

Practice Problems on HMM

Suppose that you have trained an HMM and obtained the following model parameters:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} H & C \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} H \\ C \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}, \quad b_{jk} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} S & M & L \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} H \\ C \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.7 & 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Furthermore, suppose the hidden states correspond to H and C, respectively, and the observations are S, M, and L, respectively. Assume the initial hidden state ^{at t=0} is C. The observation starts from t=1 and ends at t=3.

1. Compute the probability that the model generates the observation sequence $\underline{v}^3 = (M, S, L)$ by
 - (1) direct computation,
 - (2) the forward algorithm.
2. Determine the "best" hidden state sequence that led to the above observation sequence by
 - (1) direct method, (consider all possible hidden state sequences)
 - (2) the decoding algorithm using forward variable,
 - (3) the Viterbi algorithm.