Regular Discussion 9 Solutions

1 HMMs

Consider the following Hidden Markov Model.
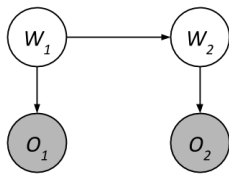
W_1	$P(W_1)$
0	0.3
1	0.7

W_t	W_{t+1}	$P(W_{t+1}|W_t)$
0	0	0.4
0	1	0.6
1	0	0.8
1	1	0.2

W_t	O_t	$P(O_t|W_t)$
0	a	0.9
0	b	0.1
1	a	0.5
1	b	0.5

Suppose that we observe $O_1 = a$ and $O_2 = b$.
Using the forward algorithm, compute the probability distribution $P(W_2|O_1 = a, O_2 = b)$ one step at a time.

(a) Compute $P(W_1, O_1 = a)$.

$P(W_1, O_1 = a) = P(W_1)P(O_1 = a|W_1)$
$P(W_1 = 0, O_1 = a) = (0.3)(0.9) = 0.27$
$P(W_1 = 1, O_1 = a) = (0.7)(0.5) = 0.35$

(b) Using the previous calculation, compute $P(W_2, O_1 = a)$.

$P(W_2, O_1 = a) = \sum_{w_1} P(w_1, O_1 = a)P(W_2|w_1)$
$P(W_2 = 0, O_1 = a) = (0.27)(0.4) + (0.35)(0.8) = 0.388$
$P(W_2 = 1, O_1 = a) = (0.27)(0.6) + (0.35)(0.2) = 0.232$

**(c)** Using the previous calculation, compute $P(W_2, O_1 = a, O_2 = b)$.

$P(W_2, O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = P(W_2, O_1 = a)P(O_2 = b|W_2)$
$P(W_2 = 0, O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = (0.388)(0.1) = 0.0388$
$P(W_2 = 1, O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = (0.232)(0.5) = 0.116$

(d) Finally, compute $P(W_2|O_1 = a, O_2 = b)$.

Renormalizing the distribution above, we have
$P(W_2 = 0|O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = 0.0388/(0.0388 + 0.116) \approx 0.25$
$P(W_2 = 1|O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = 0.116/(0.0388 + 0.116) \approx 0.75$

2 Particle Filtering

Let's use Particle Filtering to estimate the distribution of $P(W_2|O_1 = a, O_2 = b)$. Here's the HMM again.
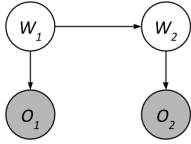
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We start with two particles representing our distribution for W_1.
$P_1 : W_1 = 0$
$P_2 : W_1 = 1$
Use the following random numbers to run particle filtering:

$$[0.22, 0.05, 0.33, 0.20, 0.84, 0.54, 0.79, 0.66, 0.14, 0.96]$$

(a) **Observe**: Compute the weight of the two particles after evidence $O_1 = a$.
   $w(P_1) = P(O_t = a|W_t = 0) = 0.9$
   $w(P_2) = P(O_t = a|W_t = 1) = 0.5$

(b) **Resample**: Using the random numbers, resample P_1 and P_2 based on the weights.
   We now sample from the weighted distribution we found above. Using the first two random samples, we find:
   $P_1 = sample(weights, 0.22) = 0$
   $P_2 = sample(weights, 0.05) = 0$

(c) **Predict**: Sample P_1 and P_2 from applying the time update.
   $P_1 = sample(P(W_{t+1}|W_t = 0), 0.33) = 0$
   $P_2 = sample(P(W_{t+1}|W_t = 0), 0.20) = 0$

(d) **Update**: Compute the weight of the two particles after evidence $O_2 = b$.
   $w(P_1) = P(O_t = b|W_t = 0) = 0.1$
   $w(P_2) = P(O_t = b|W_t = 0) = 0.1$

(e) **Resample**: Using the random numbers, resample P_1 and P_2 based on the weights.
   Because both of our particles have $X = 0$, resampling will still leave us with two particles with $X = 0$.
   $P_1 = 0$
   $P_2 = 0$

(f) What is our estimated distribution for $P(W_2|O_1 = a, O_2 = b)$?
   $P(W_2 = 0|O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = 2/2 = 1$
   $P(W_2 = 1|O_1 = a, O_2 = b) = 0/2 = 0$