

POMDPs

$$\pi(s)$$

$$\pi(a|s)$$

Type of uncertainty		Sequential Decision Problem	Algos
Outcome	Allegatory	MDP	Policy Iter Value Iter MCTS, etc.
Model Uncertainty	Epistemic Static	MDP with unknown model	Q-learning Policy Gradient ...
State	Epistemic Dynamic	POMDP	Point-Based VI POMCP, DESPOT



$$S = \{TL, TR\}$$

$$A = \{OL, O, R, Listen\}$$

$$R = +10 \text{ open empty door, } -100 \text{ if open tiger door}$$

$$\gamma = 0.99$$

$$O = \{TR, TL\}$$

95% accurate

$$\pi_0(o) = L$$

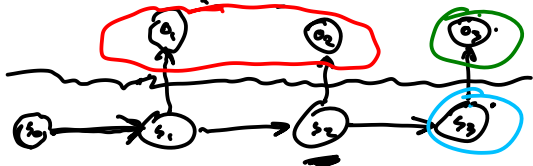
$$\pi_1(TR) = TR$$

$$\pi_1(TL) = TL$$

$$Q_1^\pi = 0.85 \cdot 10 - 0.15 \cdot 100 = -6.5$$

belief over where tiger based on o_1, o_2, o_3, \dots

HMM Hidden Markov Model



$$P(s_1 | o_1) = \frac{P(o_1 | s_1) P(s_1)}{P(o_1)} = \frac{P(o_1 | s_1) \sum_{s_0} P(s_1 | s_0) P(s_0)}{P(o_1)}$$

$$\propto P(o_1 | s_1) \sum_{s_0} P(s_1 | s_0) P(s_0)$$

$$b_0 \equiv P(s_0) \quad b_0(s) \equiv P(s_0 = s)$$

$$h_k = (o_1, o_2, o_3, \dots, o_k) \leftarrow \text{"history" / "information state"} \quad (b_0, o_1, o_2, \dots)$$

$$P(s_k | h_k) = \frac{P(o_k | s_k, h_{k-1}) P(s_k, h_{k-1})}{P(h_k)}$$

$$\propto P(o_k | s_k) \sum_{s_{k-1}} P(s_k | s_{k-1}, h_{k-1}) P(s_{k-1} | h_{k-1}) P(h_{k-1})$$

$$\rightarrow P(s_k | h_k) \propto \underbrace{P(o_k | s_k)}_{b_k} \sum_{s_{k-1}} P(s_k | s_{k-1}) P(s_{k-1} | h_{k-1})$$

b_0
 loop k
 observe o_k
 $b_{k+1} \leftarrow \text{UpdateBelief}(b_k, o_k)$

$$b'(s') \propto O(o | s') \sum_s T(s' | s) b(s)$$

Update Belief (b, o)

for $s' \in S$

$$b'(s') \leftarrow O(o | s') \sum_s T(s' | s) b(s)$$

$$b' \leftarrow b' / \sum_{s'} b(s') \leftarrow \text{"normalization"}$$

return b'

} Approximate with MC simulations

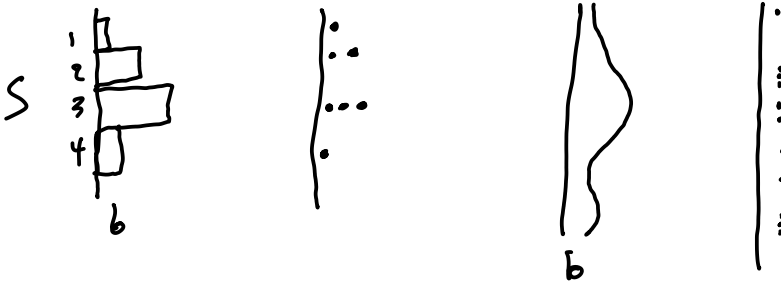
$$O(1/s^2)$$

Particle Filtering

PF with Rejection Sampling

"Unweighted"

Need only $s', o = G(s, v)$!



Belief Update (b, o)

$b' \leftarrow \phi$ ← multiset / vector

while $|b'| < n$

$s \leftarrow$ randomly sample from b

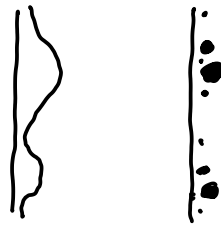
$s', \tilde{o} = G(s, v)$

if $\tilde{o} = o$ ← low probability
insert s' into b'

return b'

Weighted Particle Filter

$b = \{(s_1, w_1), (s_2, w_2) \dots\}$



UB (b, o)

$b' \leftarrow \phi$

for i in $1:|b|$

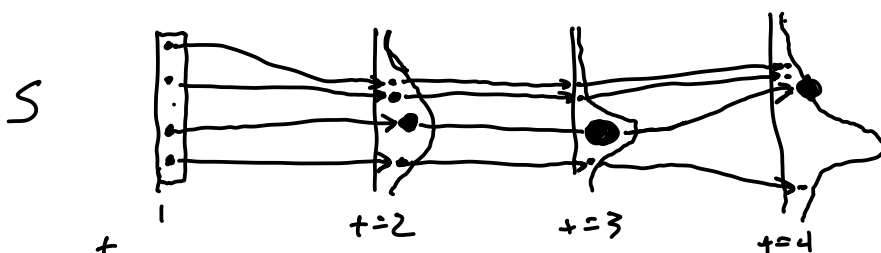
$s' \leftarrow G(s_i, v_i)$

$w' \leftarrow O(o|s') w_i$

insert (s', w') into b'

return b'

UB (b, a, o)



Particle Depletion

few particles that represent the true state

Weighted PF with Resampling

$UB(b, \theta)$

$b = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots)$

$\tilde{b} \leftarrow \emptyset$

for i in $1:n$

$s' = G(s_i, v_i)$

$w' = O(o|s')$

insert (s', w') into \tilde{b}

← weighted particles

$b' = \text{sample } n \text{ particles from } \tilde{b}$
return b'

WPF w/R can be implemented in $O(n) ! ! ! !$

$b' = \emptyset$

for i in $1:n$

insert rand(\tilde{b}) into b'

$\sim O(n)$ if no preprocessing

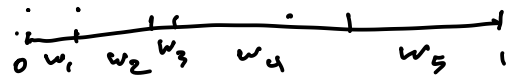
$r = \text{rand}()$

$i = 1$

while $u < r$

$u += w_i$

$i++$



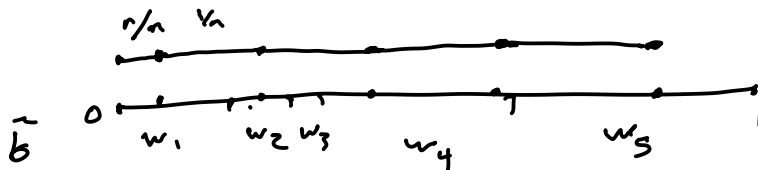
method 1: Build alias table

method 2: Low variance resampling technique from

Probabilistic Robotics - Thrun

$r = \text{rand}()$

$n = 5$



$O(n)$

$b' = (s_1, s_2, s_4, s_4, s_5)$