# Hidden Markov Models

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## **HMM**

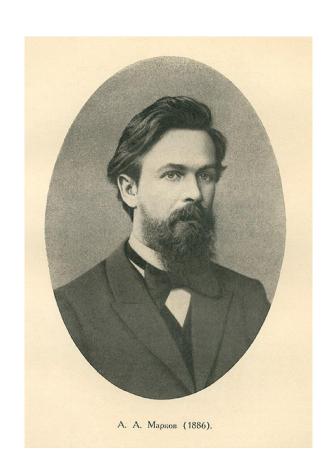
- Introduced in a series of statistical papers by Leonard E. Baum and other authors in the second half of the 1960s.
- One of the first applications of HMMs was speech recognition, starting in the mid-1970s.
- Later it found many applications in the analysis of biological sequences

# **HMM Applications**

- HMMs can solve problems in many different fields where the goal is to recover a data sequence that itself is not immediately observable and instead the other data that depend on the sequence are
  - Computational finance
  - Neuroscience
  - Cryptanalysis
  - Speech recognition
  - Speech synthesis
  - Part-of-speech tagging
  - Machine translation
  - Handwriting recognition
  - Alignment of bio-sequences
  - Time series analysis
  - Activity recognition
  - Protein folding
  - Sequence classification
  - Transportation forecasting

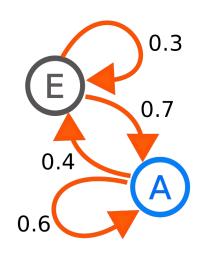
# Markov Property

- In probability theory and statistics, the term Markov property refers to the memoryless property of a stochastic process
- Future evolution is independent of its history
- Named after the Russian mathematician Andrey Markov.



## Markov Chain

- A Markov chain or Markov process is a stochastic model describing a sequence of possible events in which the probability of each event depends only on the state attained in the previous event.
  - Discrete-time Markov chain (DTMC)
  - Continuous-time process is called a continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC)
- What happens next depends only on the state of affairs now

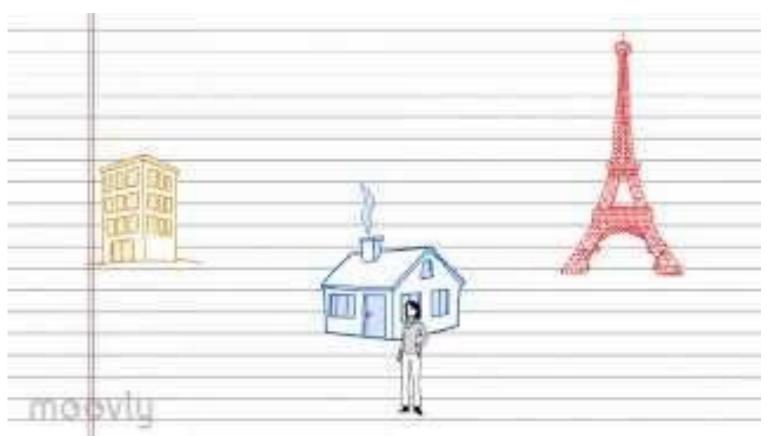


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## Markov Chain

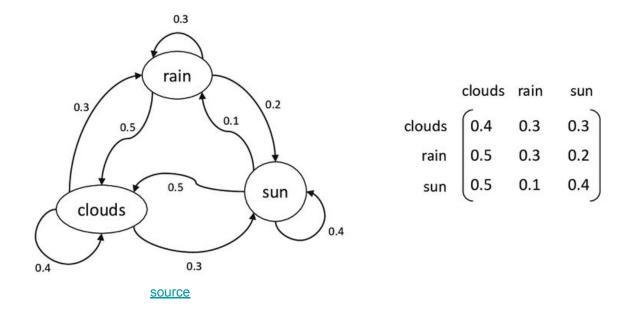


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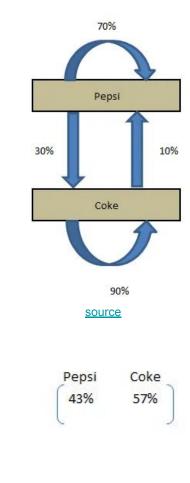


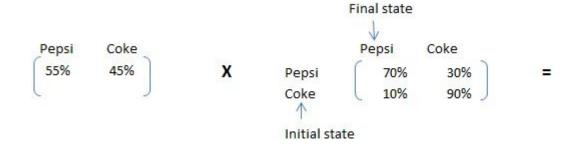
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 A transition matrix (also known as stochastic matrix or Markov matrix) is a square matrix used to describe the transitions of a Markov chain



Similar to adjacency matrix in Graph theory





• The probability of ending up in any given state after 1,2, and 3 steps:

$$\pi_1 = \pi_0 P$$

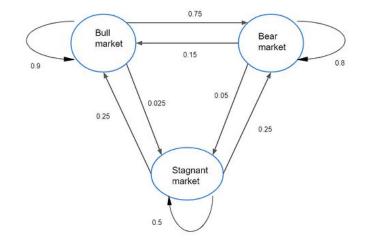
$$\pi_2 = \pi_1 P = \pi_0 P^2$$

$$\pi_3 = \pi_2 P = \pi_0 P^3,$$

The probability of ending up in any given state after n steps:

$$\pi_n = \pi_0 P^n$$
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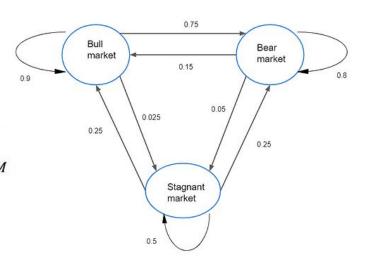
- Stock markets trend state space:
  - Bull markets: prices are rising due to the actors having optimistic hopes of the future.
  - Bear markets: prices are declining due to the actors having a pessimistic view of the future.
  - Stagnant markets: neither a decline nor a rise



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To	Bull	Bear	Stagnant
From			
Bull	0.9	0.075	0.025
Bear	0.15	0.8	0.05
Stagnant	0.25	0.25	0.5

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.075 & 0.025 \\ 0.15 & 0.8 & 0.05 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = M$$



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# **Stationary Distribution**

- In a regular Markov chain, transition probabilities will converge to a steady state over a large enough number of iterations
- After a sufficient number of iterations, the probability of ending up in any given state is the same, regardless of where you start

One week from now: 
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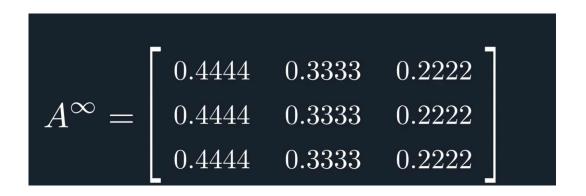
# **Stationary Distribution**

- A stationary distribution  $\pi$  is a vector, whose entries are non-negative and sum to 1, is unchanged by the operation of transition matrix P:  $\pi = \pi P$
- Long Term behavior of a markov chain
- Does not depend on the initial state

# Stationary Distribution: Power Method

 If we keep taking powers of the transition matrix, it will eventually converge and will stay constant. The values in columns of the transition matrix i will be the same and represent the probability of ending up in the state:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\mathbf{P}^k$$



# Stationary Distribution: EigenVector Method

 The stationary distribution is a left eigenvector of the transition matrix for eigenvalue=1

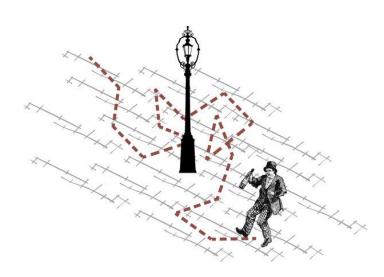
$$\pi P = \pi$$

$$\pi P = 1 \times \pi$$

$$X_L A = \lambda_L X_L.$$

### Random Walk

- A random walk (also known as a drunkard's walk), a process for determining the probable location of a point subject to random motions, given the probabilities of moving some distance in some direction
- A random process that describes a path that consists of a succession of random steps on some mathematical space
- Random walks are an example of Markov processes, in which future behaviour is independent of past history
- Examples
  - Path traced by a molecule as it travels in a liquid or a gas (Brownian motion)
  - The search path of a foraging animal
  - The price of a fluctuating stock
  - The financial status of a gambler
- Random walk: outgoing edge is chosen uniformly at random
- Markov chain: outgoing edge is chosen according to an arbitrary fixed distribution



### PageRank Paper

# The Anatomy of a Large-Scale Hypertextual Web Search Engine

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we present Google, a prototype of a large-scale search engine which makes heavy use of the structure present in hypertext. Google is designed to crawl and index the Web efficiently and produce much more satisfying search results than existing systems. The prototype with a full text and hyperlink database of at least 24 million pages is available at http://google.stanford.edu/ To engineer a search engine is a challenging task. Search engines index tens to hundreds of millions of web pages involving a comparable number of distinct terms. They answer tens of millions of queries every day. Despite the importance of large-scale search engines on the web, very little academic research has been done on them. Furthermore, due to rapid advance in technology and web proliferation, creating a web search engine today is very different from three years ago. This paper provides an in-depth description of our large-scale web search engine -- the first such detailed public description we know of to date. Apart from the problems of scaling traditional search techniques to data of this magnitude, there are new technical challenges involved with using the additional information present in hypertext to produce better search results. This paper addresses this question of how to build a practical large-scale system which can exploit the additional information present in hypertext. Also we look at the problem of how to effectively deal with uncontrolled hypertext collections where anyone can publish anything they want.

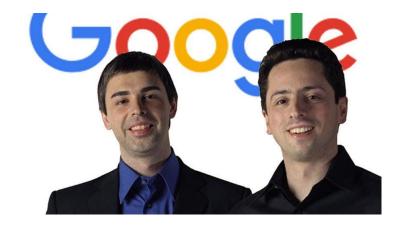
#### Keywords

World Wide Web, Search Engines, Information Retrieval, PageRank, Google

#### 1. Introduction

(Note: There are two versions of this paper -- a longer full version and a shorter printed version. The

- A random surfer who reaches their target site after several clicks, then switches to a random page
- The PageRank value of a page: The chance that the random surfer will land on that page by clicking on a link.
- It can be modeled as a Markov chain in which the states are pages, and the transitions are the equally probable links between pages

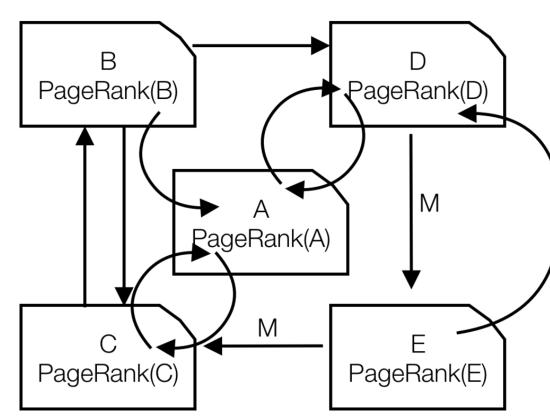


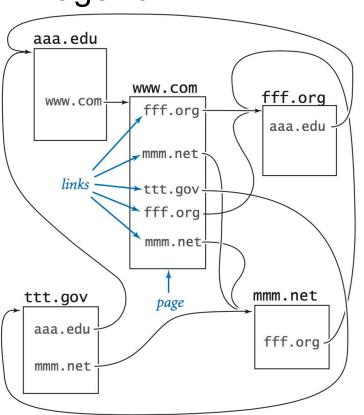
- N: number of known webpages
- A page i has k<sub>i</sub> links to it
- Transition probability for all pages that are linked to i:

$$\frac{\alpha}{k_i} + \frac{1-\alpha}{N}$$

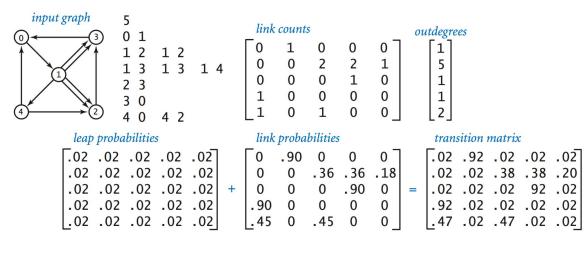
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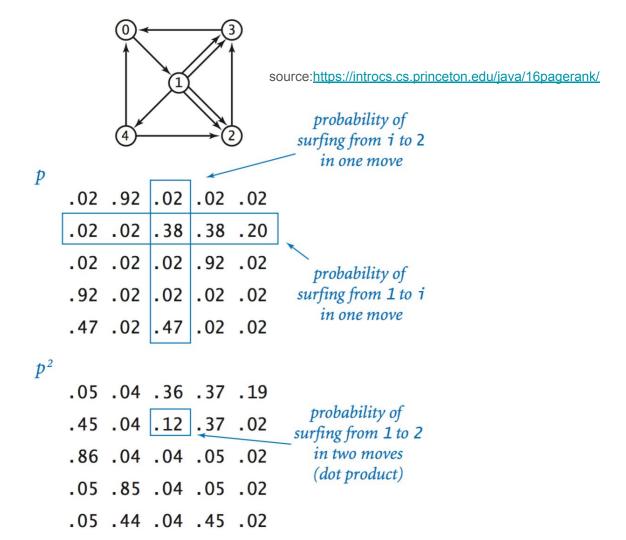
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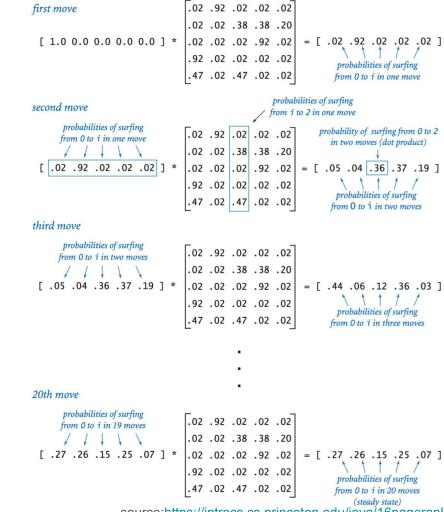




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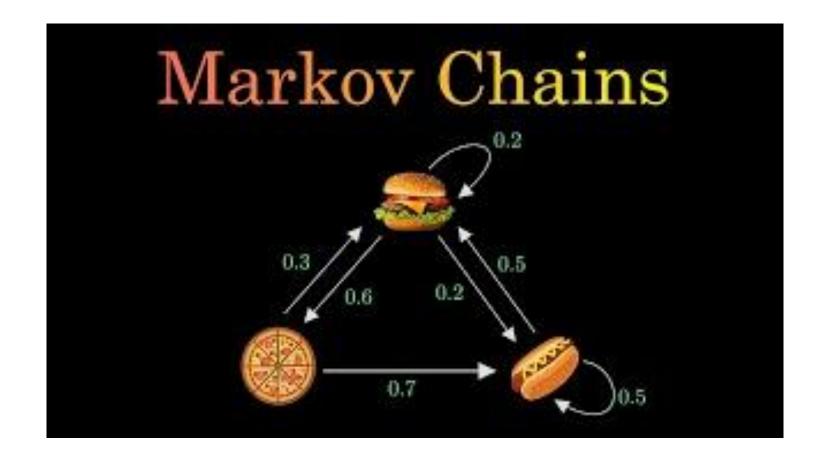
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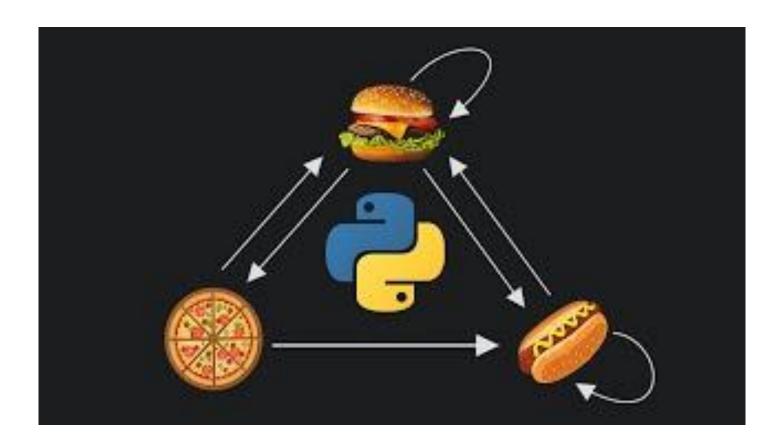




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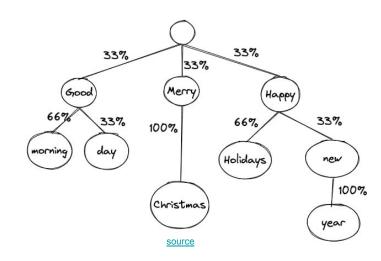


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## Claude Shannon's Markov Chain Text Generator

 In this paper, Shannon proposed using a Markov chain to create a statistical model of the sequences of letters in a piece of English text.

"To construct the Markov model of order 1, for example, one opens a book at random and selects a letter at random on the page. This letter is recorded. The book is then opened to another page and one reads until this letter is encountered. The succeeding letter is then recorded. Turning to another page this second letter is searched for and the succeeding letter recorded, etc. It would be interesting if further approximations could be constructed, but the labor involved becomes enormous at the next stage."



# Markov Chain as a Generative Language Model



https://youtu.be/E4WcBWuQQws

## **Markov Text Generation**

- N-grams and Markov chains
- Markov-Shannon, a simple text generator
- <u>Text generation with Markovify</u>
- Build a Sentence Generator Markov Chain in 20 lines of Python

**Hidden Markov Models** 

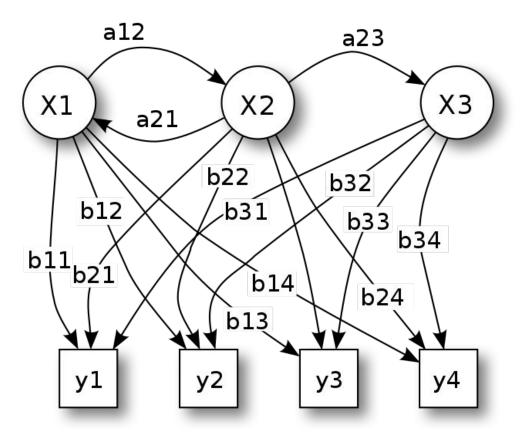
# Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

- There is an observable process Y whose outcomes are "influenced" by the outcomes of X in a known way.
- X cannot be observed directly (hidden state)
  - o X is a Markov process whose behavior is not directly observable
- The goal is to learn about X by observing Y
- HMM main assumption: the outcome of Y at time t = t<sub>0</sub> must be "influenced" exclusively by the outcome of X at t = t<sub>0</sub> and that the outcomes of X and Y at t < t<sub>0</sub> must be conditionally independent of Y at t = t<sub>0</sub> given X at time t = t<sub>0</sub>

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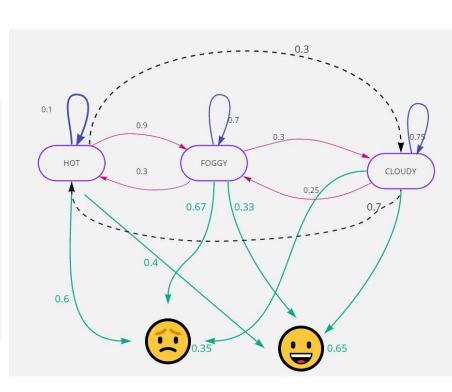
## **HMM Parameters**

- X states (hidden)
- y possible observations
- a state transition probabilities
- b output probabilities



# **Emission Matrix**

	TRANSITION MATRIX			EMISSION MATRIX	
	Hot	foggy	cloudy	<u> </u>	
Hot	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.6 0.4	
Foggy	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.67 0.33	
Cloudy	0.7	0.25	0.75	0.35 0.65	



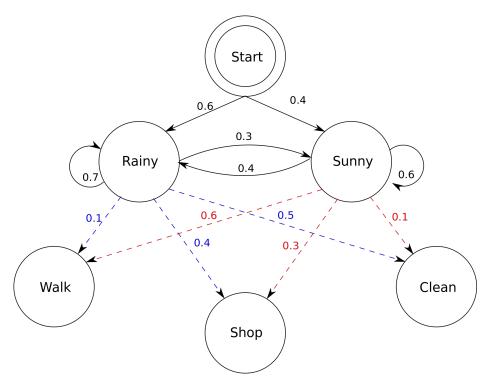
# HMM Example: Weather guessing game

- Consider two friends, Alice and Bob, who live far apart from each other and who talk together daily over the telephone about what they did that day.
- Bob is only interested in three activities: walking in the park, shopping, and cleaning his apartment. The choice of what to do is determined exclusively by the weather on a given day.
- Alice has no definite information about the weather, but she knows general trends.
   Based on what Bob tells her he did each day, Alice tries to guess what the weather must have been like.



## HMM Example: Weather Guessing Game

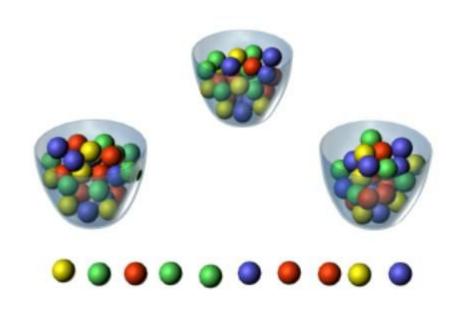
- Alice believes that the weather operates as a discrete Markov chain.
- There are two states, "Rainy" and "Sunny", but she cannot observe them directly, that is, they are hidden from her.
- On each day, there is a certain chance that Bob will perform one of the following activities, depending on the weather: "walk", "shop", or "clean".
- Since Bob tells Alice about his activities, those are the observations.
- The entire system is that of a hidden Markov model (HMM). Alice knows the general weather trends in the area, and what Bob likes to do on average. In other words, the parameters of the HMM are known.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hidden\_Markov\_model

#### HMM Example: Drawing balls from hidden urns

- In a room that is not visible to an observer there is a genie.
   The room contains urns X1, X2, X3, ... each of which contains a known mix of balls, each ball labeled y1, y2, y3, ...
- The genie chooses an urn in that room and randomly draws a ball from that urn. It then puts the ball onto a conveyor belt, where the observer can observe the sequence of the balls but not the sequence of urns from which they were drawn



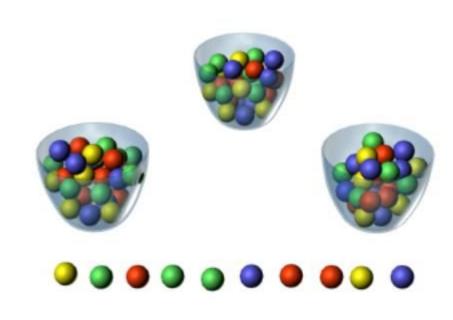
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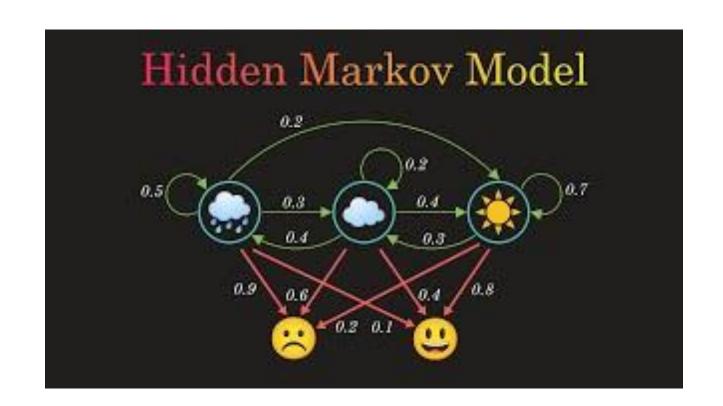
The genie has some procedure to choose urns: the choice of the urn for the n-th ball depends only upon a random number and the choice of the urn for the (n - 1)-th ball. The choice of urn does not directly depend on the urns chosen before this single previous urn; therefore, this is called a Markov process.

Balls on the belt: observations

Urns: hidden state



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#### Three Important HMM Tasks

#### Most likely explanation for a sequence (Decoding)

- Estimate the joint probability of the entire sequence of hidden states that generated a particular sequence of observations.
- An example is part-of-speech tagging, where the hidden states represent the underlying parts of speech corresponding to an observed sequence of words.
- Viterbi algorithm

#### 2. Probability of an observed sequence (Evaluation)

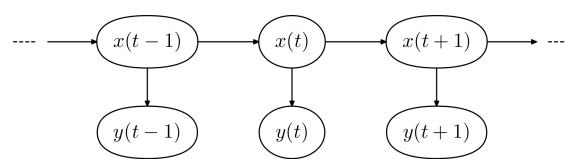
- The task is to compute in a best way, given the parameters of the model, the probability of a particular output sequence.
- Forward algorithm

#### 3. Parameter learning (Training)

- Given an output sequence or a set of such sequences, the best set of state transition and emission probabilities.
- Maximum likelihood estimate of the parameters of the HMM given the set of output sequences
- Baum–Welch algorithm: a special case of the expectation-maximization

#### Forward Algorithm

- Is used to calculate a 'belief state'
  - The probability of a state at a certain time, given the history of evidence.
  - o  $p(x_t|y_{1,t})$ : x(t) is the hidden state which is abbreviated as  $x_t$  and  $y_{1,t}$  are the observations 1 to t.
- Also known as filtering
- The forward algorithm is closely related to, but distinct from, the Viterbi algorithm.



# **Forward Algorithm**

```
1. Initialize t=0, transition probabilities, p(x_t|x_{t-1}), emission probabilities, p(y_j|x_i), observed sequence, y_{1:T} prior probability, \alpha_0(x_0)
2. For t=1 to T
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$$lpha_t(x_t) = p(y_t|x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} p(x_t|x_{t-1}) lpha_{t-1}(x_{t-1}).$$

3. Calculate 
$$lpha_T = \sum_{x_T} lpha_T(x_T)$$

4. Return 
$$p(x_T|y_{1:T}) = rac{lpha_T(x_T)}{lpha_T}$$

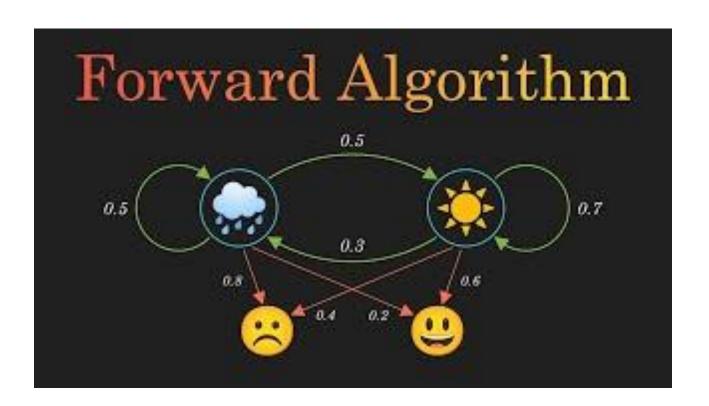
Probability of a Time Series

• Given: 

• What is the probability of this series?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .15 & .05 \\ .38 & .6 & .02 \\ .75 & .05 & .2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \pi = (.7 \ .25 \ .05) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} .6 & .3 & .1 \\ .05 & .3 & .65 \\ 0 & .5 & .5 \end{pmatrix}$$

https://youtu.be/5araDjcBHMQ



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# Viterbi Algorithm (VA)

- It computes the most likely state sequence given the history of observations
  - Viterbi path: The maximum a posteriori probability estimate of the most likely sequence of hidden states
  - The state sequence that maximizes  $p(x_{0:t}|y_{0:t})$
- Dynamic programming algorithm

```
function VITERBI(O, S, \Pi, Y, A, B) : X
       for each state i = 1, 2, \dots, K do
              T_1[i,1] \leftarrow \pi_i \cdot B_{in}
              T_2[i,1] \leftarrow 0
       end for
       for each observation i = 2, 3, \dots, T do
              for each state i = 1, 2, \dots, K do
                     T_1[i,j] \leftarrow \max_{k} \left( T_1[k,j-1] \cdot A_{ki} \cdot B_{iy_j} \right)
                     T_2[i,j] \leftarrow rg \max_{\iota} \left( T_1[k,j-1] \cdot A_{ki} \cdot B_{iy_j} 
ight)
              end for
       end for
      z_T \leftarrow rg \max_k \left(T_1[k,T]\right)
      x_T \leftarrow s_{z_T}
       for i = T, T - 1, ..., 2 do
              z_{i-1} \leftarrow T_2[z_i,j]
              x_{i-1} \leftarrow s_{z_{i-1}}
       end for
       return X
end function
```

#### Input

- The observation space  $O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_N\}$ ,
- the state space  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_K\}$ ,
- ullet an array of initial probabilities  $\Pi=(\pi_1,\pi_2,\ldots,\pi_K)$  such that  $\pi_i$  stores the probability that  $x_1=s_i$ ,
- ullet a sequence of observations  $Y=(y_1,y_2,\ldots,y_T)$  such that  $y_t=o_i$  if the observation at time t is  $o_i$ ,
- transition matrix A of size  $K \times K$  such that  $A_{ij}$  stores the transition probability of transiting from state  $s_i$  to state  $s_j$
- $\bullet$  emission matrix B of size  $K \times N$  such that  $B_{ij}$  stores the probability of observing  $o_i$  from state  $s_i$ .

#### Output

ullet The most likely hidden state sequence  $X=(x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_T)$ 

for o in range(length(O) - 1, -1, -1):

 $best\_path.insert(0, S[k])$ 

 $k \leftarrow pointers[k, o]$ 

function  $viterbi(O, S, \Pi, Tm, Em) : best\_path$ 

 $pointers \leftarrow matrix(length(S), length(O))$ 

 $trellis[s,0] \leftarrow \Pi[s] \cdot Em[s,O[0]]$ 

 $trellis \leftarrow matrix(length(S), length(O))$ 

for s in range(length(S)):

 $best\_path \leftarrow list()$ 

return best\_path

To hold probability of each state given each observation To hold backpointer to best prior state

Determine each hidden state's probability at time 0...

Tm: transition matrix

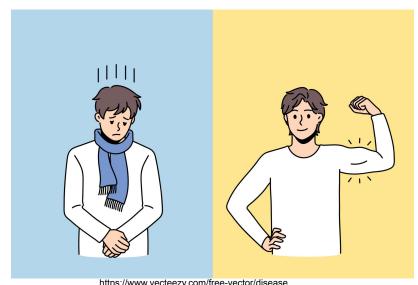
...and after, tracking each state's most likely prior state, k

Em: emission matrix

 $k \leftarrow \arg\max(trellis[k, length(O) - 1] \text{ for } k \text{ in } range(length(S)))$  Find k of best final state Backtrack from last observation Insert previous state on most likely path Use backpointer to find best previous state

#### Viterbi: Example

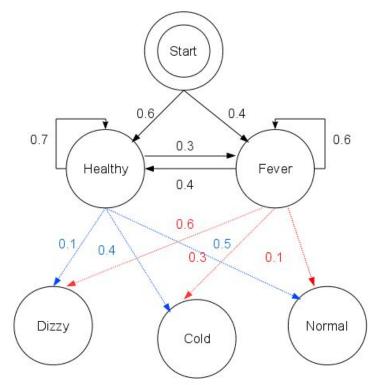
- Consider a village where all villagers are either healthy or have a fever
- Only the village doctor can determine whether each has a fever. The doctor diagnoses fever by asking patients how they feel. The villagers may only answer that they feel normal, dizzy, or cold.



https://www.vecteezy.com/free-vector/disease

# Viterbi: Example

The doctor believes that the health condition of the patients operates as a discrete Markov chain. There are two states, "Healthy" and "Fever", but the doctor cannot observe them directly: they are hidden from the doctor. On each day, there is a certain chance that a patient will tell the doctor "I feel normal", "I feel cold", or "I feel dizzy", depending on the patient's health condition.



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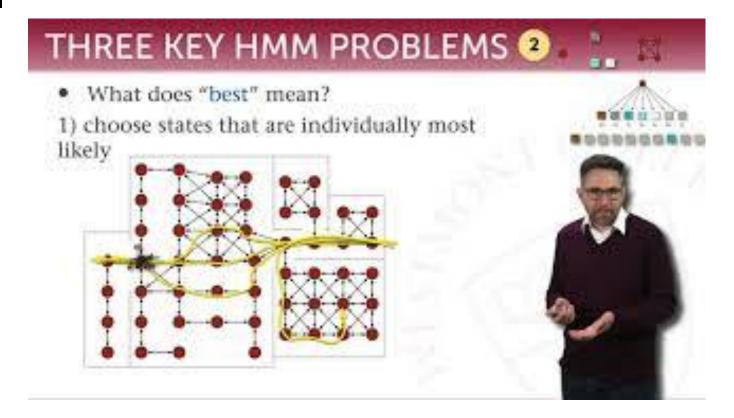
#### Viterbi: Example

- A patient visits three days in a row, and the doctor discovers that the patient feels normal on the first day, cold on the second day, and dizzy on the third day. The doctor has a question: what is the most likely sequence of health conditions of the patient that would explain these observations?
- Check village fever Jupyter notebook

#### Baum-Welch Algorithm

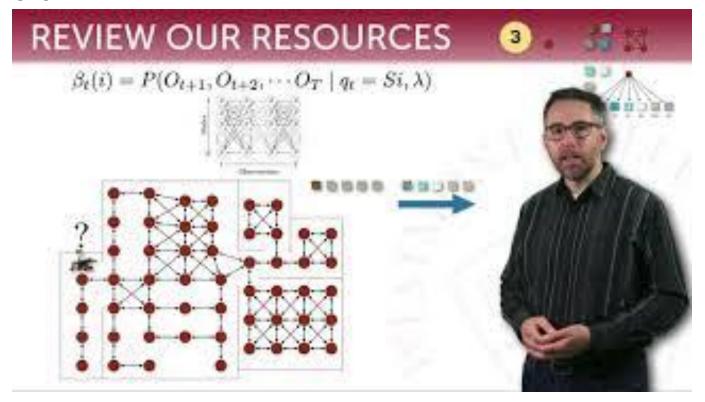
- A special case of the expectation—maximization algorithm used to find the unknown parameters of an HMM
- Uses EM to find the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameters of a hidden Markov model given a set of observed feature vectors
- In the the expectation step, it uses the forward-backward algorithm

#### Viterbi



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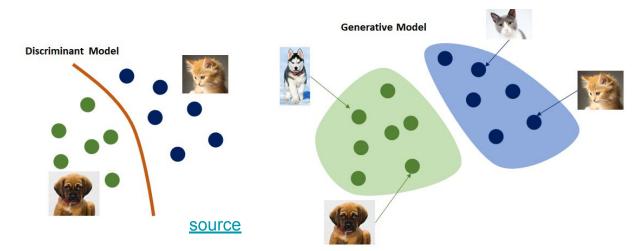
#### Baum-Welch



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#### HMMs as a Generative Model

- HMMs are generative models which try to learn the joint distribution p(x,y)
  - A sequence of observable X variable is generated by a sequence of internal hidden state y
- It performs classification by finding the model which most likely has produced a given sequence
- A generative model can be used to generate new data points/sequences



# HMM Python Libraries

- https://pypi.org/project/hmms/
- https://github.com/hmmlearn/hmmlearn
- https://pyhhmm.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

HMM: Example Analyses

## Speech Recognition

- Hidden states: phonemes
- Visible observations: Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCC) of the input
- Sequence of phonemes → word
- We can train a separate
   GaussianHMM for each word
  - We will apply forward algorithm for a given input on all HMM models(one per word) and the maximum score HMM will be the prediction

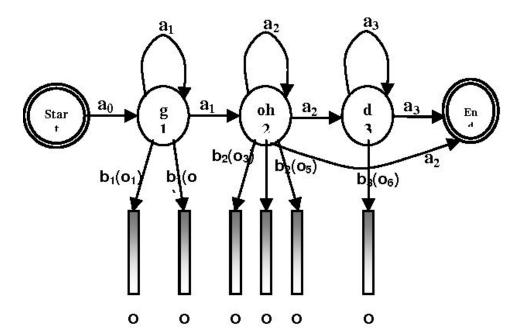


Figure 1: Word generation HMM automata for the word "god"

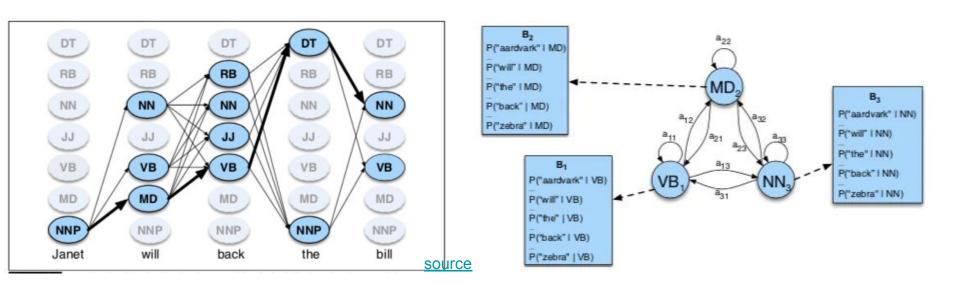
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# Speech Recognition

- Speech recognition using hmmlearn library: 7 fruits
- Speech recognition from scratch code in Python: 7 fruits

# Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging

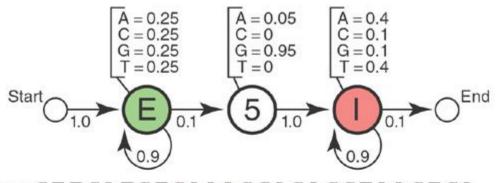
- Visible Observations: The words in a sentence as Observable States
- Hidden states: POS Tags
- We can use Viterbi algorithm: Given a sequence of observations (Words in a sentence), find the most probable sequence of states (POS Tags)

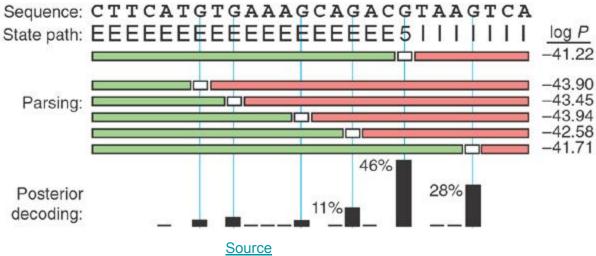


# **POS Tagging**

- POS Tagging using Hidden Markov Models (HMM) & Viterbi algorithm in NLP mathematics explained
- https://wisdomml.in/hidden-markov-model-hmm-in-nlp-python/
- https://spotintelligence.com/2023/01/05/hidden-markov-model-hmm-nlp/

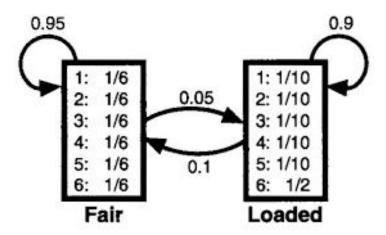
#### **Gene Prediction**





#### Dishonest Casino Example

- <u>Dishonest Casino Example</u>
  - Hidden States: What the casino did (Fair,Loaded,Fair,Fair....)
  - Visible Observation : The series of die tosses
  - Generative model first to generate the sequence in the code



#### **HMM Text Generator**

- To generate text from using HMM, we will use the part-of-speech tags as the hidden state and the words will be the outputs emitted at each state.
- We need to calculate:
  - The transition matrix: the probability of jumping from one tag to another
  - The emission matrix: the probability of generating a word given the POS tag

## Demo: Text Generation Using HMM

• <a href="http://localhost:8888/notebooks/jupyter-notebooks/chapman-generative-AI/HMM-text-generation.ipynb">http://localhost:8888/notebooks/jupyter-notebooks/chapman-generative-AI/HMM-text-generation.ipynb</a>