

# CS 188: Artificial Intelligence Fall 2011

## Lecture 18: HMMs: Intro and Filtering 11/2/2011

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## Announcements

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- Midterm back today
  - solutions online
  - grades also in glookup
- P4 out Thursday

# Reasoning over Time

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- Often, we want to reason about a sequence of observations
  - Robot localization
  - Medical monitoring
  - Speech recognition
  - Vehicle control
- Need to introduce time into our models
- Basic approach: hidden Markov models (HMMs)

[VIDEO]

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# Outline

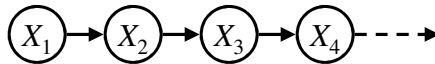
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  - (last lecture)
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## Markov Models: recap

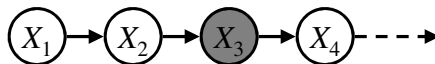
- A **Markov model** is a chain-structured BN
  - Each node is identically distributed (stationarity)
  - Value of  $X$  at a given time is called the **state**
  - As a BN:



$$P(X_1) \quad P(X|X_{-1})$$

- Parameters: called **transition probabilities** or dynamics, specify how the state evolves over time (also, initial probs)

## Conditional Independence

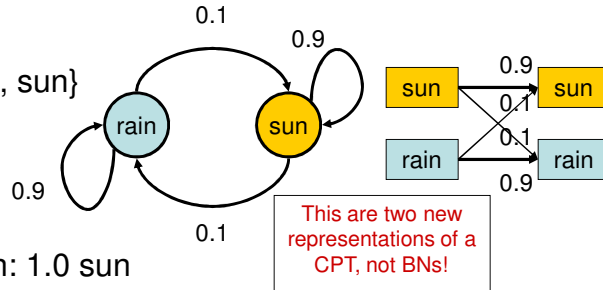


- **Basic conditional independence:**
  - Past and future independent of the present
  - Each time step only depends on the previous
  - This is called the (first order) Markov property
- **Note that the chain is just a (growing) BN**
  - We can always use generic BN reasoning on it if we truncate the chain at a fixed length

## Example: Markov Chain

- Weather:

- States:  $X = \{\text{rain}, \text{sun}\}$
- Transitions:



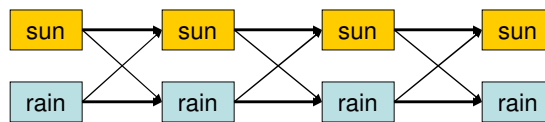
- Initial distribution: 1.0 sun
- What's the probability distribution after one step?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_2 = \text{sun}) &= P(X_2 = \text{sun} | X_1 = \text{sun})P(X_1 = \text{sun}) + \\
 &\quad P(X_2 = \text{sun} | X_1 = \text{rain})P(X_1 = \text{rain}) \\
 &= 0.9 \cdot 1.0 + 0.1 \cdot 0.0 = 0.9
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Mini-Forward Algorithm

- Question: What's  $P(X)$  on some day  $t$ ?
  - An instance of variable elimination! (In order  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ )



$$P(x_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t | x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1})$$

$$P(x_1) = \text{known}$$

Forward simulation

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## Example

- From initial observation of sun

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 1.0 \\ 0.0 \end{array} \right\rangle & \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{array} \right\rangle & \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 0.82 \\ 0.18 \end{array} \right\rangle & \longrightarrow & \left\langle \begin{array}{c} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{array} \right\rangle \\ P(X_1) & P(X_2) & P(X_3) & & P(X_\infty) \end{array}$$

- From initial observation of rain

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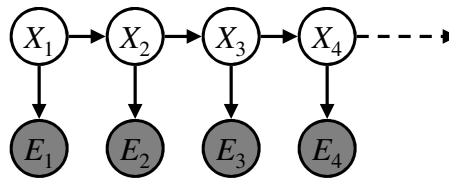
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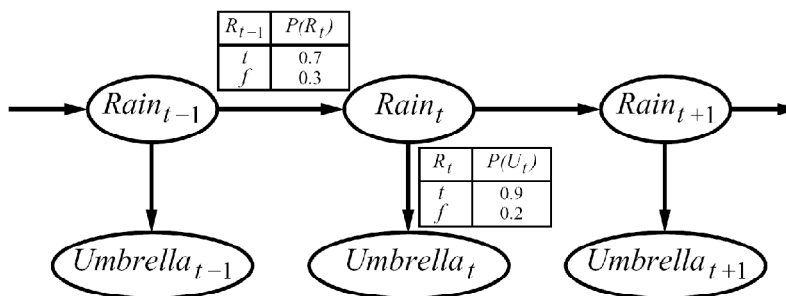
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# Hidden Markov Models

- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
  - Eventually you don't know anything anymore
  - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
  - Underlying Markov chain over states  $S$
  - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step
  - As a Bayes' net:



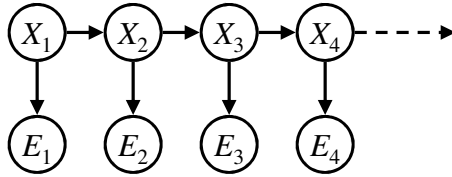
## Example



- An HMM is defined by:
  - Initial distribution:  $P(X_1)$
  - Transitions:  $P(X|X_{-1})$
  - Emissions:  $P(E|X)$

# Conditional Independence

- HMMs have two important independence properties:
  - Markov hidden process, future depends on past via the present
  - Current observation independent of all else given current state



- Quiz: does this mean that observations are independent given no evidence?
  - [No, correlated by the hidden state]

# Real HMM Examples

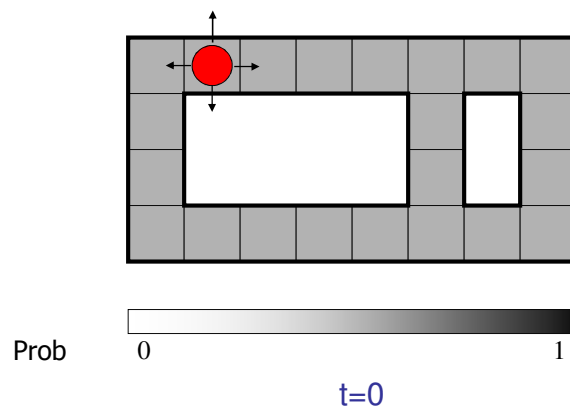
- Speech recognition HMMs:
  - Observations are acoustic signals (continuous valued)
  - States are specific positions in specific words (so, tens of thousands)
- Machine translation HMMs:
  - Observations are words (tens of thousands)
  - States are translation options
- Robot tracking:
  - Observations are range readings (continuous)
  - States are positions on a map (continuous)

## Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution  $B(X)$  (the belief state) over time
- We start with  $B(X)$  in an initial setting, usually uniform
- As time passes, or we get observations, we update  $B(X)$
- The Kalman filter was invented in the 60's and first implemented as a method of trajectory estimation for the Apollo program

## Example: Robot Localization

*Example from  
Michael Pfeiffer*

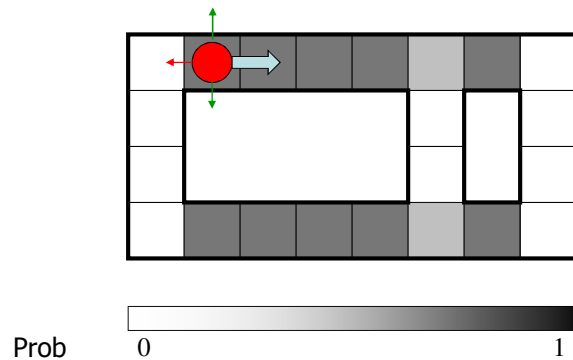


Sensor model: can read in which directions there is a wall, never more than 1 mistake

Motion model: may not execute action with small prob.



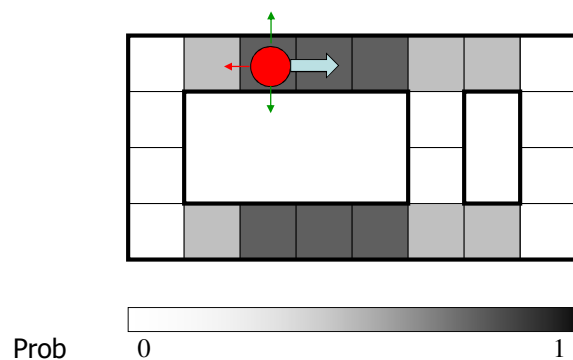
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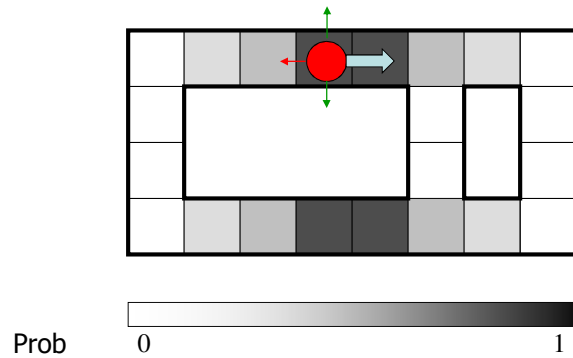
Lighter grey: was possible to get the reading,  
but less likely b/c required 1 mistake

## Example: Robot Localization



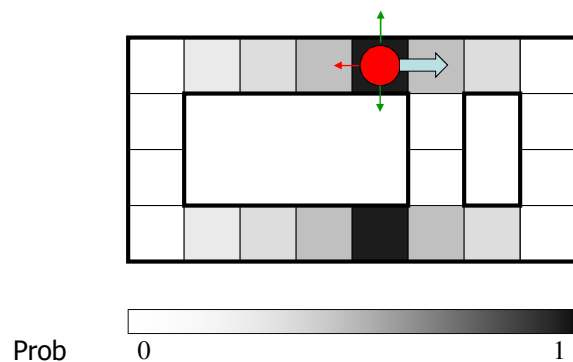
$t=2$

## Example: Robot Localization



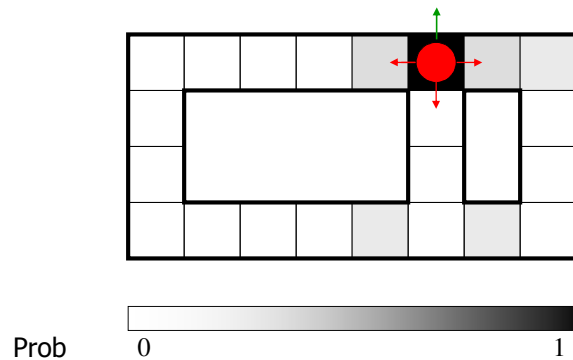
$t=3$

## Example: Robot Localization



$t=4$

## Example: Robot Localization

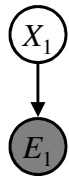


$t=5$

## Inference: Base Cases

### Observation

- Given:  $P(X_1), P(e_1 | X_1)$
- Query:  $P(x_1 | e_1) \forall x_1$

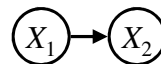


$$P(X_1 | e_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1 | e_1) &= P(x_1, e_1) / P(e_1) \\ &\propto_{X_1} P(x_1, e_1) \\ &= P(x_1) P(e_1 | x_1) \end{aligned}$$

### Passage of Time

- Given:  $P(X_1), P(X_2 | X_1)$
- Query:  $P(x_2) \forall x_2$



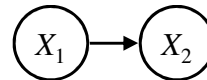
$$P(X_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_2) &= \sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2) \\ &= \sum_{x_1} P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) \end{aligned}$$

# Passage of Time

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

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



- Then, after one time step passes:

$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) = \sum_{x_t} P(X_{t+1} | x_t) P(x_t | e_{1:t})$$

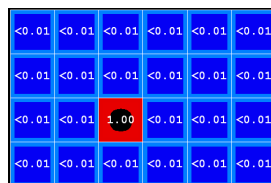
- Or, compactly:

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

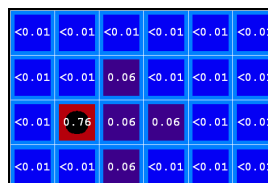
- Basic idea: beliefs get “pushed” through the transitions
  - With the “B” notation, we have to be careful about what time step  $t$  the belief is about, and what evidence it includes

## Example: Passage of Time

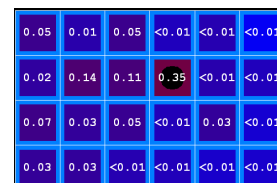
- As time passes, uncertainty “accumulates”



T = 1



T = 2



T = 5

$$B'(X') = \sum_x P(X' | x) B(x)$$

Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise

# Observation

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

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

- Then:

$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) \propto P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1}) P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$$

- Or:

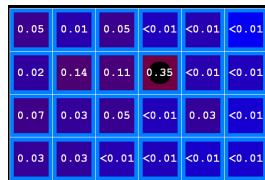
$$B(X_{t+1}) \propto P(e | X) B'(X_{t+1})$$

- Basic idea: beliefs reweighted by likelihood of evidence
- Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize

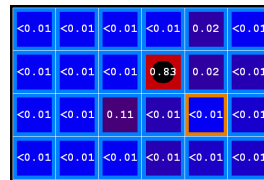


## Example: Observation

- As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty “decreases”



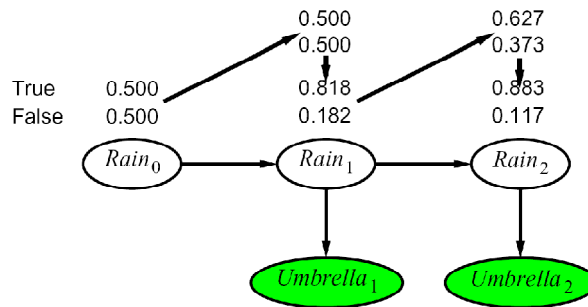
Before observation



After observation

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

## Example HMM



## 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

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

We can normalize as we go if we want to have  $P(x|e)$  at each time step, or just once at the end...

- = exactly variable elimination in order  $X_1, X_2, \dots$

# Online Belief Updates

- Every time step, we start with current  $P(X \mid \text{evidence})$
- 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:

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



- The forward algorithm does both at once (and doesn't normalize)
- Problem: space is  $|X|$  and time is  $|X|^2$  per time step