TDT4171 Artificial Intelligence Methods

Exercise 2
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Part A

- \bullet There is only one unobserved variable for a given time-slice t, and that is Rain
- \bullet There is also only one observed variable for a given time-slice t, and that is Umbrella
- \bullet The dynamic model $P(X_t -\!\!\!\!\!- X_{t\text{--}1})$ as a matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the observation model $P(E_t-X_t)$ is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For both the *transition model* and the *sensor model*, the assumption made is a Markov assumption. This states that the current state is only dependent on a finite fixed number of previous states. In this case, the current state only depends on the previous state, making it a first-order Markov process. It is also assumed that the changes in state are caused by a *stationary process*. This means that the laws concerning state transitions don't change.

For this example, these assumptions are reasonable, but not necessarily realistic. Predicting the weather is a very complex process, and the current state would be dependent on more than the previous one.

Part B

Running the program gives the following normalized forward messages:

| | Rain | Not rain |
|-----|------------|------------|
| f1: | 0.81818182 | 0.18181818 |
| f2: | 0.88335704 | 0.11664296 |
| f3: | 0.19066794 | 0.80933206 |
| f4: | 0.730794 | 0.269206 |
| f5: | 0.86733889 | 0.13266111 |

We can see that the probablity of rain on day 5 is 0.867

Part C

Running the FORWARD-BACKWARD algorithm gives the following probabilities:

| | Rain | Not rain |
|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Day 1: | 0.867338889575 | 0.132661110425 |
| Day 2: | 0.820419053624 | 0.179580946376 |
| Day 3: | 0.307483576007 | 0.692516423993 |
| Day 4: | 0.820419053624 | 0.179580946376 |
| Day 5: | 0.867338889575 | 0.132661110425 |

We can see that the probability of rain on day 1 is 0.867.

We also get the following backward messages:

| | Rain | Not rain |
|-----|------------|------------|
| b5: | 0.69 | 0.41 |
| b4: | 0.4593 | 0.2437 |
| b3: | 0.090639 | 0.150251 |
| b2: | 0.06611763 | 0.04550767 |
| b1: | 0.04438457 | 0.02422283 |