

# Modelli Probabilistici Temporali

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# Intro

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## Time and uncertainty

The world changes; we need to track and predict it

Diabetes management vs vehicle diagnosis

Basic idea: copy state and evidence variables for each time step

$\mathbf{X}_t$  = set of unobservable state variables at time  $t$   
e.g., *BloodSugar<sub>t</sub>*, *StomachContents<sub>t</sub>*, etc.

$\mathbf{E}_t$  = set of observable evidence variables at time  $t$   
e.g., *MeasuredBloodSugar<sub>t</sub>*, *PulseRate<sub>t</sub>*, *FoodEaten<sub>t</sub>*

This assumes **discrete time**; step size depends on problem

Notation:  $\mathbf{X}_{a:b} = \mathbf{X}_a, \mathbf{X}_{a+1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{b-1}, \mathbf{X}_b$

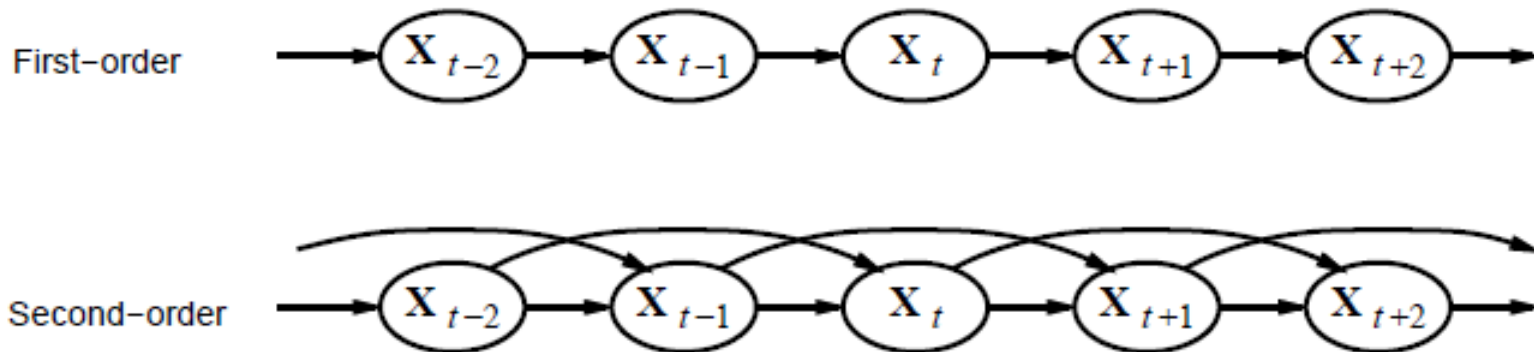
# Markov processes (Markov chains)

Construct a Bayes net from these variables: parents?

Markov assumption:  $\mathbf{X}_t$  depends on **bounded** subset of  $\mathbf{X}_{0:t-1}$

First-order Markov process:  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{0:t-1}) = P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1})$

Second-order Markov process:  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{0:t-1}) = P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-2}, \mathbf{X}_{t-1})$

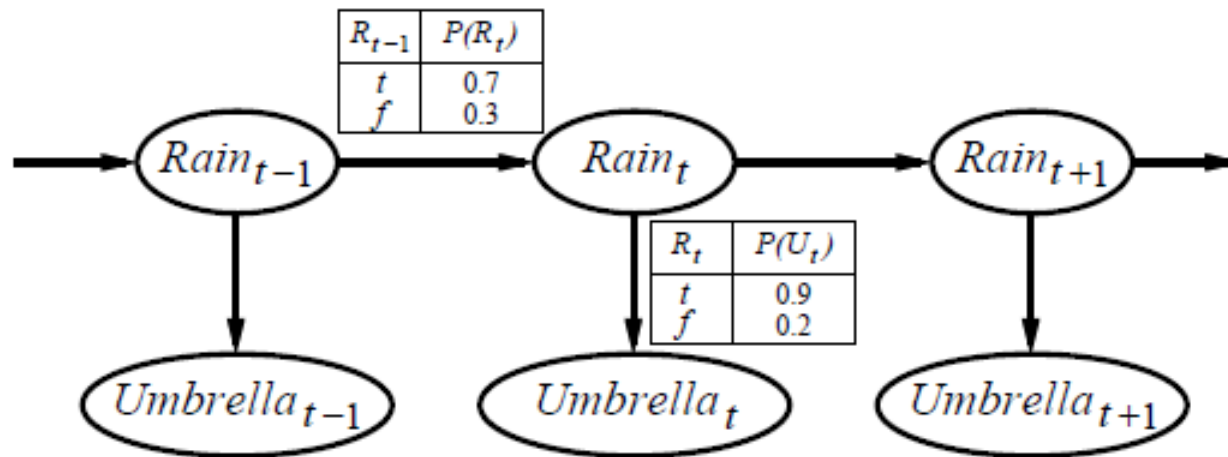


Sensor Markov assumption:  $P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_{0:t}, \mathbf{E}_{0:t-1}) = P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$

Stationary process: transition model  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1})$  and sensor model  $P(\mathbf{E}_t | \mathbf{X}_t)$  fixed for all  $t$

le distribuzioni  
condizionali non  
cambiano nel tempo

## Example



First-order Markov assumption not exactly true in real world!

Possible fixes:

1. **Increase order** of Markov process
2. **Augment state**, e.g., add  $Temp_t$ ,  $Pressure_t$

Example: robot motion.

Augment position and velocity with  $Battery_t$

## Inference tasks

Filtering:  $P(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$

belief state—input to the decision process of a rational agent

Prediction:  $P(\mathbf{X}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  for  $k > 0$

evaluation of possible action sequences;  
like filtering without the evidence

corrisponde alla  
**Simple Query**

Smoothing:  $P(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  for  $0 \leq k < t$

better estimate of past states, essential for learning

Most likely explanation:  $\arg \max_{\mathbf{x}_{1:t}} P(\mathbf{x}_{1:t} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$

speech recognition, decoding with a noisy channel

è analoga alla **MPE**  
La vedrete nel corso di  
Tecnologie del Linguaggio  
Naturale

Quali sono utili per  
risolvere un crimine?

# Filtering

Aim: devise a **recursive** state estimation algorithm:

$$\boxed{P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1})} = f(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}, P(\mathbf{X}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}))$$

regola di Bayes  
condizionata a evidenza  
(prossima slide)

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proprietà di Markov

I.e., prediction + estimation. Prediction by summing out  $\mathbf{X}_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) &= \alpha P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \sum_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{e}_{1:t}) P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}) \\ &= \alpha P(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1}) \sum_{\mathbf{x}_t} P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t) P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{f}_{1:t+1} = \text{FORWARD}(\mathbf{f}_{1:t}, \mathbf{e}_{t+1}) \text{ where } \mathbf{f}_{1:t} = P(\mathbf{X}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

**Time and space constant** (independent of  $t$ )

# Regola di Bayes con Evidenza

La Regola di Bayes che abbiamo visto è la seguente:

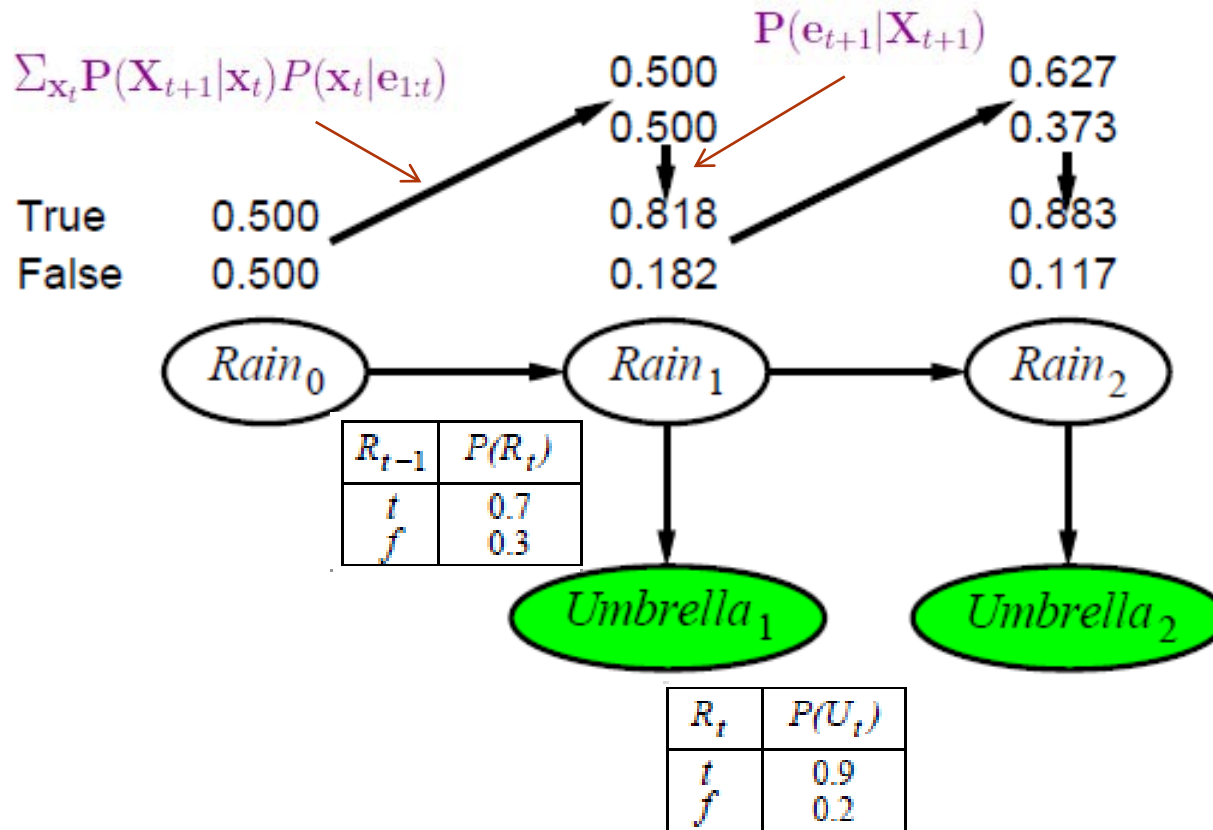
$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)}$$

La sua **variante con evidenza** è la seguente:

$$P(Y|X, \mathbf{e}) = \frac{P(X|Y, \mathbf{e})P(Y|\mathbf{e})}{P(X|\mathbf{e})}$$



# Filtering example



$$P(X_1=T | e_{0:1}) = \alpha \times 0,9 \times 0,5 = 0,45$$

$$P(X_1=F | e_{0:1}) = \alpha \times 0,2 \times 0,5 = 0,10$$

normalizzazione

$$\rightarrow \langle 0,818; 0,182 \rangle$$

$$P(X_2=T | x_1)P(x_1 | e_1) + P(X_2=F | \neg x_1)P(\neg x_1 | e_1) = 0,7 \times 0,818 + 0,3 \times 0,182 = 0,627$$

# Prediction

- la **prediction** è del tutto analoga al filtering
- nel filtering prediciamo la  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t+1})$  a partire da  $\mathbf{e}_{t+1}$  e dalla distribuzione  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$ :

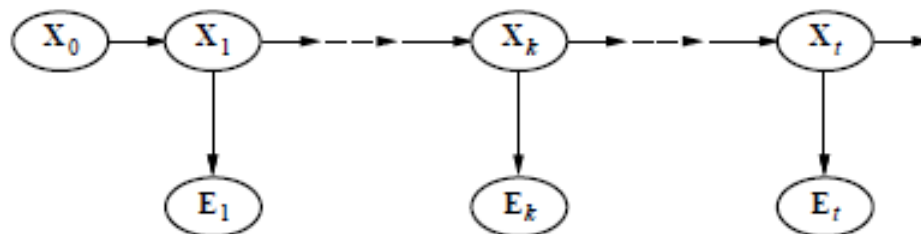
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- nella prediction prediciamo la  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  a partire dalla sola distribuzione  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$ :

$$\boxed{\mathbf{P}(X_{t+k+1} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})} = \sum_{x_{t+k}} \mathbf{P}(X_{t+k+1} | x_{t+k}) \mathbf{P}(x_{t+k} | \mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

non c'è fattore  
con  $\mathbf{e}_{t+k+1}$

# Smoothing



Divide evidence  $e_{1:t}$  into  $e_{1:k}$ ,  $e_{k+1:t}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{P(X_k | e_{1:t})} &= P(X_k | e_{1:k}, e_{k+1:t}) \\
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 &= \alpha f_{1:k} b_{k+1:t}
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proprietà di Markov

Backward message computed by a backwards recursion:

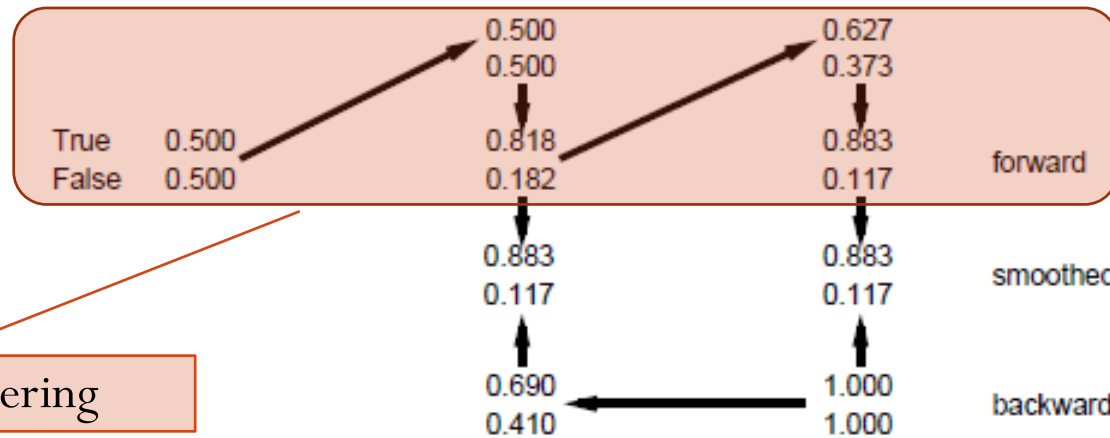
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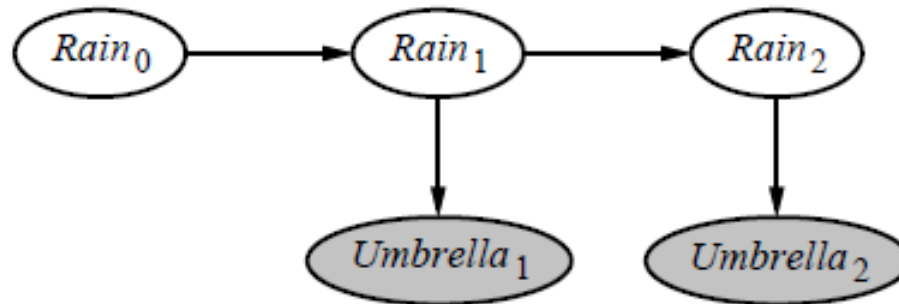
$e_{k+2:t}$  c.i.  $e_{k+1}$  dato  $x_{k+1}$

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# Smoothing example



vedi slide su filtering



Forward-backward algorithm: cache forward messages along the way  
 Time linear in  $t$  (polytree inference), space  $O(t|f|)$

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specifica

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Forward-backward algorithm needs time  $O(S^2 t)$  and space  $O(St)$

lineare in t come atteso

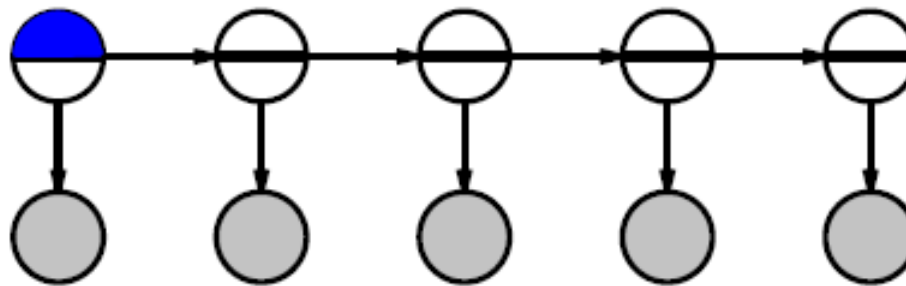
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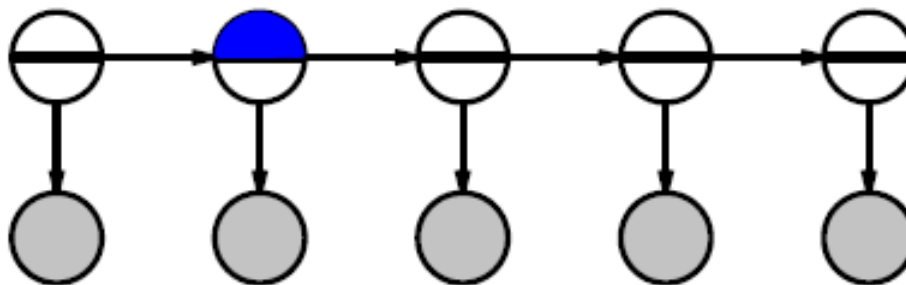
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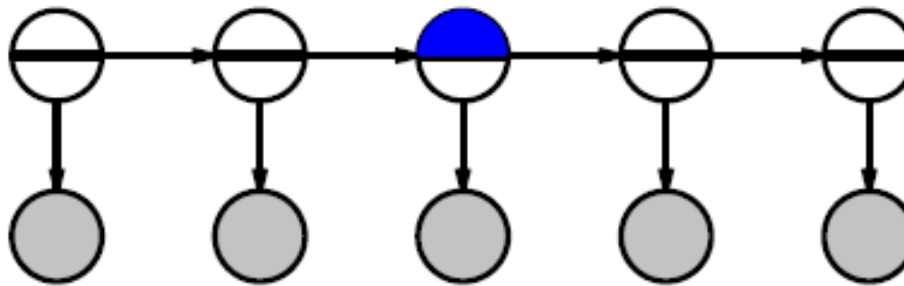
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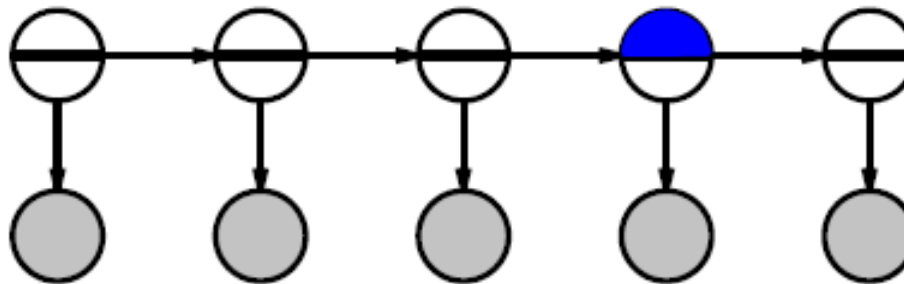
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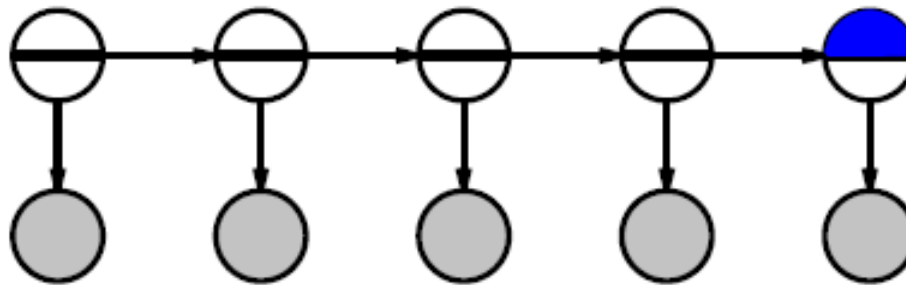
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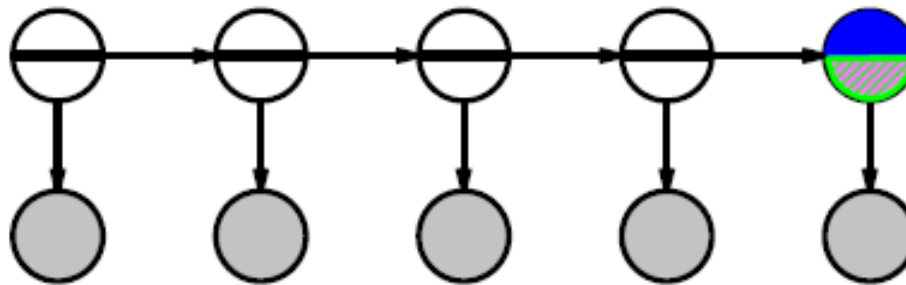
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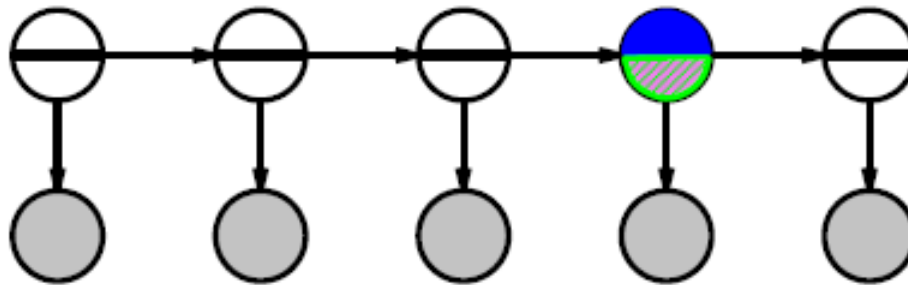
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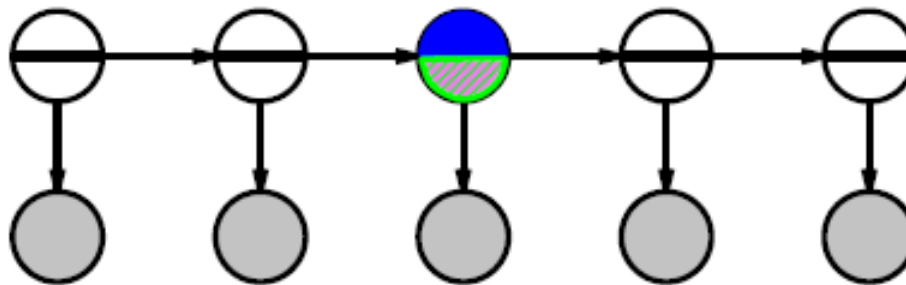
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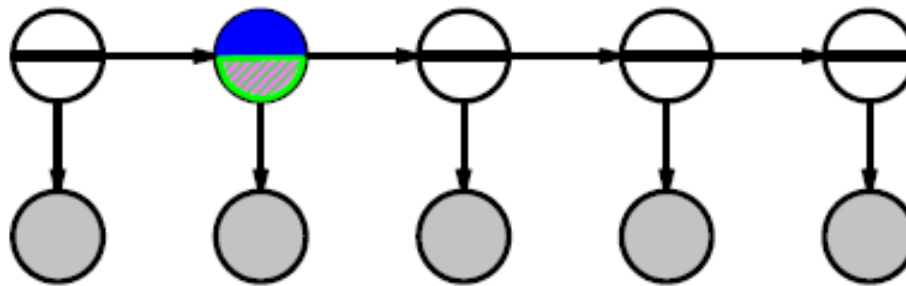
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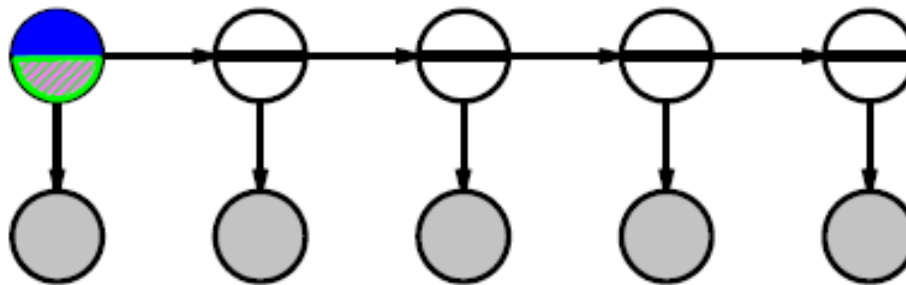


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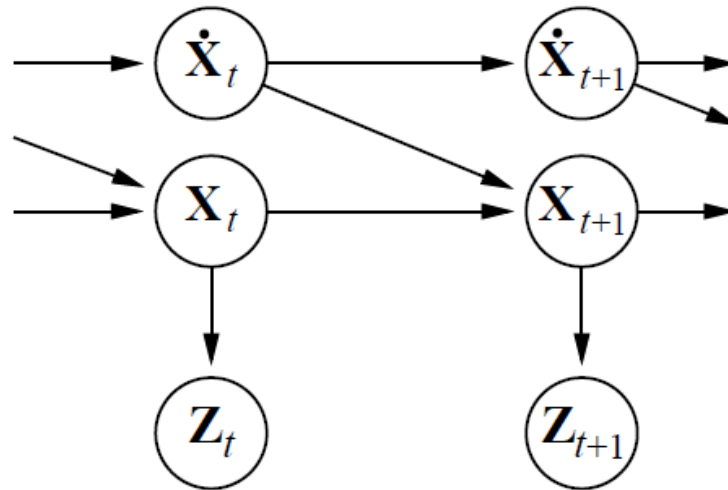
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# Kalman filters

Modelling systems described by a set of continuous variables,

e.g., tracking a bird flying— $\mathbf{X}_t = X, Y, Z, \dot{X}, \dot{Y}, \dot{Z}$ .

Airplanes, robots, ecosystems, economies, chemical plants, planets, ...



$$P(\mathbf{X}_0) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0)$$

Gaussian prior, linear Gaussian transition model and sensor model

$$P(\mathbf{X}_{t+1} | \mathbf{X}_t) = N(a \mathbf{X}_t + b, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_x)$$

$$P(Z_t | \mathbf{X}_t) = N(c \mathbf{X}_t + d, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z)$$

## Updating Gaussian distributions

$f_{1:t}$

Prediction step: if  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  is Gaussian, then prediction

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t)P(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t}) d\mathbf{x}_t$$

is Gaussian. If  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  is Gaussian, then the updated distribution

$f_{1:t+1}$

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t+1}) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{e}_{t+1}|\mathbf{X}_{t+1})\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1}|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$$

is Gaussian

Hence  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_t|\mathbf{e}_{1:t})$  is multivariate Gaussian  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_t, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t)$  for all  $t$

General (nonlinear, non-Gaussian) process: description of posterior grows **unboundedly** as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

## Simple 1-D example

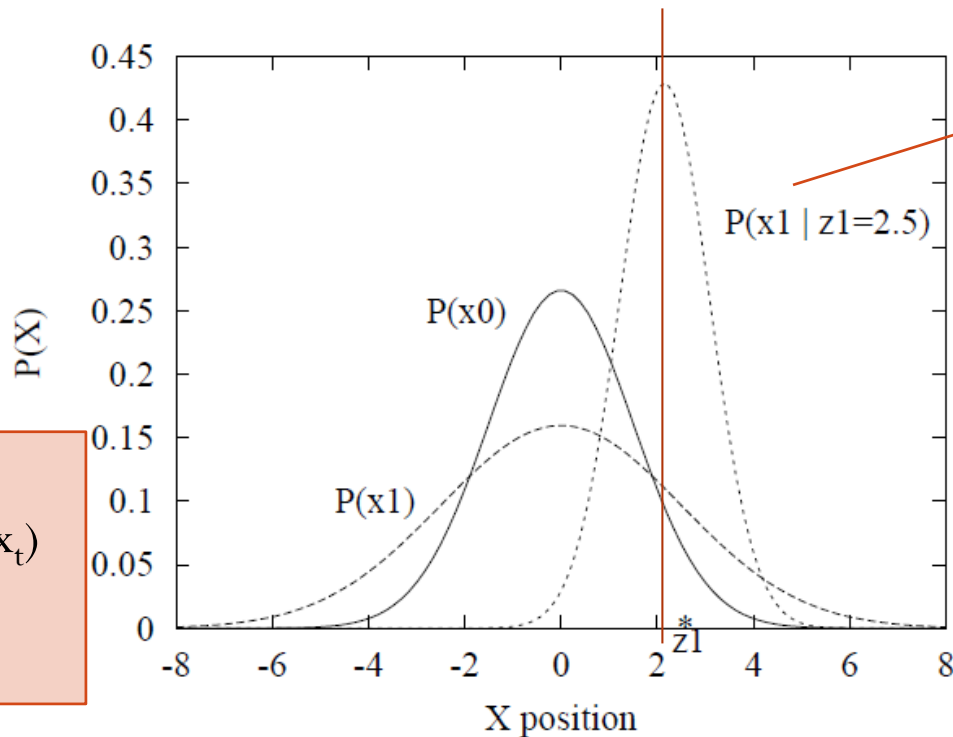
Gaussian random walk on  $X$ -axis, s.d.  $\sigma_x$ , sensor s.d.  $\sigma_z$

$$f_{1:t+1} = N(\mu_{t+1}, \sigma_{t+1})$$

$$\mu_{t+1} = \frac{(\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2)z_{t+1} + \sigma_z^2\mu_t}{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_z^2}$$

$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \frac{(\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2)\sigma_z^2}{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_0) &= N(0, \sigma_0)(x_t) \\ P(x_{t+1} | x_t) &= N(x_t, \sigma_x)(x_t) \\ P(z_t | x_t) &= N(x_t, \sigma_z)(z_t) \end{aligned}$$



«compromesso» tra  
predizione e  
osservazione

# Varianza e Matrice di Covarianza

- per una singola variabile abbiamo:

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

- se  $X = N(\mu, \sigma)$  allora  $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_X^2$
- per un vettore di variabili  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$  abbiamo la *matrice di covarianza*:

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} = [\text{cov}[X_i, X_j] : i, j = 1 \dots k]$$

- dove:

$$\text{cov}[X_i, X_j] = E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])]$$

- per semplicità useremo delle  $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}$  diagonali:
  - elementi sulla diagonale con  $\text{Var}(X_i)$
  - altri elementi a 0

## General Kalman update

Transition and sensor models:

$$P(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}|\mathbf{x}_t) = N(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_t, \Sigma_x)(\mathbf{x}_{t+1})$$

$$P(\mathbf{z}_t|\mathbf{x}_t) = N(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_t, \Sigma_z)(\mathbf{z}_t)$$

«rumore» di transizione di stato

«rumore» di osservazione

$\mathbf{F}$  is the matrix for the transition;  $\Sigma_x$  the transition noise covariance

$\mathbf{H}$  is the matrix for the sensors;  $\Sigma_z$  the sensor noise covariance

Filter computes the following update:

predizione  
 $\mathbf{x}_{t+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{t+1} &= \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\mu}_t + \mathbf{K}_{t+1}(\mathbf{z}_{t+1} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\mu}_t) \\ \Sigma_{t+1} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{t+1}\mathbf{H})(\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\end{aligned}$$

predizione  
 $\mathbf{z}_{t+1}$

grado di  
«aggiustamento»  
della previsione

where  $\mathbf{K}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\mathbf{H}^\top(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{F}\Sigma_t\mathbf{F}^\top + \Sigma_x)\mathbf{H}^\top + \Sigma_z)^{-1}$   
is the Kalman gain matrix

$\Sigma_t$  and  $\mathbf{K}_t$  are independent of observation sequence, so compute offline

# Caso semplice dal generale

- $F=1, H=1$
- $\Sigma_x = \sigma_x^2, \Sigma_z = \sigma_z^2, \Sigma_t = \sigma_t^2$
- $K_{t+1} = \frac{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2}{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_z^2}$

quindi:

- se  $\sigma_z^2=0$  allora  $K_{t+1}=1$
- se  $\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_x^2=0$  allora  $K_{t+1}=0$

- $\mu_{t+1} = \mu_t + K_{t+1}(z_{t+1} - \mu_t)$

quindi:

- se  $K_{t+1}=1$  allora  $\mu_{t+1} = z_{t+1}$
- se  $K_{t+1}=0$  allora  $\mu_{t+1} = \mu_t$

$z_{t+1}$  totalmente affidabile

previsione precedente e previsione attuale totalmente affidabili

credo a osservazione

credo a predizione



## 2-D tracking example: filtering

