# 732A96/TDDE15 Advanced Machine Learning Hidden Markov Models

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Lecture 5: Hidden Markov Models

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#### Literature

- Main source
  - Bishop, C. M. Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning. Springer, 2006. Chapter 13.1-13.2.
- Additional source
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## Dynamic Bayesian Networks: Definition

- ► To model **sequential data**, e.g. time series data.
- **Simplification**: Time is discretized in equal width intervals, i.e. t = 0, 1, ...
- Consider a finite set of discrete random variables  $X^t = \{X_1^t, \dots, X_n^t\}$  representing the state at time t of a system described by  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ .
- A dynamic Bayesian network (DBN) is a BN over  $X^{0:T} = \{X^0, \dots, X^T\}$ . Thus, it defines  $p(x^{0:T})$ .

▶ **Assumption**: The system is Markovian, i.e.  $X^{t+1} \perp_p X^{0:t-1} | X^t$ .

**Assumption**: The system is stationary, i.e.  $p(x^{t+1}|x^t) = p(x'|x)$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} X_1^0 \longrightarrow X_1^1 \longrightarrow X_1^2 \longrightarrow X_3^3 \longrightarrow X_4^4 \\ \downarrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \\ X_2^0 \qquad X_2^1 \qquad X_2^2 \qquad X_2^3 \qquad X_2^4 \\ \downarrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \\ X_3^0 \longrightarrow X_3^1 \longrightarrow X_3^2 \longrightarrow X_3^3 \longrightarrow X_3^4 \end{array}$$

## Dynamic Bayesian Networks

- ▶ Then, a DBN over  $X^{0:T}$  can be defined as
  - ightharpoonup a BN over  $X^0$ , and
  - ▶ a BN over  $X^t \cup X^{t+1}$  where the nodes in  $X^t$  are parentless.

Initial model	Transition model
$X_1^0$	$X_1^t \rightarrow X_1^{t+1}$
Ţ	1
$X_{2}^{0}$	$X_2^t$ $X_2^{t+1}$
Ţ	1
$X_3^0$	$X_3^t \rightarrow X_3^{t+1}$

▶ DBN unrolled for *T* = 4.

$$\begin{array}{c} X_1^0 \longrightarrow X_1^1 \longrightarrow X_1^2 \longrightarrow X_3^3 \longrightarrow X_4^4 \\ \downarrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \\ X_2^0 \qquad X_2^1 \qquad X_2^2 \qquad X_2^3 \qquad X_2^4 \\ \downarrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \\ X_3^0 \longrightarrow X_3^1 \longrightarrow X_3^2 \longrightarrow X_3^3 \longrightarrow X_3^4 \end{array}$$

► The DBN defines

$$p(x^{0:T}) = p(x^{0}) \prod_{t=0}^{T-1} p(x^{t+1}|x^{t}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_{i}^{0}|pa_{i}^{0})\right] \left[\prod_{t=0}^{T-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_{i}^{t+1}|pa_{i}^{t+1})\right]$$

#### Hidden Markov Models: Definition

- ▶ To overcome the **Markovian limitation** of DBNs, while keeping sparsity.
- A hidden Markov model (HMM) over  $\{Z^{0:T}, X^{0:T}\}$  where  $X^{0:T}$  are observed and  $Z^{0:T}$  are unobserved consists of
  - ightharpoonup a DBN over  $Z^{0:T}$ . and
  - ▶ a BN over  $Z^t \cup X^t$  where the nodes in  $Z^t$  are parentless.

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Initial model	Transition model	Emission model
$Z_1^0 \downarrow Z_2^0 \downarrow Z_3^0$	$Z_1^t \to Z_1^{t+1}$ $\uparrow$ $Z_2^t  Z_2^{t+1}$ $\uparrow$ $Z_3^t \to Z_3^{t+1}$	$Z_1^t$ $Z_2^t$ $Z_3^t$ $X_1^t$

▶ HMM unrolled for T = 4.

▶ A HMM is a DBN that defines

$$p(z^{0:T}, x^{0:T}) = p(z^0) \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} p(z^{t+1}|z^t) \prod_{t=0}^{T} p(x^t|z^t)$$

## Hidden Markov Models: Learning

▶ The structure is typically fixed to

$$Z^{0} \longrightarrow Z^{1} \longrightarrow Z^{2} \longrightarrow Z^{3} \longrightarrow Z^{4}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$X^{0} \qquad X^{1} \qquad X^{2} \qquad X^{3} \qquad X^{4}$$

- Consider a sample with a single observation over  $X^{0:T}$ .
- Parameter learning: EM algorithm.
- ightharpoonup Cardinality of  $Z^t$ ? BIC score to select among a set of plausible values.

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## Hidden Markov Models: Learning

- Recall that maximizing the log likelihood function over  $x^{0:T}$  is inefficient (no closed form solution) and ineffective (multimodal).
- Consider maximizing its expectation

$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{E}_{Z^{0:T}} \big[ \log p(z^{0:T}, x^{0:T}) \big] = \sum_{z^{0:T}} p(z^{0:T} | x^{0:T}) \log p(z^{0:T}, x^{0:T}) \\ & = \sum_{z^{0:T}} p(z^{0:T} | x^{0:T}) \big[ \log \theta_{z^0} + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \log \theta_{z^{t+1} | z^t} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log \theta_{x^t | z^t} \big] \end{split}$$

$$= \sum_{z^0} p(z^0|x^{0:T}) \log \theta_{z^0} + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{z^t} \sum_{z^{t+1}} p(z^t, z^{t+1}|x^{0:T}) \log \theta_{z^{t+1}|z^t} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{z_t} p(z^t|x^{0:T}) \log \theta_{x^t|z^t}$$

Then

$$\begin{array}{ll} \bullet & \theta_{z^0}^{ML} = \frac{\rho(z^0|x^{0:T})}{\sum_{z^0} \rho(z^0|x^{0:T})} \\ \bullet & \theta_{z^{t+1}|z^t}^{ML} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \rho(z^t,z^{t+1}|x^{0:T})}{\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{z^{t+1}} \rho(z^t,z^{t+1}|x^{0:T})} \\ \bullet & \theta_{x^t|z^t}^{ML} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \rho(z^t|x^{0:T}) \mathbf{1}_{\{x^t \in x^{0:T}\}}}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \rho(z^t|x^{0:T})} \end{array}$$

Note that computing  $p(z^0|x^{0:T})$ ,  $p(z^t, z^{t+1}|x^{0:T})$  and  $p(z^t|x^{0:T})$  requires inference: Forward-backward algorithm.

## Hidden Markov Models: Forward-Backward Algorithm

$$\begin{split} \rho(z^{t}|x^{0:T}) &= \frac{\rho(x^{0:T}|z^{t})\rho(z^{t})}{\rho(x^{0:T})} \\ &= \frac{\rho(x^{0:t}|z^{t})\rho(z^{t})\rho(x^{t+1:T}|z^{t})}{\rho(x^{0:T})} \text{ by } X^{0:t} \perp_{\rho} X^{t+1:T}|Z^{t} \\ &= \frac{\rho(x^{0:t},z^{t})\rho(x^{t+1:T}|z^{t})}{\rho(x^{0:T})} = \frac{\alpha(z^{t})\beta(z^{t})}{\sum_{z^{t}}\alpha(z^{t})\beta(z^{t})} \\ \rho(z^{t},z^{t+1}|x^{0:T}) &= \frac{\rho(x^{0:T}|z^{t},z^{t+1})\rho(z^{t},z^{t+1})}{\rho(x^{0:T})} \\ &= \frac{\rho(x^{0:t}|z^{t})\rho(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1})\rho(x^{t+2:T}|z^{t+1})\rho(z^{t+1}|z^{t})\rho(z^{t})}{\rho(x^{0:T})} \\ \text{by } X^{0:t} \perp_{\rho} X^{t+1:T}|Z^{t} \cup Z^{t+1} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{0:t}}{\lambda^{t+1:T}} \sum_{z^{t}} \sum_{z^{t+1}} \alpha(z^{t})\rho(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1})\rho(z^{t+1}|z^{t})}{\lambda^{t+1}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha(z^{t})\beta(z^{t+1})\rho(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1})\rho(z^{t+1}|z^{t})}{\sum_{z^{t}} \sum_{z^{t+1}} \alpha(z^{t})\beta(z^{t+1})\rho(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1})\rho(z^{t+1}|z^{t})} \end{split}$$

# Hidden Markov Models: Forward-Backward Algorithm

#### Hidden Markov Models: Forward-Backward Algorithm

#### FB algorithm

$$\begin{split} &\alpha(z^0) \coloneqq p(x^0|z^0)p(z^0) \\ &\text{For } t = 1, \dots, T \text{ do} \\ &\alpha(z^t) \coloneqq p(x^t|z^t) \sum_{z^{t-1}} \alpha(z^{t-1})p(z^t|z^{t-1}) \\ &\beta(z^T) \coloneqq 1 \\ &\text{For } t = T - 1, \dots, 0 \text{ do} \\ &\beta(z^t) \coloneqq \sum_{z^{t+1}} \beta(z^{t+1})p(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1})p(z^{t+1}|z^t) \\ &\text{Return } \alpha(z^0), \dots, \alpha(z^T), \beta(z^0), \dots, \beta(z^T) \end{split}$$

- Unlike the LS algorithm, the FB algorithm consists of two independent steps.
- Filtering:  $p(z^t|x^{0:t}) = \frac{\alpha(z^t)}{\sum_{z^t} \alpha(z^t)}$ .
- Smoothing:  $p(z^t|x^{0:T}) = \frac{\alpha(z^t)\beta(z^t)}{\sum_{z^t} \alpha(z^t)\beta(z^t)}$ .

#### Hidden Markov Models: Viterbi Algorithm

To compute the most probable configuration for HMMs.

#### Viterbi algorithm

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\begin{split} &\omega(z^0) \coloneqq \log p(z^0) + \log p(x^0|z^0) \\ &\text{For } t = 0, \dots, T-1 \text{ do} \\ &\omega(z^{t+1}) \coloneqq \log p(x^{t+1}|z^{t+1}) + \max_{z^t} [\log p(z^{t+1}|z^t) + \omega(z^t)] \\ &\psi(z^{t+1}) \coloneqq \arg \max_{z^t} [\log p(z^{t+1}|z^t) + \omega(z^t)] \\ &z_{\max}^T = \arg \max_{z^T} \omega(z^T) \\ &\text{For } t = T-1, \dots, 0 \text{ do} \\ &z_{\max}^{t} \coloneqq \psi(z_{\max}^{t+1}) \end{split} \text{Return } z_{\max}^{0:T} \end{split}
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**Exercise**. Prove that the Viterbi algorithm is correct.

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