

Assignment 2 TOT 4171

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~~The set of unobserved variables is whether it rains or not yesterday and today.~~

Part A: The set of unobserved variable for given time slice t , X_t :

Whether it rains or not: $Rain_t = R_t$

The set of observable variable for given time slice t , E_t :

Director bringing umbrella: $Umbrella_t = U_t$

- $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$

$$\begin{array}{c} X_t \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ X_{t-1} \end{array} \quad T = \begin{array}{c} X_t \quad rX_t \\ X_{t-1} \quad rX_{t-1} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0,7 & 0,3 \\ 0,3 & 0,7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} R_t \quad rR_t \\ R_{t-1} \quad rR_{t-1} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0,7 & 0,3 \\ 0,3 & 0,7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $P(E_t | X_t)$

$$\begin{array}{c} U = true \\ U = false \end{array} \Rightarrow Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0,9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0,2 \end{bmatrix} \quad Q_f = \begin{bmatrix} 0,1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0,8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} E_t \quad rE_t \\ X_t \quad rX_t \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0,9 & 0,1 \\ 0,2 & 0,8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} U_t \quad rU_t \\ R_t \quad rR_t \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0,9 & 0,1 \\ 0,2 & 0,8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Assumptions encoded in this model:

Firstly, there is a Markov assumption, making it a first-order Markov process model, which means that the probability of it raining a certain day only depends on whether or not it rained on the previous day, not depending on any of the days before that. \Rightarrow The current state only depends on a finite number of previous states, in this case, one.

- In addition there is the assumption that changes in the state are caused ~~by a stationary~~ by a stationary process. The distribution is the same for all, infinitely many possible values of t .
- The model is assuming that $R_{i,t}$ only depends on $R_{i,t-1}$ ($\sum_{n=1}^t R_{i,t-n}$, if not for the Markov assumption), and not on any other state variables, such as $Season_t$, $Temperature_t$, $Humidity_t$ etc,...
- Also assuming that the evidence variable ($\tilde{O}_t = O_t$) is only depending on R_t , not R_{t-1}, \dots , ~~and not~~ Also not on ~~any~~ other state variables: e.g., that the director forgot his/her umbrella in the car the other day.

The assumptions are fairly reasonable, even though certain places in the world only have more than two days of rain, or very defined ~~rain~~ rainseasons.

~~Often with rainy days persist~~

Other places, rainy days have a tendency to persist, such that the probability of it raining a fourth day in a row, will be greater than ~~strongly~~ the probability of it simply raining a second day continuously.