# Robot grocery shopping in partially observable settings

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#### Outline

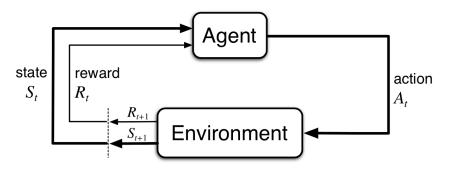
- 1. (2 min) Background on POMDPs, belief-state MDP, MDP solvers we have
- 2. (2 min) Setup: Grocery shopping as planning in a POMDP
- 3. (4 min) Demo
- 4. (2 min) The solver actually used (value iteration)
- 5. (1 min) Things that failed (Thompson sampling)
- 6. (1 min) Q&A

#### Partially observable Markov decision process (POMDPs)

Collection of objects  $(S, A, \Omega, R, T, O)$ 

- $\Box$  *S*: state space
- ☐ *A*: action space
- $\square$   $\Omega$ : observation space
- T: transition operator.  $T(s' \mid s, a)$  is probability of next state s' given state s and action a
- O: observable operator.  $O(o \mid s)$  is probability of observing o given at state s
- $\square$   $R: S \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  reward function

# Partially observable Markov decision process (POMDPs)



re 3.1: The agent–environment interaction in reinforcement learn

# Grocery shopping

the task in the POMDP framework





link from here to a bunch of videos and an interactive demo

#### Results

the task in the POMDP framework

### Play with it!



github.com/dustinvtran/bayesrl