CS 466 Introduction to Bioinformatics Lecture 21

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Outline

Hidden Markov Models: Viterbi algorithm

Reading:

- Jones and Pevzner: Chapters 11.1-11.3
- Lecture notes

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Question: How do we identify CpG islands?

A Related Problem: Fair Bet Casino

Game is to flip coins, two outcomes:





Head or Tail

Two coins: Fair and Biased

$$Pr(H \mid F) = Pr(T \mid F) = 1/2$$

 $Pr(H \mid B) = 3/4, Pr(T \mid B) = 1/4$

 The crooked dealer changes between Fair and Biased coins with probability 10%



CpG Islands and Fair Bet Casino

CG Islands

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Output: $\pi : \{1, ..., n\} \to \{F, B\}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{picture}(2000) \put(0.000){\line(0.000){\li$$

Question: Given \mathbf{x} , what is more likely: $\mathbf{\pi}$ or $\mathbf{\pi}'$?

Markov Model $\mathcal{M} = (Q, A)$

- Set of states Q
 - Markov property:

$$\Pr(Q_i = q_i \mid Q_1 = q_1, \dots, Q_{i-1} = q_{i-1}) = \Pr(Q_i = q_i \mid Q_{i-1} = q_{i-1})$$

- Transition probabilities $A = [a_{ii}]$ on pairs of states
 - Rows sum to 1

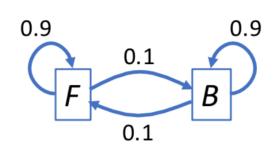


Andrey Markov (source: Wikipedia)

Fair Bet Casino

$$Q = \{F, B\}$$

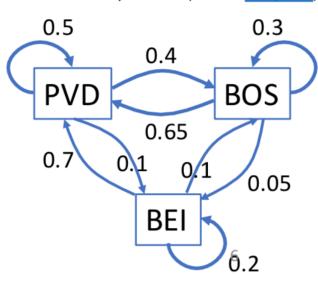
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Where is the professor?

 $Q = \{Providence, Boston, Beijing\}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.65 & 0.3 & 0.05 \\ 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Hidden Markov Model $\mathcal{M}=(Q,A,\Sigma,E)$

- Set of hidden states Q
 - Markov property
- Transition probabilities $A = [a_{ii}]$ on pairs of states
- Set of *emitted* symbols Σ
- Emission probabilities $E = [e_{ik}]$ on state-symbol pairs

Two decisions:

- What symbol should I emit? [emission probabilities E]
- 2. What state should I move to next? [transition probabilities A]

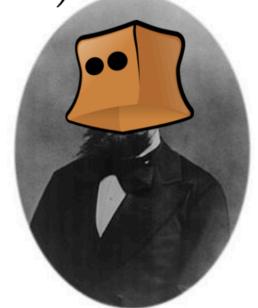
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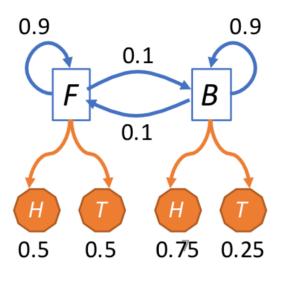
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$$S = \{H, T\}$$



Andrey Markov



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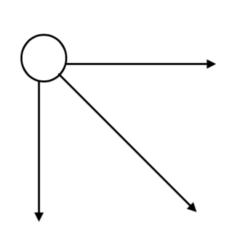
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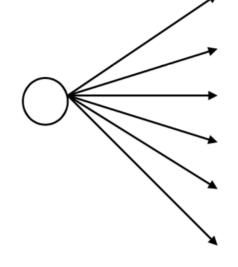
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Joint Probability

Recurrence

Alignment vs. Decoding Problem





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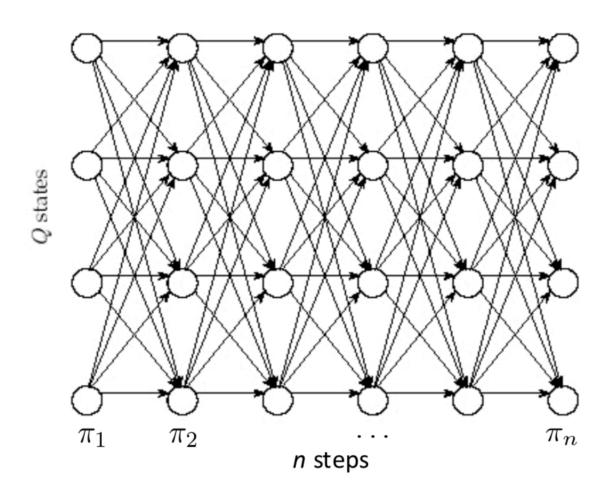
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Viterbi Algorithm

• Finds path π^* with maximum $\Pr(\mathbf{x}, \pi^*)$

Dynamic Programming algorithm

• Runs in $O(\#edges) = O(n|Q|^2)$



Viterbi Algorithm – Numerical Issues

Value of products can become extremely small, leading to underflow

$$v[s,i] = \begin{cases} a_{0,s} \cdot e_{s,x_1}, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ e_{s,x_i} \max_{t \in Q} \{v[t,i-1]a_{t,s}\}, & \text{if } i > 1. \end{cases}$$

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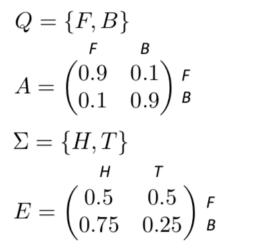
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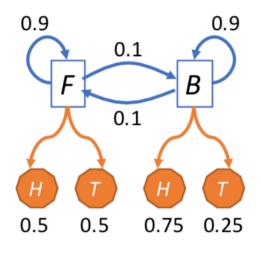
Use logarithms!

$$\log(v[s,i]) = \begin{cases} \log(a_{0,s}) + \log(e_{s,x_1}), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \log(e_{s,x_i}) + \max_{t \in Q} \{\log(v[t,i-1]) + \log(a_{t,s})\}, & \text{if } i > 1. \end{cases}$$

Fair Bet Casino: Example







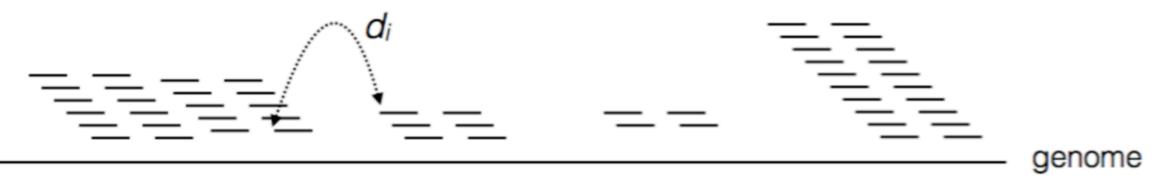
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10X Genomics: Synthetic Long Reads

Genome indexing by partitioning and molecular barcoding

Genome partitioning barcoding short reads of each partition 50-75 molecules per droplet ~50 kb, coverage ~0.1X

 $R_j = \{r_i \mid \forall i, r_i \text{ contains barcode } j\}$: Paired-reads possessing barcode j



Sort linked-reads and calculate distances between them

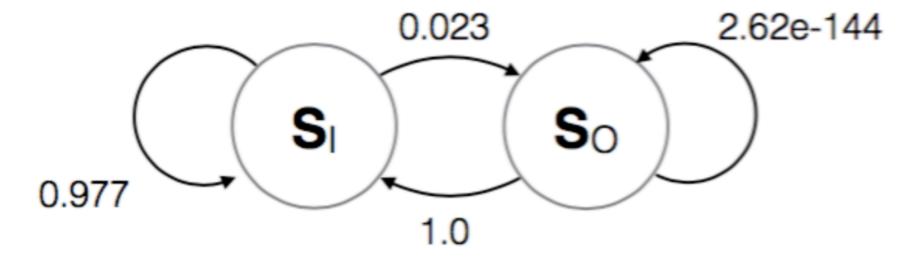
 $D_j = [d_i \mid \forall i, d_i : distance between <math>r_i$ and $r_{i+1}, r_i < r_{i+1}]$

Define distances di as intra- or inter- long molecules

$$\Sigma_i = [d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots d_{500}, d_{501}, d_{502}, \dots d_{1001}, d_{1002}, d_{1003}, \dots]$$
 $Q_j = [I, I, I, \dots, I, O, I, \dots]$

I: intra long molecule, O: inter long molecules

HMM



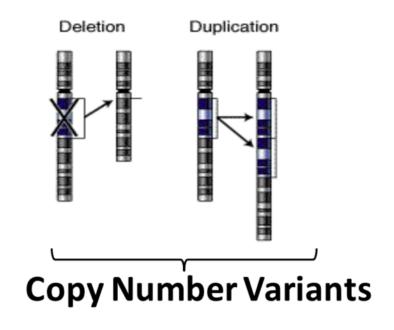
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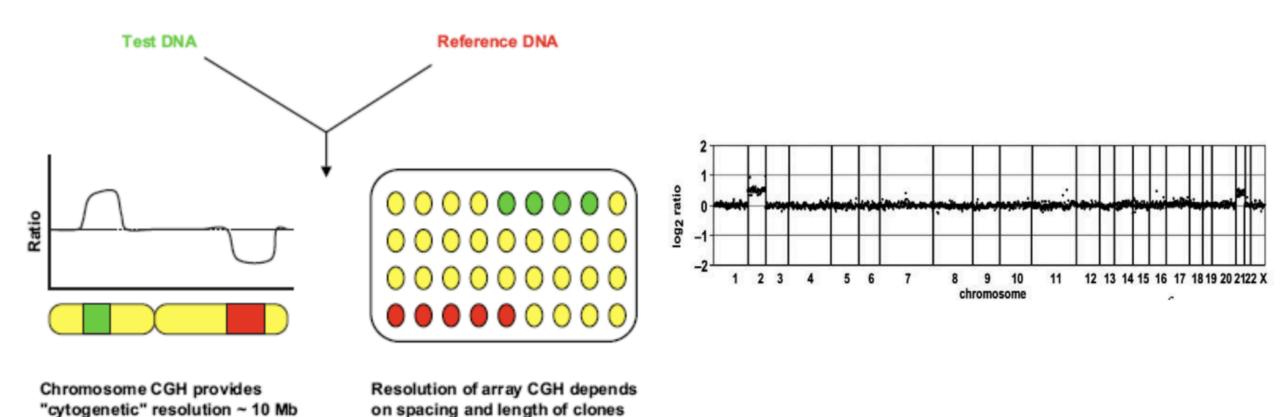
Copy Number Variation



- Different individuals may have different number of copies of segments of genome.
- These variants are associated with various diseases: autism, schizophrenia, cancer

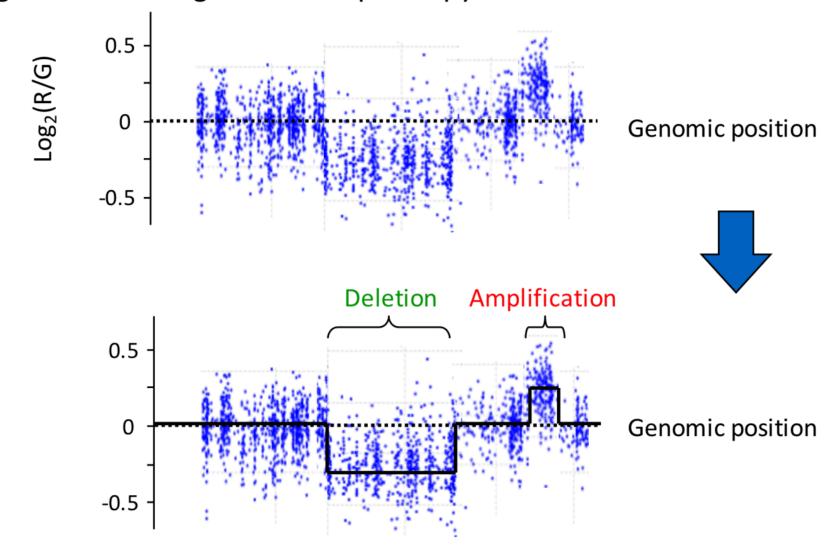
Measuring Copy Number Variants

Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH)



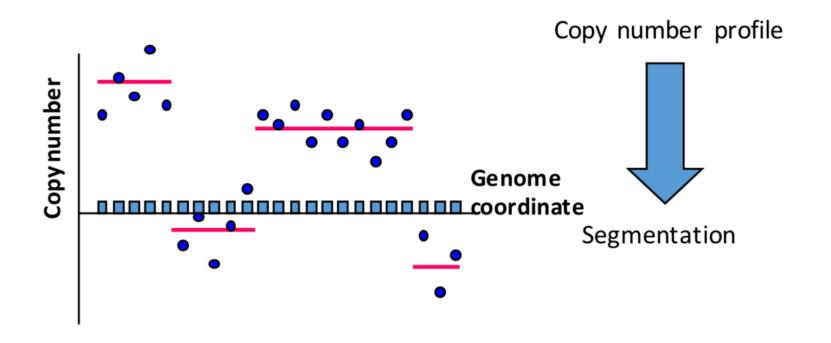
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Input: $X_i = \log_2 T_i / R_i$, clone i = 1, ..., N

Output: Assignment $s(i) \in \{S_1, ..., S_K\}$ where S_i represent *copy number states*

Summary

- Markov property Current state depends only on previous state
- Hidden Markov Models: states are not given only emitted symbols
- Viterbi algorithm: Find the most likely sequence of states given a set of observations

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