

CS 753 | Assignment 2 | Problem 1

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Notation: $B(i, o) = \Pr(o|i)$ is the probability of outputting a primary observation symbol o at state i . $L(i, o, l) = \Pr(l|i, o)$ is the probability of choosing a length $l \geq 0$ for the auxiliary sequence emitted at state i conditioned on emitting primary observation symbol o . $A(i, o, x_1, \dots, x_l) = \Pr(x_1, \dots, x_l|i, o, l)$ is the probability of emitting a specific l -long auxiliary sequence x_1, \dots, x_l on reaching state i , conditioned on the primary observation symbol emitted being o and the auxiliary sequence being of length l . a_{ij} denote the probability of transition from state i to j . Also, let there be N states in HMM.

We note that

$$B(i, o).L(i, o, l).A(i, o, x_1, \dots, x_l) = \Pr(o, l, x_1, \dots, x_l|i)$$

Define a new Viterbi recursion where we calculate $v_{t,k}(i)$ for each time step t and number of auxiliary outputs finished k . We calculate following for $0 \leq k \leq T'$ and $1 \leq t \leq T$.

$$v_{1,k}(i) = a_{0i}.B(1, o_1).L(1, o_1, k).A(1, o_1, x_1, \dots, x_k)$$
$$v_{t,k}(j) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \max_{0 \leq l \leq k} v_{t-1,l}(i).a_{ij}.B(j, o_t).L(j, o_t, k-l).A(j, o_t, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_k)$$

Finally we calculate best score as

$$P^* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} a_{iF}.v_{T,T'}(i)$$

For Viterbi backtrace, we define $b_{t,k}(i)$ in a very similar way as

$$b_{1,k}(i) = 0$$
$$b_{t,k}(j) = \arg \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \max_{0 \leq l \leq k} v_{t-1,l}(i).a_{ij}.B(j, o_t).L(j, o_t, k-l).A(j, o_t, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_k)$$
$$b_T^* = \arg \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} a_{iF}.v_{T,T'}(i)$$