

# Hidden Markov Models

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- Do dzisiejszego wykładu:  
<http://www.mimuw.edu.pl/~dojer/wobm/hmm.pdf>

- The model consists of a state space  $Q \neq \emptyset$  (for our purposes  $Q$  is finite)
- and a transition probability matrix  $p_{ij}$  where  $i, j \in Q$
- The model has no memory, the probability of moving from state  $i$  to  $j$  depends only on the state  $i$ .
- multiplying the matrix  $P$ , we can compute the change of the probability distribution as the model “steps” forward
- We are usually interested in stationary distributions  $\pi$ , such that  $\pi \cdot P = P$

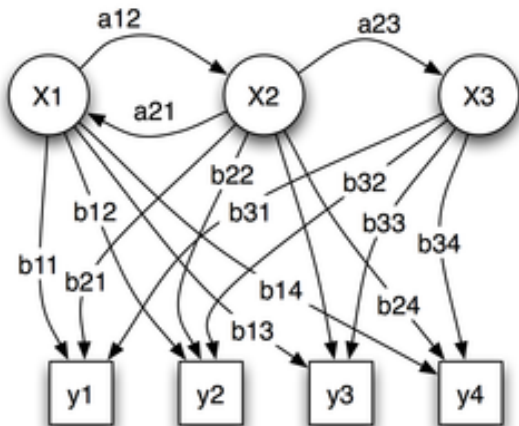


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# Hidden Markov Model - trajectory

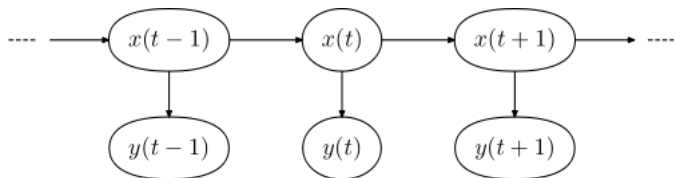


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## Hidden Markov Model - example

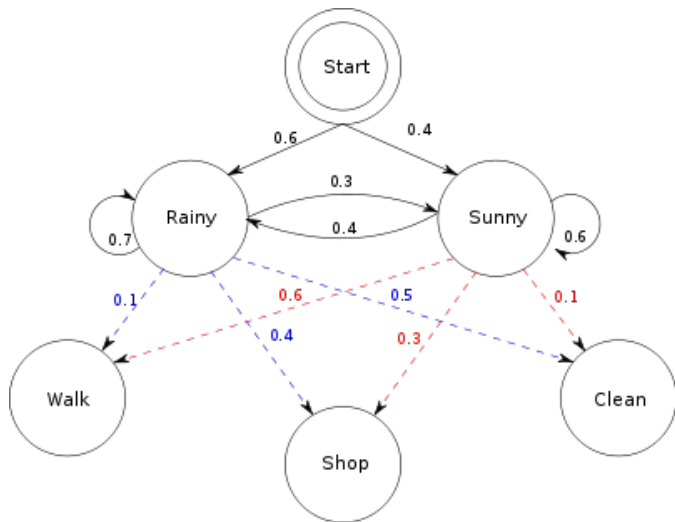


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## Reconstructing HMM trajectories

For any trajectory  $\pi$ , we can calculate the probability of emitting  $S$

$$P(S, \pi) = \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} e_{\pi(t+1)}(S(t+1)) \cdot p_{\pi(t), \pi(t+1)},$$

Can we find the optimal trajectory  $\pi$ , given  $S$ ?

$$P(S, \pi_*) = \max\{P(S, \pi) \mid \pi \in Q^*, |\pi| = |S|\}.$$

We can use dynamic programming, filling in the  $v(i, k)$  matrix

$$v(i, k) = \max\{P(S[1..i], \pi) \mid \pi \in Q^i, \pi(i) = k\}.$$

with the initial condition:

$$v(0, k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{gdy } k = k_0, \\ 0 & \text{gdy } k \neq k_0. \end{cases}$$

and step function:

$$v(i, k) = e_k(S(i)) \cdot \max_{l \in Q} [v(i-1, l) \cdot p_{l,k}].$$

To finally read out the sought probability:

$$P(S, \pi_*) = \max_{k \in Q} [v(|S|, k)].$$



## Estimating emission probabilities

Now, we can calculate the probability of emitting  $S$ , over all possible trajectories, with the Forward-method. The initial step is as follows:

$$f(0, k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{gdy } k = k_0, \\ 0 & \text{gdy } k \neq k_0. \end{cases}$$

Then, we make similar steps:

$$f(i, k) = e_k(S(i)) \cdot \sum_{l \in Q} f(i-1, l) \cdot p_{l,k}.$$

and finally we can calculate the total probability at the end:

$$P(S) = \sum_{k \in Q} f(|S|, k).$$

The same works backwards:

$$b(i, k) = \sum_{l \in Q} p_{k,l} \cdot e_l(S(i+1)) \cdot b(i+1, l).$$

## Estimating emission probabilities

Putting it together, probability of being in state  $k$  at step  $i$ , given  $S$ :

$$P(\pi(i) = k \mid S) = \frac{P(\pi(i) = k \ \& \ S)}{P(S)} = \frac{f(i, k) \cdot b(i, k)}{P(S)}.$$

Estimate of the Emission matrix:

$$e_k(x) = \frac{E_k(x)}{\sum_{y \in \Sigma} E_k(y)}$$

Can be calculated using  $f$  and  $b$

$$E_k(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i \in I_j(x)} \frac{f_{\mathcal{M}}^{(j)}(i, k) \cdot b_{\mathcal{M}}^{(j)}(i, k)}{P_{\mathcal{M}}(S_j)},$$

Similarly the transition matrix:

$$p_{k,l} = \frac{P_{k,l}}{\sum_{q \in Q} P_{k,q}},$$

depends on  $f$  and  $b$

$$P_{k,l} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{|S_j|} \frac{f_{\mathcal{M}}^{(j)}(i, k) \cdot p_{k,l}^{\mathcal{M}} \cdot e_l^{\mathcal{M}}(S_j(i+1)) \cdot b_{\mathcal{M}}^{(j)}(i+1, l)}{P_{\mathcal{M}}(S_j)}.$$

- Suppose, we only know the word  $S$  and the sets  $Q$  and  $\Sigma$ . Can we estimate both  $p_{ij}$  and  $e_{ij}$ ?
- We can start with random  $p_{ij}, e_{ij}$  and iteratively proceed as follows:
  - Calculate the estimates of being in each of states at each step using  $f, b$  and current estimates of  $e, p$ .
  - Find the optimal  $e, p$ , given current  $e, p, f, b$
- This is an example of a known procedure called Expectation-Maximization
- It converges to a local optimum of the likelihood, because at every iteration, the likelihood cannot be decreased.

- We will discuss it in more depth next week, but the HMM model is very useful in describing sequence alignments and so-called sequence profiles
- It is relatively easy to extend this model for arbitrary emissions (e.g. Gaussian or multinomial), not necessarily from a discrete space of symbols. This is frequently used for modelling functional genomics data
- It is also quite a good model for segmentation of chromosomes based on different measurements along the genome