langle P(M) \rangle$

*Factor<sub>2</sub>* :  $\langle P(h|m), P(h|\neg m) \rangle$

*Factor<sub>3</sub>* :  $\langle P(f|m), P(f|\neg m) \rangle$

*Factor<sub>4</sub>* :  $\langle P(v|m), P(v|\neg m) \rangle$

$$P(H, F, V, M) = P(M) \times P(H|M) \times P(F|M) \times P(V|M)$$

# Factor Product

A	B	$f_1(A, B)$	B	C	$f_2(B, C)$	A	B	C	$f_3(A, B, C)$
T	T	0.3	T	T	0.2	T	T	T	$0.3 \times 0.2 = 0.06$
T	F	0.7	T	F	0.8	T	T	F	$0.3 \times 0.8 = 0.24$
F	T	0.9	F	T	0.6	T	F	T	$0.7 \times 0.6 = 0.42$
F	F	0.1	F	F	0.4	T	F	F	$0.7 \times 0.4 = 0.28$
						F	T	T	$0.9 \times 0.2 = 0.18$
						F	T	F	$0.9 \times 0.8 = 0.72$
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						F	F	F	$0.1 \times 0.4 = 0.04$

# Factor Marginalization

- Marginalization operation "locally" eliminates a set of variables from a factor.
- If we have a factor  $\phi(X, Y)$  over two sets of variables  $X, Y$ , marginalizing  $Y$  produces a new factor

$$\tau(x) = \sum_y \phi(x, y)$$

where the sum is over all joint assignments to the set of variables  $Y$ .

# Example

$a^1$	$b^1$	$c^1$	0.25
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The diagram illustrates the process of marginalizing out variable  $B$  from the factor  $\phi(A, B, C)$ . It shows two tables. The left table contains 12 rows corresponding to combinations of  $A$  (3 values) and  $C$  (3 values). The right table shows the marginalized distribution over  $A$  and  $C$ , with 9 rows corresponding to unique combinations of  $A$  and  $C$ . Lines connect the rows in the left table to their corresponding marginalized entries in the right table. For example, the first row in the left table ( $a^1, b^1, c^1, 0.25$ ) connects to the second row in the right table ( $a^1, c^1, 0.33$ ). The connections are as follows:

- ( $a^1, b^1, c^1, 0.25$ ) → ( $a^1, c^1, 0.33$ )
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Figure 2: We are marginalizing out variable  $B$  from factor  $\phi(A, B, C)$ .

# Variable Elimination Algorithm

- The variable elimination algorithm repeatedly performs two factor operations: product and marginalization.
- We have been implicitly performing these operations in our chain example.
- The variable elimination algorithm requires an ordering over the variables according to which variables will be "eliminated."
- In our chain example, we took the ordering implied by the DAG.
- Note that different orderings may dramatically alter the running time. For simplicity, let the ordering be fixed.

# Variable Elimination Algorithm

We are now ready to formally define the variable elimination (VE) algorithm.

For each variable  $X_i$  (ordered according to  $O$ ):

1. Multiply all factors  $\Phi_i$  containing  $X_i$
2. Marginalize out  $X_i$  to obtain a new factor  $\tau$
3. Replace the factors  $\Phi_i$  with  $\tau$

Intuitively, this corresponds to choosing a sum and "pushing it in" as far as possible inside the product of the factors

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- This can be seen as the results of steps 1 and 2 of the VE algorithm: first we form a large factor  $\sigma(x_2, x_1) = p(x_2 | x_1) p(x_1)$ ; then we eliminate  $x_1$  from that factor to produce  $\tau$ .
- Then, we repeat the same procedure for  $x_2$ , except that the factors are now  $p(x_3 | x_2), \tau(x_2)$ .

# Inference by enumeration

Slightly intelligent way to sum out variables from the joint without actually constructing its explicit representation

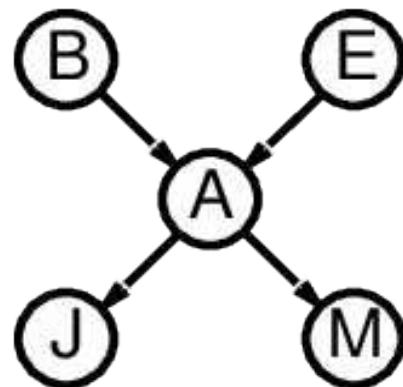
Simple query on the burglary network:

$$\mathbf{P}(B \mid j, m)$$

$$= \mathbf{P}(B, j, m) / P(j, m)$$

$$= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B, j, m)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a \mathbf{P}(B, e, a, j, m)$$



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Markov Model,  
Hidden Markov Model

# Introduction

- Board games played with dice: example a game of snakes and ladders or any other game whose moves are determined entirely by dice is a Markov chain.
- Gambling: The probabilities of weather conditions (modeled as either rainy or sunny), given the weather on the preceding day
- A simple weather model: The probabilities of weather conditions (modeled as either rainy or sunny), given the weather on the preceding day.
- Stock Market Trend Prediction can be done using Markov Model.

# Overview

Markov Models		Do we have control over the state transitions?	
Are the states completely observable?	YES	NO	YES
	<b>Markov Chain</b> Markov Decision Process	<b>MDP</b>	
	<b>HMM</b> Hidden Markov Model	<b>POMDP</b> Partially Observable Markov Decision Process	

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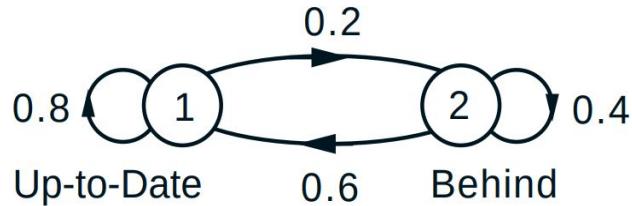
- **Markov chain or Markov process:** It is a probabilistic model describing a sequence of possible events in which the probability of each event depends only on the state attained in the previous event (i.e., memorylessness).
- **Markov model:** It models the state of a system with a random variable that changes through time. The simplest Markov model is the Markov chain.
- **Hidden Markov model:** It is a Markov chain for which the state is only partially observable or noisily observable.

# Introduction

- **Markov decision process (MDP):** It is a Markov chain in which state transitions depend on current ***state*** and an ***action vector*** applied to the system. MDP is used to compute a policy of actions to maximize utility with respect to expected rewards.
- **Partially observable Markov decision process (POMDP):** It is a MDP in which the state of the system is only partially observed.

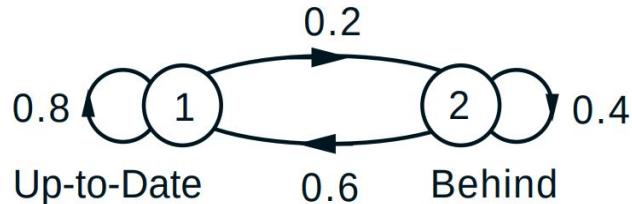
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- The task is to determine the long-term probabilities  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  (steady state)

## Specification of Markov Models

- A Markov chain model is specified by identifying
  - (a) the set of states  $\mathcal{S} = \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,
  - (b) the set of possible transitions, namely, those pairs  $(i, j)$  for which  $p_{ij} > 0$ , and,
  - (c) the numerical values of those  $p_{ij}$  that are positive.

# A Markov Chain or Markov process

Markov processes are built on the **Markov assumption** that the probability of transitioning to a particular state at the next time-step relies only on the current state, and does not require any knowledge of the history of states that came before that, or

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = i_0) &= \mathbf{P}(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i) \\ &= p_{ij}, \text{ (transition probabilities)}\end{aligned}$$

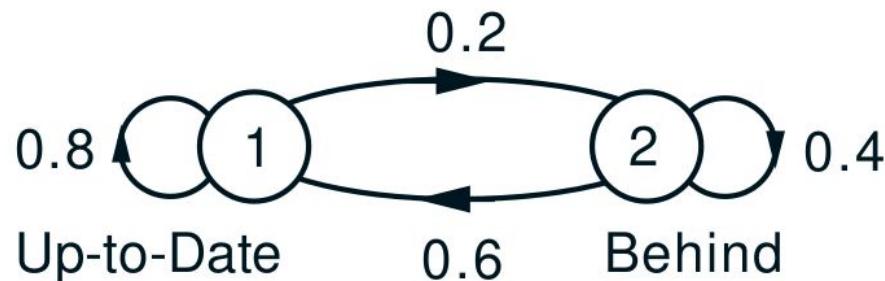
The transition probabilities  $p_{ij}$  must be of course nonnegative, and sum to one:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij} = 1, \quad \text{for all } i.$$

# Transition probability matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{1m} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p_{m1} & p_{m2} & \cdots & p_{mm} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example



	UpD	B
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# n-Step Transition Probabilities

Many Markov chain problems require the calculation of the probability law of the state at some future time, conditioned on the current state. This probability law is captured by the ***n*-step transition probabilities**, defined by

$$r_{ij}(n) = \mathbf{P}(X_n = j \mid X_0 = i).$$

In words,  $r_{ij}(n)$  is the probability that the state after  $n$  time periods will be  $j$ , given that the current state is  $i$ .

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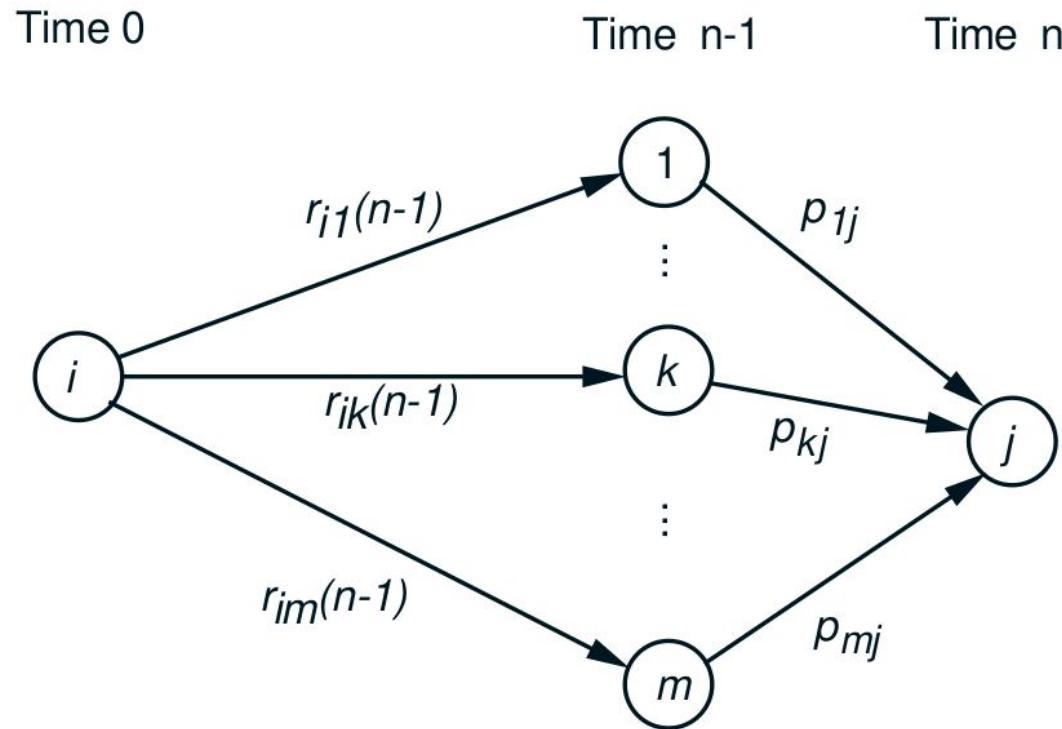
The  $n$ -step transition probabilities can be generated by the recursive formula

$$r_{ij}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^m r_{ik}(n-1)p_{kj}, \quad \text{for } n > 1, \text{ and all } i, j,$$

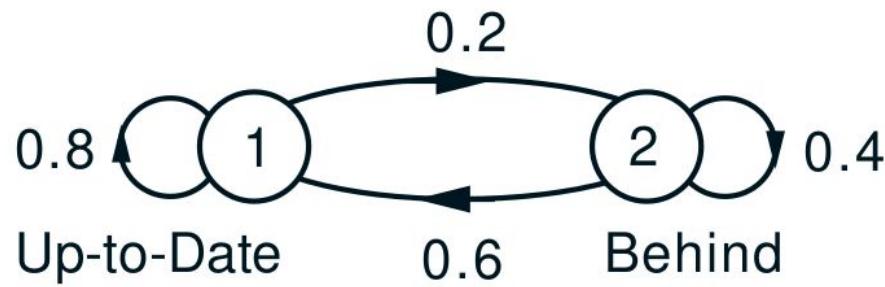
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$$r_{ij}(1) = p_{ij}.$$

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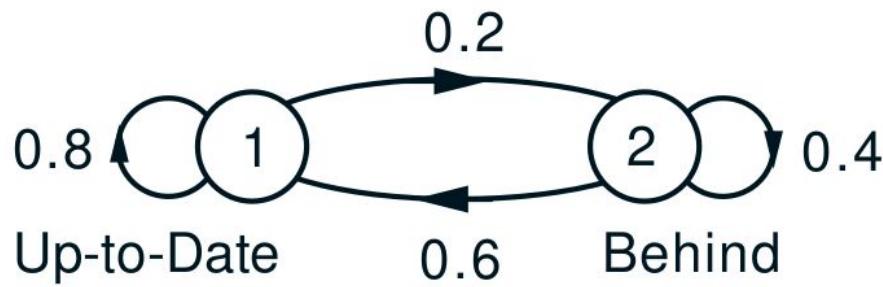


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Let  $A$  be an  $N \times N$  matrix. Then

$$(A^2)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N (A)_{ik}(A)_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^N a_{ik}a_{kj}.$$

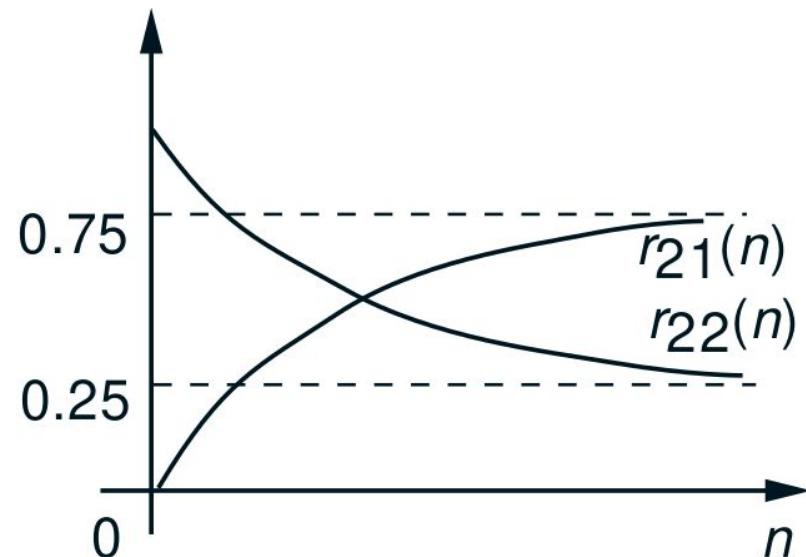
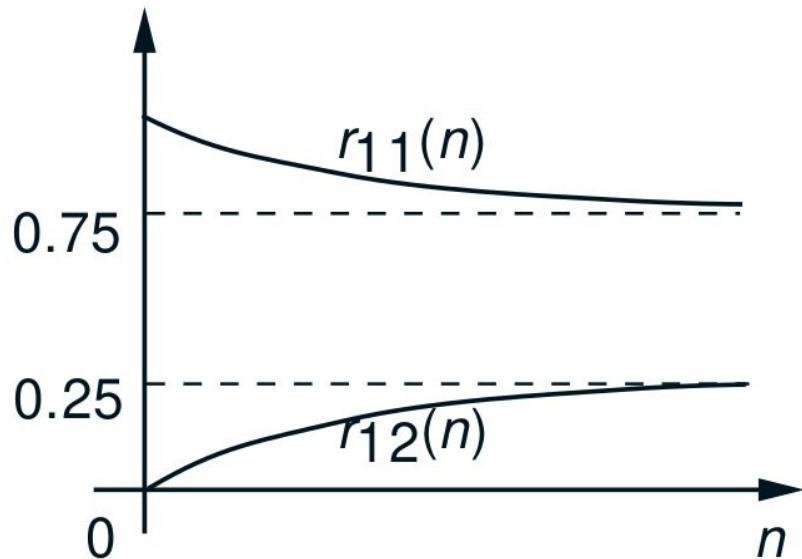
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	$r_{ij}(1)$		$r_{ij}(2)$		$r_{ij}(3)$		$r_{ij}(4)$		$r_{ij}(5)$	

Sequence of  $n$ -step transition probability matrices

## Example

long-term probabilities (steady state) =  $[\pi_1 \quad \pi_2] = [0.75 \quad 0.25]$



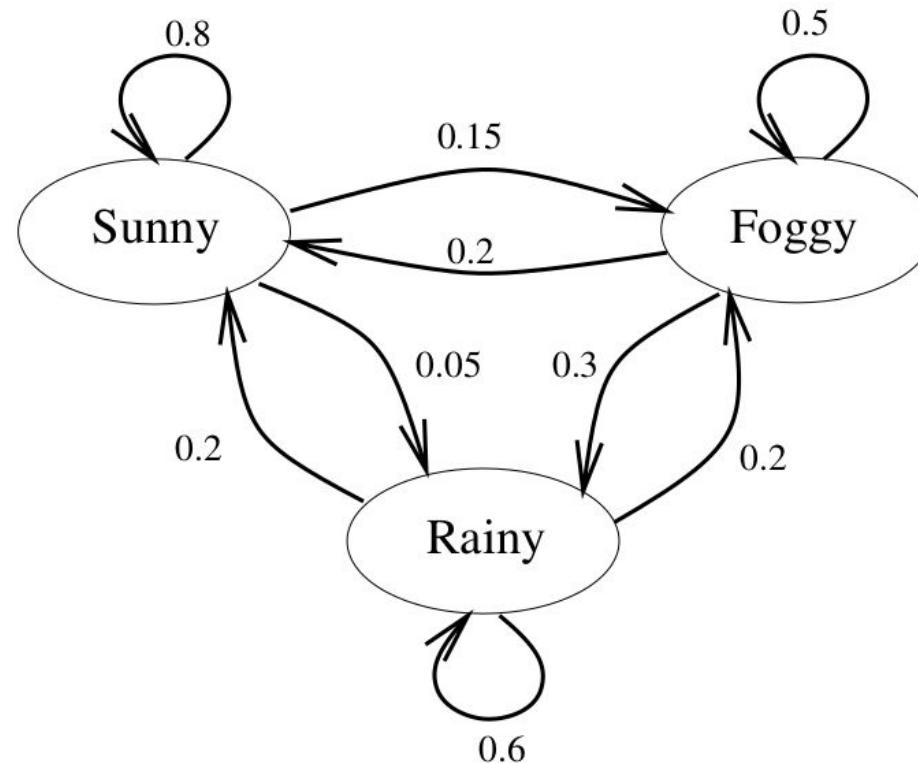
$n$ -step transition probabilities as a function of the number  $n$  of transitions

# Weather Example

		Tomorrow's Weather		
		Sunny	Rainy	Foggy
Today's Weather	Sunny	0.8	0.05	0.15
	Rainy	0.2	0.6	0.2
	Foggy	0.2	0.3	0.5

Table 1: Probabilities of Tomorrow's weather based on Today's Weather

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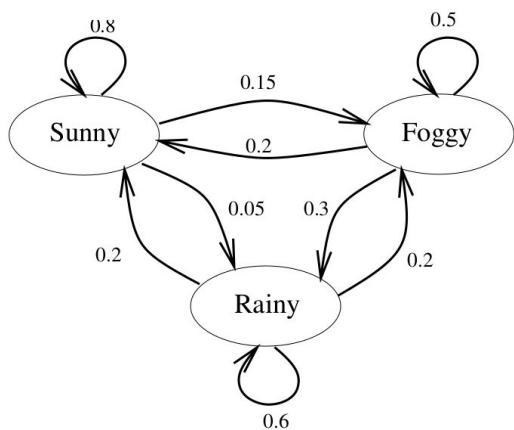
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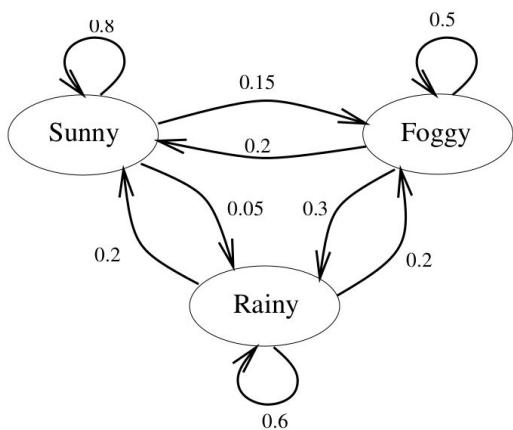
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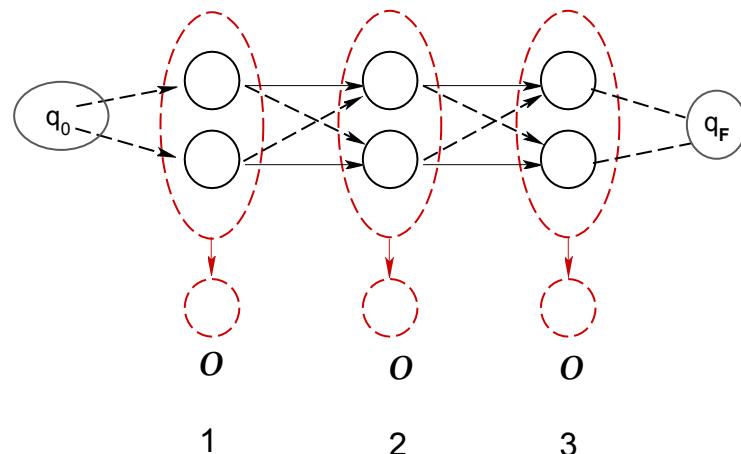
# Hidden Markov Model

# HMM components

An **HMM** is specified by the following components:

$Q = q_1 q_2 \dots q_N$  a set of  $N$  states

$A = a_{11} a_{12} \dots a_{n1} \dots a_{nn}$  a **transition probability matrix**  $A$ , each  $a_{ij}$  representing the probability of moving from state  $i$  to state  $j$ , s.t.  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i$



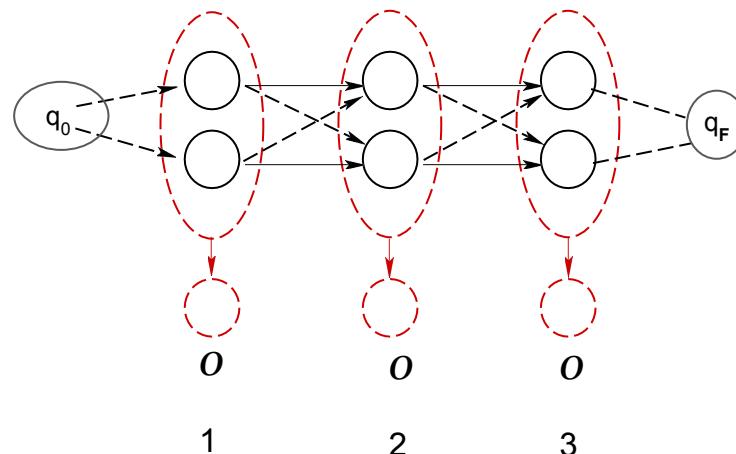
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a sequence of  $T$  **observations**,

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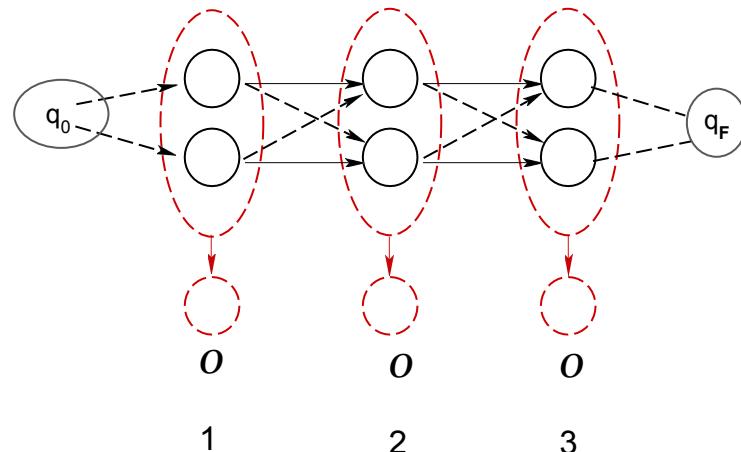
A sequence of **observation likelihoods**: also called **emission probabilities**, each expressing the probability of an observation  $o_t$  being generated from a state  $i$ .



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$q_0, q_F$

a special **start state** and **end (final) state** which are not associated with observations, together with transition probabilities  $a_{01}a_{02}\dots a_{0n}$  out of the start state and  $a_{1F}a_{2F}\dots a_{nF}$  into the end state.



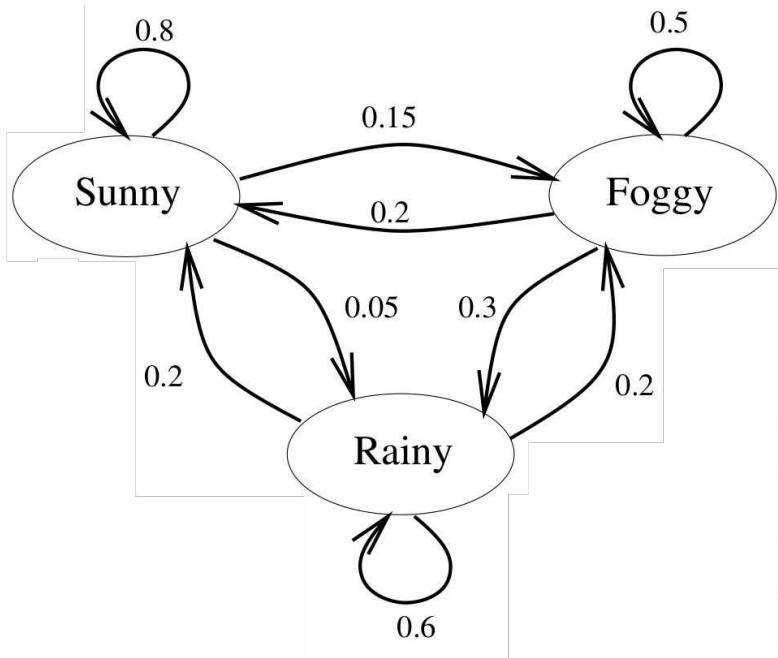
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- Suppose you are locked in some secret underground room
- You want to know whether it is raining today
- But, your only access to the outside world occurs each morning, when you see the caretaker coming in with, or without an umbrella.

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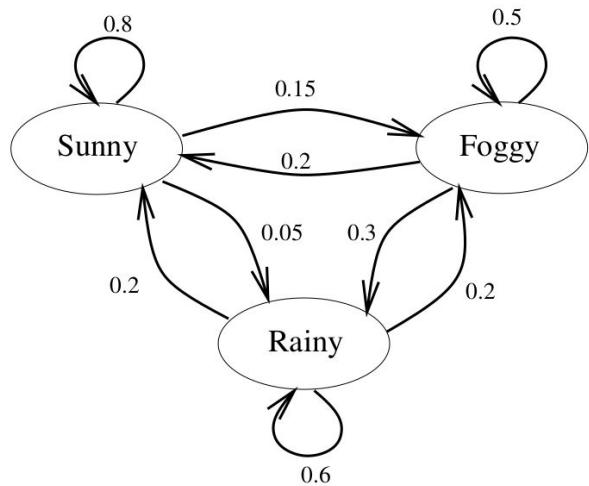
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