

Lecture

**Music Processing**

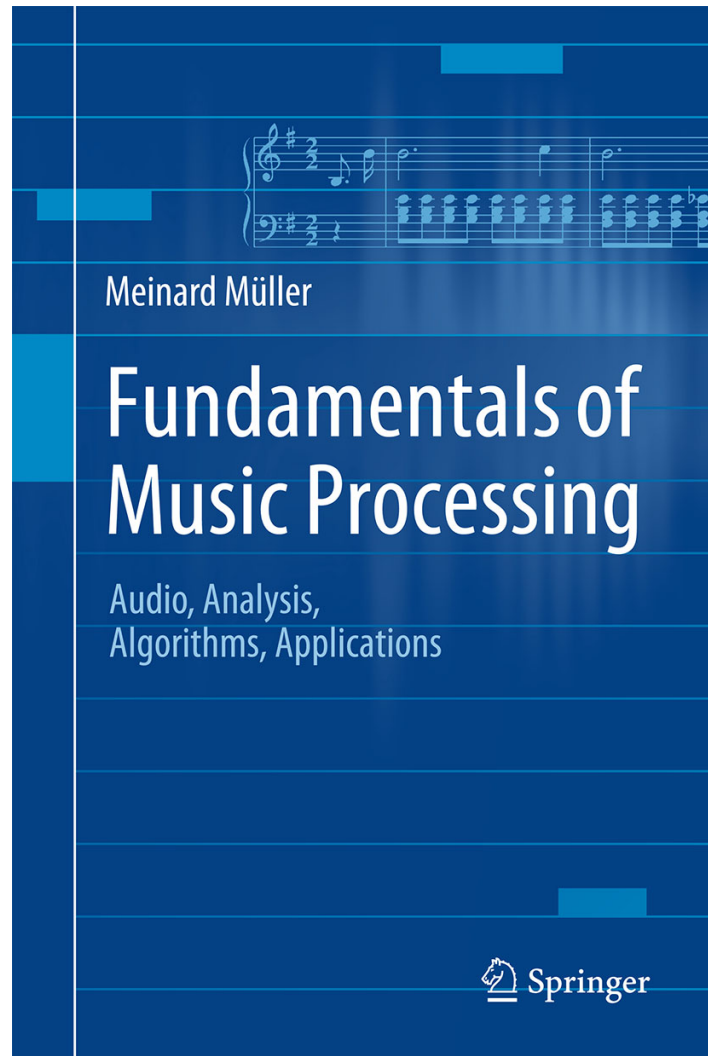
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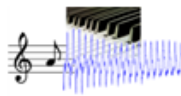

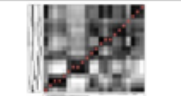


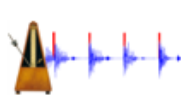
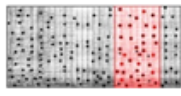
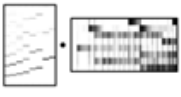
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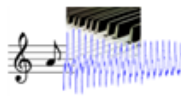

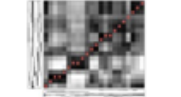

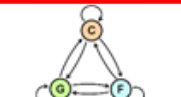
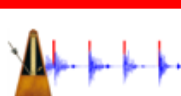
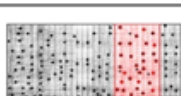
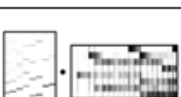
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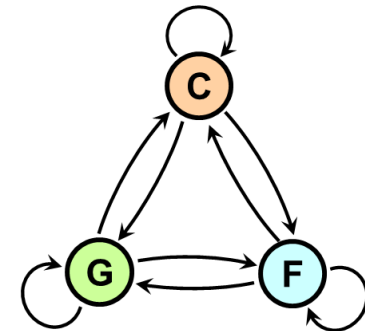
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# Chapter 5: Chord Recognition

- 5.1 Basic Theory of Harmony
- 5.2 Template-Based Chord Recognition
- 5.3 HMM-Based Chord Recognition
- 5.4 Further Notes

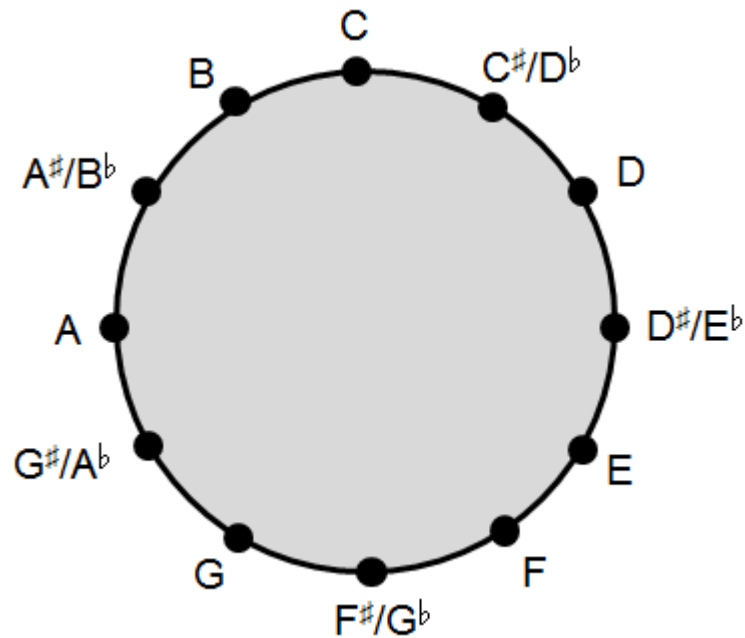


In Chapter 5, we consider the problem of analyzing harmonic properties of a piece of music by determining a descriptive progression of chords from a given audio recording. We take this opportunity to first discuss some basic theory of harmony including concepts such as intervals, chords, and scales. Then, motivated by the automated chord recognition scenario, we introduce template-based matching procedures and hidden Markov models—a concept of central importance for the analysis of temporal patterns in time-dependent data streams including speech, gestures, and music.

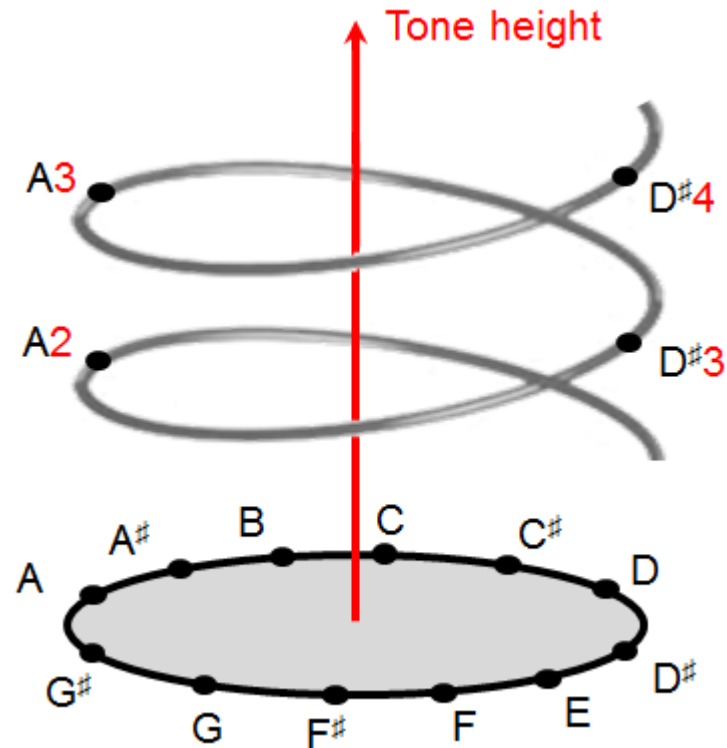
# Recall: Chroma Features

- Human perception of pitch is periodic
- Two components: **tone height** (octave) and **chroma** (pitch class)

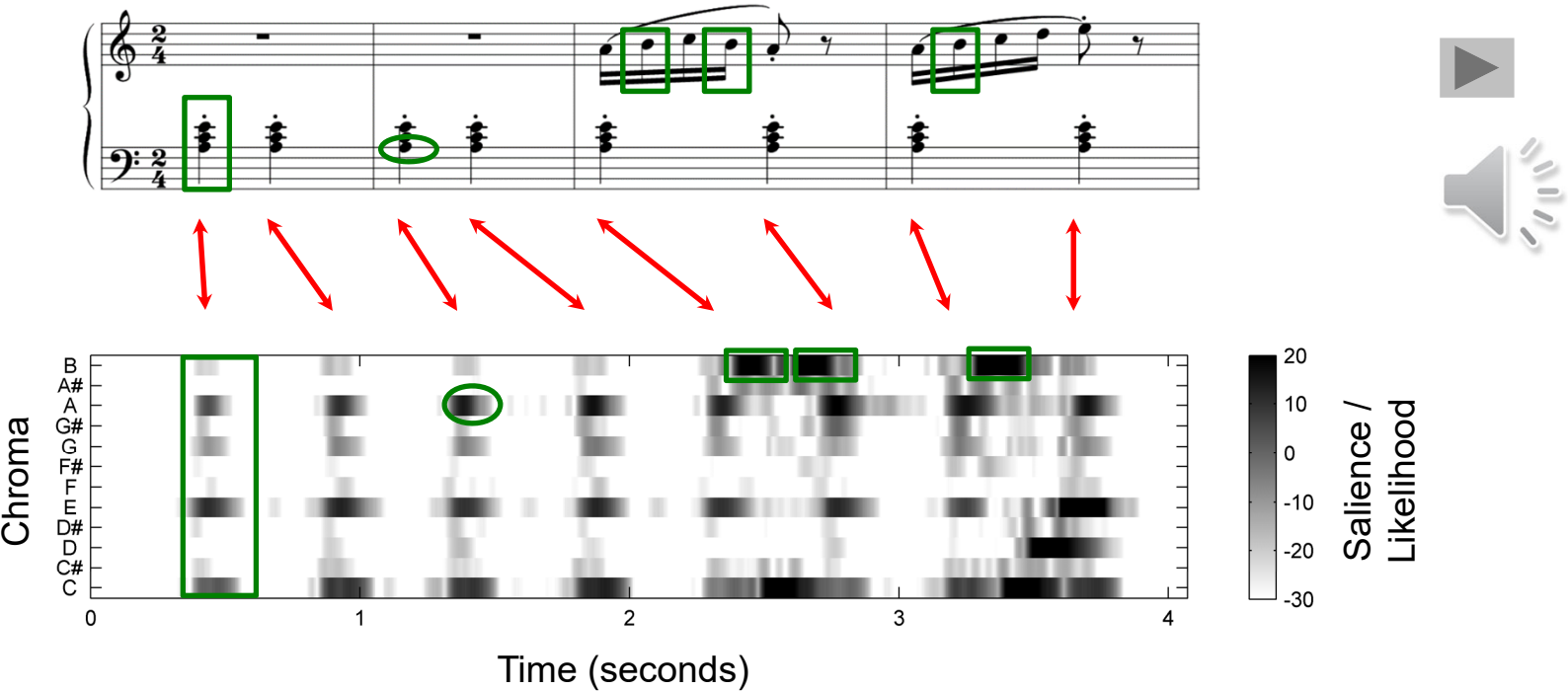
Chromatic circle



Shepard's helix of pitch



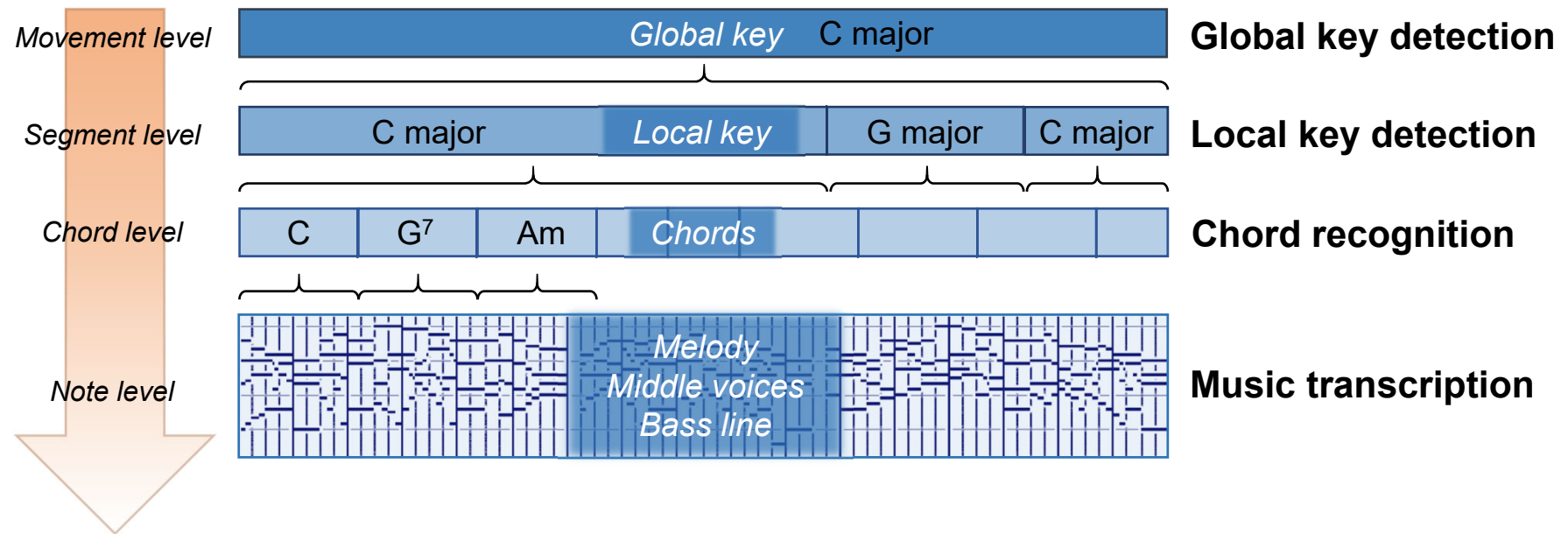
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→ capture harmonic progression

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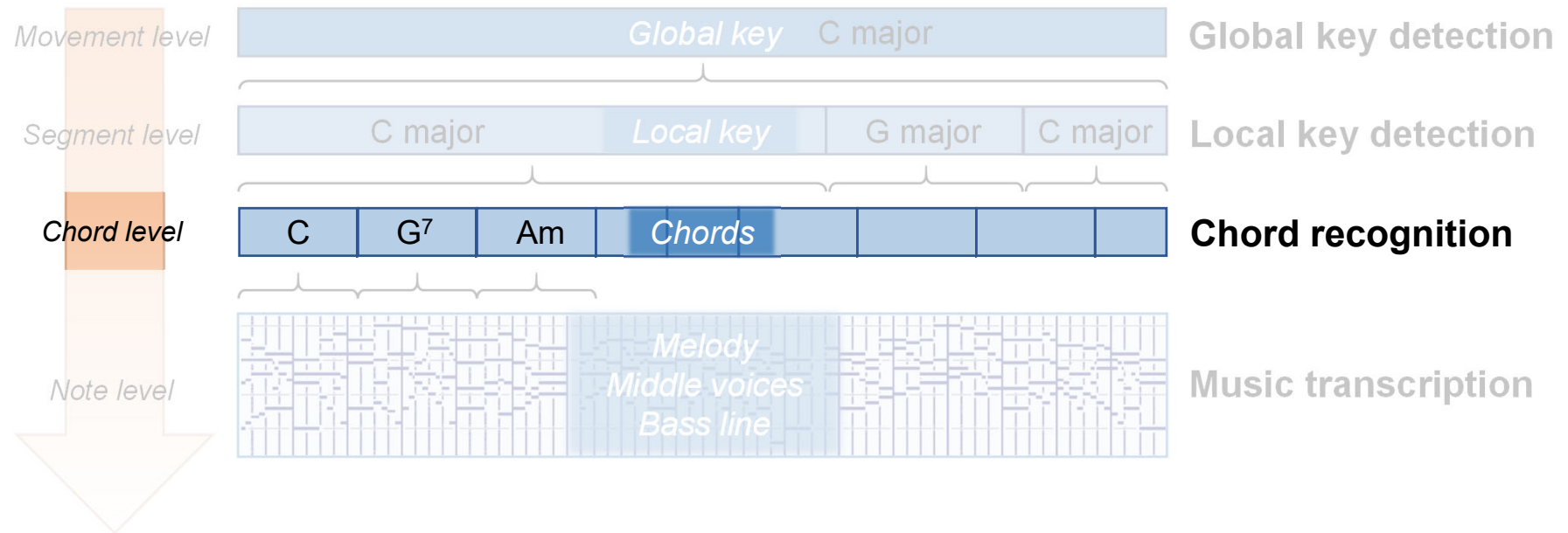
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# Chord Recognition

Let It Be chords  
The Beatles 1970 (Let It Be)

[Intro]

C G Am F C G  
F C Dm C

[Verse 1]

          C                          G                          Am                          F  
When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me  
C                          G                          F C Dm C  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

          C                          G                          Am                          F  
And in my hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me  
C                          G                          F C Dm C  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

[Chorus]



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C G Am F C G F C

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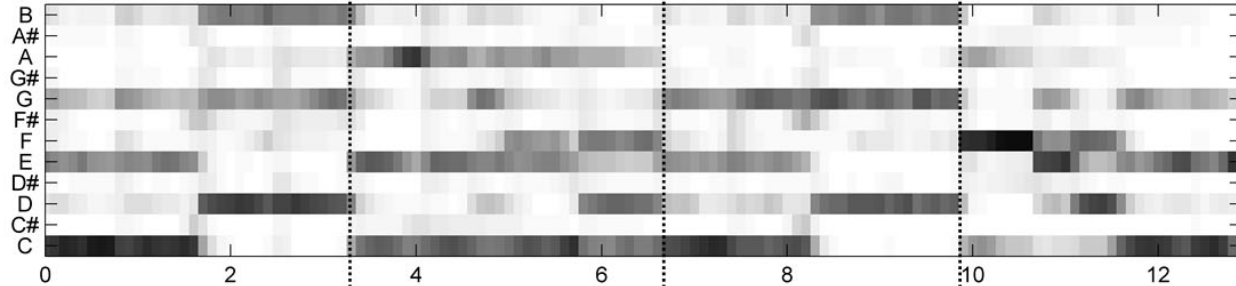
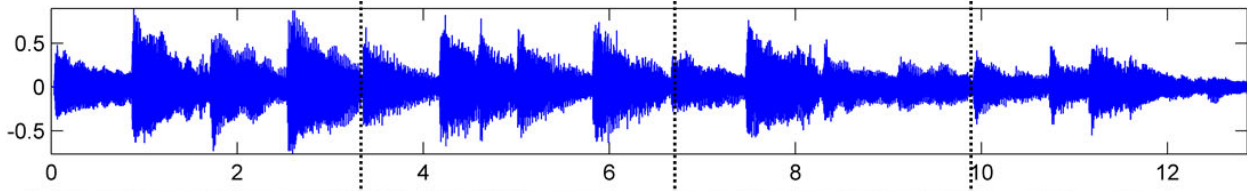
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# Chord Recognition

C G Am F C G F C

Musical score in 4/4 time, showing chords (C, G, Am, F, C, G, F, C) and corresponding notes in the treble and bass staves.

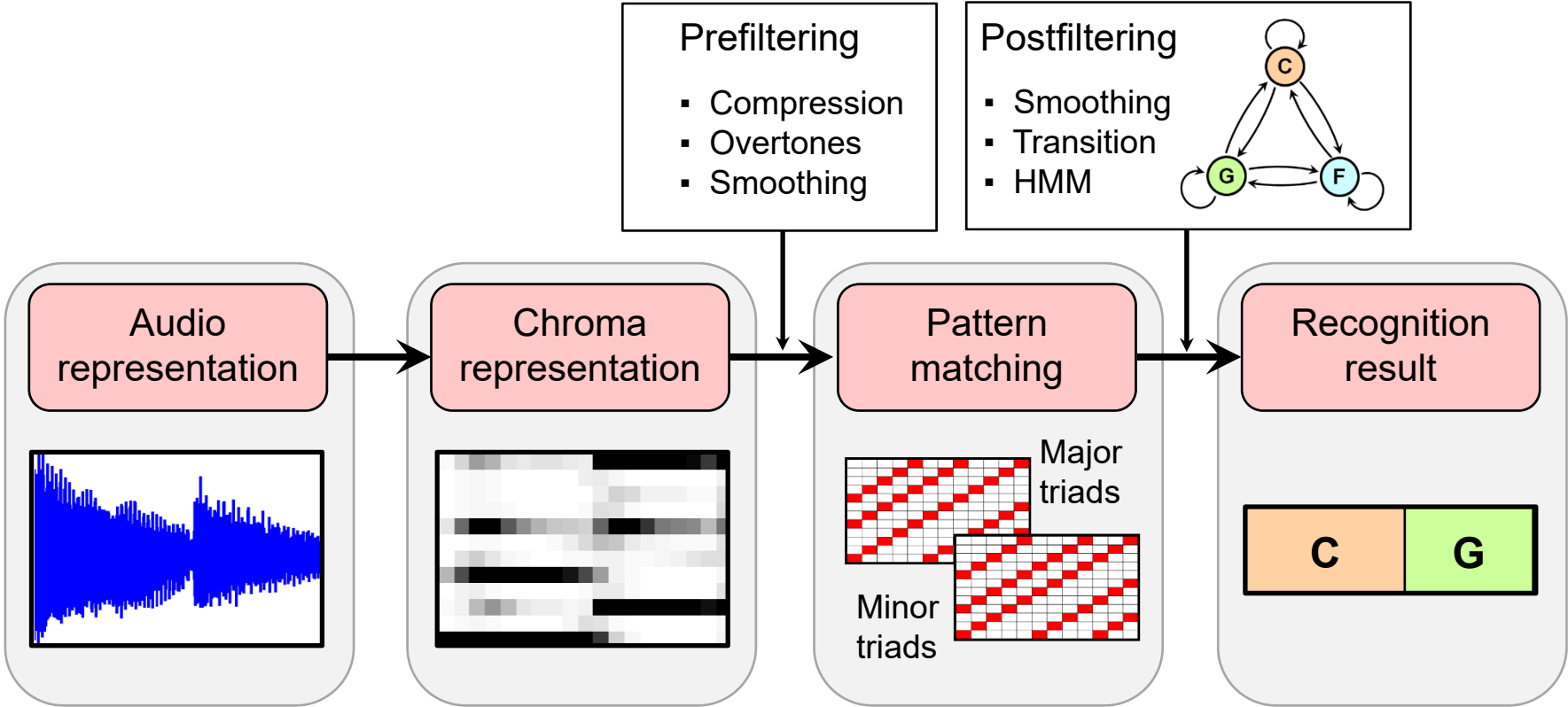


C G Am F C G F C

Chord sequence: C, G, Am, F, C, G, F, C.



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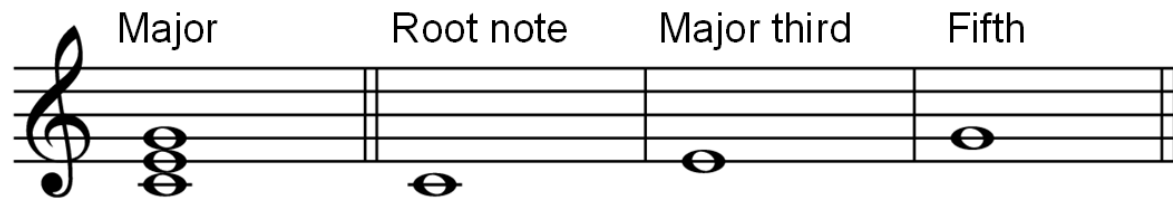


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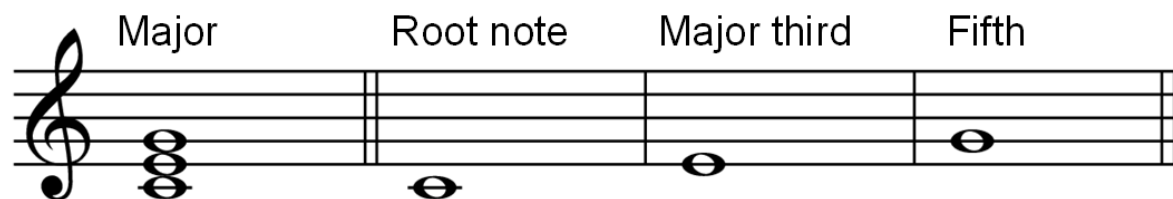
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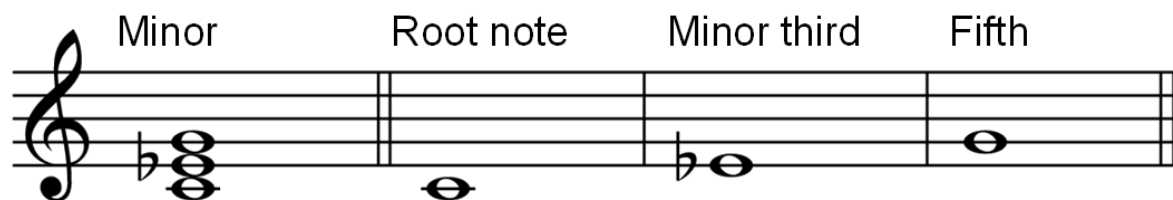


The diagram shows a treble clef staff divided into four sections. The first section, labeled 'Major', shows a C major triad with notes C4, E4, and G4. The second section, labeled 'Root note', shows a single C4 note. The third section, labeled 'Major third', shows a single E4 note. The fourth section, labeled 'Fifth', shows a single G4 note.

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Minor      Root note      Minor third      Fifth



The diagram shows a treble clef staff divided into four sections. The first section, labeled 'Minor', shows a C minor triad with notes C4, E♭4, and G4. The second section, labeled 'Root note', shows a single C4 note. The third section, labeled 'Minor third', shows a single E♭4 note. The fourth section, labeled 'Fifth', shows a single G4 note.

**C Minor (Cm)**



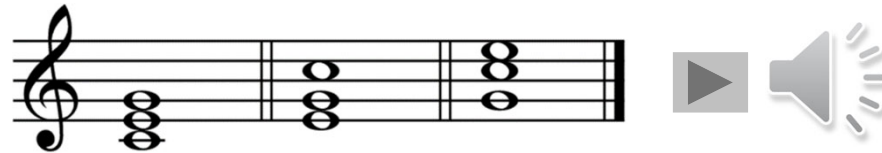
- Enharmonic equivalence: 12 root notes → 24 major/minor triads



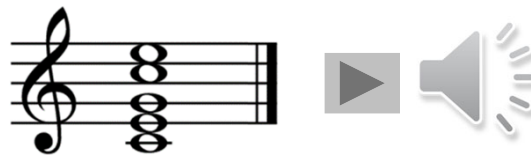
# Chord Recognition: Basics

Chords appear in different forms:

- Inversions



- Different voicings



- Harmonic figuration: Broken chords (arpeggio)




- Melodic figuration: Different melody note (suspension, passing tone, ...)
- Further: Additional notes, incomplete chords

# Chord Recognition: Basics

- Templates: **Major Triads**

C



B	
A <sup>#</sup> /B <sup>b</sup>	
A	
G <sup>#</sup> /A <sup>b</sup>	
G	■
F <sup>#</sup> /G <sup>b</sup>	
F	
E	■
D <sup>#</sup> /E <sup>b</sup>	
D	
C <sup>#</sup> /D <sup>b</sup>	
C	■



# Chord Recognition: Basics

- Templates: **Major Triads**

C D<sup>b</sup> D E<sup>b</sup> E F G<sup>b</sup> G A<sup>b</sup> A B<sup>b</sup> B

B												
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# Chord Recognition: Basics

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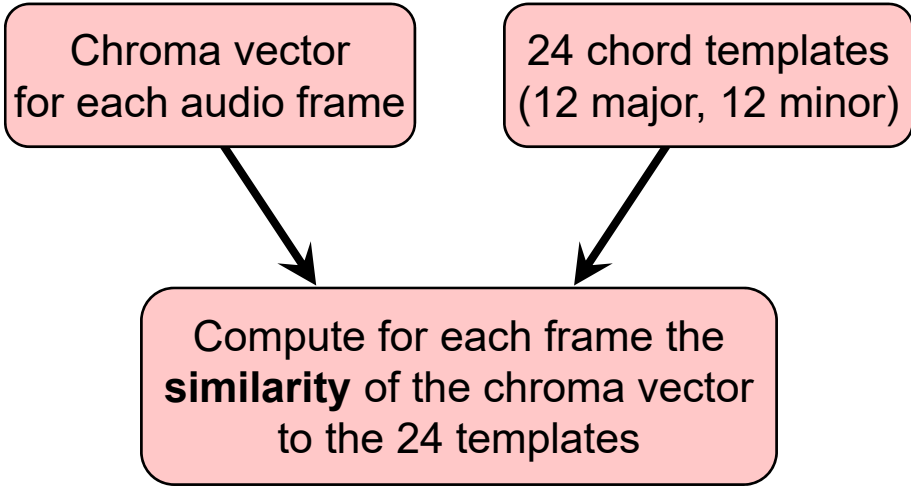
Cm C#m Dm Ebm Em Fm F#m Gm G#m Am Bbm Bm



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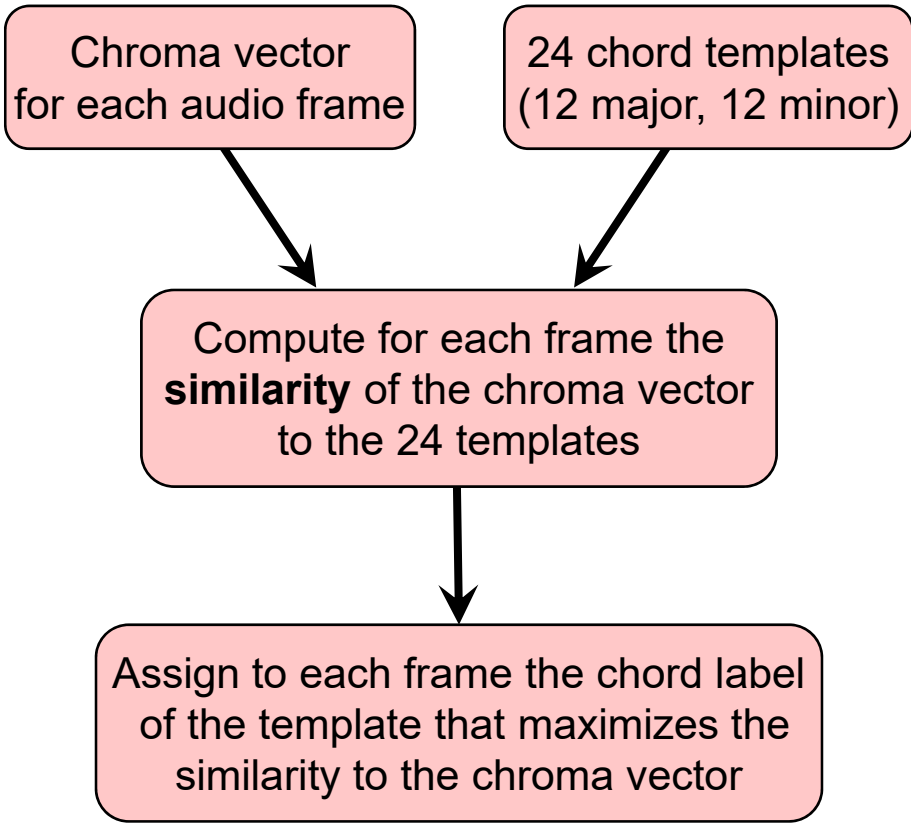


# Chord Recognition: Template Matching



	C	C <sup>#</sup>	D	...	C <sup>m</sup>	C <sup>#m</sup>	D <sup>m</sup>	...
B	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...
A <sup>#</sup>	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...
A	0	0	1	...	0	0	1	...
G <sup>#</sup>	0	1	0	...	0	1	0	...
G	1	0	0	...	1	0	0	...
F <sup>#</sup>	0	0	1	...	0	0	0	...
F	0	1	0	...	0	0	1	...
E	1	0	0	...	0	1	0	...
D <sup>#</sup>	0	0	0	...	1	0	0	...
D	0	0	1	...	0	0	1	...
C <sup>#</sup>	0	1	0	...	0	1	0	...
C	1	0	0	...	1	0	0	...

# Chord Recognition: Label Assignment



	C	C <sup>#</sup>	D	...	C <sup>m</sup>	C <sup>#m</sup>	D <sup>m</sup>	...
B	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...
A <sup>#</sup>	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	...
A	0	0	1	...	0	0	1	...
G <sup>#</sup>	0	1	0	...	0	1	0	...
G	1	0	0	...	1	0	0	...
F <sup>#</sup>	0	0	1	...	0	0	0	...
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E	1	0	0	...	0	1	0	...
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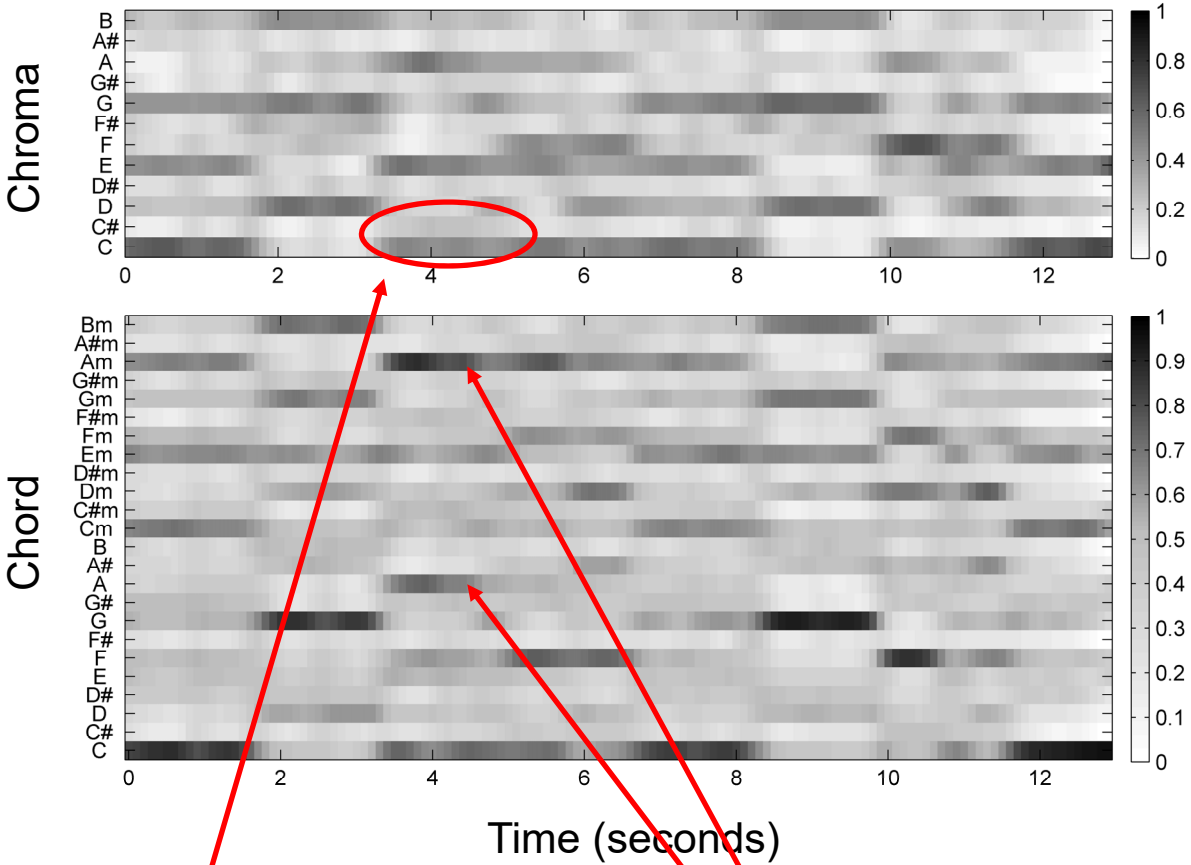
- Similarity measure: Cosine similarity (inner product of normalized vectors)

Chord template:  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$

Chroma vector:  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$

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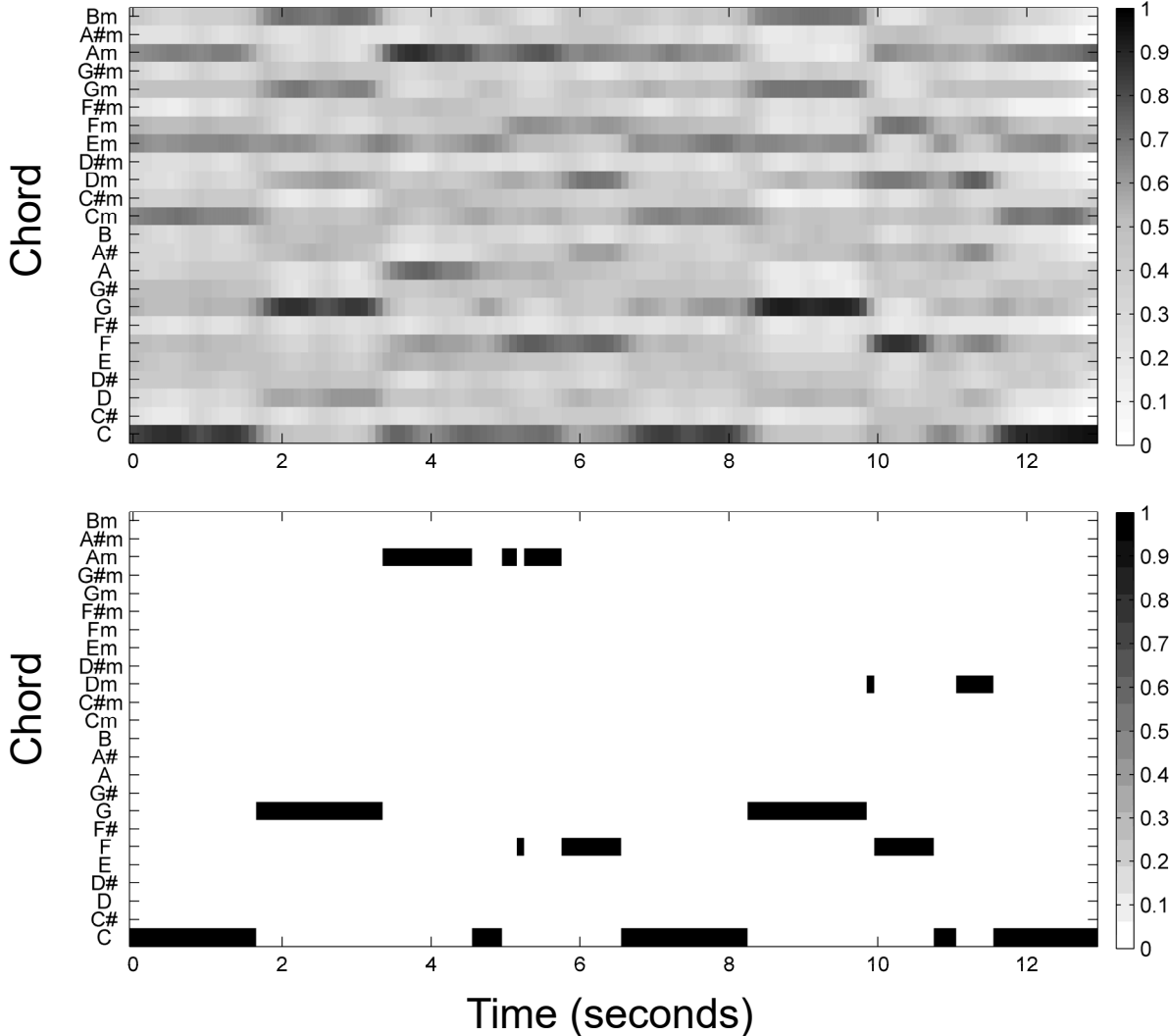
# Chord Recognition: Template Matching



C# as overtone of A → major–minor confusion



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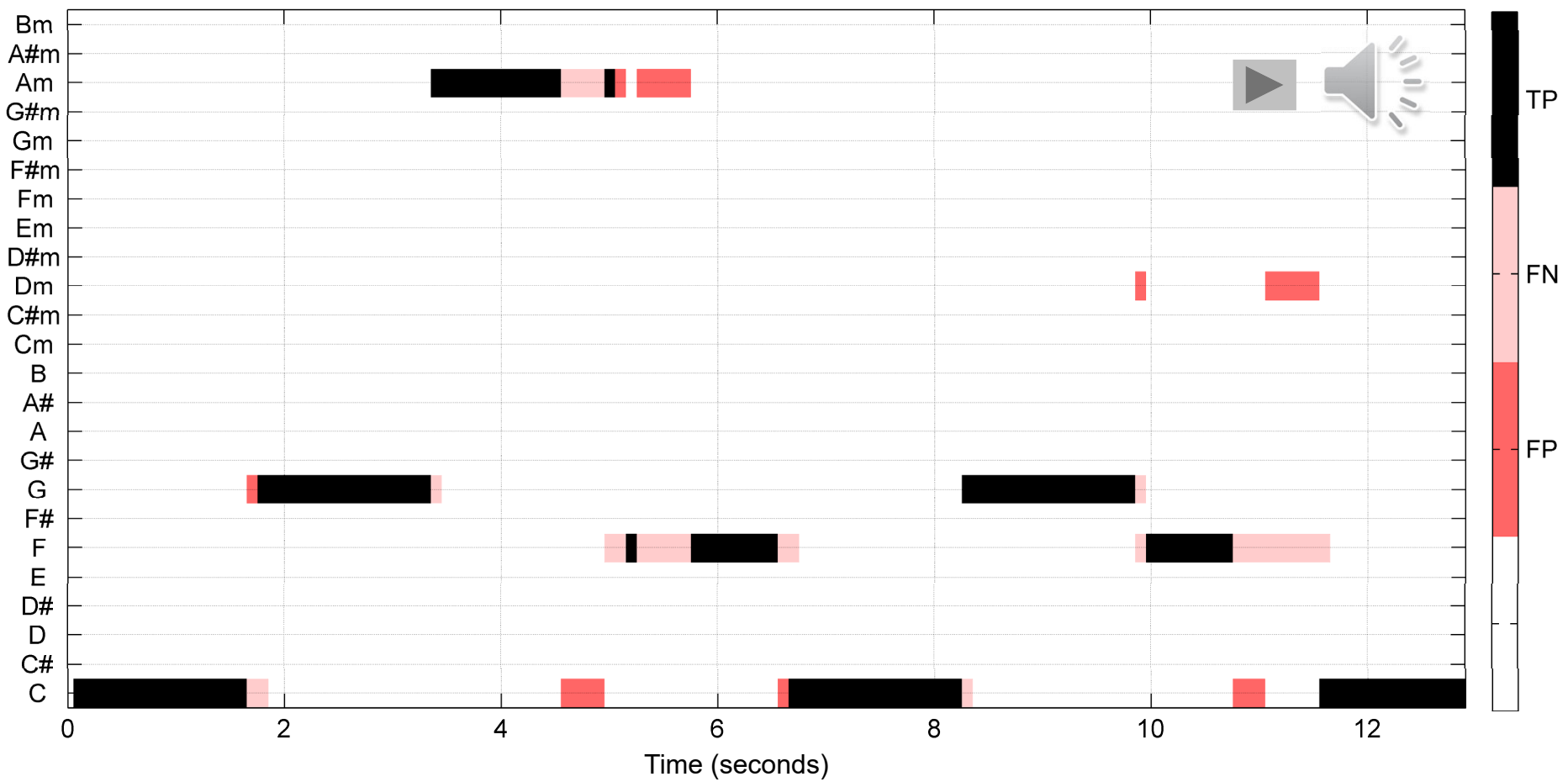


# Chord Recognition: Evaluation

- Comparison of
  - reference labels (ground truth; relevant “items”)
  - estimated labels (computed)
- TP (true positive):  
Reference label and estimated label agree
- FN (false negative):  
Reference label not detected
- FP (false positive):  
Estimated label not covered by reference label

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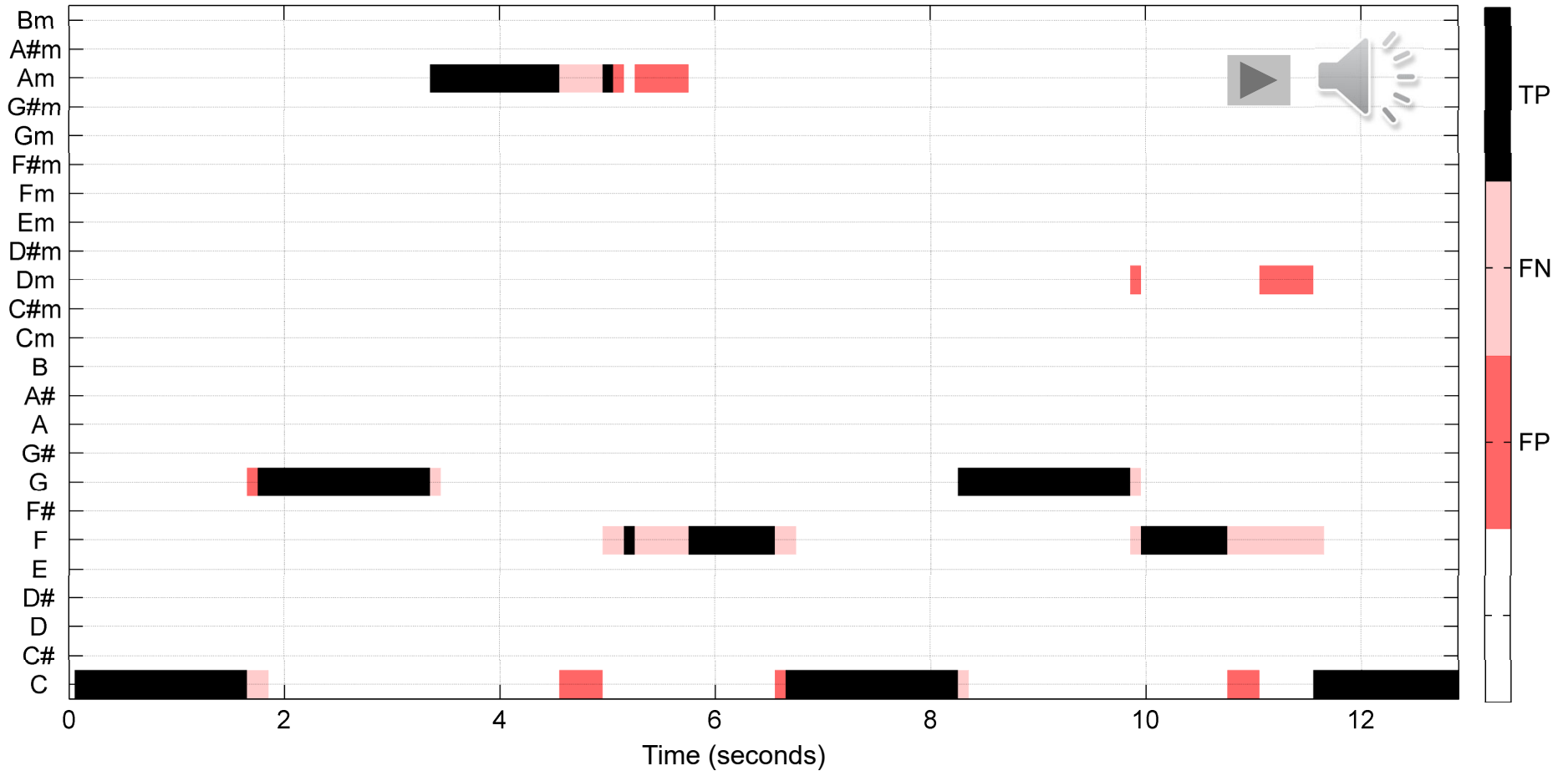
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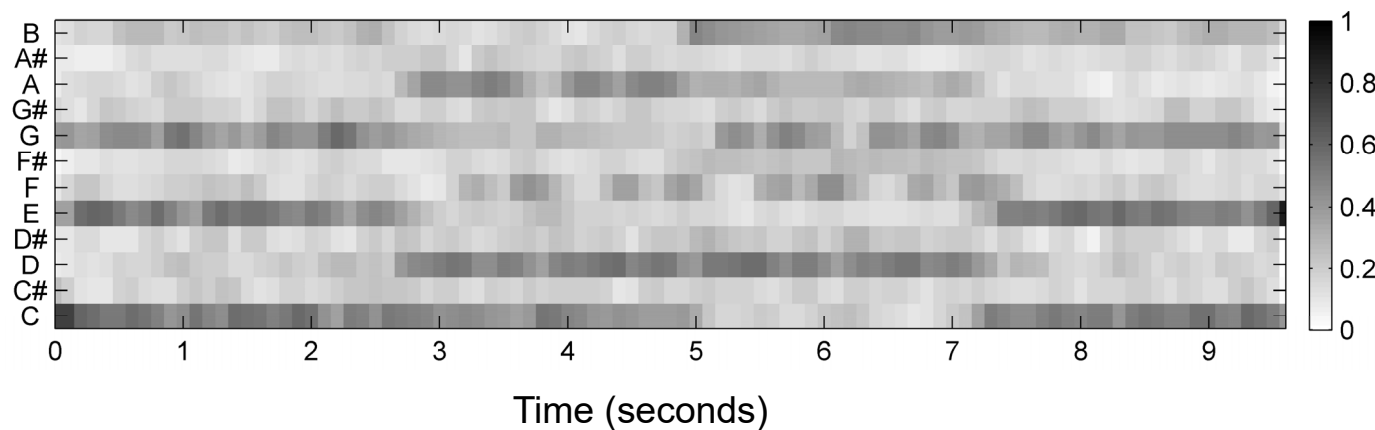
Chord progression (top staff): C G Am F C G F C

Chord progression (bottom staff): C C G G Am Am Am7 Fmaj7 F6 C C G G F C Dm7 C C



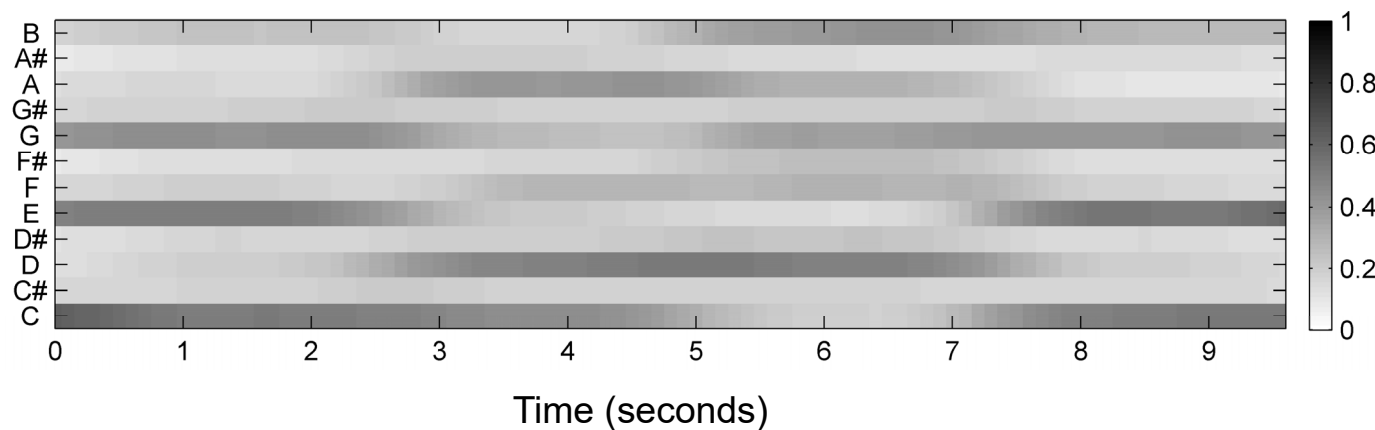
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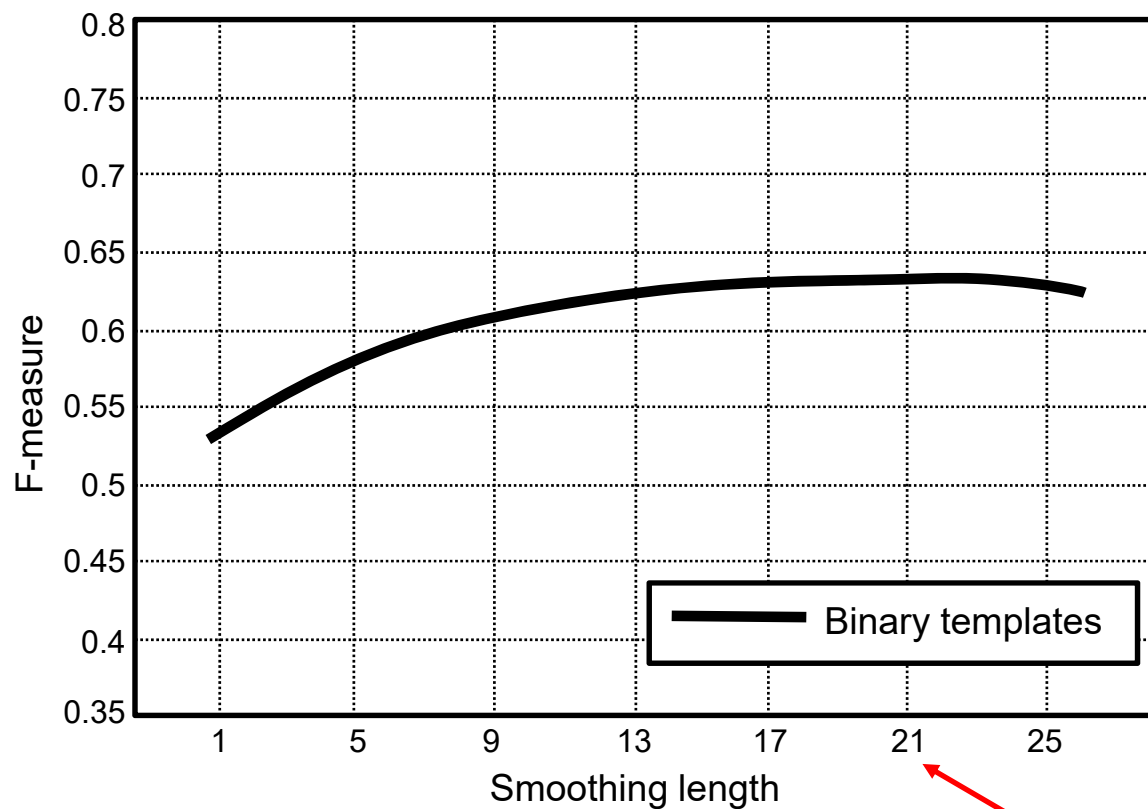
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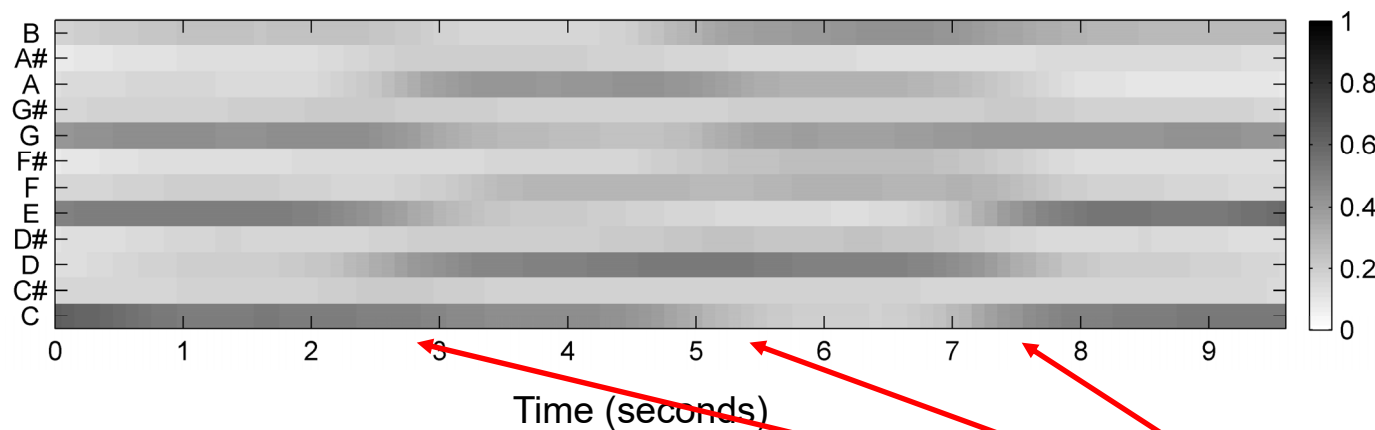
- Evaluation on all 180 Beatles songs (10 studio albums)



~2 seconds at  
10 Hz feature rate

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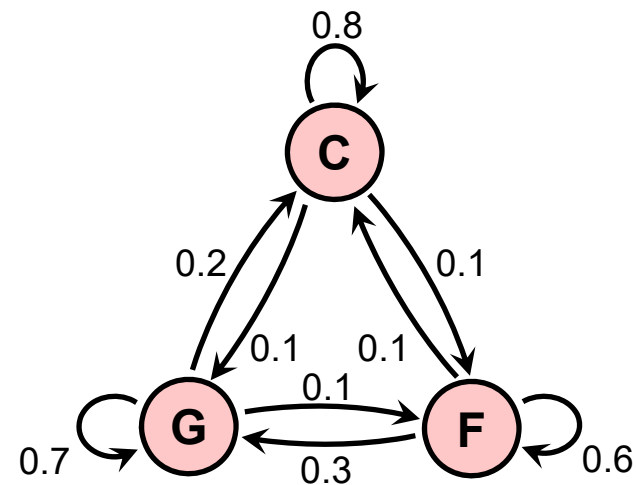


blurring of boundaries!



# Markov Chains

- Probabilistic model for sequential data
- **Markov property**: Next state only depends on current state (transition model – time-invariant, no “memory”)
- Consist of:
  - Set of states
  - State transition probabilities →
  - *Initial state probabilities*



# Markov Chains

## Notation:

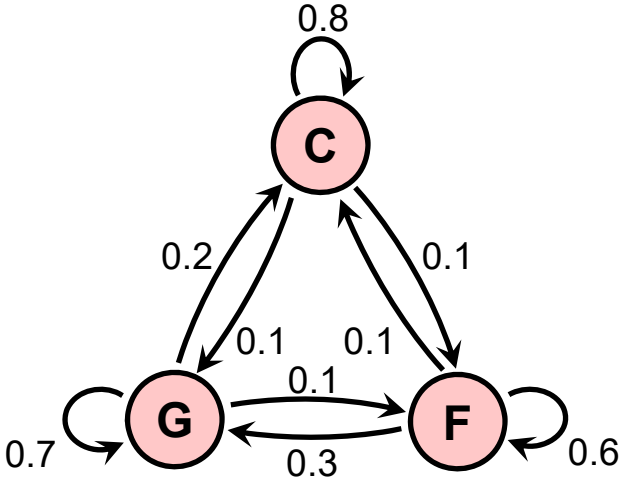
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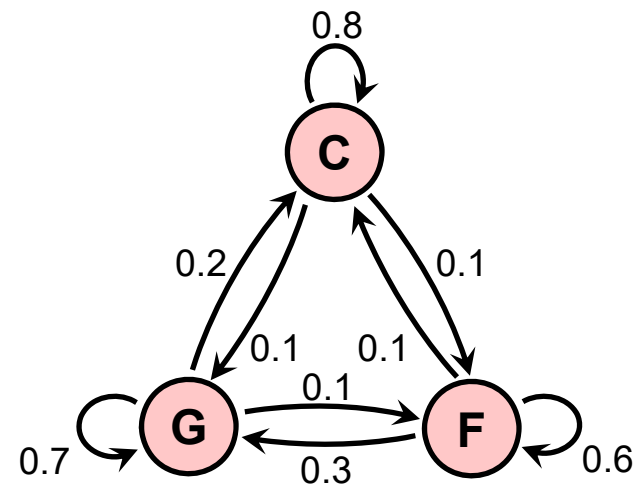
Initial state probabilities  $c_i$

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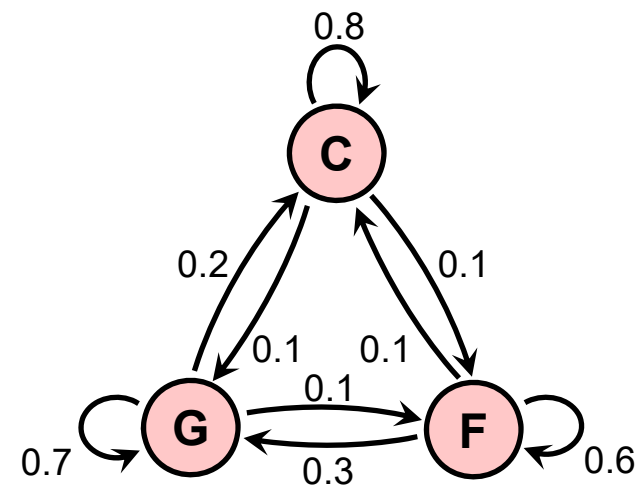


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- Application examples:
  - Compute probability of a sequence using given a model (evaluation)
  - Compare two sequences using a given model
  - Evaluate a sequence with two different models (classification)

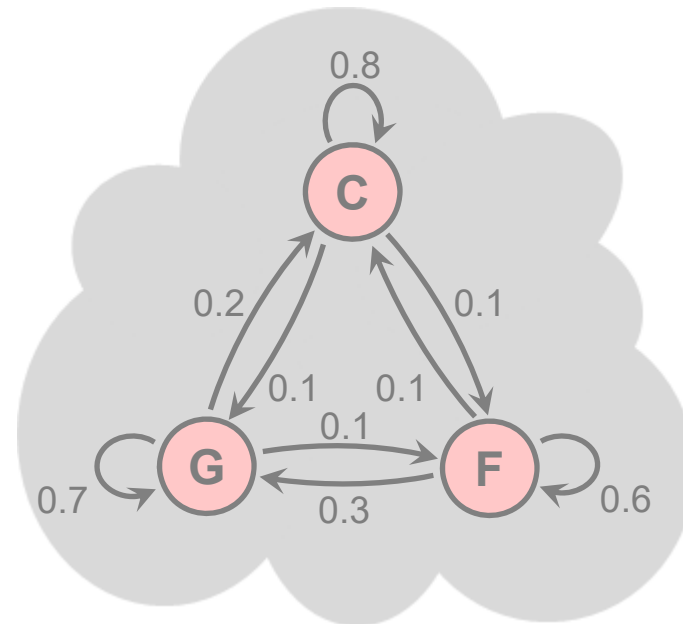


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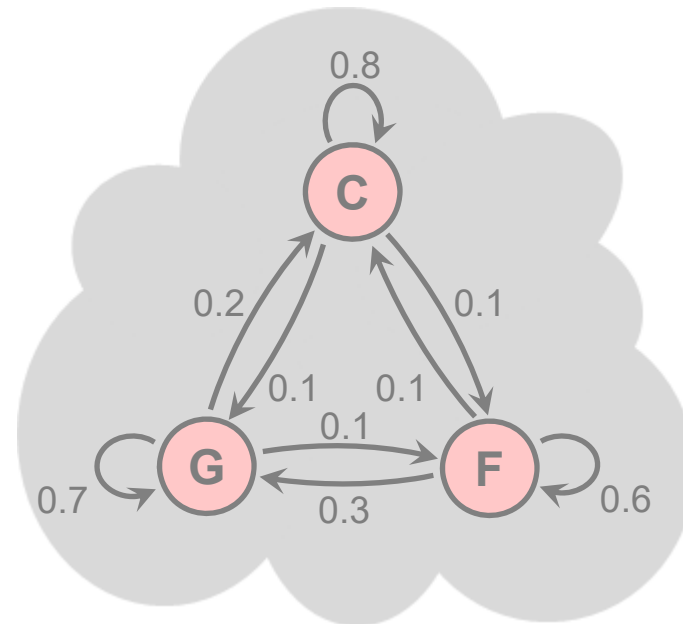
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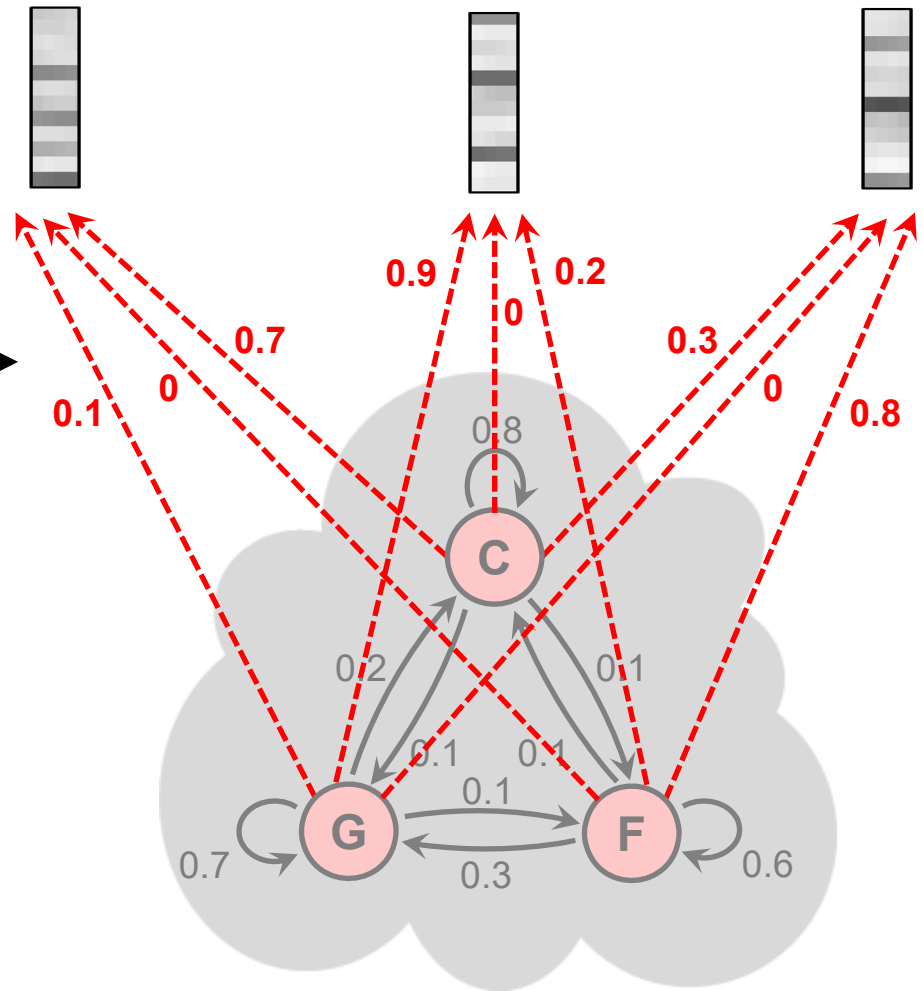


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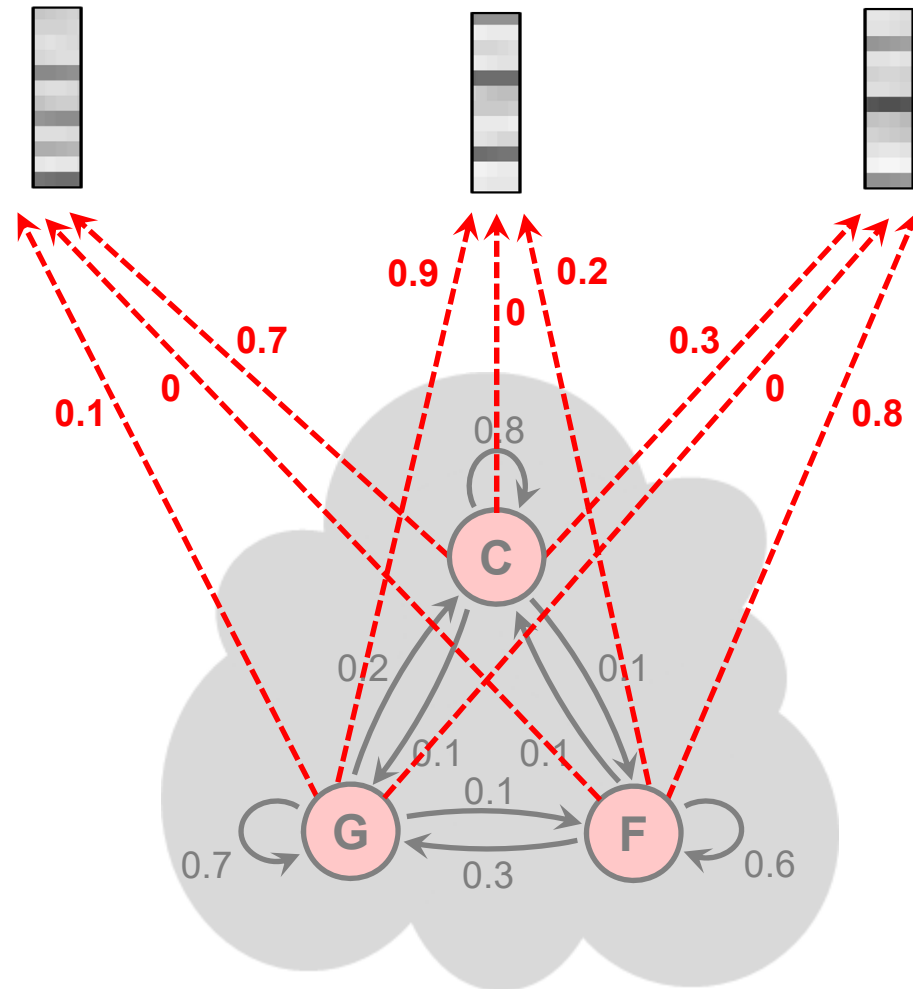
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**Observation symbols**  $\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1: K]$

Emission probabilities  $b_{ik}$

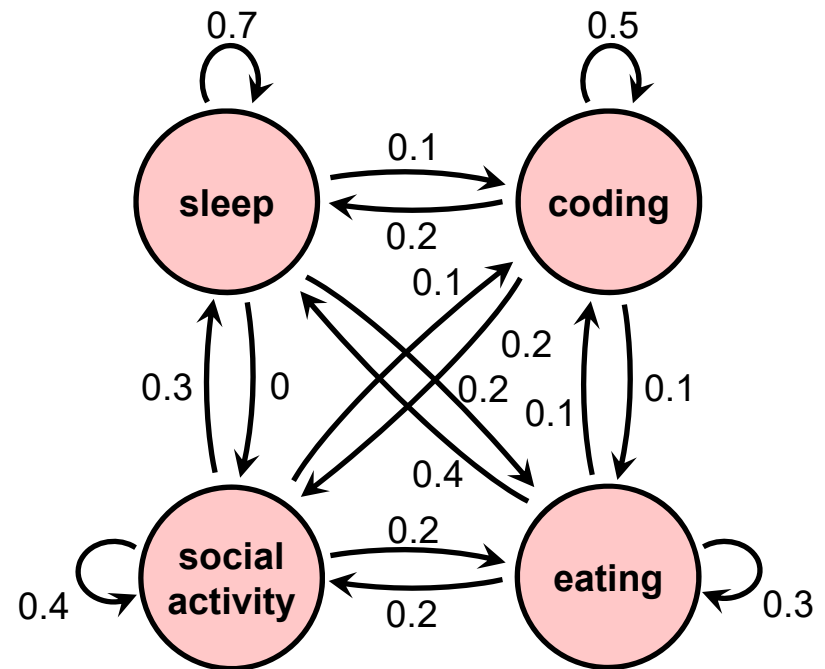
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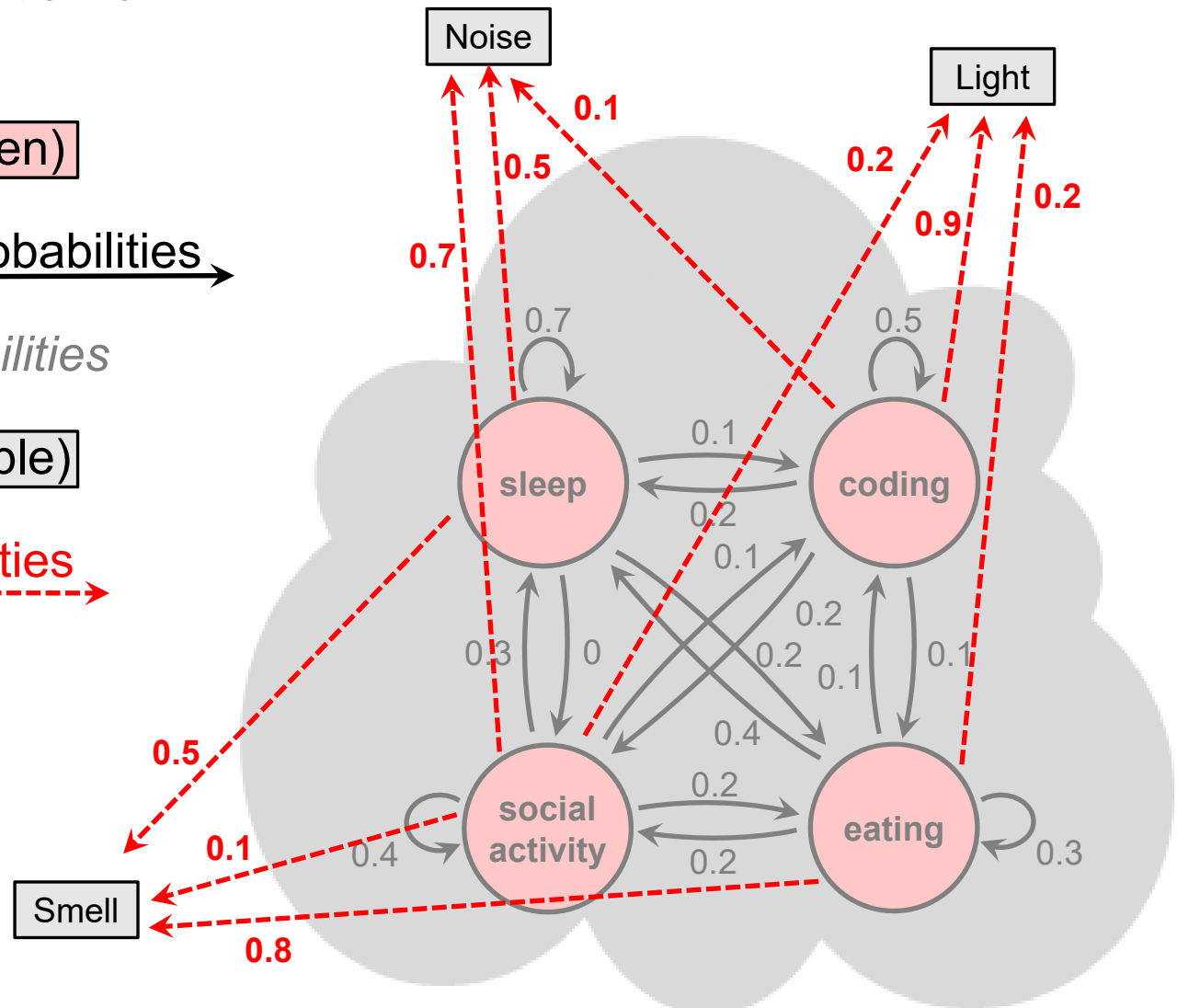
# Markov Chains

- Analogon: the student's life
  - Set of states (hidden)
  - State transition probabilities →
  - *Initial state probabilities*



# Hidden Markov Models

- Analogon: the student's life
- Consists of:
  - Set of states (hidden)
  - State transition probabilities →
  - *Initial state probabilities*
  - Observations (visible)
  - Emission probabilities →



# Hidden Markov Models

- Only observation sequence is visible!

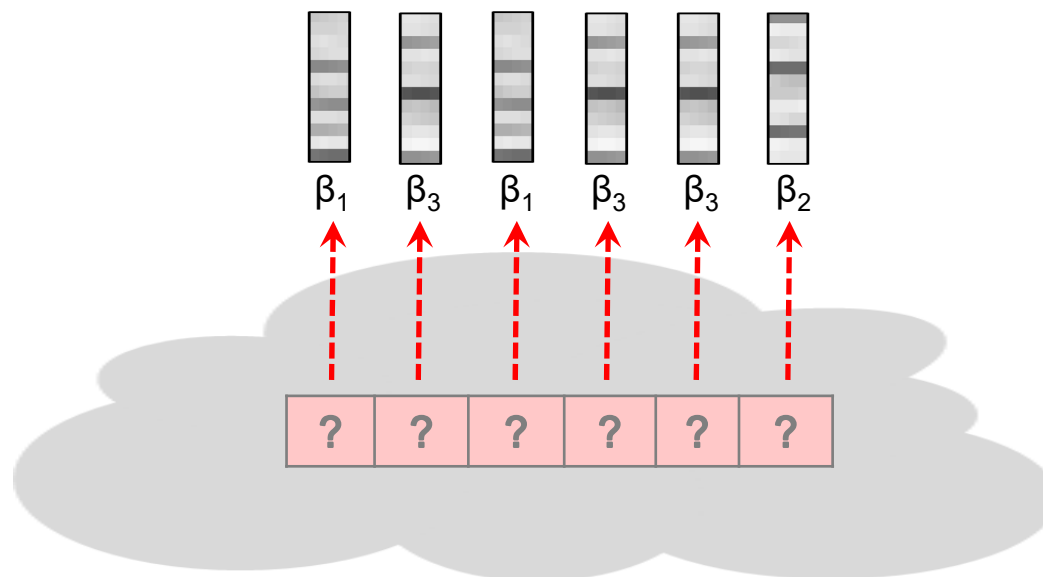
Different algorithmic problems:

- **Evaluation problem**
  - *Given*: observation sequence and model
  - *Find*: fitness (how well the model matches the sequence)
- **Uncovering problem:**
  - *Given*: observation sequence and model
  - *Find*: optimal hidden state sequence
- **Estimation problem** („training“ the HMM):
  - *Given*: observation sequence
  - *Find*: model parameters
  - Baum-Welch algorithm (Expectation-Maximization)

# Uncovering problem

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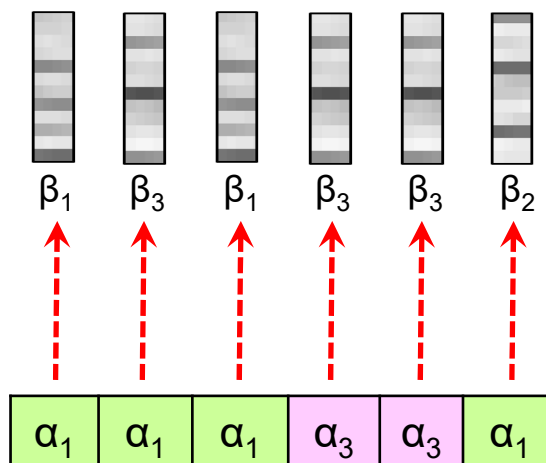
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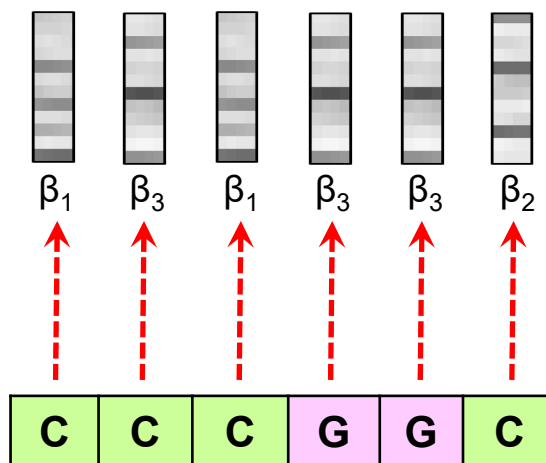


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# Uncovering problem

- **Optimal** hidden state sequence?
  - “Best explains” given observation sequence  $O$
  - Maximizes probability  $P[O, S | \Theta]$

$$\text{Prob}^* = \max_S P[O, S | \Theta]$$

$$S^* = \operatorname{argmax}_S P[O, S | \Theta]$$

- Straight-forward computation (naive approach):
  - Compute probability for each possible sequence  $S$
  - Number of possible sequences of length  $N$  ( $I$  = number of states):

$$\underbrace{I \cdot I \cdot \dots \cdot I}_{N \text{ factors}} = I^N$$

computationally infeasible!

# Viterbi Algorithm

- Based on dynamic programming (similar to DTW)
- Idea: Recursive computation from sub-problems
- Use **truncated versions** of observation sequence

$$O(1:n) := (o_1, \dots, o_n), \text{ length } n \in [1:N]$$

- Define  $\mathbf{D}(i, n)$  as the highest probability along a single state sequence  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  that ends in state  $s_n = \alpha_i$

$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = \max_{(s_1, \dots, s_n)} P[O(1:n), (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_n = \alpha_i) \mid \Theta]$$

- Then, our solution is the state sequence yielding

$$\text{Prob}^* = \max_{i \in [1:I]} \mathbf{D}(i, N)$$



# Viterbi Algorithm

- $\mathbf{D}$ : matrix of size  $I \times N$
- Recursive computation of  $\mathbf{D}(i, n)$  along the column index  $n$
- **Initialization:**
  - $n = 1$
  - Truncated observation sequence:  $O(1) = (o_1)$
  - Current observation:  $o_1 = \beta_{k_1}$

$$\mathbf{D}(i, 1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1} \quad \text{for some } i \in [1:I]$$

# Viterbi Algorithm

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- **Recursion:**
  - $n \in [2: N]$
  - Truncated observation sequence:  $O(1:n) = (o_1, \dots, o_n)$
  - Last observation:  $o_n = \beta_{k_n}$

$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot a_{j^*i} \cdot \underbrace{P[O(1:n-1), (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} = \alpha_{j^*}) \mid \Theta]}_{\text{must be maximal!}} \quad \text{for } i \in [1:I]$$

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$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1))$$

# Viterbi Algorithm

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- Backtracking procedure (reverse order)
- **Last element:**
  - $n = N$
  - Optimal state:  $\alpha_{i_N}$

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- Simplification of backtracking: Keep track of maximizing index  $j$  in

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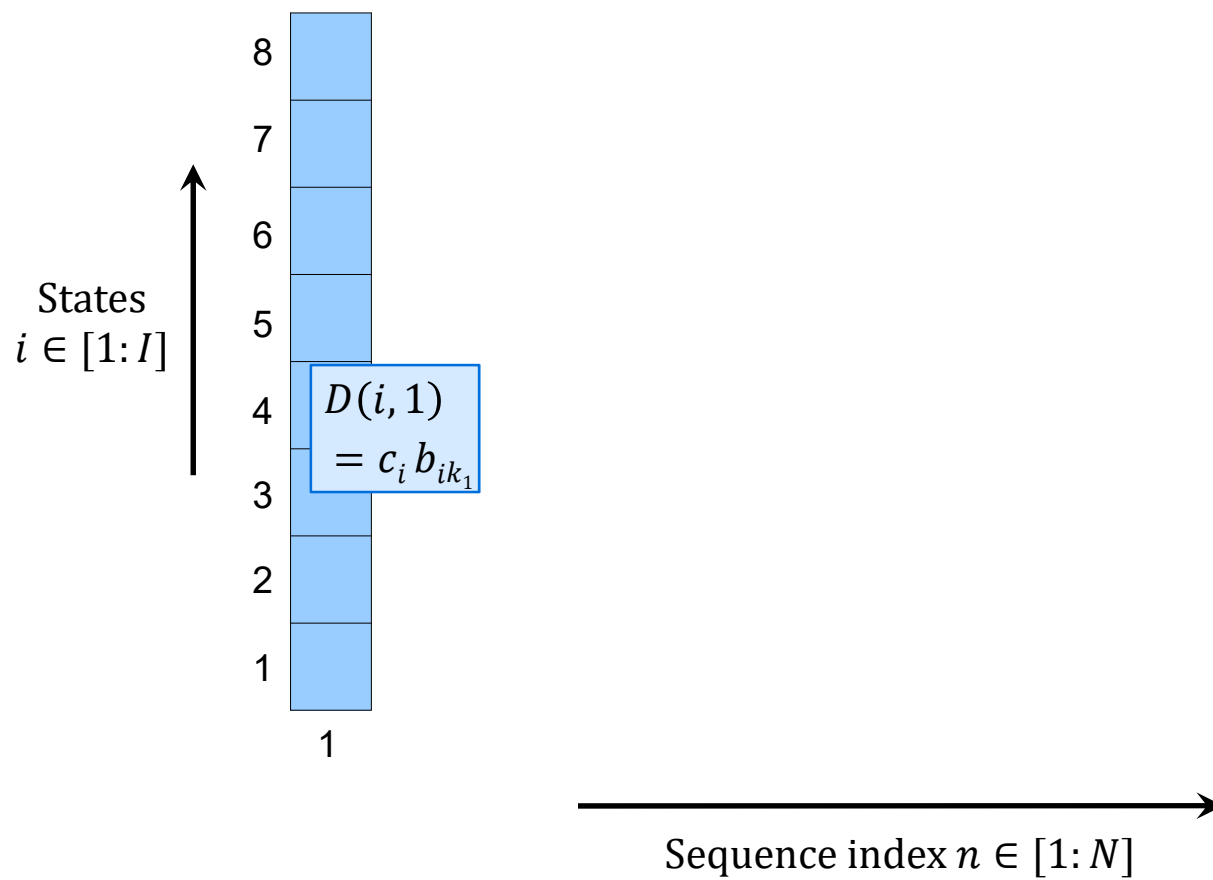
- Define  $(I \times (N - 1))$  matrix  $\mathbf{E}$ :

$$\mathbf{E}(i, n - 1) = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n - 1))$$

# Viterbi Algorithm

$$o_1 = \beta_{k_1}$$

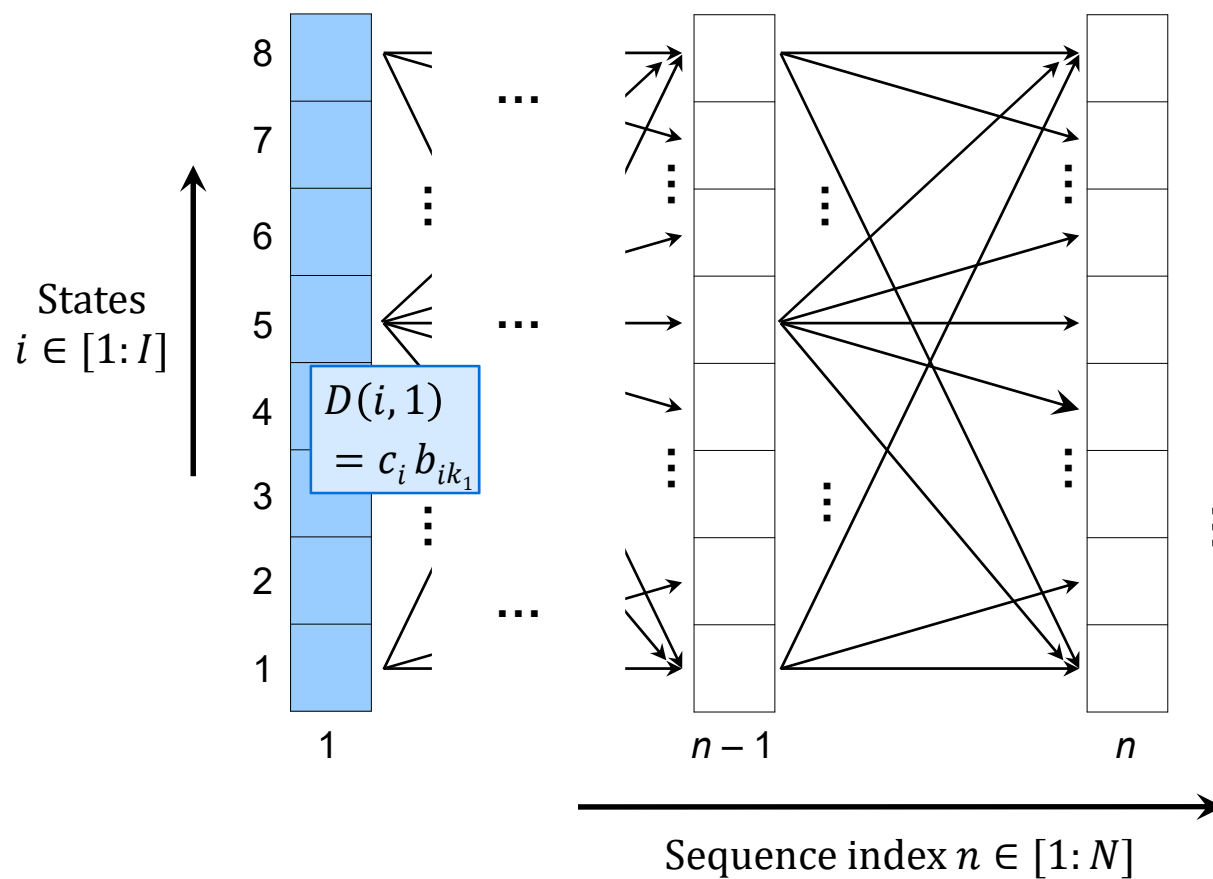
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# Viterbi Algorithm

Initialization

Recursion



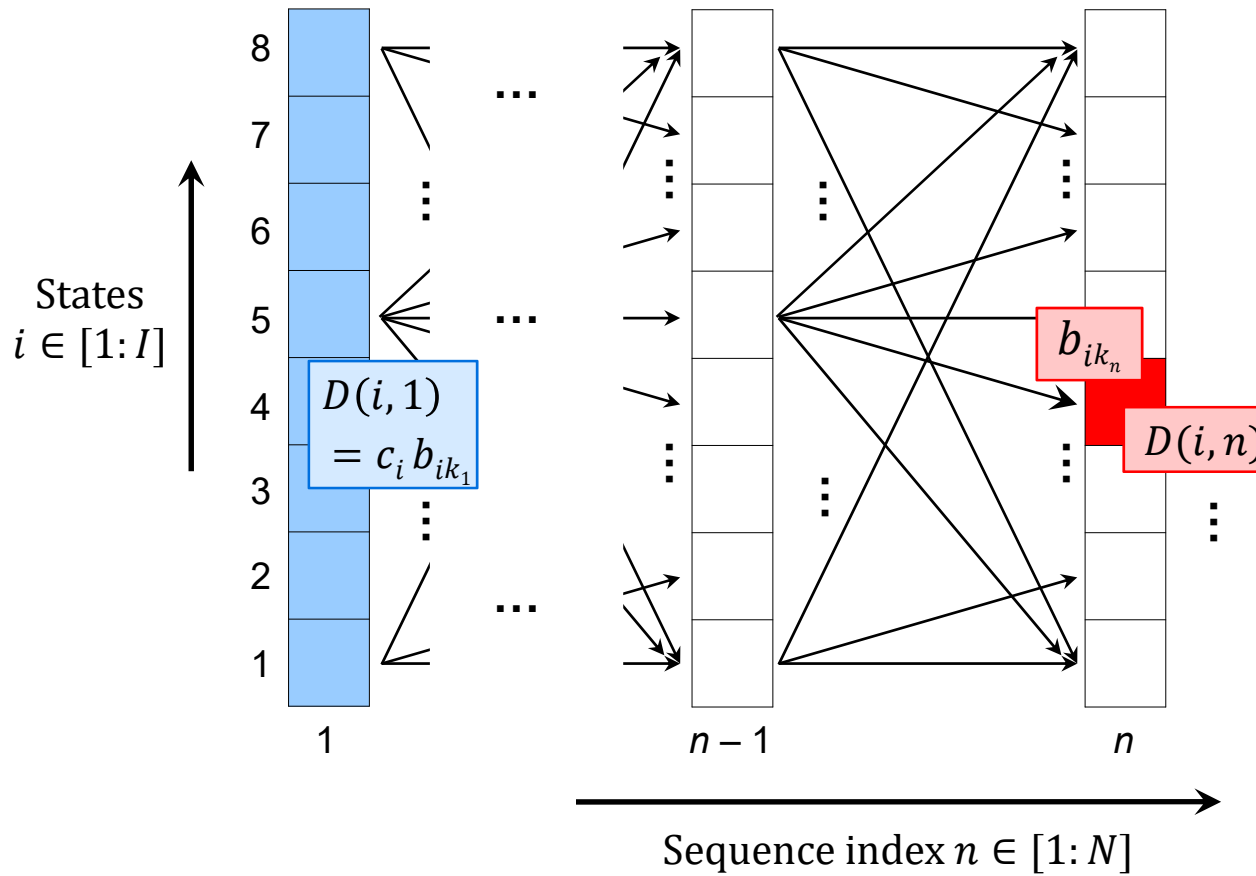


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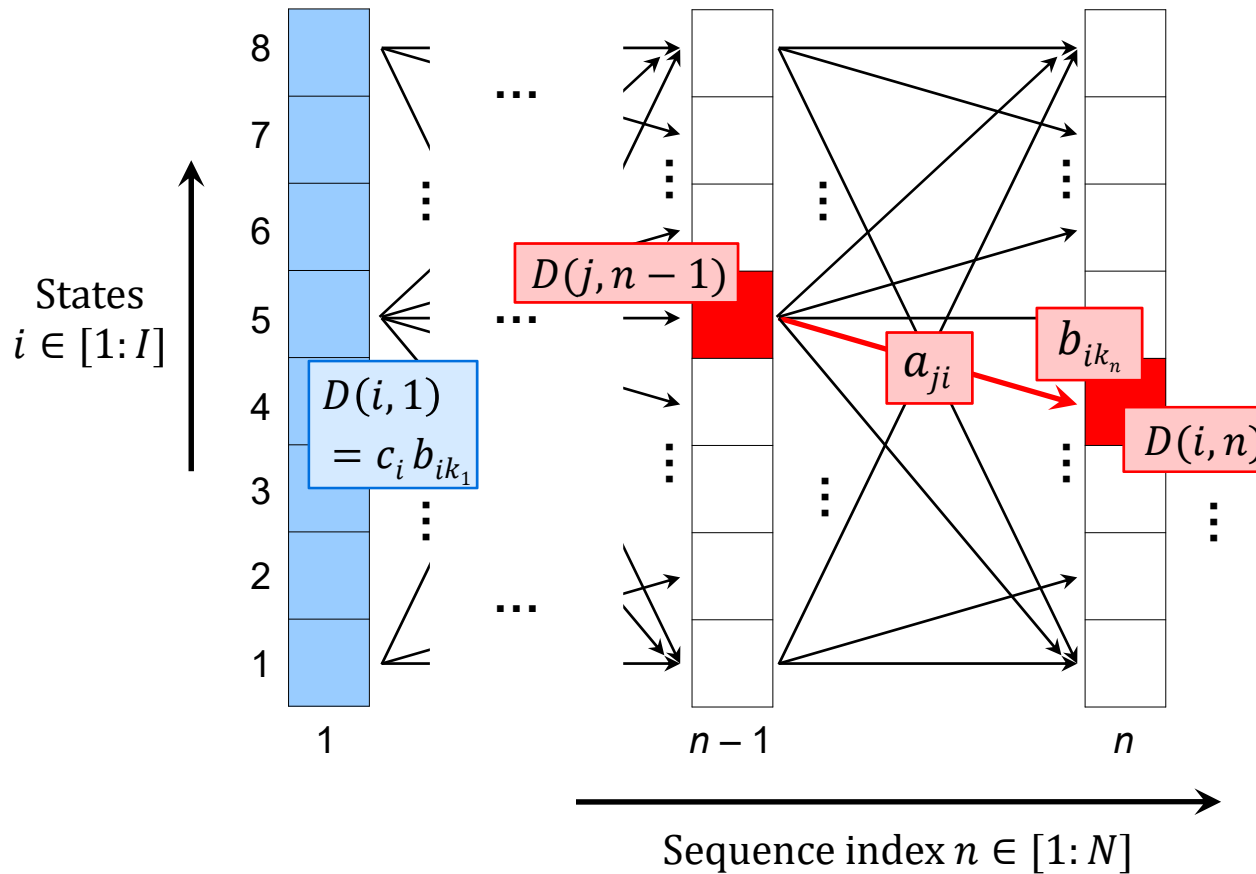


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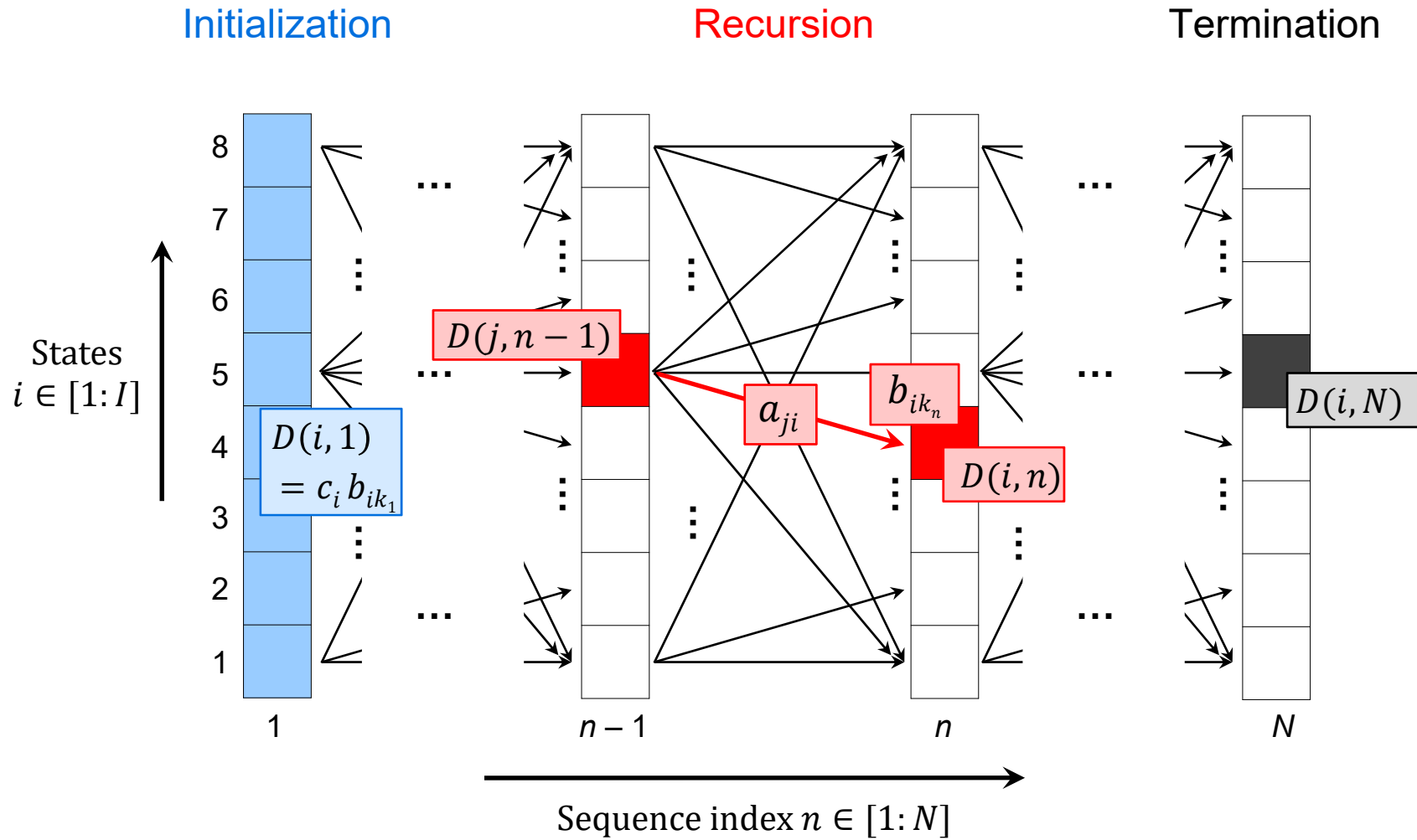
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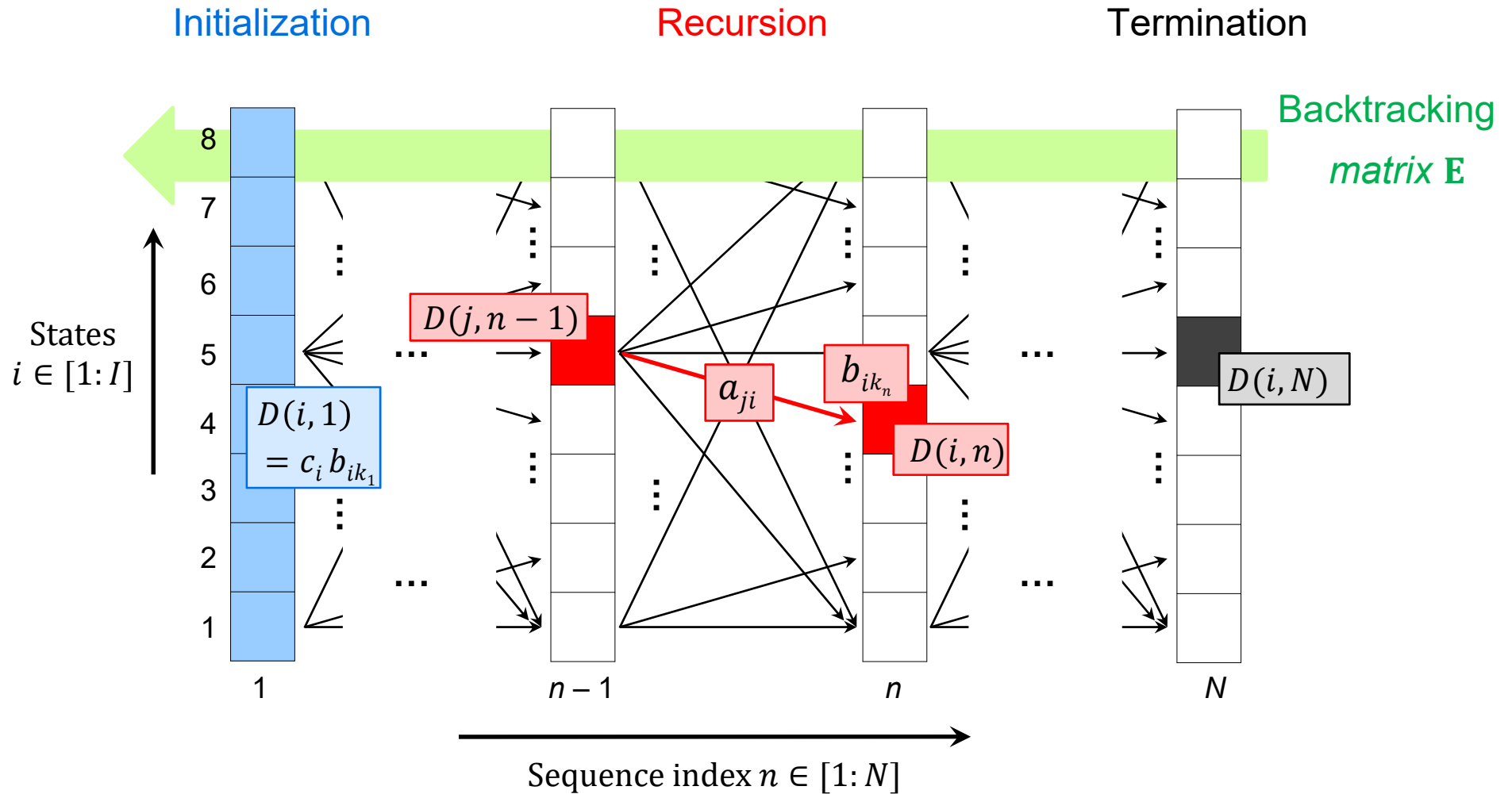


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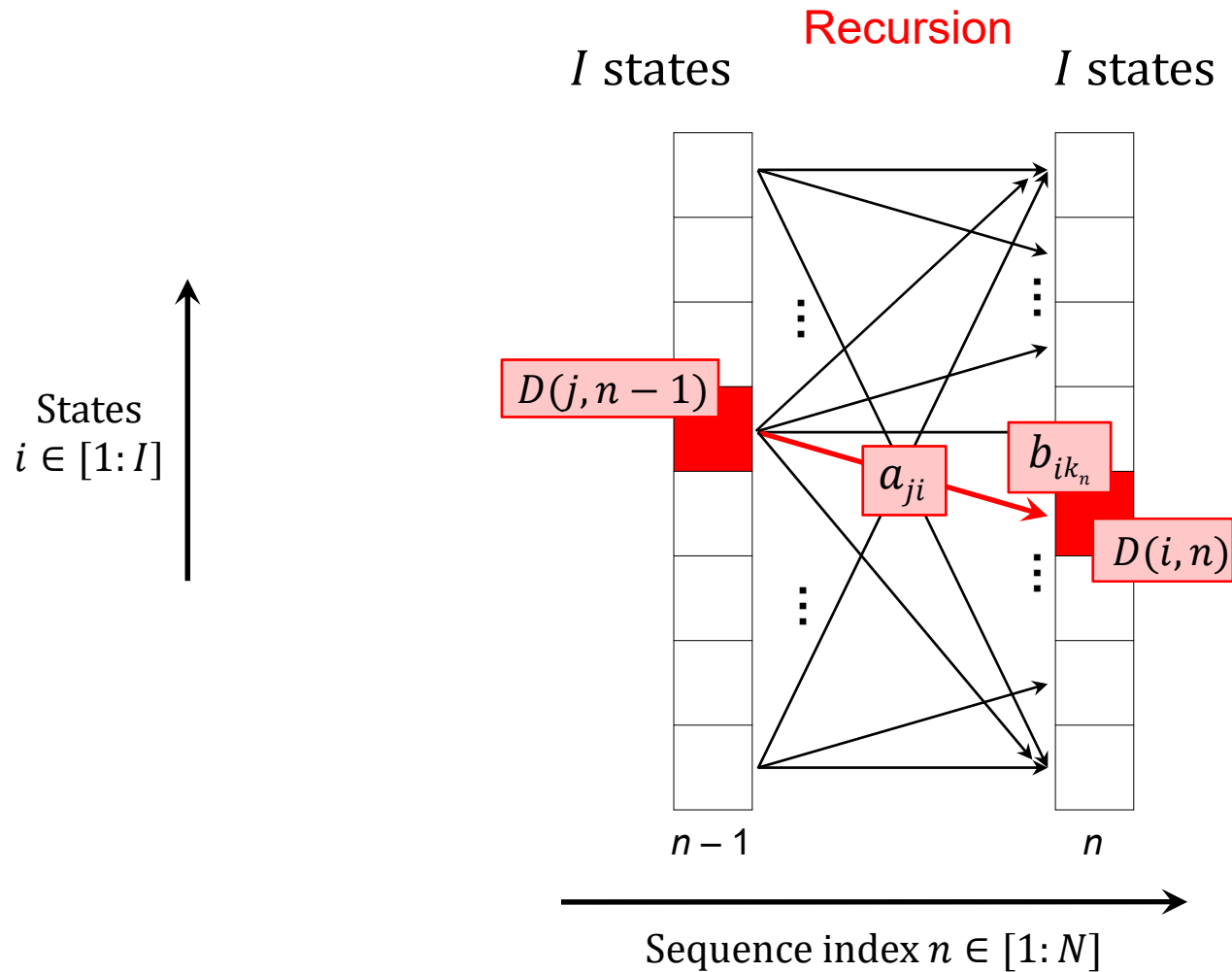
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# Viterbi Algorithm

## Computational Complexity



Per recursion step:

$$I \cdot I$$

Total recursion:

$$I^2 \cdot N$$

# Viterbi Algorithm

## Summary

**Algorithm:** VITERBI

**Input:** HMM specified by  $\Theta = (\mathcal{A}, A, C, \mathcal{B}, B)$   
Observation sequence  $O = (o_1 = \beta_{k_1}, o_2 = \beta_{k_2}, \dots, o_N = \beta_{k_N})$

**Output:** Optimal state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, s_2^*, \dots, s_N^*)$

**Procedure:** Initialize the  $(I \times N)$  matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  by  $\mathbf{D}(i, 1) = c_i b_{ik_1}$  for  $i \in [1 : I]$ . Then compute in a nested loop for  $n = 2, \dots, N$  and  $i = 1, \dots, I$ :

$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = \max_{j \in [1 : I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1)) \cdot b_{ik_n}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(i, n-1) = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1 : I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1))$$

Set  $i_N = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1 : I]} \mathbf{D}(j, N)$  and compute for decreasing  $n = N-1, \dots, 1$  the maximizing indices

$$i_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1 : I]} (a_{ji_{n+1}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n)) = \mathbf{E}(i_{n+1}, n).$$

The optimal state sequence  $S^* = (s_1^*, \dots, s_N^*)$  is defined by  $s_n^* = \alpha_{i_n}$  for  $n \in [1 : N]$ .

# Viterbi Algorithm: Example

HMM:

States

$\alpha_i$  for  $i \in [1:I]$

State transition probabilities

$a_{ij}$

<b>A</b>	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$
$\alpha_1$	$a_{11}$	$a_{12}$	$a_{13}$
$\alpha_2$	$a_{21}$	$a_{22}$	$a_{23}$
$\alpha_3$	$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$	$a_{33}$

Observation symbols

$\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1:K]$

Emission probabilities

$b_{ik}$

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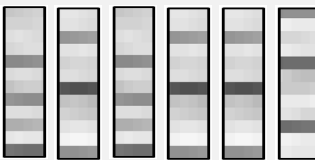
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Observation sequence  
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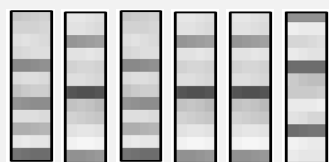
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E	$o_1 = \beta_1$	$o_2 = \beta_3$	$o_3 = \beta_1$	$o_4 = \beta_3$	$o_5 = \beta_3$
$\alpha_1$					
$\alpha_2$					
$\alpha_3$					

Initialization

$$\mathbf{D}(i, 1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1}$$

Recursion

$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} (a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1))$$

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# Viterbi Algorithm: Example

HMM:

States

$\alpha_i$  for  $i \in [1:I]$

State transition probabilities

$a_{ij}$

A	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$
$\alpha_1$	0.8	0.1	0.1
$\alpha_2$	0.2	0.7	0.1
$\alpha_3$	0.1	0.3	0.6

Observation symbols

$\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1:K]$

Emission probabilities

$b_{ik}$

B	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$
$\alpha_1$	0.7	0	0.3
$\alpha_2$	0.1	0.9	0
$\alpha_3$	0	0.2	0.8

Initial state probabilities

$c_i$

C	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$
	0.6	0.2	0.2

Input

$o_1 o_2 o_3 o_4 o_5 o_6$   
 $\beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_3 \beta_2$

Viterbi algorithm

D	$o_1 = \beta_1$	$o_2 = \beta_3$	$o_3 = \beta_1$	$o_4 = \beta_3$	$o_5 = \beta_3$	$o_6 = \beta_2$
$\alpha_1$	0.4200	0.1008				
$\alpha_2$	0.0200	0				
$\alpha_3$	0	0.0336				

E	$o_1 = \beta_1$	$o_2 = \beta_3$	$o_3 = \beta_1$	$o_4 = \beta_3$	$o_5 = \beta_3$
$\alpha_1$	1				
$\alpha_2$	1				
$\alpha_3$	1				

Initialization

$$\mathbf{D}(i, 1) = c_i \cdot b_{ik_1}$$

$$0.42 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.3 = 0.1008$$

$$0.42 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$0.42 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.8 = 0.0336$$

Recursion

$$\mathbf{D}(i, n) = b_{ik_n} \cdot \max_{j \in [1:I]} \left( a_{ji} \cdot \mathbf{D}(j, n-1) \right)$$

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	0.6	0.2	0.2

Input

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 $\beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_3 \beta_2$

Viterbi algorithm

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$\alpha_1$	0.4200	0.1008	0.0564	0.0135	0.0033	0
$\alpha_2$	0.0200	0	0.0010	0	0	0.0006
$\alpha_3$	0	0.0336	0	0.0045	0.0022	0.0003

E	$o_1 = \beta_1$	$o_2 = \beta_3$	$o_3 = \beta_1$	$o_4 = \beta_3$	$o_5 = \beta_3$
$\alpha_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$\alpha_2$	1	1	1	1	3
$\alpha_3$	1	3	1	3	3

Backtracking

$$i_N = \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in [1:I]} \mathbf{D}(j, n)$$

$$i_n = \mathbf{E}(i_{n+1}, n)$$

# Viterbi Algorithm: Example

HMM:

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$\alpha_i$  for  $i \in [1:I]$

Observation symbols

$\beta_k$  for  $k \in [1:K]$

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Emission probabilities

$b_{ik}$

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Initial state probabilities

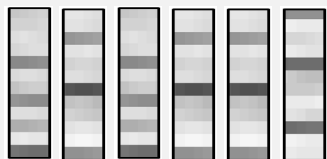
$c_i$

C	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$
	0.6	0.2	0.2

Input

Observation sequence

$O = (o_1, o_2, o_3, o_4, o_5, o_6)$



$\beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_3 \beta_2$

Viterbi algorithm

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E	$o_1 = \beta_1$	$o_2 = \beta_3$	$o_3 = \beta_1$	$o_4 = \beta_3$	$o_5 = \beta_3$
$\alpha_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$\alpha_2$	1	1	1	1	3
$\alpha_3$	1	3	1	3	3

$i_6 = 2$

Output

Optimal state sequence

$S^* = (\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_3, \alpha_3, \alpha_2)$



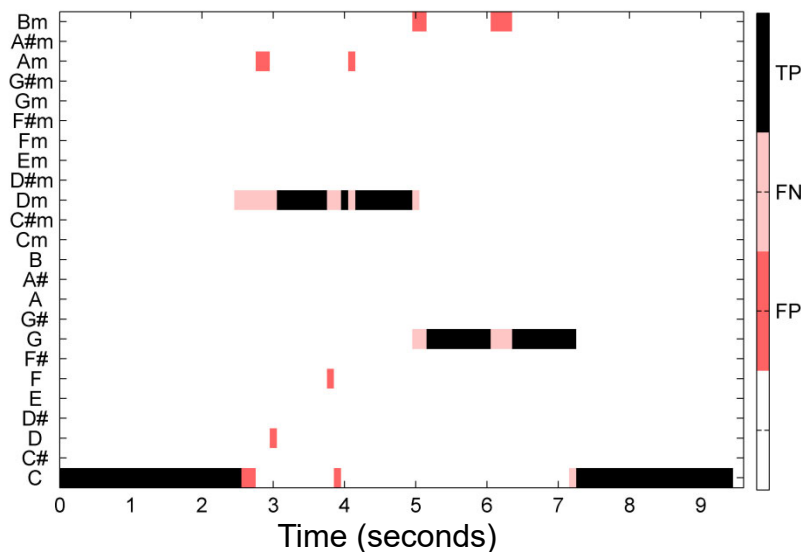
# HMM: Application to Chord Recognition

- Effect of HMM-based chord estimation and smoothing:

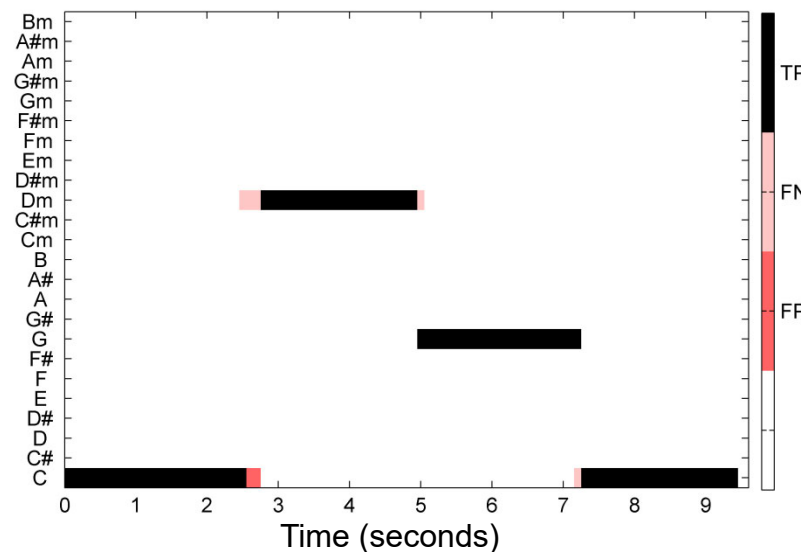


A musical score in 4/4 time showing four measures. The chords are labeled C, Dm, G, and C. The melody is in the treble clef and the bass line is in the bass clef.

(a) Template Matching (frame-wise)

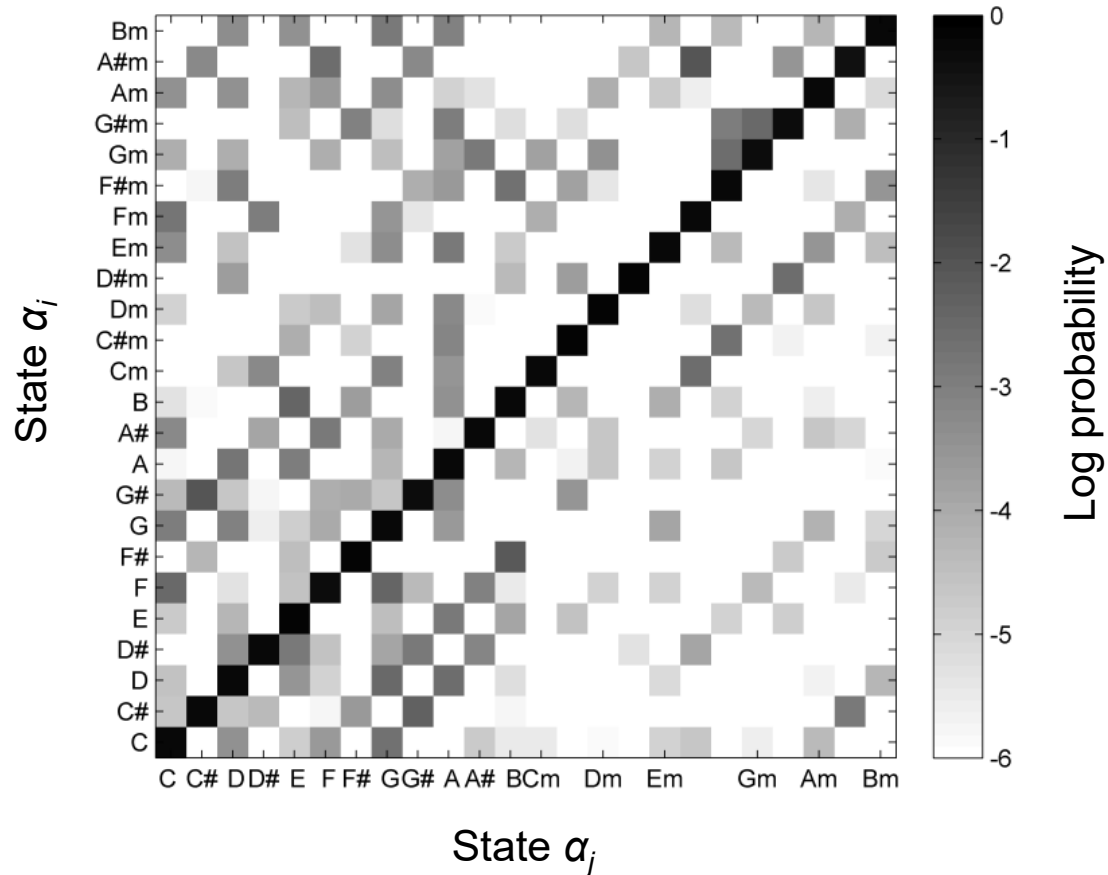


(b) HMM



# HMM: Application to Chord Recognition

- Parameters: **Transition probabilities**
- Estimated from data



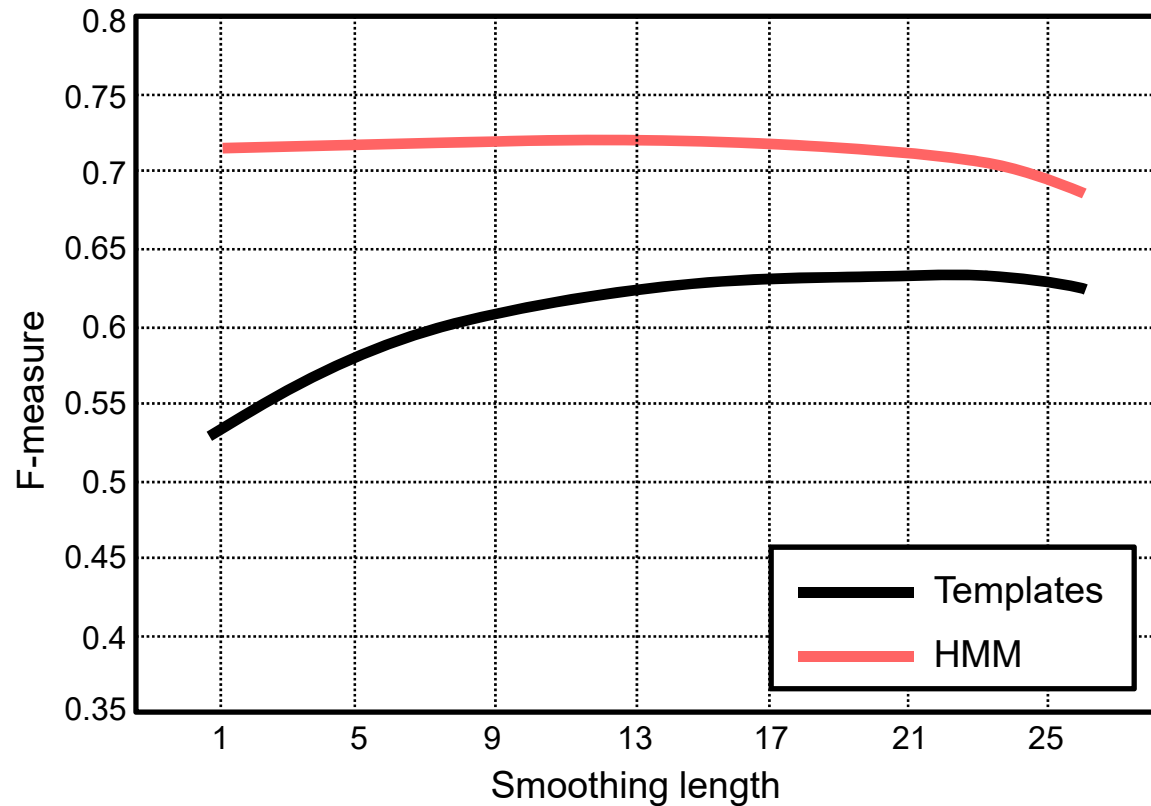






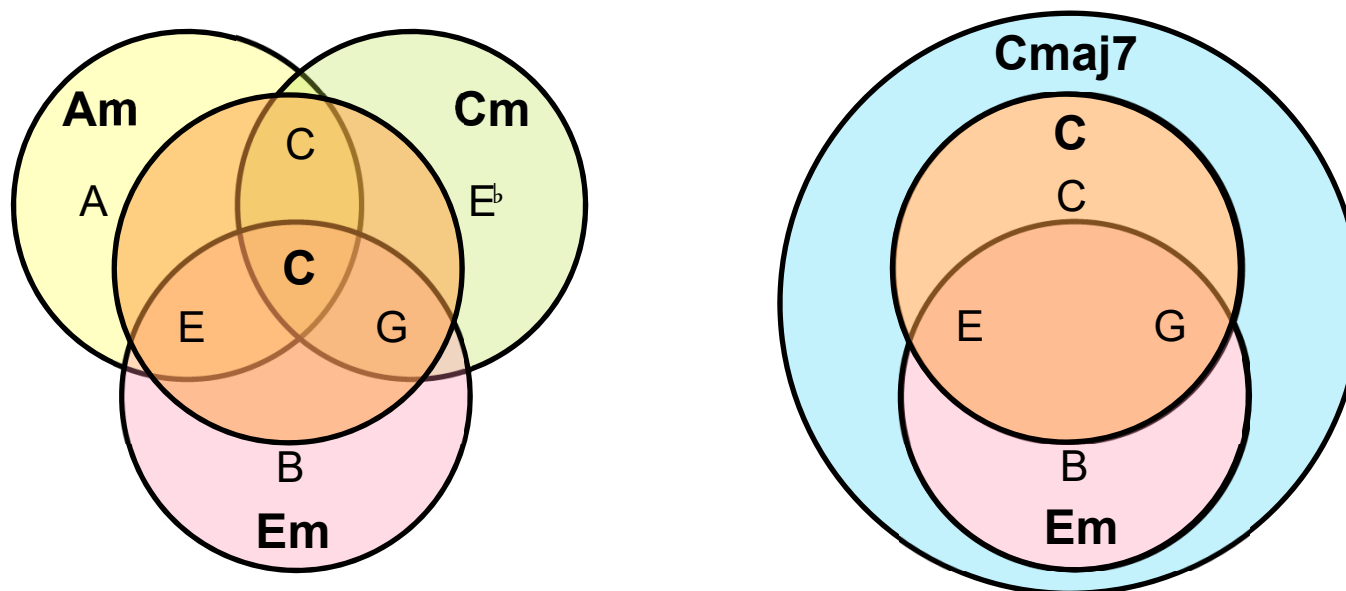
# HMM: Application to Chord Recognition

- Evaluation on all Beatles songs



# Chord Recognition: Further Challenges

- Chord ambiguities



- Acoustic ambiguities (overtones)
  - Use advanced templates (model overtones, learned templates)
  - Enhanced chroma (logarithmic compression, overtone reduction)
- Tuning inconsistency