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Lecture 11: Hidden Markov Models II

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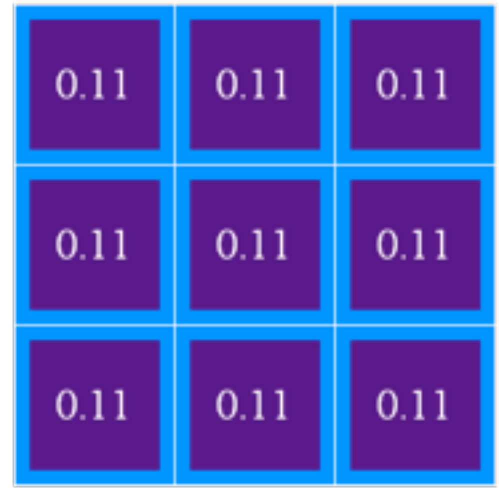
Outline

- Probabilistic sequence models (and inference)
  - (Review) Markov Chains
  - Hidden Markov Models
  - Particle Filters
  - Most Probable Explanations
  - Dynamic Bayesian networks

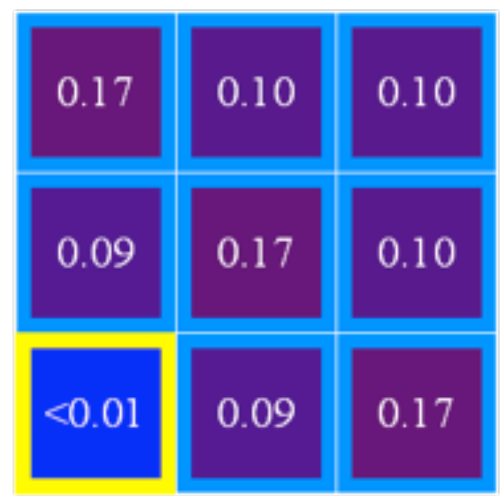
Ghostbusters, Revisited

- Let’s say we have two distributions:
  - Prior distribution over ghost location: P(G)
    - Let’s say this is uniform
  - Sensor reading model: P(R | G)
    - Given: we know what our sensors do
    - R = reading color measured at (1,1)
    - E.g. P(R = yellow | G=(1,1)) = 0.1



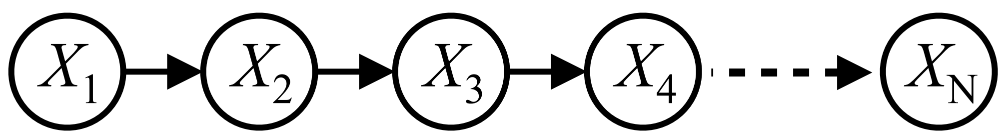
- We can calculate the posterior distribution P(G|r) over ghost locations given a reading using Bayes’ rule:

$$P(g|r) \propto P(r|g)P(g)$$



Recap: Markov Models

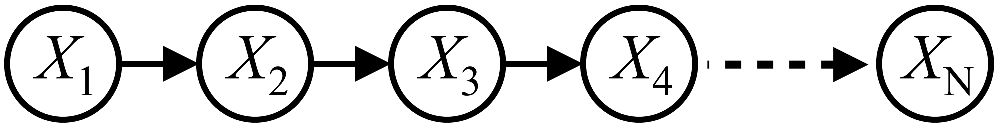
- A Markov model is:
  - a MDP with no actions (and no rewards)
  - a chain-structured Bayesian Network (BN)



- A Markov model includes:
  - Random variables X_t for all time steps t (the state)
  - Parameters: called transition probabilities or dynamics, specify how the state evolves over time (also, initial probs)

$$P(X_1) \quad \text{and} \quad P(X_t|X_{t-1})$$

Recap: Markov Models



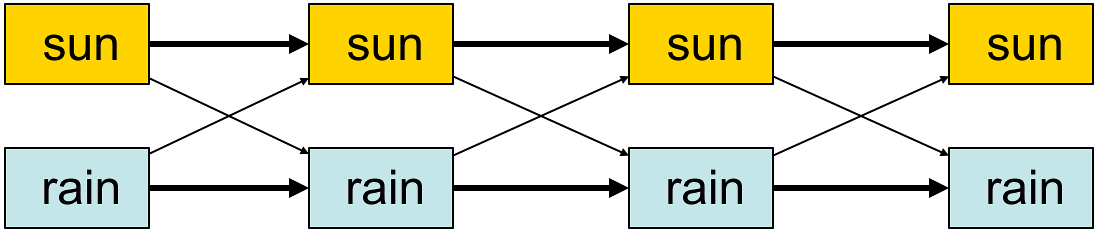
- A Markov model defines
  - a joint probability distribution:

$$P(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = P(X_1) \prod_{t=2}^{N} P(X_t | X_{t-1})$$

- One common inference problem:
  - Compute marginals $P(X_t)$ for all time steps t

Recap: Mini-Forward Algorithm

- Question: What's P(X) on some day t?
  - We don't need to enumerate every sequence!



$$P(x_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1})P(x_{t-1})$$

$$P(x_1) = \text{known}$$

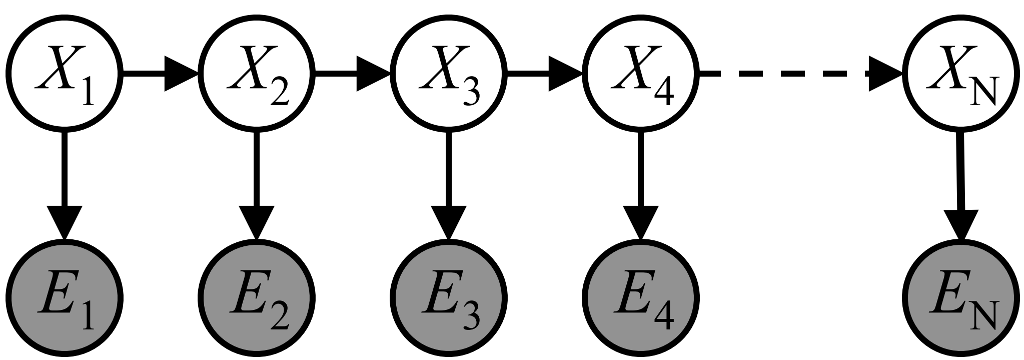
Forward simulation

Recap: Stationary Distributions

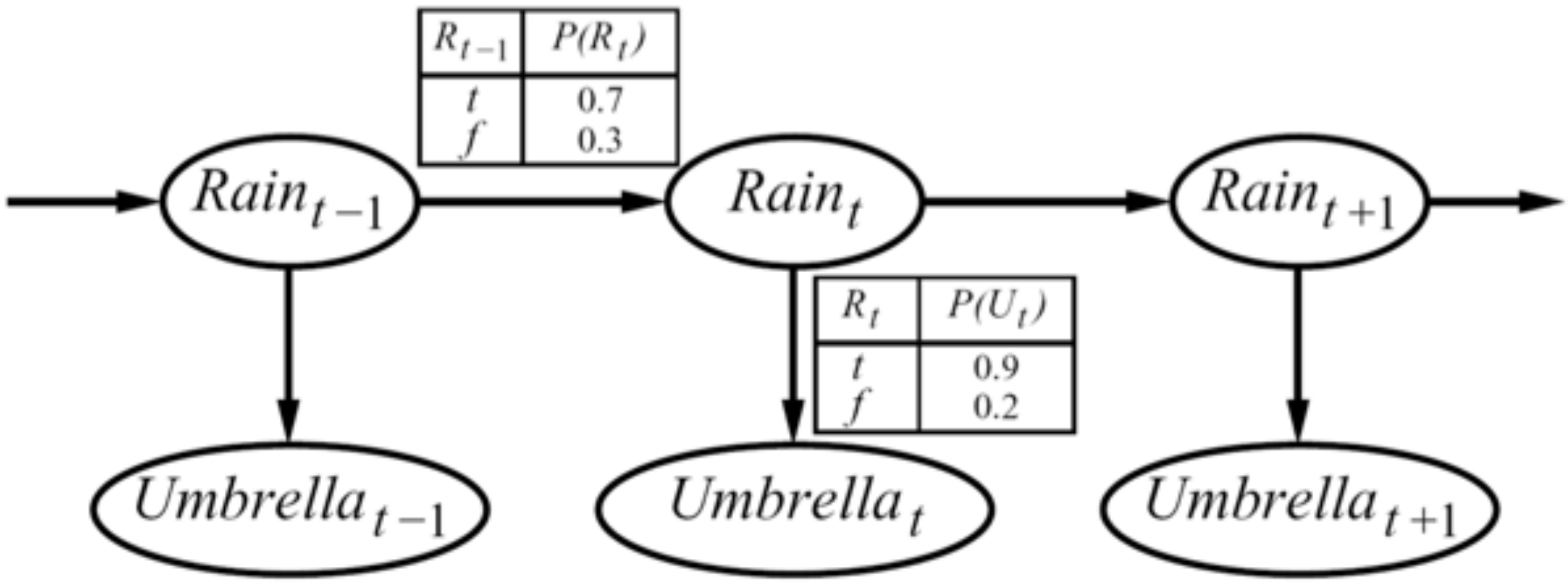
- If we simulate the chain long enough:
  - What happens?
  - Uncertainty accumulates
  - Eventually, we have no idea what the state is!
- Stationary distributions:
  - For most chains, the distribution we end up in is independent of the initial distribution
  - Called the stationary distribution of the chain
  - Usually, can only predict a short time out

Hidden Markov Models

- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
  - Eventually you don't know anything anymore
  - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
  - Underlying Markov chain over states S
  - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step
  - POMDPs without actions (or rewards).
  - As a Bayes' net:



Example



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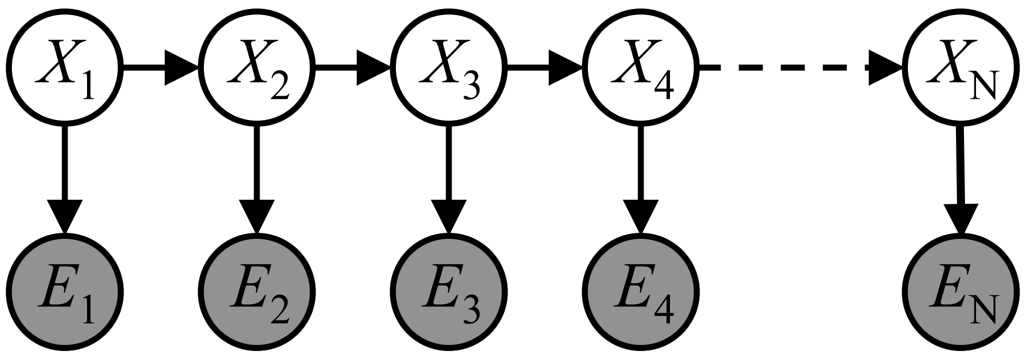
Hidden Markov Models



- Defines a joint probability distribution:

$$P(X_1, \ldots, X_n, E_1, \ldots, E_n) =$$

$$P(X_{1:n}, E_{1:n}) =$$

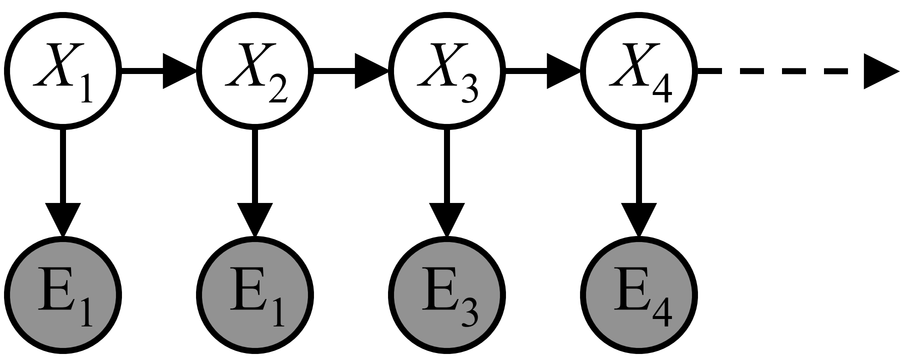
$$P(X_1)P(E_1|X_1)\prod_{t=2}^{N} P(X_t|X_{t-1})P(E_t|X_t)$$

Ghostbusters HMM

- $P(X_1)$ = uniform
- $P(X'|X)$ = usually move clockwise, but sometimes move in a random direction or stay in place
- $P(E|X)$ = same sensor model as before: red means close, green means far away.

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

$P(X_1)$



1/6	1/6	1/2
0	1/6	0
0	0	0

P(X'|X=<1,2>)

HMM Computations

- Given
  - joint $P(X_{1:n}, E_{1:n})$
  - evidence $E_{1:n} = e_{1:n}$

- Inference problems include:
  - Filtering, find $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ for all t
  - Smoothing, find $P(X_t | e_{1:n})$ for all t
  - Most probable explanation, find

$$x^*_{1:n} = \operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:n}} P(x_{1:n} | e_{1:n})$$

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)

Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution B(X) (the belief state) over time

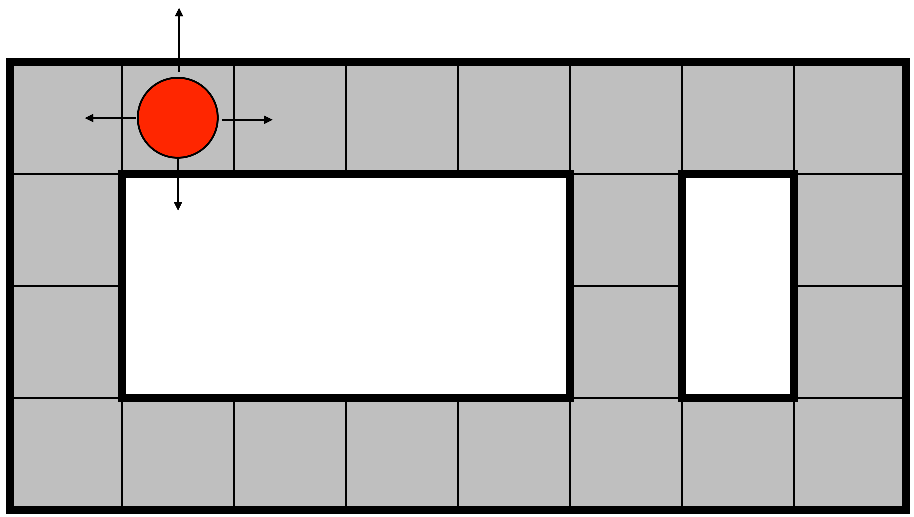
- We start with B(X) in an initial setting, usually uniform

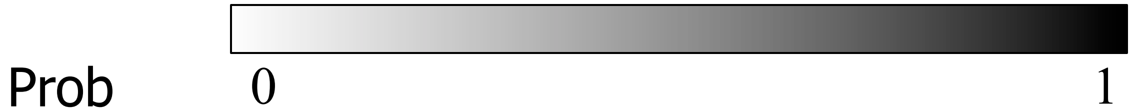
- As time passes, or we get observations, we update B(X)

- The Kalman filter was invented in the 60's and first implemented as a method of trajectory estimation for the Apollo program

Example: Robot Localization

Example from Michael Pfeiffer





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Sensor model: never more than 1 mistake

Motion model: may not execute action with small prob.

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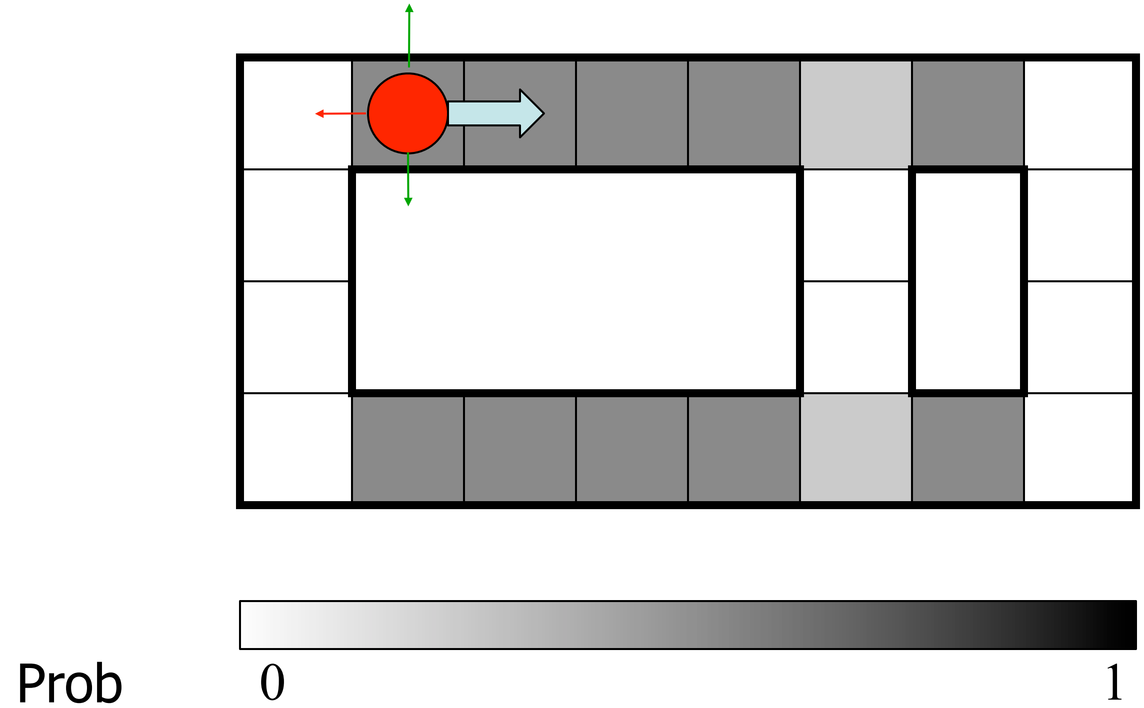

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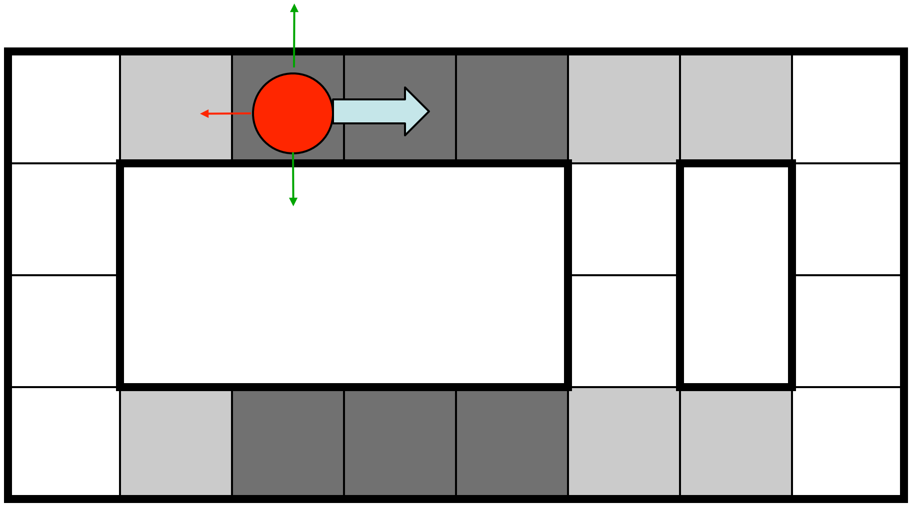
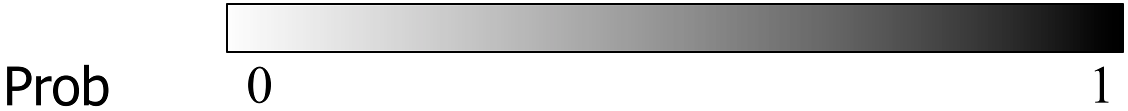
Example: Robot Localization





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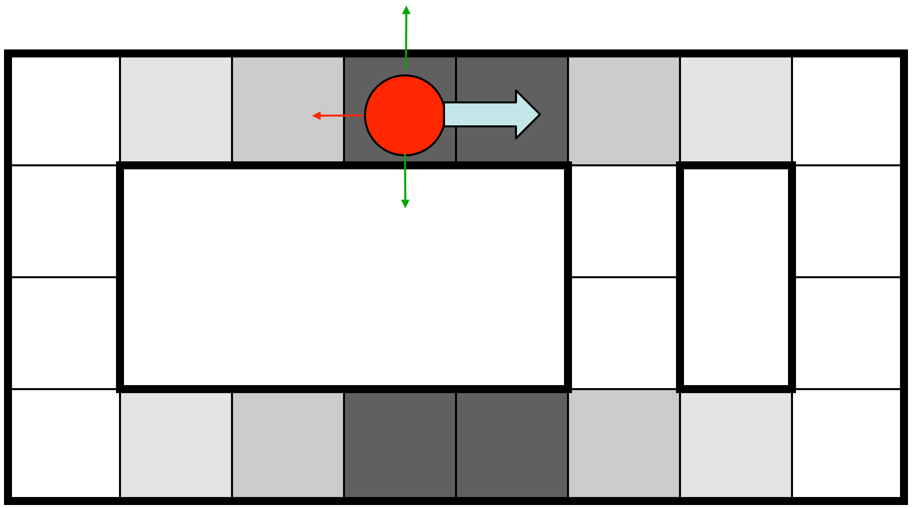
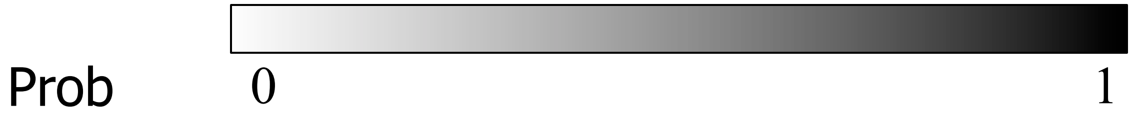
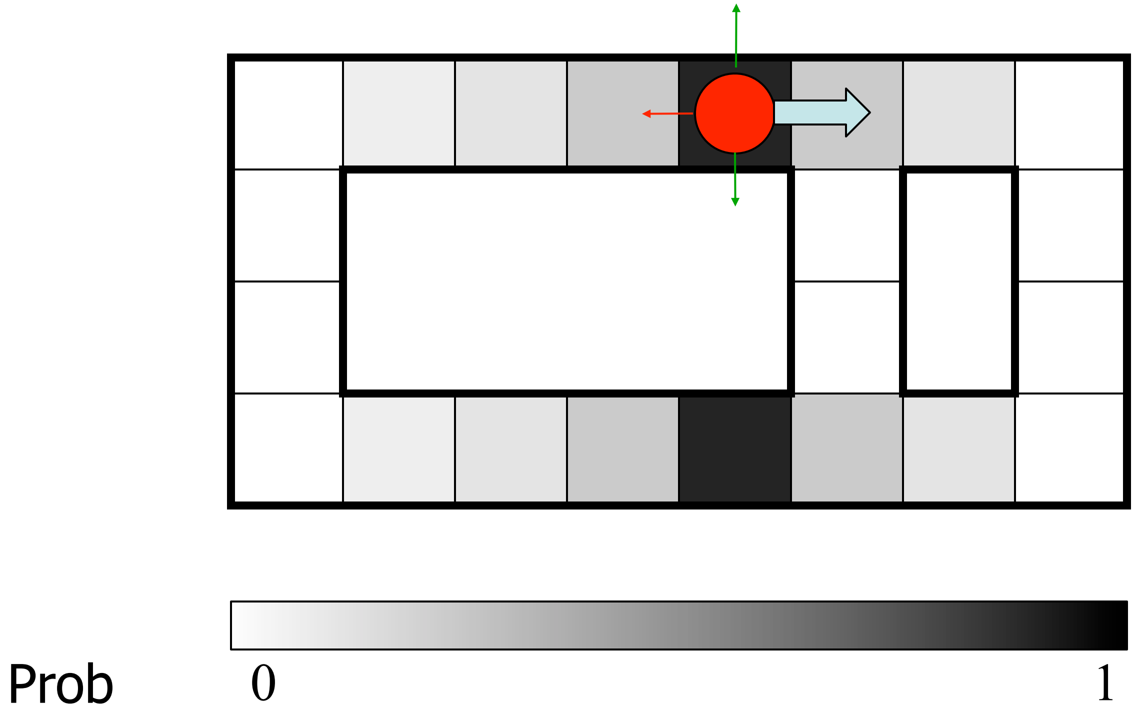
Example: Robot Localization





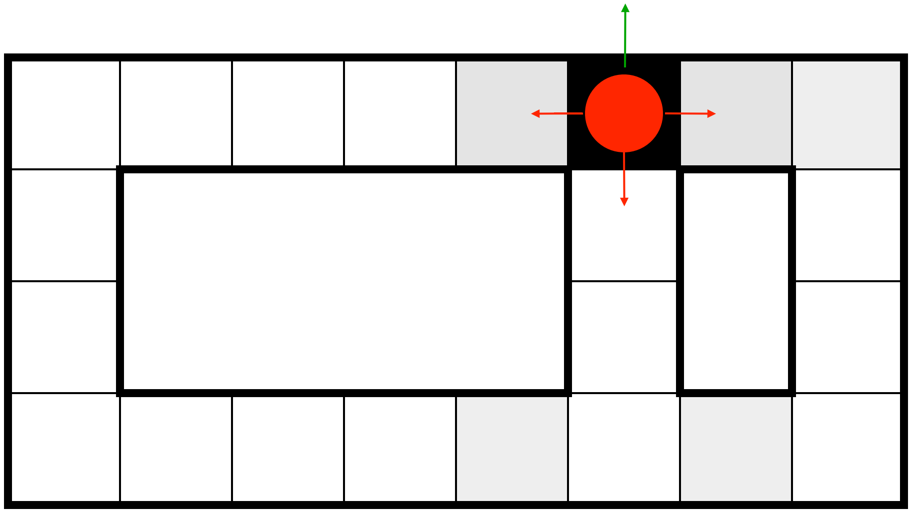
t=3

Example: Robot Localization

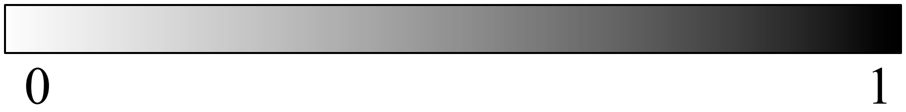


t=4

Example: Robot Localization



Prob



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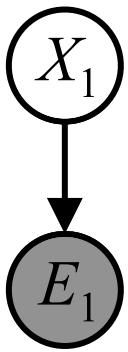
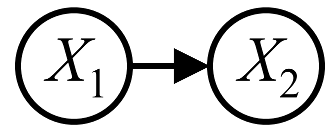
Inference Recap: Simple Cases



$$P(X_1|e_1)$$

$$P(x_1|e_1) = P(x_1, e_1)/P(e_1)$$
$$\propto_{X_1} P(x_1, e_1)$$
$$= P(x_1)P(e_1|x_1)$$

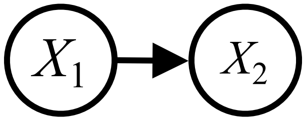


$$P(X_2)$$

$$P(x_2) = \sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2)$$
$$= \sum_{x_1} P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)$$

Online Belief Updates

- Every time step, we start with current P(X | evidence)
- We update for time:



$$P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

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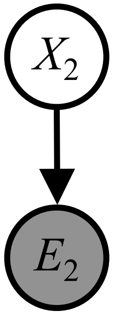
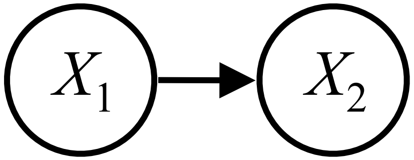


$$P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \propto_X P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t|x_t)$$

Passage of Time

- Assume we have current belief P(X | evidence to date)

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



- Then, after one time step passes:

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

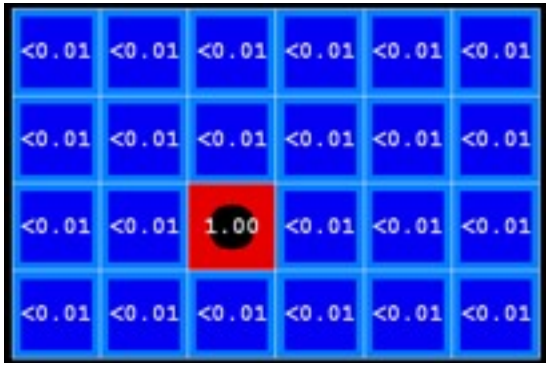
- Or, compactly:

$$B'(X') = \sum_{x} P(X'|x)B(x)$$

- 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

Example: Passage of Time

- As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"



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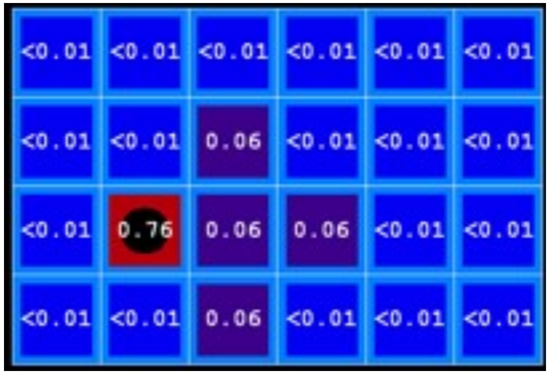
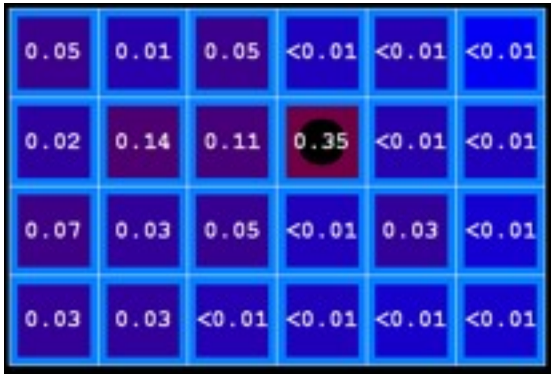


T = 2



T = 5

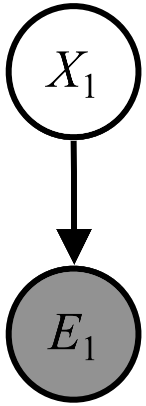
$$B'(X') = \sum_x P(X'|x) B(x)$$

Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise

Observation

- Assume we have current belief P(X | previous evidence):

$$B'(X_{t+1}) = P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})$$



- Then:

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

- Or:

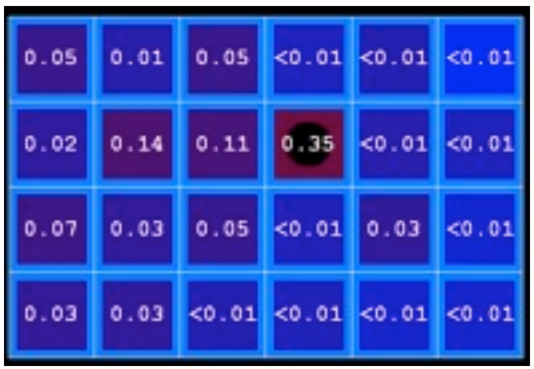
$$B(X_{t+1}) \propto P(e|X)B'(X_{t+1})$$

- Basic idea: beliefs reweighted by likelihood of evidence

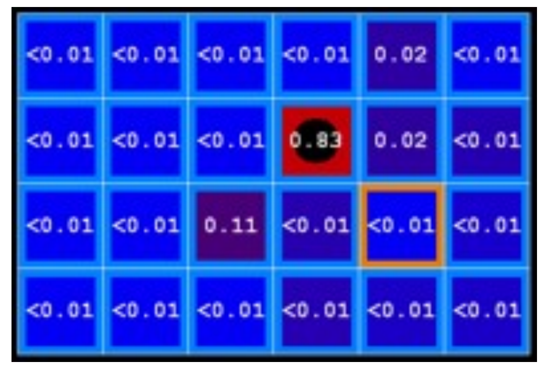
- Unlike passage of time, we have to renormalize

Example: Observation

- As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty “decreases”



Before observation



After observation

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

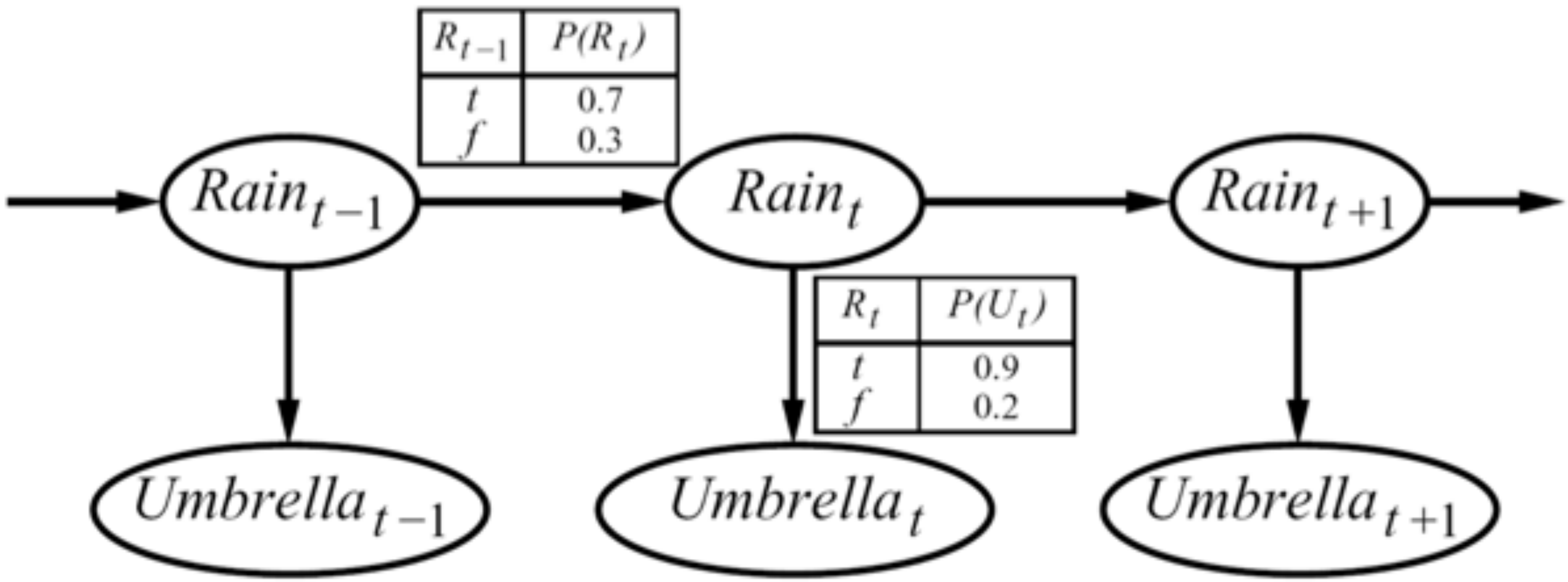
The Forward Algorithm

- We to know: $B_t(X) = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$
- We can derive the following updates

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

- To get $B_t(X)$, compute each entry and normalize

Example: Run the Filter



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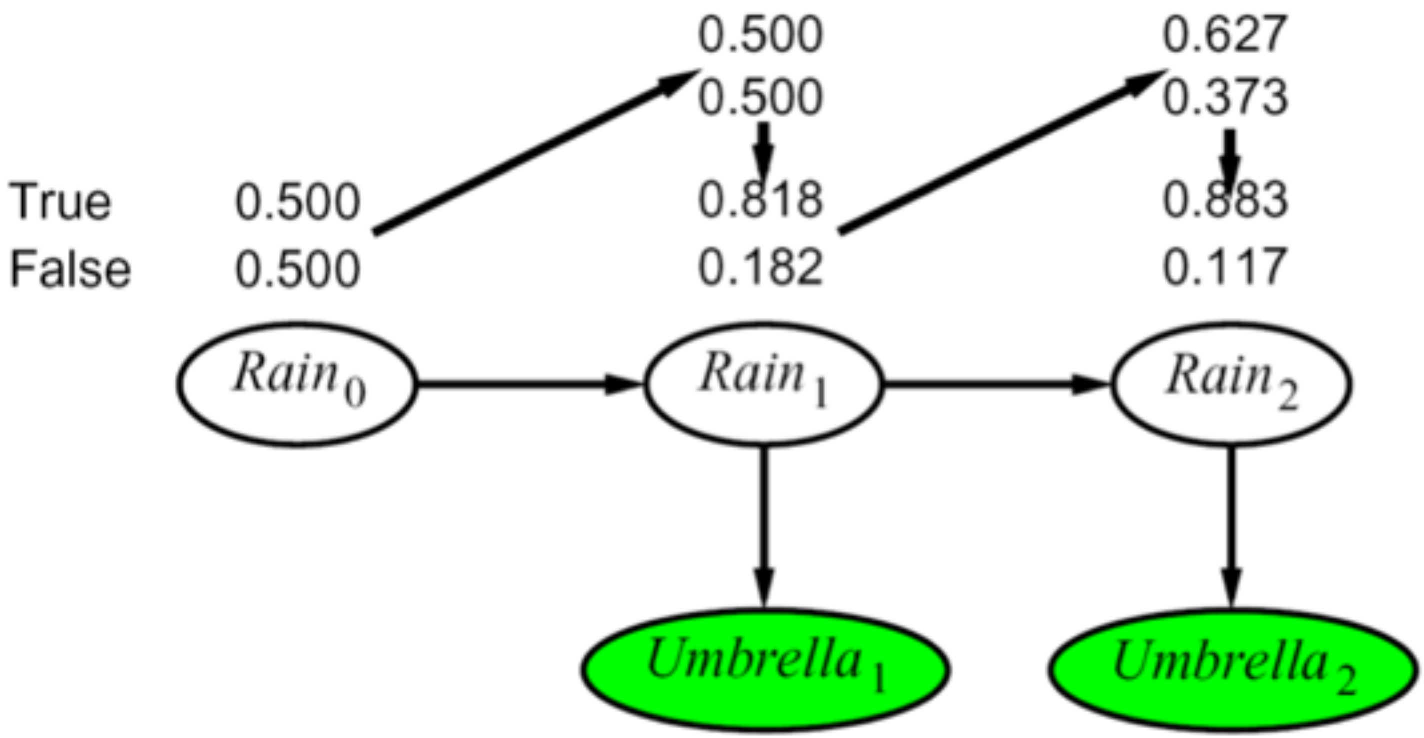
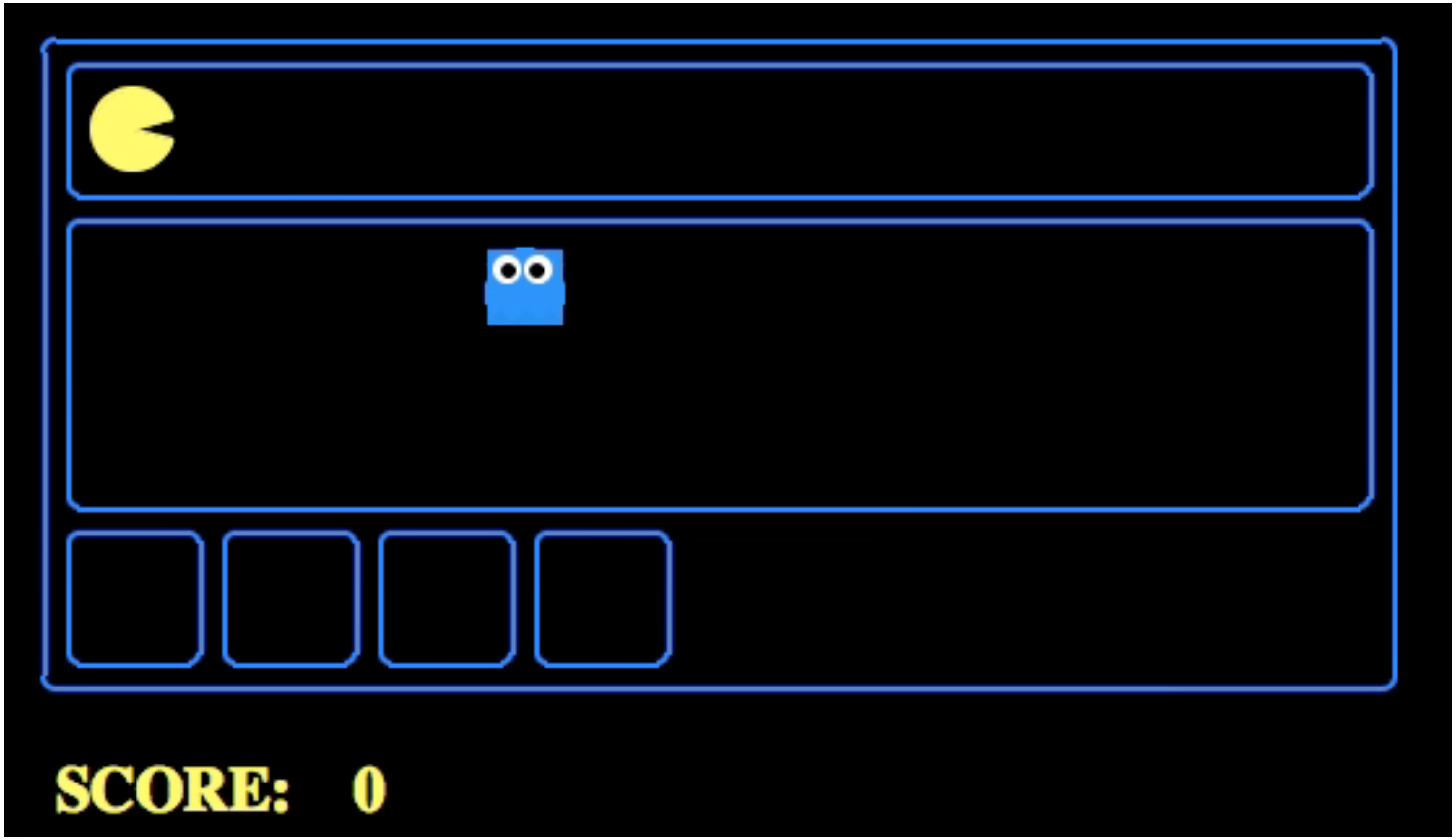
Example HMM



0.500
0.500
0.627
0.373
True
False
0.500
0.500
0.818
0.182
0.883
0.117
Rain 0
Rain 1
Rain 2
Umbrella 1
Umbrella 2

Example Pac-man



Summary: Filtering

- Filtering is the inference process of finding a distribution over X_T given e_1 through e_T : P(X_T | $e_{1:t}$)
- We first compute P(X_1 | e_1): $P(x_1|e_1) \propto P(x_1) \cdot P(e_1|x_1)$
- For each t from 2 to T, we have P(X_{t-1} | $e_{1:t-1}$)
- **Elapse time:** compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t-1}$)

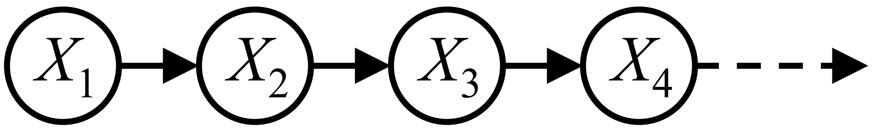
$$P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

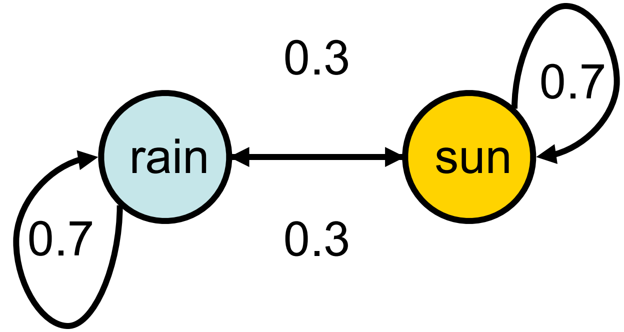
- **Observe:** compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t-1}$, e_t) = P(X_t | $e_{1:t}$)

$$P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \propto P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t|x_t)$$

Recap: Reasoning Over Time

- Stationary Markov models

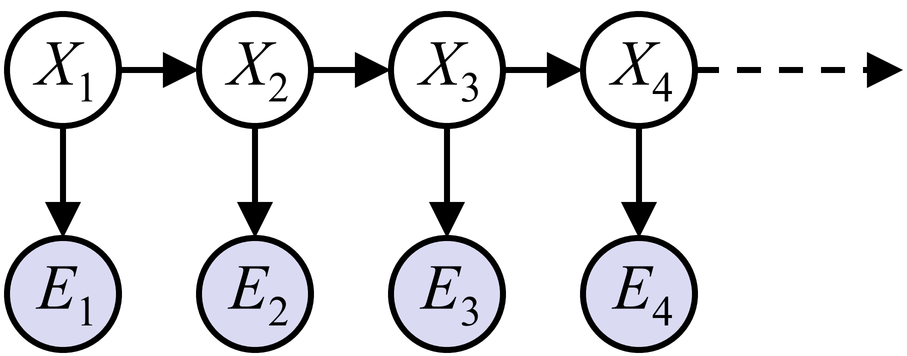




$$P(X_1) \qquad P(X|X_{-1})$$

$$P(E|X)$$

- Hidden Markov models



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

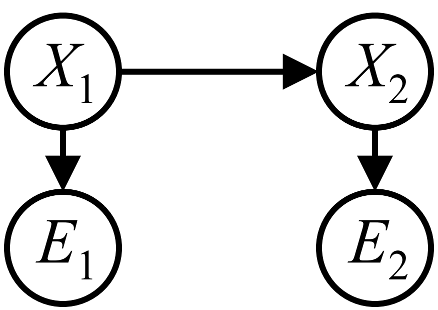
Recap: Filtering

Elapse time: compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t-1}$)

$$P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

Observe: compute P(X_t | $e_{1:t}$)

$$P(x_t|e_{1:t}) \propto P(x_t|e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t|x_t)$$

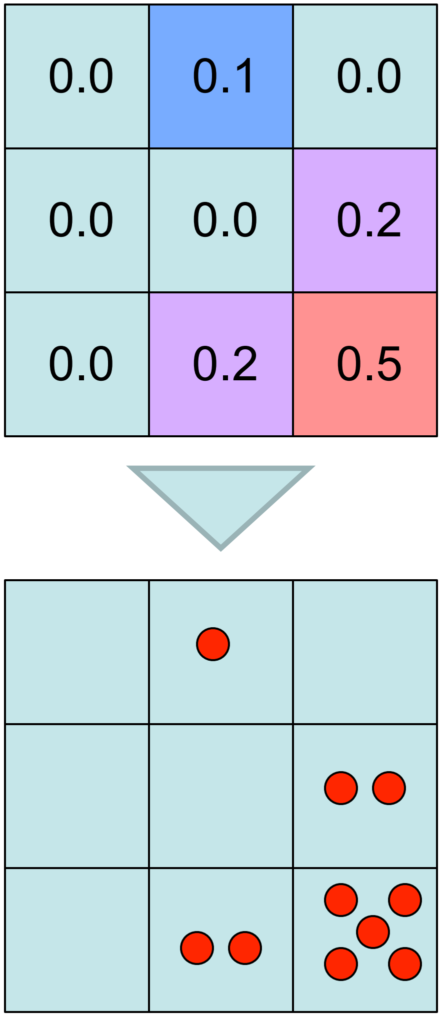


Belief: <P(rain), P(sun)>

$P(X_1)$	<0.5, 0.5>	*Prior on X_1*
$P(X_1 \mid E_1 = umbrella)$	<0.82, 0.18>	*Observe*
$P(X_2 \mid E_1 = umbrella)$	<0.63, 0.37>	*Elapse time*
$P(X_2 \mid E_1 = umb, E_2 = umb)$	<0.88, 0.12>	*Observe*

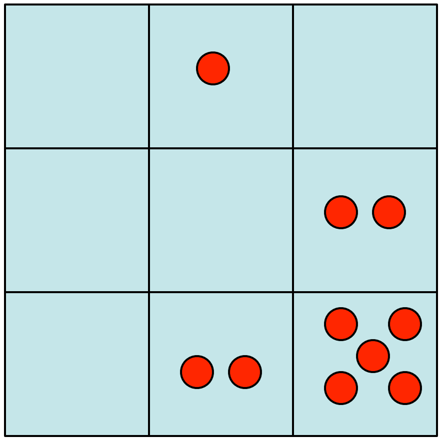
Particle Filtering

- Sometimes |X| is too big to use exact inference
  - |X| may be too big to even store B(X)
  - E.g. X is continuous
  - $|X|^2$ may be too big to do updates
- 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



Representation: Particles

- Our representation of P(X) is now a list of N particles (samples)
  - Generally, N << |X|
  - Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point
- P(x) approximated by number of particles with value x
  - So, many x will 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)
(2,1)
(3,3)
(3,3)
(2,1)

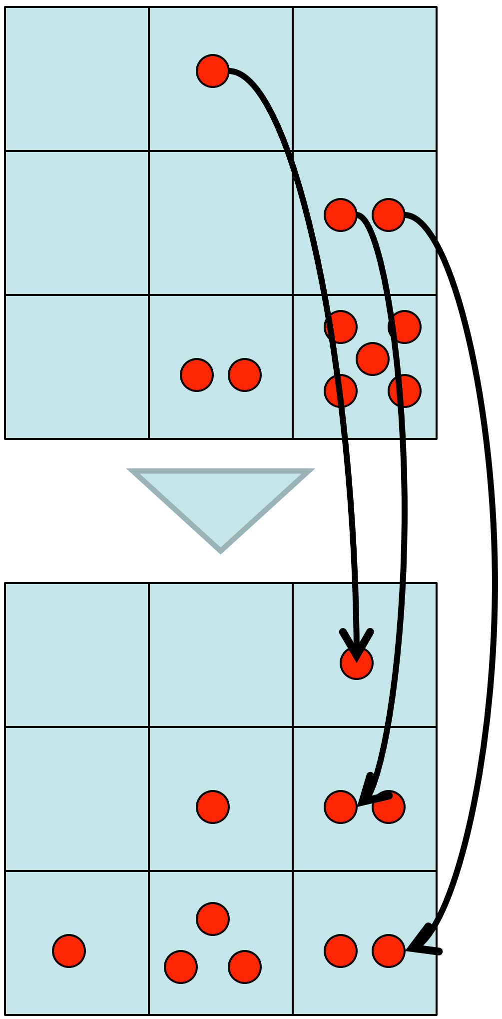
Particle Filtering: Elapse Time

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

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

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

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



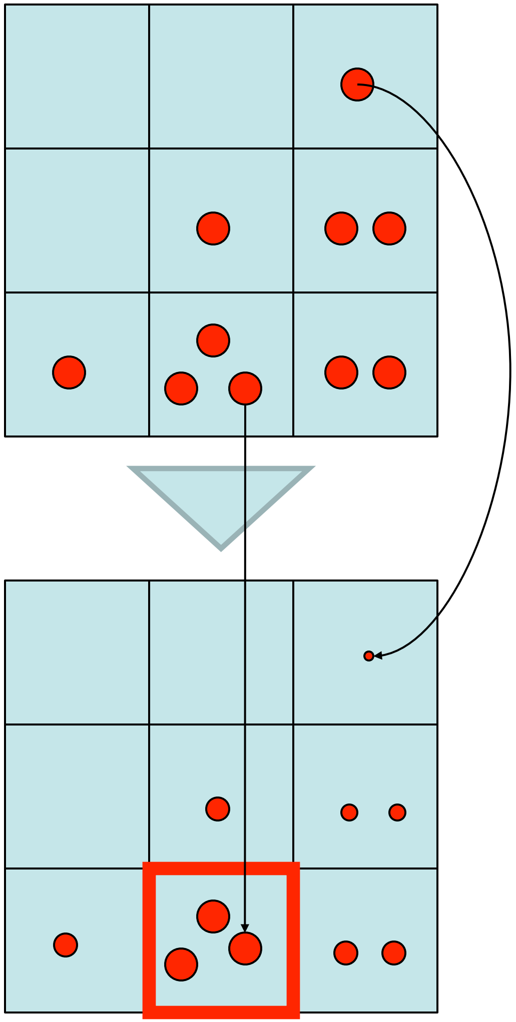
Particle Filtering: Observe

- Slightly trickier:
  - We don't sample the observation, we fix it
  - We weight our samples based on the evidence

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

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

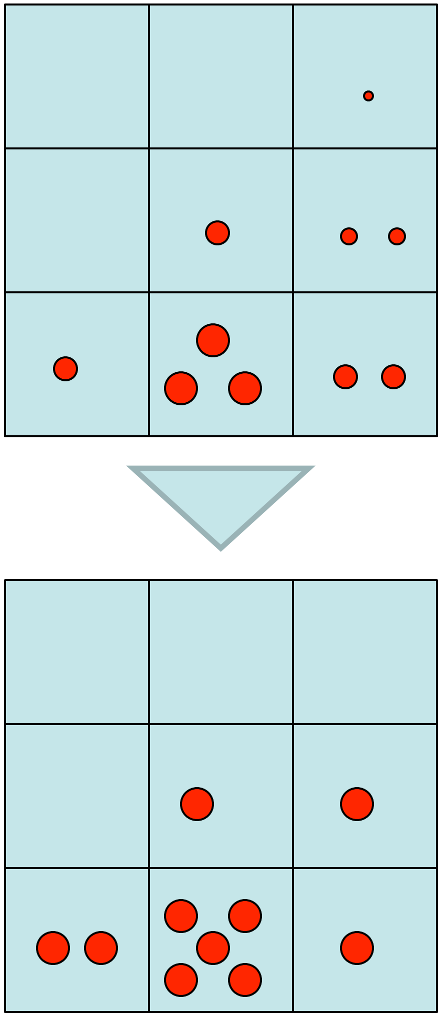
  - Note that, as before, the weights/ probabilities don't sum to one, since most have been downweighted (in fact they sum to an approximation of P(e))



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

Old Particles:
(3,3) w=0.1
(2,1) w=0.9
(2,1) w=0.9
(3,1) w=0.4
(3,2) w=0.3
(2,2) w=0.4
(1,1) w=0.4
(3,1) w=0.4
(2,1) w=0.9
(3,2) w=0.3



New Particles:
(2,1) w=1
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(1,1) w=1
(3,1) w=1
(2,1) w=1
(1,1) w=1

Summary: Particle Filtering

At each time step t, we have a set of N particles / samples

- Three step procedure, to move to time t+1:
  1. Sample transitions: for each each particle x, sample next state

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

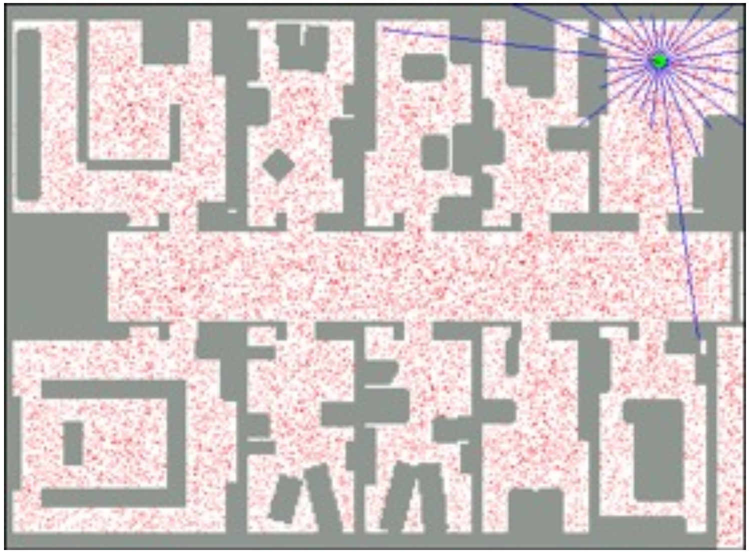
  2. Reweight: for each particle, compute its weight

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

  3. Resample: normalize the weights, and sample N new particles from the resulting distribution over states

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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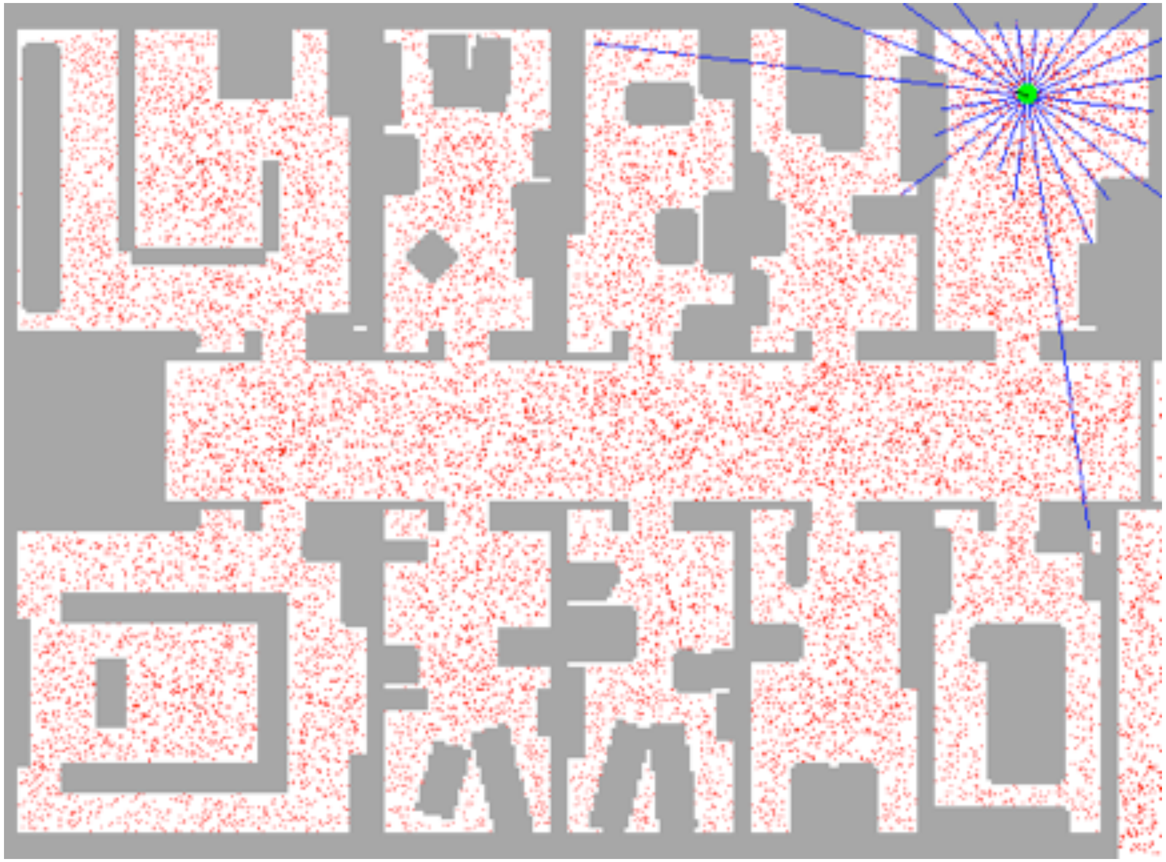
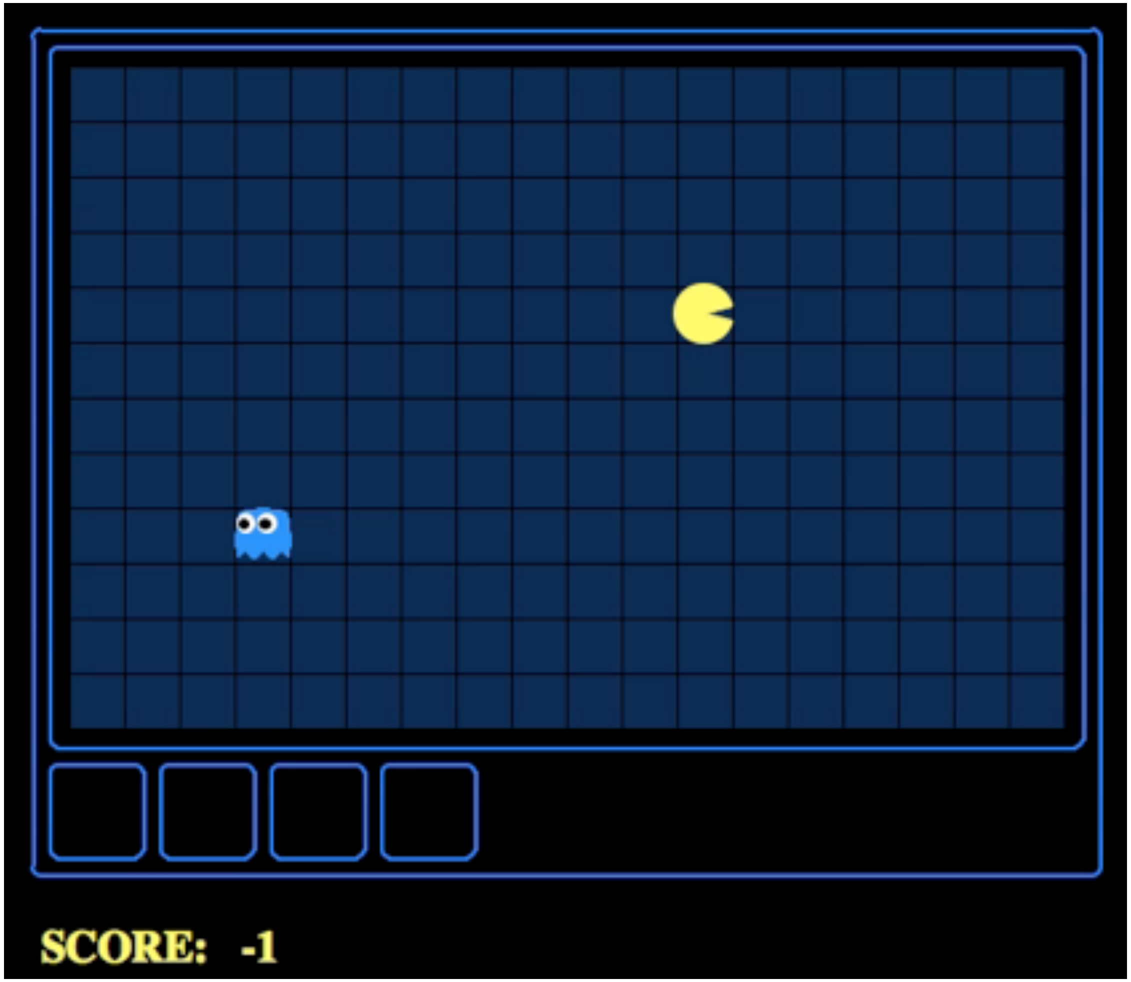


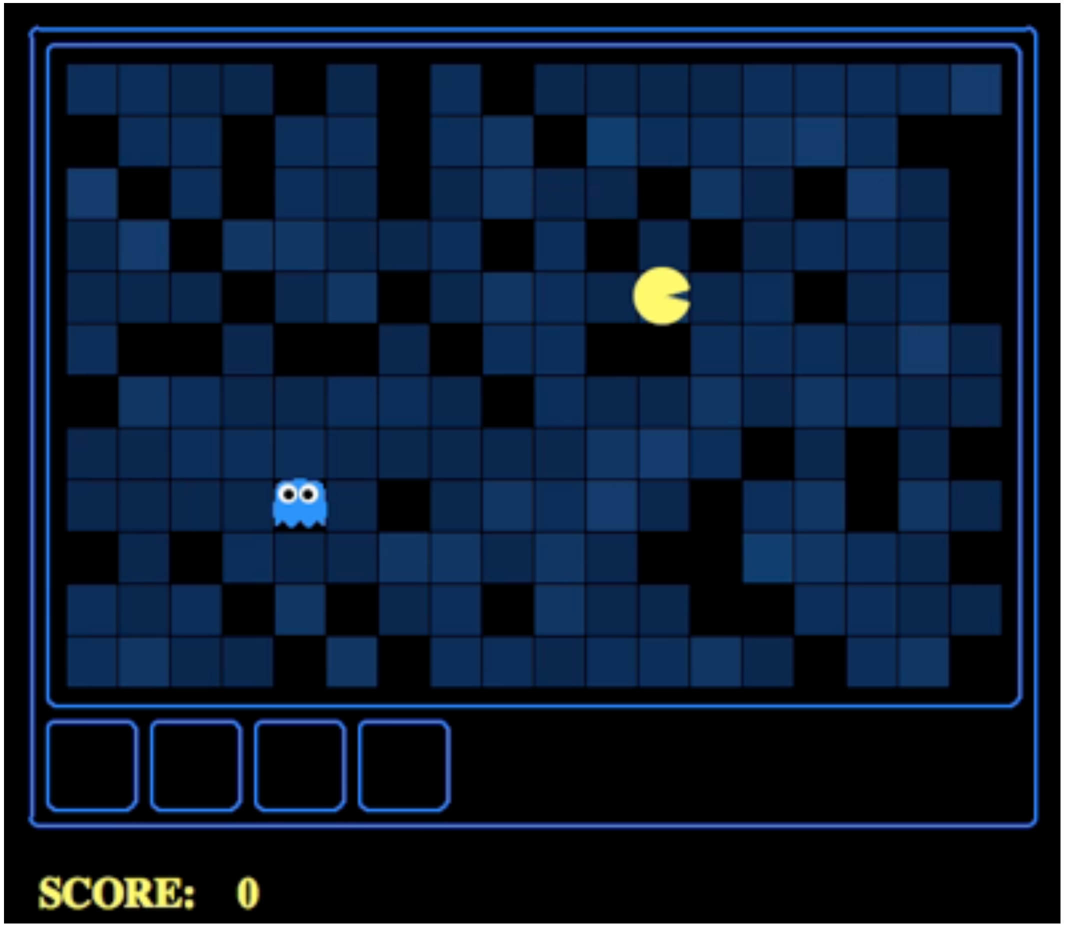
Which Algorithm?

Exact filter, uniform initial beliefs



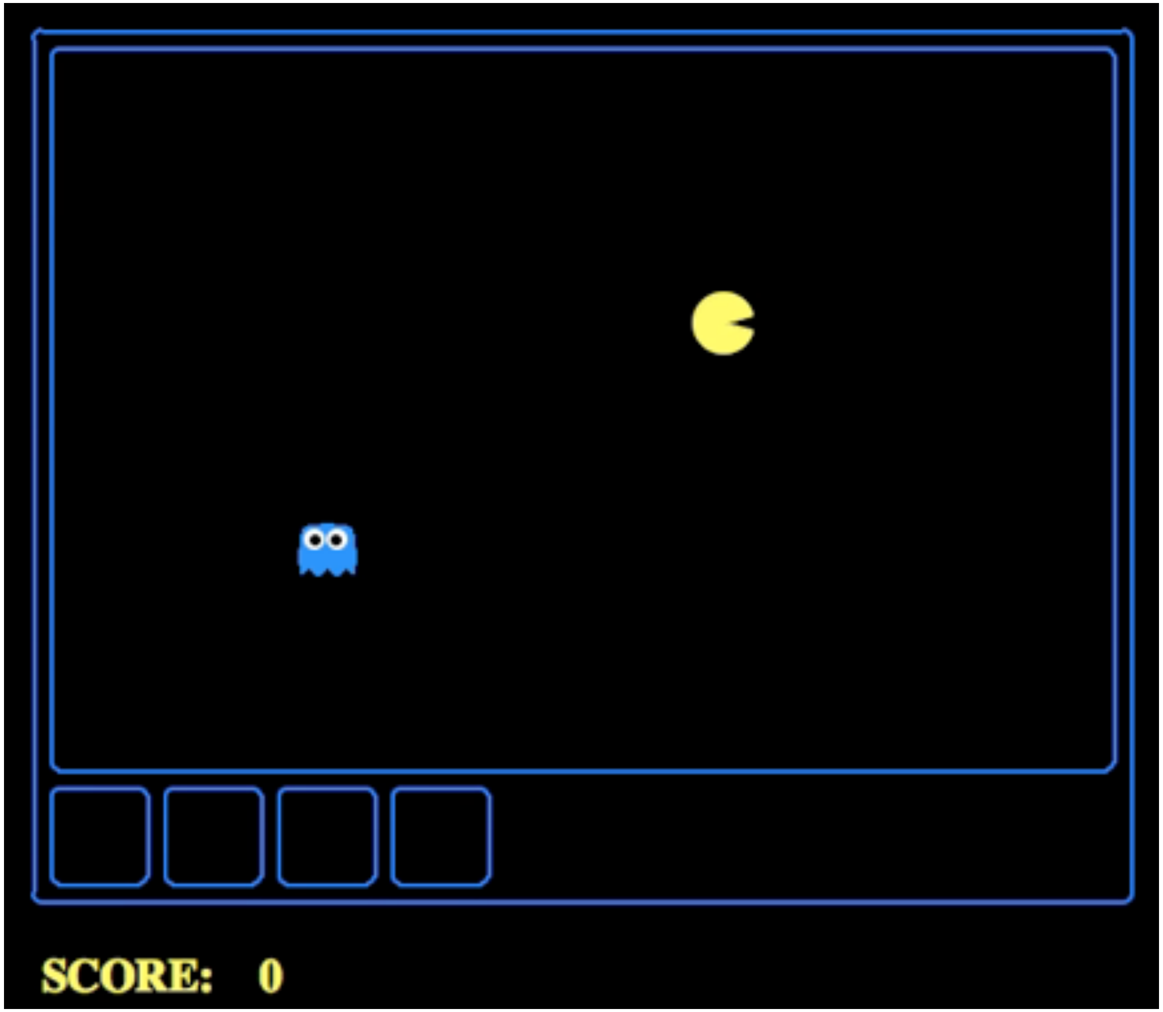
Which Algorithm?

Particle filter, uniform initial beliefs, 300 particles



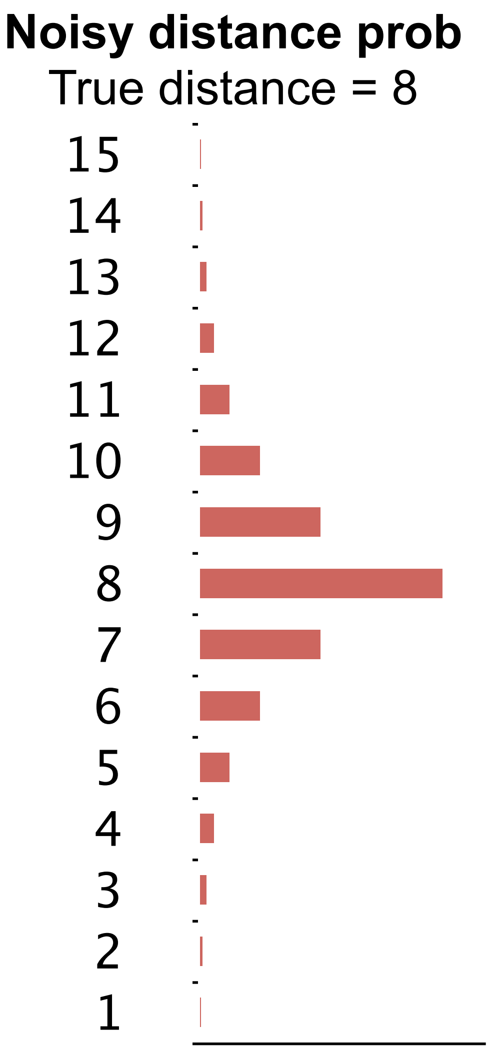
Which Algorithm?

Particle filter, uniform initial beliefs, 25 particles

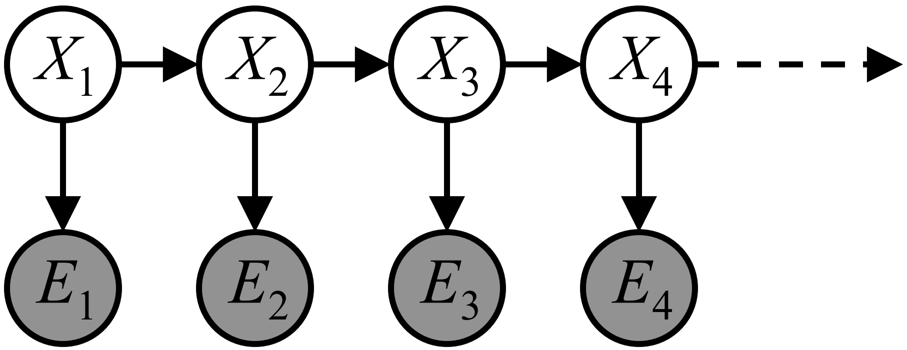


P4: Ghostbusters

- **Plot:** Pacman's grandfather, Grandpac, learned to hunt ghosts for sport.
- He was blinded by his power, but could hear the ghosts' banging and clanging.
- **Transition Model:** All ghosts move randomly, but are sometimes biased
- **Emission Model:** Pacman knows a "noisy" distance to each ghost



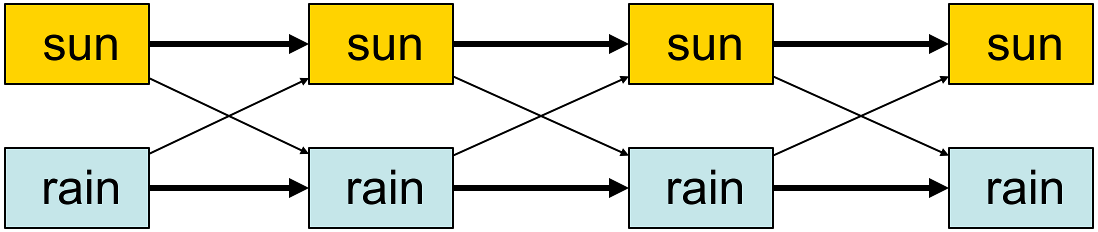
Best Explanation Queries



- Query: most likely seq:

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

Viterbi Algorithm



$$x^*_{1:T} = \arg\max_{x_{1:T}} P(x_{1:T}|e_{1:T}) = \arg\max_{x_{1:T}} P(x_{1:T}, e_{1:T})$$

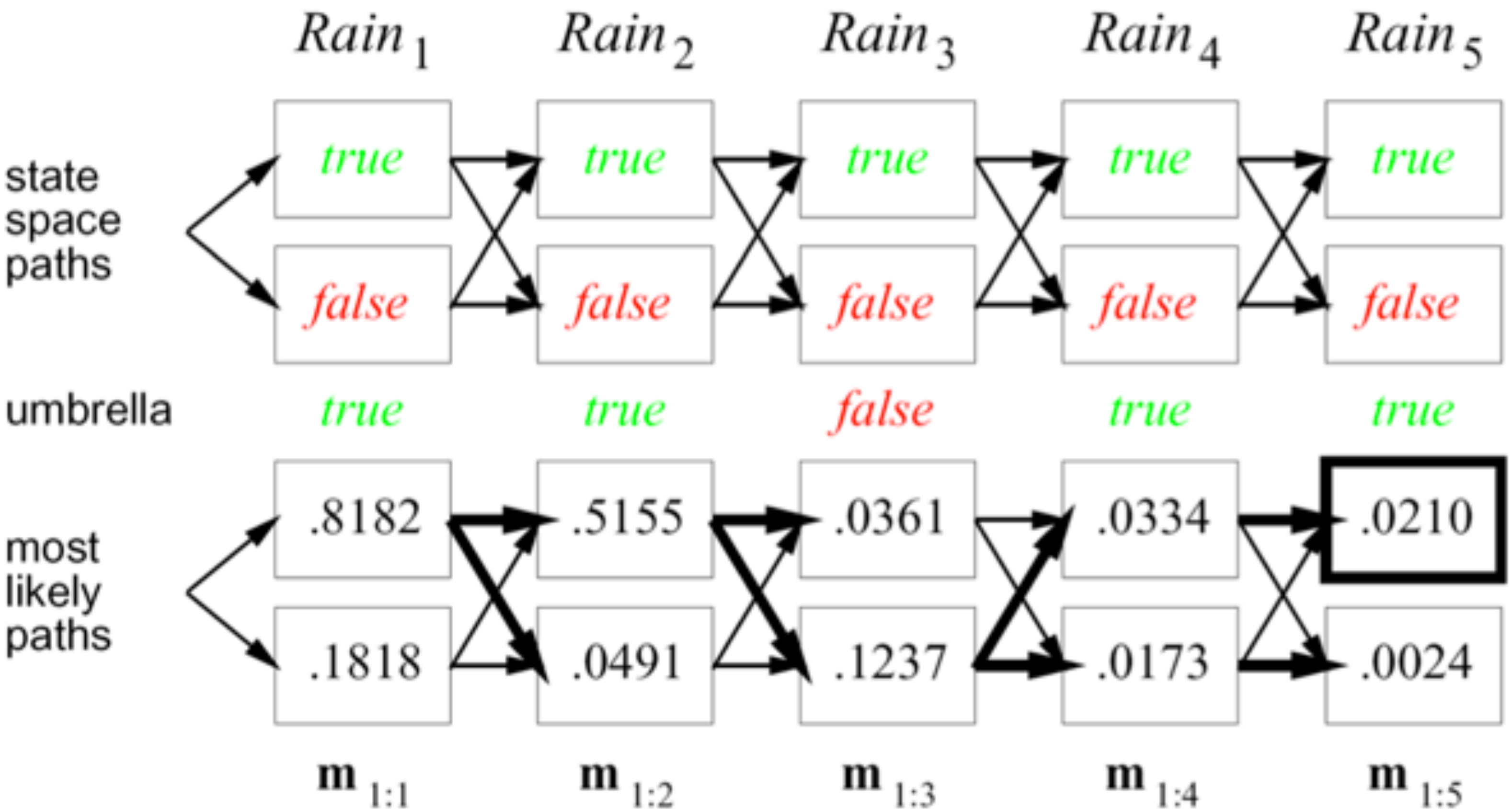
$$m_t[x_t] = \max_{x_{1:t-1}} P(x_{1:t-1}, x_t, e_{1:t})$$

$$= \max_{x_{1:t-1}} P(x_{1:t-1}, e_{1:t-1}) P(x_t|x_{t-1}) P(e_t|x_t)$$

$$= P(e_t|x_t) \max_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) \max_{x_{1:t-2}} P(x_{1:t-1}, e_{1:t-1})$$

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

Example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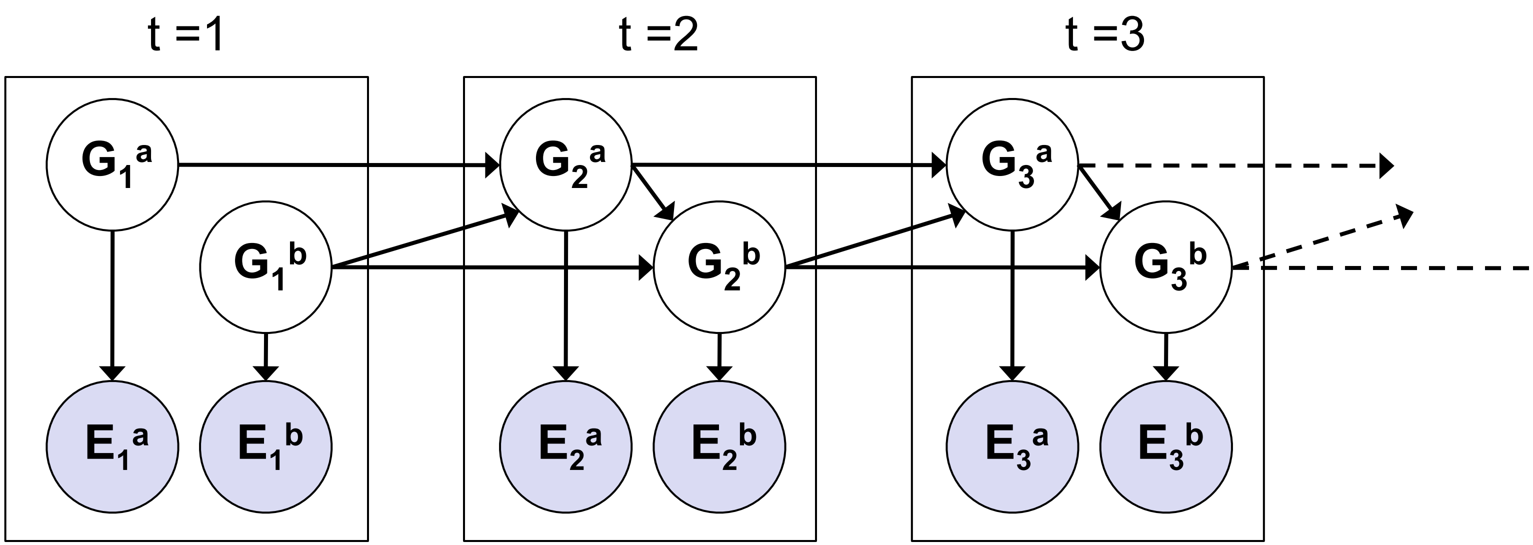
Dynamic Bayes Nets (DBNs)

- 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*



- Discrete valued dynamic Bayes nets are also HMMs

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: $\mathbf{G_1^a}$ = (3,3) $\mathbf{G_1^b}$ = (5,3)
- **Elapse time**: Sample a successor for each particle
  - Example successor: $\mathbf{G_2^a}$ = (2,3) $\mathbf{G_2^b}$ = (6,3)
- **Observe**: Weight each entire sample by the likelihood of the evidence conditioned on the sample
  - Likelihood: $P(\mathbf{E_1^a} | \mathbf{G_1^a}) * P(\mathbf{E_1^b} | \mathbf{G_1^b})$
- **Resample:** Select prior samples (tuples of values) in proportion to their likelihood