# Bioinformatics — Lecture 2 Sequence analysis (EG Ch. 5, 12; MM Ch. 12)

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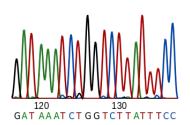
Markov chains

**HMMs** 

### The human genome

- $2 \times 23$  chromosomes
- 3.23483 Giga-basepairs (on single chromosome copy),
- 6.46983 Giga-basepairs (on both chromosome copies),

genome  $\in \{A, C, G, T\}^{6.46983 \cdot 10^9}$ 



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nucleic\_acid\_sequence (graphic by Sjef, public domain)

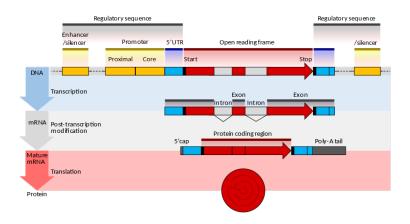


### The human genome https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\_genome

pprox 20000 protein coding genes protein coding genes are pprox 1.5% of genome median size of protein coding gene 26288bp

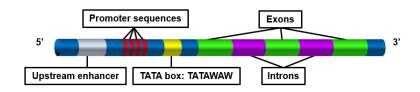
98.5%: non–coding RNA, regulatory sequences, introns, retrotransposon (DNA that is transcribed into RNA, then reverse transcribed into DNA and can be re–inserted into genome), transposable elements (can change position in genome) and unknown sequences pseudogenes (inactive copies of gene, often generated by gene duplication), repetitive DNA sequences (50% of genome, DNA occurring in multiple copies)
SNPs: ≈ 1 in 1000bp but also CNV (copy number variation)

### A gene



T. Shafee, R. Lowe (2017). "Eukaryotic and prokaryotic gene structure". WikiJournal of Medicine 4(1). DOI:10.15347/wjm/2017.002 CC BY 4.0

# TATA box (description)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TATA\_box (graphic by Luttysar, CC BY-SA 4.0)

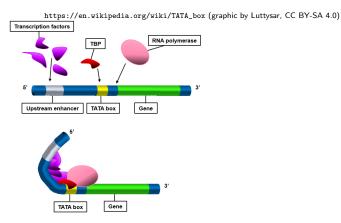
$$W \in \{A, T\}$$



## IUB/IUPAC nucleic acid codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA\_format)

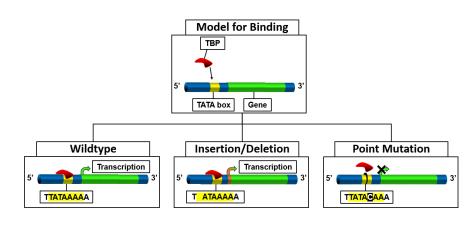
Nucleic Acid Code ◆	Meaning <b>♦</b>	Mnemonic +
A	A	Adenine
С	С	Cytosine
G	G	Guanine
Т	Т	Thymine
U	U	Uracil
R	A or G	puRine
Υ	C, T or U	pYrimidines
K	G, T or U	bases which are Ketones
М	A or C	bases with aMino groups
S	C or G	Strong interaction
W	A, T or U	Weak interaction
В	not A (i.e. C, G, T or U)	B comes after A
D	not C (i.e. A, G, T or U)	<b>D</b> comes after C
Н	not G (i.e., A, C, T or U)	H comes after G
V	neither T nor U (i.e. A, C or G)	<b>V</b> comes after U
N	ACGTU	Nucleic acid
-	gap of indeterminate length	

## TATA box (mechanism)



TBP: TATA binding protein needs to bind for first step in transcription initiation

# TATA box (mutation mechanism)



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# CpG islands

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CpG: (5'-C-phosphate-G-3') phospate (P) links any two nucleotides in DNA Regions with "high frequency" of CpG sites region: at least 200bp (\#C + \#G)/(|\text{sequence}|) > 50\% (GC%)and observed—to—expected CpG ratio greater than 60 observed: \#CpG expected: \frac{\#C \cdot \#G}{|\text{sequence}|} or \frac{((\#C + \#G)/2)^2}{|\text{sequence}|} (* for next slide)
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many (vertebrate) genomes have CpG islands near start (*promoter*) of transcribed region of genes (esp. *housekeeping*: maintenance of basic cellular function)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CpG\_site

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Housekeeping\_gene) Q (

## Human genome composition

A: 29.3%, C: 20.0%, G: 20.7%, T: 20%, GC: 40.7% (content is chromosome specific)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chargaff%27s\_rules: %A = %T, %G = %C

rule 1: on double strand, rule 2: on both strands separately

background probability  $CpG = 0.2 \cdot 0.207 = 0.0414$ 

Table 1. Overview of CpG distribution in the human genome

Subset	Length, Mb	GC content	Observed CpG fraction	Normalized CpG fraction	observed/expected(*)	
Whole genome	3.1*	0.38	0.009	0.25		
1 kb upstream regions	15	0.53	0.042	0.60		
1 kb downstream regions	15	0.45	0.013	0.26		
Transcription units	930	0.42	0.011	0.26		
Exons	45	0.50	0.028	0.45		
Introns	880	0.41	0.010	0.24		

Length refers to the total length of DNA examined.

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<sup>\*</sup>Length given in gigabases.

S. Saxonov, P. Berg, D. L. Brutlag (2006). "A genome-wide analysis of CpG dinucleotides in the human genome distinguishes two distinct classes of promoters". PNAS 103(5): 1412-1417, doi:10.1073/pnas.0510310103.

### Human gene content

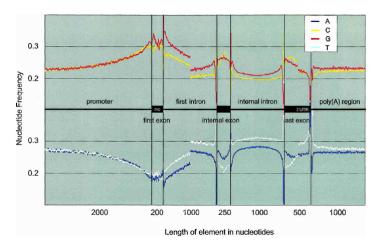


Fig. 1 in E. Louie, J. Ott, J. Majewski (2003). "Nucleotide Frequency Variation Across Human Genes". Genome Research 13: 2594–2601. Usage permissions, CC BY-NC 4.0 .

# Genome content (GC sorted)

Organism +	Taxon ◆	%A \$	%G <b>≑</b>	%C <b>≑</b>	%T <b>\$</b>	A/T ÷	G/C ÷	%GC ▼	%AT +
E. coli	Escherichia	24.7	26.0	25.7	23.6	1.05	1.01	51.7	48.3
Maize	Zea	26.8	22.8	23.2	27.2	0.99	0.98	46.1	54.0
Wheat	Triticum	27.3	22.7	22.8	27.1	1.01	1.00	45.5	54.4
φΧ174	PhiX174	24.0	23.3	21.5	31.2	0.77	1.08	44.8	55.2
Chicken	Gallus	28.0	22.0	21.6	28.4	0.99	1.02	43.7	56.4
Rat	Rattus	28.6	21.4	20.5	28.4	1.01	1.00	42.9	57.0
Grasshopper	Orthoptera	29.3	20.5	20.7	29.3	1.00	0.99	41.2	58.6
Human	Homo	29.3	20.7	20.0	30.0	0.98	1.04	40.7	59.3
Yeast	Saccharomyces	31.3	18.7	17.1	32.9	0.95	1.09	35.8	64.4
Octopus	Octopus	33.2	17.6	17.6	31.6	1.05	1.00	35.2	64.8
Sea Urchin	Echinacea	32.8	17.7	17.3	32.1	1.02	1.02	35.0	64.9

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chargaff%27s\_rules



## Sequencing projects historical timeline

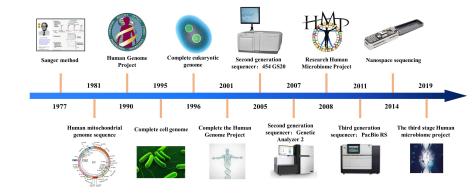


Fig. 1 in A. Yang, W. Zhang, J. Wang, K. Yang, Y. Han and L. Zhang (2020) Review on the Application of Machine Learning Algorithms in the Sequence Data Mining of DNA. Front. Bioeng. Biotechnol. 8. doi:10.3389/fbioe.2020.01032 CC BY

see also Fig. 1 in International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium (2001). Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome. Nature 409: 860–921. doi:10.1038/35057062

### Shotgun sequencing (EG Ch. 5.1): Contigs

# Scaffold \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Scaffold \_\_\_\_\_

see also EG Ch 5.1

Contig

In reality *locations* and *orientation* of contigs is unknown. How does one assemble then?

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Contig

### Poisson model

N fragments of length L, from genome of length  $G \gg L$  (end effects ignored)

Coverage: a := NL/G

fragments taken at random:

left-hand ends i.i.d.  $X \sim \mathrm{Unif}[0,G]$  (continuous approximation)

$$P(X \in (x, x + h)) = h/G$$

$$\#X \in (x, x + h) \sim \text{Binomial}(N, hG) \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\#X] = Nh/G$$

 $\eta \mapsto c(\eta, \chi + \eta)$  Binomial $(\chi, \eta, \eta)$ 

 $N \text{ large, } h \text{ small} \Rightarrow \text{Binomial}(N, hG) \approx \text{Poisson}(\text{mean} = Nh/G)$ 



### Poisson model

 $Y \sim \mathrm{Poisson}(a)$ : # of fragments with left–hand end in a given interval of length L

$$Prob(Y=0)=e^{-a}$$

Mean proportion of genome covered:  $1-e^{-a}$  point chosen at random is covered by at least one fragment: at least one fragment has its left–hand end in the L–interval immediately to the left of this point

mean number of contigs:  $Ne^{-a} = Ne^{-NL/G}$ N times probability that a fragment is the rightmost member of a contig, i.e. no other fragment has its left-hand end inside it



### Exercises (EG Ch. 5.1)

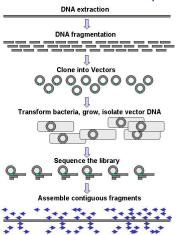
**Exercise:** study  $1 - e^{-a}$  is there a point beyond which increasing a is pointless?

**Exercise:** Plot  $Ne^{-a}$  as a function of N, explain

Read: What is the mean contig size?

**Read:** What is the mean number of fragments covering a point (base)?

# Shortest common superstring (NPc)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNA\_sequencing (graphic by Abizar Lakdawalla, public domain)

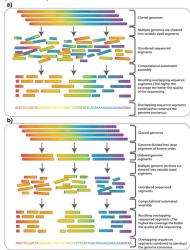
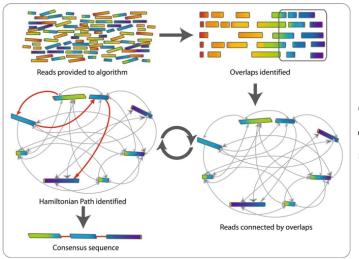


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## Shortest common superstring (NPc)



Overlap should be **end to end** not in the middle

Fig. 2 in J. Commins, C. Toft, M.A. Fares (2009). Computational Biology Methods and Their Application to the Comparative Genomics of Endocellular Symbiotic Bacteria of Insects. Biol. Proc. Online 11:52-78. doi:10.1007/s12575-009-9004-1. CC BY 2:0<sup>-42</sup>

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# Weighted set cover problem (NPc)

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We are given a universe \mathcal{U} family of sets \mathcal{S} \ni s \subseteq \mathcal{U} with weights w(s),
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**AIM**: Find a cover  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  with minimal weight i.e. minimize  $\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} w(c)$  over all covers of  $\mathcal{U}$  contained in  $\mathcal{S}$ 

Cover: 
$$\bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} c = \mathcal{U}$$



### Shortest common superstring reduction

 $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  (collection of strings for SCS)

 $M=\emptyset$  and then "for each pair of strings  $s_i$  and  $s_j$ , if the last k symbols of  $s_i$  are the same as the first k symbols of  $s_j$ , then add a string to M that consists of the concatenation with maximal overlap of  $s_i$  with  $s_j$ "

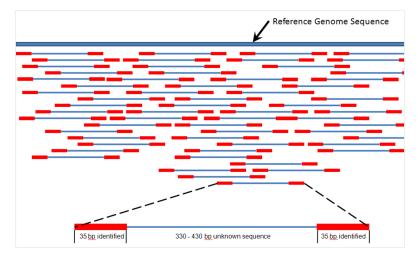
$$\mathcal{U} = S$$
  
 $S = \{P(x) : x \in S \cup M\} \ (P(x): \text{ set of all substrings of } x)$   
 $w(P(x)) = |x|$ 

solve by weighted set cover algorithm and SCS is arbitrary concatenation of xs from chosen P(x) sets Set—cover is NP—complete but has  $O(\log(n))$ —approximation algorithm,  $w \leq \log(n)w_{opt}$ 

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shortest\_common\_supersequence\_problem



# Reference genome (alignment, BLAST)



 $\verb|https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNA_sequencing (graphic by Suspencewl@public domain) = $$ > $ $ $ > $ $ > $ $ $ > $ $ > $ $ $ > $ > $ $ > $ > $ $ > $ > $ $ > $$ 

# Genome variability



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Position\_weight\_matrix (graphic by Gnomehacker, CC BY-SA 3.0)

### Position weight matrix (PWM, EG Ch. 5.3.2)

Positions assumed independent

Avian flu: PA gene segment GIPL amino acids (synonymous changes)

	position						
	1	2	3	4			
A	P <sub>A1</sub>	P <sub>A2</sub>	P <sub>A</sub> 3	P <sub>A</sub> 4			
C	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4			
G	PG1	$p_{G2}$	PG3	PG4			
T	p <sub>T1</sub>	$p_{T2}$	PT3	$p_{T4}$			
Total	1	1	1	1			

Sequence	# strains
GGT ATA CCG TTA	6
GGG ATA CCG CTG	19
GGT ATA CCG CTA	27
GGG ATA CCG CTA	1 1
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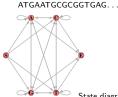
A VRNAs B AV mRNAs B A

K. Bartoszek, Bayesian Variable Selection Applied to the Assessment of Pathogenicity of Avian Flu, 2008, MPHil Dissertation, Cambridge Univ.

Fig. 1 in D. Dou, R. Revol, H. Östbye, H. Wang, R. Daniels, 2018. Influenza A Virus Cell Entry, Replication, Virion Assembly and Movement. Front. Immunol. 9:1581. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2018.01581. CC BY

	position											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	0	0	0	0.79	0	0.79	0	0	0	0	0	0.51
C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.79	0.79	0	0.7	0	0
G	0.79	0.79	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.79	0	0	0.28
Т	0	0	0.49	0	0.79	0	0	0	0	0.09	0.79	0
_	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
Total	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 _	1_	1_	1	1

 $S = \{A, C, G, T\} \ni X_n$  nucleotide at position n of chromosome/genome/DNA fragment/e.t.c.



transition probability:

$$p_{ij} = P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i) = P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i, \dots, X_0 = i_0)$$

Markov chain of order k:

$$P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i, \dots, X_0 = i_0) = P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i, \dots, X_{n-k+1} = i_{n-k+1})$$

Remember: 3 nucleotides per amino acid



### Markov chains

transition matrix:  $P = [p_{ii}] \in [0, 1]^{|S| \times |S|}$ 

2-step transition probability:  $p_{ii}^{(2)} = \sum_{k \in S} p_{ik} p_{ki}$ , i.e.  $P^2$ 

n-step transition probability: P<sup>n</sup>

absorbing state: 
$$i$$
 s.t.  $p_{ii} = 1$  (or  $p_{ij} = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ ) if  $X_0 \sim \phi_0$  then  $X_1 \sim \phi_1^T = \phi_0^T P$ 

stationary distribution:  $\phi^T = \phi^T P$ 



### Markov chains

		posi	tion			
	Α	C	G	Т	Total	stochastic matrix
Α	PAA	PAC	PAG	РАТ	1	
C	$p_{CA}$	PAC PCC PGC PTC	$p_{CG}$	$p_{CT}$	1	$p_{\rightarrow A} = p_{\rightarrow C} = p_{\rightarrow G} = p_{\rightarrow T} = 1$
G	$p_{GA}$	$p_{GC}$	$p_{GG}$	$p_{GT}$	1	doubly stochastic matrix
Т	$p_{TA}$	ртс	$p_{TG}$	$p_{TT}$	1	doubly stochastic matrix
Total	D A	n .c	n .c	n . T		

Higher order: transition matrices large, parameter rich (data can be insufficient)

Maximal dependence decomposition for group of aligned sequences

Ch 5.3.4 and T.-Y. Lee et. al. (2011). "Exploiting maximal dependence decomposition to identify conserved motifs from a group of aligned signal sequences". Bioinformatics 27(13): 1780–1787.



Does a given nucleotide (say A) repeat itself more often than expected by chance in a *long* DNA sequence of length N?

p: probability of observing A,

Y: number of repeats of A,  $P(Y = y) = (1 - p)p^y$ 

*n* such sequences

$$Y_{\mathsf{max}}$$
 longest:  $P(Y_{\mathsf{max}} \ge y) = 1 - (1 - p^y)^n$ 

a success (A) has to be preceded by a failure,  $\approx (1-p)N$  failures implying  $\approx (1-p)N$  successes take  $n \approx (1-p)N$ 



### Repeats

 $Y_{\text{max}}$  test statistic with p-value (EG Eq. 5.15):

$$1 - (1 - p^{y_{\mathsf{max}}})^{(1-p)N} \approx 1 - \exp(-(1-p)Np^{y_{\mathsf{max}}})$$

N large

$$(1-p)Np^{y_{\mathsf{max}}} < 1$$

remember:  $(1+x/n)^n \rightarrow e^x$ .

Is (1-p)N a good approximation for number of failures? Average of binomial with parameters N and 1 - p.



# Patterns (EG Ch. 5.6–5.8)

Counting specific repeats: e.g. GCGC,

ATGCGCGCAAGCGCTT

2 or 3?

Different models and results depending if *overlaps* counted.

# Motifs (EG Ch. 5.9)

Many short sequences serve specific functions and do not tolerate many mutations.

transcription factor binding sites, splice junction signals

*Motif*: collection of *m* different (uncontained) sequences, similar and of same length

### Example:

 $M = \{GATGGTGG, GCTGGTGG, GGTGGTGG, GTTGGTGG\}$ (crossover hotspot initiator in Hemophilus influenzae, bacteria)

A motif can be represented as a PWM

$$M = \begin{matrix} A \\ C \\ G \\ T \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.6 & 0.7 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.7 & 1.0 & 0.0 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.6 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

GAGGTAAAC
TCCGTAAGT
CAGGTTGGA
ACAGTCAGT
TAGGTCATT
TAGGTACTG
ATGGTAACT
CAGGTATAC
TGTGTGAGT

AAGGTAAGT

Probability of observing a motif

$$P(M) = \sum_{u \in M} P(u)$$

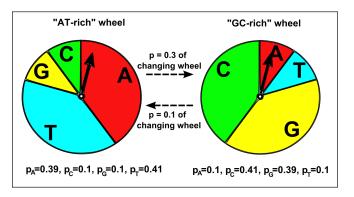
P(u): independent positions, product over them,

$$P(GAGGTAAAC) = 0.1 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.2$$

N: sequence length mean number of motif occurrences: (N - |M| + 1)P(M) variance with or without overlaps, Eq. (5.91) or (5.92) test if occurs as often as expected



# Hidden Markov Models (EG Ch. 12, MM Ch. 12)

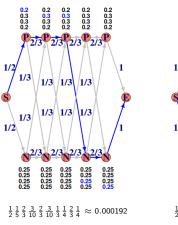


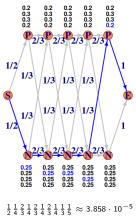
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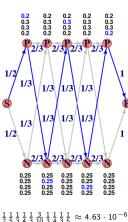


### Hidden Markov Models

Sequence: **ACCGT**, P: protein coding, N: non-coding







### Hidden Markov Models

Observed outputs:  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_T$ 

Hidden sequence:  $Q = q_1, \ldots, q_T$ 

Values of hidden states:  $S_1, \ldots, S_N$ 

Model parameters:  $\lambda$ 

Chain homogeneous in time, i.e. in  $1, \ldots, T$ 

Notation:

$$\pi_i = P(q_1 = S_i)$$
 $b_i(a) = P(S_i \text{ emits } a)$ 

 $p_{ij}$ : transition probability of hidden chain

### Hidden Markov Models

### Aims:

- 1. find  $P(\mathcal{O}|\lambda)$
- 2. find hidden sequence Q, i.e.

$$\operatorname*{arg\ max}_{Q} P(Q|\mathcal{O})$$

3. find  $\lambda$ , heuristic: Baum–Welch algorithm

$$\arg\max_{\lambda} P(\mathcal{O}|\lambda)$$

Number of possible paths make exact algorithm computationally impossible.



# The likelihood, forward algorithm $O(TN^2)$ , (EG p. 411)

$$\alpha(t,i) := P(\mathcal{O}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{O}_t,q_t=S_i)$$

$$P(\mathcal{O}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha(T, i)$$

initialization:  $\alpha(1, i) = P(q_1 = S_i)P(S_i \text{ emits } \mathcal{O}_1) = \pi_i b_i(\mathcal{O}_1)$  induction:

$$\alpha(t+1,i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha(t,j) p_{ji} b_i(\mathcal{O}_{t+1})$$

because

$$\alpha(t+1,i) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} P(\mathcal{O}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{O}_{t+1},q_{t+1}=S_i,q_t=S_j)$$

remember:  $p_{ii} = P(S_i \rightarrow S_i)$ 



# The likelihood, backward algorithm, (EG p. 412)

Aim: calculate

$$\beta(t,i) := P(\mathcal{O}_{t+1},\ldots,\mathcal{O}_T|q_t = S_i)$$

*initialization*:  $\beta(T,j) \equiv 1$  for all j

recursion:

$$eta(t-1,i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} p_{ij}b_{j}(\mathcal{O}_{t})eta(t,j)$$



# Viterbi algorithm $O(TN^2)$ , (EG p. 413)

$$\delta_t(i) = \max_{q_1,\ldots,q_{t-1}} P(q_1,q_2,\ldots,q_{t-1},q_t = S_i,\mathcal{O}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{O}_t)$$

 $\delta_t(i)$ : max. probability to end in state  $S_i$  and time t with observations  $\mathcal O$ 

initialization: 
$$\delta_1(i) = \pi_i b_i(\mathcal{O}_1)$$
  
induction: for  $2 \le t \le T$ ,  $1 \le j \le N$   
$$\delta_t(j) = \max_{1 \le i \le N} \delta_{t-1}(i) p_{ij} b_j(\mathcal{O}_t)$$

Recover hidden states:

$$\psi_T := \arg\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \delta_T(i) \text{, put } q_T = S_{\psi_T}$$
 and for  $t < T-1$ 

$$\psi_t := \underset{1 \leq i \leq N}{\text{arg max }} \delta_t(i) p_{i\psi_{t+1}} \text{ and put } q_t = S_{\psi_t}$$

# Baum-Welch algorithm, (EG p. 414, MM p. 324)

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Data: multiple sequences \{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}=\{\mathcal{O}^{(1)},\ldots,\mathcal{O}^{(n)}\}
Initialize: \pi_i, p_{ik}, b_i(a) at some value
Update
       \bar{\pi}_i: as expected proportion of times q_1 = S_i given \{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}
       \bar{p}_{ik} = \mathbb{E}\left[N_{ik}|\{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}\right]/\mathbb{E}\left[N_{i}|\{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}\right]
       \bar{b}_i(a) = \mathbb{E}\left[N_i(a)|\{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}\right]/\mathbb{E}\left[N_i|\{\mathcal{O}^{(d)}\}\right]
    where
       N_{ik}: (random) number of transitions q_i = S_i to q_{i+1} = S_k
       N_i: (random) number of q_i = S_i
       N_i(a): (random) number of emissions of a by S_i
    for a single random sequence
Iterate until convergence
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Exact computational details: EG p. 415, 416

# Questions?