# Solutions for Assignment 3

#### Exercise 1 - Bigram Inference

You are given the following training corpus:

- 1.  $\langle s \rangle$  I am Sam  $\langle s \rangle$
- $2. \langle s \rangle$  Sam I am  $\langle s \rangle$
- $3. \langle s \rangle$  Sam I like  $\langle /s \rangle$
- $4. \langle s \rangle$  Sam I do like  $\langle /s \rangle$
- 5. < s > do I like Sam < / s >

Assume now that you have trained a bigram language model on this corpus.

Probability of a sequence of words is given by:

$$P(W = \vec{w}) = P(w_1) * P(w_2|w_1) * P(w_3|w_1, w_2) * \dots * P(w_n|w_1, \dots, w_{n-1})$$

- => Next word in seq. depends on all previous words
- Modeling quickly becomes intractable!
- Solution Markov assumption (bigram):

$$P(w_i|w_1,...,w_{i-1}) = P(w_i|w_{i-1})$$

=> Next word in seq. only depends on previous word

$$P(W = \vec{w}) = P(w_1) * P(w_2|w_1) * P(w_3|w_2) * \dots * P(w_n|w_{n-1})$$

• Bigram-model approximates probabilities using MLE of a corpus:

$$P(w_{i} | w_{i-1}) = \frac{count(w_{i-1}, w_{i})}{count(w_{i-1})}$$

- Probability of next word in the sequence given current word is count of the pair normalized by count of the current word
- Counts are computed using a corpus of sequences
- Convention: Sequences always start with "<s>":  $P(w_1 = <$ s>") = 1

#### • Example:

Current word  $w_{i-1} = \text{,am}$ 

- count( $w_{i-1} = ,,am$ ") = 2
- count $((w_{i-1}, w_i) = (,,am'', ,,Sam'')) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(w_i = \text{"Sam"} | w_{i-1} = \text{"am"}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

• count( $(w_{i-1}, w_i) = (\text{,,am", ,,</s>")} = 1$ 

$$| => P(w_i = "| w_{i-1} = am") = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(w_i = \text{,sth. else"} | w_{i-1} = \text{,am"}) = 0$$

• For convenience: Build a lookup table:

| $W_{i-1}/W_i$ | <s></s> | am            | do            | Ι             | like          | Sam           |               |             |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| <s></s>       | 0       | 0             | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | <u>3</u> 5    | 0             |             |
| am            | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Our example |
| do            | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0             | 0             |             |
| I             | 0       | $\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ | 0             | 0             |             |
| like          | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ |             |
| Sam           | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ |             |

1. What is the most probable next word predicted by the model for the following word sequences?

- (a) <s> Sam ...
- (b) <s> Sam I do ...
- (c) <s> Sam I am Sam ...
- $(d) \leq s \leq do I like ...$

| (a) <s></s>   | Sam     |               | $-\!$ |               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $W_{i-1}/W_i$ | <s></s> | am            | do  | Ι             | like          | Sam           |               |
| <s></s>       | 0       | 0             | $\frac{1}{5}$   | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             |
| am            | 0       | 0             | 0   | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| do            | 0       | 0             | 0   | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0             | 0             |
| I             | 0       | $\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$   | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ | 0             | 0             |
| like          | 0       | 0             | 0   | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| Sam           | 0       | 0             | 0   | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ |

$$P(w_i = \text{,I"}|w_{i-1} = \text{,Sam"}) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(w_i = \text{,"}|w_{i-1} = \text{,Sam"}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(w_i = \text{other}|w_{i-1} = \text{,Sam"}) = 0$$

Most probable next word: "I"

### Exercise 1-2.

1. What is the most probable next word predicted by the model for the following word sequences?

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(a) <s> Sam ... ,|'
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- (b) <s> Sam I do ... "like" or "l"
- (c) <s> Sam I am Sam ... ""

2. Which of the following sentences is better, i.e., gets a higher probability with this model?

- (b)  $\langle s \rangle$  Sam I do I like  $\langle /s \rangle$

(a) 
$$<$$
s $>$  Sam I am  $<$ /s $>$ 

$$P(W) = P("<$$
s $>$ ", "Sam", "I", "am", "Sam", " $<$ /s $>$ ")
$$w_1$$

$$= P(,,<$$
s $>$ ")

(a) 
$$<$$
s> Sam I am  $<$ /s>
$$P(W) = P("<$$
s>", "Sam", "I", "am", "Sam", " $<$ /s>")
$$W_{i-1} W_{i}$$

$$= P(,<$$
s>") $P(,$ Sam"|, $<$ s>")

(a)  ~~Sam I am~~  
$$P(W) = P(\text{"~~", "Sam", "I", "am", "Sam", "~~")} \\ \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad W_{i-1} W_i$$
 
$$= P(\text{,~~"})P(\text{,Sam"}|\text{,~~"}) P(\text{,I"}|\text{,Sam"})~~~~$$

$$P(W) = P("~~", "Sam", "I", "am", "Sam", "~~") 
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $w_i$$$

$$= P(\text{,s>"})P(\text{,Sam"}|\text{,s>"})P(\text{,I"}|\text{,Sam"})P(\text{,am"}|\text{,I"})P(\text{,Sam"}|\text{,am"})$$

= 
$$P(\text{,~~"})P(\text{,Sam"}|\text{,~~"})P(\text{,I"}|\text{,Sam"})P(\text{,am"}|\text{,I"})P(\text{,Sam"}|\text{,am"})~~~~$$
  
 $P(\text{,"}|\text{,Sam"})$ 

P(W) = P(,<s>")P(,Sam"|,<s>")P(,I"|,Sam")P(,am"|,I")P(,Sam"|,am")P(,</s>"|,Sam") = 1

| $W_{i-1}/W_i$ | <s></s> | am            | do            | Ι             | like          | Sam           |               |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <s></s>       | 0       | 0             | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             |
| am            | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| do            | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0             | 0             |
| I             | 0       | $\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ | 0             | 0             |
| like          | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| Sam           | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ |

P(W) = P(``s>``)P(``sam"|``s>")P(``l"|``sam")P(``am"|``l")P(``sam"|``am")P(``s>"|``sam")  $= 1 * \frac{3}{5}$   $W_{i-1}/W_i < \text{s> am do I like Sam </s>$ 

| $W_{i-1}/W_i$ | <s></s> | am            | do            | Ι             | like          | Sam           |               |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <s></s>       | 0       | 0             | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | <u>3</u><br>5 | 0             |
| am            | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| do            | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0             | 0             |
| I             | 0       | $\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ | 0             | 0             |
| like          | 0       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| Sam           | 0       | 0             | 0             | $\frac{3}{5}$ | 0             | 0             | $\frac{2}{5}$ |

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P(W) = P(\text{"s>"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"s>"})P(\text{"I"}|\text{"Sam"})P(\text{"am"}|\text{"I"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"am"})P(\text{"</s>"}|\text{"Sam"})
                                               like
W_{i-1}/W_i
                                  do I
                <s>
                          am
                                                        Sam
                 0
<s>
                                  0
am
                                  0
do
                 0
                 0
like
                                  0
                                         0
                 0
Sam
                 0
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P(W) = P(\text{"s>"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"s>"})P(\text{"l"}|\text{"Sam"})P(\text{"am"}|\text{"l"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"am"})P(\text{"</s>"}|\text{"Sam"})
                                   do I like
                                                         Sam
                 <s>
                                                                    </s>
                           am
                 0
<s>
                 0
am
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do
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like
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                                           \frac{3}{5}
                                   0
Sam
                 0
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P(W) = P(\text{"s>"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"s>"})P(\text{"I"}|\text{"Sam"})P(\text{"am"}|\text{"}|\text{"})P(\text{"Sam"}|\text{"am"})P(\text{"s>"}|\text{"Sam"})
                        am do I like
                                                     Sam
                                                              </s>
                <s>
                0
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am
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do
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like
                0
                                0
Sam
                0
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P(W) = P("s>")P("Sam"|"s>")P("I"|"Sam")P("am"|"I")P("Sam"|"am")P("s>"|"Sam")am do I like Sam <s> <s> am  $0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0$ do 0 0 0 0 0 like 0 Sam 0 0

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P(W) = P(\text{``s>"})P(\text{``sam"}|\text{``,s>"})P(\text{``l"}|\text{``sam"})P(\text{``am"}|\text{``l"})P(\text{``sam"}|\text{``am"})P(\text{``,</s>"}|\text{``sam"})
= 1 * \frac{3}{5} * \frac{2}{5} * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{2}{5}
= \frac{36}{1250}
= 2.88\%
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### Exercise 1-2.

2. Which of the following sentences is better, i.e., gets a higher probability with this model?

(a)  ~~Sam I am~~  
$$\longrightarrow$$
 2.88% best sequence (b)  ~~Sam I do I like~~   $\longrightarrow$  0.96% (c) ~~I do like Sam I am~~  $\longrightarrow$  0.08%

3. Compute the perplexity of the model for the following sequence (note that, in general, start-of-sentence tokens are excluded when calculating perplexity):

<s> I do like Sam

### Exercise 1-3.

• Perplexity in general:

$$PP(W) = \sqrt[N]{\frac{1}{P(w_1 w_2 ... w_N)}}$$

 Inverse likelihood of sequence under the model normalized by sequence length

### Exercise 1-3.

Perplexity in a bigram model:

$$PP(W) = \sqrt[N]{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{P(w_i|w_{i-1})}}$$

### Exercise 1-3.

• Likelihood of given sequence:

$$P(W="~~","I","do","like","Sam") = 1*\frac{1}{5}*\frac{1}{5}*\frac{1}{2}*\frac{1}{3}~~$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{150}$ 

• Perplexity:

$$PP(W) = \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{150}}}$$
$$= \sqrt[4]{150}$$

#### Exercise 2 - Character recognition using HMM

Given the structure of hidden states (see figure 1) and the learned HMM for character 'A' and the learned HMM for character 'B' as follows:

$$A^{(\text{letter A})} = \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .2 & 0 \\ 0 & .8 & .2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} B^{(\text{letter A})} = \begin{bmatrix} .9 & .1 & 0 \\ .1 & .8 & .1 \\ .9 & .1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and similarly for letter "B":

$$A^{\text{(letter B)}} = \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .2 & 0 \\ 0 & .8 & .2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} B^{\text{(letter B)}} = \begin{bmatrix} .9 & .1 & 0 \\ 0 & .2 & .8 \\ .6 & .4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

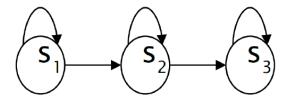


Figure 1: Structure of the hidden states

Suppose that after character image segmentation the following sequence of island numbers in 4 slices was observed (see figure 2):

$$\vec{o} = (1, 3, 2, 1)$$

What HMM is more likely to generate this observation sequence, HMM for 'A' or HMM for 'B'?



Figure 2: An example of a vertical slice for both characters.

## Exercise 2 – possible state transitions

For our example there are a total of 27 possible state transition sequences:

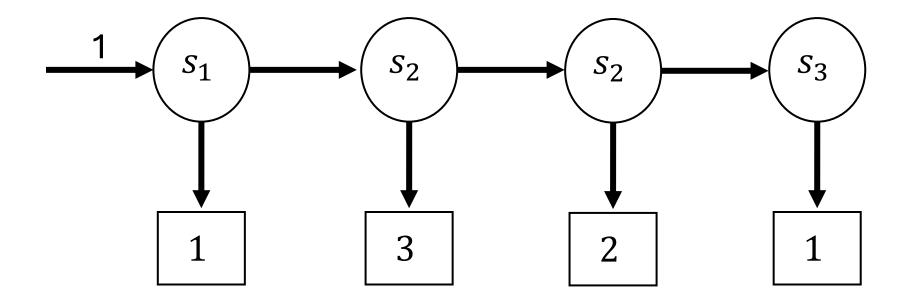
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## Exercise 2 -Filtering

#### We can filter:

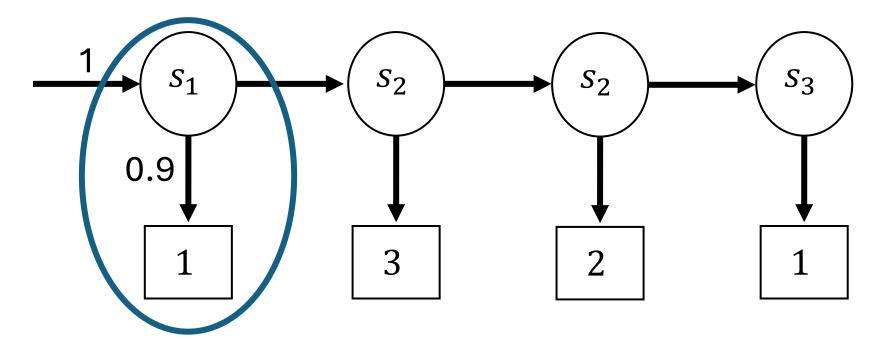
- "Backtracking" sequences are impossible (i.e. s2 -> s1)
- "Skips" are impossible (i.e. s1 -> s3)
- Observing 3 islands is impossible in s1 and s3
- Assertion: No state may repeat more than once
- => Only 2 sequences are possible under both models:
- 1. s1 -> s2 -> s2 -> s3
- 2. s1 -> s2 -> s3 -> s3
- => Probability of  $\vec{o}$ : Sum of the likelihoods of these 2 sequences

- $\vec{s}_1 = (s_1, s_2, s_2, s_3)$
- $\vec{o} = (1,3,2,1)$



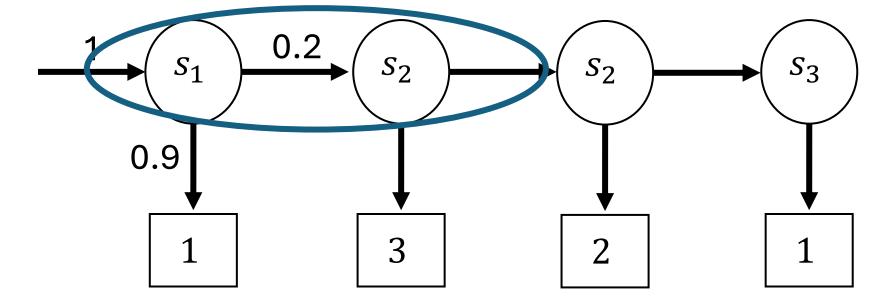
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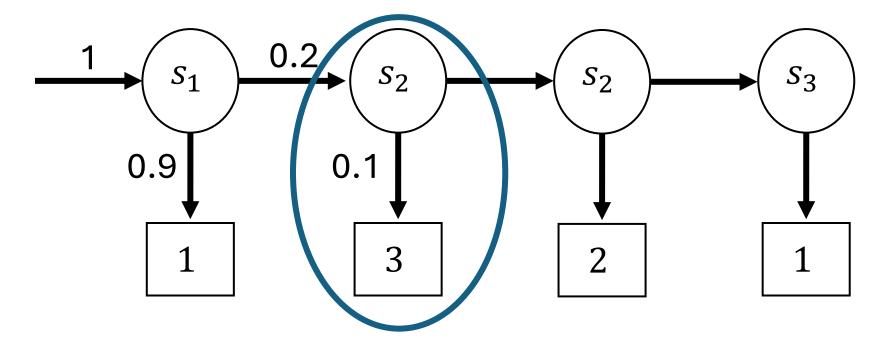
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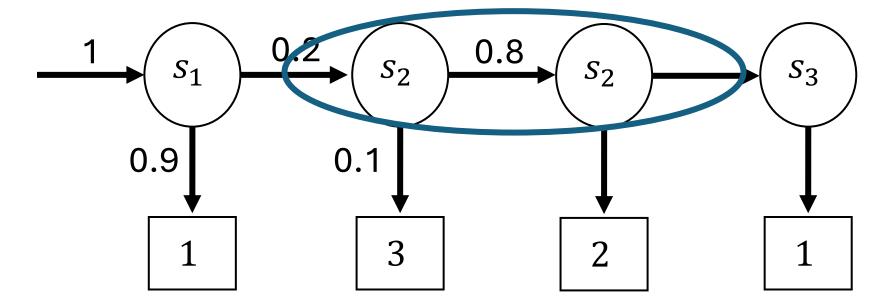
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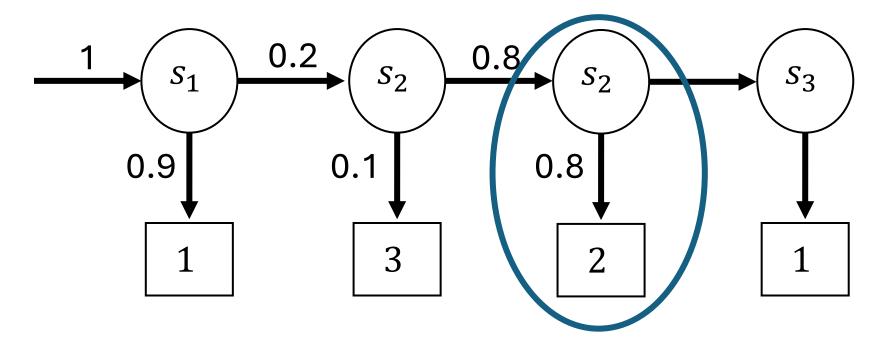
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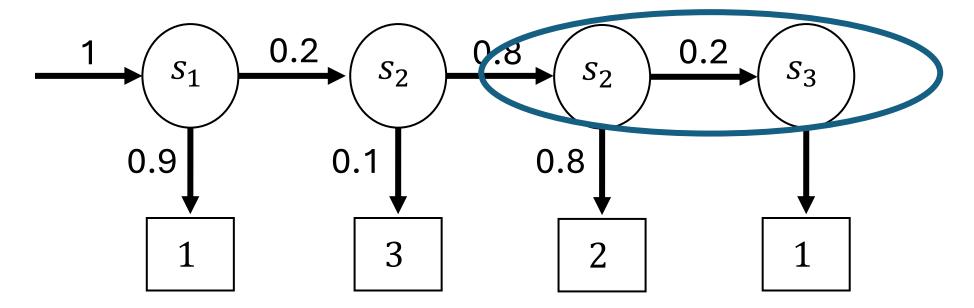
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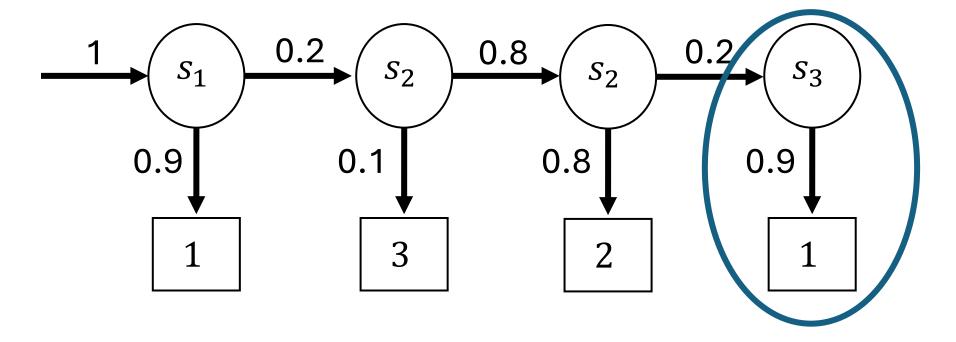
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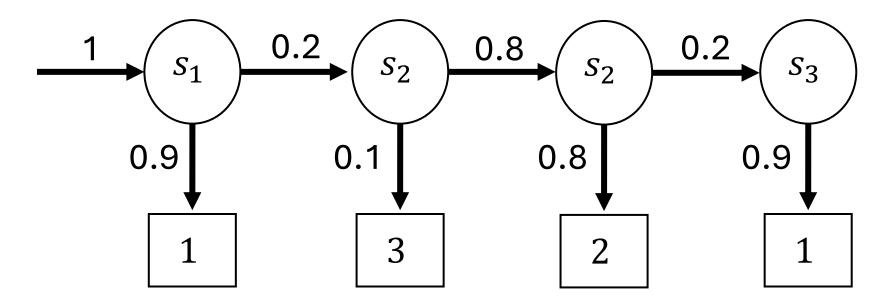


#### Given:

- $\vec{s}_1 = (s_1, s_2, s_2, s_3)$
- $\vec{o} = (1,3,2,1)$

Probability of  $\vec{o}$  given  $\vec{s}_1$ : 1 \* 0.9 \* 0.2 \* 0.1 \* 0.8 \* 0.8 \* 0.2 \* 0.9

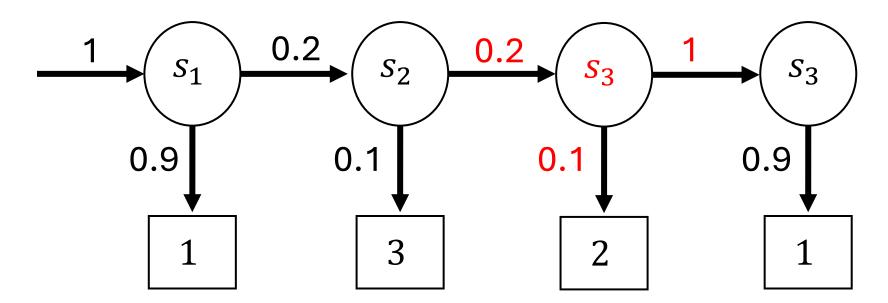
= 0.0020736



#### Given:

- $\vec{s}_2 = (s_1, s_2, s_3, s_3)$
- $\vec{o} = (1,3,2,1)$

Probability of  $\vec{o}$  given  $\vec{s}_2$ : 1 \* 0.9 \* 0.2 \* 0.1 \* 0.2 \* 0.1 \* 1 \* 0.9 = 0.000324



### Exercise 2 - Likelihood

- Total likelihood of obserserving  $\vec{o}$  under model A:
- 0.0020736 + 0.000324 = 0.0023976
- Analogous for model B:
- 0.0027648 + 0.006912 = 0.0096768
- => The oberservation is more likely under model B