

1. HIDDEN MARKOV MODELS

Definition 1.1 (Hidden Markov Models). A HMM is a Markov process (X, Y) on a $(\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$ with transition kernel $K(x', dy')P(x, dx')$ and initial distribution $K(x, dy)\mu_0(dx)$, where P is a probability kernel from \mathbb{X} to \mathbb{X} , K is a probability kernel from \mathbb{X} to \mathbb{Y} , and μ_0 is a probability measure on \mathbb{X} .

Definition 1.2 (Non-degeneracy). A HMM has non-degenerate observations if $K(x, dy) = \lambda(x, y)\phi(dy)$ for some measurable positive function λ on $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ and a probability measure ϕ on \mathbb{Y} .

Definition 1.3 (Notation). We set $\pi_{k|n} = P_{X_k|Y_{0:n}}$, $\pi_k = \pi_{k|k}$, $\lambda_{k:n}(x_{k:n}, y_{k:n}) = \prod_{j=k}^n \lambda(x_j, y_j)$, $P_{k:n}(x_{k-1}, dx_{k:n}) = \prod_{j=k}^n P(x_{j-1}, dx_j)$ for $k \geq 1$, and $P_{0:n}(dx_{0:n}) = P_{1:n}(x_0, dx_{1:n})\mu_0(dx_0)$. We let f denote an arbitrary bounded measurable function on \mathbb{X} .

Theorem 1.4 (Filtering, smoothing, prediction). *Let (X, Y) be a HMM with non-degenerate observations as in Definitions 1.1 and 1.2. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, f) &= \frac{\rho_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, f)}{\rho_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, 1)}, \\ \rho_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, f) &= \int f(x_k)\lambda_{0:n}(x_{0:n}, y_{0:n})P_{0:k \vee n}(dx_{0:k \vee n}).\end{aligned}$$

The smoothing densities $\alpha_{k|n} = \pi_{k|n}/\pi_k$ and $\beta_{k|n} = \rho_{k|n}/\rho_k$, $k \leq n$, satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, x_k) &= \frac{\beta_{k|n}(y_{k+1:n}, x_k)}{\int \beta_{k|n}(y_{k+1:n}, x_k)\pi_k(y_{0:k}, dx_k)}, \\ \beta_{k|n}(y_{k+1:n}, x_k) &= \int \lambda_{k+1:n}(x_{k+1:n}, y_{k+1:n})P_{k+1:n}(x_k, dx_{k+1:n}).\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.5 (Recursions). *The prediction step for $k \geq n$ is*

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{k+1|n}(y_{0:n}, f) &= \int f(x_{k+1})P(x_k, dx_{k+1})\pi_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, dx_k), \\ \rho_{k+1|n}(y_{0:n}, f) &= \int f(x_{k+1})P(x_k, dx_{k+1})\rho_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, dx_k).\end{aligned}$$

The correction step for $k \geq 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{k+1}(y_{0:k+1}, f) &= \frac{\int f(x_{k+1})\lambda(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})\pi_{k+1|k}(y_{0:k}, dx_{k+1})}{\int \lambda(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})\pi_{k+1|k}(y_{0:k}, dx_{k+1})}, \\ \rho_{k+1}(y_{0:k+1}, f) &= \int f(x_{k+1})\lambda(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})\rho_{k+1|k}(y_{0:k}, dx_{k+1}).\end{aligned}$$

The filtering step is a prediction followed by a correction step. The smoothing step for $k \leq n$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{k-1|n}(y_{0:n}, x_{k-1}) &= \frac{\int \lambda(x_k, y_k)\alpha_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, dx_k)P(x_{k-1}, dx_k)}{\int \lambda(x_k, y_k)\alpha_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, dx_k)P(x_{k-1}, dx_k)\pi_k(y_{0:k}, dx_k)} \\ &= \frac{\int \lambda(x_k, y_k)\alpha_{k|n}(y_{0:n}, dx_k)P(x_{k-1}, dx_k)}{\int \lambda(x_k, y_k)P(x_{k-1}, dx_k)\pi_{k-1}(y_{0:k-1}, dx_{k-1})}, \\ \beta_{k-1|n}(y_{k:n}, x_{k-1}) &= \int \lambda(x_k, y_k)\beta_{k|n}(y_{k+1:n}, x_k)P(x_{k-1}, dx_k).\end{aligned}$$