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# Chapter 5

# Hidden Markov Models

(隐马尔科夫模型)

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## ⊗ Introduction to Hidden Markov Model

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# Reading

- Rabiner, L.(1989) A Tutorial on Hidden Markov Models and Selected Applications in Speech Recognition. Proceedings of the IEEE, 77 (2) 257-286
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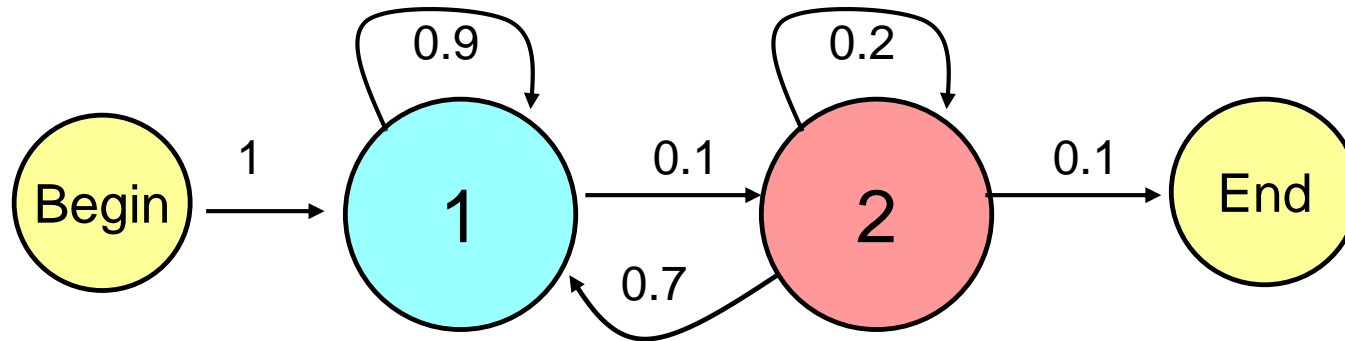
# Markov chain: a process that the current state depends on at most a limited number of previous states

- **Weather**
  - Sunny, Rain, Rain, Sunny, Cloudy, Cloudy,....
- **Stock market index**
  - Up, up, down, down, down, up, up, up, ....
- **Girl/boy friend's mood**
  - High, low, low, high, high, high, ...
- **Genome sequence**
  - ATGTTAGATATAACAGATAA
- **Flip coins**
  - HTTTHHHHHH



# Hidden Markov Model

HMM for two biased coins flipping



$$e_1(H) = 0.8, e_1(T) = 0.2, e_2(H) = 0.3, e_2(T) = 0.7$$

TTHHTTHTTTTTHTHHHHHTHTH

Observed sequence  $x$

11221111122221111112222

Hidden state sequence  $\pi$

$$\pi^* = \arg \max_{\pi} P(x, \pi)$$



# Hidden Markov Model

- **Elements of an HMM (N, M, A, E, Init)**
  1. **N: number of states in the model**
    - $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N\}$ , and the state at time  $t$  is  $q_t$ .
  2. **M: alphabet size (the number of observation symbols)**
    - $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_M\}$
  3. **A: state transition probability distribution**
    - $A = \{a_{ij}\}$ , where  $a_{ij} = P[q_{t+1} = S_j | q_t = S_i]$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq N$
  4. **E: emission probability**
    - $E = \{e_j(k)\}$  (observation symbols probability distribution in state  $j$ ), where  $e_j(k) = P[v_k \text{ at } t | q_t = S_j]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq N$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq M$
  5. **Init: initial state probability,  $\pi_i$** 
    - $\text{Init} = \{\pi_i\}$ , where  $\pi_i = P[q_1 = S_i]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ .



# HMM is a generative model

HMM can be used as a generator to produce an observation sequence  $O=O_1O_2\dots O_T$ , where each  $O_t$  is one of the symbols from  $V$ , and  $T$  is the number of observations in the sequence.

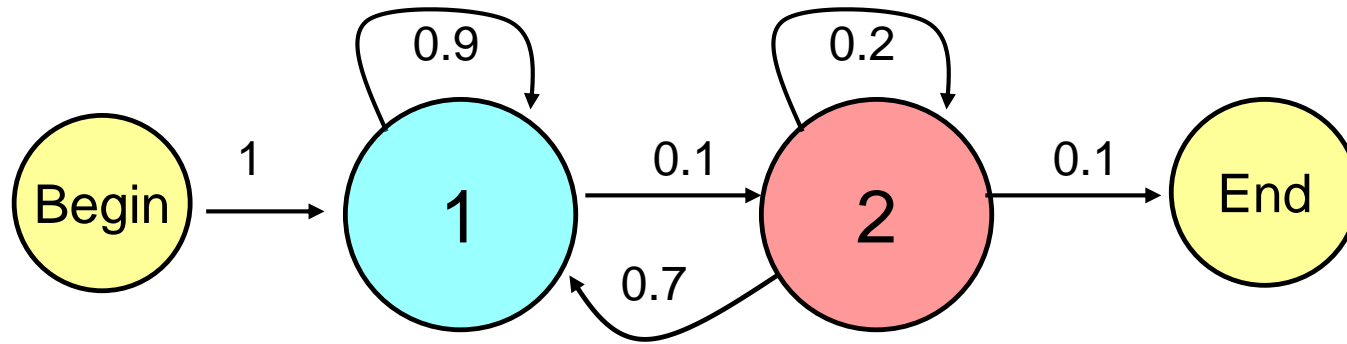
1. Choose an initial state  $q_1=S_i$  according to Init;
2. Set  $t=1$ ;
3. Choose  $O_t=v_k$  according to  $e_i(k)$  (the symbol probability distribution in state  $S_i$ );
4. Transit to a new state  $q_{t+1}=S_j$  according to  $a_{ij}$ ;
5. Set  $t=t+1$ ; return to step 3 if  $t<T$ ; otherwise terminate the procedure.





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**Observed sequence x**

**11221111122221111112222**

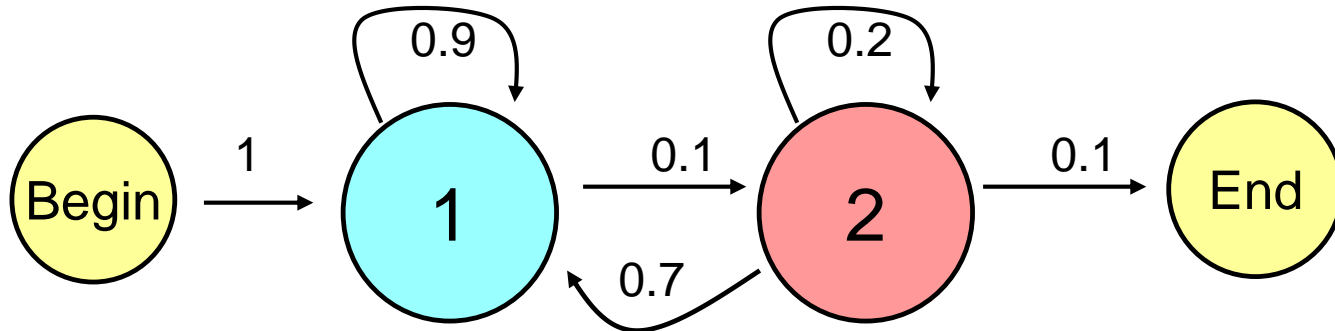
**Hidden state sequence  $\pi$**

$$P(x, \pi \mid \lambda) = \text{Init}_{\pi_0} * e_{\pi_0}(x(0)) * \prod_{0 \leq i \leq T-1} (a_{\pi_i \pi_{i+1}} e_{\pi_{i+1}}(x(i)))$$



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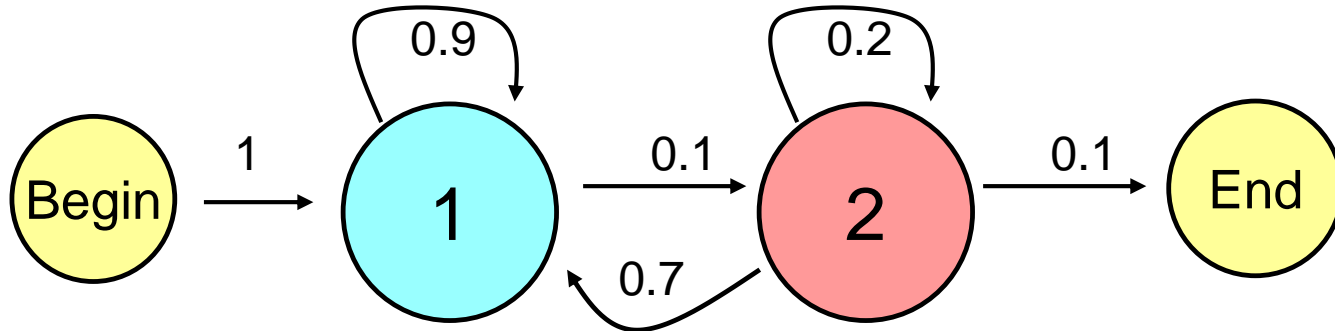
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$$P(x, \pi \mid \lambda) = ?$$



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**TTHHT** Observed sequence  $x$

**11221** Hidden state sequence  $\pi$

$$P(x, \pi | \lambda) = \text{Init}_{\pi_0} * e_{\pi_0}(x(0)) * \prod_{0 \leq i \leq T} (a_{\pi_i \pi_{i+1}} e_{\pi_{i+1}}(x(i)))$$

$$= 1 * e_1(T) * (a_{11} e_1(T)) * (a_{12} e_2(H)) * (a_{22} e_2(H)) * (a_{21} e_1(T))$$

$$= 1 * 0.2 * (0.9 * 0.2) * (0.1 * 0.3) * (0.2 * 0.3) * (0.7 * 0.2)$$



# Hidden Markov Model

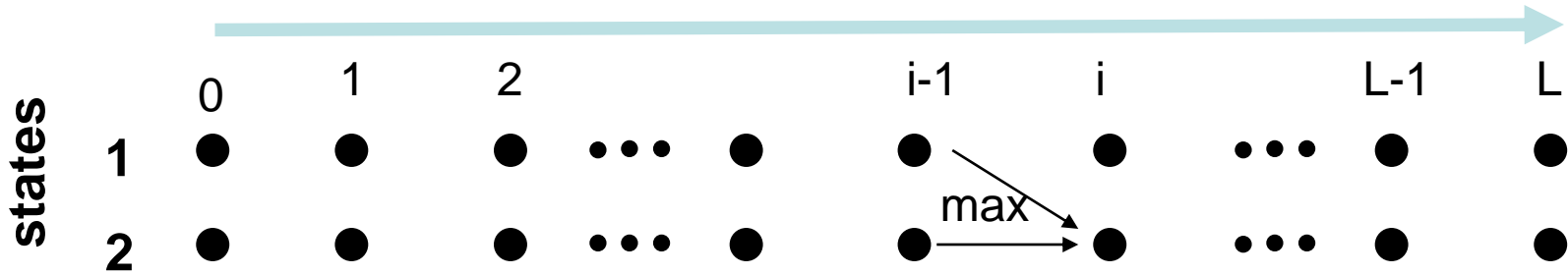
• HMM:  $\lambda = \{N, M, A, E, \text{Init}\}$  or  $\lambda = \{A, E, \text{Init}\}$

## • Three basic problems for HMMs

- Problem 1: Given the observation sequence  $O = O_1 O_2 \dots O_T$ , and a model  $\lambda = \{A, E, \text{Init}\}$ , how to compute  $P(O | \lambda)$ , the probability of the observation sequence given the model?
- Problem 2: Given the observation sequence  $O = O_1 O_2 \dots O_T$ , and a model  $\lambda = \{A, E, \text{Init}\}$ , how to choose a corresponding state sequence  $Q = q_1 q_2 \dots q_T$ , which is optimal in some meaningful sense..
- Problem 3: how to estimate model parameters  $\lambda = \{A, E, \text{Init}\}$  to maximize  $P(O | \lambda)$ .



# Most Probable Path and Viterbi Algorithm



Let  $f_j(i) = \max_{\{\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{i-1}\}} (\Pr(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, \pi_0, \dots, \pi_{i-1}, \pi_i = j))$

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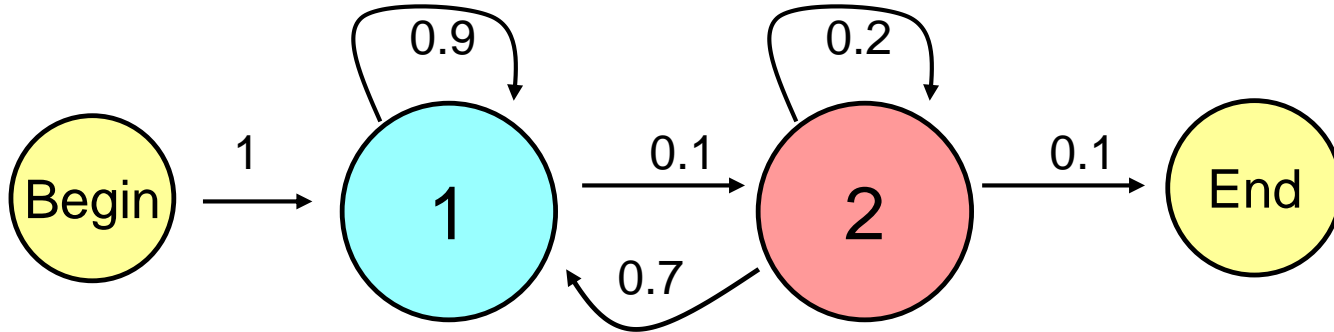
$ptr_j(i) = \arg \max_k (f_k(i-1) a_{kj}).$

Time complexity  $O(N^2L)$  space complexity  $O(NL)$

Solution to problem 2: prob of best state sequence



# Viterbi for the HMM for two biased coins flipping



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TTHHT

Observed sequence  $x$

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Hidden state sequence  $\pi$

T

T

H

H

T

0

1

2

3

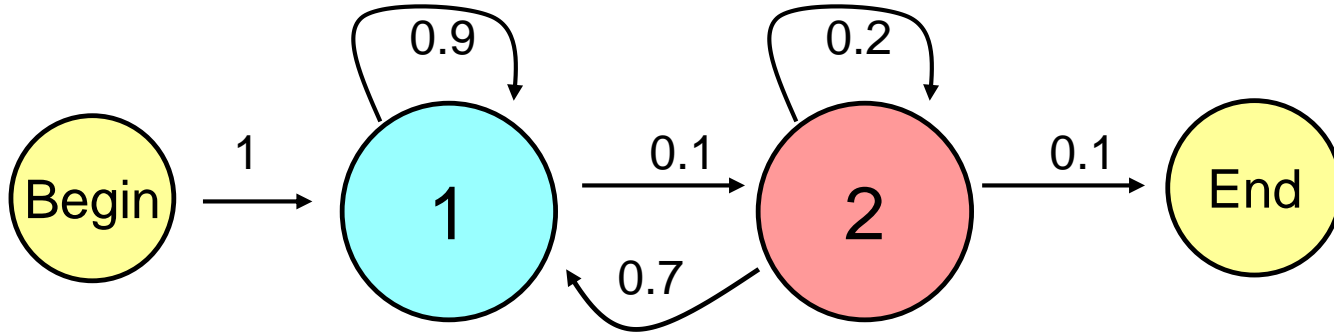
4

1

2




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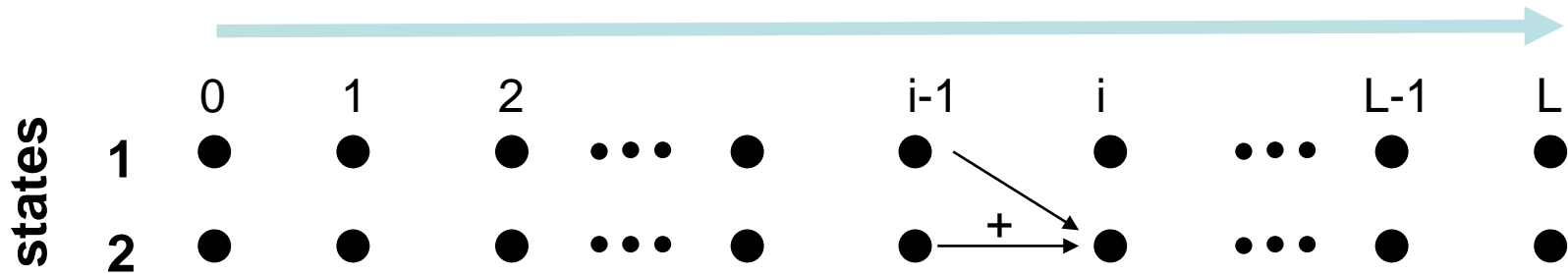
0.2     $\text{Max} 0.2 * (0.9 * 0.2, 0) = 0.036$      $\text{max} 0.8 * (0.036 * 0.9, 0.014 * 0.7) = 0.0259$      $\text{Max } 0.8 * (0.0259 * 0.9, 0.0108 * 0.7) = 0.018662$      $= \text{max} 0.2 * (0.018662 * 0.9, 0.000777 * 0.7) = 0.003359$

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0     $\text{Max} 0.7 * (0.2 * 0.1, 0) = 0.014$      $\text{Max} 0.3 * (0.036 * 0.1, 0.014 * 0.2) = 0.0108$      $\text{Max} 0.3 (0.0259 * 0.1, 0.0108 * 0.2) = 0.000777$      $= \text{max} 0.3 (0.018662 * 0.1, 0.000777 * 0.7) = 0.0005599$



# Probability of All the Possible Paths and Forward Algorithm



Let  $f_j(i) = \Pr(x_0, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = j)$

Initialization ( $j=1 \dots N$ )  $f_j(0) = \pi_j e_j(x_0)$

Recursion ( $i=1 \dots L$ ;  
 $j = 1, \dots, N$ )  $f_j(i) = e_j(x_i) \sum_k (f_k(i-1) a_{kj})$

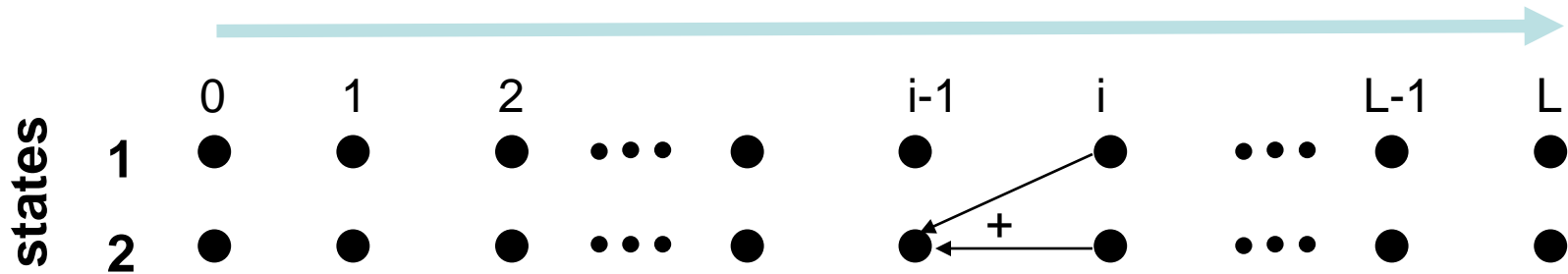
Probability of all the probable paths  $P(x) = \sum_{\pi} P(x, \pi) = \sum_k f_k(L)$

**Solution to problem 1: prob of observation**





# Backward Algorithm



Let  $b_j(i) = \Pr(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_L, \pi_i = j)$

Initialization ( $j=1 \dots N$ )

$$b_j(L) = 1$$

Recursion ( $i=L-1, L-2, \dots, 0,$   
 $j=1, \dots, N$ )

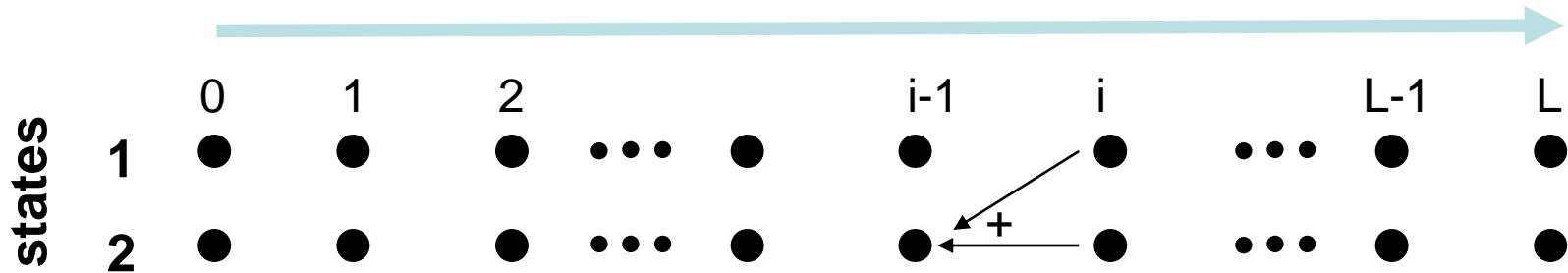
$$b_j(i) = \sum_k (a_{jk} e_k(x_{i+1})) b_k(i+1)$$

Probability of all the  
probable paths

$$P(x) = \sum_{\pi} P(x, \pi) = \sum_k b_k(0)$$



# Decoding with Posterior Probability

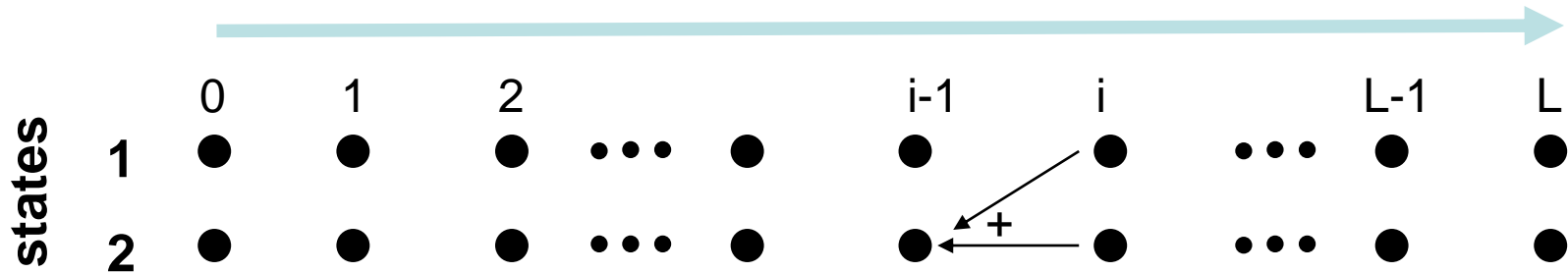


Posterior Probability

$$P(\pi_i = k | x) = \frac{P(\pi_i = k, x)}{P(x)}$$



# Decoding with Posterior Probability



Posterior Probability

$$P(\pi_i = k | x) = \frac{P(\pi_i = k, x)}{P(x)}$$

$$= \frac{f_k(i) * b_k(i)}{\sum_k (f_k(i) * b_k(i))}$$



# Problem 3: Optimize the model parameters from the observation

- **HMM:  $\lambda = \{A, E, \text{Init}\}$**
- **With annotations**
  - Maximum likely-hood ratio
- **Without annotations**
  - Baum-Welch algorithm (EM algorithm)



# Baum-Welch algorithm (estimate model parameters)

- ⊙ **Goal:** given the observation sequence data set, estimate the model parameter  $\lambda$  to maximize  $P(O|\lambda)$ .
- ⊙ **Algorithm:**
  1. initialize the model  $\lambda_0$ ,
  2. calculate the new model  $\lambda$  based on  $\lambda_0$  and the observation sequences
  3. stop training if  $\log P(X|\lambda) - \log(P(X|\lambda_0)) < \text{Delta}$
  4. otherwise, let  $\lambda_0 = \lambda$ , and go to step 2.



# Baum-Welch method (EM method)

⊙ HMM:  $\lambda = \{A, B, \text{Init}\}$ , Without annotations

Let  $\xi_t(i, j) = P(\pi_t = i, \pi_{t+1} = j \mid x, \lambda)$

then  $\xi_t(i, j) = \frac{f_i(t) a_{ij} e_j(x_{t+1}) b_j(t+1)}{\sum_i \sum_j (f_i(t) a_{ij} e_j(x_{t+1}) b_j(t+1))}$

Let  $\gamma_t(i) = \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_t(i, j)$

then  $\sum_{t=0}^L \gamma_t(i) =$  expected number of transitions from  $S_i$

$\sum_{t=0}^L \xi_t(i, j) =$  expected number of transition  $S_i$  to  $S_j$



# Baum-Welch method (EM method) (2)

HMM:  $\lambda = \{A, B, \text{Init}\}$ , Without annotations

Then,  $\overline{\text{Init}}_i =$  expected frequency in  $S_i$  at time 0 =  $\gamma_0(i)$

$$a_{i,j} = \frac{\text{expected number of transitions from } S_i \text{ to } S_j}{\text{expected number of transitions from } S_i}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{t=0}^L \xi_t(i, j)}{\sum_{t=0}^L \gamma_t(i)}$$

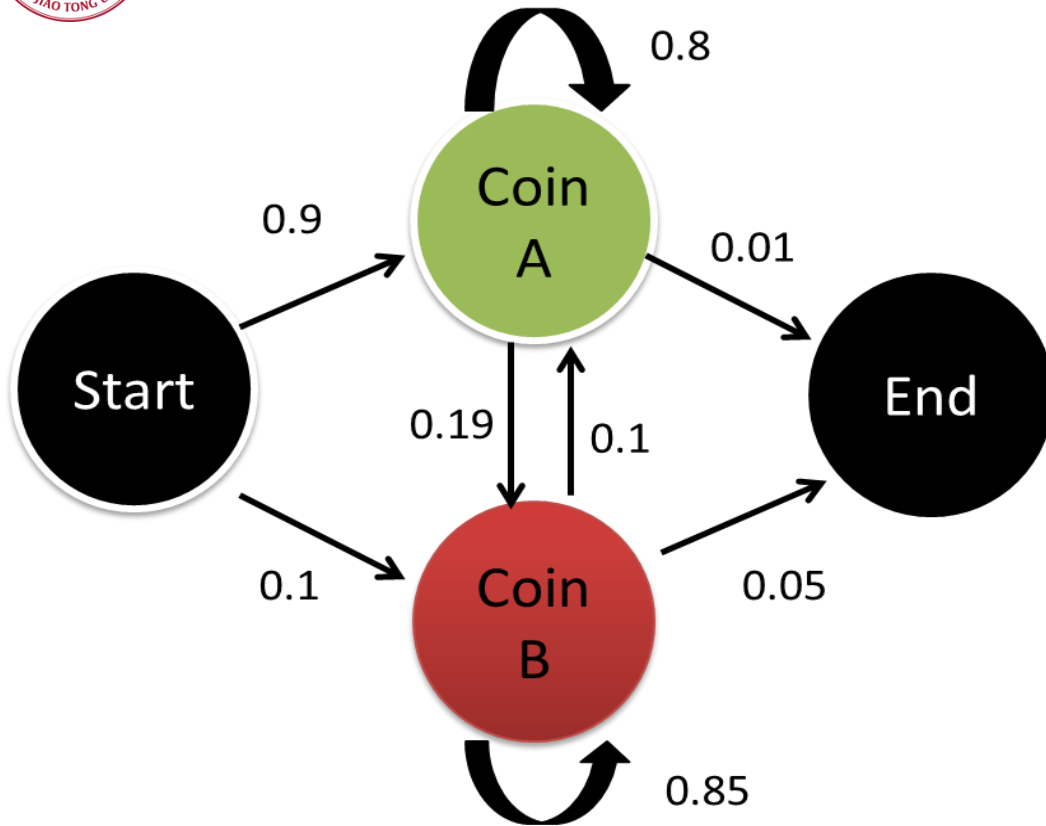
$$e_i(k) = \frac{\text{expected number of times in state } j \text{ and observing symbol } v_k}{\text{expected number of times in state } j}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{t=0}^L \gamma_t(i)}{\sum_{t=0}^L \gamma_t(i) \text{ s.t. } x_t = v_k}$$

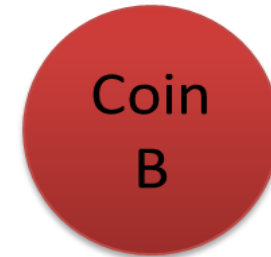


# One more example:

# Flipping two coins



H: 0.5  
T: 0.5



H: 0.2  
T: 0.8

$O = \text{HHTHHTTTHT}, P(O|\lambda) = ?$

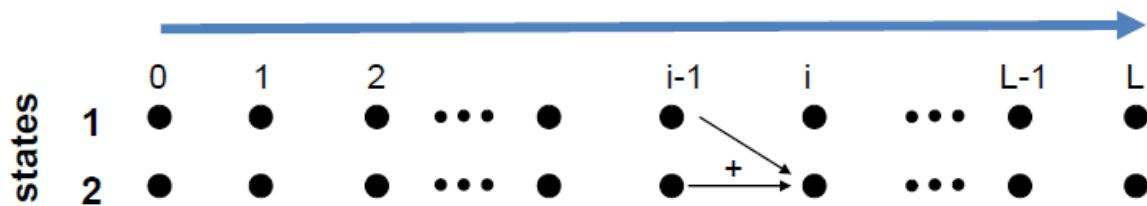
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# Forward Algorithms

	H	H	T	H	H	T	T	T	H	T	Emd
<b>A</b>	0.45	0.181	0.073 42	0.031 44	0.013 06	0.053 71	0.023 45	0.001 11	5.817 e-4	2.580 e-4	2.42 3e-5
<b>B</b>	0.02	0.0205	0.041 45	0.009 83	0.002 86	0.003 94	0.003 49	0.002 73	5.067 e-4	4.329 e-4	

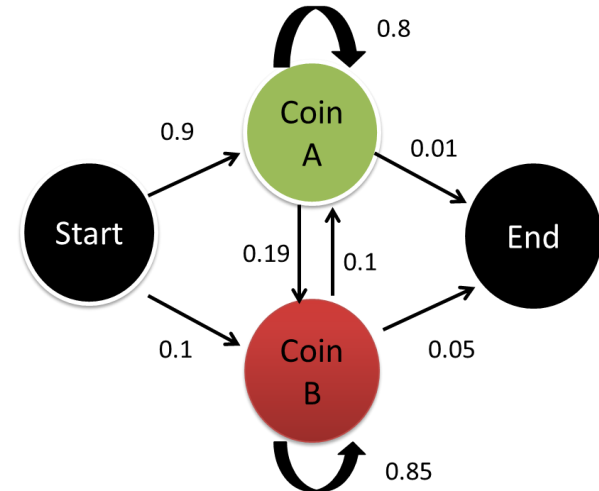


Let  $f_j(i) = \Pr(x_0, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = j)$

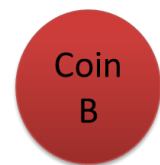
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Probability of all the probable paths  $P(x) = \sum_{\pi} P(x, \pi) = \sum_k f_k(L)$



H: 0.5  
T: 0.5



H: 0.2  
T: 0.8



- **O = HHTHHTTTHT**
- **$\operatorname{argmax}(P(O, Q, \lambda))$**

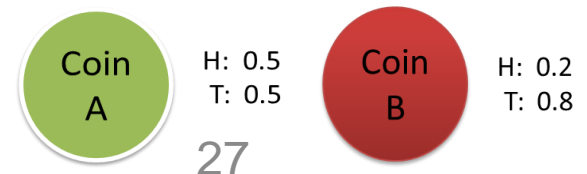
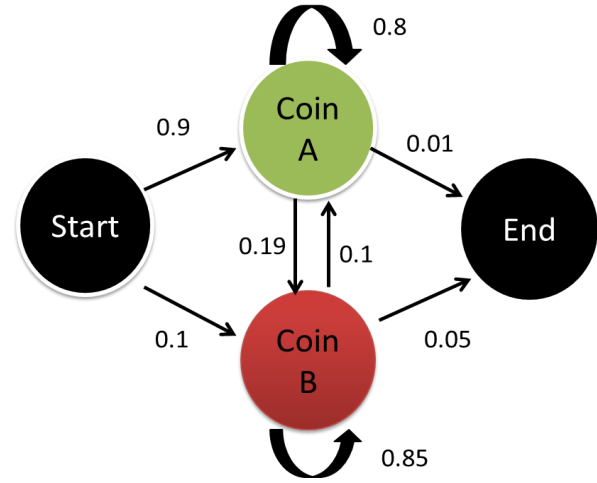
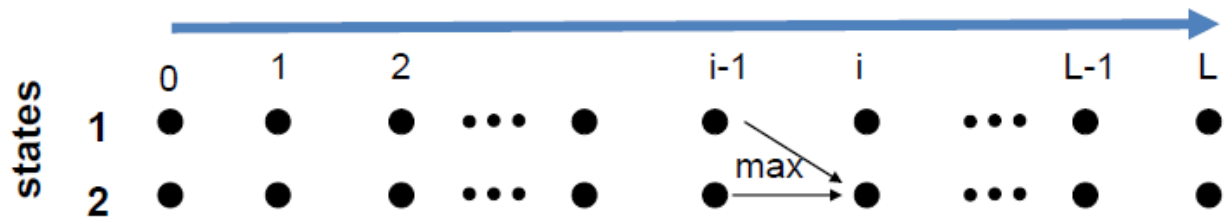
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# Viterbi Algorithms

**A -> A -> A -> A -> A -> B -> B -> B -> B -> B**

	H	H	T	H	H	T	T	T	H	T	Emd
<b>A</b>	0.45	0.18	0.072	0.028	0.011	0.004	1.843	7.372	2.949	1.180	4.68 0e-6
<b>B</b>	0.02	0.01	0.027	4.652	1.109	1.751	1.191	8.097	1.376	9.360	



Let 
$$f_j(i) = \max_{\{\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{i-1}\}} (\Pr(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, \pi_0, \dots, \pi_{i-1}, \pi_i = j))$$

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$$f_j(i) = e_j(x_i) \max_k (f_k(i-1) a_{kj});$$

$$ptr_j(i) = \arg \max_k (f_k(i-1) a_{kj}).$$



## Problem 3. Model parameter estimation

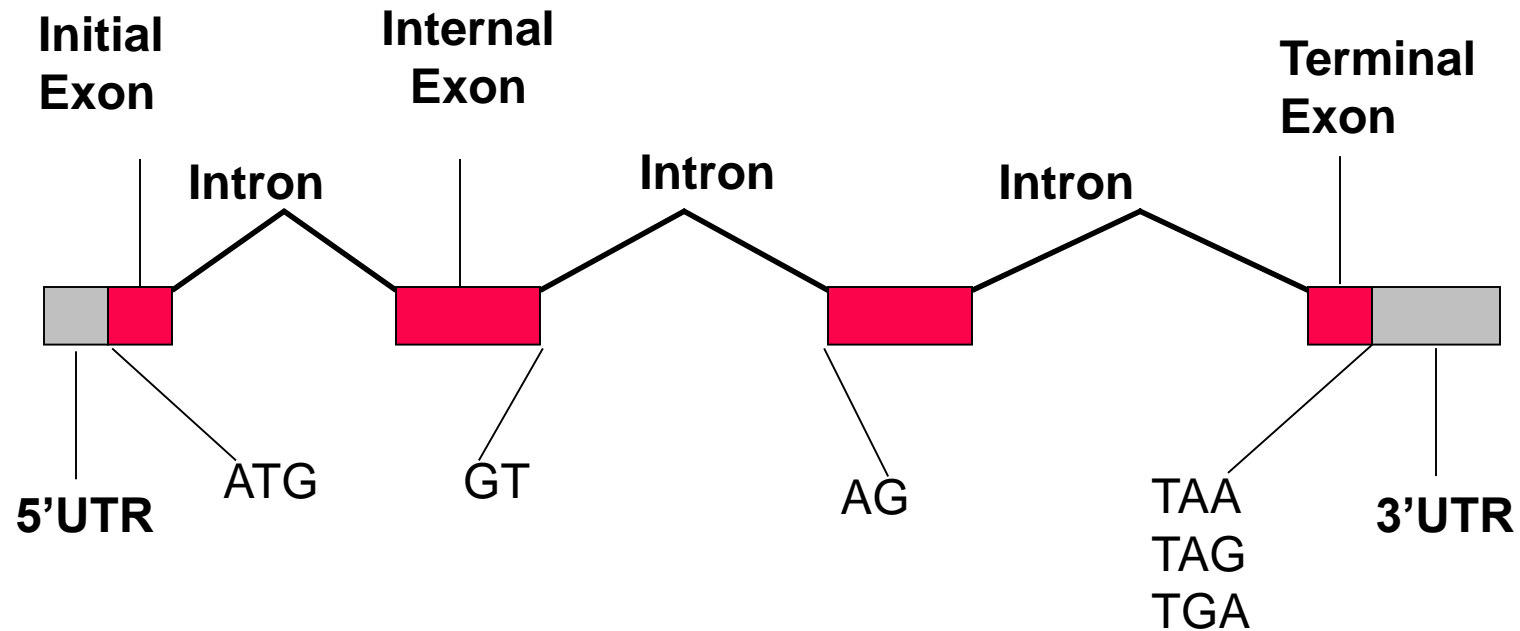


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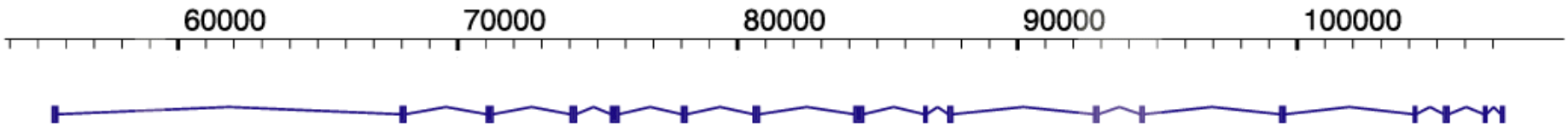
# Gene Structure prediction with HMM



A gene is a highly structured region of DNA, it is a functional unit of inheritance.



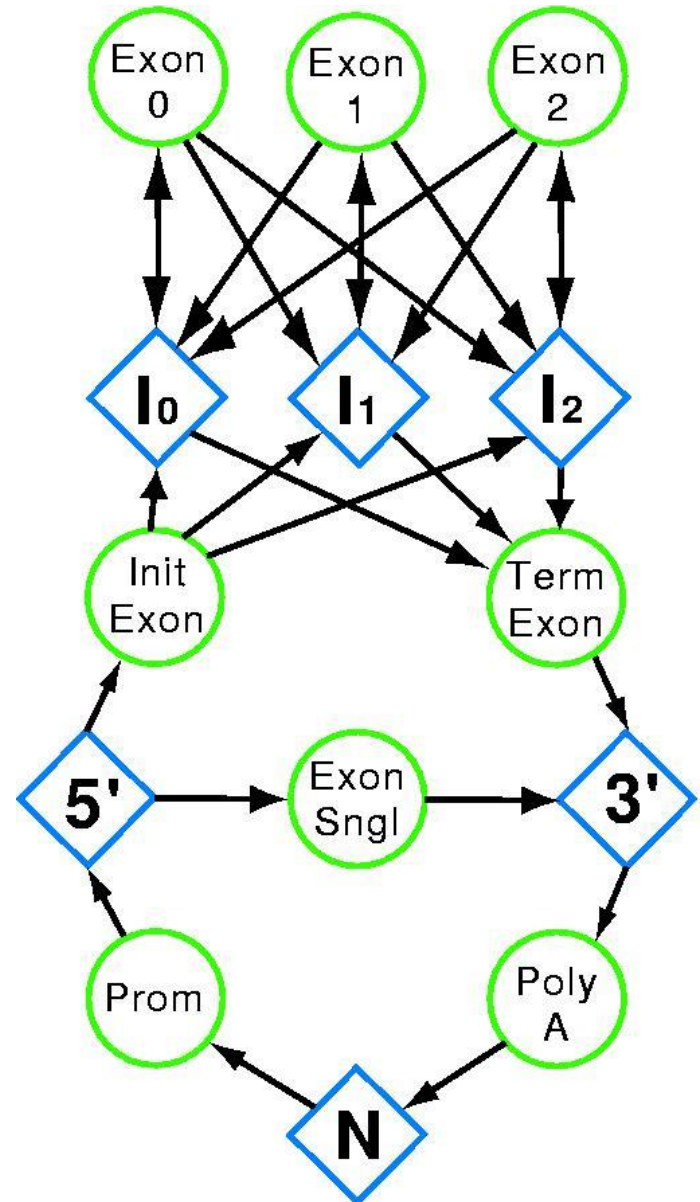
# A Typical Human Gene Structure





# Gene Prediction Model

- HMM (27 states)
- Each state
  - For a gene structure
- State-specific models (Generalized HMM)
  - Length distribution
  - Sequence content





# Another example: Pair HMM for local alignment

