

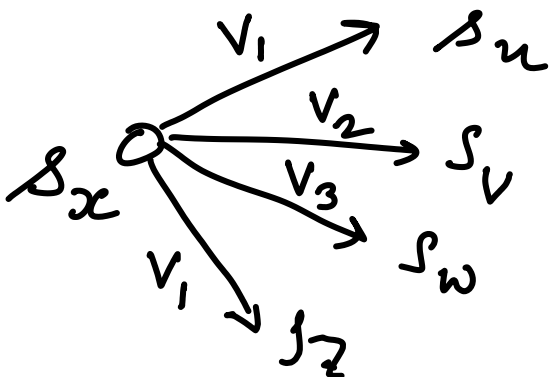
# CSL 356 Lecture 22, Sept 24

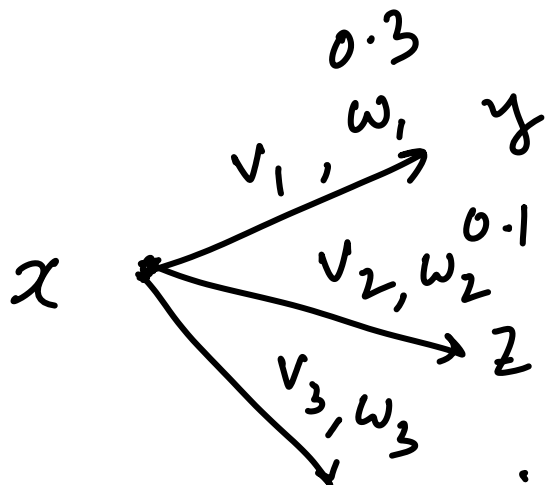
In class quiz on Fri (Sept 27)  
syllabus - dynamic Prog

Often for many real life applications we form hypotheses on the basis of observations and we would like to form a hypothesis - that is most likely.

We have a weighted directed graph, say  $G = (V, E, W)$   
 $W$  is a weight function

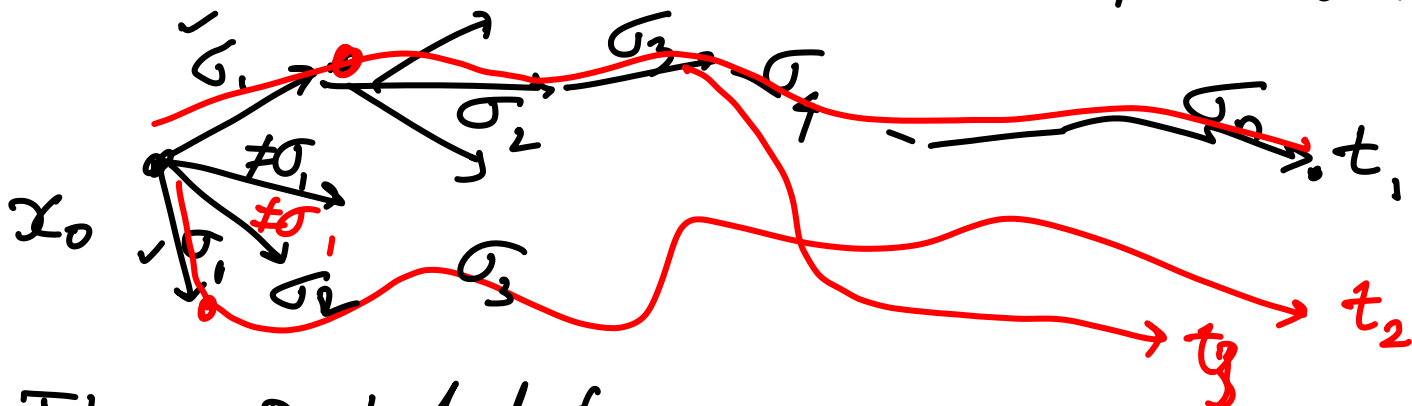
Vertices represent the "states" corresponding to some partial deduction about our hypotheses depending on the observation, say  $O$  - that can have several values,  $V_1, V_2, \dots$





$w_i$  corresponds to our confidence in moving to the next state. In fact if we normalize the weights, we can make them correspond to probabilities.

Given observations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_n$   
 $\sigma_i$  is an observation, starting from an initial state (some starting vertex), we want to look at all the possible paths in the graph corresponding to  $\sigma$  and choose the one that is most probable.



The probability of a specific path  

$$P = e_1 e_2 e_3 \dots e_n = \prod_i w(e_i)$$

Take the logarithm of the prod of probabilities

$$\log (w(e_1) \cdot w(e_2) \cdot w(e_3) \cdots w(e_n))$$

correspond to prob

$$\Rightarrow \sum \log(w(e_i)) \dots$$

Since logarithms of prob are negative we will actually minimize the sum of the weights (that are logs)

Objective. Given a labelled, weighted graph  $G = (V, E, W)$ ;

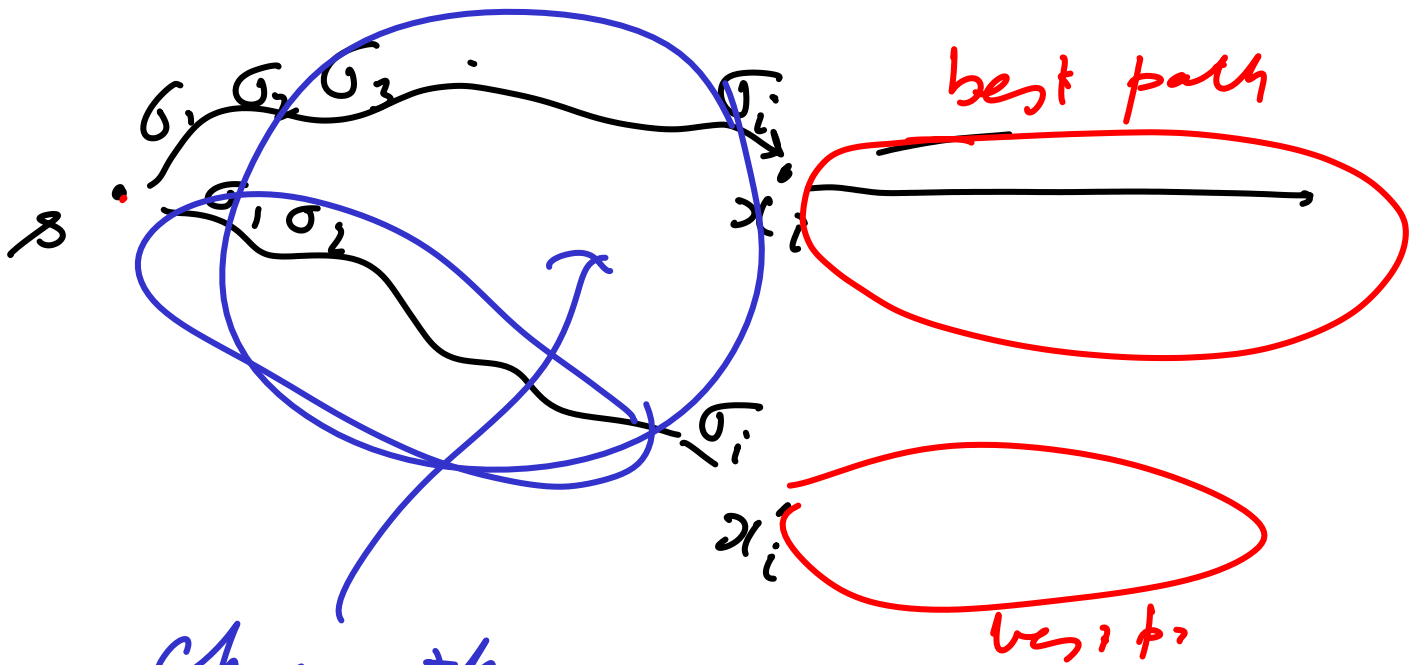
and a sequence  $\sigma$  of labels  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \dots \sigma_n$ , we want to find

the path  $P^* = e_1^* e_2^* e_3^* \dots e_n^*$

such that  $\sum W(e_i^*)$  is minimized

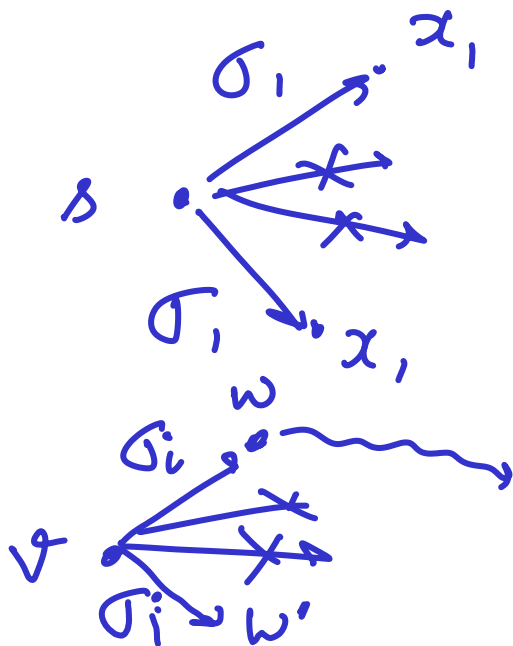
where  $e_i^*$  has  $i$ -th label  $\sigma_i^*$

$\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_i \dots \sigma_n$



Choose the best path

Choose the best intermediate point



Let  $P_i(v)$  denote the best path from vertex  $v$  with labels  $\sigma_{i+1} \sigma_{i+2} \dots \sigma_n$

$$P_{i-1}(v) = \min_{w \in V} [P_i(w) + W(v, w)]$$

$$\text{label}(v, w) = \sigma_i$$

Must be calculated for all vertices  $v \in V$

Eventually or finally, we need

$P_0(s)$  . Base case paths of  
length 1, namely  
 $P_{n-1}(v) \quad \forall v \in V$

Running-time? : We need to compute  
 $P_i(v)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $v \in V$

$\Rightarrow O(n \cdot |V|)$  terms

How much time for each? : degree of  
a vertex which is  $O(|V|)$

$\Rightarrow$  Total time  $O(n |V|^2)$

Space : If all terms have to  
be stored, then  $O(n|V|)$

Viterbi's algorithm