

Probabilities recap

conditional probability : $P(x|y) = \frac{P(x,y)}{P(y)}$

Product rule : $P(x,y) = P(x|y)P(y)$

chain rule : $P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)P(x_3|x_1, x_2)\dots = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$

X, Y independent iff : $\forall x, y : P(x,y) = P(x)P(y)$

X and Y are conditionally independent given Z iff : $\forall x, y, z : P(x,y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$
 $(X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z)$

Reasoning over time or space

often we want to reason about a sequence of observations

so we need to introduce time / space in our models

Markov's models

$$(x_1) \rightarrow (x_2) \rightarrow (x_3) \rightarrow \dots \quad P(X_1) \quad P(X_t) = P(X_t | X_{t-1})$$

• value of X at given time \rightarrow state

• Parameters: called transition probabilities (or dynamics), specify how the state evolves over time
(also initial state prob.s)

• stationary assumption: transition probabilities the same at all times

basic conditional independence:

- past and future independent given the present
 - each time step only depends on the previous
- } first order Markov property

the chain of events is just a (growable) BN

we can reason like a generic BN if we truncate at a fixed length

example: weather

states: $X = \{\text{rain}, \text{sun}\}$

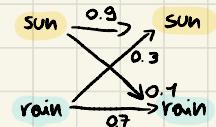
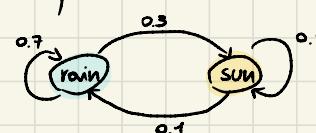
Initial distributions: 1.0 sun

CPT $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$:

conditional probability table

X_{t-1}	X_t	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7

representation



initial distribution: 1.0 sun

prob. distribution after one step?

$$P(X_2 = \text{sun}) = P(X_2 = \text{sun} | X_1 = \text{sun}) P(X_1 = \text{sun}) + P(X_2 = \text{sun} | X_1 = \text{rain}) P(X_1 = \text{rain})$$

$$0.9 \cdot 1.0 + 0.3 \cdot 0.0 = 0.9$$

Mini Forward algorithm $(x_1) \rightarrow (x_2) \rightarrow (x_3) \rightarrow (x_4) \rightarrow \dots$

what's $P(x)$ on some day t ?

$$P(x_t) = \text{Known} \quad P(x_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, x_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1})$$

example

from initial observation of sun $0.9 \cdot 0.84 + 0.3 \cdot 0.16 = 0.804$

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle 1.0 \rangle \langle 0.9 \rangle \langle 0.84 \rangle \langle 0.75 \rangle \\ P(x_1) \quad P(x_2) \quad P(x_3) \quad P(x_4) \quad P(x_\infty) \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \langle 0.84 \rangle \langle 0.16 \rangle \langle 0.25 \rangle \\ P(x_1) \quad P(x_2) \quad P(x_4) \quad P(x_\infty) \end{array}$$

$0.9 \cdot 0.9 + 0.3 \cdot 0.1 = 0.81 + 0.3 = 0.84$

same result

from initial observation of rain

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle 0.0 \rangle \langle 0.3 \rangle \langle 0.48 \rangle \langle 0.75 \rangle \\ 1.0 \quad P(x_1) \quad P(x_2) \quad P(x_3) \quad P(x_\infty) \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \langle 0.588 \rangle \langle 0.25 \rangle \\ 0.412 \quad P(x_1) \quad P(x_2) \quad P(x_3) \quad P(x_\infty) \end{array}$$

in general

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle p \rangle \dots \Rightarrow \langle 0.75 \rangle \\ 1-p \quad P(x_1) \quad P(x_\infty) \end{array}$$

Stationary Distributions

- for most chains:

- influence of the initial distributions gets less and less over time
- The distribution we end up is independent from the initial one

stationary distribution P_{∞} of the chain

$$\text{it satisfies } P_{\infty}(x) = P_{\infty}(x|x) = \sum_x P(x|x) P_{\infty}(x)$$

example:

what's $P(x)$ at time $t=\infty$

$$(x_1) \rightarrow (x_2) \rightarrow (x_3) \dots$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = P(\text{sun}|\text{sun}) P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P(\text{sun}|\text{rain}) P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = P(\text{rain}|\text{sun}) P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P(\text{rain}|\text{rain}) P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = 0.9 P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + 0.3 P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 0.1 P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + 0.7 P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = 3 P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = \frac{1}{3} P_{\infty}(\text{sun})$$

x_{t-1}	x_t	$P(x_t x_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7

$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{also } P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 1 \Rightarrow P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Gibbs Sampling

each joint instantiation over all hidden and query variables is a state: $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = H \cup Q$
transitions:

with probability τ/n resample X_j according to

$$P(X_j | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{j-1}, X_{j+1}, \dots, e_1, \dots, e_m)$$

stationary distribution:

- conditional distribution $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | e_1, \dots, e_m)$

that means we are running Gibbs sampling long enough we get a sample from the desired distribution

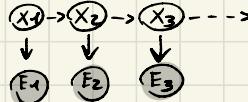
Hidden Markov models

- Markov chains are not so useful for most agents

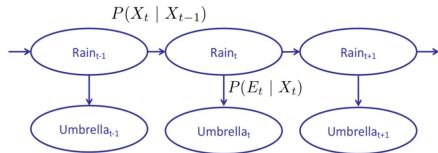
Need observations to update beliefs

- HMMs

underlying Markov chain over states X
observe outputs (effects) at each time step



example: weather HMM



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

HMM defined by:

Initial distribution: $P(X_1)$

transition: $P(X_t | X_{t+1})$

Emissions: $P(E_t | X_t)$

Properties

- Markov hidden process: future depends on past via the present
- Current observation independent of all else given current state
(evidence variables tend to be correlated by the hidden state)

Filtering/modelling

the task of tracking the distribution

$B_t(X) = P_t(X_t | e_1 \dots e_t)$ (the belief state) over time.

start with $B_1(X_1)$ usually uniform

As time passes (or we get observations) we update $B(X)$

Inference: base cases



$$P(X_1 | e_1)$$

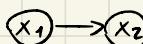
$$P(x_1 | e_1) = P(x_1, e_1) / P(e_1)$$

only variable is x_1 eliminate

$$\propto x_1 P(x_1, e_1)$$

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

x_1		proportional	
		$x_1 \alpha P(x_1 e_1)$	
αx_1	x_1	0 0.2	0.2 / 0.3 + 0.2
	1	0.3	0.3 / 0.2 + 0.3

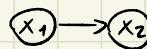


$$P(X_2)$$

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

Passage of time

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



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

then after one step:

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

more compact
=>

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

Beliefs get "pushed" through transitions

observation

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

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

then the evidence comes in:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) &= P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) / P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \\ &\propto x_{t+1} P(X_{t+1}, e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_{t+1} | e_{1:t}, X_{t+1}) P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1}) P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

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

we have to renormalize

The forward algorithm

we are given evidence at each time and want to know

$$B_t(x) = P(x_t | e_{1:t})$$

we can derive the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_t | e_{1:t}) &\propto P(x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, e_{1:t-1}) P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(e_t | x_t) \\ &= P(e_t | x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1}, e_{1:t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

every time step, we start with current $P(x | \text{evidence})$

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

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

the forward algo. does both at once and doesn't normalize

Filtering

elapsed time: compute $P(X_t | e_{1:t-1})$

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

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

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

Belief: $\langle P(\text{rain}), P(\text{sun}) \rangle$

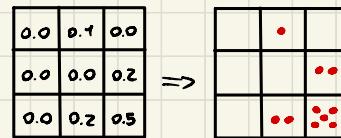


Particle filtering

Sometimes $|X|$ is too big to use exact inference

Solution: approximate particles

- track samples of X , not all values
- time per step is linear in the number of samples



Our representation of $P(x)$ is now a list of N particles (samples)

$$N \ll |X|$$

$P(x)$ approximated by number of particles with value x

many x may have $P(x)=0$

for now all particles have a weight of 1

elapse time

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

$$x' = \text{sample}(P(x'|x))$$

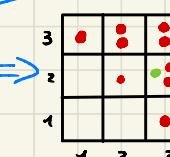
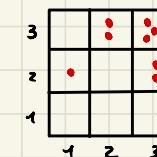
if enough samples, consistent

Some change, some remain the same

this represents the passage of time

particles

(3,3)
(2,3)
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(1,2)
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particles

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observe

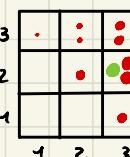
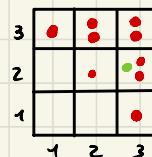
fixes observation

downweight samples based on the evidence

$$w(x) = P(e|x)$$

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

they don't sum to 1



particles	weight
(3,2)	.9
(2,3)	.2
(3,2)	.9
(3,1)	.4
(3,3)	.4
(3,2)	.9
(1,3)	.1
(2,3)	.2
(3,2)	.9
(2,2)	.4

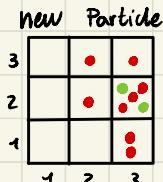
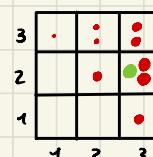
Resample

N times we choose from our weighted sample distribution

(draw with replacement)

equivalent to normalize

repeat



Dynamic Bayes nets

track multiple variables over time, multiple sources of evidence

idea: repeat a fixed BN structure at each time

variables at time t can condition on those from $t-1$

A generalization of HMMs

exact inference

we can apply variable elimination

"unroll" the network for T time steps, the eliminate variables until $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ is computed

online belief updates: eliminate all variables from the previous time step; store factors for current time only

DBNs particle filters

a particle is a complete sample for a time step.

Init: generate prior samples for the $t=1$ BN

elapse time: sample a successor for each particle

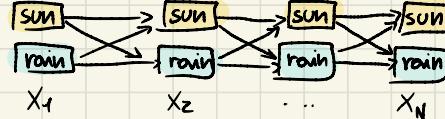
observe: weight each entire sample by the likelihood of the evidence conditioned on the sample

resample: select prior samples (tuples of values) in proportion to their likelihood

Most likely explanation

HMMs are defined by:

- states X
- Observations E
- initial distribution: $P(X_1)$
- transitions: $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$
- emissions: $P(E_t | X_t)$



new query: most likely explanation: $\arg \max_{X_{1:T}} P(x_{1:T} | e_{1:T})$

each arch represent some transition $x_{t-1} \rightarrow x_t$

they have weight $P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(e_t | x_t)$

each path is a sequence of states

Tw of a path is that sequence's probability along with the evidence

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 algo. (max)

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