# Spectral learning for structured partially observable environments

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#### Overview

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## The Timing Case

- $\bullet$  For the timing case  $\sum = \{\sigma\}$
- An observation of duration k is denoted by  $\sigma^k$
- WFA will be  $= \langle \alpha_0, \{A_\sigma\}, \alpha_\infty \} >$
- $f_A(\sigma^k) = \alpha_0 * A_\sigma^k * \alpha_\infty$
- Blackboard: A spectral learning algorithm for WFA

## The Base System

Number representations:

$$39 = 1 * 2^{5} + 0 * 2^{4} + 0 * 2^{3} + 1 * 2^{2} + 1 * 2^{1} + 1 * 2^{0}$$

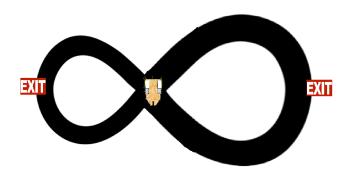
- Timing queries  $f(a^39) = \alpha * A_a^3 2 * A_a^4 * A_a^2 * A_a^1$
- Motivation:
- 1) Express transitions directly to avoid error build up
- 2) Faster queries. Discussion  $\alpha_0 * (A_{\sigma})^k$

## The Base System Cont.

- When taking a reduced model compounding errors are a threat
- Analogy to rounding: Round(51.63\*34.12) v.s Round(51.63) \* Round(34.12)
- Let  $\pi$ : n states -i k states be the projection operator from a system with n states to the k-best states
- $f_B ase(\sigma^1 28) = (\pi * \alpha_0) * (\pi * A_{\sigma}^1 28) * (\pi * \alpha_{\infty})$  $f_N aive(x) = (\pi * \alpha_0) * (\pi * A_{\sigma}^1 28) * (\pi * \alpha_{\infty})$

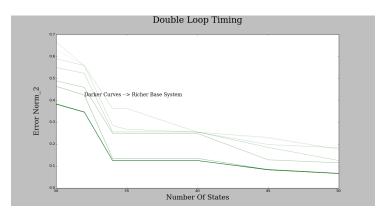
## Timing with the Base

Agent goes through loops until leaving through an exit state. Exit states have transition probabilities of 0.4 and 0.6. Loop lengths are 64 and 16.



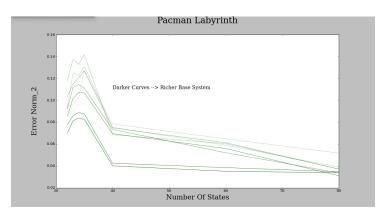
## Double Loop Results

$$||f_A - f_A Bar|| = (\sum (f_A(x) - f_A Bar)^2)^{(0.5)}$$



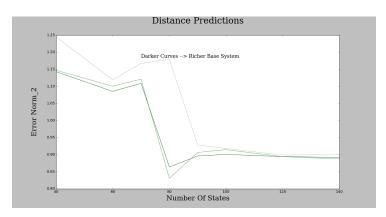
## PacMan Labyrinth Results

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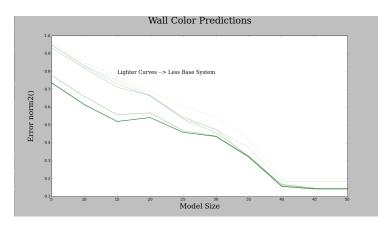
#### Distance Predictions

We use  $\alpha_0 * A_{\sigma}^k$  as a representation of state. Linear regression gives us a distance weighting on states.



#### Wall Color Predictions

We paint the first loop green and the second loop red.



### Picking the Base System

- In general, one wants long and frequent sub-strings
- Want to make sure Base System is diverse
- Solution: Greedy heuristic

## Picking the Base System Cont.

#### • Algorithm:

- Pick sequence  $x = x_1x_2...x_n$  whose operator reduces matrix products the most. This step depends on the current Base System!
- ullet Update Base System by learning  $A_{x}$
- Example:
- Input Data:  $\{a^20, a^30, a^50, b^5, b^10\}$
- Initial Base:  $\{A_a, A_b\}$
- Iteration 1:  $A_a^1$ 0 Added
- Iteration 2:  $A_b^1$ 0 Added, NOT  $A_a^5$

## Computing with the Base System

- Goal of Heuristic: minimize number of matrices in query
- Solution: Dynamic programming
- Example:

## Questions? Comments?