

## CS5100: Foundations of Artificial Intelligence

Markov Models  
Hidden Markov Models

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## Independence

- Two variables are *independent* in a joint distribution if:

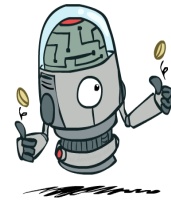
$$P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y) \quad X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$$

$$\forall x, y \quad P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$

- Says the joint distribution *factors* into a product of two simple ones
- Usually variables aren't independent!

- Can use independence as a *modeling assumption*

- Independence can be a simplifying assumption
- Empirical* joint distributions: at best "close" to independent
- What could we assume for {Weather, Traffic, Cavity}?



## Example: Independence?

$P_1(T, W)$			$P(T)$		$P_2(T, W) = P(T)P(W)$			$P(W)$	
T	W	P	T	P	T	W	P	W	P
hot	sun	0.4	hot	0.5	hot	sun	0.3	sun	0.6
hot	rain	0.1	cold	0.5	hot	rain	0.2	rain	0.4
cold	sun	0.2			cold	sun	0.3		
cold	rain	0.3			cold	rain	0.2		

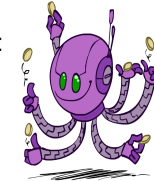
## Example: Independence

- N fair, independent coin flips:

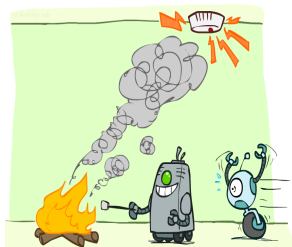
$P(X_1)$		$P(X_2)$		$P(X_n)$	
H	0.5	H	0.5	H	0.5
T	0.5	T	0.5	T	0.5

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

$$2^n$$



## Conditional Independence



## Conditional Independence

- $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Catch})$

- If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:

$$P(+catch \mid +toothache, +cavity) = P(+catch \mid +cavity)$$

- The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:

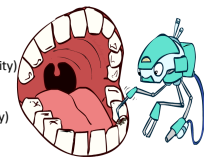
$$P(+catch \mid +toothache, -cavity) = P(+catch \mid -cavity)$$

- Catch is *conditionally independent* of Toothache given Cavity:

$$P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$$

- Equivalent statements:**

- $P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity})$
- $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$
- One can be derived from the other easily



## Conditional Independence

- Unconditional (absolute) independence very rare (why?)
- *Conditional independence* is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.
- X is conditionally independent of Y given Z  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$

if and only if:

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x, y | z) = P(x | z)P(y | z)$$

or, equivalently, if and only if

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x | z, y) = P(x | z)$$

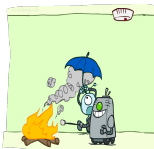
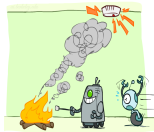
## Conditional Independence

- What about this domain:
  - Traffic
  - Umbrella
  - Raining



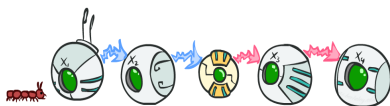
## Conditional Independence

- What about this domain:
  - Fire
  - Smoke
  - Alarm



## Probability Recap

- Conditional probability  $P(x|y) = \frac{P(x, y)}{P(y)}$
- Product rule  $P(x, y) = P(x|y)P(y)$
- Chain rule  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_1, X_2) \dots$   
 $= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$
- X, Y independent if and only if:  $\forall x, y : P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$
- X and Y are conditionally independent given Z if and only if:  $\forall x, y, z : P(x, y | z) = P(x | z)P(y | z)$   $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$



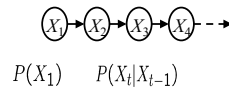
## MARKOV MODELS

## Reasoning over Time or Space

- Often, we want to **reason about a sequence** of observations
  - Speech recognition
  - Robot localization
  - User attention
  - Medical monitoring
- Need to introduce time (or space) into our models

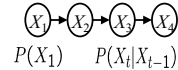
## Markov Models

- Value of  $X$  at a given time is called the **state**



- Parameters: called **transition probabilities** or dynamics, specify how the state evolves over time (also, initial state probabilities)
- Stationarity assumption: transition probabilities the same at all times

## Joint Distribution of a Markov Model



- Joint distribution:

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_2)P(X_4|X_3)$$

- More generally:

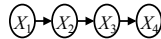
$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_2) \dots P(X_T|X_{T-1})$$

$$= P(X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_{t-1})$$

- Questions to be resolved:

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- Assuming that  $X_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1 \mid X_2$  and  $X_4 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, X_2 \mid X_3$  results in the expression posited on the previous slide:

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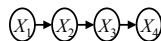
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## Implied Conditional Independencies



- We assumed:  $X_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1 \mid X_2$  and  $X_4 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, X_2 \mid X_3$

- Do we also have  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3, X_4 \mid X_2$  ?

– Yes!

– Proof:

$$P(X_1 \mid X_2, X_3, X_4) = \frac{P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)}{P(X_2, X_3, X_4)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_1, X_2)P(X_4|X_1, X_2, X_3)}{\sum_{x_1} P(x_1)P(X_2|x_1)P(X_3|x_1, X_2)P(X_4|x_1, X_2, X_3)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X_1, X_2)}{P(X_2)}$$

$$= P(X_1 \mid X_2)$$

## Markov Models Recap

- Explicit assumption for all  $t$ :  $X_t \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, \dots, X_{t-2} \mid X_{t-1}$
- Consequence, joint distribution can be written as:
 
$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_2) \dots P(X_T|X_{T-1})$$

$$= P(X_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(X_t|X_{t-1})$$
- Implied conditional independencies: (try to prove this!)
  - Past variables independent of future variables given the present i.e., if  $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$  or  $t_1 > t_2 > t_3$  then:  $X_{t_1} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{t_3} \mid X_{t_2}$
- Additional explicit assumption:  $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$  is the same for all  $t$



## Example: Stationary Distributions

Question: What's  $P(X)$  at time  $t = \text{infinity}$ ?



$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = P(\text{sun}|\text{sun})P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P(\text{sun}|\text{rain})P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = P(\text{rain}|\text{sun})P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P(\text{rain}|\text{rain})P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

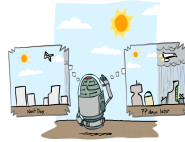
$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = 0.9P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + 0.3P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 0.1P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + 0.7P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = 3P_{\infty}(\text{rain})$$

$$P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 1/3P_{\infty}(\text{sun})$$

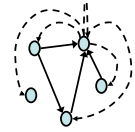
Also:  $P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) + P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 1$   $\Rightarrow$   $P_{\infty}(\text{sun}) = 3/4$   
 $P_{\infty}(\text{rain}) = 1/4$



$X_{t-1}$	$X_t$	$P(X_t   X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7

## Application of Stationary Distribution: Web Link Analysis

- PageRank over a web graph
  - Each web page is a state
  - Initial distribution: uniform over pages
  - Transitions:
    - With prob.  $c$ , uniform jump to a random page (dotted lines, not all shown)
    - With prob.  $1-c$ , follow a random outlink (solid lines)
- Stationary distribution
  - Will spend more time on highly reachable pages
  - E.g. many ways to get to the Acrobat Reader download page
  - Somewhat robust to link spam
  - Google 1.0 returned the set of pages containing all your keywords in decreasing rank, now all search engines use link analysis along with many other factors (rank actually getting less important over time)

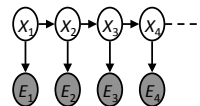


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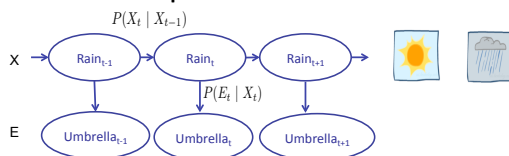


## Hidden Markov Models

- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
  - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
  - Underlying Markov chain over states  $X$
  - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step



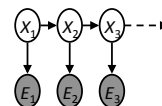
## Example: Weather HMM



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

$R_t$	$R_{t+1}$	$P(R_{t+1}   R_t)$	$R_t$	$U_t$	$P(U_t   R_t)$
+r	+r	0.7	+r	+u	0.9
+r	-r	0.3	+r	-u	0.1
-r	+r	0.3	-r	+u	0.2
-r	-r	0.7	-r	-u	0.8

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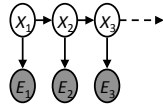
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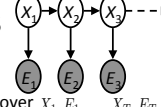
- Assuming that

$$X_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp E_1 \mid X_1, \quad E_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1 \mid X_2, \quad X_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1, E_2 \mid X_2, \quad E_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1, E_1, X_2, E_2 \mid X_3$$

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- Assuming that for all  $t$ :

– State independent of all past states and all past evidence given the previous state, i.e.:

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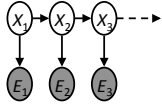
– Evidence is independent of all past states and all past evidence given the current state, i.e.:

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## Implied Conditional Independencies



- Many implied conditional independencies, e.g.,

$$E_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2, E_2, X_3, E_3 \mid X_1$$

- To prove them

– Approach 1: follow similar (algebraic) approach to what we did in the Markov models section

– Approach 2: directly from the graph structure

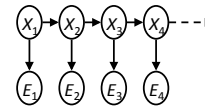
- Intuition: If path between  $U$  and  $V$  goes through  $W$ , then  $U \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid W$

## 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



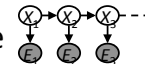
- Quiz: does this mean that evidence variables are guaranteed to be independent?

– [No, they tend to be 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)

## Passage of Time



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

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

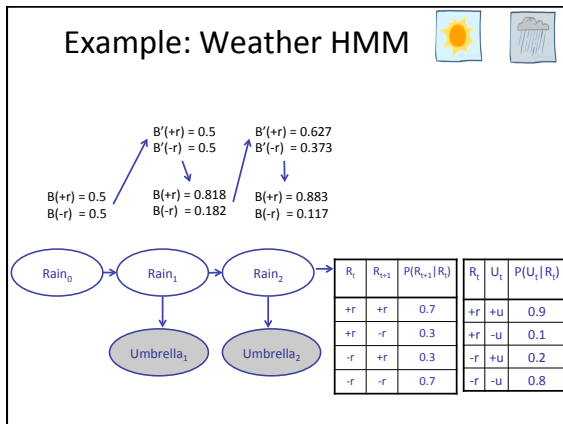
- Then, after one time step passes:

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

Or compactly:

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

- 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



### 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
 

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

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

### Forward / Viterbi Algorithms

Forward Algorithm (Sum)

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

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

Viterbi Algorithm (Max)

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

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

### Online Belief Updates

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

Now: In Class Assignment