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# HIDDEN MARKOV MODEL

# Outline

- ⦿ An example of gambling
- ⦿ Hidden Markov model (HMM), the description
- ⦿ Three basis problems of HMMs
- ⦿ Viterbi path, how to infer the hidden states from observations

# Dealer's cheating

- ⦿ A simple gamble

- The dealer tosses dice
- The gamblers bid on 'big' or 'small'

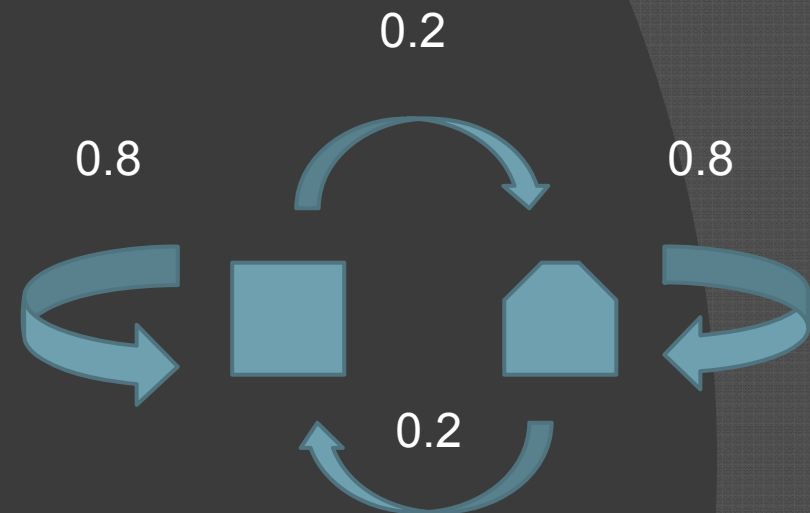


- ⦿ The dealer can cheat

- by switching the die between a fair one and an unfair one
- but he cannot switch dice too frequently

# Dealer's cheating

	fair	unfair
1	$1/6$	0
2	$1/6$	0
3	$1/6$	0
4	$1/6$	$1/3$
5	$1/6$	$1/3$
6	$1/6$	$1/3$

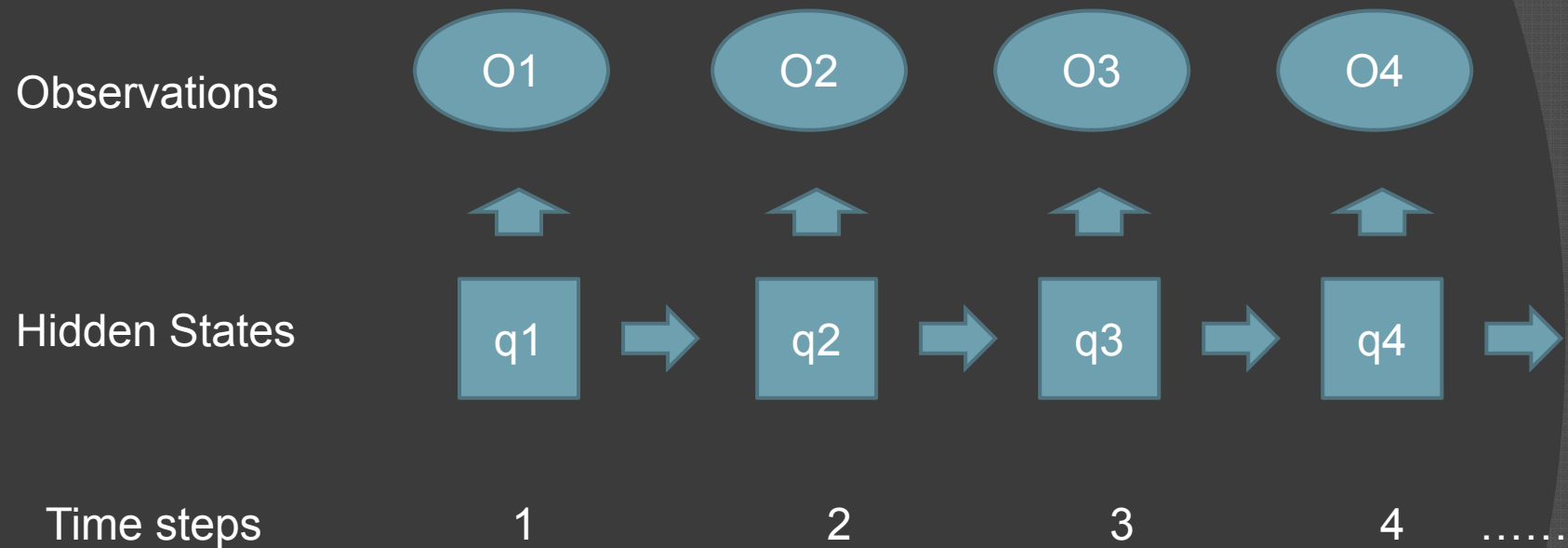


Transition probability between two states, fair and unfair

## ● Observation sequence

3 6 6 5 4, 6 4 4 6 6, 6 5 1 3 3, 4 1 4 5 5

# Model description



# Model description

## ⊙ Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

- $N$ , the number of states,  $S_i$
- $M$ , the number of observation symbols,  $v_k$
- $A = \{a_{ij}\}$ , the state transition probability

$$a_{ij} = \Pr \{ q_{t+1} = S_j \mid q_t = S_i \}$$

- $B = \{b_j(k)\}$ , the observation symbol probability distribution

$$b_j(k) = \Pr \{ v_k \text{ at } t \mid q_t = S_j \}$$

- $\pi = \{\pi_i\}$ , the initial state distribution

## ⊙ Notation $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$

# Three basic problems

1. Evaluating the probability of a observation sequence

compute  $P(O|\lambda)$  efficiently

2. Uncover the hidden states, given the observation and the model

find a states sequence to maximize  $P(Q|O, \lambda)$

3. Optimize the model parameters to best explain the observations

find  $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$  to maximize  $P(O|\lambda)$

# Viterbi Algorithm

- Find the single best state sequence

Maximize  $P(Q|O, \lambda)$

equivalent to: Maximize  $P(Q, O|\lambda)$

- Scoring quantity

$$\delta_t(i) = \max_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_{t-1}} P(q_1 q_2 \dots q_t = i, O_1 O_2 \dots O_t | \lambda)$$

- Recursive relation

$$\delta_{t+1}(j) = \left[ \max_i \delta_t(i) a_{ij} \right] b_j(O_{t+1})$$



# Viterbi Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{t+1}(j) &= \max_{q_1 \dots q_{t-1}, i} P(q_1 \dots q_{t-1}, q_t = i, q_{t+1} = j, O_1 \dots O_{t+1} \mid \lambda) \\&= \max_{q_1 \dots q_{t-1}, i} P(q_1 \dots q_t = i, O_1 \dots O_t \mid \lambda) P(q_{t+1} = j, O_{t+1} \mid q_t = i, \lambda) \\&= \max_{q_1 \dots q_{t-1}, i} P(q_1 \dots q_t = i, O_1 \dots O_t \mid \lambda) P(q_{t+1} = j \mid q_t = i, \lambda) \\&\quad P(O_{t+1} \mid q_{t+1} = j, \lambda) \\&= \{ \max_i [ \max_{q_1 \dots q_{t-1}} P(q_1 \dots q_t = i, O_1 \dots O_t \mid \lambda) a_{ij} ] \} \\&\quad P(O_{t+1} \mid q_{t+1} = j, \lambda) \\&= [ \max_i \delta_t(i) a_{ij} ] b_j(O_{t+1})\end{aligned}$$

# Viterbi Algorithm

- ⦿ Dynamic programming method

- Recursive relation

$$\delta_{t+1}(j) = [ \max_i \delta_t(i) a_{ij} ] b_j(O_{t+1})$$

- Score for each step, from  $t=1$  to  $T$
- Trace back to get the best path

# Dealer's cheating problem

- $N = 2, M = 6$
- $A, a_{11} = a_{22} = 0.9, a_{12} = a_{21} = 0.1$
- $B, b_1(k) = 1/6, k=1,2,\dots,6$   
 $b_2(k) = 0, k=1,2,3; b_2(k) = 1/3, k=4,5,6$
- $\pi, \pi_1=1, \pi_2=0$

# Dealer's cheating problem

- Observation sequence

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- Viterbi path

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Pretty Good!



Thank you!