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Chapter # 8: HMM Parameter Estimation

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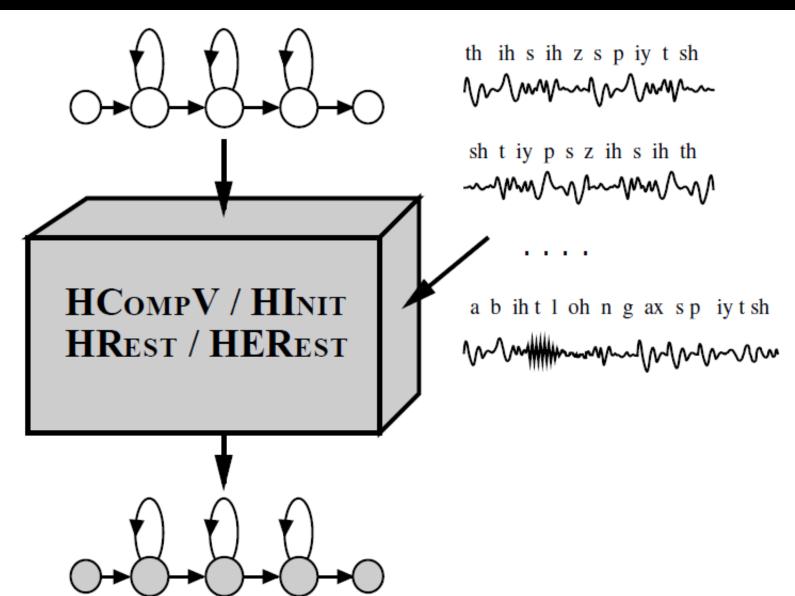
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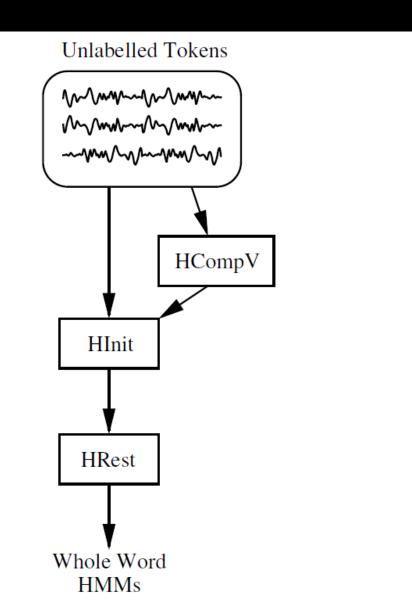
Introduction

- Defining the structure and overall form of a set of HMMs is the first step towards building a recognizer
- The second step is to estimate the parameters of the HMMs from examples of the data sequences that they are intended to model
- HTK supplies four basic tools for parameter estimation
 - HCompV will set the mean and variance to be equal to the global mean and variance of the speech training data
 - HInit will compute the parameters of a new HMM using a Viterbi style of estimation
 - HRest and HERest are used to refine the parameters of existing HMMs using Baum-Welch Re-estimation

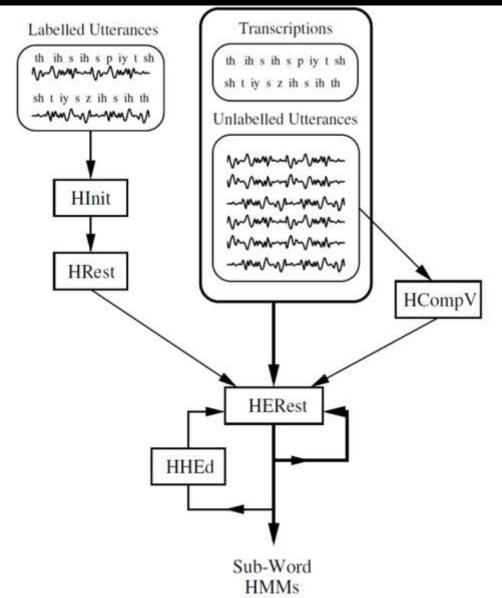
Introduction



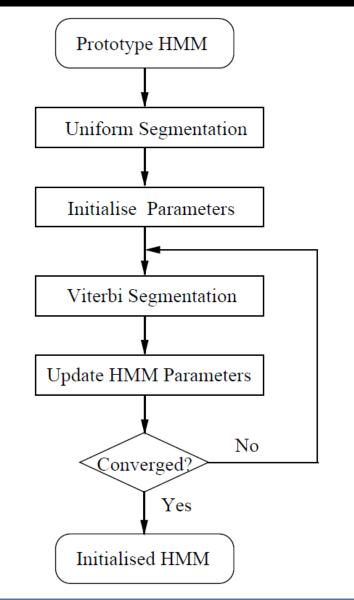
Training Strategies



Training Strategies



- The basic principle of HInit depends on the concept of a HMM as a generator of speech vectors
- Every training example can be viewed as the output of the HMM whose parameters are to be estimated
- If the state that generated each vector in the training data was known, then the unknown means and variances could be estimated by averaging all the vectors associated with each state
- The transition matrix could be estimated by simply counting the number of time slots that each state was occupied



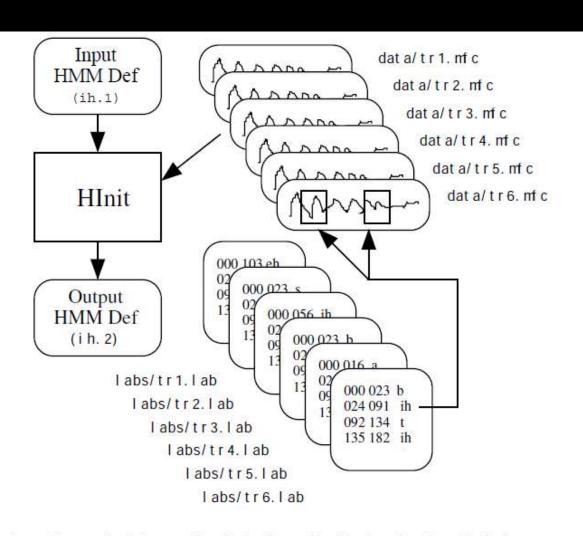
- If any HMM state has multiple mixture components, then the training vectors are associated with the mixture component with the highest likelihood
- The number of vectors associated with each component within a state can then be used to estimate the mixture weights
- In the uniform segmentation stage, a Kmeans clustering algorithm is used to cluster the vectors within each state

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HInit hmm data1 data2 data3

HInit -H mac1 -H mac2 hmm data1 data2 data3 ...

HInit -H globals -M dir1 proto data1 data2 data3 ...

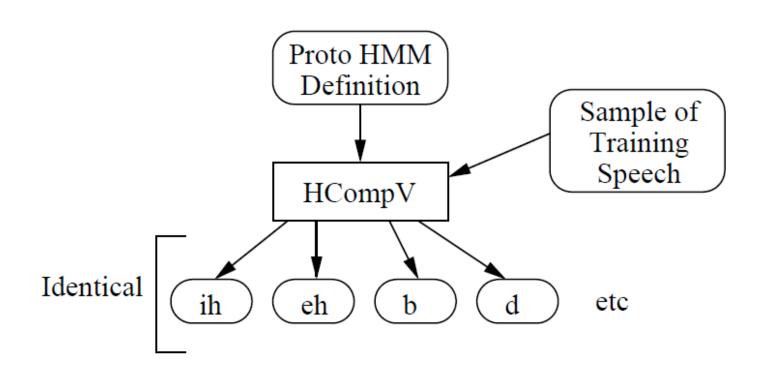
mv dir1/proto dir1/wordX
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HInit -S trainlist -H globals -M dir1 -l ih -L labs proto mv dir1/proto dir1/ih

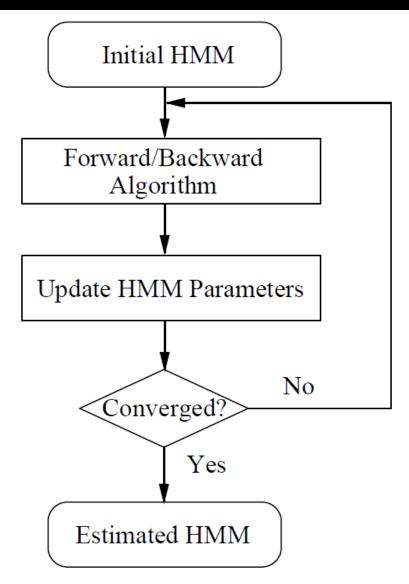
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Initialising HMM proto . . .
States: 2 3 4 (width)
Mixes s1: 1 1 1 (26)
Num Using: 0 0 0
Parm Kind: MFCC_E_D
Number of owners = 1
SegLab : ih
maxIter: 20
epsilon : 0.000100
minSeg : 3
Updating: Means Variances MixWeights/DProbs TransProbs
16 Observation Sequences Loaded
Starting Estimation Process
Iteration 1: Average LogP = -898.24976
Iteration 2: Average LogP = -884.05402
                                     Change =
                                                 14.19574
Iteration 3: Average LogP = -883.22119
                                      Change = 0.83282
Iteration 4: Average LogP = -882.84381 Change = 0.37738
Iteration 5: Average LogP = -882.76526 Change = 0.07855
Iteration 6: Average LogP = -882.76526
                                      Change =
                                                  0.00000
Estimation converged at iteration 7
Output written to directory :dir1:
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Flat Starting with HCompV



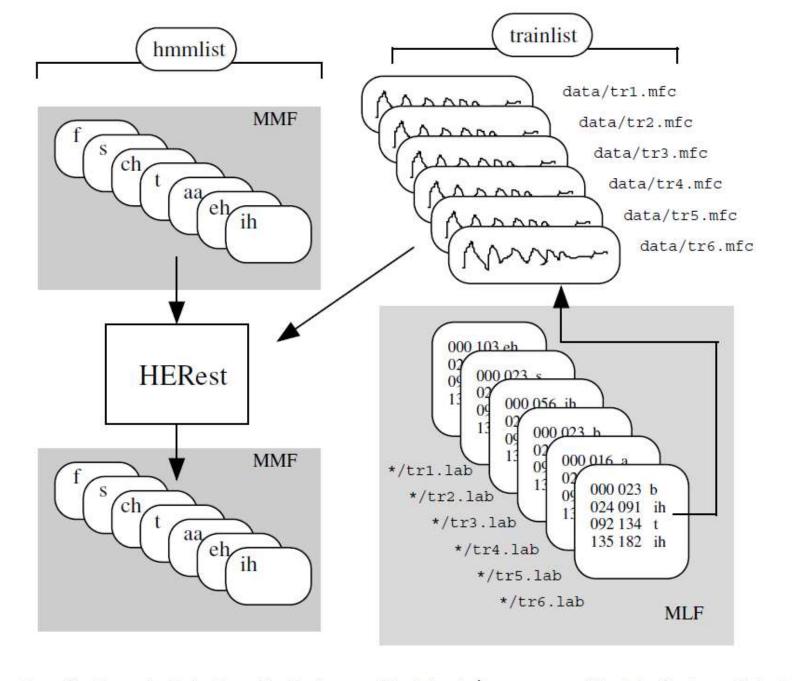
HCompV -m -H globals -M dir1 proto data1 data2 data3 ...

Isolated Unit Re-Estimation using HRest



HRest -S trainlist -H dir1/globals -M dir2 -l ih -L labs dir1/ih

- Unlike the processes described so far, embedded training simultaneously updates all of the HMMs in a system using all of the training data
 - HERest loads in a complete set of HMM definitions
 - Every training file must have an associated label file which gives a transcription for that file
 - This composite HMM is made by concatenating instances of the phone HMMs corresponding to each label in the transcription
 - The Forward-Backward algorithm is then applied and the sums needed to form the weighted averages accumulated in the normal way



HERest -S trainlist -I labs -H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 hmmlist

- In order to get accurate acoustic models, a large amount of training data is needed
- There are two mechanisms for speeding up this computation
 - Beam Pruning
 - Parallel Computing
- Beam Pruning: HERest has a pruning mechanism incorporated into its forward-backward computation
- On the forward pass, HERest restricts the computation of the values $\alpha(t)$ to just those for which the total log likelihood as determined by the product $\alpha(t)\beta(t)$ is within a fixed distance from the total likelihood $P(O_i|M)$

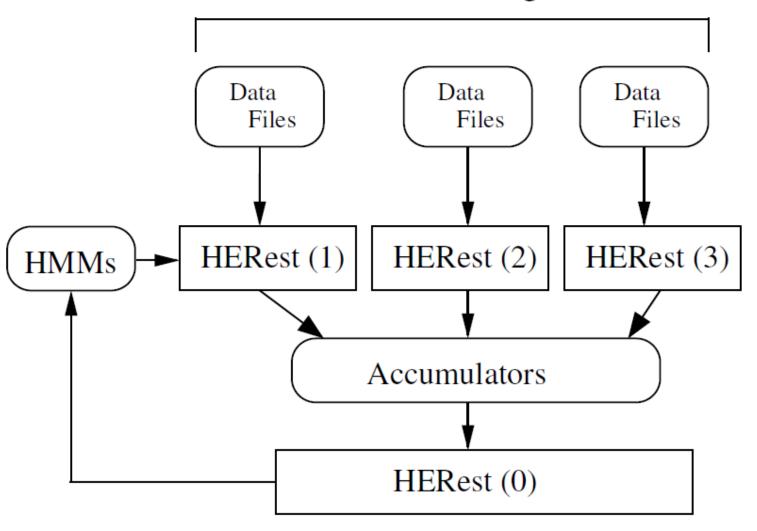
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```
HERest -t 120.0 60.0 240.0 -S trainlist -I labs \
-H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 hmmlist
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Parallel Computing

Partition Training Data



HERest -S trlist1 -I labs -H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 -p 1 hmmlist
HERest -S trlist2 -I labs -H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 -p 2 hmmlist
HERest -H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 -p 0 hmmlist dir2/*.acc

Single-Pass Retraining

- Suppose that a set of models has been trained on data with MFCC_E_D parameterization
- A new set of models using Cepstral Mean Normalization (_Z) is required

```
# Single pass retraining
HPARM1: TARGETKIND = MFCC_E_D
HPARM2: TARGETKIND = MFCC E D Z
```

HERest -r -C config -S trainList -I labs -H dir1/hmacs -M dir2 hmmList

Two-model Re-Estimation

- Suppose that we would like to update a set of cloned single Gaussian monophone models in dir1/hmacs using the well trained stateclustered triphones in dir2/hmacs as alignment models
- Associated with each model set are the model lists hmmlist1 and hmmlist2 respectively

```
# alignment model set for two-model re-estimation
ALIGNMODELMMF = dir2/hmacs
ALIGNHMMLIST = hmmlist2
HERest -C config -C config.2model -S trainlist -I labs -H dir1/hmacs -M dir3 hmmlist1
```

Viterbi Training

$$\phi_{N}(T) = \max_{i} \phi_{i}(T) a_{iN}$$

$$\phi_{j}(t) = \left[\max_{i} \phi_{i}(t-1)a_{ij}\right] b_{j}(\mathbf{o}_{t})$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t) \mathbf{o}_{st}^{r}}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t)}$$

$$\phi_{1}(1) = 1$$

$$\phi_{j}(1) = a_{1j}b_{j}(\mathbf{o}_{1})$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t) (\mathbf{o}_{st}^{r} - \hat{\mu}_{jsm}) (\mathbf{o}_{st}^{r} - \hat{\mu}_{jsm})'}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t)}$$

$$\hat{a}_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{\sum_{k=2}^{N} A_{ik}}$$

$$c_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_{r}} \psi_{jsm}^{r}(t)}$$

Forward Backward Probabilities

$$\alpha_{j}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} \alpha_{i}(t-1)a_{ij} \end{bmatrix} b_{j}(\boldsymbol{o}_{t}) \qquad \beta_{i}(t) = \sum_{j=2}^{N-1} a_{ij}b_{j}(\boldsymbol{o}_{t+1})\beta_{j}(t+1)$$

$$\alpha_{1}(1) = 1 \qquad \beta_{i}(T) = a_{iN}$$

$$\alpha_{j}(1) = a_{1j}b_{j}(\boldsymbol{o}_{1}) \quad \text{for } 1 < j < N$$

$$\alpha_{N}(T) = \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} \alpha_{i}(T)a_{iN}$$

$$\beta_{1}(1) = \sum_{j=2}^{N-1} a_{1j}b_{j}(\boldsymbol{o}_{1})\beta_{j}(1)$$

Forward Backward Probabilities

Forward Probability

initial conditions at time t=1

$$\alpha_1^{(q)}(1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q = 1\\ \alpha_1^{(q-1)}(1)a_{1N_{q-1}}^{(q-1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$\alpha_i^{(q)}(1) = a_{1i}^{(q)}b_i^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_1)$$

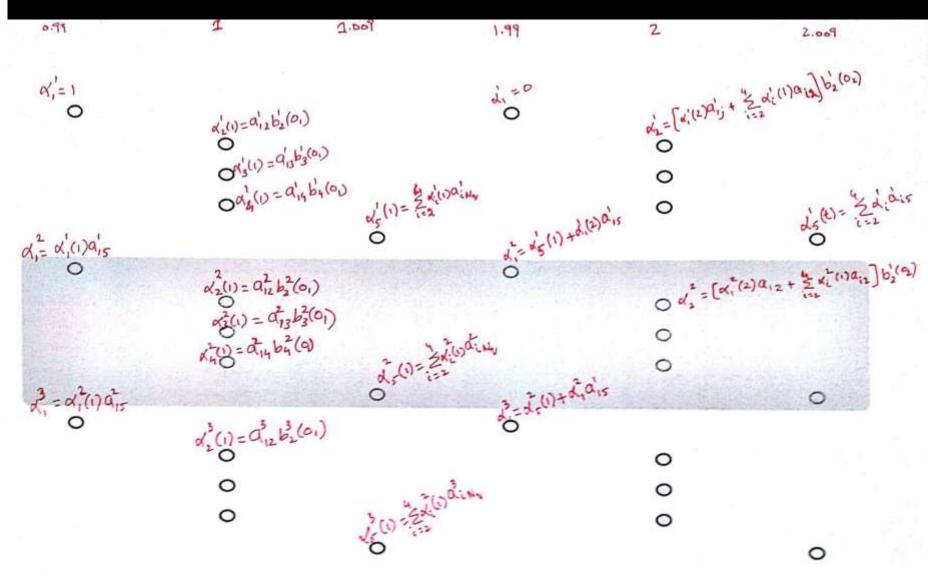
$$\alpha_{N_q}^{(q)}(1) = \sum_{i=2}^{N_q - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)}(1) a_{iN_q}^{(q)}$$

For time
$$t > 1$$

$$\alpha_1^{(q)}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } q = 1\\ \alpha_{N-1}^{(q-1)}(t-1) + \alpha_1^{(q-1)}(t)a_{1N-1}^{(q-1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_j^{(q)}(t) = \left[\alpha_1^{(q)}(t)a_{1j}^{(q)} + \sum_{i=2}^{N_q - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)}(t - 1)a_{ij}^{(q)} \right] b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_t)$$

$$\alpha_{N_q}^{(q)}(t) = \sum_{i=2}^{N_q - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)}(t) a_{iN_q}^{(q)}$$



Forward Backward Probabilities

Backward Probability

initial conditions at time t=T

$$\beta_{N_q}^{(q)}(T) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q = Q\\ \beta_{N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)}(T)a_{1N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i^{(q)}(T) = a_{iN_q}^{(q)} \beta_{N_q}^{(q)}(T)$$

$$\beta_1^{(q)}(T) = \sum_{j=2}^{N_q - 1} a_{1j}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_T) \beta_j^{(q)}(T)$$

For time t < T.

$$\beta_{N_q}^{(q)}(T) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q = Q \\ \beta_{N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)}(T)a_{1N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \beta_{N_q}^{(q)}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } q = Q \\ \beta_1^{(q+1)}(t+1) + \beta_{N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)}(t)a_{1N_{q+1}}^{(q+1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i^{(q)}(t) = a_{iN_q}^{(q)} \beta_{N_q}^{(q)}(t) + \sum_{j=2}^{N_q - 1} a_{ij}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_{t+1}) \beta_j^{(q)}(t+1)$$

$$\beta_1^{(q)}(t) = \sum_{j=2}^{N_q - 1} a_{1j}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_t) \beta_j^{(q)}(t)$$

- Forward Backward Probabilities
- The total probability P = prob(O|λ) can be computed from either the forward or backward probabilities

$$P = \alpha_N(T) = \beta_1(1)$$

Single Model Reestimation (HRest)

transition probabilities

$$\hat{a}_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_i^r(t) a_{ij} b_j(o_{t+1}^r) \beta_j^r(t+1)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^r(t) \beta_i^r(t)}$$

transitions from the non-emitting entry state

$$\hat{a}_{1j} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \alpha_j^r(1) \beta_j^r(1)$$

transitions from the emitting states to exit state

$$\hat{a}_{iN} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \alpha_i^r(T) \beta_i^r(T)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^r(t) \beta_i^r(t)}$$

probability of occupying the m'th mixture component in stream s at time t for the r'th observation

$$L_{jsm}^{r}(t) = \frac{1}{P_r} U_j^{r}(t) c_{jsm} b_{jsm}(\boldsymbol{o}_{st}^r) \beta_j^{r}(t) b_{js}^*(\boldsymbol{o}_t^r)$$

$$U_j^r(t) = \begin{cases} a_{1j} & \text{if } t = 1\\ \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} \alpha_i^r(t-1)a_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$b_{js}^*(\boldsymbol{o}_t^r) = \prod_{k \neq s} b_{jk}(\boldsymbol{o}_{kt}^r)$$

For single Gaussian streams

$$L_{jsm}^{r}(t) = L_{j}^{r}(t) = \frac{1}{P_{r}}\alpha_{j}(t)\beta_{j}(t)$$

Single Model Reestimation (HRest)

re-estimation formulae in terms of $L_{jsm}^{r}(t)$

$$\hat{\mu}_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t) o_{st}^r}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t)}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t) (o_{st}^r - \hat{\mu}_{jsm}) (o_{st}^r - \hat{\mu}_{jsm})'}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t)}$$

$$c_{jsm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} L_{jsm}^r(t)}$$

transition probabilities

$$\hat{a}_{ij}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) a_{ij}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_{t+1}^r) \beta_j^{(q)r}(t+1)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t)}$$

transitions from the non-emitting entry states into the HMM

$$\hat{a}_{1j}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r-1} \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1j}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_t^r) \beta_j^{(q)r}(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) \beta_1^{(q)r}(t) + \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1N_q}^{(q)} \beta_1^{(q+1)r}(t)}$$

transitions out of the HMM

$$\hat{a}_{iN_q}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) a_{iN_q}^{(q)} \beta_{N_q}^{(q)r}(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t)}$$

transitions from entry to exit states

$$\hat{a}_{1N_q}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1N_q}^{(q)} \beta_1^{(q+1)r}(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t) + \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1N_q}^{(q)} \beta_1^{(q+1)r}(t)}$$

at

transition probabilities

$$\hat{a}_{ij}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) a_{ij}^{(q)} b_j^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{o}_{t+1}^r) \beta_j^{(q)r}(t+1)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t)}$$

transitions from the non-emitting entry states into the HMM

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$$U_j^{(q)r}(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t)a_{1j}^{(q)} & \text{if } t = 1\\ \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t)a_{1j}^{(q)} + \sum_{i=2}^{N_q-1} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t-1)a_{ij}^{(q)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$a_{iN_q}^{iN_q} = \frac{1}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t)}$$

transitions from entry to exit states

$$\hat{a}_{1N_q}^{(q)} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r - 1} \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1N_q}^{(q)} \beta_1^{(q+1)r}(t)}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \frac{1}{P_r} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} \alpha_i^{(q)r}(t) \beta_i^{(q)r}(t) + \alpha_1^{(q)r}(t) a_{1N_q}^{(q)} \beta_1^{(q+1)r}(t)}$$

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- HTK supports discriminative training using HMMIRest tool
- Maximum Mutual Information and Minimum Phone Error criteria are supported
- The form of MMI criteria to be maximized may be expressed as

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_{\text{mmi}}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^{R} \log \left(P(\mathcal{H}_{\text{ref}}^{r} | \boldsymbol{O}^{r}, \lambda) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^{R} \log \left(\frac{P(\boldsymbol{O}^{r} | \mathcal{H}_{\text{ref}}^{r}, \lambda) P(\mathcal{H}_{\text{ref}}^{r})}{\sum_{\mathcal{H}} P(\boldsymbol{O}^{r} | \mathcal{H}, \lambda) P(\mathcal{H})} \right) \end{split}$$

For MPE the expression to be minimized is

$$\mathcal{F}_{ exttt{mpe}}(\lambda) = \sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{\mathcal{H}} P(\mathcal{H}|oldsymbol{O}^{r}, \lambda) \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_{ exttt{ref}}^{r})$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \arg\max_{\lambda} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} Q^r} \mathcal{F}_{\text{mpe}}(\lambda) \right\}$$

 In HMMIREST implementation the language model scores, including the grammar scale factor are combined into the acoustic models to yield a numerator acoustic model and a denominator acoustic model

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_{\text{mmi}}(\lambda) &= \sum_{r=1}^{R} \log \left(\frac{P(\boldsymbol{O}^r | \mathcal{M}_r^{\text{num}})}{P(\boldsymbol{O}^r | \mathcal{M}_r^{\text{den}})} \right) \\ \mathcal{F}_{\text{mpe}}(\lambda) &= \sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{\mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{P(\boldsymbol{O}^r | \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{H}})}{P(\boldsymbol{O}^r | \mathcal{M}_r^{\text{den}})} \right) \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_{\text{ref}}^r) \end{split}$$

Extended Baulm Welch algorithm

$$\hat{\mu}_{jm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} (L_{jm}^{\text{num}r}(t) - L_{jm}^{\text{den}r}(t)) o_t^r + D_{jm} \mu_{jm} + \tau^{\text{I}} \mu_{jm}^{\text{P}}}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} (L_{jm}^{\text{num}r}(t) - L_{jm}^{\text{den}r}(t)) + D_{jm} + \tau^{\text{I}}}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{jm} = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} (L_{jm}^{\text{num}r}(t) - L_{jm}^{\text{den}r}(t)) o_t^r o_t^{r\mathsf{T}} + D_{jm} \mathbf{G}_{jm}^s + \tau^{\mathsf{I}} \mathbf{G}_{jm}^p}{\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{t=1}^{T_r} (L_{jm}^{\text{num}r}(t) - L_{jm}^{\text{den}r}(t)) + D_{jm} + \tau^{\mathsf{I}}} - \hat{\mu}_{jm} \hat{\mu}_{jm}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{jm}^{\mathtt{s}} &= \mathbf{\Sigma}_{jm} + \mathbf{\mu}_{jm} \mathbf{\mu}_{jm}^{\mathsf{T}} \ \mathbf{G}_{jm}^{\mathtt{p}} &= \mathbf{\Sigma}_{jm}^{\mathtt{p}} + \mathbf{\mu}_{jm}^{\mathtt{p}} \mathbf{\mu}_{jm}^{\mathtt{p}\mathsf{T}} \end{aligned}$$

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