TDT4171 — Artificial Intelligence Methods Assignment 3 - Prob reasoning over time

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Exercise 1

- The set of unobserved variables, denoted with X_t , contains a single state variable $Rain_t$ or R_t for short. It tells if it is raining or not.
- The set of observable variables, denoted with E_t , contains a single evidence variable $Umbrella_t$ or U_t for short. It tells weather someone has an umbrella or not. In the umbrella world, this is the director.
- Using the example from the book with the two states Rain = true and Rain = false we get the following dynamic model for $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$:

$$P(X_t|X_{t-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3\\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

And observation model $P(E_t|X_t)$:

$$P(E_t|X_t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1\\ 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

where 0.9 is the probability of observing an umbrella when it is raining and 0.2 otherwise.

• The assumptions that are encoded in this model is that the current state of weather depends only on the previous state and not on any earlier states, where the states are days. This is therefor a first order Markov assumption. This assumption is reasonable since it does not take too many states into consideration. We have no information about where this is, and the location can have very large influence on the model and accuracy of the result.

Exercise 2

The following figure shows the probability of rain at day 5 given the evidence of an umbrella at day 1, 2, 4 and 5. We also see that the desired probability of rain at day 2 is 0.883.

Figure 1: Output from running the attached python file