

AIL 722: Reinforcement Learning

Lec 3: Hidden Markov Models (Part 2: Decoding)

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Where are HMMs used?

- Speech Recognition

Acoustic Signal

Phenomes: Pat/Bat

- Activity Recognition

Sensor Readings

Activity: walking

- Music Transcription

Audio features

Musical notes

- Finance

Financial indicators

Bull, Bear, Stable

Hidden Markov Model

$$\mathcal{S} = \{s^1, s^2, \dots, s^N\}$$

Notation alert

$$\rho = \{p(s_1 = s^1), p(s_1 = s^2), \dots, p(s_1 = s^N)\}$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \{o^1, o^2, \dots, o^M\}$$

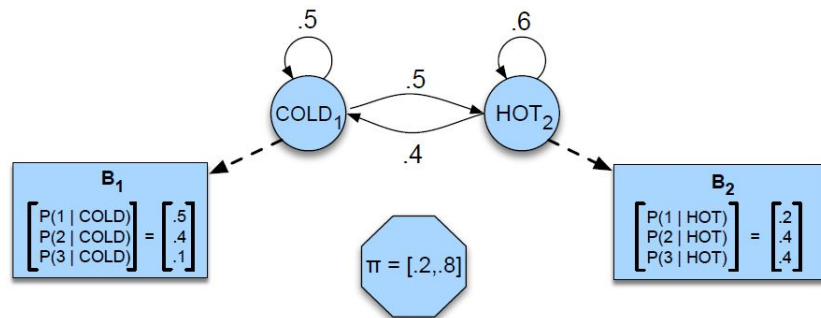
$$O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T\}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1N} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \dots & p_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{N1} & p_{N2} & \dots & p_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

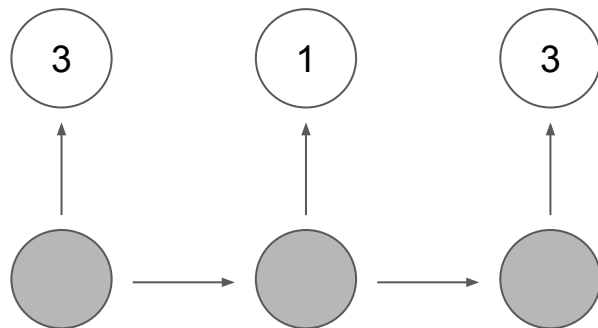
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1M} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{N1} & b_{N2} & \dots & b_{NM} \end{pmatrix}$$

Input to the HMM: A sequence of T observations

P1: Likelihood Computation

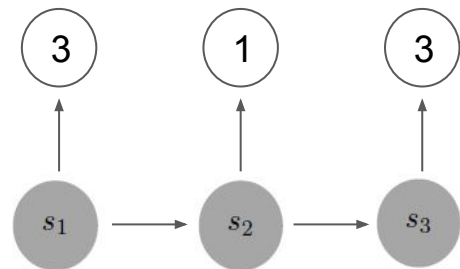


→ Given the ice-cream eating HMM, what is the probability of the sequence of ice creams eaten being 3, 1, 3?



$p(3, 1, 3)?$

Brute Force vs. Forward Algorithm



$$\begin{aligned} p(o_{1:T}) &= \sum_{\forall\{s_{1:T}\}} p(o_{1:T}, s_{1:T}) \\ &= \sum_{\forall\{s_{1:T}\}} p(o_{1:T} | s_{1:T}) \cdot p(s_{1:T}) \\ &= \sum_{\forall\{s_{1:T}\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^T p(o_i | s_i) \cdot p(s_{1:T}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(o_{1:T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N p(o_{1:T}, s_T = s^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N p(o_{1:T}, s_T = i) \end{aligned}$$

Notation alert

Forward Algorithm

$$\alpha_t(j) = p(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t, s_t = j)$$

1. Initialization:

$$\alpha_1(j) = p(s_1 = j) \cdot p(o_1 | s_1 = j) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N$$

2. Recursion:

$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{t-1}(i) \cdot p(s_t = j | s_{t-1} = i) \cdot p(o_t | s_t = j) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T$$

3. Termination:

$$p(O) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i)$$

How do we translate this to pseudocode?

Forward Algo: Pseudocode

$$\alpha_t(j) = p(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t, s_t = j)$$

function FORWARD(*observations* of len T , *state-graph* of len N) **returns** *forward-prob*

create a probability matrix *forward*[N, T]

for each state s **from** 1 **to** N **do**

$$\text{forward}[s, 1] \leftarrow \pi_s * b_s(o_1)$$

for each time step t **from** 2 **to** T **do**

for each state s **from** 1 **to** N **do**

$$\text{forward}[s, t] \leftarrow \sum_{s'=1}^N \text{forward}[s', t-1] * a_{s',s} * b_s(o_t)$$

$$\text{forwardprob} \leftarrow \sum_{s=1}^N \text{forward}[s, T]$$

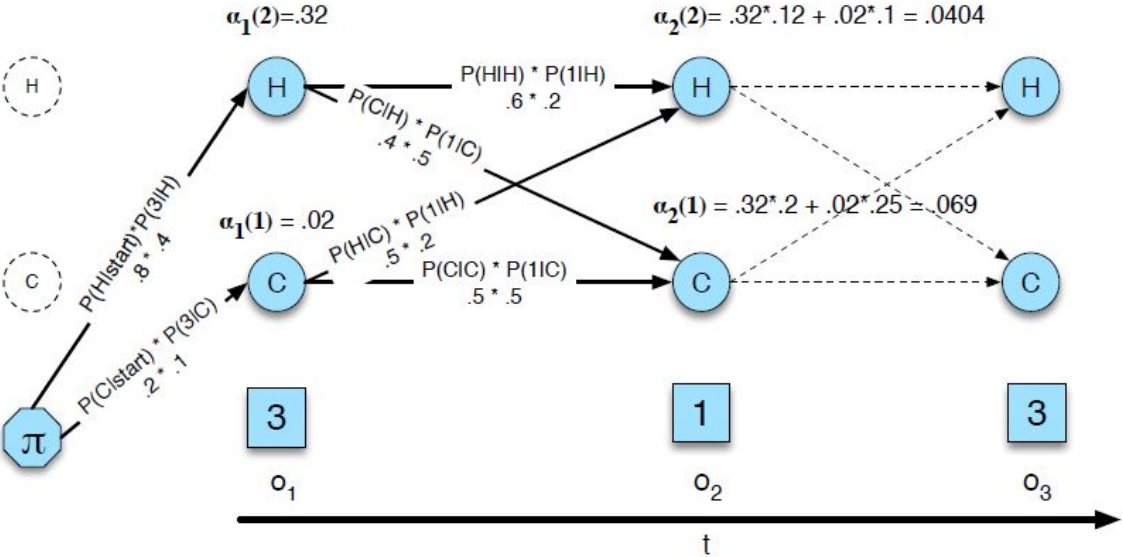
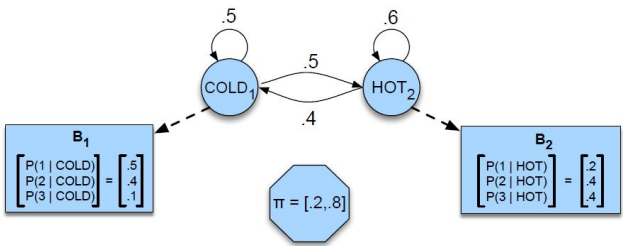
return *forwardprob*

$$\alpha_1(j) = p(s_1 = j) \cdot p(o_1 \mid s_1 = j)$$

$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{t-1}(i) \cdot p(s_t = j \mid s_{t-1} = i) \cdot p(o_t \mid s_t = j)$$

$$p(O) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i)$$

Forward Trellis



How do you compute the original goal: observation sequence likelihood?

HMM: Three Fundamental Problems

Problem 1 (Likelihood):



Given an HMM $\lambda = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B})$ and an observation sequence O , determine the likelihood $P(O \mid \lambda)$.

Problem 2 (Decoding):

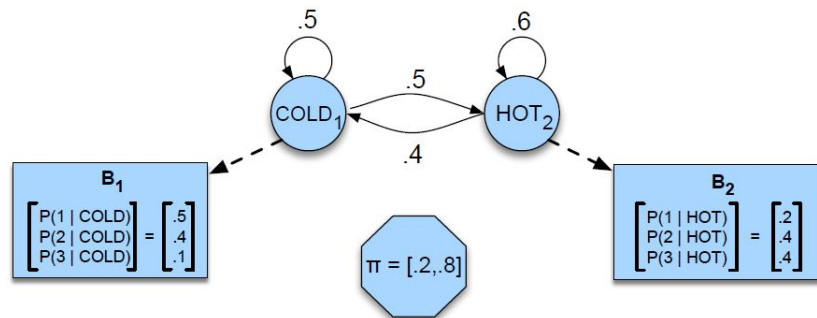
Given an observation sequence O and an HMM $\lambda = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B})$, discover the best hidden state sequence.

Problem 3 (Learning):

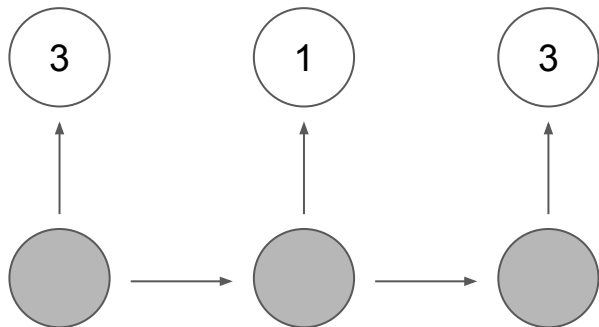
Given an observation sequence O and the set of states in the HMM, learn the HMM parameters \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{B} .

Problem 2: Decoding

Problem 2: Decoding



→ Find the hidden state sequence that was most likely to have generated the input observation sequence.



$p(3, 1, 3)?$

Earlier goal

What should the goal be now?

$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid o_1 = 3, o_2 = 1, o_3 = 3)?$$

Decoding: Equivalent Objective

$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid o_1 = 3, o_2 = 1, o_3 = 3)?$$

$$p(s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid o_1, o_2, o_3) = \frac{p(o_1, o_2, o_3, s_1, s_2, s_3)}{p(o_1, o_2, o_3)}$$

$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid o_1, o_2, o_3) = \arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(o_1, o_2, o_3, s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

Where have we seen this quantity before?

$$p(o_{1:3}, s_{1:3})$$

$$p(o_{1:3}) = \sum_{\forall \{s_{1:3}\}} p(o_{1:3}, s_{1:3})$$

Can you think of a brute force algorithm for decoding?

Viterbi Algorithm: Building Blocks

$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(o_1, o_2, o_3, s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

Define: $v_t(j) = \max_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{t-1}} p(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{t-1}, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t, s_t = j)$

$$v_t(j) = \max_{s_{1:t-1}} p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j)$$

How do we use this to get what we want?

Goal: $\max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(s_1, s_2, s_3, o_1, o_2, o_3)$

$$\max_{s_1, s_2} p(s_1, s_2, o_1, o_2, o_3, s_3 = C)$$

$$\max_{s_1, s_2} p(s_1, s_2, o_1, o_2, o_3, s_3 = H)$$

$$\max_{i=1}^N \max_{s_1, s_2} p(s_1, s_2, o_1, o_2, o_3, s_3 = i)$$

Goal obtained by: $\max_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$

Viterbi Algo: Recursion

$$v_t(j) = \max_{s_{1:t-1}} p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j)$$

$$p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j) = p(s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1}, o_t, s_t = j)$$

$$= p(s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1}) \cdot p(o_t, s_t = j \mid s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1})$$

$$= p(s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1}) \cdot p(s_t = j \mid s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1}) \cdot p(o_t \mid s_t = j, s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1})$$

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Viterbi Algo: Recursion

$$p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j) = p(s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1}) \cdot p(s_t = j \mid s_{t-1}) \cdot p(o_t \mid s_t = j)$$

$$\max_{s_{1:t-1}} p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j)$$

$$= \max_{i=1}^N \max_{s_{1:t-2}} p(s_{1:t-2}, o_{1:t-1}, s_{t-1} = i) \cdot p(s_t = j \mid s_{t-1} = i) \cdot p(o_t \mid s_t = j)$$

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) \cdot t_{ij} \cdot b_j(o_t)$$

Viterbi Algorithm

1. Initialization:

$$\begin{aligned}v_1(j) &= \pi_j b_j(o_1) & 1 \leq j \leq N \\bt_1(j) &= 0 & 1 \leq j \leq N\end{aligned}$$

2. Recursion

$$\begin{aligned}v_t(j) &= \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t); & 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T \\bt_t(j) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t); & 1 \leq j \leq N, 1 < t \leq T\end{aligned}$$

3. Termination:

$$\text{The best score: } P^* = \max_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$$

$$\text{The start of backtrace: } q_T^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$$

Viterbi Algorithm: Pseudocode

create a path probability matrix $viterbi[N,T]$

$$v_1(j) = \pi_j b_j(o_1) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N$$

for each state s from 1 to N do

$$bt_1(j) = 0 \quad 1 \leq j \leq N$$

$$viterbi[s,1] \leftarrow \pi_s * b_s(o_1)$$

$$backpointer[s,1] \leftarrow 0$$

for each time step t from 2 to T do

; recursion step

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t);$$

for each state s from 1 to N do

$$viterbi[s,t] \leftarrow \max_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s',t-1] * a_{s',s} * b_s(o_t)$$

$$bt_t(j) = \operatorname{argmax}_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) a_{ij} b_j(o_t)$$

$$backpointer[s,t] \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{s'=1}^N viterbi[s',t-1] * a_{s',s} * b_s(o_t)$$

$$bestpathprob \leftarrow \max_{s=1}^N viterbi[s,T]$$

; termination step

$$P^* = \max_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$$

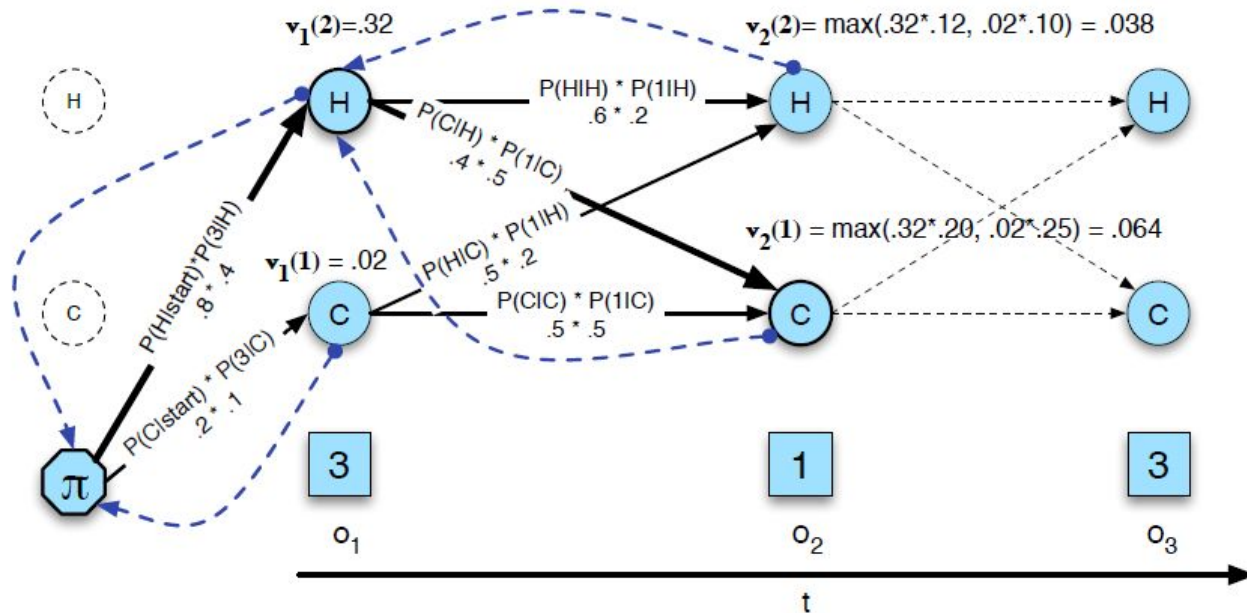
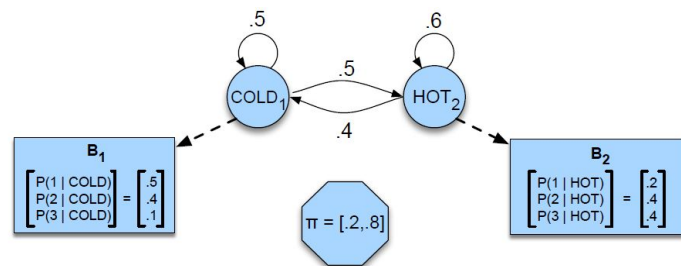
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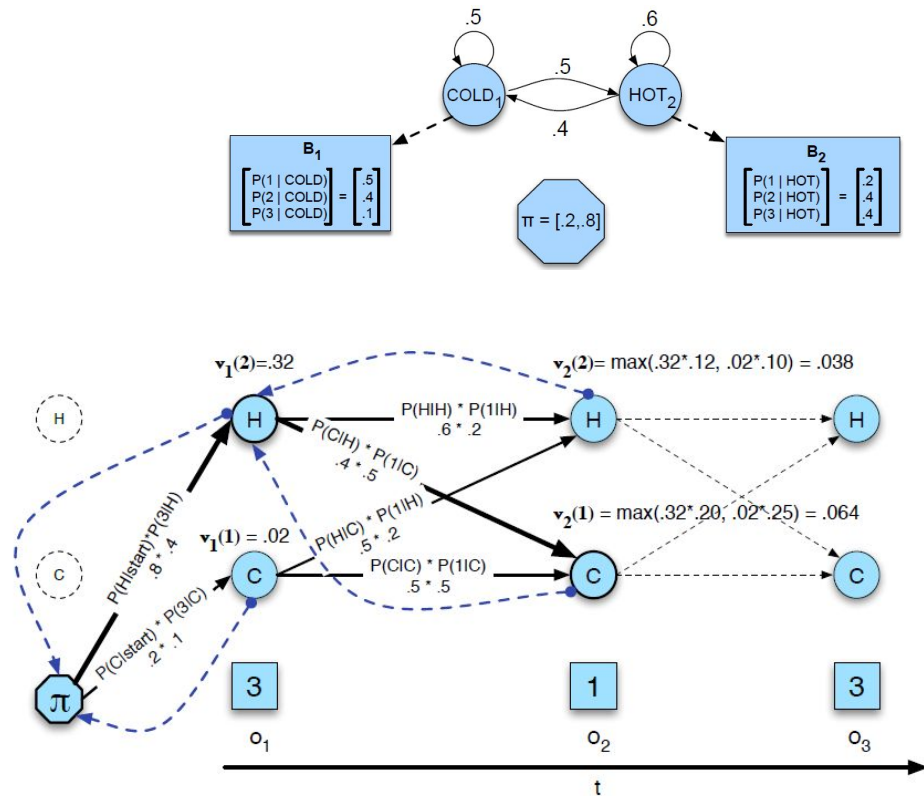
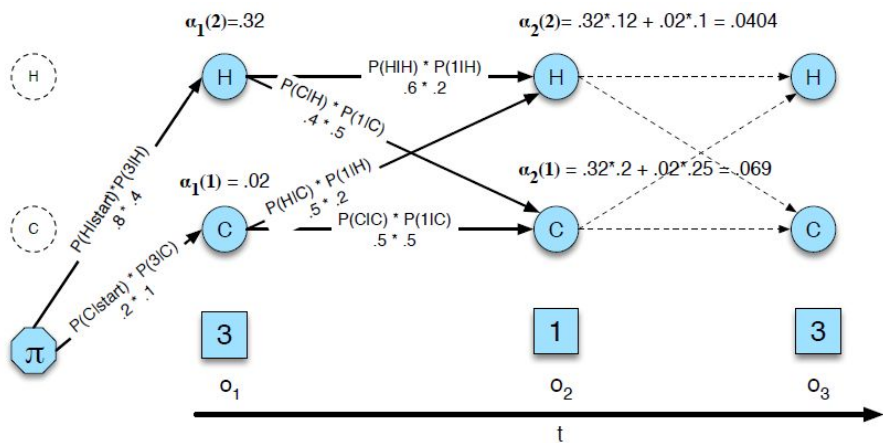
$$q_T^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$$

$bestpath \leftarrow$ the path starting at state $bestpathpointer$, that follows $backpointer[]$ to states back in time

Viterbi Trellis



Trellis: Forward vs. Viterbi



Summary

Likelihood

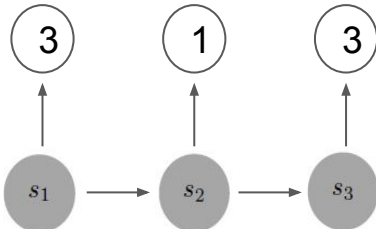
$$p(3, 1, 3)?$$

$$\alpha_t(j) = p(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t, s_t = j)$$

$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{t-1}(i) \cdot p(s_t = j \mid s_{t-1} = i) \cdot p(o_t \mid s_t = j)$$

$$p(O) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_T(i)$$

Decoding


$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid o_1 = 3, o_2 = 1, o_3 = 3)?$$

$$\arg \max_{s_1, s_2, s_3} p(o_1, o_2, o_3, s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

$$v_t(j) = \max_{s_{1:t-1}} p(s_{1:t-1}, o_{1:t}, s_t = j)$$

$$v_t(j) = \max_{i=1}^N v_{t-1}(i) \cdot t_{ij} \cdot b_j(o_t)$$

$$\max_{i=1}^N v_T(i)$$

Viterbi



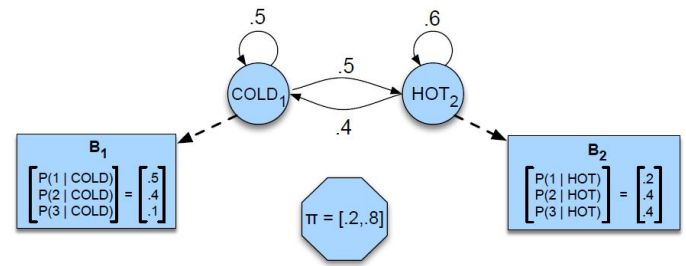
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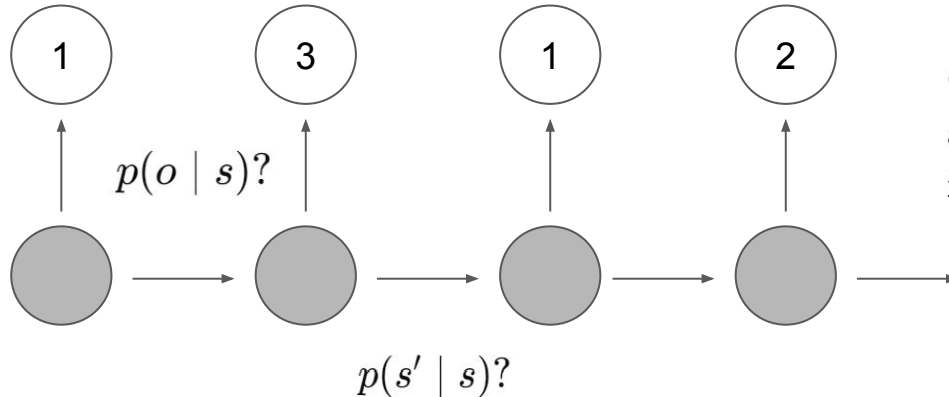
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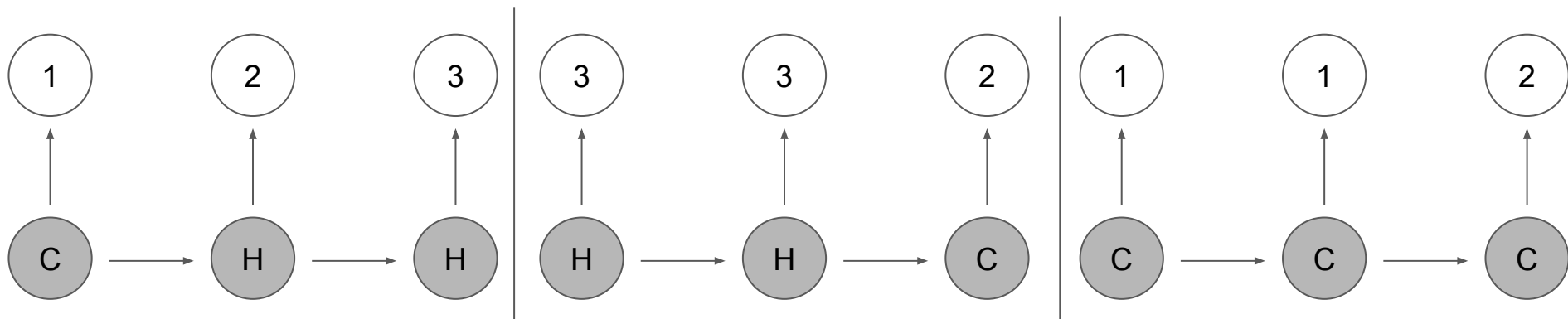


→ Given an observation sequence and the set of possible states in the HMM, learn the HMM parameters, i.e., transition probabilities and emission probabilities.



Given $O = \{1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, \dots\}$, and the set of possible hidden states $\{H, C\}$, find the T and B matrices.

Simple Case



What are the initial state distribution, transition prob and emission probs?

$$p(s_1 = H) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p(s_1 = C) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$p(H | H) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$p(C | H) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p(H | C) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p(C | C) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$p(1 | H) = 0$$
$$p(2 | H) = 0.25$$
$$p(3 | H) = 0.75$$

$$p(1 | C) = 0.6$$
$$p(2 | C) = 0.4$$
$$p(3 | C) = 0$$