## CSE 473: Artificial Intelligence

 Hidden Markov Models

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- Defines a joint probability distribution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}, E_{1}, \ldots, E_{n}\right)= \\
& P\left(X_{1: n}, E_{1: n}\right)= \\
& P\left(X_{1}\right) P\left(E_{1} \mid X_{1}\right) \prod_{t=2}^{N} P\left(X_{t} \mid X_{t-1}\right) P\left(E_{t} \mid X_{t}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Hidden Markov Model: Example



- An HMM is defined by:
- Initial distribution:
$P\left(X_{1}\right)$
- Transitions:
$P\left(X_{t} \mid X_{t-1}\right)$
- Emissions:
$P(E \mid X)$


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- Markov hidden process, future depends on past via the present
- Current observation independent of all else given current state

- Quiz: does this mean that observations are independent given no evidence?
- [No, correlated by the hidden state]


## Ghostbusters HMM

- $P\left(X_{1}\right)=$ uniform
- $P\left(X^{\prime} \mid X\right)=$ ghosts usually move clockwise, but sometimes move in a random direction or stay put
- $P(E \mid X)=$ same sensor model as before:
red means probably close, green means likely far away.

| $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ |
| $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ | $1 / 9$ |


$P\left(X_{1}\right)$


Etc...
$P\left(X^{\prime} \mid X=<1,2>\right)$
P(green | 3)
0.3

Etc... (must specify for other distances)

## HMM Computations

- Given
- parameters
- evidence $E_{1: n}=e_{1: n}$
- Inference problems include:
- Filtering, find $P\left(X_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right)$ for some $t$
- Most probable explanation, for some t find

$$
x_{1: t}^{*}=\operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1: t}} P\left(x_{1: t} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
$$

- Smoothing, find $P\left(X_{t} \mid e_{1: n}\right)$ for some $t<n$


## Filtering (aka Monitoring)

- The task of tracking the agent's belief state, $B(x)$, over time
- $B(x)$ is a distribution over world states - repr agent knowledge
- We start with $B(X)$ in an initial setting, usually uniform
- As time passes, or we get observations, we update $B(X)$
- Many algorithms for this:
- Exact probabilistic inference
- Particle filter approximation
- Kalman filter (a method for handling continuous Real-valued random vars)
- invented in the 60'for Apollo Program - real-valued state, Gaussian noise


## HMM Examples

- Robot tracking:
- States (X) are positions on a map (continuous)
- Observations (E) are range readings (continuous)



## Example: Robot Localization

Example from Michael Pfeiffer


Sensor model: never more than 1 mistake Motion model: may not execute action with small prob.

## Example: Robot Localization



Prob
$t=1$

## Example: Robot Localization



## Example: Robot Localization



Prob

$$
\mathrm{t}=3
$$

## Example: Robot Localization



## Example: Robot Localization



Prob


$$
\mathrm{t}=5
$$

## Other Real HMM Examples

- Speech recognition HMMs:
- States are specific positions in specific words (so, tens of thousands)
- Observations are acoustic signals (continuous valued)



## Other Real HMM Examples

- Machine translation HMMs:
- States are translation options
- Observations are words (tens of thousands)



## Filtering (aka Monitoring)

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution $B(X)$ (called "the belief state") over time
- We start with $B_{0}(X)$ in an initial setting, usually uniform
- We update $B_{t}(X)$

1. As time passes, and
2. As we get observations
computing $B_{t+1}(X)$
using prob model of how ghosts move
using prob model of how noisy sensors work

## Filtering: Base Cases



## Forward Algorithm

$$
B\left(X_{t}\right)=P\left(X_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
$$

- $\mathrm{t}=0$
- $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}}\right)=$ initial distribution
- Repeat forever
- $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}+1}\right)=$ Simulate passage of time from $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}}\right)$
- Observe $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{t}+1}$
- $B\left(X_{t+1}\right)=$ Update $B^{\prime}\left(X_{t+1}\right)$ based on probability of $e_{t+1}$


## Passage of Time

- Assume we have current belief $P(X \mid$ evidence to date)

$$
B\left(X_{t}\right)=P\left(X_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
$$



- Then, after one time step passes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(X_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right) & =\sum_{x_{t}} P\left(X_{t+1}, x_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \\
& =\sum_{x_{t}} P\left(X_{t+1} \mid x_{t}, e_{1: t}\right) P\left(x_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \\
& =\sum_{x_{t}} P\left(X_{t+1} \mid x_{t}\right) P\left(x_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Or compactly:
$B^{\prime}\left(X_{t+1}\right)=\sum_{x_{t}} P\left(X^{\prime} \mid x_{t}\right) B\left(x_{t}\right)$
- 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


## Example: Passage of Time

- As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"

$\mathrm{T}=1$

$\mathrm{T}=2$
(Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise)

$\mathrm{T}=5$



## Observation

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

$$
B^{\prime}\left(X_{t+1}\right)=P\left(X_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
$$

- Then, after evidence comes in:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(X_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t+1}\right) & =P\left(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right) / P\left(e_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \\
& \propto X_{t+1} P\left(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \\
& =P\left(e_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}, X_{t+1}\right) P\left(X_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \\
& =P\left(e_{t+1} \mid X_{t+1}\right) P\left(X_{t+1} \mid e_{1: t}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Basic idea: beliefs "reweighted" by likelihood of evidence

$$
B\left(X_{t+1}\right) \propto_{X_{t+1}} P\left(e_{t+1} \mid X_{t+1}\right) B^{\prime}\left(X_{t+1}\right)
$$

- Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize


## Example: Observation

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


Before observation


After observation

$$
B(X) \propto P(e \mid X) B^{\prime}(X)
$$



## Example: Weather HMM



| $R_{t}$ | $R_{t+1}$ | $P\left(R_{t+1} \mid R_{t}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $+r$ | $+r$ | 0.7 |
| $+r$ | $-r$ | 0.3 |
| $-r$ | $+r$ | 0.3 |
| $-r$ | $-r$ | 0.7 |


| $R_{t}$ | $U_{t}$ | $P\left(U_{t} \mid R_{t}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $+r$ | $+u$ | 0.9 |
| $+r$ | $-u$ | 0.1 |
| $-r$ | $+u$ | 0.2 |
| $-r$ | $-u$ | 0.8 |

## Video of Demo Pacman - Sonar (with beliefs)

## Summary: Online Belief Updates

Every time step, we start with current $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid$ evidence $)$

1. We update for time:

$$
P\left(x_{t} \mid e_{1: t-1}\right)=\sum_{x_{t-1}} P\left(x_{t-1} \mid e_{1: t-1}\right) \cdot P\left(x_{t} \mid x_{t-1}\right)
$$


2. We update for evidence:

$$
P\left(x_{t} \mid e_{1: t}\right) \propto_{X} P\left(x_{t} \mid e_{1: t-1}\right) \cdot P\left(e_{t} \mid x_{t}\right)
$$

The forward algorithm does both at once (and doesn't normalize) Computational complexity?

$$
O\left(X^{2}+X E\right) \text { time \& } O(X+E) \text { space }
$$



## Particle Filtering



## Particle Filtering Overview

- Approximation technique to solve filtering problem
- Represents P distribution with samples
- Filtering still operates in two steps
- Elapse time
- Incorporate observations
- (But this part has two sub-steps: weight \& resample)


## Particle Filtering

- Sometimes $|X|$ is too big to use exact inference
- $|X|$ may be too big to even store $B(X)$
- E.g. $X$ is continuous
- Solution: approximate inference
- Track samples of $\boldsymbol{X}$, not exact distribution of values
- Samples are called particles
- Time per step is linear in the number of samples
- But: number needed may be large
- In memory: list of particles, not states
- Particle is just new name for sample
- This is how robot localization works in practice


## Remember...

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$$
P\left(X_{1}\right)
$$

$$
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$$

$P(E \mid X)$

## Here's a Single Particle

- It represents a hypothetical state where the robot is in $(1,2)$



## Particles Approximate Distribution

- Our representation of $P(X)$ is now a list of $N$ particles (samples)
- Generally, N << |X|



## Particle Filtering

A more compact view overlays the samples:


Encodes $\rightarrow \quad$| 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

## Representation: Particles

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- Storing map from $X$ to counts would defeat the purpose

- $P(x)$ approximated by (number of particles with value $\mathbf{x}$ ) / N
$(2,3)$
$(3,3)$
$(3,2)$
$(3,3)$
$(3,2)$
$(1,2)$
$(3,3)$
$(3,3)$
$(2,3)$


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Particles: $(3,3)$

- More particles, more accuracy
- What is $P((2,2))$ ? $\quad 0 / 10=0 \%$
- In fact, many $x$ may have $P(x)=0$ !

