# Inference in Hidden Markov Models Part 2 

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## Outline

## Learning Goals

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## Learning Goals

By the end of the lecture, you should be able to

- Calculate the smoothing probability for a time step in a hidden Markov model.
- Describe the justification for a step in the derivation of the smoothing formulas.
- Describe the forward-backward algorithm.


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## The Umbrella Model

$$
P\left(s_{0}\right)=0.5
$$

$$
\begin{array}{|l}
P\left(s_{t} \mid s_{t-1}\right)=0.7 \\
P\left(s_{t} \mid \neg s_{t-1}\right)=0.3
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(o_{t} \mid s_{t}\right)=0.9 \\
& P\left(o_{t} \mid \neg s_{t}\right)=0.2
\end{aligned}
$$



## Smoothing

Given the observations from day 0 to day $t-1$, what is the probability that I am in a particular state on day $k$ ?

$$
P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right), 0 \leq k \leq t-1
$$

## Smoothing through Backward Recursion

Calculating the smoothed probability $P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\alpha f_{0: k} b_{(k+1):(t-1)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Calculate $f_{0: k}$ through forward recursion.
Calculate $b_{(k+1):(t-1)}$ through backward recursion.
Backward Recursion:
Base case:

$$
b_{t:(t-1)}=\overrightarrow{1}
$$

Recursive case:

$$
b_{(k+1):(t-1)}=\sum_{s_{k+1}} P\left(o_{k+1} \mid s_{k+1}\right) b_{(k+2):(t-1)} P\left(s_{k+1} \mid S_{k}\right)
$$

## A Smoothing Example

Consider the umbrella story.

Assume that $O_{0}=t, O_{1}=t$, and $O_{2}=t$.
What is the probability that it rained on day $0\left(P\left(S_{0} \mid o_{0} \wedge o_{1} \wedge o_{2}\right)\right)$ and the probability it rained on day $1\left(P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0} \wedge o_{1} \wedge o_{2}\right)\right)$ ?

Here are the useful quantities from the umbrella story.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(s_{0}\right)=0.5 \\
& P\left(o_{t} \mid s_{t}\right)=0.9, P\left(o_{t} \mid \neg s_{t}\right)=0.2 \\
& P\left(s_{t} \mid s_{(t-1)}\right)=0.7, P\left(s_{t} \mid \neg s_{(t-1)}\right)=0.3
\end{aligned}
$$

## A Smoothing Example

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Calculate $P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0: 2}\right)$.
(1) What are the values of $k$ and $t$ ?

$$
P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0: 2}\right)=P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right) \Rightarrow k=1, t=3
$$

(2) Write the probability as a product of two messages.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0: 2}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0: 1}\right) * P\left(o_{2: 2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\alpha f_{0: 1} * b_{2: 2}
\end{aligned}
$$

(3) We already calculated $f_{0: 1}=\langle 0.883,0.117\rangle$. Next, we will calculate $b_{2: 2}$ using backward recursion.

## A Backward Recursion Example - Recursive Case

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& b_{2: 2}=P\left(o_{2: 2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{2}} P\left(o_{2} \mid s_{2}\right) * b_{3: 2} * P\left(s_{2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{2}} P\left(o_{2} \mid s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid s_{2}\right) * P\left(s_{2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{2}} P\left(o_{2} \mid s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid s_{2}\right) *\left\langle P\left(s_{2} \mid s_{1}\right), P\left(s_{2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right)\right\rangle \\
& =\left(P\left(o_{2} \mid s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid s_{2}\right) *\left\langle P\left(s_{2} \mid s_{1}\right), P\left(s_{2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right)\right\rangle\right. \\
& \left.\quad \quad+P\left(o_{2} \mid \neg s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid \neg s_{2}\right) *\left\langle P\left(\neg s_{2} \mid s_{1}\right), P\left(\neg s_{2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right)\right\rangle\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& b_{2: 2}=P\left(o_{2: 2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\left(P\left(o_{2} \mid s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid s_{2}\right) *\left\langle P\left(s_{2} \mid s_{1}\right), P\left(s_{2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right)\right\rangle\right. \\
& \\
& \left.\quad \quad+P\left(o_{2} \mid \neg s_{2}\right) * P\left(o_{3: 2} \mid \neg s_{2}\right) *\left\langle P\left(\neg s_{2} \mid s_{1}\right), P\left(\neg s_{2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right)\right\rangle\right) \\
& =(0.9 * 1 *\langle 0.7,0.3\rangle+0.2 * 1 *\langle 0.3,0.7\rangle) \\
& =(0.9 *\langle 0.7,0.3\rangle+0.2 *\langle 0.3,0.7\rangle) \\
& = \\
& =(\langle 0.63,0.27\rangle+\langle 0.06,0.14\rangle) \\
& = \\
& \\
& \\
& \\
& \\
&
\end{aligned}
$$

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& =\alpha P\left(S_{1} \mid o_{0: 1}\right) * P\left(o_{2: 2} \mid S_{1}\right) \\
& =\alpha f_{0: 1} * b_{2: 2} \\
& =\alpha\langle 0.883,0.117\rangle *\langle 0.69,0.41\rangle \\
& =\alpha\langle 0.6093,0.0480\rangle \\
& =\langle 0.927,0.073\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\left.+P\left(o_{1} \mid \neg s_{1}\right) * P\left(o_{2: 2} \mid \neg s_{1}\right) *\left\langle P\left(\neg s_{1} \mid s_{0}\right), P\left(\neg s_{1} \mid \neg s_{0}\right)\right\rangle\right)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& k=0, t=3 \\
& b_{1: 2}=P\left(o_{1: 2} \mid S_{0}\right) \\
& =\langle 0.4593,0.2437\rangle \\
& P\left(S_{0} \mid o_{0: 2}\right) \\
& =\alpha f_{0: 0} * b_{1: 2} \\
& =\alpha\langle 0.818,0.182\rangle *\langle 0.4593,0.2437\rangle \\
& =\langle 0.894,0.106\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Smoothing (day k)

How can we derive the formula for $P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right), 0 \leq k<t-1$ ?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right) \\
& =P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge o_{0: k}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k} \wedge o_{0: k}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\alpha f_{0: k} b_{(k+1):(t-1)}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Smoothing Derivation 1/3

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0:(t-1)}\right) \\
& =P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge o_{0: k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(A) Bayes' rule
(B) Re-writing the expression
(C) The chain/product rule
(D) The Markov assumption
(E) The sum rule

## Smoothing Derivation 2/3

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge o_{0: k}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k} \wedge o_{0: k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Smoothing Derivation 3/3

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k} \wedge o_{0: k}\right) \\
& =\alpha P\left(S_{k} \mid o_{0: k}\right) P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(A) Bayes' rule
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## Backward Recursion Formula Derivations

How did we derive the formula for backward recursion?

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)  \tag{1}\\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)} \wedge S_{k}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)  \tag{2}\\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)  \tag{3}\\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1)} \wedge o_{(k+2):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)  \tag{4}\\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(o_{(k+2):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

## Backward Recursion Derivation 1/5

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(A) Bayes' rule
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(C) The chain/product rule
(D) The Markov assumption
(E) The sum rule

## Backward Recursion Derivation 2/5

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \wedge s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)} \wedge S_{k}\right) P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)} \wedge S_{k}\right) P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Backward Recursion Derivation 4/5

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1)} \wedge o_{(k+2):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(A) Bayes' rule
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(E) The sum rule

## Backward Recursion Derivation 5/5

What is the justification for the step below?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1)} \wedge o_{(k+2):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{s_{(k+1)}} P\left(o_{(k+1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(o_{(k+2):(t-1)} \mid s_{(k+1)}\right) * P\left(s_{(k+1)} \mid S_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(A) Bayes' rule
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## The Forward-Backward Algorithm

Consider a hidden Markov model with 4 time steps. We can calculate the smoothed probabilities using one forward pass and one backward pass through the network.


## Revisiting the Learning Goals

By the end of the lecture, you should be able to

- Calculate the smoothing probability for a time step in a hidden Markov model.
- Describe the justification for a step in the derivation of the smoothing formulas.
- Describe the forward-backward algorithm.

