

# Natural Language Processing

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## **Chapter 7**

# **Generative Sequence Labeling**

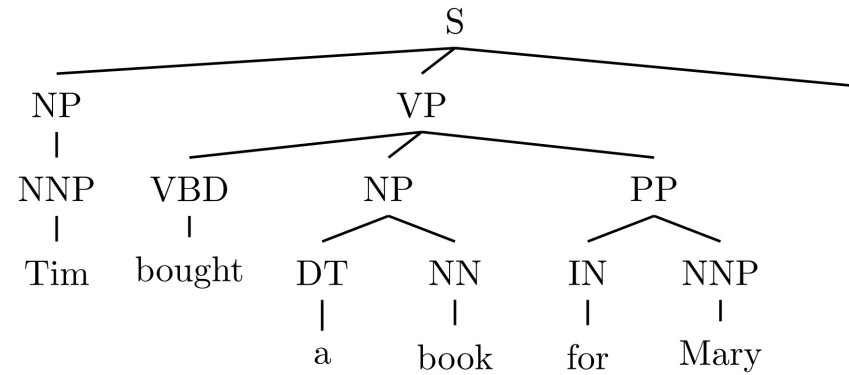
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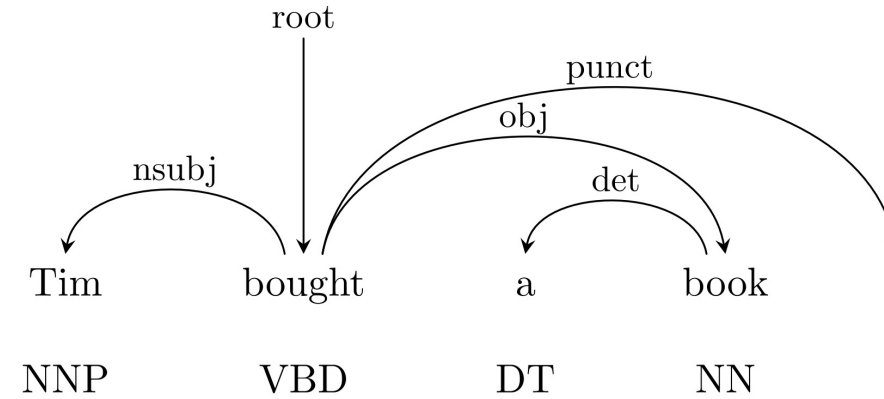
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# Structure Prediction



(a) An example constituent tree.



(b) An example dependency tree.

| Task                   | Input  | Output  |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Morphological Analysis | (English) <i>walking</i><br>(Arabic) <i>wktAbnA</i><br>(German) <i>Wochenarbeitszeit</i> | <i>walk + ing</i><br><i>w + ktAb + nA</i><br><i>Wochen + arbeits + zeit</i> |
| Tokenisation           | <i>Mr. Smith visited</i><br><i>Wendy's new house.</i>                                    | <i>Mr. Smith visited</i><br><i>Wendy 's new house .</i>                     |
| Word segmentation      | 其中国外企业<br>中国外企业务<br>はきものを脱ぐ<br>きものを着る  | 其中 国外 企业<br>中国 外企 业务<br>はきものを 脱ぐ<br>きものを 着る                                 |
| POS Tagging            | I can open this can  | PRP MD VB DT NN   |

- Output inter-dependency

# Sequence Labelling

- Part-of-Speech tagging as example
- Input is a sentence  $s = W_{1:n} = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$
- Output is a sequence of POS tags  $T_{1:n} = t_1 t_2 \dots t_n$

| Sentence                          | POS tagging sequence |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Jame went to the shop yesterday . | NNP VBD TO NN NN .   |
| What would you like to eat ?      | WP MD PRP VB TO VB . |
| Tim is talking with Mary .        | NNP VBZ VBG IN NNP . |
| I really appreciate it .          | PRP RB VBP PRP .     |
| John is a famous athlete .        | NNP VBZ DT JJ NN .   |

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NNP VBD TO DT NN NN .

James|NNP went|VBD to|TO the|DT park|NN yesterday|NN .|.

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TO: to

NN: Noun

# Local Model

- Treat the assignment of each POS tag as a separate classification task.
- Features : five-word window  $[w_{i-2}, w_{i-1}, w_i, w_{i+1}, w_{i+2}] \Rightarrow t_i$   
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- Disadvantage: ignore dependencies between different output POS tags !

DT    JJ    NN

determiner  $\rightarrow$  noun (NN) or adjective (JJ) , not verb (VB)

adverb (AD)  $\rightarrow$  verb (VB) , not possessive pronoun (PRP\$)

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# Model Target

- Model target:

$$P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n})$$

$$w_i \in V, t_i \in L, i \in [1, \dots, n]$$

- Parameterization?

# Structured Model

- Use the same techniques as for chapter 2:
  1. Use the Bayes rule:

$$\begin{aligned}P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}) &= \frac{P(W_{1:n}|T_{1:n})P(T_{1:n})}{P(W_{1:n})} \\ &\propto P(W_{1:n}|T_{1:n})P(T_{1:n}) \\ &= P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n})\end{aligned}$$

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- First-order Markov assumption:

$$P(T_{1:n}) \approx P(t_1)P(t_2|t_1) \dots P(t_n|t_{n-1})$$

- Second-order Markov assumptions:

$$P(T_{1:n}) \approx P(t_1)P(t_2|t_1)P(t_3|t_1t_2) \dots P(t_{n-1}|t_{n-3}t_{n-2})P(t_n|t_{n-2}t_{n-1})$$

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# Structured Model

- Generate Stories

$$P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}) \propto P(W_{1:n}|T_{1:n})P(T_{1:n})$$

- Generate tags

First-order

$$P(T_{1:n}) \approx P(t_1)P(t_2|t_1) \dots P(t_n|t_{n-1})$$

Second-order

$$P(T_{1:n}) \approx P(t_1)P(t_2|t_1)P(t_3|t_1t_2) \dots P(t_{n-1}|t_{n-3}t_{n-2})P(t_n|t_{n-2}t_{n-1})$$

- Generate words

$$P(W_{1:n}|T_{1:n}) \approx P(w_1|t_1)P(w_2|t_2) \dots P(w_n|t_n) \text{ (independence assumption)}$$

# Structured Model

- Summary

- First-order Model:

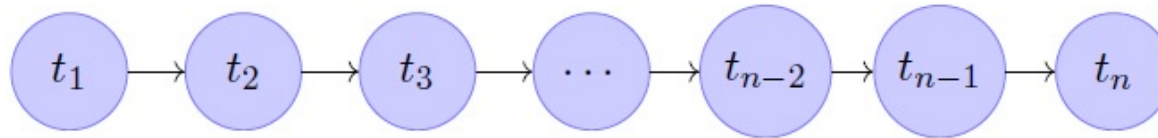
$$\begin{aligned} P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}) &\propto P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}) = P(T_{1:n})P(W_{1:n}|T_{1:n}) \\ &\approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i|t_{i-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i|t_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i|t_{i-1}) \cdot P(w_i|t_i) \end{aligned}$$

- Second-order Model:

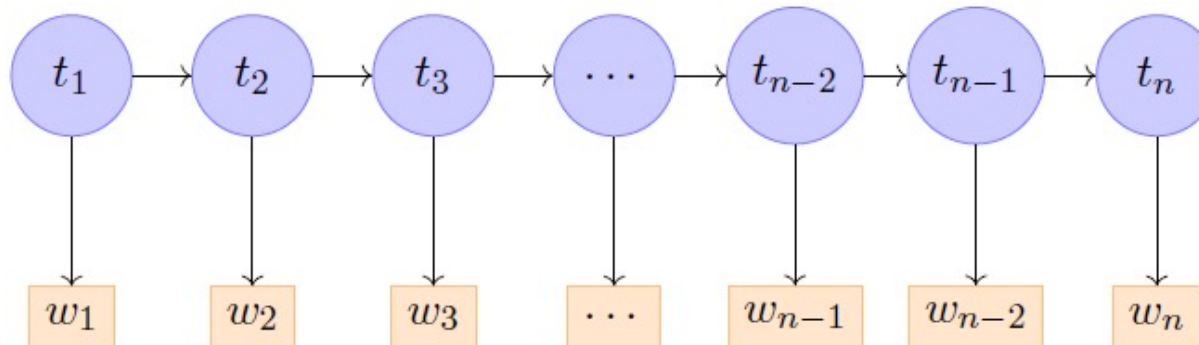
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# Structured Model

- A generative model. Use first-order HMM as an example.
- First generate **tags** such as “NNP (proper noun) VBZ (verb third-person singular) NN(noun)”

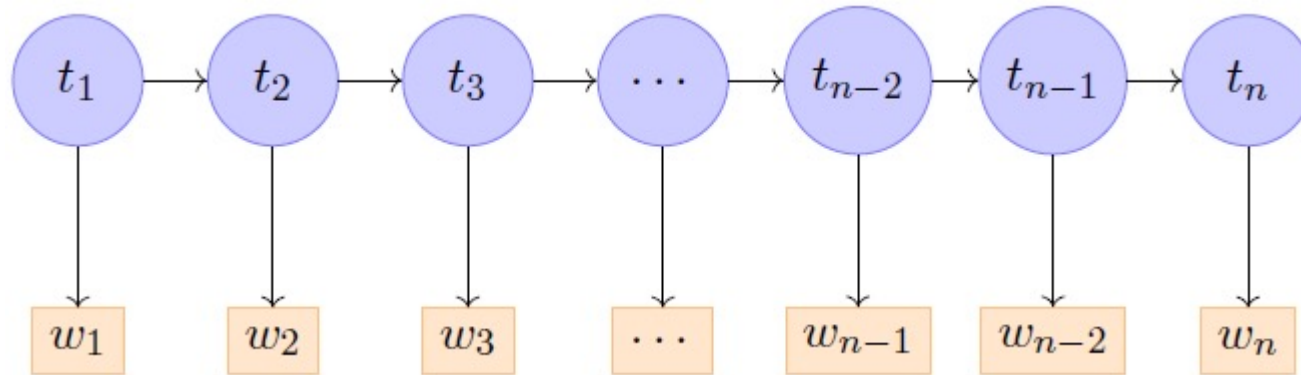


- Then filling the **words** such as “Jim reads thrillers”.



# Structured Model

- First-order Model:



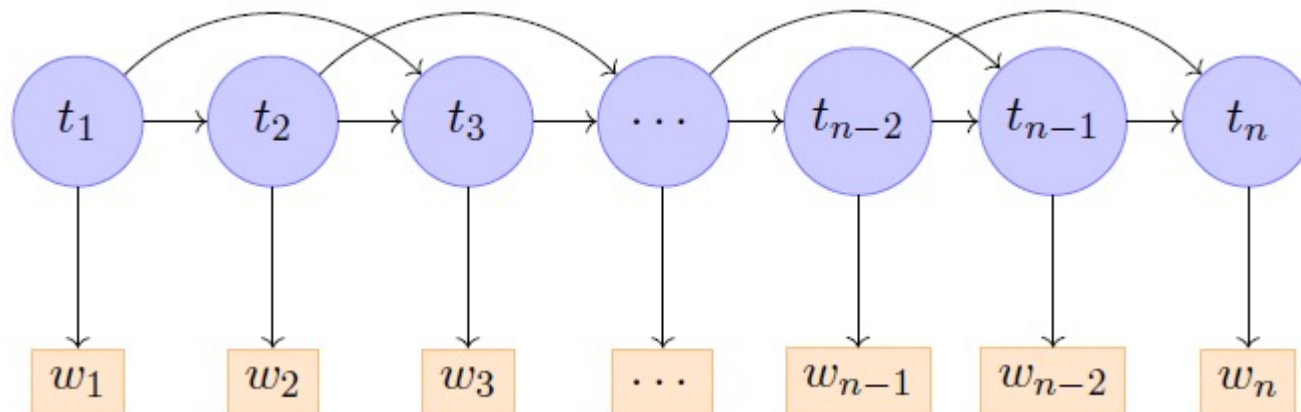
Emission probability:

$$P(w_i | t_i)$$

Transition probability:

$$P(t_i | t_{i-1} \dots t_{i-k})$$

- Second-order Model:



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# Hidden Markov Model

- Model parameterization

$$P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i|t_{i-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i|t_i) \quad (\text{first order})$$

$$P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i|t_{i-2} t_{i-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i|t_i) \quad (\text{second order})$$

- Parameters:  $P(w_i|t_i)$ ,  $P(t_2|t_1)$  or  $P(t_3|t_1, t_2)$

- Training (by using MLE)

- emission probabilities can be estimated as:

$$P(w_i|t_i) = \frac{\#(w_i t_i)}{\sum_w \#(t_i w)}$$

- transition probability can be estimated as:

$$P(t_2|t_1) = \frac{\#(t_1 t_2)}{\sum_t \#(t_1 t)} \quad \text{or} \quad P(t_3|t_1 t_2) = \frac{\#(t_1 t_2 t_3)}{\sum_t \#(t_1 t_2 t)}$$

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# Hidden Markov Model

- Classification --- **enumerate** tags.
- Structured prediction --- Decoding
  - **Enumerating** all tag sequences has exponential computational complexity, which is intractable.
  - **Dynamic programming** is possible for the decoding task.
  - Find the **optimal sub problem using first-order HMM** :

$$P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i | t_{i-1}) P(w_i | t_i)$$

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$$P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}) = P(W_{1:n-1}, T_{1:n-1}) \cdot (P(t_n | t_{n-1}) P(w_n | t_n))$$

$$P(W_{1:n-1}, T_{1:n-1}) = P(W_{1:n-2}, T_{1:n-2}) \cdot (P(t_{n-1} | t_{n-2}) P(w_{n-1} | t_{n-1}))$$

...

$$P(W_{1:i}, T_{1:i}) = P(W_{1:i-1}, T_{1:i-1}) \cdot (P(t_i | t_{i-1}) P(w_i | t_i))$$

...

$$P(W_{1:1}, T_{1:1}) = P(t_1 | t_0) P(w_1 | t_1)$$

# Hidden Markov Model

- Denote

$\hat{T}_{1:i}$  as the highest-scored tag sequence among  $T_{1:i}$ .

- Denote

$T_{1:i}(t_i = t)$  as a tag sequence  $T_{1:i}$  where  $t_i = t$

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- Suppose that in  $\hat{T}_{1:i}$ ,  $\hat{t}_i = t$ , and  $\hat{t}_{i-1} = t'$ .

$\hat{T}_{1:i-1}(t_{i-1} = t')$  must be the highest-scored among all  $T_{1:i-1}(t_{i-1} = t')$

(proof by contradiction)

# Hidden Markov Model

- Solving the optimal sub-sequence problem:

$$\hat{T}_{1:i}(t_i = t) = \operatorname{argmax}_{t' \in L} P(W_{1:i-1}, \hat{T}_{1:i-1}(t_{i-1} = t'))(P(t|t')P(w_i|t))$$

- Incrementally find  $\hat{T}_{1:i}(t_i = t)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Maintain two tables
  - tb ---  $n$  columns,  $|L|$  rows, storing  $\hat{T}_{1:i}(t_i = t)$
  - bp ---  $n$  columns,  $|L|$  rows, storing

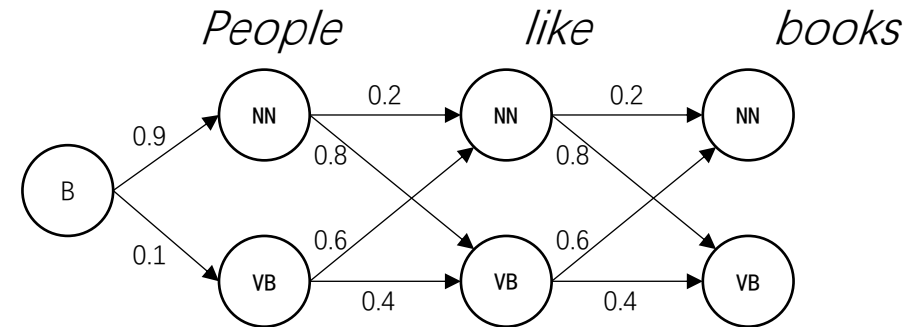
$$\max_{t' \in L} P(W_{1:i-1}, \hat{T}_{1:i-1}(t_{i-1} = t'))(P(t|t')P(w_i|t))$$

# Hidden Markov Model

- An example (adding <B> in the beginning)  
Find the path with the highest probability.

|                           | <i>tb table</i> |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|
| $\hat{T}_{1:i}(t_i = NN)$ | 1               | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\hat{T}_{1:i}(t_i = VB)$ | 1               | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                           | 0               | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| <i>bp table</i> |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| NUL             |  |  |  |
| L               |  |  |  |
| NUL             |  |  |  |
| L               |  |  |  |



- Transition probabilities

$$P(NN|B) = 0.9$$

$$P(VB|NN) = 0.8$$

...

- Omit emission probabilities

# Hidden Markov Model

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*tb table*

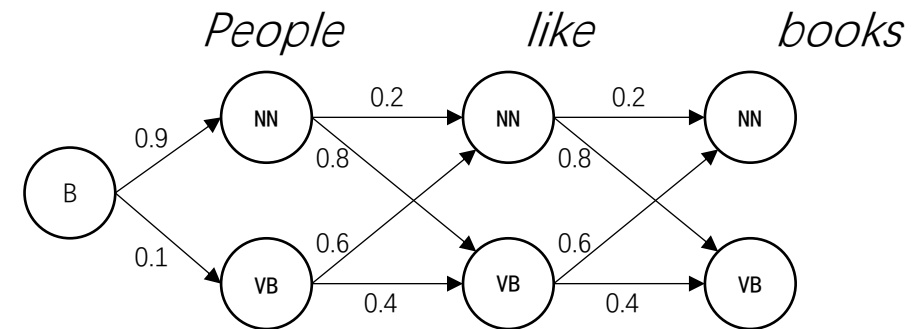
|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

*bp table*

|     |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |

|      |   |  |  |
|------|---|--|--|
| NULL | B |  |  |
| NULL | B |  |  |



$$\hat{T}_{1:1}(t_i = NN) = 0.9$$

$$\hat{T}_{1:1}(t_i = VB) = 0.1$$

# Hidden Markov Model

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tb table

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

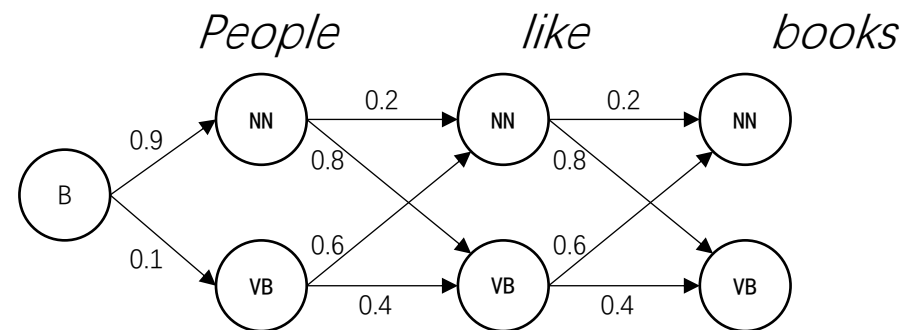
|   |     |                    |   |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.9*0.2<br>0.1*0.6 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.9*0.8<br>0.1*0.4 | 0 |

bp table

|     |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |

|     |   |  |  |
|-----|---|--|--|
| NUL | B |  |  |
| L   |   |  |  |
| NUL | B |  |  |
| L   |   |  |  |

|     |   |    |  |
|-----|---|----|--|
| NUL | B | NN |  |
| L   |   |    |  |
| NUL | B | NN |  |
| L   |   |    |  |



$$\hat{T}_{1:2}(t_2 = NN) = 0.9 * 0.2 = 0.18 \quad (NN \ NN > VB \ NN)$$

$$\hat{T}_{1:2}(t_2 = VB) = 0.9 * 0.8 = 0.72 \quad (NN \ VB > VB \ VB)$$

# Hidden Markov Model

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|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |                    |   |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.9*0.2<br>0.1*0.6 | 0 |
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|   |     |      |                      |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.18*0.2<br>0.72*0.6 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.18*0.8<br>0.72*0.4 |

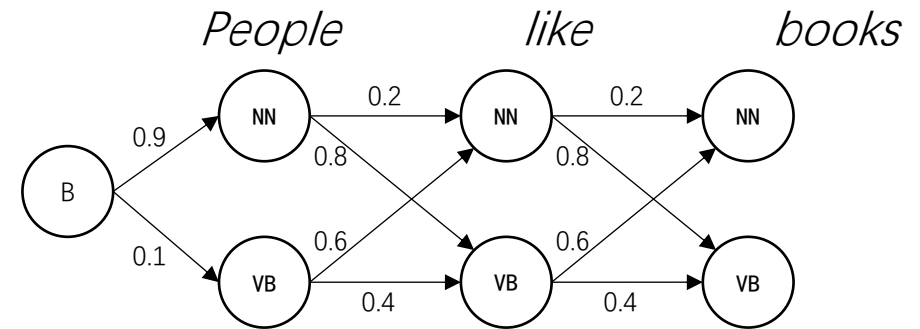
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|     |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |

|     |    |  |  |
|-----|----|--|--|
| NUL | B  |  |  |
| L   |    |  |  |
| NUL | VB |  |  |
| L   |    |  |  |

|     |   |    |  |
|-----|---|----|--|
| NUL | B | NN |  |
| L   |   |    |  |
| NUL | B | NN |  |
| L   |   |    |  |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   |    |    |
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   |    |    |



(NNN NN NN < NN VB NN)  
(NN NN VB < NN VB VB)



# Hidden Markov Model

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Find the path with the highest probability.

*tb table*

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |                    |   |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.9*0.2<br>0.1*0.6 | 0 |
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|   |     |      |                      |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.18*0.2<br>0.72*0.6 |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|

|   |     |      |                      |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.18*0.8<br>0.72*0.4 |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|

|   |     |      |       |
|---|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.432 |
|---|-----|------|-------|

|   |     |      |       |
|---|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.288 |
|---|-----|------|-------|

*bp table*

|     |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| NUL |  |  |  |
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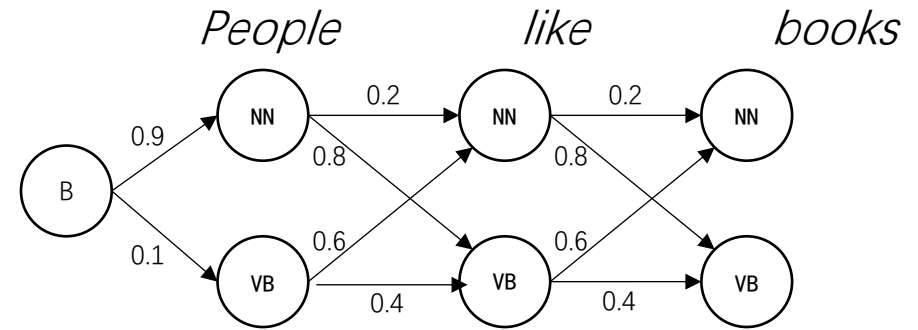
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|     |   |    |    |
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| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   |    |    |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   |    |    |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   |    |    |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   | NN | VB |



(NN VB NN > NN VB VB)

# Hidden Markov Model

- An example (adding <B> in the beginning)

Find the path with the highest probability.

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|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |                    |   |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.9*0.2<br>0.1*0.6 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.9*0.8<br>0.1*0.4 | 0 |

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|---|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.18*0.2<br>0.72*0.6 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.18*0.8<br>0.72*0.4 |

|   |     |      |       |
|---|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.432 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.288 |

*bp table*

|     |  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| NUL |  |  |  |
| L   |  |  |  |

|     |   |  |  |
|-----|---|--|--|
| NUL | B |  |  |
| L   |   |  |  |

|     |   |    |  |
|-----|---|----|--|
| NUL | B | NN |  |
| L   |   |    |  |

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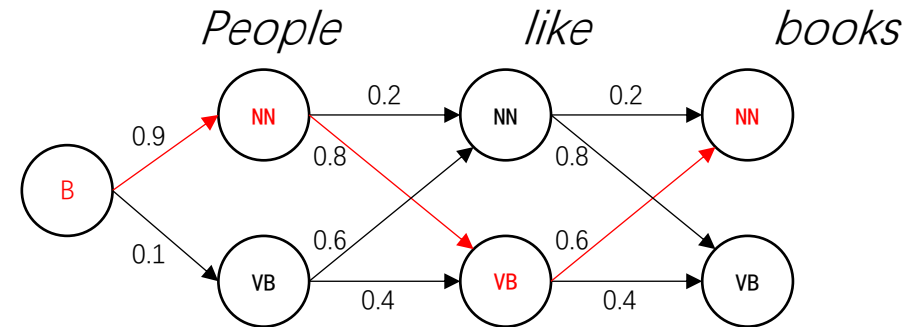
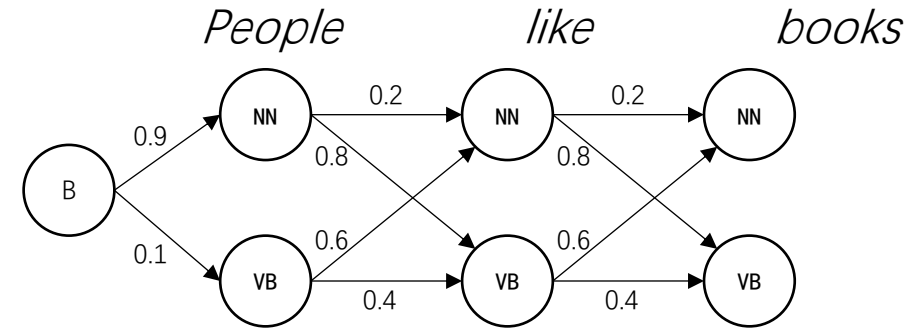
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| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   |   | NN | VB |



# Hidden Markov Model

- An example (adding <B> in the beginning)

Find the path with the highest probability.

tb table

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |

|   |     |                    |   |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.9*0.2<br>0.1*0.6 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.9*0.8<br>0.1*0.4 | 0 |

|   |     |      |                      |
|---|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0.9 | 0.18 | 0.18*0.2<br>0.72*0.6 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 0.72 | 0.18*0.8<br>0.72*0.4 |

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bp table

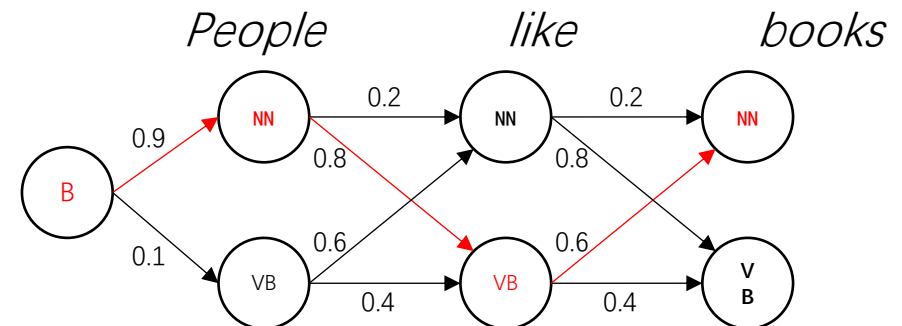
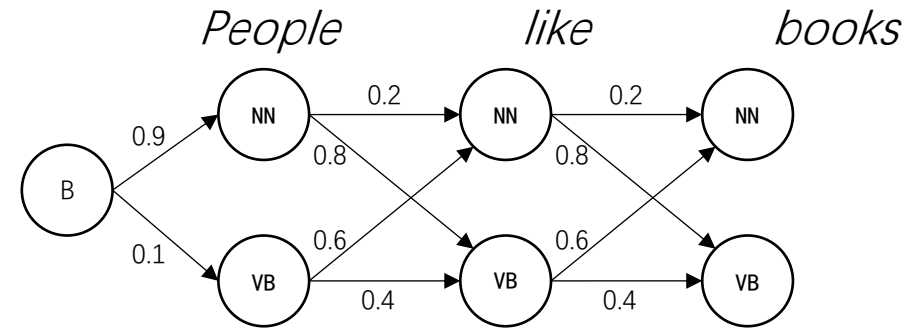
|     |  |  |  |
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| NUL |  |  |  |
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| NUL | B |  |  |
| L   |   |  |  |

|     |   |    |  |
|-----|---|----|--|
| NUL | B |    |  |
| L   | B | NN |  |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN |    |
| L   | B | NN | VB |

|     |   |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|
| NUL | B | NN | VB |
| L   | B | NN | VB |



# Hidden Markov Model

- Time:  
 $O(|L|^n) \rightarrow O(n|L|)$
- Space (two  $L*n$  tables):  
tb: the probability table  
bp: the “back pointer”
- Algorithms
  - building table (Viterbi)
  - finding tag sequence (back tracking)

# Hidden Markov Model

- Decoding

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**Input:**  $s = W_{1:n}$ , first-order HMM model with  $P(t|t')$  for  $t, t' \in L$ , and  $P(w|t)$  for  $w \in V, t \in L$ ;

**Variables:**  $tb, bp$ ;

**Initialisation:**

$tb[\langle B \rangle][0] \leftarrow 1$ ;

$tb[t][i] \leftarrow 0, bp[t][i] \leftarrow \text{NULL}$  for  $t \in L, i \in [1, \dots, n]$ ;

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

  |  $tb[t][1] \leftarrow tb[\langle B \rangle][0] \times P(t|\langle B \rangle) \times P(w_1|t)$

**for**  $i \in [2, \dots, n]$  **do**

  | **for**  $t \in L$  **do**

    | **for**  $t' \in L$  **do**

      | **if**  $tb[t][i] < tb[t'][i-1] \times P(t|t') \times P(w_i|t)$  **then**

        |  $tb[t][i] \leftarrow tb[t'][i-1] \times P(t|t') \times P(w_i|t)$ ;

        |  $bp[t][i] \leftarrow t'$ ;

$y_n \leftarrow \arg \max_t tb[t][n]$ ;

**for**  $i \in [n, \dots, 2]$  **do**

  |  $y_{i-1} \leftarrow bp[y_i][i]$ ;

**Output:**  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ;

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# Hidden Markov Model

Three basic problems summary:

1. *Scoring*

given a model and input/output pair, find the probability

2. *Training*

Given labeled sentences, estimate the parameters of model

3. *Decoding*

Given a model and input, find the tag sequence

# Finding Marginal Probabilities

- Goal – find  $P(t_i = t|W_{1:n}), i \in [1, \dots, n]$
- The modeling target form  $P(T_{1:n}, W_{1:n})$
- Marginalization

$$P(t_i = t|W_{1:n}) =$$

$$\sum_{t_1 \in L} \sum_{t_2 \in L} \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} \sum_{t_{i+1} \in L} \dots \sum_{t_n \in L} P(T_{1:n}(t_i = t)|W_{1:n})$$

$$\propto \sum_{t_1 \in L} \sum_{t_2 \in L} \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} \sum_{t_{i+1} \in L} \dots \sum_{t_n \in L} P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}(t_i = t))$$

-- exponential sum, intractable

- Dynamic program again



# Finding Marginal Probabilities

$$P(t_i = t | W_{1:n}) = \frac{P(t_i = t, W_{1:n})}{P(W_{1:n})} \quad (\text{Bayes rule conditioned on } W_{1:i})$$

$$= \frac{P(t_i = t, W_{1:i}, W_{i+1:n})}{P(W_{1:n})}$$

$$= \frac{P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t, W_{1:i})}{P(W_{1:n})}$$

$$= \frac{P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)}{P(W_{1:n})}$$

$(W_{i+1:n}$  is conditionally independent of  $W_{1:i}$  given  $t_i$ )

$$\propto P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)$$

$(P(W_{1:n})$  is constant for all  $t$ ).

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( $W_{i+1:n}$  is conditionally independent of  $W_{1:i}$  given  $t_i$ )

$$\propto \underbrace{P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)}_{\text{Forward algorithm}} \underbrace{P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)}_{\text{Backward algorithm}}$$

( $P(W_{1:n})$  is constant for all  $t$ ).

Forward algorithm

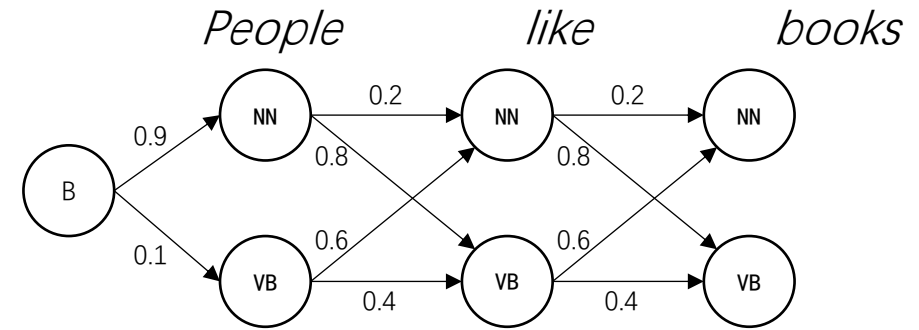
Backward algorithm

# The forward algorithm

- $\alpha(t, i) = P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)$ 
$$= \sum_{t_1 \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} P(W_{1:i}, T_{1:i}(t_i = t))$$
$$= \sum_{t_1 \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} P(W_{1:(i-1)}, T_{1:(i-1)}) \cdot P(w_i | t_i = t) \cdot P(t_i = t | t_{i-1})$$
$$= \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} \left( \sum_{t_1 \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_{i-1} \in L} P(W_{1:(i-1)}, T_{1:(i-1)}(t_{i-1})) \right)$$
$$\cdot P(w_i | t_i = t) \cdot P(t_i = t | t_{i-1})$$
$$= \sum_{t' \in L} \alpha(t', i - 1) \cdot P(w_i | t_i = t) \cdot P(t_i = t | t')$$
- A dynamic program is feasible by incrementally building a table  $\alpha[t][i]$  with  $n$  columns and  $|L|$  rows.

# The forward algorithm

- Again using the example



$$\alpha[B][0] = 1$$

$$\alpha[NN][1] = 0.9$$

$$\alpha[VB][1] = 0.1$$

$$\alpha[NN][2] = \alpha[NN][1] * 0.2 + \alpha[VB][1] * 0.6 = 0.24$$

$$\alpha[VB][2] = \alpha[NN][1] * 0.8 + \alpha[VB][1] * 0.4 = 0.76$$

$$\alpha[NN][3] = \alpha[NN][2] * 0.2 + \alpha[VB][2] * 0.6 = 0.504$$

$$\alpha[VB][3] = \alpha[NN][2] * 0.8 + \alpha[VB][2] * 0.4 = 0.496$$

# The forward algorithm

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**Inputs:**  $s = W_{1:n}$ , first-order HMM model with  $P(t|t')$  for  $t, t' \in L$ , and  $P(w|t)$  where  $w \in V, t \in L$ ;

**Variables:**  $\alpha$ ;

**Initialisation:**  $\alpha[\langle B \rangle][0] \leftarrow 1, \alpha[t][i] \leftarrow 0$  for  $i \in [1, \dots, n], t \in L$ ;

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

  |  $\alpha[t][1] \leftarrow \alpha[\langle B \rangle][0] \times P(t|\langle B \rangle) \times P(w_1|t)$

**for**  $i \in [2, \dots, n]$  **do**

  | **for**  $t \in L$  **do**

    | **for**  $t' \in L$  **do**

      |  $\alpha[t][i] \leftarrow \alpha[t][i] + \alpha[t'][i-1] \times P(t|t') \times P(w_i|t)$ ;

**Output:**  $\alpha$ ;

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$\langle B \rangle$ : beginning of sentence token

An incremental calculation in the forward direction by using table  $\alpha$

# The backward algorithm

- $\beta(t, i) = P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)$ 
$$= \sum_{t_{i+1} \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_n \in L} P(W_{i+1:n}, T_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)$$
$$= \sum_{t_{i+1} \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_n \in L} P(t_{i+1} | t_i = t) P(w_{i+1} | t_{i+1}) \cdot P(w_{i+2:n}, T_{i+2:n} | t_{i+1})$$
$$= \sum_{t_{i+1} \in L} \left( \sum_{t_{i+2} \in L} \cdots \sum_{t_n \in L} P(W_{i+2:n}, T_{i+2:n} | t_{i+1}) \right)$$
$$\cdot P(t_{i+1} | t_i = t) \cdot P(w_{i+1} | t_{i+1})$$
$$= \sum_{t' \in L} \beta(t', i + 1) \cdot P(t_{i+1} = t' | t_i = t) \cdot P(w_{i+1} | t')$$
- A dynamic program is feasible by incrementally building a table  $\beta[t][i]$  with  $n$  columns and  $|L|$  rows.

# The backward algorithm

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**Inputs:**  $s = W_{1:n}$ , first-order HMM model with  $P(t|t')$  for  $t, t' \in L$ , and  $P(\omega|t)$  where  $\omega \in V, t \in L$ ;

**Variables:**  $\beta$ ;

**Initialisation:**  $\beta[t][n] \leftarrow 1$  for  $t \in L$ ,  $\beta[t][i] \leftarrow 0$  for  $i \in [1, \dots, n-1], t \in L$ ;

**for**  $i \in [n-1, \dots, 1]$  **do**

**for**  $t' \in L$  **do**

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

$\beta[t'][i] \leftarrow \beta[t'][i] + \beta[t][i+1] \times P(t|t') \times P(\omega_{i+1}|t)$ ;

**Output:**  $\beta$ ;

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An incremental calculation in the backward direction by using table  $\beta$

# The forward-backward algorithm

$$P(t_i = t | W_{1:n}) \propto P(W_{1:i}, t_i = t)P(W_{i+1:n} | t_i = t)$$

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**Inputs:**  $s = W_{1:n}$ , first-order HMM model with  $P(t|t')$  for  $t, t' \in L$ , and  $P(\omega|t)$  where  $\omega \in V, t \in L$ ;

**Variables:**  $tb, \alpha, \beta$ ;

$\alpha \leftarrow \text{FORWARD}(W_{1:n}, \text{model})$ ;

$\beta \leftarrow \text{BACKWARD}(W_{1:n}, \text{model})$ ;

**for**  $i \in [1, \dots, n]$  **do**

$total \leftarrow 0$ ;

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

$total \leftarrow total + \alpha[t][i] \times \beta[t][i]$

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

$tb[t][i] \leftarrow \frac{\alpha[t][i] \times \beta[t][i]}{total}$ ;

**Output:**  $tb$ ;

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# Baum-Welch algorithm

- **Baum-Welch algorithm:** The particular **EM algorithm** for HMM parameter estimation
- Considering  $\log P(W_{1:n}|\theta) = \log \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}|\theta)$
- Define  $E_{P(T_{1:n}|W_{1:n}, \theta')}$   $\log P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n}|\theta)$  (Q-function)
- Run standard EM algorithm.

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# Recall EM

- EM considers all possible values of hidden variables.

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**Inputs:** data  $O = \{o_i\}_{i=1}^N$ ;  
**Hidden Variables:**  $H = \{\mathbf{h}_j\}_{j=1}^M$ ;  
**Initialization:** model  $\Theta^0 \leftarrow \text{RANDOMMODEL}()$ ,  $t \leftarrow 0$ ;  
**repeat**  
    **Expectation step:**  
        Compute  $P(\mathbf{h}|o_i, \Theta^t)$ ,  $\mathbf{h} \in H$ ;  
         $Q(\Theta, \Theta^t) \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in H} P(\mathbf{h}|o_i, \Theta^t) \log P(o_i, \mathbf{h}|\Theta)$  ;  
    **Maximization step:**  
         $\Theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\Theta} Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$ ;  
     $t \leftarrow t + 1$ ;  
**until** CONVERGE( $H, \Theta$ );

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- $P(h|o_i, \Theta^t)$ ,  $h \in H$  is the assignment distribution of  $H$ .
- $Q(\Theta, \Theta^t)$  is called the Q-function.

# Expectation step

Parameterize the expectation function  $Q(\Theta, \Theta')$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Theta, \Theta') &= \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \Theta') \log P(W_{1:n}, T_{1:n} | \Theta), \\ &= \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \Theta') \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n P(t_i | t_{i-1}) P(w_i | t_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \Theta') \sum_{i=1}^n (\log P(w_i | t_i) + \log P(t_i | t_{i-1})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_w \sum_t \log P(w | t) \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \Theta') \delta(t_i, t) \delta(w_i, w) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{t'} \sum_t \log P(t | t') \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \Theta') \delta(t_{i-1}, t') \delta(t_i, t) \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Expectation step

Let  $\gamma_i(t) = \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \theta') \delta(t_i, t)$  and  $\xi_i(t', t) = \sum_{T_{1:n}} P(T_{1:n} | W_{1:n}, \theta') \delta(t_{i-1}, t') \delta(t_i, t)$ , both can be computed efficiently.

$$Q(\theta, \theta') = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{w \in V} \sum_{t \in L} \log P(w|t) \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{t' \in L} \sum_{t \in L} \log P(t|t') \xi_i(t', t) \right)$$

$$\gamma_i(t) = \frac{\alpha(t_i = t) \beta(t_i = t)}{\sum_{t' \in L} \alpha(t_i = t') \beta(t_i = t')}$$

$$\xi_i(t', t) = \frac{\alpha(t_{i-1} = t') P(t|t', \theta') P(w_i|t, \theta') \beta(t_i = t)}{\sum_{u \in L} \alpha(t_i = u) \beta(t_i = u)}$$

# Expectation step

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta, \theta') &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_w \sum_t \log P(w|t) \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t'} \sum_t \log P(t|t') \xi_i(t', t) \\ &= \sum_w \sum_t \log P(w|t) \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t) \\ &\quad + \sum_{t'} \sum_t \log P(t|t') \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', t) \end{aligned}$$

# Maximization step

- Use Lagrange multipliers to find the constraint optimum.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta, \Lambda) &= \sum_w \sum_t \log P(w|t) \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t) && \text{from } Q(\theta, \theta') \\ &+ \sum_{t'} \sum_t \log P(t|t') \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', t) \\ &+ \sum_t (\lambda_t^1 (1 - \sum_w P(w|t)) + \sum_{t'} \lambda_{t'}^2 (1 - \sum_t P(t|t'))) \end{aligned}$$

$\sum_w P(w|t) = 1,$   
 $\sum_t P(t|t') = 1$

- The partial derivative of  $\pi(\theta, \Lambda)$  with respect to  $P(w|t)$

$$\frac{\partial \pi(\theta, \Lambda)}{\partial P(w|t)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t)}{P(w|t)} - \lambda_t^1$$

- Let  $\frac{\partial \pi(\theta, \Lambda)}{\partial P(w|t)} = 0,$   $P(w|t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t)}{\lambda_t^1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta(w_i, w) \gamma_i(t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i(t)}$

- Similarly,

$$P(t|t') = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', t)}{\sum_u \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', u)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_u \xi_i(t', u)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(t', t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i(t')}$$



# Maximization step

With N observations

$$P(w|t) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \delta(w_i^k, w) \gamma_i^k(t)}{\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \gamma_i^k(t)}$$
$$P(t|t') = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \xi_i^k(t', t)}{\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \gamma_i^k(t')}$$

# Baum-Welch algorithm

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**Inputs:**  $s = W_{1:n}$ ;

**Initialisations:** randomly initialise a first-order HMM model with  $P(t|t')$  for  $t, t' \in L$ , and  $P(w|t)$  where  $w \in V, t \in L$ ;

**Variables:**  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \xi$ ;

**while not CONVERGE** ( $W_{1:n}, P(t|t'), P(w|t)$ ) **do**

$\alpha \leftarrow$  FORWARD( $W_{1:n}, model$ );

$\beta \leftarrow$  BACKWARD( $W_{1:n}, model$ );

**for**  $i \in [1, \dots, n]$  **do**

$total \leftarrow 0$ ;

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

$total \leftarrow total + \alpha[t][i] \times \beta[t][i]$ ;

**for**  $t \in L$  **do**

$\gamma[t][i] \leftarrow \frac{\alpha[t][i] \times \beta[t][i]}{total}$ ;

**for**  $t' \in L$  **do**

$\xi[t][t'][i] \leftarrow \frac{\alpha[t'][i-1]P(t|t')P(w_i|t)\beta[t][i]}{total}$ ;

Calculate  $\gamma_i(t)$   
and  $\xi_i(t', t)$

# Baum-Welch algorithm

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for  $t \in L$  do
   $total_t \leftarrow 0$ ;
  for  $w \in V$  do
     $count[w] \leftarrow 0$ ;
  for  $i \in [1, \dots, n]$  do
     $total_t \leftarrow total_t + \gamma[t][i]$ ;
     $count[w_i] \leftarrow count[w_i] + \gamma[t][i]$ ;
  for  $w \in V$  do
     $P(w|t) \leftarrow \frac{count[w]}{total_t}$ ;
for  $t' \in L$  do
   $total_{t'} \leftarrow 0$ ;
  for  $t \in L$  do
     $count[t] \leftarrow 0$ ;
  for  $i \in [1, \dots, n]$  do
     $total_{t'} \leftarrow total_{t'} + \gamma[t'][i]$ ;
    for  $t \in L$  do
       $count[t] \leftarrow count[t] + \xi[t][t'][i]$ ;
  for  $t \in L$  do
     $P(t|t') \leftarrow \frac{count[t]}{total_{t'}}$ ;
```

**Output:** the first-order HMM model  $\{P(w|t), P(t|t')\}$  for  $w \in V$  and  $t, t' \in L$  ;

Calculate  
 $P(w|t)$  and  
 $P(t|t')$

# Summary

- Hidden Markov models (HMM), first order HMMs, second order HMMs
- Viterbi decoding algorithms both for first order HMMs and second order HMMs
- Forward algorithms, backward algorithms, forward-backward algorithms both for first order HMMs and second order HMMs
- EM algorithms for HMMs