

Markov Models, Particle Filters



CSE 473: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

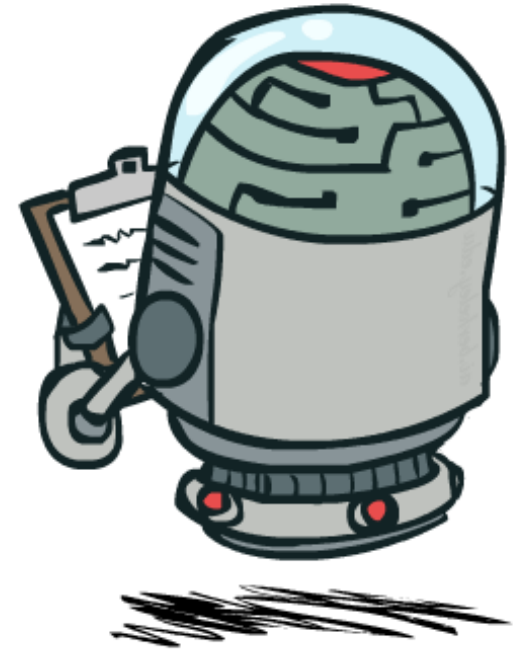
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Test 2** next Friday

ASSIGNMENTS

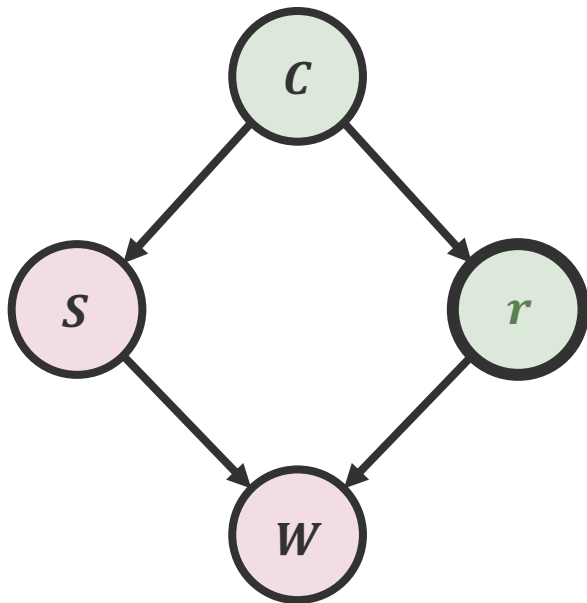
- **Project 3** due tomorrow (7.30)
- **Homework 3** due next Thursday (8.6)



Uncertainty and Time

CONTEXT

So far, we've focused on arbitrary arrangements of random variables



*What about scenarios involving **sequences** of observations?*

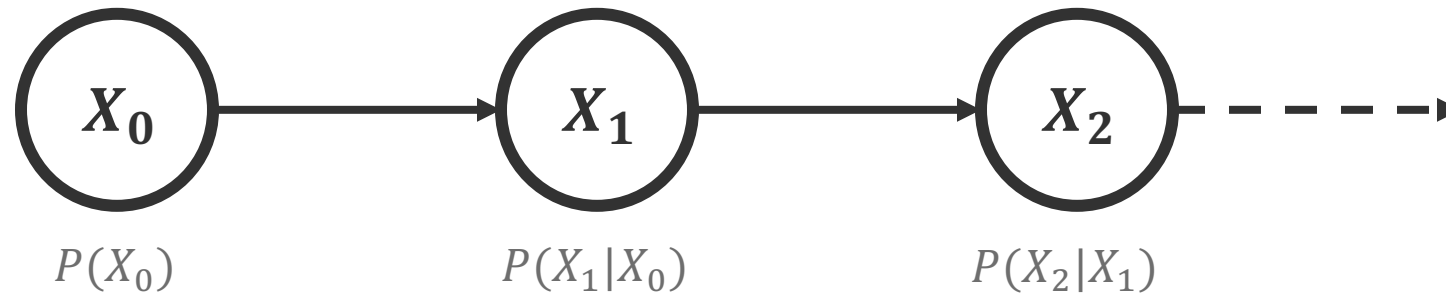
- Applications
 - Forecasting
 - Speech recognition
 - Robot localization
 - User attention
 - Medical monitoring

All involve reasoning over 'time'

Markov Models

DEFINITION

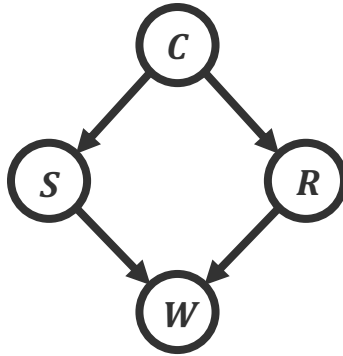
- Value of X at time t is a state (usually discrete, finite)



- Transition Probabilities $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$
 - With the Markov assumption: $P(X_t|X_{t-1}) = P(X_t|X_0, \dots, X_{t-1})$
 - First-order Markov model implies X_{t+1} independent of $X_0, \dots, X_{t-1}$ given X_t
 - Stationarity**: transition probabilities do not change
- Joint Distribution: $P(X_0, \dots, X_T) = P(X_0) \prod_t P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

Bayes Nets and Markov Models

CONTEXT



Similarities

- Directed acyclic graphs
- Infer joint probabilities from conditional distributions
- Markov independence



Differences

- Markov models can involve infinitely many variables
- Repetition of transition model not part of BN syntax



Questions?

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Weather

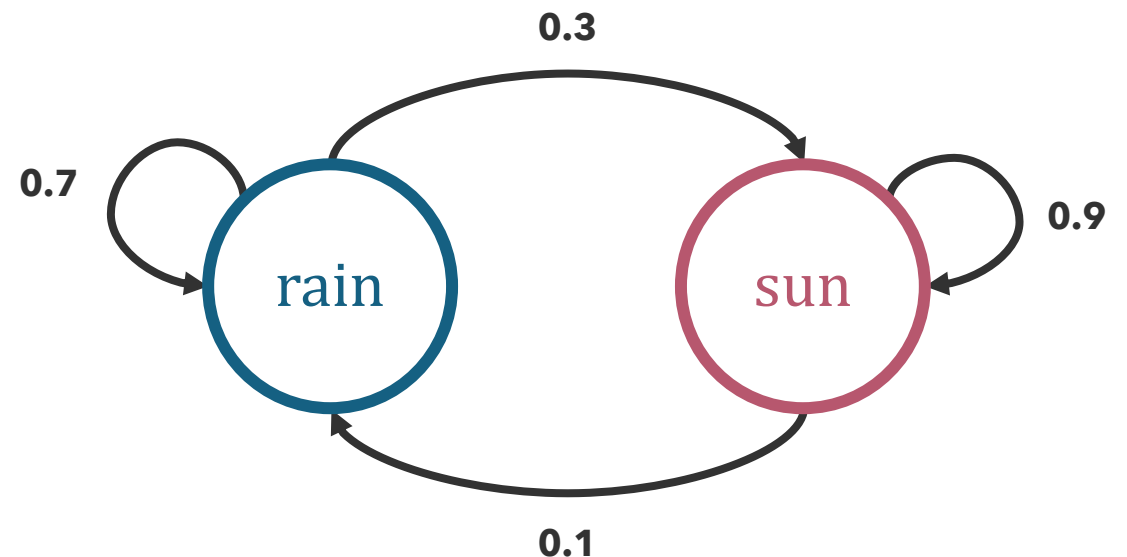
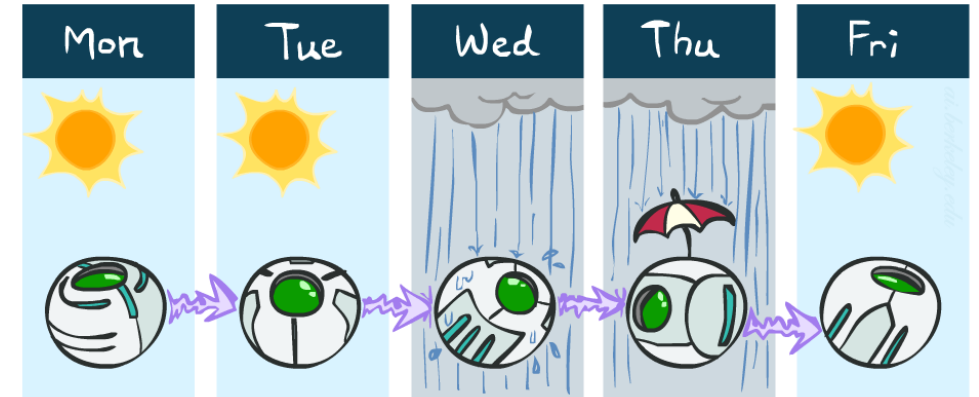
EXAMPLE

Goal: What's the weather like tomorrow?

- States: {rain, sun}
- Initial Distribution
 - $P(X_0 = \text{rain}) = 0.5$
 - $P(X_0 = \text{sun}) = 0.5$

- Transition Model $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7



Weather Prediction (1)

EXAMPLE

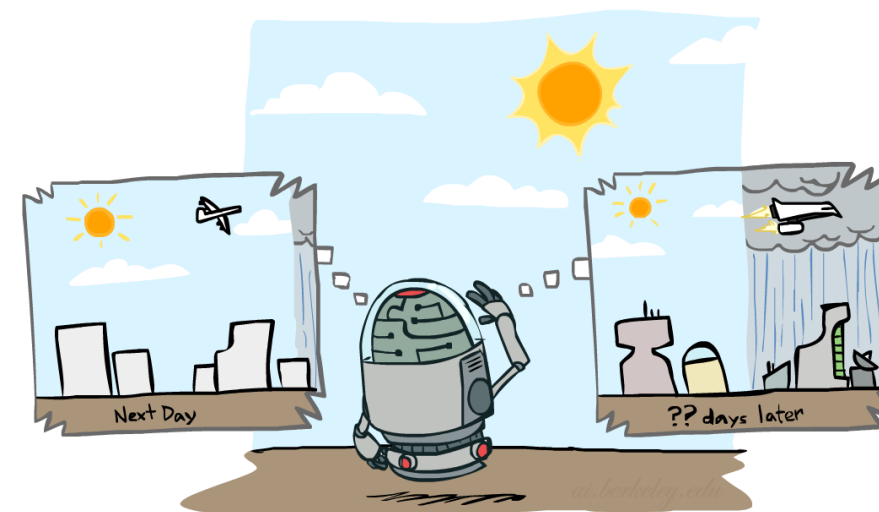
Goal: What's the weather at time 1?

- Initial Distribution

- $P(X_0 = \text{rain}) = 0.5$
- $P(X_0 = \text{sun}) = 0.5$

- Transition Model $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
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$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1) &= \sum_{x_0} P(X_1, X_0 = x_0) \\ &= 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} + 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Weather Prediction (2)

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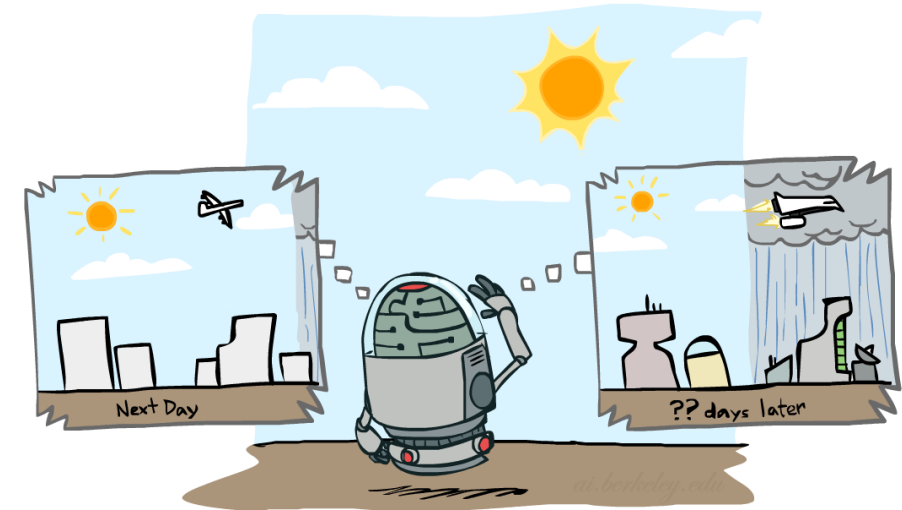
Goal: What's the weather at time 2?

- Initial Distribution

- $P(X_0 = \text{rain}) = 0.5$
- $P(X_0 = \text{sun}) = 0.5$

- Transition Model $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	sun	0.7



$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2) &= \sum_{x_1} P(X_2, X_1 = x_1) \\ &= 0.6 \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} + 0.4 \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 \\ 0.34 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Weather Prediction (3)

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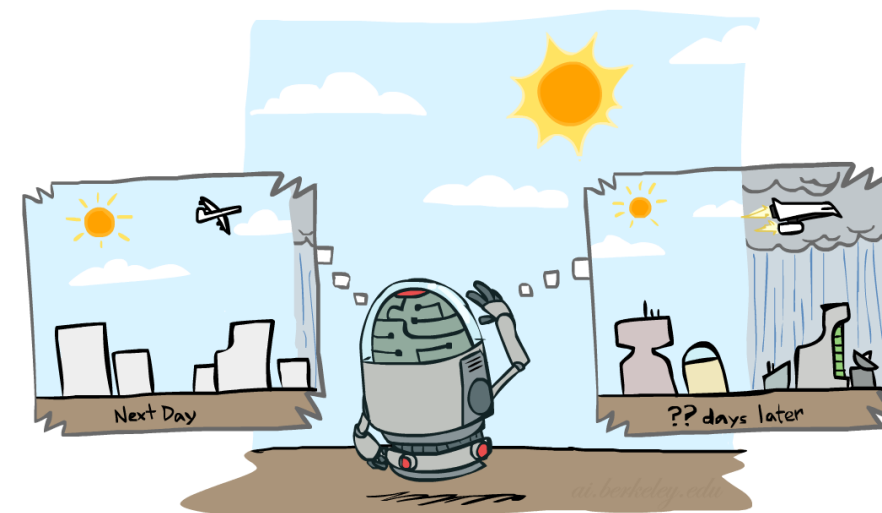
Goal: What's the weather at time 3?

- Initial Distribution

- $P(X_0 = \text{rain}) = 0.5$
- $P(X_0 = \text{sun}) = 0.5$

- Transition Model $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7



$$\begin{aligned} P(X_3) &= \sum_{x_2} P(X_3, X_2 = x_2) \\ &= 0.66 \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} + 0.34 \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.696 \\ 0.304 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Forward Algorithm



ALGORITHM

Iterate update step starting at $t = 0$:

$$P(X_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(X_t, X_{t-1} = x_{t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} \overbrace{P(X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})}^{\text{Prior Belief}} \overbrace{P(X_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})}^{\text{Transition Model}}$$

N-Gram Models

EXAMPLE

Goal: Predict next word in sequence given training data

- States: word at position t in sentence
- Transition Model
 - **Unigram** (zero-order): $P(\text{Word}_t = i)$
"logical are as are confusion a may right tries agent goal the was..."
 - **Bigram** (first-order): $P(\text{Word}_t = i | \text{Word}_{t-1} = j)$
"systems are very similar computational approach would be represented..."
 - **Trigram** (second-order): $P(\text{Word}_t = i | \text{Word}_{t-1} = j, \text{Word}_{t-2} = k)$
"planning and scheduling are integrated the success of naïve bayes model is..."

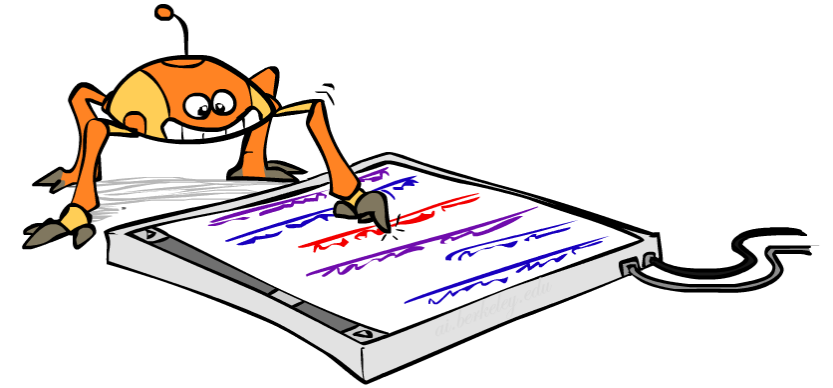
Web Browsing



EXAMPLE

Goal: Find stationary distribution over pages

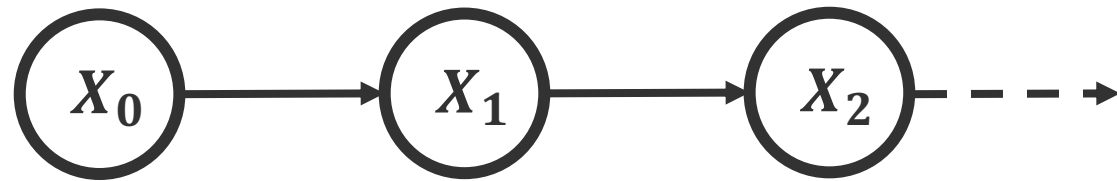
- What fraction of time is spent in any given page?
- States: URL visited at step t
- Transition Model
 - With probability p , choose an outgoing link at random
 - With probability $1 - p$, choose an arbitrary new page
- Application: Google Page Rank



Stationary Distributions

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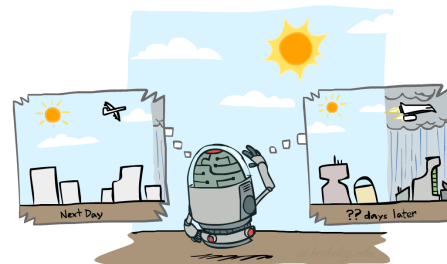
What is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(X_t)$?



The **stationary distribution** P_∞ satisfies

$$P_\infty = P_{\infty+1} = T^\top P_\infty$$

- Solve via matrix multiplication or system of equations



X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	sun	0.7

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1-p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1-p \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0.9p + 0.3(1-p) &= p \\ 0.1p + 0.7(1-p) &= (1-p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 0.75$$



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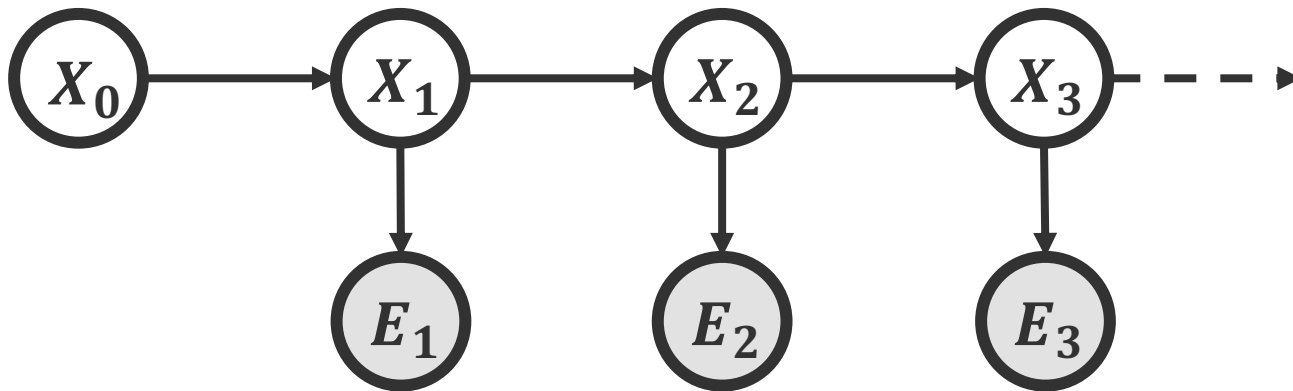
Partially Observable Models

Hidden Markov Models

FOUNDATIONS

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) describe problems where the (true) state is not observed directly

- Underlying Markov chain over states X_t
- Observe evidence E_t at each time step
- X_t is (usually) a discrete variable, E_t may be continuous and may consist of several variables



HMM Probability Model

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DEFINITION

- Joint Distribution

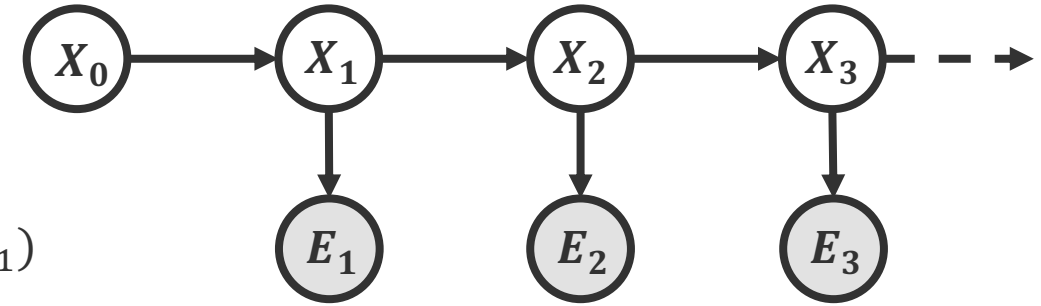
- For Markov Model: $P(X_0, \dots, X_T) = P(X_0) \prod_{t=1:T} P(X_t|X_{t-1})$
- For Hidden Markov Model:

$$P(X_{0:T}, E_T) = P(X_0) \prod_{t=1:T} \underbrace{P(X_t|X_{t-1})}_{\text{Transition Model}} \underbrace{P(E_t|X_t)}_{\text{Likelihood}}$$

- Implications:

- From Markov Models: future states are independent of past given present
- Current evidence is independent of everything else given current state

Are evidence variables (absolutely) independent of each other?

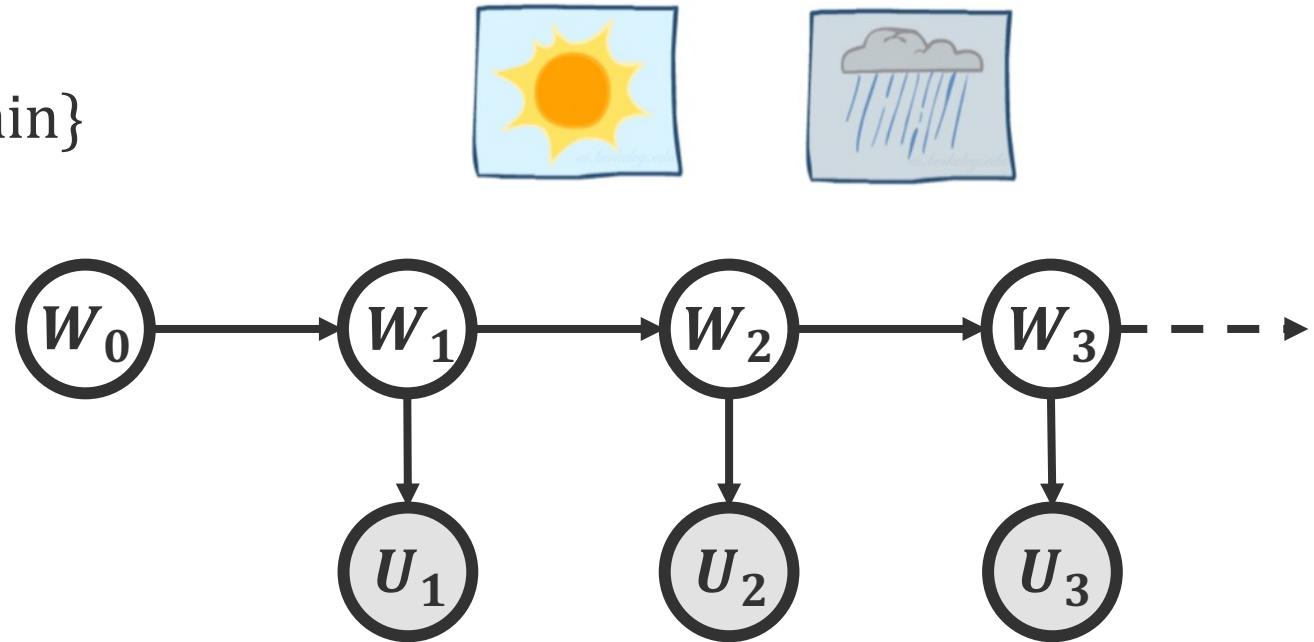


Weather Hidden Markov Model

EXAMPLE

- Hidden variable $W_t = \{\text{sun, rain}\}$

W_{t-1}	W_t	$P(W_t W_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	sun	0.7



- Observations $U_t = \{\text{true, false}\}$

W_t	U_t	$P(U_t W_t)$
sun	true	0.2
sun	false	0.8
rain	true	0.9
rain	false	0.1

Other HMM Examples



EXAMPLE

- **Speech Recognition**
 - Observations are acoustic signals (continuous)
 - States are specific positions in specific words
- **Machine Translation**
 - Observations are words
 - States are translation options
- **Robot Tracking**
 - Observations are range readings (continuous)
 - States are positions on a map (continuous)



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Inference Tasks

FOUNDATIONS

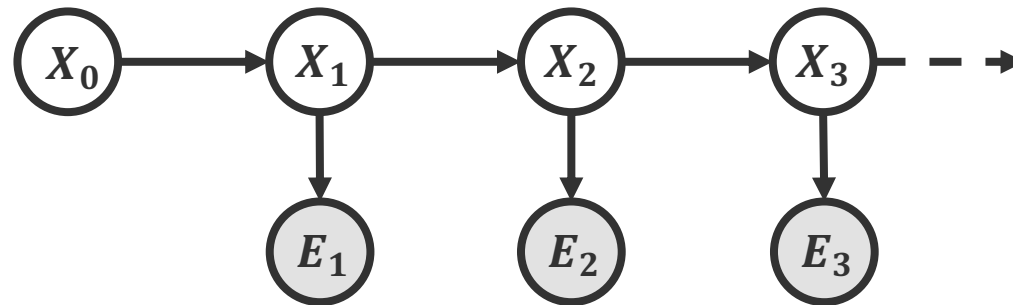
- **Filtering:** $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$
 - Belief state: input to decision process of a rational agent
- **Prediction:** $P(X_{t+k} | e_{1:t})$ for $k > 0$
 - Evaluation of possible action sequences (filtering without evidence)
- **Smoothing:** $P(X_k | e_{1:t})$ for $0 \leq k < t$
 - Better estimate of past states (essential for learning)
- **Most Likely Explanation:** $\operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t} | e_{1:t})$
 - Speech recognition, decoding with a noisy channel

Filtering

DEFINITION

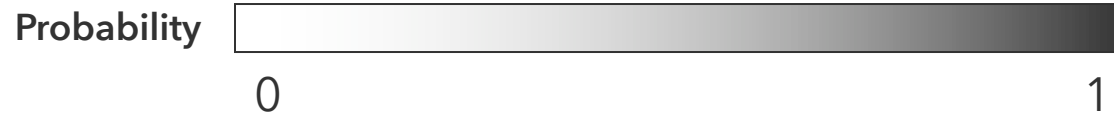
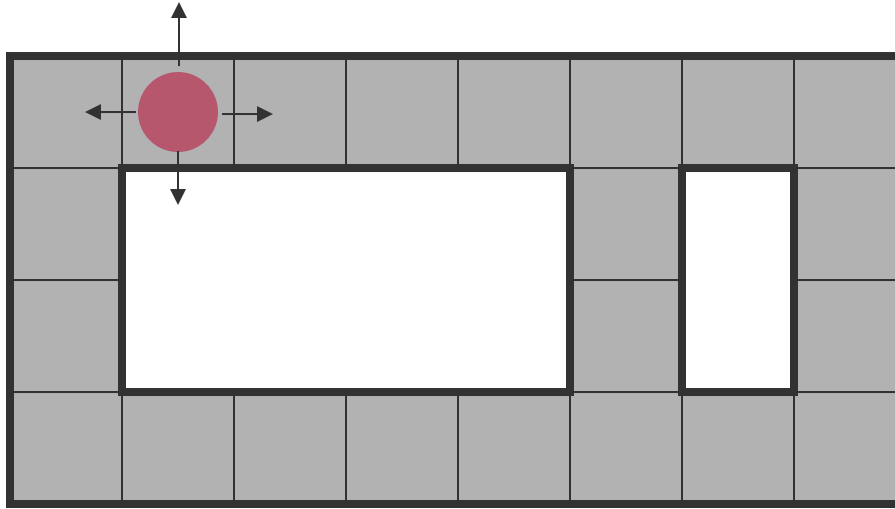
Filtering (or monitoring or state estimation) is the task of maintaining the distribution $f_{1:t} = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$

- Start with f_0 in an initial setting, usually uniform
- Fundamental task in many engineering and science domains



Robot Localization

EXAMPLE

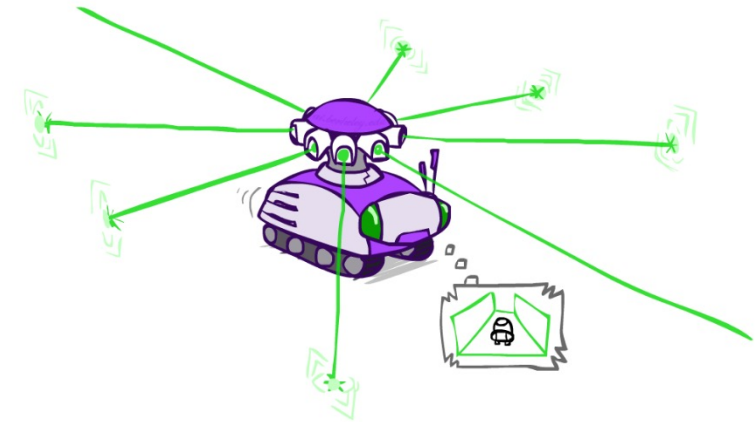


Sensor Model

- Four bits for isWall in each direction
- Never more than 1 mistake

Transition Model

- Action may fail with small probability

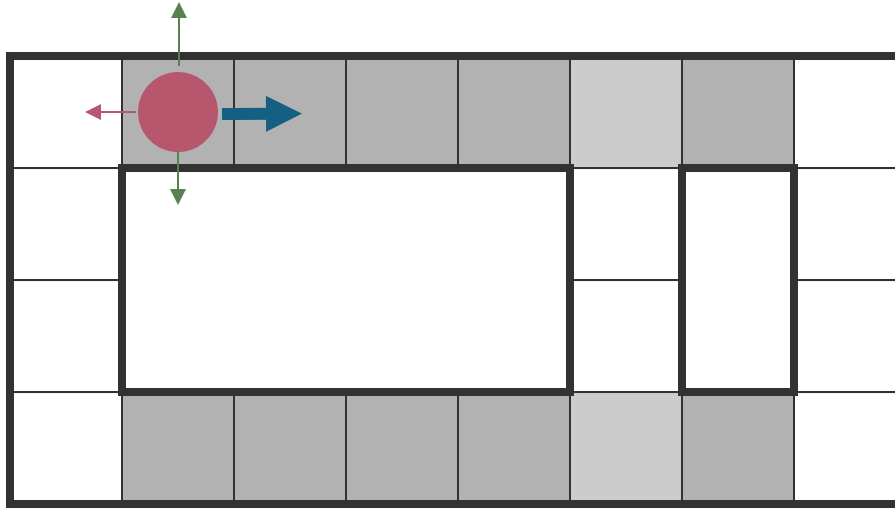


Example from Michael Pfeiffer

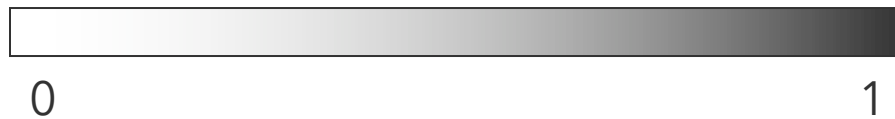
Robot Localization (1)

EXAMPLE

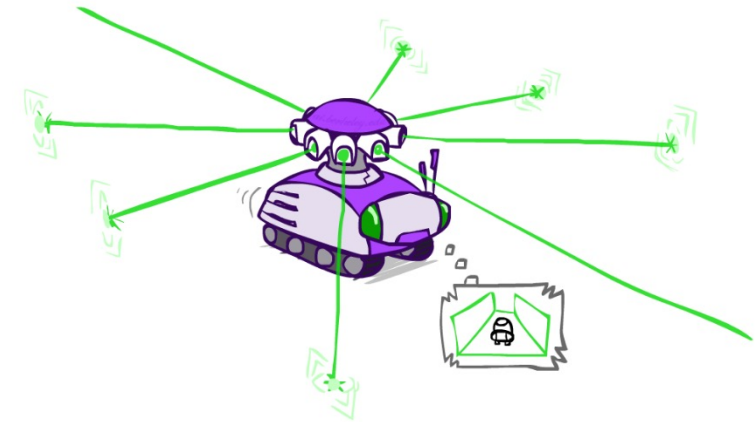
$t = 1$



Probability



Lighter grey: *possible* to get reading, but less likely (requires 1 mistake)

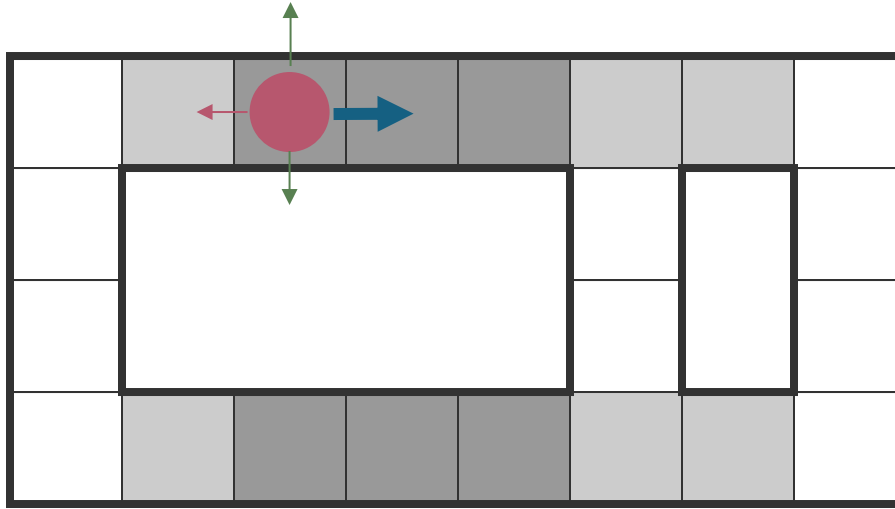


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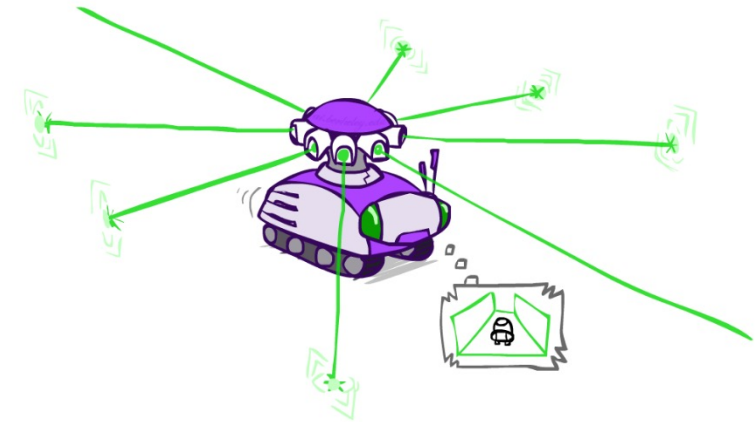
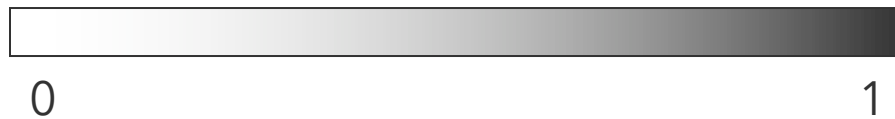
Robot Localization (2)

EXAMPLE

$t = 2$



Probability

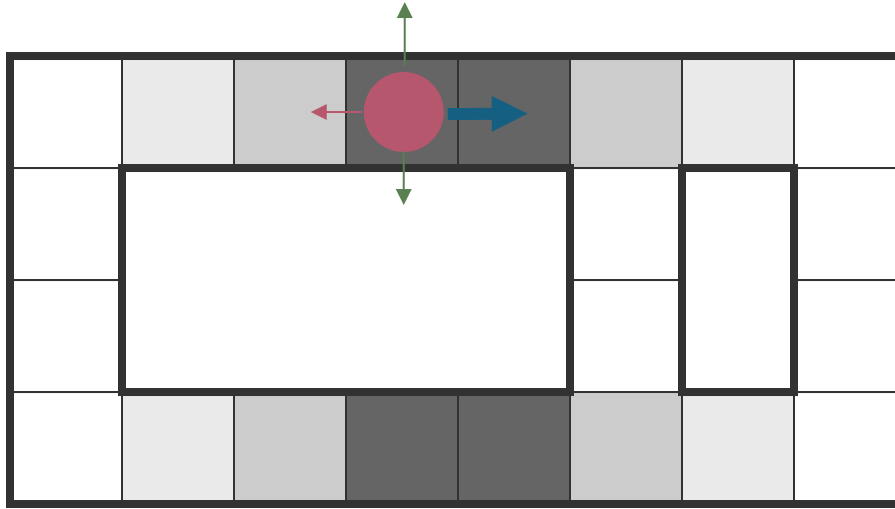


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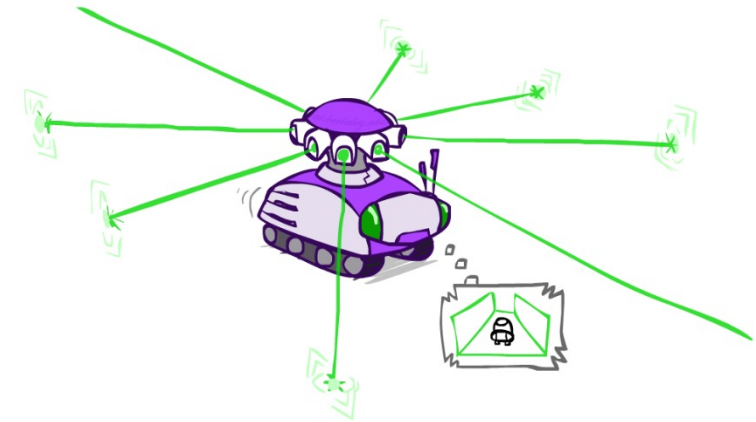
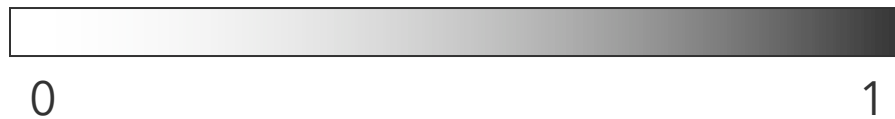
Robot Localization (3)

EXAMPLE

$t = 3$



Probability



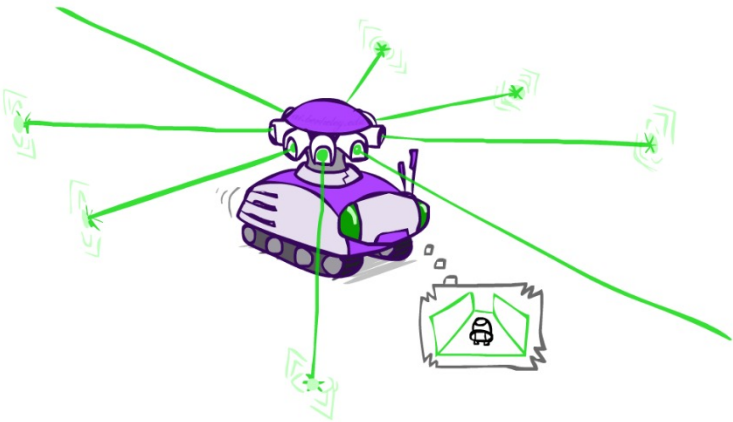
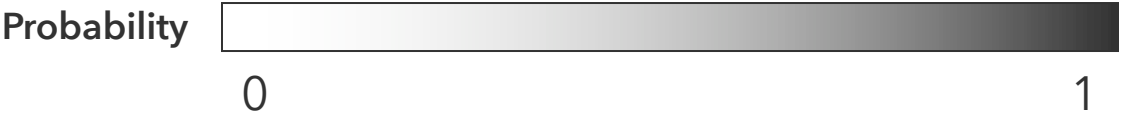
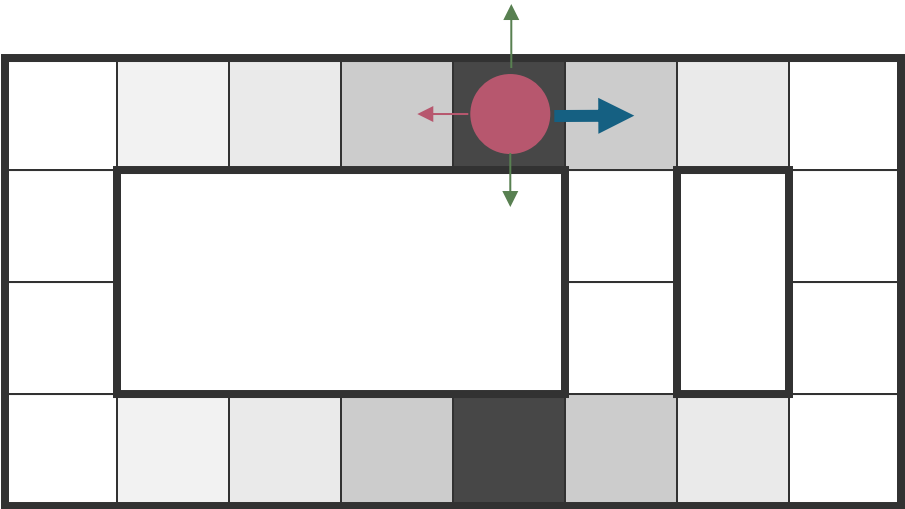
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Robot Localization (4)



EXAMPLE

$t = 4$



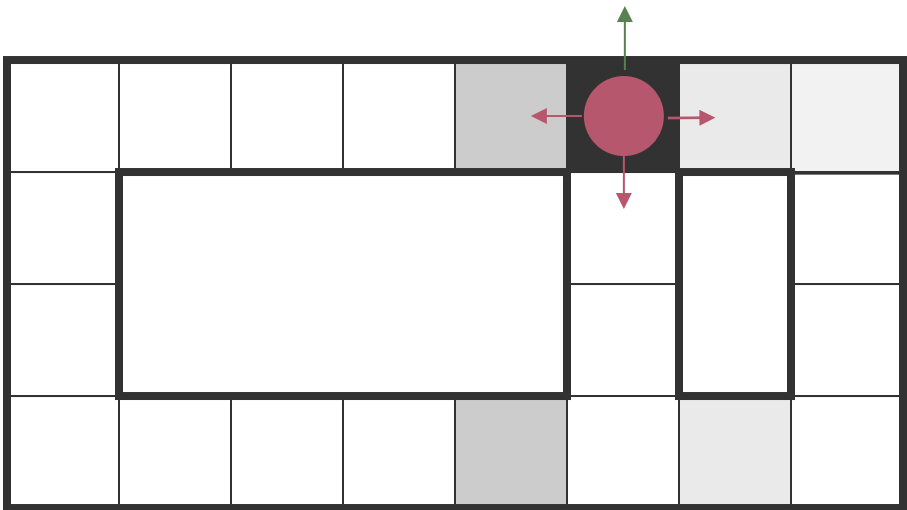
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Robot Localization (5)

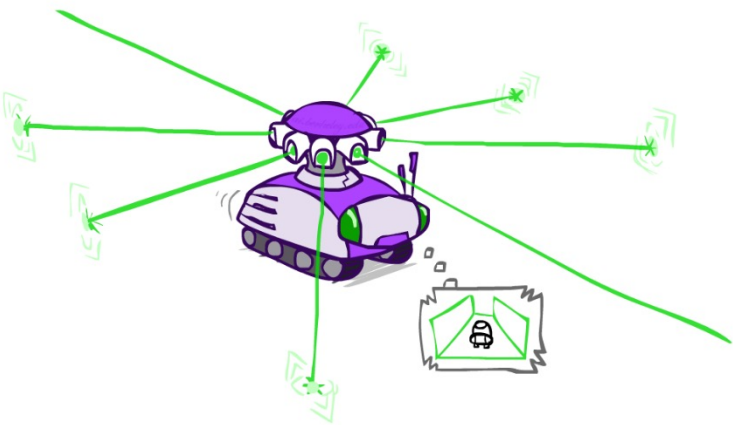
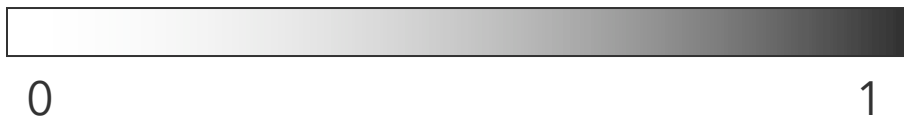


EXAMPLE

$t = 5$



Probability



Example from Michael Pfeiffer

Filtering Algorithm

ALGORITHM

Goal: Device a **recursive filtering** algorithm of the form

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

Approach:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t+1}) &= P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}, e_{t+1}) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1}, e_{1:t}) \cdot P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \underbrace{P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})}_{\text{Likelihood}} \cdot \underbrace{P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})}_{\text{Prior Prediction}}
 \end{aligned}$$

apply Bayes rule

apply conditional independence

Filtering Algorithm (2)

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Approach:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t+1}) &= P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}, e_{t+1}) && \text{apply Bayes rule} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1}, e_{1:t}) \cdot P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) && \text{apply conditional independence} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \cdot \boxed{P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})} && \text{condition on } X_t \\
 &= \alpha \cdot P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \cdot \sum_{x_t} P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \cdot \boxed{P(X_{t+1}|x_t, e_{1:t})} && \text{apply conditional independence} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \boxed{P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})} \cdot \sum_{x_t} \boxed{P(x_t|e_{1:t})} \cdot \boxed{P(X_{t+1}|x_t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Likelihood
Recursive
Transition Prob.

Filtering Properties

DEFINITION

$$f_{1:t+1} = P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t+1}) = \alpha \underbrace{P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})}_{\text{Update}} \underbrace{\sum_{x_t} P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \cdot P(X_{t+1}|x_t)}_{\text{Predict}}$$

- $f_{1:t+1} = \text{FORWARD}(f_{1:t}, e_{t+1})$
- Cost per time step: $O(|X|^2)$ for $|X|$ number of states
 - Time and space costs are independent of t (i.e. constant)
 - But $O(|X|^2)$ is infeasible for models with many state variables
 - This motivates *approximate* filtering algorithms



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Matrix Formulation

DEFINITION

Equivalent formulation to recursive equation given

- Transition matrix T
- Observation matrix O_t , with state likelihoods for E_t along diagonal
- For example, $T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$, $U_1 = \text{true}$, $O_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$
- Filtering
 - $f_{1:t+1} = \alpha \cdot O_{t+1} T^\top f_{1:t}$



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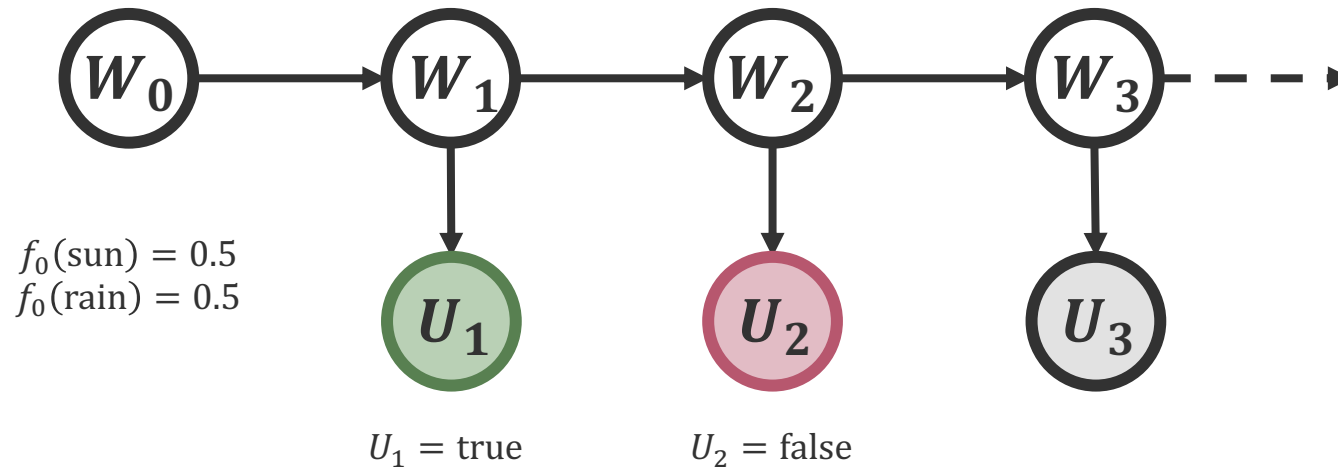
W_t	U_t	$P(U_t W_t)$
sun	true	0.2
sun	false	0.8
rain	true	0.9
rain	false	0.1

Weather Filtering

W

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

EXAMPLE



Predict

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(s_1|W_0) &= 0.5 \cdot 0.9 + 0.5 \cdot 0.3 = 0.6 \\
 P(r_1|W_0) &= 0.5 \cdot 0.1 + 0.5 \cdot 0.7 = 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

Update

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1(\text{sun}) &= \alpha \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.6 = 0.25 \\
 f_1(\text{rain}) &= \alpha \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.4 = 0.75 \\
 \alpha &= 0.2 \cdot 0.6 + 0.9 \cdot 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

Predict

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(s_2|W_1) &= 0.25 \cdot 0.9 + 0.75 \cdot 0.3 = 0.45 \\
 P(r_2|W_1) &= 0.25 \cdot 0.1 + 0.75 \cdot 0.7 = 0.55
 \end{aligned}$$

Update

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_2(\text{sun}) &= \alpha \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.45 = 0.867 \\
 f_2(\text{rain}) &= \alpha \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.55 = 0.133 \\
 \alpha &= 0.8 \cdot 0.45 + 0.1 \cdot 0.55
 \end{aligned}$$



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Approximate Inference

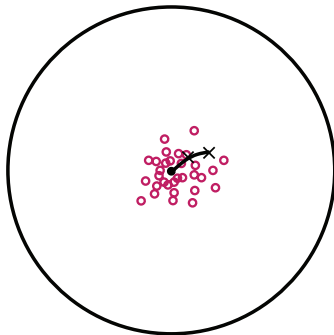
CONTEXT

When $|X|$ is more than $\sim 10^6$, exact inference becomes infeasible

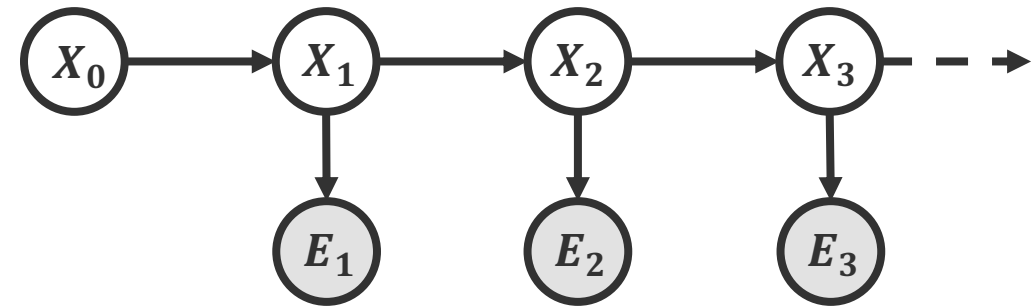
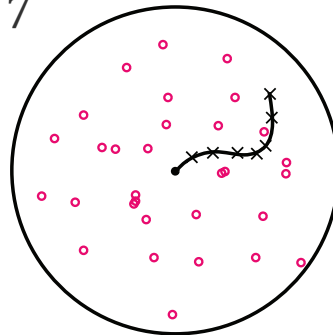
We need a new approach!

- Likelihood Weighting?
 - Fails completely (samples grow exponentially with T)

$t = 2$



$t = 7$

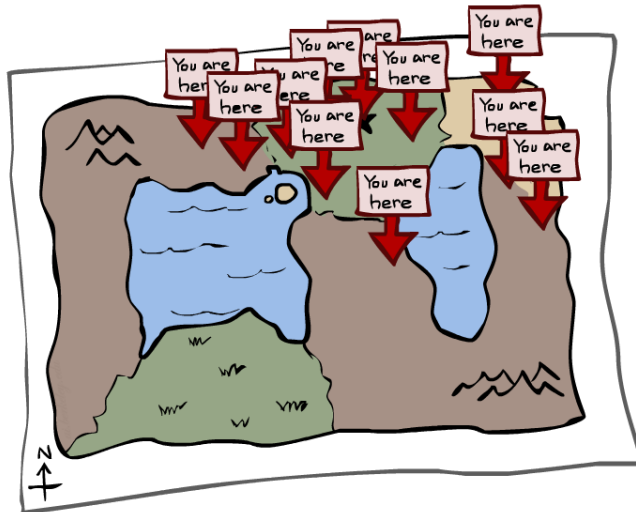


Solution: Eliminate 'bad' samples, make more 'good' samples

Particle Filtering

FOUNDATIONS

- Represent belief state by a set of samples
 - Samples are also called **particles**
 - Time per step is linear in the number of samples...
 - ...but number needed may be large
 - Store list of particles, not states!



0	0.1	0
0	0	0.2
0	0.2	0.5



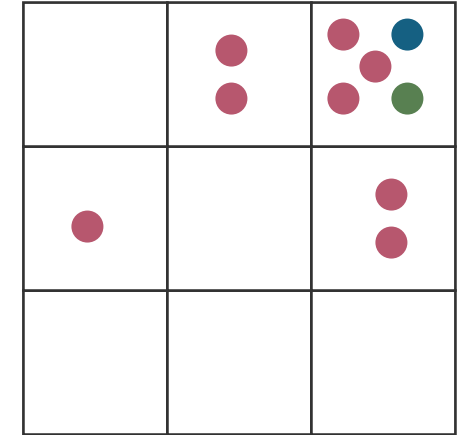
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Particles

DEFINITION

- Representation of $P(X)$ is now a list of $N \ll |X|$
- $P(X)$ is approximated by the number of particles with the value x
 - Many x may have $P(x) = 0$
 - More particles, more accuracy! (converges to true distribution)

Track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution!



Particles

(3,3)

(2,3)

(3,3)

(3,2)

(3,3)

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(1,2)

(3,3)

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(2,3)



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Particle Filtering Prediction

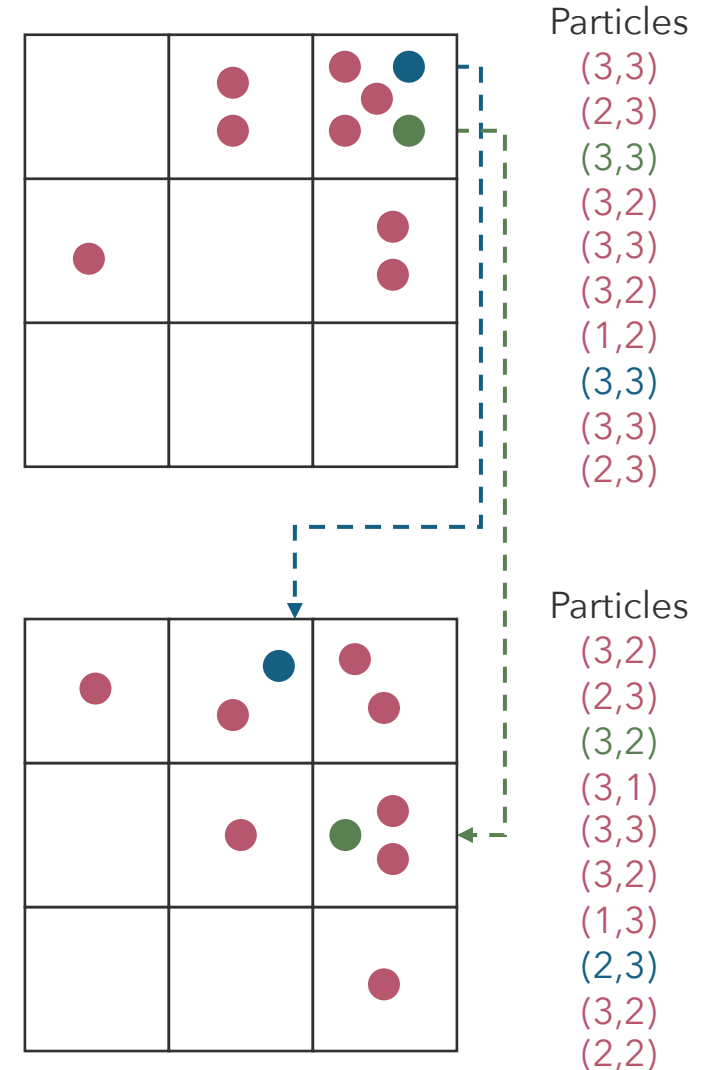
DEFINITION

- Particle j in state $x_t^{(j)}$ samples a new state directly from the transition model:

$$x_{t+1}^{(j)} \sim P(X_{t+1} | x_t^{(j)})$$

- Most samples move clockwise, but some move in another direction or stay in place
- For example:

$$x_{t+1}^{(j)} \sim P(X_{t+1} | x_t^{(\text{green})}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.33 \\ 0.33 \\ 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

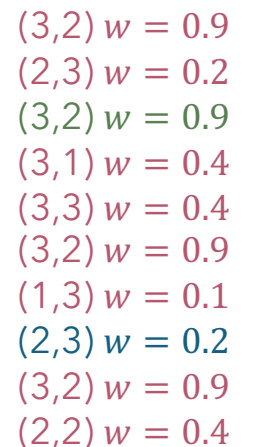


- After observing e_{t+1} :

- $$w^{(j)} = P(e_{t+1}|x_{t+1}^{(j)})$$

- $$w^{(\text{green})} = P((3,2)|(3,2)) = 0.9$$

$$w^{(\text{blue})} = P((3,2)|(2,3)) = 0.2$$



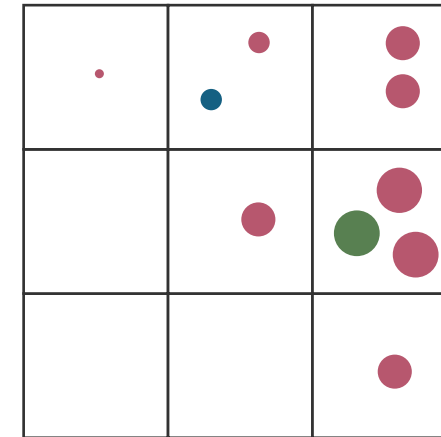
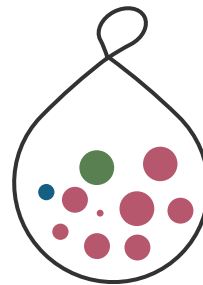
Particle Filtering Resampling

DEFINITION

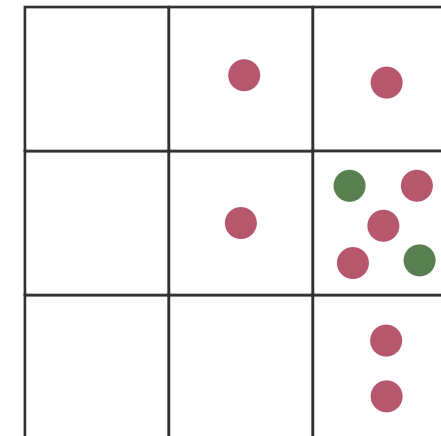
- Rather than tracking weighted samples, *resample*
 - Choose from weighted sample distribution N times (draw with replacement)

$$x_{t+1}^{(j)} \sim \alpha \cdot \text{Num}(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) \cdot W(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})$$

$1 \cdot 0.1 \cdot \alpha$	$2 \cdot 0.2 \cdot \alpha$	$2 \cdot 0.4 \cdot \alpha$
0	$1 \cdot 0.4 \cdot \alpha$	$3 \cdot 0.9 \cdot \alpha$
0	0	$1 \cdot 0.4 \cdot \alpha$



Particles
 (3,2) $w = 0.9$
 (2,3) $w = 0.2$
 (3,2) $w = 0.9$
 (3,1) $w = 0.4$
 (3,3) $w = 0.4$
 (3,2) $w = 0.9$
 (1,3) $w = 0.1$
 (2,3) $w = 0.2$
 (3,2) $w = 0.9$
 (2,2) $w = 0.4$

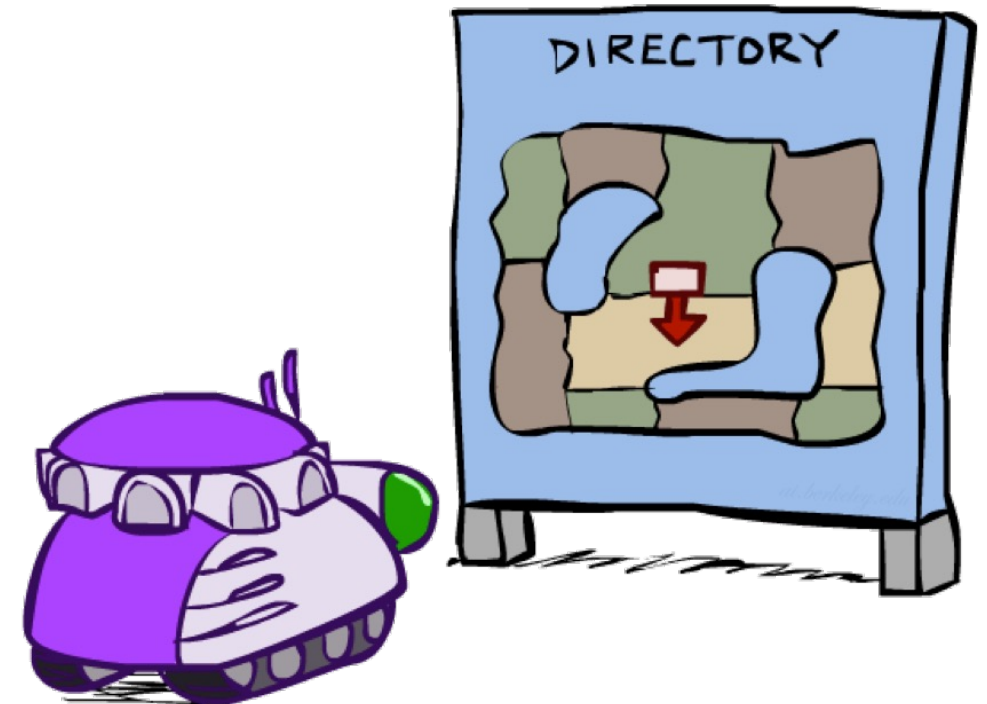
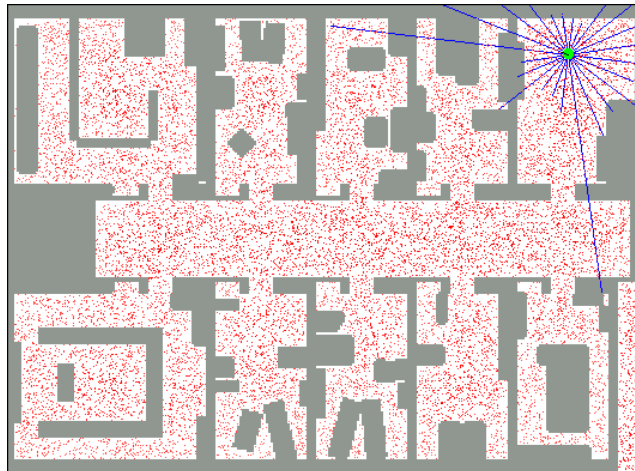


Particles
 (3,1)
 (2,3)
 (3,2)
 (3,2)
 (3,3)
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 (3,1)
 (2,2)
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 (3,2)

Localization

EXAMPLE

- In a robot localization problem:
 - We know the map, but not the robot's position
 - Observations may be vectors of range finder readings
 - State space and readings are typically continuous
 - Large problem size motivates particle filtering



Particle Filter Localization

EXAMPLE





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that's it for today!

SUMMARY

- Markov chains model sequential observations
- Hidden Markov Models use evidence to infer unobservable state
- Filtering involves updating belief given evidence

UPCOMING

- Machine Learning

REMINDERS

- Complete **Practice Problem 14**
- Do **Project 3** (due 7.30)
- Do **Homework 3** (due 8.6)