EQ2340 Pattern Recognition: Report 1 (HMM Signal Source)

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A1.1 HMM Random Source

We implemented functions @DiscreteD/rand, @MarkovChain/rand and **@HMM/rand**. Those files will be provided with the report.

A1.2 Verify the MarkovChain and HMM Sources

To verify HHM generation we use the infinite-duration HMM with two states and Gaussian-distributed emissions.

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}; A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.99 & 0.1 \\ 0.03 & 0.97 \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1(x) \\ b_2(x) \end{bmatrix};$$
$$b_1(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1); b_2(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(3, 4);$$

1.

We can calculate state probability distribution at time t $P(S_t = j)$ by performing the following matrix multiplication operations:

$$P(S_t = j) = q^T * A^{t-1}$$

$$P(S_1 = j) = q^T = [0.75, 0.25]$$

$$P(S_2 = j) = q^T * A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}}_{q^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.99 & 0.01 \\ 0.03 & 0.97 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}}_{q^T}$$

Notice however that $q^T * A = q^T$ meaning HMM is stationary and $P(S_t) = q^T, \forall t$

2.

Using our Markov Chain rand function we can produce a sequence of T = 10000. The proportion of time spent on either state is shown below:

State 1: 0.7348 State 2: 0.2652

3.

We also calculate the expected value and variance for a given emission at time t, namely, $E[X_t]$ and $Var(X_t)$ as follows:

$$E[X_t] = P(S_t = 1)E[X|S_t = 1] + P(S_t = 2)E[X|S_t = 2] = 0.75 \cdot 0 + 0.25 \cdot 3 = 0.75$$

$$Var(X_t) = w_1 \cdot \sigma_1^2 + w_2 \cdot \sigma_2^2 + w_1 \cdot (\mu_1 - \mu)^2 + w_2 \cdot (\mu_2 - \mu)^2$$

$$= 0.75 \cdot 1^2 + 0.25 \cdot 2^2 + 0.75 \cdot (0 - 0.75)^2 + 0.25 \cdot (3 - 0.75)^2 = 3.4375$$
 Where:

$$w_1 = P(S_t = 1); X | S_t = 1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$$

 $w_2 = P(S_t = 2); X | S_t = 2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

and:

$$\mu = E[X_t]$$

We can also produce an estimate for the mean and variance of the model's emissions by producing a sequence of length T=10000 so as to verify that our calculations above agree with our model's output:

Mean 0.7342 Variance 3.4017

4.

Now we present a plot of a series of 500 contiguous samples X_t from our HMM:

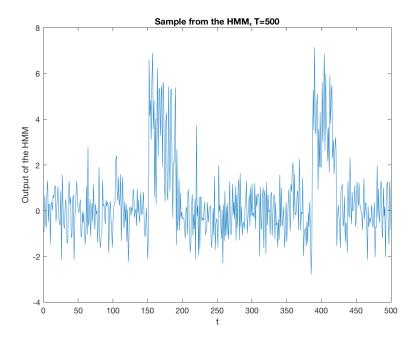


Figure 1: First HMM

Notice that in figure 1 above we can almost tell exactly when the HMM finds itself on State 1 or State 2 given the output values on the y-axis. For example, whenever the output values are close to 0 (e.g. within two standard deviations - i.e. +/- 2 as the standard deviation in this state equals one) we can be almost sure that the model is in state 1 - such is the case for the first 150 observations or so.

5.

Now lets produce some output from a second HMM where both emission distributions share the same mean (i.e. $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$):

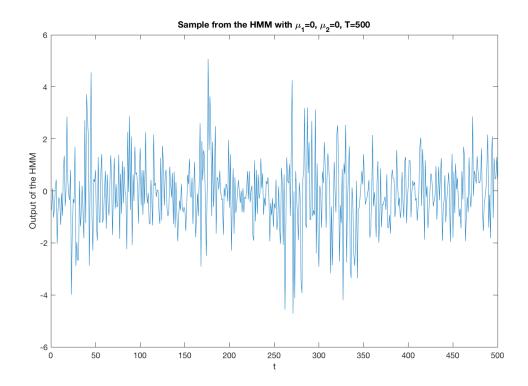


Figure 2: Second HMM

Notice that on figure 2 above it is not as clear whenever the model finds itself on State 1 or in State 2. We would argue however that it is still possible to state a sequence of Hidden states \underline{S} as the variances from each emission distribution are not equal. Intuitively values that are much farther away from the mean are more likely to have come from State 2 as the emission distribution of this state has a much larger variance.

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6.

We now turn our attention towards the implementation of our finite duration HMM. To test the model we can calculate the probability that the process will have a sequence length of 5 emissions or less. We use the initial state probabilities q and transition matrix A below:

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}; A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.5 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(\text{sequence length} \le 5) = \sum_{t=1}^{5} 0.3 \cdot 0.7^{t-1} = 0.83$$

We then generate 1000 samples (whose maximum length is set to 100) and produce a normalized cumulative histogram with the sequence length on the x-axis:

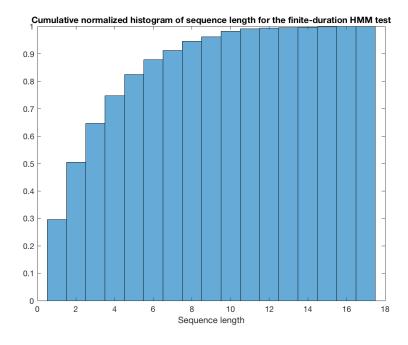


Figure 3: Normalized Cumulative Histogram, Finite Duration HMM

Notice that fifth bar of our histogram in figure 3 stands at around 0.83 which is exactly the value we had calculated previously confirming that our implementation is accurate.

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7.

Now we proceed to check that our implementation's state-conditional output distributions can generate random vectors correctly. We define a new HMM model with initial state and trasition probabilities as given by q and A below:

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5\\0.5 \end{bmatrix}; A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4\\0.4 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

We also let both state-conditional outputs sample from a multivariate Gaussian as defined below:

$$b_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2&1\\1&4 \end{bmatrix}\right); i = \{1,2\}$$

Now we take one sample of length 1000 and use the observations to estimate the mean and covariance of the observations.

Estimated mean:

$$\hat{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.9330 \\ -0.0808 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimated covariance:

$$\hat{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.8716 & 0.9737 \\ 0.9737 & 4.3220 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that the mean and co-variance estimates are very close to the theoretical mean and co-variance thus corroborating correctness of our implementation.

Appendix: MatLab Code

Normalized Cumulative Histogram of Sequence Length for Finite Duration HMM

Vector-valued test