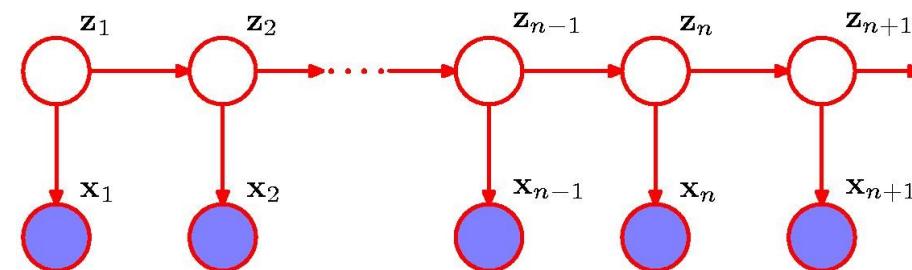


Hidden Markov Models

Selecting the initial model parameters

Using HMMs for (simpel) gene finding



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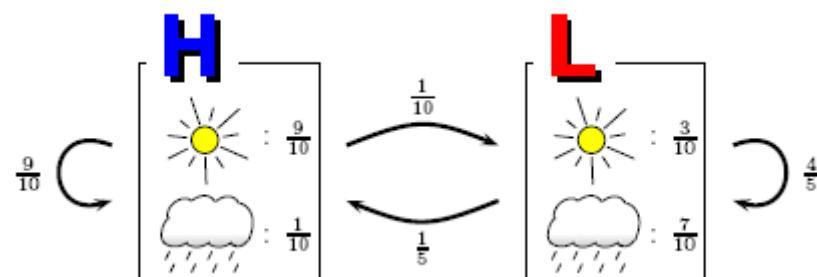
Last time

Training, or how to select model parameters (transition and emission probabilities) to reflect either a set of corresponding (X, Z) 's (Training by Counting), or just a set of X 's (Viterbi Training, and EM Training).

HMMs as a generative model

A HMM **generates a sequence of observables** by moving from hidden state to hidden state according to the transition probabilities and **emitting an observable** (from a discrete set of observables, i.e. a finite alphabet) from each hidden state visited **according to the emission probabilities** of the state ...

Model M :



A **run** follows a sequence of states:

H H L L H

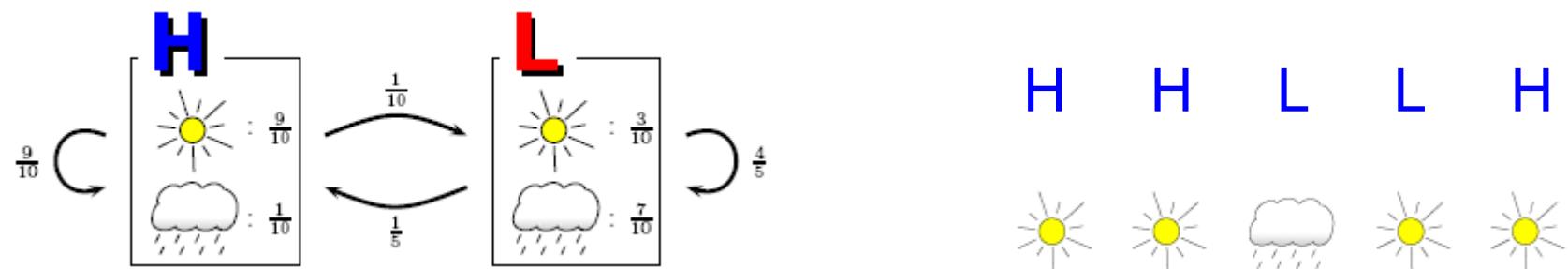
And **emits** a sequence of symbols:



For a HMM that generates finite strings (e.g. a HMM with an end-state), the language $L = \{X \mid p(X) > 0\}$ is regular ...

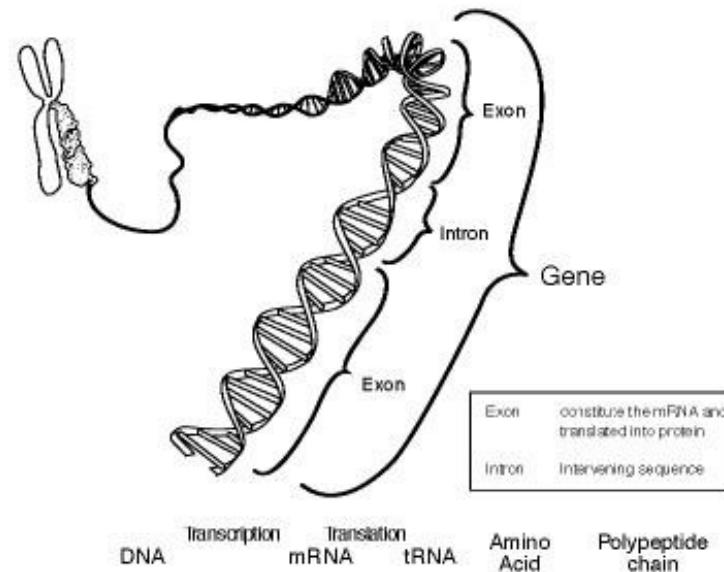
Selecting initial model parameters

The initial selection of transition and emission probabilities, i.e. A , π , Φ , models (how we see) the underlying structure of the observations, i.e. the syntax of possible sequences of observations, recall that the language $L = \{x \mid P(x \mid \theta) > 0\}$ is regular.



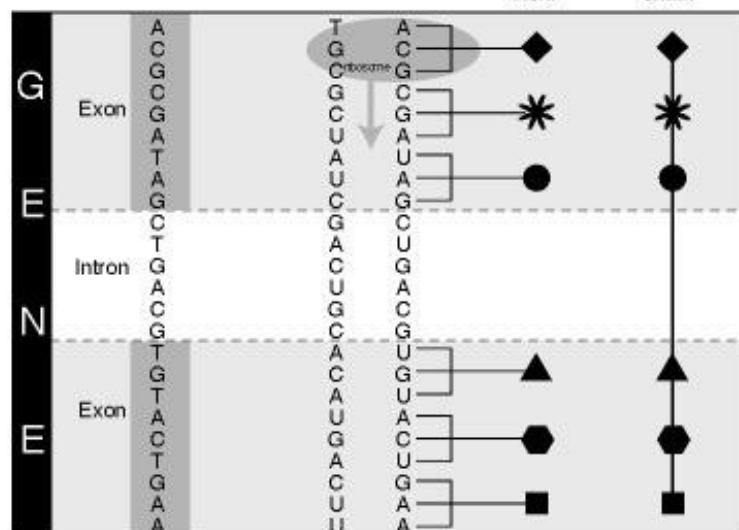
The initial selection of parameters is essential just to decide which parameters are 0 (or 1), i.e. to decide which transitions of emission should never (or always) be possible ...

Example – Gene finding



Each protein is encoded in a stretch of DNA. A **gene** ...

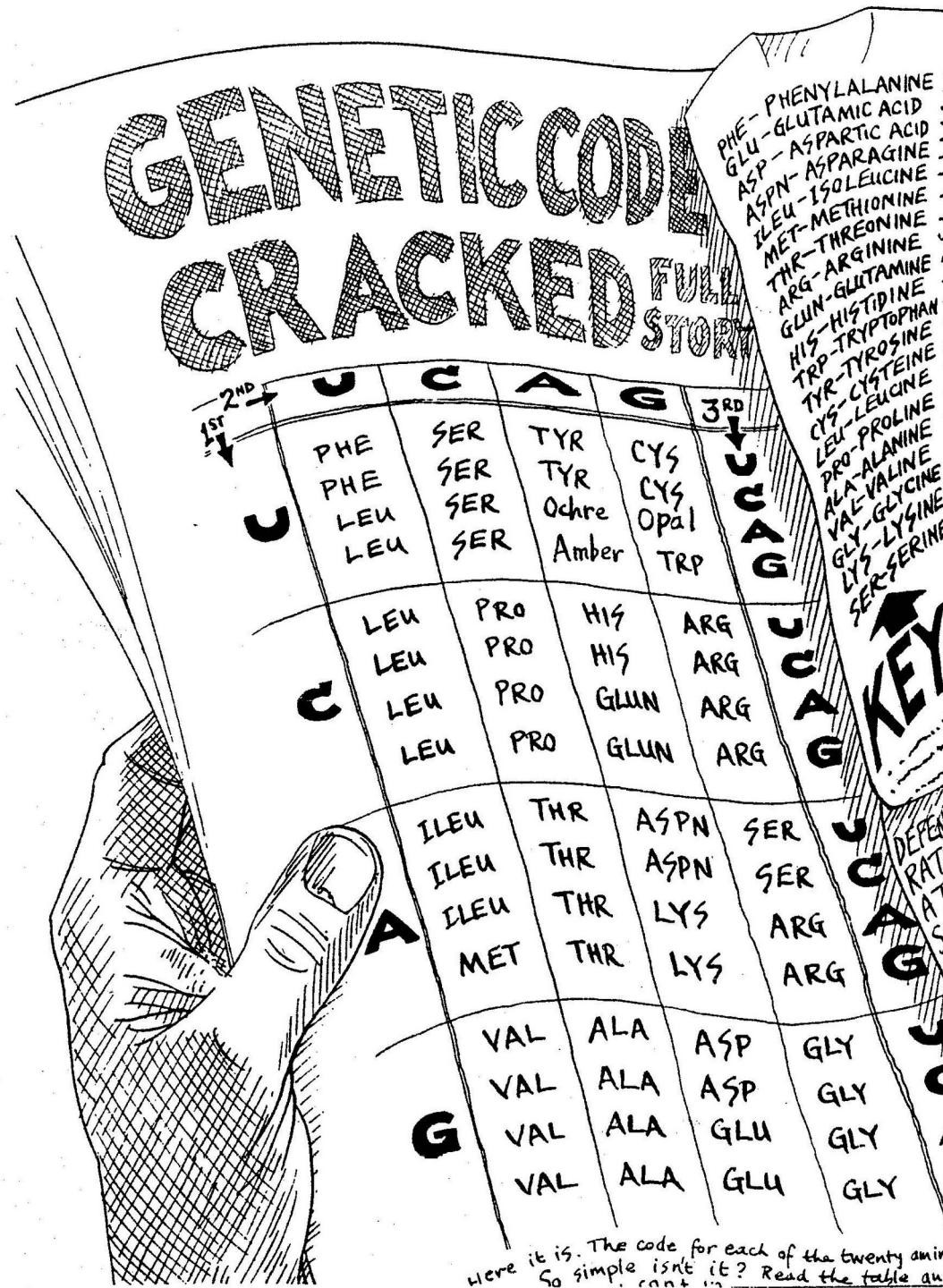
Which is **expressed** when the protein is needed ...



Important problem

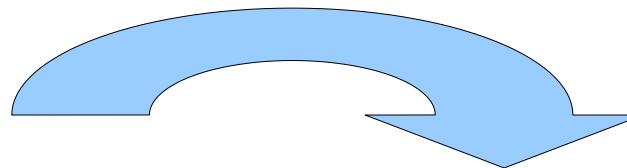
Locating genes on the genome and determining how they get expressed ...

Recognizing the patterns that indicates a gene ...



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Viterbi decoding



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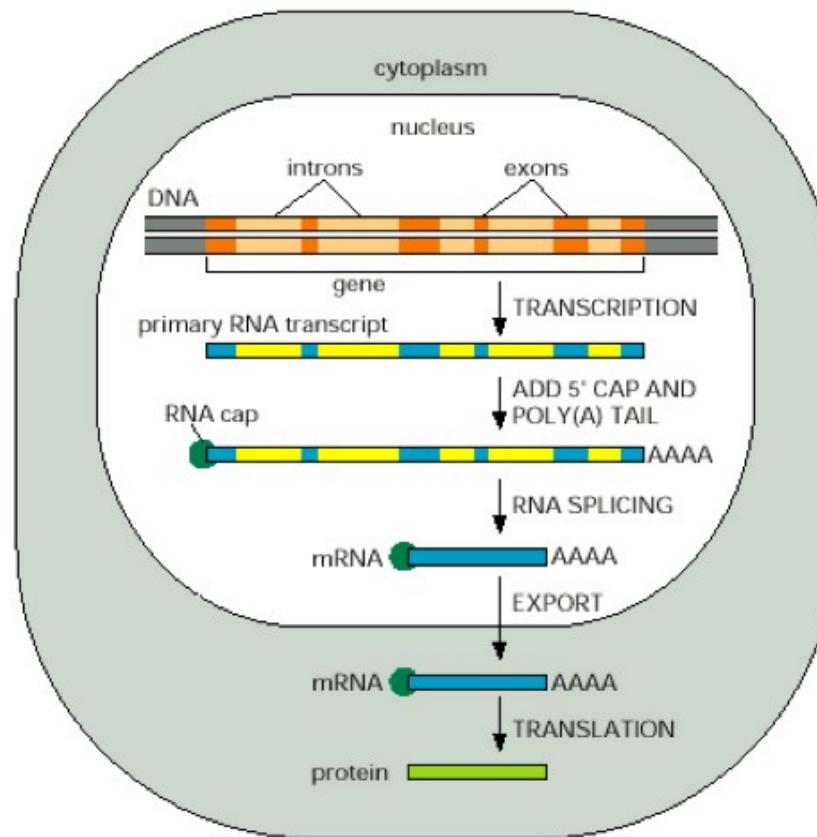
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Design a HMM that models the syntax of genes

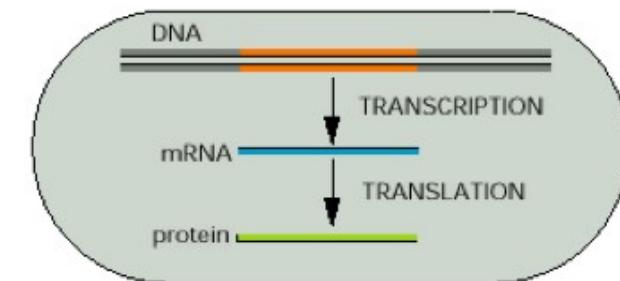
Gene structure

Depends on the organism (eucaryote or prokaryote)

(A) EUKARYOTES



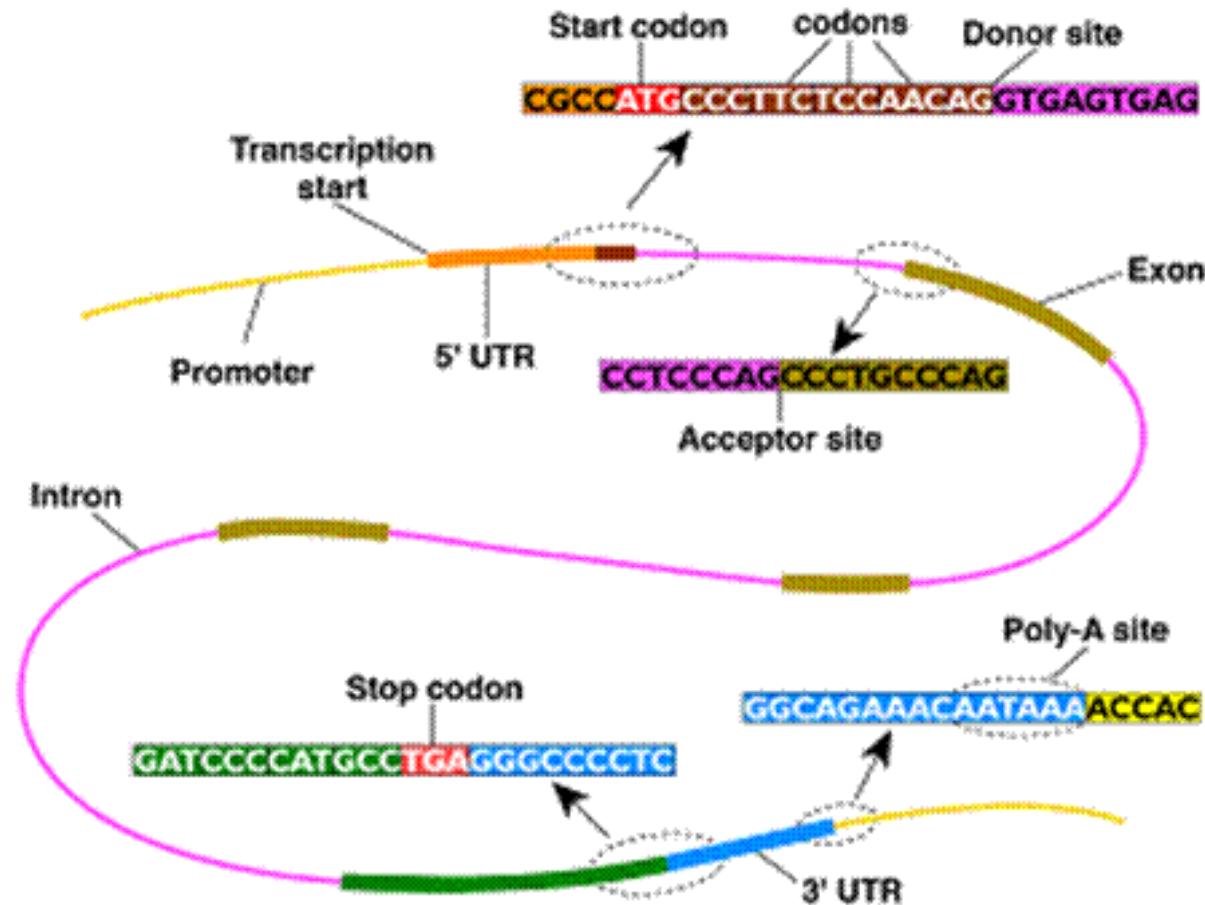
(B) PROKARYOTES



Smaller genomes and high coding density.

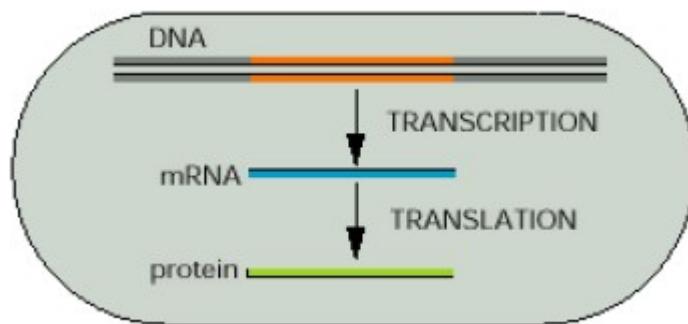
Large genomes. Intron/exon structure and low coding density

Gene structure in eukaryotes



Eukaryotic gene structure in more details

Gene structure in prokaryotes

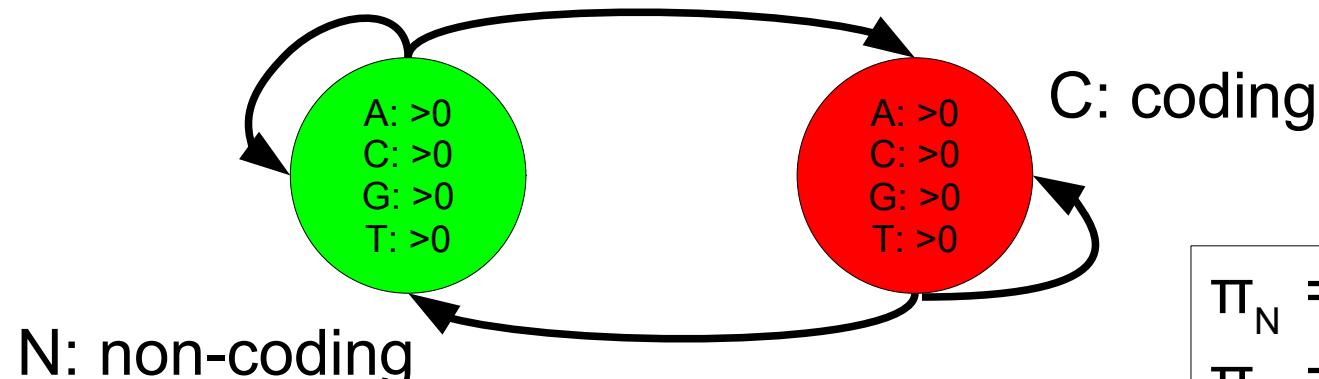


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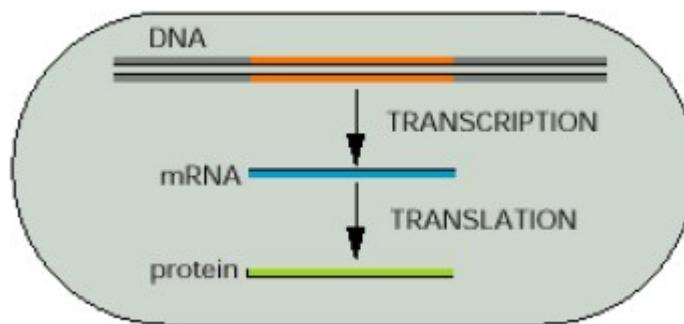
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Gene structure in prokaryotes

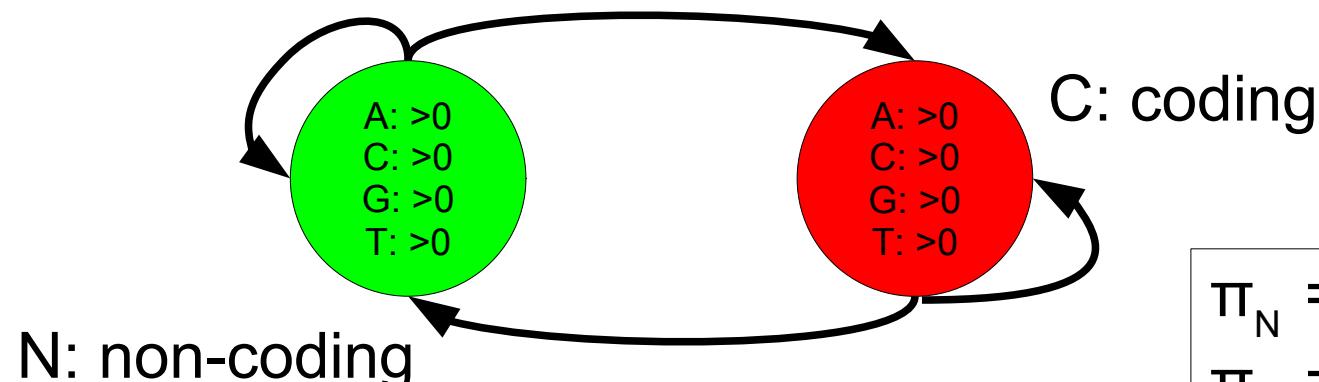


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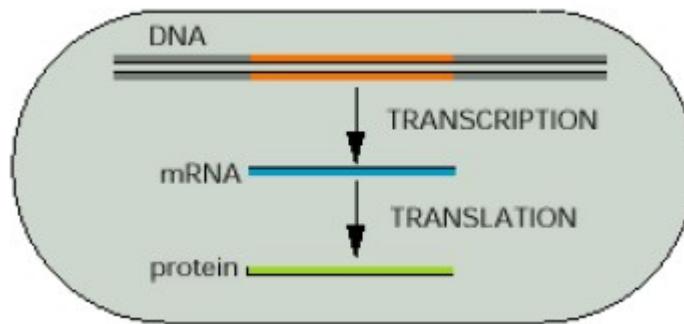
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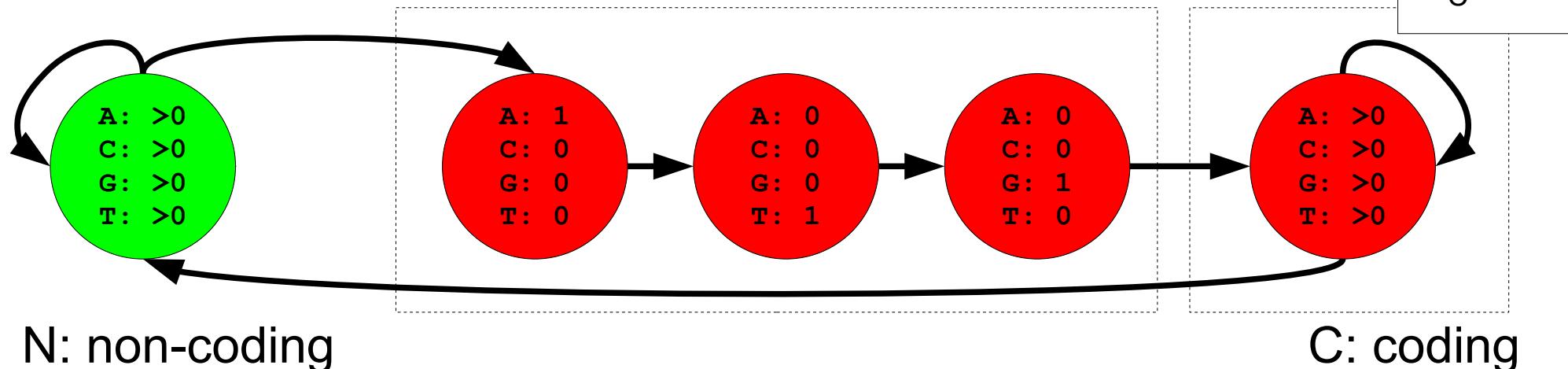
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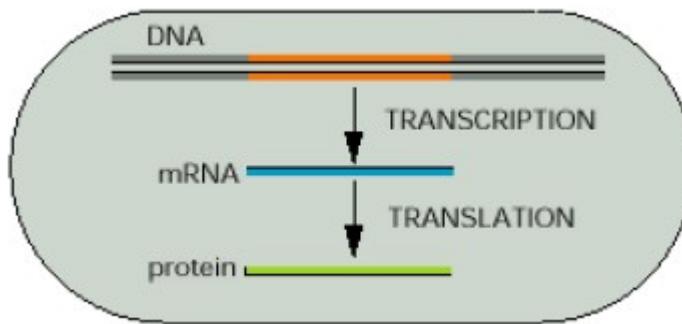
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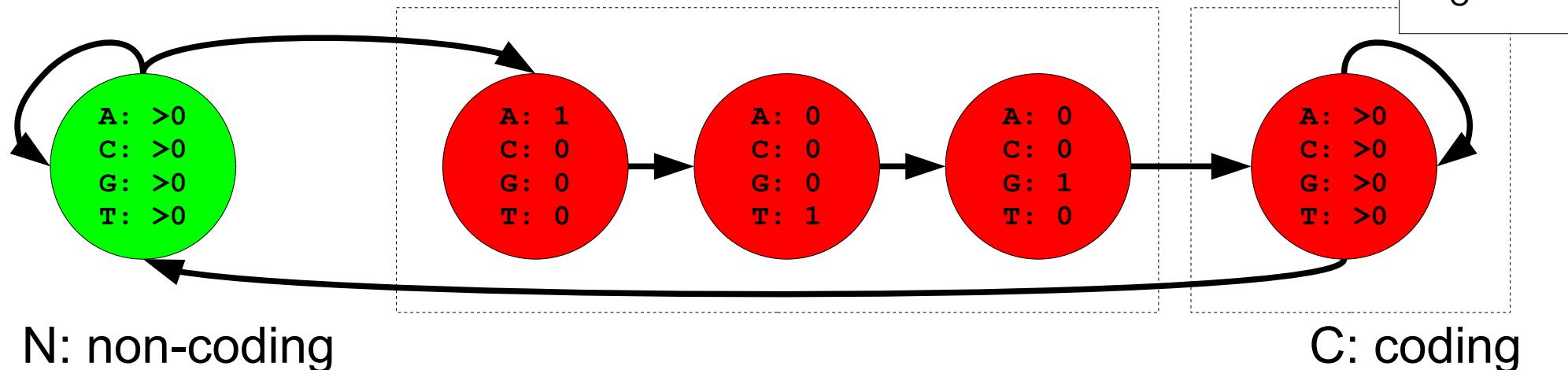
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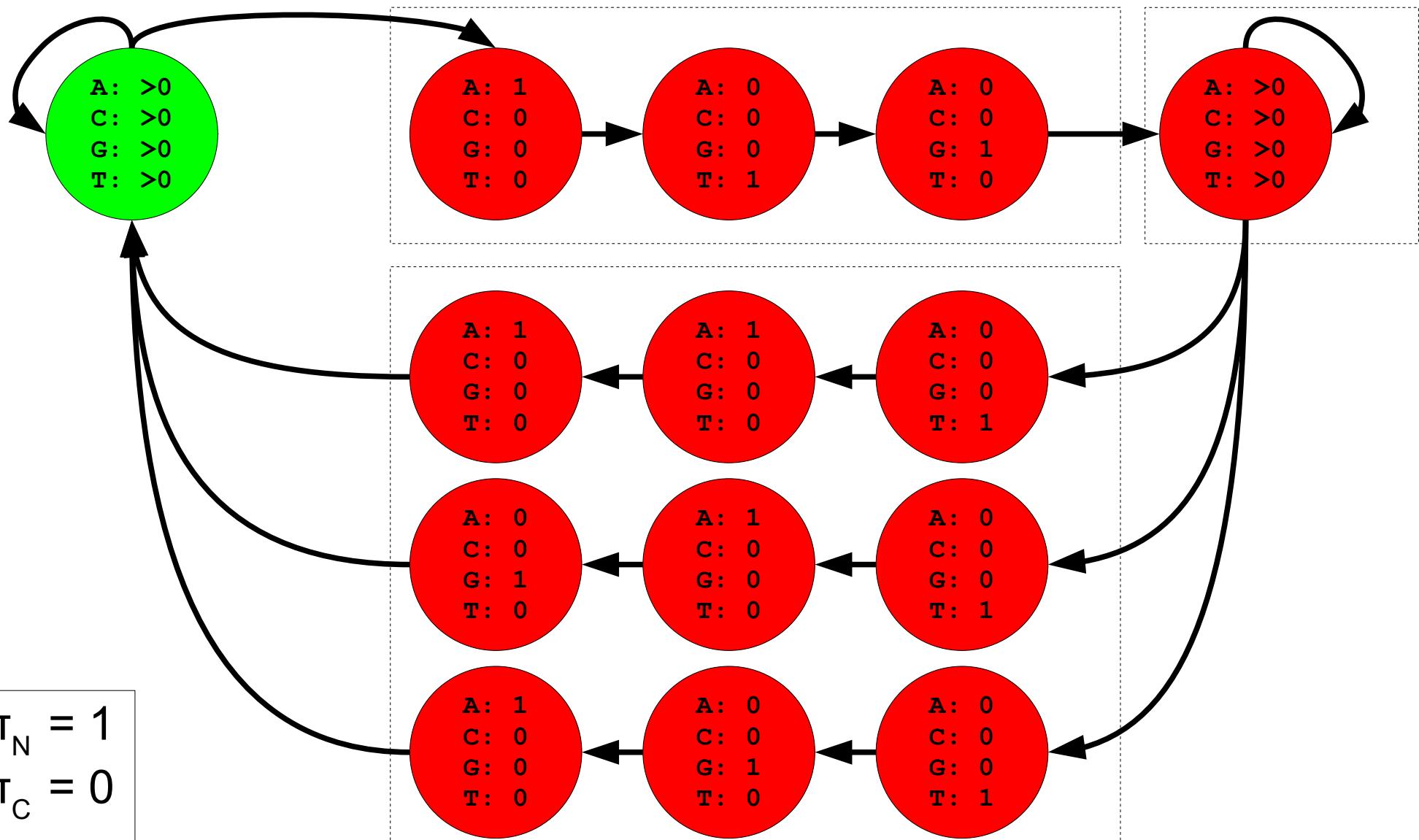


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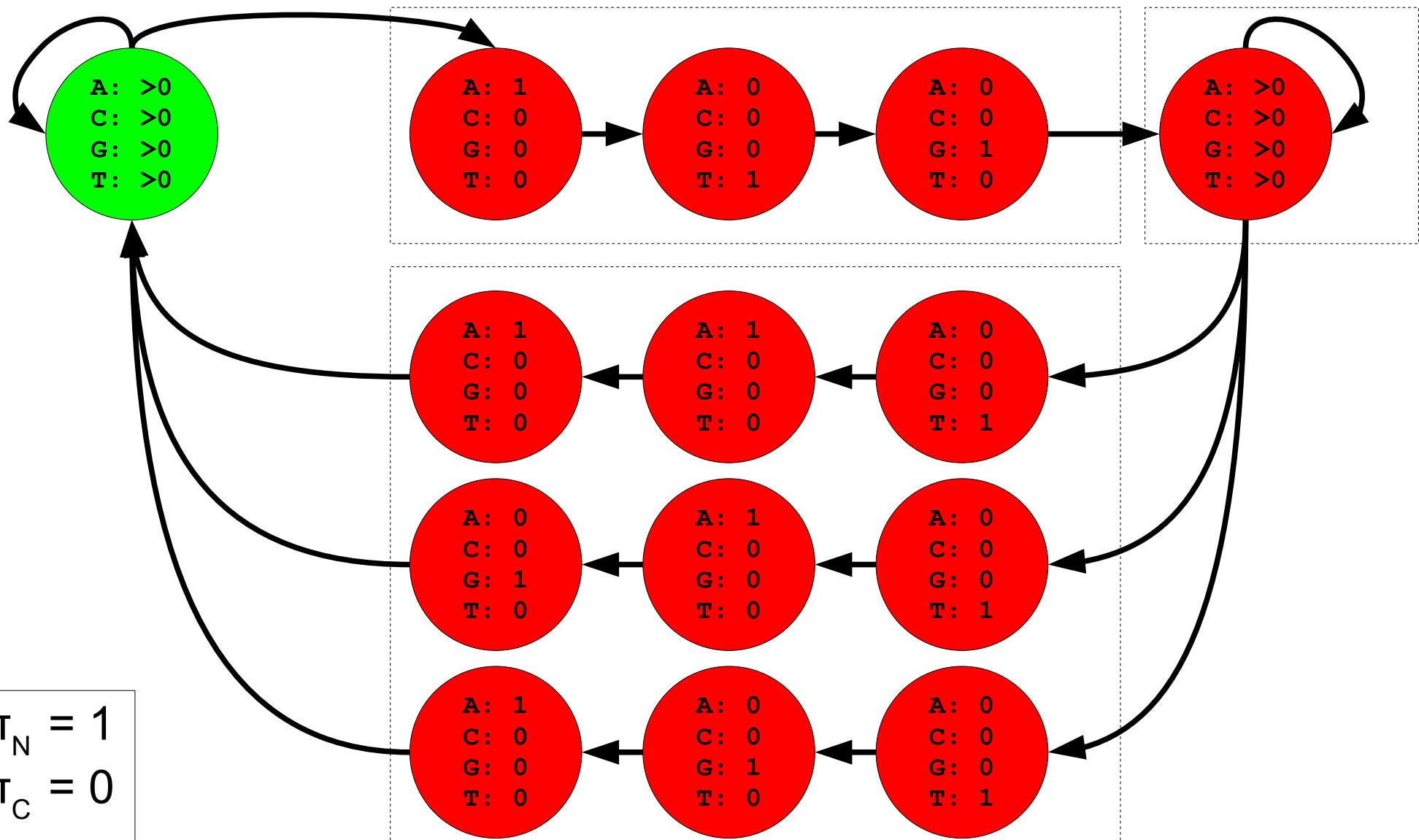


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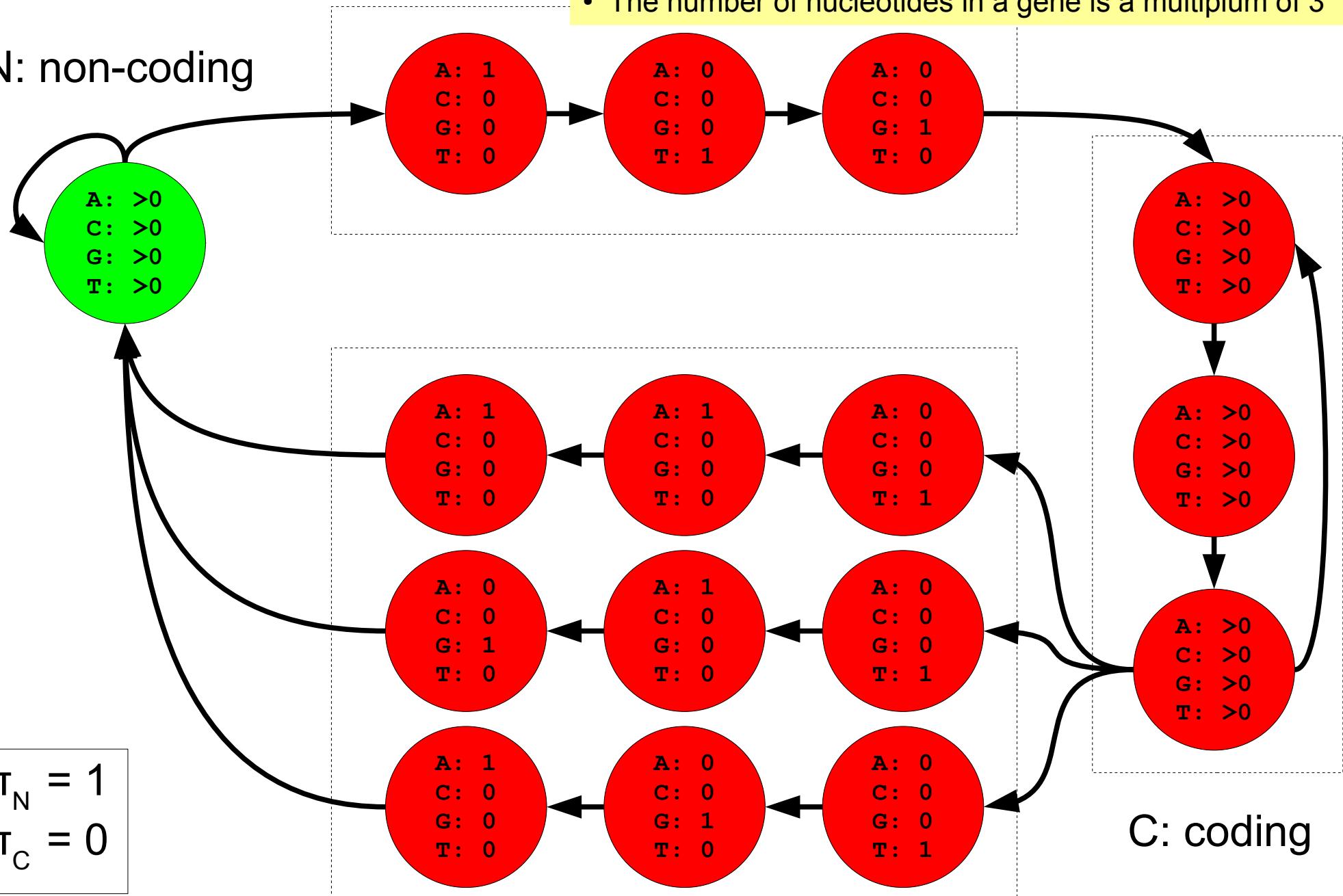
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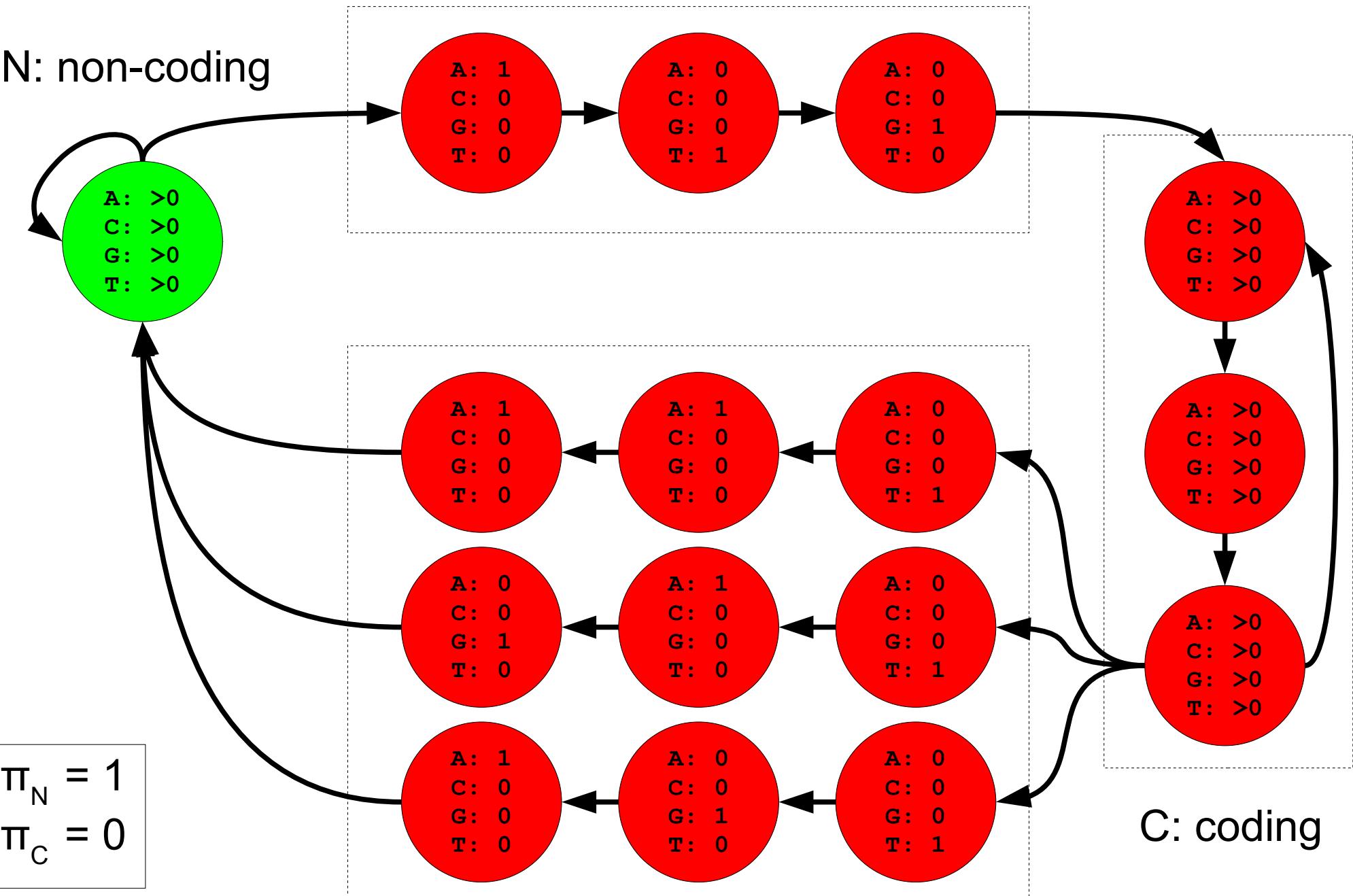
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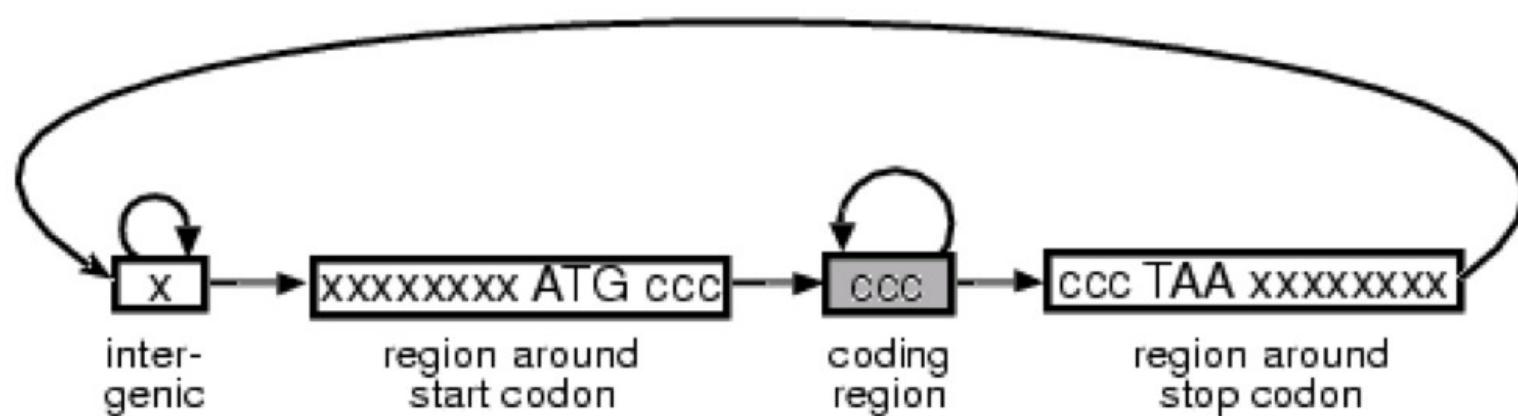


Gene structure in prokaryotes

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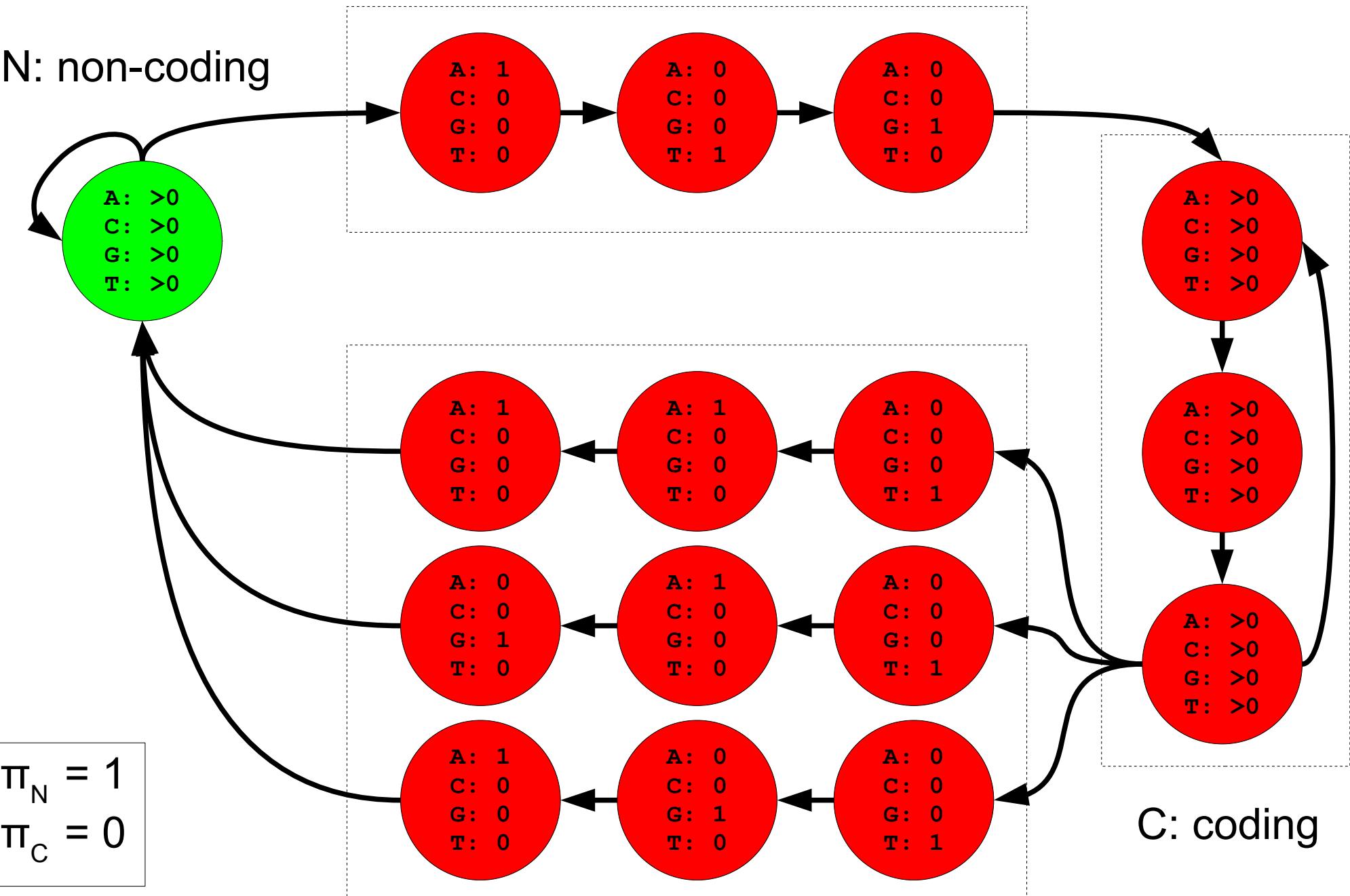
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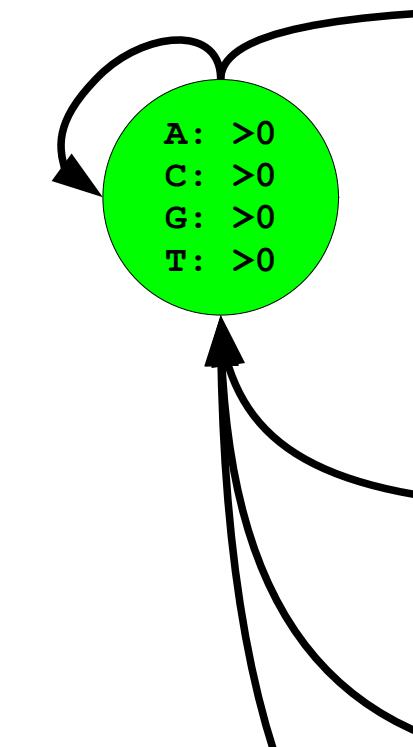
Example – Gene finding

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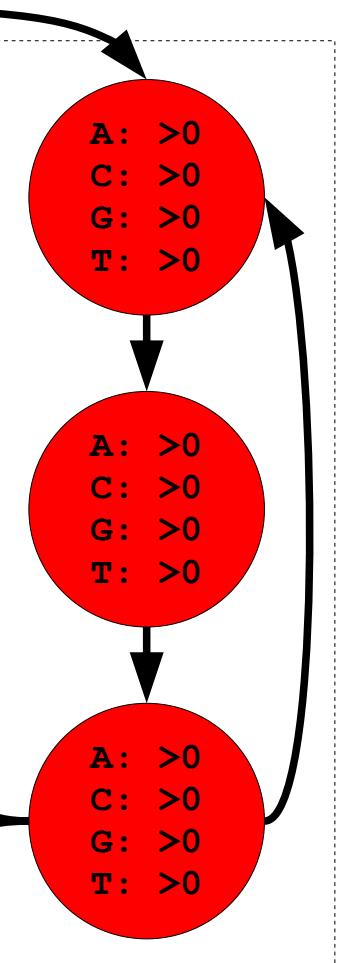
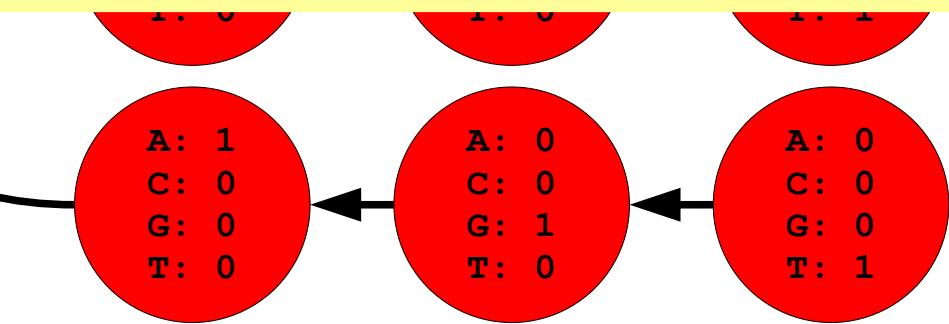


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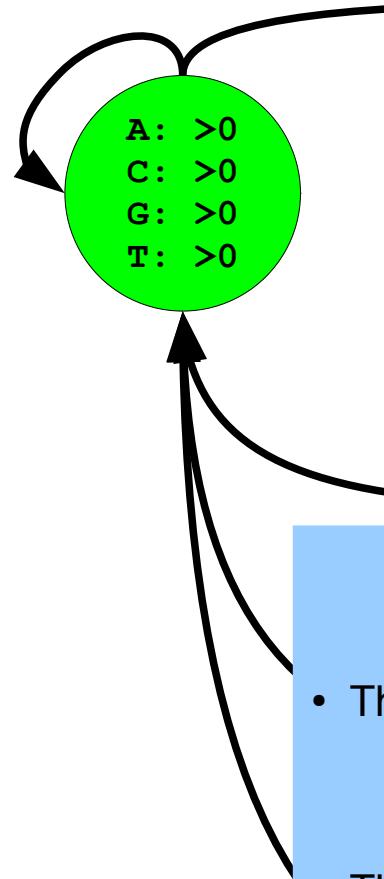
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 - Given a new sequence X , predict its gene structure using the Viterbi algorithm for finding the most likely sequence of underlying latent states, i.e. its gene structure



C: coding

Example – Gene finding

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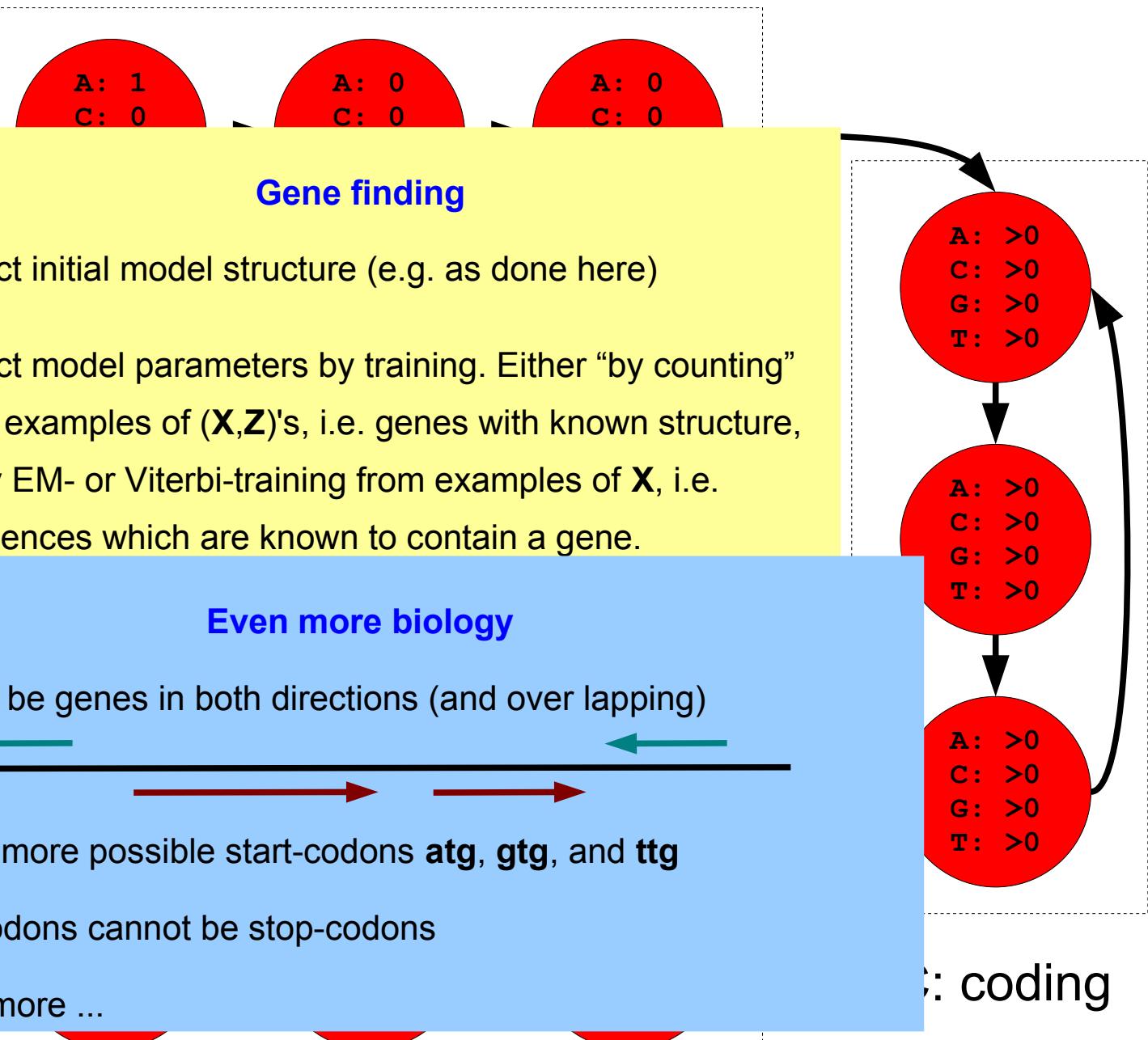
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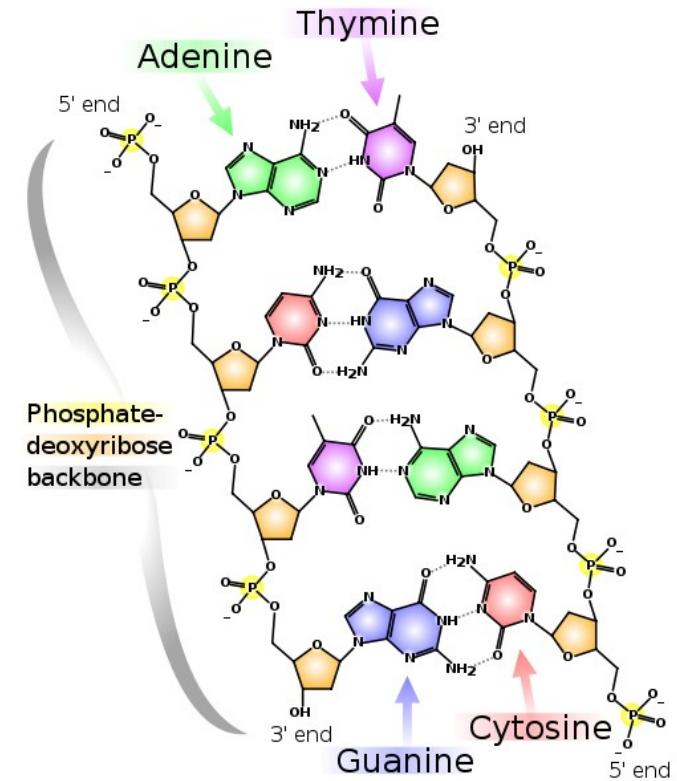
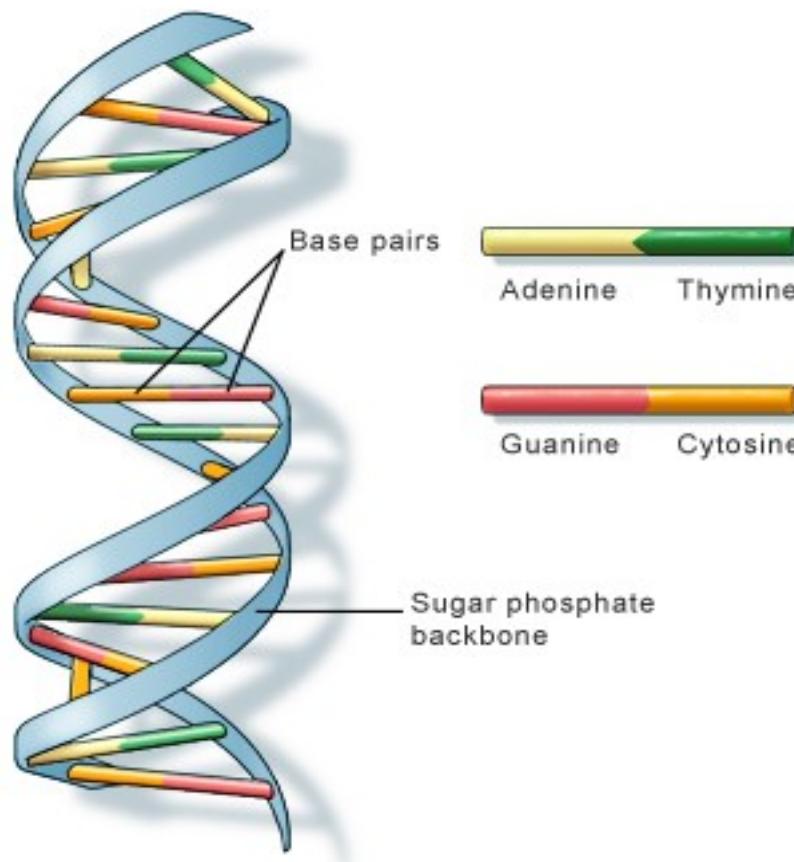
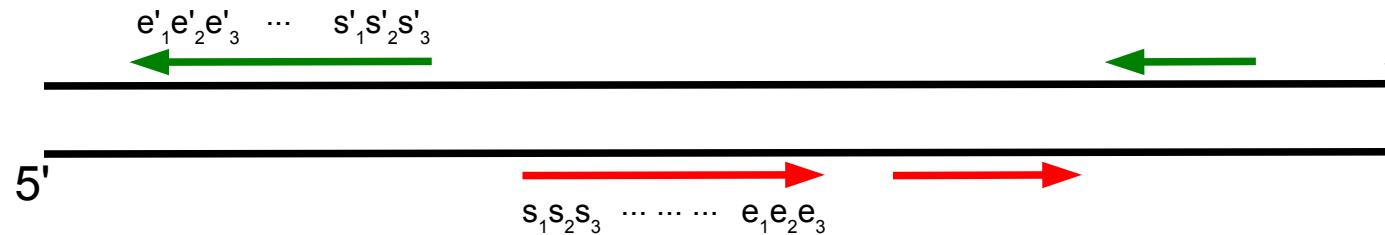
Even more biology

- There can be genes in both directions (and over lapping)
 
- There are more possible start-codons **atg**, **gtg**, and **ttg**
- Internal codons cannot be stop-codons
- And a lot more ...

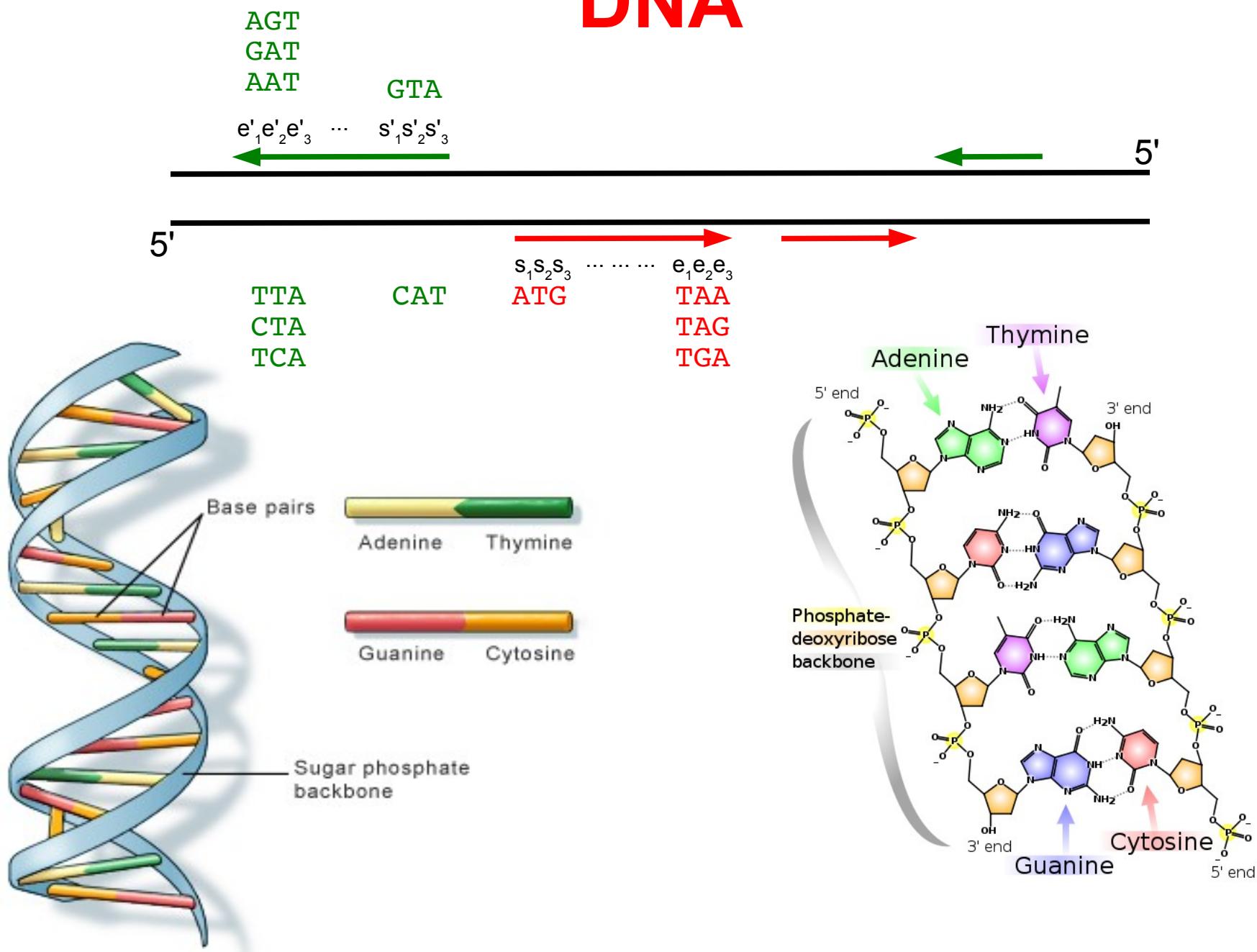
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DNA



C: coding left-to-right

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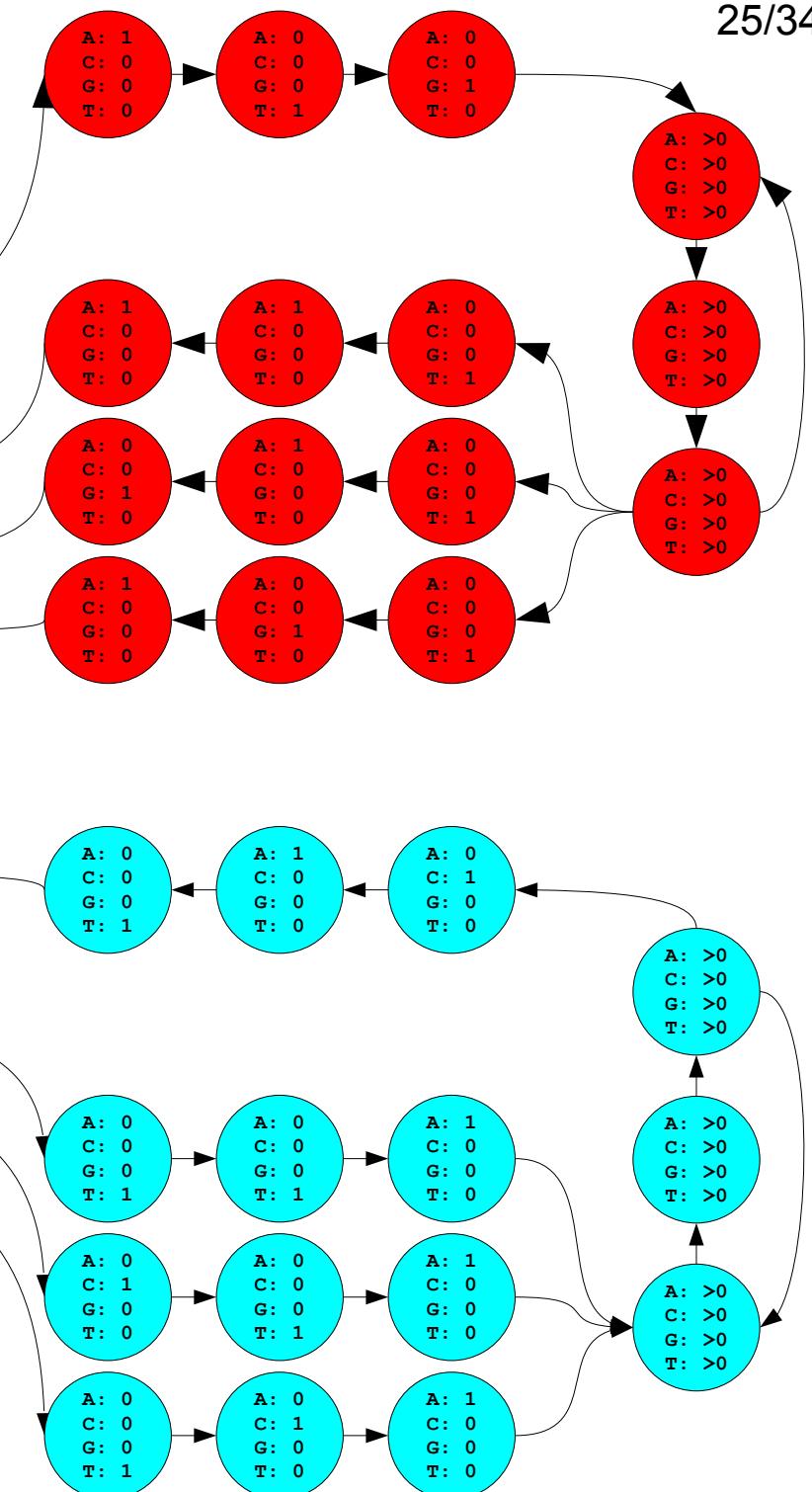
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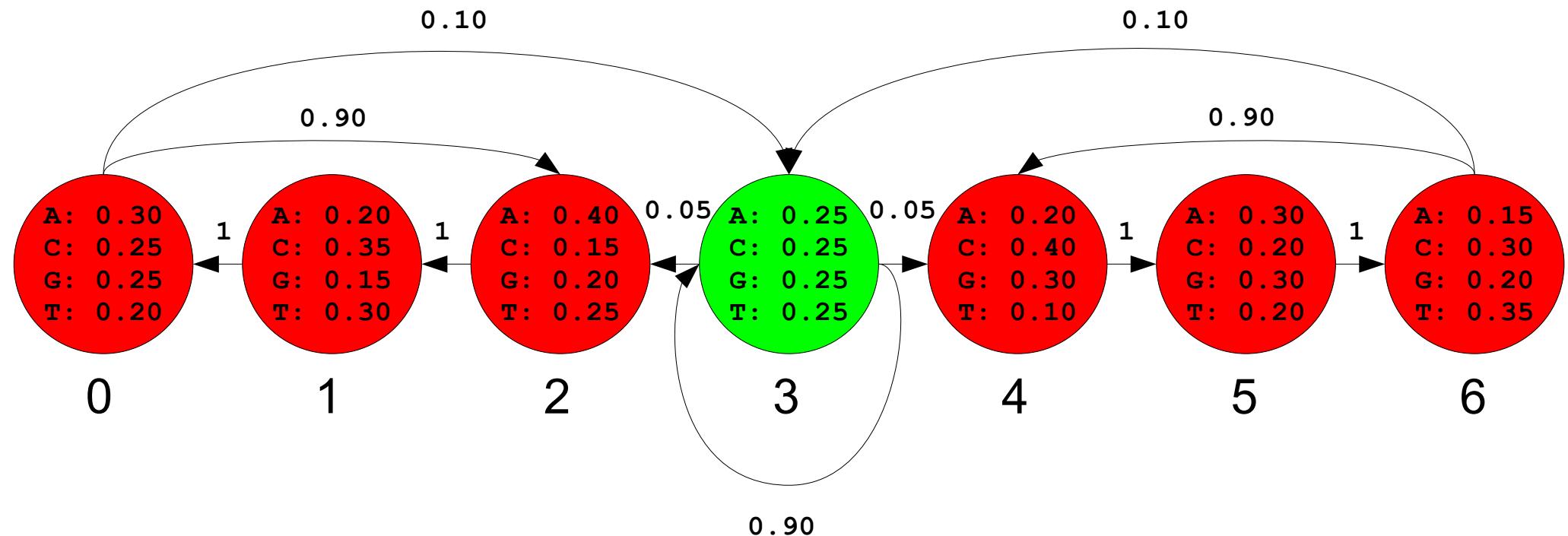
R: coding right-to-left



Example – 7-state HMM

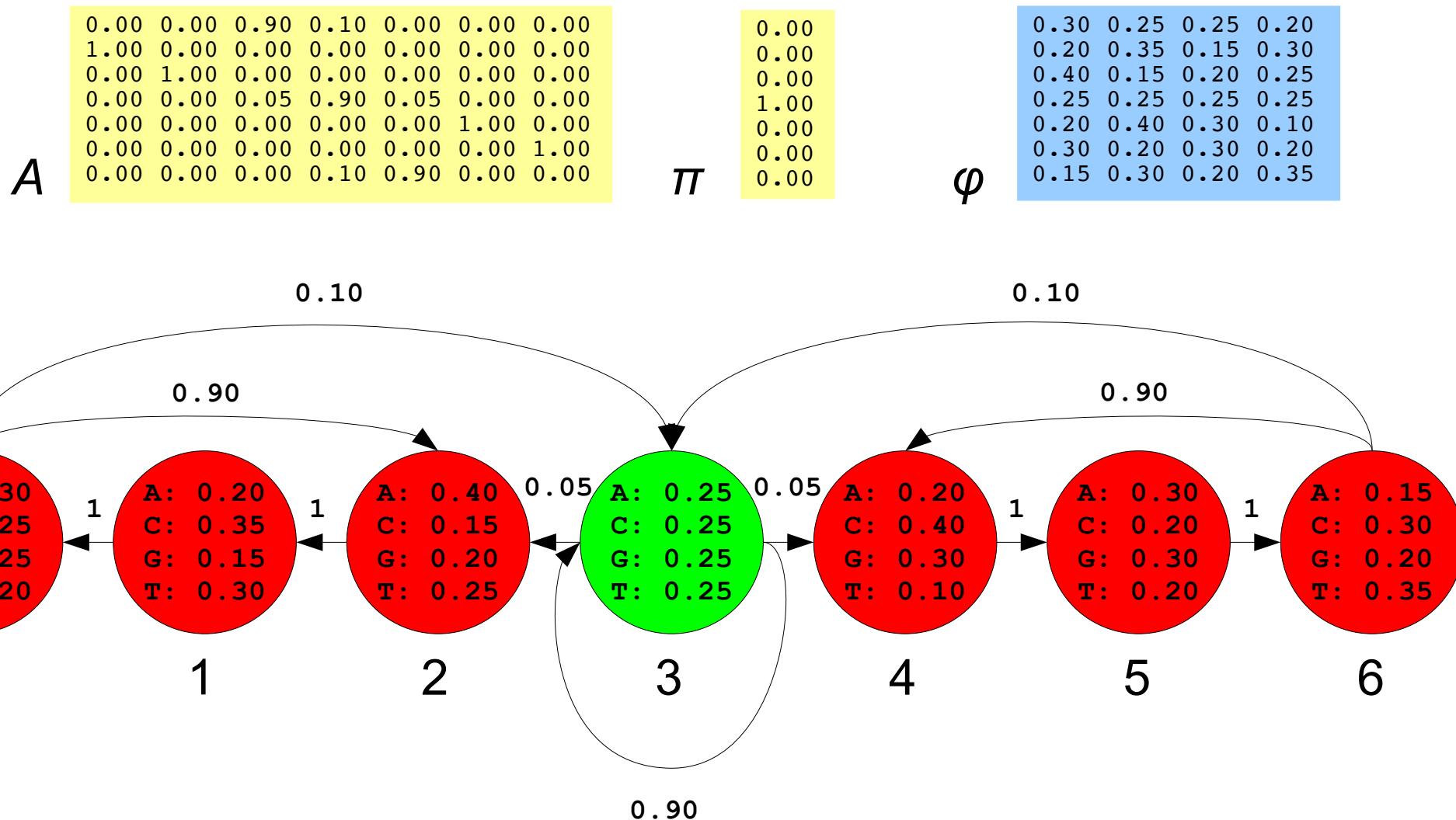
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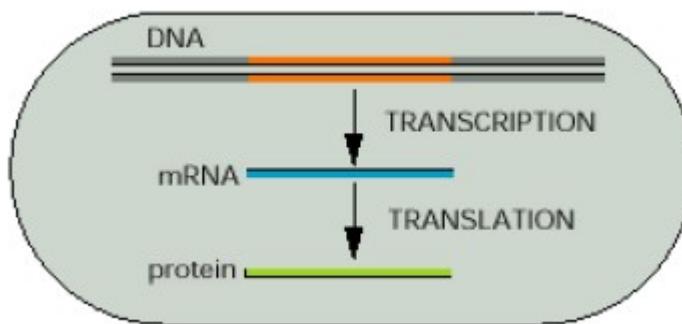


This model is also applicable for gene finding.

It does not model start- and stop-codons explicitly, but models that genes in both directions are a sequence of triplets.



Problem: From annotation to Z



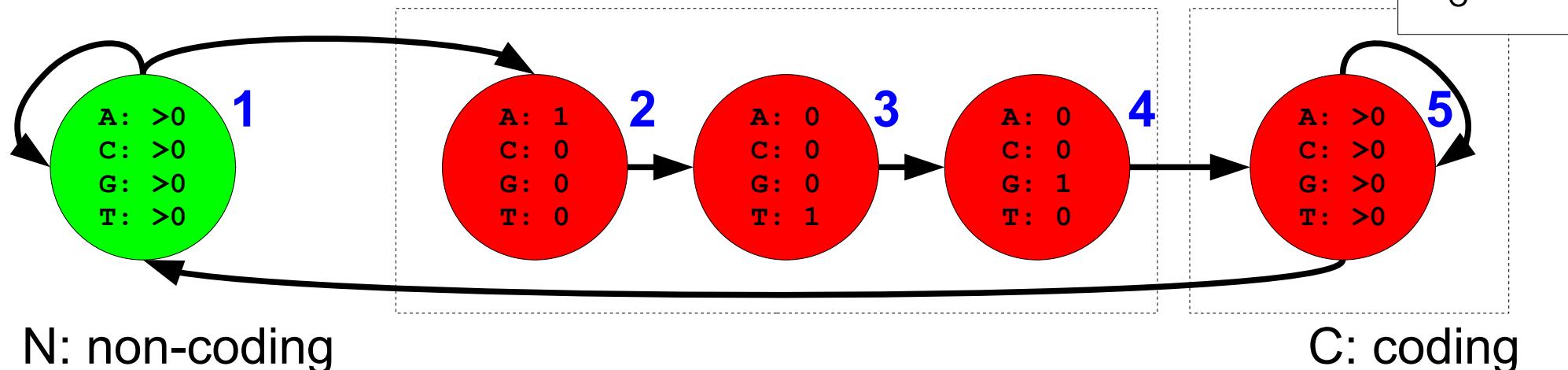
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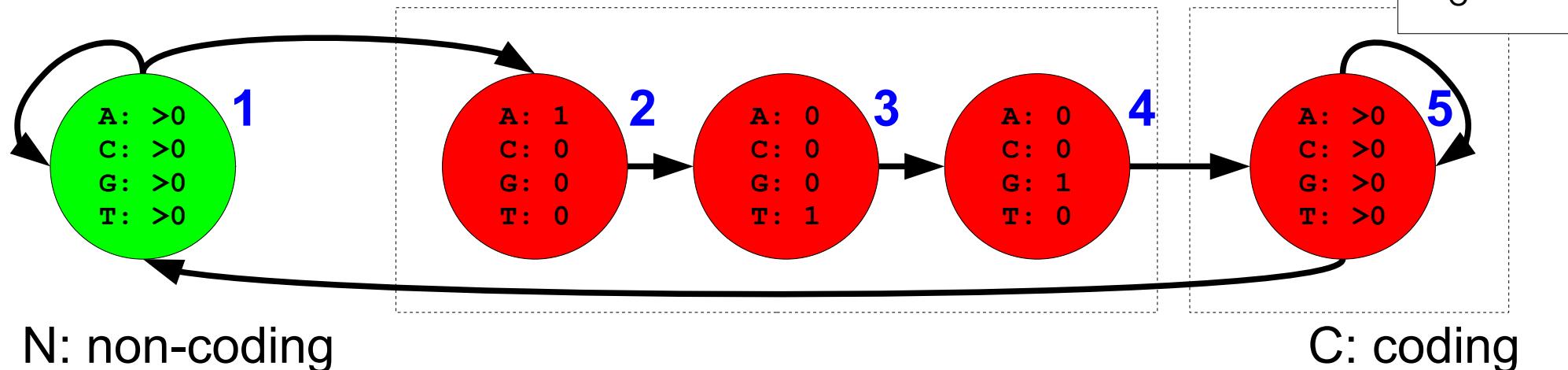
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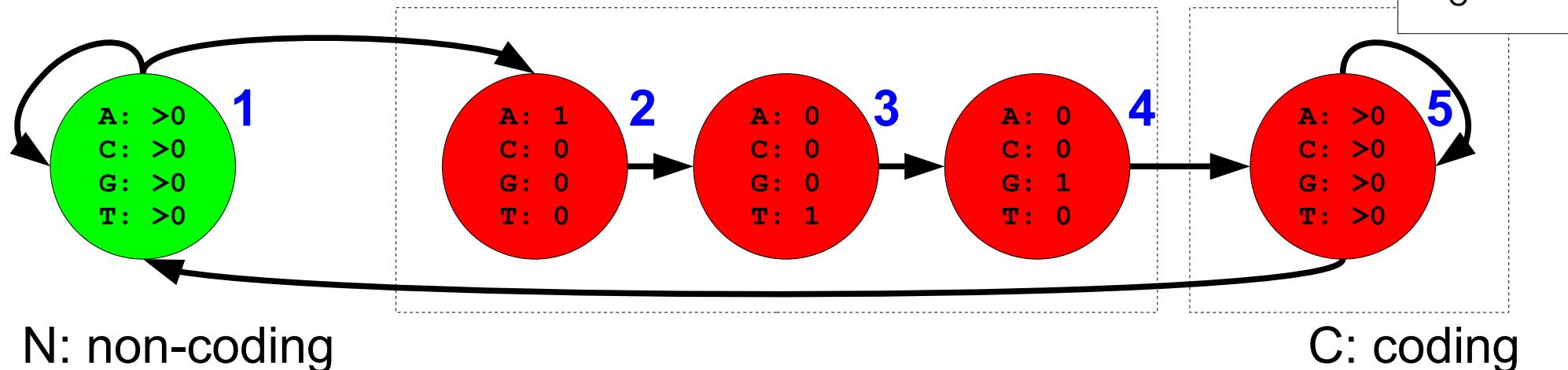
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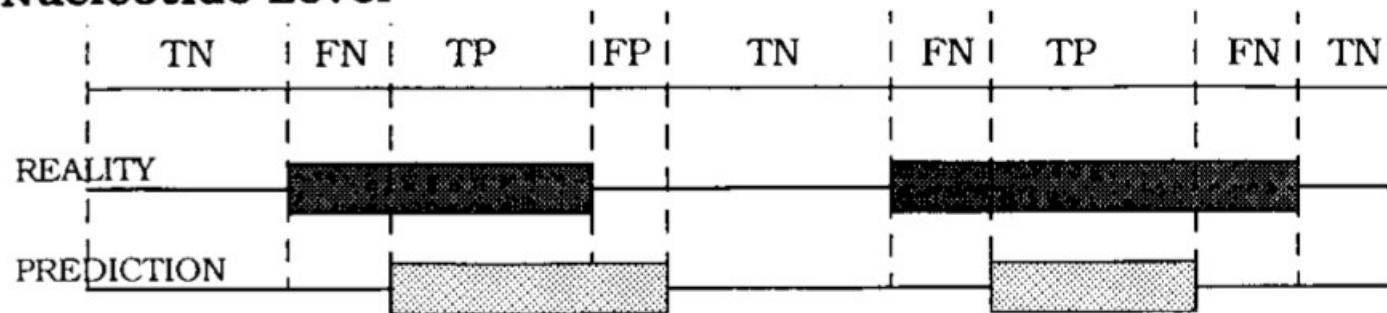
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Evaluating performance

Nucleotide Level



		REALITY		
		coding	no coding	
PREDICTION	coding	TP	FP	TP+FP
	no coding	FN	TN	FN+TN
		TP+FN	TF+TN	

$$Sn = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Sensitivity

$$Sp = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

Specificity

$$CC = \frac{(TP \times TN) - (FN \times FP)}{\sqrt{(TP + FN) \times (TN + FP) \times (TP + FP) \times (TN + FN)}}$$

Correlation Coefficient

$$ACP = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{TP}{TP + FN} + \frac{TP}{TP + FP} + \frac{TN}{TN + FP} + \frac{TN}{TN + FN} \right]$$

$$AC = (ACP - 0.5) \times 2$$

Approximate Correlation

C: coding left-to-right

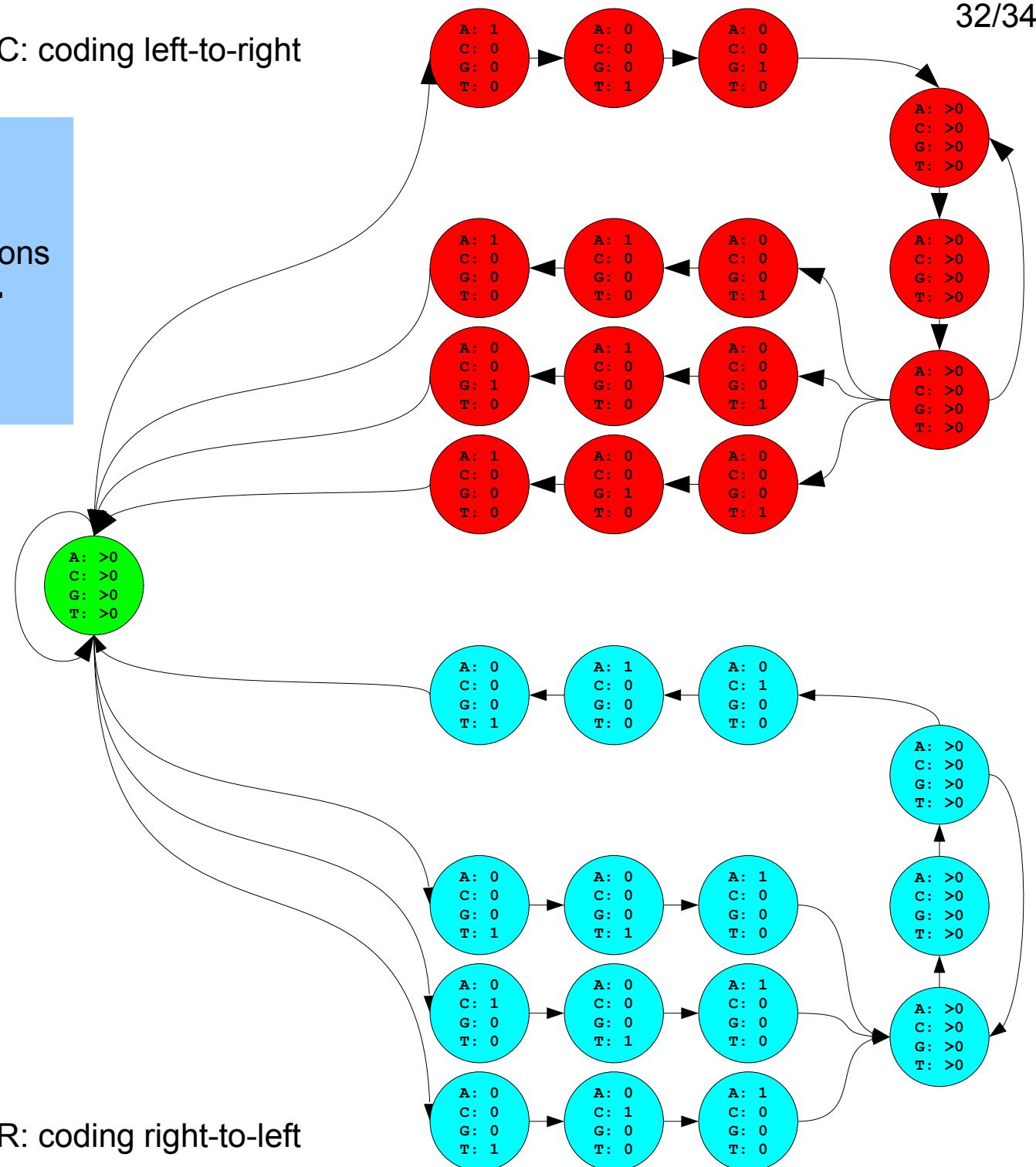
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N: Non-coding

R: coding right-to-left

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Analysis of some genomes

Even more biology

- There can be genes in both directions
- There are more possible start-codons **atg**, **gtg**, and **ttg**
- Internal codons cannot be stop-codons
- And a lot more ...

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Length of genome1: 1852441 (1852441)
Length of genome2: 2211485 (2211485)
Length of genome3: 2499279 (2499279)
Length of genome4: 1796846 (1796846)
Length of genome5: 2685015 (2685015)
Length of genome6: 2127839 (2127839)
Length of genome7: 2742531 (2742531)
Length of genome8: 2046115 (2046115)
Length of genome9: 2388435 (2388435)
Length of genome10: 1570485 (1570485)
Length of genome11: 2096309 (2096309)
```

Start-codon in normal genes:

```
ATG [8423, 'NCCC']
ATC [3, 'NCCC']
ATA [1, 'RCCC']
GTG [713, 'NCCC']
ATT [3, 'NCCC']
CTG [2, 'NCCC']
GTT [1, 'NCCC']
CTC [1, 'NCCC']
TTA [1, 'NCCC']
TTG [1020, 'NCCC']
```

Stop-codon in normal genes:

```
TAG [1949, 'CCCN']
TGA [1531, 'CCCN']
TAA [6686, 'CCCN']
```

Reversed stop-codon in reversed genes:

```
TTA (reverse-complement: TAA) [6596, 'NRNN']
CTA (reverse-complement: TAG) [2014, 'NRNN']
TCA (reverse-complement: TGA) [1148, 'NRNN']
```

Reversed start-codon in reversed genes:

```
TAT (reverse-complement: ATA) [2, 'RRRN']
ATG (reverse-complement: CAT) [1, 'RRRN']
GAT (reverse-complement: ATC) [1, 'RRRN']
CAT (reverse-complement: ATG) [8077, 'RRRN']
AAT (reverse-complement: ATT) [4, 'RRRN']
TAC (reverse-complement: GTA) [1, 'RRRN']
CAC (reverse-complement: GTG) [715, 'RRRN']
CAA (reverse-complement: TTG) [953, 'RRRN']
CAG (reverse-complement: CTG) [4, 'RRRN']
```

Summary

- We have considered the problem of selecting initial model parameters, and exemplified this problem by designing different HMMs for gene finding.
- Next time: See various extensions to the ‘standard’ HMM, which might be useful in some applications of HMMs, e.g. for gene finding.