



Last-Time

- Discrete Bayesian Filter

This Time

POMDPs

Particle Filters

Value of Information

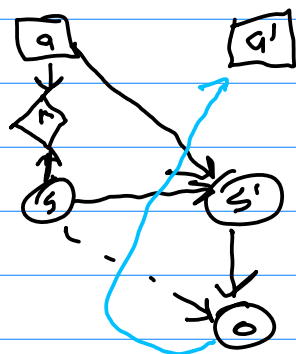
Outcome	Allocator	MDP known model
Model	Epistemic Static	RL
State	Epistemic Dynamic	POMDP

MDP  $(S, A, T, R, \gamma)$

POMDP  $(S, A, T, R, \mathcal{O}, \gamma)$

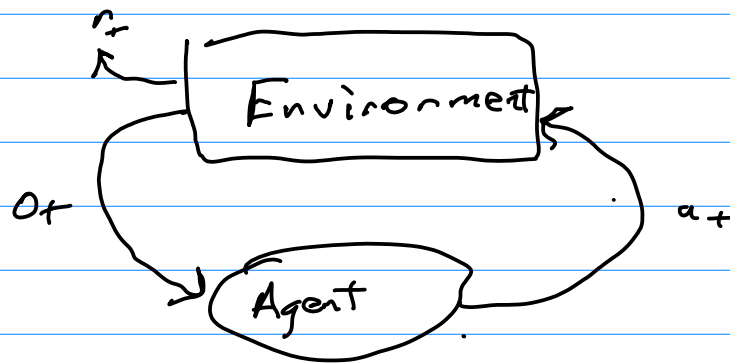
$\uparrow Z(o|a, s')$

could be  $Z(o|s, a, s')$



## Examples

- Automated Driving
- ACAS X
- Space Exploration
- Disease Monitoring/Treatment
- HVAC
- Water Management
- Wildfire
- HRI



so far  $o_t = s_t$   $\pi(s_t)$   
now  $o_t \sim Z(a_{t-1}, s_t)$

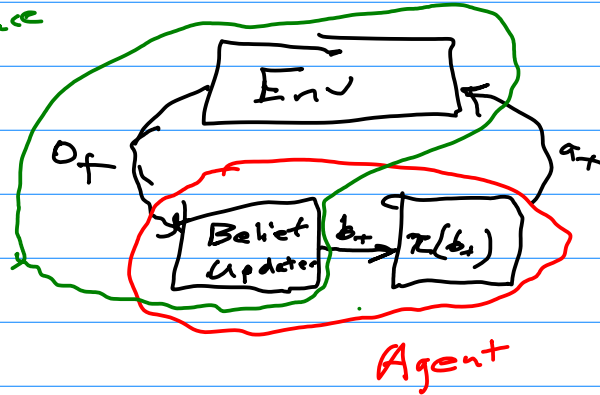
MDPs: optimal policy based on last state  
POMDPs: ~~optimal policy based on last obs~~

- history:  $h_t = (o_0, a_0, o_1, \dots, a_{t-1}, o_t)$

- belief:  $b_t(s) = P(s_t = s | h_t)$

# POMDP Simulation

Belief-Space  
MDP



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b ← p0
s ← rand(p0)
loop
  a ← π(b)
  s, o, r ← G(s, a)
  b ← τ(b, a, o)
  
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A POMDP is an MDP on the Belief Space

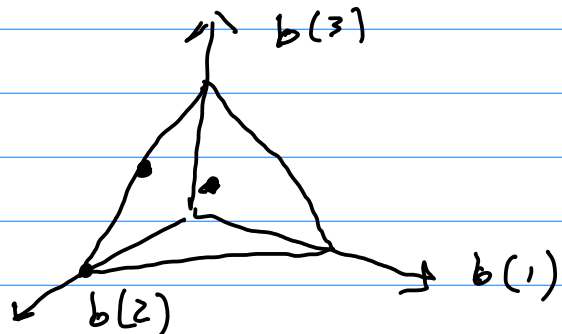
$$\text{POMDP}(S, A, T, R, O, Z, \gamma) = \text{MDP}(\underline{B}(S), A, \tau, R', \gamma)$$

$$B(s) \subset [0, 1]^{|S|}$$

$$B(s) = \{b \in [0, 1]^{|S|} : \sum_i b(i) = 1\}$$

for  $S = \{1, 2\}$  represent  $b$  with 1 number

for  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$



$\tau$  "Belief Update"

$$b' = \tau(b, a, o)$$

$$b'(s) \propto \underbrace{Z(o|a, s')}_{\tau} \sum_s \underbrace{T(s'|s, a)}_{\text{replace with integral}} \underbrace{b(s)}_{O(|s|^2)}$$

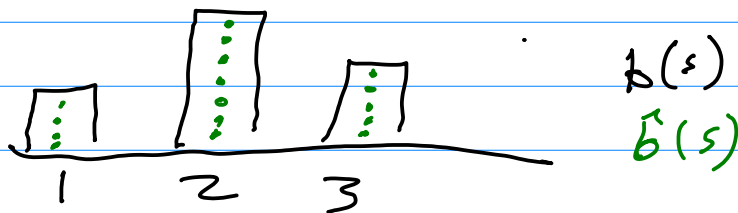
$$R'(b, a) = E_{s \sim b} [R(s, a)]$$

Particle Filter

"Rejection / Unweighted" PF

$$\hat{b} = [\hat{s}_1, \hat{s}_2, \hat{s}_3, \dots, \hat{s}_k]$$

$$\hat{b}(s) = \frac{\sum_k \mathbb{1}(\hat{s}_k = s)}{|\hat{b}|}$$



Rejection PF update

receive  $o$   
 $b' = []$

for  $\hat{s}$  in  $\hat{b}$  ←

$$\hat{s}', \hat{o} \leftarrow G(\hat{s}, a)$$

if  $\hat{o} = o$

push!  $(\hat{b}', \hat{s}')$

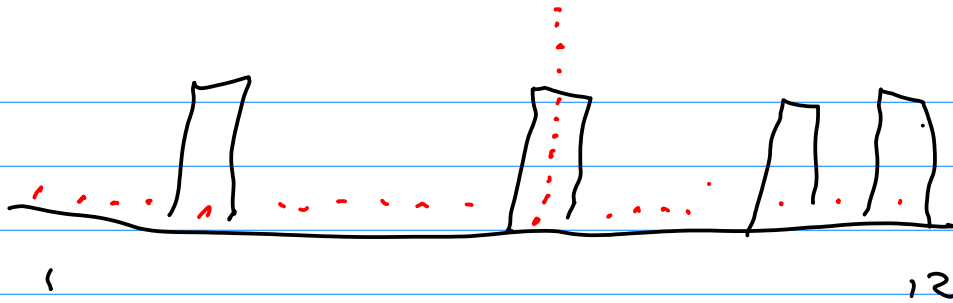
output  $\hat{b}'$

Requires

$$G(s, a)$$

← replenish

randomly  
 or with prior  $\hat{b}$   
 based on  $o$



## Particle Depletion

### Preventing Particle Depletion

- Add noise
- Initialize Random particles and add to  $b$

### Bootstrap Filter

receive  $o$

$$\tilde{b} = [\ ] \quad (s, w)$$

for  $\hat{s}$  in  $\hat{b}$

$$\hat{s}' \leftarrow G(\hat{s}, a)$$

$$w \leftarrow \pi(o | a, \hat{s}')$$

push:  $(\tilde{b}, (\hat{s}', w))$

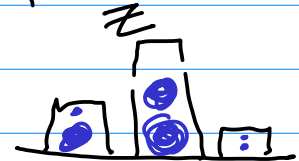
$$\hat{b}' = \text{rand}(\tilde{b}, |\hat{b}|)$$

samples from  $\tilde{b}$   
according to  $w$

~~$O(n^2)$~~   
 $\rightarrow O(n)$

Weighted PF  
Importance Sampling  
SIR

Requires  
 $G(s, a)$



$$b'(s) \approx \sum_k \hat{s}_k w_k \quad \overbrace{\quad}^{b(k)}$$