

Hidden Markov Models

- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
 - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
 - Underlying Markov chain over states X
 - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step
 - As a Bayes net (or more generally, a graphical model):

CSE 473: Artificial Intelligence

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Example: Weather HMM

- An HMM is defined by:
 - Initial distribution: $P(X_1)$
 - Transitions: $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$
 - Emissions: $P(E_t | X_t)$

R _t	R _{t+1}	P(R _{t+1} R _t)	R _t	U _t	P(U _t R _t)
++	++	0.7	++	+u	0.9
+-	-r	0.3	+-	-u	0.1
-r	++	0.3	-r	+u	0.2
-r	-r	0.7	-r	-u	0.8

Ghostbusters HMM

- $P(X_t)$ = uniform
- $P(X^t|X)$ = ghosts usually move clockwise, but sometimes move in a random direction or stay put
- $P(E|X)$ = same sensor model as before:
red means close, green means far away.

1/9	1/9	1/9
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$P(X_t)$

1/6	1/6	1/2
0	1/6	0
0	0	0

$P(X_t|X_{t-1,2^*})$ Etc...

$P(\text{red} 3)$	$P(\text{orange} 3)$	$P(\text{yellow} 3)$	$P(\text{green} 3)$
0.05	0.15	0.5	0.3

$P(E|X)$
Etc... (must specify for other distances)

Chain Rule and HMMs

- From the chain rule, every joint distribution over $X_1, E_1, \dots, X_T, E_T$ can be written as:

$$P(X_1, E_1, \dots, X_T, E_T) = P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_1, E_1, \dots, X_{t-1}, E_{t-1})P(E_t|X_1, E_1, \dots, X_{t-1}, E_{t-1}, X_t)$$
- Assuming that for all t :
 - State independent of all past states and all past evidence given the previous state, i.e.:

$$X_t \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1, \dots, X_{t-2}, E_{t-2}, E_{t-1} \mid X_{t-1}$$
 - Evidence is independent of all past states and all past evidence given the current state, i.e.:

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gives us the expression posited on the earlier slide:

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Joint Distribution of an HMM

- Joint distribution:

$$P(X_1, E_1, X_2, E_2, X_3, E_3) = P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(E_2|X_2)P(X_3|X_2)P(E_3|X_3)$$
- More generally:

$$P(X_1, E_1, \dots, X_T, E_T) = P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_{t-1})P(E_t|X_t)$$
- Questions to be resolved:
 - Does this indeed define a joint distribution?
 - Can every joint distribution be factored this way, or are we making some assumptions about the joint distribution by using this factorization?

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- Assuming that

$$X_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp E_1 \mid X_1, \quad E_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1 \mid X_2, \quad X_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1, E_2 \mid X_2, \quad E_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1, X_2, E_2 \mid X_3$$

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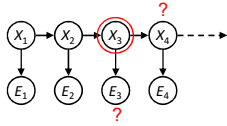
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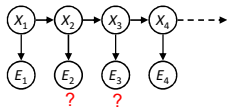


HMM Computations

- Given
 - parameters
 - evidence $E_{1:n} = e_{1:n}$
- Inference problems include:
 - Filtering, find $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ for all t
 - Smoothing, find $P(X_t | e_{1:n})$ for all t
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- Quiz: does this mean that evidence variables are guaranteed to be independent?
 - [No, they are correlated by the hidden state(s)]

Filtering / Monitoring

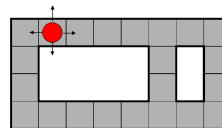
- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution $B_t(X) = P_t(X_t | e_1, \dots, e_t)$ (the belief state) over time
- We start with $B_1(X)$ in an initial setting, usually uniform
- As time passes, or we get observations, we update $B(X)$
- The Kalman filter was invented in the 60's and first implemented as a method of trajectory estimation for the Apollo program
 - (Kalman filter is a type of HMM with continuous values)

Real HMM Examples

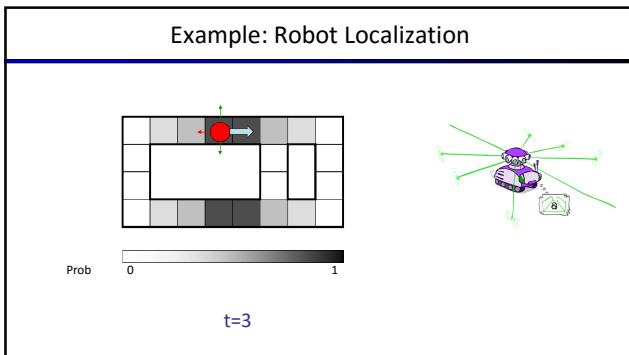
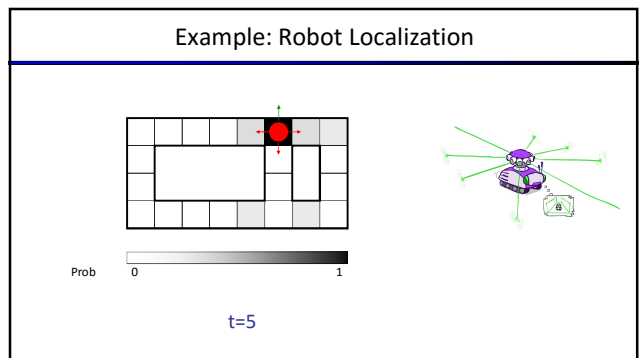
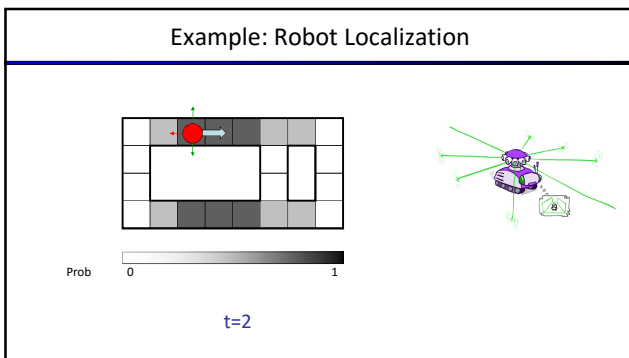
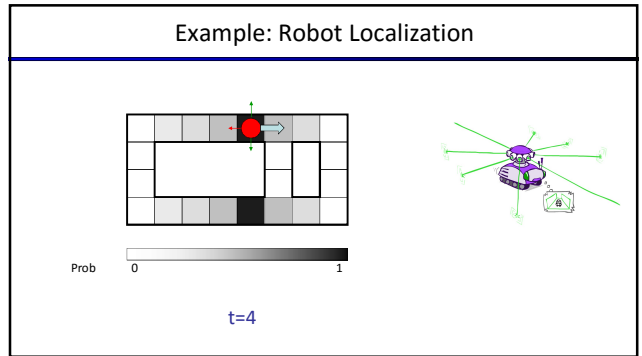
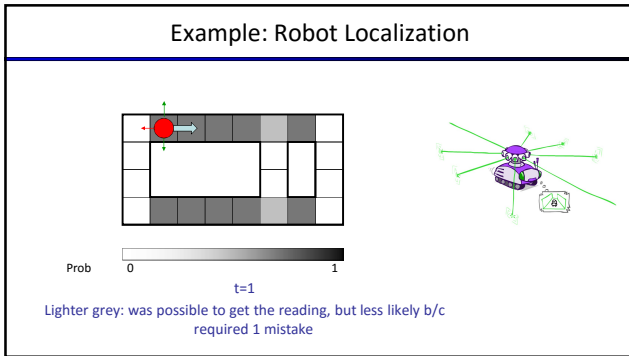
- Speech recognition HMMs:
 - Observations are acoustic signals (continuous valued)
 - States are specific positions in specific words (so, tens of thousands)
- Machine translation HMMs:
 - Observations are words (tens of thousands)
 - States are translation options
- Robot tracking:
 - Observations are range readings (continuous)
 - States are positions on a map (continuous)

Example: Robot Localization

Example from Michael Pfeiffer



Sensor model: can read in which directions there is a wall, never more than 1 mistake
 Motion model: may not execute action with small prob.



Inference: Base Cases

$$P(X_1|e_1)$$

$$P(x_1|e_1) = P(x_1, e_1) / P(e_1)$$

$$\propto_{X_1} P(x_1, e_1)$$

$$= P(x_1) P(e_1|x_1)$$

$$P(X_2)$$

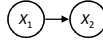
$$P(x_2) = \sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} P(x_1) P(x_2|x_1)$$

Passage of Time

- Assume we have current belief $P(X | \text{evidence to date})$

$$B(X_t) = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$$



- Then, after one time step passes:

$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) = \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1}, x_t | e_{1:t})$$

$$= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t, e_{1:t}) P(x_t | e_{1:t})$$

$$= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t) P(x_t | e_{1:t})$$

- Or compactly:

$$B'(X_{t+1}) = \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t) B(x_t)$$

- Basic idea: beliefs get "pushed" through the transitions

- With the "B" notation, we have to be careful about what time step t the belief is about, and what evidence it includes.

Observation

- Assume we have current belief $P(X | \text{previous evidence})$:

$$B'(X_{t+1}) = P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

- Then, after evidence comes in:

$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) = \frac{P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t})}{P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t})}$$

$$\propto_{X_{t+1}} P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

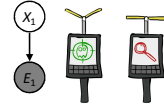
$$= P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}, X_{t+1}) P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

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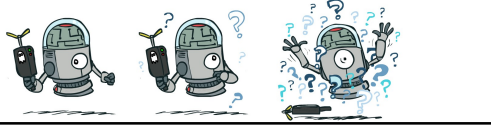
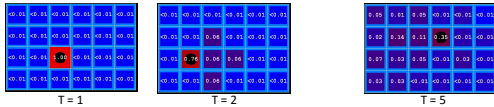
- Basic idea: beliefs "reweighted" by likelihood of evidence
- Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize



Example: Passage of Time

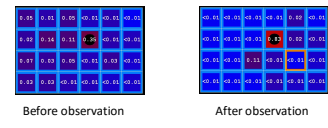
- As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"

(Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise)

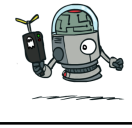


Example: Observation

- As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty "decreases"



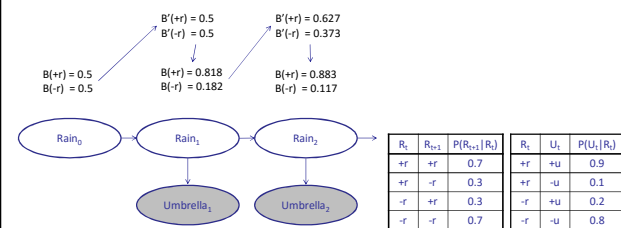
$$B(X) \propto P(e_t | X) B'(X)$$



Video of Passage of Time (Transition Model)



Example: Weather HMM



The Forward Algorithm

- We are given evidence at each time and want to know

$$B_t(X) = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$$

- We can derive the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_t | e_{1:t}) &\propto_X P(x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, e_{1:t-1}) P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(e_t | x_t) \\ &= P(e_t | x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1}, e_{1:t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

We can normalize as we go if we want to have $P(x|e)$ at each time step, or just once at the end...

Video of Demo Pacman – Sonar (with beliefs)



Online Belief Updates

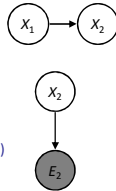
- Every time step, we start with current $P(X | \text{evidence})$
- We update for time:

$$P(x_t | e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1} | e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t | x_{t-1})$$

- We update for evidence:

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- The forward algorithm does both at once (and doesn't normalize)
- Potential issue: space is $|X|$ and time is $|X|^2$ per time step



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Pacman – Sonar (P4)



[Demo: Pacman – Sonar – No Beliefs(L14D1)]

Smoothing

- Smoothing is the process of using all evidence better individual estimates for a hidden state (or all hidden states)
 - Idea: run FORWARD algorithm up until t , and a similar BACKWARD algorithm from the final timestep n down to $t+1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_t | e_{1:n}) &= \alpha P(X_t | e_{1:t}) P(e_{t+1:n} | X_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \alpha P(X_t | e_{1:t}) P(e_{t+1:n} | X_t) \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{f}_{1:t} \times \mathbf{b}_{t+1:n} \end{aligned}$$

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Forward / Viterbi Algorithms

Forward Algorithm (Sum)

$$f_t[x_t] = P(x_t, e_{1:t})$$

$$= P(e_t|x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1})f_{t-1}[x_{t-1}]$$

Viterbi Algorithm (Max)

$$m_t[x_t] = \max_{x_{1:t-1}} P(x_{1:t-1}, x_t, e_{1:t})$$

$$= P(e_t|x_t) \max_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1})m_{t-1}[x_{t-1}]$$

HMMs: MLE Queries

- HMMs defined by
 - States X
 - Observations E
 - Initial distribution: $P(X_1)$
 - Transitions: $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$
 - Emissions: $P(E_t|X_t)$

- New query: most likely explanation: $\arg \max_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t}|e_{1:t})$
- New method: the Viterbi algorithm

Most Probably Explanation (Sequence)

- Viterbi algorithm: **very similar to filtering algorithm (FORWARD)**
- Essentially: replace “sum” with “max”, keep back pointers

	Rain ₁	Rain ₂	Rain ₃	Rain ₄	Rain ₅
state space paths	true false	true false	true false	true false	true false
umbrella	true	true	false	true	true
most likely paths	.8182 .1818	.5155 .0491	.0361 .1237	.0334 .0173	.0210 .0024
	m_{1:1}	m_{1:2}	m_{1:3}	m_{1:4}	m_{1:5}

State Trellis

- State trellis: graph of states and transitions over time

- Each arc represents some transition $x_{t-1} \rightarrow x_t$
- Each arc has weight $P(x_t|x_{t-1})P(e_t|x_t)$
- Each path is a sequence of states
- The product of weights on a path is that sequence’s probability along with the evidence
- Forward algorithm computes sums of paths, Viterbi computes best paths