

Hidden Markov Models

- A random sequence has the Markov property if its distribution is determined solely by its current state. Any random process having this property is called a *Markov random process*.
- For observable state sequences (state is known from data), this leads to a *Markov chain* model.
- For non-observable states, this leads to a *Hidden Markov Model* (HMM).

The casino models

Game:

You bet \$1

You roll (always with a fair die)

Casino player rolls (maybe with fair die, maybe with loaded die)

Highest number wins \$1

Honest casino: it has one die:

- Fair die: $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$

Crooked casino: it has one die:

- Loaded die: $P(1) = P(2) = \dots = P(5) = 1/10$ $P(6) = 1/2$

Dishonest casino: it has two dice:

- Fair die: $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$
- Loaded die: $P(1) = P(2) = \dots = P(5) = 1/10$ $P(6) = 1/2$

Casino player approximately switches back-&-forth between fair and loaded die once every 20 turns

Honest casino

2143416525151446324543346435315
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Crooked casino:

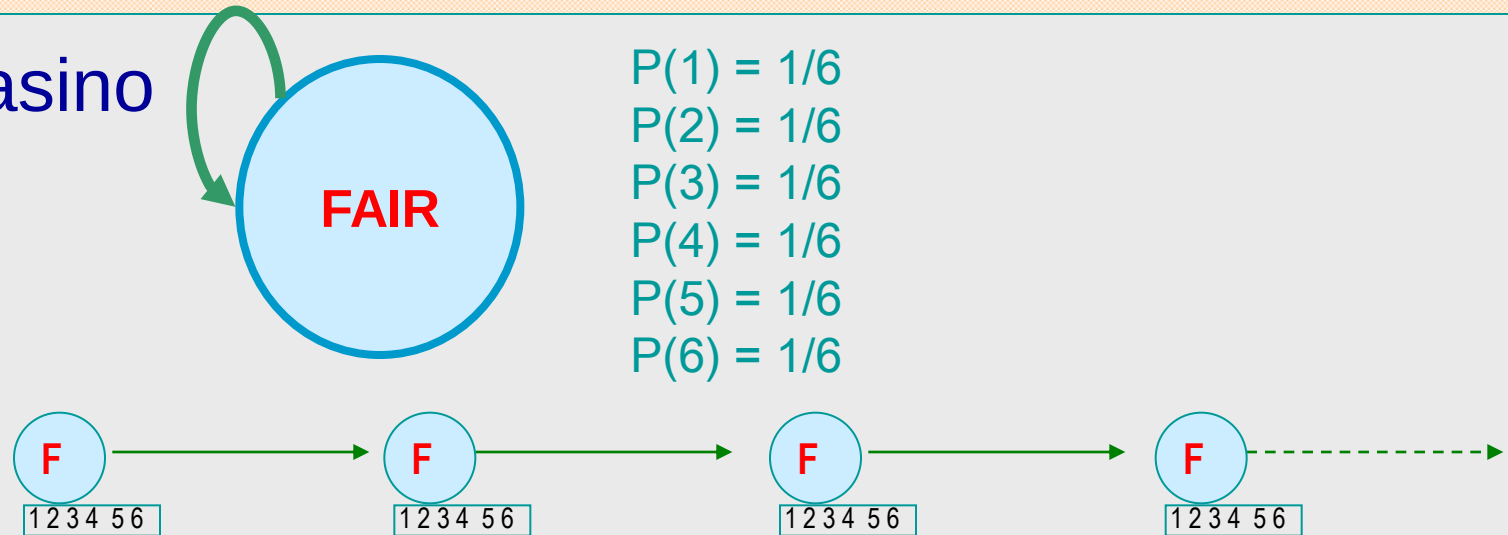
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Dishonest casino:

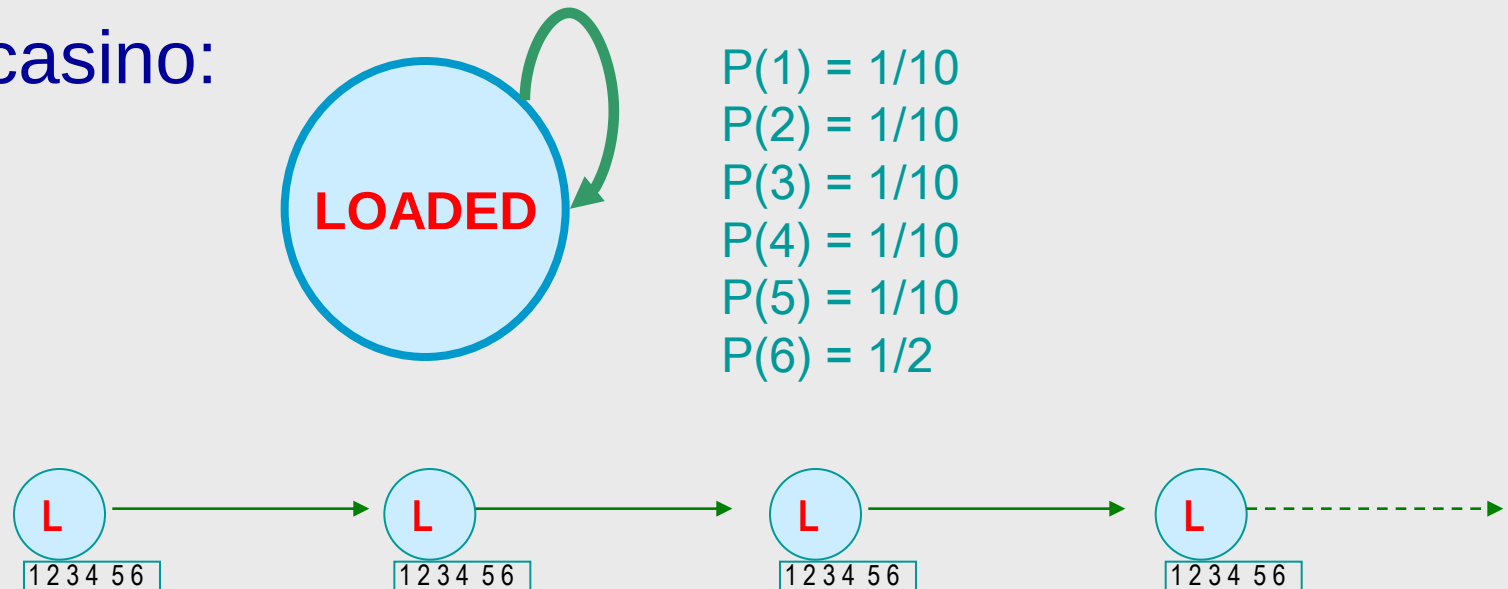
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The casino models (only one die)

Honest casino

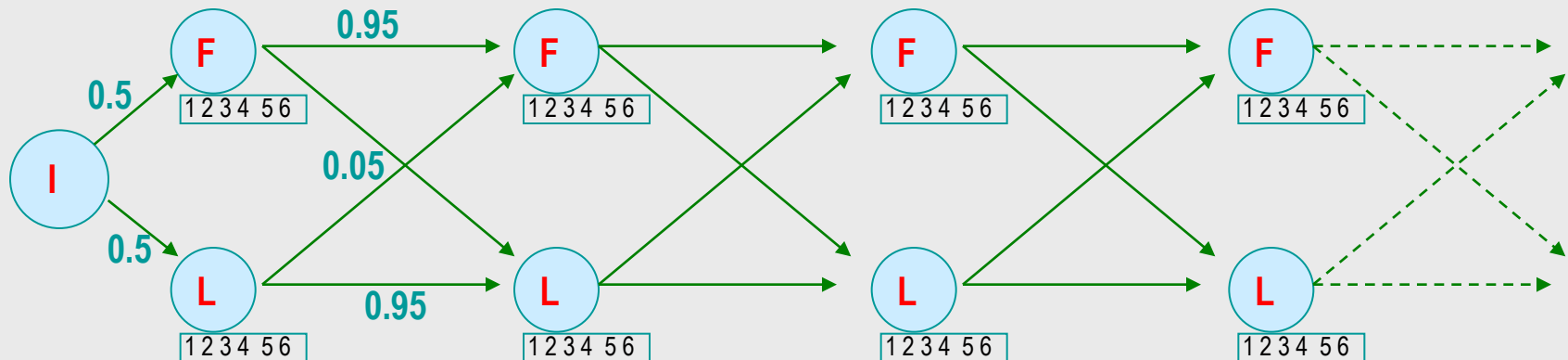
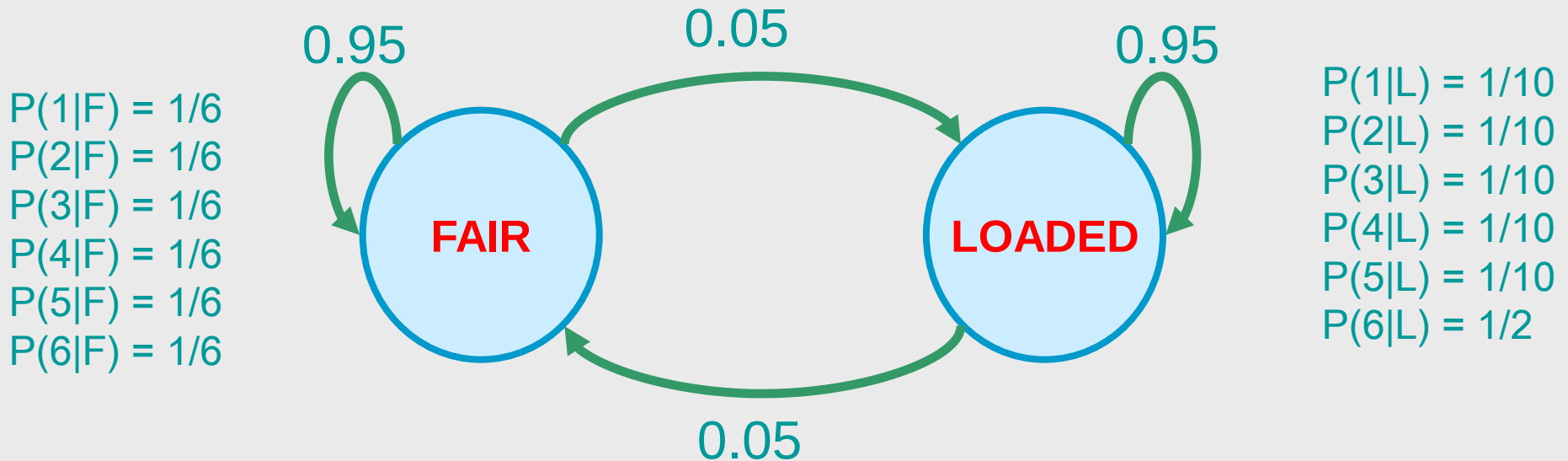


Crooked casino:



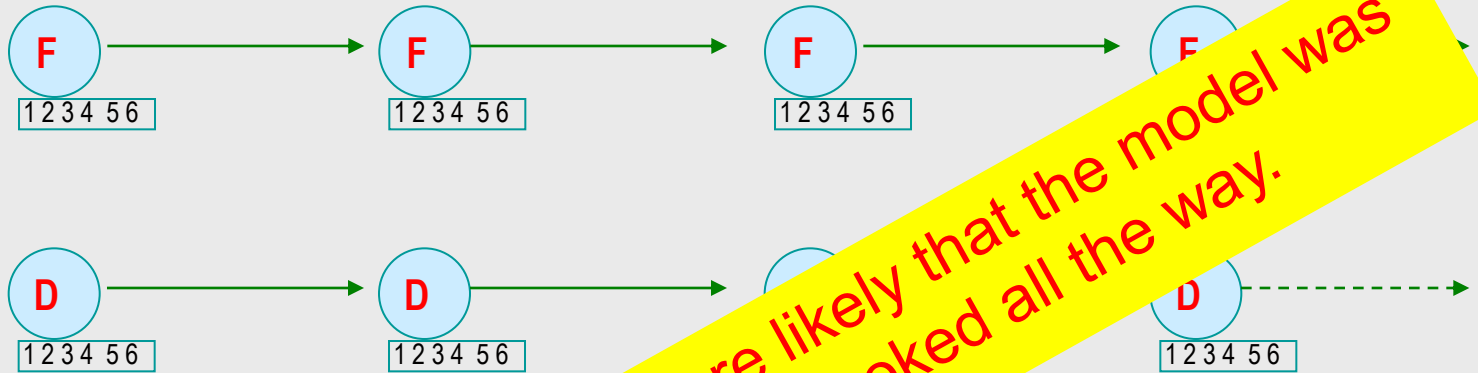
The casino models

Dishonest casino:



The honest and crooked casino models

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$$\begin{aligned} P(1) &= 1/10 \\ P(2) &= 1/10 \\ P(3) &= 1/10 \\ P(4) &= 1/10 \\ P(5) &= 1/10 \\ P(6) &= 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

Let the sequence of rolls be 1, 2, 1, 5, 6, 2, 1, 6, 2, 4

- Then, what is the likelihood of $x = F, F, F, F, F, F, F, F, F, F$?

$$P(x|H) = P(x|F) = (1/6)^{10} = 1.7 \times 10^{-8}$$

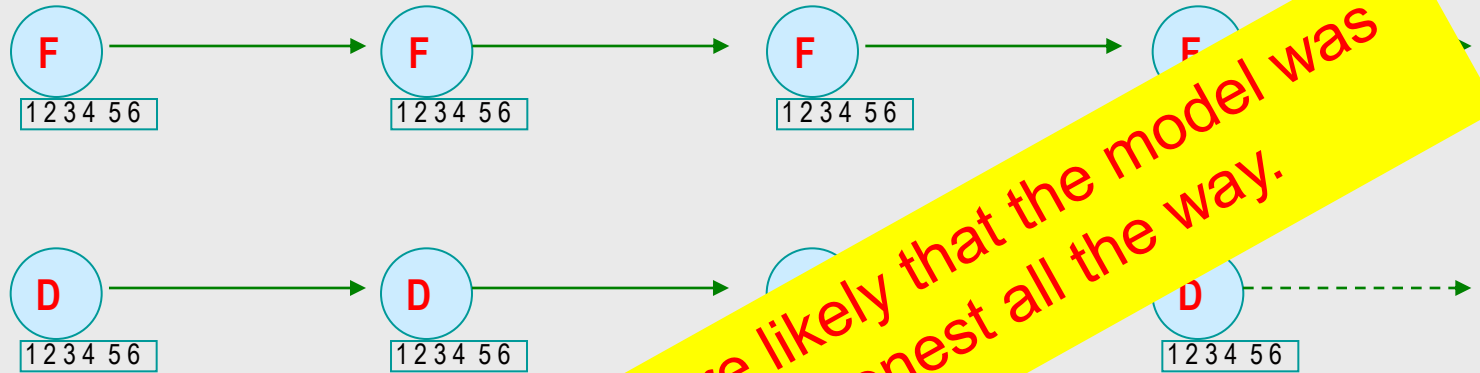
- And the likelihood of $\pi = L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L$?

$$P(x|C) = P(1) \dots P(4) = (1/10)^8 \times (1/2)^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

Therefore, it is after all 6.8 times more likely that the model was honest all the way, than that it was crooked all the way.

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Let the sequence of rolls be $x = 1, 6, 6, 5, 6, 2, 6, 6, 3, 6$

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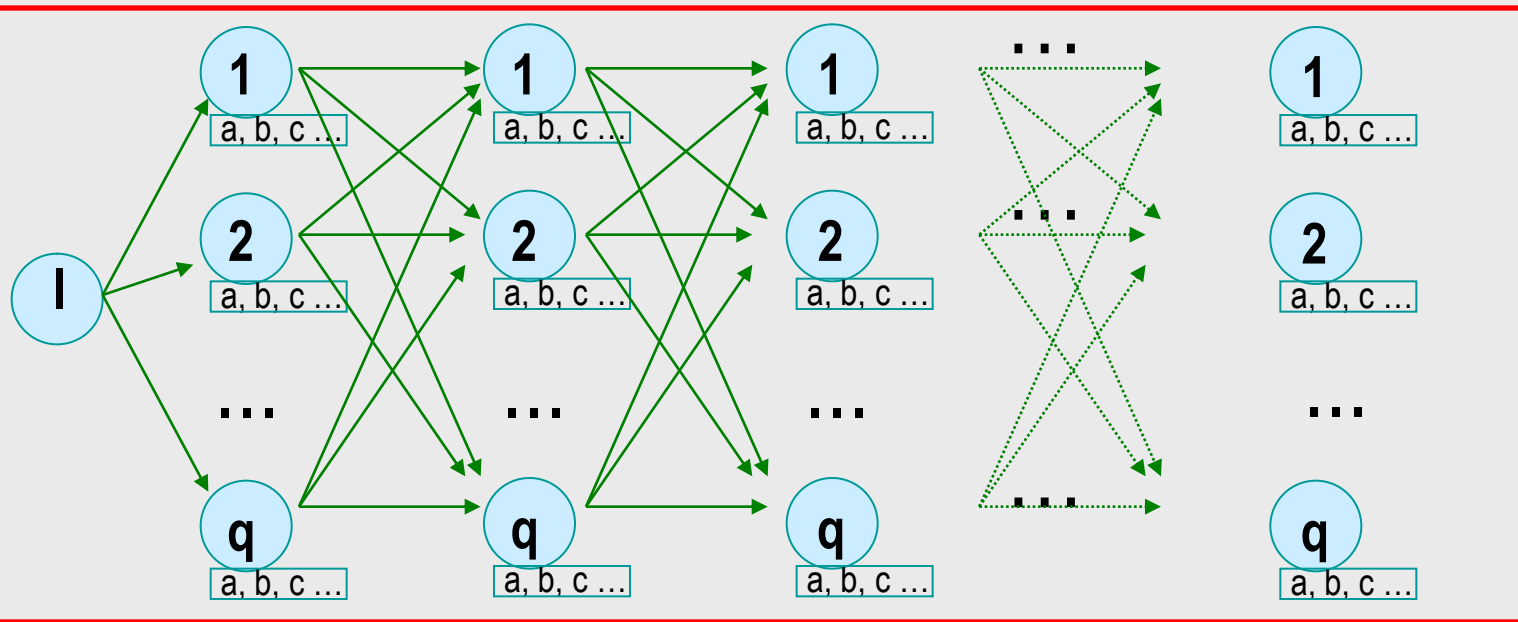
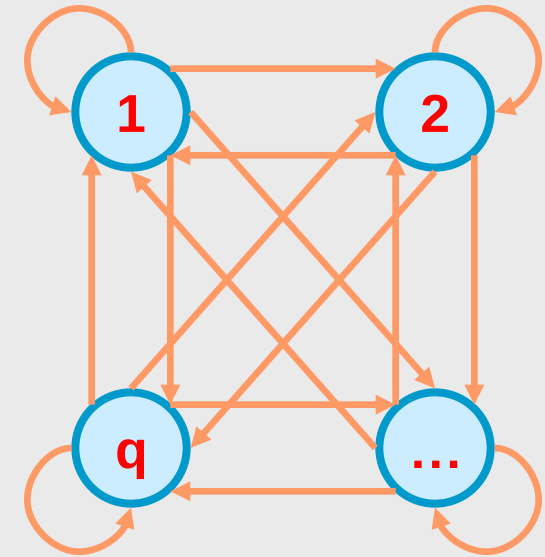
$$P(x|C) = P(1) \dots P(4) = (1/10)^4 \times (1/2)^6 = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

Therefore, it is after all 98 times more likely that the model was crooked all the way, than that it was honest all the way.

Representation of a HMM

Definition: A hidden Markov model (HMM)

- **Alphabet** $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, \dots\} = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_M\}$
- **Set of states** $Q = \{1, \dots, q\}$
- **Transition probabilities** between any two states:
 p_{ij} = transition prob from state i to state j
 $p_{i1} + \dots + p_{iq} = 1$, for all states $i = 1 \dots q$
- **Start probabilities** p_{0i} such that $p_{01} + \dots + p_{0q} = 1$
- **Emission probabilities** within each state
 $e_i(b) = P(x = b \mid q = i)$
 $e_i(b_1) + \dots + e_i(b_M) = 1$, for all states $i = 1 \dots q$



General questions

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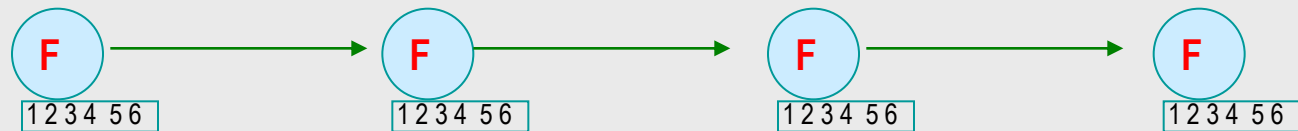
Evaluation problem: Forward Algorithm

We want to calculate

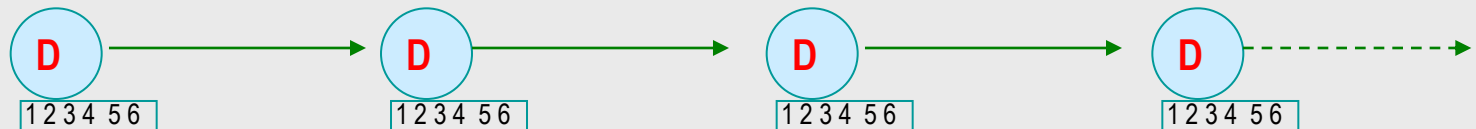
$P(x \mid M)$ = probability of a sequence x , given the HMM M
= Sum over all possible ways of generating x :

Given $x = 1, 4, 2, 3, 6, 6, 3, \dots$, how many ways generate x ?

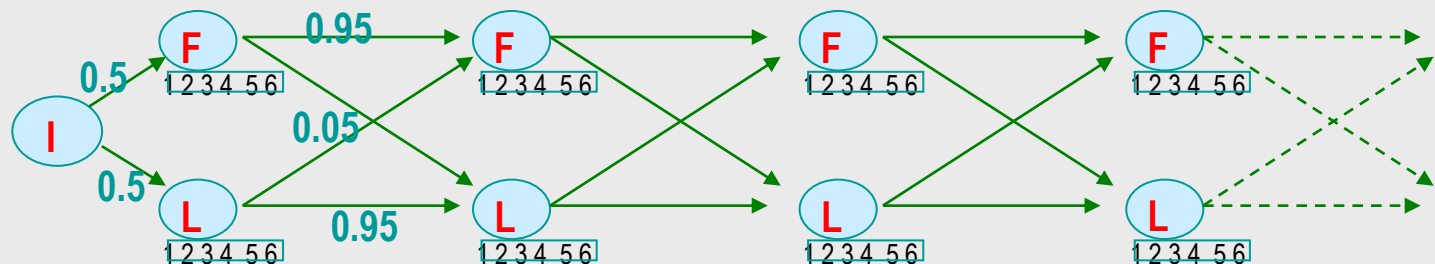
- Honest casino: only one way



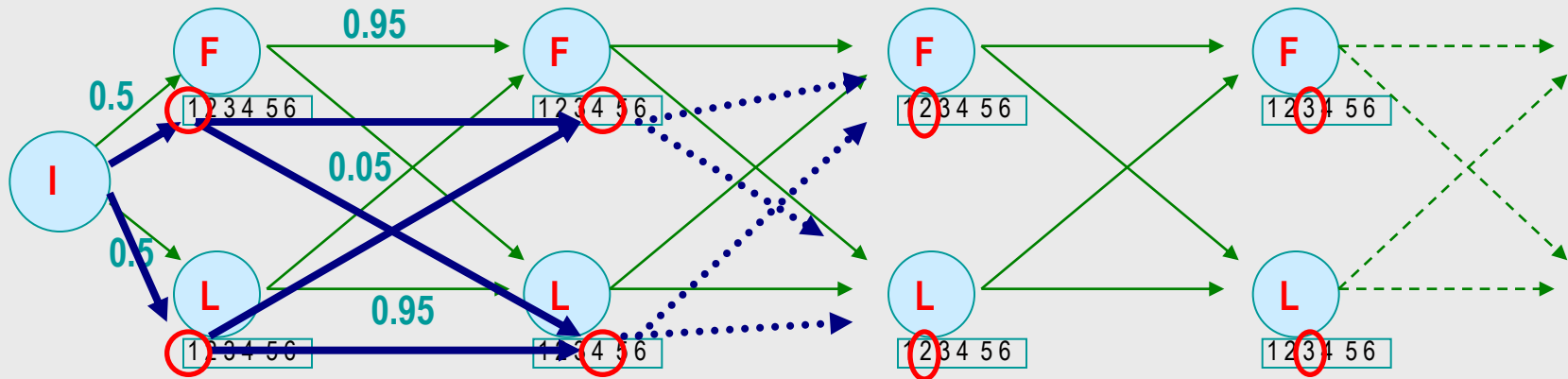
- Crooked casino: only one way



- Dishonest casino: ?



Evaluation problem: Forward Algorithm



We want to calculate

$P(x \mid D)$ = probability of x , given the HMM D

= Sum over all possible ways of generating x :

Given $x = 1, 4, 2, 3, 6, 6, 3, \dots$, how many ways generate x ? $2^{|x|}$

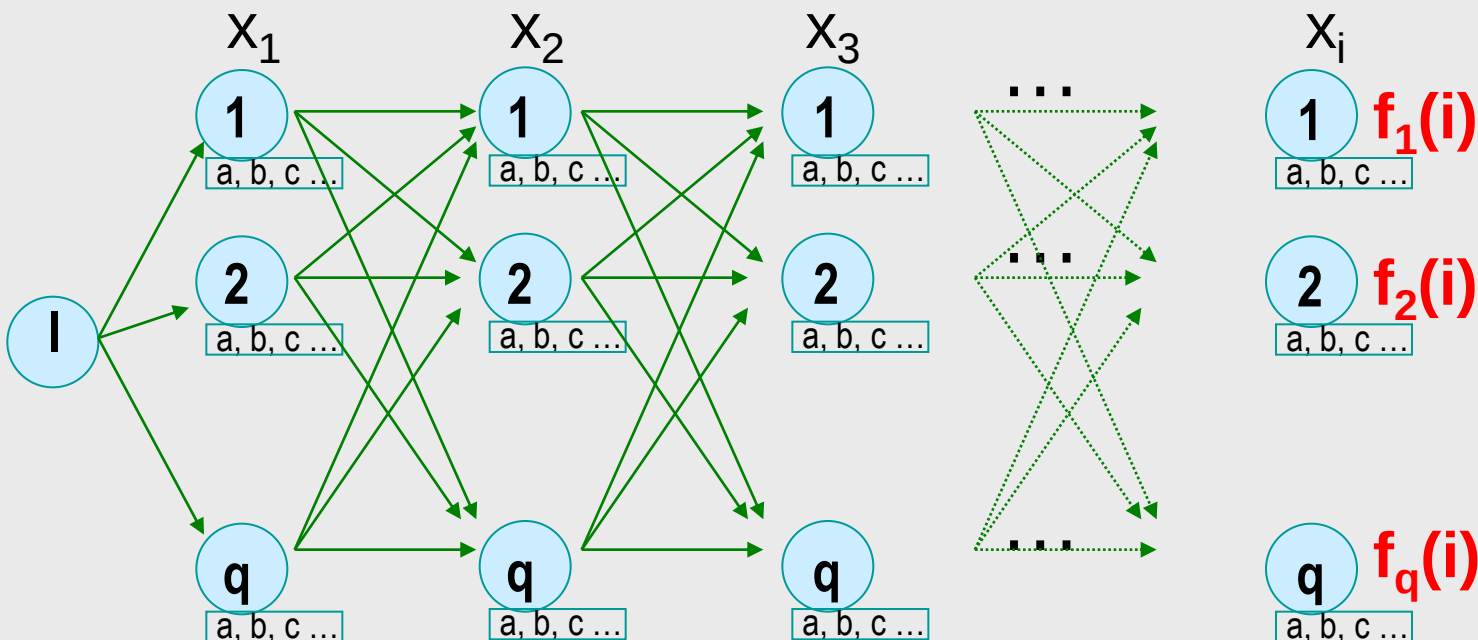
Naïve computation is very expensive: given $|x|$ characters and N states, there are $N^{|x|}$ possible state sequences. Even small HMMs, $|x|=10$ and $N=10$, contain 10 billion different paths!

Evaluation problem: Forward Algorithm

$P(x)$ = probability of x , given the HMM D

= Sum over all possible ways of generating x :

$$= \sum_{\pi} P(x, \pi) = \sum_{\pi} P(x | \pi) P(\pi)$$

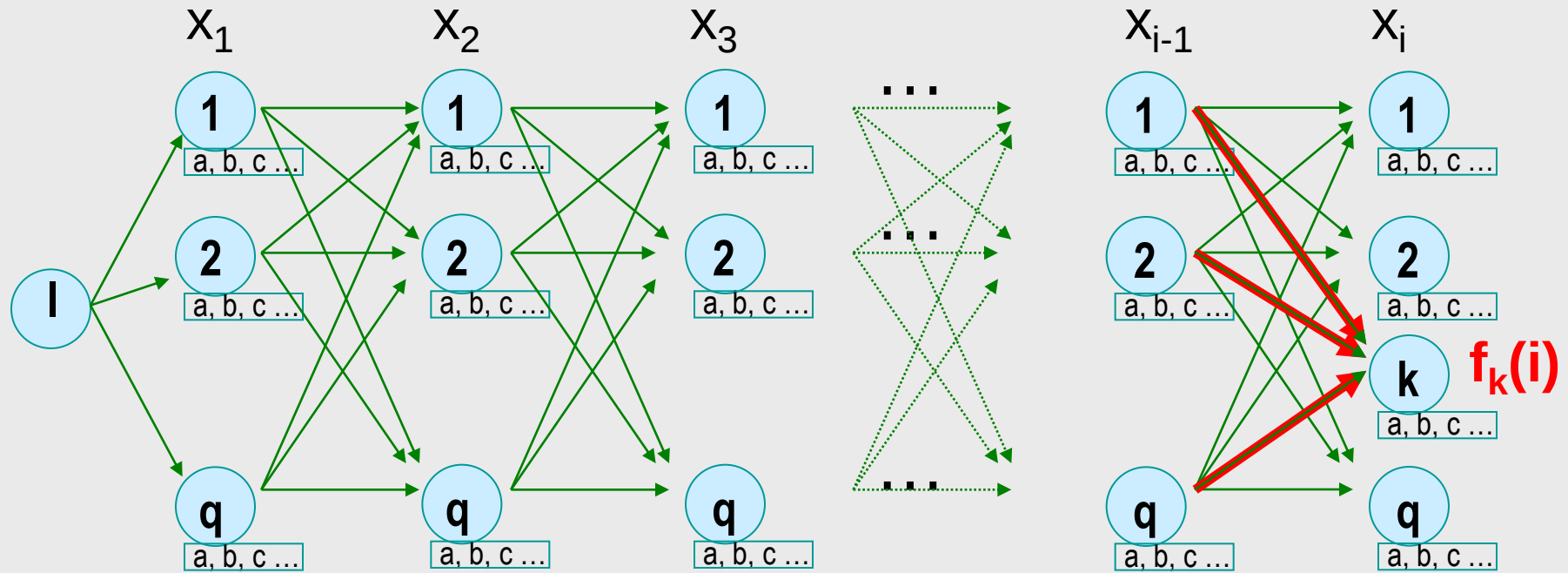


The
probability
of prefix
 $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$

Then, define

$$f_k(i) = P(x_1 \dots x_i, \pi_i = k) \quad (\text{the forward probability})$$

Evaluation problem: Forward Algorithm



The forward probability recurrence:

$$f_k(i) = P(x_1 \dots x_i, \pi_i = k)$$

$$= \sum_{h=1..q} P(x_1 \dots x_{i-1}, \pi_{i-1} = h) p_{hk} e_k(x_i)$$

$$= e_k(x_i) \sum_{h=1..q} P(x_1 \dots x_{i-1}, \pi_{i-1} = h) p_{hk}$$

$$= e_k(x_i) \sum_{h=1..q} f_h(i-1) p_{hk}$$

with $f_0(0) = 1$

$f_k(0) = 0$, for all $k > 0$

and cost

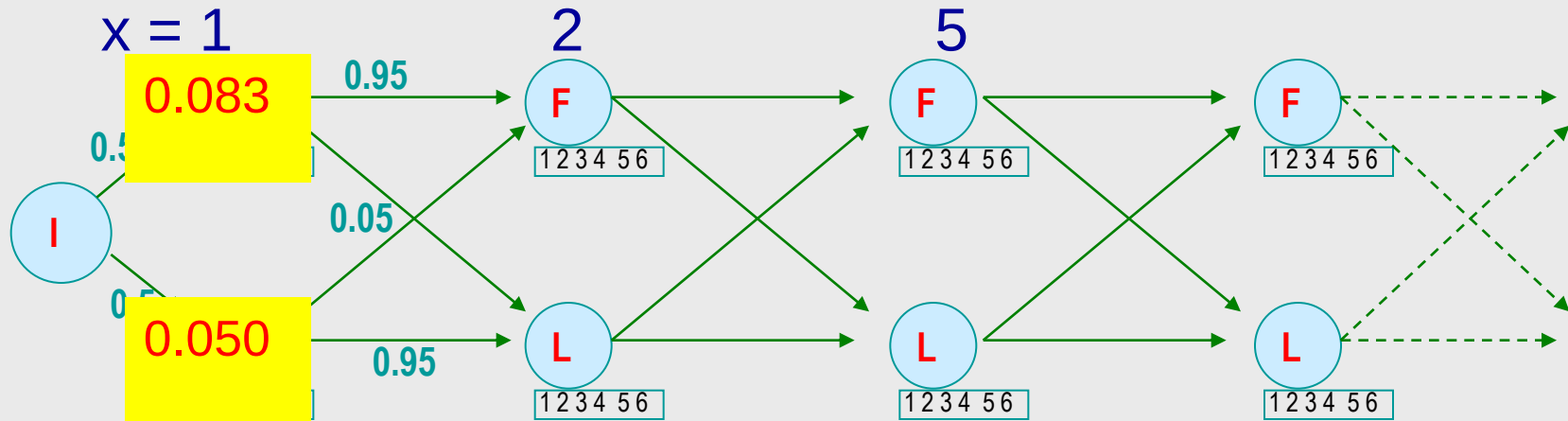
space: $O(Nq)$

time: $O(Nq^2)$

The dishonest casino model

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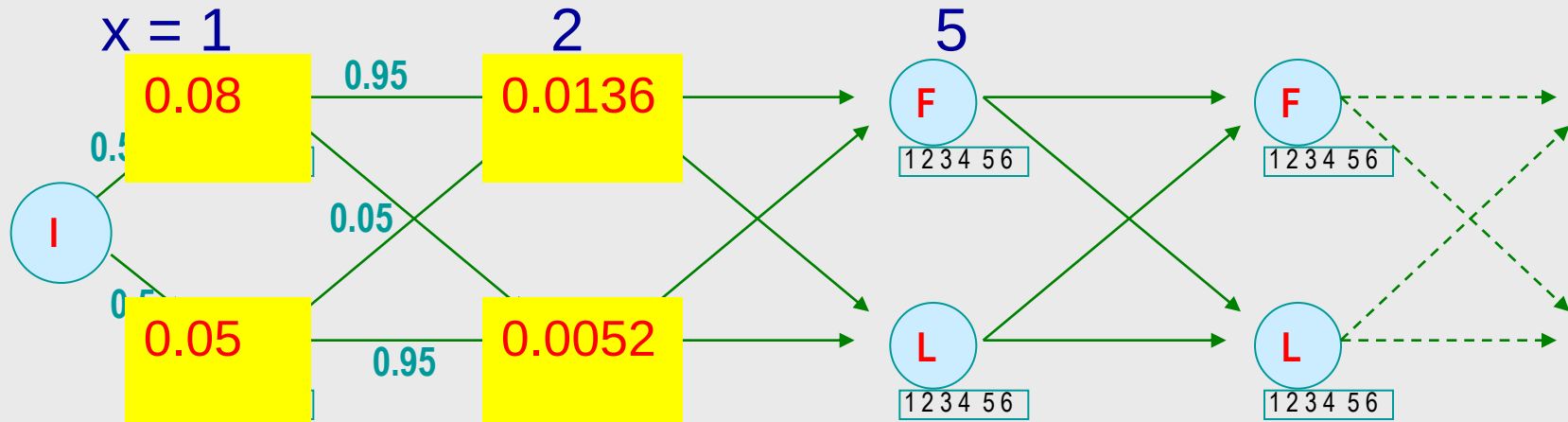
$$f_k(i) = e_k(x_i) \sum_{h=1..q} f_h(i-1) p_{hk}$$

$f_k(i)$	0	1	2	5
F	0	1/12	0.08	
L	0	1/20	0.05	

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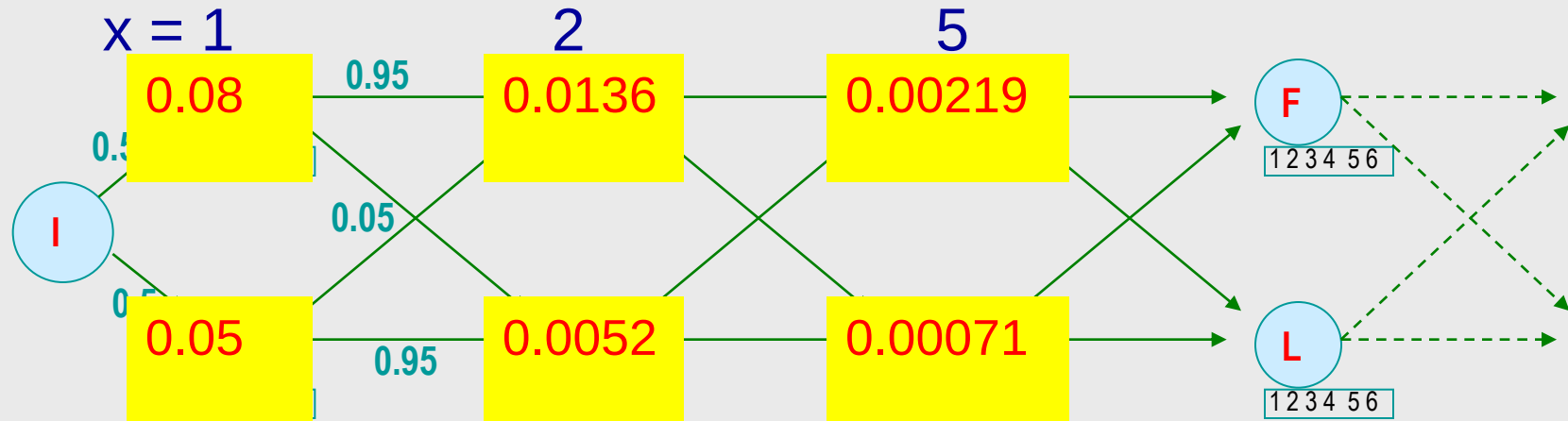
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$f_k(i)$	0	1	2	5
F	0	1/12 0.083	0.0136	
L	0	1/20 0.05	0.0052	

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$f_k(i)$	0	1	2	5
F	0	1/12 0.08	0.0136	0.002197
L	0	1/20 0.05	0.0052	0.000712

Then $P(125) = 0.003909$

The dishonest casino model

466161543563212235651461161353356235522223453255546534266125642
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$\text{Prob}(S \mid \text{Honest casino model}) = \exp(-896)$

$\text{Prob}(S \mid \text{Dishonest casino model}) = \exp(-916)$

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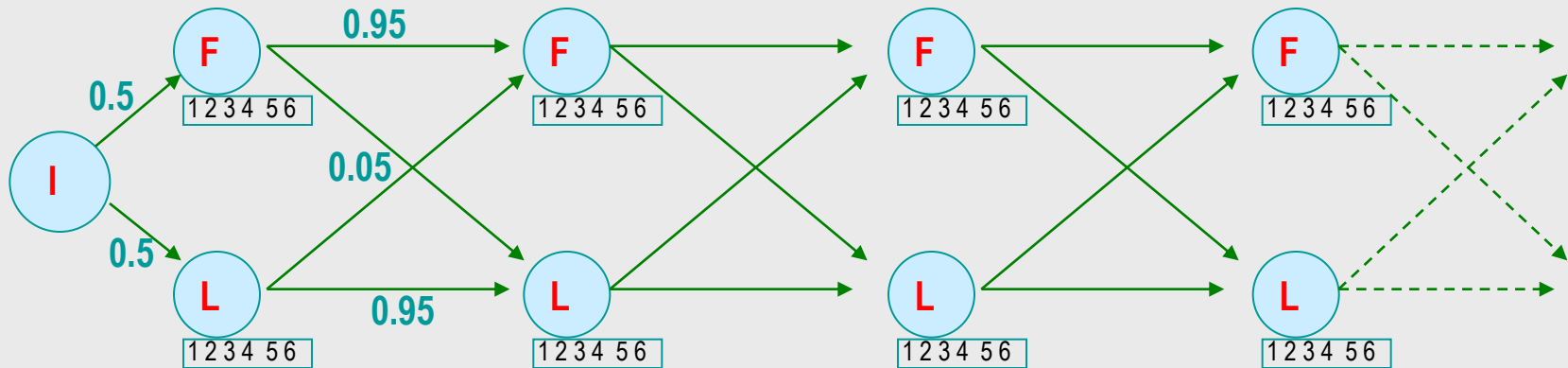
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Decoding problem



We want to calculate path π^* such that

$$\pi^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(x, \pi \mid M)$$

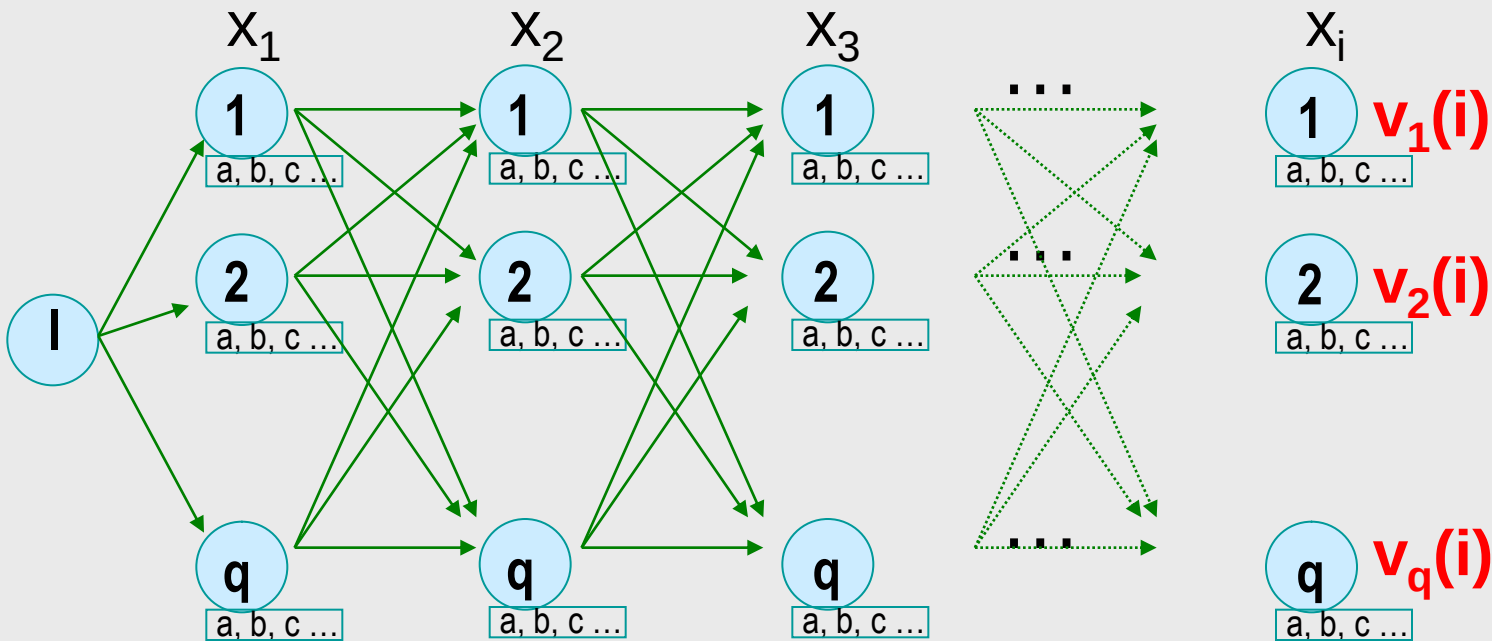
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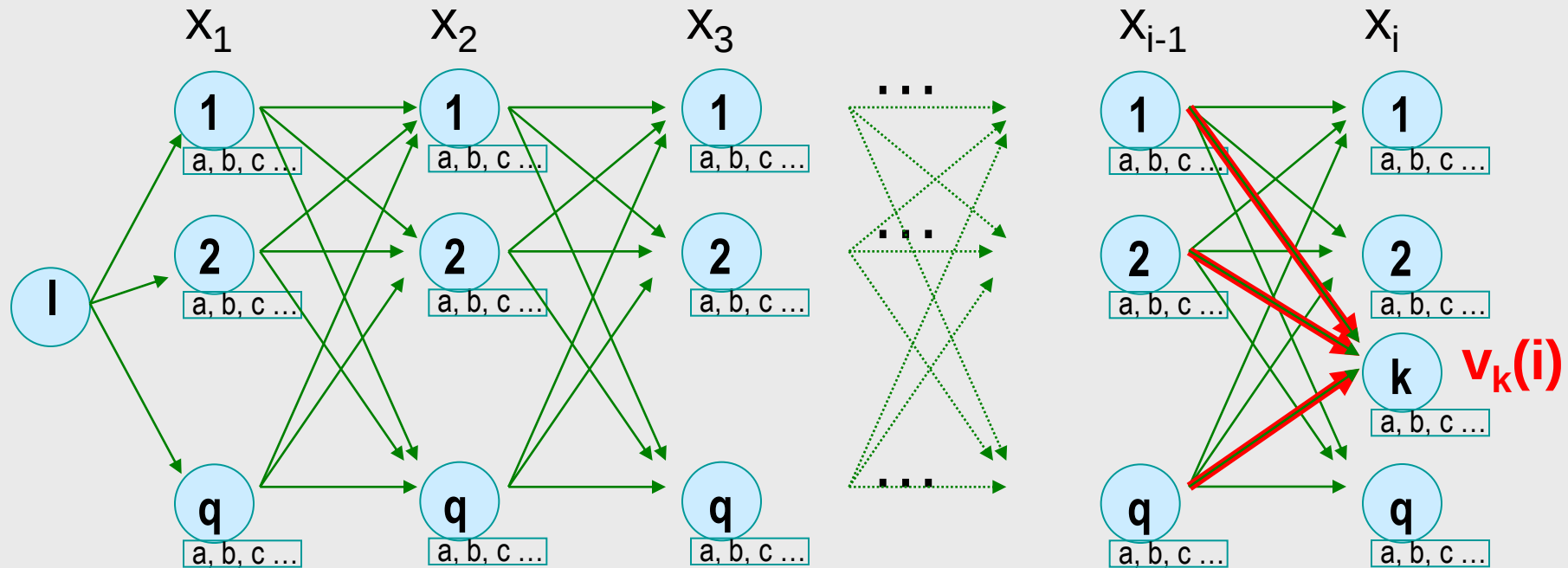


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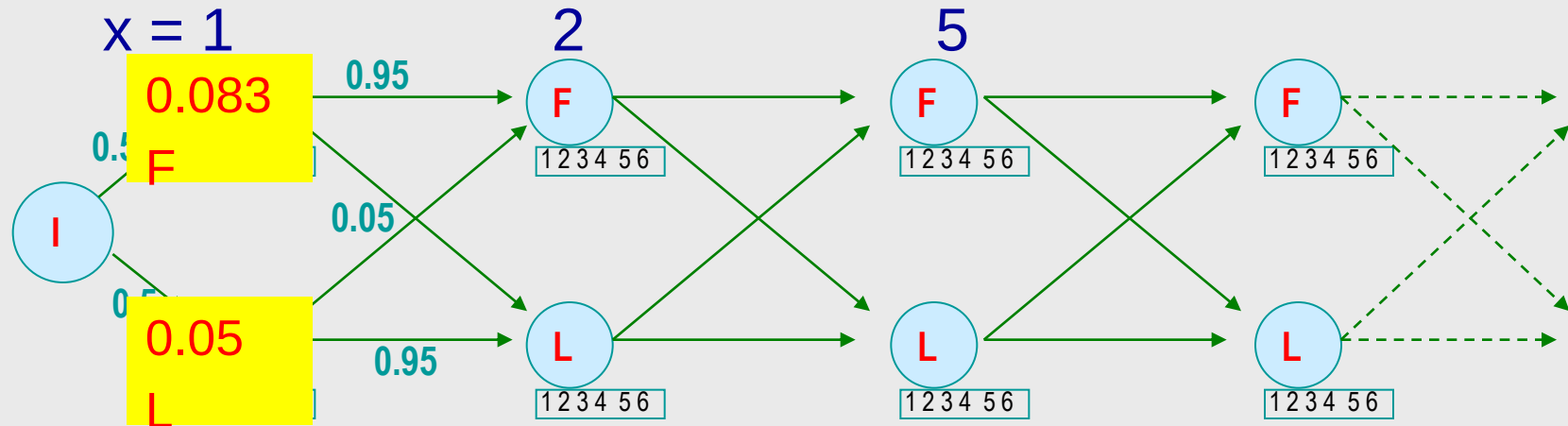
$$= e_k(x_i) \max_h [p_{hk} \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(x_1 \dots x_{i-1}, \pi_{i-1} = h)]$$

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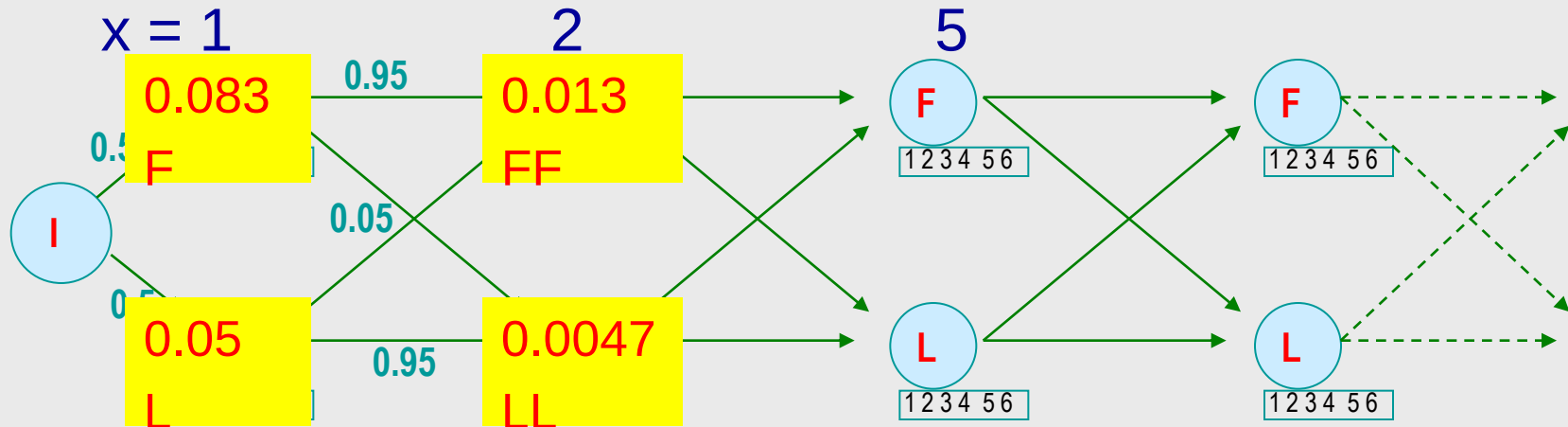
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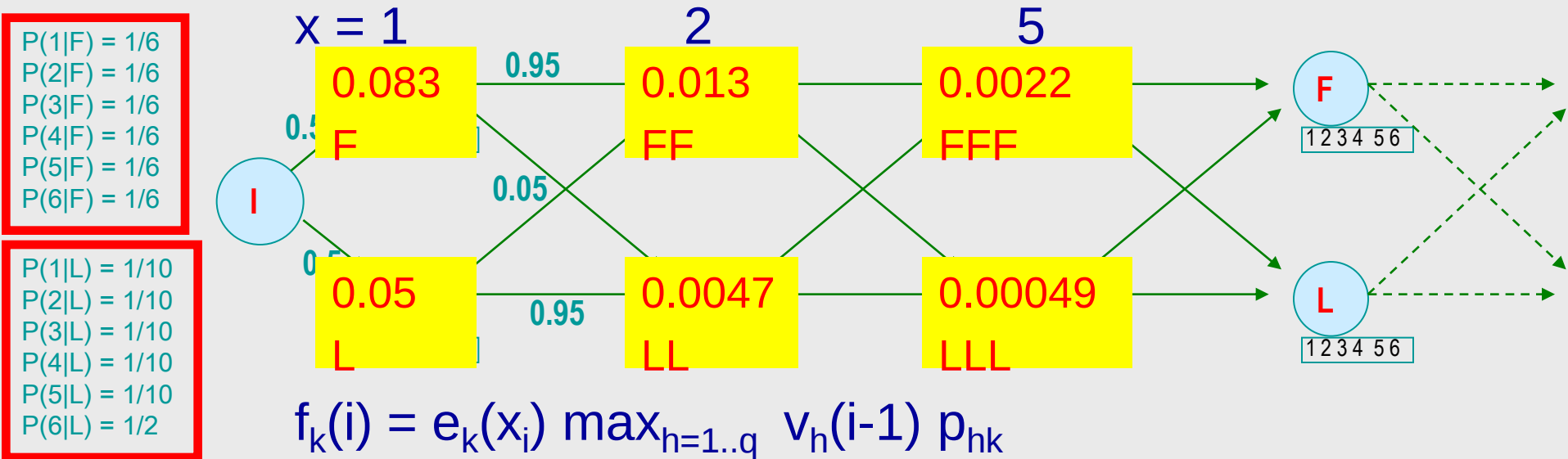
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L	0	1/20 0.05	$\max(0.00041, 0.0047)$ 0.0047	

The dishonest casino model



$f_k(i)$	0	1	2	5
F	0	1/12 0.08	$\max(0.013, 0.0004)$ 0.0126	$\max(0.0022, 0.000043)$ 0.0022
L	0	1/20 0.05	$\max(0.00041, 0.0047)$ 0.0047	$\max(0.000068, 0.00049)$ 0.00049

Then, the most probable path is FFF !

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We need a training data set. It could be:

- A sequence of pairs $(x, \pi) = (x_1, \pi_1), (x_2, \pi_2), \dots, (x_n, \pi_n)$ where we know the set of values and the states.
- A sequence of singles $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ where we only know the set of values.

Learning problem: given $(x, \pi)^{i=1..n}$

From the training set we can define:

- H_{ki} as the number of times the transition from state k to state i appears in the training set.
- $J_l(x)$ as the number of times the value x is emitted by state l .

For instance, given the training set: Fair die, Loaded die

1 2 5 2 3 6 4 5 1 2 6 4 3 6 5 6 4 2 6 3 2 3 1 6 4 5

3 2 4 2 4 6 5 4 1 6 2 3 6 3 2 6 6 3 2 6 3 1 2 4 1 5 4 6 3

2 3 1 4 6 3 5 1 3 2 4 6 4 3 6 6 6 2 0 6 5 4 1 2 3 2 1 4 6 5 4

$$H_{FF} = 51$$

$$H_{FL} = 4$$

$$H_{LF} = 4$$

$$H_{LL} = 26$$

$$J_F(1) = 10$$

$$J_F(2) = 11$$

$$J_F(3) = 9$$

$$J_F(4) = 12$$

$$J_F(5) = 8$$

$$J_F(6) = 6$$

$$J_L(1) = 0$$

$$J_L(2) = 5$$

$$J_L(3) = 6$$

$$J_L(4) = 3$$

$$J_L(5) = 1$$

$$J_L(6) = 14$$

Learning problem: given $(x, \pi)^{i=1..n}$

From the training set we have computed:

- H_{ki} as the number of times the transition from state k to state i appears in the training set.
- $J_l(r)$ as the number of times the value r is emitted by state l .

And we estimate the parameters of the HMM as

- $p_{kl} = H_{ki} / (H_{k1} + \dots + H_{kq})$.

$$H_{FF} = 51$$

$$H_{FL} = 4$$

$$H_{LF} = 4$$

$$H_{LL} = 26$$

$$p_{FF} = 51/85 = 0.6$$

$$p_{FL} = 0.045$$

$$p_{LF} = 0.045$$

$$p_{LL} = 0.31$$

- $e_l(r) = J_l(r) / (J_1(r) + \dots + J_q(r))$

$$J_F(1) = 10 \quad e_F(1) = 10/56 \quad J_F(2) = 11 \quad e_F(2) = 2/56 \quad J_F(3) = 9 \quad e_F(3) = 3/56$$

$$J_F(4) = 12 \quad e_F(4) = 0.21 \quad J_F(5) = 8 \quad e_F(5) = 0.054 \quad J_F(6) = 6 \quad e_F(6) = 0.1$$

$$J_L(1) = 0 \quad e_L(1) = 0/29 \quad J_L(2) = 5 \quad e_L(2) = 5/29 \quad J_L(3) = 6 \quad e_L(3) = 6/29$$

$$J_L(4) = 3 \quad e_L(4) = 0.1 \quad J_L(5) = 1 \quad e_L(5) = 0.034 \quad J_L(6) = 14 \quad e_L(6) = 0.48$$

Learning problem: given $x^i=1..n$

To choose the parameters of HMM that maximize

$$P(x^1) \times P(x^2) \times \dots \times P(x^n)$$

that implies

The use of standard (iterative) optimization algorithms:

- Determine initial parameters values
- Iterate until $P(x^1) \times P(x^2) \times \dots \times P(x^n)$ becomes smaller than some predetermined threshold

but

the algorithm may converge to a point close to a local maximum,
not to a global maximum.

Learning problem: algorithm

From the training $x^{i=1..n}$ we estimate M^0 :

- p_{ki} as the probability of transitions.
- $e_l(r)$ as the probability of emissions.

Do (we have M^s)

- Compute H_{ki} as the expected number of times the transition from state k to state l is reached.
- Compute $J_l(r)$ as the expected number of times the value r is emitted by state l .

- Compute

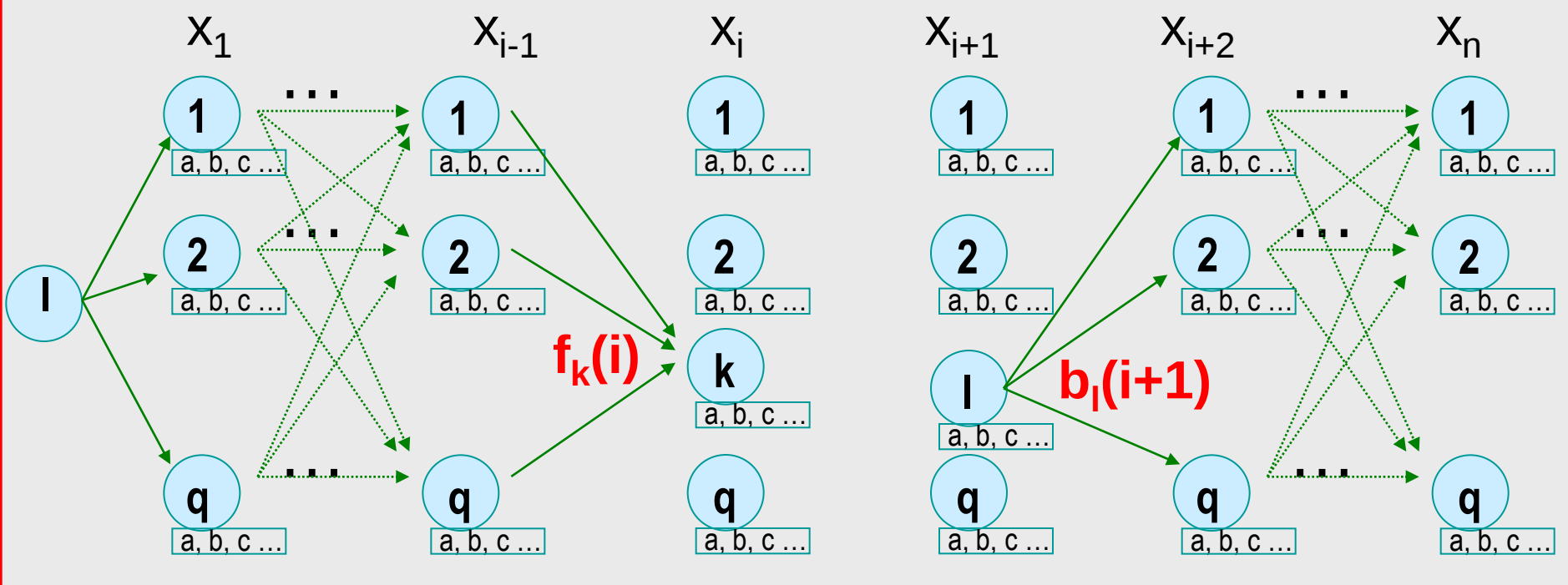
$$p_{ki} = H_{ki} / (H_{k1} + \dots + H_{kq}) \text{ and } e_l(r) = J_l(r) / (J_1(r) + \dots + J_q(r)).$$

- { we have M^{s+1} }

Until some value smaller than the threshold

{ M is close to a local maximum }

Recall forward and backward algorithms



The forward probability recurrence:

$$f_k(i) = P(x_1 \dots x_i, \pi_i = k) = e_k(x_i) \sum_{h=1..q} f_h(i-1)$$

The backward probability recurrence:

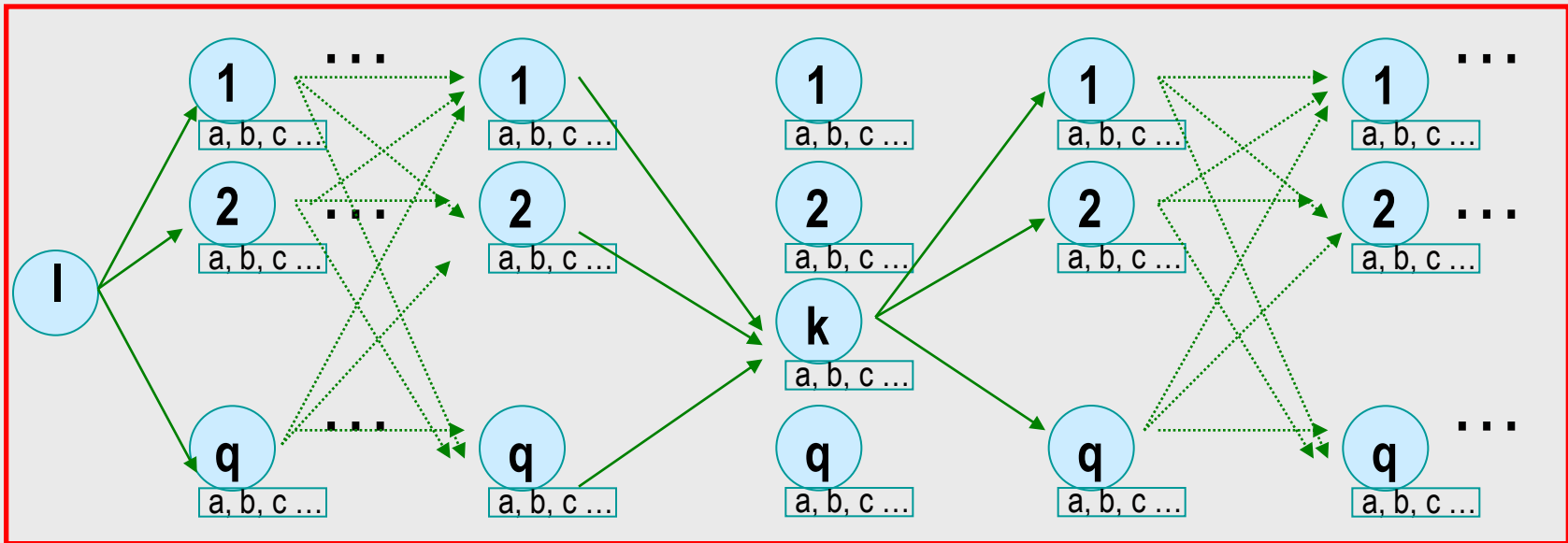
$$b_l(i+1) = P(x_{i+1} \dots x_n, \pi_{i+1} = l) = \sum_{h=1..q} p_{lh} e_h(x_{i+2}) b_h(i+2)$$

Baum-Welch training algorithm

$J_k(r)$ = the expected number of times the value r is emitted by state k .

$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \text{Prob}(\text{state } k \text{ emits } r \text{ at step } i \text{ in sequence } x)$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n | \text{state } k \text{ emits } x_i)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)} \delta(r = x_i)$$



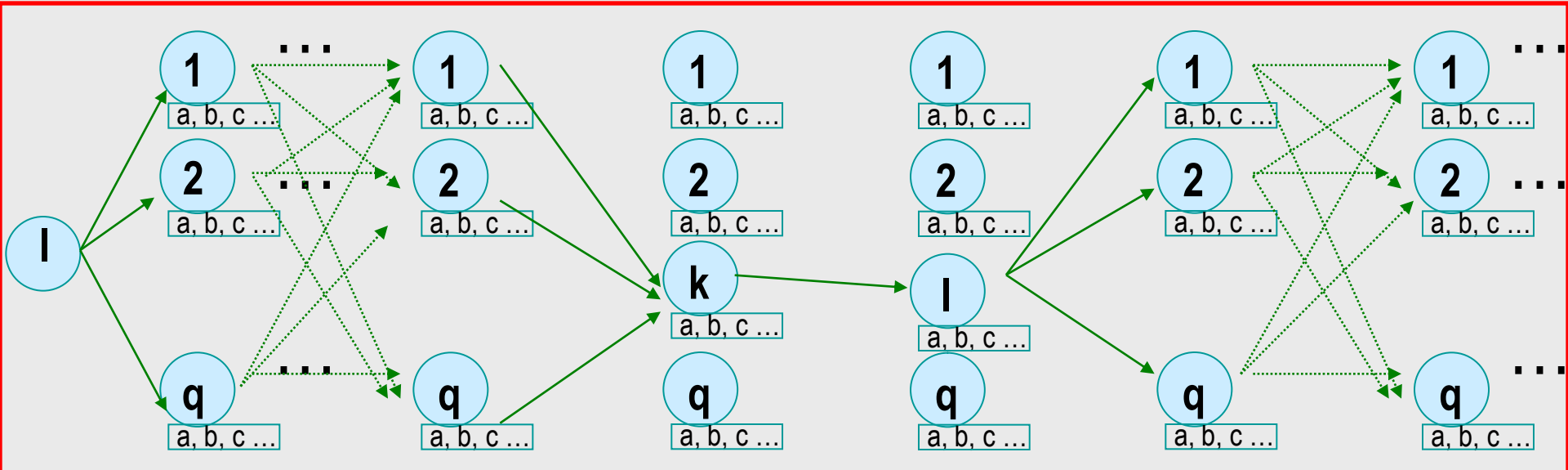
$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{f_k(i) b_k(i)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)} \delta(r = x_i)$$

Baum-Welch training algorithm

$H_{kl}(r)$ = as the expected number of times the transition from k to l is reached

$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \text{Prob}(\text{transition from } k \text{ to } l \text{ is reached at step } i \text{ in } x)$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n \mid \text{state } k \text{ reaches state } l)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)}$$



$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{f_k(i) p_{kl} e_l(x_{i+1}) b_l(i+1)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)}$$

Baum-Welch training algorithm

H_{ki} as the expected number of times the transition from state k to state i appears.

$$H_{ki}(r) = \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{f_k(i) p_{kl} e_l(x_{i+1}) b_l(i+1)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)}$$

$J_l(r)$ as the expected number of times the value r is emitted by state l .

$$J_l(r) = \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } i} \frac{f_k(i) b_k(i)}{\text{Prob}(x_1 \dots x_n)} \delta(r = x_i)$$

And we estimate the new parameters of the HMM as

- $p_{kl} = H_{ki} / (H_{k1} + \dots + H_{kq})$.
- $e_l(r) = J_l(r) / (J_1(r) + \dots + J_q(r))$

Baum-Welch training algorithm

The algorithm has been applied to the sequences:.

For $|S|=500$:

- $M=6$ $N=2$ $P0F=0.004434$ $P0L=0.996566$
- $PFF=0.198205$ $PFL=0.802795$ $PLL=0.505259$ $PLF=0.495741$
- 0.166657 0.150660 0.054563 0.329760 0.026141 0.277220
- 0.140923 0.095672 0.152771 0.018972 0.209654 0.387008
- π :
- 0.004434 0.996566

For $|S|=50000$:

- $M=6$ $N=2$ 0.027532 0.973468
- 0.127193 0.873807
- 0.299763 0.701237
- 0.142699 0.166059 0.097491 0.168416 0.106258 0.324077
- 0.130120 0.123009 0.147337 0.125688 0.143505 0.335341