Expectation Propagation for Approximate Inference in Dynamic Bayesian Networks

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#### **Dynamic Bayesian Networks**



- Directed graphical models of stochastic processes
- Represent hidden and observed variables with different dependencies
- Generalize Hidden Markov Models (HMM)

# **Goal is Inference**





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- Why not discretize and use the "Forward-Backward" algorithm for exact inference?
- Very quickly can become untenable.

# **Approximate Inference**

- Sampling
  - Particle Filters
- Variational
  - (Ghahramani and Hinton 1998) Switching Linear Dynamical System
  - (Ghahramani and Jordan 1997) Factorial Hidden Markov Models
- Variational Subset
  - Greedy projection algorithms
    - Where projection provides a simpler approximate belief
    - Expectation Propagation

#### **Problem Setup**

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- x<sub>t</sub> super node that contains all latent variables at a time point.
- $\mathbf{y}_{1:T}$  fixed and is included in the definition of the potentials:  $\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, t) \equiv \psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t)$

# Goal: Infer $P(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:T})$

- Find the marginal "beliefs" or the probability distributions of the latent variables at a given time given all the evidence.
- Pearl's Belief Propagation (1988)
- Specific case of the sum-product rule in factor graphs (Kschischang et al., 2001)
- Note: In chain factor graphs variable nodes simply pass received messages on to the next function node.

### **Message Propagation**

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- 1. Compute estimate of distribution at local function node:  $\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t}) \propto \alpha_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t})\beta_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$
- 2. Integrate out all variables except  $\mathbf{x}_{t'}$  ( $\mathbf{x}_{t'}$  the node to which the message is sent) to get current estimate of the belief  $\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_{t'})$  and project this belief onto a distribution in the exponential family:  $q_{t'}(\mathbf{x}_{t'})$
- 3. Conditionalize, i.e. divide by message from  $X_{t'}$  to  $\psi_t$

# **Belief Approximation**

- Project belief takes an exponential family form:  $q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \propto \mathrm{e}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_t^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)}$ 
  - Where  $\gamma_t$  = canonical parameters and  $f(x_t)$  the sufficient statistics.
  - If the forward and backward messages are initialized as:

 $\alpha_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \propto e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)} \qquad \beta_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \propto e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}_t^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)}$ 

- With  $\alpha_t = \beta_t = 0$  then the canonical parameters  $\alpha_t$  and  $\beta_t$  will fully specify the messages  $\alpha_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$  and  $\beta_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$ .
- Thus the belief can be specified as a combination of the messages

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}_t$$

### **Moment Matching**

• To project the belief  $\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_{t'})$  to the best exponential family approximation is found when the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence is minimized:

$$\mathrm{KL}(\hat{P}|q) = \int d\mathbf{x} \ \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}) \log \left[ \frac{P(\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{x})} \right]$$

• Minima is found when the moments of P(x) and q(x) are matched.

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Bishop 2006

KL(p|q) KL(q|p) KL(q|p)Function **g** converts from canonical form to moments

$$\mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) \equiv \left\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \right\rangle_q \equiv \int d\mathbf{x} \ q(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x} \ \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

# Computing Forward and Backward Messages

• Compute  $\alpha_t$  such that:

$$\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} = \langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{q_t} = \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}_t)$$

• With  $\beta_t$  kept fixed:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t} = g^{-1}(\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t}) - \boldsymbol{\beta}_t$$

• Similarly Compute  $\beta_{t-1}$  such that:

$$\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} = \langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) \rangle_{q_{t-1}} = \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_{t-1})$$

- Note: without the projection to the exponential family this is basically the standard forward backward algorithm.
- Order of message updating is free

# Example: Switching Linear Dynamical System

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Potentials:

$$\psi_t(s_{t-1,t}^{i,j}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1,t}) = p_{\psi}(s_t^j | s_{t-1}^i) \Phi(\mathbf{z}_t; A_{ij} \mathbf{z}_{t-1}, Q_{ij}) \Phi(\mathbf{y}_t; C_j \mathbf{z}_t, R_j)$$

Messages are taken to be conditional Gaussian potentials:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{t-1}(s_{t-1}^{i},\mathbf{z}_{t-1}) &\propto & p_{\alpha}(s_{t-1}^{i})\Psi(\mathbf{z}_{t-1};\mathbf{m}_{i,t-1}^{\alpha},V_{i,t-1}^{\alpha}) \\ &\beta_{t}(s_{t}^{j},\mathbf{z}_{t}) &\propto & p_{\beta}(s_{t}^{j})\Psi(\mathbf{z}_{t};\mathbf{m}_{j,t}^{\beta},V_{j,t}^{\beta}) , \end{aligned}$$

#### Example: Step 1

Compute estimate of distribution at local function node :

 $\hat{P}(s_{t-1,t}^{i,j}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1,t}) \propto \\
\alpha_{t-1}(s_{t-1}^{i}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1}) \psi_t(s_{t-1,t}^{i,j}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1,t}) \beta_t(s_t^{j}, \mathbf{z}_t)$ 

• Messages are combinations of M Gaussian potentials one for each switch state *i*. *Transform to a representation with moments* 

$$\hat{P}(s_{t-1,t}^{i,j}, \mathbf{z}_{t-1,t}) \propto \hat{p}_{ij} \Phi(\mathbf{z}_{t-1,t}; \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{ij}, \hat{V}_{ij})$$

#### Example: Step 2

- Integrate and sum out components z<sub>t-1</sub> and s<sub>t-1</sub>:
- Integration over  $\mathbf{z}_{t-1}$  can be done directly:

$$\hat{P}(s_{t-1,t}^{i,j},\mathbf{z}_t) \propto \hat{p}_{ij} \Phi(\mathbf{z}_t; \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{ij}, \hat{V}_{ij})$$

 Summation over s<sub>t-1</sub> yields a mixture of Gaussians and must be approximated using moment matching:

$$q_t(s_t^j, \mathbf{z}_t) = \hat{p}_j \Phi(\mathbf{z}_t; \hat{\mathbf{m}}_j, \hat{V}_j)$$

# Example: Step 3

• Forward message is found by dividing the approximate belief by the backward message :

$$\alpha_t(s_t, \mathbf{z}_t) = \text{Convert to Canonical form} \quad q_t(s_t, \mathbf{z}_t)$$
$$\beta_t(s_t, \mathbf{z}_t)$$

# Observations

- Backward pass is symmetric to the forward pass.
- Forward filtering pass is equivalent to a popular inference algorithm for switching linear dynamical system (GPB2 Bar-Shalom and Li 1993)
- Backward smoothing pass improves upon current algorithms because no additional approximations were required.
- Forward and Backward passes can be iterated until convergence.
- Expectation propagation can be used to iteratively improve other methods for inference in DBNs (e.g. Murphy and Weiss 2001)
- But this algorithm does not always converge

# **Bethe Free Energy**

• Fixed points of expectation propagation correspond to fixed points of the "Bethe free energy" (Minka, 2001)

$$F(\hat{p}, q) = -\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \int d\mathbf{x}_t \, q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \log q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) + \sum_{t=1}^T \int d\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t} \, \hat{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t}) \log \left[ \frac{\hat{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t})}{\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t})} \right]$$

• Expectation constraints

$$\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_t} = \langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{q_t} = \langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rangle_{\hat{p}_{t+1}}$$

• Under these constraints the free energy function may not be convex. i.e. Can have local fixed points.

# **Double Loop Algorithm**

• Linearly bound concave part:

$$F_{\text{bound}}(\hat{p}, q, q^{\text{old}}) = -\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \int d\mathbf{x}_t \ q_t(\mathbf{x}_t) \log q_t^{\text{old}}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \sum_{t=1}^T \int d\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t} \ \hat{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t}) \log \left[ \frac{\hat{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t})}{\psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t})} \right] .$$

- For each outer loop step reset the bound:  $F_{\text{bound}}(\hat{p}, q, q^{\text{old}}) = F(\hat{p}, q)$
- For inner loop solve convex constrained minimization problem, guaranteeing:

 $F(\hat{p}^{\text{new}}, q^{\text{new}}) \leq F_{\text{bound}}(\hat{p}^{\text{new}}, q^{\text{new}}, q^{\text{old}}) \leq F_{\text{bound}}(\hat{p}, q, q^{\text{old}}) = F(\hat{p}, q)$ 

#### Inner Loop

• Change to a constrained maximization problem over Lagrange multipliers  $\delta_t$ :

$$F_1(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta}) = -\sum_{t=1}^T \log Z_t \text{ with}$$
$$Z_t = \int d\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t} e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t-1}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})} \psi_t(\mathbf{x}_{t-1,t}) e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}_t^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)}$$

- With:  $\log q^{old}(\mathbf{x}_t) \equiv \gamma_t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)$  and substituting:  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_t + \boldsymbol{\delta}_t)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_t = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_t - \boldsymbol{\delta}_t)$
- "That is,  $\delta$  can be interpreted as the difference between the forward and backward messages,  $\gamma$  as their sum".

#### **Inner Loop Maximization**

• In terms of:  $\tilde{\alpha}_t \equiv \tilde{\alpha}_t(\alpha_{t-1}, \beta_t)$  and  $\tilde{\beta}_t \equiv \tilde{\beta}_t(\alpha_t, \beta_{t+1})$  gradient with respect to  $\delta_t$ :

$$\frac{\partial F_1(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}_t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{g}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}_t) - \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_t) \right]$$

- Set to 0:  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_t^{\text{new}} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_t \equiv \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_t \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_t$
- Damp update:  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_t^{\text{new}} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_t + \epsilon_{\delta}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_t \boldsymbol{\delta}_t)$
- Outer-loop can be re-written as the update:

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}_t^{\mathrm{new}} = \mathbf{g}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_t + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_t) + \mathbf{g}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}_t) \right] \right)$$

#### **Damped Expectation Propagation**

• Minimization of the free energy under the expectation constraints is equivalent to "Saddle Point" problem.

 $\min_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\delta}} F(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \text{ with } F(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta}) \equiv F_0(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) + F_1(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$ 

and 
$$F_0(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \log \int d\mathbf{x}_t \, \mathrm{e}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_t^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t)}$$

- Double-loop algorithm solves this problem, but "Full completion in the inner loop is required to guarantee convergence"
- Gradient descent-ascent behavior can be achieved by damping the full updates in EP:  $\alpha_t = \tilde{\alpha}_t$   $\beta_t = \tilde{\beta}_t$
- Stable fixed points of damped EP must be at least local minima of Bethe free energy

# Simulations

- Randomly generated switching linear dynamical systems.
  - T varied between 2 and 5, number of switches between 2 and 4
- "Exact" beliefs calculated using an algorithm by (Lauritzen, 1992) using a strong junction tree.
  - Compared approximate algorithm beliefs to exact beliefs using KL divergence.

 $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \operatorname{KL}(P_t | \hat{P}_t)$ 

#### **Simulation Results**

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#### • Undamped EP

- One forward pass yields acceptable results
- KL drops after 1 to 2 more passes
- Double-loop and damped EP converge to same point

#### **Simulation Results**

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- "Difficult Instance"
  - Undamped stuck in a limit cycle (solid line)
  - Damped EP ( $\varepsilon = 0.5$ ), allows stable convergence
  - Double-loop converges but usually takes longer

# Non Convergence

- One Instance where damped EP did not converge
  - Does it make sense to force convergence using double-loop?
  - Compared KL divergence after a single forward pass and after convergence For "easy" (damped EP) and "difficult" (double-loop)

- Conclude:
  - It makes sense to search for the minimum of the free energy using more exhaustive means.
  - Convergence of undamped belief propagation is an indication of the quality of an approximation

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# Conclusion

- Introduced a belief propagation algorithm for DBN that is symmetric for both forwards and backward messages
- Project beliefs and derive messages from approximate beliefs rather than approximate messages
- Derived double-loop algorithm guaranteed to converge
- Derived damped EP as a single-loop version
  - Property that when it converges this must be a minimum of Bethe free energy.
  - Thus minimum KL divergence for approximation
- Undamped EP works well in many cases
  - When it fails could be due to:
  - Need for damping
  - Need for "more tedious" double-loop algorithm

The Factored Frontier Algorithm for Approximate Inference in DBNs

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- O(TS<sup>2</sup>), S=num states

#### **Forwards Backward Algorithm**

$$\alpha_t^{i} \stackrel{def}{=} P(X_t = i \mid y_{1:t})$$
$$\beta_t^{i} \stackrel{def}{=} P(X_t = i \mid y_{t+1:T})$$

$$\gamma_t^{i} \stackrel{def}{=} P(X_t = i \mid y_{1:T}) \propto \alpha_t^{i} \beta_t^{i}$$

Transition Matrix

Diagonal Evidence Matrix

$$M(i, j) \stackrel{def}{=} P(X_{t+1} = j \mid X_t = i)$$
$$W_t(i, i) \stackrel{def}{=} P(y_t \mid X_t = i)$$
$$\alpha_t \propto W_t M^T \alpha_{t-1}$$
$$\beta_t \propto W_{t+1} M \beta_{t+1}$$

# **Frontier Algorithm**

- Method to compute  $\alpha_t$  and  $\beta_t$ s without the need to form the  $Q^N \ge Q^N$  transition matrix:
  - N = number of hidden nodes
  - Q = number possible states of a node
- "Sweep" a Markov Blanket forwards then backwards across the DBN.
  - The set of nodes composed of a node's the parents, children, and children's other parents.
  - Every other node is conditionally independent of A when conditioned on A's Markov blanket.

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# **Frontier Algorithm**

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- *F* "Frontier Set" = Nodes in Markov Blanket, Nodes to left = *L*, Nodes to right = *R*.
- At every step *F* "*d*-separates" *L* and *R*.
- A joint distribution over nodes in *F* is maintained.

# **Frontier Algorithm**

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

• A node is added from *R* to *F* as soon as all parents are in *F* 

- To add a node multiply by conditional probability table (CPT)
- A node is moved from F to L as soon as all children are in F
  - To remove a marginalize by the removed node.

![](_page_32_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Frontier Algorithm (Observations)

- Exact Inference takes O(TNQ<sup>N+2</sup>) time and space:
  - N = number of hidden nodes
  - Q = number possible states of a node
- Exponential in the size of the largest frontier
  - Optimal ordering of additions and removals to minimize *F* is NP-Hard.
- For regular DBNs when unrolled, the frontier algorithm is equivalent to the junction tree algorithm.
  - Frontier sets correspond to: maximal cliques in the moralized triangulated graph.

# **Factored Frontier Algorithm**

• Approximate the belief state with a product of marginals:

$$P(X_t | y_{1:t}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{N} P(X_t^i | y_{1:t})$$

- When a node is added the node's CPT is multiplied by the product of factors corresponding to its parents.
  - Joint distribution for the family
  - Parent nodes are immediately marginalized out
  - Can be done for any node in any order as long as parents are added first.
- Joint distribution over frontier nodes is maintained in factored form.
- Takes O(TNQ<sup>F+1</sup>)

# **Boyen-Koller Algorithm**

- Belief state with a product of marginals over C clusters:  $P(X_t \mid y_{1:t}) \approx \prod_{c=1}^{C} P(X_t^c \mid y_{1:t})$
- Where  $X_t^c$  is a subset of the variables  $\{X_t^i\}$ 
  - Accuracy depends on size of clusters used to approximate belief state
  - Exact inference corresponds to using a single cluster with all hidden variables at a time slice
  - Most aggressive approximation uses N clusters one per variable
    - very similar to FF

# BK and FF as Special Cases of Loopy Belief Propagation

- Pearl's belief propagation algorithm computes exact marginal posterior probabilities in graphs without cycles
- Generalizes the forward-backward algorithm to trees.
- Assumes messages coming into a node are independent.
  - FF makes the same assumption
  - Both algorithms are equivalent if the order of messages in LBP is specified
    - Normally LBP every node computes  $\lambda$  and  $\pi$  messages in parallel and then sends out to all of the neighbors
    - However, messages can be computed in a forwards backward approach.
       First send π (α) from left to right, then send λ (β) messages from right to left.
  - FF and BK are equivalent to one iteration LBP, thus they can be improved by iterating more than once.

#### Experiments

- Used a coupled HMM (CHMM) with 10 chains trained with real highway data.
- Define L1 error as:

$$\Delta_{t} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{s=1}^{Q} |P(X_{i}^{t} = s \mid y_{1:T}) - \hat{P}(X_{i}^{t} = s \mid y_{1:T})|$$

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# Results

- Damping was necessary with LBP.
- Iterating with damped LBP improves just a single run of BK

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#### **Results Water Network**

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# **Results Speed**

- BK and FF / LBP have a running time linear in N
- BK is slower because of repeated marginalizations
  - When N<11 BK slower than exact inference

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# Conclusions

- Described a simple approximate inference algorithm for DBNs and shown equivalence to LBP
- Shown a connection between BK and LBP
- Showed empirically that LBP can improve FF and BK.

Computing forward probabilities: t = 1

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 $\alpha_1(1) = p(\mathbf{x}_1, s_1 = 1)$ 

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Computing forward probabilities: t = 2

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$$\alpha_{1}(1) = p(\mathbf{x}_{1}, s_{1} = 1) = p_{0}(1)p(\mathbf{x}_{1} | s_{1} = 1),$$
  
$$\alpha_{1}(2) = p(\mathbf{x}_{1}, s_{1} = 2) = p_{0}(2)p(\mathbf{x}_{1} | s_{1} = 2)$$

 $\alpha_2(1) = p(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, s_2 = 1)$ 

Computing forward probabilities: t = 2

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$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2(1) &= p(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, s_2 = 1) = p(\mathbf{x}_1, s_2 = 1) p(\mathbf{x}_2 \mid s_2 = 1) \\ &= [\alpha_1(1)p(1 \to 1) + \alpha_1(2)p(2 \to 1)] p(\mathbf{x}_2 \mid s_2 = 1) \\ \alpha_2(2) &= [\alpha_1(2)p(1 \to 2) + \alpha_1(2)p(2 \to 2)] p(\mathbf{x}_2 \mid s_2 = 2) \end{aligned}$$

Shakhnarovich 1996, CS195-5

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Forward probabilities: recursion

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$$\alpha_t(s) = p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, s_t = s)$$

$$\alpha_1(s) = p_0(s)p(\mathbf{x}_1 | s_1 = s)$$
  
$$\alpha_t(s) = \left[\sum_{s'} \alpha_{t-1}(s')p(s' \to s)\right]p(\mathbf{x}_t | s_t = s)$$

#### **Backward probabilities**

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$$\beta_t(s) \triangleq p(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \mid s_t = s)$$

$$\beta_N(s) = p(\emptyset | s_N = s) \triangleq 1$$
  
$$\beta_t(s) = \sum_{s'} [p(s \to s')p(\mathbf{x}_{t+1} | s_{t+1} = s') \beta_{t+1}(s')]$$

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