

Sequential Data

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Hidden Markov Models

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Temporal Models

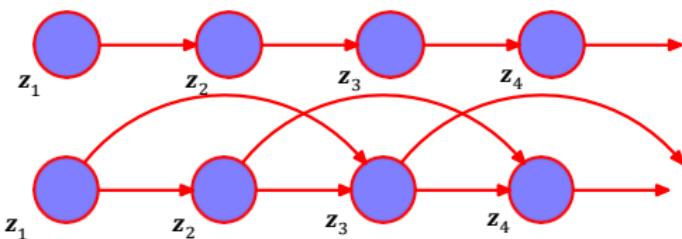
- The world changes over time
 - Explicitly model this change using Bayesian networks
 - Undirected models also exist (will not cover)
- Basic idea: copy state and evidence variables for each time step

e.g. Diabetes management

- \mathbf{z}_t is set of **unobservable state variables** at time t
 - $\text{bloodSugar}_t, \text{stomachContents}_t, \dots$
- \mathbf{x}_t is set of **observable evidence variables** at time t
 - $\text{measuredBloodSugar}_t, \text{foodEaten}_t, \dots$
- Assume **discrete time step, fixed**
- Notation: $\mathbf{x}_{a:b} = \mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_{a+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{b-1}, \mathbf{x}_b$

Markov Chain

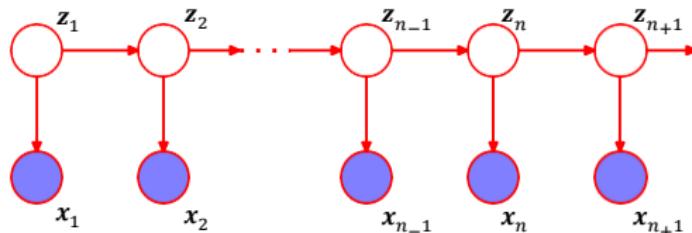
- Construct Bayesian network from these variables
 - parents? distributions? for state variables \mathbf{z}_t :
- Markov assumption: \mathbf{z}_t depends on **bounded** subset of $\mathbf{z}_{1:t}$
 - First-order Markov process: $p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{t-1})$
 - Second-order Markov process: $p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1}) = p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{t-2}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1})$



- Stationary process: $p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{z}_{t-1})$ fixed for all t

Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

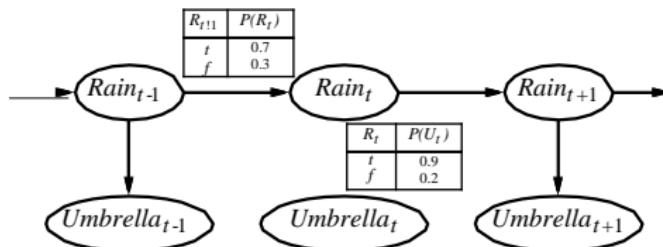
- Sensor Markov assumption: $p(x_t|z_{1:t}, x_{1:t-1}) = p(x_t|z_t)$
- Stationary process: transition model $p(z_t|z_{t-1})$ and sensor model $p(x_t|z_t)$ fixed for all t (separate $p(z_1)$)
- HMM special type of Bayesian network, z_t is a **single discrete** random variable:



- Joint distribution:

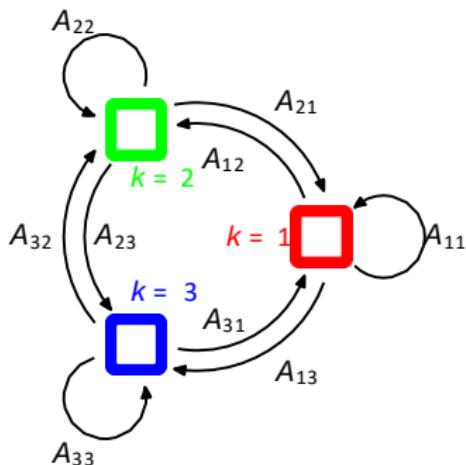
$$p(z_{1:t}, x_{1:t}) = p(z_1) \prod_{i=2:t} p(z_i|z_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1:t} p(x_i|z_i)$$

HMM Example



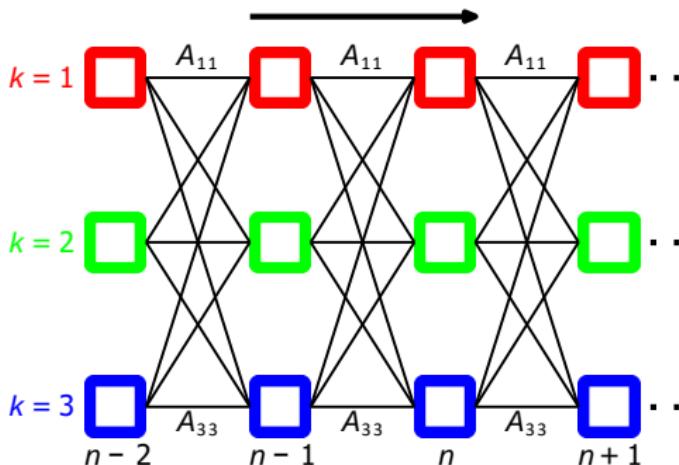
- First-order Markov assumption not true in real world
- Possible fixes:
 - Increase order of Markov process
 - Augment state, add $temp_t, pressure_t$

Transition Diagram



- z_n takes one of 3 values
- Using one-of- K coding scheme, $z_{nk} = 1$ if in state k at time n
- **Transition matrix A** where $p(z_{nk} = 1 | z_{n-1,j} = 1) = A_{jk}$

Lattice / Trellis Representation



- The lattice or trellis representation shows possible paths through the latent state variables z_n

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Inference Tasks

- **Filtering:** $p(z_t | x_{1:t})$
 - Estimate current unobservable state given all observations to date
- **Prediction:** $p(z_n | x_{1:t})$ for $n > t$
 - Similar to filtering, without evidence
- **Smoothing:** $p(z_n | x_{1:t})$ for $n < t$
 - Better estimate of past states
- **Most likely explanation:** $\arg \max_{z_{1:t}} p(z_{1:t} | x_{1:t})$
 - e.g. speech recognition, decoding noisy input sequence

Filtering

- Aim: devise a **recursive** state estimation algorithm:

$$p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t+1}) = f(x_{t+1}, p(z_t|x_{1:t}))$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t+1}) &= p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t}, x_{t+1}) \\ &= \alpha p(x_{t+1}|x_{1:t}, z_{t+1}) p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t}) && \text{(Bayes rule)} \\ &= \alpha p(x_{t+1}|z_{t+1}) p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t}) && \text{(Markov assumption)} \end{aligned}$$

- i.e. **measurement + prediction**. Prediction by summing out z_t :

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t+1}) &= \alpha p(x_{t+1}|z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} p(z_{t+1}, z_t | x_{1:t}) && \text{(Marginalize)} \\ &= \alpha p(x_{t+1}|z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} p(z_{t+1}|z_t, x_{1:t}) p(z_t|x_{1:t}) && \text{(Product rule)} \\ &= \alpha p(x_{t+1}|z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} p(z_{t+1}|z_t) p(z_t|x_{1:t}) && \text{(Markov assumption)} \end{aligned}$$

Filtering Example

Prior: $p(\text{rain}_1 = \text{true}) = 0.5$

Prediction: $\sum_{R_1} p(R_2|R_1)p(R_1|U_1 = T)$

$$0.7 \times 0.818 + 0.3 \times 0.182 (R_2 = T)$$

$$0.3 \times 0.818 + 0.7 \times 0.182 (R_2 = F)$$

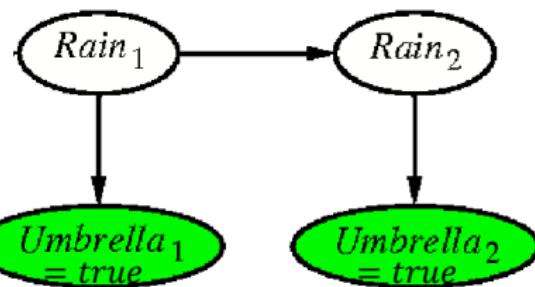
Measurement: $p(R_1|U_1 = T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Normalize } & 0.5 \times 0.9 (R_1 = T) \\ & 0.5 \times 0.2 (R_1 = F) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0.500 \\ 0.500 \\ \downarrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0.818 \\ 0.182 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 0.627 \\ 0.373 \\ \downarrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0.883 \\ 0.117 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Measurement: $p(R_2|U_2 = T)$

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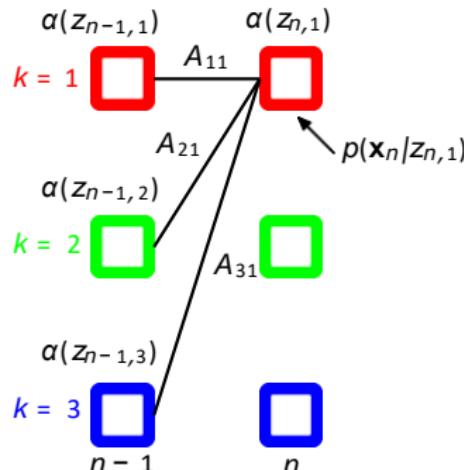
$$p(R_1|U_1) = \frac{p(U_1|R_1)p(R_1)}{P(U_1)}$$

R _{t-1}	P(R _t)
t	0.7
f	0.3

R _t	P(U _t)
t	0.9
f	0.2

$$p(z_{t+1}|x_{1:t+1}) = \alpha p(x_{t+1}|z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} p(z_{t+1}|z_t)p(z_t|x_{1:t})$$

Filtering - Lattice



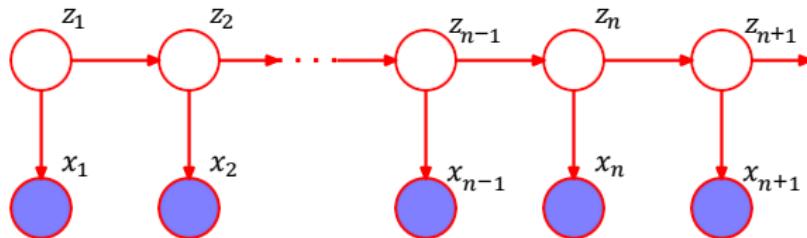
$$\underbrace{p(z_{t+1} | x_{1:t+1})}_{\text{K-dim vector}} = \alpha p(x_{t+1} | z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} \underbrace{p(z_{t+1} | z_t)}_{\text{K} \times \text{K matrix}} \underbrace{p(z_t | x_{1:t})}_{\text{K-dim vector}}$$

$\Rightarrow O(K^2)$ for each time step, $O(NK^2)$ for N time steps

Forward message passing: $\alpha(z_{t+1}) = p(x_{t+1} | z_{t+1}) \sum_{z_t} p(z_{t+1} | z_t) \alpha(z_t)$

- $\alpha(z_t) = p(x_{1:t}, z_t)$; previous normalization constant can be dropped
- Initial condition: $\alpha(z_1) = p(x_1, z_1) = p(x_1 | z_1)p(z_1)$

Smoothing



- Divide evidence $x_{1:t}$ into $x_{1:n}, x_{n+1:t}$

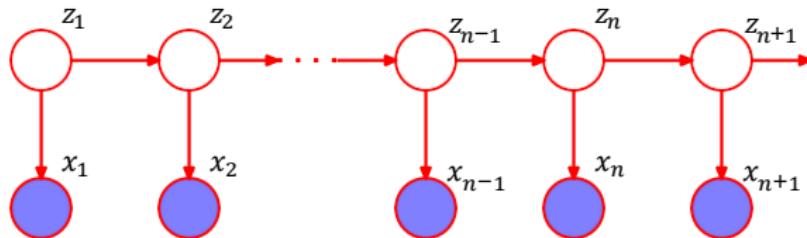
$$p(z_n|x_{1:t}) = \frac{p(x_{1:t}|z_n)p(z_n)}{p(x_{1:t})} \quad (\text{Bayes rule})$$

$$= \frac{p(x_{1:n}|z_n)p(x_{n+1:t}|z_n)p(z_n)}{p(x_{1:t})} \quad (\text{Cond. indep.})$$

$$= \frac{p(x_{1:n}, z_n)p(x_{n+1:t}|z_n)}{p(x_{1:t})} \quad (\text{Product rule})$$

$$= \frac{\alpha(z_n)\beta(z_n)}{p(x_{1:t})}$$

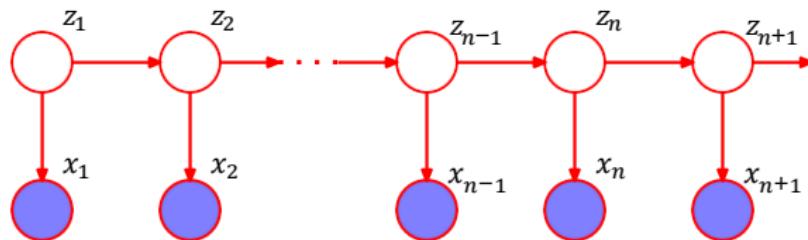
Smoothing



- Divide evidence $x_{1:t}$ into $x_{1:n}, x_{n+1:t}$, $p(z_n|x_{1:t}) = \eta \alpha(z_n) \beta(z_n)$
- Backwards message another recursion:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{p(x_{n+1:t}|z_n)}{\beta(z_n)} &= \sum_{z_{n+1}} p(x_{n+1:t}, z_{n+1}|z_n) && \text{(Marginalize)} \\
 &= \sum_{z_{n+1}} p(x_{n+1:t}|z_{n+1}, z_n) p(z_{n+1}|z_n) && \text{(Product rule)} \\
 &= \sum_{z_{n+1}} p(x_{n+1:t}|z_{n+1}) p(z_{n+1}|z_n) && \text{(Markov assumption)} \\
 &= \sum_{z_{n+1}} p(x_{n+1}|z_{n+1}) \underbrace{p(x_{n+2:t}|z_{n+1})}_{\beta(z_{n+1})} p(z_{n+1}|z_n) && \text{(Cond. indep.)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Smoothing



- Final condition: go back 2 slides and set $n = t$

$$p(z_t | x_{1:t}) = \frac{\alpha(z_t) \beta(z_t)}{p(x_{1:t})}$$

$$p(z_t | x_{1:t}) = \frac{p(x_{1:t}, z_t) \beta(z_t)}{p(x_{1:t})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(z_t) = 1$$

$$\alpha(z_1) = p(x_1|z_1)p(z_1)$$

Smoothing Example

From previous slide

$$p(z_1)$$

$$\frac{\alpha(z_1)}{p(x_{1:1})} = p(z_1|x_{1:1})$$

$$p(z_1|x_{1:2}) = \frac{\alpha(z_1)\beta(z_1)}{p(x_{1:2})}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0.500 & & 0.627 \\ 0.500 & & 0.373 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0.818 & & 0.883 \\ 0.182 & & 0.117 \end{matrix}$$

forward

$$\frac{\alpha(z_2)}{p(x_{1:2})} = p(z_2|x_{1:2})$$

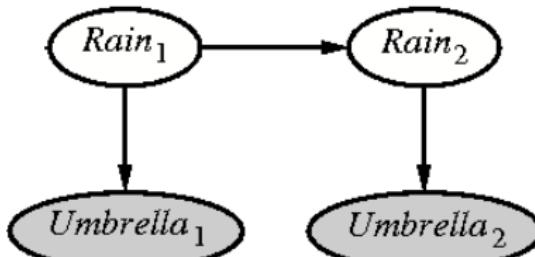
smoothed

$$p(z_2|x_{1:2}) = \frac{\alpha(z_2)\beta(z_2)}{p(x_{1:2})}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0.883 & & 0.883 \\ 0.117 & & 0.117 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ 0.690 & & 1.000 \\ 0.410 & & 1.000 \end{matrix}$$

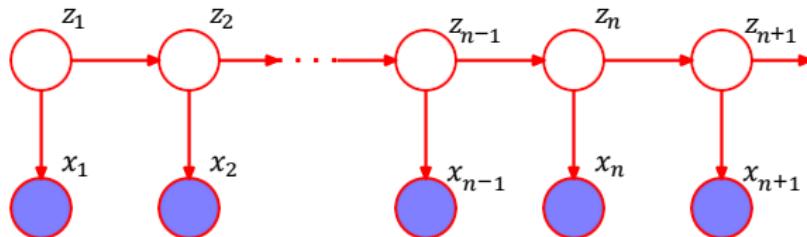
backward

$$\beta(z_2)$$



$$\beta(z_1) = \sum_{z_2} p(x_2|z_2)\beta(z_2)p(z_2|z_1)$$

Smoothing

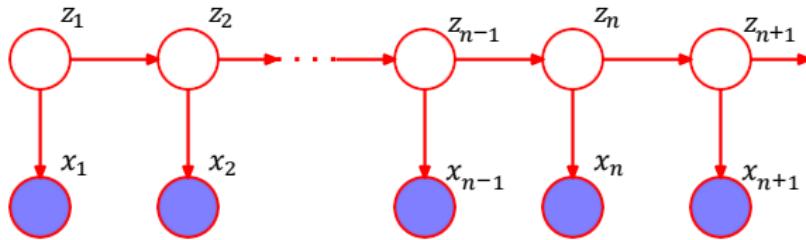


- Backwards message another recursion:

$$\underbrace{\beta(z_n)}_{\substack{K\text{-dim} \\ \text{vector}}} = \sum_{z_{n+1}} p(x_{n+1}|z_{n+1}) \underbrace{\beta(z_{n+1})}_{\substack{K\text{-dim} \\ \text{vector}}} \underbrace{p(z_{n+1}|z_n)}_{K \times K \text{ matrix}}$$

$\Rightarrow O(K^2)$ for each time step, $O(NK^2)$ for N time steps

Forward-Backward Algorithm



- Filter from time 1 to N , and cache forward messages $\alpha(z_n)$
- Smooth from time N to 1, and cache backward messages $\beta(z_n)$
- Can now compute $p(z_n | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t)$ for all n
- Total complexity $O(NK^2)$
- a.k.a Baum-Welch algorithm

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HMM Parameters

- The **parameters** of an HMM:
 - Transition matrix A where $p(z_{nk} = 1 | z_{n-1,j} = 1) = A_{jk}$
 - Sensor model ϕ_k parameters to each $p(x_n | z_{nk} = 1, \phi_k)$ (e.g. ϕ_k could be mean and variance of Gaussian)
 - Prior for initial state z_1 , model as multinomial $p(z_{1k} = 1) = \pi_k$, parameters π
- Call these parameters $\theta = (A, \pi, \phi)$
- **Learning problem:** given one sequence x , find best θ
 - Extension to multiple sequences straight-forward (assume independent, log of product is sum)

Maximum Likelihood for HMMs

- We can use maximum likelihood to choose the best parameters:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- Unfortunately this is hard to do: we can get $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ by summing out from the joint distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \sum_{z_1} \sum_{z_2} \cdots \sum_{z_N} p(\mathbf{x}, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &\equiv \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

- But this sum has K^N terms in it
- No simple closed-form solution
- Instead, use expectation-maximization (EM)

EM for HMMs

- Start with initial guess for parameters $\theta^{old} = (\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$
- E-step:** Calculate posterior on latent variables $p(z|x, \theta^{old})$

Forward-backward algorithm

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z|x, \theta^{old})} [\ln p(x, z|\theta)]$$

- M-step:** Maximize $Q(\theta, \theta^{old}) = \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \ln p(x, z|\theta)$ wrt θ
- Let's look at the M-step, and see how the HMM structure helps us

HMM M-step

- **M-step:** Maximize $Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) = \sum_z p(\mathbf{z}|x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) \ln p(x, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ wrt $\boldsymbol{\theta}$:
- The complete data log-likelihood factors nicely:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln p(x, z|\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \ln \left\{ p(z_1|\boldsymbol{\pi}) \prod_{i=2}^N p(z_i|z_{i-1}, \mathbf{A}) \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i|z_i, \boldsymbol{\phi}) \right\} \\ &= \ln p(z_1|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \sum_{i=2}^N \ln p(z_i|z_{i-1}, \mathbf{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \ln p(x_i|z_i, \boldsymbol{\phi})\end{aligned}$$

- To maximize Q we now have 3 separate problems, one for each parameter
 - Let's consider each in turn

Prior π

- Maximize Q wrt prior on initial state π :

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\pi, \theta^{old}) &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \ln p(z_1|\pi) \\ &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \ln \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{1k}} \\ &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \sum_{k=1}^K z_{1k} \ln \pi_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \ln \pi_k \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) z_{1k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K p(z_{1k} = 1|x, \theta^{old}) \ln \pi_k \end{aligned}$$

- i.e. smoothed value for z_1 being in state k

$$Q(\pi, \theta^{old}) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(z_{1k} = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) \ln \pi_k$$

- Can solve for best π
- Use Lagrange multiplier to enforce constraint $\sum_k \pi_k = 1$

$$\pi_k = \frac{p(z_{1k} = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})}{\sum_{j=1}^K p(z_{1j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})}$$

- Intuitively sensible result: new π_k is smoothed probability of being in state k at time 1 using old parameters
- E-step needs to calculate smoothed $p(z_{1k} = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})$; this is fast $O(NK^2)$

Transition Matrix A

- Maximize Q wrt transition matrix A :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(A, \theta^{old}) &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \sum_{i=2}^N \ln p(z_i|z_{i-1}, A) \\
 &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \sum_{i=2}^N \ln \prod_{k=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^K A_{jk}^{z_{i-1,j} z_{i,k}} \\
 &= \sum_z p(z|x, \theta^{old}) \sum_{i=2}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K z_{i-1,j} z_{i,k} \ln A_{jk} \\
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 &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \ln A_{jk} \sum_{i=2}^N p(z_{i-1} = j, z_i = k | x, \theta^{old})
 \end{aligned}$$

- E-step needs to calculate $p(z_{i-1} = j, z_i = k | x, \theta^{old})$; can be done quickly using forward and backward messages

$$Q(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \ln A_{jk} \sum_{i=2}^N p(z_{i-1} = j, z_i = k | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})$$

- Can solve for best \mathbf{A}
- Again use Lagrange multipliers to enforce constraint $\sum_k A_{jk} = 1$

$$A_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{n=2}^N p(z_{n-1} = j, z_n = k | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})}{\sum_{l=1}^K \sum_{n=2}^N p(z_{n-1} = j, z_n = l | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{old})}$$

- Again sensible result: A_{jk} set to expected number of times we transition from state j to k using the smoothed results from old parameters

Sensor Model

- Similar derivation for sensor model parameters ϕ
- Again end up with weighted parameter estimated based on expected values of states given smoothed estimates

HMM EM Summary

- Start with initial guess for parameters $\theta^{old} = (A, \pi, \phi)$
- Run forward-backward algorithm to get all messages $\alpha(z_n), \beta(z_n)$ (E-step)
 - $O(NK^2)$ time complexity
 - Can use these to compute any smoothed posterior $p(z_{nk} = 1 | x, \theta^{old})$
 - Also can compute any $p(z_{nk} = 1, z_{n,k} = 1 | x, \theta^{old})$
 - Using these, update values for parameters (M-step)
 - π_k is smoothed probability of being in state k at time 1
 - A_{jk} is smoothed probability of transitioning from state j to k averaged over all time steps
 - ϕ is weighted sensor parameters using smoothed probabilities (e.g. similar to mixture of Gaussians)
- Repeat until convergence

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Sequence of Most Likely States

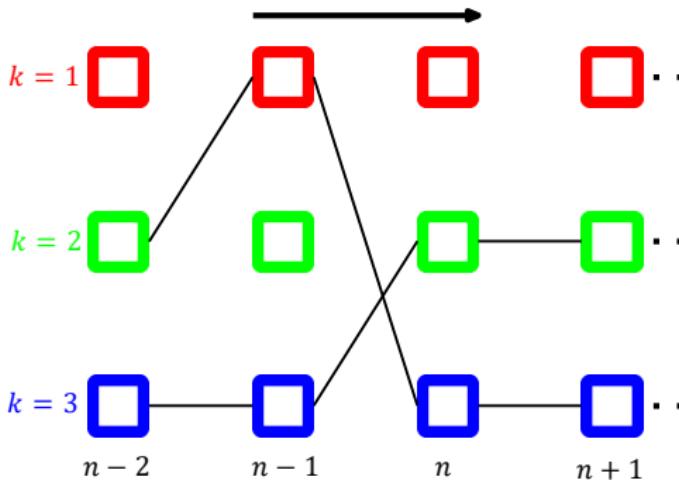
- Most likely sequence is not same as sequence of most likely states:

$$\arg \max_{z_{1:N}} p(z_{1:N} | x_{1:N})$$

versus

$$\left(\arg \max_{z_1} p(z_1 | x_{1:N}), \dots, \arg \max_{z_N} p(z_N | x_{1:N}) \right)$$

Paths Through HMM

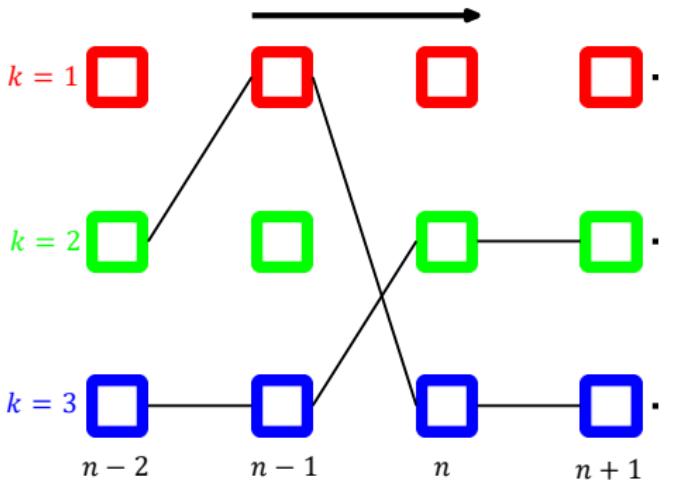


- There are K^N paths to consider through the HMM for computing

$$\arg \max_{z_{1:N}} p(z_{1:N} | x_{1:N})$$

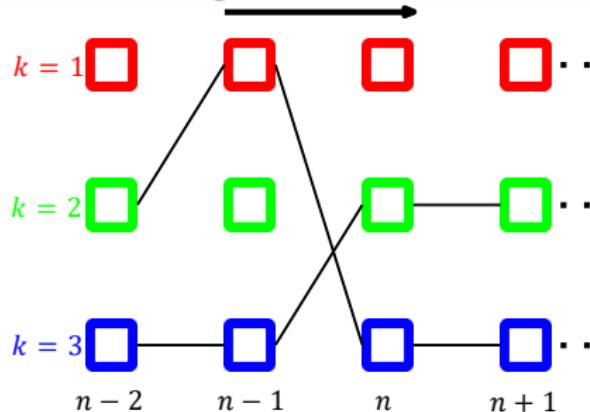
- Need a faster method

Viterbi Algorithm



- Insight: for any value k for z_n , the best path $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n = k)$ ending in $z_n = k$ consists of the best path $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n-1} = j)$ **for some j** , plus one more step
 - Don't need to consider exponentially many paths, just K at each time step
 - Dynamic programming algorithm – **Viterbi algorithm**

Viterbi Algorithm - Math



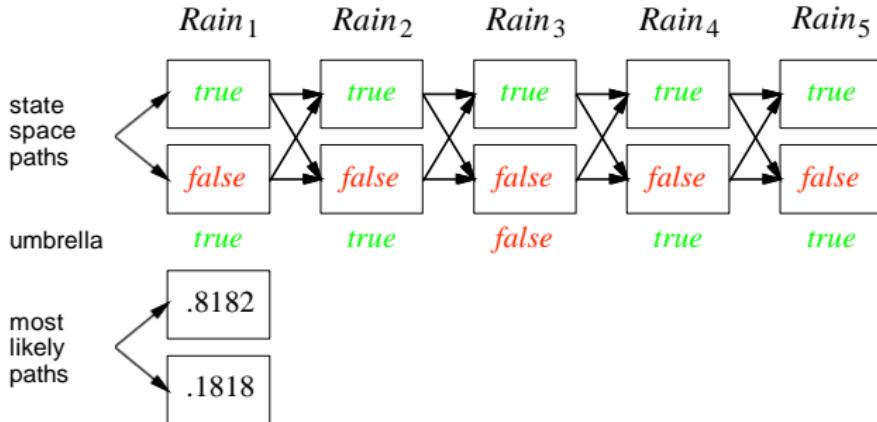
- Define message

$$w(n, k) = \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_1, \dots, z_n = k)$$

- From factorization of joint distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} w(n, k) &= \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}} p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) p(x_n | z_n = k) p(z_n = k | z_{n-1}) \\ &= \max_{z_{n-1}} \max_{z_1, \dots, z_{n-2}} p(x_{1:n-1}, z_{1:n-1}) p(x_n | z_n = k) p(z_n = k | z_{n-1}) \\ &= \max_j w(n-1, j) p(x_n | z_n = k) p(z_n = k | z_{n-1} = j) \end{aligned}$$

Viterbi Algorithm - Example



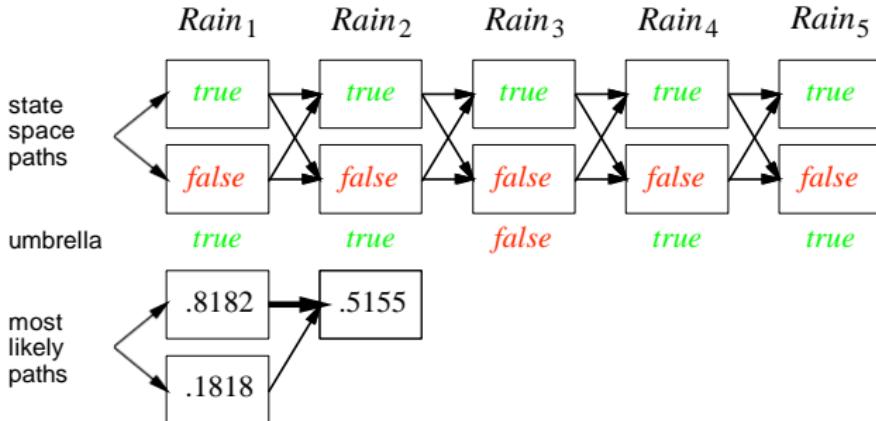
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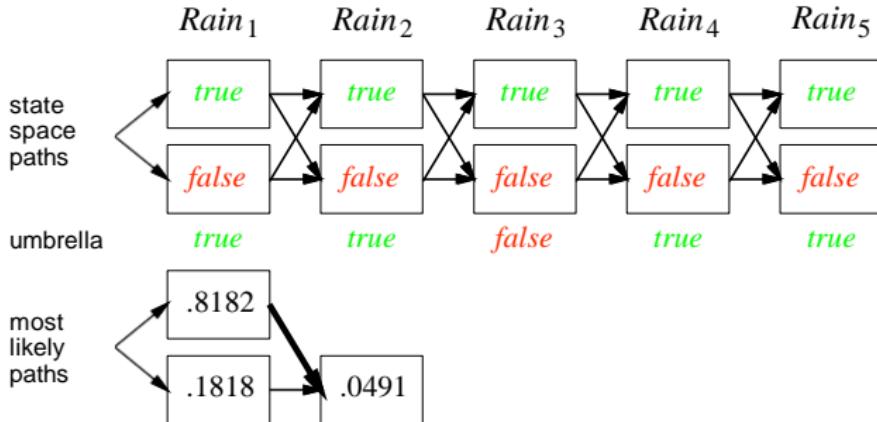
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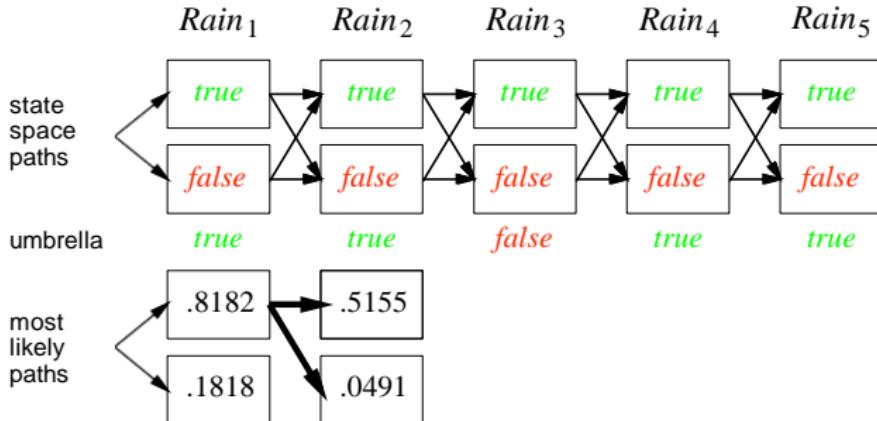
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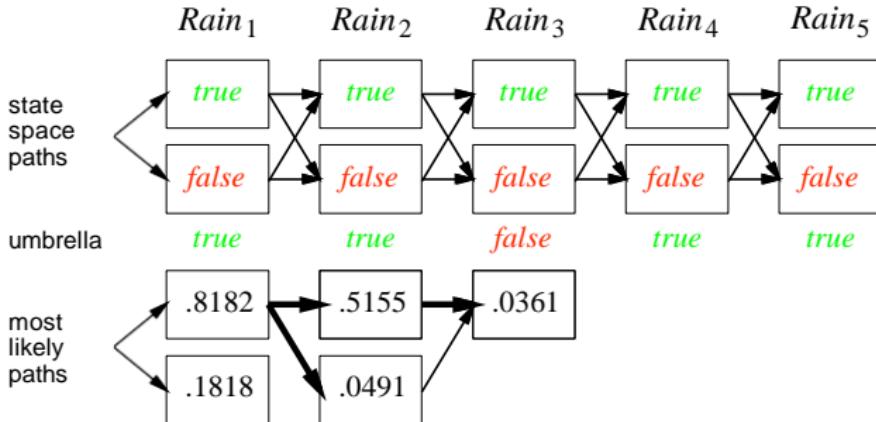
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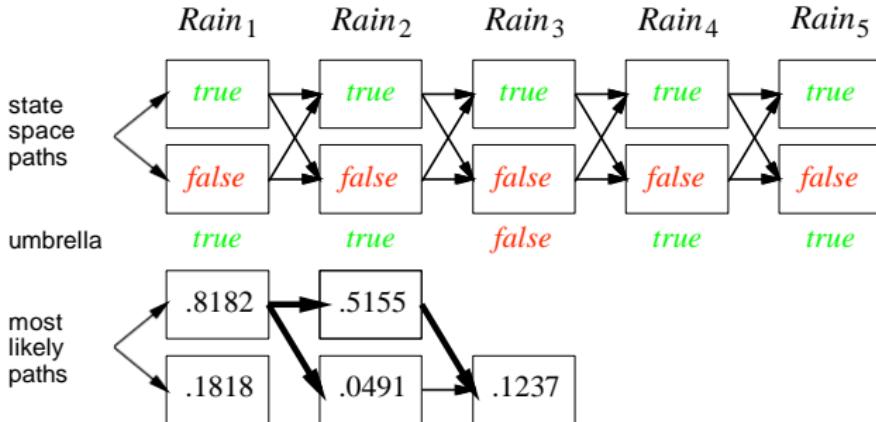
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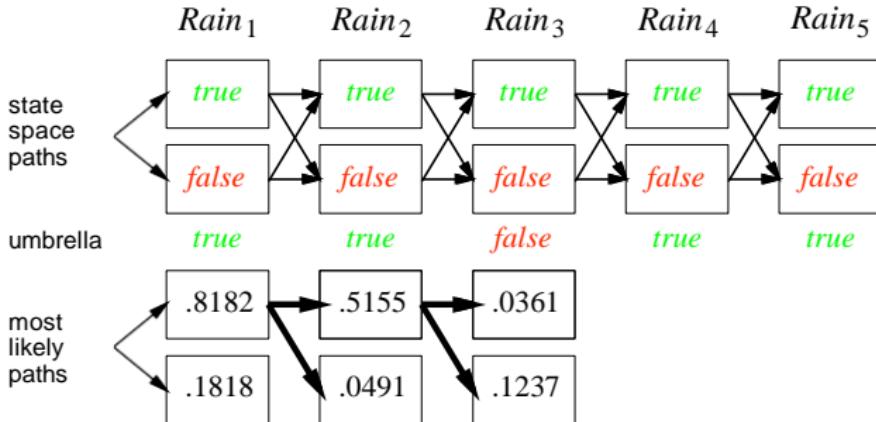
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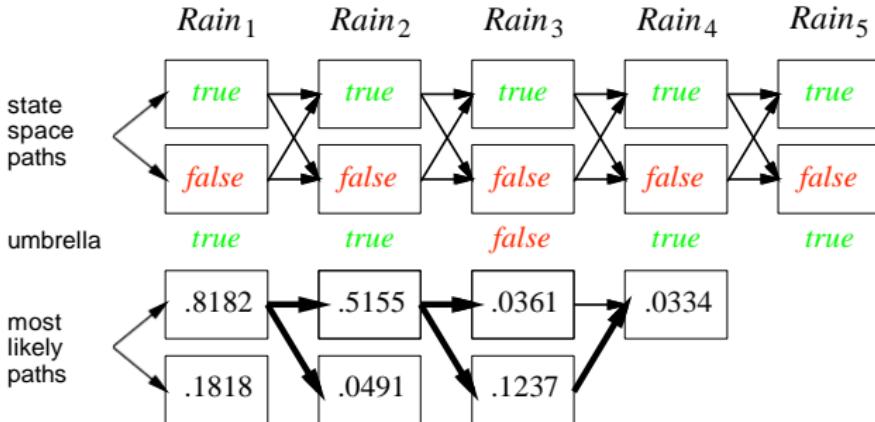
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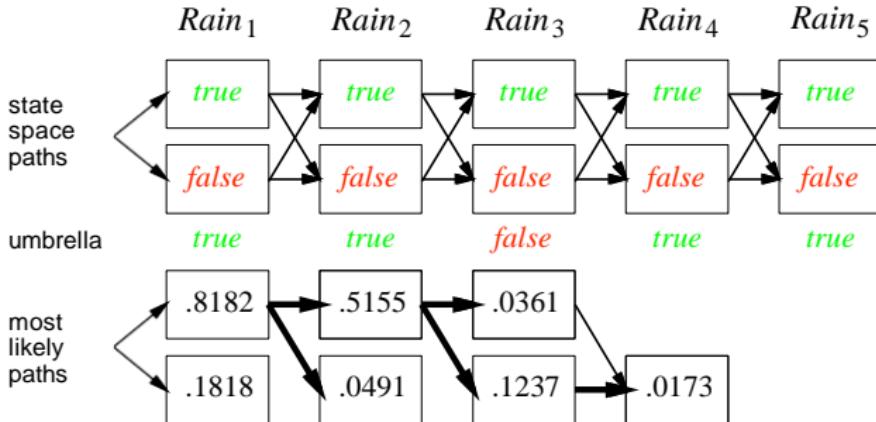
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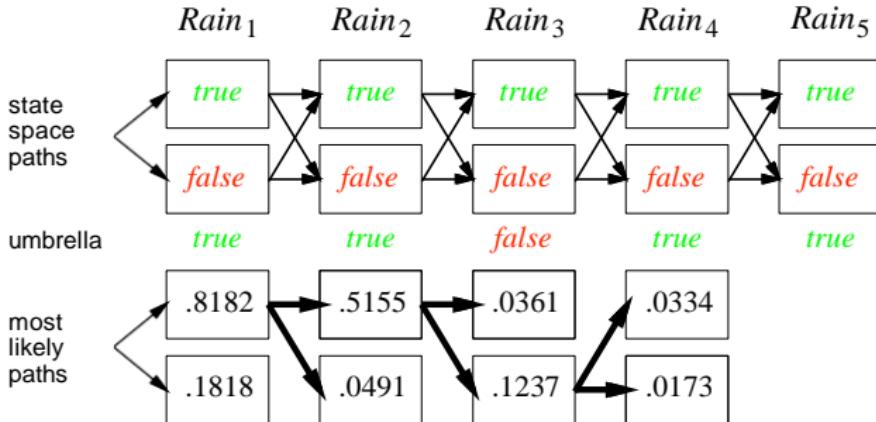
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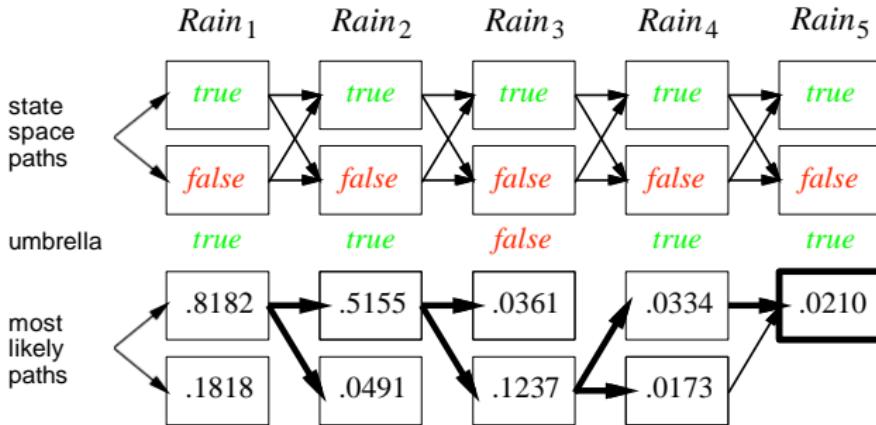
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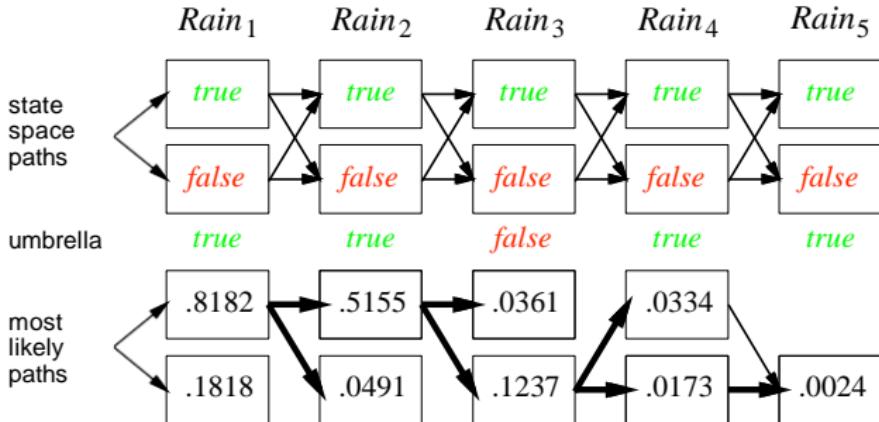
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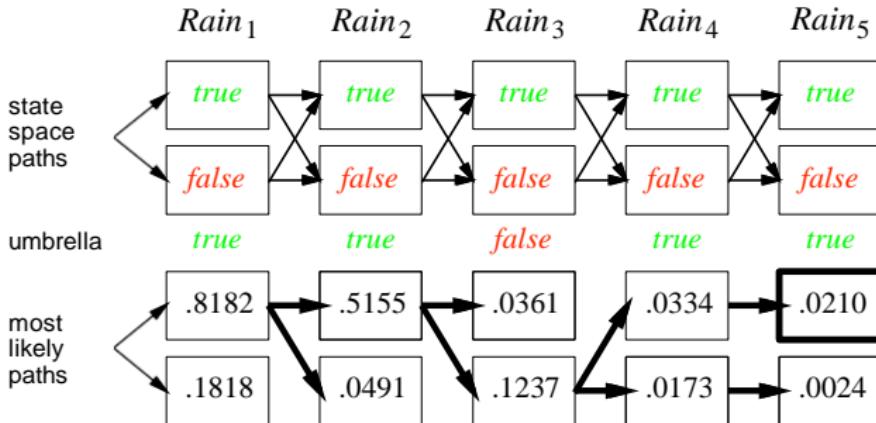
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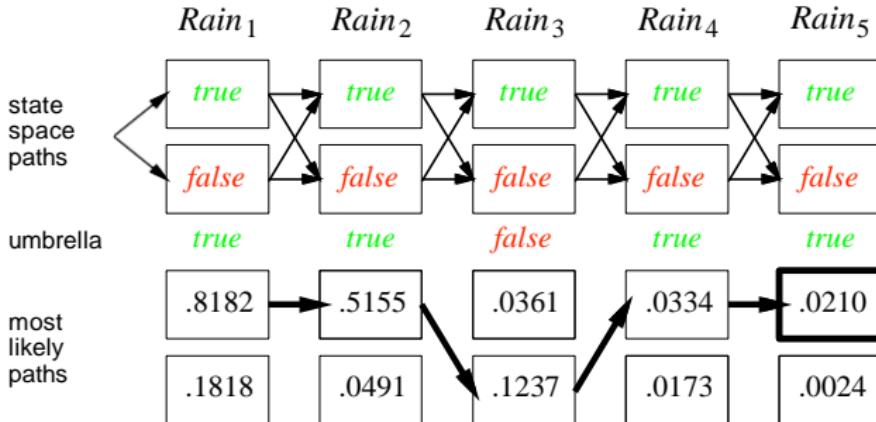
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Viterbi Algorithm - Complexity

- Each step of the algorithm takes $O(K^2)$ work
- With N time steps, $O(NK^2)$ complexity to find most likely sequence
- Much better than naive algorithm evaluating all K^N possible paths

Conclusion

- Readings: Ch. 13.2, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.2.5
- HMM - Probabilistic model of temporal data
 - Discrete hidden (unobserved, latent) state variable at each time
 - Observation (can be discrete / continuous) at each time
 - Conditional independence assumptions (Markov)
 - Assumptions on distributions (stationary)
- Inference
 - Filtering
 - Smoothing
 - Most likely sequence (next)
- Maximum likelihood learning
 - EM – efficient computation $O(NK^2)$ time using forward-backward smoothing
- Most likely sequence in HMM
 - Viterbi algorithm – $O(NK^2)$ time, dynamic programming algorithm