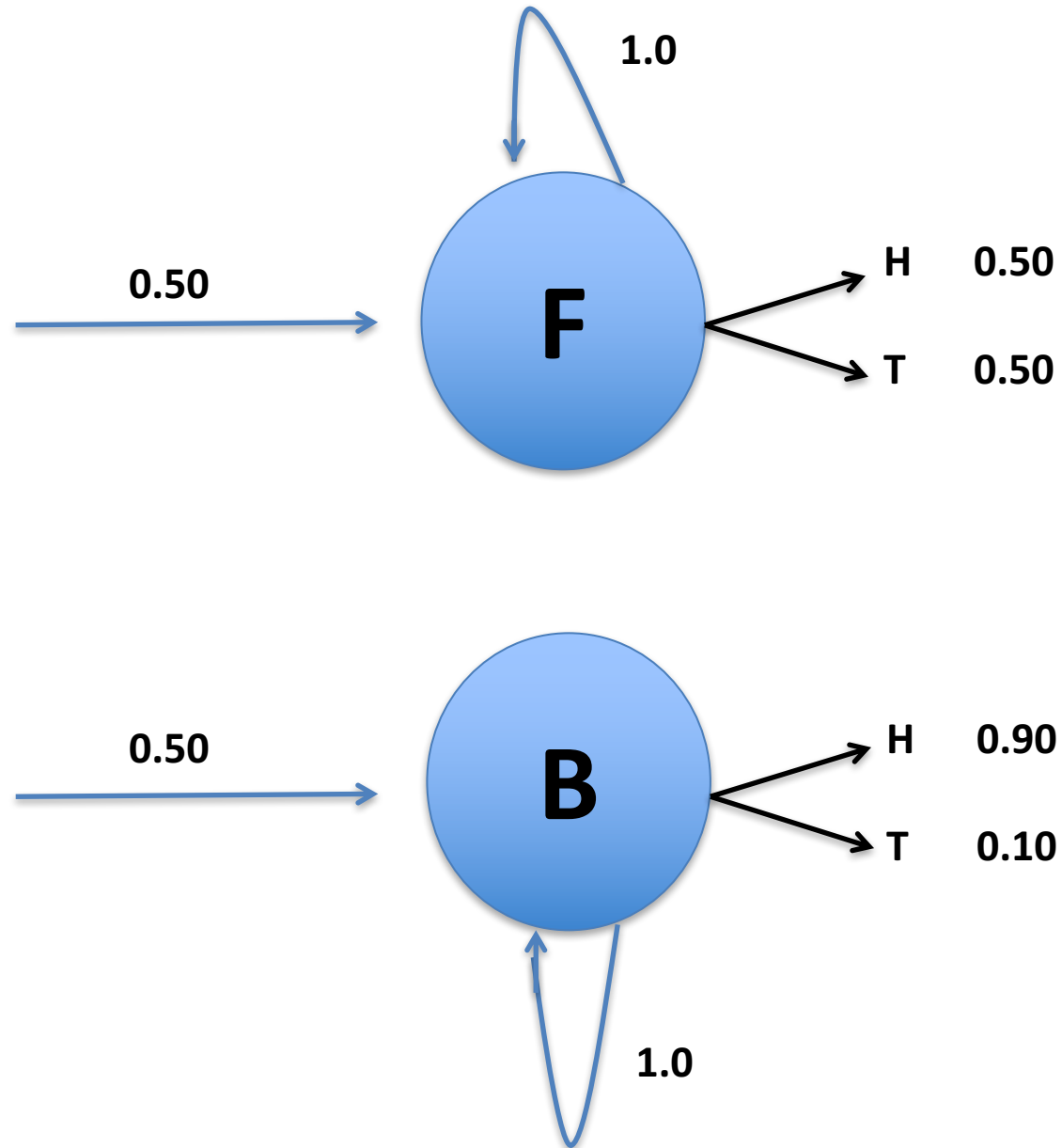


# Part I. Mammograms and Breast Cancer

- Approximately 12% of females will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime (and 88% of females will not)
- For females that have invasive breast cancer, a mammogram will detect the cancer (will be positive) about 40% of the time.
- However, a female that does not have breast cancer will have a positive mammogram 5% of the time.
- **1. Specify the following probabilities:**
  - $P(\text{Br})$  = probability a randomly selected female has invasive breast cancer
  - $P(+ | \text{Br})$  = the probability that a female with invasive breast cancer will have a positive mammogram
  - $P(+ | \text{healthy})$  = the probability that a female without invasive breast cancer will have a positive mammogram
- **2. Calculate  $P(+)$  = the probability that a randomly selected female would have a positive mammogram**
- **3. Calculate  $P(\text{Br} | +)$  = the probability that a female with a positive mammogram has breast cancer. (This is the probability that a female who tests positive really has breast cancer). Based on this result, is it likely that an individual with a positive mammogram has breast cancer? Note: this question provides insight into why the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) advises against routine mammogram screening until women are 50 years old. More information:**  
<http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/science-wont-settle-the-mammogram-debate/>

**Part II.** Consider the HMM on the right which models the selection of a single coin that is then tossed multiple times. Suppose the following sequence is observed from selecting and flipping a coin 4 times: **THT**

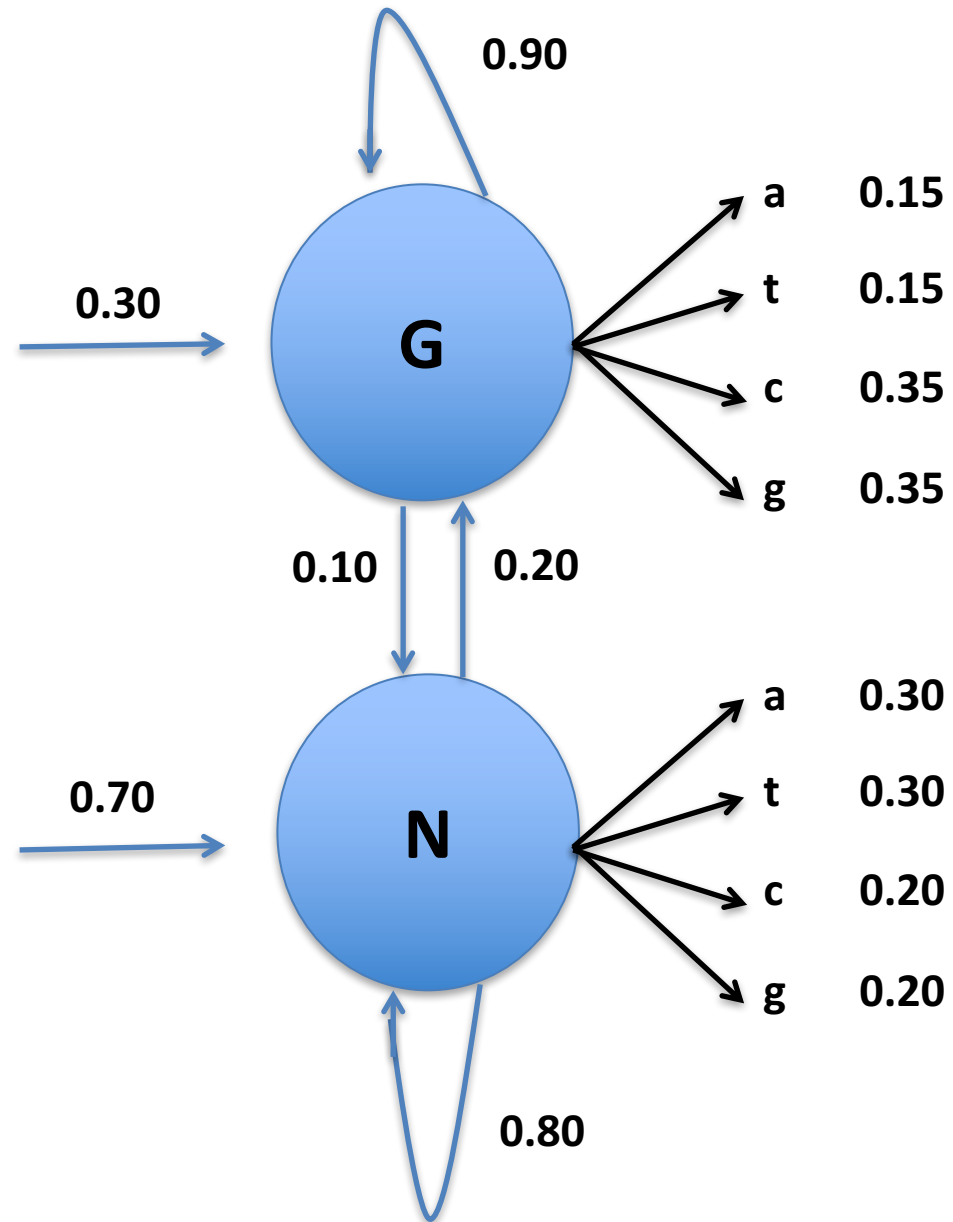
1. Given this observation of *THTH*, the probability that the fair coin was selected is proportional to what value?
2. Given this observation of *THTH*, the probability that the biased coin was selected is proportional to what value?
3. Given this observation of *THTH*, how many times more likely is it that the fair coin was selected than the biased one?



**Part III.** Consider the HMM on the right, which models gene regions (G) and non-gene regions (N) in the genome, based on the fact that genes have higher GC content (guanine and cytosine nucleotides) than non-gene regions. Suppose the following sequence is observed: *aaggc*

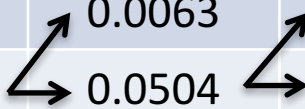
**Note:** In the questions below, you must show all your work to receive credit. Do not round any of your answers.

1. Given this observation of *aaggc*, show that the probability of the hidden state sequence NNGNN is proportional to  $1.12896 \times 10^{-5}$  (0.0000112896)?
2. Use the dynamic programming matrix on the next page and answer the questions based on this HMM.



# Part IV (do not round any answers)

	a	a	g	g	c
Gene (G)	0.045	0.0063	0.003528		
Non-Gene (N)	0.21	0.0504	0.008064		



1. What is the optimal gene structure for the dinucleotide sequence *aa*? The probability of that structure is proportional to what value?
2. Complete the above dynamic programming matrix.
3. What is the optimal gene structure for the nucleotide sequence *aaggc*?
4. The probability that the optimal gene structure produced the sequence *aaggc* is proportional to what value?

# Part V

1. Suppose that this same HMM was used to analyze a sequence 30 nucleotides long. What is the exact number of possible hidden state sequences? From the choices below, approximately how many possible hidden state sequences are there.

- A. 1 thousand
- B. 1 million
- C. 1 billion
- D. 1 trillion

2. Using the Viterbi algorithm, how many probability calculations are made when finding the optimal hidden state sequence?
3. How does the Viterbi algorithm compare to a “brute force” approach that would require finding the probability of every possible state sequence?

