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A Tutorial on Hidden Markov Models

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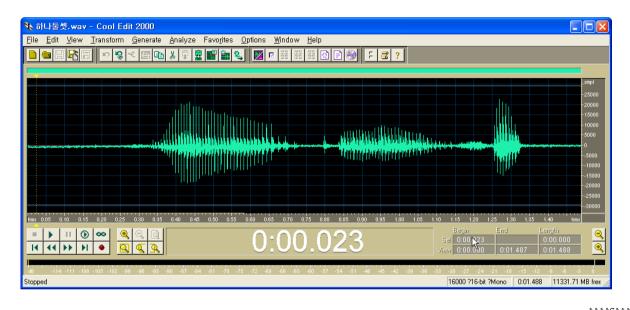
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Sequential Data

Examples



Speech data ("하나 둘 셋")



Handwriting data

DNA

AAAAGAAAAGGTTAGAAAGATGAGAGATGATAAAGGGTCCATTTG AGGTTAGGTAATATGGTTTGGTATCCCTGTAGTTAAAAGTTTTTG TCTTATTTTAGAATACTGTGACTATTTCTTTAGTATTAATTTTTC CTTCTGTTTTCCTCATCTAGGGAACCCCAAGAGCATCCAATAGAA GCTGTGCAATTATGTAAAATTTTCAACTGTCTTCCTCAAAATAAA GAAGTATGGTAATCTTTACCTGTATACAGTGCAGAGCCTTCTCAG AAGCACAGAATATTTTTATATTTCCTTTATGTGAATTTTTAAGCT GCAAATCTGATGGCCTTAATTTCCTTTTTGACACTGAAAGTTTTG TAAAAGAAATCATGTCCATACACTTTGTTGCAAGATGTGAATTAT TGACACTGAACTTAATAACTGTGTACTGTTCGGAAGGGGTTCCTC AGTTCTTATGAGGAGGGGAGGGTAAATAAACCACTGTGCGTCTTGG TGTAATTTGAAGATTGCCCCATCTAGACTAGCAATCTCTTCATTA TTCTCTGCTATATATAAAACGGTGCTGTGAGGGAGGGGAAAAGCA TTTTTCAATATATTGAACTTTTGTACTGAATTTTTTTTGTAATAAG GCAATATTAACCTAATCACCATGTAAGCACTCTGGATGATGGATT CCACAAAACTTGGTTTTATGGTTACTTCTTCTCTTAGATTCTTAA TTCATGAGGAGGGTGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGTTT CTCTATTAAAATGCATTCGTTGTGTTTTTTTAAGATAGTGTAACTT GCTAAATTTCTTATGTGACATTAACAAATAAAAAAGCTCTTTTAA TATTAGATAA

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Characteristics of such data

- ✓ Data are sequentially generated according to time or index
- ✓ Spatial information along time or index
- ✓ Often highly variable, but has an embedded structure
- ✓ Information is contained in the structure

Advantage of HMM on Sequential Data

- Natural model structure: doubly stochastic process
 - transition parameters model temporal variability
 - output distribution model spatial variability
- Efficient and good modeling tool for
 - sequences with temporal constraints
 - spatial variability along the sequence
 - real world complex processes
- Efficient evaluation, decoding and training algorithms
 - Mathematically strong
 - Computationally efficient
- Proven technology!
 - Successful stories in many applications
- Tools already exist
 - HTK (Hidden Markov Model Toolkit)
 - HMM toolbox for Matlab

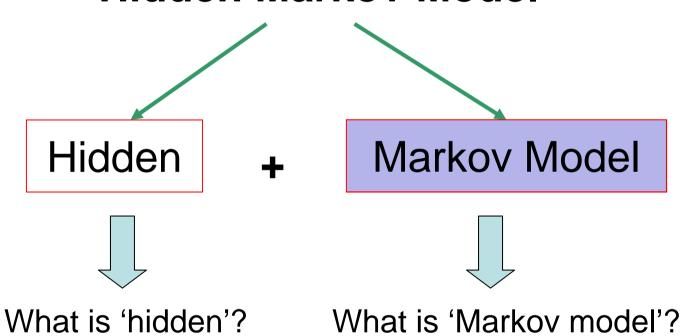
Successful Application Areas of HMM

- On-line handwriting recognition
- Speech recognition and segmentation
- Gesture recognition
- Language modeling
- Motion video analysis and tracking
- Protein sequence/gene sequence alignment
- Stock price prediction

• ...

What's HMM?

Hidden Markov Model



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Markov Model

- Scenario
- Graphical representation
- Definition
- Sequence probability
- State probability

Markov Model: Scenario

Classify a weather into three states

- State 1: rain or snow

State 2: cloudy

State 3: sunny







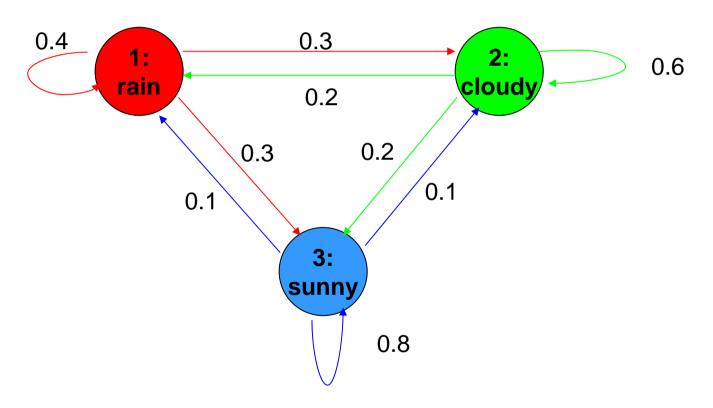
 By carefully examining the weather of some city for a long time, we found following weather change pattern

		Tomorrow		
		Rain/snow	Cloudy	Sunny
Today	Rain/Snow	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Cloudy	0.2	0.6	0.2
	Sunny	0.1	0.1	0.8

Assumption: tomorrow weather depends only on today's weather!

Markov Model: Graphical Representation

Visual illustration with diagram



- Each state corresponds to one observation
- Sum of outgoing edge weights is one

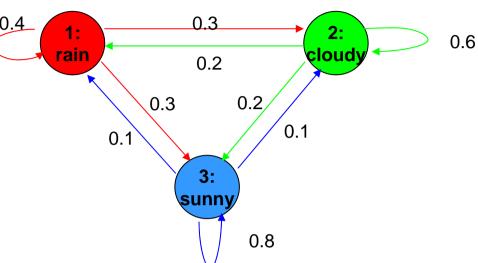
Markov Model: Definition

Observable states

$$\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

Observed sequence

$$q_1, q_2, \cdots, q_T$$



1st order Markov assumption

$$P(q_t = j \mid q_{t-1} = i, q_{t-2} = k, \dots) = P(q_t = j \mid q_{t-1} = i)$$

Stationary

Bayesian network representation

$$P(q_t = j \mid q_{t-1} = i) = P(q_{t+1} = j \mid q_{t+l-1} = i)$$

Markov Model: Definition (Cont.)

State transition matrix

State transition matrix
$$a_{1N}$$
 a_{11} a_{12} a_{1N} a_{21} a_{22} a_{2N} a_{2

Where

$$a_{ij} = P(q_t = j \mid q_{t-1} = i), \qquad 1 \le i, j \le N$$

- With constraints

$$a_{ij} \ge 0,$$
 $\sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij} = 1$

Initial state probability

$$\pi_i = P(q_1 = i), \qquad 1 \le i \le N$$

Markov Model: Sequence Prob.

Conditional probability

$$P(A,B) = P(A \mid B)P(B)$$

Sequence probability of Markov model

1st order Markov assumption

Markov Model: Sequence Prob. (Cont.)

 Question: What is the probability that the weather for the next 7 days will be "sun-sun-rain-rain-sun-cloudy-sun" when today is sunny?

$$S_{1}: rain, \quad S_{2}: cloudy, \quad S_{3}: sunny$$

$$P(O \mid \text{model}) = P(S_{3}, S_{3}, S_{3}, S_{1}, S_{1}, S_{3}, S_{2}, S_{3} \mid \text{model})$$

$$= P(S_{3}) \cdot P(S_{3} \mid S_{3}) \cdot P(S_{3} \mid S_{3}) \cdot P(S_{1} \mid S_{3})$$

$$\cdot P(S_{1} \mid S_{1}) P(S_{3} \mid S_{1}) P(S_{2} \mid S_{3}) P(S_{3} \mid S_{2})$$

$$= \pi_{3} \cdot a_{33} \cdot a_{33} \cdot a_{31} \cdot a_{11} \cdot a_{13} \cdot a_{32} \cdot a_{23}$$

$$= 1 \cdot (0.8)(0.8)(0.1)(0.4)(0.3)(0.1)(0.2)$$

$$= 1.536 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$0.4$$

$$1 \cdot \text{rain}$$

$$0.2$$

$$0.4$$

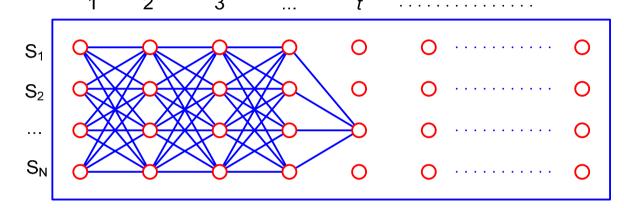
$$1 \cdot \text{rain}$$

$$0.2$$

$$0.6$$
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Markov Model: State Probability

• State probability at time t: $P(q_t = i)$



- Simple but slow algorithm:
 - Probability of a path that ends to state i at time t.

$$Q_t(i) = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_t = i)$$

$$P(Q_t(i)) = \pi_{q_1} \prod_{k=2}^{t} P(q_k \mid q_{k-1})$$

- Summation of probabilities of all the paths that ends to i at t

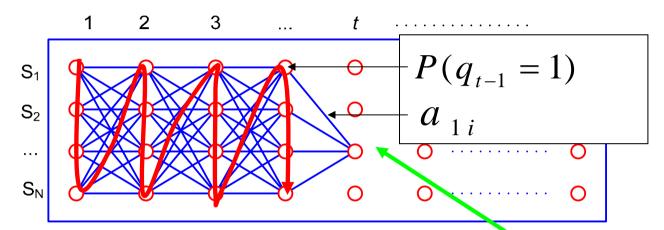
$$P(q_t = i) = \sum_{all \ Q_t(i)'s} P(Q_t(i))$$

Exponential time complexity:

 $O(N^t)$

Markov Model: State Prob. (Cont.)

• State probability at time $t: P(q_t = i)$



Efficient algorithm (Lattice algorithm)

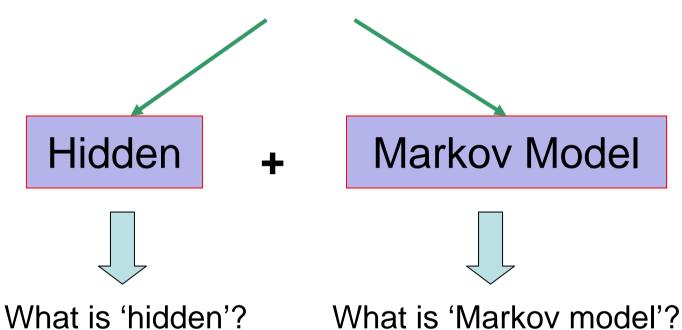
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Each node stores the sum of probabilities of partial paths

$$\begin{split} &P\left(q_{t}=i\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{N}P\left(q_{t-1}=j,q_{t}=i\right)\\ &=\sum_{j=1}^{N}P\left(q_{t-1}=j\right)P\left(q_{t}=i\mid q_{t-1}=j\right)\\ &=\sum_{j=1}^{N}P\left(q_{t-1}=j\right)\cdot a_{ji}\\ &=\prod_{j=1}^{N}P\left(q_{t-1}=j\right)\cdot a_{ji} \end{split}$$
 Time complexity: $O(N^{2}t)$

What's HMM?

Hidden Markov Model



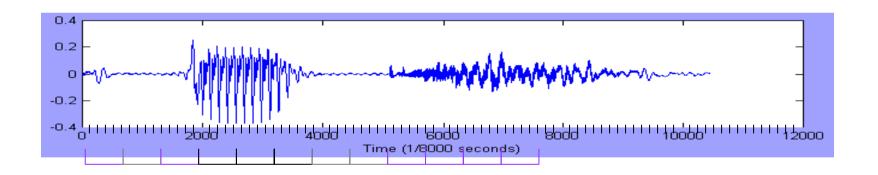
Hidden Markov Model

- Example
- Generation process
- Definition
- Model evaluation algorithm
- Path decoding algorithm
- Training algorithm

Time Series Example

Representation

$$-\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \mathbf{x}_3 \ \mathbf{x}_4 \ \mathbf{x}_5 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_{T-1} \ \mathbf{x}_T$$
$$= \mathbf{s} \ \phi \ \mathbf{p} \ \mathbf{iy} \ \mathbf{iy} \ \phi \ \phi \ \mathbf{ch} \ \mathbf{ch} \ \mathbf{ch} \ \mathbf{ch}$$



Analysis Methods

Probability-based analysis?

$$P(s \phi p iy iy iy \phi \phi ch ch ch ch) = ?$$

Method I

$$P(s)P(\phi)^3 P(p)P(iy)^3 P(ch)^4$$

- Observations are independent; no time/order
- A poor model for temporal structure
 - Model size = |V| = N

Analysis methods

Method II

$$P(s)P(s|s)P(\phi|s)P(p|\phi)P(iy|p)P(iy|iy)^{2}$$
$$\times P(\phi|iy)P(\phi|\phi)P(ch|\phi)P(ch|ch)^{2}$$

- A simple model of ordered sequence
 - A symbol is dependent only on the immediately preceding:

$$P(x_{t} \mid x_{1}x_{2}x_{3}\cdots x_{t-1}) = P(x_{t} \mid x_{t-1})$$

- |V|×|V| matrix model
- 50×50 not very bad ...
- 10⁵×10⁵ doubly outrageous!!

The problem

- "What you see is the truth"
 - Not quite a valid assumption
 - There are often errors or noise
 - Noisy sound, sloppy handwriting, ungrammatical sentences
 - There may be some truth process
 - Underlying hidden sequence
 - Obscured by the incomplete observation

Another analysis method

Method III

- What you see is a clue to <u>what lies behind</u> and is not known a priori
 - The source that generated the observation
 - The source evolves and generates characteristic observation sequences

$$q_0 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow q_T$$

$$P(s, q_1)P(s, q_2 | q_1)P(\phi, q_3 | q_2) \cdots P(ch, q_T | q_{T-1}) = \prod_{t} P(x_t, q_t | q_{t-1})$$

$$\sum_{Q} P(s, q_1)P(s, q_2 | q_1)P(\phi, q_3 | q_2) \cdots P(ch, q_T | q_{T-1}) = \sum_{Q} \prod_{t} P(x_t, q_t | q_{t-1})$$

The Auxiliary Variable

$$q_t \in S = \{1, ..., N\}$$

- N is also conjectured
- $\{q_t:t\geq 0\}$ is conjectured, not visible

$$-$$
 is $Q = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_T$

- is Markovian

$$P(q_1q_2\cdots q_T) = P(q_1)P(q_2 | q_1)\cdots P(q_T | q_{T-1})$$

– "Markov chain"

Summary of the Concept

$$\begin{split} P(X) &= \sum_{\mathcal{Q}} P(X, \mathcal{Q}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{Q}} P(\mathcal{Q}) P(X \mid \mathcal{Q}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{Q}} P(q_1 q_2 \cdots q_T) P(x_1 x_2 \cdots x_T \mid q_1 q_2 \cdots q_T) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{Q}} \prod_{t=1}^T P(q_t \mid q_{t-1}) \prod_{t=1}^T p(x_t \mid q_t) \\ &\text{Markov chain process} &\text{Output process} \end{split}$$

Hidden Markov Model

- is a doubly stochastic process
 - stochastic chain process : $\{q(t)\}$
 - output process : $\{f(x|q)\}$
- is also called as
 - Hidden Markov chain
 - Probabilistic function of Markov chain

HMM Characterization

- $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$
 - -A: state transition probability

$$\{ a_{ij} \mid a_{ij} = p(q_{t+1} = j | q_t = i) \}$$

− B : symbol output/observation probability

$$\{ b_i(v) \mid b_i(v) = p(x=v|q_t=j) \}$$

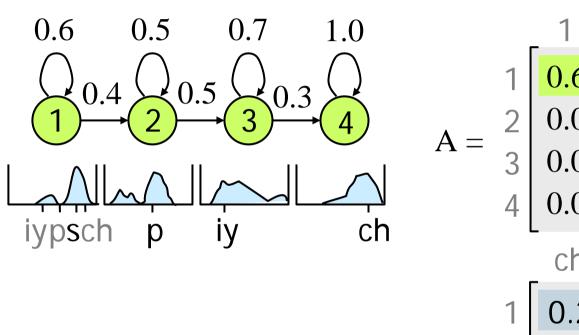
 $-\pi$: initial state distribution probability

$$\{ \pi_i \mid \pi_i = p(q_1 = i) \}$$

$$\sum_{Q} P(Q \mid \lambda) P(\mathbf{X} \mid Q, \lambda)$$

$$= \sum_{Q} \pi_{q_1} a_{q_1 q_2} a_{q_2 q_3} \dots a_{q_{T-1} q_T} b_{q_1}(x_1) b_{q_2}(x_2) \dots b_{q_T}(x_T) \Big|_{\lambda}$$

Graphical Example



$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 & 2 & 3 & 4$$

$$1 & 0.6 & 0.4 & 0.0 & 0.0$$

$$0.0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.0$$

$$0.0 & 0.0 & 0.7 & 0.3$$

$$4 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.7 & 0.3$$

$$0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0$$

$$0.2 & 0.2 & 0.0 & 0.6 & \dots$$

$$0.0 & 0.2 & 0.5 & 0.3 & \dots$$

$$0.0 & 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 & \dots$$

$$4 & 0.6 & 0.0 & 0.2 & 0.2 & \dots$$

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Data interpretation

```
0.6 0.4 0.0 0.0
P(s s p p iy iy iy ch ch ch |\lambda)
                                                                  0.0 0.5 0.5 0.0
 = \sum_{O} P(\text{ssppiyiyiychchch}, Q|\lambda)
                                                                  0.0 0.0 0.7 0.3
 = \sum_{\mathbf{Q}} P(\mathbf{Q}|\lambda) p(\mathsf{ssppiyiyiychchch}|\mathbf{Q},\lambda)
                                                                  0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0
                                                                 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.6 ...
                                                                 0.0 0.2 0.5 0.3 ...
Let Q = 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4
                                                                 0.0 0.8 0.1 0.1 ...
                                                                0.6 0.0 0.2 0.2 ...
P(Q|\lambda) p(ssppiyiyiychchch|Q, \lambda)
   = P(1122333444|\lambda) p(ssppiyiyiychchch|1122333444, \lambda)
   = (1 \times .6) \times (.6 \times .6) \times (.4 \times .5) \times (.5 \times .5) \times (.5 \times .8) \times (.7 \times .8)^{2}
                \times (.3 \times .6) \times (1. \times .6)^2
   \approx 0.0000878
#multiplications \sim 2TN^T
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Issues in HMM

- Intuitive decisions
 - 1. number of states (N)
 - 2. topology (state inter-connection)
 - 3. number of observation symbols (V)
- Difficult problems
 - 4. efficient computation methods
 - 5. probability parameters (λ)

The Number of States

- How many states?
 - Model size
 - Model topology/structure
- Factors
 - Pattern complexity/length and variability
 - The number of samples
- Ex:

rrgbbgbbr

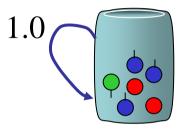
(1) The simplest model

Model I

$$-N = 1$$

$$-a_{11}=1.0$$

$$-B = [1/3, 1/6, 1/2]$$



$$P(\text{rrgbbgbbhh} | \lambda_1) = 1 \times \frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{6} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\approx 0.0000322 \ (< 0.0000338)$$

(2) Two state model

Model II:

$$-N=2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 1/6 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0.6 \begin{array}{c} 0.4 \\ \hline 0.6 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0.4 \\ \hline 0.6 \end{array}$$

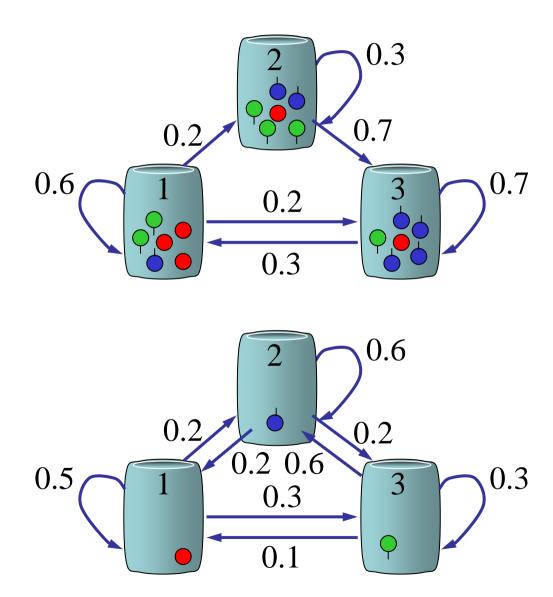
$$P(\text{rrgbbgbbhh} | \lambda_1) = .5 \times \frac{1}{2} \times .6 \times \frac{1}{2} \times .6 \times \frac{1}{3} \times .4 \times \frac{2}{3} \times .4 \times \frac{2}{3} \times .6 \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\times .4 \times \frac{2}{3} \times .4 \times \frac{2}{3} \times .4 \times \frac{2}{3} \times .6 \times \frac{1}{2} + \dots$$

$$= ?$$

(3) Three state models

• N=3:



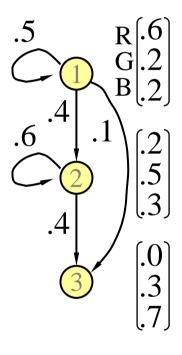
The Criterion is

Obtaining the best model(λ) that maximizes

$$P(X \mid \hat{\lambda})$$

- The best topology comes from insight and experience
 - ← the # classes/symbols/samples

A trained HMM



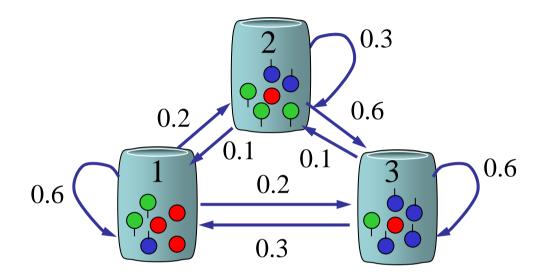
$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ .5 & .4 & .1 \\ .0 & .6 & .4 \\ 3 & .0 & .0 & .0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ .5 & .4 & .1 \\ .0 & .6 & .4 \\ .0 & .0 & .0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} G & B \\ 1 & 6 & .2 & .2 \\ .2 & .5 & .3 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & .5 & .3 \\ 0 & .3 & .7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hidden Markov Model: Example



- N pots containing color balls
- M distinct colors
- Each pot contains different number of color balls

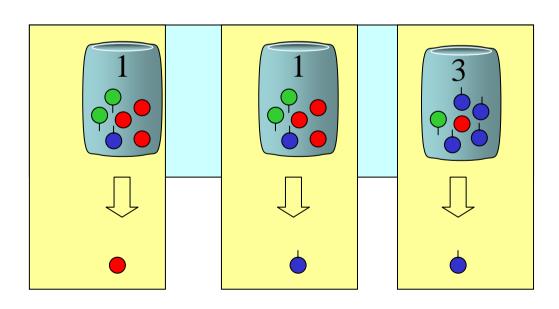
HMM: Generation Process

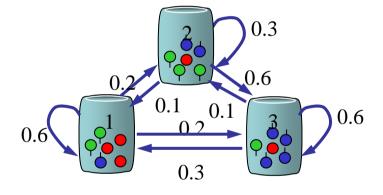
- Sequence generating algorithm
 - Step 1: Pick initial pot according to some random process
 - Step 2: Randomly pick a ball from the pot and then replace it

Step 3: Select another pot according to a random selection

process

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 and 3



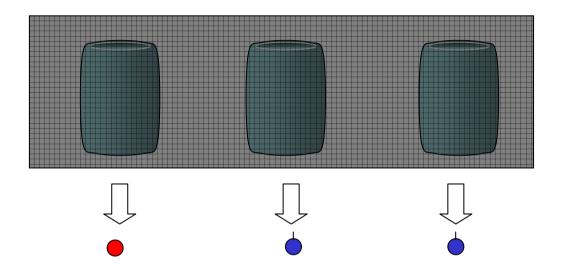


Markov process: $\{q(t)\}$

Output process: $\{f(x|q)\}$

HMM: Hidden Information

Now, what is hidden?



- We can just see the chosen balls
- We can't see which pot is selected at a time
- So, pot selection (state transition) information is hidden

HMM: Formal Definition

- Notation: $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$
 - (1) N: Number of states
 - (2) *M*: Number of symbols observable in states

$$V = \{ v_1, \cdots, v_M \}$$

(3) A: State transition probability distribution

$$A = \{a_{ij}\}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N$$

(4) B: Observation symbol probability distribution

$$B = \{b_i(v_k)\}, \quad 1 \le i \le N, 1 \le j \le M$$

(5) π : Initial state distribution

$$\pi_{i} = P(q_{1} = i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

Three Problems

1. Model evaluation problem

- What is the probability of the observation?
- Forward algorithm

2. Path decoding problem

- What is the best state sequence for the observation?
- Viterbi algorithm

3. Model training problem

- How to estimate the model parameters?
- Baum-Welch reestimation algorithm

Solution to Model Evaluation Problem

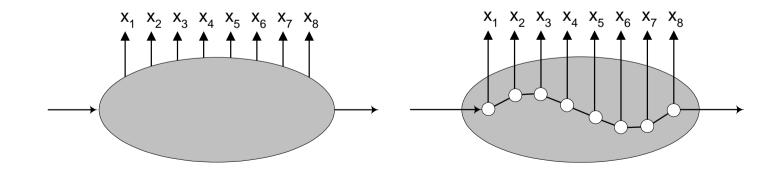
Forward algorithm Backward algorithm

Definition

- Given a model λ
- Observation sequence: $X = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T$
- $P(X|\lambda) = ?$

•
$$P(X \mid \lambda) = \sum_{Q} P(X, Q \mid \lambda) = \sum_{Q} P(X \mid Q, \lambda) P(Q \mid \lambda)$$

(A path or state sequence: $Q = q_1, \dots, q_T$)



Solution

Easy but slow solution: exhaustive enumeration

$$P(X \mid \lambda) = \sum_{Q} P(X, Q \mid \lambda) = \sum_{Q} P(X \mid Q, \lambda) P(Q \mid \lambda)$$

$$= \sum_{Q} b_{q_1}(x_1) b_{q_2}(x_2) \cdots b_{q_T}(x_T) \pi_{q_1} a_{q_1 q_2} a_{q_2 q_3} \cdots a_{q_{T-1} q_T}$$

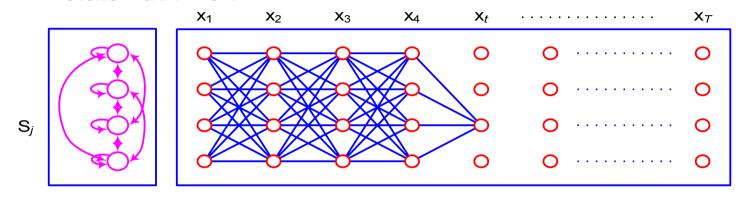
– Exhaustive enumeration = combinational explosion!

$$O(N^T)$$

- Smart solution exists?
 - Yes!
 - Dynamic Programming technique
 - Lattice structure based computation
 - Highly efficient -- linear in frame length

Forward Algorithm

- Key idea
 - Span a lattice of N states and T times
 - Keep the sum of probabilities of all the paths coming to each state i at time t



Forward probability

$$\alpha_{t}(j) = P(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{t}, q_{t} = S_{j} | \lambda)$$

$$= \sum_{Q_{t}} P(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{t}, Q_{t} = q_{1}...q_{t} | \lambda)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{t-1}(i)a_{ij}b_{j}(x_{t})$$

Forward Algorithm

Initialization

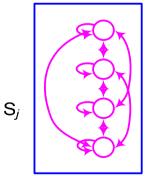
$$\alpha_1(i) = \pi_i b_i(\mathbf{X}_1) \qquad 1 \le i \le N$$

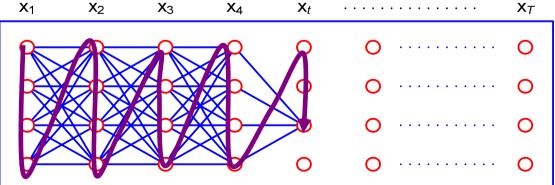
Induction

$$\alpha_{t}(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{t})$$
 $1 \le j \le N, \ t = 2, 3, \dots, T$

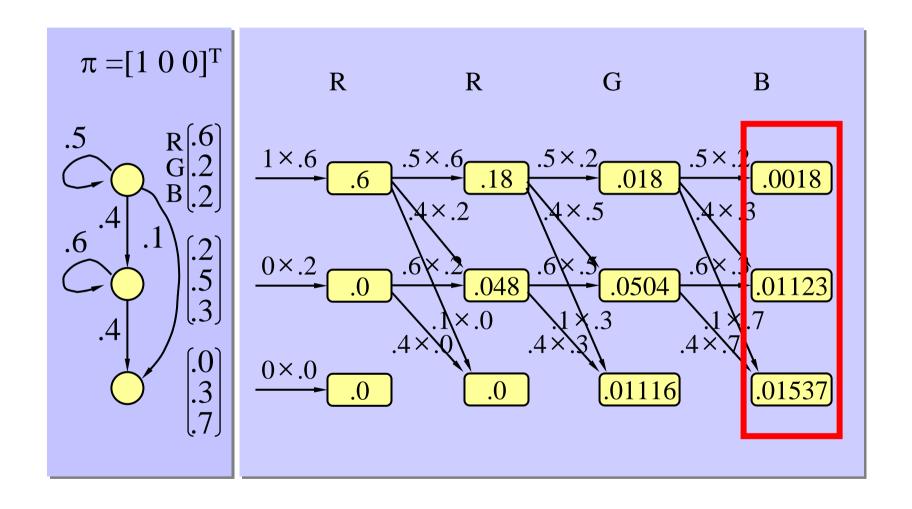
Termination

$$P(\mathbf{X} \mid \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{T}(i)$$





Numerical Example: $P(RRGB|\lambda)$

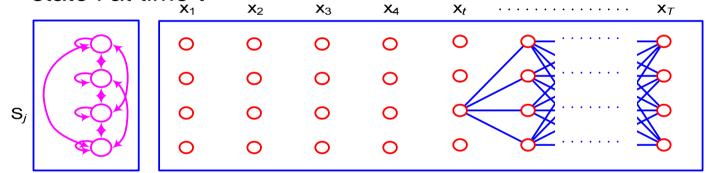


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Backward Algorithm (1)

Key Idea

- Span a lattice of N states and T times
- Keep the sum of probabilities of all the outgoing paths at each state i at time t



Backward probability

$$\begin{split} \beta_{t}(i) &= P(x_{t+1}x_{t+2}...x_{T} \mid q_{t} = S_{i}, \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{Q_{t+1}} P(x_{t+1}x_{t+2}...x_{T}, Q_{t+1} = q_{t+1}...q_{T} \mid q_{t} = S_{i}, \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij}b_{j}(x_{t+1})\beta_{t+1}(j) \end{split}$$

Backward Algorithm (2)

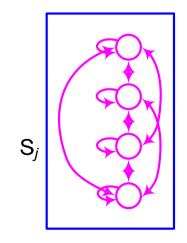
Initialization

$$\beta_T(i) = 1$$

$$1 \le i \le N$$

Induction

$$\beta_{t}(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij} b_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}) \beta_{t+1}(j) \quad 1 \le i \le N, \quad t = T-1, T-2, \dots, 1$$



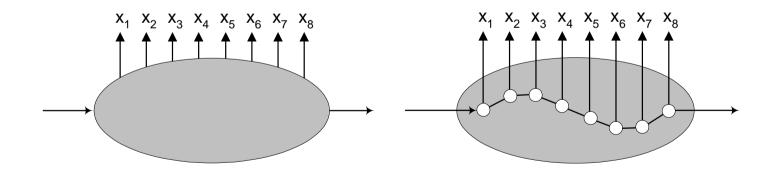
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Solution to Path Decoding Problem

State sequence
Optimal path
Viterbi algorithm
Sequence segmentation

The Most Probable Path

- Given a model λ
- Observation sequence: $X = \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T$
- $P(X, Q \mid \lambda) = ?$
- $Q^* = \text{arg max }_{Q} P(X, Q \mid \lambda) = \text{arg max }_{Q} P(X \mid Q, \lambda) P(Q \mid \lambda)$
 - (A path or state sequence: $Q = q_1, \dots, q_T$)



Viterbi Algorithm

Purpose

- An analysis for internal processing result
- The best, the most likely state sequence
- Internal segmentation

Viterbi Algorithm

- Alignment of observation and state transition
- Dynamic programming technique

Viterbi Path Idea

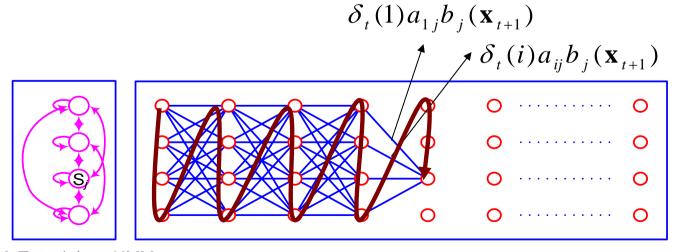
Key idea

- Span a lattice of N states and T times
- Keep the probability and the previous node of the most probable path coming to each state i at time t

Recursive path selection

- Path probability:
$$\delta_{t+1}(j) = \max_{1 \le i \le N} \delta_t(i) a_{ij} b_j(\mathbf{X}_{t+1})$$

- Path node: $\psi_{t+1}(j) = \underset{1 \le i \le N}{\operatorname{arg max}} \, \delta_t(i) a_{ij}$



Viterbi Algorithm

• Introduction: $\delta_1(i) = \pi_i b_i(\mathbf{x}_1), \quad 1 \le i \le N$

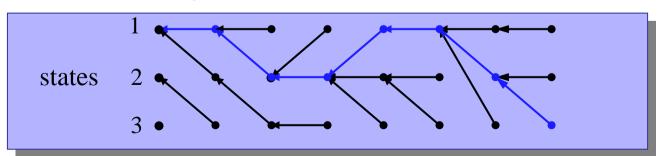
$$\psi_1(i) = 0$$

• Recursion: $\delta_{t+1}(j) = \max_{1 \le i \le N} \delta_t(i) a_{ij} b_j(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}), \quad 1 \le t \le T - 1$

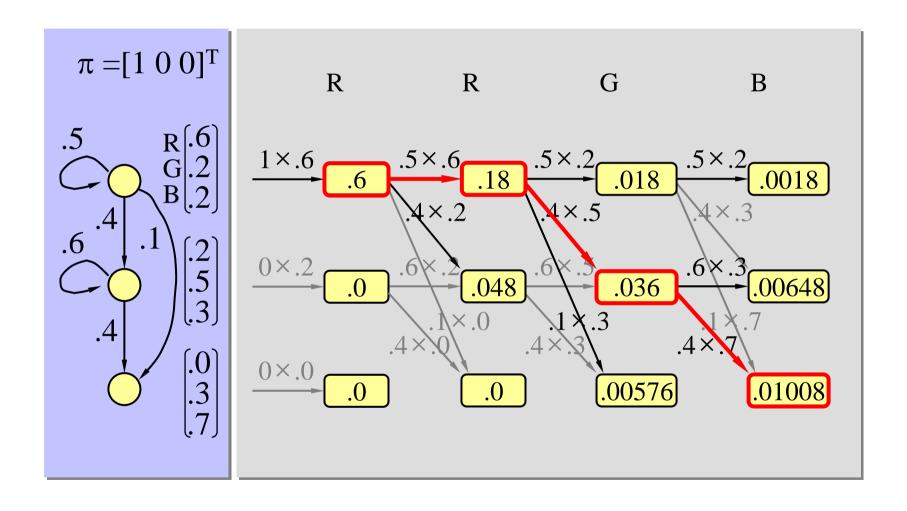
$$\psi_{t+1}(j) = \underset{1 \le i \le N}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \ \delta_t(i) a_{ij} \qquad 1 \le j \le N$$

• Termination: $P^* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \delta_T(i)$ $q_T^* = \argmax_{1 \leq i \leq N} \delta_T(i)$

• Path backtracking: $q_t^* = \psi_{t+1}(q_{t+1}^*), \quad t = T-1,...,1$



Numerical Example: P(RRGB,Q*|λ)



Solution to Model training Problem

HMM training algorithm

Maximum likelihood estimation

Baum-Welch reestimation

HMM Training Algorithm

- Given an observation sequence $X = \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T$
- Find the model parameter $\lambda^* = (A, B, \pi)$

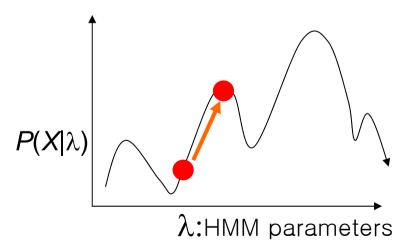
s.t.
$$P(X \mid \lambda^*) \geq P(X \mid \lambda)$$
 for $\forall \lambda$

- Adapt HMM parameters maximally to training samples
- Likelihood of a sample

$$P(X \mid \lambda) = \sum_{Q} P(X \mid Q, \lambda) P(Q \mid \lambda)$$

State transition is hidden!

- NO analytical solution
- Baum-Welch reestimation (EM)
 - iterative procedures that locally maximizes $P(X|\lambda)$
 - convergence proven
 - MLE statistic estimation



Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- MLE "selects those parameters that maximizes the probability function of the observed sample."
- [Definition] Maximum Likelihood Estimate
 - Θ : a set of distribution parameters
 - Given X, Θ^* is maximum likelihood estimate of Θ if $f(X|\Theta^*) = \max_{\Theta} f(X|\Theta)$

MLE Example

Scenario

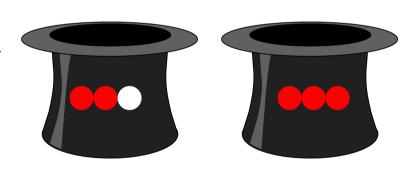
- Known: 3 balls inside pot (some red; some white)
- Unknown: R = # red balls
- Observation: (two reds)



Two models

-P (| R=2) =
$$\binom{2}{2} \binom{1}{0} / \binom{3}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

-P (| R=3) =
$$\binom{3}{2} / \binom{3}{2} = 1$$



Which model?

$$_{L}(\lambda_{R=3}) > L(\lambda_{R=2})$$

Model(R=3) is our choice

MLE Example (Cont.)

- Model(R=3) is a more likely strategy,
 unless we have a priori knowledge of the system.
- However, without an observation of two red balls
 - No reason to prefer $P(\lambda_{R=3})$ to $P(\lambda_{R=2})$
- ML method chooses the set of parameters that maximizes the likelihood of the given observation.
- It makes parameters maximally adapted to training data.

EM Algorithm for Training

- With $\lambda^{(t)} = \{a_{ij}\}, \{b_{ik}\}, \pi_i >$, estimate EXPECTATION of following quantities:
 - -Expected number of state *i* visiting
 - -Expected number of transitions from i to j



- With following quantities:
 - -Expected number of state *i* visiting
 - -Expected number of transitions from *i* to *j*
- Obtain the MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD of

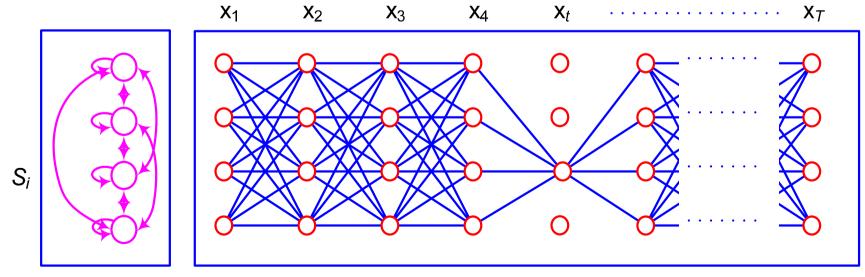
$$\lambda^{(t+1)} = \{ a'_{ij} \}, \{ b'_{ik} \}, \pi'_{i} > \}$$

Expected Number of S_i Visiting

$$\gamma_{t}(i) = P(q_{t} = S_{i} | X, \lambda)$$

$$= \frac{P(q_{t} = S_{i}, X | \lambda)}{P(X | \lambda)}$$

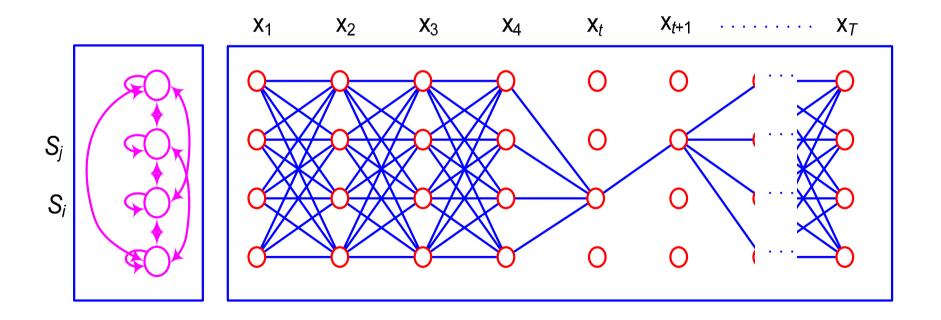
$$= \frac{\alpha_{t}(i)\beta_{t}(i)}{\sum_{j} \alpha_{t}(j)\beta_{t}(j)}$$



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Expected Number of Transition

$$\xi_{t}(i,j) = P(q_{t} = S_{i}, q_{t+1} = S_{j} \mid X, \lambda) = \frac{\alpha_{t}(i)a_{ij}b_{j}(x_{t+1})\beta_{t+1}(j)}{\sum_{i}\sum_{j}\alpha_{i}(i)a_{ij}b_{j}(x_{t+1})\beta_{t+1}(j)}$$



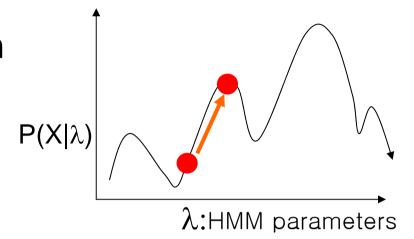
Parameter Reestimation

MLE parameter estimation

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

$$\overline{b}_j(v_k) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \gamma_t(j)}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \gamma_t(j)}$$

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



- Iterative: $P(X \mid \lambda^{(t+1)}) \ge P(X \mid \lambda^{(t)})$
- convergence proven:
- arriving local optima

Other issues

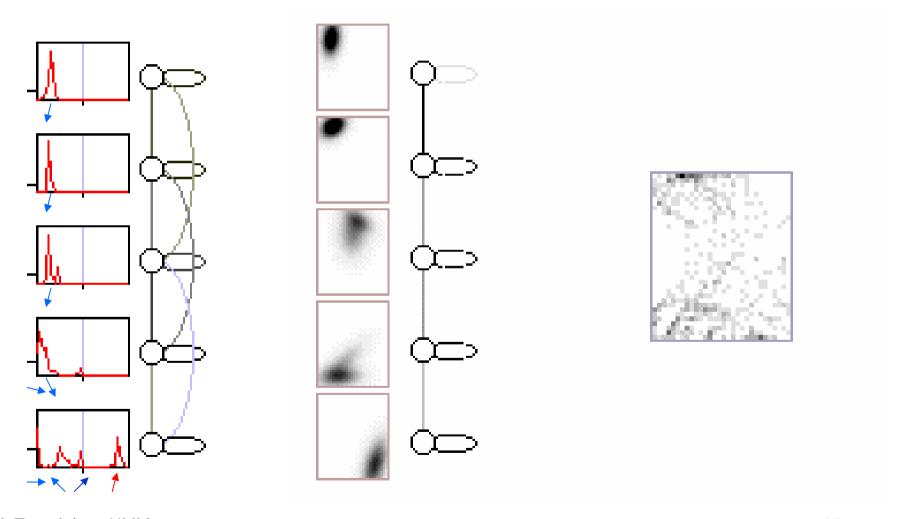
- Other method of training
 - MAP (Maximum A Posteriori) estimation for adaptation
 - MMI (Maximum Mutual Information) estimation
 - MDI (Minimum Discrimination Information) estimation
 - Viterbi training
 - Discriminant/reinforcement training

Other types of parametric structure

- Continuous density HMM (CHMM)
 - More accurate, but much more parameters to train
- Semi-continuous HMM
 - Mix of CHMM and DHMM, using parameter sharing
- State-duration HMM
 - More accurate temporal behavior
- Other extensions
 - HMM+NN, Autoregressive HMM
 - 2D models: MRF, Hidden Mesh model, pseudo-2D HMM

Graphical DHMM and CHMM

Models for '5' and '2'



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Pattern Classification using HMMs

- Pattern classification
- Extension of HMM structure
- Extension of HMM training method
- Practical issues of HMM
- HMM history

Pattern Classification

- Construct one HMM per each class k
 - $-\lambda_1,\cdots,\lambda_N$
- Train each HMM λ_k with samples D_k
 - Baum-Welch reestimation algorithm
- Calculate model likelihood of $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$ with observation X
 - Forward algorithm: $P(X \mid \lambda_k)$
- Find the model with maximum a posteriori probability

$$\lambda^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda_k} P(\lambda_k | X)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda_k} \frac{P(\lambda_k) P(X | \lambda_k)}{P(X)}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda_k} P(\lambda_k) P(X | \lambda_k)$$

Extension of HMM Structure

- Extension of state transition parameters
 - Duration modeling HMM
 - More accurate temporal behavior
 - Transition-output HMM
 - HMM output functions are attached to transitions rather than states
- Extension of observation parameter
 - Segmental HMM
 - More accurate modeling of trajectories at each state, but more computational cost
 - Continuous density HMM (CHMM)
 - Output distribution is modeled with mixture of Gaussian
 - Semi-continuous HMM (Tied mixture HMM)
 - Mix of continuous HMM and discrete HMM by sharing Gaussian components

Extension of HMM Training Method

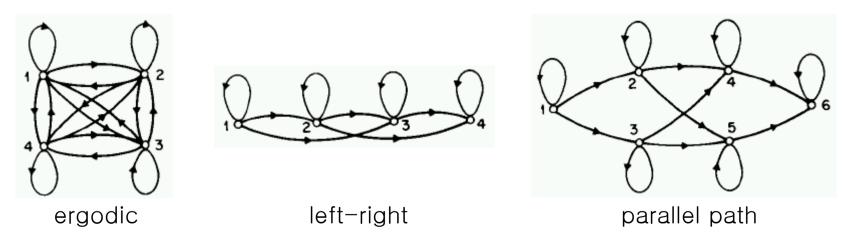
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)*
 - maximize the probability of the observed samples
- Maximum Mutual Information (MMI) Method
 - information-theoretic measure
 - maximize average mutual information:

$$I^* = \max_{\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{V} \left[\log P(X^v \mid \lambda_v) - \log \sum_{w=1}^{V} P(X^w \mid \lambda_w) \right] \right\}$$

- maximize discrimination power by training models together
- Minimum Discrimination Information (MDI) Method
 - minimize the DI or the cross entropy between pd(signal) and pd(HMM)'s
 - use generalized Baum algorithm

Practical Issues of HMM

- Architectural and behavioral choices
 - the unit of modeling -- design choice
 - type of models: ergodic, left-right, parallel path.
 - number of states
 - observation symbols; discrete, continuous; mixture number
- Initial estimates
 - $-A, \pi$: adequate with random or uniform initial values
 - B: good initial estimates are essential for CHMM



Practical Issues of HMM (Cont.)

Scaling

$$\alpha_t(i) = \prod_{s=1}^{t-1} a_{s,s+1} \prod_{s=1}^t b_s(x_s)$$

- heads exponentially to zero: → scaling (or using log likelihood)
- Multiple observation sequences
 - accumulate the expected freq. with weight P(X(k)|l)
- Insufficient training data
 - deleted interpolation with desired model & small model
 - output prob. smoothing (by local perturbation of symbols)
 - output probability tying between different states

Practical Issues of HMM (Cont.)

- HMM topology optimization
 - What to optimize
 - # of states
 - # of Gaussian mixtures per state
 - Transitions
 - Methods
 - Heuristic methods
 - # of states from average (or mod) length of input frames
 - Split / merge
 - # of states from iterative split / merge
 - Model selection criteria
 - # of states and mixtures at the same time
 - ML (maximum likelihood)
 - BIC (Bayesian information criteria)
 - HBIC (HMM-oriented BIC)
 - DIC (Discriminative information criteria)

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HMM applications and Software

- On-line handwriting recognition
- Speech applications
- HMM toolbox for Matlab
- HTK (hidden Markov model Toolkit)

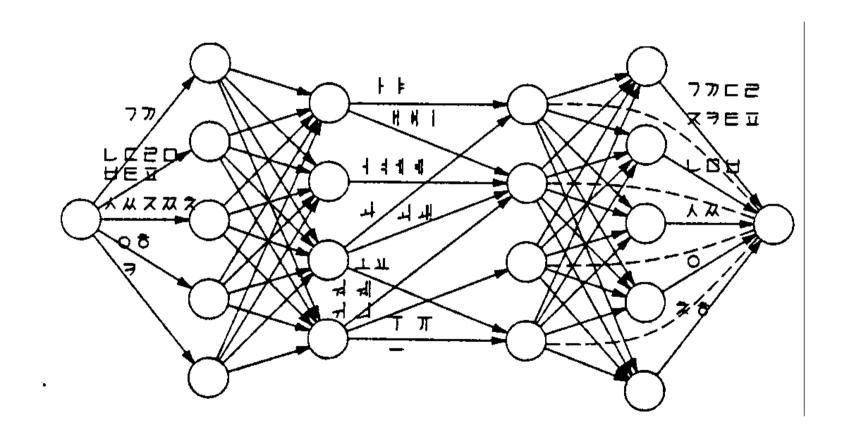
HMM Applications

- On-line handwriting recognition
 - BongNet: HMM network-based handwriting recognition system
- Speech applications
 - CMU Sphinx : Speech recognition toolkit
 - 언어과학 Dr.Speaking : English pronunciation correction system

BongNet

- Consortium of CAIR(Center for Artificial Intelligence Research) at KAIST
 - The name "BongNet" from its major inventor, BongKee Shin
- Prominent performance for unconstrained on-line Hangul recognition
- Modeling of Hangul handwriting
 - considers ligature between letters as well as consonants and vowels
 - (initial consonant)+(ligature)+(vowel)
 - (initial consonant)+(ligature)+(vowel)+(ligature)+(final consonant)
 - connects letter models and ligature models using Hangul composition principle
 - further improvements
 - BongNet+: incorporating structural information explicitly
 - Circular BongNet : successive character recognition
 - Unified BongNet: Hangul and alphanumeric recognition
 - dictionary look-up

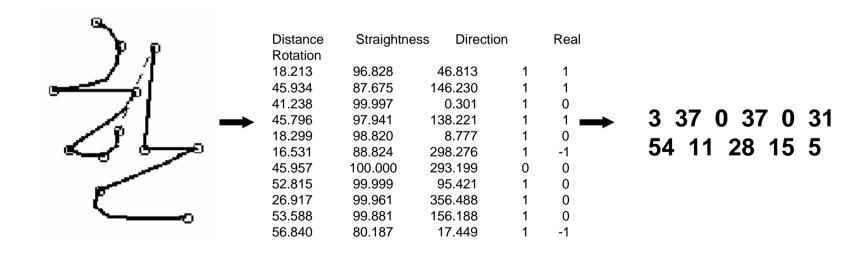
Network structure



A Modification to BongNet

16-dir Chaincode → Structure Code Generation

- Structure code sequence
 - carries structural information
 - not easily acquired using chain code sequence
 - including length, direction, and vending

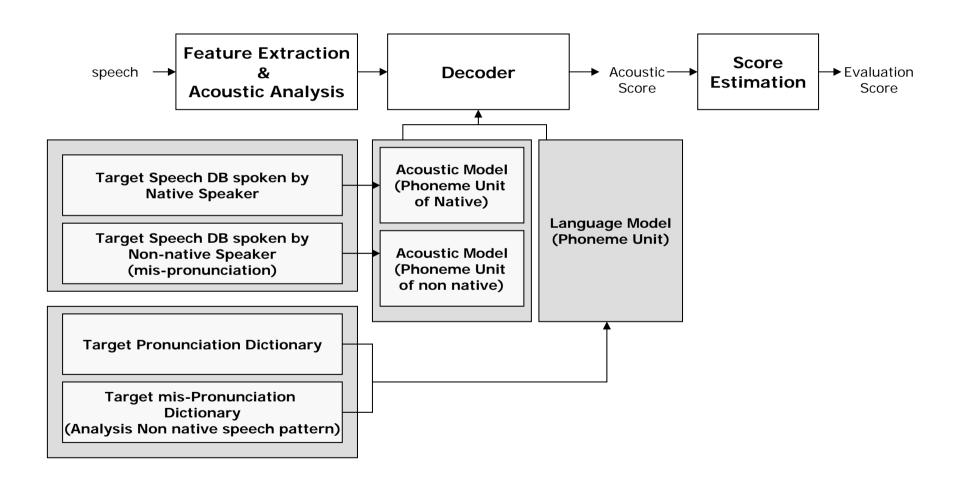


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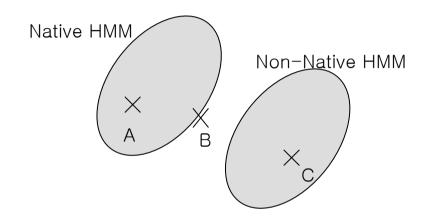


- 1 단어수준에서 발음연습 음소단위 오류패턴 검출
- 2 문장수준에서 발음연습 정확성, 유창성, 억양별 발음 평가

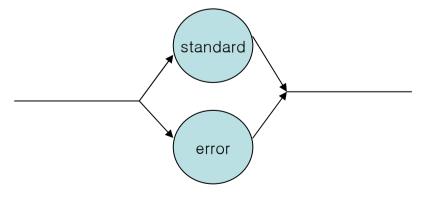
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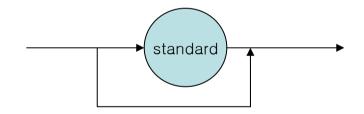
Acoustic modeling



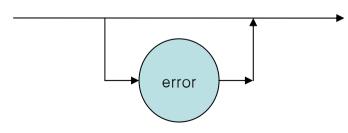
Language modeling



replacement error modeling



deletion error modeling



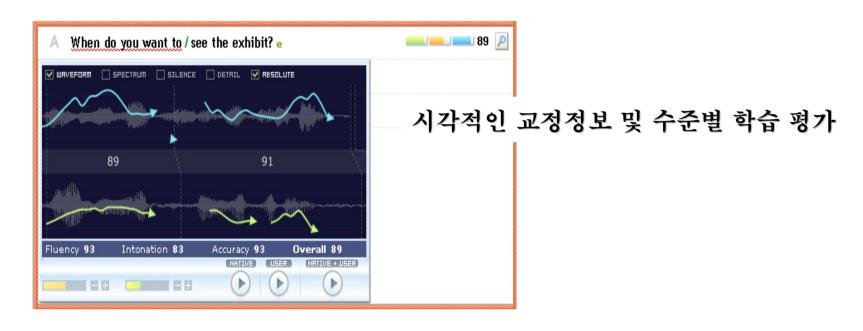
insertion error modeling

• 단어수준 발음 교정

: 음소단위 오류패턴 검출 - 오류발음대치, 삽입, 삭제, 이중모음 분리, 강세, 장단오류



• 문장 발음 연습



- 1 정확성평가 정발음패턴과 다양한 유형의 오류발음 패턴을 기반으로 평가
- 2 억양평가 억양관련 음성신호 추출 후 표준패턴과 오류패턴을 기반으로 평가
- 3 유창성평가 연음여부, 끊어 읽기, 발화구간 등 다양한 평가요소를 기반으로 평가

Software Tools for HMM

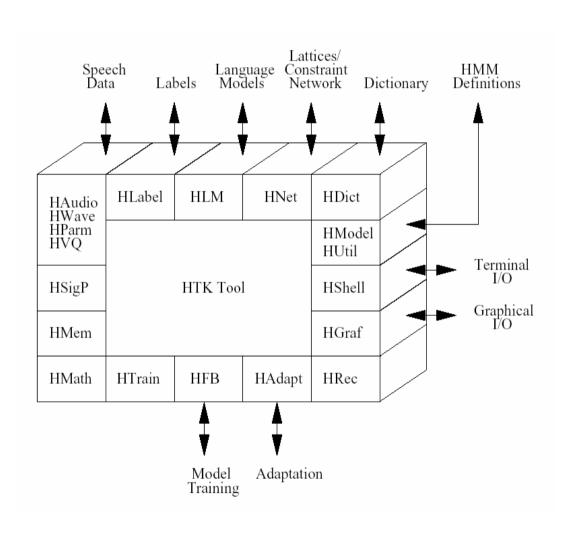
HMM toolbox for Matlab

- Developed by Kevin Murphy
- Freely downloadable SW written in Matlab (Hmm... Matlab is not free!)
- Easy-to-use: flexible data structure and fast prototyping by Matlab
- Somewhat slow performance due to Matlab
- Download: http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~murphyk/Software/HMM/hmm.html
- HTK (Hidden Markov toolkit)
 - Developed by Speech Vision and Robotics Group of Cambridge University
 - Freely downloadable SW written in C
 - Useful for speech recognition research: comprehensive set of programs for training, recognizing and analyzing speech signals
 - Powerful and comprehensive, but somewhat complicate
 - Download: http://htk.eng.cam.ac.uk/

What is HTK?

- Hidden Markov Model Toolkit
- Set of tools for training and evaluation HMMs
- Primarily used in automatic speech recognition and economic modeling
- Modular implementation, (relatively) easy to extend

HTK Software Architecture



- HShell: User input/output & interaction with the OS
- HLabel : Label files
- HLM: Language model
- HNet : Network and lattices
- HDic: Dictionaries
- HVQ : VQ codebooks
- HModel : HMM definitions
- HMem : Memory management
- HGraf : Graphics
- HAdapt : Adaptation
- HRec: main recognition processing functions

Generic Properties of a HTK Tool

- Designed to run with a traditional command-line style interface
- Each tool has a number of required argument plus optional arguments

```
HFoo -T 1 -f 34.3 -a -s myfile file1 file2
```

- This tool has two main arguments called file1 and file2 plus four optional arguments
- -f: real number, -T: integer, -s: string, -a: no following value

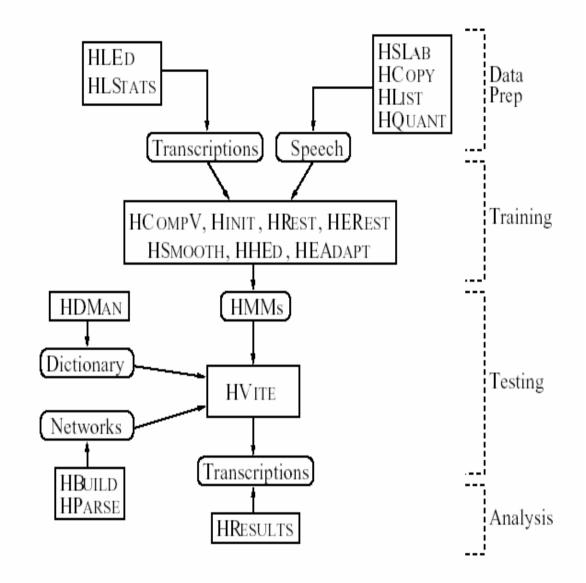
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HFoo -C config -f 34.3 -a -s myfile file1 file2
```

- HFoo will load the parameters stored in the configuration file config during its initialization procedures
- Configuration parameters can sometimes by used as an alternative to using command line arguments

The Toolkit

- There are 4 main phases
 - data preparation, training, testing and analysis

- The Toolkit
 - Data PreparationTools
 - Training Tools
 - Recognition Tools
 - Analysis Tools



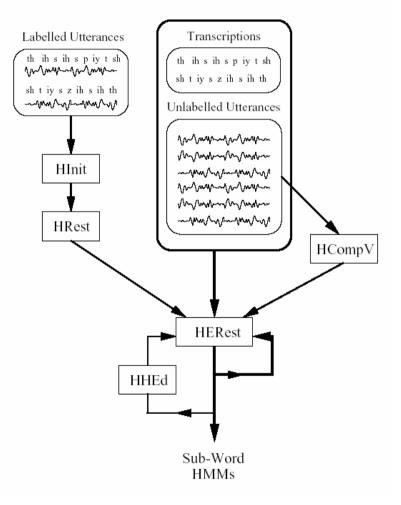
< HTK Processing Stages >

Data Preparation Tools

- A set of speech data file and their associated transcriptions are required
- It must by converted into the appropriate parametric form
- HSlab: Used both to record the speech and to manually annotate it with and required transcriptions
- HCopy: simply copying each file performs the required encoding
- HList: used to check the contents of any speech file
- HLed: output file to a single Master Label file MLF which is usually more convenient for subsequent processing
- HLstats: gather and display statistics on label files and where required
- HQuant: used to build a VQ codebook in preparation for building discrete probability HMM system

Training Tools

- If there is some speech data available for which the location of the sub-word boundaries have been marked, this can be used as bootstrap data
- HInit and HRest provide isolated word style training using the fully labeled bootstrap data
- Each of the required HMMs is generated individually



Training Tools (cont'd)

- HInit: iteratively compute an initial set of parameter values using a segmental k-means procedure
- HRest: process fully labeled bootstrap data using a Baum-Welch re-estimation procedure
- HCompV: all of the phone models are initialized to by identical and have state means and variances equal to the global speech mean and variance
- HERest: perform a single Baum-Welch re-estimation of the whole set of HMM phone models simultaneously
- HHed: apply a variety of parameter tying and increment the number of mixture components in specified distributions
- HEadapt: adapt HMMs to better model the characteristics of particular speakers using a small amount of training or adaptation data

Recognition Tools

- HVite: use the token passing algorithm to perform Viterbi-based speech recognition
- HBuild: allow sub-networks to be created and used within higher level networks
- HParse: convert EBNF into the equivalent word network
- HSgen: compute the empirical perplexity of the task
- HDman: dictionary management tool

Analysis Tools

HResults

- Use dynamic programming to align the two transcriptions and count substitution, deletion and insertion errors
- Provide speaker-by-speaker breakdowns, confusion matrices and time –aligned transcriptions
- Compute Figure of Merit scores and Receiver Operation Curve information

HTK Example

Isolated word recognition

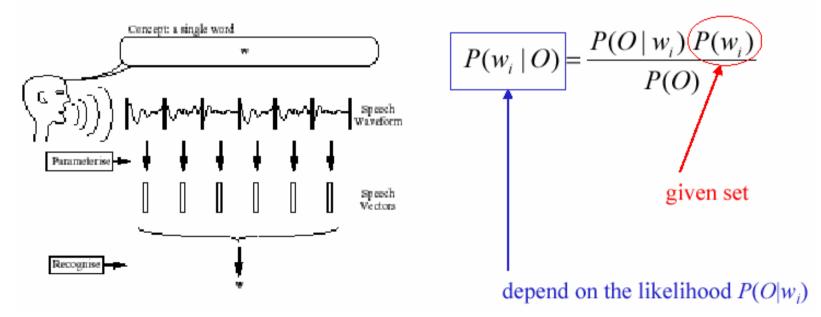
$$O = o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T$$

spoken word be represented by a sequence of vectors or *observations O*

$$\arg\max_{i} \{P(w_i \mid O)\}$$

Isolated word recognition

 w_i : the *i*'th vocabulary word



Isolated word recognition (cont'd)

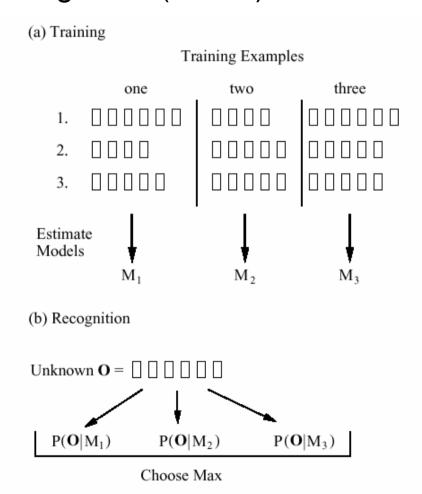
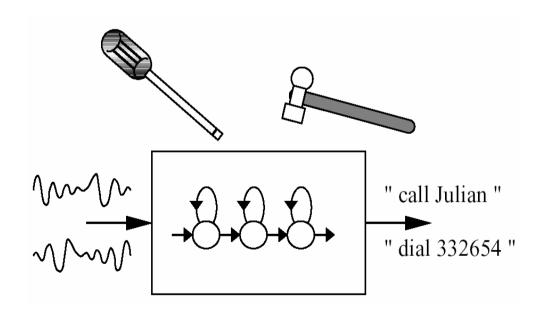


Fig. 1.4 Using HMMs for Isolated Word Recognition

Speech Recognition Example using HTK

- Recognizer for voice dialing application
 - Goal of our system
 - Provide a voice-operated interface for phone dialing
 - Recognizer
 - digit strings, limited set of names
 - sub-word based



- 1> gram 파일을 생성한다.
- gram파일은 사용할 grammar를 정의한 파일로서 전체적인 시나리오의 구성을 알려주는 파일이다.

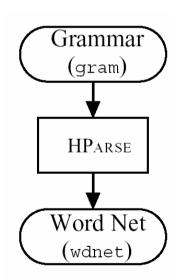
----- gram -----

\$digit = 일 | 이 | 삼 | 사 | 오 |..... | 구 | 공;

\$name = 철수 | 만수 | | 길동;

(SENT-START (누르기 <\$digit> | 호출 \$name) SENT-ENT)

\$표시 이후는 각 단어군의 정의이고 맨 아랫줄이 문법이다. <>속의 내용은 반복되는 내용이며 |은 or(또는) 기호이다. SENT-START 로 시작해서 SENT-END로 끝이 난다.



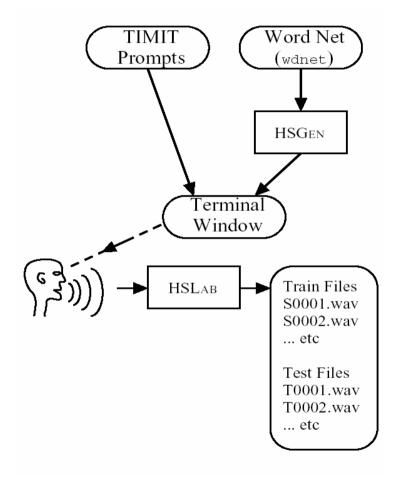
- 2> HParse gram wdnet 명령 실행.
- HParse.exe가 실행되어 gram파일로부터 wdnet을 생성시킨다.

3> dict 생성

- 단어 수준에서 각 단어의 음소를 정의 한다.

SENT-END[] sil
SENT-START[] sil
공 kc oxc ngc sp
구 kc uxc sp
....
영희 jeoc ngc hc euic sp
....
팔 phc axc lc sp
호출 hc oxc chc uxc lc sp

- 4> HSGen -I -n 200 wdnet dict 명령실행
- wdnet 과 dict를 이용하여 HSGen.exe가 실행되어 입력 가능 한 문장 200개를 생성해 준다.
- 5> HSGen이 만들어준 훈련용 문장을 녹음한다.
- HSLab 또는 일반 녹음 툴 사용



6> words.mlf 파일을 작성한다.

- words.mlf 파일은 녹음한 음성 파일들의 전사파일의 모음이다.

```
----- words.mlf -----
#!MLF!#
"*/s0001.lab"
누르기
#*/s0002.lab"
호출
영희
```

7> mkphones0.led 파일의 작성

-mkphones0.led 은 words.mlf 파일의 각 단어를 음소로 치환시킬 때의 옵션들을 저장하는 파일이다.

----- mkphones0.led -----

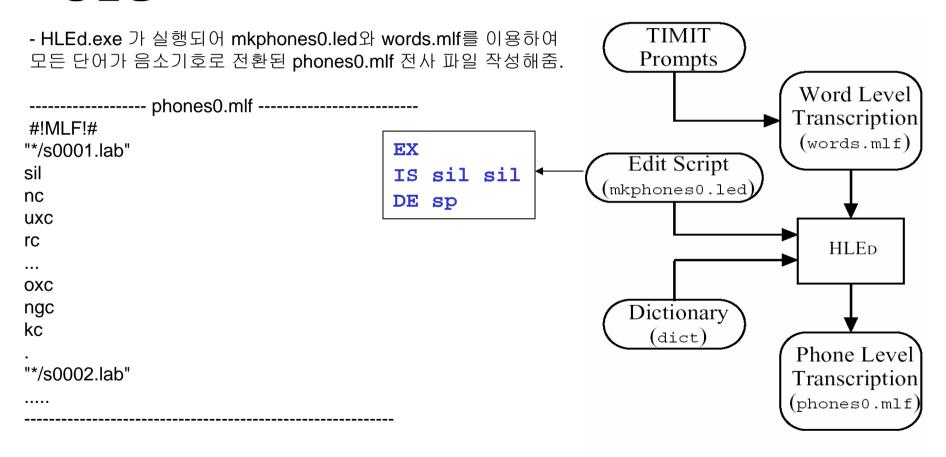
EX

IS sil sil

DE sp

위의 옵션의 뜻은 문장의 양끝에 sil을 삽입하고 sp는 삭제한다는 의미.

8>HLEd -d dict -i phones0.mlf mkphones0.led words.mlf 명 령실행



9> config 파일의 작성

-config 파일은 음성데이터를 mfc데이터로 전환시킬 때 사용되는 각 옵션들의 집합이다.

----- config -----

TARGETKIND = MFCC_0

TARGETRATE = 100000.0

SOURCEFORMAT = NOHEAD

SOURCERATE = 1250

WINDOWSIZE = 250000.0

.

10> codetr.scp 파일의 작성

-녹음한 음성파일명과 그것이 변환될 *.mfc파일명을 병렬적으로 적어

놓은 파일 Configuration File (config) ----- codetr.scp ----DB\s0001.wav DB\s0001.mfc Waveform Files MFCC Files DB\s0002.wav DB\s0002.mfc НСору S0001.wav S0001.mfc S0002.wav S0002.mfc S0003.wav S0003.mfc etc etc DB\s0010.way DB\s0010.mfc Script File (codetr.scp)

11> HCopy -T 1 -C config -S codetr.scp 명령 실행

- HCopy.exe이 config 와 codetr.scp를 이용하여 음성파일을 mfc파일로 변환시켜 줌. mfc파일은 각 음성에서 config옵션에 따라 특징값을 추 출한 데이터임.

12> proto 파일과 train.scp파일의 작성

- proto 파일은 HMM 훈련에서 모델 토폴로지를 정의하는 것이다. 음소기반 시스템을 위한 **3**상태 left-right의 정의

train.scp: 생성된 mfc파일 리스트를 포함하는 파일임

13> config1 파일의 생성

- HMM훈련을 위해 config파일의 옵션 MFCC_0 → MFCC_0_D_A로 변환한 config1을 생성한다.

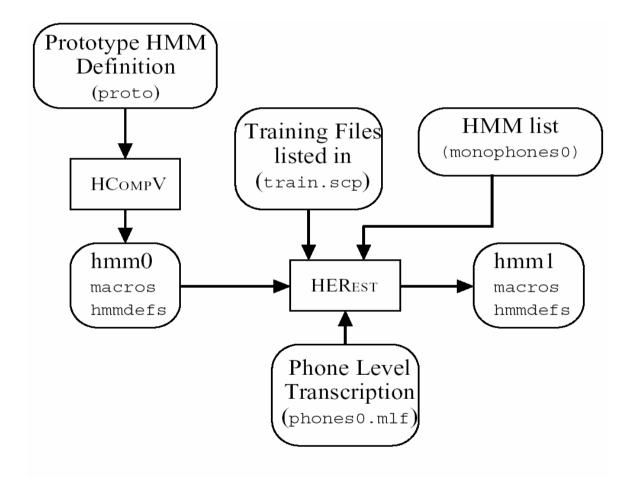
14> HCompV -C config1 -f 0.01 -m -S train.scp -m hmm0 proto

- HCompV.exe가 hmm0폴더에 proto파일과 vFloors파일을 생성해 준다. 이것들을 이용하여 macros 와 hmmdefs파일을 생성한다.

proto파일에 각 음소들을 포함시켜 hmmdefs파일을 생성한다.

```
vFloors 파일에 ~o를 추가하여 macros파일을 생성한다.
----- macros -----
~0
<VecSize> 39
<MFCC_0_D_A>
~v "varFoorl"
<Variance> 39
 Proto 파일의 일부
                                     macros
  ~o <VecSize> 39 <MFCC_0_D_A>
                                      ~0
  ~h "proto"
                                        <VecSize> 39
                                        <MFCC 0 D A>
 Hmm0/vFloors
                                      ~v "varFloor1"
                                        <Variance> 39
  <Variance> 39
                                           0.0012 0.0003
     1.0 1.0 1.0 ...
```

- 15> HERest -C config1 -I phones0.mlf -t 250.0 150.0 1000.0 -S train.scp
- H hmm0\macros -H hmm0\hmmdefs -M hmm1 monophones0 명령 실 행
- HERest.exe이 hmm1 폴더에 macros 와 hmmdefs 파일을 생성해준다.
- HERest.exe를 2번 실행하여 hmm2 폴더에 macros와 hmmdefs파일을 만든다.
- hmm3, hmm4, ... 에 대해 반복
- 16> HVite -H hmm7/macros -H hmm7/hmmdefs -S test.scp -I '*' -i recout.mlf -w wdnet -p 0.0 -s 5.0 dict monophones



Summary

- Markov model
 - 1-st order Markov assumption on state transition
 - Visible': observation sequence determines state transition seq.
- Hidden Markov model
 - 1-st order Markov assumption on state transition
 - Hidden': observation sequence may result from many possible state transition sequences
 - Fit very well to the modeling of spatial-temporally variable signal
 - Three algorithms: model evaluation, the most probable path decoding, model training
- HMM applications and Software
 - Handwriting and speech applications
 - HMM tool box for Matlab
 - HTK
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