# **CSE 573: Artificial Intelligence**

#### Hanna Hajishirzi HMMs Inference, Particle Filters

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# **Recap: Reasoning Over Time**



# **Conditional Independence**

- HMMs have two important independence properties:
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# **Real HMM Examples**

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

# Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution  $B_t(X) = P_t(X_t | e_1, ..., e_t)$  (the belief state) over time
- We start with B<sub>1</sub>(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



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.



Lighter grey: was possible to get the reading, but less likely b/c required 1 mistake

























# Inference: Find State Given Evidence

We are given evidence at each time and want to know

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

- Idea: start with P(X<sub>1</sub>) and derive B<sub>t</sub> in terms of B<sub>t-1</sub>
   equivalently, derive B<sub>t+1</sub> in terms of B<sub>t</sub>

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# Passage of Time

Assume we have current belief P(X | evidence to date)  $X_1$  $B(X_t) = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ Then, after one time step passes:  $P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t}) = \sum P(X_{t+1}, x_t|e_{1:t})$  $= \sum_{t=1}^{x_t} P(X_{t+1}|x_t, e_{1:t}) P(x_t|e_{1:t})$ Or compactly:  $B'(X_{t+1}) = \sum_{x} P(X'|x_t) B(x_t)$  $=\sum_{x_{t+1}} P(X_{t+1}|x_t) P(x_t|e_{1:t})$ Basic dea: 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

<0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 1.00 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01 <0.01

As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"

T = 1



T = 2









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# Observation

Assume we have current belief P(X | previous evidence):

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

• Then, after evidence comes in:

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

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

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

• Or, compactly:

$$\underbrace{B(X_{t+1})}_{X_{t+1}} \propto_{X_{t+1}} P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) \underbrace{B'(X_{t+1})}_{X_{t+1}}$$

 Basic idea: beliefs "reweighted" by likelihood of evidence

X<sub>1</sub>

 $E_1$ 

 Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize

# **Example: Observation**

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

	0.05	0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
_	0.02	0.14	0.11	0.35	<0.01	<0.01
	0.07	0.03	0.05	<0.01	0.03	<0.01
	0.03	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

Before observation



After observation





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



# Pacman – Sonar (P4)



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Observe: compute P( $X_t | e_{1:t}$ )  

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*X*<sub>1</sub>

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### Example: Weather HMM



R <sub>t</sub>	R <sub>t+1</sub>	$P(R_{t+1}   R_t)$
+r	+r	0.7
+r	-r	0.3
-r	+r	0.3
-r	-r	0.7

R <sub>t</sub>	Ut	P(U <sub>t</sub>  R <sub>t</sub> )
+r	+u	0.9
+r	-u	0.1
-r	+u	0.2
-r	-u	0.8

# **Approximate Inference**

- Sometimes |X| is too big for exact inference
  - |X| may be too big to even store B(X)
  - E.g. when X is continuous
  - |X|<sup>2</sup> may be too big to do updates
- Solution: approximate inference by sampling
- How robot localization works in practice

# **Approximate Inference: Sampling**



# Sampling

- Sampling is a lot like repeated simulation
  - Predicting the weather, basketball games, ...
- Basic idea
  - Draw N samples from a sampling distribution S
  - Compute an approximate probability

- Why sample?
  - Learning: get samples from a distribution you don't know
  - Inference: getting a sample is faster than computing the right answer



# Sampling

- Sampling from given distribution
  - Step 1: Get sample *u* from uniform distribution over [0, 1)
    - E.g. random() in python

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- Step 2: Convert this sample *u* into an outcome for the given distribution by having each target outcome associated with a sub-interval of [0,1) with sub-interval size equal to probability of the outcome



- If random() returns u = 0.83, then our sample is C = blue
- E.g, after sampling 8 times:



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  - In memory: list of particles, not states
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# **Representation:** Particles

- Our representation of P(X) is now a list of N particles (samples)
  - Generally, N << |X|</p>
  - Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point
- P(x) approximated by number of particles with value x
  - So, many x may have P(x) = 0!
  - More particles, more accuracy
- For now, all particles have a weight of 1





# Particle Filtering: Elapse Time

 Each particle is moved by sampling its next position from the transition model

$$x' = \operatorname{sample}(P(X'(x)))$$

- Samples' frequencies reflect the transition probabilities
- Here, most samples move clockwise, but some move in another direction or stay in place
- This captures the passage of time
  - If enough samples, close to exact values before and after (consistent)





# Particle Filtering: Observe

#### Slightly trickier:

- Don't sample observation, fix it
- Downweight samples based on the evidence

w(x) = P(e|x) $B(X) \propto P(e|X)B'(X)$ 

 As before, the probabilities don't sum to one, since all have been downweighted (in fact they now sum to (N times) an approximation of P(e))



# Particle Filtering: Resample

- Rather than tracking weighted samples, we resample
- N times, we choose from our weighted sample distribution (i.e. draw with replacement)
- This is equivalent to renormalizing the distribution
- Now the update is complete for this time step, continue with the next one



(New) Particles:

(3,2) (2,2)

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# Video (Markov Model)


# Video (HMM)



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0.0	0.1	0.0		
0.0	0.0	0.2		
0.0	0.2	0.5		





# **Recap:** Particle Filtering

#### Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution

			Elapse			Weight		Resample		
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Particles:		Particles:			Particles:		(New) Particles:			
(3,3)		(3,2)		(3,2) w=.9			(3,2)			
(2,3)		(2,3)		(2,3) w=.2			(2,2)			
(3,3)		(3,2)			(3,2) w=.9		(3,2)			
(3,2)		(3,1)		(3,1) w=.4			(2,3)			
(3,3)		(3,3)		(3,3) w=.4			(3,3)			
(3,2)			(3,2)		(3,2) w=.9			(3,2)		
(1,2)			(1,3)		(1,3) w=.1			(1,3)		
(3,3)			(2,3)		(2,3) w=.2			(2,3)		
(3,3)			(3,2)		(3,2) w=.9			(3,2)		
(2,3)			(2,2)		(2,2) w=.4		(3,2)			

 $x' = \operatorname{sample}(P(X'|x))$  w(x) = P(e|x)

#### Video of Demo – Moderate Number of Particles



### Video of Demo – Huge Number of Particles



# Which Algorithm?

#### Particle filter, uniform initial beliefs, 25 particles



# Which Algorithm?

#### Exact filter, uniform initial beliefs



# Which Algorithm?

Particle filter, uniform initial beliefs, 300 particles



# **Robot Localization**

#### In robot localization:

- 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 (works basically like a very fine grid) and so we cannot store B(X)
- Particle filtering is a main technique





#### Particle Filter Localization (Sonar)



[Video: global-sonar-uw-annotated.avi]

#### Particle Filter Localization (Laser)



# Most Likely Explanation



### HMMs: MLE Queries

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



New query: most likely explanation:

 $\underset{x_{1:t}}{\arg\max} P(x_{1:t}|e_{1:t})$ 

New method: the Viterbi algorithm

# 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

#### 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)

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

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