



inference in hidden markov model:

forward - backward algorithm

* \rightarrow full posterior $P(X_t | Y_{1:T})$

W2 D3, T2, T3

forward pass $a(t) = \underline{P(Y_{1:t}, X_t) \propto P(X_t | Y_{1:t})}$

• recursive formula

$$a(1) = P(Y_1 | X_1) P(X_1)$$

$$a(t) = \sum_{X_{t-1}} \underbrace{P(Y_t | X_t)}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{P(X_t | X_{t-1})}_{\text{dynamics}} \underbrace{P(X_{t-1}, Y_{1:t-1})}_{a(t-1) \text{ "old posterior"}}$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{1:t}, X_t) &= P(Y_{1:t} | X_t) P(X_t) \text{ chain rule} \\ &= P(Y_t | X_t) P(Y_{1:t-1} | X_t) P(X_t) \text{ cond. independent} \\ &= P(Y_t | X_t) \sum_{X_{t-1}} P(Y_{1:t-1}, X_t, X_{t-1}) \\ &= P(Y_t | X_t) \sum_{X_{t-1}} P(X_t | X_{t-1}) P(X_{t-1}, Y_{1:t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

backward pass

$$b(t) = P(Y_{t+1:T} | X_t)$$

• recursive formula

$$b(T) = 1$$

for $t < T$

$$b(t) = \sum_{S_{t+1}} \underbrace{P(y_{t+1} | S_{t+1}) P(y_{t+2:T} | S_{t+1})}_{\downarrow \text{cond. independent}} P(S_{t+1} | S_t)$$

proof:

$$\sum_{S_{t+1}} \underbrace{P(y_{t+1:T} | S_{t+1})}_{\downarrow} P(S_{t+1} | S_t)$$

posterior

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_t | Y_{1:T}) &\propto \underbrace{P(Y_{1:t}, X_t)}_{a(t)} \underbrace{P(Y_{t+1:T} | X_t)}_{b(t)} \\ &= P(Y_{1:t}, X_t) P(Y_{t+1:T} | X_t, Y_{1:t}) \\ &= P(Y_{1:T}, X_t) \end{aligned}$$

normalized posterior

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_t | Y_{1:T}) &= \frac{a(t) b(t)}{P(Y_{1:T})} \\ &= \frac{a(t) b(t)}{\sum_{X_T} \underbrace{P(Y_{1:T}, X_T)}} a(T) \end{aligned}$$