

# COMP5046

# Natural Language Processing

## Lecture 6: Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging

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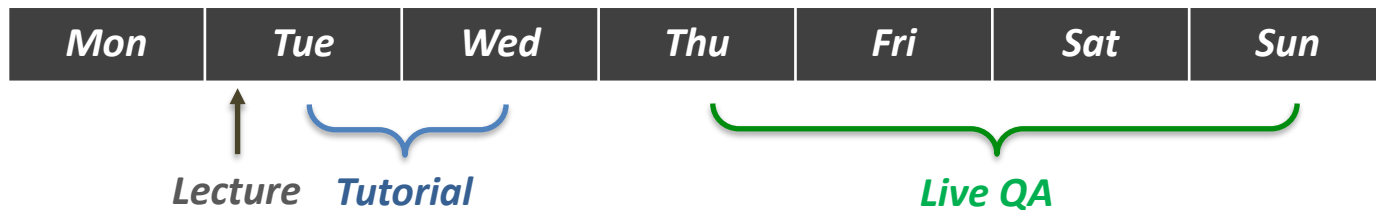
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# The course update

## Online Teaching Update



### **Lecture:**

- Tue 2-4pm every week
- Live Streaming via Twitch
- Recording file via canvas

### **Tutorial:**

- Tue 4pm, 5pm, 6pm
- Wed 4pm, 5pm
- Live Streaming via Zoom

### **Live QA:**

- 9-10pm from  
Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
- Live Streaming via Zoom

If you have any other questions, please post it to **EdStem**

More detailed information can be found from <https://edstem.org/courses/3933/discussion/188336>

## Assessment Update

### [Original Assessment Plan]

Assessment	Weight	Due	Length	
Lab exercises	10%	Multiple weeks (By Monday 6pm or Tuesday 6pm)	n/a	<b>To pass UoS,</b> achieve at least 40% (20 out of 50)
Assignment 1	20%	Week 8	n/a	
Assignment 2	20%	Week 14	n/a	
Final exam	50%	Formal Exam Period	2 hours	<b>To pass UoS,</b> achieve at least 40% (20 out of 50)



### [Updated Assessment Plan]

Assessment	Weight	Due	Length	
Lab exercises	10%	<b>Multiple weeks (All by Tuesday 6pm)</b>	n/a	<b>To pass UoS,</b> achieve at least 40% (24 out of 60)
Assignment 1	20%	Week 8	n/a	
Assignment 2	30%	Week 14	n/a	
Oral Quiz – Case Study (5Qs interview style)	15%	1 day after the formal exam period via Zoom [the exact date will be announced soon]	15 mins	<b>To pass UoS,</b> achieve at least 40% (16 out of 40)
Take-home Exam (Open Book)	25%	Formal exam period	1 hours	

*Sample Q would be demonstrated in Week 13.*

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# The course topics

## What will you learn in this course?

Week 1: Introduction to Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Week 2: Word Embeddings (Word Vector for Meaning)

Week 3: Word Classification with Machine Learning I

Week 4: Word Classification with Machine Learning II

**NLP and  
Machine  
Learning**

Week 5: Language Fundamental

Week 6: Part of Speech Tagging

Week 7: Dependency Parsing

Week 8: Language Model

**NLP  
Techniques**

Week 9: Information Extraction I: Named Entity Recognition

Week 10: Information Extraction II: Relation Extraction

Week 11: Application I: Question and Answering

Week 12: Application II: Machine Translation

**Advanced  
Topic**

Week 13: Future of NLP and Exam Review

## Lecture 6: Part of Speech Tagging

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2. **Baseline Approaches**
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  3. N-Gram Model
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# Part-of-Speech Tagging

## Parts of Speech (or word classes)

*A class of words based on the word's function, the way it works in a sentence*

8 parts of speech are commonly listed

*2000 years ago (starting with Aristotle)*

<i>Nouns</i>	<i>Verbs</i>	<i>Pronouns</i>	<i>Prepositions</i>
<i>Adverbs</i>	<i>Conjunctions</i>	<i>Participles</i>	<i>Articles</i>

*Dionysius Thrax of Alexandria (c. 100 BCE)*

*Now (School Grammar) + articles or determiner*

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<i>Adverbs</i>	<i>Conjunctions</i>	<i>Adjectives</i>	<i>Interjections</i>

## Part-of-Speech (English)

One basic kind of linguistic structure: syntactic word classes

*typically large, have fluid membership, and are often stable under translation*

### Open class (content) words

Nouns

Common *cat, dog*

Proper *IBM, John*

Adjectives *red, happy*

Adverbs *quickly*

Abbreviations *etc.*

Verbs

Main *ran, ate*

Numbers

*one, thousand,  
1,983,213*

Modal *can, had*

### Closed class (functional) words

Determiners *the, some*

Conjunctions *and, or*

Pronouns *they, him*

Adpositions *in, of, from*

Particles *off, up*

Punctuation *., ?, !*

*Relatively fixed membership, and the repertoire differs more from language to language*

## Part-of-Speech Tag sets – Modern English

In modern (English) NLP, larger and more fine-grained tag sets are preferred.

### Example

<i>Penn Treebank</i>	<i>45 tags</i>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1gwbird">http://bit.ly/1gwbird</a>
<i>Brown Corpus</i>	<i>87 tags</i>	<a href="https://bit.ly/2FGtdLd">https://bit.ly/2FGtdLd</a>
<i>C7 Tagset</i>	<i>146 tags</i>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Mh36KX">http://bit.ly/1Mh36KX</a>

Trade-off between complexity and precision and whatever tag-set we use,  
there will be some words that are hard to classify.



## Criteria for part-of-speech tagging

Three different criteria might be considered.

- ***Distributional*** criteria: Where can the words occur?
- ***Morphological*** criteria: What form does the word have? (E.g. -tion, -ize). What affixes can it take? (E.g. -s, -ing, -est).
- ***Notional(or semantic)*** criteria: What sort of concept does the word refer to? (E.g. nouns often refer to 'people, places or things'). More problematic: less useful for us

# Part-of-Speech Tagging

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- ***Distributional*** criteria: Where can the nouns appear?

*For example, nouns can appear with possession: "his car", "her idea".*

- ***Morphological*** criteria: What form does the word have? (E.g. -tion, -ize). What affixes can it take? (E.g. -s, -ing, -est).

*ness, -tion, -ity, and -ance tend to indicate nouns. (happiness, exertion, levity, significance).*

- ***Notional(or semantic)*** criteria: What sort of concept does the word refer to?

*Nouns generally refer to living things (mouse), places (Sydney), non-living things (computer), or concepts (marriage).*

## Criteria for part-of-speech tagging: **Verbs**

Three different criteria might be considered.

- ***Distributional*** criteria: Where can the verbs appear?

*Different types of verbs have different distributional properties. For example, base form verbs can appear as infinitives: “to jump”, “to learn”.*

- ***Morphological*** criteria: What form does the word have? (E.g. -tion, -ize). What affixes can it take? (E.g. -s, -ing, -est).

*words that end in -ate or -ize tend to be verbs, and ones that end in -ing are often the present participle of a verb (automate, equalize; rising, washing)*

- ***Notional(or semantic)*** criteria: What sort of concept does the word refer to?

*Verbs refer to actions (observe, think, give).*

## POS tags in Penn Treebank

The Penn Treebank POS tagset.

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1. CC	Coordinating conjunction	25. TO	<i>to</i>
2. CD	Cardinal number	26. UH	Interjection
3. DT	Determiner	27. VB	Verb, base form
4. EX	Existential <i>there</i>	28. VBD	Verb, past tense
5. FW	Foreign word	29. VBG	Verb, gerund/present participle
6. IN	Preposition/subordinating conjunction	30. VBN	Verb, past participle
7. JJ	Adjective	31. VBP	Verb, non-3rd ps. sing. present
8. JJR	Adjective, comparative	32. VBZ	Verb, 3rd ps. sing. present
9. JJS	Adjective, superlative	33. WDT	<i>wh</i> -determiner
10. LS	List item marker	34. WP	<i>wh</i> -pronoun
11. MD	Modal	35. WP\$	Possessive <i>wh</i> -pronoun
12. NN	Noun, singular or mass	36. WRB	<i>wh</i> -adverb
13. NNS	Noun, plural	37. #	Pound sign
14. NNP	Proper noun, singular	38. \$	Dollar sign
15. NNPS	Proper noun, plural	39. .	Sentence-final punctuation
16. PDT	Predeterminer	40. ,	Comma
17. POS	Possessive ending	41. :	Colon, semi-colon
18. PRP	Personal pronoun	42. (	Left bracket character
19. PP\$	Possessive pronoun	43. )	Right bracket character
20. RB	Adverb	44. "	Straight double quote
21. RBR	Adverb, comparative	45. '	Left open single quote
22. RBS	Adverb, superlative	46. "	Left open double quote
23. RP	Particle	47. '	Right close single quote
24. SYM	Symbol (mathematical or scientific)	48. "	Right close double quote

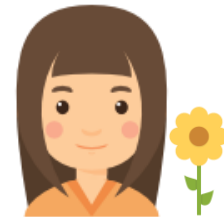
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# Part-of-Speech Tagging

## Example of POS inference

*Emma has a beautiful flower*

NNP VBZ DT JJ NN



## Parts-of-speech.Info


POS tagging

[about Parts-of-speech.Info](#)

Enter a **complete sentence** (no single words!) and click at "POS-tag!". The tagging works better when grammar and orthography are correct.

Text:

Tiffany has a beautiful flower

 Edit text



English ▼

Adjective

Adverb

Conjunction

Determiner

Noun

Number

Preposition

Pronoun

Verb

# Part-of-Speech Tagging

## POS Tagging: Issue

Given an input text, tag each word correctly:

*There/ was/ still/ lemonade/ in/ the/ **bottle/***

- (Tag sets are quite counterintuitive!)
  - In the above, the **bottle** is a noun not a verb
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### adjective, still-er, still-est.

- 1 remaining in place or at rest; motionless; stationary:  
*to stand still.*
- 2 free from sound or noise, as a place or persons; silent:  
*to keep still about a matter.*
- 3 subdued or low in sound; hushed:  
*a still, small voice.*
- 4 free from turbulence or commotion; peaceful; tranquil; calm:  
*the still air.*
- 5 without waves or perceptible current; not flowing, as water.
- 6 not effervescent or sparkling, as wine.
- 7 *Photography.* noting, pertaining to, or used for making single photographs, as opposed to a motion picture.

### adverb

- 10 at this or that time; as previously:  
*Are you still here?*
- 11 up to this or that time; as yet:  
*A day before departure we were still lacking an itinerary.*
- 12 in the future as in the past:  
*Objections will still be made.*
- 13 even; in addition; yet (used to emphasize a comparative):  
*still more complaints; still greater riches.*
- 14 even then; yet; nevertheless:  
*to be rich and still crave more.*

# Part-of-Speech Tagging

## The purpose of POS Tagging

Essential ingredient in natural language applications

- Useful in and of itself (more than you'd think)
  - Text-to-speech: record, lead
  - Lemmatization: saw[v] see, saw[n] saw
  - Linguistically motivated word clustering
- Useful as a pre-processing step for parsing
- Useful as features to downstream systems.



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## Baseline Approaches

### Part of Speech Tagging

N

V

D

A

N

Emma has a beautiful flower



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	<i>one, thousand, 1,983,213</i>	Modal <i>can, had</i>
Closed class (functional) words		
Determiners <i>the, some</i>	Conjunctions <i>and, or</i>	Adpositions <i>in, of, from</i>
Pronouns <i>they, him</i>	Particles <i>off, up</i>	Punctuation <i>., ?, !</i>

NOTE: The example includes the high level of classes from the PoS tagset

## Rule-based POS Tagging

### *Basic idea:*

Old POS taggers used to work in two stages, based on hand-written rules:

- the first stage identifies a set of possible POS for each word in the sentence (based on a lexicon), and
- the second uses a set of hand-crafted rules in order to select a POS from each of the lists for each word

**IF Condition,  
Then Conclusion**

## Rule-based POS Tagging

### *Basic idea:*

- Assign each token all its possible tags.
- Apply rules that eliminate all tags for a token that are inconsistent with its context.

### Example

the	DT (determiner)	⇒	the	DT (determiner)	
can	MD (modal)		can	MD (modal)	X
	NN (sg noun)			NN (sg noun)	✓
	VB (base verb)			VB (base verb)	X

- Assign any unknown word tokens a tag that is consistent with its context (eg, the most frequent tag).

## Rule-based POS Tagging

- Rule-based tagging often used a large set of hand-crafted context-sensitive rules.

*Example (schematic):*

Example					
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	NN (sg noun)			NN (sg noun)	✓
	VB (base verb)			VB (base verb)	X

***“Cannot eliminate all POS ambiguity.”***

## Part of Speech Tagging



*Emma*



*John*



*Will*

Emma likes John

## Part of Speech Tagging



*Emma*



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Emma likes John

### Database

John likes Will

N

V

N

Will likes Emma

N

V

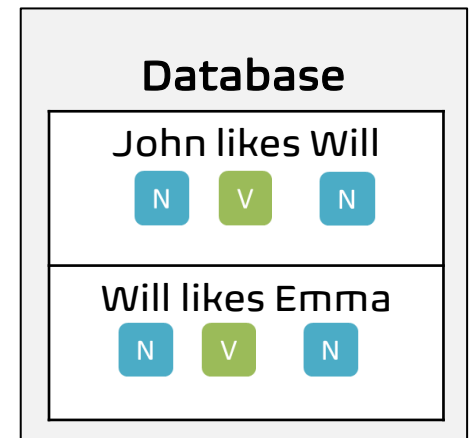
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## Part of Speech Tagging: Lookup Table

	N	V
John	1	0
liked	0	2
Will	2	0
Emma	1	0

Emma likes John

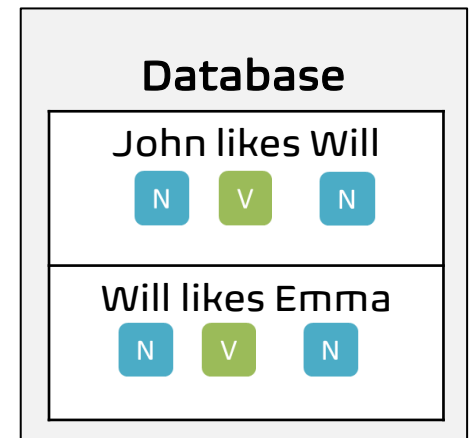


## 2 Baseline Approaches

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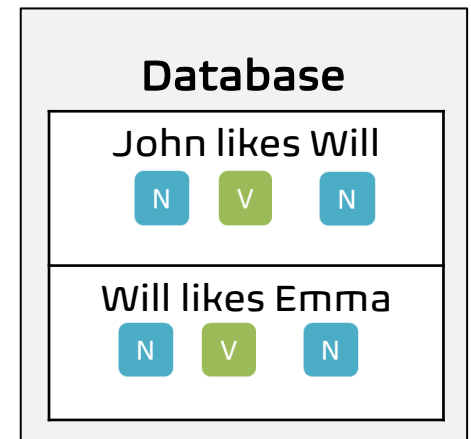
# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging: Lookup Table

*Pick the largest number of the corresponding row*

	N	V
John	1	0
liked	0	2
Will	2	0
Emma	1	0

N V N  
Emma likes John



*What about more complicated sentences?*

# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging



Emma



John



Will

Emma will meet Will

### Database

John will meet Will

N M V N

Emma will meet John

N M V N

Will will meet Emma

N M V N

## 2 Baseline Approaches

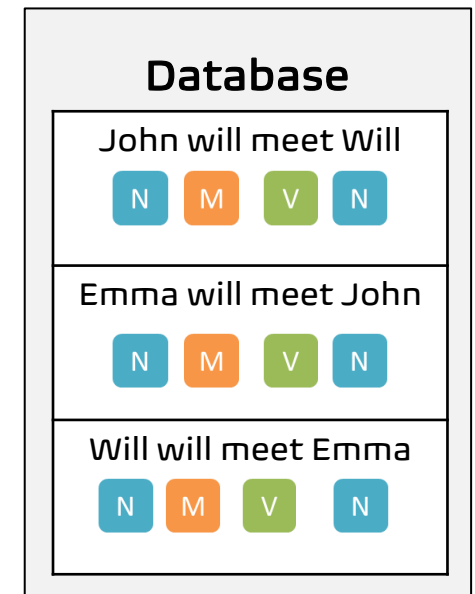
### Part of Speech Tagging

*Pick the largest number of the corresponding row*

	N	V	M
John	2	0	0
meet	0	3	0
Will	2	0	3
Emma	2	0	0

N M V M

Emma will meet Will



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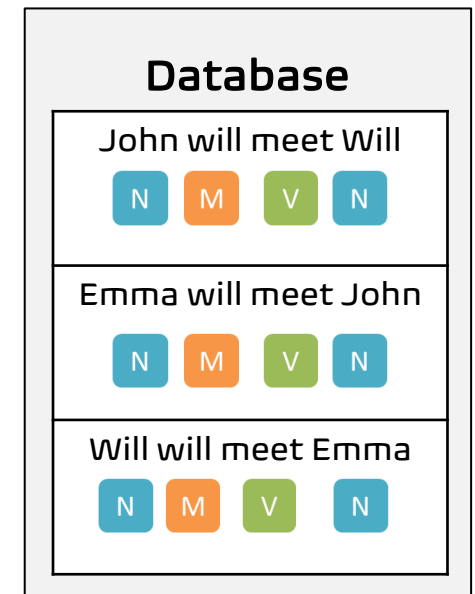
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N M V N

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*Better Solution? What about considering the Neighbors?*

## Part of Speech Tagging: N-gram

*A contiguous sequence of  $N$  items from a given sample of text*

$N=1$     Emma will meet Will    *unigram*

$N=2$     Emma will meet Will    *bigram*

$N=3$     Emma will meet Will    *trigram*

## 2 Baseline Approaches

### Part of Speech Tagging: N-gram

	N - M	M - V	V - N
john-will	1	0	0
will-meet	0	3	0
meet-will	0	0	1
emma-will	1	0	0
meet-john	0	0	1
will-will	1	0	0
meet-emma	0	0	1

Emma will meet Will

Database
John will meet Will N M V N
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N M V N  
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*What if we don't have in the database?*

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**SORRY !!!**  
No Results Found

Emma will see Will

### Database

John will meet Will

N M V N

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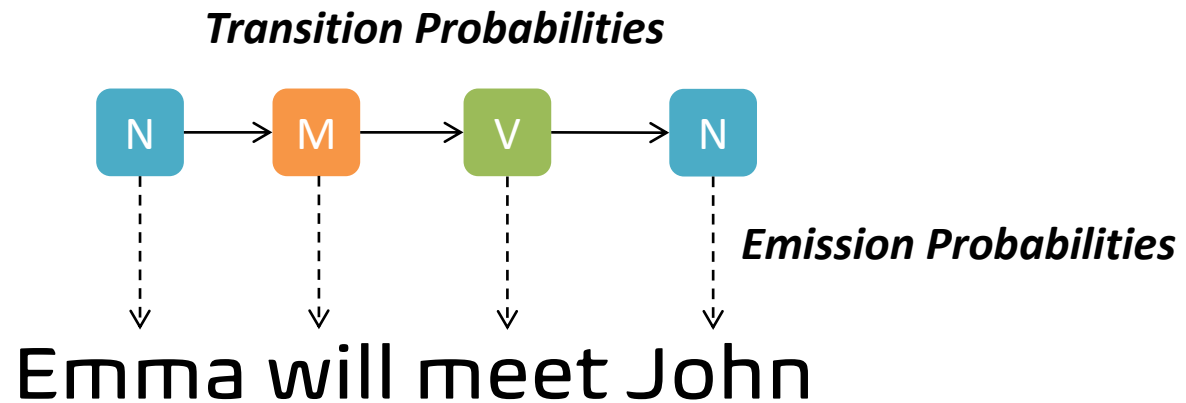
# Probabilistic Approaches

## Hidden Markov Model: Idea

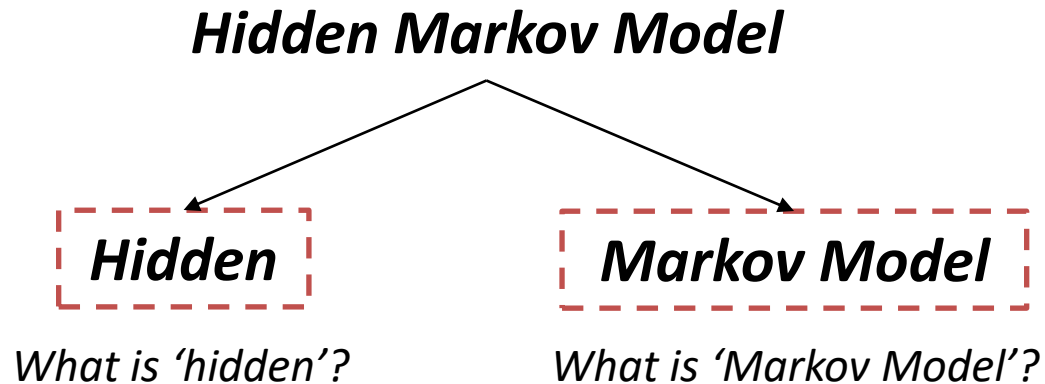


Emma will meet John

## Hidden Markov Model: Idea



## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)



## Markov Model



*Andrei Andreyevich Markov*

***The purpose of introducing Markov Chain**  
An example of statistical investigation in the text of  
'Eugene Onyegin' illustrating coupling of 'tests' in chains.*

- A stochastic model used to model randomly changing system
- Has the Markov property if the **conditional probability distribution of future states** of the process **depends only upon the present state**, not on the events that occurred before it.



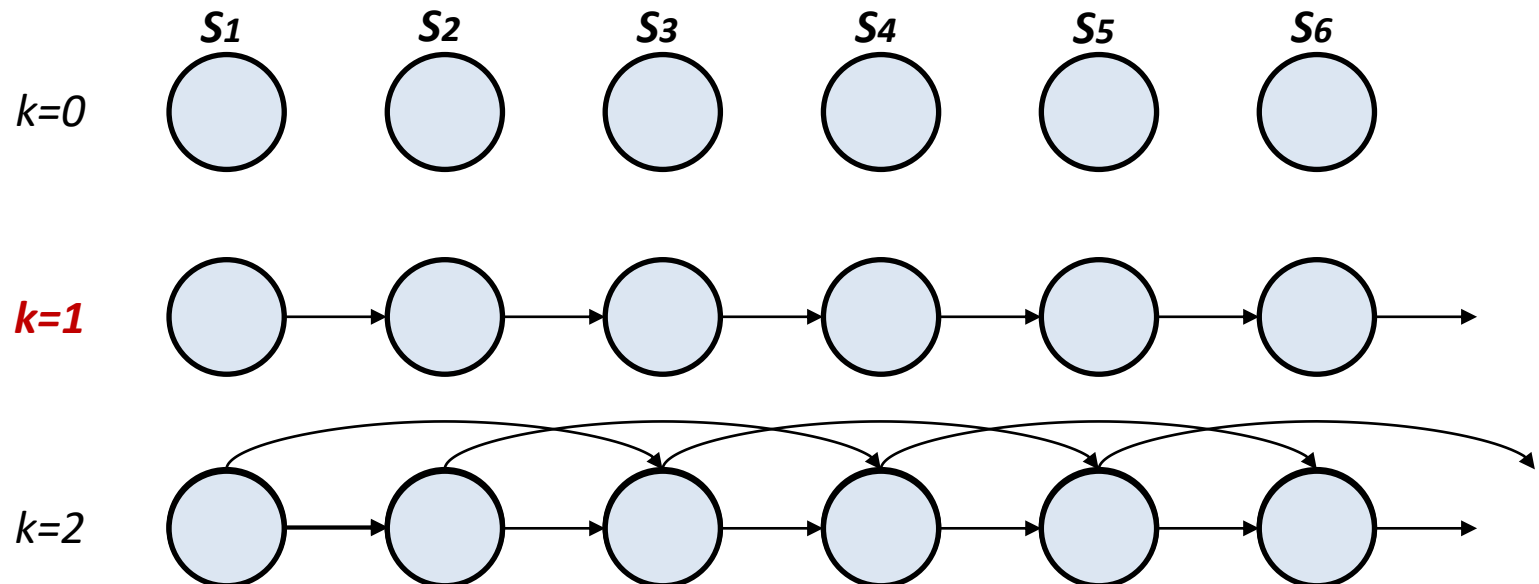
## Markov Model (MM): K-Order Markov Property

- Assumption: last  $k$  states are sufficient
  - ( $k=1$ )** First-order Markov Process (*Most Commonly used*)

$$P(S_t | S_{t-1}, \dots, S_0) = P(S_t | S_{t-1})$$

- $(k=2)$  Second-order Markov Process

$$P(S_t | S_{t-1}, \dots, S_0) = P(S_t | S_{t-1}, S_{t-2})$$



## Markov Model (MM): Example

Let's predict tomorrow weather in Sydney. Assume we have three classes

Class 1: Rainy



Class 2: Cloudy



Class 3: Sunny



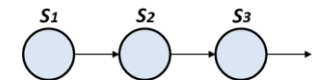
**NOTE: Tomorrow weather depends only on today's!**

*First order Markov Model*

*We found the weather change pattern based on the 1-year data.*

		Tomorrow		
		Rainy	Cloudy	Sunny
Today	Rainy	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Cloudy	0.2	0.6	0.2
	Sunny	0.1	0.1	0.8

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*If it is raining today, how will be the weather tomorrow?*

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$$S_{rainycloudy} = 0.3$$

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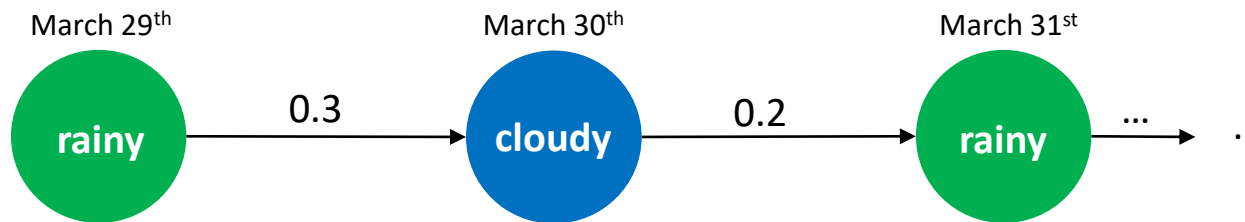
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## Markov Model (MM): Example

### Transition Probabilities



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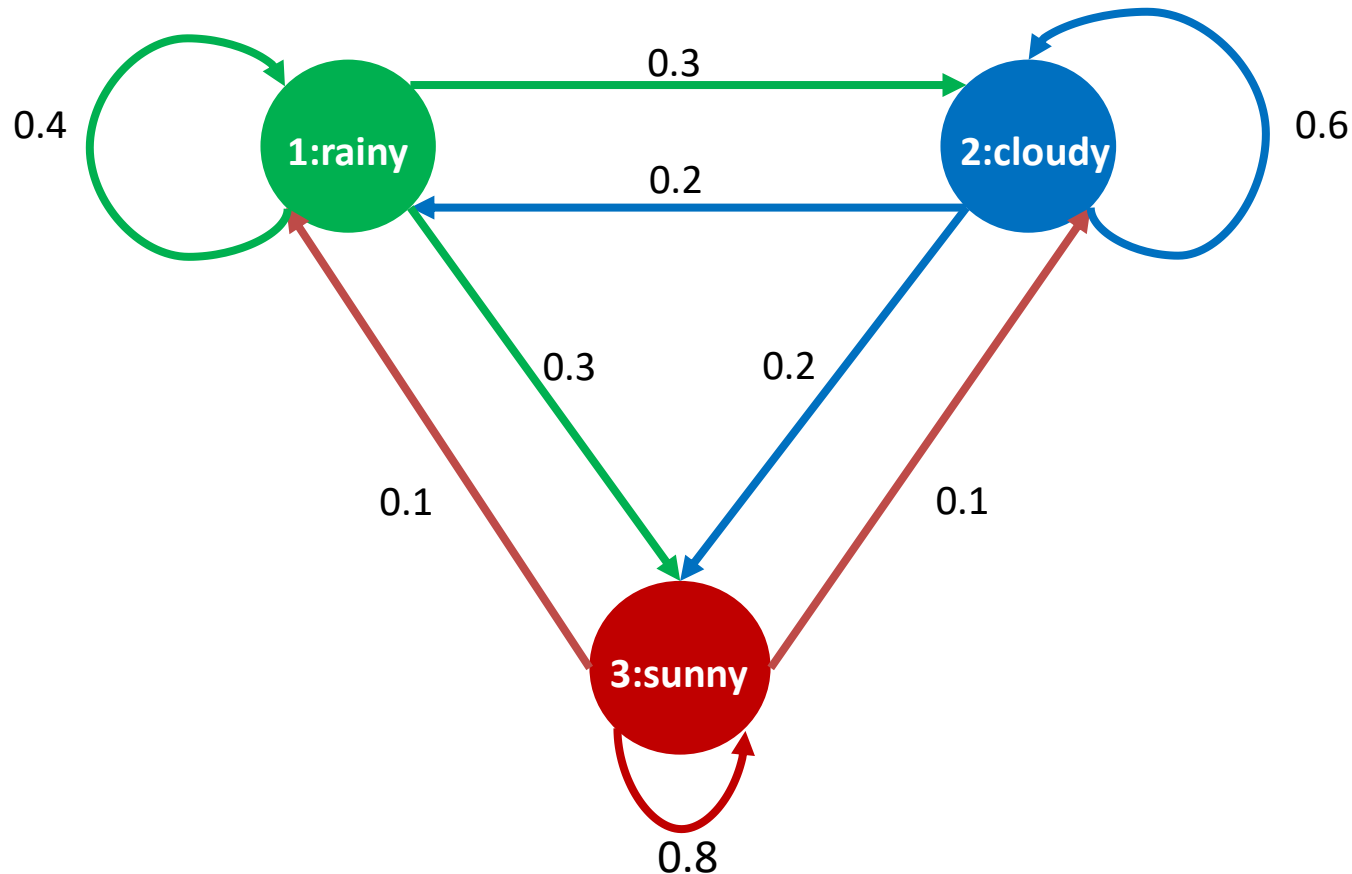
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## Markov Model (MM): Example

### *Visual illustration with diagram*

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

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## Markov Model (MM): Example

### State Transition Matrix

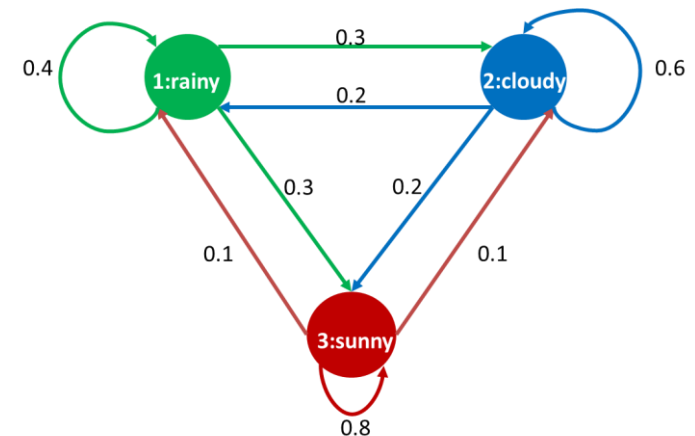
$$S_{ij} = P(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i) \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N$$

$$S_{ij} \geq 0$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \dots & S_{1N} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & \dots & S_{2N} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & \dots & S_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{N1} & S_{N2} & \dots & S_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

		Tomorrow		
		Rainy	Cloudy	Sunny
Today	Rainy	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Cloudy	0.2	0.6	0.2
	Sunny	0.1	0.1	0.8

		Time $t+1$		
		S1	S2	S3
Time $t$	S1	0.4	0.3	0.3
	S2	0.2	0.6	0.2
	S3	0.1	0.1	0.8



## Markov Model (MM): Example

### Sequence Probability

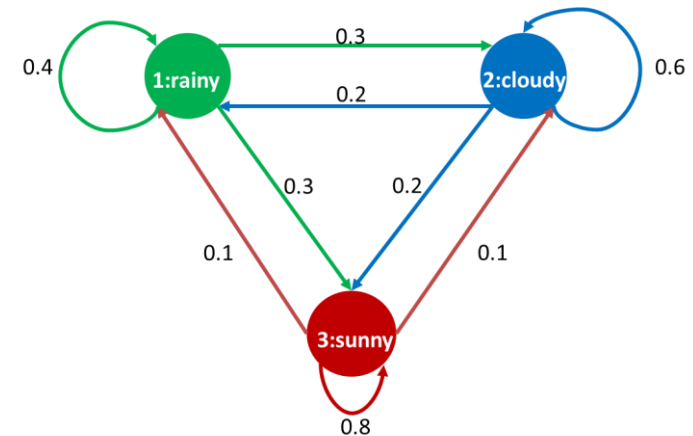
*Q: What is the probability that the weather for the next 7 days will be “sun-sun-rain-rain-sun-cloudy-sun” if it is sunny today?*

$$P(S_3, S_3, S_3, S_1, S_1, S_3, S_2, S_3 \mid \text{model})$$

$$= P(S_3) \cdot P(S_3 \mid S_3) \cdot P(S_3 \mid S_3) \cdot P(S_1 \mid S_3) \cdot P(S_1 \mid S_1) P(S_3 \mid S_1) P(S_2 \mid S_3) P(S_3 \mid S_2)$$

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

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



$$S_{ij} = P(S_t = j \mid S_{t-1} = i)$$



## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

### *Hidden Markov Model*



*Hidden*

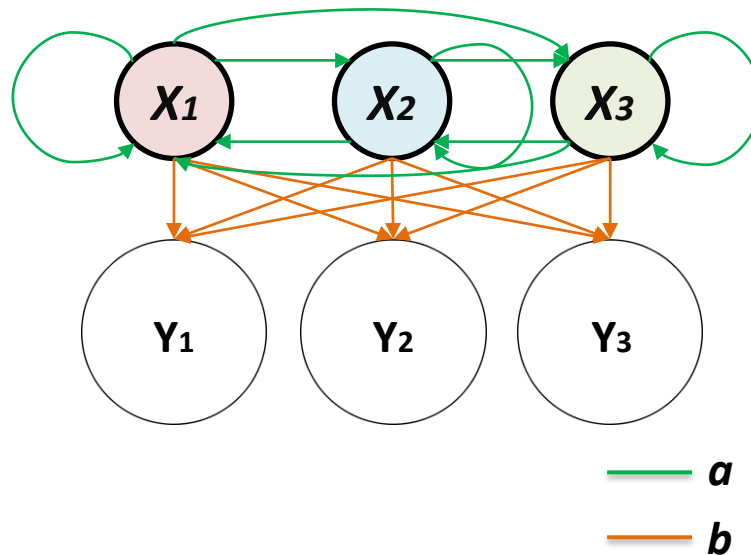
*What is 'hidden'?*

*Markov Model*

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## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) are a class of probabilistic graphical model that allow us to **predict a sequence of unknown (hidden) variables** from a set of observed variables.

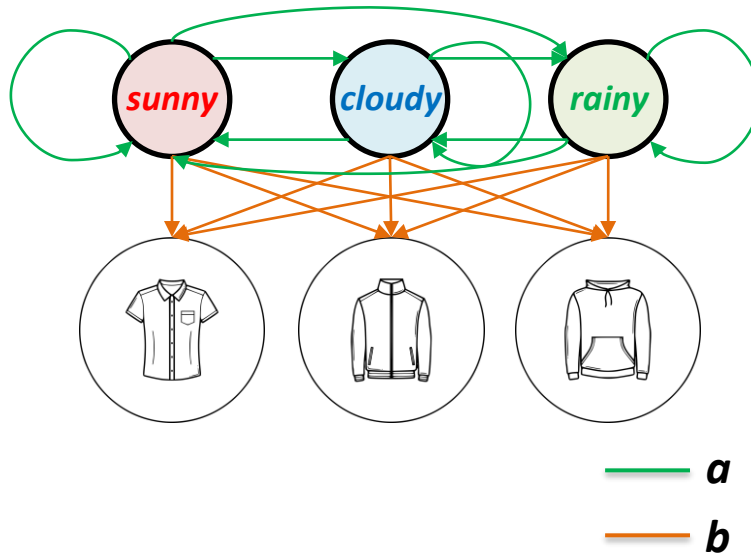


$x$  states <sup>*hidden*</sup>  
 $y$  possible observations  
 $a$  state transition probabilities  
 $b$  output probabilities

- States are **hidden**
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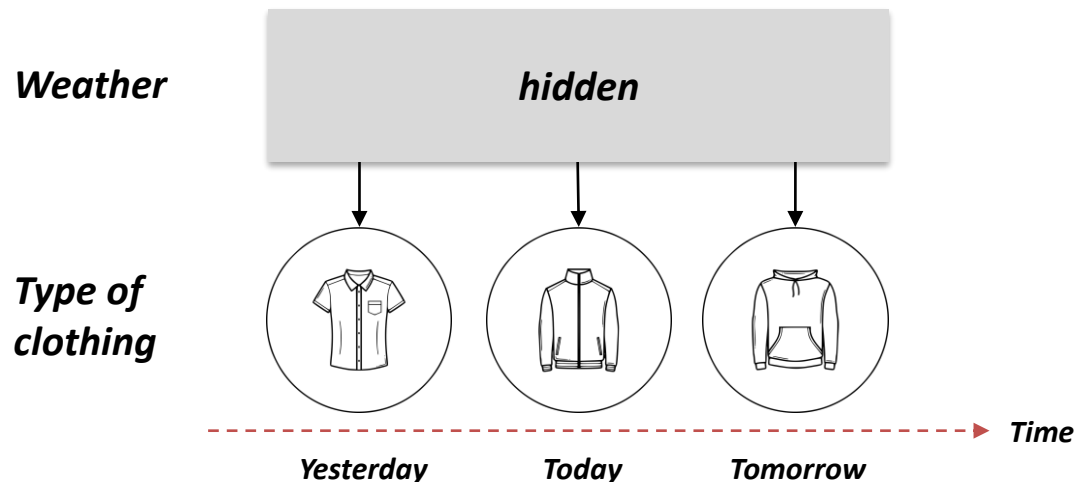
## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Predicting the **weather (state: hidden variable)** based on the type of **clothes that the person wears (observed event)**

- **Weather (hidden variable):** **sunny**, **cloudy**, **rainy**
- **Observed variables** are the **type of clothing the person worn**

*The arrows represent:*

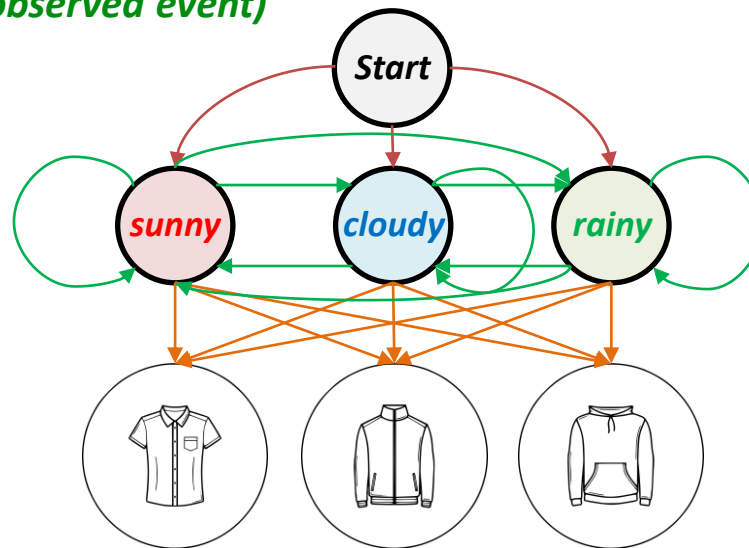
- *Transition Probabilities: from a hidden state to another hidden state*
- *Emission Probabilities: from a hidden state to an observed variable*



*One or more observations allow us to make an inference about a sequence of hidden states*

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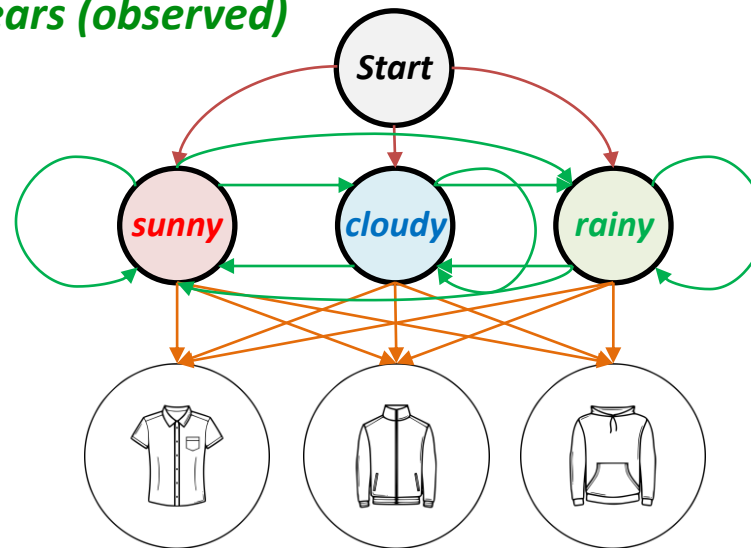


In order to compute the joint probability of a sequence of hidden states, we need to assemble three types of information:

1. **Initial state information** (a.k.a. **prior probability**) - The initial probability of transitioning to a hidden state.
2. **Transition probabilities** — the probability of transitioning to a new state conditioned on a present state
3. **Emission probabilities** — the probability of transitioning to an observed state conditioned on a hidden state

## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Predicting the **weather** (*hidden variable*) based on the type of **clothes** *that someone wears (observed)*



### Priors

Rainy	0.6
Cloudy	0.3
Sunny	0.1

### Transitions

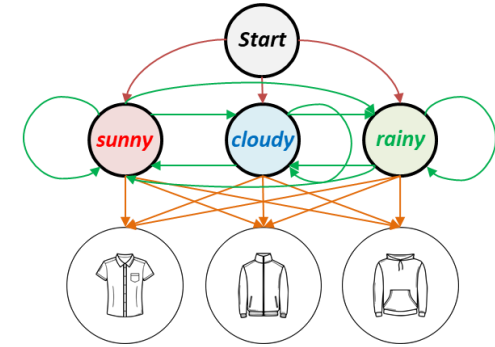
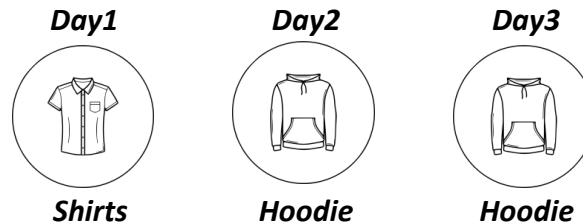
		Tomorrow		
		Rainy	Cloudy	Sunny
Today	Rainy	0.6	0.3	0.1
	Cloudy	0.4	0.3	0.2
	Sunny	0.1	0.4	0.5

### Emissions

	Shirts	Jacket	Hoodies
Rainy	0.8	0.19	0.01
Cloudy	0.5	0.4	0.1
Sunny	0.01	0.2	0.79

## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

We had the list of clothes that Caren wears for three days



Firstly, just calculate the weather condition 'cloudy-cloudy-sunny' (Random Selection)

1. Calculate the probability that Caren could wear that clothing (with the weather condition 'cloudy – cloudy – sunny')

$$P(\text{shirts}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{hoodie}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{hoodie}|\text{sunny})$$

2. Calculate the probability that weathers were 'cloudy – cloudy – sunny'

$$P(\text{prior\_cloudy}) * P(\text{cloudy}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{sunny}|\text{cloudy})$$

$$P(\text{shirts}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{hoodie}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{hoodie}|\text{sunny}) * P(\text{prior\_cloudy}) * P(\text{cloudy}|\text{cloudy}) * P(\text{sunny}|\text{cloudy})$$

**This is the probability when we assume the weather (cloudy – cloudy – sunny)**

## Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

*The previous was the only probability when we assume the weather (cloudy – cloudy – sunny)*

This is a complete set of  $3^3=27$  cases of weather states for three days:

$\{x1=s1=sunny, x2=s1=sunny, x3=s1=sunny\}$ ,  $\{x1=s1=sunny, x2=s1=sunny, x3=s2=cloudy\}$ ,  
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 $\{x1=s3=rainy, x2=s3=rainy, x3=s3=rainy\}$ .

***Easy but slow solution: Exhaustive enumeration!***



## Hidden Markov Model (HMM): Evaluation

*Do we need to calculate this much all the time?*

This is a complete set of  $3^3=27$  cases of weather states for three days:

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**Any Efficient Solution?**

Yes. **Dynamic Programming technique**

## Probabilistic Approaches

Now, Let's Apply this HMM  
to the Part of Speech Tagging Task!

# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM



Emma



John



Will



Pin

### Database

Emma, John can meet Will

N N M V N

Pin will meet Emma

N M V N

Will John pin Emma

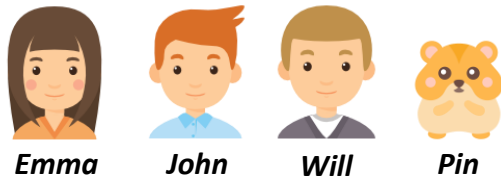
M N V N

Emma will pat Pin

N M V N

# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM



	N	V	M
Emma	4	0	0
John	2	0	0
Will	1	0	3
Pin	2	1	0
Can	0	0	1
Meet	0	2	0
Pat	0	1	0

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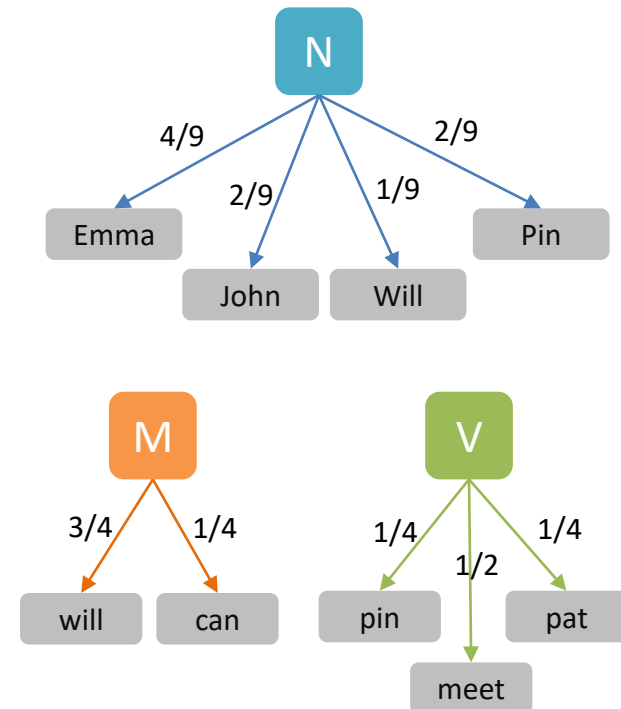


## 2 Baseline Approaches

### Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

#### *Emission Probabilities*

	N	V	M
Emma	$4/9$	0	0
John	$2/9$	0	0
Will	$1/9$	0	$3/4$
Pin	$2/9$	$1/4$	0
Can	0	0	$1/4$
Meet	0	$2/4$	0
Pat	0	$1/4$	0



## 2 Baseline Approaches

### Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

#### *Transition Probabilities*

	N	V	M	<E>
<S>	3	0	1	0
N	1	1	3	4
V	4	0	0	0
M	1	3	0	0

Database
Emma, John can meet Will N N M V N
Pin will meet Emma N M V N
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Emma will pat Pin N M V N

## 2

# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

### Transition Probabilities

	N	V	M	<E>
<S>	3/4	0	1/4	0
N	1/9	1/9	3/9	4/9
V	4/4	0	0	0
M	1/4	3/4	0	0

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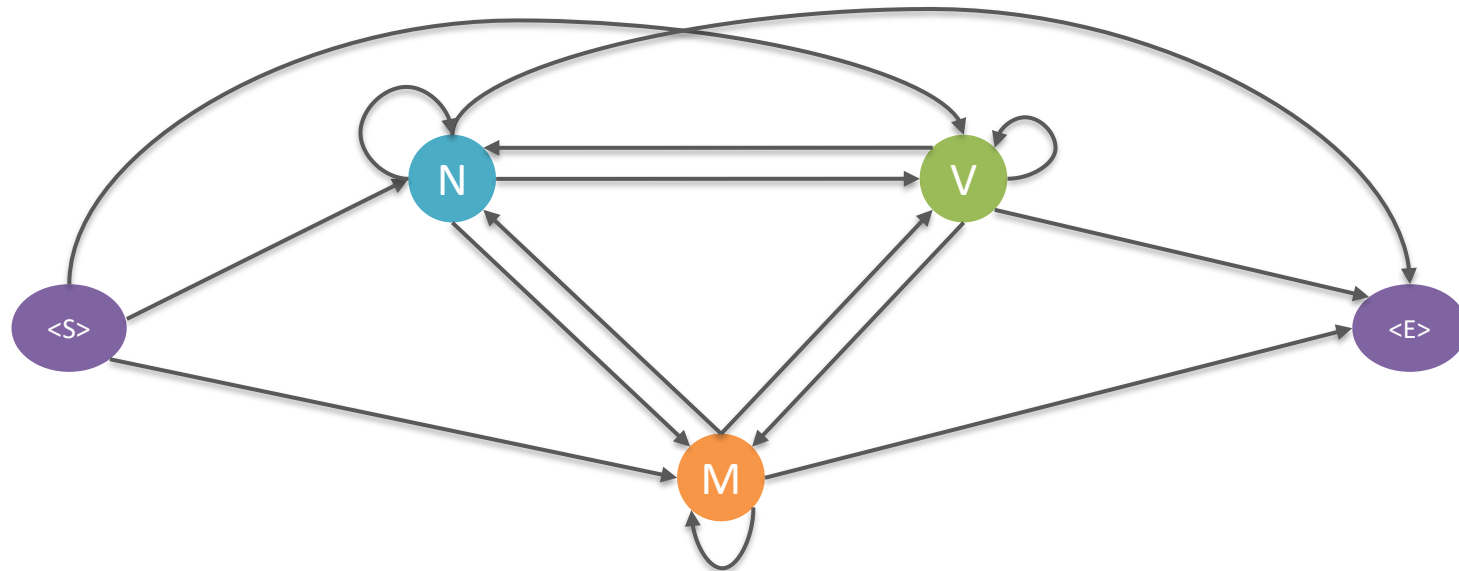
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*Transition Probabilities*

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<S>	3/4	0	1/4	0
N	1/9	1/9	3/9	4/9
V	4/4	0	0	0
M	1/4	3/4	0	0





## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

*Let's combine this!*



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# Baseline Approaches

## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

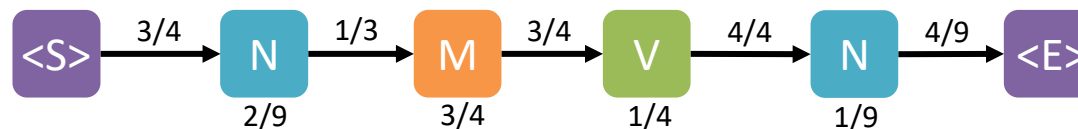
*Let's combine this!*

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Emma	4/9	0	0
John	2/9	0	0
Will	1/9	0	3/4
Pin	2/9	1/4	0
Can	0	0	1/4
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Pat	0	1/4	0

	N	V	M	<E>
<S>	3/4	0	1/4	0
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John will Pin Will



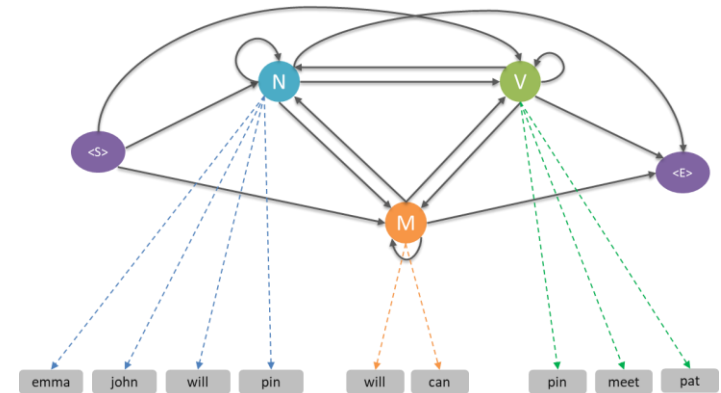
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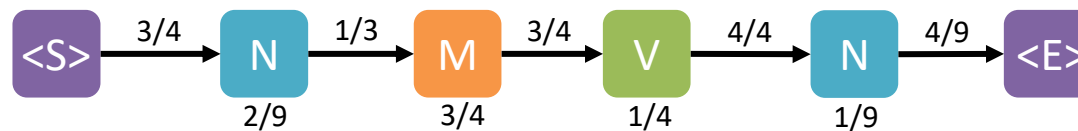
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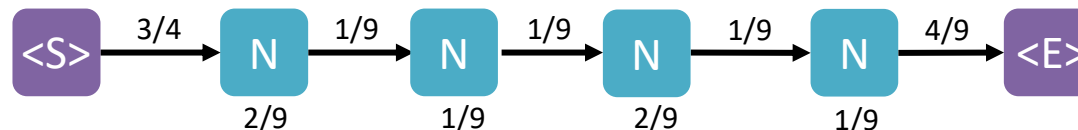


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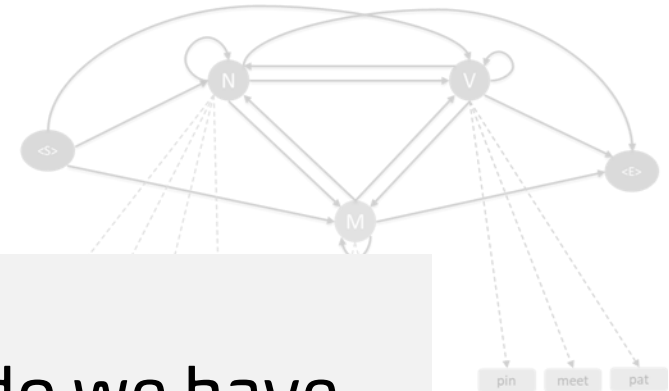
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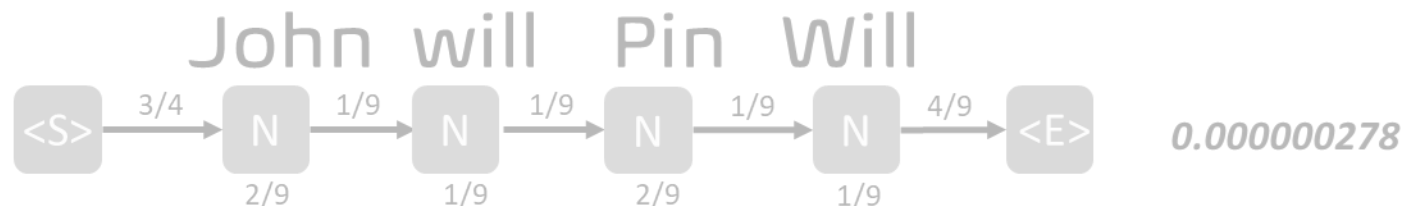
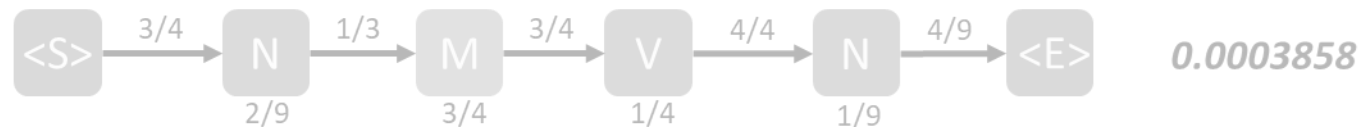
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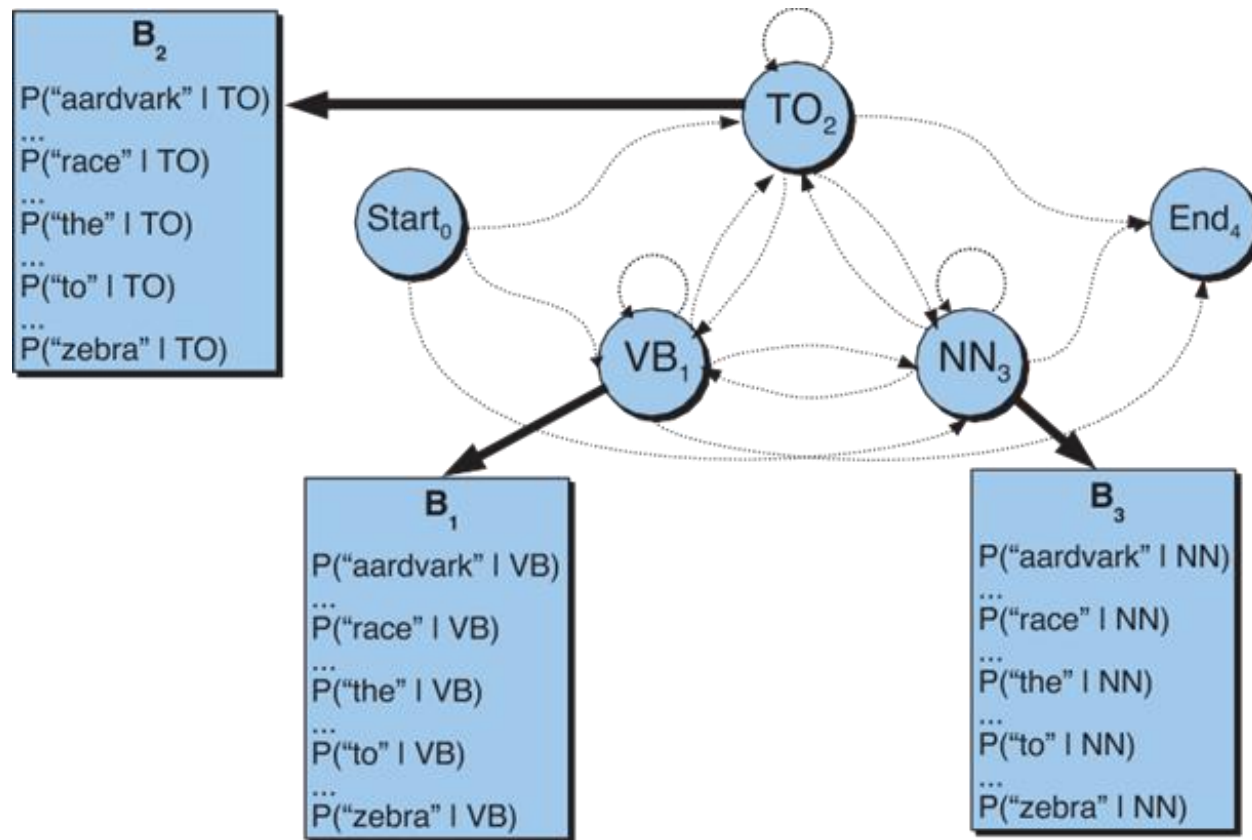
### Question!

How many possibilities do we have for the sentence 'John will Pin Will'?



## Hidden Markov Model (HMM) with POS Tagging

### *Emissions*

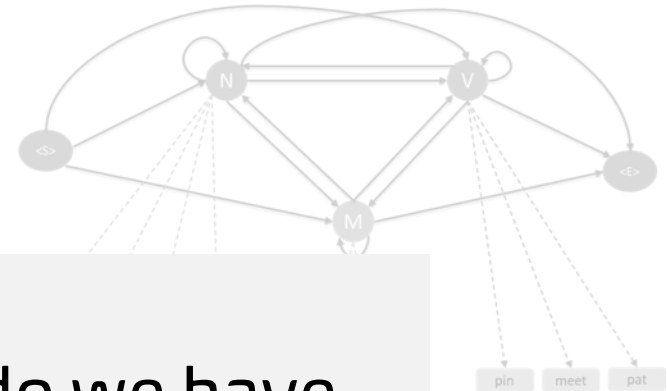


## Part of Speech Tagging: with HMM

*Let's combine this!*

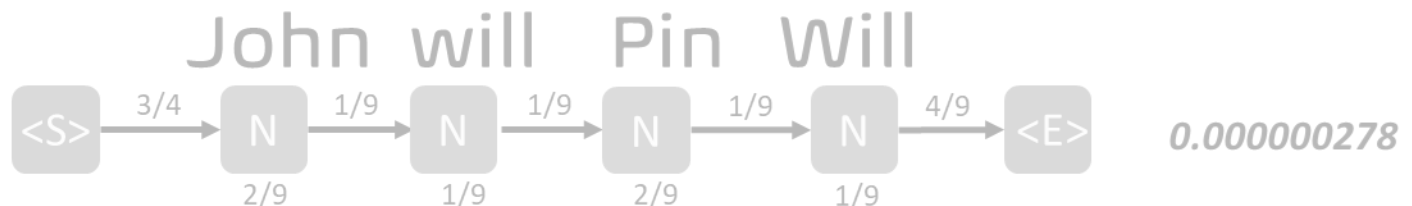
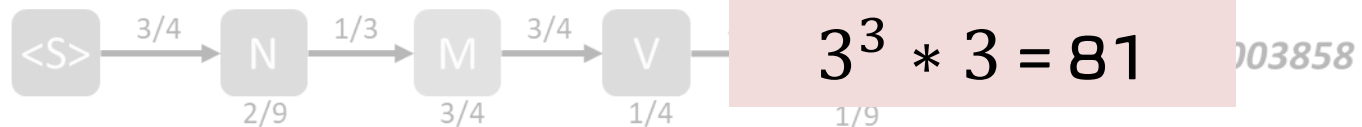
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Pat			

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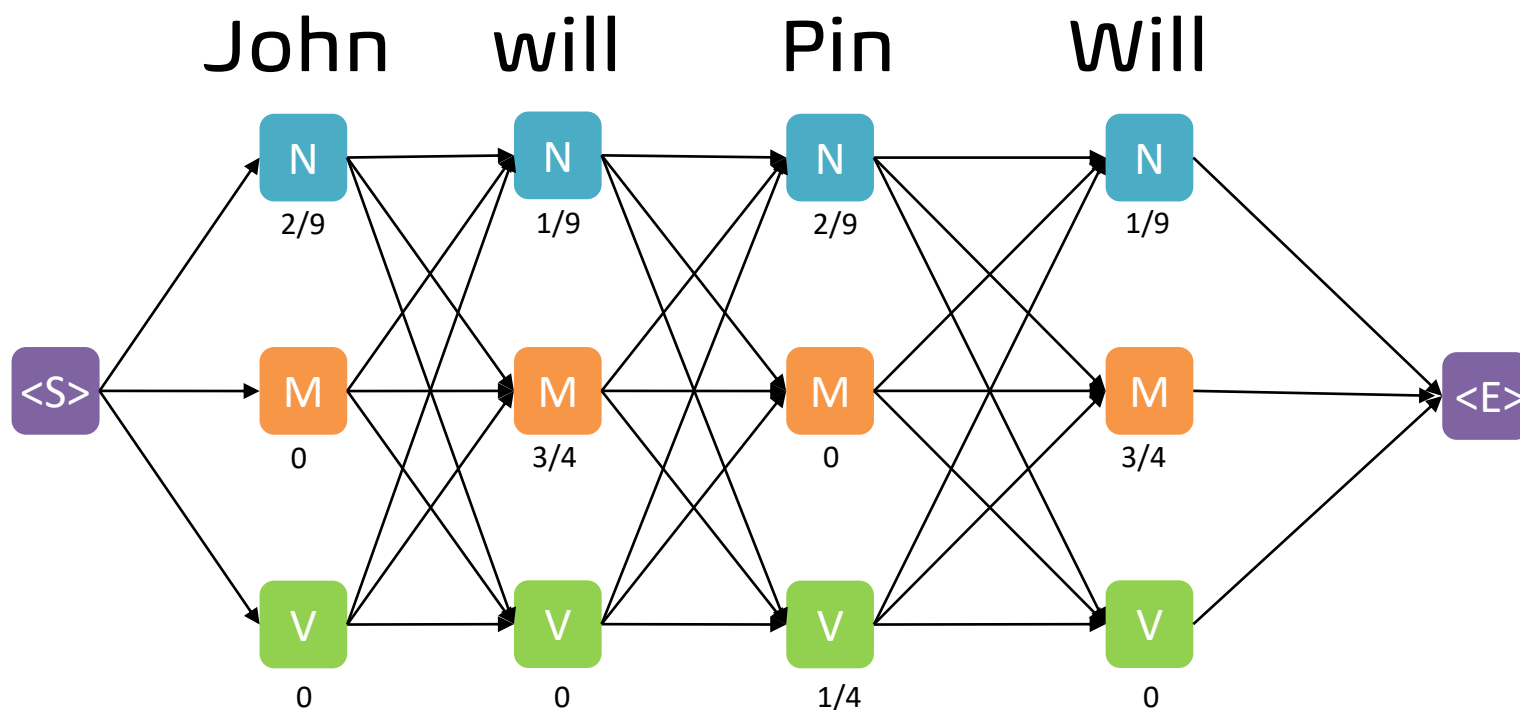
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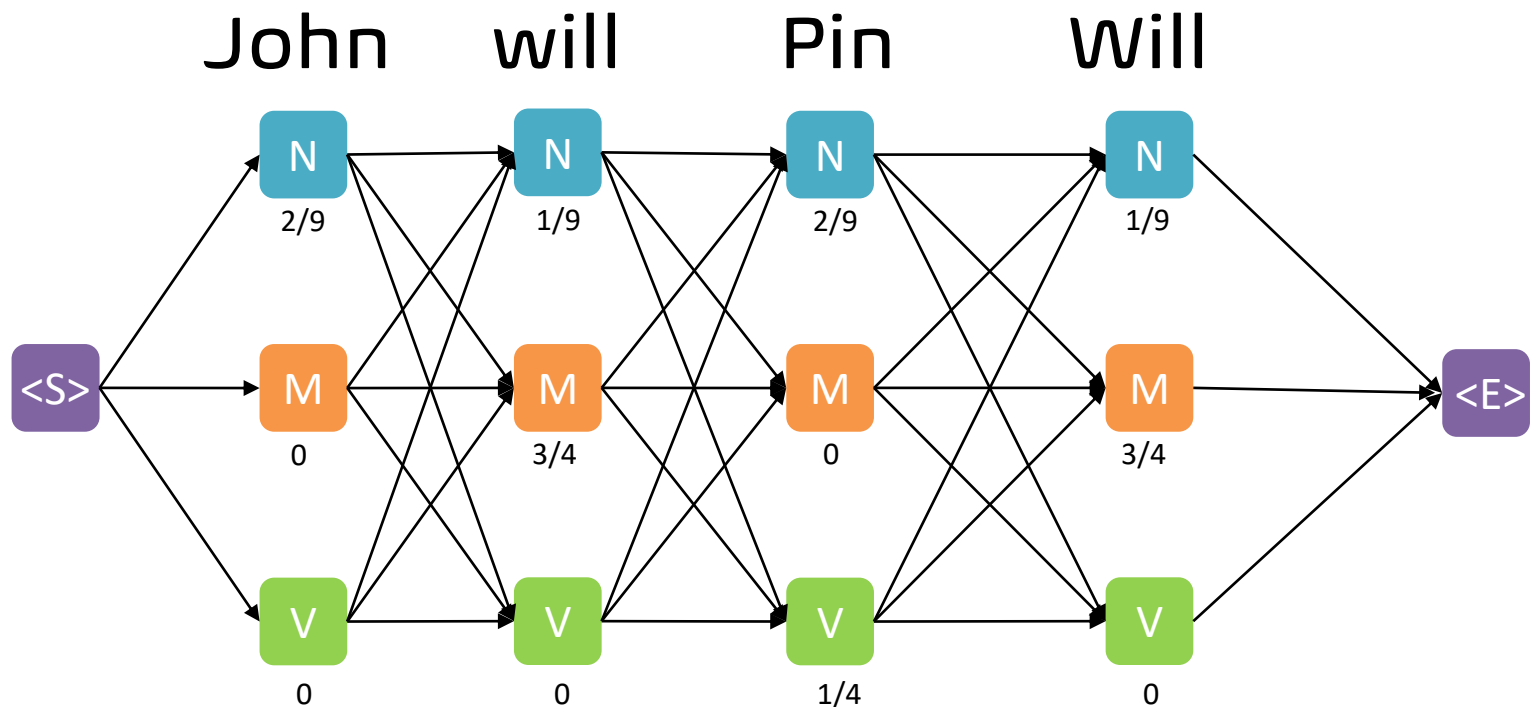
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# Probabilistic Approaches

## POS Tagging: with HMM

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**Beam Search**

Get rid of unlikely candidates



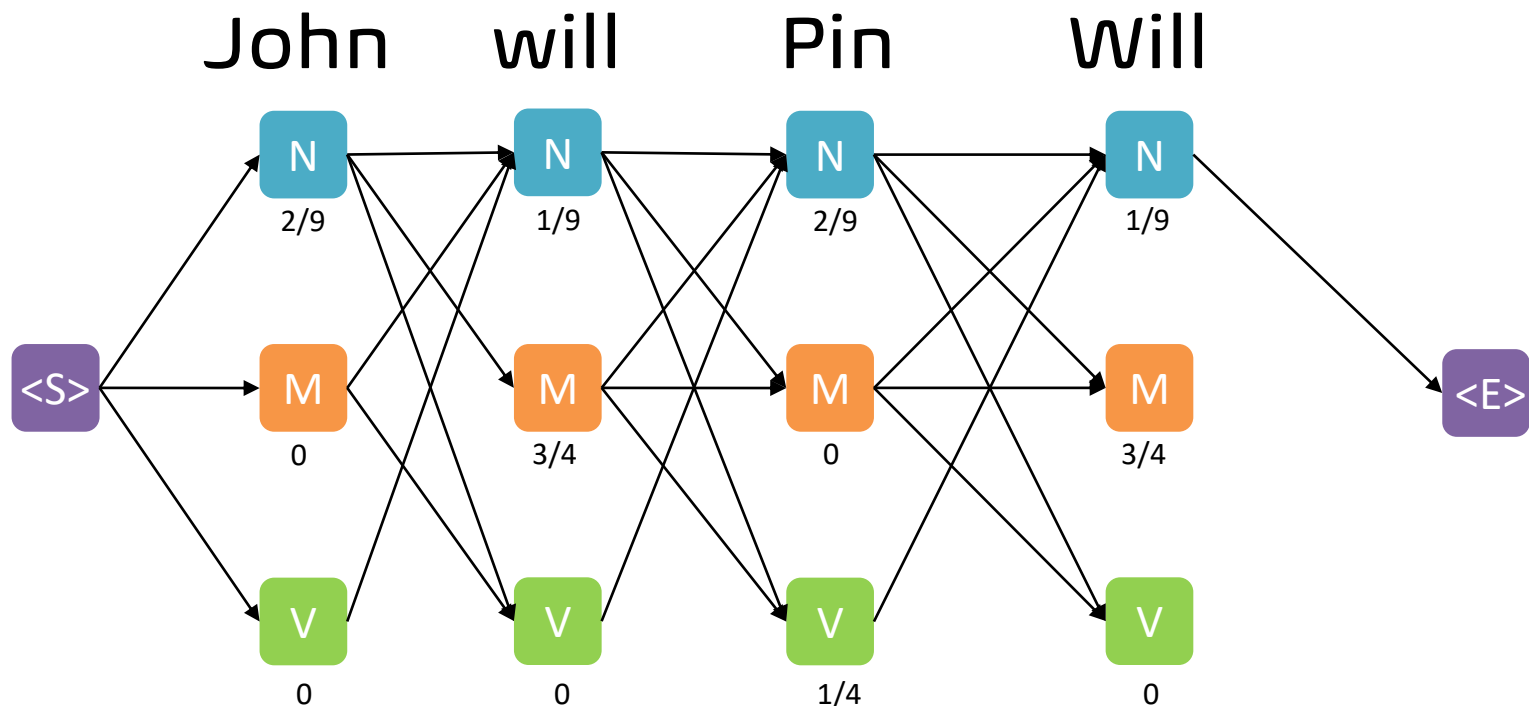
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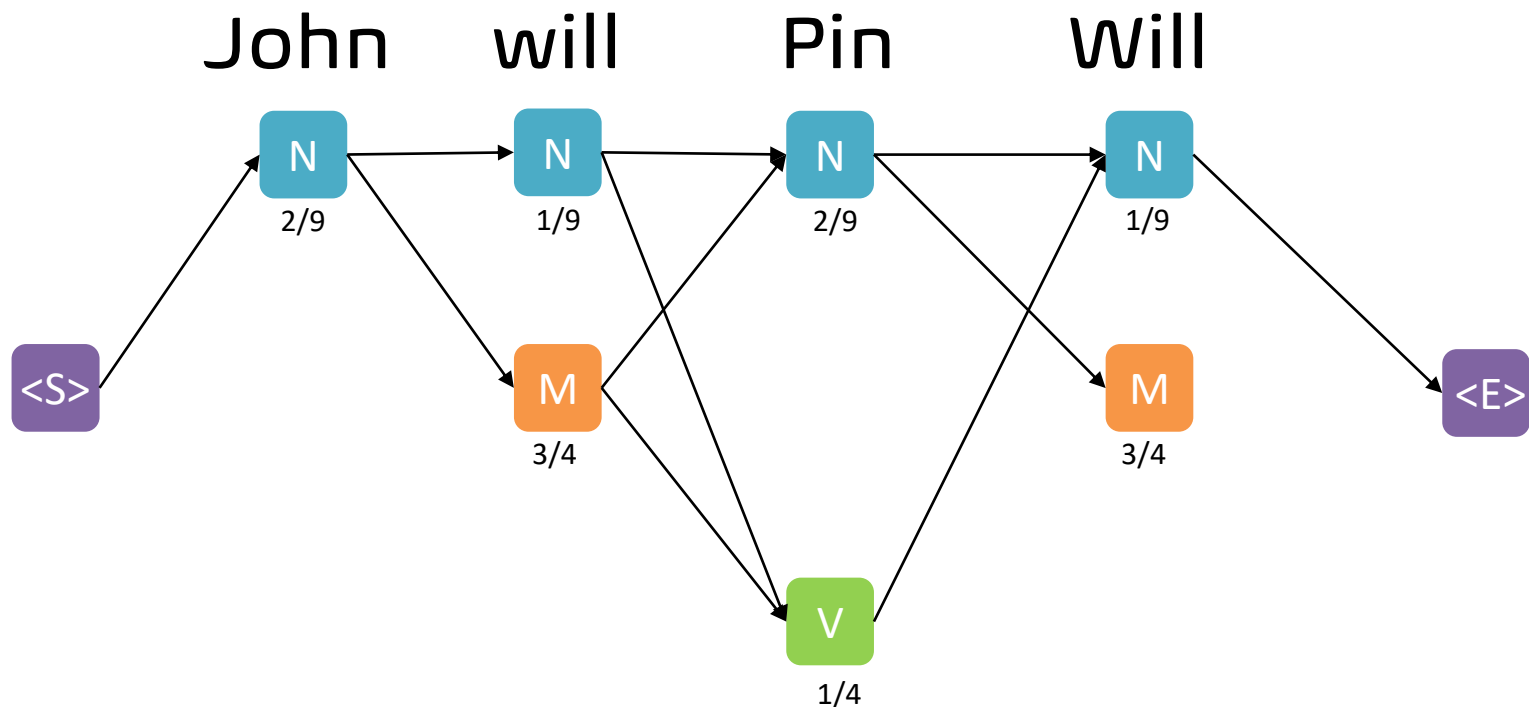
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# Probabilistic Approaches

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<S>	3/4	0	1/4	0
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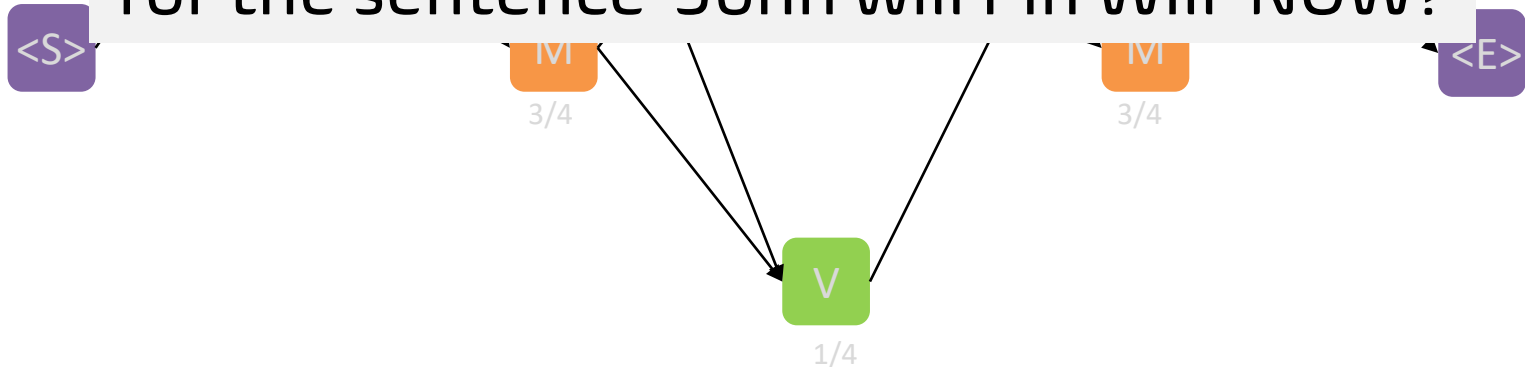
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Meet	0	2/4	0
Pat	0	1/4	0

	N	V	M	<E>
<S>	3/4	0	1/4	0
N	1/9	1/9	3/9	4/9
V	4/4	0	0	0
M	1/4	3/4	0	0

John will Pin Will

Question!

How many possibilities do we have for the sentence 'John will Pin Will' NOW?

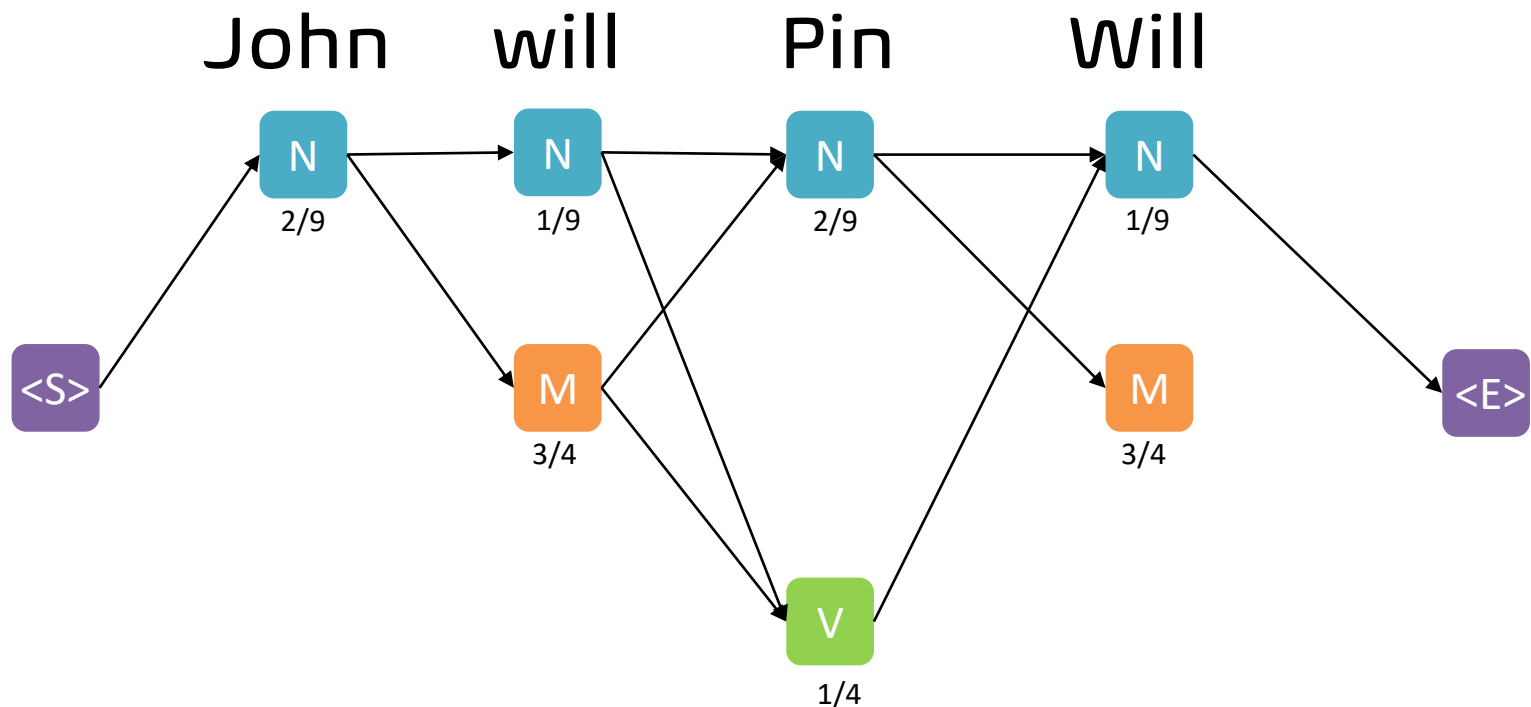


# 3 Probabilistic Approaches

## POS Tagging: with HMM

	N	V	M
Emma	4/9	0	0
John	2/9	0	0
Will	1/9	0	3/4
Pin	2/9	1/4	0
Can	0	0	1/4
Meet	0	2/4	0
Pat	0	1/4	0

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*Which Path is the most likely?*

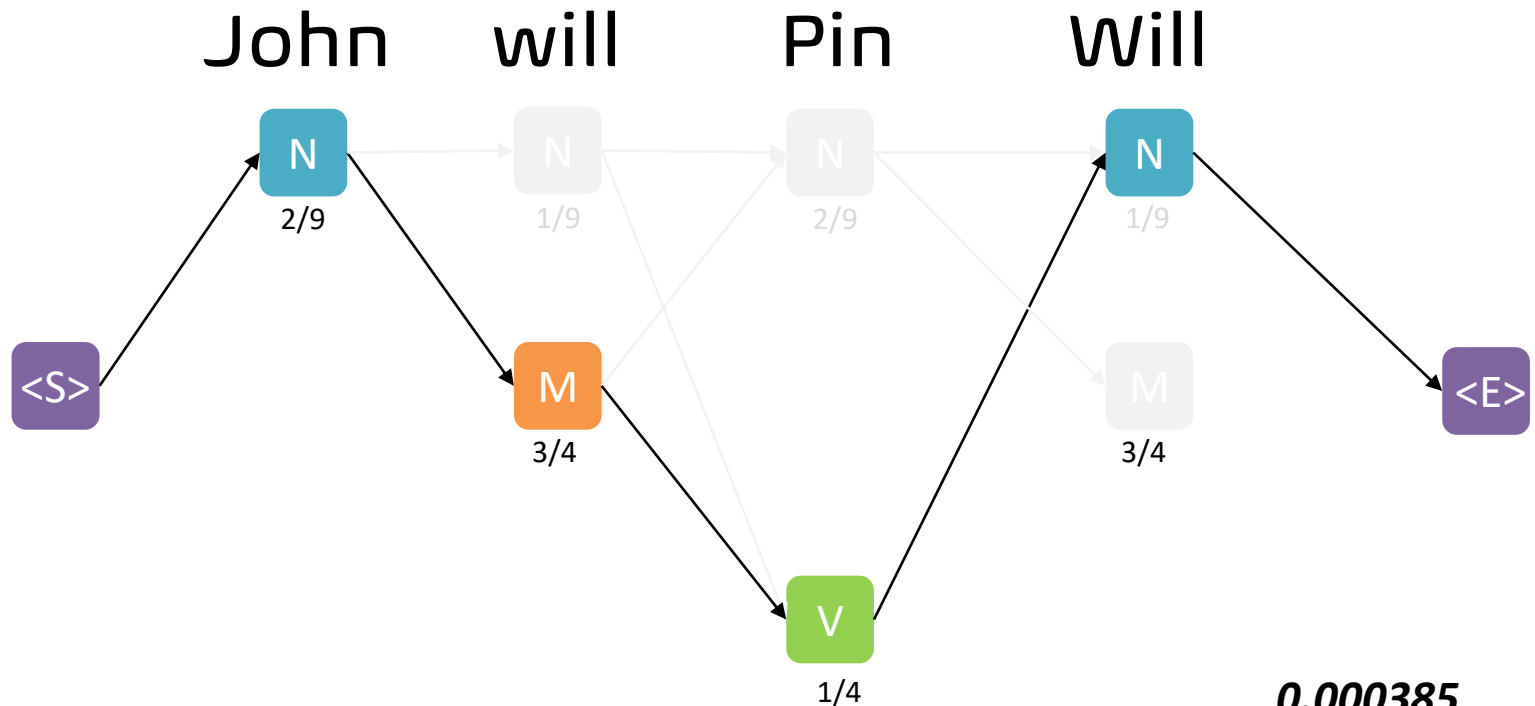
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# Probabilistic Approaches

## POS Tagging: with HMM

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Emma	4/9	0	0
John	2/9	0	0
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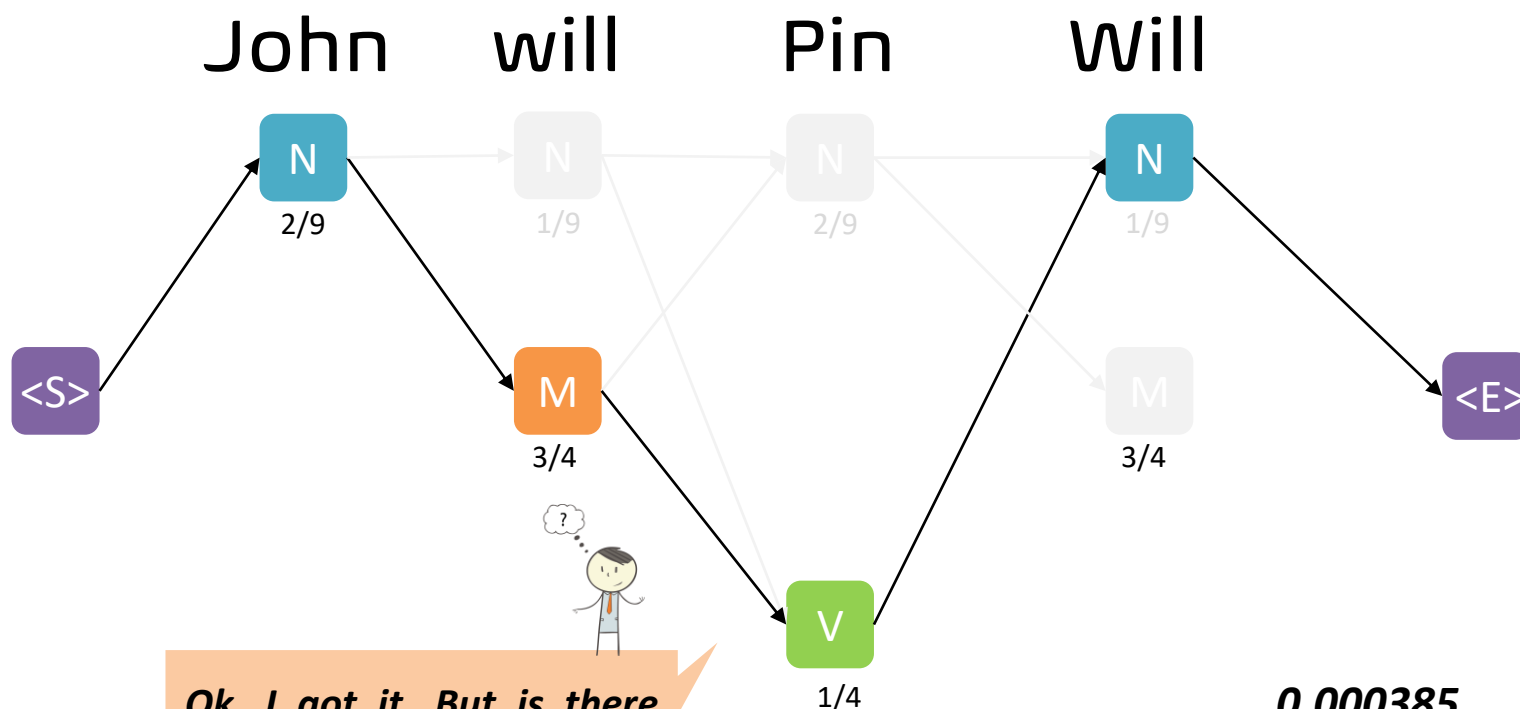
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Emma	4/9	0	0
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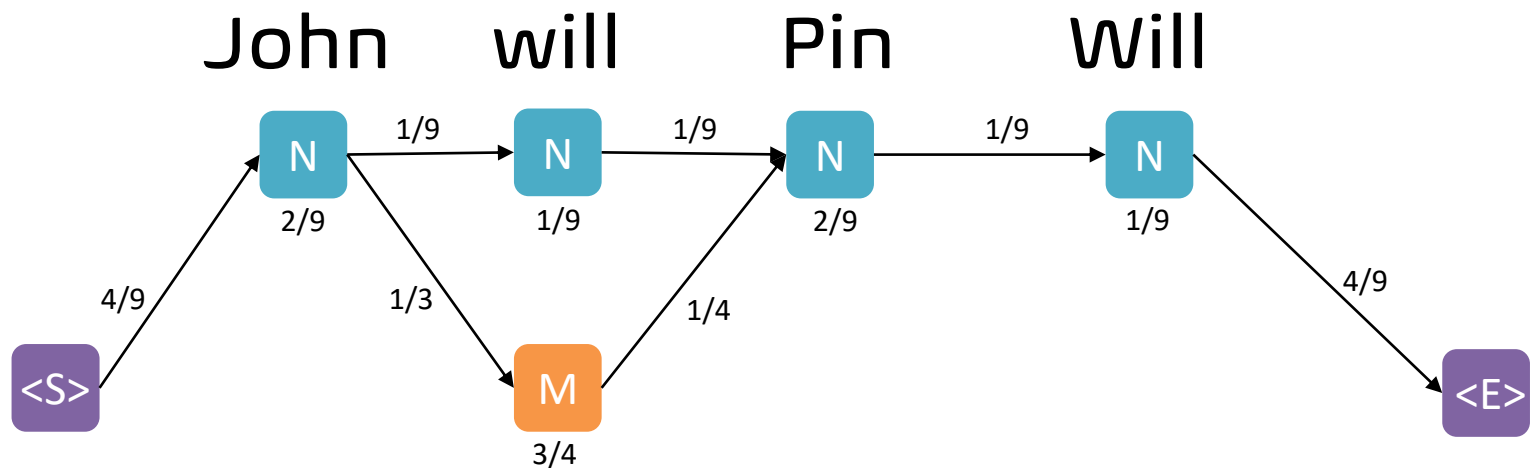
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# 3 Probabilistic Approaches

## Viterbi Algorithm!

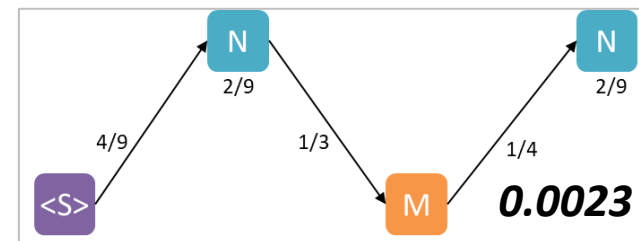
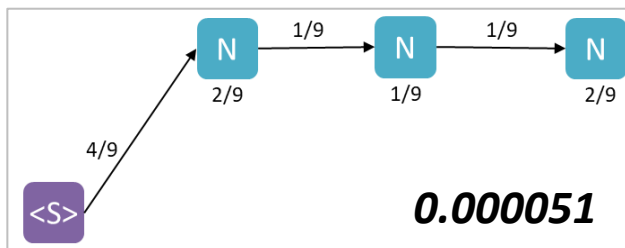
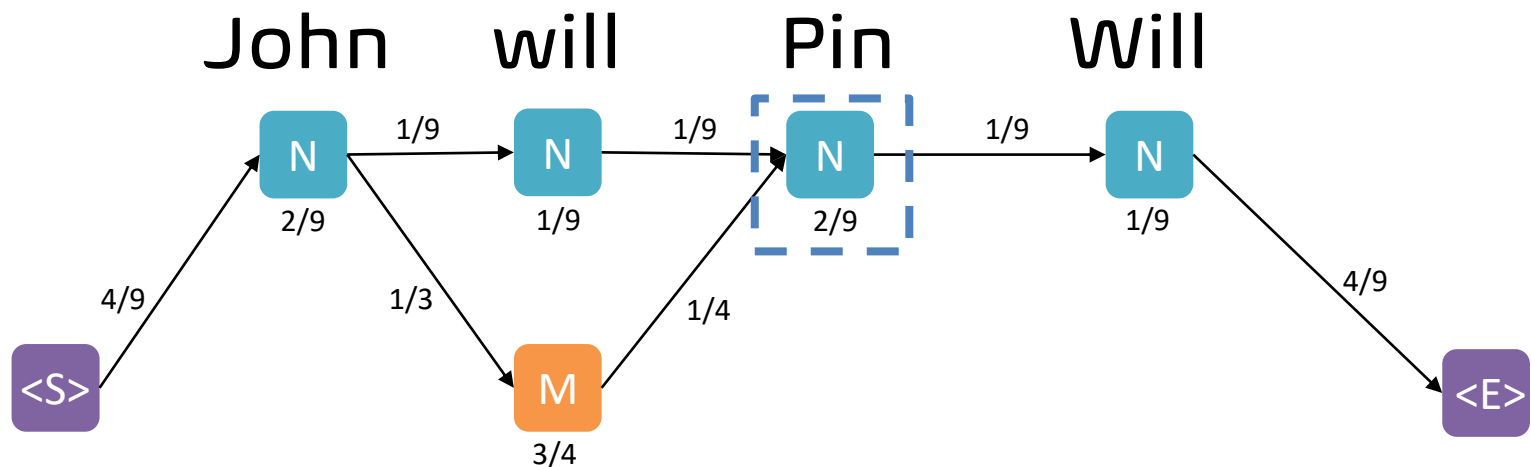
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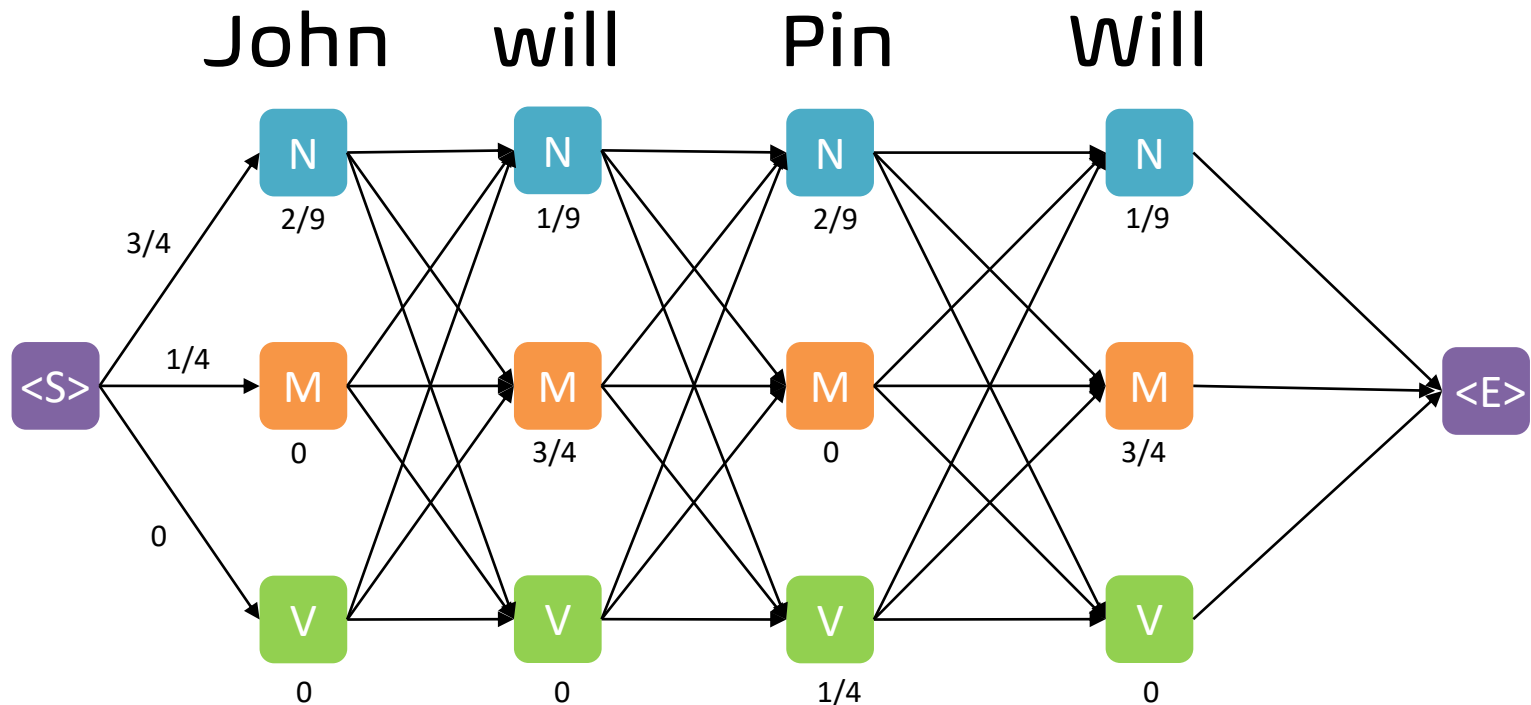
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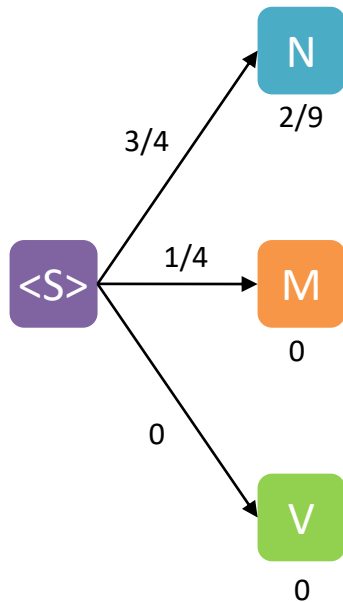
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John      will      Pin      Will



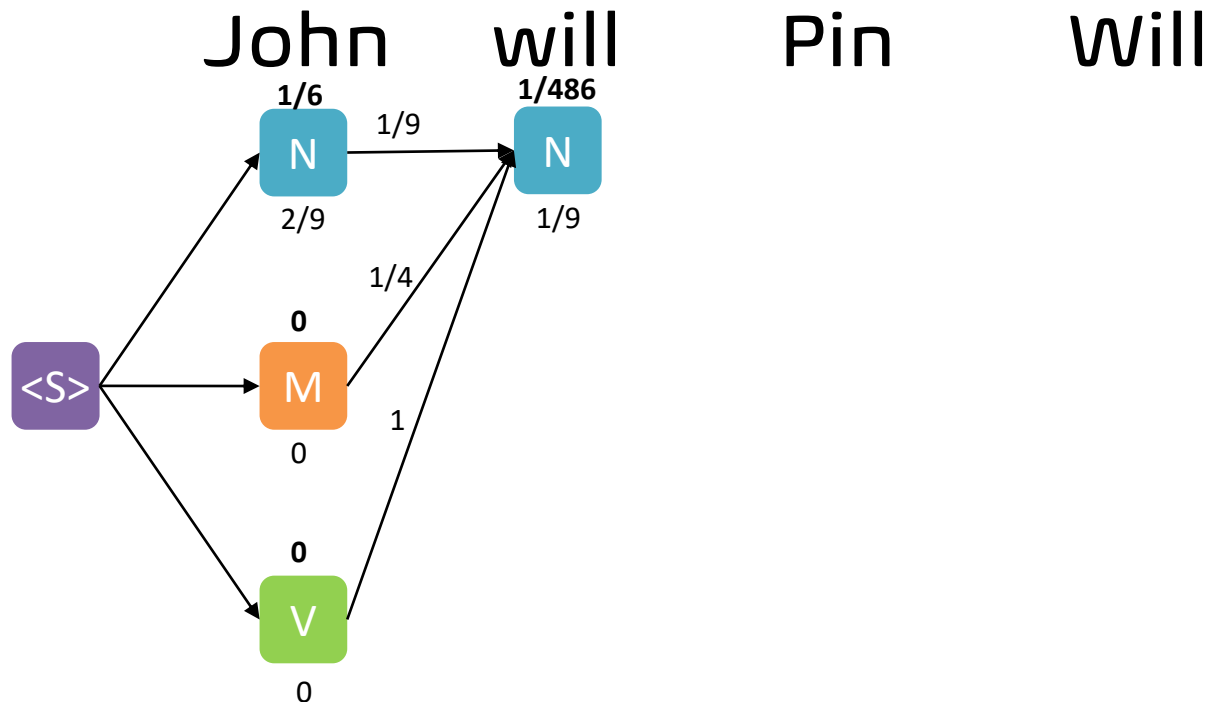
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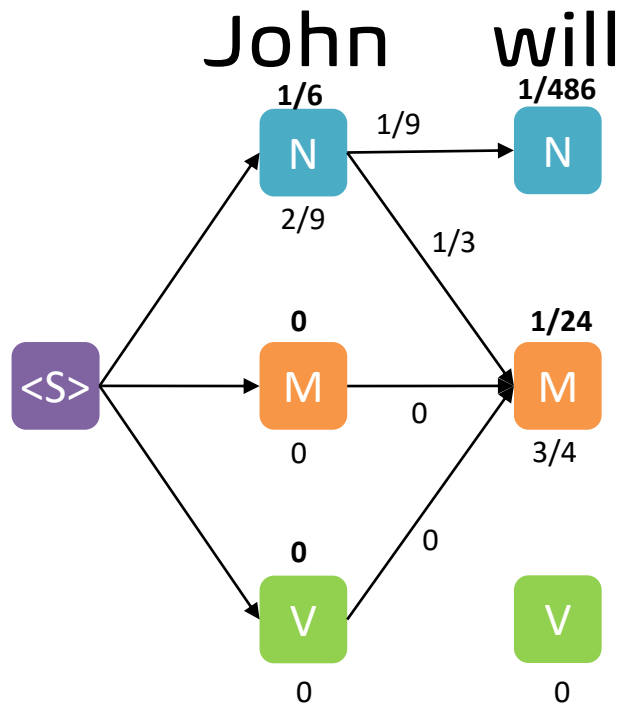
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Pin

Will

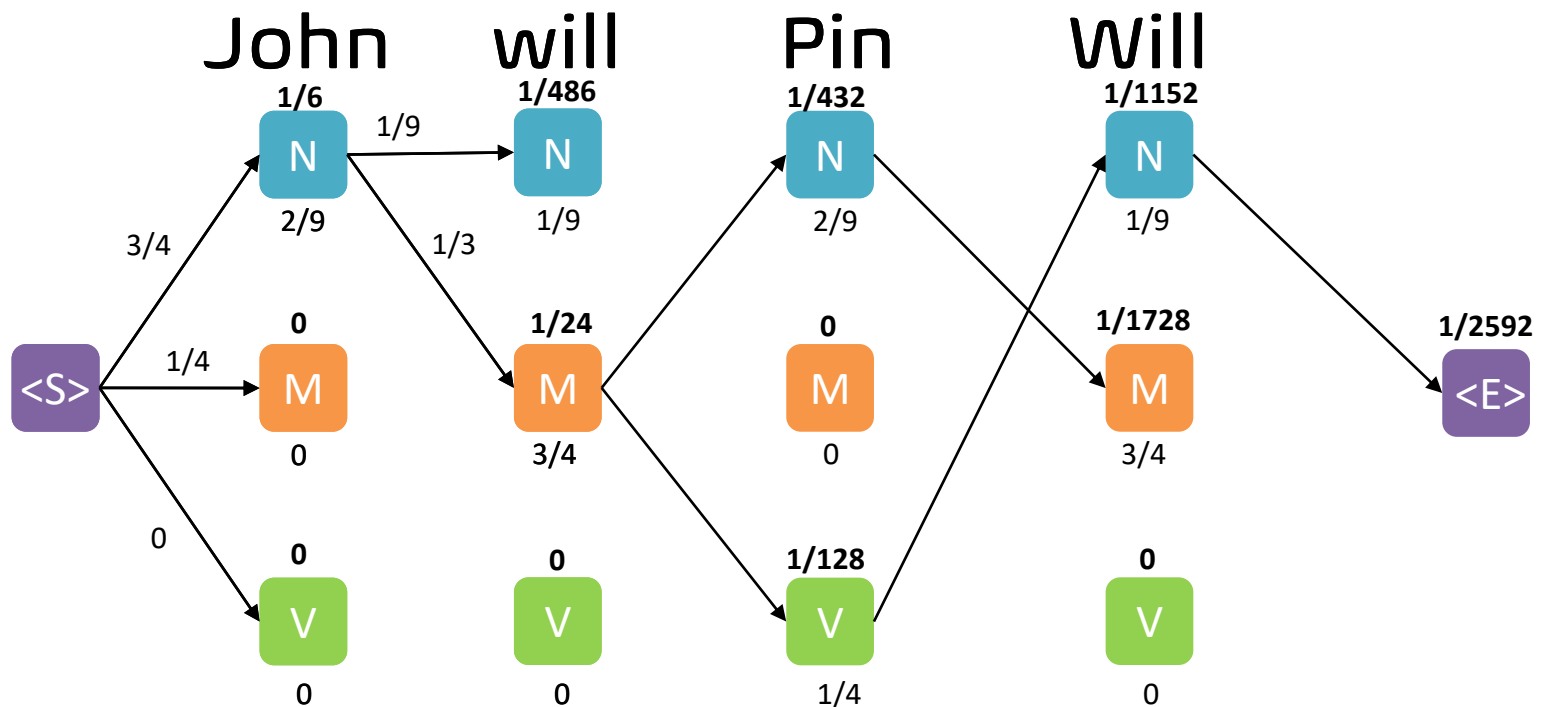
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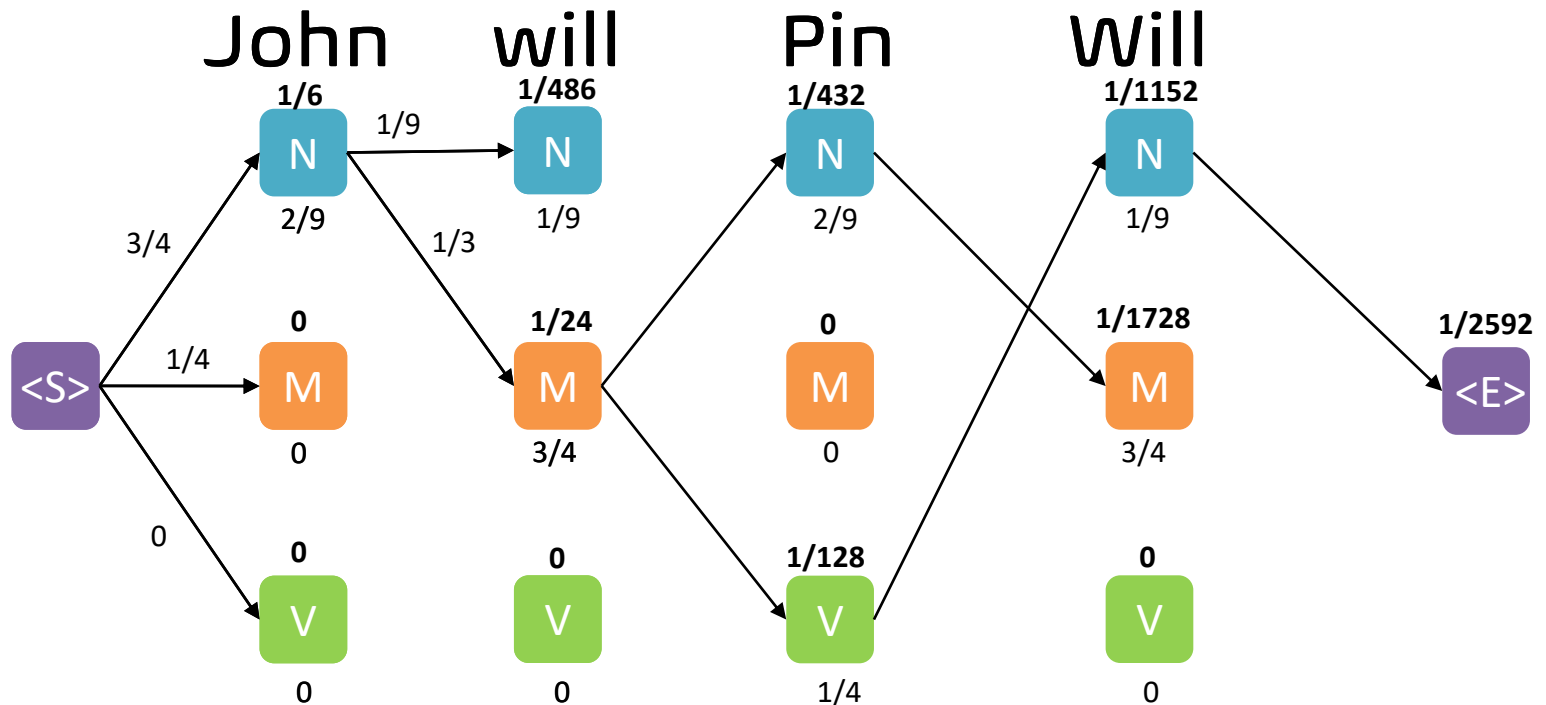
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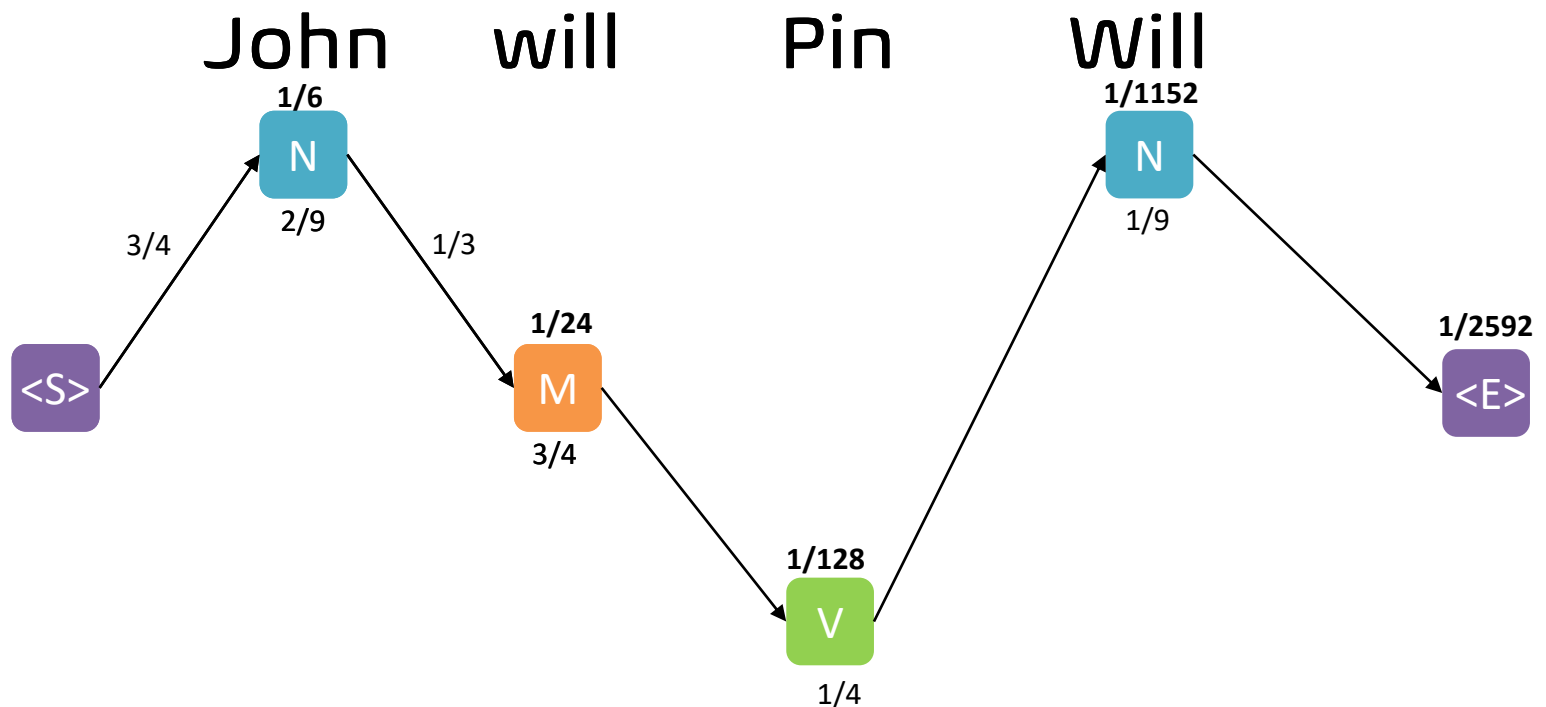
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## Viterbi Algorithm

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function VITERBI(observations of len  $T$ , state-graph of len  $N$ ) returns best-path, path-prob

create a path probability matrix  $viterbi[N, T]$ 
for each state  $s$  from 1 to  $N$  do                                ; initialization step
     $viterbi[s, 1] \leftarrow \pi_s * b_s(o_1)$ 
     $backpointer[s, 1] \leftarrow 0$ 
for each time step  $t$  from 2 to  $T$  do                            ; recursion step
    for each state  $s$  from 1 to  $N$  do
         $viterbi[s, t] \leftarrow \max_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s', t-1] * a_{s', s} * b_s(o_t)$ 
         $backpointer[s, t] \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s', t-1] * a_{s', s} * b_s(o_t)$ 

     $bestpathprob \leftarrow \max_{s=1}^N viterbi[s, T]$                         ; termination step
     $bestpathpointer \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s=1}^N viterbi[s, T]$             ; termination step
     $bestpath \leftarrow$  the path starting at state  $bestpathpointer$ , that follows  $backpointer[]$  to states back in time
return  $bestpath$ ,  $bestpathprob$ 

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## Probabilistic Approaches

### *Out-of-Vocab*

### **HMM Tagger Issue: #1. Unknown (OOV) Words**

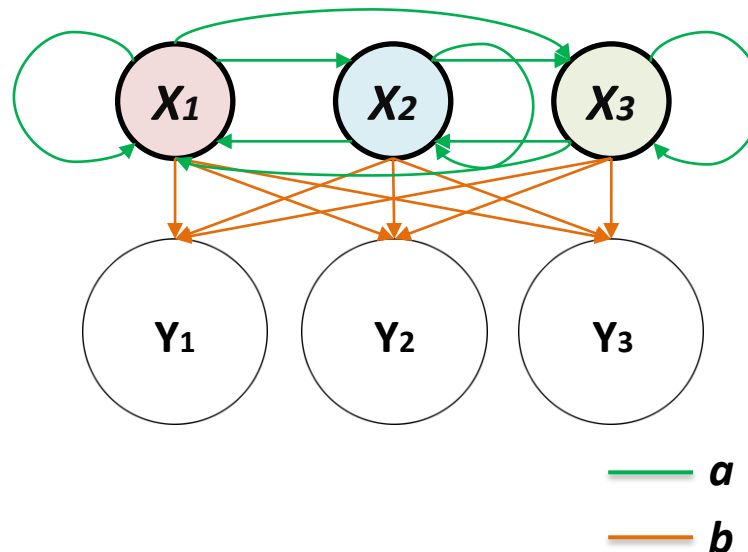
How to handle if there are any unknown words

Solution 1: Use N-grams to predict the correct Tag

Solution 2: Use morphology (prefixes, suffixes) or hyphenation

## HMM Tagger Issue: #2. Independency Problem

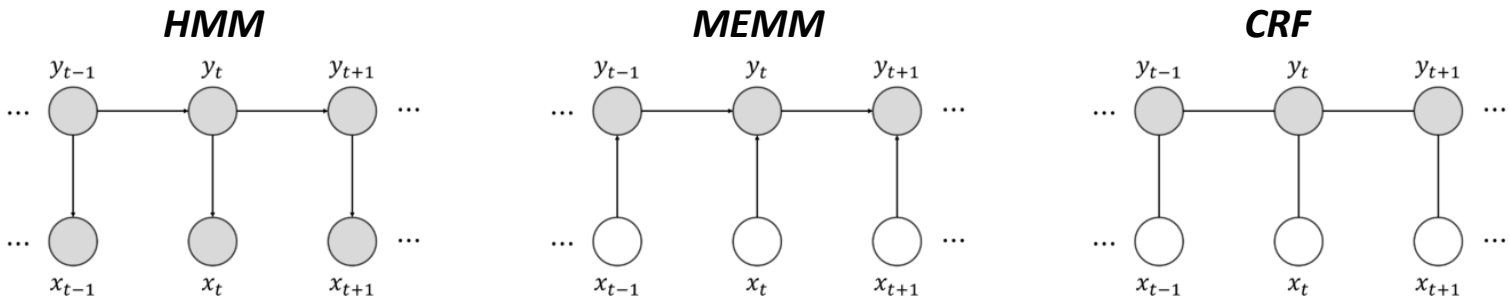
HMM is only dependent on every state and its corresponding observed object. The sequence labeling, in addition to having a relationship with individual words, also relates to such aspects as the observed sequence length, word context and others.



## Advanced HMM (MEMM or CRF)

The CRF model has addressed the labeling bias issue and eliminated two unreasonable hypotheses in HMM.

MEMM adopts local variance normalization while CRF adopts global variance normalization.



## Conditional Random Field: Advantages

- Compared with HMM: Since CRF does not have as strict independence assumptions as HMM does, it can accommodate any context information.
- Compared with MEMM: Since CRF computes the conditional probability of global optimal output nodes, it overcomes the drawbacks of label bias in MEMM.

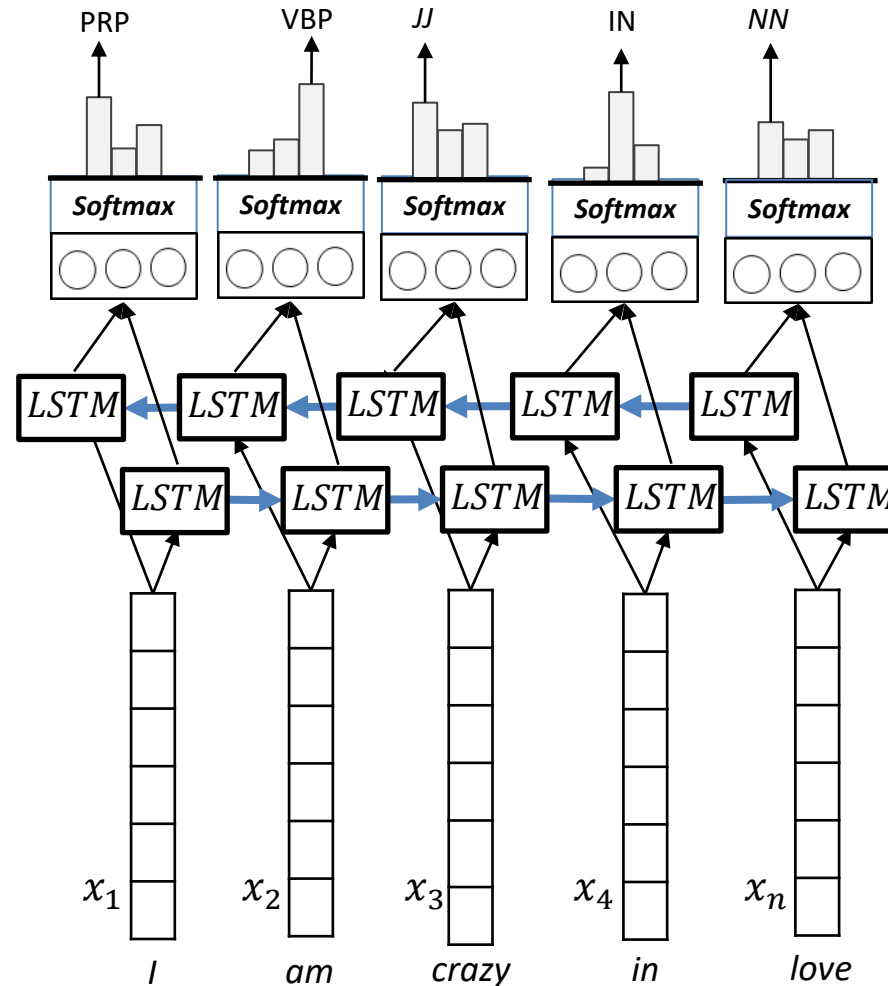
### *However,*

CRF is highly ***computationally complex at the training stage*** of the algorithm. It makes it ***very difficult to re-train the model*** when newer data becomes available.

## Lecture 6: Part of Speech Tagging

1. Part-of-Speech Tagging
2. Baseline Approaches
  1. Rule-based Model
  2. Look-up Table Model
  3. N-Gram Model
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  1. Hidden Markov Model
  2. Conditional Random Field
4. **Deep Learning Approaches**

## RNN/LSTM/GRU in Part of Speech Tagging



## Do LSTMs really work so well for PoS tagging?

(Horsmann and Zesch, 2017)

### Do LSTMs really work so well for PoS tagging? – A replication study

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#### Abstract

A recent study by Plank et al. (2016) found that LSTM-based PoS taggers considerably improve over the current state-of-the-art when evaluated on the corpora of the Universal Dependencies project that use a *coarse-grained* tagset. We replicate this study using a fresh collection of 27 corpora of 21 languages that are annotated with *fine-grained* tagsets of varying size. Our replication confirms the result in general, and we additionally find that the advantage of LSTMs is even bigger for larger tagsets. However, we also find that for the very large tagsets of morphologically rich languages, hand-crafted morphological lexicons are still necessary to reach state-of-the-art performance.

ferty et al., 2001) and Hidden-Markov (HMM) implementations on corpora of various languages. Their evaluation concludes that the LSTM tagger reaches better results than the CRF and HMM tagger. The evaluation corpora were all annotated with a *coarse-grained* tagset with 17 tags. Thus, this LSTM tagger seems to be a well-performing, language-independent choice for learning models on coarse-grained tagsets. While for many tasks a coarse-grained tagset might be sufficient some tasks require more fine-grained tagsets.

We, thus, consider it worthwhile to explore if the results are reproducible using corpora with fine-grained tagsets. We use the LSTM tagger provided by Plank et al. (2016) and compare the results likewise to CRF and an off-the-shelf HMM tagger implementation. We compile a fresh set of 27 corpora of 21 languages which uses the commonly used *fine-grained* tagset of the respective

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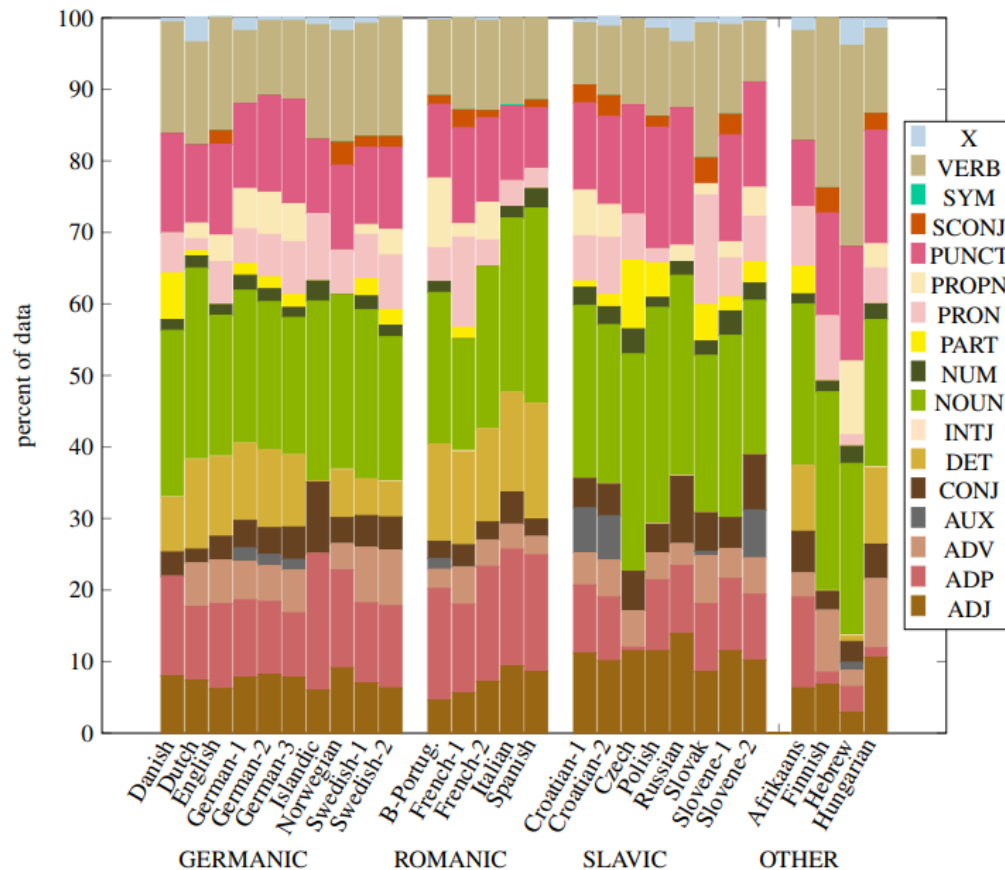
### *Corpora used in the experiments*

Group	Corpus Id	Source	Tokens (10 <sup>3</sup> )	# Tags	Annotation	Reference
Germanic	Danish	Copenhagen DTB	255	36	manual	(Buch-Kromann and Korzen, 2010)
	Dutch	Alpino	200	20	manual	(Bouma et al., 2000)
	English	Brown	1,100	180	manual	(Nelson Francis and Kučera, 1964)
	German-1	Hamburg DTB	4,800	54	manual	(Brants et al., 2004)
	German-2	Tiger	880	54	manual	(Telljohann et al., 2004)
	German-3	Tüba-D/Z	1,500	54	manual	(Foth et al., 2014)
	Icelandic	Mim	1,000	703	auto	(Helgadóttir et al., 2012)
	Norwegian	Norwegian DTB	1,300	19	manual	(Solberg et al., 2014)
	Swedish-1	Talbanken	96	25	manual	(Einarsson, 1976)
	Swedish-2	Stockholm-Umea	1,100	153	manual	(Ejerhed and Källgren, 1997)
Romanic	Braz. Portuguese	MAC-Morpho	1,000	82	manual	(Aluísio et al., 2003)
	French-1	Multitag	370	992	manual	(Paroubek, 2000)
	French-2	Sequoia	200	29	manual	(Candito et al., 2014)
	Italian	Turin Parallel	80	15	auto	(Bosco et al., 2012)
	Spanish	IULA DTB	550	241	manual	(Marimon et al., 2014)
Slavic	Croatian-1	Croatian DTB	200	692	manual	(Željko Agić and Ljubešić, 2014)
	Croatian-2	Hr500k	500	769	manual	(Ljubešić et al., 2016)
	Czech	Prague DTB	2,000	1,574	manual	(Bejček et al., 2013)
	Polish	Polish National Corpus	1,000	27	manual	(Przepiórkowski et al., 2008)
	Russian	Russian Open Corpus	1,700	22	manual	(Bocharov et al., 2013)
	Slovak	MULTEXT-East	84	956	manual	(Erjavec, 2010)
	Slovene-1	IJS-ELAN	540	1,181	auto	(Erjavec, 2002)
	Slovene-2	SSJ	590	1,304	manual	(Krek et al., 2013)
Others	Afrikaans	AfriBooms	50	12	manual	(Augustinus et al., 2016)
	Finnish	FinnTreebank	170	1573	manual	(Voutilainen, 2011)
	Hebrew	HaAretz Corpus	11,000	22	auto	(Itai and Wintner, 2008)
	Hungarian	The Szeged Treebank	1,200	1,085	manual	(Csendes et al., 2005)



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*Coarse-grained PoS tag distribution of corpora by language group*



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Lang. Group	Corpus Id	Word Ngrams $\pm 1$		Top 750 Char Ngrams		Clusters		Best CRF		HunPos	
		All	OOV	All	OOV	All	OOV	All	OOV	All	OOV
Germanic	Danish	90.9	53.3	90.3	69.3	89.5	67.6	96.1	82.4	94.9	74.2
	Dutch	86.5	66.9	85.0	71.7	88.0	77.7	90.7	83.7	89.9	80.6
	English	87.5	45.1	90.3	70.1	89.1	64.0	94.6	80.2	93.8	77.7
	German-1	88.5	62.4	90.3	77.7	90.8	73.7	94.6	84.6	94.4	83.7
	German-2	87.2	60.3	90.9	77.7	90.8	76.1	95.2	87.1	94.9	85.4
	German-3	86.3	58.5	91.7	76.8	91.6	77.6	94.4	85.0	94.4	83.9
	Icelandic	67.5	14.2	76.5	45.1	68.3	28.9	80.9	53.6	79.8	51.9
	Norwegian	92.4	77.1	91.6	80.6	92.8	82.7	96.1	89.7	95.5	86.5
	Swedish-1	91.1	70.6	92.9	82.2	92.3	79.9	96.3	90.3	95.6	85.9
	Swedish-2	78.7	29.7	87.2	67.3	81.4	48.8	91.0	74.6	91.4	77.6
Romanic	B-Portug.	86.9	62.8	87.8	73.6	89.7	76.0	92.8	83.8	93.3	84.2
	French-1	81.9	40.1	85.9	66.5	81.6	58.2	89.2	75.7	88.2	71.8
	French-2	95.4	67.3	93.8	74.5	91.9	79.3	97.7	88.2	97.4	82.4
	Italian	93.3	68.6	91.6	74.8	91.7	75.5	96.4	86.5	95.8	80.8
	Spanish	88.5	45.5	94.5	78.2	88.1	58.8	96.4	83.5	96.6	83.6
Slavic	Croatian-1	69.0	18.6	80.6	56.3	75.2	47.2	84.9	65.4	84.7	66.7
	Croatian-2	66.3	15.9	78.5	54.4	73.5	44.8	83.4	63.9	82.6	63.9
	Czech	64.1	14.4	79.2	56.0	75.2	39.2	83.1	62.9	81.7	60.9
	Polish	82.9	58.1	92.5	86.9	86.5	72.5	95.5	91.5	93.6	85.4
	Russian	83.7	53.7	93.0	83.5	88.2	70.9	95.5	87.5	94.6	83.6
	Slovak	67.7	14.9	80.5	57.8	65.6	31.9	83.5	63.8	82.9	61.6
	Slovene-1	72.6	17.4	83.5	55.6	72.4	39.4	86.4	62.5	82.6	59.6
	Slovene-2	65.4	12.1	78.2	50.5	73.0	39.0	83.0	59.4	86.2	59.5
Other	Afrikaans	95.7	75.0	95.3	80.3	95.8	81.9	97.8	89.6	97.3	85.5
	Finnish	62.6	10.0	77.1	48.5	67.8	33.8	82.3	56.7	81.3	55.8
	Hebrew	82.3	41.7	81.3	60.9	76.3	53.3	90.5	68.5	90.3	60.1
	Hungarian	72.7	13.9	86.7	63.3	72.0	31.7	89.9	69.6	89.4	69.5

Table 2: Accuracy of CRF taggers (10fold CV)

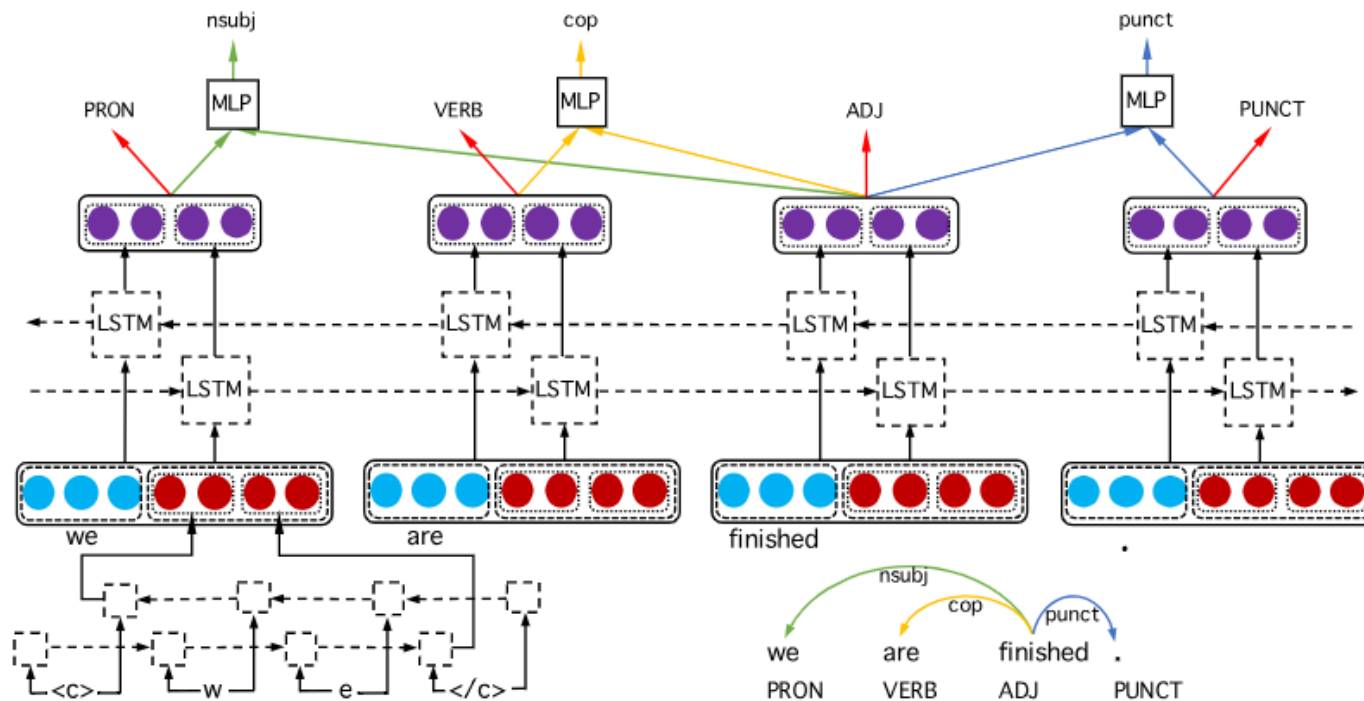
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	German-2	94.5	82.4	94.6	87.1	96.4	90.1	96.8	91.5	94.4	85.4
	German-3	93.8	80.3	94.0	84.9	95.8	88.6	96.4	89.8	94.4	83.9
	Icelandic	76.0	34.8	76.5	49.3	81.8	56.2	84.1	60.6	79.8	51.9
	Norwegian	95.8	86.2	95.7	88.2	96.6	90.3	96.9	90.3	95.5	86.5
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Romanic	B-Portug.	93.3	82.4	93.9	87.4	95.0	90.3	95.1	90.8	93.3	84.2
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	Czech	79.4	49.1	81.0	62.7	85.8	68.7	87.7	72.4	81.7	60.9
	Polish	86.9	73.6	89.2	84.7	95.5	91.2	91.2	88.0	93.6	85.4
	Russian	91.3	73.2	94.6	85.8	95.3	86.9	96.0	88.4	94.6	83.6
	Slovak	78.7	44.9	80.6	65.0	85.3	69.7	86.6	71.4	82.9	61.6
	Slovene-1	81.9	44.5	83.9	61.1	86.0	62.6	87.9	65.7	82.6	59.6
	Slovene-2	79.9	47.9	82.0	63.4	85.8	67.4	87.5	70.1	86.2	59.5
Other	Afrikaans	97.3	82.8	97.1	85.8	97.8	88.4	98.0	90.0	97.3	85.5
	Finnish	76.7	42.7	78.0	57.6	82.0	58.9	83.6	61.2	81.3	55.8
	Hebrew	89.9	60.2	89.2	66.9	92.2	69.7	92.9	72.1	90.3	60.1
	Hungarian	84.7	53.3	88.0	73.1	91.2	76.9	92.0	79.0	89.4	69.5

Table 3: Accuracy of LSTM taggers (10fold CV)

## LSTM-based POS Tagging

*Illustration of LSTM-based joint POS tagging and graph-based dependency parsing.*



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