

1 Loopy Belief Propagation

1.1 Introduction

Given a Factorial Hidden Markov Model (FHMM) with:

- M independent hidden state chains (factors)
- K possible states per factor
- T time steps
- Observation sequence $O = (o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T)$
- Transition potentials $\phi_i(s_t^i, s_{t-1}^i)$ for each factor i
- Emission potentials $\phi_O(o_t, s_t^1, s_t^2, \dots, s_t^F)$

Compute marginal probabilities $P(s_t^i)$ for each variable s_t^i .

1.2 Algorithm

1.3 Message Passing Scheme

1.3.1 Transition Factor to Variable Messages

For each transition factor between times t and $t + 1$:

$$m_{T_{t,f} \rightarrow V_{t,f}}(s_t^f) = \sum_{s_{t+1}^f} \phi_f(s_{t+1}^f, s_t^f) \cdot m_{V_{t+1,f} \rightarrow T_{t,f}}(s_{t+1}^f) \quad (1)$$

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1.3.2 Observation Factor to Variable Messages

For each time slice t , compute messages from the observation factor to each variable:

$$m_{O_t \rightarrow V_{t,f}}(s_t^f) = \sum_{\mathbf{s}_t \setminus \{s_t^f\}} \phi_O(o_t, \mathbf{s}_t) \prod_{g \neq f} m_{V_{t,g} \rightarrow O_t}(s_t^g) \quad (3)$$

1.3.3 Variable to Factor Messages

Each variable sends messages to its neighboring factors, excluding the target factor:

$$m_{V_{t,f} \rightarrow O_t}(s_t^f) = \prod_{T' \in \mathcal{N}(V_{t,f}) \setminus O_t} m_{T' \rightarrow V_{t,f}}(s_t^f) \quad (4)$$

$$m_{V_{t,f} \rightarrow T_{t,f}}(s_t^f) = \prod_{F' \in \mathcal{N}(V_{t,f}) \setminus T_{t,f}} m_{F' \rightarrow V_{t,f}}(s_t^f) \quad (5)$$

1.4 Time Complexity

1.4.1 Per-Iteration Complexity Breakdown

- **Transition Factor Updates:** $O((T - 1) \times M \times K \times K) = O(T \times M \times K^2)$
- **Observation Factor Updates:** $O(T \times K^M \times M \times M) = O(T \times K^M \times M^2)$
- **Variable Message Updates:** $O(T \times M \times K)$

1.4.2 Overall Complexity

- **Per iteration:**

$$C_{\text{iter}} = O(T \times M \times K^2) + O(T \times K^M \times M^2) \quad (6)$$

$$= O(T \times M \times K^2 + T \times K^M \times M^2) \quad (7)$$

- **Final Belief Computation:** $O(T \times M \times K)$

Total algorithm:

$$C_{\text{total}} = C_{\text{iter}} \times \text{max_iterations} + O(T \times M \times K) \quad (8)$$

$$= O(\text{max_iterations} \times T \times M \times (K^2 + K^M \times M)) \quad (9)$$

$$= O(T \times M^2 \times K^M) \quad (10)$$

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