

Solution to Problem 2

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1. We use the forward algorithm.

$$\alpha_1(1) = \pi_1 \cdot b_1(B) = 0.75 \times 0.2 = 0.15$$

$$\alpha_1(2) = \pi_2 \cdot b_2(B) = 0.25 \times 0.7 = 0.175$$

$$\alpha_2(1) = (\alpha_1(1) \cdot a_{11} + \alpha_1(2) \cdot a_{21}) \cdot b_1(A) = (0.15 \cdot 0.7 + 0.175 \cdot 0) \cdot 0.8 = 0.084$$

$$\alpha_2(2) = (\alpha_1(1) \cdot a_{12} + \alpha_1(2) \cdot a_{22}) \cdot b_2(A) = (0.15 \cdot 0.3 + 0.175 \cdot 1) \cdot 0.3 = 0.066$$

$$\alpha_3(1) = (\alpha_2(1) \cdot a_{11} + \alpha_2(2) \cdot a_{21}) \cdot b_1(B) = (0.084 \cdot 0.7 + 0.066 \cdot 0) \cdot 0.2 = 0.01176$$

$$\alpha_3(2) = (\alpha_2(1) \cdot a_{12} + \alpha_2(2) \cdot a_{22}) \cdot b_2(B) = (0.084 \cdot 0.3 + 0.066 \cdot 1) \cdot 0.7 = 0.06384$$

$$P(BAB|\lambda) = \alpha_3(1) + \alpha_3(2) = 0.0756$$

Note that if you use the backward algorithm, you will obtain the same answer.

2. We use the Viterbi algorithm

$$\delta_1(1) = \pi_1 \cdot b_1(B) = 0.75 \cdot 0.2 = 0.15$$

$$\delta_1(2) = \pi_2 \cdot b_2(B) = 0.25 \cdot 0.7 = 0.175$$

$$\psi_1(1) = 0$$

$$\psi_1(2) = 0$$

$$\delta_2(1) = \max\{\delta_1(1) \cdot a_{11} \cdot b_1(A), \delta_1(2) \cdot a_{21} \cdot b_1(A)\} = \max\{0.15 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.8, 0.175 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.8\} = 0.084$$

$$\delta_2(2) = \max\{\delta_1(1) \cdot a_{12} \cdot b_2(A), \delta_1(2) \cdot a_{22} \cdot b_2(A)\} = \max\{0.15 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.3, 0.175 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.3\} = 0.0525$$

$$\psi_2(1) = 1, \text{ since } \delta_1(1) \cdot a_{11} > \delta_1(2) \cdot a_{21}.$$

$$\psi_2(2) = 2, \text{ since } \delta_1(1) \cdot a_{12} < \delta_1(2) \cdot a_{22}.$$

$$\delta_3(1) = \max\{\delta_2(1) \cdot a_{11} \cdot b_1(B), \delta_2(2) \cdot a_{21} \cdot b_1(B)\} = \max\{0.084 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.2, 0.0525 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.2\} = 0.01176$$

$$\delta_3(2) = \max\{\delta_2(1) \cdot a_{12} \cdot b_2(B), \delta_2(2) \cdot a_{22} \cdot b_2(B)\} = \max\{0.084 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.7, 0.0525 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.7\} = 0.03675$$

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$$\psi_3(2) = 2, \text{ since } \delta_2(1) \cdot a_{12} < \delta_2(2) \cdot a_{22}.$$

The optimal sequence of states is therefore 2-2-2.

3. We repeat the evaluation problem we did before, with different model parameters, and select the one with a larger probability value. We still use the forward algorithm.

$$\alpha_1(1) = \pi_1 \cdot b_1(B) = 0.4 \times 0.7 = 0.28$$

$$\alpha_1(2) = \pi_2 \cdot b_2(B) = 0.6 \times 0.9 = 0.54$$

$$\alpha_2(1) = (\alpha_1(1) \cdot a_{11} + \alpha_1(2) \cdot a_{21}) \cdot b_1(A) = (0.28 \cdot 0.6 + 0.54 \cdot 0) \cdot 0.3 = 0.0504$$

$$\alpha_2(2) = (\alpha_1(1) \cdot a_{12} + \alpha_1(2) \cdot a_{22}) \cdot b_2(A) = (0.28 \cdot 0.4 + 0.54 \cdot 1) \cdot 0.1 = 0.0652$$

$$\alpha_3(1) = (\alpha_2(1) \cdot a_{11} + \alpha_2(2) \cdot a_{21}) \cdot b_1(B) = (0.0504 \cdot 0.6 + 0.0652 \cdot 0) \cdot 0.7 = 0.02117$$

$$\alpha_3(2) = (\alpha_2(1) \cdot a_{12} + \alpha_2(2) \cdot a_{22}) \cdot b_2(B) = (0.0504 \cdot 0.4 + 0.0652 \cdot 1) \cdot 0.9 = 0.07682$$

$$P(BAB|\lambda) = \alpha_3(1) + \alpha_3(2) = 0.098 > 0.0756$$

The conclusion is that model 2 better explains the observed data.