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 - With a spending spree!
- Hidden Markov Model
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Applications

- The games "Snakes and Ladders" and "Hi Ho! Cherry-O" can both be represented exactly as Markov Chains
- Google's PageRank algorithm behaves like a Markov Chain over the graph of the Web
- Markov Chains are used in queuing theory for analyzing and optimizing the performance of communications networks

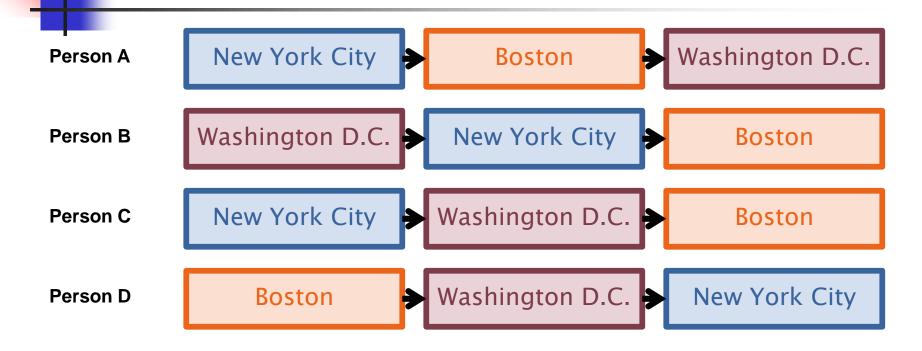
Vacation Time

Using techniques learned up to this point, how would you create a system to recommend a vacation trip?

It's probably no surprise...

This can be accomplished easily with a Markov Model!

Vacation Time

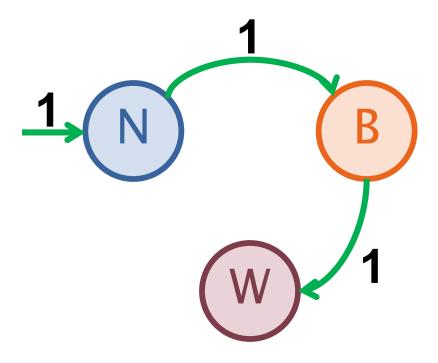


How can a Markov Model describe these sequences of city visitations?



Person A's Vacation







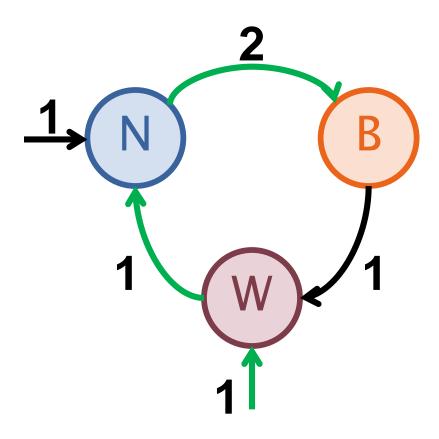
Person B's Vacation



Washington D.C.

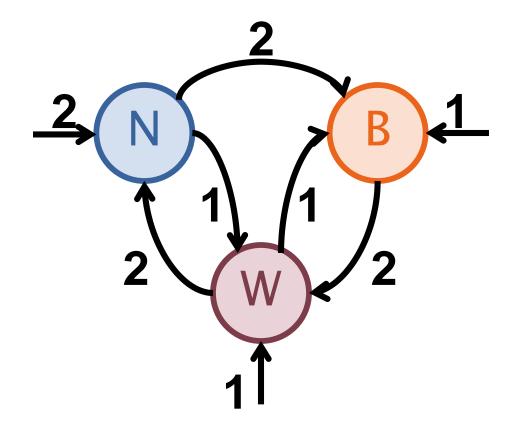
New York City

Boston



Everybody's Vacation

Completed diagram



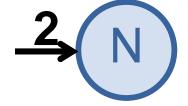
Now what?

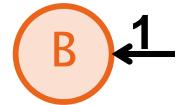
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Initial Cities

Starting city popularity

$$\Pi = [1/2, 1/4, 1/4]$$



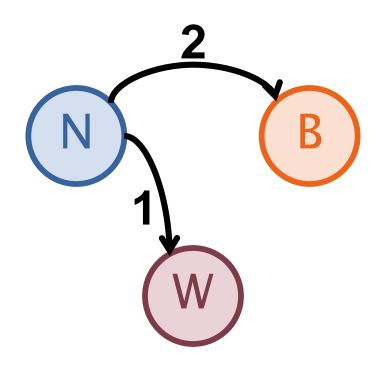




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New York City Transitions

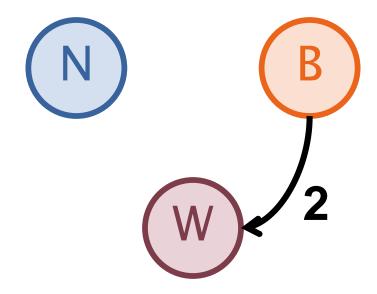
- $\sim N \rightarrow W = 1/3$
- $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B} = 2/3$





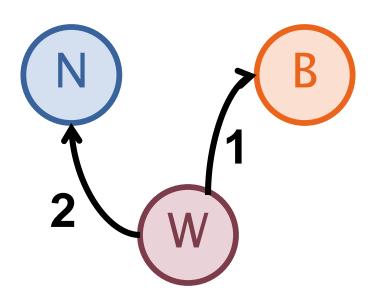
Boston Transitions

$$\blacksquare B \rightarrow W = 1$$



Washington DC Transitions

- $\sim W \rightarrow N = 2/3$
- \blacksquare W \rightarrow B=1/3



Transition Matrix

Trans-whose-a-what????

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New York City...

• To Washington DC = 1/3

Trans-whose-a-what?

Washington DC...

• To Boston = 1/3

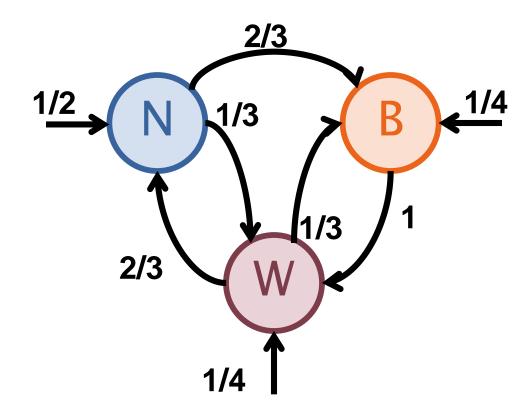
Trans-whose-a-what?

Boston...

■ To Boston = 0

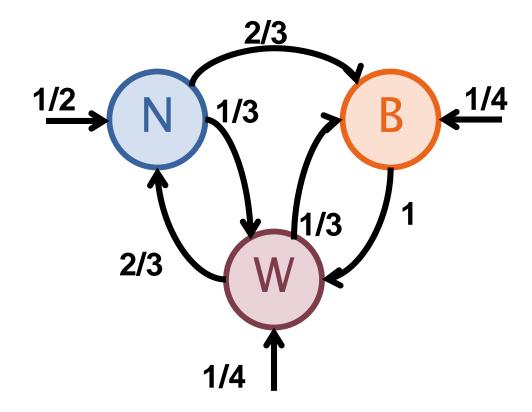
Markov Model

■ The completed Markov Model...



Now what?

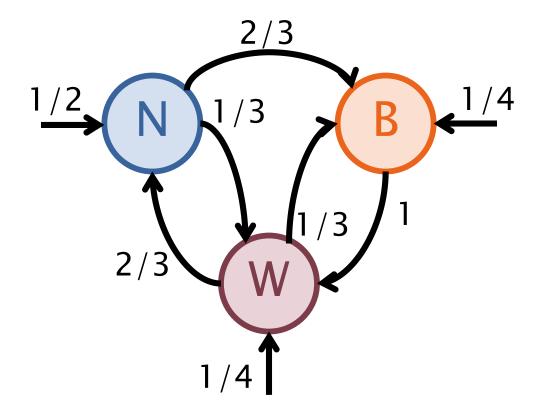
- If somebody is planning a trip...
- Recommend the most popular trip



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What Makes it Popular?

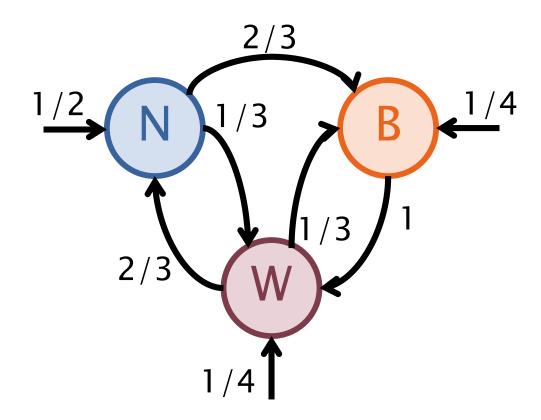
$$P([W\rightarrow N\rightarrow B]) = 1/4*2/3*2/3=1/9$$



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What Makes it Popular?

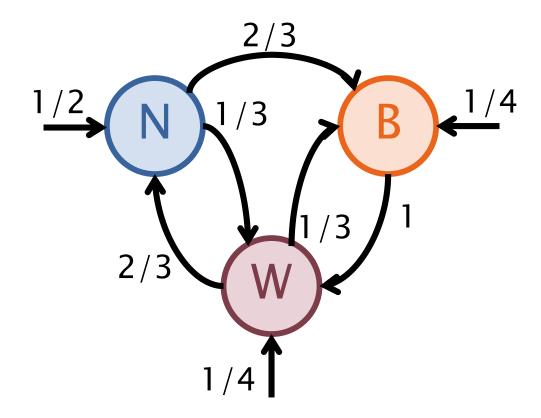
$$P([B \rightarrow W \rightarrow B]) = 1/4*1/3*1=1/12$$



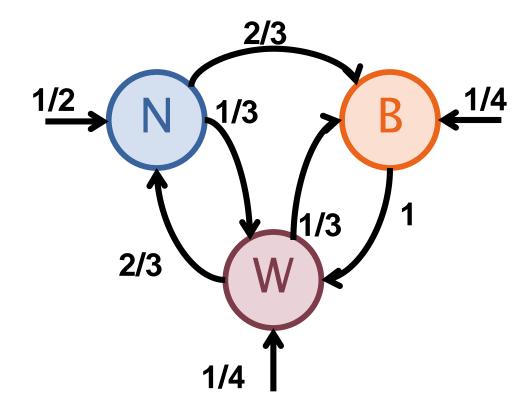


What Makes it Popular?

$$P([N \rightarrow B \rightarrow W]) = 1/2*2/3*1=1/3$$

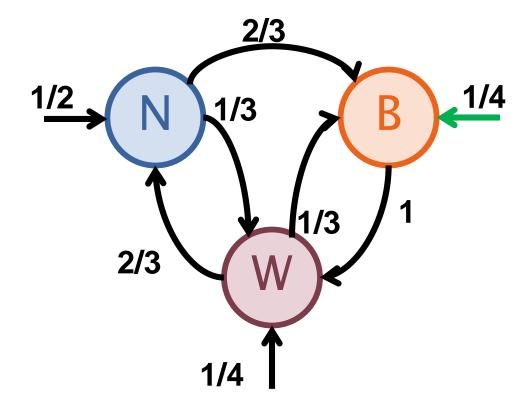


- If we know a person's location...
- We can make recommendations

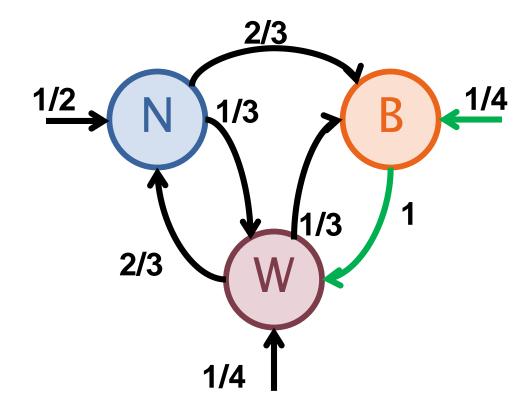


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- If we know vacationers are in Boston...
- Recommend Washington DC



- From Washington DC...
- Recommend New York City



Python Implementation

```
class markovmodel:
   #transmat: None
   def init (self, transmat = None, startprob = None):
       self.transmat = transmat
       self.startprob = startprob
   # It assumes the state number starts from 0
   def fit(self, X):
       ns = max([max(items) for items in X]) + 1
       self.transmat = np.zeros([ns, ns])
       self.startprob = np.zeros([ns])
       for items in X:
           n = len(items)
           self.startprob[items[0]] += 1
           for i in range(n-1):
               self.transmat[items[i], items[i+1]] += 1
       self.startprob = self.startprob / sum(self.startprob)
       n = self.transmat.shape[0]
       d = np.sum(self.transmat, axis=1)
       for i in range(n):
           if d[i] == 0:
               self.transmat[i,:] = 1.0 / n
       d[d == 0] = 1
       self.transmat = self.transmat * \
                       np.transpose(np.outer(np.ones([ns,1]), 1./d))
    def predict(self, obs, steps):
        pred = []
        n = len(obs)
        if len(obs) > 0:
            s = obs[-1]
        else:
            s = np.argmax(np.random.multinomial(1,
                              self.startprob.tolist(), size = 1))
        for i in range(steps):
            s1 = np.random.multinomial(1, self.transmat[s,:].tolist(),
                                         size = 1)
            pred.append(np.arqmax(s1))
            s = np.argmax(s1)
        return pred
```



Python Implementation



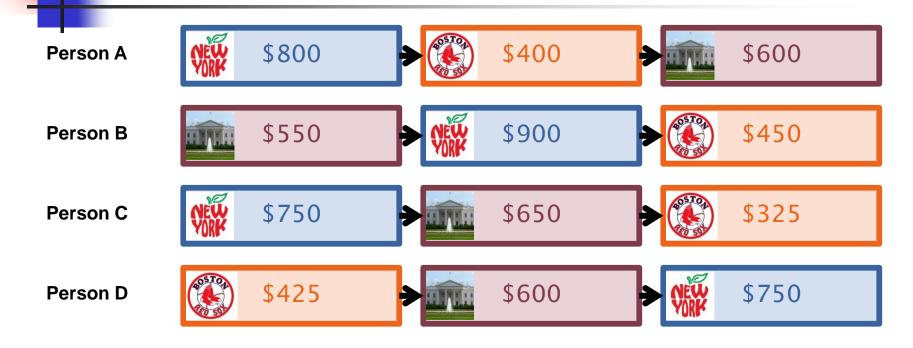
Markov Model

- Markov Models are cool but is there something cooler?
- Yes!

Can be extended to Hidden Markov.

Models





- Now, the vacationers are on a spending spree
- Each person spends differently in each city
- Patterns emerge

Learning the Patterns

How can we learn these patterns?

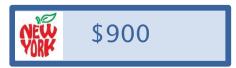
Unfortunately we need to do some

math...

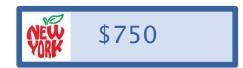












Mean

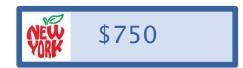
$$\mu = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} o_k = \frac{800 + 900 + 750 + 750}{4} = \$800$$





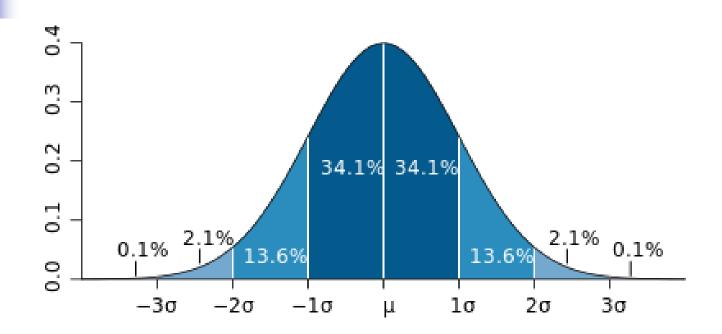






Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} (o_k - \mu)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{0 + 100^2 + 50^2 + 50^2}{4}} = $61$$



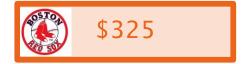
Normal Distribution

$$N(\mu, \sigma) = N(\$800, \$61)$$







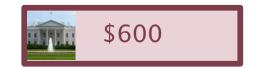


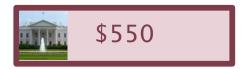


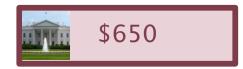
Normal Distribution

$$N(\mu, \sigma) = N(\$400, \$47)$$











Normal Distribution

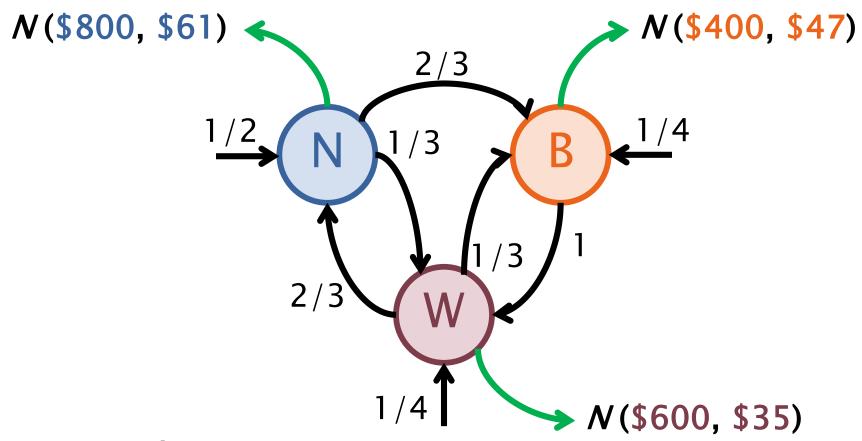
$$N(\mu, \sigma) = N(\$600, \$35)$$

Probable spending functions...

We just created a Hidden Markov Model!

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Hidden Markov Model



Now what?

What if we don't know which city the vacationers are in?

Instead, we only have observations of

their spending



We know only this spending pattern...



How can we determine the sequence of cities visited?

Let's check the first observation...



What is the most probable city?

Now the second observation...



What is the most probable city?

Now the third observation...



What is the most probable city?

Partial Observations

• What if we only have a single observation?



Partial Observations

A single observation...





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Partial Observations

A single observation...



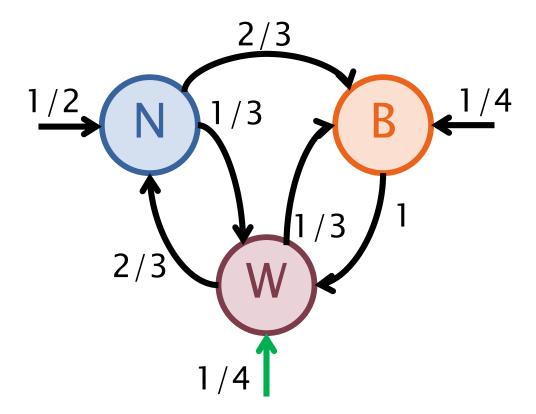
As earlier, infer current city...



Partial Observations

Now we can make recommendations





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Partial Observations

Let's try another...



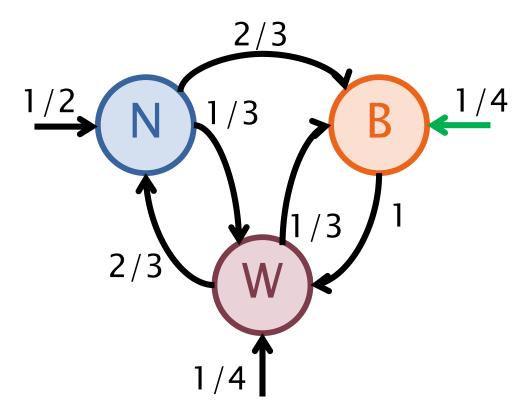
Infer current city location

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Partial Observations

Make recommendations...





```
import numpy as np
from hmmlearn import hmm

label = {0: "New York City", 1: "Boston", 2: "Washington D.C."}
X = [[[800], [400], [600]],
        [[550], [900], [450]],
        [[750], [650], [325]],
        [[425], [600], [750]]]
y = [[0,          1,         2],
        [2,          0,         1],
        [0,          2,         1],
        [1,          2,         0]]
```

- Train a HMM model with Gaussian observations
- Predict the latent cities of training sequences of spendings

```
startprob, transmat, means, covars = estimate_parameters(X, y)
model = hmm.GaussianHMM(3, "full", startprob, transmat)
model.means_ = means
model.covars_ = covars
for x in X:
    y = model.predict(x)
    print [label[s] for s in y]
```

```
['New York City', 'Boston', 'Washington D.C.']
['Washington D.C.', 'New York City', 'Boston']
['New York City', 'Washington D.C.', 'Boston']
['Boston', 'Washington D.C.', 'New York City']
```

 Given three testing sequences of spendings, apply the trained HMM model to predict the latent cities of two testing sequences

```
X = [[[450], [650]],
        [[850], [500]]]

for x in X:
    y = model.predict(x)
    print [label[s] for s in y]

['Boston', 'Washington D.C.']
['New York City', 'Boston']
```

- Forecast subsequent cities to be visited
- Forecast subsequent spendings

```
x = [[450], [650]]
y = hmm_predict_states(model, x, 3)
print [label[s] for s in y]

['Boston', 'Washington D.C.', 'New York City']

x = [[450], [650]]
cons = hmm_predict_features(model, x, 3)
print [round(con[0], 2) for con in cons]

[604.94, 594.29, 595.64]
```

Summary

- Markov Models are pretty cool
- Hidden Markov Models are cooler
- Both are used for predictions based on sequences of events
- The order the events occur in must be relevant to the data
- Is there something even cooler???

Cooler than Markov Models

