

Hidden Markov Models



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Unsupervised Learning



Parametric
Clustering
Algorithms

Generic
Clustering
Algorithms

Estimation
Theory

**Generative
Models**

Pattern
Mining



Monitoring a
Shopping Area





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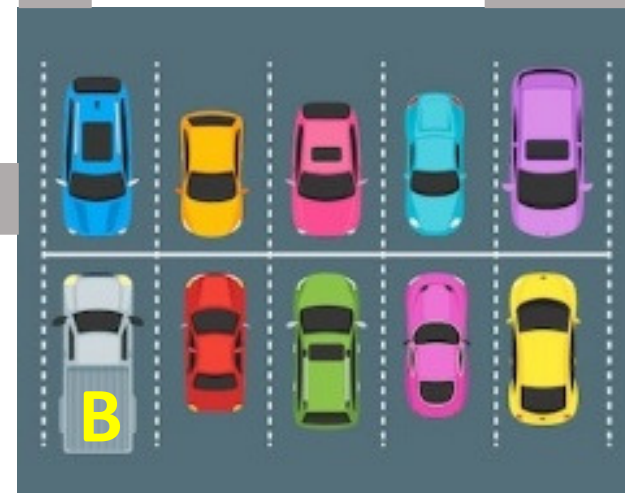
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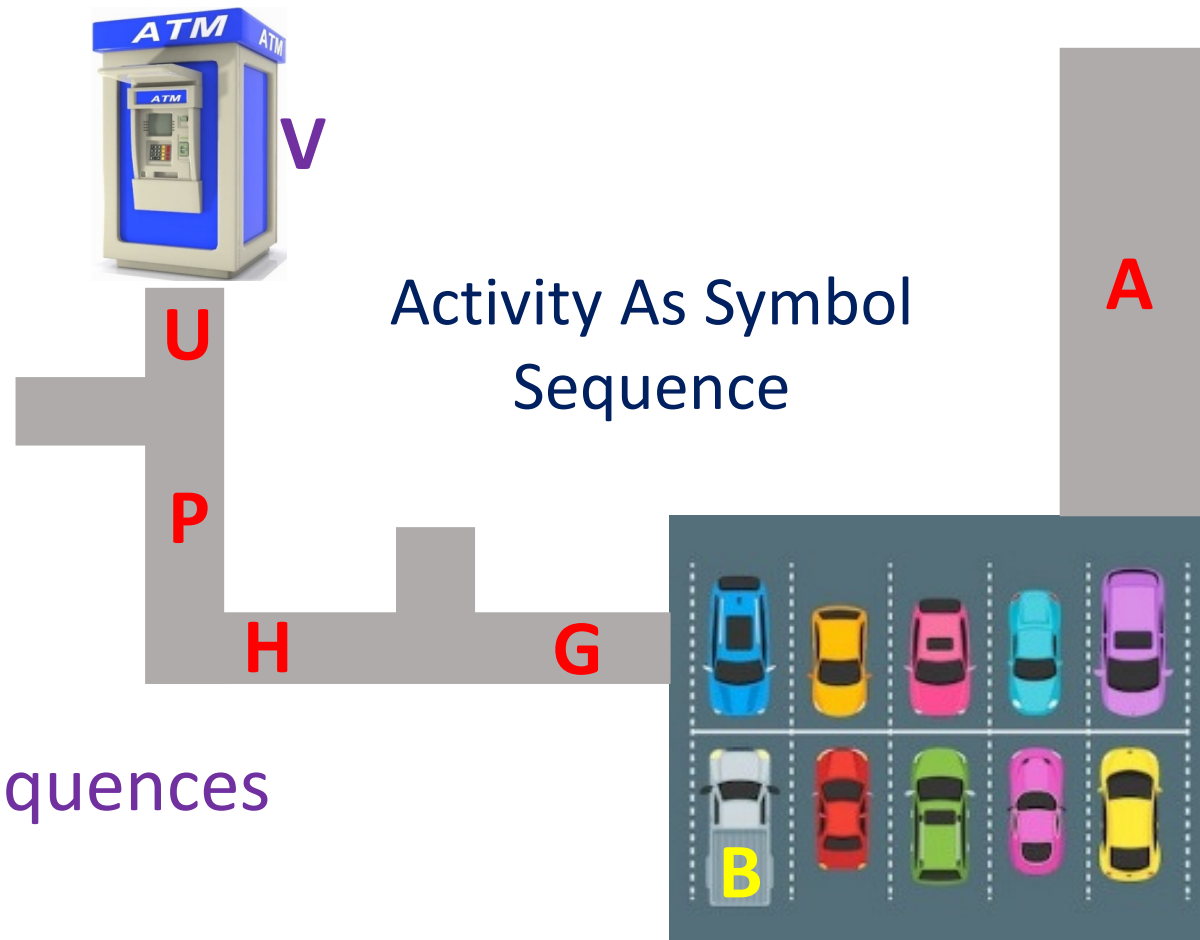
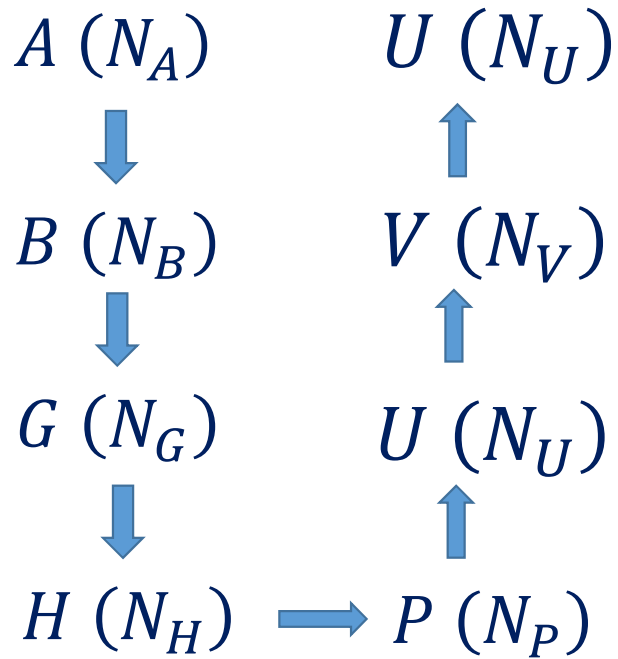
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Visiting the ATM



Task: Modeling Symbol Sequences
Generated by Activities

Time Series of Vectors

$$S_i = \{x_t^{(i)}; t = 1, \dots, T_i\}; i = 1, \dots, n$$

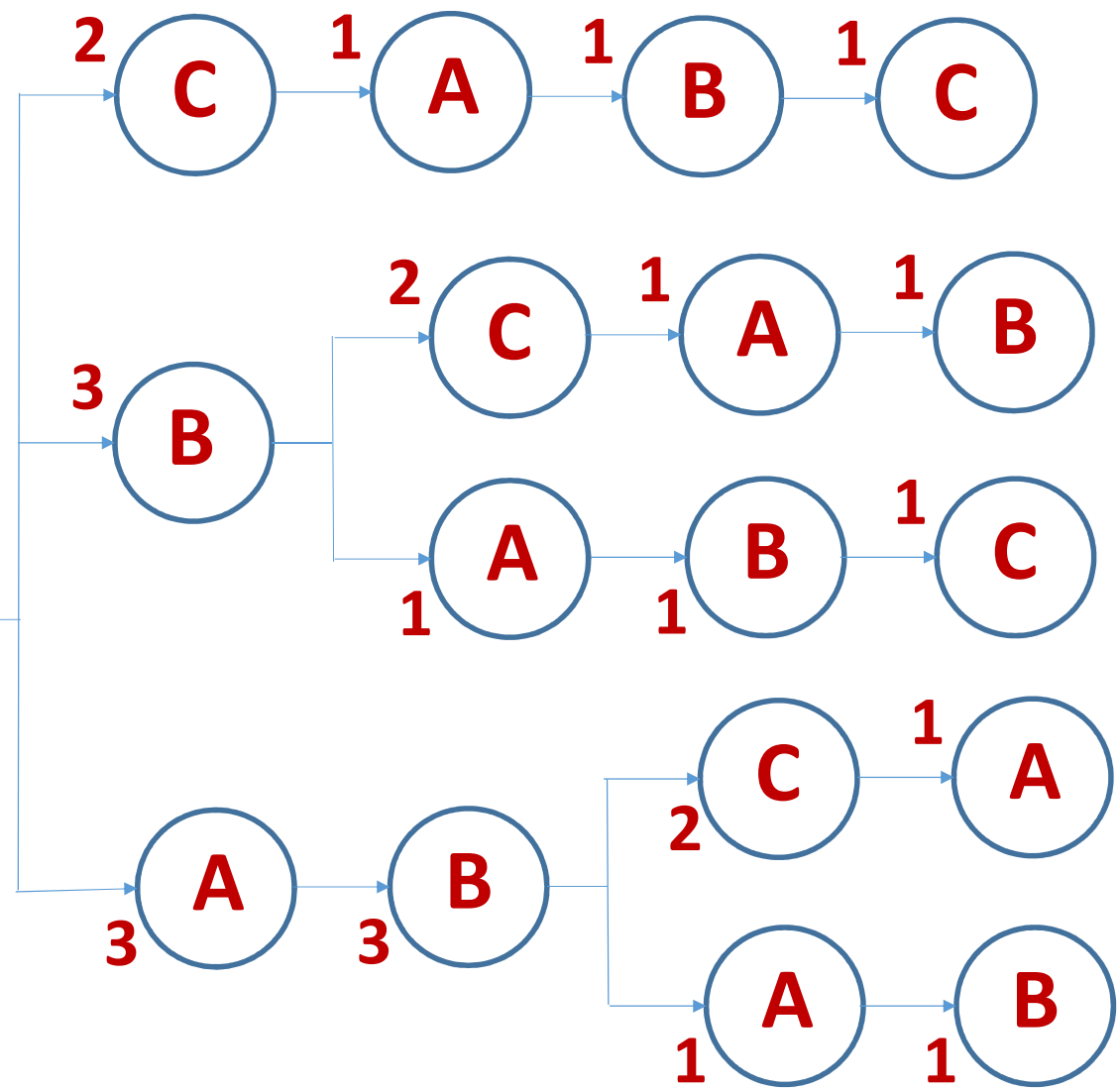
Time Series Datasets S_i are of Different Duration T_i

Task-1: Learning Model M_i for Time Series S_i

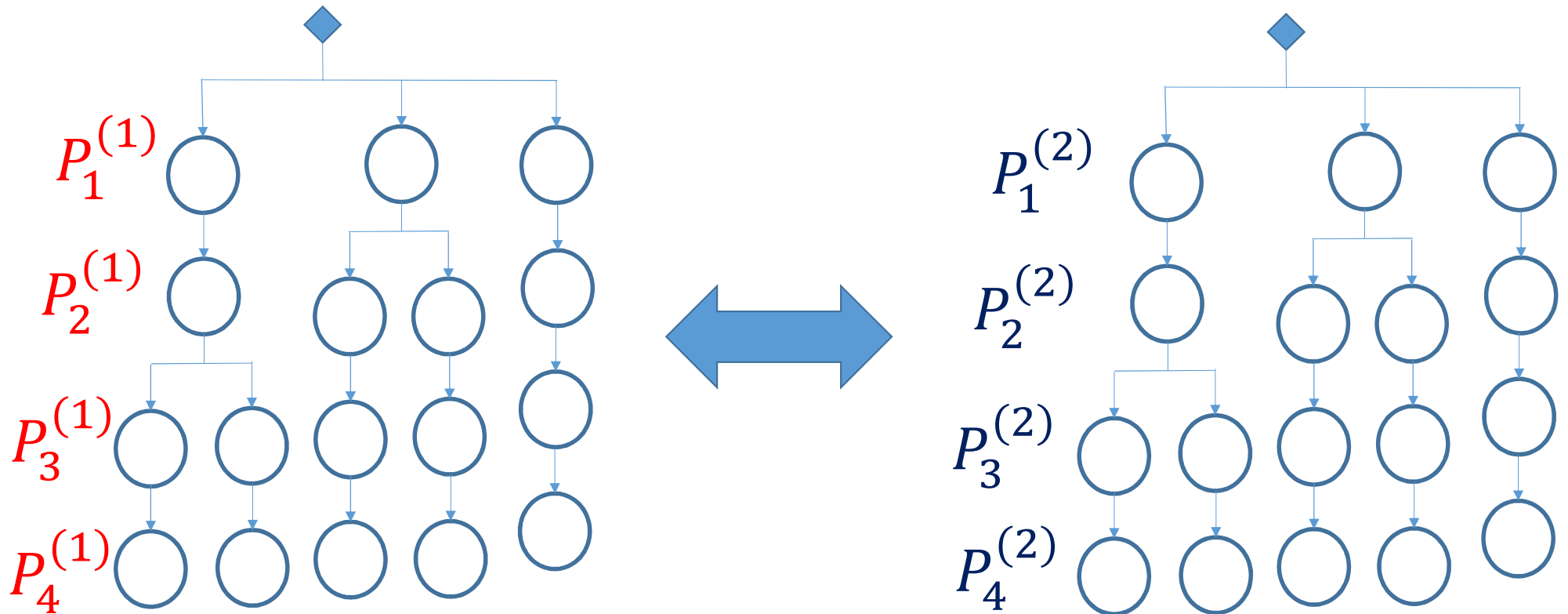
Task-2: Grouping Models M_i using Clustering Algorithms

Learning a Suffix Tree

A B A B C D B D



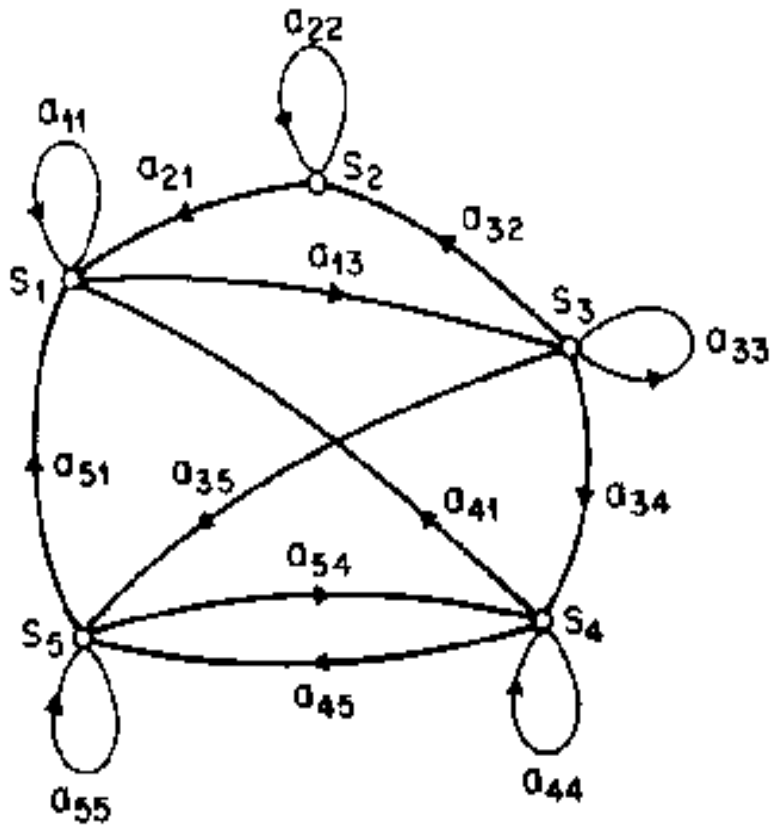
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Similarity between Two Suffix Trees

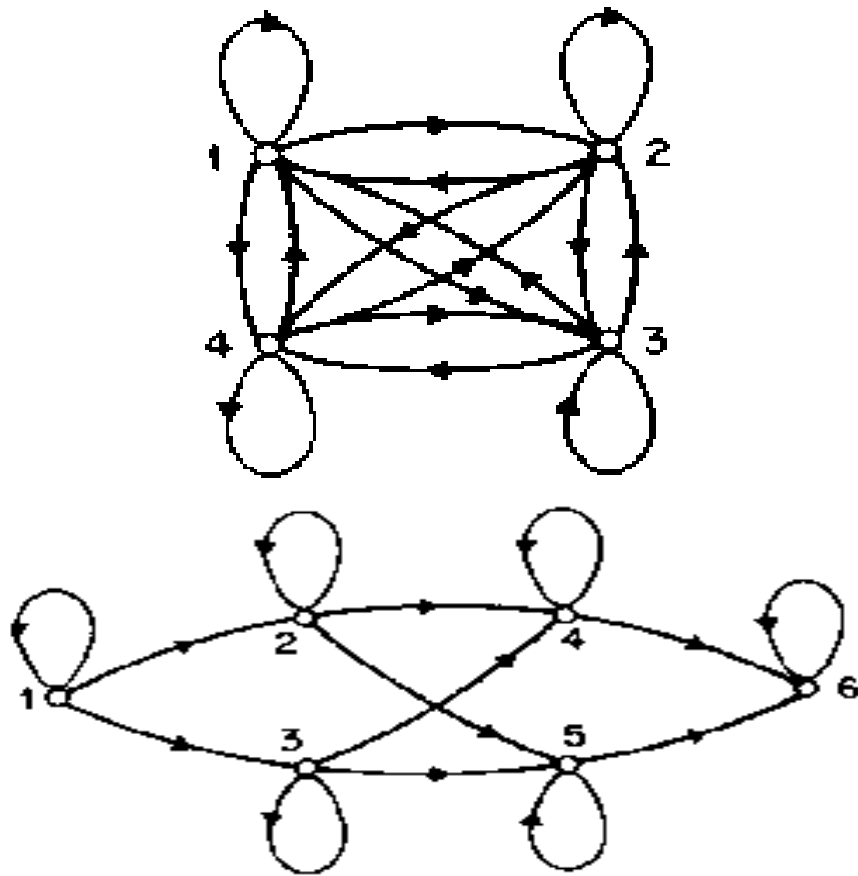
$$\mu_s(T_1, T_2) = \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D \omega_d BC \left(P_d^{(1)}, P_d^{(2)} \right)}{\sum_{d=1}^D \omega_d}$$

Markov Process



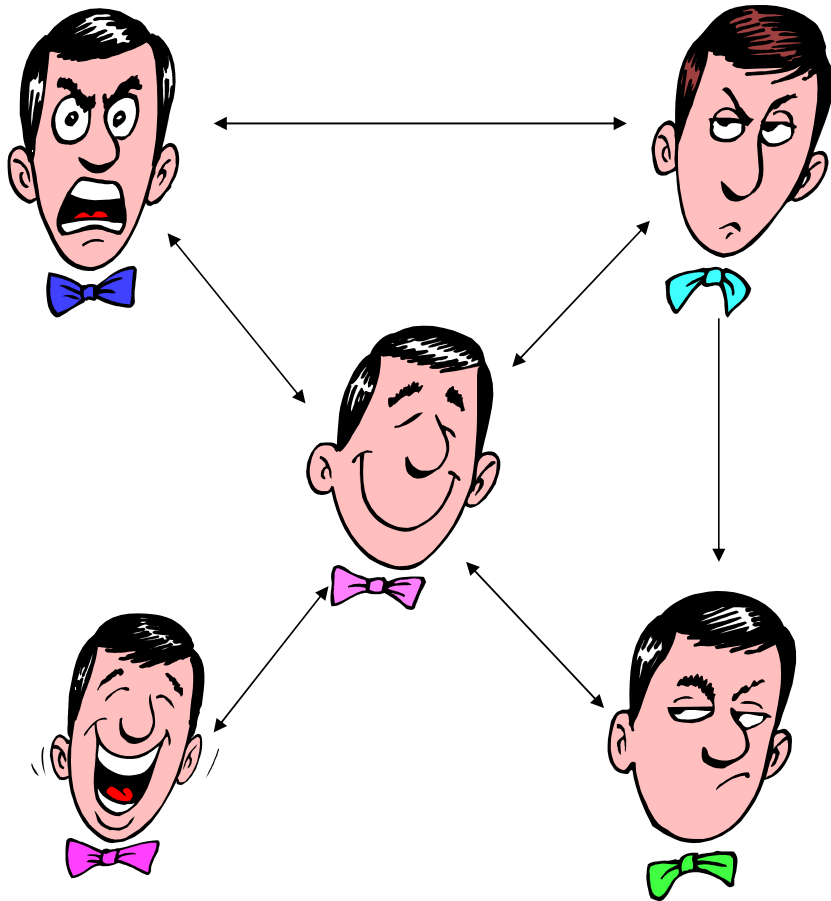
- Stochastic State Machine
- Observable States
- Observable Sequence
- Signal Generation
 - State Transitions
 - State-Output Associations

The State Machine



- System Model
 - Set of Internal States
 - Transition Dynamics
 - Deterministic
 - Stochastic
- Signal Model
 - External Manifestation
 - Internal State
 - Output As
 - Deterministic Reasoning
 - Probabilistic Inferencing

The Hidden States



- A Special Case
 - Assuming an Abstract System
 - Abstract System States
 - No Physical Association
 - Mathematical Significance
- Hidden Markov Process
 - Stochastic Transitions
 - Probabilistic Association
- Analogy of Behavior
 - Person as System
 - Mood as Hidden States
 - Output as Facial Expression

Notations

$\mathcal{S} = \{s_i; i = 1, \dots N\}$: Set of States

$\mathcal{Q} = \{q_t; t = 1, \dots T\}$: Ordered Sequence of States

$\mathcal{O} = \{o_t; t = 1, \dots T\}$: Ordered Sequence of Observations

$\mathcal{V} = \{v_k; k = 1, \dots M\}$: Set of Observable Symbols

N Hidden States

M Observable Symbols

T Observations

Notations

$q_t = s_i$: State at Instant t is s_i

$o_t = v_k$: Observation at Instant t is v_k

Q_t : Time Ordered Set of States till Instant t

O_t : Time Ordered Set of Observations till Instant t

Q^* : Optimal State Sequence

Notations

State Transition Probability

$$a_{ij} = P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid q_t = s_i)$$

State-Output Association Probability

$$b_{jk} = b_j(v_k) = P(o_t = v_k \mid q_t = s_j)$$

Initial State Probability

$$\pi_i = P(q_1 = s_i)$$

Notations

State Transition Probability Matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_{(N \times N)} = \{a_{ij}\}$$

State-Output Association Probability Matrix

$$\mathbf{B}_{(N \times M)} = b_{jk}$$

Initial State Probability Array

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{(1 \times N)} = \{\pi_i\}$$

Hidden Markov Model

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\pi}\}$$

Assumptions

First Order Process

$$P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid q_t = s_i, q_{t-1} = s_m, \dots) = P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid q_t = s_i)$$

Stationarity or Time Homogeneity

$$P(q_{t+m+1} = s_j \mid q_{t+m} = s_i) = P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid q_t = s_i)$$

Observation Independence

$$P(\mathbf{O} \mid \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = P(o_1 \mid \boldsymbol{\lambda})P(o_2 \mid \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \dots P(o_T \mid \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

Constraints

Initialization Probabilities

$$\forall i \pi_i \geq 0; \sum_{i=1}^N \pi_i = 1$$

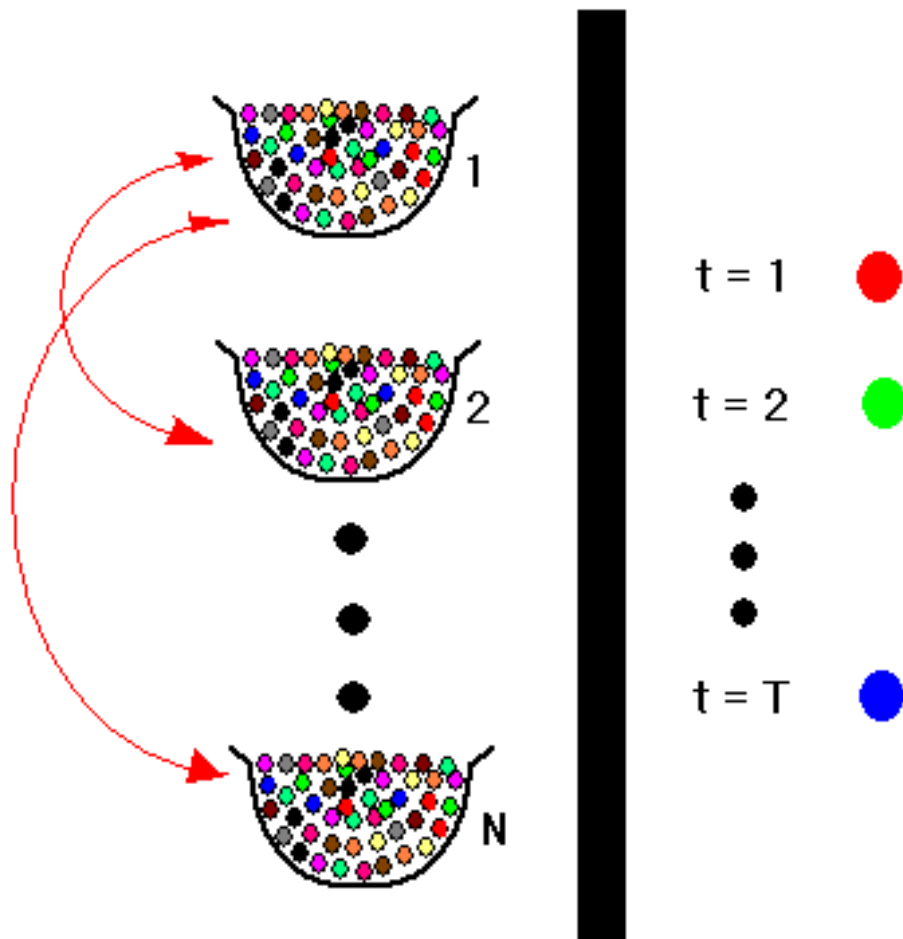
State Transition Probabilities

$$\forall i, j \ a_{ij} \geq 0; \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} = 1$$

Output Association Probabilities

$$\forall j, k \ b_{jk} \geq 0; \sum_{k=1}^M b_{jk} = 1$$

The Urn-Ball Model



- Experiment Setup
 - Consider N Urns
 - M Balls of Distinct Colors
 - Different Ball Distribution in Urns
 - Urns “Hidden” in a Room
 - Experimenter in Room
- Experiment
 - Urn Chosen Randomly
 - Ball Picked Up Randomly
 - Observation as Color
- Explanation
 - Urns as Hidden States
 - Balls as Output Symbols
 - Experiment as Generating Process

HMM: Illustration Purposes

$N = 3$ Hidden States

$M = 3$ Observable Symbols

$T = 3$ Observations

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.4 \\ 0.6 & 0.1 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.4 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = [0.3 \quad 0.4 \quad 0.3]$$

$$\lambda_I = \{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\pi}\}$$

$$\mathbf{O} = [v_2 \quad v_3 \quad v_1]$$

HMM: Evaluation

Given Observation Sequence \mathbf{O} and Hidden Markov Model $\lambda = \{A, B, \pi\}$

$P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)$: Probability that λ has generated \mathbf{O}



Direct Method

Backward-Forward
Algorithm

Probability Recaps

Conditional Probability

$$P(X, Y \mid Z) = P(X \mid Y, Z)P(Y \mid Z)$$

Marginalization

$$\sum_{i=1}^K P(X, Y_i \mid Z) = P(X \mid Z)$$

Corollary

$$\sum_{i=1}^K P(X, V_i \mid Z)P(Y, V_i \mid Z) = P(X, Y \mid Z)$$

Evaluation: Direct Method

$$P(\mathbf{o} \mid \lambda) = \sum_{\mathbf{Q} \in \{\mathbf{Q}\}} P(\mathbf{o} \mid \mathbf{Q}, \lambda) P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \lambda)$$

N^T Possible Paths

$$P(\mathbf{o} \mid \mathbf{Q}, \lambda) = \prod_{t=1}^T P(o_t \mid q_t, \lambda) = \prod_{t=1}^T b_{q_t}(o_t)$$

T Multiplications

Evaluation: Direct Method

$$\begin{aligned}P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \lambda) &= P(q_t \mid \mathbf{Q}_{t-1}, \lambda) P(\mathbf{Q}_{t-1} \mid \lambda) \\&= P(q_t \mid q_{t-1}, \mathbf{Q}_{t-2}, \lambda) P(\mathbf{Q}_{t-1} \mid \lambda) = P(q_t \mid q_{t-1}, \lambda) P(\mathbf{Q}_{t-1} \mid \lambda)\end{aligned}$$



$$P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \lambda) = P(q_t \mid q_{t-1}, \lambda) P(q_{t-1} \mid q_{t-2}, \lambda) \dots P(q_2 \mid q_1, \lambda) P(q_1 \mid \lambda)$$



$$P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \lambda) = \left(\prod_{t=2}^T P(q_t \mid q_{t-1}, \lambda) \right) P(q_1 \mid \lambda)$$

T Multiplications

Evaluation: Forward Variable

The Forward Variable

$$\alpha_t(i) = P(\mathbf{O}_t, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) = P(o_1, \dots, o_t, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda)$$

Initialization

$$\alpha_1(i) = P(o_1, q_1 = s_i \mid \lambda)$$

$$P(o_1, q_1 = s_i \mid \lambda) = P(o_1 \mid q_1 = s_i, \lambda)P(q_1 = s_i \mid \lambda)$$

$$\alpha_1(i) = b_i(o_1)\pi_i$$

Forward Variable: Induction

$$\alpha_{t+1}(j) = P(\mathbf{O}_{t+1}, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda) = P(o_1, \dots, o_t, o_{t+1}, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda)$$

$$P(\mathbf{O}_t, o_{t+1}, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda) = P(\mathbf{O}_t \mid o_{t+1}, q_{t+1} = s_j, \lambda) P(o_{t+1}, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda)$$

$$= P(\mathbf{O}_t \mid q_{t+1} = s_j, \lambda) P(o_{t+1} \mid q_{t+1} = s_j, \lambda) P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda)$$

$$= P(\mathbf{O}_t, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda) b_j(o_{t+1})$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^N P(\mathbf{O}_t, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) P(q_{t+1} = s_j \mid q_t = s_i, \lambda) \right) b_j(o_{t+1})$$

Forward Variable: Induction

$$\alpha_{t+1}(j) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{P(\mathbf{o}_t, q_t = s_i \mid \boldsymbol{\lambda})}_{N \text{ Evaluations}} \underbrace{a_{ij}}_{N \text{ Multiplications}} \right) b_j(o_{t+1})$$

N^2 Multiplications per instant

Evaluation: Forward Variable

$$P(\mathbf{o} \mid \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N P(\mathbf{o}_T, q_T = s_i \mid \lambda)$$

$$P(\mathbf{o} \mid \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i)$$

Evaluation: Backward Variable

Backward Variable $\beta_t(i) = P(o_{t+1}, \dots o_T \mid q_t = s_i, \lambda)$

Initialization $\beta_T(i) = 1$

Induction $\beta_t(i) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)$

Final Evaluation $P(\mathbf{o} \mid \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N b_i(o_1) \beta_1(i)$

Evaluation: Computation Gain

Direct Method	Forward/Backward
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Computation Intensive➤ $2T$ Computations/Path➤ N^T Possible Paths➤ $O(2TN^T)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Very Efficient➤ N^2 Computations/Instant➤ T Possible Instants➤ $O(TN^2)$

HMM: State Sequencing

Given Observation Sequence \mathbf{O} and Hidden Markov Model $\lambda = \{A, B, \pi\}$

Optimal State Sequence to generate \mathbf{O} using λ



Instantaneous Best
State Approach

Viterbi
Algorithm

HMM: State Sequence Estimation

- How to Choose the Best???
- Given, the Observation and Model
- Deciding Criteria
 - Individualistic Approach
 - Group Approach
- Optimizing w.r.t. Path
 - Maximize $P(Q|O, \lambda)$
 - Viterbi Algorithm

State Occupancy Measure $\gamma_t(i)$

$$\gamma_t(i) = P(q_t = s_i \mid \mathbf{O}, \lambda) = \frac{P(\mathbf{O}, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda)}{P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{O}, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) &= P(o_1, \dots, o_t, o_{t+1}, \dots, o_T, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) \\ &= P(o_1, \dots, o_t, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) P(o_{t+1}, \dots, o_T \mid q_t = s_i, \lambda) = \alpha_t(i) \beta_t(i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N P(\mathbf{O}, q_t = s_i \mid \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_t(i) \beta_t(i) = P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)$$

Individually, Most Likely...

$$\gamma_t(i) = \frac{\alpha_t(i)\beta_t(i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_t(j)\beta_t(j)}$$

Note: γ induces a Probability Measure

Algorithm

- Compute for each Instant
- Assign the highest one
- Proceed to form the Path

Problems

- Self-Centered Approach
- Do not Consider Neighbors
- May form Invalid Transitions

Viterbi Algorithm

Partial Path Measure

$$\delta_t(i) = \max_{q_1, \dots, q_{t-1}} P(q_1, \dots, q_{t-1}, q_t = s_i, o_1, \dots, o_t \mid \lambda)$$

Initialization

$$\delta_1(i) = P(q_1 = s_i, o_1 \mid \lambda)$$

$$\delta_1(i) = P(o_1 \mid q_1 = s_i, \lambda) P(q_1 = s_i \mid \lambda) = b_i(o_1) \pi_i$$

$$\psi_1(i) = 0$$

Viterbi Algorithm

$$\delta_{t-1}(i)a_{ij} = \max_{q_1, \dots, q_{t-2}} \underbrace{P(q_1, \dots, q_{t-2}, q_{t-1} = s_i, o_1, \dots, o_{t-1} \mid \lambda)}_{\text{Partially Optimal Path}} \underbrace{P(q_t = s_j \mid q_{t-1} = s_i, \lambda)}_{\text{Jump from i to j}}$$

Induction

$$\delta_t(j) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \{ \delta_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} \} b_i(o_1)$$

$$\psi_t(j) = \underset{1 \leq i \leq N}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ \delta_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} \}$$

Viterbi Algorithm

Final Evaluation

$$P^* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \delta_T(i) \qquad Q^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{1 \leq i \leq N} \delta_T(i)$$

Back-Tracking

$$q_t^* = \psi_{t+1}(q_{t+1}^*)$$
$$1 \leq t \leq T - 1$$

HMM: Learning

Given Observation Sequence \mathbf{O} and Hidden Markov Model $\lambda = \{A, B, \pi\}$

Adjusting $\lambda = \{A, B, \pi\}$ to Maximize $P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)$



Baum-Welch Re-estimation Algorithm

HMM: Learning

- Given, the Observation Sequence \mathbf{O}
- Search in Model Space $\{\lambda\}$
- Best Model to Generate Given Sequence
- To Maximize $P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)$
- Optimization w.r.t. $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \pi)$
- Maximization through
 - Constrained Gradient Ascent Optimization
 - Expectation Maximization (Baum-Welch) Algorithm

Joint State Measure $\eta_t(i, j)$

$$\eta_t(i, j) = P(q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \mathbf{O}, \lambda)$$

$$P(q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \mathbf{O}, \lambda) = \frac{P(\mathbf{O}, q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \lambda)}{P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)}$$

$$P(q_t = s_i, q_{t+1} = s_j \mid \mathbf{O}, \lambda) = \frac{\alpha_t(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{r=1}^N \alpha_t(l) a_{lr} b_r(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(r)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \eta_t(i, j) = \gamma_t(i)$$

Joint State Measure: Observations

$$\eta_t(i, j) = \frac{\alpha_t(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_t(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j)} \quad \sum_{j=1}^N \eta_t(i, j) = \gamma_t(i)$$

η induces a Probability Measure

$\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \gamma_t(i) : \text{Expected Number of Transitions from } s_i$

$\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \eta_t(i, j) : \text{Expected Number of Transitions from } s_i \text{ to } s_j$

Baum-Welch Re-estimation (π)

$\bar{\pi}_i$ = Expected Number of
Times at State s_i at $t = 1$

$$\bar{\pi}_i = \gamma_1(i)$$

Baum-Welch Re-estimation (A)

$$\overline{a_{ij}} = \frac{\text{Expected Number of Transitions from } s_i \text{ to } s_j}{\text{Expected Number of Transitions from } s_i}$$

$$\overline{a_{ij}} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \eta_t(i, j)}{\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \gamma_t(i)}$$

Baum-Welch Re-estimation (B)

$$\overline{b_{jk}} = \frac{\text{Expected Number of Times in State } s_j \text{ and Observing } v_k}{\text{Expected Number Times in State } s_j}$$

$$\overline{b_{jk}} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j) \delta[o_t; v_k]}{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j)}$$

$$\delta[o_t; v_k] = \begin{cases} 1, & o_t = v_k \\ 0, & o_t \neq v_k \end{cases}$$

Notes on Re-estimation

- Ensures $P(\mathbf{O} \mid \bar{\lambda}) \geq P(\mathbf{O} \mid \lambda)$
- Proposed By Baum-Welch
- Automatically Satisfies Stochastic Constraints
- Other Approach through Gradient Ascent
- Stochastic Constraints by Lagrange Multipliers
- Both Leads to same formulae
- Global Maxima is not Assured
- Frequently Local Maxima is Satisfactory

Continuous Data Sequences

Express $b_j(O)$ as

$$b_j(O) = \sum_{m=1}^M c_{jm} \Psi(O; \mu_{jm}, U_{jm})$$

Satisfying Constraints

$$\sum_{m=1}^M c_{jm} = 1 \text{ AND } c_{jm} \geq 0$$

Define a Probability Measure

$$\gamma_t(j, k) = \left[\frac{\alpha_t(j) \beta_t(j)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_t(j) \beta_t(j)} \right] \left[\frac{c_{jk} \Psi(o_t; \mu_{jk}, U_{jk})}{\sum_{m=1}^M c_{jm} \Psi(o_t; \mu_{jm}, U_{jm})} \right]$$

Re-estimation

$$\overline{c}_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j, k)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^M \gamma_t(j, k)}$$

$$\overline{\mu}_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j, k) \cdot o_t}{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j, k)}$$

$$\overline{U}_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j, k) \cdot (o_t - \mu_{jk})(o_t - \mu_{jk})^T}{\sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(j, k)}$$

Implementation Issues

- Finite Register Length Limitations
- Handling Multiple Training Data
- Tackling Insufficient Learning Data
- Parameter Initialization
- Choice of Model Dimensions

Scaling

Define Scaling Variable

$$c_t = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_t(i)}$$

Problems with Probability Values

- Less than 1
- Often very small
- Underflow when multiplied in long chain
- Occurs in Evaluation and Learning

Scale Forward / Backward Variables as

$$\overset{\text{scaled}}{\alpha}_t(i) = c_t \alpha_t(i) \text{ AND } \overset{\text{scaled}}{\beta}_t(i) = c_t \beta_t(i)$$

Evaluation Probability

$$\ln[P(O \mid \lambda)] = - \sum_{t=1}^T c_t$$

Training Data Issues

Multiple Training Data

Express Data Set Evaluation as

$$P[O^{(1)}, O^{(1)}, \dots, O^{(K)} | \lambda] = \prod_{k=1}^K P[O^{(k)} | \lambda] = \prod_{k=1}^K P_k$$

New Learning Rules

$$\bar{a}_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{P_k} \sum_{t=1}^{T_k-1} \alpha_t^k(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}^k) \beta_{t+1}^k(j)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{P_k} \sum_{t=1}^{T_k-1} \alpha_t^k(i) \beta_t^k(j)}$$

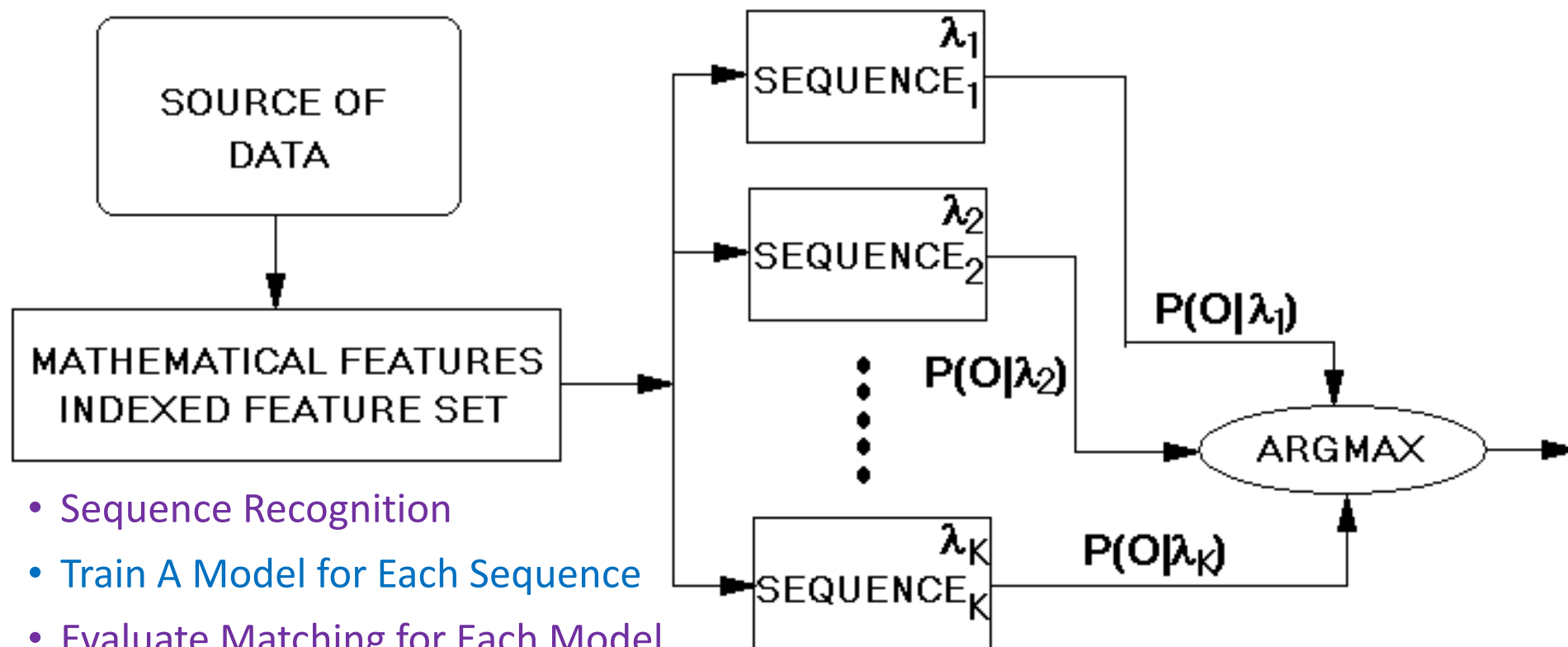
Insufficient Training Data

- Interpolate to Expand Data Set
- Model Interpolation

Parameter Issues

- Model Structure
 - Graphical Model Selection
 - Number of States
 - Observation Clustering
 - Growing and Pruning
- Initial Estimates
 - (A, π) : Equally Likely Events
 - B: Statistical Analysis of Observation
 - Manual Segmentation
 - Mixture Models
 - K-Means Clustering

HMM: Classification



- Sequence Recognition
- Train A Model for Each Sequence
- Evaluate Matching for Each Model
- Highest Match Indicates the Sequence
- Speech/Gesture Recognition

Summary

- Hidden Markov Models
- Evaluation, State Sequencing & Learning
- Training Issues
- HMM Execution



Thank You