



# CS 68: BIOINFORMATICS

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# Outline: Apr 6

- Recap posterior decoding and mean
- Parameter estimation
- Baum-Welch algorithm (EM for HMM)

Recap: Forward-Backward, posterior decoding, and posterior mean

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$$= f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)$$

Define these two pieces as the forward and backward probabilities

Forward

Backward

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$$\bar{g}_i = \sum P(z_i = k | \vec{x}) \cdot g(k)$$

Posterior mean:

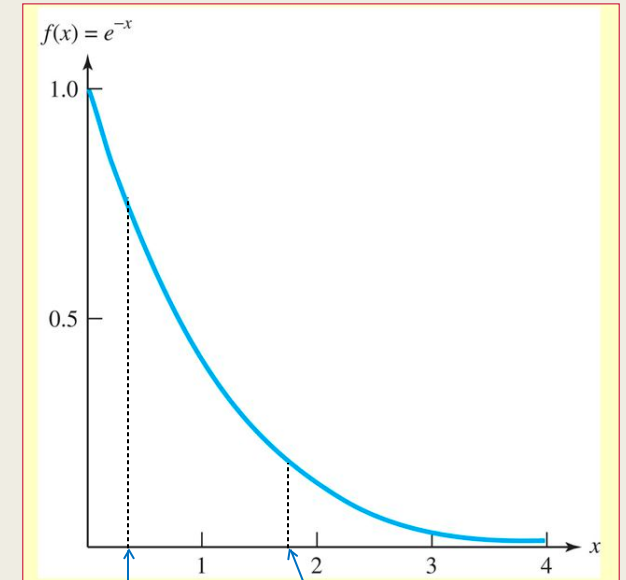
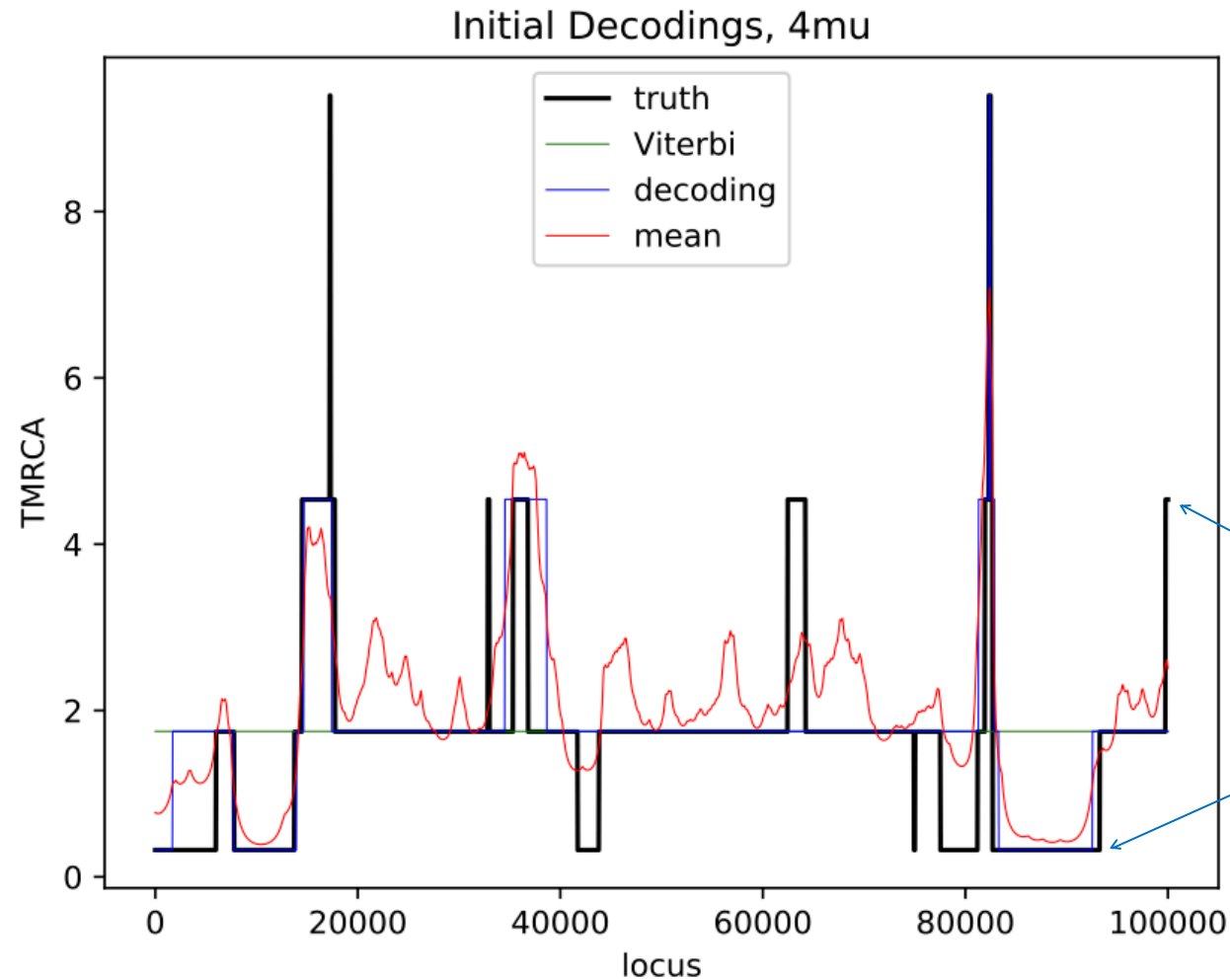
- The sum of each column in the posterior probability table should be 1
- Multiply these probabilities by the value of each state  $g(k)$  to get the mean

# Summary

## (Part 1 of Lab 8)

- Now we have 3 different ways to estimate the hidden states:
  - 1) **Viterbi traceback** (from the max of last column)
  - 2) **Posterior decoding** (max of posterior probability table from Forward-Backward algorithm)
  - 3) **Posterior mean** (weighted average over each column of the posterior probability table)
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- Note: the posterior mean already reflects the “meaning” of each hidden state. For the other two, we need to transform the state sequence (indices of hidden state) using a 1-1 mapping from state index to state value

# Lab 8 example: $T_{\text{mrca}}$ for $n=2$



$g(0) = 0.32, g(1) = 1.75$   
 $g(2) = 4.54, g(3) = 9.40$

# Parameter Estimation for HMMs



Case 1

know:  $\vec{x}, \vec{z}, K, B$

don't know: parameters

- ↳ transition probs
- ↳ emission probs
- ↳ (initial probs)

$$K=2, B=2$$

$$\vec{z} = [1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0] \quad \text{es}$$
$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A_{kl} = \#$  of transitions from  $k \rightarrow l$

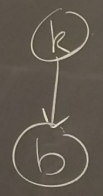
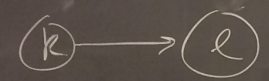
$E_k(b) = \#$  of times we emit  $b$  from state  $k$



estimate probabilities

$$a_{kl} = \frac{A_{kl}}{\sum_{l'} A_{kl'}}$$

$$e_k(b) = \frac{E_k(b)}{\sum_{b'} E_k(b')}$$



Handout 24

		end	
	A	0	1
start	0	3	2
	1	3	1

		emission	
	E	0	1
hidden state	0	2	4
	1	3	1

a	0	1	e	0	1
0	3/5	2/5	0	2/6	4/6
1	3/4	1/4	1	3/4	1/4

goal output



what if both 6?

→ denominator  
is 0!

pseudo  
counts

$$E_k(b) = \# \{ k \rightarrow b \}_{\text{emit}} + 1$$

⑤ what about it?

look at  $z_1 \rightarrow \pi_0 = 0$

- ↳ for many separate sequences

$$\pi_1 = 1$$
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \xrightarrow{N} & N & \rightarrow & AV & \rightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \xrightarrow{X} & Cat & & is & & ruhmin \end{array}$$
$$B = 2$$



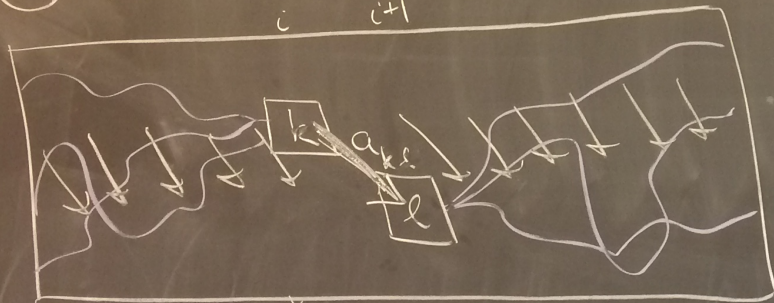
Case 2:

Only know  $\bar{x}$

$\neq K \neq B$

① Set  $a$  &  $e$  matrices  
arbitrarily or  
based on prior

② run forward/backward  
 $i$   $i+1$



post prob table

transitions

$$P(z_i=k, z_{i+1}=l | \bar{x})$$

$$= \frac{f_k(i) a_{kl} e_l(x_{i+1}) b_l(i+1)}{P(\bar{x})}$$

$$A_{kl} = \sum_i P(z_i=k, z_{i+1}=l | \bar{x})$$

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emis

$E_k$



emissions

$$E(b) = \sum_{\{i: x_i = b\}} \frac{f_k(i) b_k(i)}{P(\bar{x})}$$

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