

# Hidden Markov Models, HMM's

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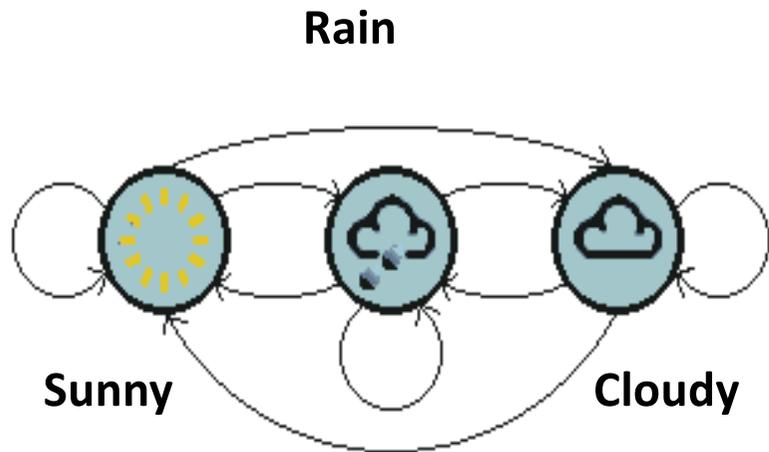
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# Objectives

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- Introduce Hidden Markov models and understand that they are just weight matrices with gaps
  - How to construct an HMM
  - How to “align/score” sequences to HMM’s
    - Viterbi decoding
    - Forward decoding
    - Backward decoding
    - Posterior Decoding
  - Use and construct a Profile HMM
    - HMMer
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# Markov Chains



**States** : Three states - sunny, cloudy, rainy.

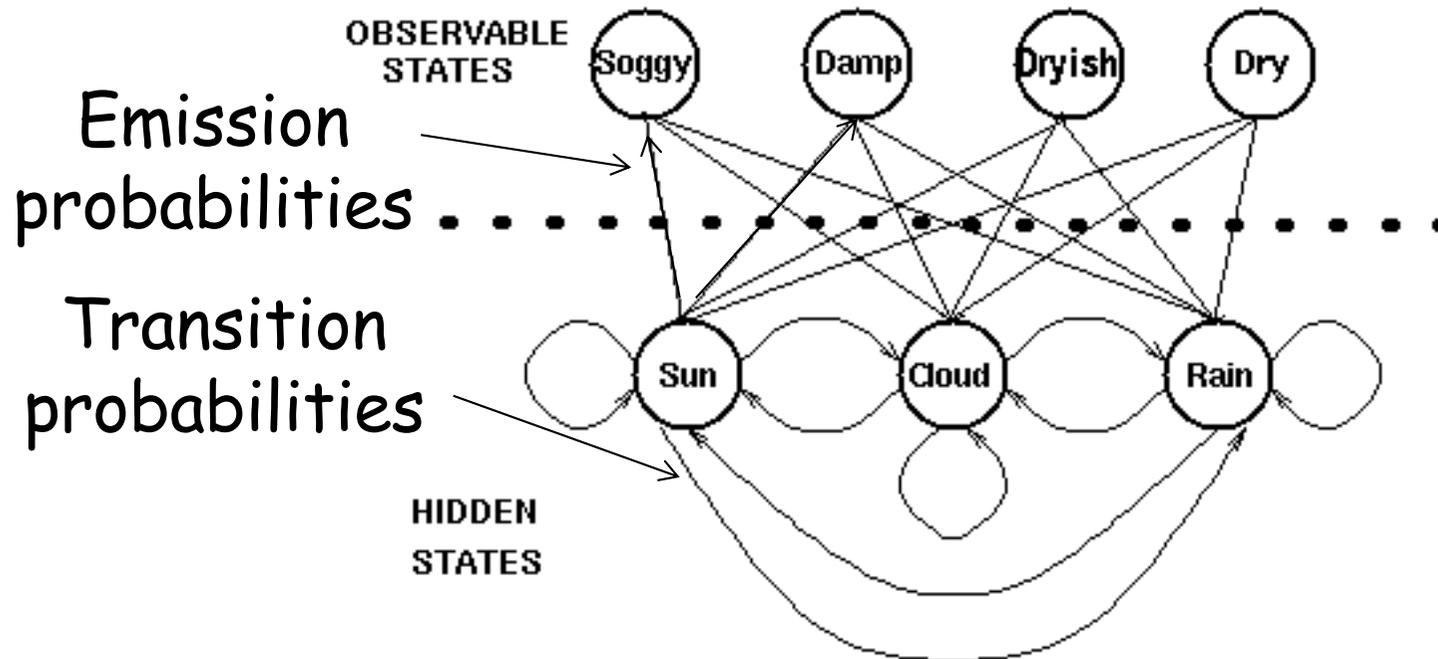
|                   |       | weather today |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
|                   |       | Sun           | Cloud | Rain  |
| weather yesterday | Sun   | 0.5           | 0.25  | 0.25  |
|                   | Cloud | 0.375         | 0.125 | 0.375 |
|                   | Rain  | 0.125         | 0.625 | 0.375 |

**State transition matrix** : The probability of the weather given the previous day's weather.

|  | Sun | Cloud | Rain |
|--|-----|-------|------|
|  | 1.0 | 0.0   | 0.0  |

**Initial Distribution** : Defining the probability of the system being in each of the states at time 0.

# Hidden Markov Models



**Hidden states** : the (TRUE) states of a system that may be described by a Markov process (e.g., the weather).

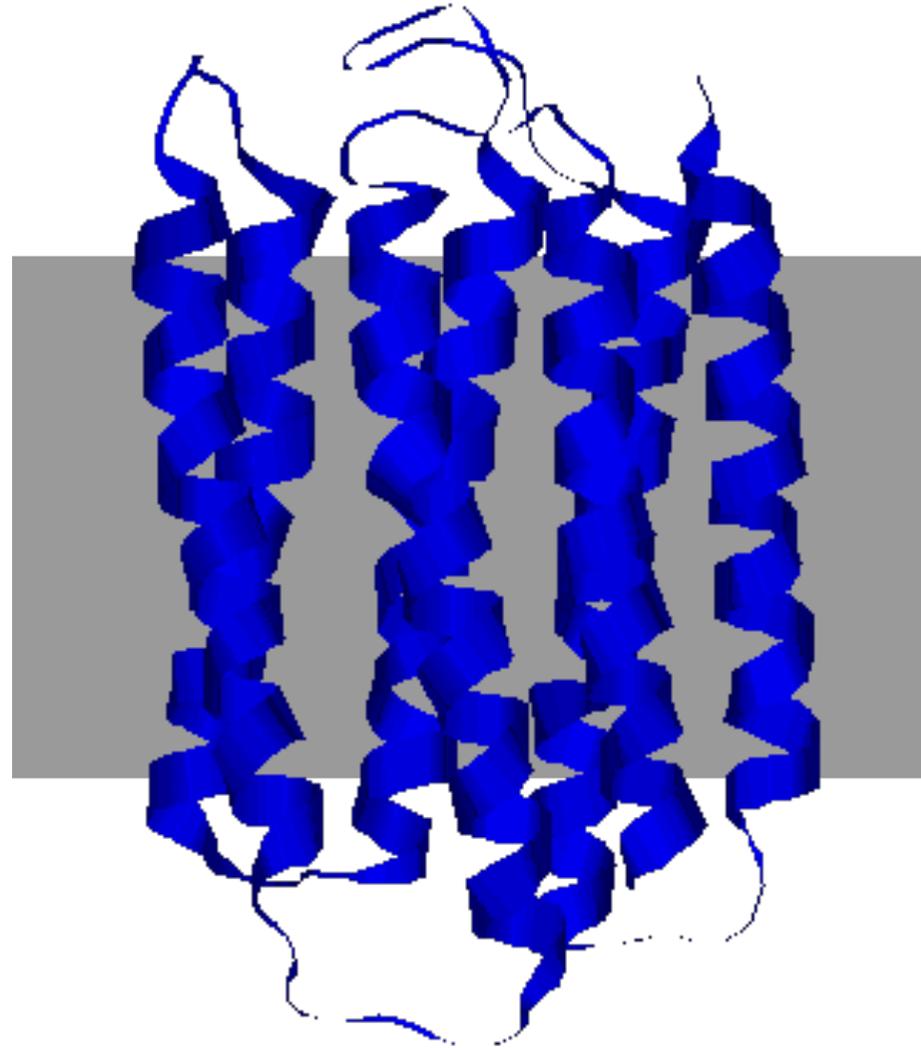
**Observable states** : the states of the process that are 'visible' (e.g., seaweed dampness).

# TMHMM (trans-membrane HMM) (Sonnhammer, von Heijne, and Krogh)

Extra cellular

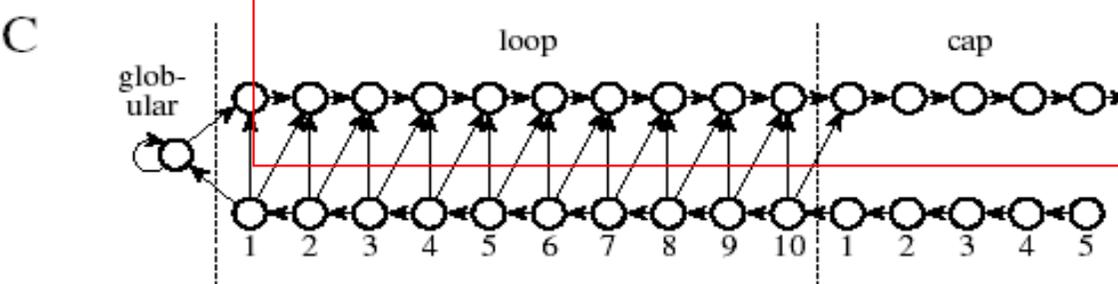
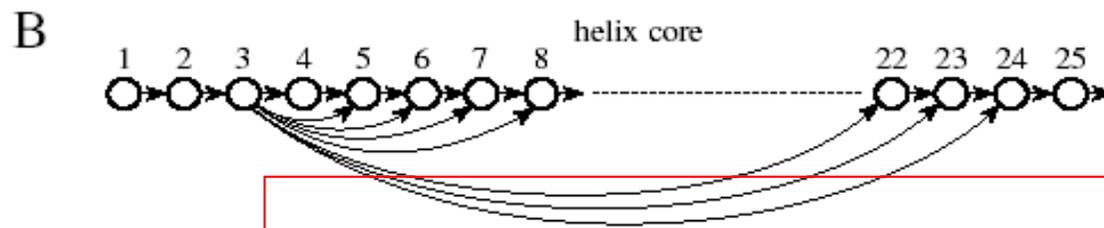
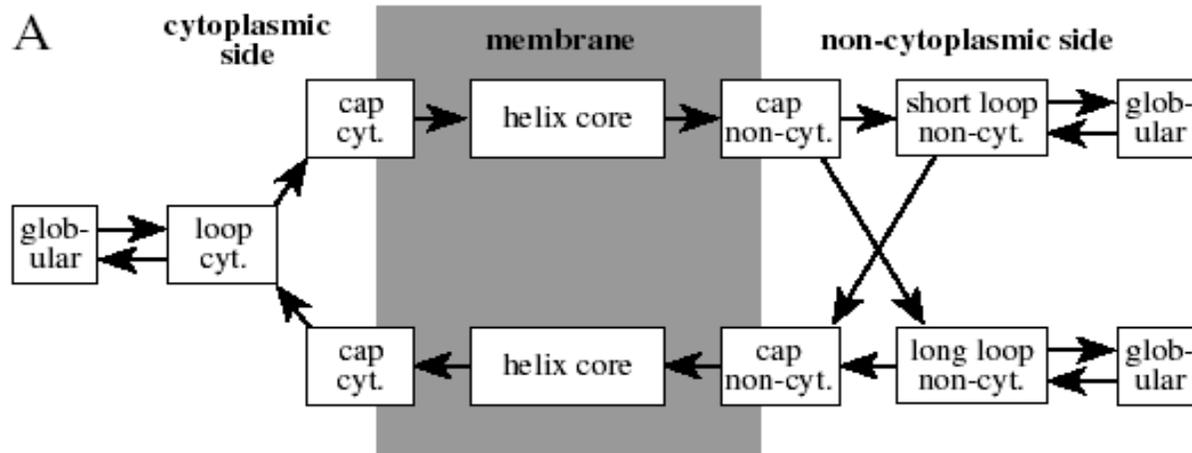
Trans membrane

Intra cellular



# TMHMM (trans-membrane HMM)

(Sonnhammer, von Heijne, and Krogh)



**Model TM length distribution.  
Power of HMM.  
Difficult in alignment.**

**ALLYVDWQILPVIL**

# Weight matrix construction



|           |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SLLPAIVEL | YLLPAIVHI  | TLWVDPYEV | GLVPFLVSV | KLLEPVLLL | LLDVPTAAV | LLDVPTAAV | LLDVPTAAV |
| LLDVPTAAV | VLFRGGPRG  | MVDGTLLLL | YMNGTMSQV | MLLSVPLLL | SLLGLLVEV | ALLPPINIL | TLIKIQHTL |
| HLIDYLVTS | ILAPPVVKL  | ALFPQLVIL | GILGFVFTL | STNRQSGRQ | GLDVLTAKV | RILGAVAKV | QVCERIPTI |
| ILFGHENRV | ILMEHIHKL  | ILDQKINEV | SLAGGIIGV | LLIENVASL | FLLWATAEA | SLPDFGISY | KKREEAPSL |
| LERPGGNEI | ALSNLEVKL  | ALNELLQHV | DLERKVESL | FLGENISNF | ALSDHHIYL | GLSEFTEYL | STAPPAHGV |
| PLDGEYFTL | GVLVGVALI  | RTLDKVLEV | HLSTAFARV | RLDSYVRSL | YMNGTMSQV | GILGFVFTL | ILKEPVHGV |
| ILGFVFTLT | LLFGYPVYV  | GLSPTVWLS | WLSLLVPFV | FLPSDFFPS | CLGGLLTMV | FIAGNSAYE | KLGEFYNQM |
| KLVALGINA | DLMGYIPLV  | RLVTLKDIV | MLLAVLYCL | AAGIGILTV | YLEPGPVTA | LLDGTATLR | ITDQVPFSV |
| KTWGQYWQV | TITDQVPFS  | AFHHVAREL | YLNKIQNSL | MMRKLAILS | AIMDKNIIL | IMDKNIILK | SMVGNWAKV |
| SLLAPGAKQ | KIFGSLAFL  | ELVSEFSRM | KLTPLCVTL | VLYRYGSFS | YIGEVLVSV | CINGVCWTV | VMNILLQYV |
| ILTVILGVL | KVLEYVIKV  | FLWGPRALV | GLSRYVARL | FLLTRILTI | HLGNVKYLV | GIAGGLALL | GLQDCTMLV |
| TGAPVTYST | VIYQYMDDL  | VLPDVFIRC | VLPDVFIRC | AVGIGIAV  | LVVLGLLAV | ALGLLLPV  | GIGIGVLA  |
| GAGIGVAVL | IAGIGILAI  | LIVIGILIL | LAGIGLIAA | VDGIGILTI | GAGIGVLT  | AAGIGIIQI | QAGIGILLA |
| KARDPHSGH | KACDPHSGH  | ACDPHSGHF | SLYNTVATL | RGPGRAFVT | NLVPMVATV | GLHCYEQLV | PLKQHFQIV |
| AVFDRKSDA | LLDFVRFMG  | VLVKSPNHV | GLAPPQHLI | LLGRNSFEV | PLTFGWCYK | VLEWRFDSR | TLNAWVKV  |
| GLCTLVAML | FIDSYICQV  | IISAVVGIL | VMAGVGSFY | LLWTLVVLL | SVRDLARL  | LLMDCSGSI | CLTSTVQLV |
| VLHDDLLEA | LMWITQCFL  | SLLMWITQC | QLSLLMWIT | LLGATCMFV | RLTRFLSRV | YMDGTMSQV | FLTPKKLQC |
| ISNDVCAQV | VKTDGNPPE  | SVYDFFVWL | FLYGALLA  | VLFSSDFRI | LMWAKIGPV | SLLLELEE  | SLSRFSWGA |
| YTAFTIPSI | RLMKQDFSV  | RLPRIFCSC | FLWGPRAYA | RLQETELV  | SLFEGIDFY | SLDQSVVEL | RLNMFTPYI |
| NMFTPYIGV | LMI IPLINV | TLFIGSHVV | SLVIVTTFV | VLQWASLAV | ILAKFLHWL | STAPPHVNV | LLLLTVLTV |
| VVLGVVFGI | ILHNGAYSL  | MIMVKCMI  | MLGHTTMEV | MLGHTTMEV | SLADTNSLA | LLWAARPR  | GVALQTMKQ |
| GLYDGMEHL | KMVELVHFL  | YLQLVFGIE | MLMAQEALA | LMAQEALAF | VYDGREHTV | YLSGANLNL | RMFPNAPYL |
| EAAGIGILT | TLDSQVMSL  | STPPPGRV  | KVAELVHFL | IMIGVLVGV | ALCRWGLLL | LLFAGVQCQ | VLLCESTAV |
| YLSTAFARV | YLLEMLWRL  | SLDDYNHLV | RTLDKVLEV | GLPVEYLQV | KLIANNTRV | FIYAGSLSA | KLVANNTRL |
| FLDEFMEGV | ALQPGTALL  | VLDGLDVLL | SLYSFPEPE | ALYVDSLFF | SLLQHLIGL | ELTLGEFLK | MINAYLDKL |
| AAGIGILTV | FLPSDFFPS  | SVRDLARL  | SLREWLLRI | LLSAWILTA | AAGIGILTV | AVPDEIPPL | FAYDGKDYI |
| AAGIGILTV | FLPSDFFPS  | AAGIGILTV | FLPSDFFPS | AAGIGILTV | FLWGPRALV | ETVSEQSNV | ITLWQRPLV |

# PSSM construction

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- Calculate amino acid frequencies at each position using
  - Sequence weighting
  - Pseudo counts
- Define background model
  - Use background amino acids frequencies
- PSSM is

$$S(a_i) = \log \frac{p(a_i)}{q(a)}$$

# More on scoring

|   | A    | R    | N    | D    | C    | Q    | E    | G    | H    | I    | L    | K    | M    | F    | P    | S    | T    | W    | Y    | V    |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 0.6  | 0.4  | -3.5 | -2.4 | -0.4 | -1.9 | -2.7 | 0.3  | -1.1 | 1.0  | 0.3  | 0.0  | 1.4  | 1.2  | -2.7 | 1.4  | -1.2 | -2.0 | 1.1  | 0.7  |
| 2 | -1.6 | -6.6 | -6.5 | -5.4 | -2.5 | -4.0 | -4.7 | -3.7 | -6.3 | 1.0  | 5.1  | -3.7 | 3.1  | -4.2 | -4.3 | -4.2 | -0.2 | -5.9 | -3.8 | 0.4  |
| 3 | 0.2  | -1.3 | 0.1  | 1.5  | 0.0  | -1.8 | -3.3 | 0.4  | 0.5  | -1.0 | 0.3  | -2.5 | 1.2  | 1.0  | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 3.4  | 1.6  | 0.0  |
| 4 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -2.0 | 2.0  | -1.6 | 0.5  | 0.8  | 2.0  | -3.3 | 0.1  | -1.7 | -1.0 | -2.2 | -1.6 | 1.7  | -0.6 | -0.2 | 1.3  | -6.8 | -0.7 |
| 5 | -1.6 | -0.1 | 0.1  | -2.2 | -1.2 | 0.4  | -0.5 | 1.9  | 1.2  | -2.2 | -0.5 | -1.3 | -2.2 | 1.7  | 1.2  | -2.5 | -0.1 | 1.7  | 1.5  | 1.0  |
| 6 | -0.7 | -1.4 | -1.0 | -2.3 | 1.1  | -1.3 | -1.4 | -0.2 | -1.0 | 1.8  | 0.8  | -1.9 | 0.2  | 1.0  | -0.4 | -0.6 | 0.4  | -0.5 | -0.0 | 2.1  |
| 7 | 1.1  | -3.8 | -0.2 | -1.3 | 1.3  | -0.3 | -1.3 | -1.4 | 2.1  | 0.6  | 0.7  | -5.0 | 1.1  | 0.9  | 1.3  | -0.5 | -0.9 | 2.9  | -0.4 | 0.5  |
| 8 | -2.2 | 1.0  | -0.8 | -2.9 | -1.4 | 0.4  | 0.1  | -0.4 | 0.2  | -0.0 | 1.1  | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.7  | -0.3 | 0.8  | 0.8  | -0.7 | 1.3  | -1.1 |
| 9 | -0.2 | -3.5 | -6.1 | -4.5 | 0.7  | -0.8 | -2.5 | -4.0 | -2.6 | 0.9  | 2.8  | -3.0 | -1.8 | -1.4 | -6.2 | -1.9 | -1.6 | -4.9 | -1.6 | 4.5  |

$$S = \sum_i S(a_i)$$

$$S = \sum_i \log \frac{p(a_i)}{q(a_i)}$$

$$S = \log \left( \frac{\prod_i p(a_i)}{\prod_i q(a_i)} \right)$$

Probability of observation given Model

Probability of observation given Prior  
(background)

$$S = \log \left( \frac{P(a | M)}{P(a | B)} \right)$$

# Hidden Markov Models

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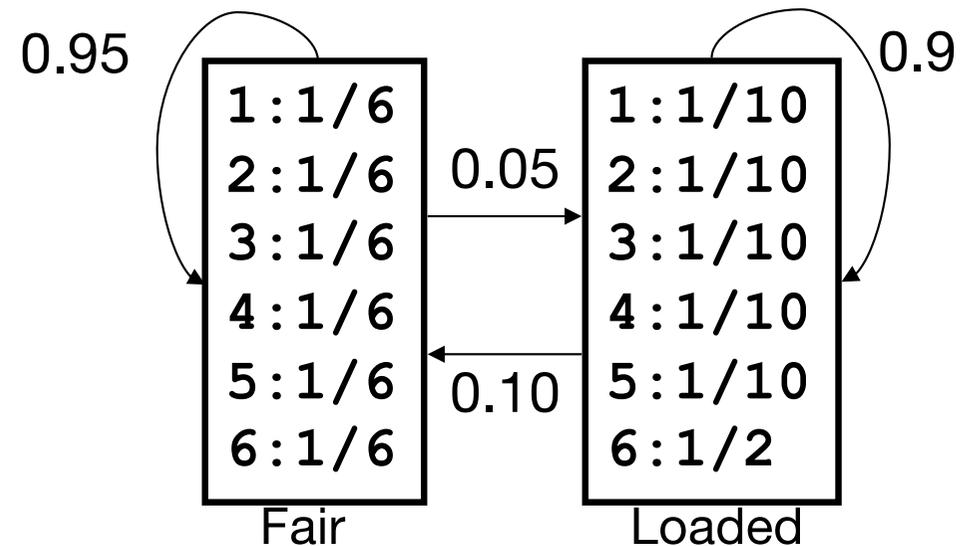
- Weight matrices do not deal with insertions and deletions
  - In alignments, this is done in an ad-hoc manner by optimization of the two gap penalties for first gap and gap extension
  - HMM is a natural framework where insertions/deletions are dealt with explicitly
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# What is hidden?

*The unfair casino:* Loaded die  $p(6) = 0.5$ ; switch fair to load: 0.05;  
switch load to fair: 0.1

- Model generates numbers
  - 312453666641
- Does not tell which die was used
- Alignment (decoding) can give the most probable solution/path (Viterbi)
  - FFFFFFFLLLLLL
- Or most probable set of states
  - FFFFFFFLLLLLL



# HMM (a simple example)

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ACA---ATG

TCAACTATC

ACAC--AGC

AGA---ATC

ACCG--ATC



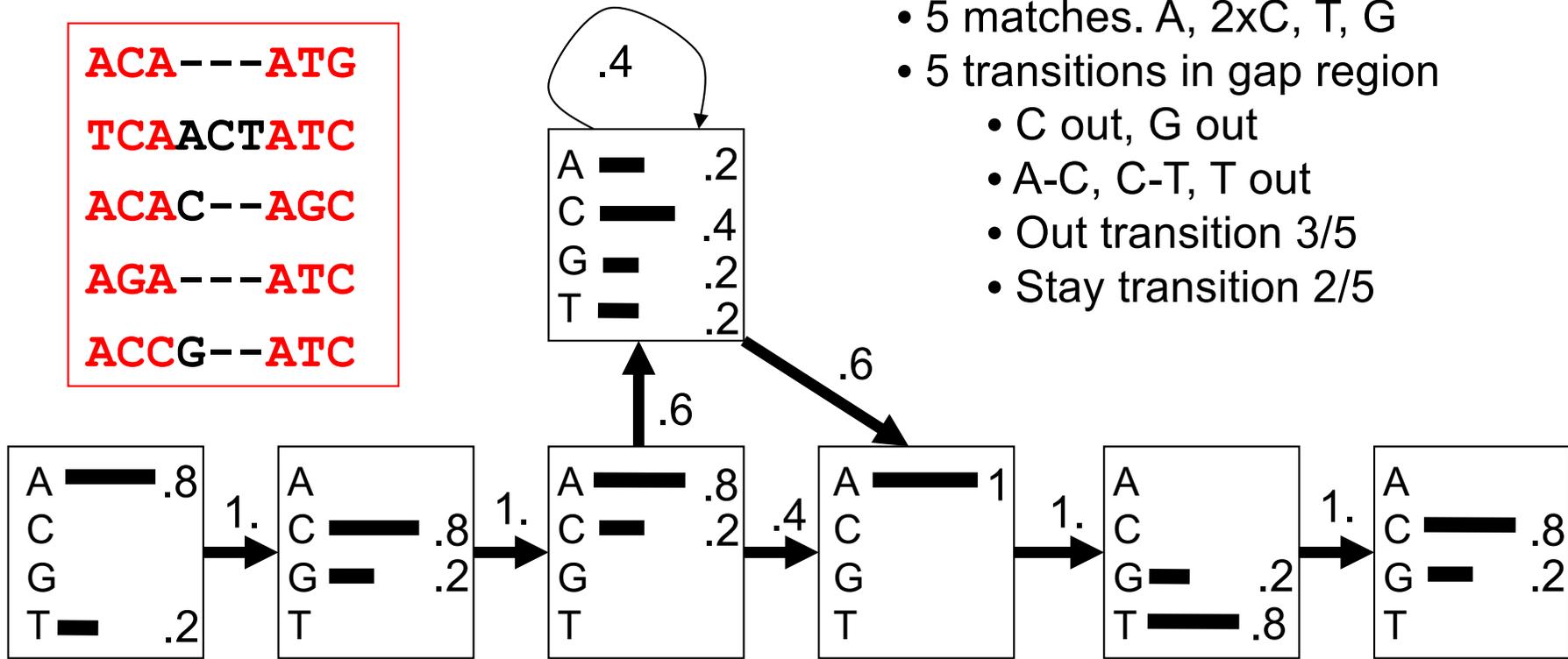
Core of alignment

- Example from A. Krogh
- Core region defines the number of states in the HMM (red)
- Insertion and deletion statistics are derived from the non-core part of the alignment (black)

# HMM construction (supervised learning)

ACA---ATG  
 TCAACTATC  
 ACAC--AGC  
 AGA---ATC  
 ACCG--ATC

- 5 matches. A, 2xC, T, G
- 5 transitions in gap region
  - C out, G out
  - A-C, C-T, T out
  - Out transition 3/5
  - Stay transition 2/5



ACA---ATG  $0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 0.4 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.2 = 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$

# Scoring a sequence to an HMM

$$\text{ACA---ATG} \quad 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 0.4 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.2 = 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{TCAACTATC} \quad 0.2 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 0.6 \times 0.2 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.2 \times 0.6 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 = 0.0075 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{ACAC--AGC} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$$

Consensus:

$$\text{ACAC--ATC} = 4.7 \times 10^{-2}, \quad \text{ACA---ATC} = 13.1 \times 10^{-2}$$

Exceptional:

$$\text{TGCT--AGG} = 0.0023 \times 10^{-2}$$

# Align sequence to HMM - Null model

- Score depends **strongly** on length
- Null model is a random model. For length  $L$  the score is  $0.25^L$
- Log-odds score for sequence  $S$
- $\text{Log}(P(S)/0.25^L)$
- Positive score means more likely than Null model

ACA---ATG = 4.9

TCAACTATC = 3.0

ACAC--AGC = 5.3

AGA---ATC = 4.9

ACCG--ATC = 4.6

Consensus:

ACAC--ATC = 6.7

ACA---ATC = 6.3

Exceptional:

TGCT--AGG = -0.97

← Note!

- This is just like we did for PSSM  $\log(p/q)$ !

# Aligning a sequence to an HMM

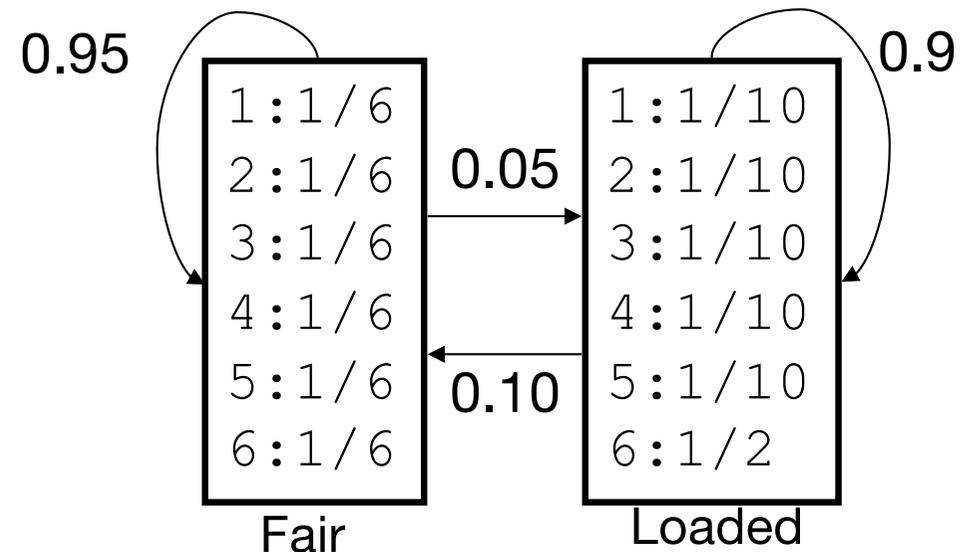
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- Find the path through the HMM states that has the highest probability
    - For alignments, we found the path through the scoring matrix that had the highest sum of scores
  - The number of possible paths rapidly gets very large making brute force search infeasible
    - Just like checking all paths for alignment did not work
  - Use dynamic programming
    - The Viterbi algorithm does the job
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# The Viterbi algorithm

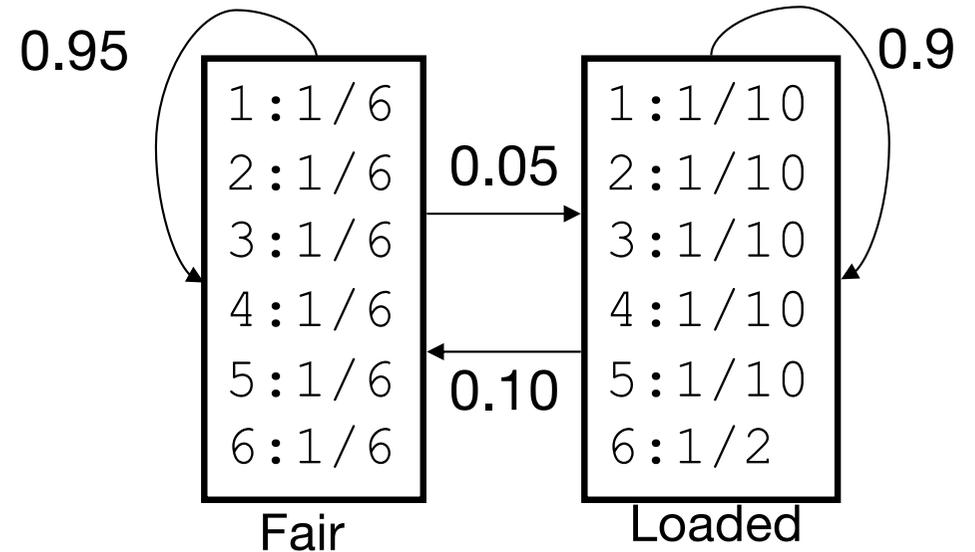
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# Model decoding (Viterbi)

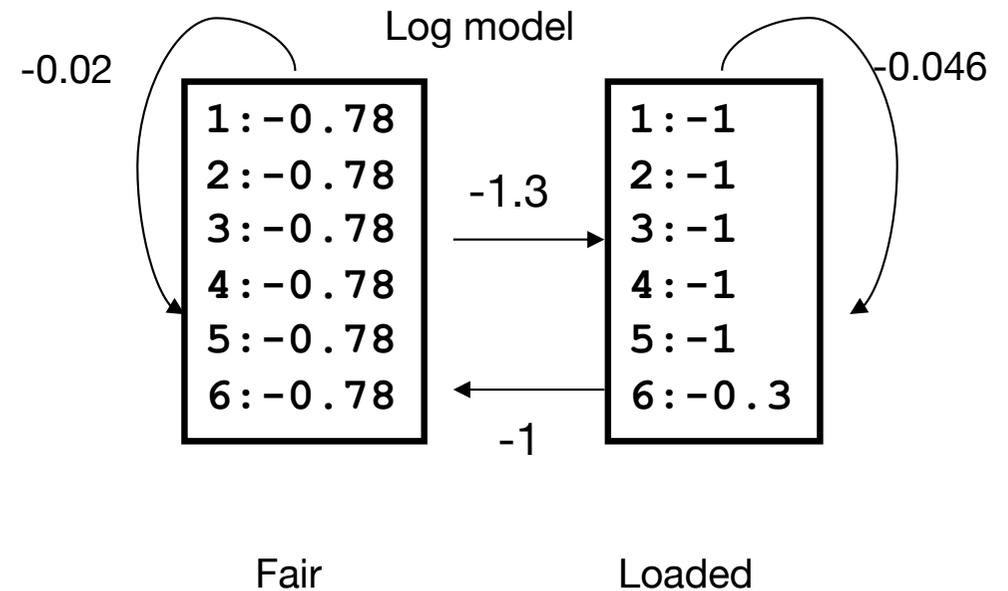
- Example: 566. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?
- Use Brute force



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| <b>FFF</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 = 0.0021$ |
| <b>FFL</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5 = 0.00333$  |
| <b>FLF</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.167 = 0.000035$  |
| <b>FLL</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5 * 0.9 * 0.5 = 0.00094$     |
| <b>LEF</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.1 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 = 0.00013$   |
| <b>LEL</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.1 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5 = 0.000021$    |
| <b>LLF</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.9 * 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.167 = 0.00038$      |
| <b>LLL</b> | $= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.9 * 0.5 * 0.9 * 0.5 = 0.0101$         |

# Or in log space

- Example: 566. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?



$$\text{Log}(P(\text{LLL}|\text{M})) = \log(0.5 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.5) = \log(0.0101)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log}(P(\text{LLL}|\text{M})) &= \log(0.5) + \log(0.1) + \log(0.9) + \log(0.5) + \log(0.9) + \log(0.5) \\ &= -0.3 \quad -1 \quad -0.046 \quad -0.3 \quad -0.046 \quad -0.3 = -1.99 \end{aligned}$$

# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Example: **5**66611234. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?

Pick the fair die at random

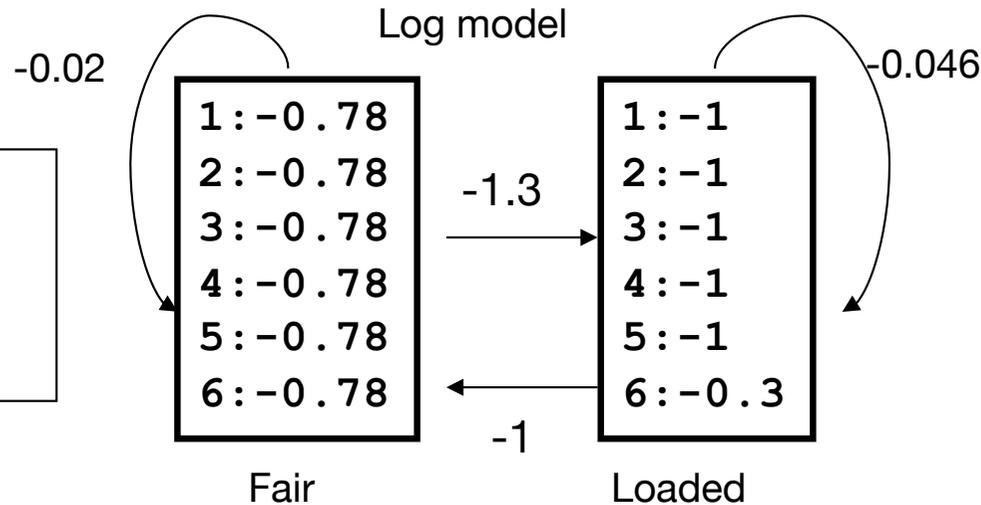
Make a 5 with the fair die

$$F = 0.5 * 0.167$$

$$\log(F) = \log(0.5) + \log(0.167) = -1.08$$

$$L = 0.5 * 0.1$$

$$\log(L) = \log(0.5) + \log(0.1) = -1.30$$



|   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5     | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F | -1.08 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | -1.30 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

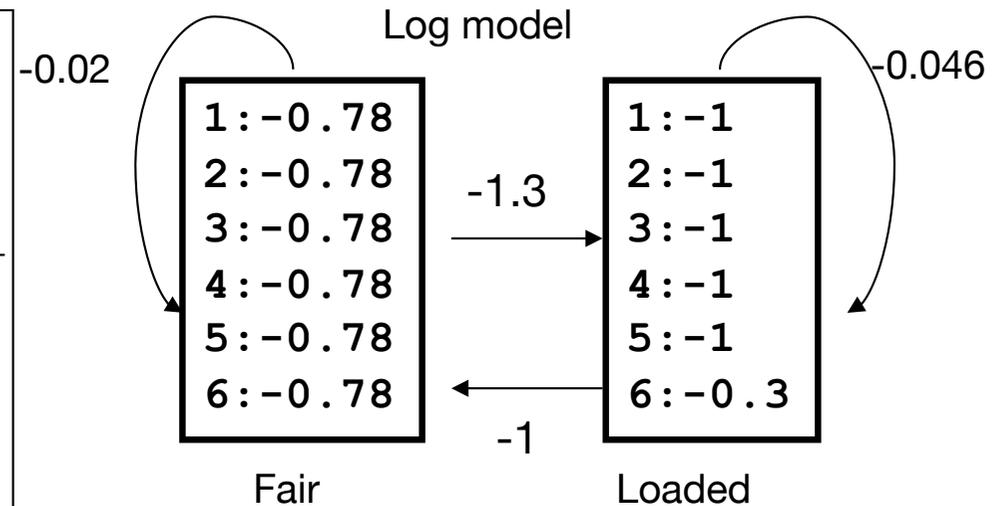
# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Example: **566611234**. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?

$FF = 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167$   
 $\text{Log}(FF) = -0.30 - 0.78 - 0.02 - 0.78 = -1.88$   
 $LF = 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.1 * 0.167$   
 $\text{Log}(LF) = -0.30 - 1 - 1 - 0.78 = -3.08$

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$FL = 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5$   
 $\text{Log}(FL) = -0.30 - 0.78 - 1.30 - 0.30 = -2.68$   
 $LL = 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.9 * 0.5$   
 $\text{Log}(LL) = -0.30 - 1 - 0.046 - 0.3 = -1.65$

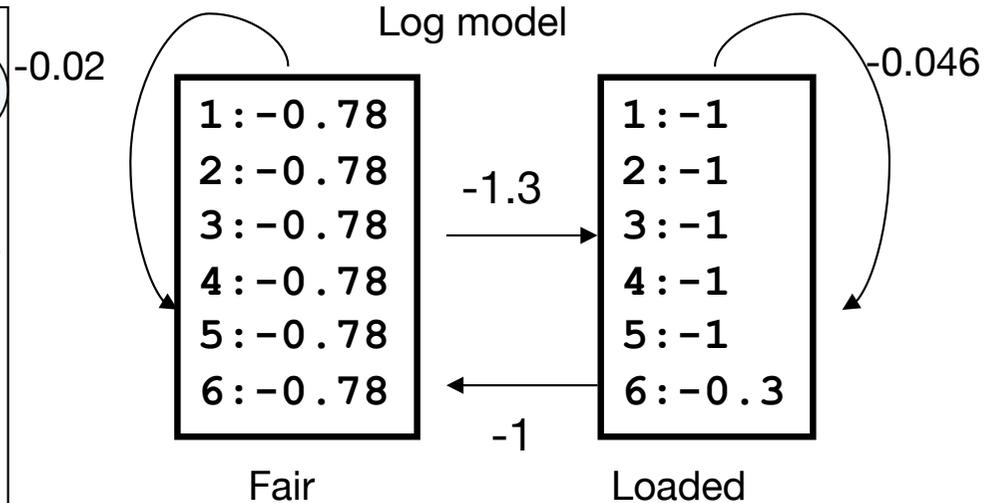


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|   | 5     | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F | -1.08 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | -1.30 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Example: 56611234. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?

$$\begin{aligned}
 FF &= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 \\
 \text{Log}(FF) &= -0.30 - 0.78 - 0.02 - 0.78 = -1.88 \\
 LF &= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.1 * 0.167 \\
 \text{Log}(LF) &= -0.30 - 1 - 1 - 0.78 = -3.08 \\
 FL &= 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.05 * 0.5 \\
 \text{Log}(FL) &= -0.30 - 0.78 - 1.30 - 0.30 = -2.68 \\
 LL &= 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.9 * 0.5 \\
 \text{Log}(LL) &= -0.30 - 1 - 0.046 - 0.3 = -1.65
 \end{aligned}$$



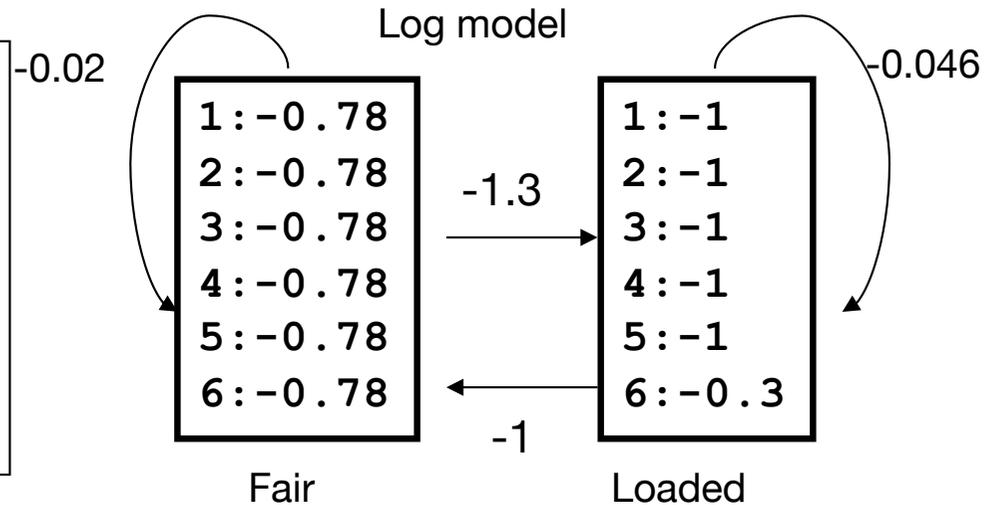
|   |       |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5     | 6     | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F | -1.08 | -1.88 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | -1.30 | -1.65 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Example: **5666**11234. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?

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FFF = 0.5*0.167*0.95*0.167*0.95*0.167 = 0.0021
FLF = 0.5*0.167*0.05*0.5*0.1*0.167 = 0.000035
LFF = 0.5*0.1*0.1*0.167*0.95*0.167 = 0.00013
LLF = 0.5*0.1*0.9*0.5*0.1*0.167 = 0.00038
FLL = 0.5*0.167*0.05*0.5*0.9*0.5 = 0.00094
FFL = 0.5*0.167*0.95*0.167*0.05*0.5 = 0.00333
LFL = 0.5*0.1*0.1*0.167*0.05*0.5 = 0.000021
LLL = 0.5*0.1*0.9*0.5*0.9*0.5 = 0.0101
  
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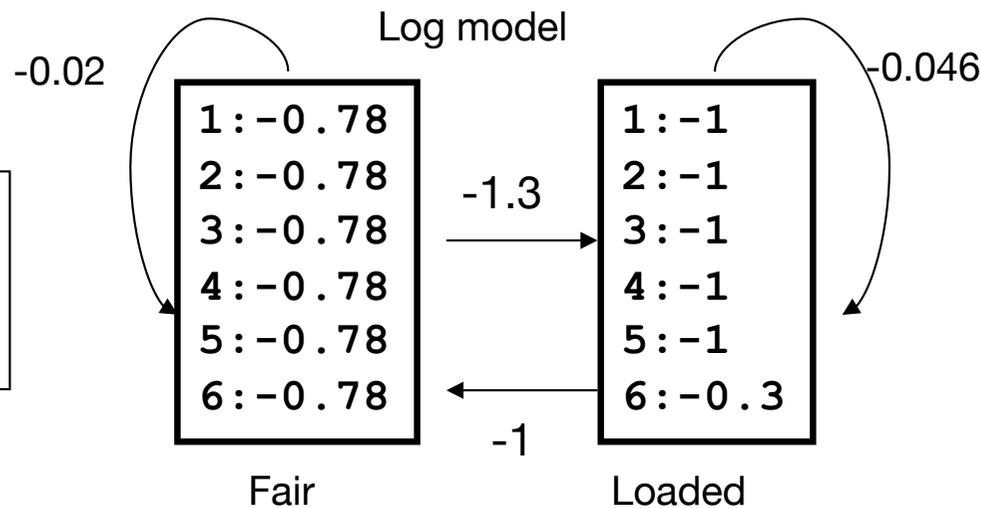


|   |       |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5     | 6     | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F | -1.08 | -1.88 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | -1.30 | -1.65 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Example: 566611234. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?

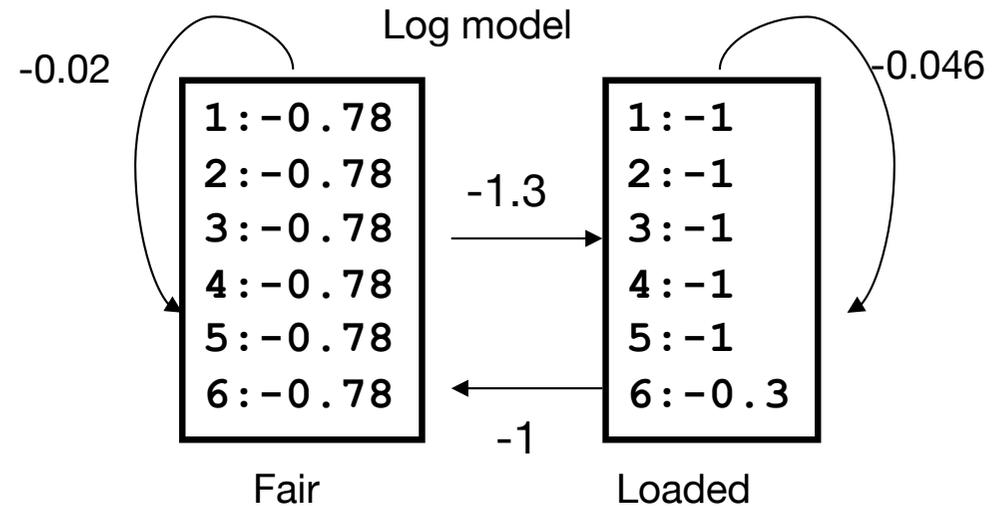
$FFF = 0.5 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 * 0.95 * 0.167 = 0.0021$   
 $\text{Log}(P(FFF)) = -2.68$   
 $LLL = 0.5 * 0.1 * 0.9 * 0.5 * 0.9 * 0.5 = 0.0101$   
 $\text{Log}(P(LLL)) = -1.99$



|   |       |       |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|   | 5     | 6     | 6     | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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# Model decoding (Viterbi)

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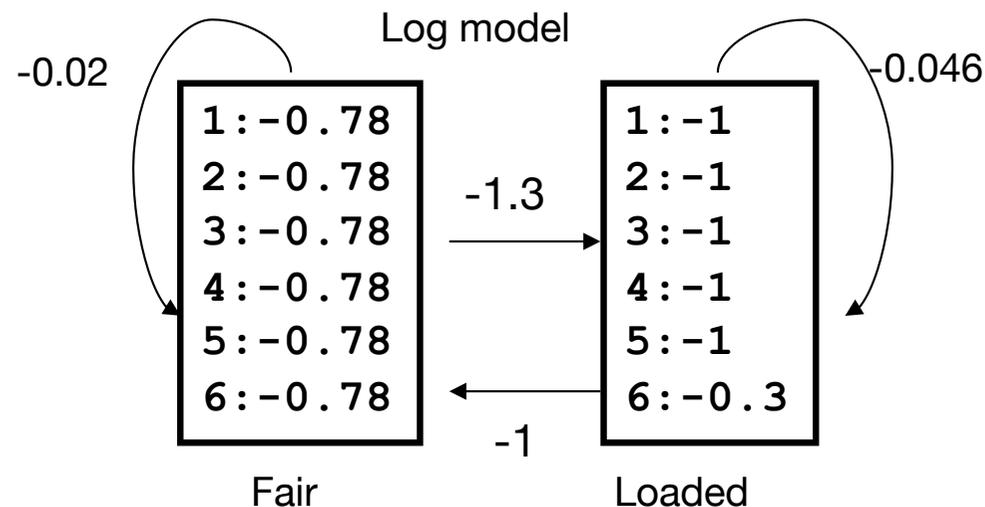
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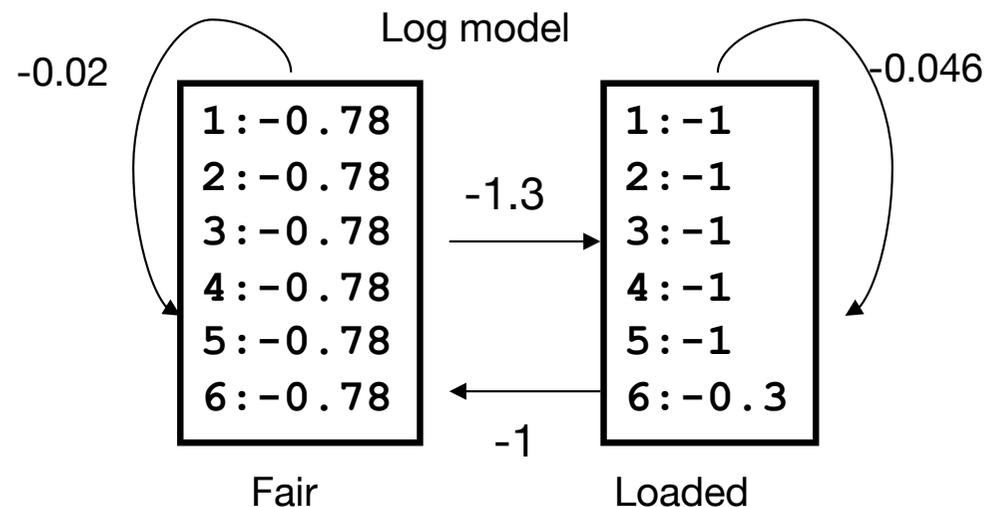
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# Model decoding (Viterbi)

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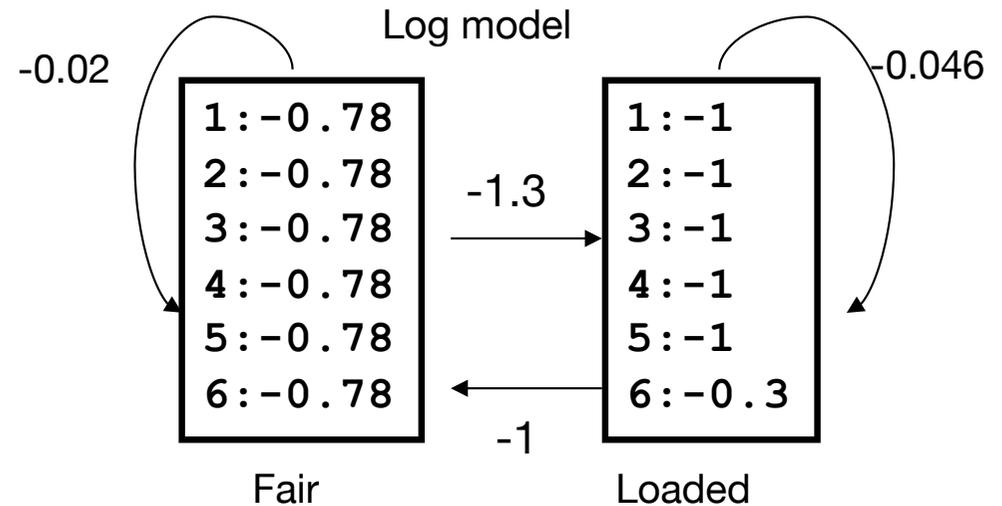
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# Model decoding (Viterbi)

- Now we can formalize the algorithm!



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New match

Old max score  
for being in state k  
after having made i

Transition  
from k to l

# Model decoding (Viterbi)

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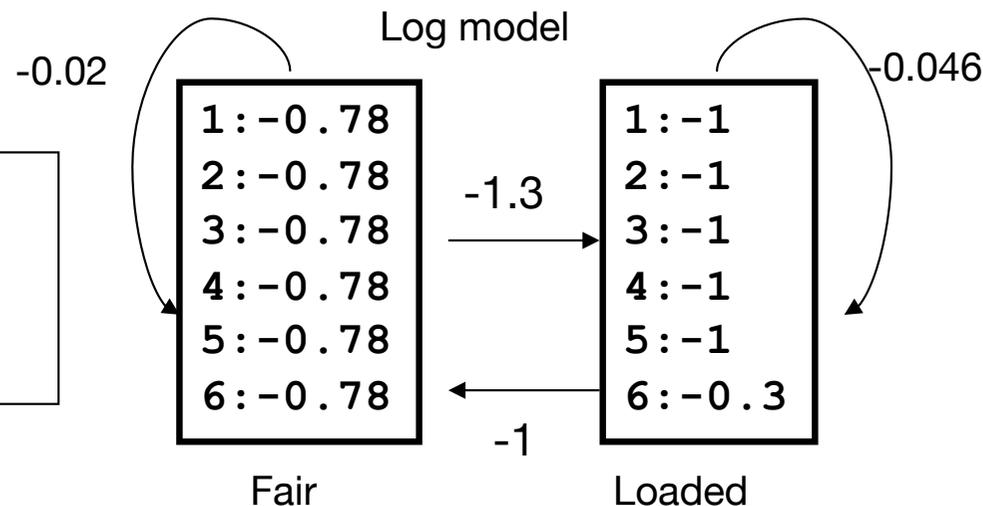
## Initialization

$$F = 0.5 * 0.167$$

$$\log(F) = \log(0.5) + \log(0.167) = -1.08$$

$$L = 0.5 * 0.1$$

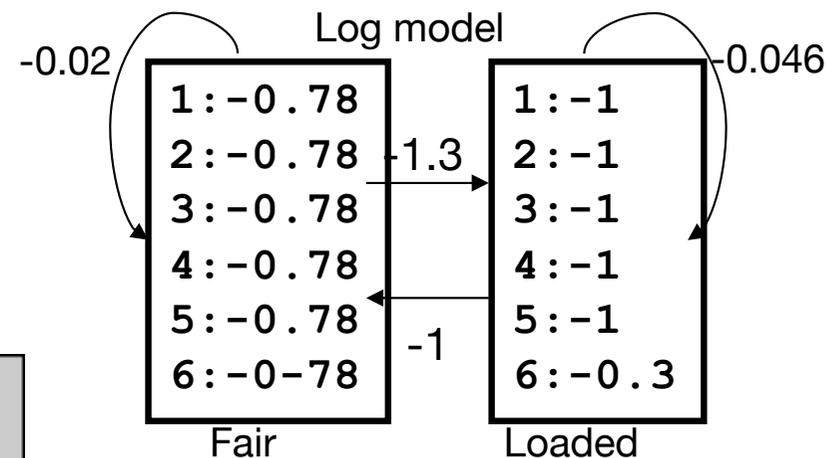
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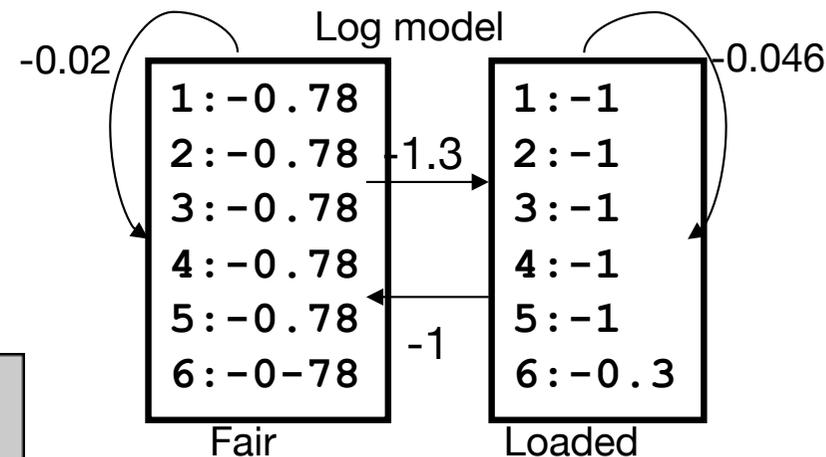
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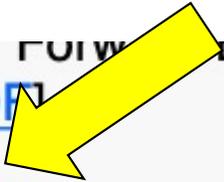
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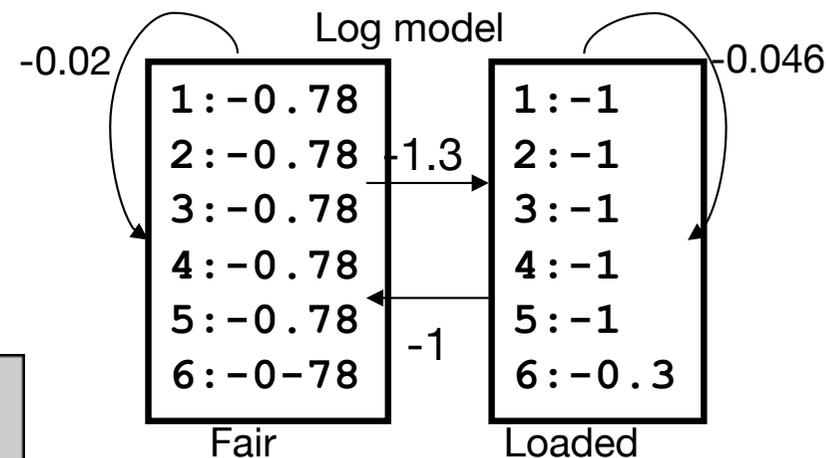
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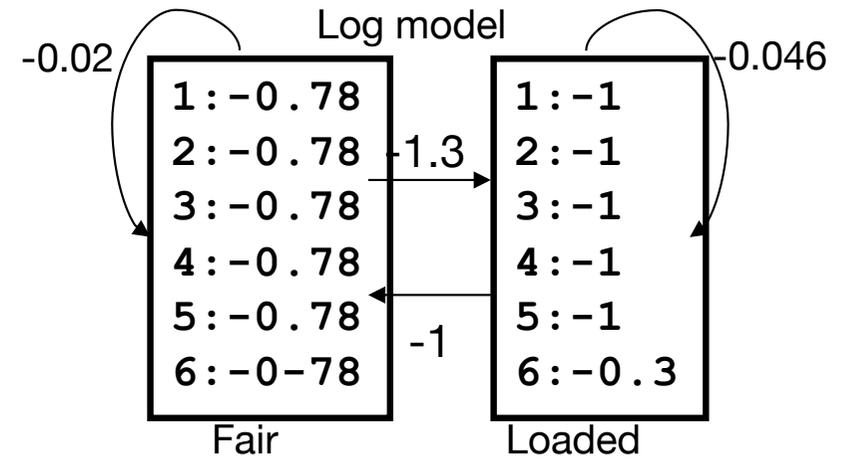
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| L | -1.30 | -1.65 | -1.99 | -2.34 | -3.39 | -4.44 | -5.49 | -6.53 | -7.57 |

# Model decoding (Viterbi). Can you do it?

- Example: 566611234. What was the most likely series of dice used to generate this output?
- The most likely path is
  - LLLLFFFFFF



|   | 5     | 6     | 6     | 6     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     |
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Red arrows indicate the Viterbi path: L (at index 5) → L (at index 6) → L (at index 7) → L (at index 8) → F (at index 9) → F (at index 10) → F (at index 11) → F (at index 12) → F (at index 13) → F (at index 14) → F (at index 15). The final cell (F, 4) is highlighted with a red box.

# Model decoding (Viterbi).

- What happens if you have three dice?

|    | 5    | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F  | -1.0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L1 | -1.2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L2 | -1.3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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# And if you have a trans-membrane model

- What is the most likely path (alignment) of a protein sequence to the model

|    | D    | G | V | L | I | M | A | D | Q |
|----|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| iC | -1.0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| M  | -1.2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| xC | -1.3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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# The Forward algorithm

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- The Viterbi algorithm finds the most probable path giving rise to a given sequence
  - One other interesting question would be
    - What is the probability that a given sequence can be generated by the hidden Markov model
      - Calculated by summing over all path giving rise to a given sequence
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# The Forward algorithm

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- Calculate summed probability over all paths giving rise to a given sequence

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

- The number of possible paths is very large making (once more) brute force calculations infeasible
    - Use dynamic (recursive) programming
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# The Forward algorithm

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

- Say we know the probability of generating the sequence up to and including  $x_i$  ending in state  $k$

$$f_k(i) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = k)$$

- Then the probability of observing the element  $i+1$  of  $x$  ending in state  $l$  is

$$f_l(i+1) = p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot \sum_k f_k(i) \cdot a_{kl}$$

- where  $p_l(x_{i+1})$  is the probability of observing  $x_{i+1}$  is state  $l$ , and  $a_{kl}$  is the transition probability from state  $k$  to state  $l$
- Then

$$P(x) = \sum_k f_k(L)$$



# Forward algorithm

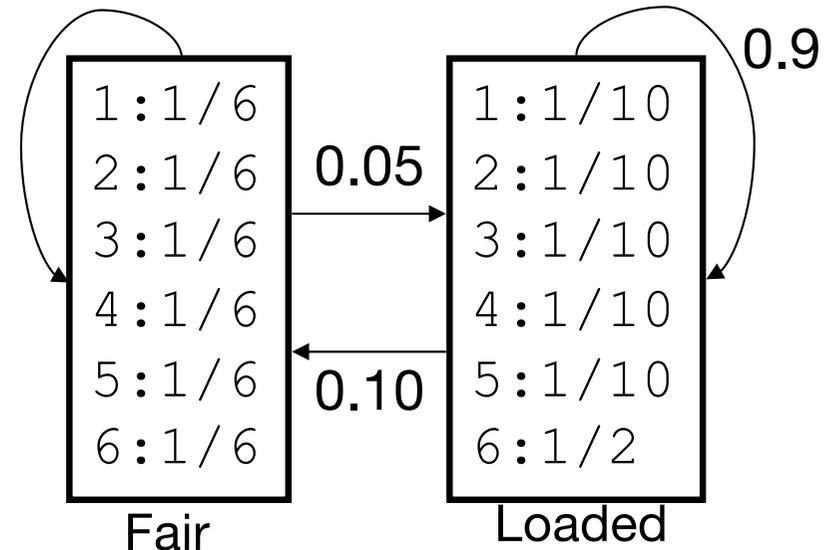
$$f_l(i+1) = p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot \sum_k f_k(i) \cdot a_{kl} \quad 0.95$$

$$f_k(0) = 1$$

$$a_{0l} = \pi_l$$

$$f_F(5) = 0.167 \cdot 0.5 = 0.083$$

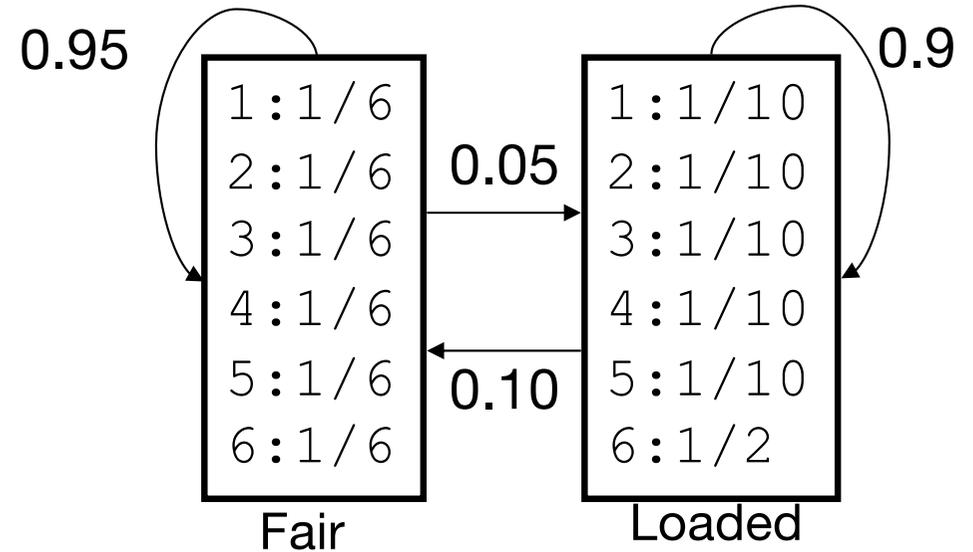
$$f_L(5) = 0.1 \cdot 0.5 = 0.05$$



|   |        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5      | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F | 8.3e-2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | 5e-2   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

# Forward algorithm

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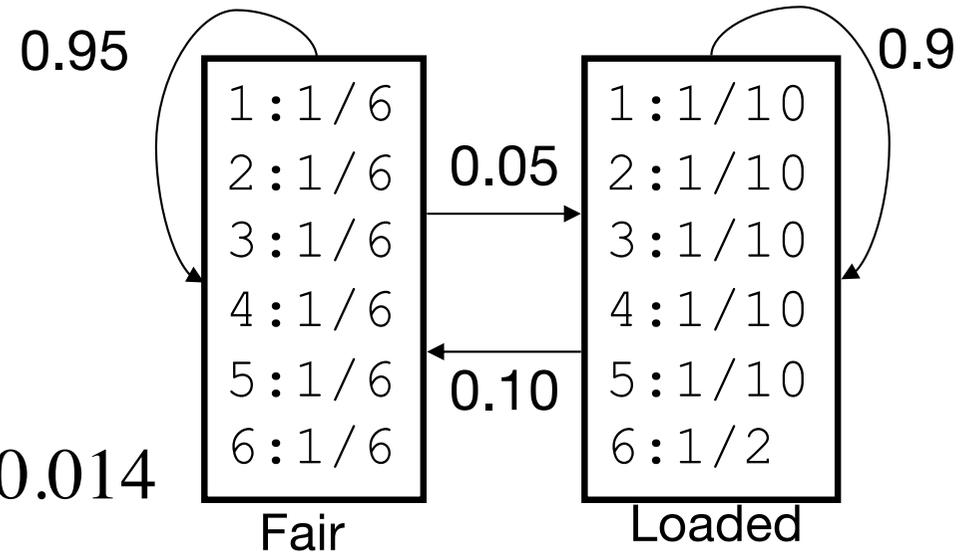


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# Forward algorithm

$$f_l(i+1) = p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot \sum_k f_k(i) \cdot a_{kl}$$

$$0.167 \cdot (0.083 \cdot 0.95 + 0.05 \cdot 0.1) = 0.014$$



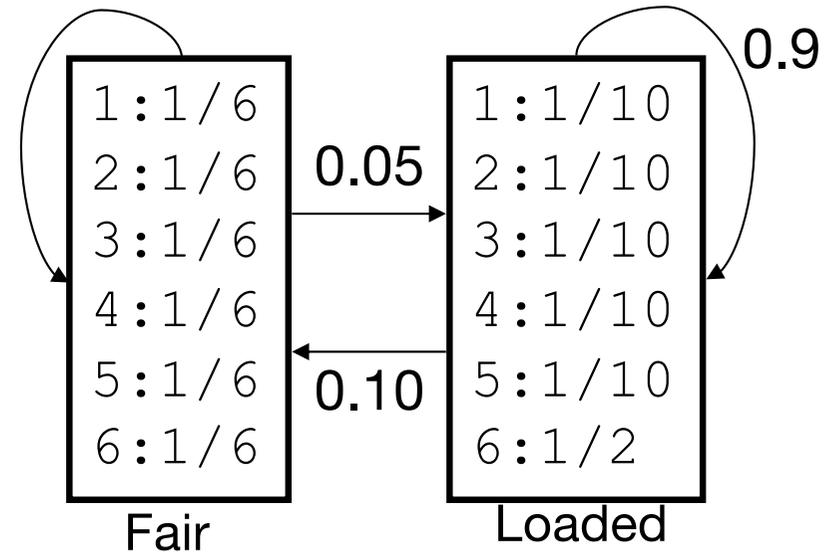
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| F | 0.083 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| L | 0.05  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |



# Forward algorithm. Can you do it yourself?

$$f_l(i+1) = p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot \sum_k f_k(i) \cdot a_{kl} \quad 0.95$$

Fill out the empty cells in the table!  
What is  $P(x)$ ?



|   | 5       | 6       | 6       | 6       | 1       | 1       | 2 | 3       | 4       |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| F | 8.30e-2 |         | 2.63e-3 | 6.08e-4 | 1.82e-4 | 3.66e-5 |   | 1.09e-6 | 1.79e-7 |
| L | 5.00e-2 | 2.46e-2 | 1.14e-2 |         | 4.71e-4 | 4.33e-5 |   | 4.00e-7 | 4.14e-8 |

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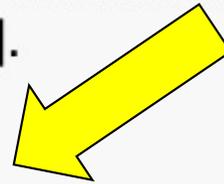
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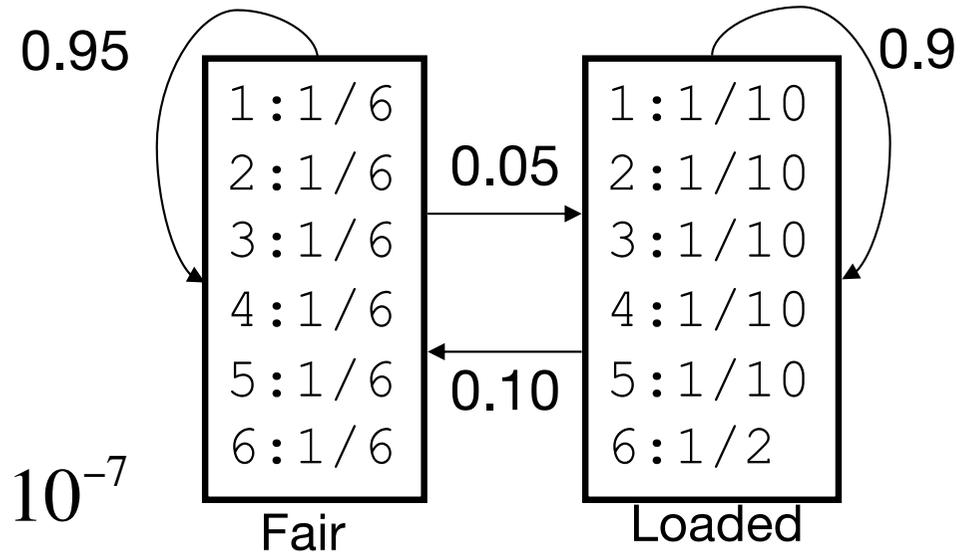
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# Forward algorithm

$$f_l(i+1) = p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot \sum_k f_k(i) \cdot a_{kl}$$

$$P(x) = \sum_k f_k(L)$$

$$P(x) = (1.79 + 0.414) \cdot 10^{-7} = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$$



|   | 5       | 6       | 6       | 6       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| F | 8.30e-2 | 1.40e-2 | 2.63e-3 | 6.08e-4 | 1.82e-4 | 3.66e-5 | 6.48e-6 | 1.09e-6 | 1.79e-7 |
| L | 5.00e-2 | 2.46e-2 | 1.14e-2 | 5.20e-3 | 4.71e-4 | 4.33e-5 | 4.08e-6 | 4.00e-7 | 4.14e-8 |

# The Posterior decoding (Backward algorithm)

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- One other interesting question would be
  - What is the probability that an observation  $x_i$  came from a state  $k$  given the observed sequence  $x$

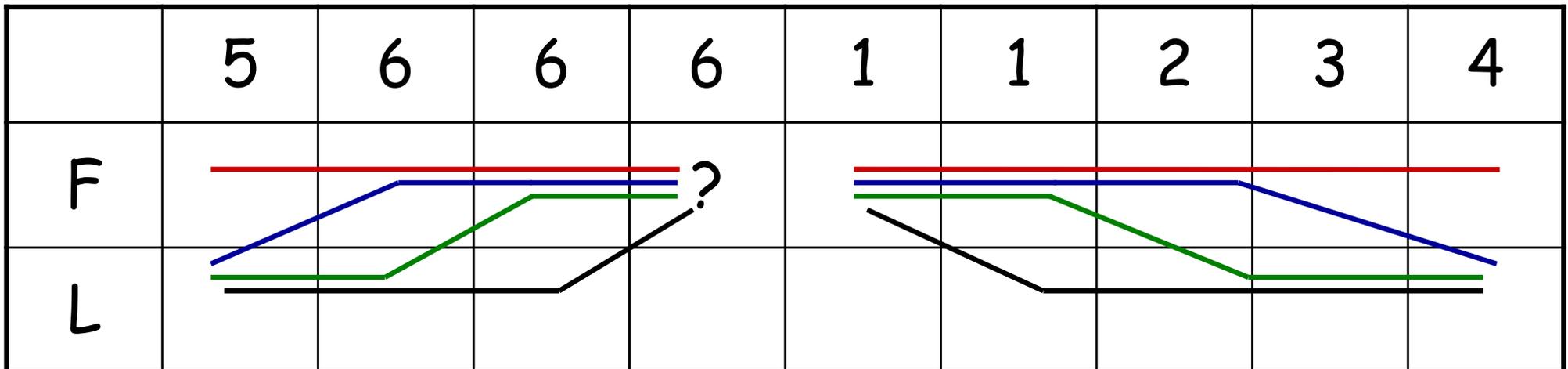
$$P(\pi_i = k \mid x)$$

# The Backward algorithm

$$P(x, \pi_i = k) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = k) \cdot P(x_{i+1}, \dots, x_L \mid \pi_i = k)$$

The probability of generation the sequence up to and including  $x_i$  ending in state  $k$   
 Forward algorithm!

The probability of generation the rest of the sequence starting from state  $k$   
 Backward algorithm!



# The Backward algorithm

$$P(x, \pi_i = k) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = k) \cdot P(x_{i+1}, \dots, x_L \mid \pi_i = k)$$

$$P(x, \pi_i = k) = f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)$$

$$f_k(i) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \pi_i = k)$$

$$f_k(i) = p_k(x_i) \cdot \sum_l f_l(i-1) \cdot a_{lk}$$

← Forward algorithm

$$b_k(i) = P(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_L \mid \pi_i = k)$$

$$b_k(i) = \sum_l a_{kl} \cdot p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot b_l(i+1)$$

← Backward algorithm

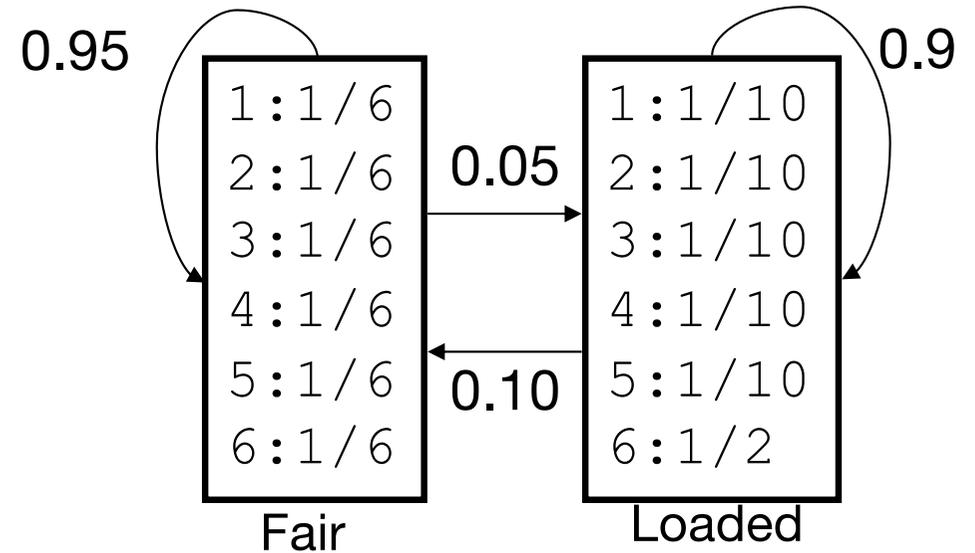
$$P(\pi_i = k \mid x) = \frac{P(x, \pi_i = k)}{P(x)} = \frac{f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)}{P(x)}$$

← Forward-Backward algorithm



# Backward algorithm

$$b_k(i) = \sum_l a_{kl} \cdot p_l(x_{i+1}) \cdot b_l(i+1)$$



|   | 5       | 6       | 6       | 6       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 3     | 4 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---|
| F | 6.83e-7 | 3.18e-6 | 1.76e-5 | 1.07e-5 | 6.69e-4 | 4.19e-3 | 2.61e-2 | 0.163 | 1 |
| L | 3.27e-6 | 7.14e-6 | 1.52e-5 | 2.98e-5 | 2.08e-4 | 1.54e-3 | 1.23e-2 | 0.107 | 1 |

# Backward algorithm

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- Note that the sum of first column of the backward matrix is NOT equal to the sum of the last column of the forward matrix
  - This is because the first column of the backward matrix gives the probability values of generating the sequence AFTER having generated the first observation
  - You hence cannot get the  $P(x)$  value directly from the backward matrix
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# Posterior decoding

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- What is the posterior probability that observation  $x_i$  came from state  $k$  given the observed sequence  $X$ ?

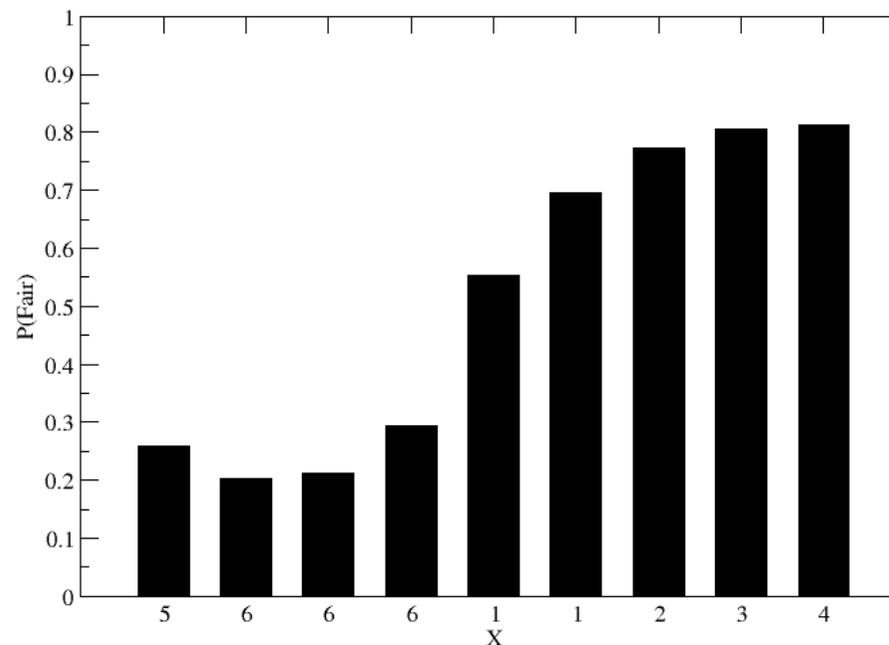
or

- What is the probability that a given amino acid is part of the trans-membrane helix given the protein sequence is  $X$ ?
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# Posterior decoding

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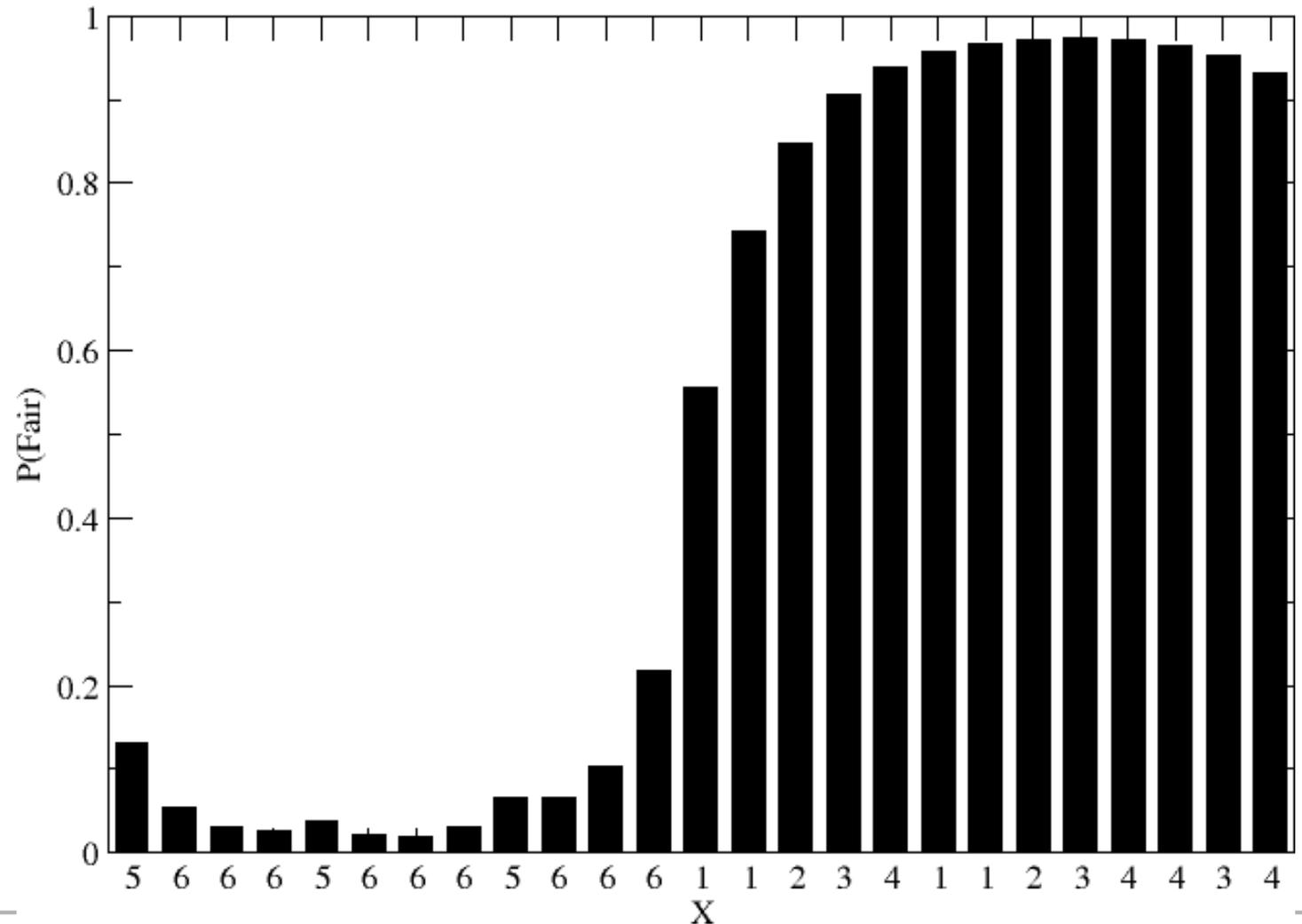
$$P(\pi_i = k | x) = \frac{P(x, \pi_i = k)}{P(x)} = \frac{f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)}{P(x)}$$



# Posterior decoding

*The probability is context dependent*

$$P(\pi_i = k | x) = \frac{P(x, \pi_i = k)}{P(x)} = \frac{f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)}{P(x)}$$



# Training of HMM

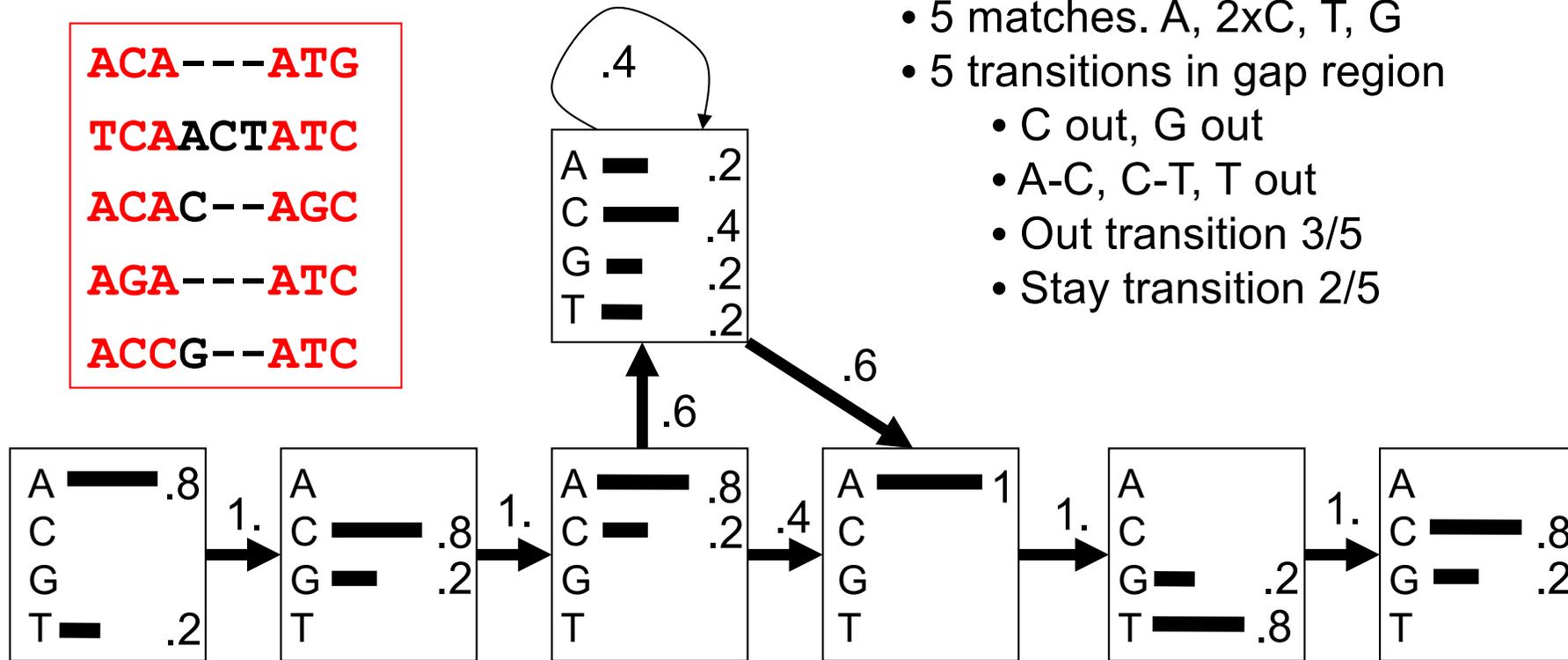
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- Supervised training
    - If each symbol is assigned to one state, all parameters can be found by simply counting number of emissions and transitions as we did for the DNA model
  - Un-supervised training
    - We do not know to which state each symbol is assigned so another approach is needed
    - Find emission and transition parameters that most likely produces the observed data
    - Baum-Welsh does this
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# Supervised learning

ACA---ATG  
TCAACTATC  
ACAC--AGC  
AGA---ATC  
ACCG--ATC

- 5 matches. A, 2xC, T, G
- 5 transitions in gap region
  - C out, G out
  - A-C, C-T, T out
  - Out transition 3/5
  - Stay transition 2/5



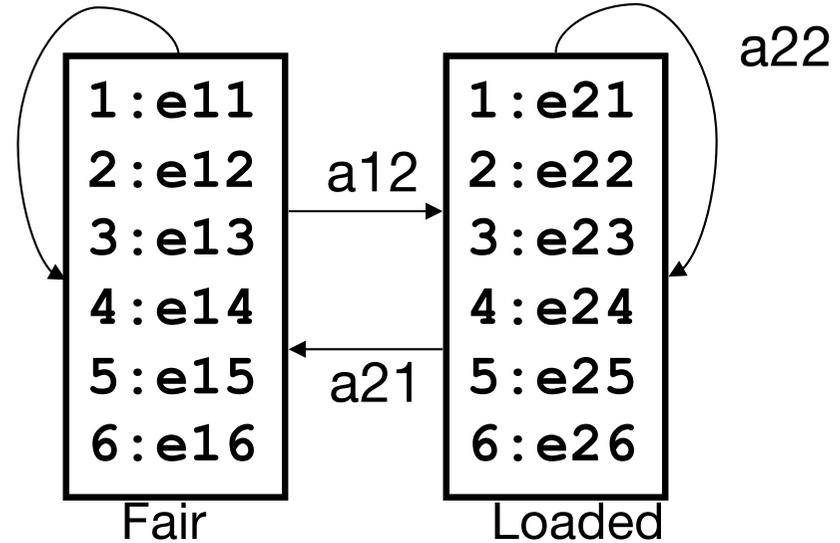
ACA---ATG  $0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 0.4 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1 \times 0.2 = 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$

# Un-supervised learning

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5666663331234

Can we find the model parameters that optimizes the probability of observing these sequences?

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The probability of being in state  $k$  at time  $i$ , and state  $l$  at time  $i + 1$ , given the model and the observation sequence is

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

The probability of being in state  $k$  at time  $i$ , given the observation sequence  $O$  is

$$\gamma_k^i = \frac{1}{P(x)} \cdot f_k(i) \cdot b_k(i)$$

Note

$$\gamma_k^i = \sum_l \varepsilon_{kl}^i$$

Now

$$p(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \gamma_k^i$$

is the expected number of times that state  $k$  is visited, or the expected number of transitions made from state  $k$  (given the observed sequence), and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \varepsilon_{kl}^i$$

is the expected number of transitions from state  $k$  to state  $l$  (given the observed sequence)

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# Baum-Welsh

Now

$$\bar{a}_{kl} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \varepsilon_{kl}^i}{\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \gamma_k^i}$$

Estimate probability of transition  
between state k and l

and

$$\bar{e}_k^a = \frac{\sum_{i=1, O_i=v_a}^T \gamma_k^i}{\sum_{i=1}^T \gamma_k^i}$$

Estimate probability emitting symbol a  
in state k

# Baum-Welsh

Use these relations

$$\bar{a}_{kl} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \epsilon_{kl}^i}{\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} \gamma_k^i} \quad \bar{e}_k^a = \frac{\sum_{i=1, O_i=v_a}^{N-1} \gamma_k^i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \gamma_k^i}$$

To update a, and e, and iterate until convergence

# HMM's and weight matrices

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- In the case of un-gapped alignments HMM's become simple weight-matrices
  - To achieve high performance, the emission frequencies are estimated using the techniques of
    - Sequence weighting
    - Pseudo counts
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# Profile HMM's

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- Alignments based on conventional scoring matrices (BLOSUM62) scores all positions in a sequence in an equal manner
  - Some positions are highly conserved, some are highly variable (more than what is described in the BLOSUM matrix)
  - Profile HMM's are ideal suited to describe such position specific variations
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# Sequence profiles

Conserved deletion Non-conserved Insertion

```
ADDGSLAFVPSEF--SISPGEKIVFKNNAGFPHNIVFDEDSIPSGVDASKISMSEEDLLN
TVNGAI--PGPLIAERLKEGQNV RVVTNTLDEDTSIHWHGLLVPFGMDGVPGVSFPG---I
-TSMAPAFGVQEFYRTVKQGDEVTVTIT-----NIDQIED-VSHGFVVVNHGVSME---I
IE--KMKYLTPEVFYTIKAGETVYWVNGEVMPHNVAFKKGIV--GEDAFRGEMMTKD---
-TSVAPSFSQPSF-LTVKEGDEVTVIIVTNLDE-----IDDLTHGFTMGNHGVAME---V
ASAETMVFEPDFLVLEIGPGDRVRFVPTHK-SHNAATIDGMVPEGVEGFKSRINDE----
TVNGQ--FPGPRLAGVAREGDQVLVKVNVHVAENITIHWHGVQLGTGWADGPAYVTQCPI

TKAVVLTFTNTSVEICLVMQGTSIV----AAESHPLHLHGFNFPSNFNLVDPMERNTAGVP
```

Matching any thing  
but  $G \Rightarrow$  large  
negative score

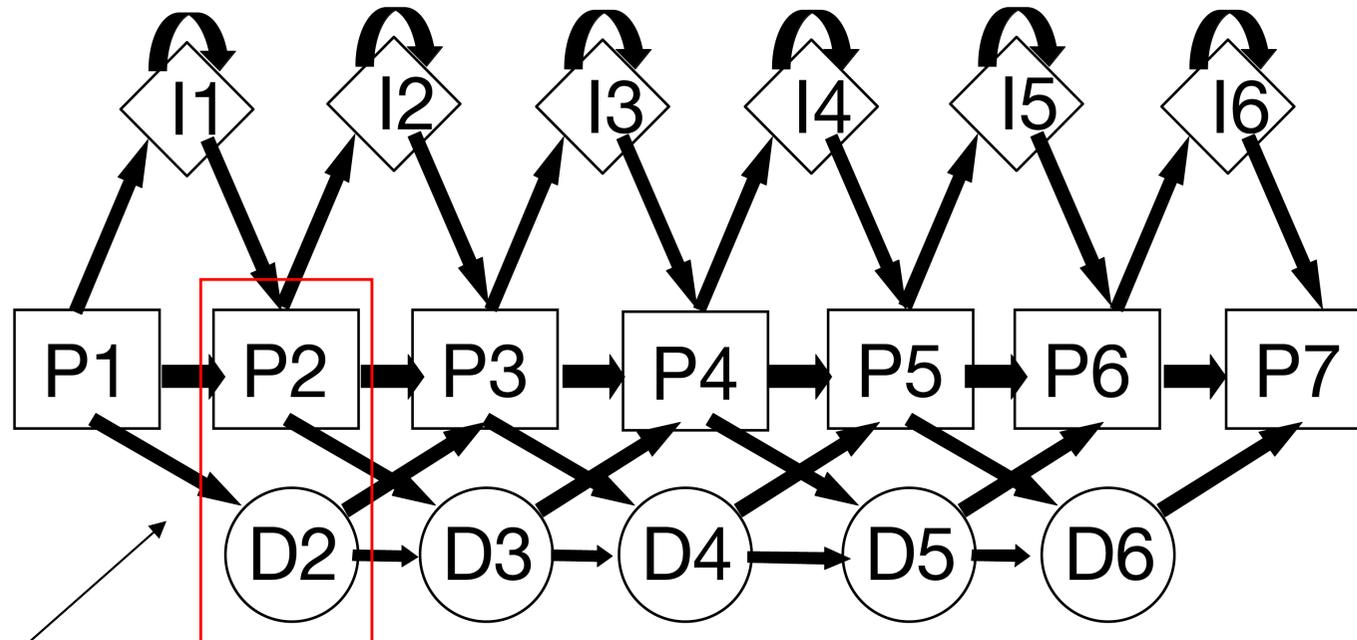
Any thing can match

# HMM vs. alignment

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- Detailed description of core
    - Conserved/variable positions
  - Price for insertions/deletions varies at different locations in sequence
  - These features cannot be captured in conventional alignments
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# Profile HMM's



All P/D pairs must be visited once

**L<sub>1</sub> - Y<sub>2</sub> A<sub>3</sub> V<sub>4</sub> R<sub>5</sub> - I<sub>6</sub>**  
**P<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub> I<sub>4</sub> P<sub>5</sub> D<sub>6</sub> P<sub>7</sub>**

# Profile HMM

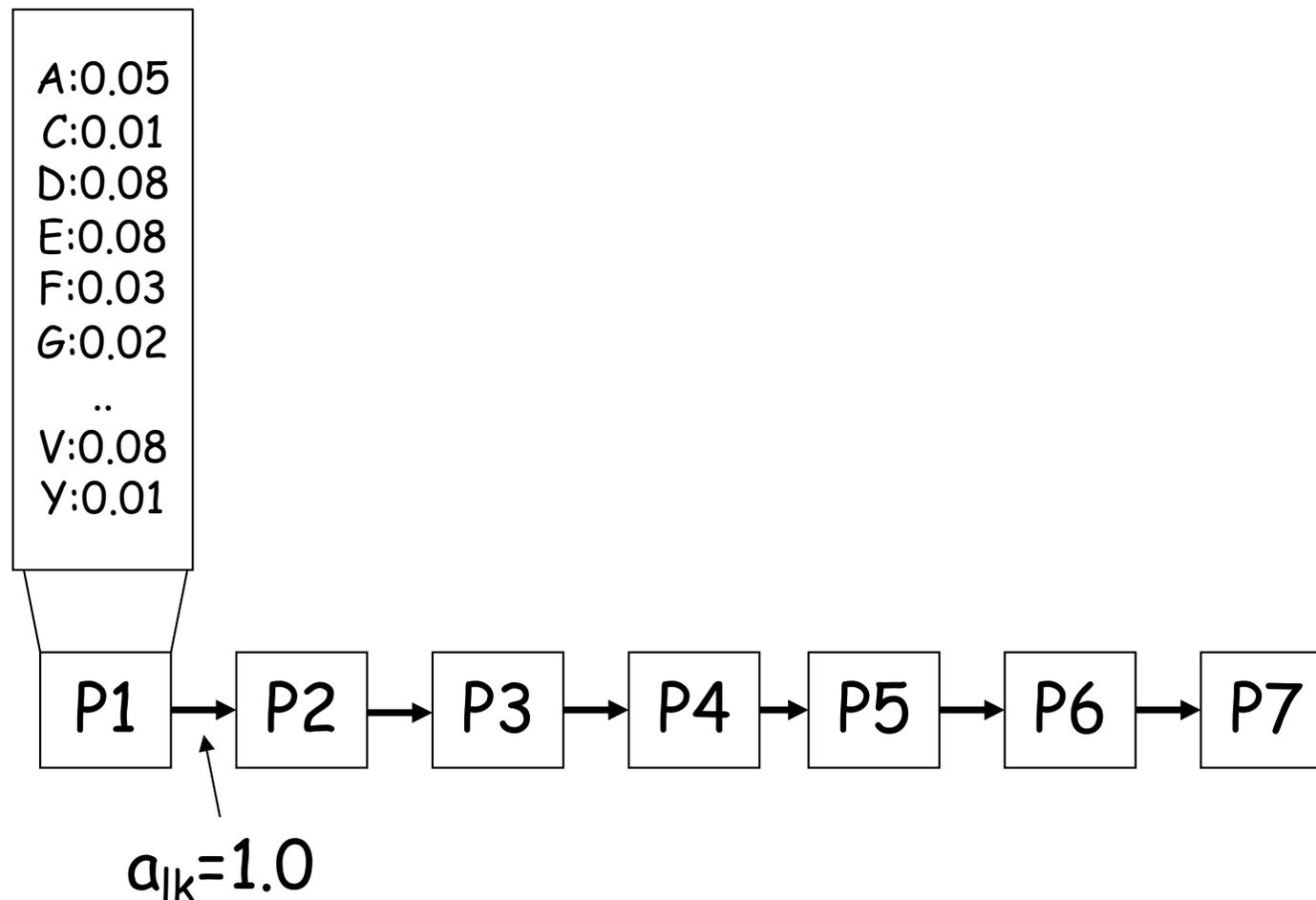
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- Un-gapped profile HMM is just a sequence profile



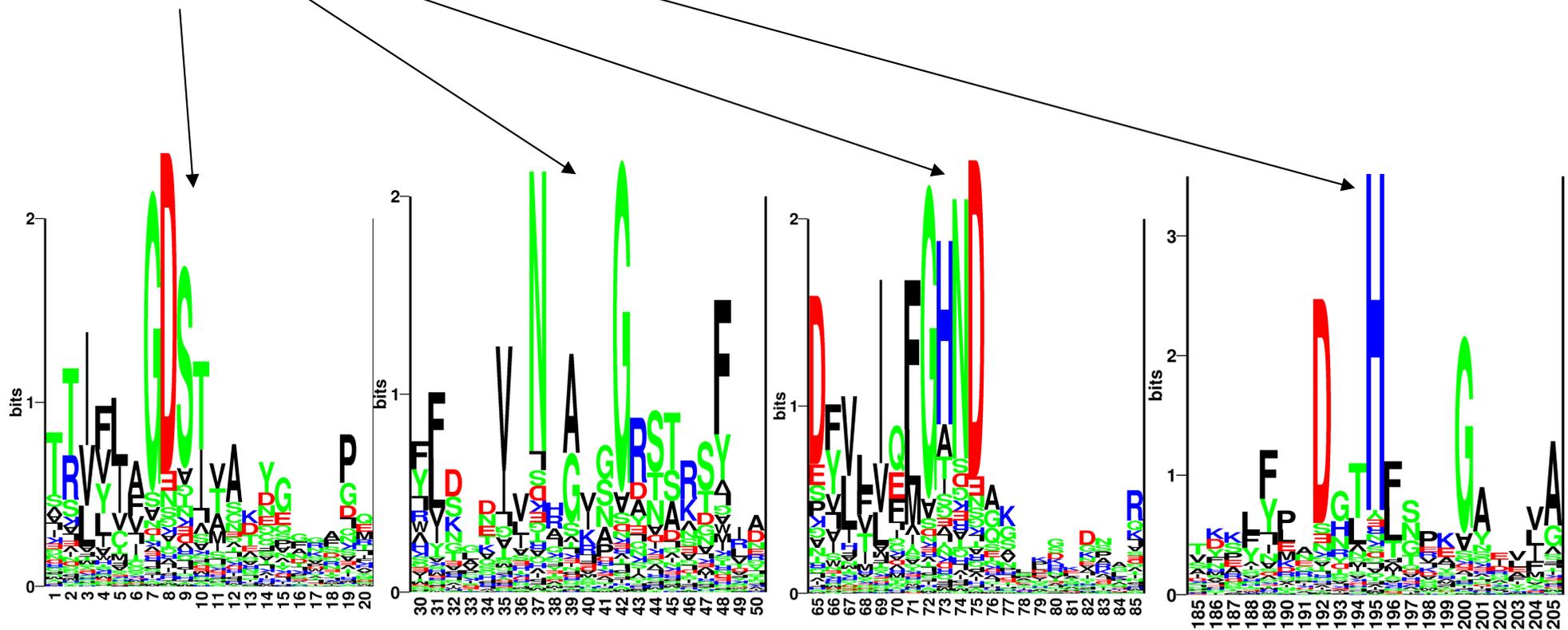
# Profile HMM

- Un-gapped profile HMM is just a sequence profile



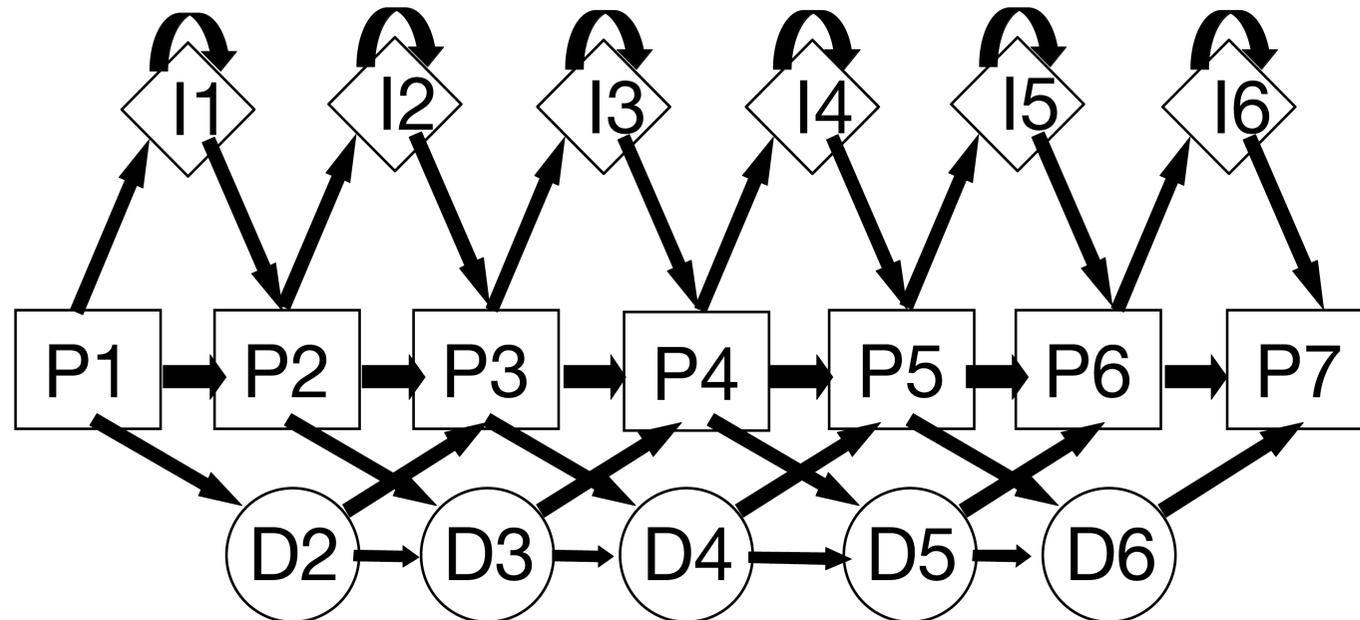
# Example. Where is the active site?

- Sequence profiles might show you where to look!
- The active site could be around
  - S9, G42, N74, and H195



# Profile HMM

- Profile HMM (deletions and insertions)





# The HMMer program

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- HMMer is an open source program suite for profile HMM for biological sequence analysis
  - Used to make the Pfam database of protein families
    - <http://pfam.sanger.ac.uk/>
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# A HMMer example

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- Example from the CASP8 competition
- What is the best PDB template for building a model for the sequence T0391

```
>T0391 rieske ferredoxin, mouse, 157 residues  
SDPEISEQDEEKKKYTSVCGREEDIRKSERMTAVVHDREVVI FYHKGEYHAMDIRCYHS  
GGPLHLGEIEDFNGQSCIVCPWHKYKITLATGEGLYQSINPKDPSAKPKWCSKGVKQRIH  
TVKVDNGNIYVTLSEKPFKCDSDYYATGEFKVIQSS
```

# A HMMer example

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- What is the best PDB template for building a model for the sequence T0391
  - Use Blast
    - No hits
  - Use Psi-Blast
    - No hits
  - Use Hmmer
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# A HMMer example

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- Use Hmmer
  - Make multiple alignment using Blast
  - Make model using
    - hmmbuild
  - Find PDB template using
    - hmmsearch

# A HMMer example

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- Make multiple alignment using Blast

```
blastpgp -j 3 -e 0.001 -m 6 -i T0391.fsa -d sp -b
10000000 -v 10000000 > T0391.fsa.blastout
```

- Make Stockholm format

```
# STOCKHOLM 1.0
QUERY DPEISEQDEEKKKYTSVCGREEDIRKS-ERMTAVVHD-RE--V-V-IF--Y-H-KGE-Y
Q8K2P6 DPEISEQDEEKKKYTSVCGREEDIRKS-ERMTAVVHD-RE--V-V-IF--Y-H-KGE-Y
Q8TAC1 ----SAQDPEKREYSSVCGREDDIKKS-ERMTAVVHD-RE--V-V-IF--Y-H-KGE-Y
```

- Build HMM

```
hmmbuild T0391.hmm T0391.fsa.blastout.sto
```

- Search for templates in PDB

```
hmmsearch T0391.hmm pdb > T0391.out
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# A HMMer example

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| Sequence | Description                              | Score | E-value | N   |
|----------|--|-------|---------|-----|
| -----    | -----                                    | ----- | -----   | --- |
| 2E4Q.A   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 163.7 | 6.7e-45 | 1   |
| 2E4P.B   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 163.7 | 6.7e-45 | 1   |
| 2E4P.A   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 163.7 | 6.7e-45 | 1   |
| 2E4Q.C   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 163.7 | 6.7e-45 | 1   |
| 2YVJ.B   | mol:aa OXIDOREDUCTASE/ELECTRON TRANSPORT | 163.7 | 6.7e-45 | 1   |
| 1FQT.A   | mol:aa OXIDOREDUCTASE                    | 160.9 | 4.5e-44 | 1   |
| 1FQT.B   | mol:aa OXIDOREDUCTASE                    | 160.9 | 4.5e-44 | 1   |
| 2QPZ.A   | mol:aa METAL BINDING PROTEIN             | 137.3 | 5.6e-37 | 1   |
| 2Q3W.A   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 116.2 | 1.3e-30 | 1   |
| 1VM9.A   | mol:aa ELECTRON TRANSPORT                | 116.2 | 1.3e-30 | 1   |

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# Validation. CE structural alignment

CE 2E4Q A 3D89 A (run on IRIX machines at CBS)

Structure Alignment Calculator, version 1.01, last modified: May 25, 2000.

CE Algorithm, version 1.00, 1998.

Chain 1: /usr/cbs/bio/src/ce\_distr/data.cbs/pdb2e4q.ent:A (Size=109)

Chain 2: /usr/cbs/bio/src/ce\_distr/data.cbs/pdb3d89.ent:A (Size=157)

Alignment length = 101 Rmsd = 2.03A Z-Score = 5.5 Gaps = 20 (19.8%)  
CPU = 1s Sequence identities = 18.1%

Chain 1: 2 TFTKACSVDEVPPGEALQVSHDAQKVAIFNVDGEFFATQDQCTHGEWSLSEGGYLDG----DVVECSLHM

Chain 2: 16 TSVCVGREEDIRKSERMTAVVHDREVVIFYHKGEYHAMDIRCYHSGGPLH-LGEIEDFNGQSCIVCPWHK

Chain 1: 68 GKFCVRTGKVKS-----PPPC-----EPLKVYPIRIEGRDVLVDFSRALH

Chain 2: 85 YKITLATGEGLYQSINPKDPSAKPKWCCKGKQRIHTVKVDNGNIYVTL-SKEPF

# HMM packages

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- [HMMER](http://hmmer.wustl.edu/) (http://hmmer.wustl.edu/)
    - S.R. Eddy, WashU St. Louis. Freely available.
  - [SAM](http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/research/compbio/sam.html) (http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/research/compbio/sam.html)
    - R. Hughey, K. Karplus, A. Krogh, D. Haussler and others, UC Santa Cruz. Freely available to academia, nominal license fee for commercial users.
  - [META-MEME](http://metameme.sdsc.edu/) (http://metameme.sdsc.edu/)
    - William Noble Grundy, UC San Diego. Freely available. Combines features of PSSM search and profile HMM search.
  - [NET-ID, HMMpro](http://www.netid.com/html/hmmpro.html) (http://www.netid.com/html/hmmpro.html)
    - Freely available to academia, nominal license fee for commercial users.
    - Allows HMM architecture construction.
  - [EasyGibbs](http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/biotools/EasyGibbs/) (http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/biotools/EasyGibbs/)
    - Webserver for Gibbs sampling of proteins sequences
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