



Algorithms for AI and NLP (INF4820 — More Lisp)

(funcall #'equal 'eq 'equal) → nil

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HMM Probabilities: The Forward Algorithm

```
1  procedure forward(hmm , input) ≡
2    forward ← new array[N, T]
3    for(1 ≤ c < N - 1) do
4      forward[c, 0] ← P(c|0) * P(input[0]|c)
5    for(1 ≤ t < T) do
6      for(1 ≤ c < N - 1) do
7        for(1 ≤ p < N - 1) do
8          forward[c, t] ← forward[c, t] + forward[p, t - 1] * P(c|p) * P(input[t]|c)
9      for(1 ≤ p < N - 1) do
10     forward[N - 1, T - 1] ← forward[N - 1, T - 1] + forward[p, T - 1] * P(N - 1|p)
11   return forward
12 end
```



Estimating Transition and Emission Probabilities



Some Objects are More Equal Than Others

- Plethora of equality tests: `eq()`, `eq1()`, `equal()`, `equalp()`, and more;
- `eq()` tests object identity; it is not useful for numbers or characters;
- `eq1()` is much like `eq()`, but well-defined on numbers and characters;
- `equal()` tests structural equivalence (recursively for lists and strings);

? (eq (cons 1 (cons 2 (cons 3 nil))) '(1 2 3)) → nil

? (equal (cons 1 (cons 2 (cons 3 nil))) '(1 2 3)) → t

? (eq 42 42) → *dependent on implementation*

? (eq1 42 42) → t

? (eq1 42 42.0) → nil

? (equalp 42 42.0) → t

? (equal "foo" "foo") → t

? (equalp "F00" "foo") → t



Functions as First-Class Citizens

- Built-in functions (`member()`, `position()`, et al.) use `eq1()` by default;
- but almost all take an optional `:test` argument to provide a predicate:

```
? (position "foo" '("foo" "bar")) → nil
```

```
? (position "foo" '("foo" "bar") :test #'equal) → 0
```
- `#'foo` is a short-hand for `(function foo)`, yielding a *function object*;
- function objects are first-class citizens, i.e. can be treated just like data;
- `funcall()` can be used to *invoke* a function object on a list of arguments:

```
? (funcall #' + 1 2 3) → 6
```
- many built-in functions also take a `:key` argument, an accessor function:

```
? (sort '((47 :bar) (11 :foo)) #'< :key #'first)
```

```
→ ((11 :F00) (47 :BAR))
```



Hash Tables: Yet Another Container Data Structure

- Lists are inefficient for indexing data, arrays restricted to numeric keys;
- *hash table* is a (one-dimensional) associative array; free-choice keys;
- any of the four (built-in) equality tests can be used for key comparison;

```
? (defparameter *map* (make-hash-table :test #'equal))  
→ *map*
```

```
? (gethash "foo" *map*) → nil
```

```
? (setf (gethash "foo" *map*) 4711) → 4711
```

```
? (gethash "foo" *map*) → 4711
```

- the more restricted the test, the more efficient will be hash table access;
- to iterate over hash table entries, use specialize `loop()` directives:

```
? (loop  
  for key being each hash-key in *map*  
  collect (gethash key *map*))
```



General Dynamic Programming: Memoization

```
(let ((map (make-hash-table :test #'eql)))
  (defun fibonacci (n)
    (or (gethash n map)
        (setf (gethash n map)
              (cond
                ((= n 0)
                 0)
                ((= n 1)
                 1)
                (t
                 (+ (fibonacci (- n 2)) (fibonacci (- n 1))))))))))
```

