

HMM Part-of-Speech Tagging

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HMM is a probabilistic sequence model.



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It's as if to predict tomorrow's weather you could examine today's weather but you weren't allowed to look at yesterday's weather.



Markov chain

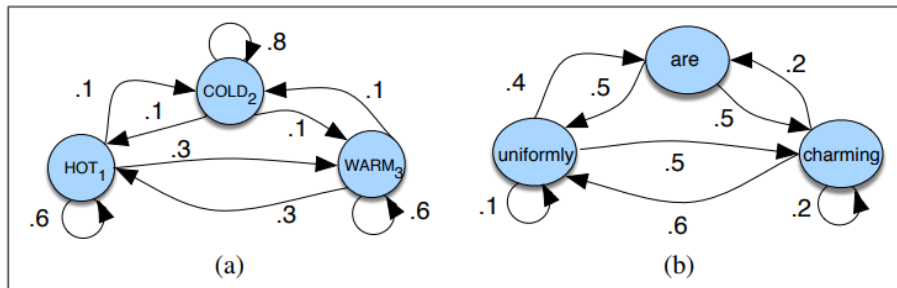


Figure 8.8 A Markov chain for weather (a) and one for words (b), showing states and transitions. A start distribution π is required; setting $\pi = [0.1, 0.7, 0.2]$ for (a) would mean a probability 0.7 of starting in state 2 (cold), probability 0.1 of starting in state 1 (hot), etc.



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=> Markov chain represents a bigram language model.



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Formally, a Markov chain is specified by the following components:

$Q = q_1 q_2 \dots q_N$	a set of N states
$A = a_{11} a_{12} \dots a_{N1} \dots a_{NN}$	a transition probability matrix A , each a_{ij} representing the probability of moving from state i to state j , s.t. $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i$
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Ex : Use the sample probabilities in Fig 8.8a (with $\pi = [0.1, 0.7, 0.2]$) to compute the probability of each of the following sequences:

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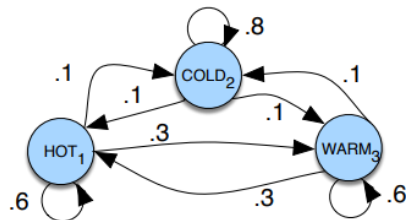
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$P(\text{CHCH}) =$



(a)

Fig.8.8a



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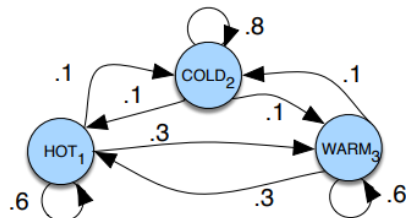
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$$\begin{aligned} P(HHHH) &= P(H) * P(H|H) * \\ &P(H|H) * P(H|H) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.6 * 0.6 * 0.6 = 0.0216 \end{aligned}$$

(8.5) cold hot cold hot

$$\begin{aligned} P(CHCH) &= P(C) * P(H|C) * \\ &P(C|H) * P(H|C) \\ &= 0.7 * 0.1 * 0.1 * 0.1 = 0.0007 \end{aligned}$$



(a)

Fig.8.8a



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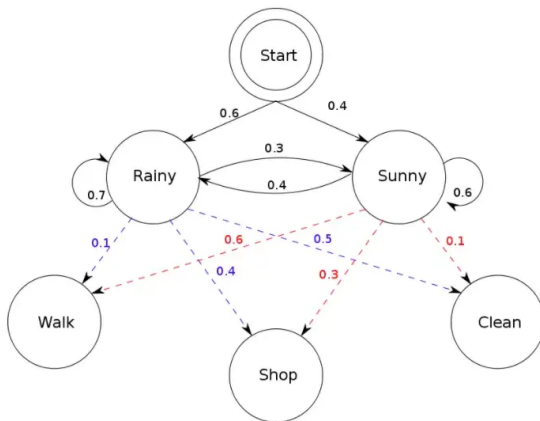
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Hidden Markov Model

Sometimes, what we want to predict is a sequence of states that aren't directly observable in the environment.



Hidden Markov Model

Why do we need HMM for POS Tagger?

If you notice closely, we can have the words in a sentence as **Observable States (given to us in the data)** but their POS Tags as **Hidden states** and hence we use HMM for estimating POS tags.

It must be noted that we call **Observable states** ‘**Observation**’ **Hidden states** ‘**States**’.

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$O = o_1 o_2 \dots o_T$	a sequence of T observations , each one drawn from a vocabulary $V = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_V$
$B = b_i(o_t)$	a sequence of observation likelihoods , also called emission probabilities , each expressing the probability of an observation o_t being generated from a state q_i
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Hidden Markov Model

A first-order hidden Markov model instantiates two simplifying assumptions. First, as with a first-order Markov chain, the probability of a particular state depends only on the previous state:

Markov Assumption:

$$P(q_i | q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}) = P(q_i | q_{i-1}) \quad (8.6)$$

Second, the probability of an output observation o_i depends only on the state that produced the observation q_i and not on any other states or any other observations:

Output Independence:

$$P(o_i | q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_T, o_1, \dots, o_i, \dots, o_T) = P(o_i | q_i) \quad (8.7)$$

