



	$Z_h$	$Z_r$	$Z_t$
H	0.9	0.5	0.1
T	0.1	0.5	0.9

Emission probabilities of {H,T} for the 3 states.

The model is a “left-to-right” model, always starting in state  $Z_h$ .  
 The observed output sequence is  $X = \text{HHHTTT}$ .

### Notation

Here I suggest some notation to use when showing your work.

Let  $P[X_{1-i}]$  be a shorthand for the first  $i$  letters of the output, e.g.  $P[X_{1-4}] = \text{HHHT}$ .

Use  $Q$  to denote a hidden state sequence,  $Q_i$  is the hidden state at time step  $i$ . For brevity let  $Q_{ik}$  denote  $Q_i = Z_k$ , e.g.  $Q_{4r}$  means the model was in state  $Z_r$  in time step 4.

To further simplify notation you may use  $P[h \rightarrow r]$  as a shorthand for the transition probability  $P[Q_{i+1} = Z_r | Q_i = Z_h]$ .

You will work with numerical values.

We will consider any answer correct in the first 3 digits to be correct.

But please write as many digits as possible, as this can help us trace your work.

(為了幫助我們確認你的計算，請盡量不要四捨五入)

**Problem 1.**

What is the probability of the output  $X$  given the model,  $P[X|\lambda, \text{len}(X) = 6]$ ?

**Solution:** We use the “forward” algorithm.

1st step. Always starts in state  $Z_h$ .

$$P[X_1 = \text{H}] = P[X_1 = \text{H}, Q_1 = Z_h] = 0.9.$$

2nd step. State  $Z_t$  is still unreachable, so two possibilities for  $Q_{1-2}$ ,  $Z_t Z_t$  and  $Z_t Z_r$ .

$$P[X_{1-2}, Q_{2h}] = P[X_1] P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_2|Q_{2h}] = (0.9)(0.8)(0.9) = \mathbf{0.648}$$

$$P[X_{1-2}, Q_{2r}] = P[X_1] P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_2|Q_{2r}] = (0.9)(0.2)(0.5) = \mathbf{0.09}$$

Thus

3rd step. In this step the possibilities are:

$$P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3h}] = P[X_{1-2}, Q_{2h}] P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_3|Q_{3h}] = (0.648)(0.8)(0.9) = \mathbf{0.46656}$$

$$P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3r}] = P[X_{1-2}, Q_{2h}] P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_3|Q_{3r}] = (0.648)(0.2)(0.5) = \mathbf{0.0648}$$

$$P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3t}] = P[X_{1-2}, Q_{2r}] P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_3|Q_{3t}] = (0.09)(1.0)(0.1) = \mathbf{0.009}$$

4th step.

$$P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4h}] = P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3h}] P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_4|Q_{4h}] = (0.46656)(0.8)(0.1) = \mathbf{0.0373248}$$

$$P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4r}] = P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3h}] P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_4|Q_{4r}] = (0.46656)(0.2)(0.5) = \mathbf{0.046656}$$

$$P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4t}] = P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3r}] P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_4|Q_{4t}] = (0.0648)(1.0)(0.9) = 0.05832$$

$$+ P[X_{1-3}, Q_{3t}] P[t \rightarrow t] P[X_4|Q_{4t}] = (0.009)(1.0)(0.9) + 0.00810$$

$$= \mathbf{0.06642}$$

5th step.

$$P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5h}] = P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4h}] P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_5|Q_{5h}] = (0.0373248)(0.8)(0.1) = \mathbf{0.00298598}$$

$$P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5r}] = P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4h}] P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_5|Q_{5r}] = (0.0373248)(0.2)(0.5) = \mathbf{0.00373248}$$

$$P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5t}] = P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4r}] P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_5|Q_{5t}] = (0.046656)(1.0)(0.9) = 0.0419904$$

$$+ P[X_{1-4}, Q_{4t}] P[t \rightarrow t] P[X_5|Q_{5t}] = (0.06642)(1.0)(0.9) + 0.0597780$$

$$= \mathbf{0.1016784}$$

6th step.

$$\begin{aligned} P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6h}] &= P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5h}] P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_6 | Q_{6h}] = (0.00298598)(0.8)(0.1) = \mathbf{0.000238878} \\ P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6r}] &= P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5h}] P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_6 | Q_{6r}] = (0.00298598)(0.2)(0.5) = \mathbf{0.000298598} \\ P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6t}] &= P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5r}] P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_6 | Q_{6t}] = (0.00373248)(1.0)(0.9) = 0.00335923 \\ &\quad + P[X_{1-5}, Q_{5t}] P[t \rightarrow t] P[X_6 | Q_{6t}] = (0.1016784)(1.0)(0.9) + 0.09151060 \\ &= \mathbf{0.09486983} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[X_{1-6}] &= P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6h}] + P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6r}] + P[X_{1-6}, Q_{6t}] \\ &= 0.000238878 + 0.000298598 + 0.09486983 = 0.0954073 \approx 0.0954 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.**

What is the maximum likelihood state sequence (Viterbi decoding)?  
 What is the likelihood of that sequence?

In other words, compute  $P[Q^*|X]$ ,  
 where  $Q^*$  denotes the maximum likelihood path:  $\arg \max_{Q \in \{\mathbf{Q}_{1-6}\}} P[Q|X_{1-6}]$ .  
 and  $\mathbf{Q}_{1-6}$  denotes the set of all state sequences of length 6.

For intermediate calculations, use  $\delta_{ik}$  to denote:  $\max_{Q \in \{\mathbf{Q}_{1-ik}\}} P[Q|X_{1-i}]$ ,  
 where  $\mathbf{Q}_{1-ik}$  denotes the set of all state sequences of length  $i$ , ending in state  $Z_k$ .

**Solution:** Following Rabiner, we will find it convenient to compute  $P[Q, X] \propto P[Q|X]$ .  
 1st step. Always starts in state  $Z_h$ , so  $\delta_{1h} = P[X_1] = \mathbf{0.9}$ ,  $\delta_{1r} = \delta_{1t} = 0$ .

2nd step. HMM either stays in state  $Z_h$  or advances to  $Z_r$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{2h} &= \delta_{1h} P[X_2|Q_{2h}] P[h \rightarrow h] = (0.9)(0.9)(0.8) = & \mathbf{0.648} \\ \delta_{2r} &= \delta_{1h} P[\mathbf{X}_2|\mathbf{Q}_{2r}] P[\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{r}] = (0.9)(0.5)(0.2) = & \mathbf{0.090} \end{aligned}$$

**3rd step.**

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{3h} &= \delta_{2h} P[\mathbf{X}_3|\mathbf{Q}_{3h}] P[\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{h}] &= (0.648)(0.9)(0.8) = & \mathbf{0.46656} \\ \delta_{3r} &= \delta_{2h} P[\mathbf{X}_3|\mathbf{Q}_{3r}] P[\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{r}] &= (0.648)(0.5)(0.2) = & \mathbf{0.0648} \\ \delta_{3t} &= \delta_{2r} P[X_3|Q_{3t}] P[r \rightarrow t] &= (0.09)(0.1)(1.0) = & \mathbf{0.0090} \end{aligned}$$

4th step.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{4h} &= \delta_{3h} P[X_4|Q_{4h}] P[h \rightarrow h] &= (0.46656)(0.1)(0.8) = & \mathbf{0.0373248} \\ \delta_{4r} &= \delta_{3h} P[X_4|Q_{4r}] P[h \rightarrow r] &= (0.46656)(0.5)(0.2) = & \mathbf{0.046656} \\ \delta_{4t|Q_{3r}} &= \delta_{3r} P[X_4|Q_{4t}] P[r \rightarrow t] &= (0.0648)(0.9)(1.0) = & \mathbf{0.05832} \\ \delta_{4t|Q_{3t}} &= \delta_{3t} P[X_4|Q_{4t}] P[t \rightarrow t] &= (0.009)(0.9)(1.0) = & \mathbf{0.00810} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\delta_{4t|Q_{3r}}$  denotes the maximum likelihood path under the constraint that it includes  $Q_{3r}Q_{4t}$ .

5th step.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{5h} &= \delta_{4h} P[X_5|Q_{5h}] P[h \rightarrow h] &= (0.0373248)(0.1)(0.8) = & \mathbf{0.00298598} \\ \delta_{5r} &= \delta_{4h} P[X_5|Q_{5r}] P[h \rightarrow r] &= (0.0373248)(0.5)(0.2) = & \mathbf{0.00373248} \\ \delta_{5t|Q_{4r}} &= \delta_{4r} P[X_5|Q_{5t}] P[r \rightarrow t] &= (0.046656)(0.9)(1.0) = & \mathbf{0.0419904} \\ \delta_{5t|Q_{4t}} &= \delta_{4t} P[X_5|Q_{5t}] P[t \rightarrow t] &= (0.05832)(0.9)(1.0) = & \mathbf{0.0524880} \end{aligned}$$

6th step.

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{6h} &= \delta_{5h} P[X_6|Q_{6h}] P[h \rightarrow h] &= (0.00298598)(0.1)(0.8) &= 0.000238878 \\ \delta_{6r} &= \delta_{5h} P[X_6|Q_{6r}] P[h \rightarrow r] &= (0.00298598)(0.5)(0.2) &= 0.000298598 \\ \delta_{6t|Q_{5r}} &= \delta_{5r} P[X_6|Q_{6t}] P[r \rightarrow t] &= (0.00373248)(0.9)(1.0) &= 0.00335923 \\ \delta_{6t|Q_{5t}} &= \delta_{5t} P[X_6|Q_{6t}] P[t \rightarrow t] &= (0.0524880)(0.9)(1.0) &= \mathbf{0.04723920}\end{aligned}$$

The Viterbi path is:  $Q^* = Z_h Z_h Z_r Z_t Z_t Z_t$

$P[Q^*, X] = 0.0472392$  so,

$$P[Q^*|X] = P[Q^*, X]/P[X] = 0.0472392/0.0954073 = 0.4951319238674609 \approx 0.495$$

### Problem 3.

What is the posterior decoding?

In other words, what is the state sequence:  $Q^M = Q_1^M Q_2^M \dots Q_6^M$

where  $Q_i^M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{k \in \{Z_h, Z_r, Z_t\}} P[Q_i = Z_k | X]$ .

For each position  $i$  and state  $k \in \{Z_h, Z_r, Z_t\}$ , give the probability  $P[Q_i = Z_k | X]$ .

*Hint:* Note that the fact that some transitions have probability one can be used to simplify the backward algorithm computation.

**Solution:** To solve this, we can combine probabilities computed from the “forward” and “backward” algorithms. We already did the forward algorithm in a previous problem.

Here we use the backward algorithm to compute:  $P[X_{i+1}, \dots, X_6 | Q_{ik}]$ . Using  $\beta_{ik}$  to denote  $P[X_{i+1}, \dots, X_6 | Q_{ik}]$

As the hint in the question states, the deterministic transition from  $Z_r$  to  $Z_t$  can help us.

In particular, note that if we are in *either* state  $Z_r$  to  $Z_t$  in step  $i$ , we will definitely be in state  $Z_t$  in step. Since  $\beta_{ik}$  is affected only by the output *after* step  $i$ , we have  $\beta_{ir} \equiv \beta_{it}$ .

Therefore we omit  $\beta_{it}$  in the calculations below.

5th step (counting backwards)

$$\begin{aligned} P[X_6 | Q_{5r}] &= P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_6 | Q_{6t}] &&= (1.0)(0.9) = \mathbf{0.90} \\ P[X_6 | Q_{5h}, Q_{6h}] &= P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_6 | Q_{6h}] &&= (0.8)(0.1) = 0.08 \\ P[X_6 | Q_{5h}, Q_{6r}] &= P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_6 | Q_{6h}] &&= (0.2)(0.5) = 0.10 \\ P[X_6 | Q_{5h}] &= P[X_6 | Q_{5h}, Q_{6h}] + P[X_6 | Q_{5h}, Q_{6r}] &&= 0.08 + 0.10 = \mathbf{0.18} \end{aligned}$$

4th step

$$\begin{aligned}P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4r}] &= P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_5|Q_{5t}] P[X_6|Q_{5t}] &&= (1.0)(0.9)(0.9) = \mathbf{0.81} \\P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}, Q_{5r}] &= P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_5|Q_{5r}] P[X_6|Q_{5r}] &&= (0.2)(0.5)(0.9) = 0.09 \\P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}, Q_{5h}] &= P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_5|Q_{5h}] P[X_6|Q_{5h}] &&= (0.8)(0.1)(0.18) = 0.0144 \\P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}] &= P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}, Q_{5r}] + P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}, Q_{5h}] &&= 0.09 + 0.0144 = \mathbf{0.1044}\end{aligned}$$

3th step

$$\begin{aligned}P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3r}] &= P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_4|Q_{4t}] P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4t}] &&= (1.0)(0.9)(0.81) = \mathbf{0.729} \\P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}, Q_{4r}] &= P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_4|Q_{4r}] P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4r}] &&= (0.2)(0.5)(0.81) = 0.081 \\P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}, Q_{4h}] &= P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_4|Q_{4h}] P[X_{5-6}|Q_{4h}] &&= (0.8)(0.1)(0.1044) = 0.008352 \\P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}] &= P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}, Q_{4r}] + P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}, Q_{4h}] &&= 0.081 + 0.008352 = \mathbf{0.089352}\end{aligned}$$

2nd step

$$\begin{aligned}P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2r}] &= P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_3|Q_{3t}] P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3r}] &&= (1.0)(0.1)(0.729) = \mathbf{0.0729} \\P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}, Q_{3r}] &= P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_3|Q_{3r}] P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3r}] &&= (0.2)(0.5)(0.729) = 0.0729 \\P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}, Q_{3h}] &= P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_3|Q_{3h}] P[X_{4-6}|Q_{3h}] &&= (0.8)(0.9)(0.089352) = 0.0643334 \\P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}] &= P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}, Q_{3r}] + P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}, Q_{3h}] &&= 0.0729 + 0.0643334 = \mathbf{0.137233}\end{aligned}$$

1st step

$$\begin{aligned}P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1r}] &= P[r \rightarrow t] P[X_2|Q_{2t}] P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2r}] &&= (1.0)(0.1)(0.0729) = \mathbf{0.00729} \\P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1h}, Q_{2r}] &= P[h \rightarrow r] P[X_2|Q_{2r}] P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2r}] &&= (0.2)(0.5)(0.0729) = 0.00729 \\P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1h}, Q_{2h}] &= P[h \rightarrow h] P[X_2|Q_{2h}] P[X_{3-6}|Q_{2h}] &&= (0.8)(0.9)(0.137233) = 0.0988078 \\P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1h}] &= P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1h}, Q_{2r}] + P[X_{2-6}|Q_{1h}, Q_{2h}] &&= 0.00729 + 0.0988078 = \mathbf{0.106098}\end{aligned}$$

Now we multiply the forward and backward probabilities to obtain  $P[Q_i = Z_k|X]$  for all combinations of step  $i$  and state  $k$ .

step $i$	state $k$	$\alpha_{ik}$	$\beta_{ik}$	$\alpha_{ik} \beta_{ik}$
1	$Z_h$	0.9	0.106098	<b>0.0954882</b>
	$Z_r$	0	0.00729	0
	$Z_t$	0	0.00729	0
2	$Z_h$	0.648	0.137233	<b>0.088927</b>
	$Z_r$	0.09	0.0729	0.006561
	$Z_t$	0	0.0729	0
3	$Z_h$	0.46656	0.089352	0.0416881
	$Z_r$	0.0648	0.729	<b>0.0472392</b>
	$Z_t$	0.009	0.729	0.006561
4	$Z_h$	0.0373248	0.1044	0.00389671
	$Z_r$	0.046656	0.81	0.0377914
	$Z_t$	0.06642	0.81	<b>0.0538002</b>
5	$Z_h$	0.00298598	0.18	0.000537476
	$Z_r$	0.00373248	0.9	0.00335923
	$Z_t$	0.1016784	0.9	<b>0.0915106</b>
6	$Z_h$	0.000238878	1	0.000238878
	$Z_r$	0.000298598	1	0.000298598
	$Z_t$	0.09486983	1	<b>0.09486983</b>

The posterior decoding is obtained by concatenating the maximum probability state in each time step (shown in bold in the preceding table).

We obtain  $Z_h Z_h Z_r Z_t Z_t Z_t$ . Rather boring result in that in this case it happens to be the same as the Viterbi path.