


CS 10:  
Problem solving via Object Oriented  
Programming  
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Day 20 – Pattern Recognition

# Agenda

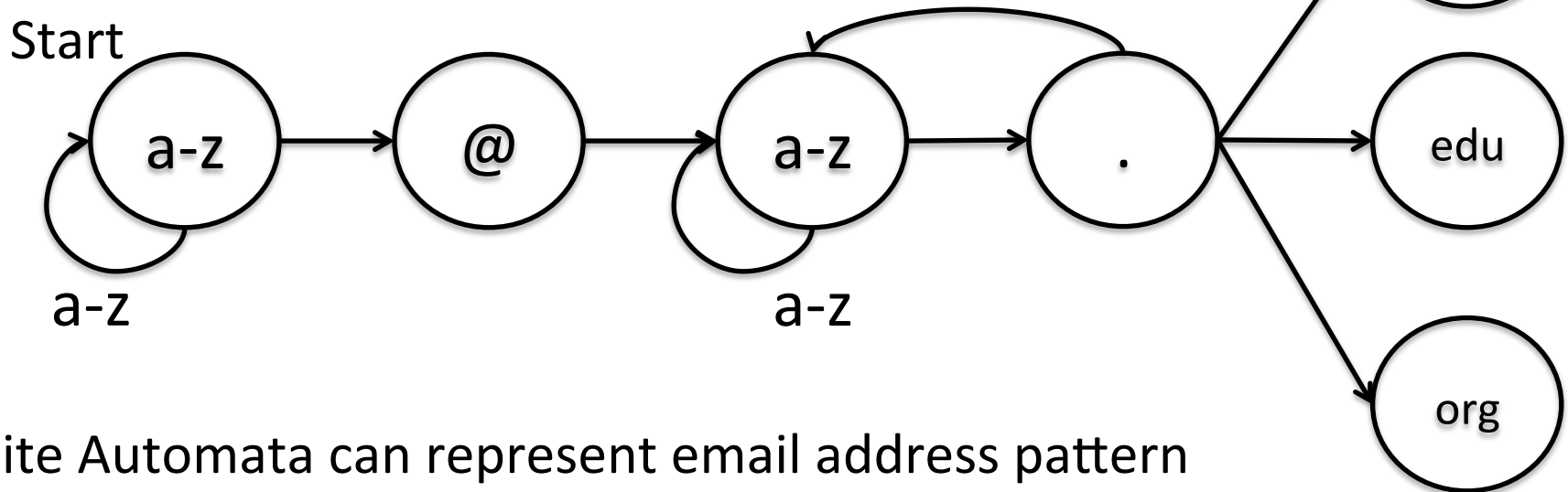
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  2. From Finite Automata to Hidden Markov Models
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# Last class we discussed how to use a Finite Automata to match a pattern

Email addresses follow a pattern:

[mailbox@domain.TLD](#)

example: [tjp@cs.dartmouth.edu](#)



Finite Automata can represent email address pattern

Sample addresses can be easily verified if in correct form

The email address pattern must be followed *exactly*

Any deviation results in rejection

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# Sometimes our input is noisy and does not exactly match a pattern

## Pattern matching vs. recognition

**Matching**

**Recognition**



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## Weather model: possible states

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Cloudy

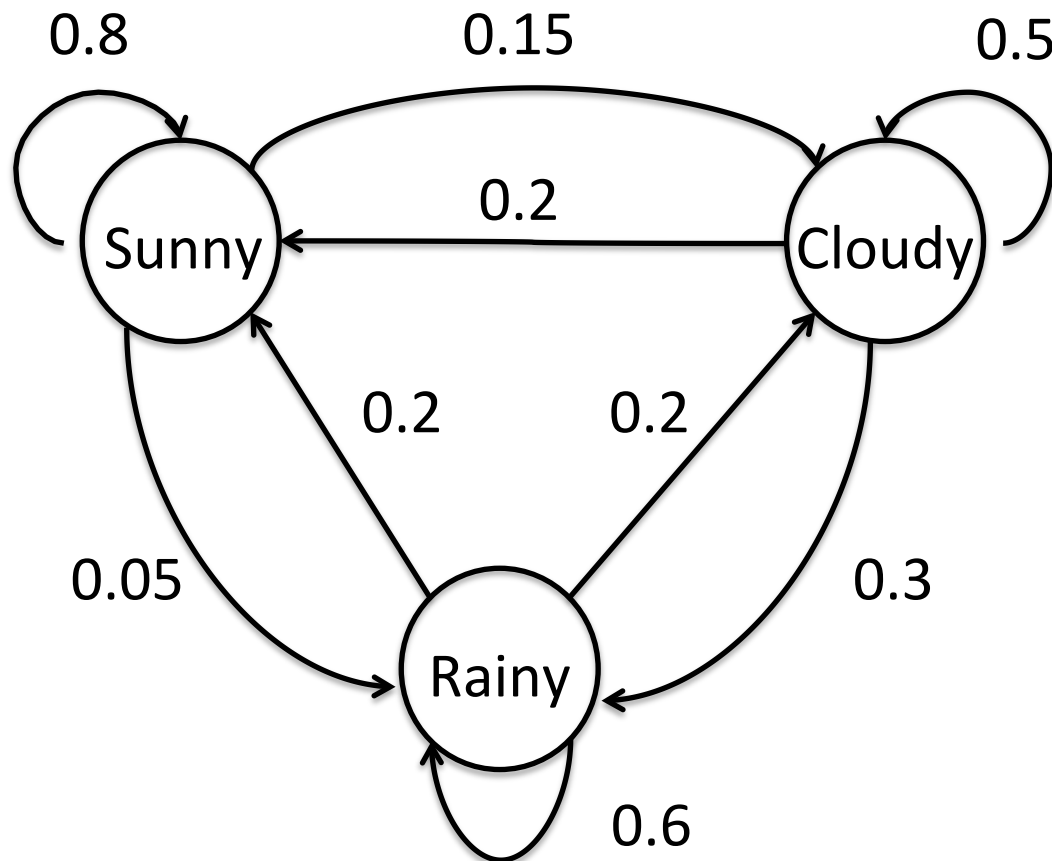
Rainy

The **State** of the weather can be:

- Sunny
- Cloudy
- Rainy

# We can model systems using Finite Automata

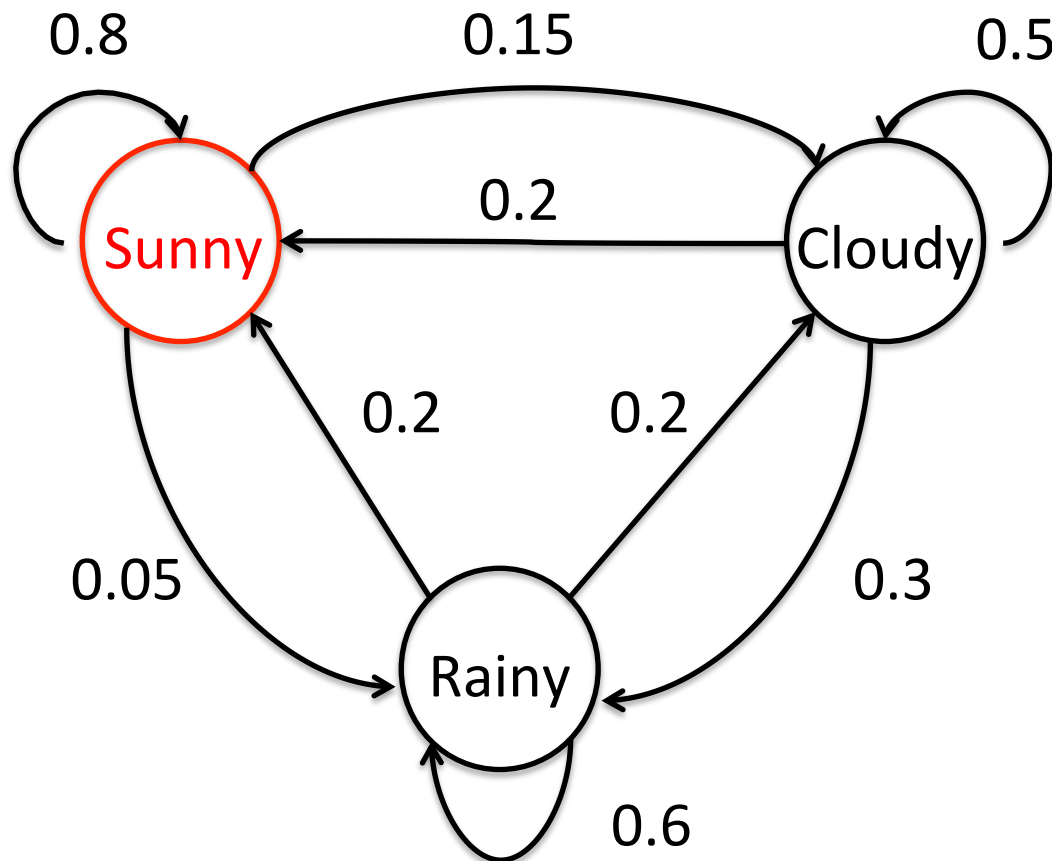
## Weather model: transitions



We can observe weather patterns and determine probability of **transition** between states

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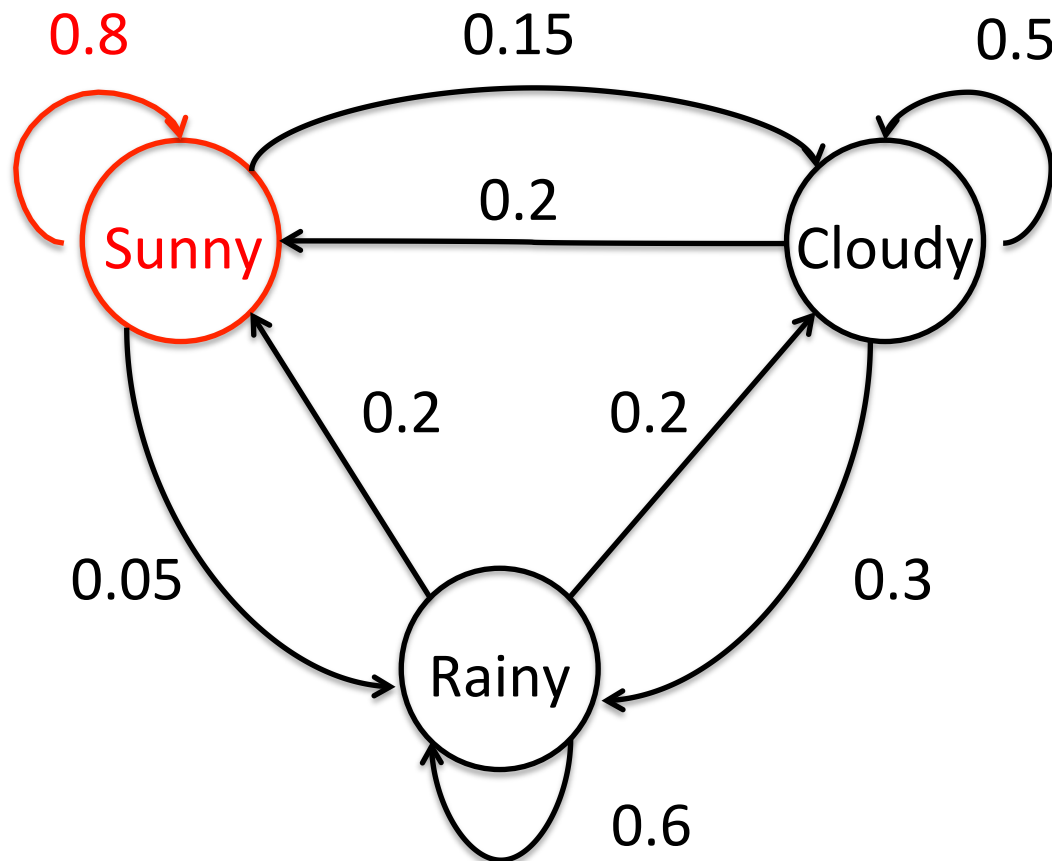
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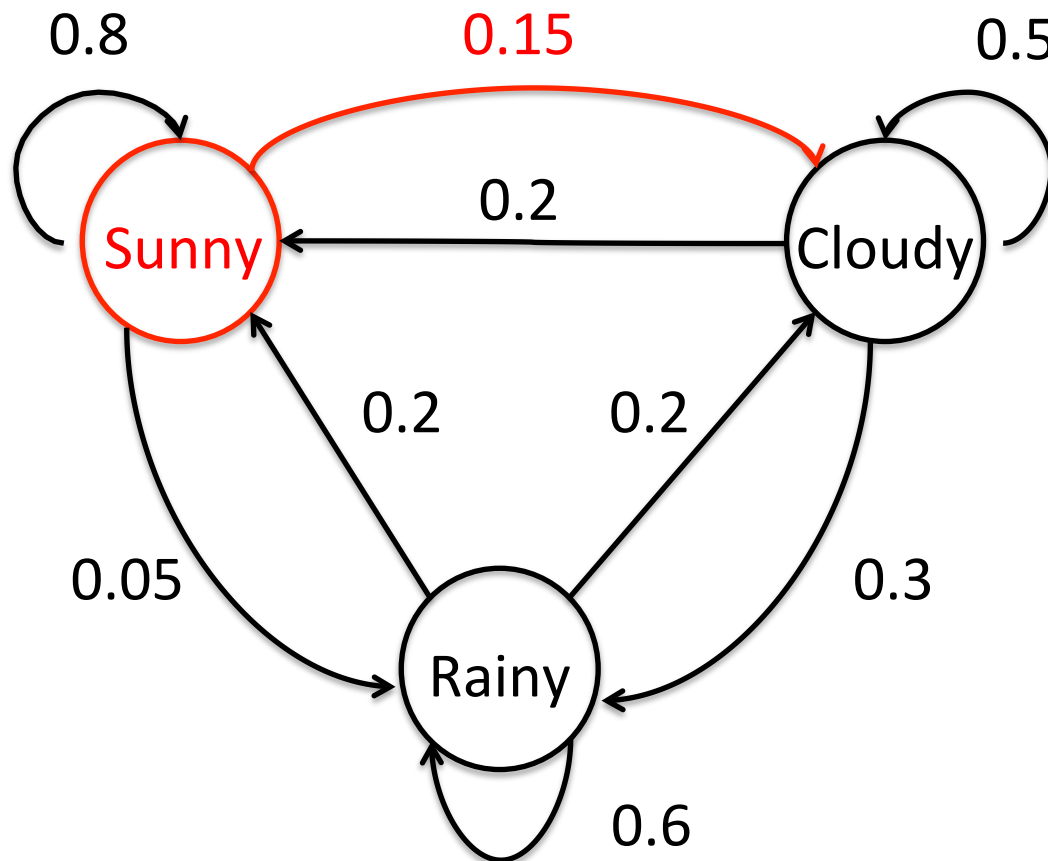


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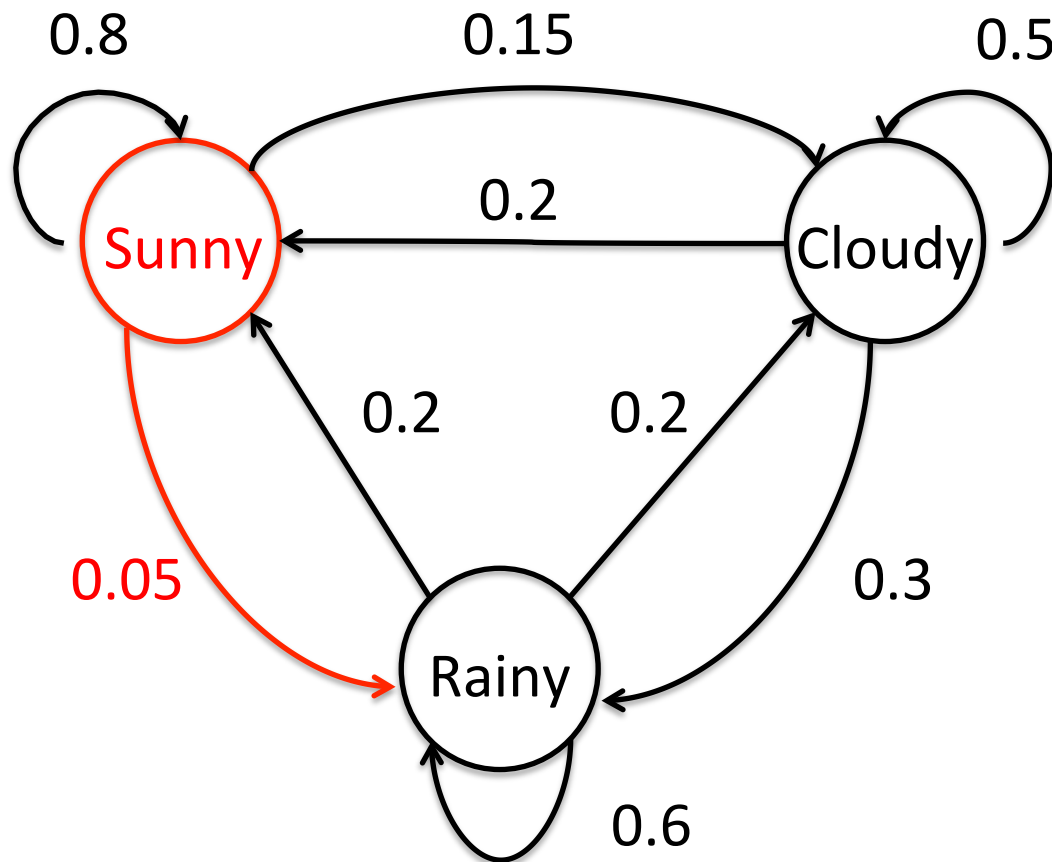


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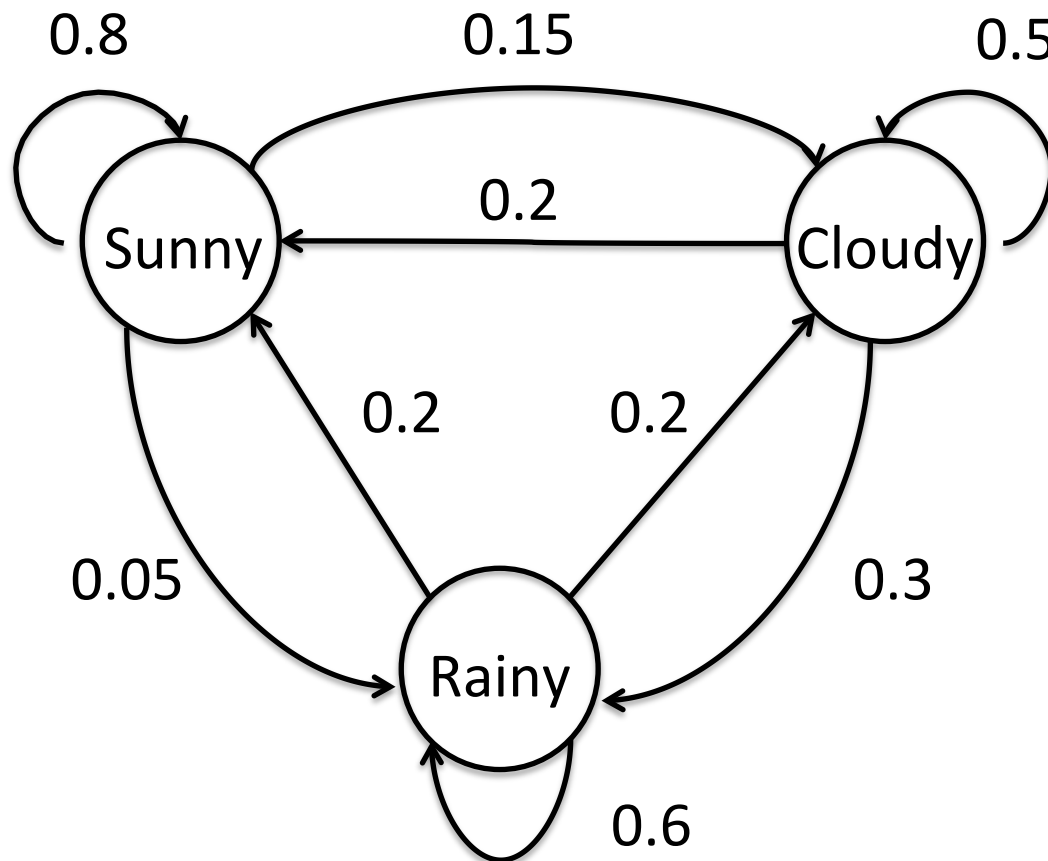


Probability a sunny day is followed by:

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- A rainy day 5%

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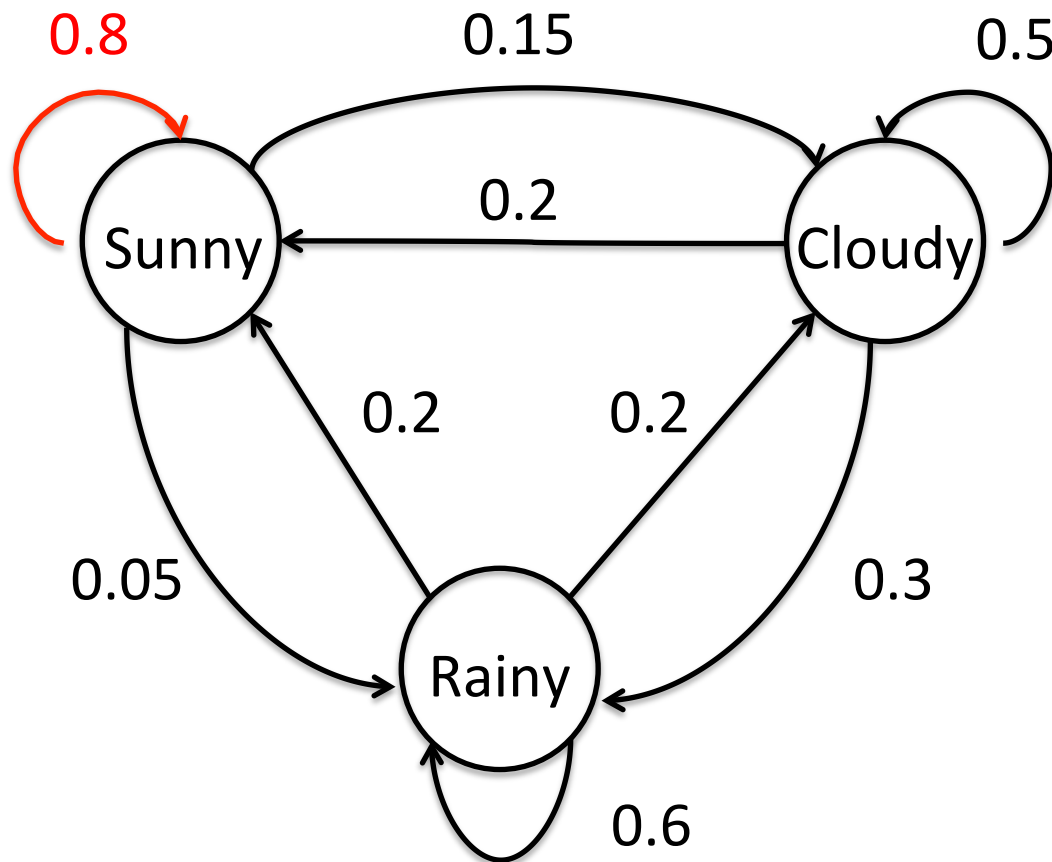


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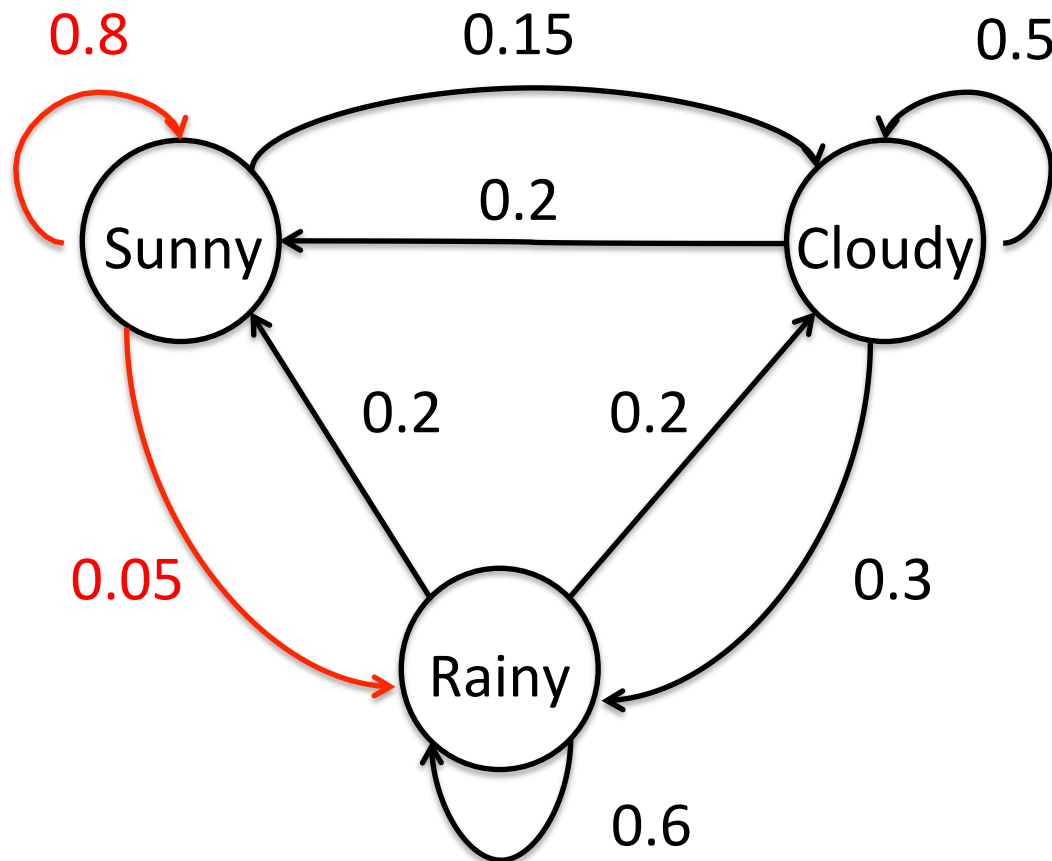


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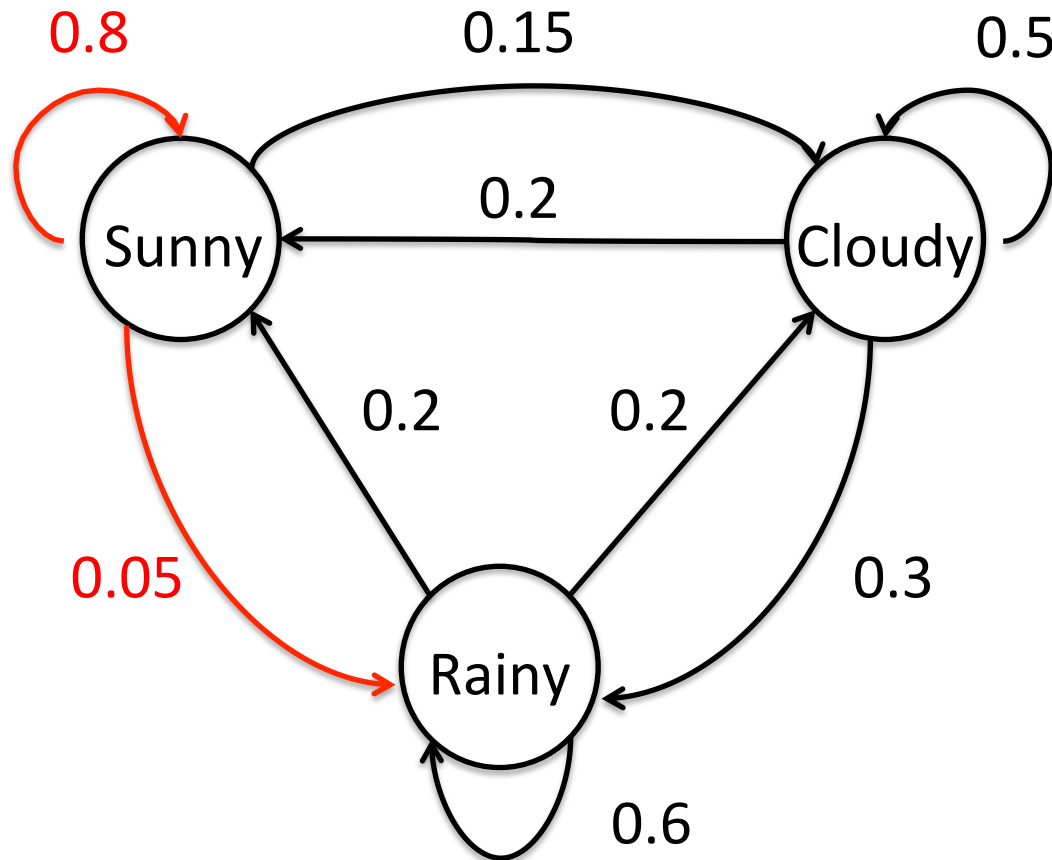


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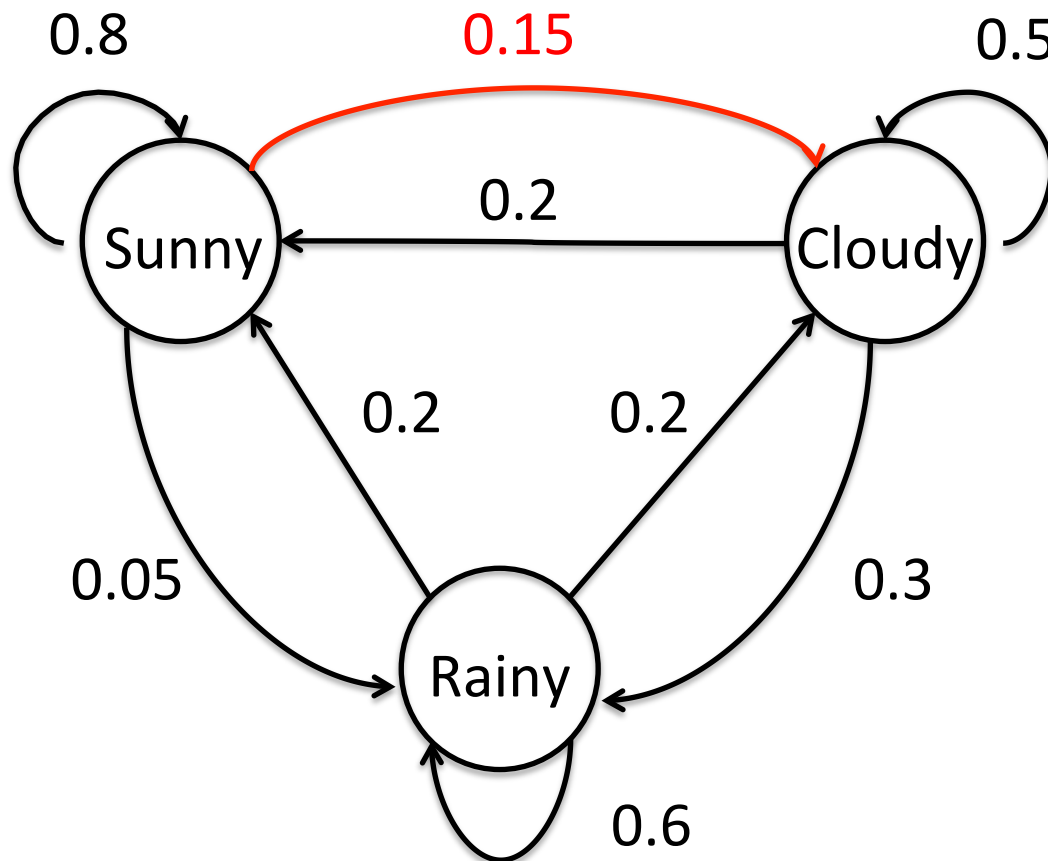


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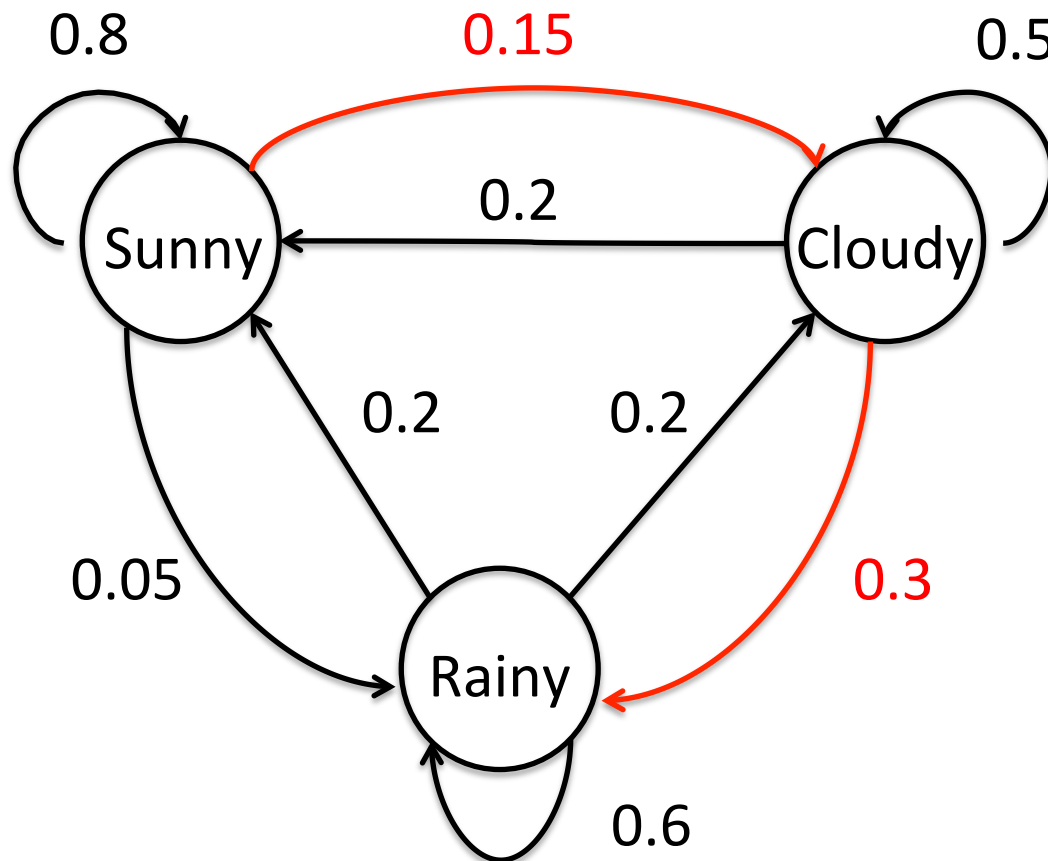


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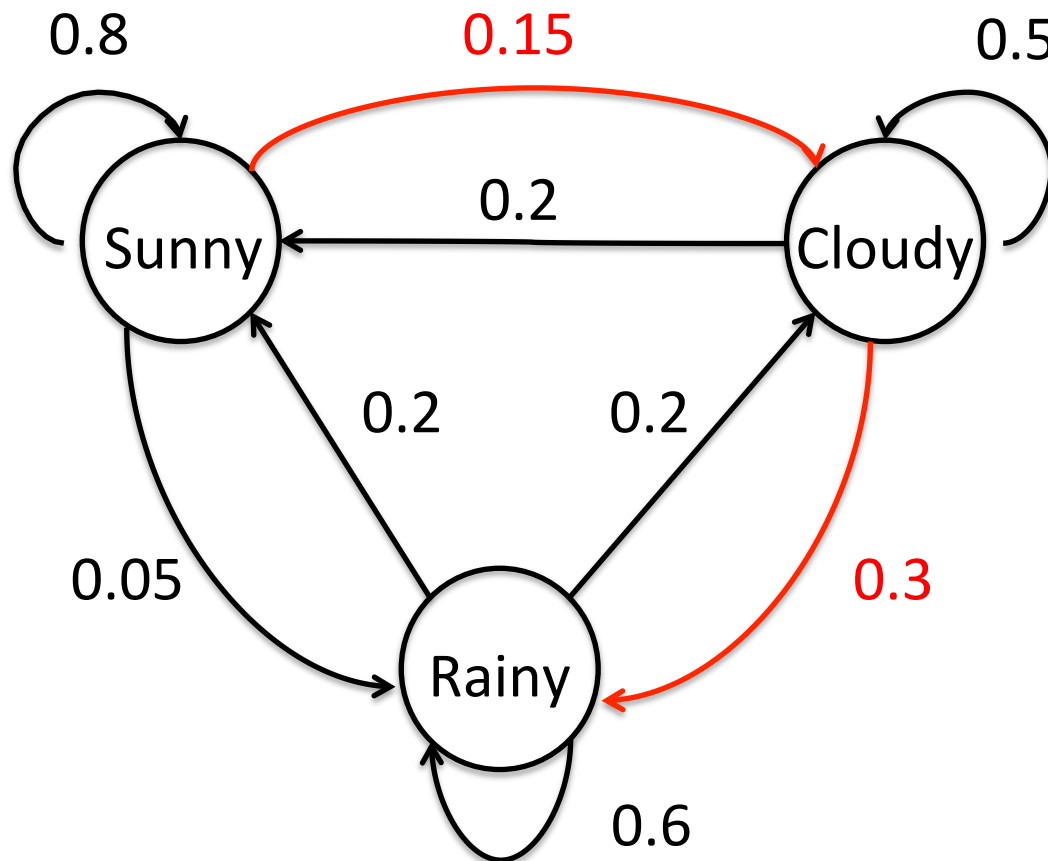


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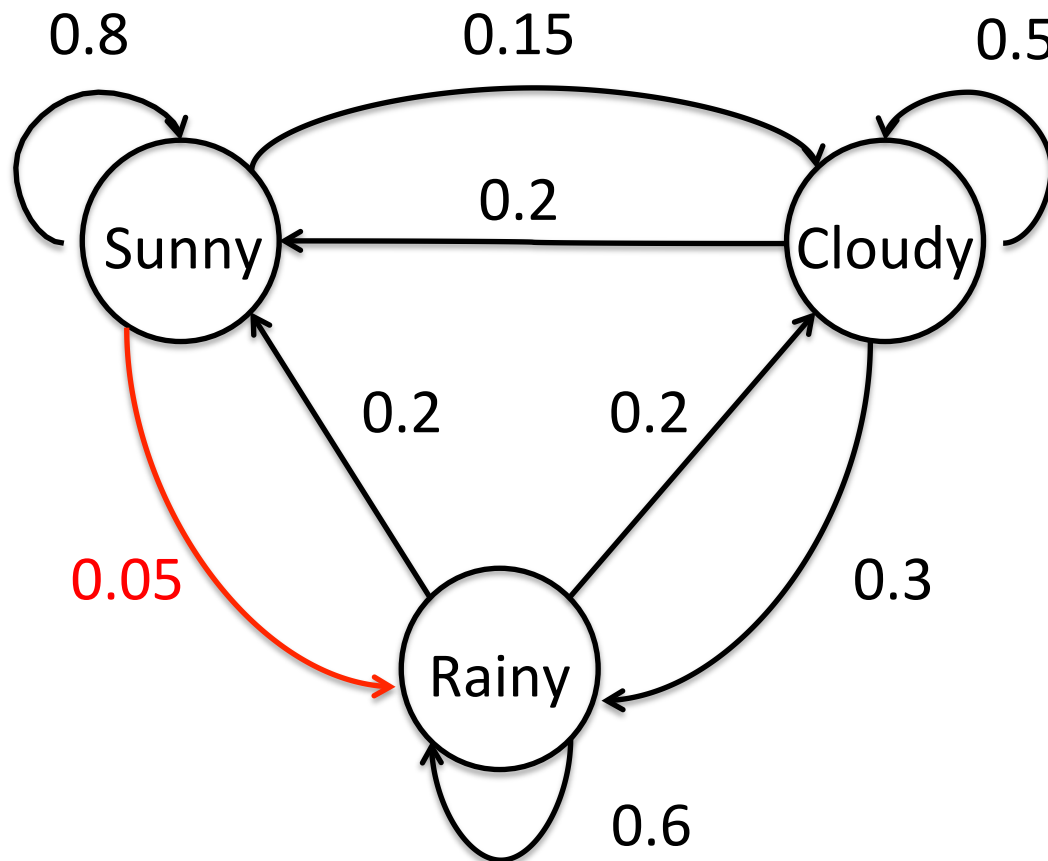


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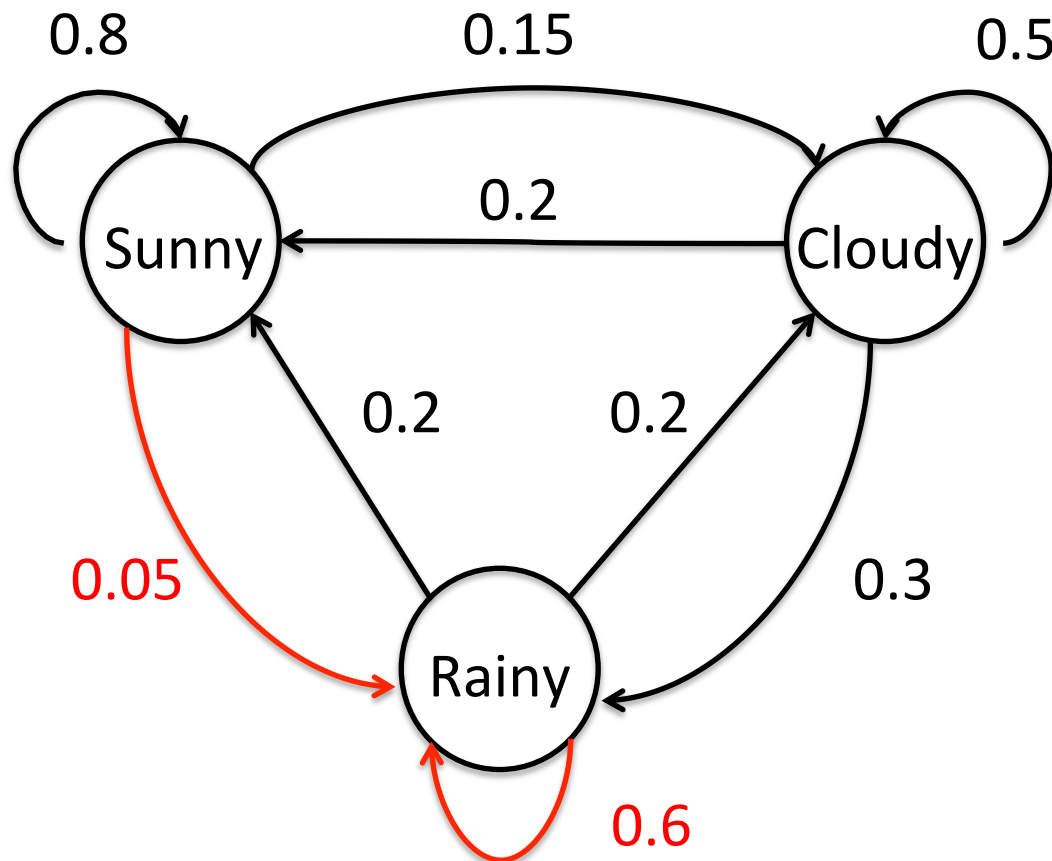


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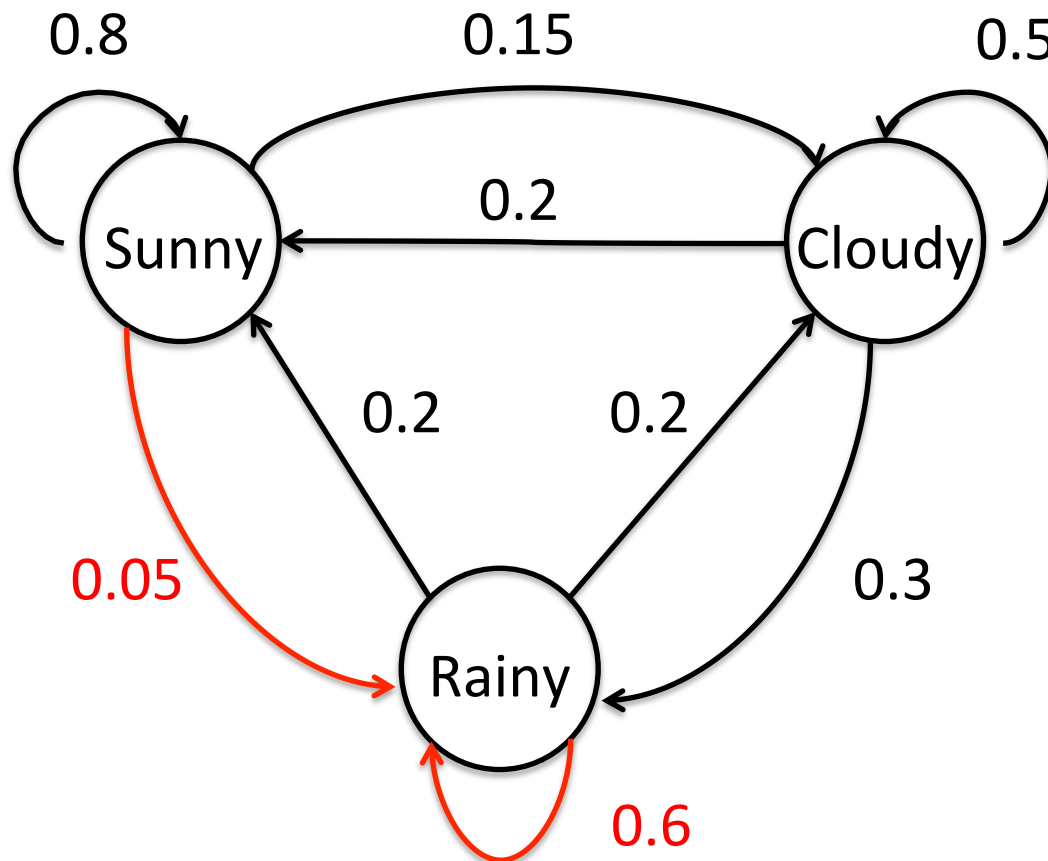
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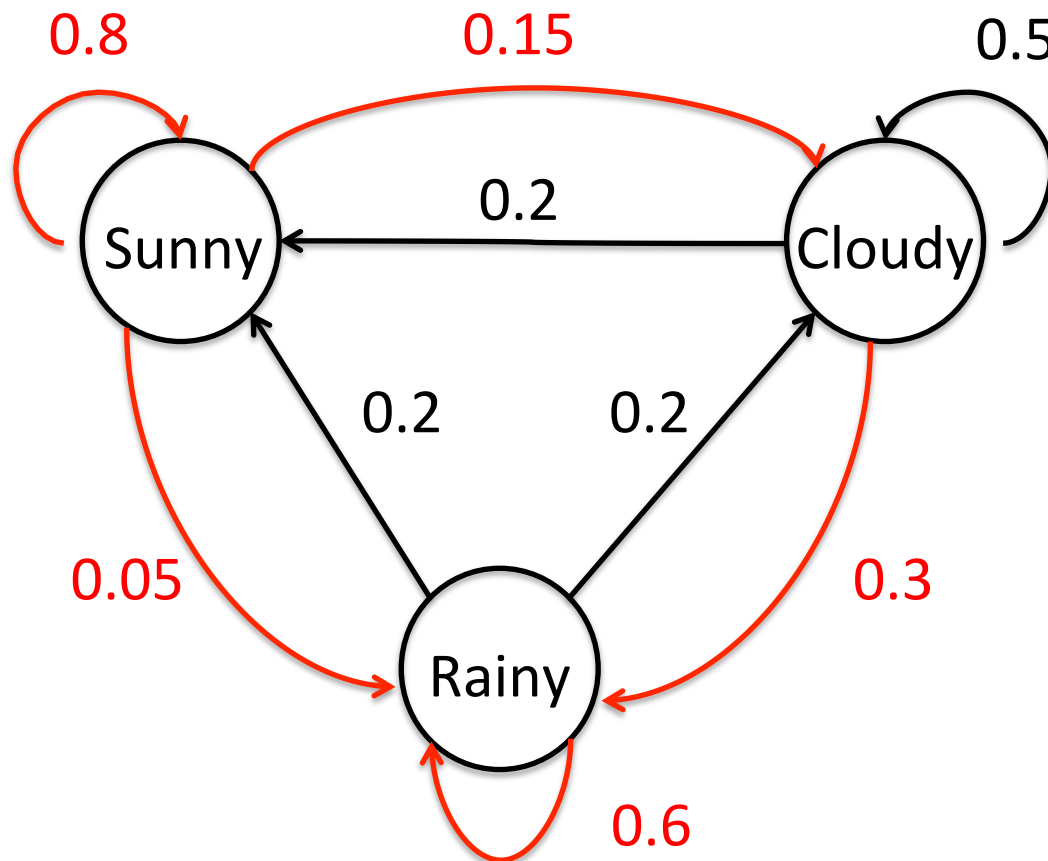


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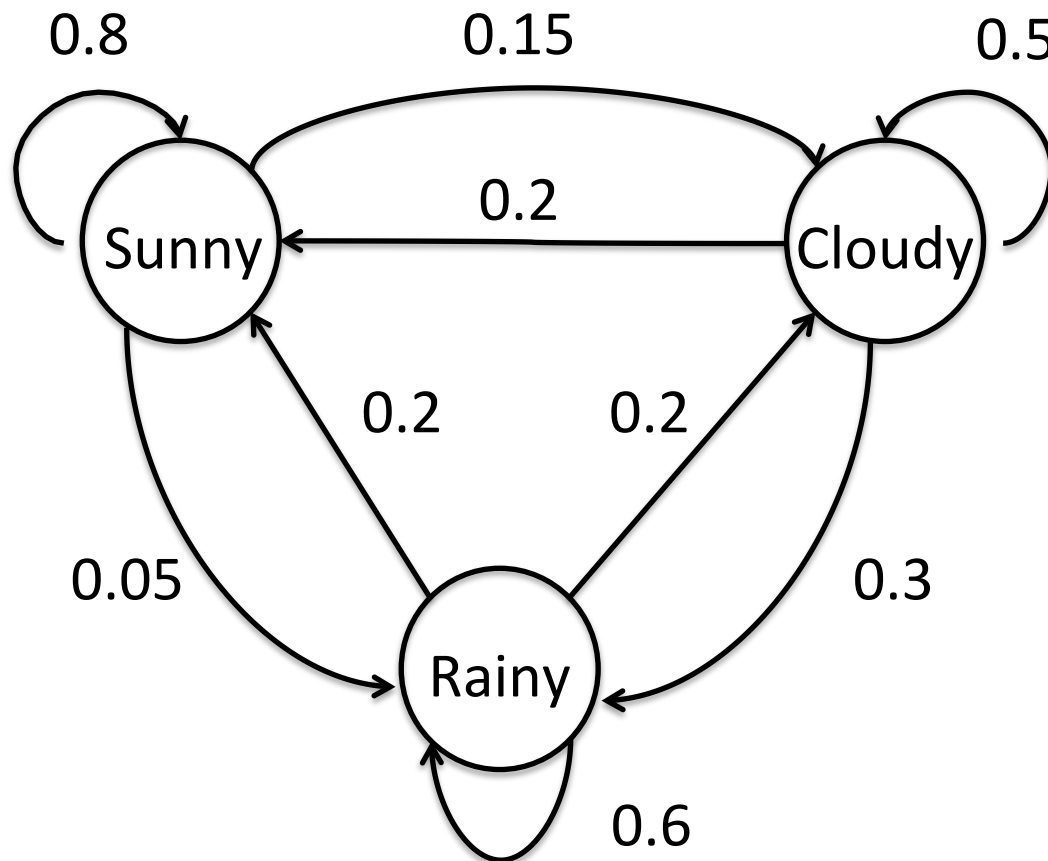
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# Markov property suggests it doesn't really matter how we got into the current State

**Given current State, can predict likelihood of future states**



Given that we can observe the state we are in, it doesn't really matter how we got there:

- Probability of weather at time  $n$ , given the weather at time  $n-1$ , and at  $n-2$ , ...
- Is approximately equal to the probability of weather at time  $n$  given *only* the weather at  $n-1$
- $P(w_n | w_{n-1}, w_{n-2}, w_{n-3}) \approx P(w_n | w_{n-1})$

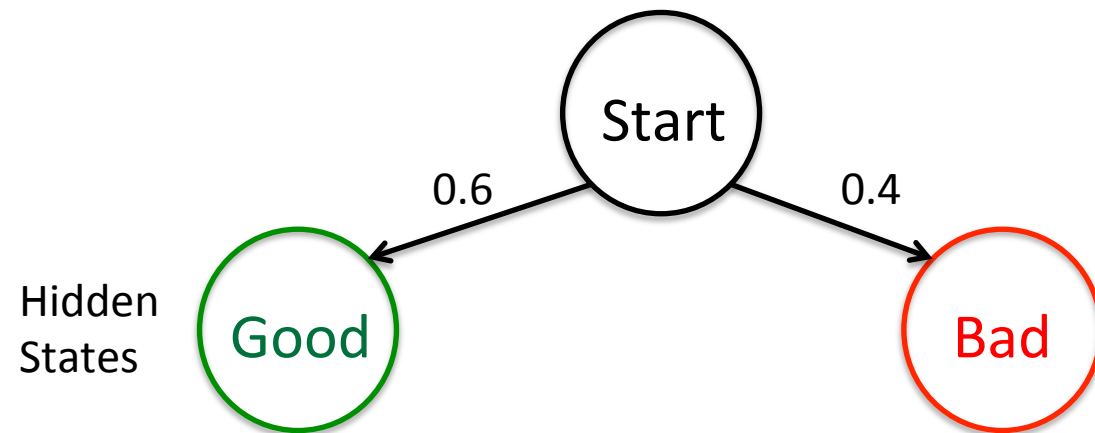
# Model works well if we can directly observe the state, what if we cannot?

## **Sometimes we cannot directly observe the state**

- You're being held prisoner and want to know the weather outside. You can't see outside, but you can observe if the guard brings an umbrella.
- You observe photos of your friends. You don't know what city they were in, but do know something about the cities. Can you guess what cities they visited?
- You want to ask for a raise, but only if the boss is in a good mood. How can you tell if the boss is in a good mood if you can't tell by looking?

# Want to ask the boss for raise when the boss's state is a Good mood

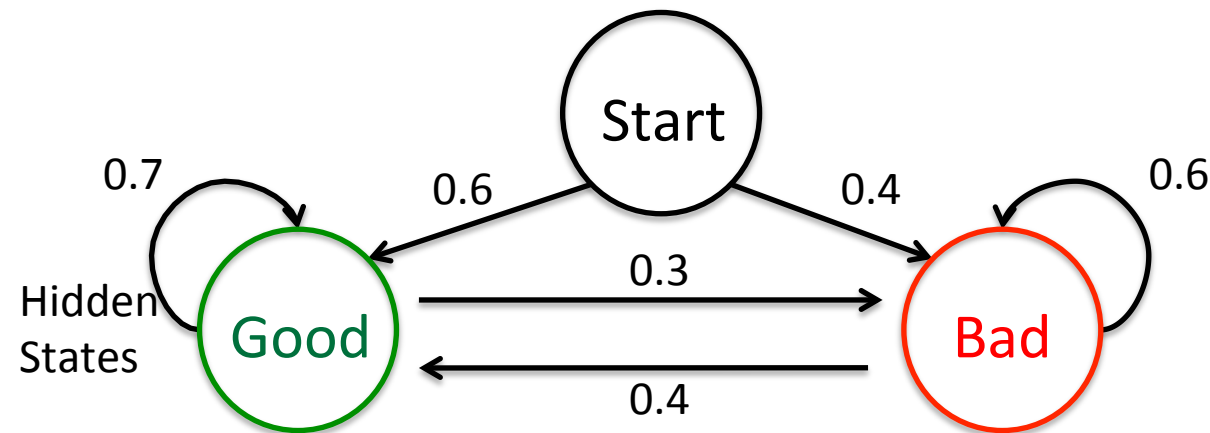
## Gather stats about likelihood of states



- Can't know boss's mood for sure simply by looking (state is hidden)
- Want to know current state (Good or Bad)
- Could ask everyday and record statistics about it
- Assume boss answers truthfully
  - Ask 100 times
  - 60 times good
  - 40 times bad
- Boss slightly more likely to be in good mood (60% chance)

# In addition to states, find likelihood of *transitioning* from one state to another

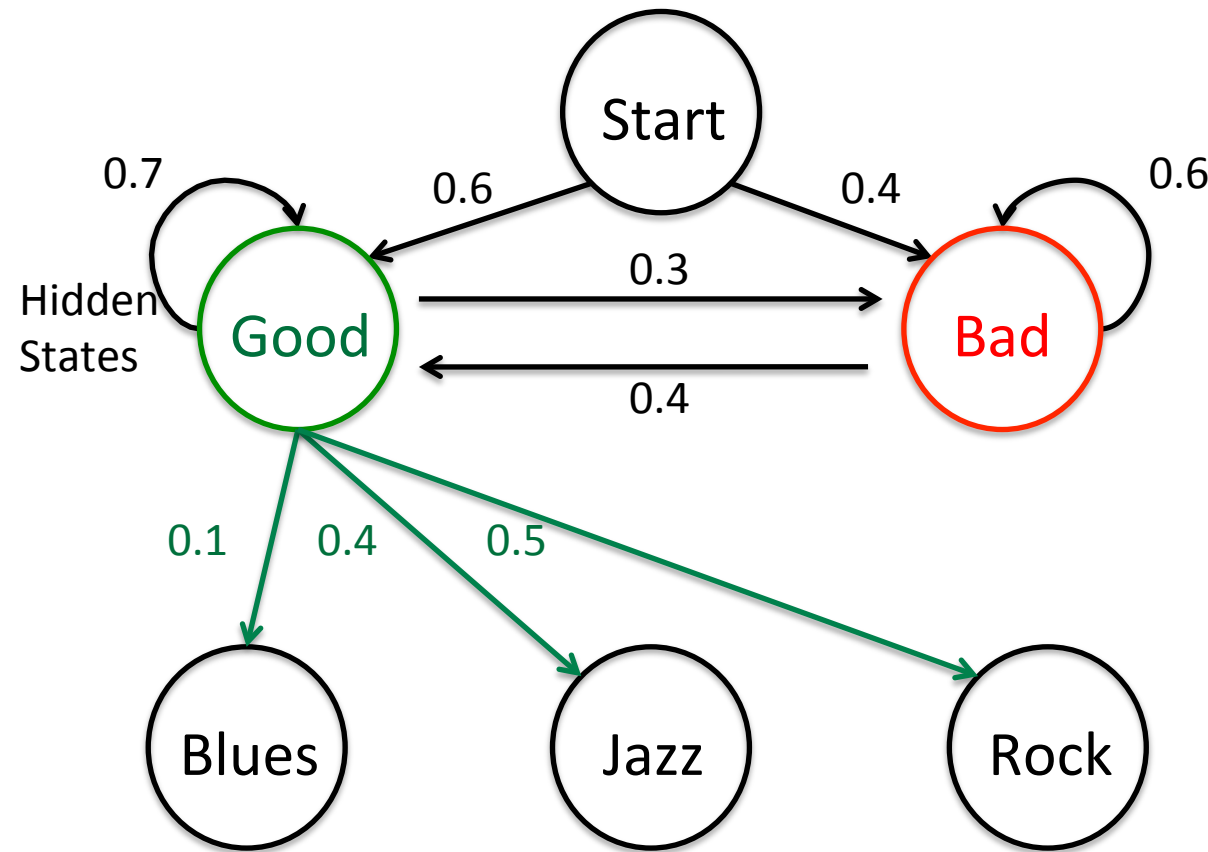
## Gather stats about state transitions



- Watch boss on day after asking about mood, ask again next day
- Calculate probability of staying in same mood or transitioning to another mood (hidden state)
- Similar to how weather transitioned states

# Once have states and transitions, might find something we *can* directly observe

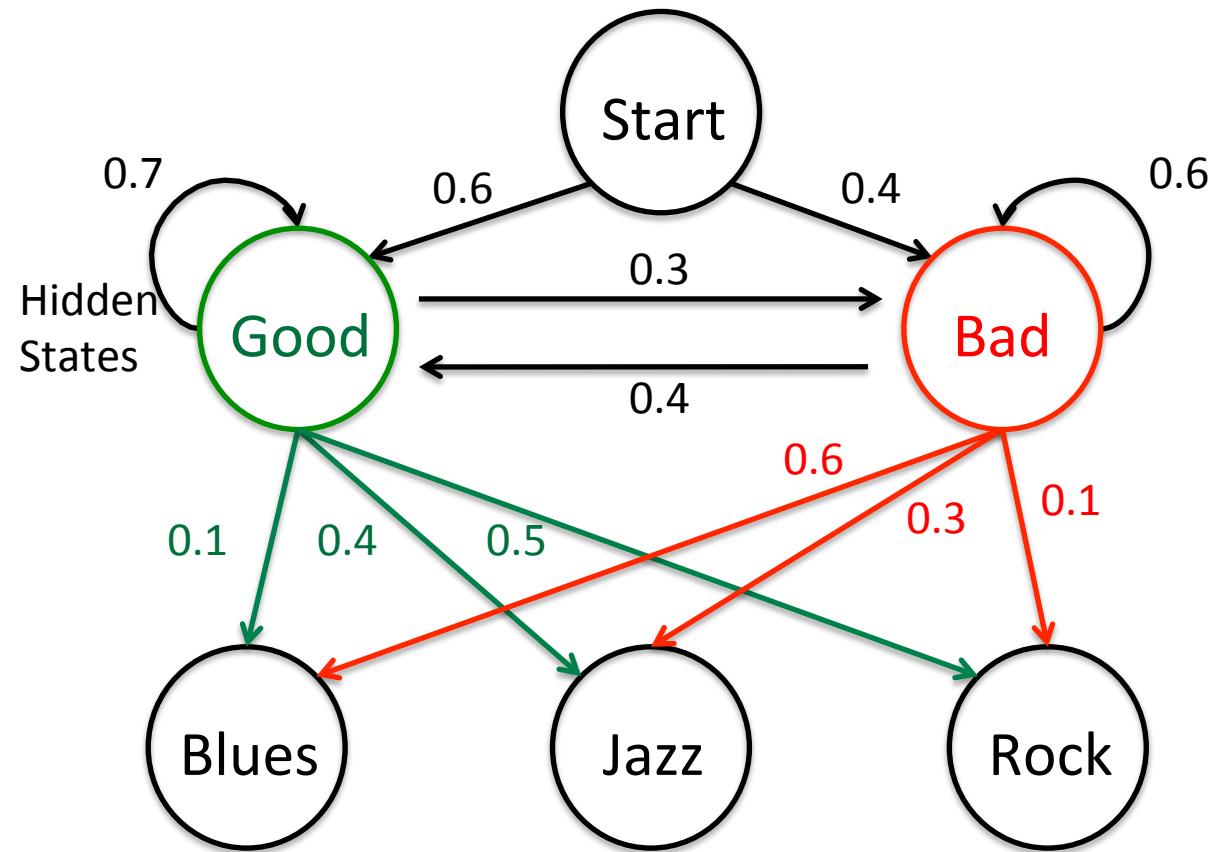
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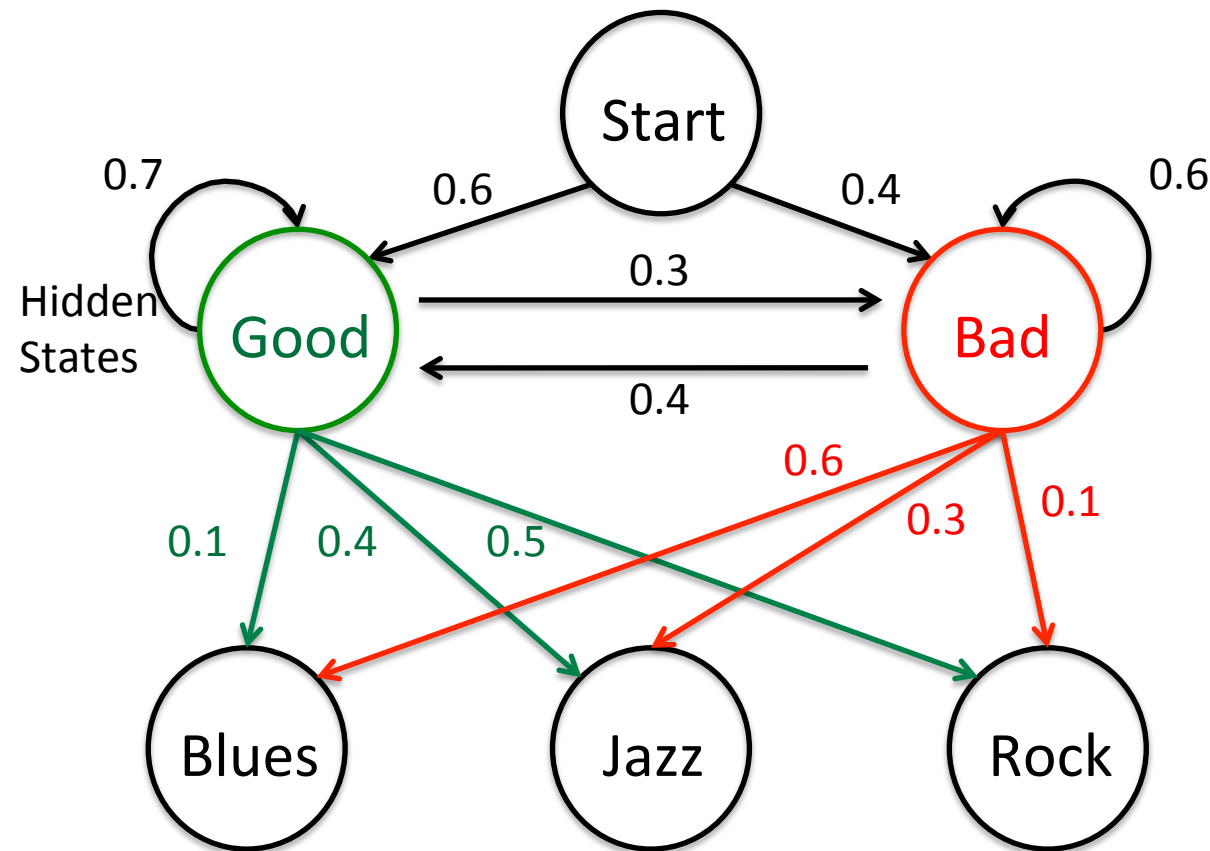


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# This is a Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

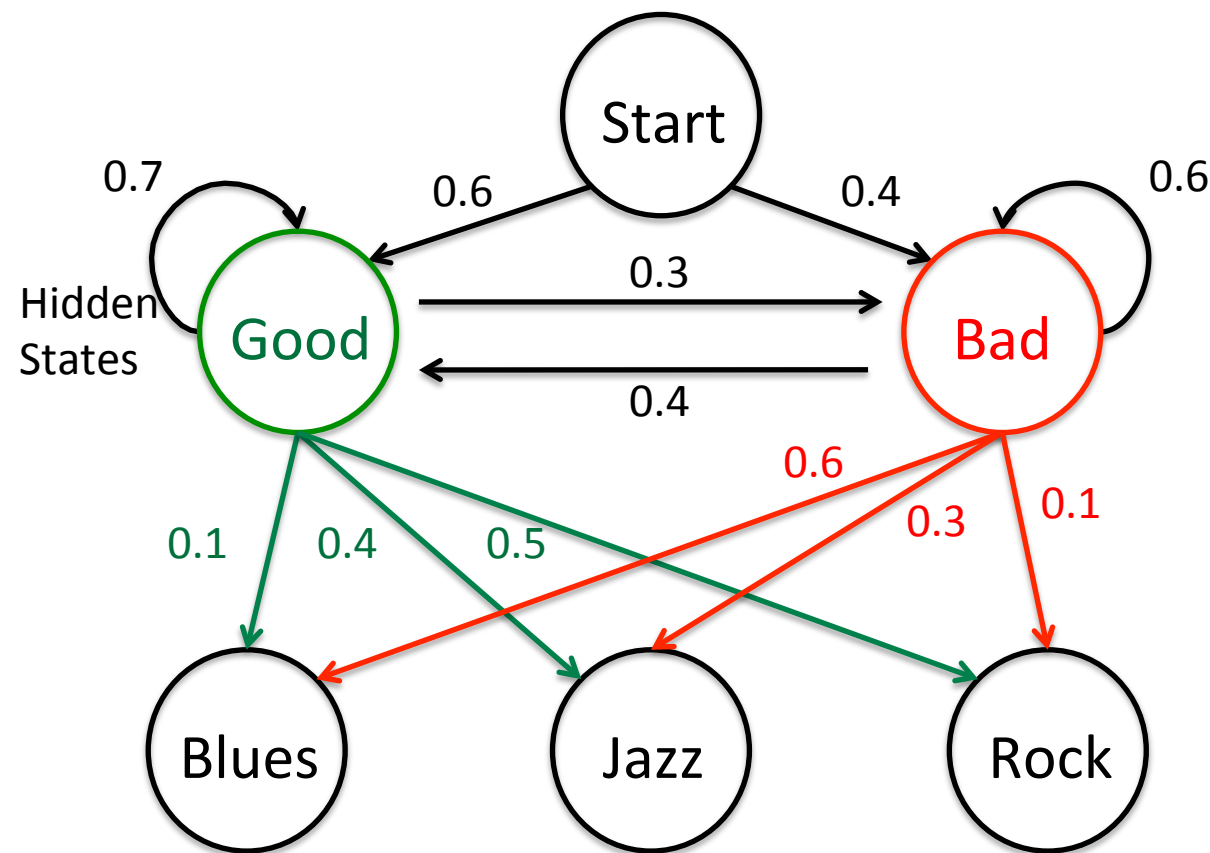
## Hidden Markov Model



- States (boss's mood) are hidden, can't be directly observed
- But, we *can* observe something (music) that can help us calculate the most *likely* hidden state

# So is today a good day to ask for a raise?

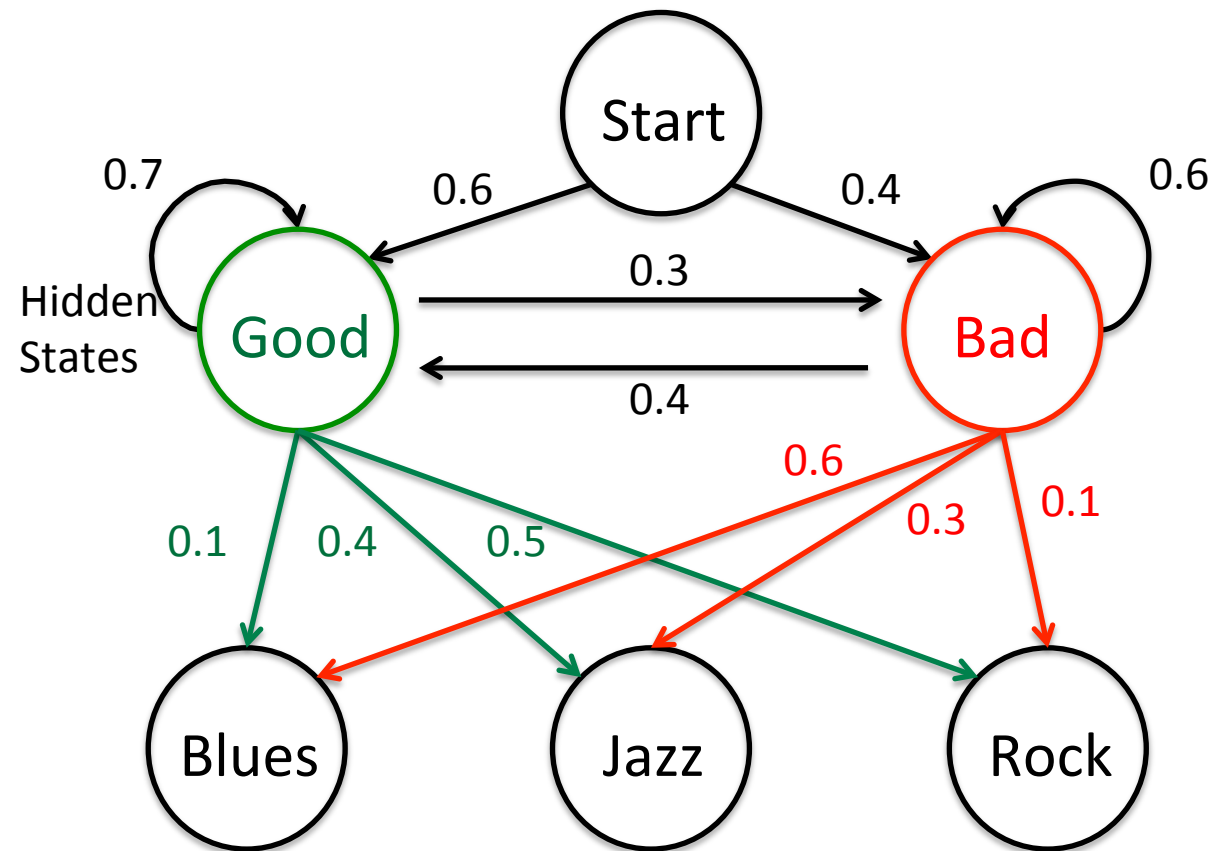
So far we have no music observation



- Given no other information, it's a pretty good bet the boss is in Good mood
- Good mood = 0.6
- Bad mood = 0.4
- Yes, on any given day boss is slightly more likely to be in a good mood

# By observing music, we might be able to get a better sense of the boss's mood!

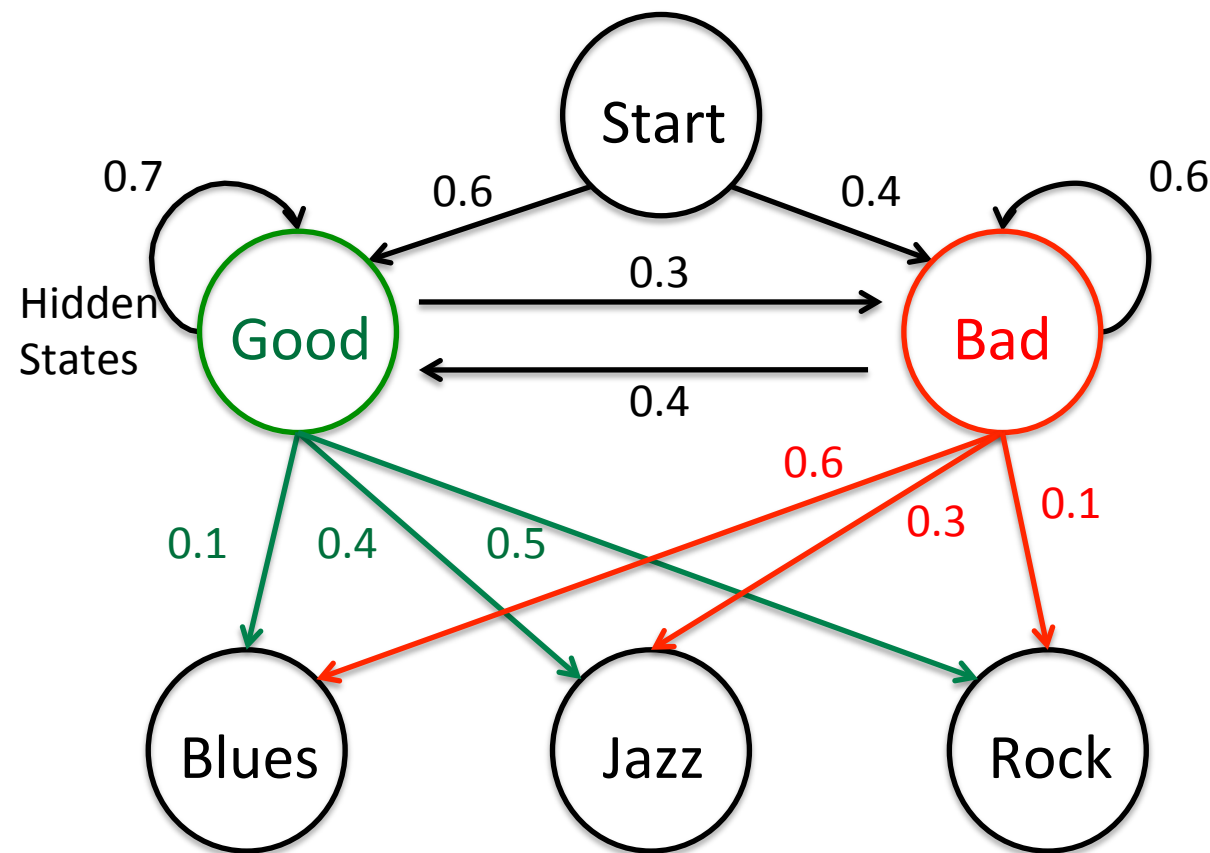
## Observe Rock music



- Say today we observe the boss is playing Rock music
- Should we ask for a raise?
- Good mood =  $0.6 * 0.5 = 0.3$
- Bad mood =  $0.4 * 0.1 = 0.04$
- Most likely a good day to ask!

# Bayes theorem can give us the actual probabilities of each hidden state


Observe Rock music



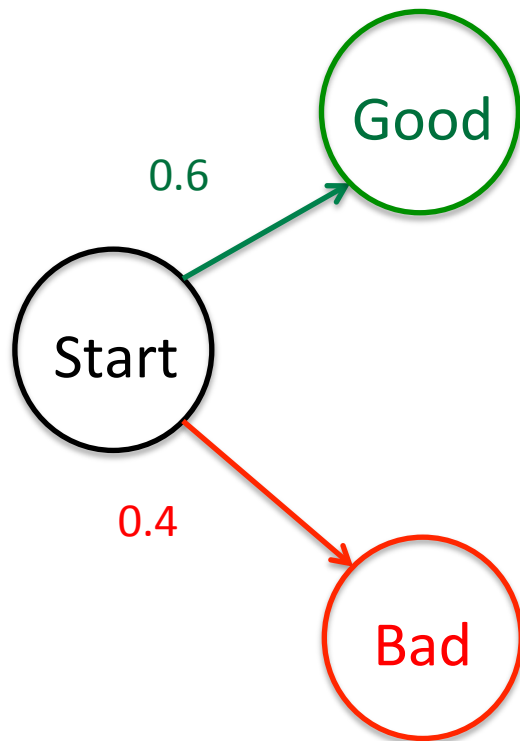
G=Good, B=Bad, R=Rock

- Given the boss is playing Rock music, use Bayes Theorem
- $$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) * P(A)}{P(B)}$$
- $$P(G|R) = \frac{P(R|G) * P(G)}{P(R)}$$
- $$P(R|G) = 0.5, P(G) = 0.6$$
$$P(R) = 0.34$$
- $$P(G|R) = 0.5 * 0.6 / 0.34 = 0.88$$

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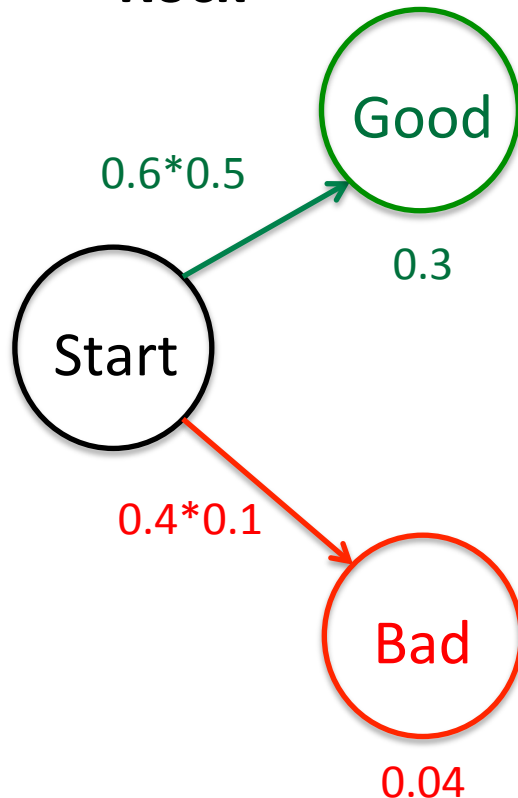


Given no observations,  
can make a guess at true  
state

Guess state with highest  
score

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**Day 1:  
Observe  
Rock**



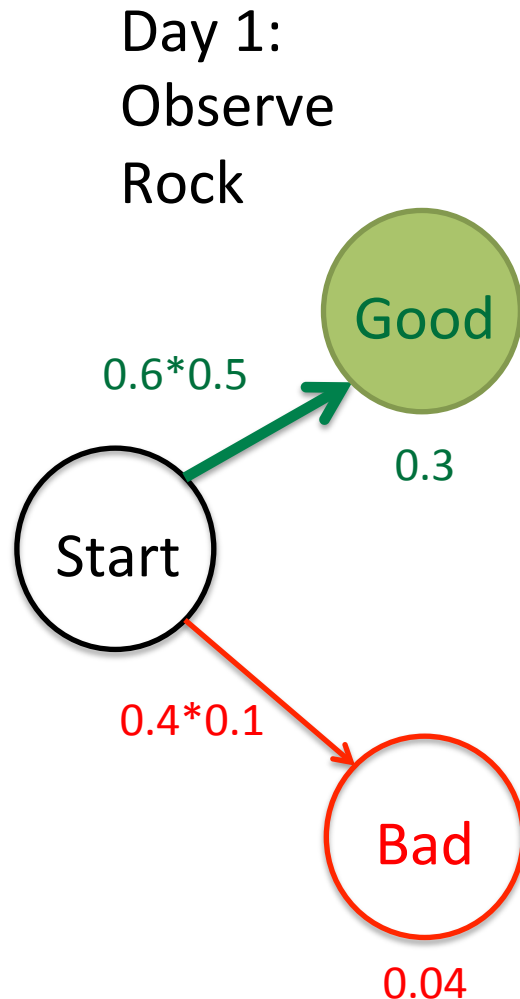
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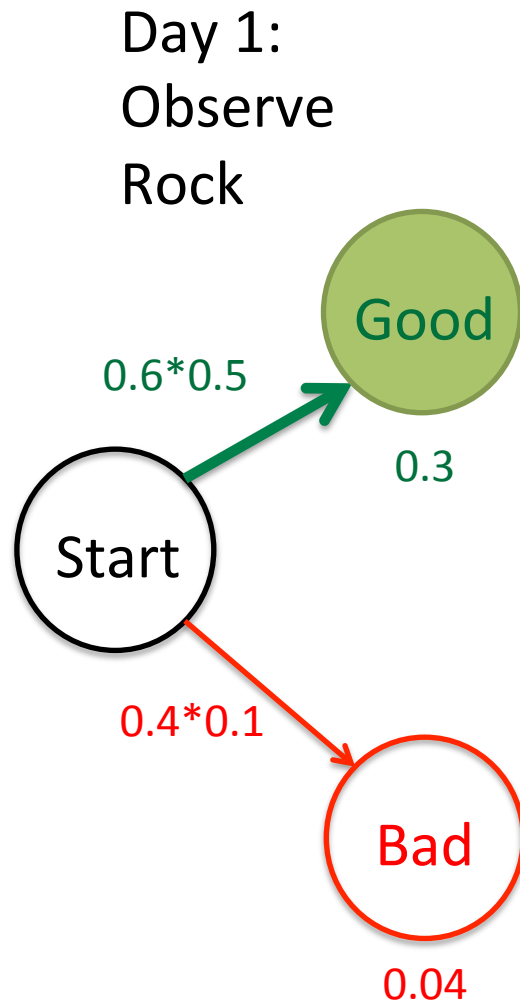
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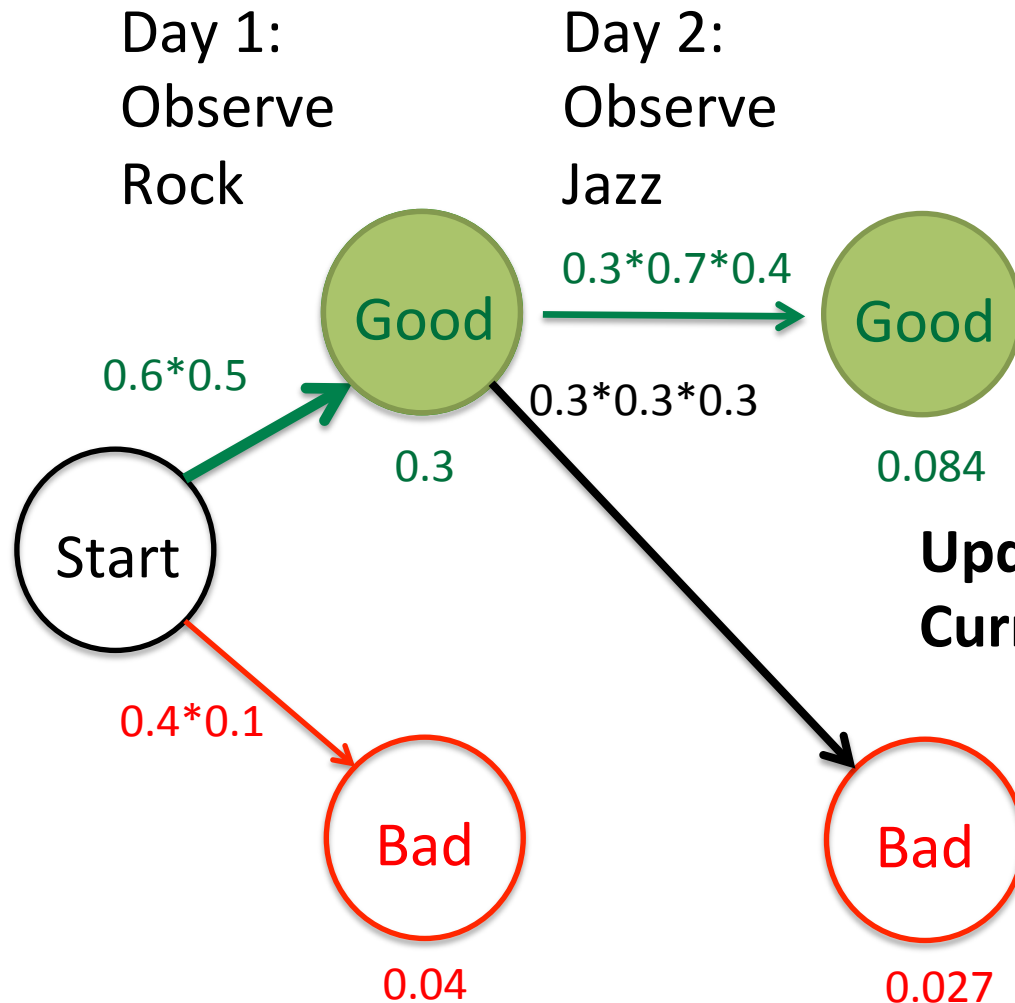
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What if you chicken out  
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Tomorrow you observe  
Jazz, should you ask now?

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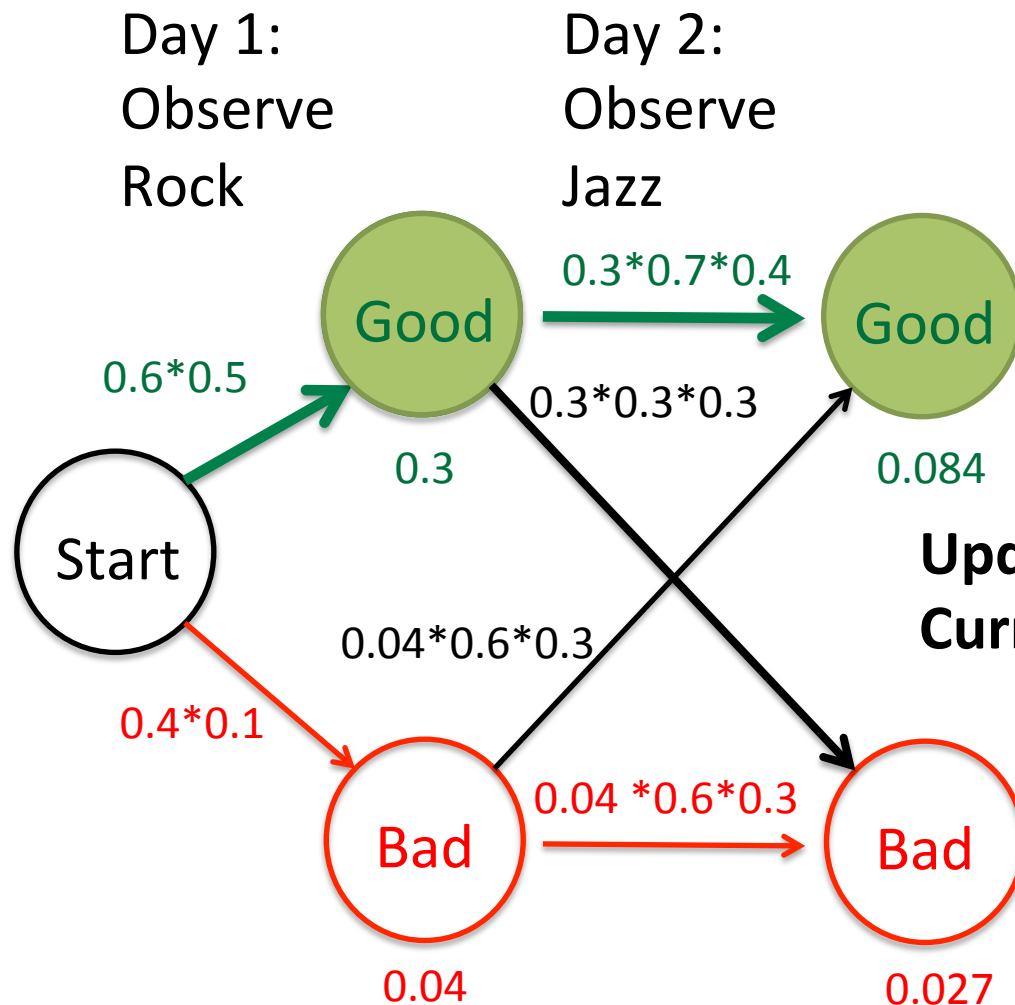


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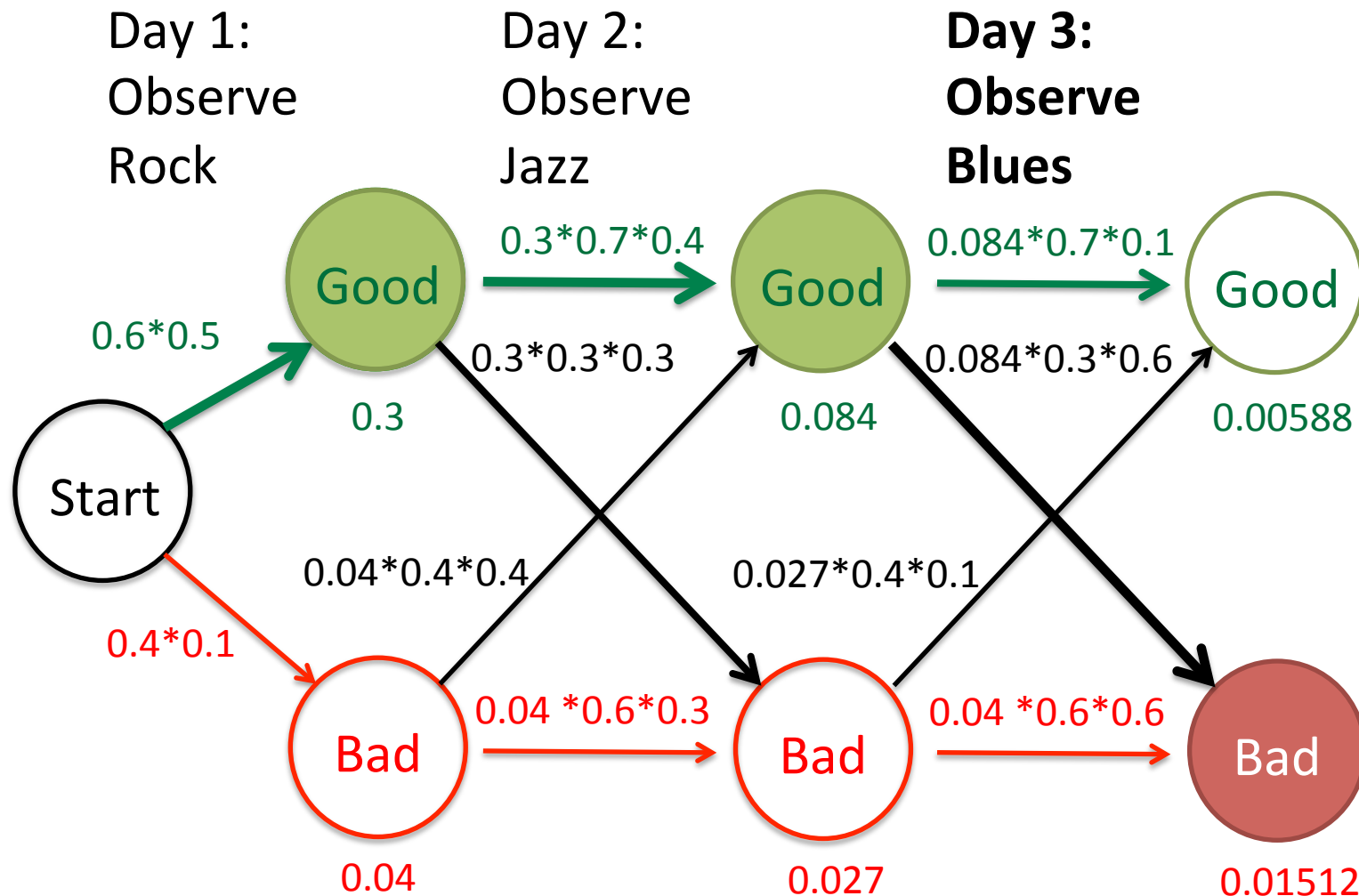


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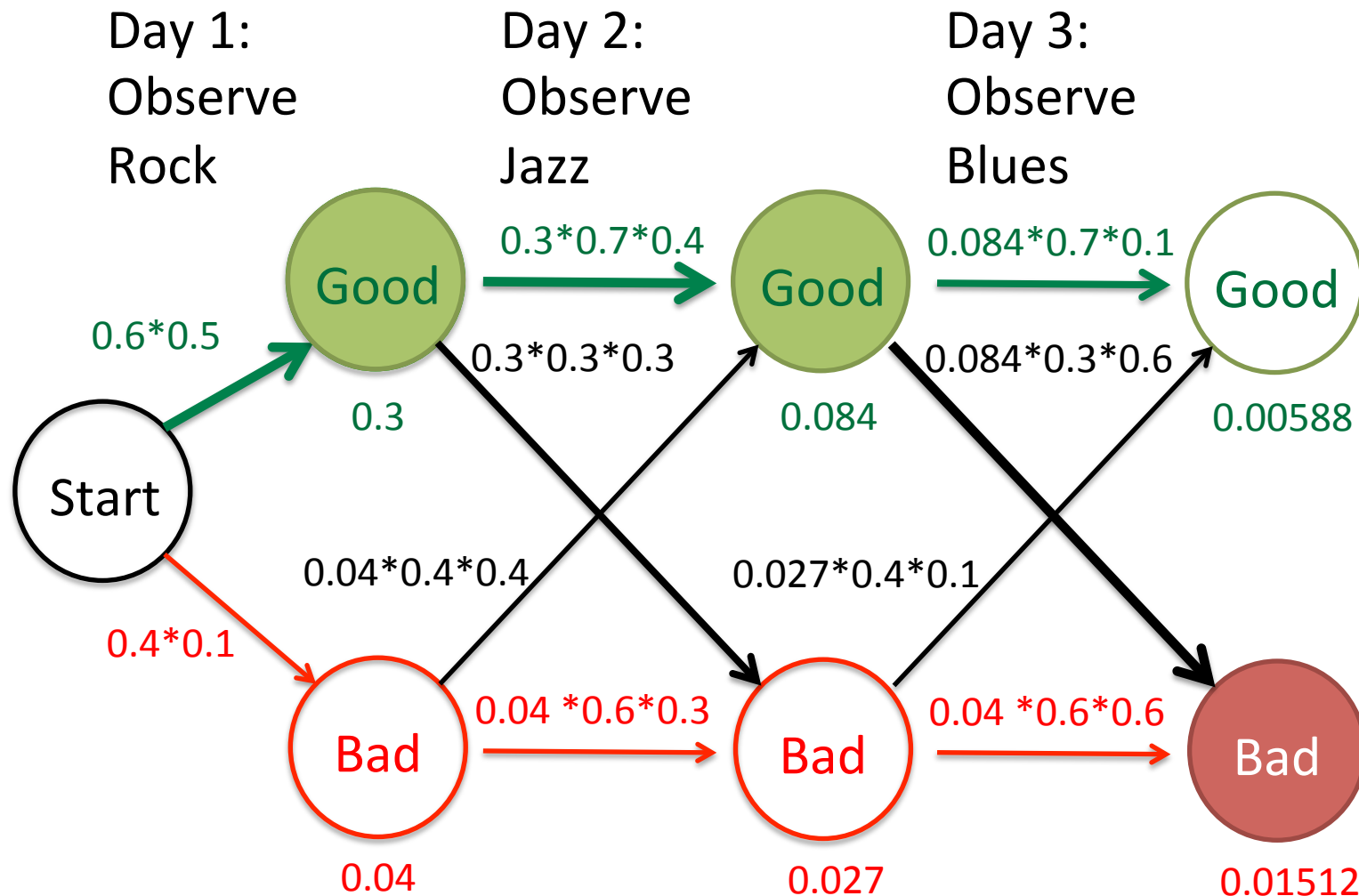
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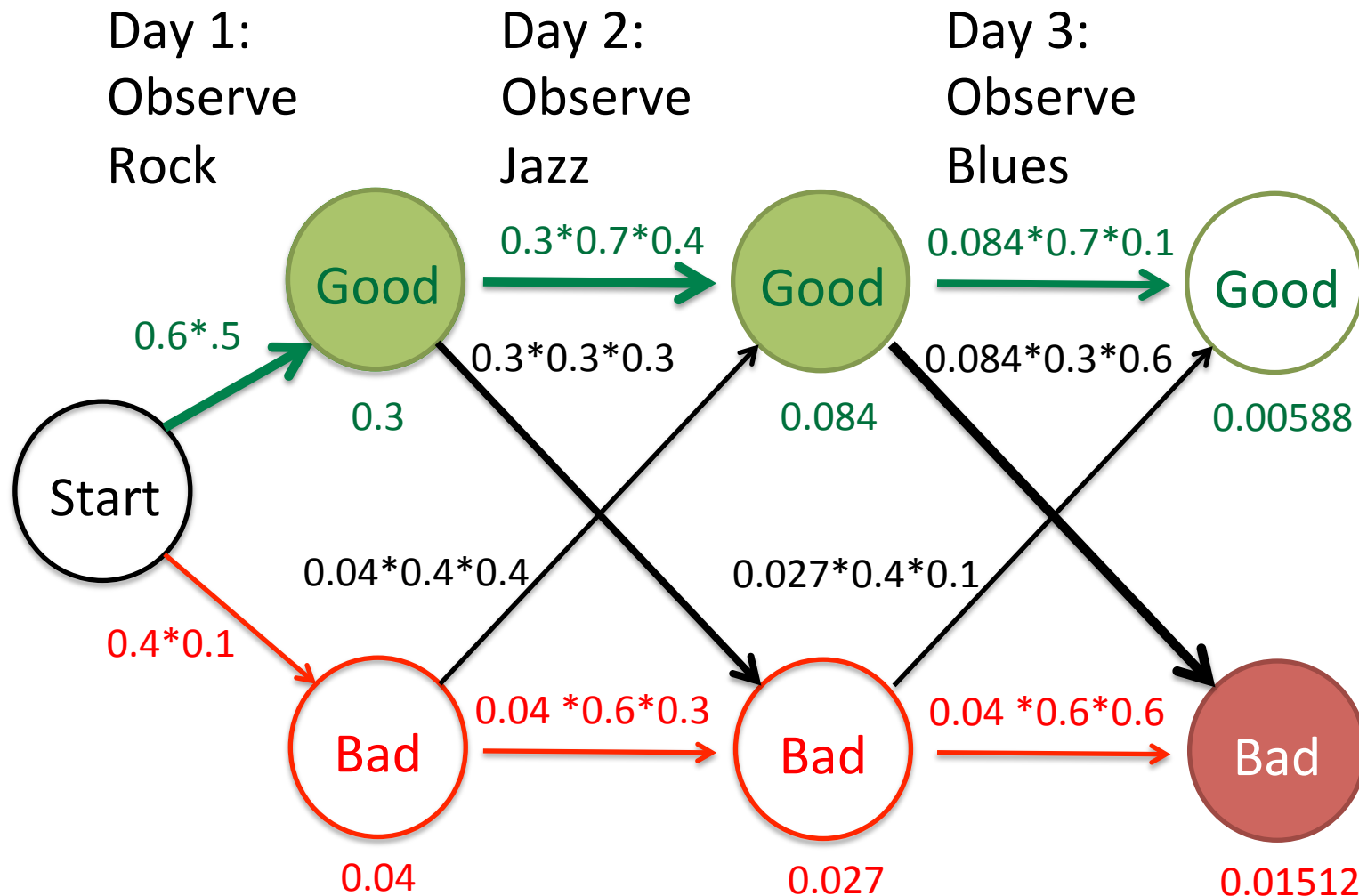
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Given observations of {Rock, Jazz, Blues}

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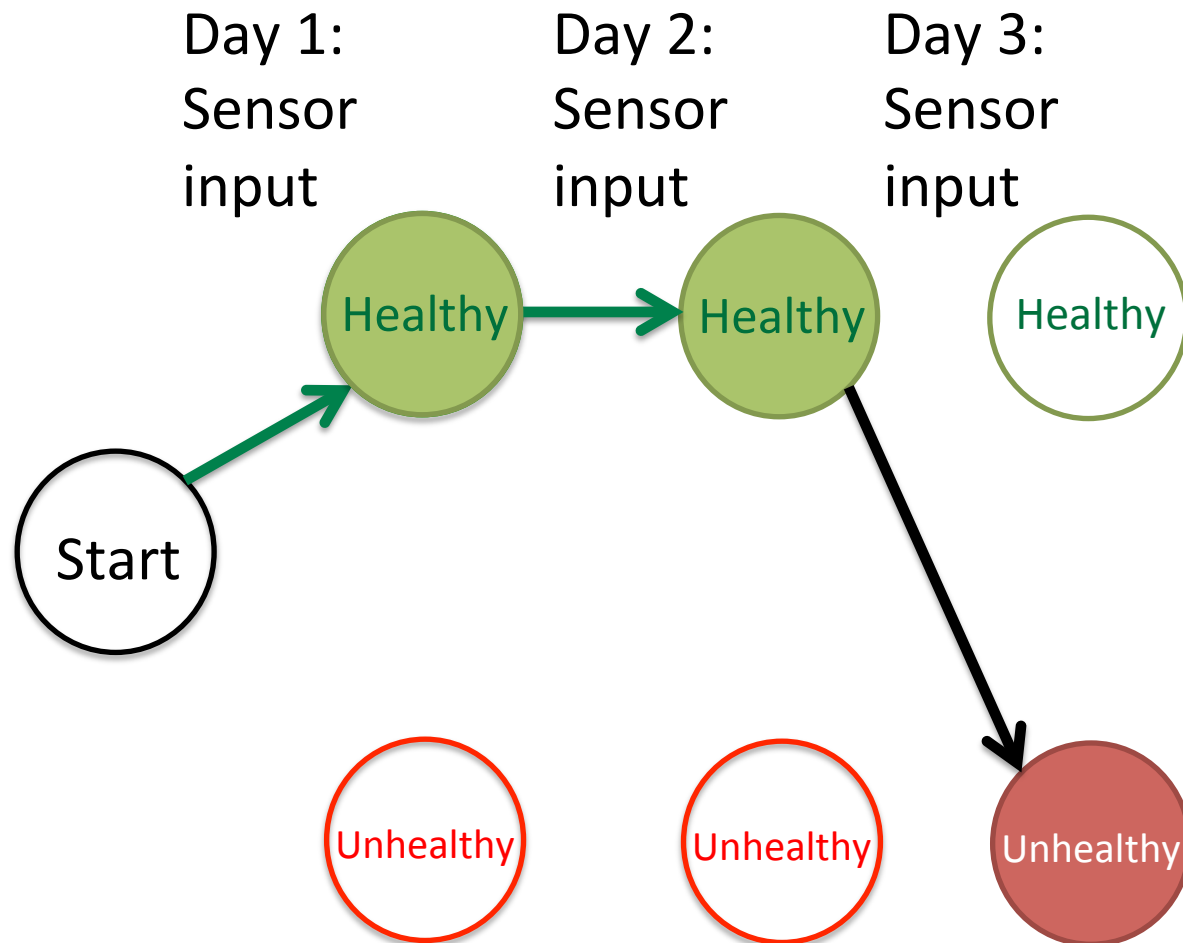
# Viterbi algorithm back tracks to find most likely state sequence given observations



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# HMMs and Viterbi algorithm used in a number of fields such a monitoring health



Prof. Campbell's *BeWell* app uses smart phone sensor data and HMM to estimate health behavior of users over time

Given sequence of sensor data, what was the subject's most likely health state on each day

# HMMs allow us to determine the most likely sequence of state transitions

## Key points


We can't directly the hidden state and know the true state with certainty

If there is something we *can* observe, we might be able to *infer* the true state with greater accuracy than guessing

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## **Situation:**

Have a diary with of number of ice cream cones eaten each day (observations)

Want to reconstruct the weather (hidden state) when the cones were eaten

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## Annotated training data gives transition probabilities

### Diary entries:

1. Hot day today! I chowed down three whole cones.
2. Hot again. But I only ate two cones; need to run to the store and get more ice cream.
3. Cold today. Still, the ice cream was calling me, and I ate one cone.
4. Cold again. Kind of depressed, so ate a couple cones despite the weather.
5. Still cold. Only in the mood for one cone.
6. Nice hot day. Yay! Was able to eat a cone each for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
7. Hot but was out all day and only had enough cash on me for one ice cream.
8. Brrrr, the weather turned cold really quickly. Only one cone today.
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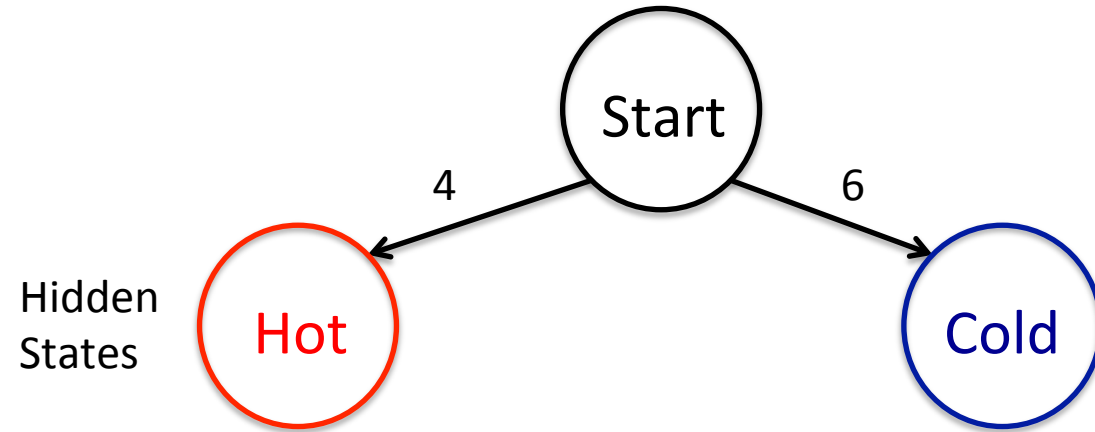
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**Hidden states: Hot (4 days) or Cold (6 days)**

**Observations: 1, 2, or 3 ice cream cones eaten**

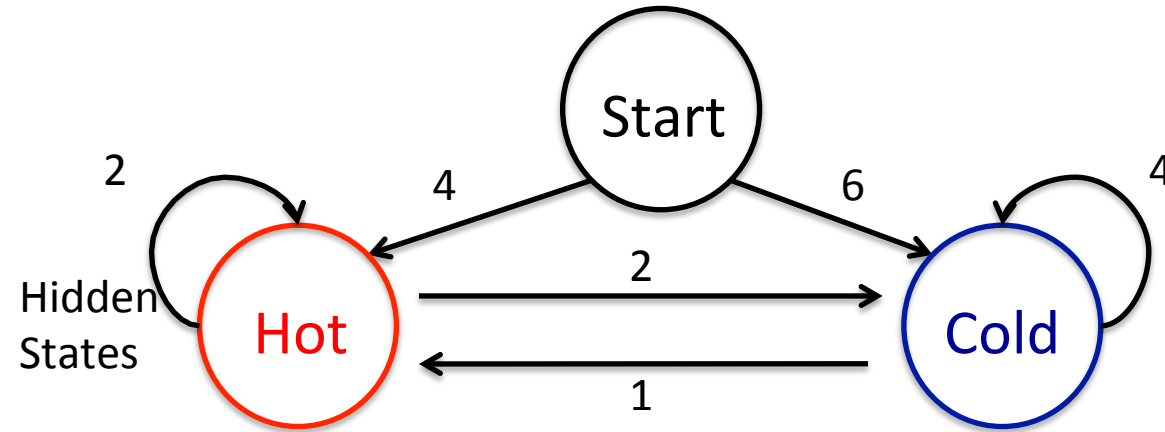
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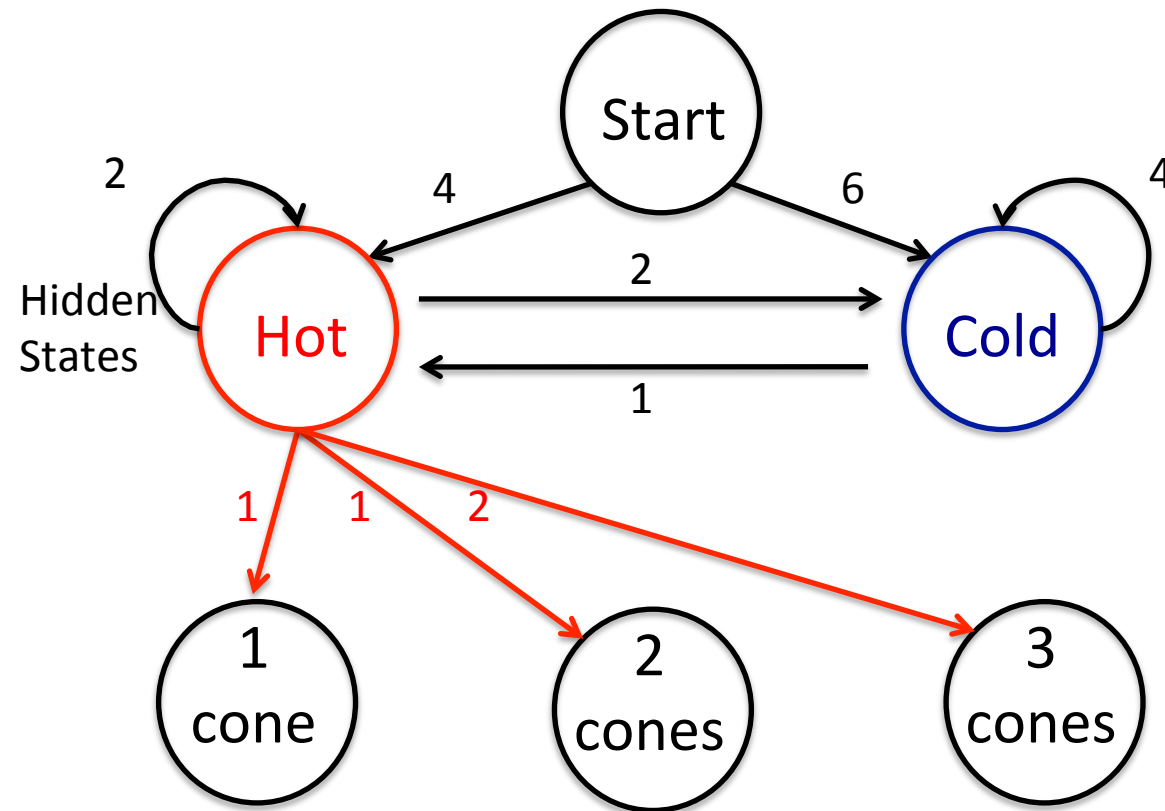
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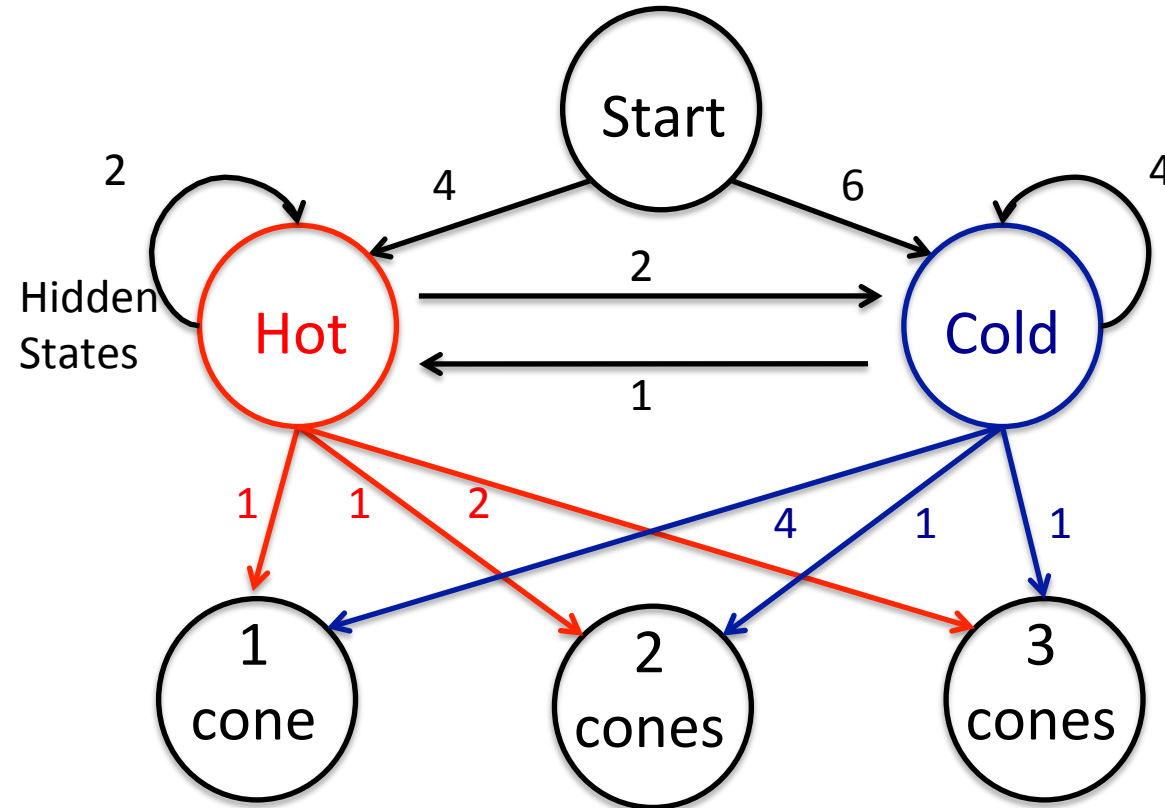
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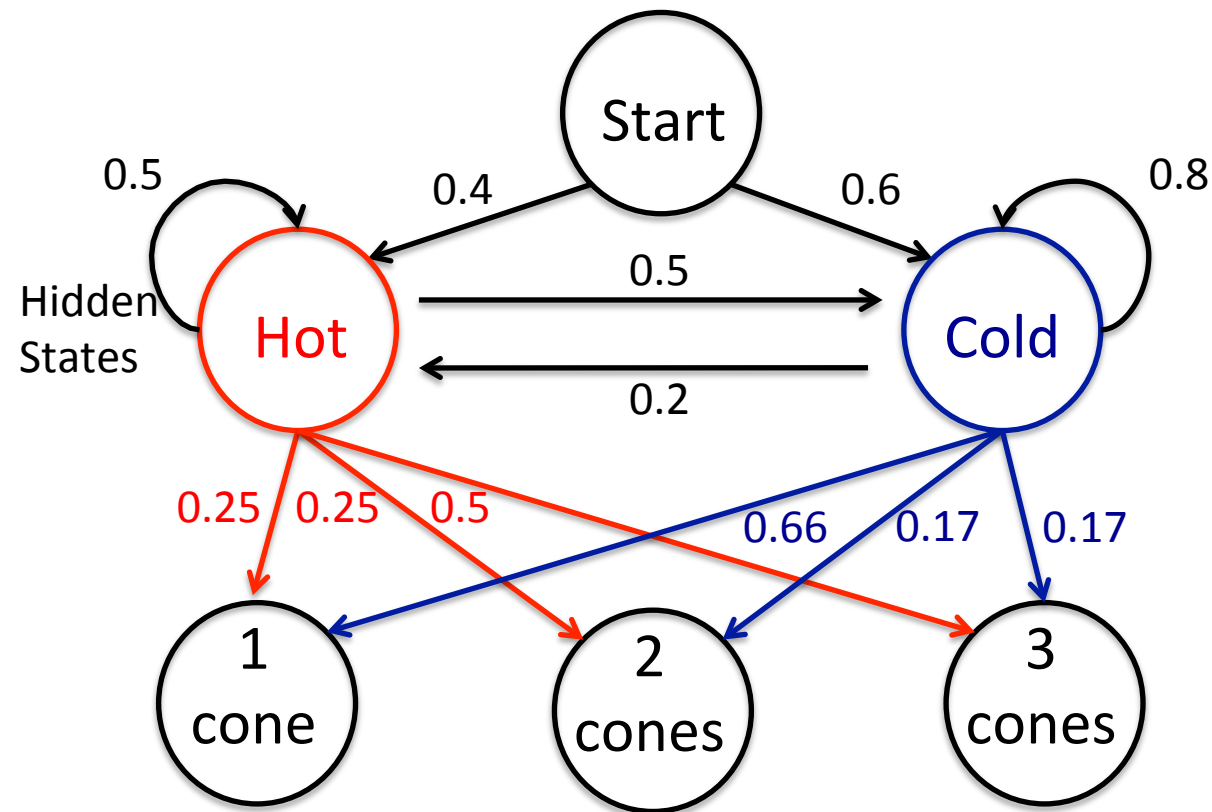
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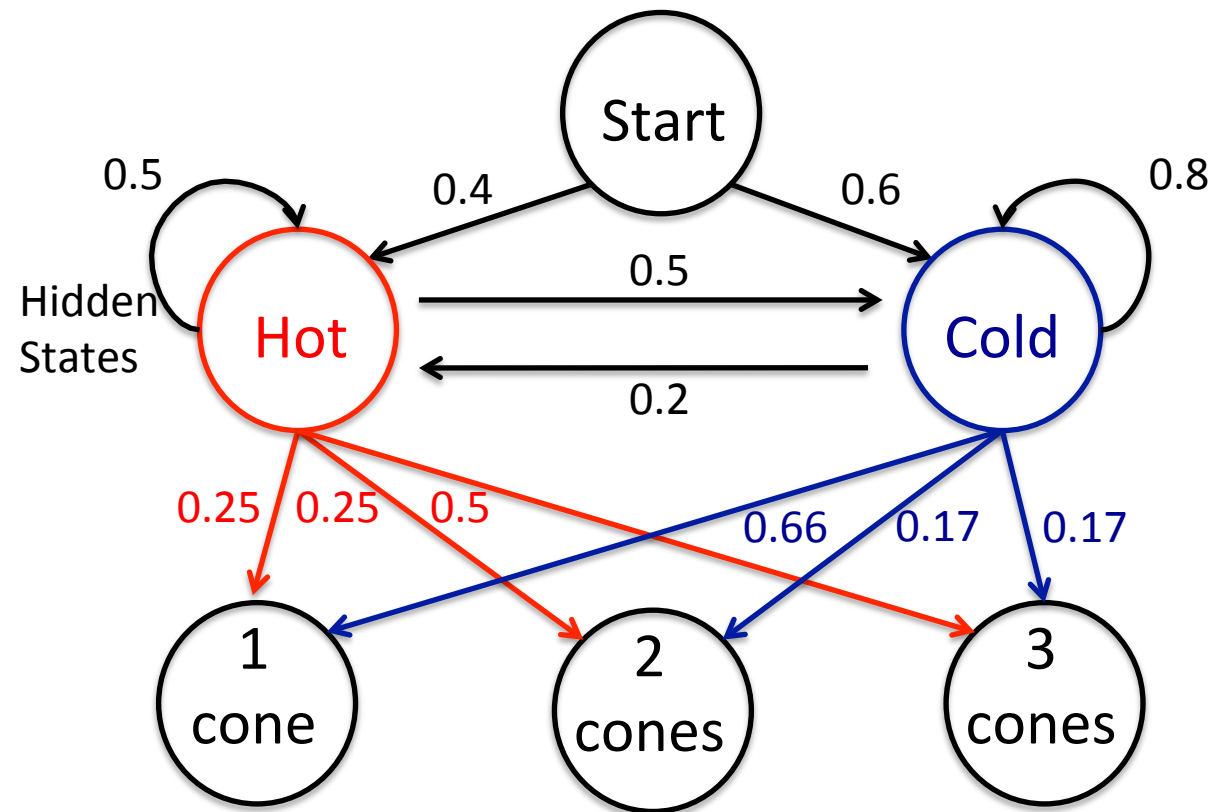
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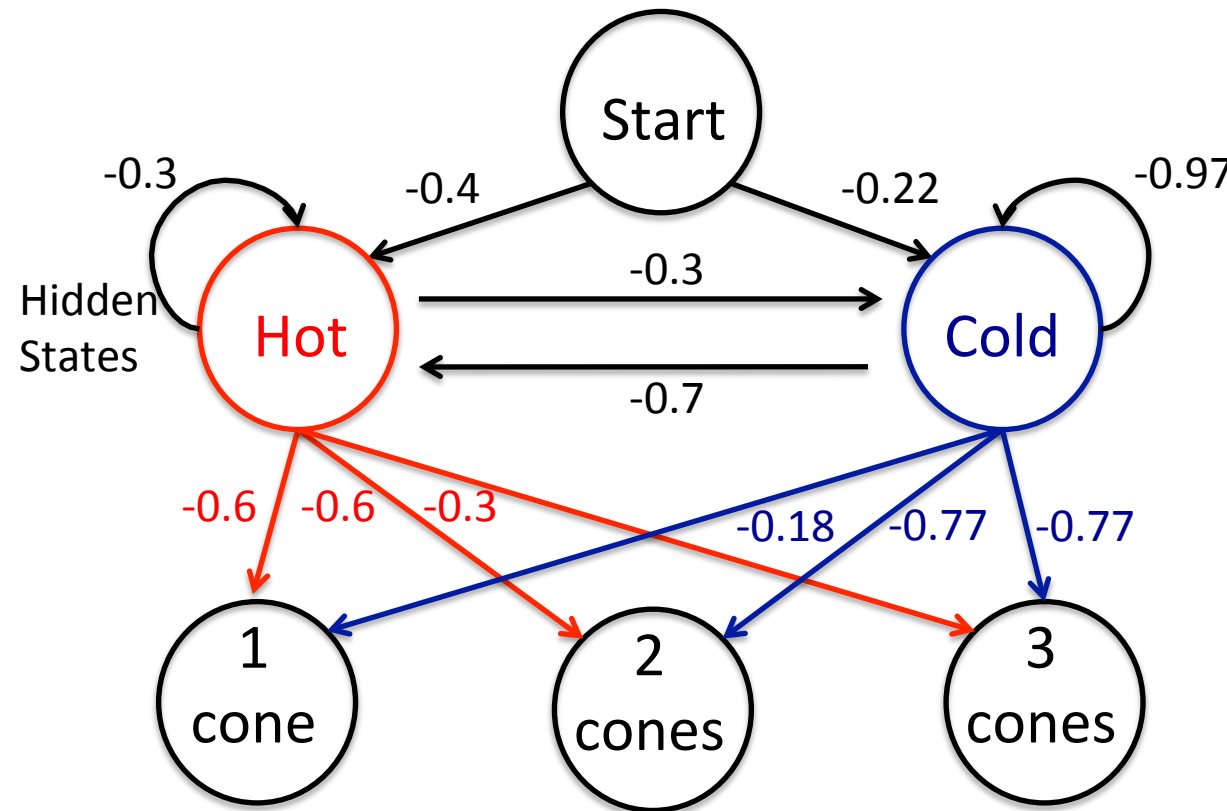
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# Example

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|-------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Start | n/a         | Start     | n/a           | 0                                    | 0         |

Most likely {Hot,Hot,Hot}

# Example

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| Start | n/a         | Start     | n/a           | 0                                    | 0         |
| 0     | Two cones   | Cold      | Start         | 0-0.22-0.77                          | -0.99     |
|       |             | Hot       | Start         | 0-0.4-0.6                            | -1.0      |

Most likely {Cold}

# Example

| #     | Observation | nextState | currentState | currScore+transScore<br>+observation | nextScore        |
|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Start | n/a         | Start     | n/a          | 0                                    | 0                |
| 0     | Two cones   | Cold      | Start        | 0-0.22-0.77                          | -0.99            |
|       |             | Hot       | Start        | 0-0.4-0.6                            | -1.0             |
| 1     | Three cones | Cold      | Cold         | -0.99-0.97-0.77                      | <del>-2.73</del> |
|       |             | Cold      | Hot          | -1-0.3-0.77                          | -2.07            |
|       |             | Hot       | Cold         | -0.99-0.7-0.3                        | <del>-1.99</del> |
|       |             | Hot       | Hot          | -1-0.3-0.3                           | -1.6             |

Most likely {Hot,Hot}

# Example

| #     | Observation | nextState | currentState | currScore+transScore<br>+observation | nextScore        |
|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Start | n/a         | Start     | n/a          | 0                                    | 0                |
| 0     | Two cones   | Cold      | Start        | 0-0.22-0.77                          | -0.99            |
|       |             | Hot       | Start        | 0-0.4-0.6                            | -1.0             |
| 1     | Three cones | Cold      | Cold         | -0.99-0.97-0.77                      | <del>-2.73</del> |
|       |             | Cold      | Hot          | -1-0.3-0.77                          | -2.07            |
|       |             | Hot       | Cold         | -0.99-0.7-0.3                        | <del>-1.99</del> |
|       |             | Hot       | Hot          | -1-0.3-0.3                           | -1.6             |
| 2     | Two cones   | Cold      | Cold         | -2.07-0.97-0.77                      | <del>-3.81</del> |
|       |             | Cold      | Hot          | -1.6-0.3-0.77                        | -2.67            |
|       |             | Hot       | Cold         | -2.07-0.7-0.6                        | <del>-3.37</del> |
|       |             | Hot       | Hot          | -1.6-0.3-0.6                         | -2.5             |

Most likely {Hot,Hot,Hot}

# Example

| #     | Observation | nextState | currentState | currScore+transScore<br>+observation | nextScore        |
|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Start | n/a         | Start     | n/a          | 0                                    | 0                |
| 0     | Two cones   | Cold      | Start        | $0 - 0.22 - 0.77$                    | -0.99            |
|       |             | Hot       | Start        | $0 - 0.4 - 0.6$                      | -1.0             |
| 1     | Three cones | Cold      | Cold         | $-0.99 - 0.97 - 0.77$                | <del>-2.73</del> |
|       |             | Cold      | Hot          | $-1 - 0.3 - 0.77$                    | -2.07            |
|       |             | Hot       | Cold         | $-0.99 - 0.7 - 0.3$                  | <del>-1.99</del> |
|       |             | Hot       | Hot          | $-1 - 0.3 - 0.3$                     | -1.6             |
| 2     | Two cones   | Cold      | Cold         | $-2.07 - 0.97 - 0.77$                | <del>-3.81</del> |
|       |             | Cold      | Hot          | $-1.6 - 0.3 - 0.77$                  | -2.67            |
|       |             | Hot       | Cold         | $-2.07 - 0.7 - 0.6$                  | <del>-3.37</del> |
|       |             | Hot       | Hot          | $-1.6 - 0.3 - 0.6$                   | -2.5             |

The diagram shows red arrows and circles highlighting the backtracking path. Red circles are drawn around the nextScore values -1.0, -1.6, and -2.5. Red arrows point from the final state (-2.5) back to -1.6, then to -1.0, and finally to the Start state (0).

Most likely {Hot,Hot,Hot}



