
CIS 471/571 (Fall 2020): Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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Lecture 18: HMMs, Particle Filters

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- Class on Thursday, Dec 03rd
 - Exam review

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Today

- HMMs
 - Particle filters

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- Applications:
 - Robot localization / mapping

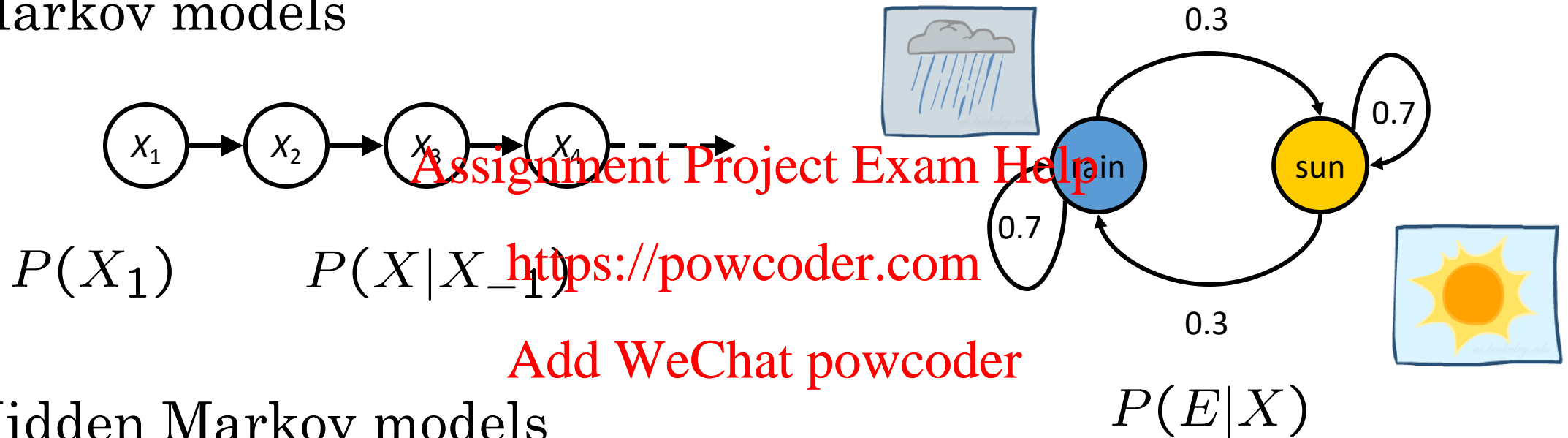
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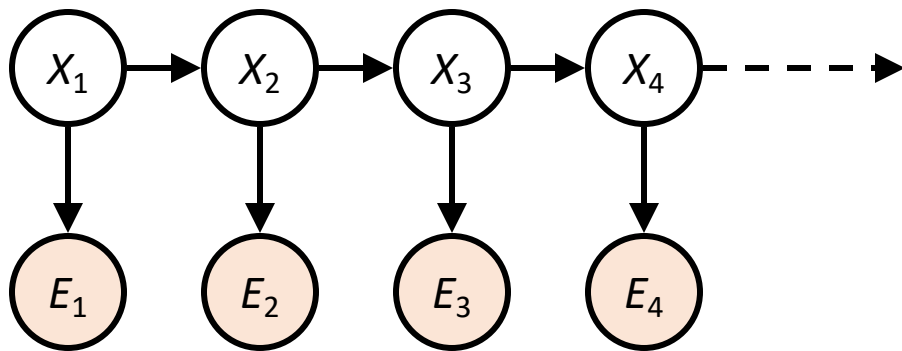


Recap: Reasoning Over Time

■ Markov models



■ Hidden Markov models



X	E	P
rain	umbrella	0.9
rain	no umbrella	0.1
sun	umbrella	0.2
sun	no umbrella	0.8



Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution $B_t(X) = P_t(X_t \mid e_1, \dots, e_t)$ (the belief state) over time

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- We start with $B_1(X)$ in an initial setting, usually uniform

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



The Forward Algorithm

- We are given evidence at each time and want to know

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

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- Induction: assuming we have current belief $B_t(X) = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$
 - Intermediate belief update: $B_{t+1}(X) = P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t})$

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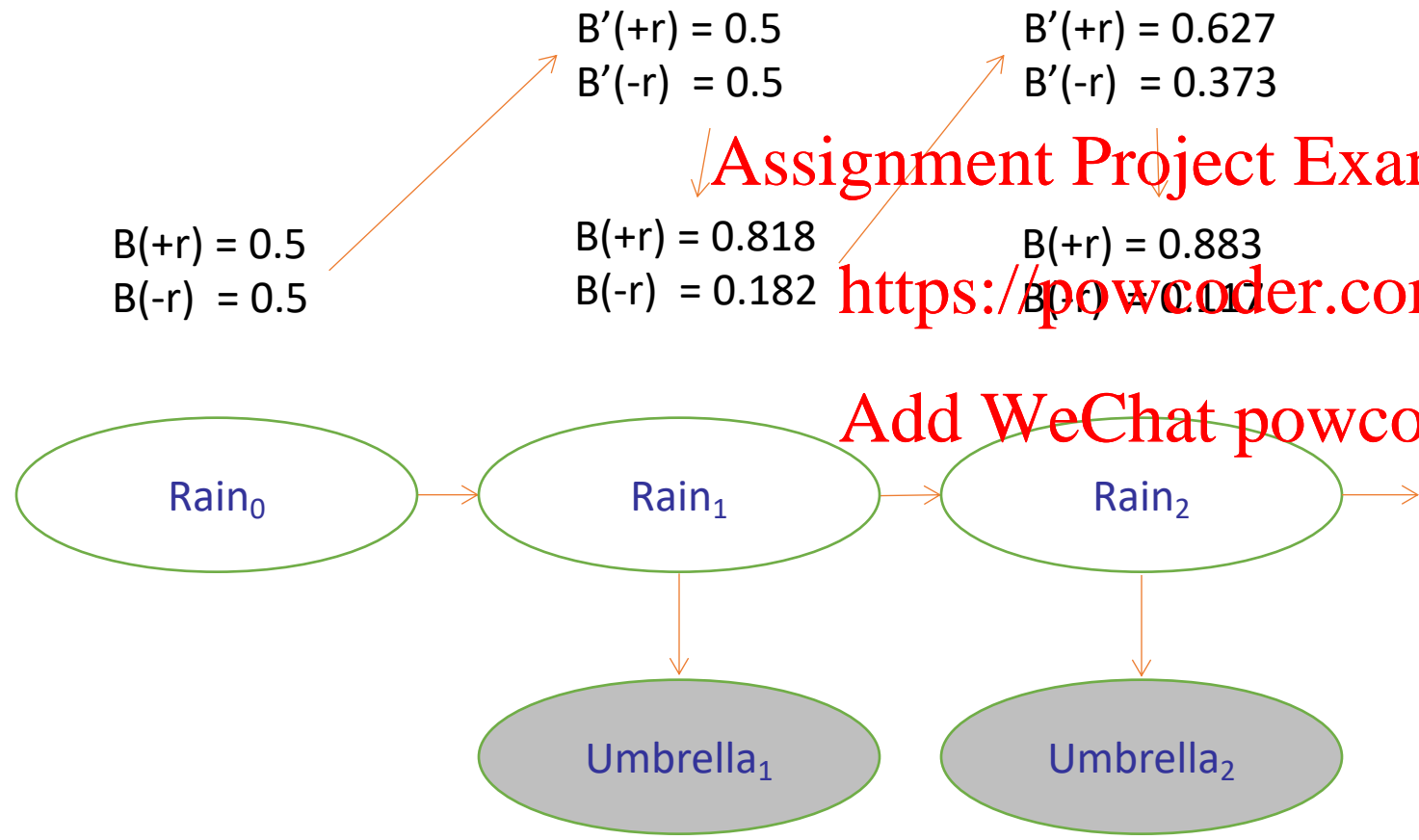
$$P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:(t+1)}) \leftarrow P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t}) \leftarrow P(X_t | e_{1:t})$$

Observation
update

Passage of time
update



Example: Weather HMM



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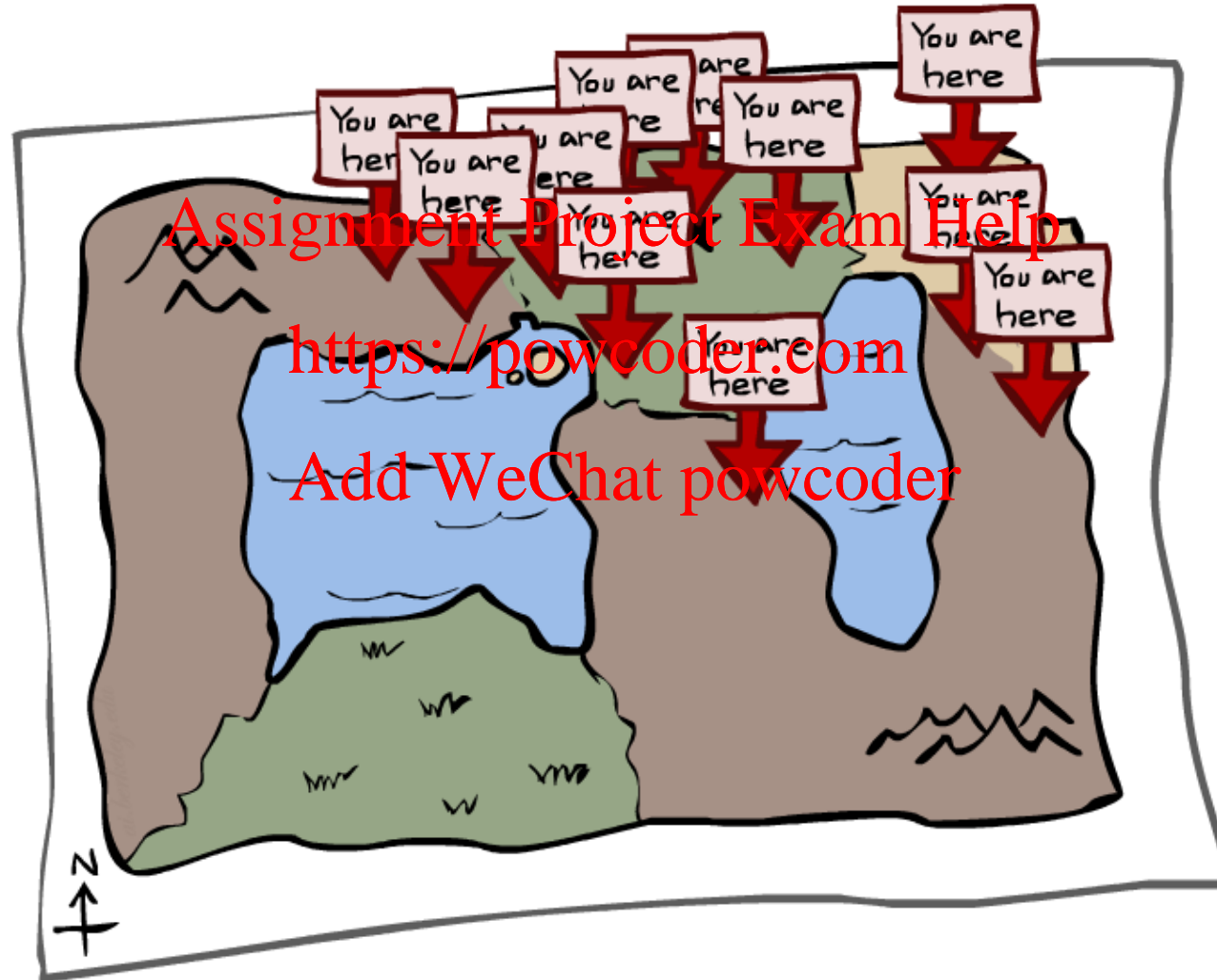
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R_t	R_{t+1}	$P(R_{t+1} R_t)$
+r	+r	0.7
+r	-r	0.3
-r	+r	0.3
-r	-r	0.7

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



Particle Filtering



Particle Filtering

- Filtering: approximate solution
- Sometimes $|X|$ is too big to use exact inference
 - $|X|$ may be too big to even store $P(X)$
 - E.g. X is continuous
- Solution: approximate inference
 - Track samples of X , not all values
 - Samples are called particles
 - Time per step is linear in the number of samples
 - But: number needed may be large
 - In memory: list of particles, not states
- This is how robot localization works in practice
- Particle is just new name for sample

0.0	0.1	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.2
0.0	0.2	0.5

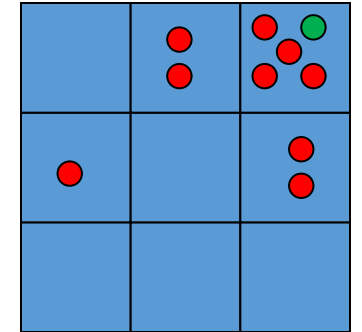


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Representation: Particles

- Our representation of $P(X)$ is now a list of N particles (samples)
 - Generally, $N \ll |X|$
 - Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point
- $P(x)$ approximated by number of particles with value x
 - So, many x may have $P(x) = 0$!
 - More particles, more accuracy
- For now, all particles have a weight of 1



Particles:

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

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Particle Filtering: Elapse Time

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

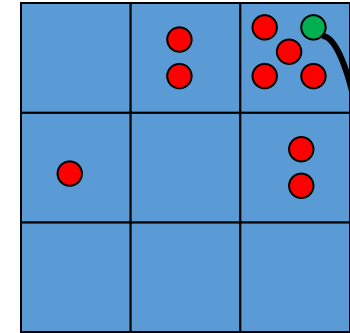
$$x' = \text{sample}(P(x'|g))$$

- This is like prior sampling – samples frequencies reflect the transition probabilities
- Here, most samples move clockwise, but some move in another direction or stay in place

- This captures the passage of time
 - If enough samples, close to exact values before and after (consistent)

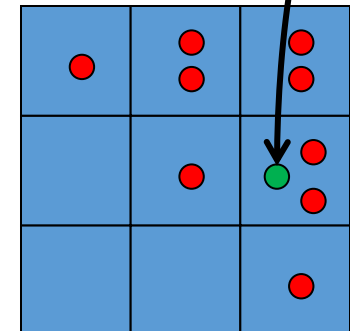
Particles:

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



Particles:

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



Particle Filtering: Observe

■ Slightly trickier:

- Don't sample observation, fix it
- Similar to likelihood weighting, downweight samples based on the evidence

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

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

- As before, the probabilities don't sum to one, since all have been downweighted (in fact they now sum to (N times) an approximation of P(e))

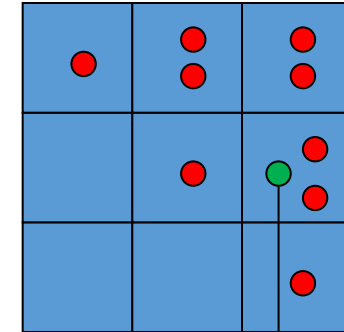
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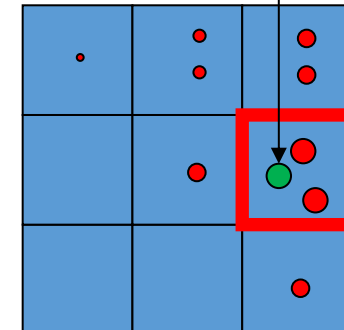
Particles:

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



Particles:

(3,2) w=.9
(2,3) w=.2
(3,2) w=.9
(3,1) w=.4
(3,3) w=.4
(3,2) w=.9
(1,3) w=.1
(2,3) w=.2
(3,2) w=.9
(2,2) w=.4



Particle Filtering: Resample

- Rather than tracking weighted samples, we resample

- N times, we choose from our weighted sample distribution (i.e. draw with replacement)

- This is equivalent to renormalizing the distribution

- Now the update is complete for this time step, continue with the next one

Particles:

(3,2) $w=.9$
(2,3) $w=.2$
(3,2) $w=.9$
(3,1) $w=.4$
(3,3) $w=.4$
(3,2) $w=.9$
(1,3) $w=.1$
(2,3) $w=.2$
(3,2) $w=.9$
(2,2) $w=.4$

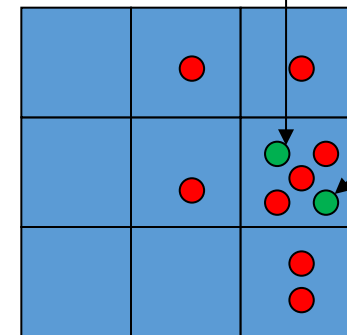
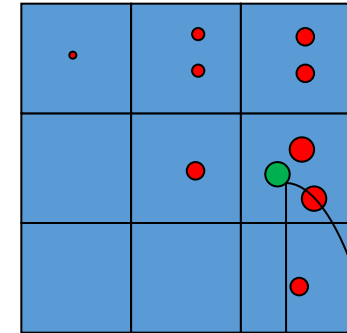
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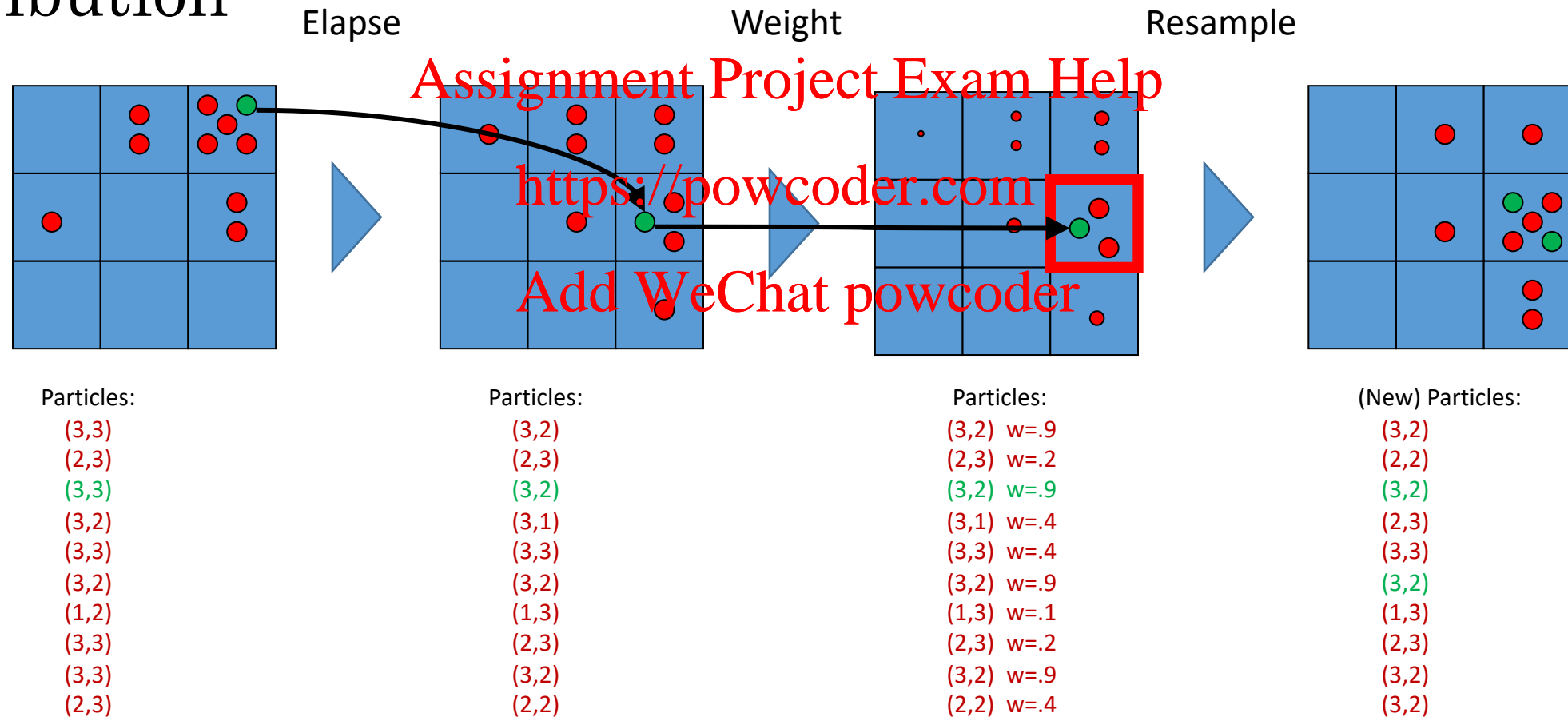
(New) Particles:

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



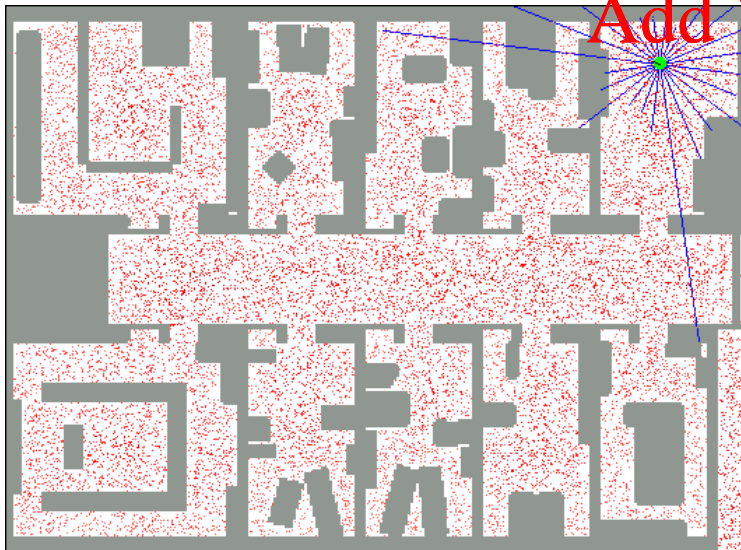
Recap: Particle Filtering

- Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution



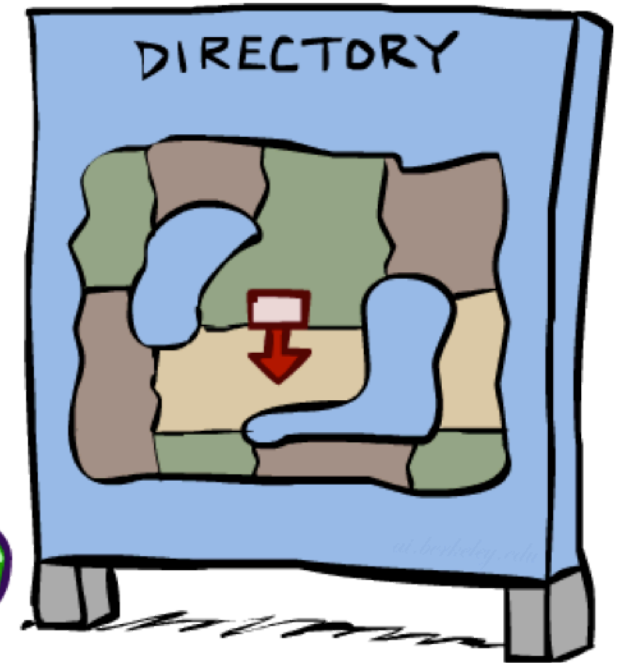
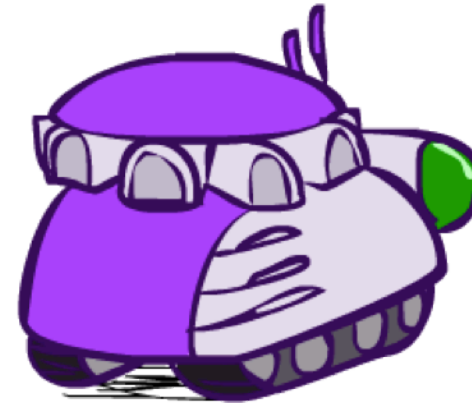
Robot Localization

- In robot localization:
 - We know the map, but not the robot's position
 - Observations may be vectors of range finder readings
 - State space and readings are typically continuous (works basically like a very fine grid) and so we cannot store $B(X)$
 - Particle filtering is a main technique



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Particle Filter Localization (Sonar)



Dynamic Bayes Nets

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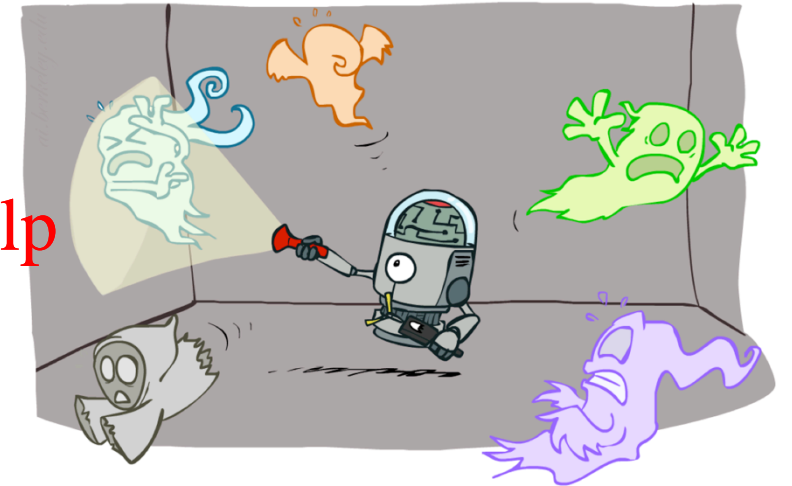
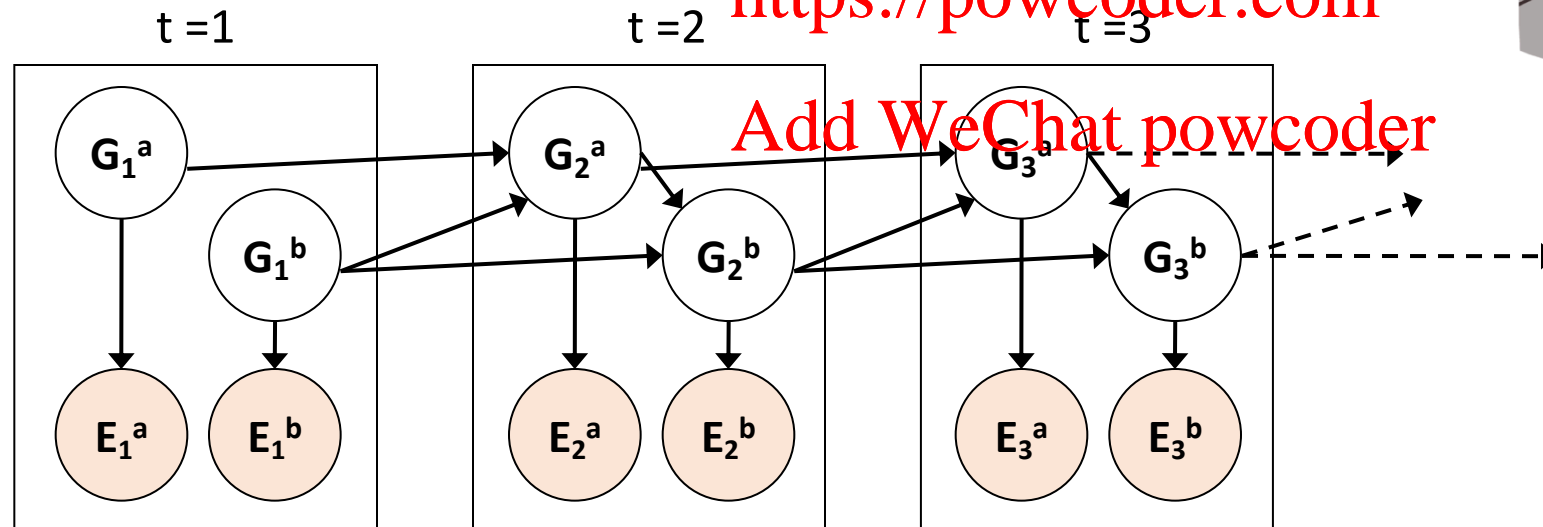
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Dynamic Bayes Nets (DBNs)

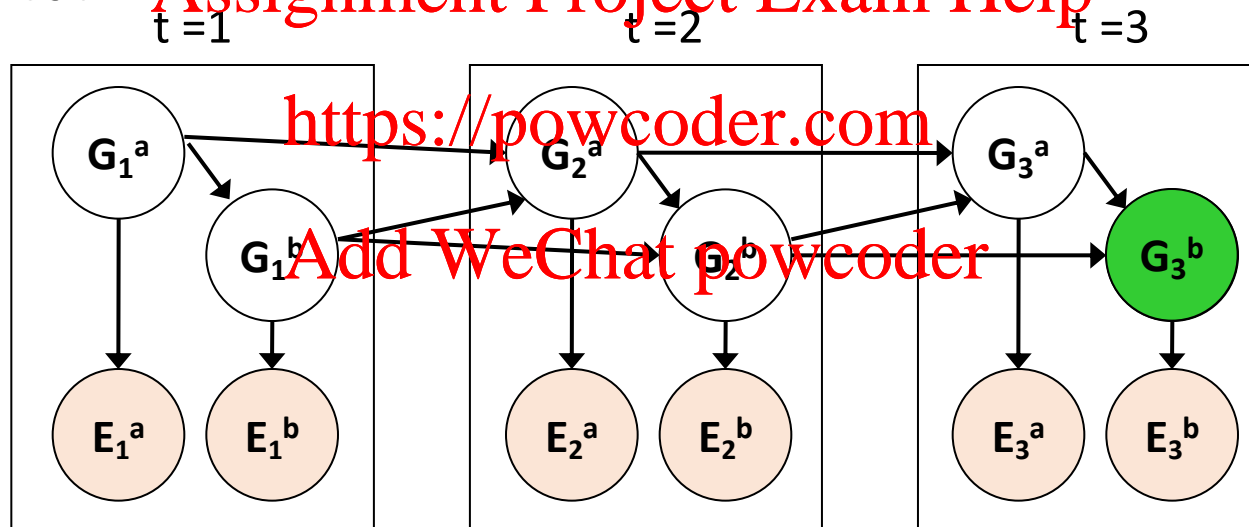
- We want to track multiple variables over time, using multiple sources of evidence
- Idea: Repeat a fixed Bayes net structure at each time
- Variables from time t can condition on those from $t-1$



- Dynamic Bayes nets are a generalization of HMMs

Exact Inference in DBNs

- Variable elimination applies to dynamic Bayes nets
- Procedure: “unroll” the network for T time steps, then 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



DBN Particle Filters

- A particle is a complete sample for a time step
- **Initialize:** Generate prior samples for the $t=1$ Bayes net
 - Example particle: $G_1^a = (3, 3)$ $G_1^b = (5, 3)$
- **Elapse time:** Sample a successor for each particle
 - Example successor: $G_2^a = (2, 3)$ $G_2^b = (6, 3)$
- **Observe:** Weight each entire sample by the likelihood of the evidence conditioned on the sample
 - Likelihood: $P(E_1^a | G_1^a) * P(E_1^b | G_1^b)$
- **Resample:** Select prior samples (tuples of values) in proportion to their likelihood

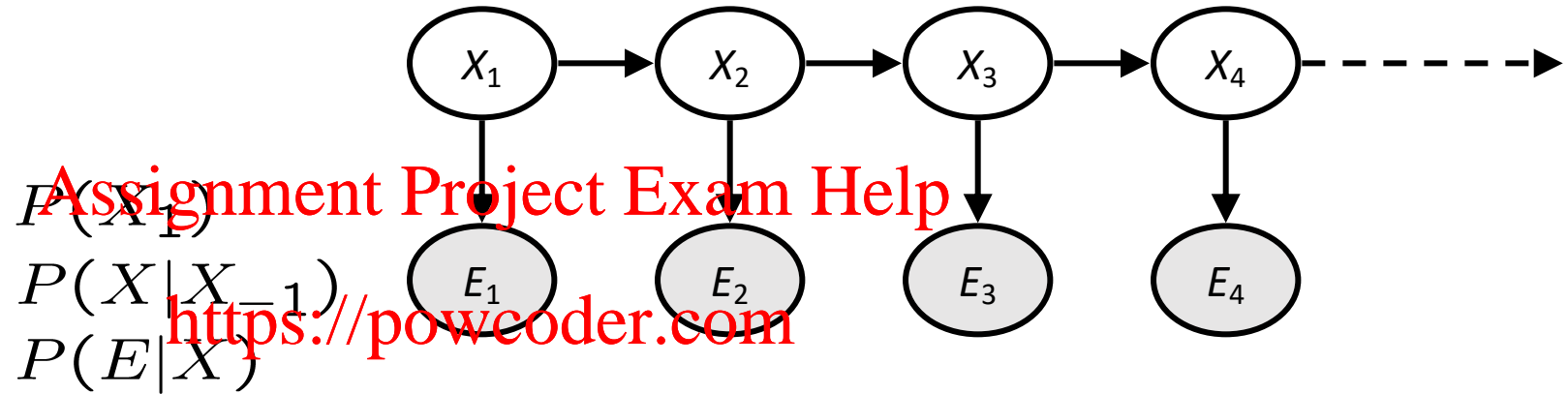


Most Likely Explanation



HMMs: MLE Queries

- HMMs defined by
 - States X
 - Observations E
 - Initial distribution:
 - Transitions:
 - Emissions:



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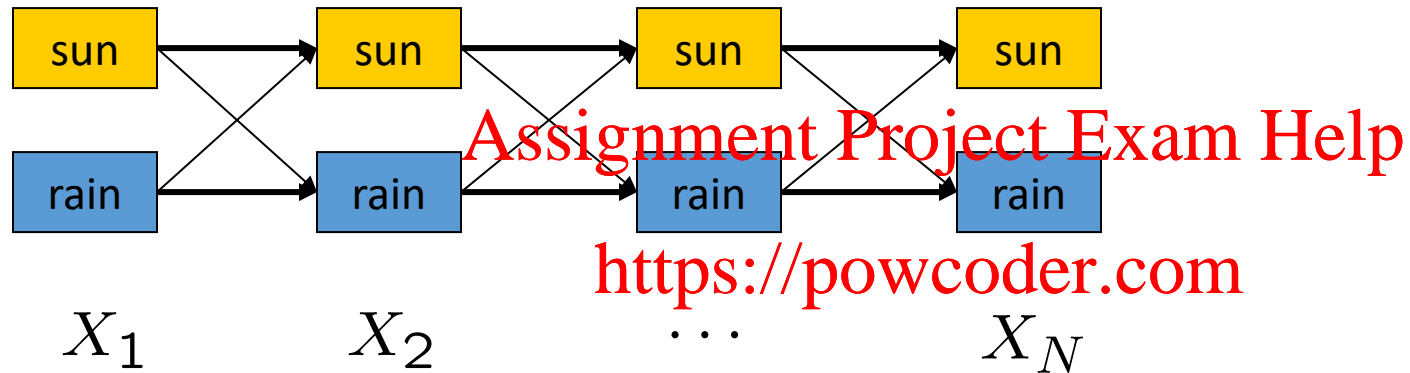
- New query: most likely explanation:
- New method: the Viterbi algorithm

$$\arg \max_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t} | e_{1:t})$$



State Trellis

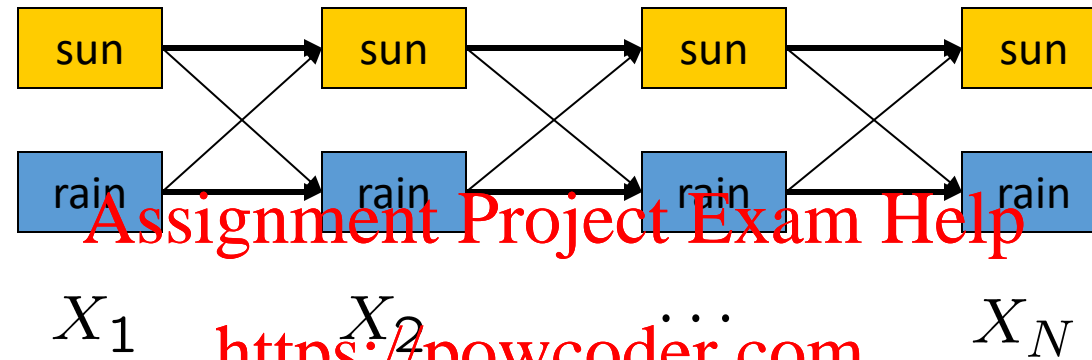
- State trellis: graph of states and transitions over time



- Each arc represents some transition $x_{t-1} \rightarrow x_t$
- Each arc has weight $P(x_t|x_{t-1})P(e_t|x_t)$
- Each path is a sequence of states
- The product of weights on a path is that sequence's probability along with the evidence
- Forward algorithm computes sums of paths, Viterbi computes best paths



Forward / Viterbi Algorithms



Forward Algorithm (Sum) Add WeChat powcoder Viterbi Algorithm (Max)

$$f_t[x_t] = P(x_t, e_{1:t})$$

$$= P(e_t|x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) f_{t-1}[x_{t-1}]$$

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

$$= P(e_t|x_t) \max_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) m_{t-1}[x_{t-1}]$$

