

CS 6300: Artificial Intelligence

Hidden Markov Models



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X	P(X)
pass	0.5
fail	0.5

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
pass	pass	0.8
pass	fail	0.2
fail	pass	0.4
fail	fail	0.6

$$X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} P(\text{pass}) \\ P(\text{fail}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_1 = T \cdot X_0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{1, \text{pass}} \\ X_{1, \text{fail}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_0 = \text{pass} \\ X_0 = \text{fail} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(X_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1 = \text{pass}) &= \sum_{X_0} P(X_1 = \text{pass} | X_0) \\ &= \sum_{X_0} P(X_0) P(X_1 = \text{pass} | X_0) \\ &= 0.5 \cdot 0.8 + 0.5 \cdot 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1 = \text{fail}) &= 1 - 0.9 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_2 &= T X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.418 + 0.16 \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.618 \\ 0.382 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\infty} = T P_{\infty}$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{pass}) = 0.8 P_{\infty}(\text{pass}) + 0.4 P_{\infty}(\text{fail})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{fail}) = 0.2 P_{\infty}(\text{pass}) + 0.6 P_{\infty}(\text{fail})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{pass}) + P_{\infty}(\text{fail}) = 1$$

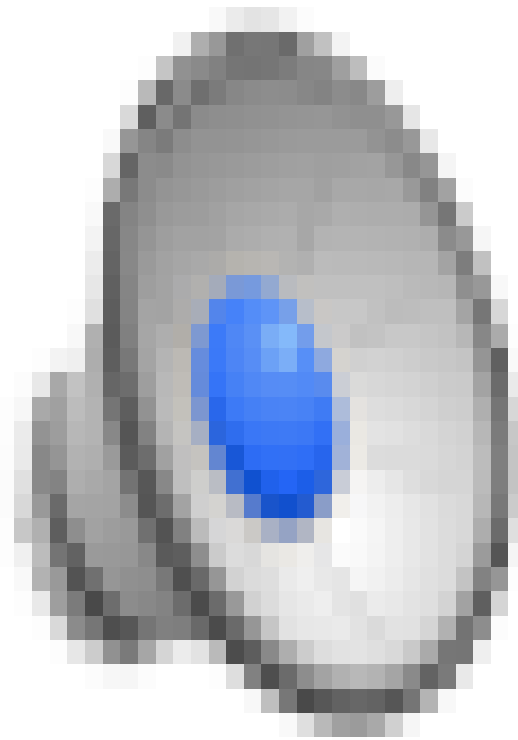
$$P_{\infty}(\text{pass}) = 2/3$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{fail}) = 1/3$$

Pacman – Sonar (P4)



Video of Demo Pacman – Sonar (no beliefs)

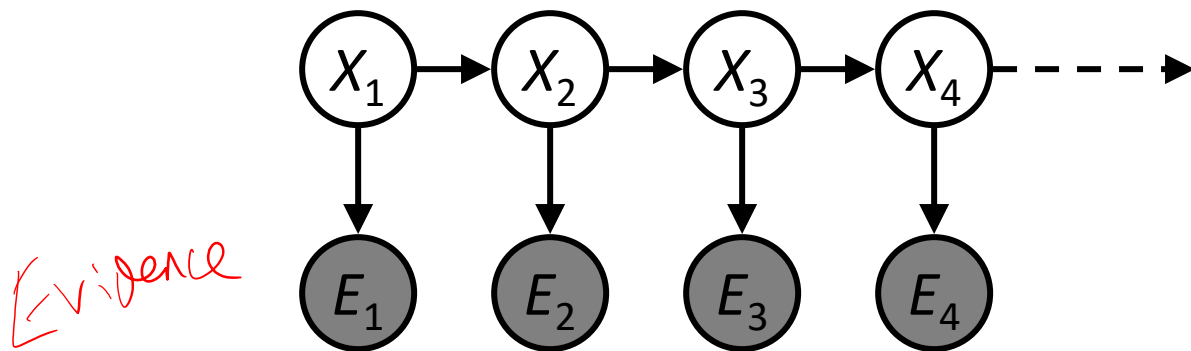


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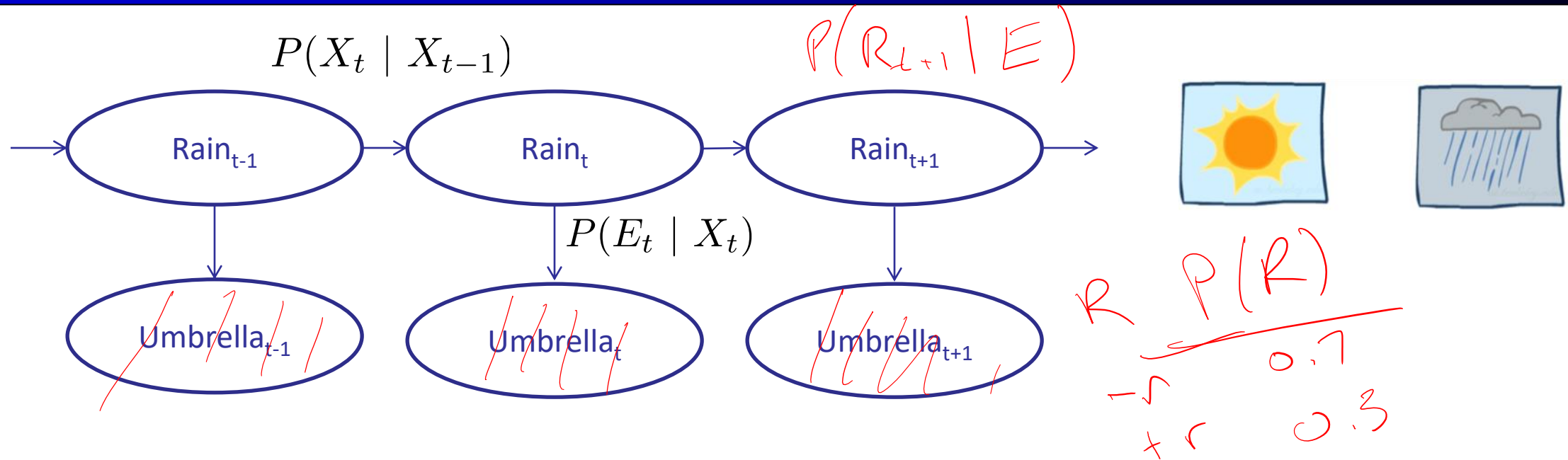
- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
 - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
 - Underlying Markov chain over states X
 - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step



$$P(X_4 | E_1, \dots, E_4)$$



Example: Weather HMM



■ An HMM is defined by:

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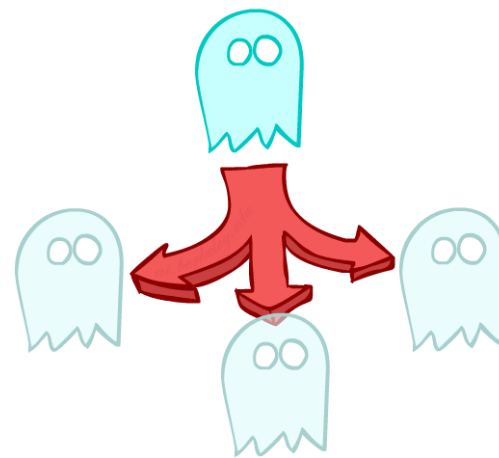
- Initial distribution: $P(X_1)$
- Transitions: $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$
- Emissions: $P(E_t | X_t)$

R_t	R_{t+1}	$P(R_{t+1} R_t)$
+r	+r	0.7
+r	-r	0.3
-r	+r	0.3
-r	-r	0.7

R_t	U_t	$P(U_t R_t)$
+r	+u	0.9
+r	-u	0.1
-r	+u	0.2
-r	-u	0.8

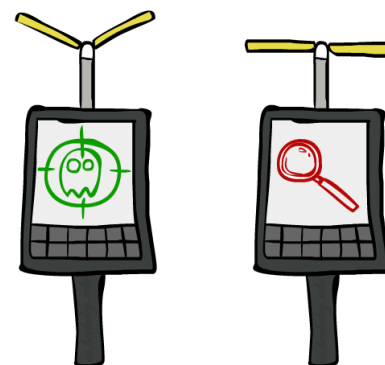
Example: Ghostbusters HMM

- $P(X_1) = \text{uniform}$
- $P(X|X') = \text{usually move clockwise, but sometimes move in a random direction or stay in place}$
- $P(R_{ij} | X) = \text{same sensor model as before: red means close, green means far away.}$



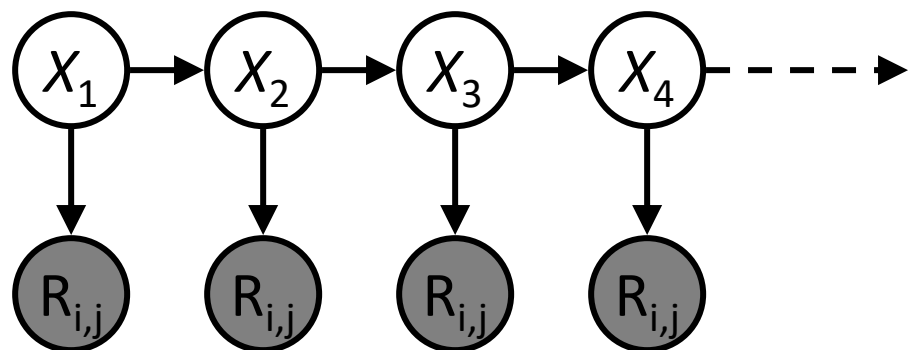
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

$P(X_1)$

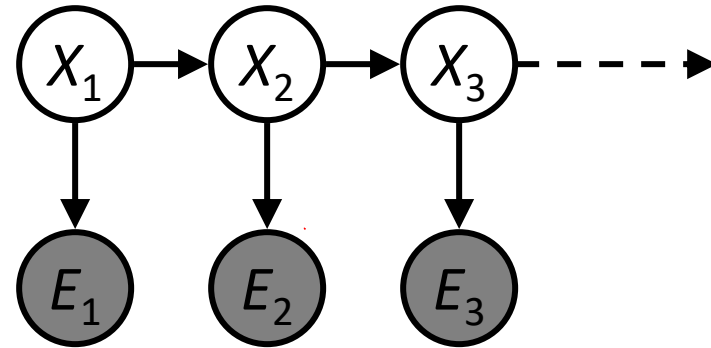


1/6	1/6	1/2
0	1/6	0
0	0	0

$P(X|X' = \langle 1, 2 \rangle)$



Joint Distribution of an HMM



- Joint distribution:

$$P(X_1, E_1, X_2, E_2, X_3, E_3) = P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(E_2|X_2)P(X_3|X_2)P(E_3|X_3)$$

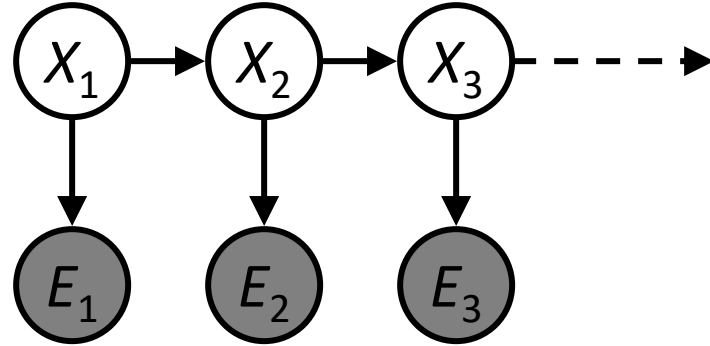
- More generally:

$$P(X_1, E_1, \dots, X_T, E_T) = P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_{t-1})P(E_t|X_t)$$

- 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?

Implied Conditional Independencies



- Many implied conditional independencies, e.g.,

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

- To prove them
 - Approach 1: follow similar (algebraic) approach to what we did in the Markov models lecture
 - Approach 2: directly from the graph structure (D-Separation)

HMMs Recap

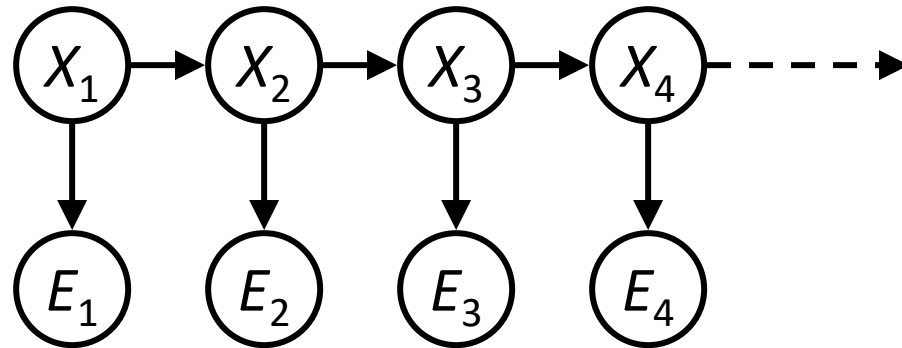
- Explicit assumption for all t : $X_t \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, \dots, X_{t-2} \mid X_{t-1}$
- Consequence, joint distribution can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T) &= P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_2) \dots P(X_T|X_{T-1}) \\ &= P(X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

- Implied conditional independencies:
 - Past variables independent of future variables given the present
i.e., if $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$ or $t_1 > t_2 > t_3$ then: $X_{t_1} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{t_3} \mid X_{t_2}$
- Additional explicit assumption: $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$ is the same for all t

Conditional Independence

- HMMs have two important independence properties:
 - Markov hidden process: future depends on past via the present
 - Current observation independent of all else given current state



- Quiz: does this mean that evidence variables are guaranteed to be independent?
 - [No, they tend to be correlated by the hidden state]

Real HMM Examples

- **Speech recognition HMMs:**

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

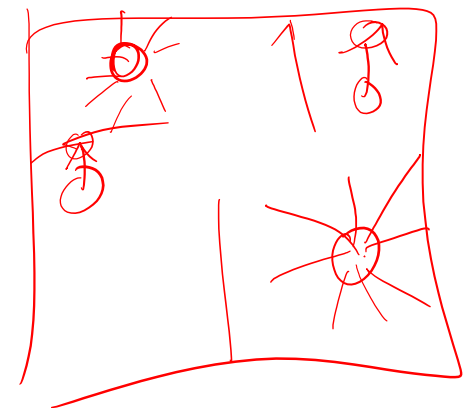
$P(\text{words} \mid \text{sounds})$

- **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)

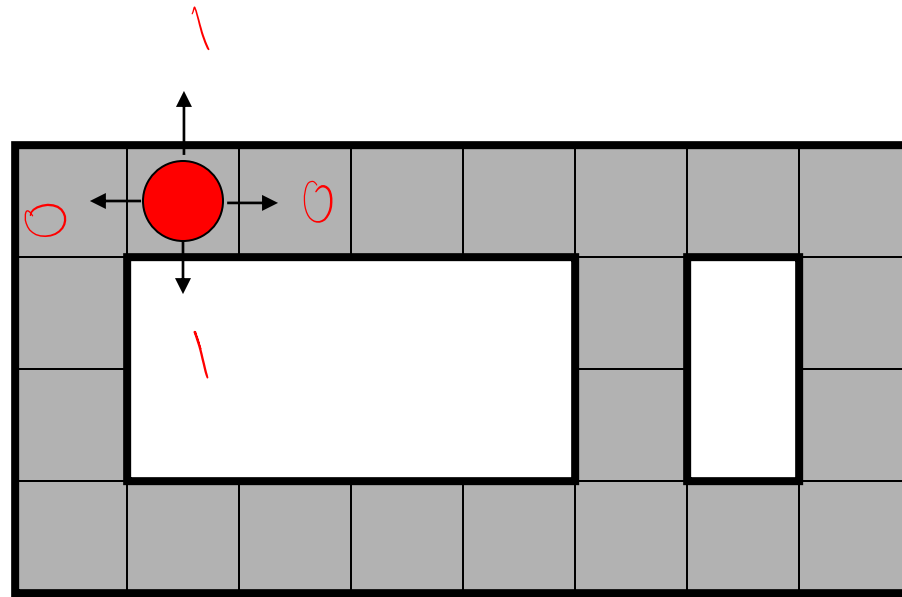


Inference in HMM: Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution $B_t(X) = P_t(X_t \mid e_1, \dots, e_t)$ (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

Example: Robot Localization

Example from
Michael Pfeiffer

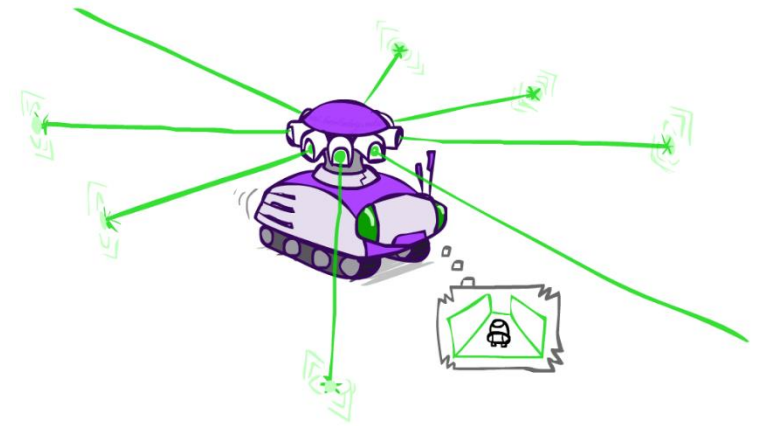


Prob

0

1

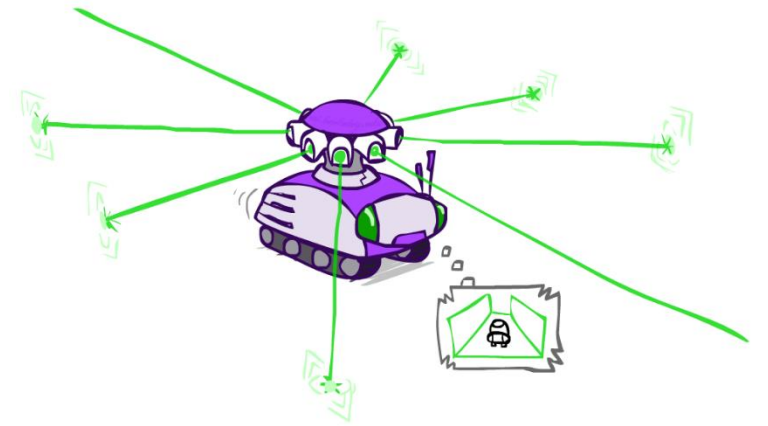
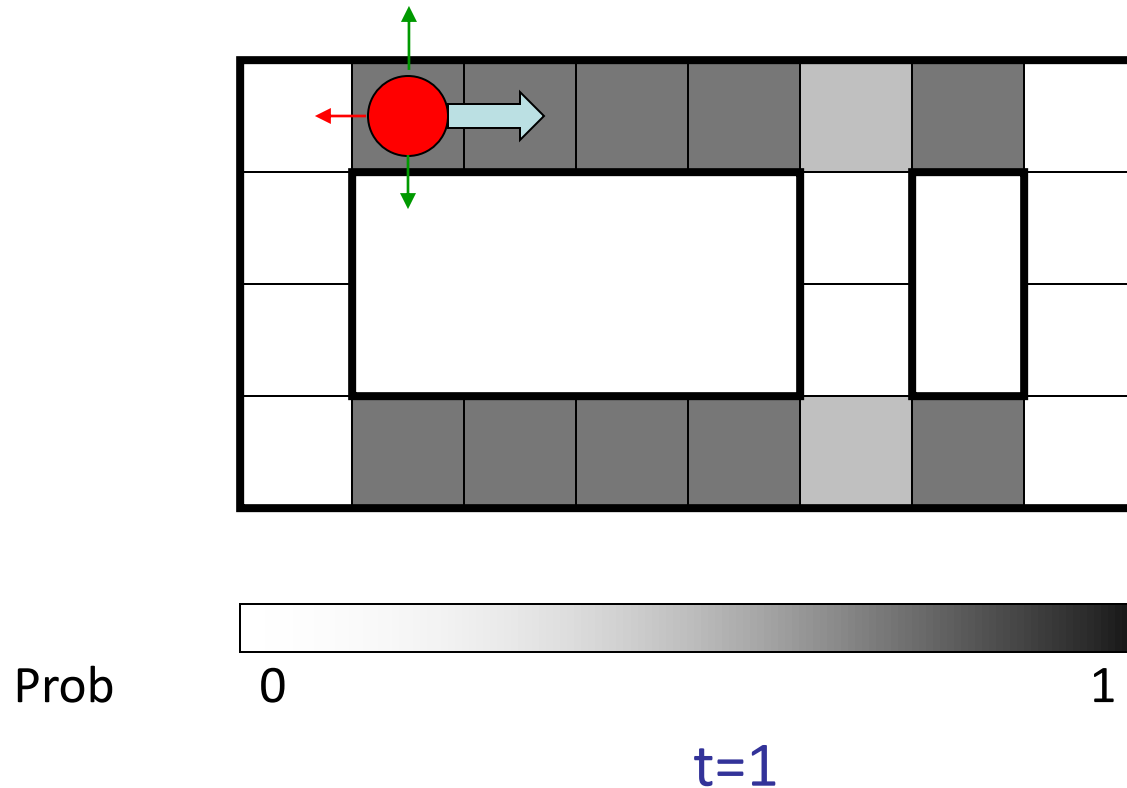
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Sensor model: can read in which directions there is a wall,
never more than 1 mistake

Motion model: may not execute action with small prob.

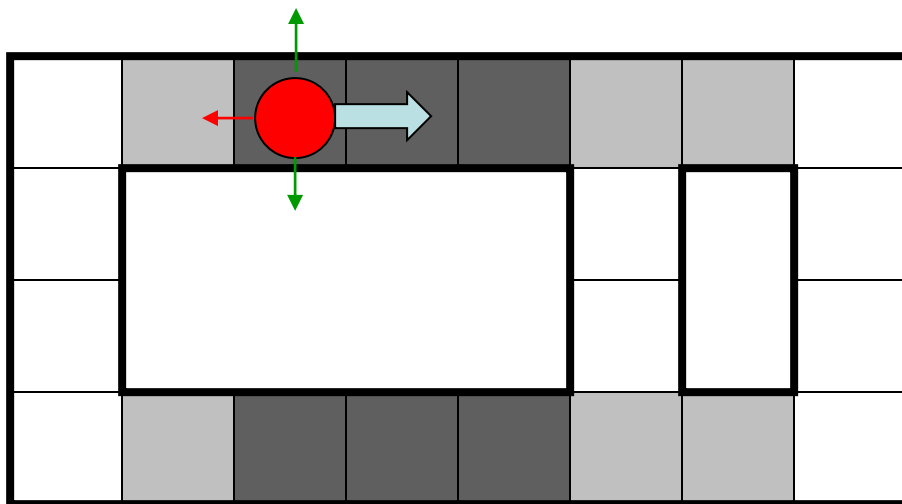
Example: Robot Localization



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

Example: Robot Localization

$$P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(E_t | x_t)$$

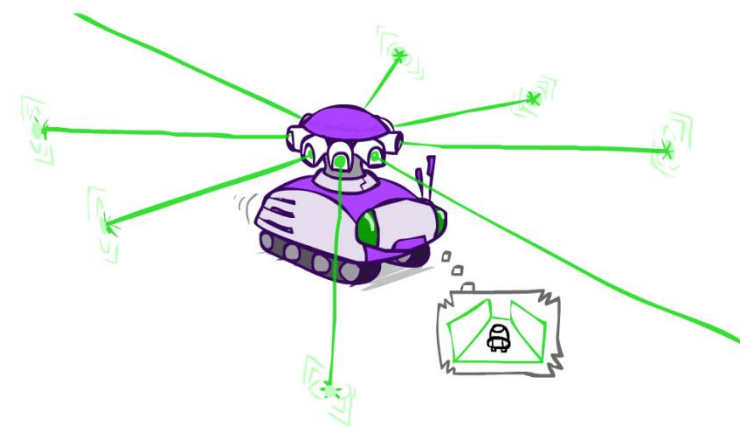


Prob

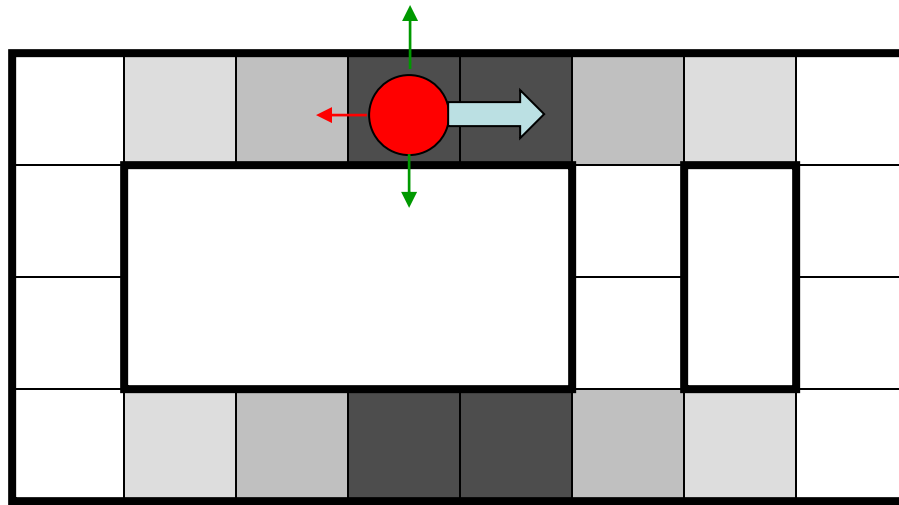
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t=2



Example: Robot Localization

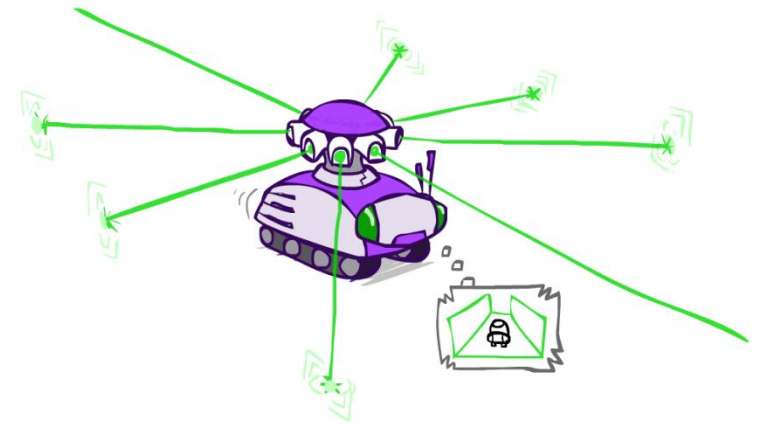


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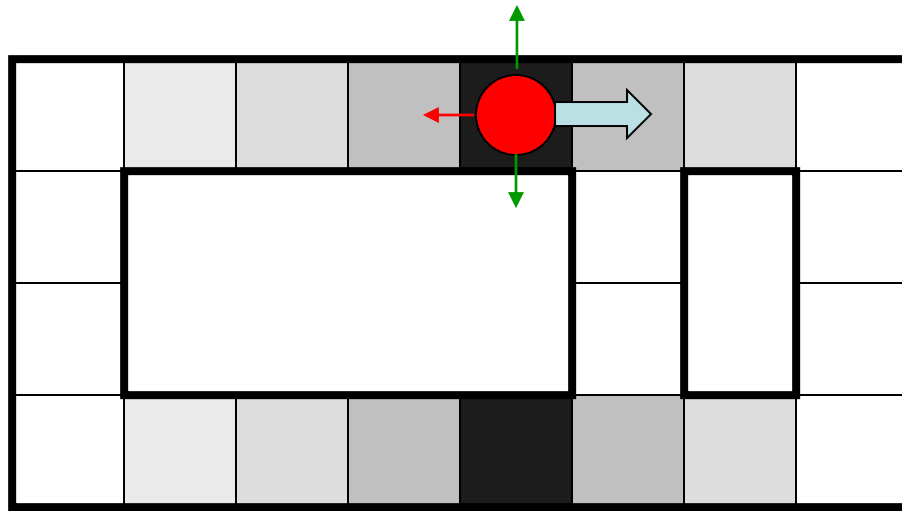
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t=3



Example: Robot Localization

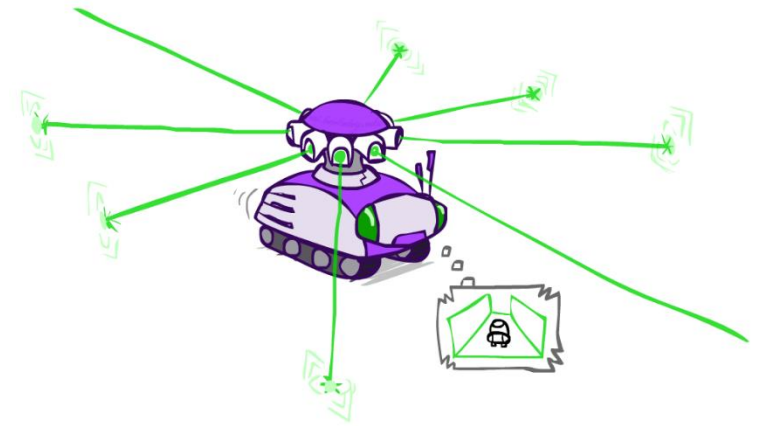


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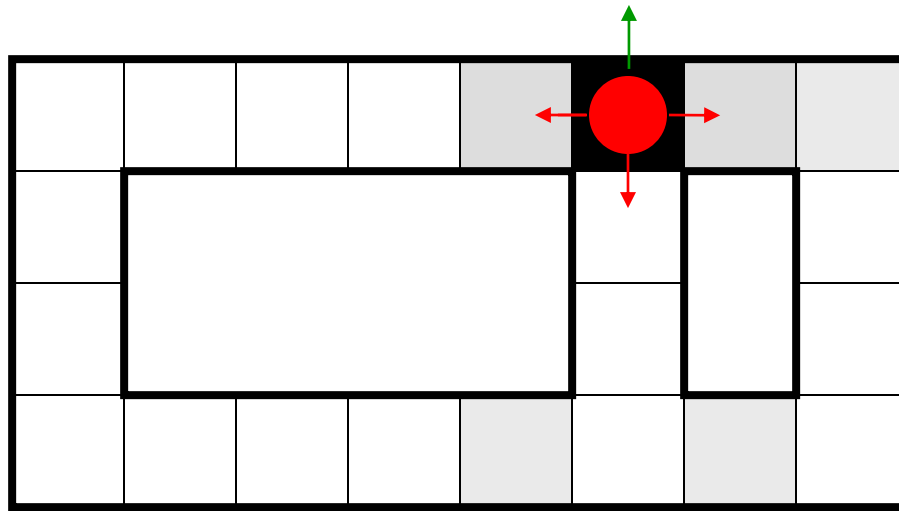
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1

$t=4$



Example: Robot Localization



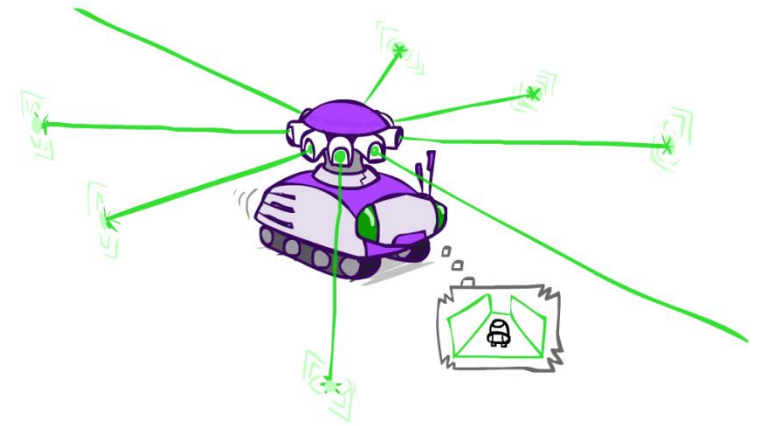
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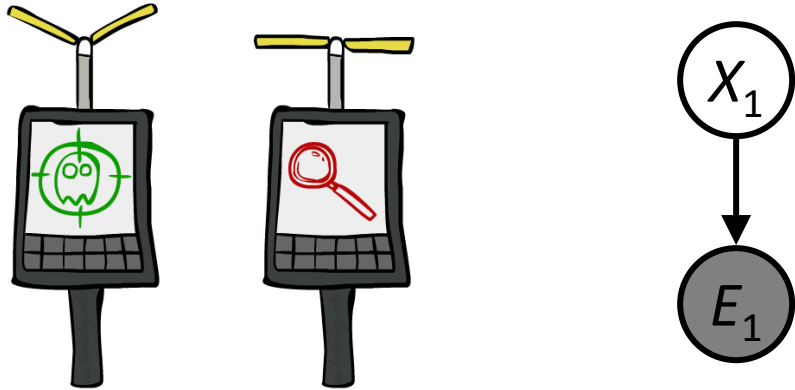
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1

t=5



Inference: Base Cases



$$P(X_1|e_1)$$

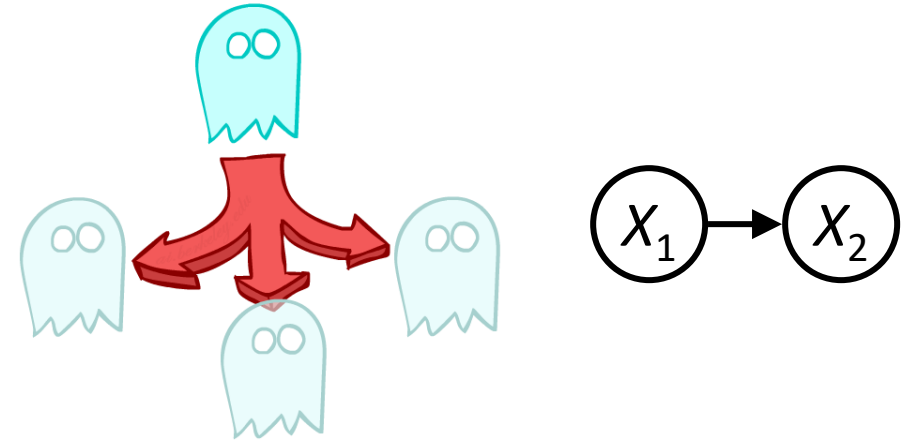
$$P(x_1|e_1) = P(x_1, e_1)/P(e_1)$$

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

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

prod rule

Def Cond Ind
 $\sum_{x_1} P(x_1, e_1)$



$$P(X_2)$$

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

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

Passage of Time

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

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

- Then, after one time step passes:

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

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

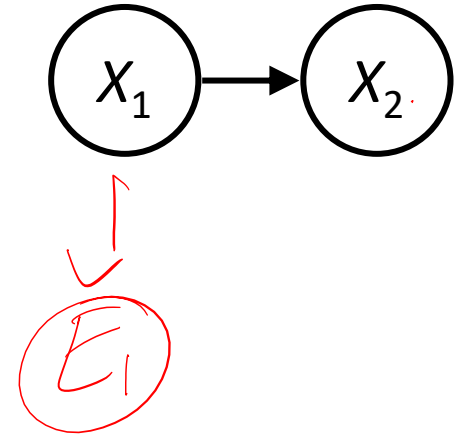
$$= \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t) P(x_t | e_{1:t})$$

prod rule

cond prob

- 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



- Or compactly:

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

Forward model

Example: Passage of Time

- As time passes, uncertainty “accumulates”

(Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise)

<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

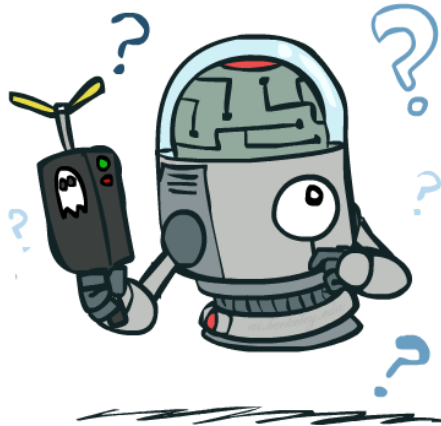
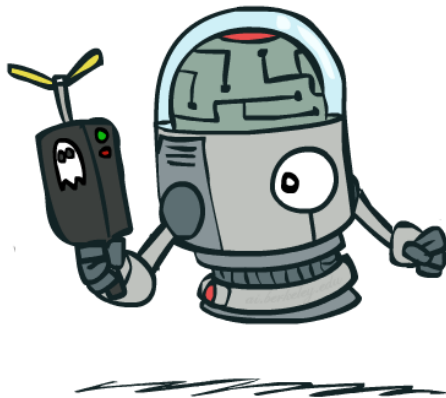
T = 1

<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
<0.01	<0.01	0.06	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
<0.01	0.76	0.06	0.06	<0.01	<0.01
<0.01	<0.01	0.06	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

T = 2

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

T = 5



Observation

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

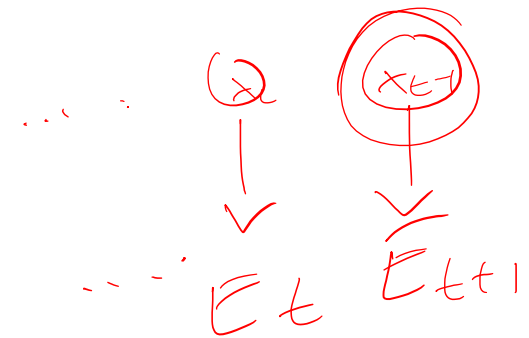
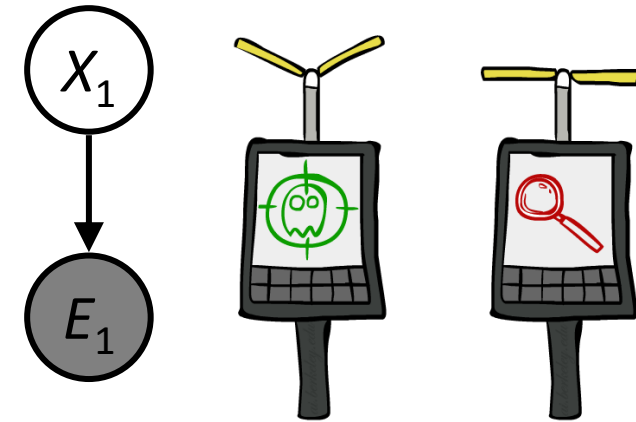
$$B'(X_{t+1}) = P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

- Then, after evidence comes in:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) &= P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) / P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \\ &\propto_{X_{t+1}} P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}, X_{t+1}) \overset{\text{prod rule}}{P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})} \\ &= P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1}) \overset{\text{cond ind}}{P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})} \end{aligned}$$

- Or, compactly:

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



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

Example: Observation

- As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty “decreases”

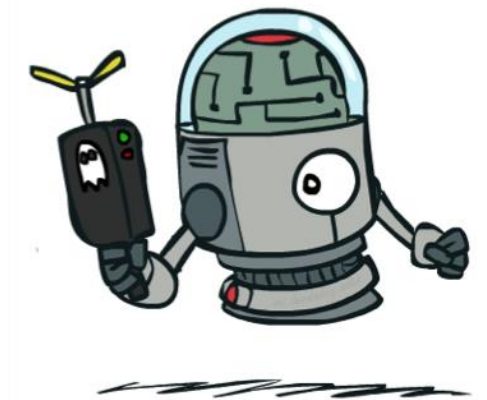
0.05	0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
0.02	0.14	0.11	0.35	<0.01	<0.01
0.07	0.03	0.05	<0.01	0.03	<0.01
0.03	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

Before observation

<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	<0.01
<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.83	0.02	<0.01
<0.01	<0.01	0.11	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

After observation

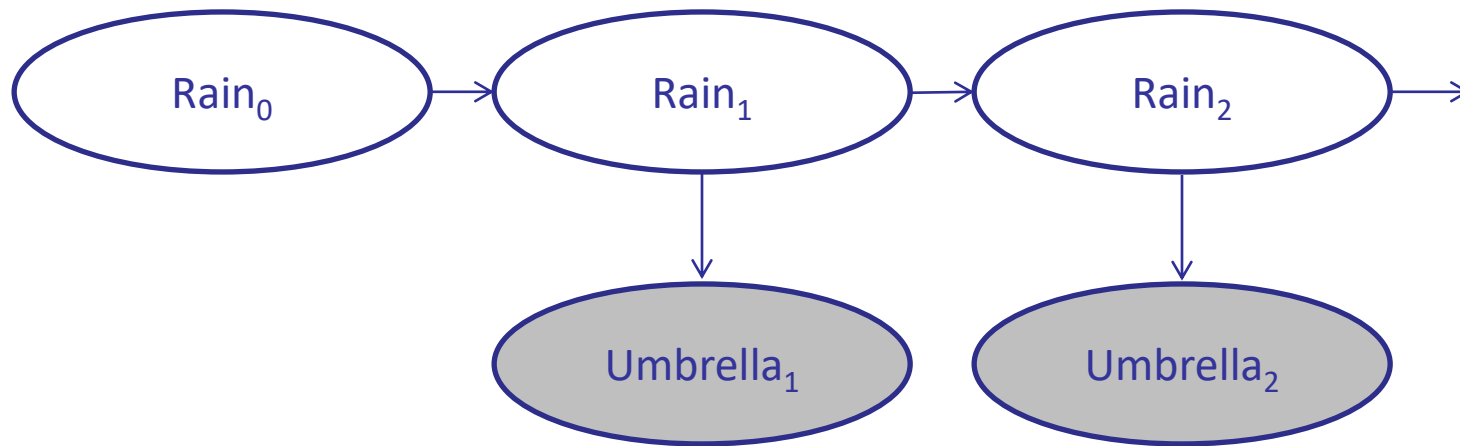
$$B(X) \propto P(e|X)B'(X)$$



Example: Weather HMM



$$\begin{array}{l}
 B(+r) = 0.5 \\
 B(-r) = 0.5
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nearrow \\
 \downarrow \\
 \nearrow
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 B'(+r) = 0.5 \\
 B'(-r) = 0.5 \\
 \\
 B(+r) = 0.818 \\
 B(-r) = 0.182
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nearrow \\
 \downarrow \\
 \nearrow
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 B'(+r) = 0.627 \\
 B'(-r) = 0.373 \\
 \\
 B(+r) = 0.883 \\
 B(-r) = 0.117
 \end{array}$$



R_t	R_{t+1}	$P(R_{t+1} R_t)$
+r	+r	0.7
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-r	+r	0.3
-r	-r	0.7

R_t	U_t	$P(U_t R_t)$
+r	+u	0.9
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-r	+u	0.2
-r	-u	0.8

The Forward Algorithm

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

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

$$P(e_t | x_t) \quad P(x_{t+1} | x_t)$$

- We can derive the following updates

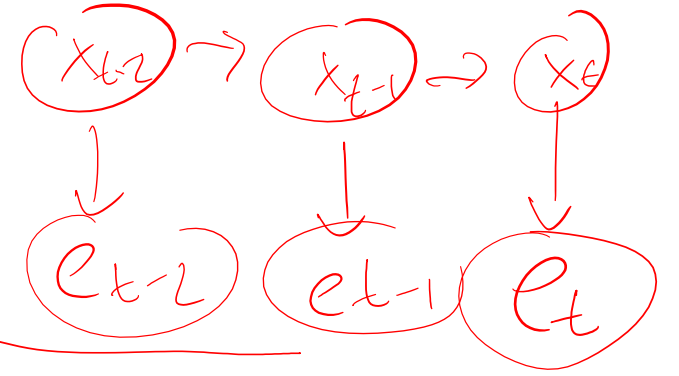
$$\underline{P(x_t | e_{1:t})} \propto_X P(x_t, e_{1:t})$$

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

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

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

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



$$P(x_0, e_0)$$

Online Belief Updates

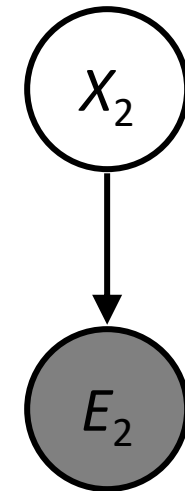
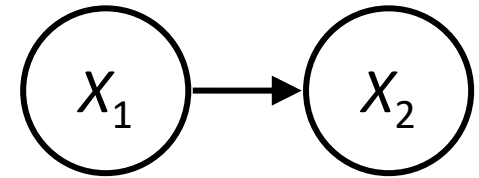
- Every time step, we start with current $P(X \mid \text{evidence})$
- We update for time:

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

- We update for evidence:

$$P(x_t | e_{1:t}) \propto_X P(x_t | e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t | x_t)$$

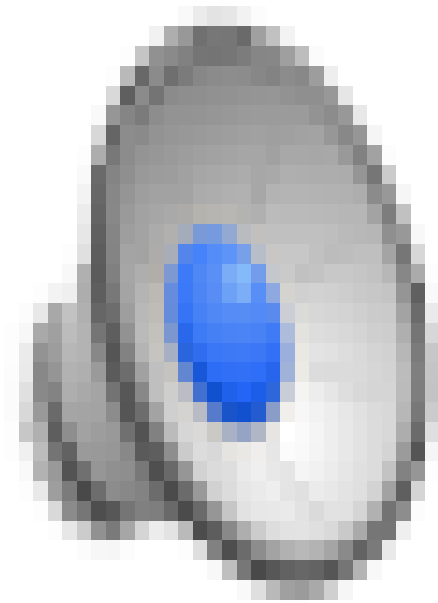
- The forward algorithm does both at once (and doesn't normalize)



Pacman – Sonar (P4)



Video of Demo Pacman – Sonar (with beliefs)



Next Time: Particle Filtering and Applications of HMMs
