

Lab #7 - Viterbi algorithm

In this lab, each student is to develop code to execute the Viterbi algorithm. The code can be developed in MATLAB, C, or any high level language. The exercise is based on the Viterbi algorithm example posted at the web site. The output should be a table of max probabilities at each data index similar to slide 9 in the example, and the most probable path similar to slide 10 in the example.

The problem consists of two states, labeled H and L in the example, which can be given numerical values of 0 and 1. The prior probabilities are $\{0.5, 0.5\}$. The state transition probabilities are $\{0.5, 0.5\}$ for state 0 and $\{0.4, 0.6\}$ for state 1. Each state observes a discrete value that takes on one of four values $\{A, C, G, T\}$ that can be given numerical values $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The emission probabilities of these values are $\{0.2, 0.3, 0.3, 0.2\}$ for state 0 and $\{0.3, 0.2, 0.2, 0.3\}$ for state 1.

Because the input sequences to be tested are short, Viterbi calculations can be done using either products of probabilities or sums of the \log_2 of probabilities.

The algorithm should be run twice. On the first run, the input should be the same as given in the example: GGCCTGAA. The results can be compared to the table and most probable path given on slides 9 and 10. They should match exactly. Note that the second to last line on slide 8 has a typo and should read $= -2.322 + \max(-2.737 - 1, 3.322 - 0.737)$. On the second run, the input should be: TCAGCGGCT. For both runs, provide the table of max probabilities at each data index and the most probable path.

This lab is due by the due date listed at the web site. You must submit your report in class. Code should be included in the report.