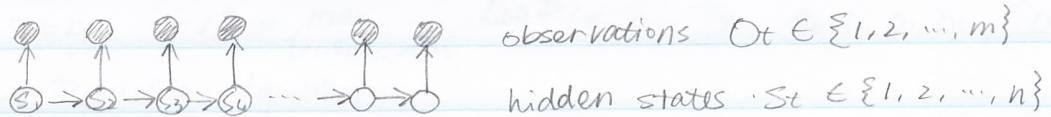


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### Review

#### \* Hidden Markov models (HMMs)



#### \* Parameters of CPTs

$$\pi_i = P(S_1 = i) \quad \text{initial state distribution}$$

$$a_{ij} = P(S_{t+1} = j | S_t = i) \quad \text{transition matrix}$$

$$b_{ik} = P(O_t = k | S_t = i) \quad \text{emission matrix}$$

$$b_i(k)$$

#### \* Key questions

1) How to compute likelihood  $P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T)$ ?

2) How to decode hidden states  $\vec{s}^* = \operatorname{argmax} P(\vec{s} | \vec{o})$ ? 1-3 are inference

3) How to update beliefs  $P(S_t = i | O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T)$ ?

4) How to estimate/learn  $\{\pi_i, a_{ij}, b_{ik}\}$  from data? 4 is learning

### 1. Computing Likelihood

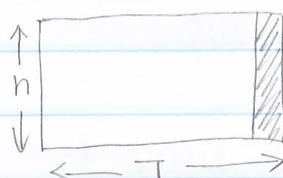
$$\alpha_{it} = P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_t, S_t = i)$$

$$i=1 \dots n$$

Forward algorithm:

$$t=1 \dots T$$

$$(t=1) \quad \alpha_{i1} = \pi_i b_i(O_1)$$



$$(t \geq 1) \quad \alpha_{i,t+1} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{it} a_{ij} b_j(O_{t+1})$$

$$\text{Likelihood } P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{iT}$$

2. Compute most likely state sequence.

$$s^* = \underset{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log P(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T)$$

$$\text{Define } l_{it}^* = \max_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{t-1}\}} \log P(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{t-1}, s_t=i, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t)$$

\* Recursive Algorithm

base case ( $t=1$ ) left most column

$$\begin{aligned} l_{1i}^* &= \log P(s_1=i, o_1) \\ &= \log [P(s_1=i) P(o_1 | s_1=i)] \quad \text{product rule} \\ &= \log [\prod_i b_i(o_i)] \\ &= \log \prod_i + \log b_i(o_i) \end{aligned}$$

Recursive step from  $t$  to  $t+1$

$$\begin{aligned} l_{j,t+1}^* &= \max_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t} [\log P(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t, s_{t+1}=j, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_{t+1})] \\ &= \max_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t} \max_j [\log P(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t=i, s_{t+1}=j, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t, o_{t+1})] \\ &= \max_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t} \max_i [\log \{ P(s_1, \dots, s_t=i, o_1, \dots, o_t) \\ &\quad P(s_{t+1}=j | s_1, \dots, s_t=i, o_1, \dots, o_t) \\ &\quad P(o_{t+1} | s_1, \dots, s_t=i, s_{t+1}=j, o_1, \dots, o_t) \}] \\ &= \max_{s_1, \dots, s_t} \max_i [\log P(s_1, \dots, s_t=i, o_1, \dots, o_t) + \log P(s_{t+1}=j | s_t=i) \\ &\quad + \log P(o_{t+1} | s_{t+1}=j)] \end{aligned}$$

Note: The last two terms do not depend on  $s_1, \dots, s_t$

$$l_{j,t+1}^* = \max_i [\max_{s_1, \dots, s_t} \log P(s_1, \dots, s_t=i, o_1, \dots, o_t) + \log P(s_{t+1}=j | s_t=i) + \log P(o_{t+1} | s_{t+1}=j)]$$

Forward pass

$$l_{j,t+1}^* = \max_i [l_{it}^* + \log a_{ij} + \log b_j(o_{t+1})]$$

fill in  $l_{it}^*$  column by column.

\* Derive  $s^*$  from  $l^*$ .

Record most likely transitions:

$$\bar{\Phi}_{t+1}(j) = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} [l_{it}^* + \log a_{ij}]$$

If I must end up in state  $j$  at time  $t+1$ , then what state  $i$  preceded at time  $t$ ?

\* Compute  $S^*$  by backtracking:

At time  $T$ :  $s_T^* = \arg \max_i [l_{iT}^*]$

For times  $t = T-1 \rightarrow 1$ :  $s_t^* = \Phi_{t+1}(s_{t+1}^*)$

Backward Pass

\* Jargon:

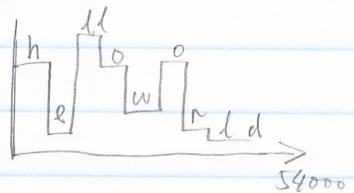
-  $S^*$  is known as "Viterbi" sequence or path

- Viterbi algorithm is example of dynamic programming

HW:  $n=26$  ( $S_t \in \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$ )

$m=2$  ( $O_t \in \{0, 1\}$ )

$T=54000$



### 3. Belief updating

How to monitor hidden state in real-time based on incoming evidence?

Key quantity:  $q_{jt} = P(S_t=j | O_1, O_2, \dots, O_t)$

$$q_{jt} = P(S_t=j | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}, O_t)$$

$$= \frac{P(O_t | S_t=j, O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}) P(S_t=j | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1})}{P(O_t | O_1, O_2, \dots, O_{t-1})}$$

$$b_j(O_t) = \underbrace{\frac{P(O_t | S_t=j) P(S_t=j | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1})}{P(O_t | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1})}}_{\substack{\text{cond.} \\ \text{ind.}}} \quad \leftarrow \text{marginalization}$$

Focus on 2nd term in numerator:

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_t=j | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(S_t=j, S_{t-1}=i | O_1, O_2, \dots, O_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(S_{t-1}=i | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}) \quad \leftarrow \text{product rule} \\ &\quad P(S_t=j | S_{t-1}=i, O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(S_{t-1}=i | O_1, \dots, O_{t-1}) P(S_t=j | S_{t-1}=i) \quad \substack{\text{cond. ind.}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n q_{i,t-1} a_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Putting into numerator:

$$q_{jt} = \frac{b_j(o_t) \sum_{i=1}^n q_{it-1} a_{ij}}{P(o_t | o_1, \dots, o_{t-1})}$$

normalization

$$q_{jt} = \frac{b_j(o_t) \sum_i q_{it-1} a_{ij}}{\sum_j b_j(o_t) \sum_i q_{it-1} a_{ij}}$$

How much computation per-time step?  $O(n)$

Back from  
break.

Key questions in HMMs

V 1) How to compute likelihood  $P(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T)$ ?

V 2) How to decide  $\{s_1^*, s_2^*, \dots, s_T^*\} = \underset{s_1, \dots, s_T}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(s_1, \dots, s_T | o_1, \dots, o_T)$ ?

V 3) How to update beliefs  $P(s_t=i | o_1, \dots, o_t)$ ?

Onto learning ...

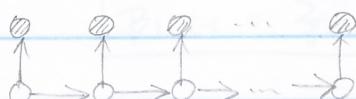
#### 4. Learning in HMMs

Given: sequence of observations  $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T\}$   
(just one for simplicity).

Goal: estimate  $\{\pi_i, a_{ij}, b_{ik}\}$  to maximize  $P(o_1, \dots, o_T)$

Assume: # hidden state values,  $n$ , is known.

\* EM algorithm in HMMs:



CPTs to estimate

$$\pi_i = P(s_1 = i)$$

$$a_{ij} = P(s_{t+1} = j | s_t = i)$$

$$b_{ik} = P(o_i = k | s_t = i)$$

\* E-step: compute posteriors

$$P(S_1=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)$$

$$P(S_t=j, S_{t+1}=j | O_1, \dots, O_T)$$

$$P(S_t=i, O_t=k | O_1, \dots, O_T) = I(O_t, k) P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)$$

Assuming we can compute these posteriors efficiently...

\* M-step: update CPTs

$$\pi_i \leftarrow P(S_1=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)$$

$$a_{ij} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_t P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j | O_1, \dots, O_T)}{\sum_t P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)}$$

$$b_{ik} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_t P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T) I(O_t, k)}{\sum_t P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)}$$

\* How to compute these posterior probabilities?

$$\text{Recall } \alpha_{it} = P(O_1, \dots, O_t, S_t=i)$$

$$\text{Define } \beta_{it} = P(O_{t+1}, O_{t+2}, \dots, O_T | S_t=i)$$

Starts at time  $t+1$       conditioned on  $S_t=i$

\* Recursion for filling in  $\beta$  matrix

(1) base case

$$(a) \beta_{iT} = P(- | S_T=i) = 1 \text{ for all } i=1 \dots n$$

$$(b) \beta_{i,T-1} = P(O_T | S_{T-1}=i)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n P(S_T=j, O_T | S_{T-1}=i) \text{ marginalization}$$

$$= \sum_j P(S_T=j | S_{T-1}=i) P(O_T | S_T=j, S_{T-1}=i) \text{ product rule cond. ind.}$$

$$\boxed{\beta_{i,T-1} = \sum_j a_{ij} b_{j|T}}$$

(2) backward-step (from time  $t+1$  to time  $t$ )

$$\beta_{it} = P(O_{t+1}, \dots, O_T | S_t=i)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n P(O_{t+1}, \dots, O_T, S_{t+1}=j | S_t=i) \text{ marginalization}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n P(S_{t+1}=j | S_t=i) P(O_{t+1} | S_{t+1}=j, S_t=i) \text{ product rule cond. ind.}$$

$$P(O_{t+2}, \dots, O_T | S_{t+1}=j, S_t=i, O_{t+1})$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n P(S_{t+1}=j | S_t=i) P(O_{t+1} | S_{t+1}=j) P(O_{t+2}, \dots, O_T | S_{t+1}=j)$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_{it} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_j(O_{t+1}) \beta_{j,t+1}}$$

"Forward-backward" algorithm in HMMs computes  $\alpha_{it}$  and  $\beta_{it}$  matrices.

Last question:

How do  $\alpha_{it}$  and  $\beta_{it}$  give us posteriors for E-step of EM algorithm?

\* Return to posteriors:

- 1)  $P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)$  needed to  $\pi_i$  update
- 2)  $P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j | O_1, \dots, O_T)$  needed for  $a_{ij}$  update
- 3)  $P(S_t=i | O_1, \dots, O_T)$  needed for  $b_{ik}$  update

\* Focus on middle probability:

$$P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j | O_1, \dots, O_T) = \frac{P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j, O_1, \dots, O_T)}{P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T)}$$

Denominator:  $P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T)$  is just the likelihood.

$$P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{iT}$$

Numerator:  $P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j, O_1, \dots, O_T) =$

$$= P(O_1, \dots, O_t, S_t=i) P(S_{t+1}=j | S_t=i, O_1, \dots, O_t)$$

$$P(O_{t+1} | S_{t+1}=j, S_t=i, O_1, \dots, O_t) P(O_{t+2}, \dots, O_T | S_{t+1}=j, S_t=i, O_1, \dots, O_{t+1})$$

product rule, cond. ind.

$$= P(O_1, \dots, O_t, S_t=i) P(S_{t+1}=j | S_t=i) P(O_{t+1} | S_{t+1}=j)$$

$$P(O_{t+2}, \dots, O_T | S_{t+1}=j)$$

$$= \alpha_{it} \cdot a_{ij} \cdot b_j(O_{t+1}) \cdot \beta_{j,t+1}$$

Denominator: (by normalization)

$$P(O_1, \dots, O_T) = \sum_{i,j} P(S_t=i, S_{t+1}=j, O_1, \dots, O_T)$$

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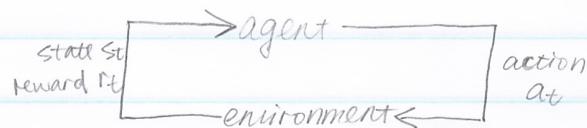
$$= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{it} \cdot a_{ij} \cdot b_j(O_{t+1}) \cdot \beta_{j,t+1}$$

$$= \sum_i \alpha_{it} \beta_{it} = \sum_j \alpha_{it} \beta_{j,t+1}$$

HW. Compute  $P(S_t=i | S_{t+1}=j, O_1, \dots, O_T)$

## Reinforcement Learning

Q: How should embodied/embedded / decision-making agents act and learn from experience in the world?



Ex. robot navigation, game playing AI

Textbook: Sutton / Barto

### \* Challenges

- handling uncertainty
- exploration vs. exploitation dilemma
- delayed vs. immediate rewards — "temporal credit assignment"
- evaluative vs. instructive feedback
- complex worlds, computational guaranteed