



CSC 384

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Uncertainty 6

The Viterbi Algorithm

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Learning Goals

By the end of this lecture, you should be able to

1. Derive the most likely sequence of hidden states given a sequence of observations by executing the Viterbi algorithm.

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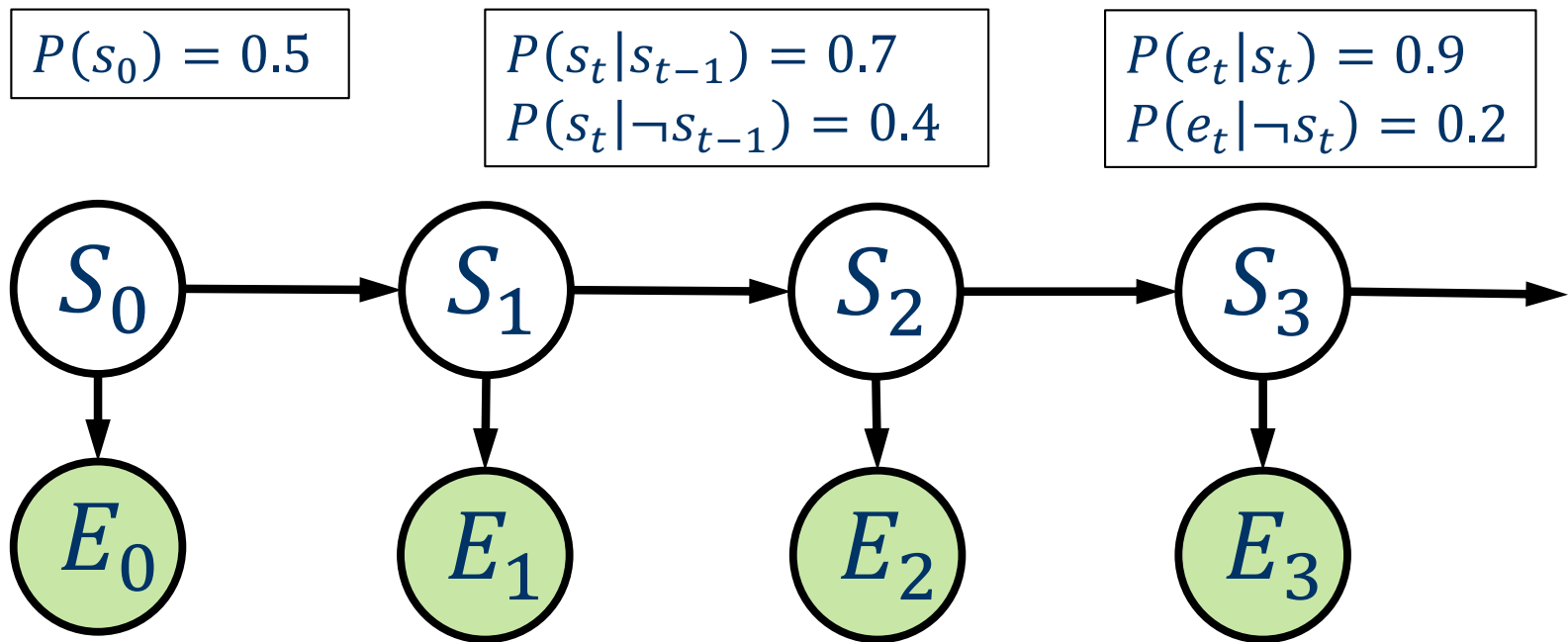
The Umbrella Story

You are a security guard stationed at a secret underground installation.

You want to know whether it is raining today.

Unfortunately, your only access to the outside world occurs each morning when you see the director coming in with, or without, an umbrella.

HMM with the Umbrella Story



A VITERBI EXAMPLE FOR DAYS 0 AND 1

Viterbi Example

The first four observations are $e_0, \neg e_1, e_2, e_3$
(or umbrella, no, umbrella, umbrella).

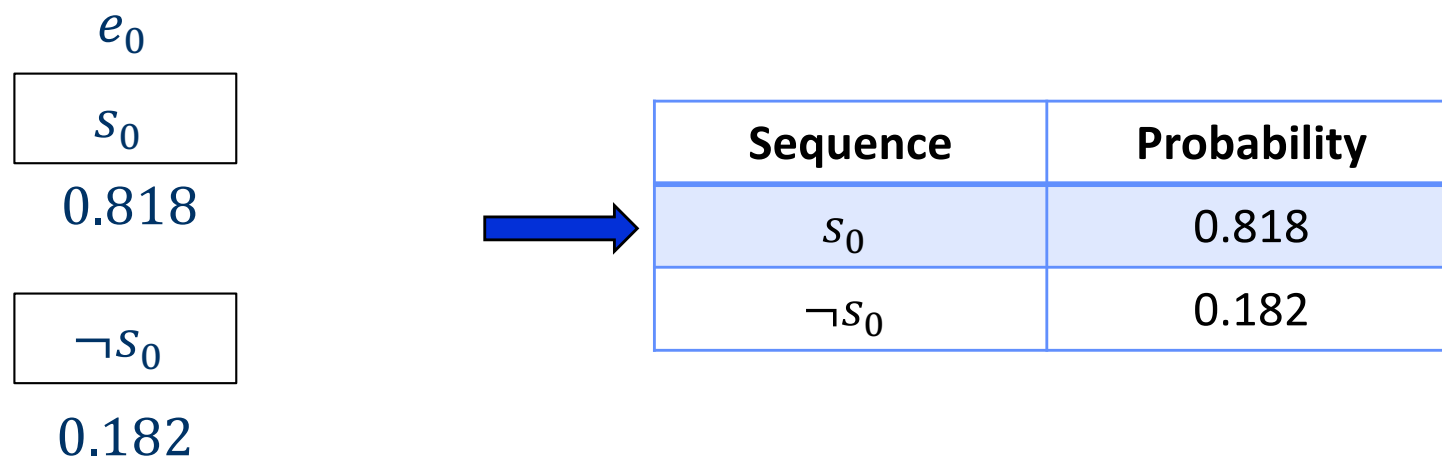
What is the most likely sequence of hidden states
that generated these four observations?

Viterbi for $t = 0$

$$P(S_0|e_0) = \alpha P(S_0)P(e_0|S_0)$$

$$P(s_0|e_0) = 0.818, P(\neg s_0|e_0) = 0.182$$

Given that **we saw umbrella on day 0**,
the most likely explanation is **it rained on day 0**.



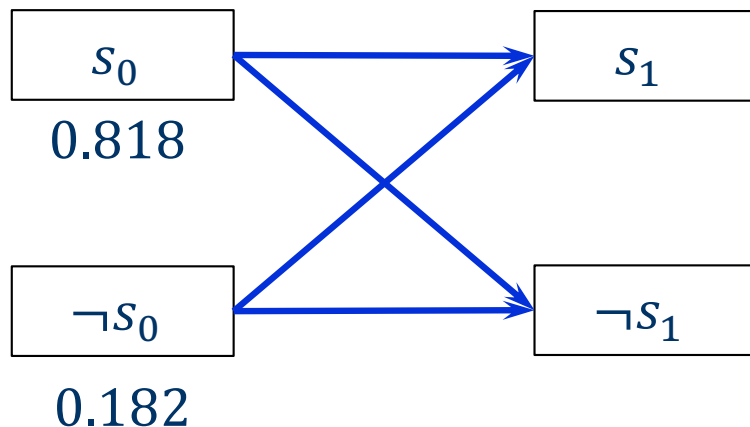
Viterbi for $t = 1$

$$P(S_0 \wedge S_1 | e_0 \wedge \neg e_1)$$

$$= \alpha P(S_0)P(e_0|S_0) P(S_1|S_0)P(\neg e_1|S_1)$$

$$= \alpha P(S_0|e_0) P(S_1|S_0)P(\neg e_1|S_1)$$

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 probs from transition observation
 day 0 probs probs
 e_0 $\neg e_1$



Sequence	Probability
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	
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Viterbi for $t = 1$ (part 1)

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Suppose that it **rained on day 1** (s_1):

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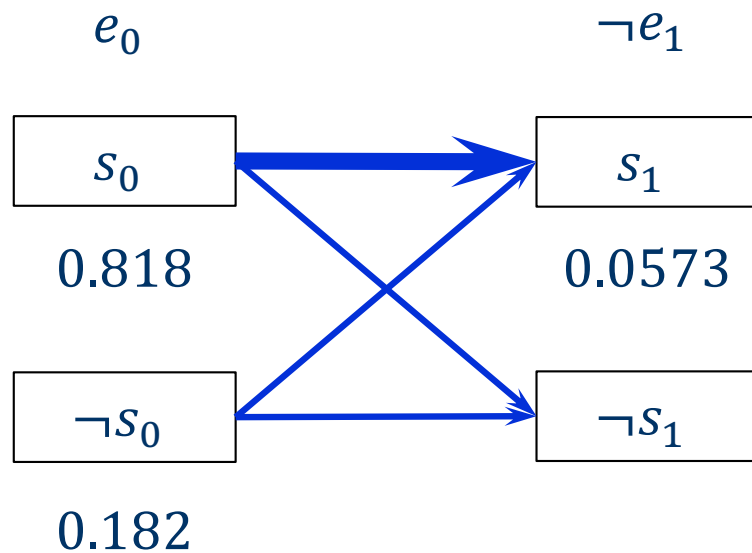
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Viterbi for $t = 1$ Summary

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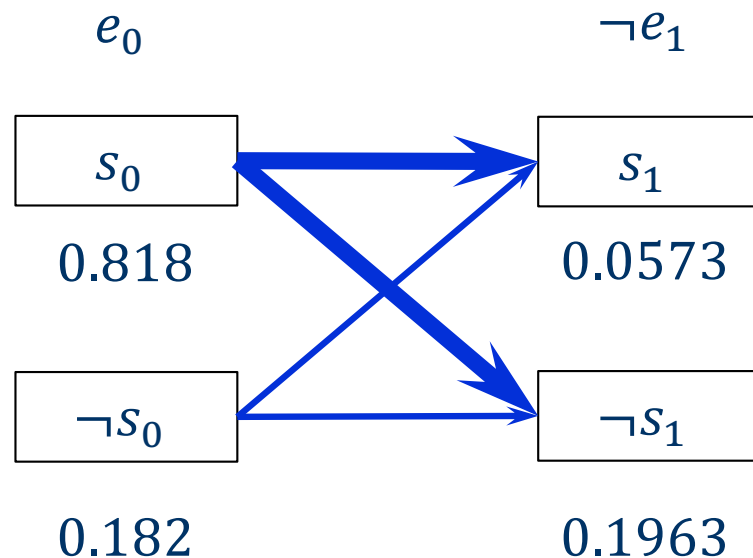
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Most likely sequence so far: $s_0 \rightarrow \neg s_1$



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THE VITERBI ALGORITHM

The Viterbi Algorithm

Which sequence of hidden state is most likely to have generated the observations?

- Goal is to find the most likely sequence through the graph.

The likelihood of a sequence

= the initial probability of state on day 0 *
the transition probabilities *
the probabilities of the observations

The most likely sequence to a state on day k is

- the most likely sequence to some state on day k-1 followed by
- a transition to the state on day k.

Viterbi Pseudocode

① $P(S_0)$ ② $P(E_k|S_k)$ ③ $P(S_k|S_{k-1})$ HMM = ① + ② + ③

I: initial probabilities. T: transition matrix.

M: observation matrix. $E = \{E_0, E_1, \dots, E_t\}$ set of observations over time steps.

Viterbi(E, S, I, T, M):

prob = matrix(length(E), length(S))

prev = matrix(length(E), length(S))

of time steps

Determine values for time step 0

for i in [0, ..., length(S)-1]:

Base case
prob[0, i] = I[i] * M[i, E[0]] = $P(S_0) * P(E_0|S_0)$
prev[0, i] = None

For time steps 1 to length(E)-1,

find each current state's most likely prior state x.

for t in [1, ..., length(E)-1]:

for i in [0, ..., length(S)-1]:

Recursive case
x = argmax_j in (prob[t-1, j] * T[j, i] * M[i, E[t]])
prob[t, i] = prob[t-1, x] * T[x, i] * M[i, E[t]]
prev[t, i] = x

return prob, prev

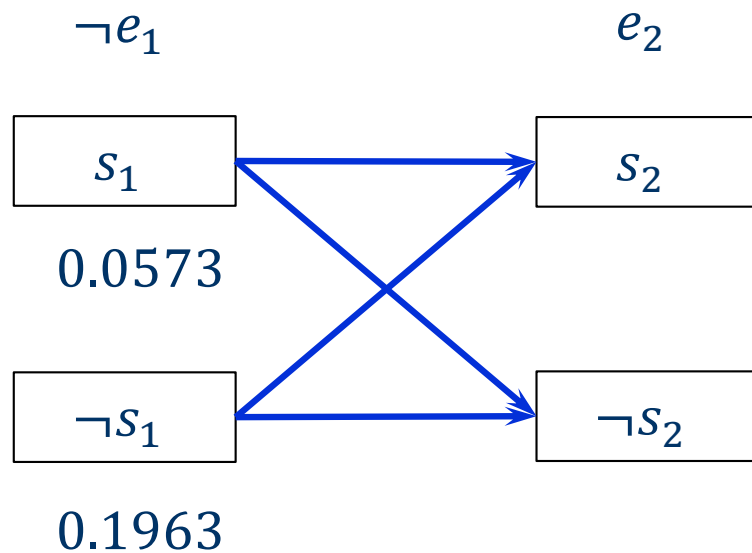
$P(S_0 \wedge \dots \wedge S_{t-1} | E_0 \wedge \dots \wedge E_{t-1})$
prob from prev time t-1

$P(E_t | S_t)$ observation prob for curr time t.

A VITERBI EXAMPLE FOR DAY 2

Viterbi for $t = 2$ Summary

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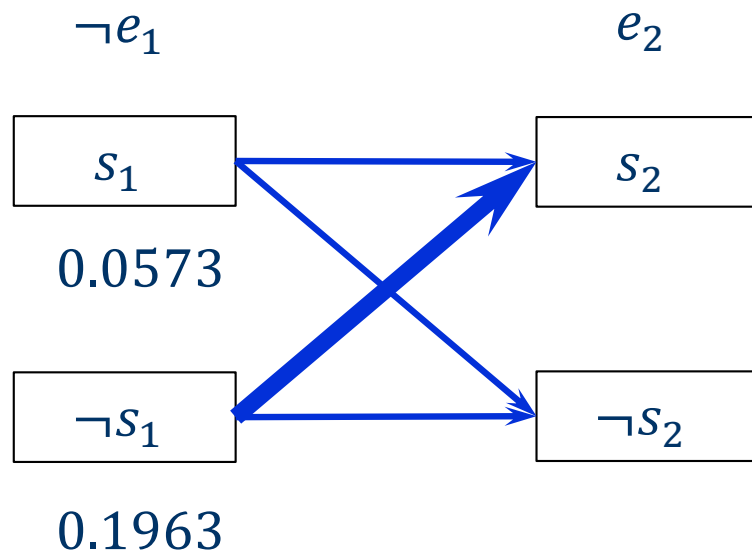
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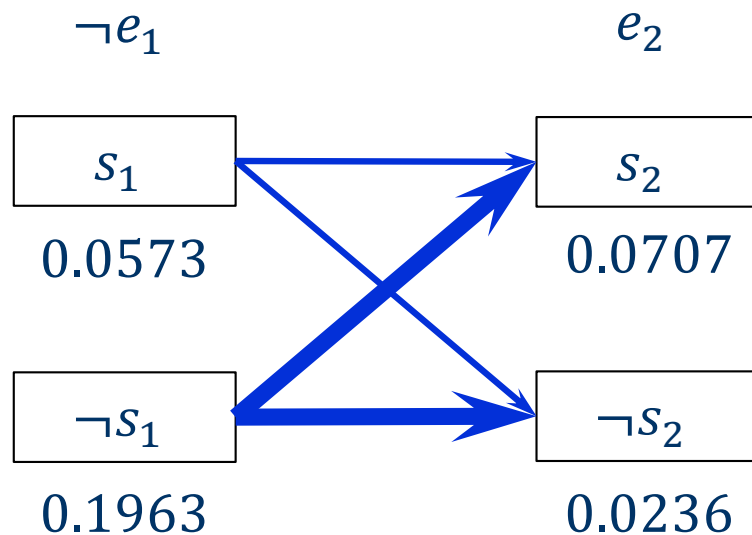
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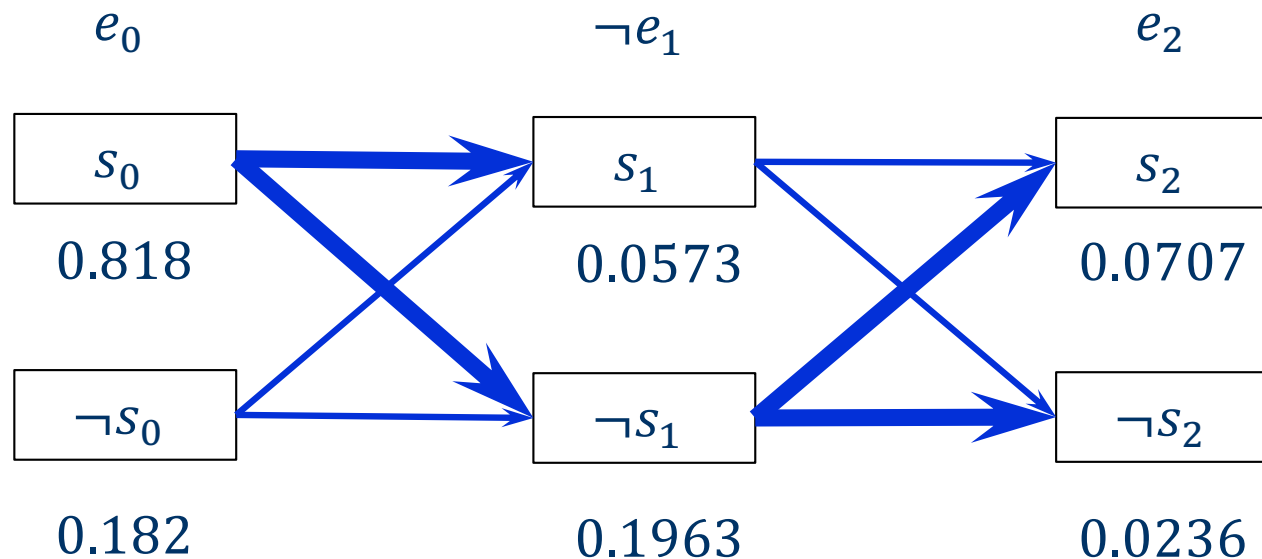


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