## Markov Models and Hidden Markov Models

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### Markov Models

We have already seen that an MDP provides a useful framework for modeling stochastic control problems.

Markov Models: model any kind of temporally dynamic system.

### Probability again: Independence

Two random variables, x and y, are independent when:

$$\forall (x,y), P(x,y) = P(x)P(y) \iff x \perp y$$

 $x \not \perp y$ 



# The outcomes of two different coin flips are usually independent of each other

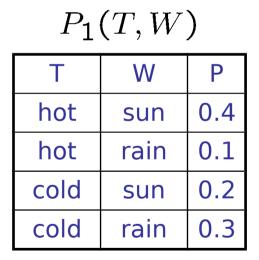
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If: 
$$P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$

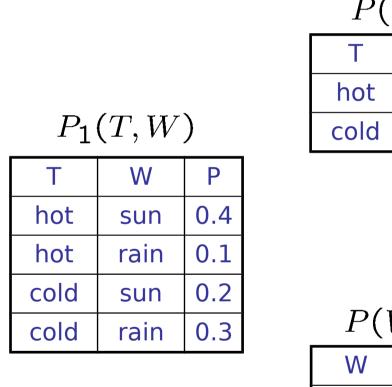
Then: 
$$P(x) = P(x|y)$$
  
 $P(y) = P(y|x)$ 

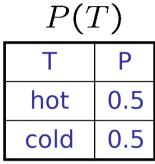
Why?

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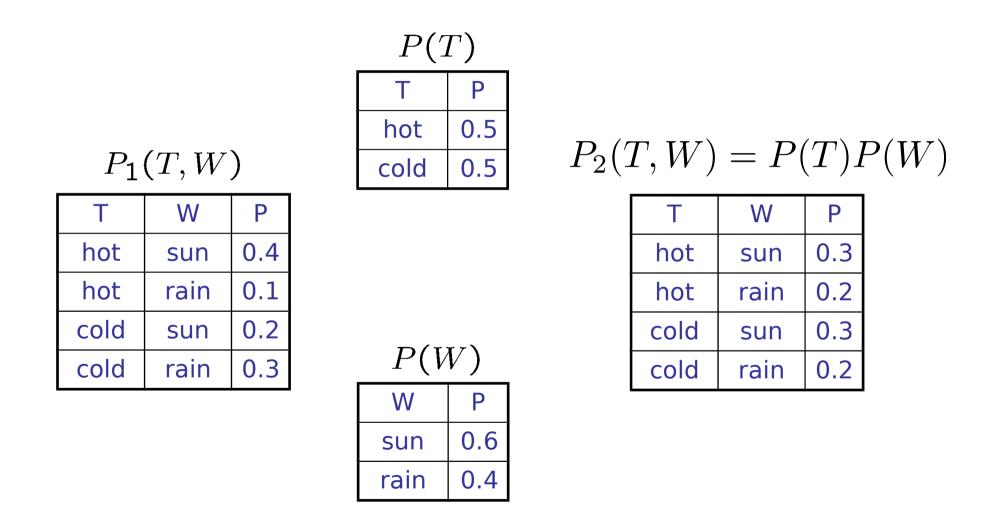
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P(W)		
W	Р	
sun	0.6	
rain	0.4	

### Are T and W independent?



### **Conditional independence**

Independence:

$$\forall (x, y), P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$
$$x \perp \!\!\!\perp y$$

Conditional independence:

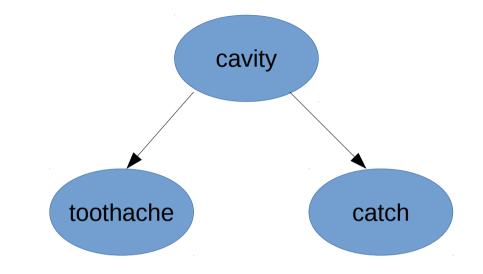
$$\forall (x, y, z), P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$$
$$x \perp \!\!\!\perp y|z$$

Equivalent statements of conditional independence:

P(x|z) = P(x|z, y)

$$P(y|z) = P(y|z, x)$$

### Conditional independence: example



P(toothache, catch | cavity) = P(toothache | cavity) = P(catch | cavity)

or...

P(toothache | cavity) = P(toothache | cavity, catch)

P(catch | cavity) = P(catch | cavity, toothache)

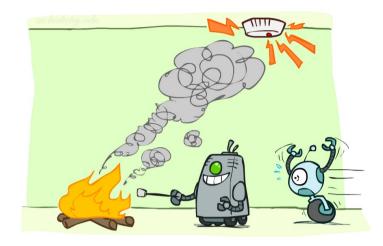
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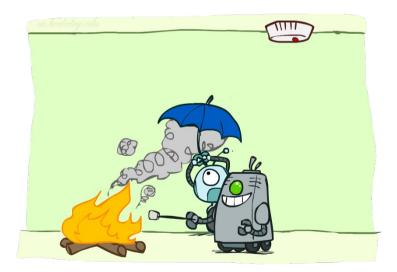
- What about this domain:
  - Traffic
  - Umbrella
  - Raining

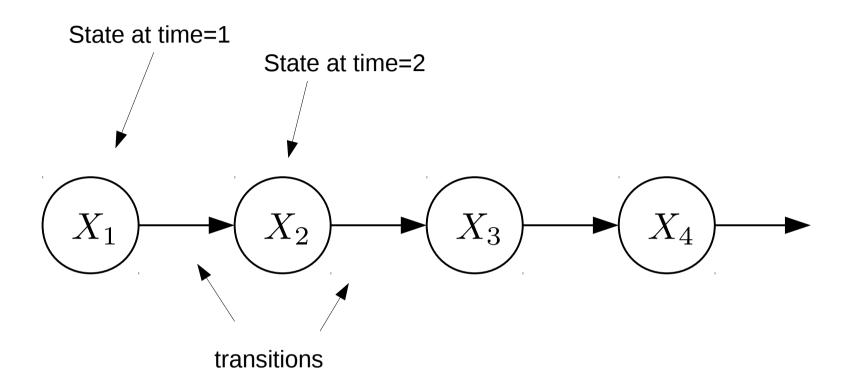


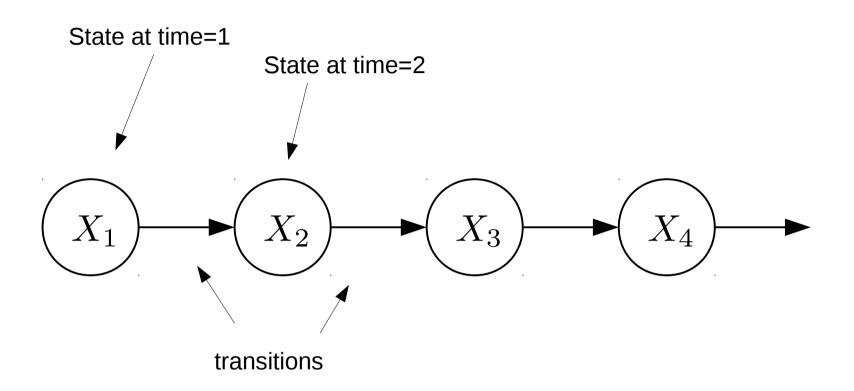
### Conditional independence: example

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





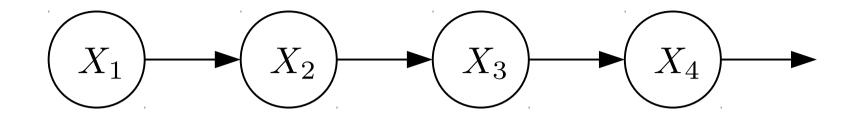




Since this is a Markov process, we assume transitions are Markov:

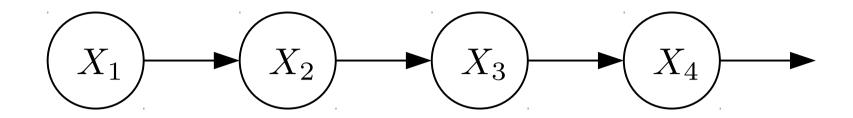
Process model:  $P(X_t | X_{t-1}) = P(X_t | X_{t-1}, ..., X_1)$ 

Markov assumption:  $X_t \perp X_{t-2} | X_{t-1}$ 



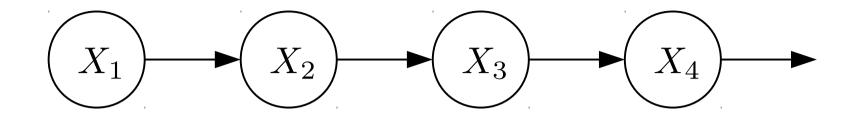
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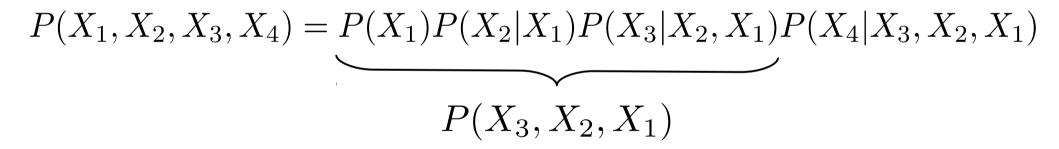


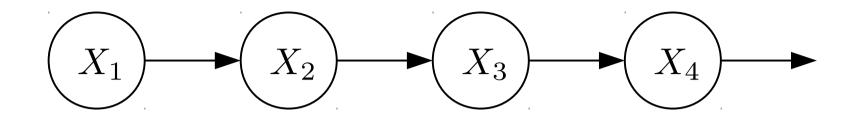
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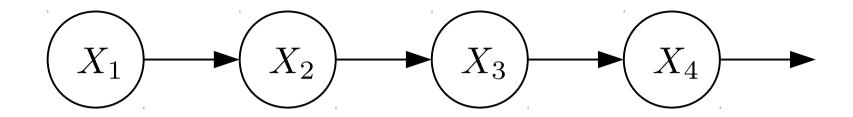




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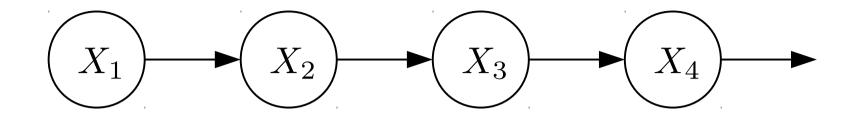
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Can we simplify this expression?



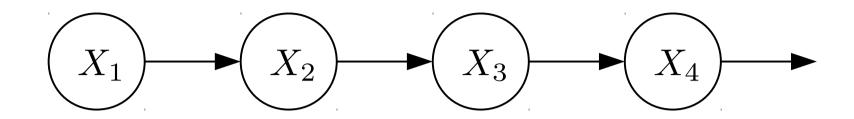
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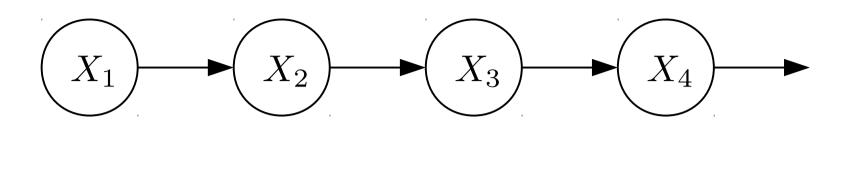
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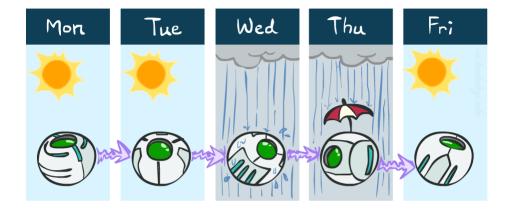
In general:  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T) = P(X_1) \prod_{t=1} P(X_{t+1}|X_t)$ 



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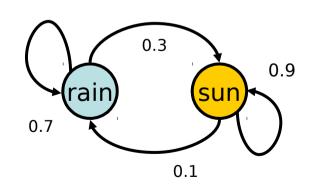
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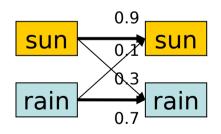
- States: X = {rain, sun}
- Initial distribution: 1.0 sun
- Process model: P(X<sub>t</sub> | X<sub>t-1</sub>):



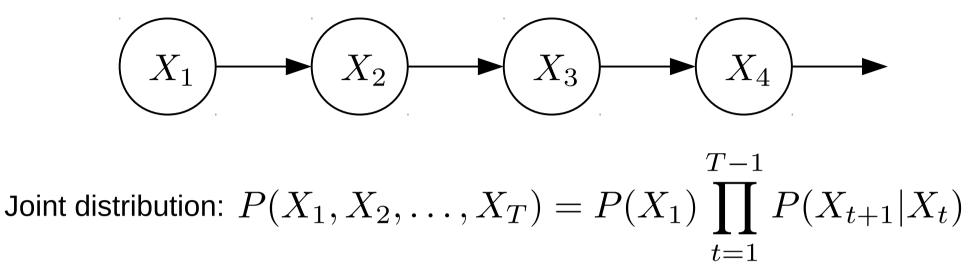
Two new ways of representing the same CPT

<b>X</b> <sub>t-1</sub>	X <sub>t</sub>	$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_{t} \mathbf{X}_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7





### Simulating dynamics forward

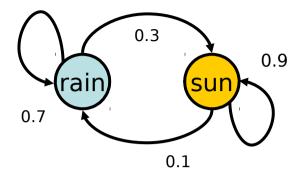


But, suppose we want to predict the state at time T, given a prior distribution at time 1?

$$P(X_{2}) = \sum_{X_{1}} P(X_{1})P(X_{2}|X_{1})$$
$$P(X_{3}) = \sum_{X_{2}} P(X_{2})P(X_{3}|X_{2})$$
$$\vdots$$
$$P(X_{T}) = \sum_{X_{T-1}} P(X_{T-1})P(X_{T}|X_{T-1})$$

#### Markov Processes: example

Initial distribution: 1.0 sun



What is the probability distribution after one step?

$$P(X_2 = \operatorname{sun}) = P(X_2 = \operatorname{sun}|X_1 = \operatorname{sun})P(X_1 = \operatorname{sun}) + P(X_2 = \operatorname{sun}|X_1 = \operatorname{rain})P(X_1 = \operatorname{rain})$$

 $0.9 \cdot 1.0 + 0.3 \cdot 0.0 = 0.9$ 

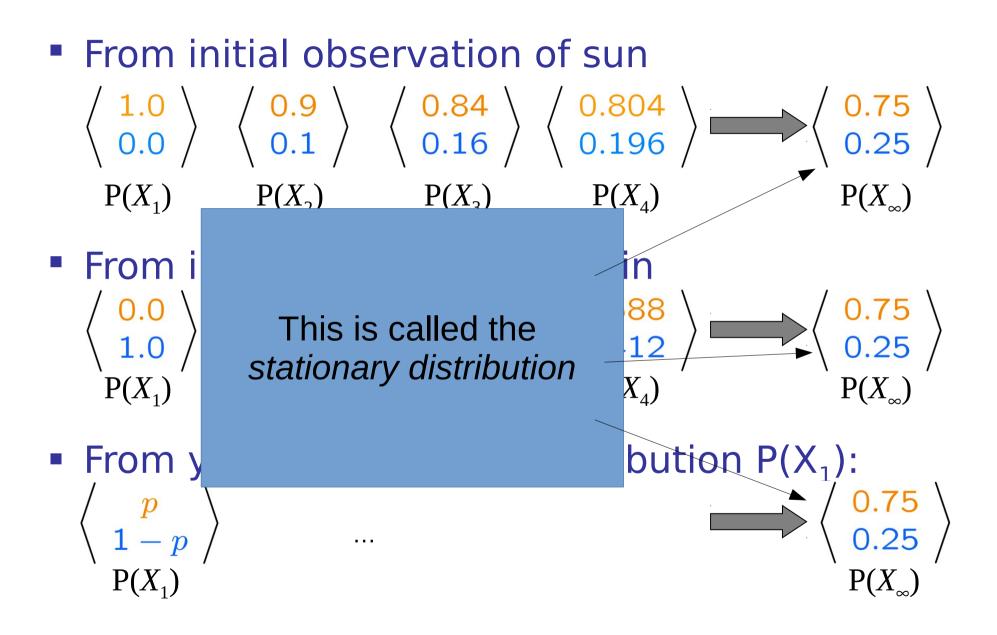
### Simulating dynamics forward

From initial observation of sun  $\begin{cases}
1.0 \\
0.0
\end{cases}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.9 \\
0.1
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.84 \\
0.16
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.804 \\
0.196
\end{pmatrix}
\longrightarrow
\begin{pmatrix}
0.75 \\
0.25
\end{pmatrix}$   $P(X_1) P(X_2) P(X_3) P(X_4) P(X_4)$ 

From initial observation of rain  $\begin{cases}
0.0 \\
1.0
\end{cases}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.3 \\
0.7
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.48 \\
0.52
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
0.588 \\
0.412
\end{pmatrix}
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0.75 \\
0.25
\end{pmatrix}
\\
P(X_1)
P(X_2)
P(X_3)
P(X_4)
P(X_4)
P(X_{\infty})$ 

• From yet another initial distribution  $P(X_1)$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1-p \end{pmatrix} \qquad \cdots \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 \\ 0.25 \end{pmatrix} \\ P(X_1) \qquad \qquad P(X_{\infty})$ 

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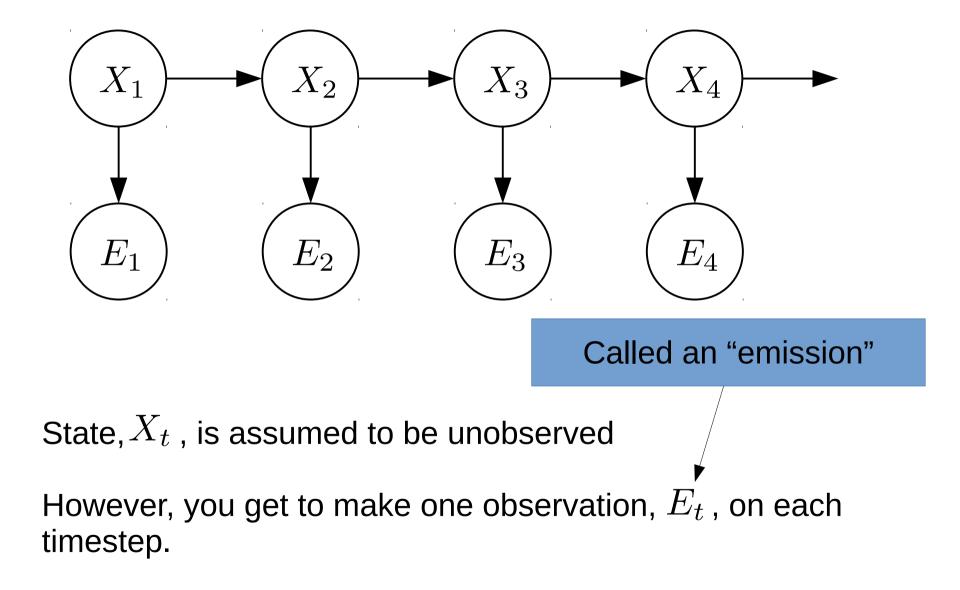


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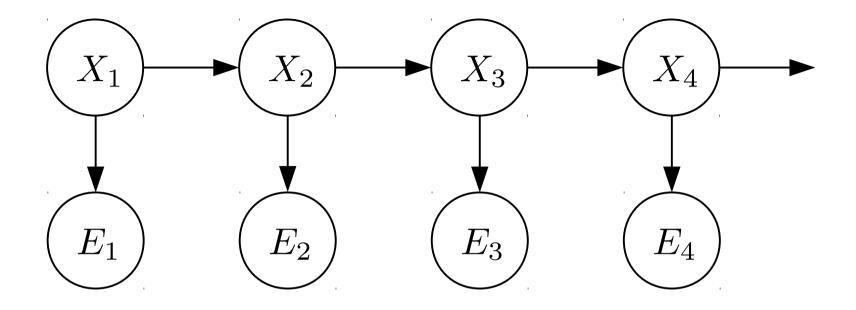
<u>Hidden Markov Models</u>: markov models applied to estimation problems

- speech to text
- tracking in computer vision
- robot localization

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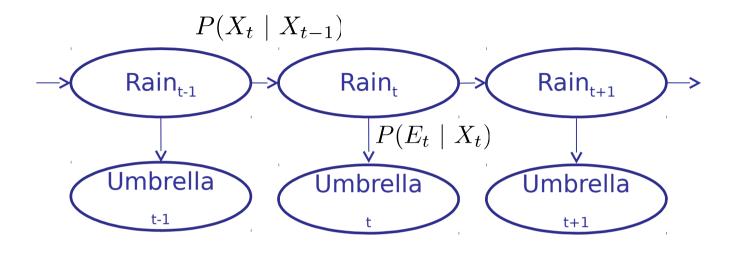
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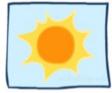


<u>Sensor Markov Assumption:</u> the current observation depends only on current state:

$$P(E_t | X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_1) = P(E_t | X_t)$$
$$E_t \perp X_{t-1} | X_t$$

### HMM example







R <sub>t</sub>	R <sub>t+1</sub>	$P(R_{t+1} R_{t})$
+r	+r	0.7
+r	-r	0.3
-r	+r	0.3
-r	-r	0.7

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

R <sub>t</sub>	$\mathbf{U}_{t}$	$P(U_t R_t)$
+r	+u	0.9
+r	-u	0.1
-r	+u	0.2
-r	-u	0.8

### **Real world HMM applications**

#### Speech recognition HMMs:

- Observations are acoustic signals (continuous valued)
- States are specific positions in specific words (so, tens of thousands)

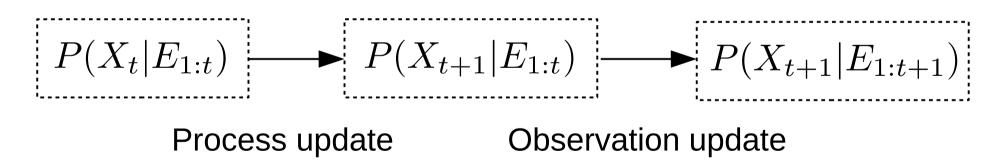
#### Machine translation HMMs:

- 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, or monitoring, is the task of tracking the distribution B<sub>t</sub>(X) = P<sub>t</sub>(X<sub>t</sub> | e<sub>1</sub>, ..., e<sub>t</sub>) (the belief state) over time
- We start with B<sub>1</sub>(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

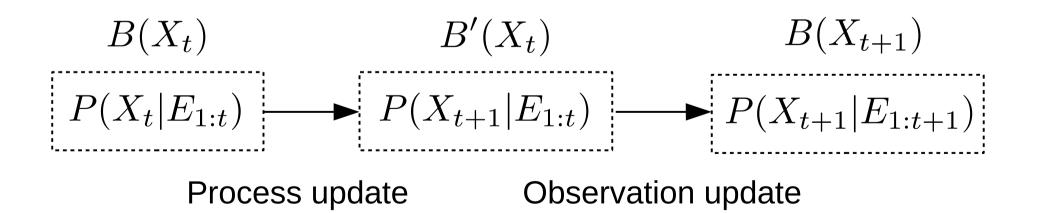
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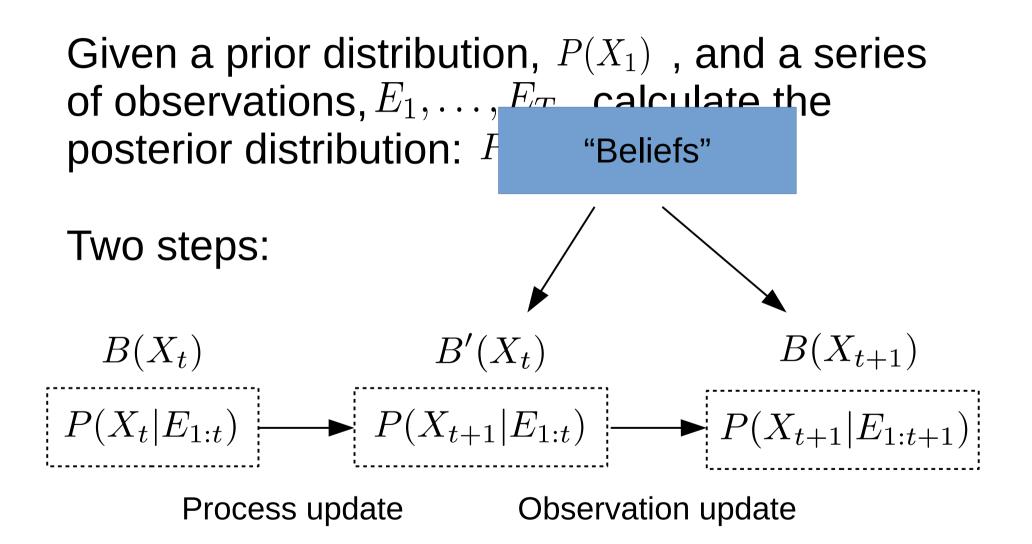
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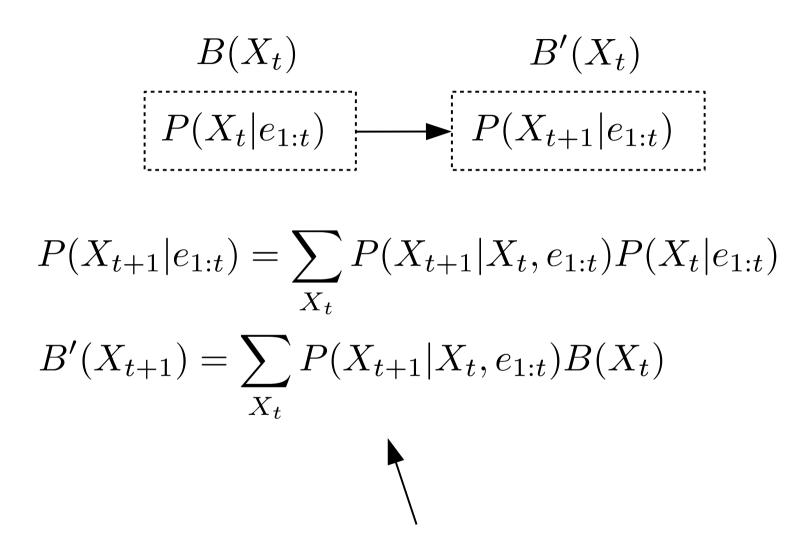
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### Process update

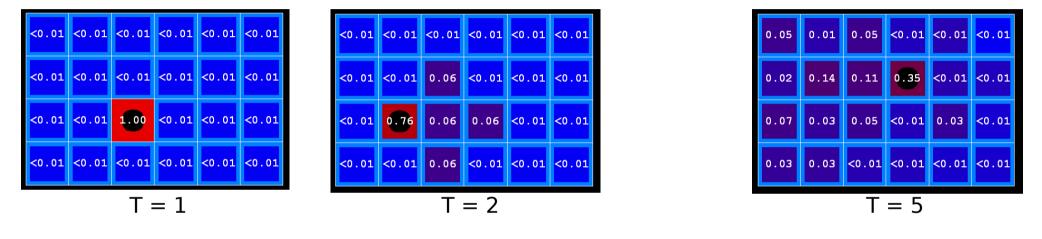


This is just forward simulation of the Markov Model

### Process update: example

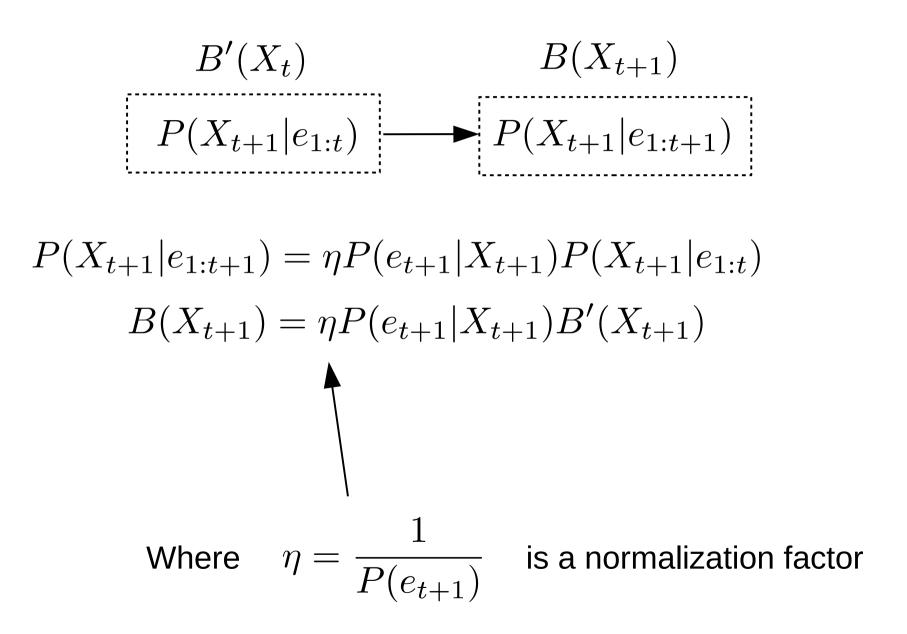
#### As time passes, uncertainty "accumulates"

(Transition model: ghosts usually go clockwise)



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

#### Observation update



### Observation update

 As we get observations, beliefs get reweighted, uncertainty "decreases"

0.05	0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
0.02	0.14	0.11	0.35	<0.01	<0.01
0.07	0.03	0.05	<0.01	0.03	<0.01
0.03	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

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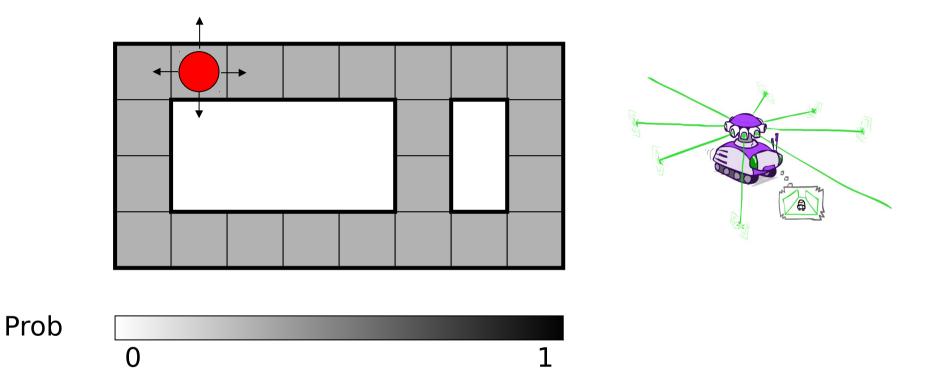
Before observation

After observation

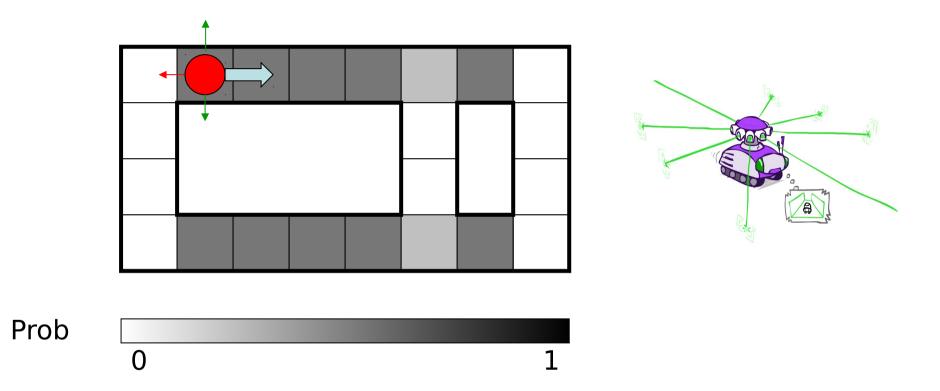
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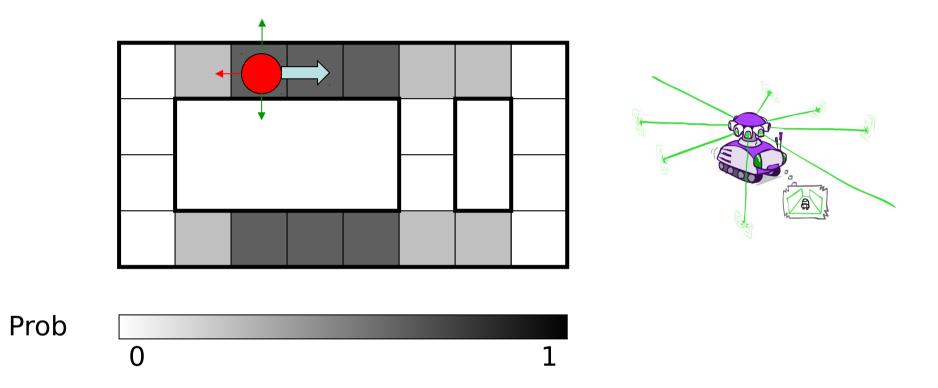


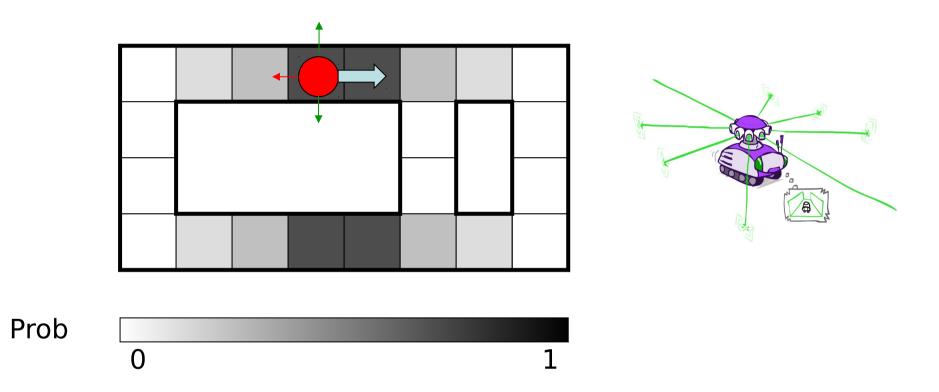


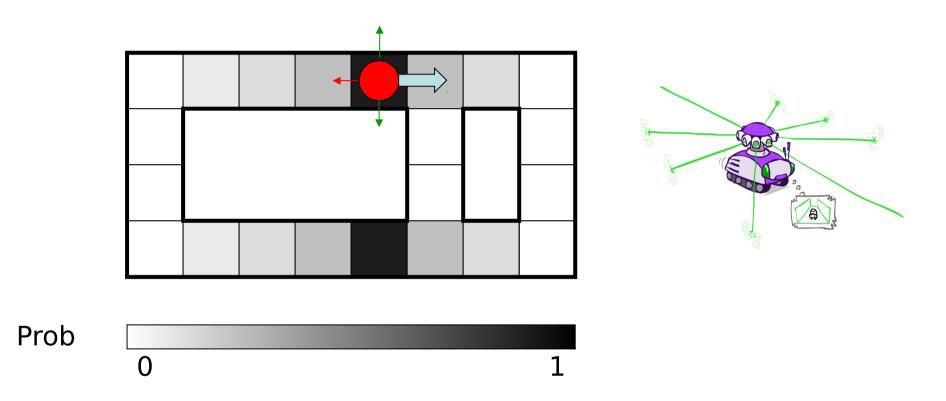
Observation model: can read in which directions there is a wall, never more than 1 mistake Process model: may not execute action with small prob.

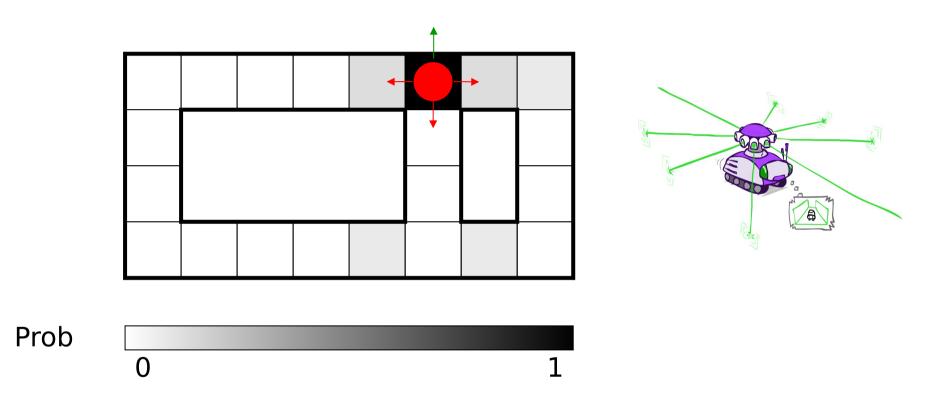


#### Lighter grey: was possible to get the reading, but less likely b/c required 1 mistake



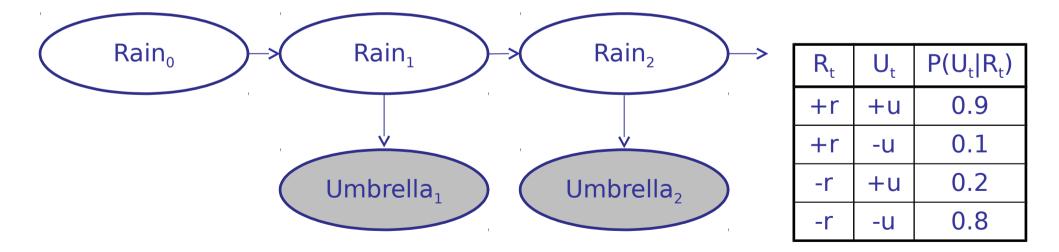


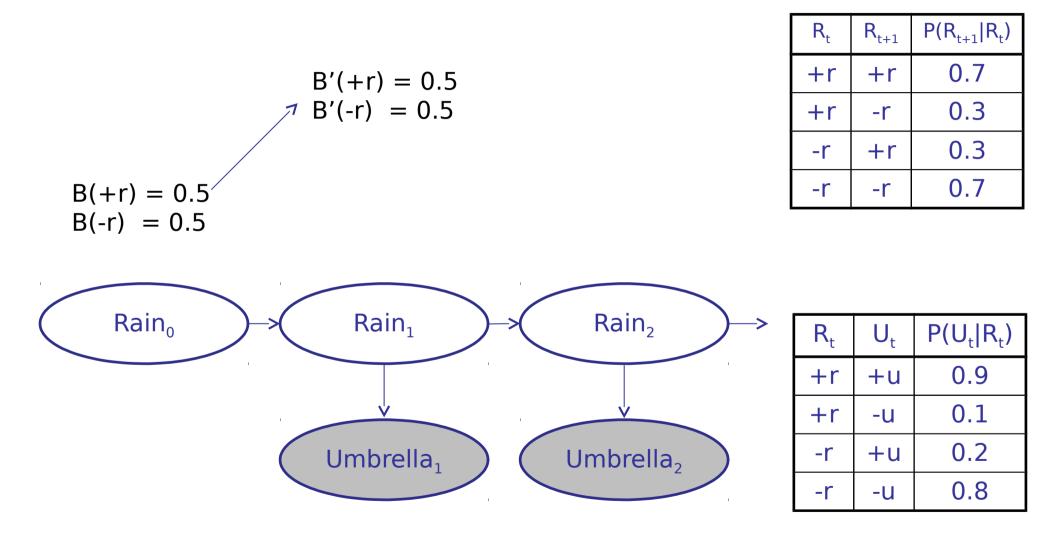




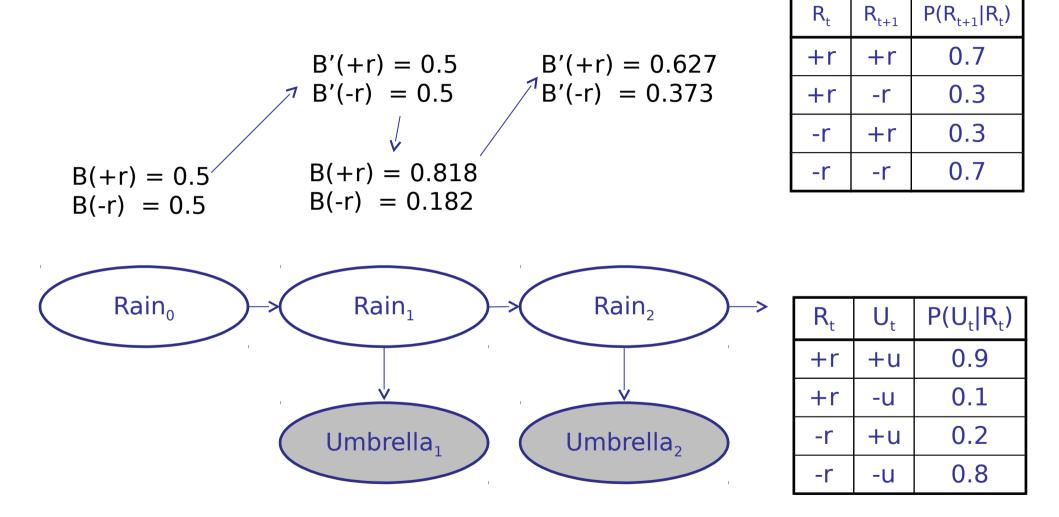
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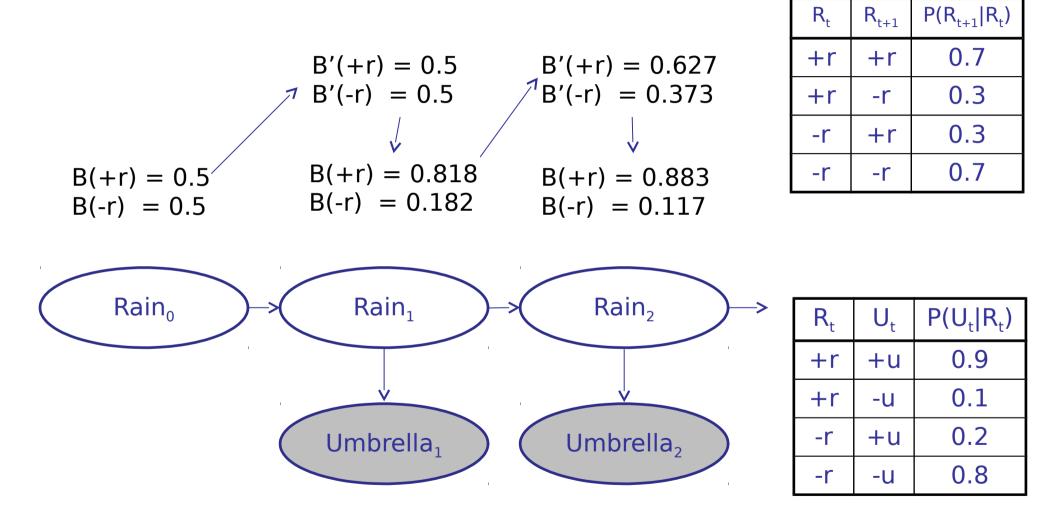
B(+r) = 0.5B(-r) = 0.5



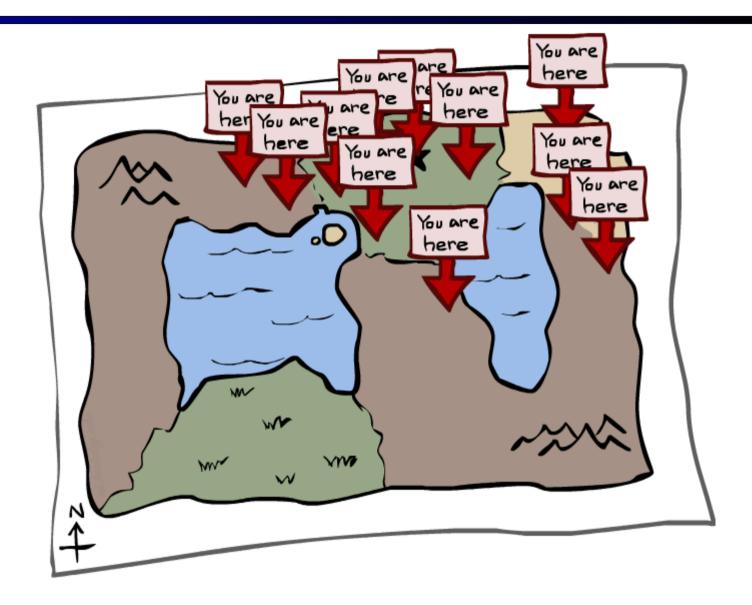


	$R_{t}$	$R_{t+1}$	$P(R_{t+1} R_{t})$
B'(+r) = 0.5	+r	+r	0.7
7 B'(-r) = 0.5	+r	-r	0.3
	-r	+r	0.3
B(+r) = 0.5 $B(+r) = 0.818$	-r	-r	0.7
B(-r) = 0.5 $B(-r) = 0.182$			
$(Rain_0) \rightarrow (Rain_1) \rightarrow (Rain_2) $	R <sub>t</sub>	Ut	$P(U_t R_t)$
	+r	+u	0.9
	+r	-u	0.1
( Umbrella <sub>1</sub> $)$ $($ Umbrella <sub>2</sub> $)$	-r	+u	0.2
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### Particle Filtering



**Representation:** Particles

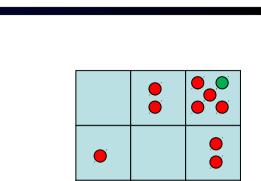
P(x) approximated by number of particles with	Particles :
value x	(3,3) (2,3)
So, many x may have P(x) = 0!	(3,3) (3,2)
<ul> <li>More particles, more accuracy</li> </ul>	(3,3) (3,2)
	(1,2) (3,3)
For now, all particles have a weight of 1	(3,3) (2,3)

Our representation of P(X) is now a list of N particles (samples)

For now, all particles have a weight of 1

Generally, N << |X|</li>

Storing map from X to counts would defeat the point



# Particle Filtering: Elapse Time

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

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

- 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)

(3,3) (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

Singhting		
Don't	sample observation,	fix it

Slightly trickier

 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))



Particles:

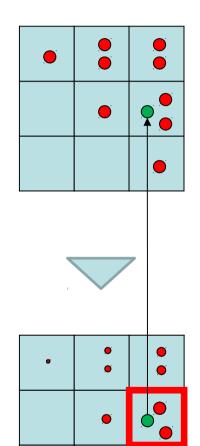
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(3.2) w = .9

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

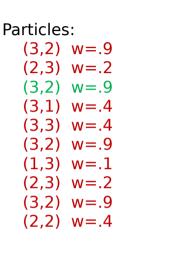
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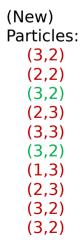
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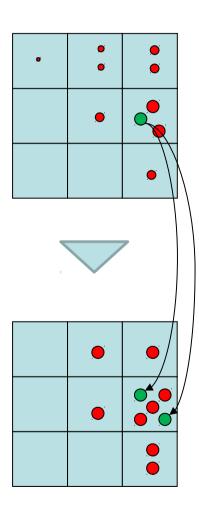


## Particle Filtering: Resample

- 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

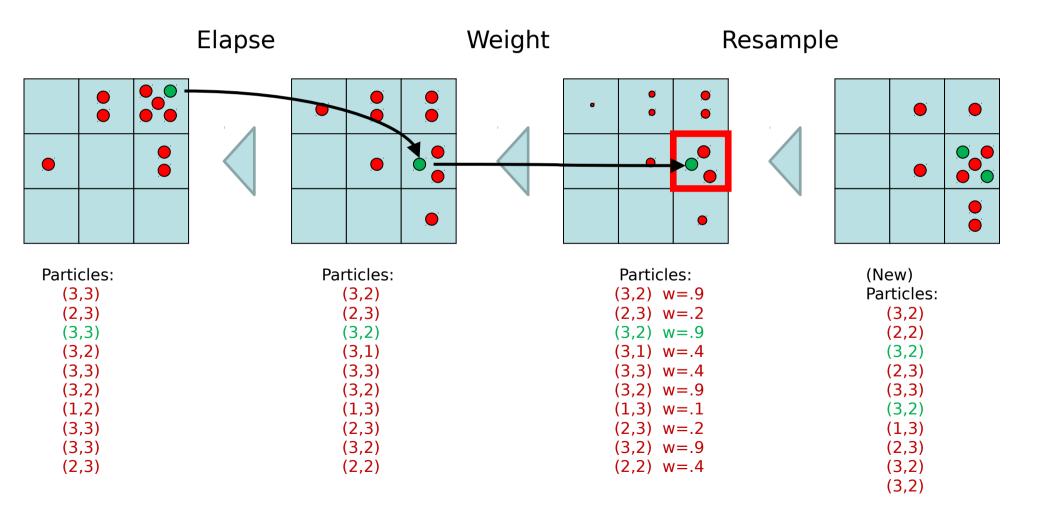






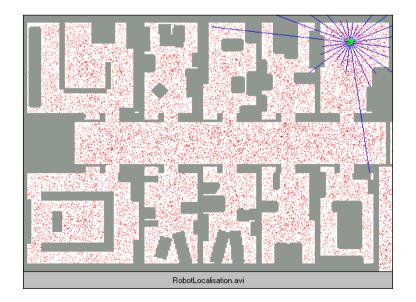
### **Recap: Particle Filtering**

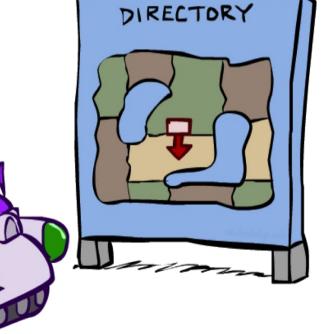
Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution



### **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

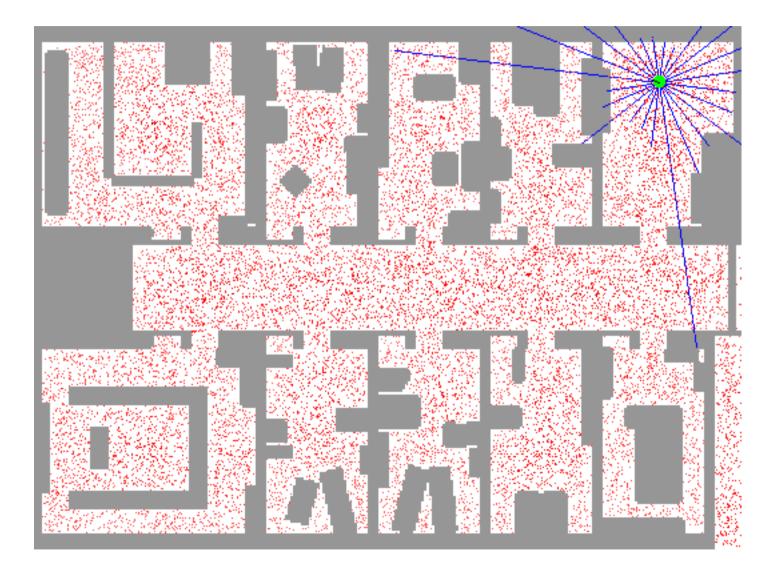




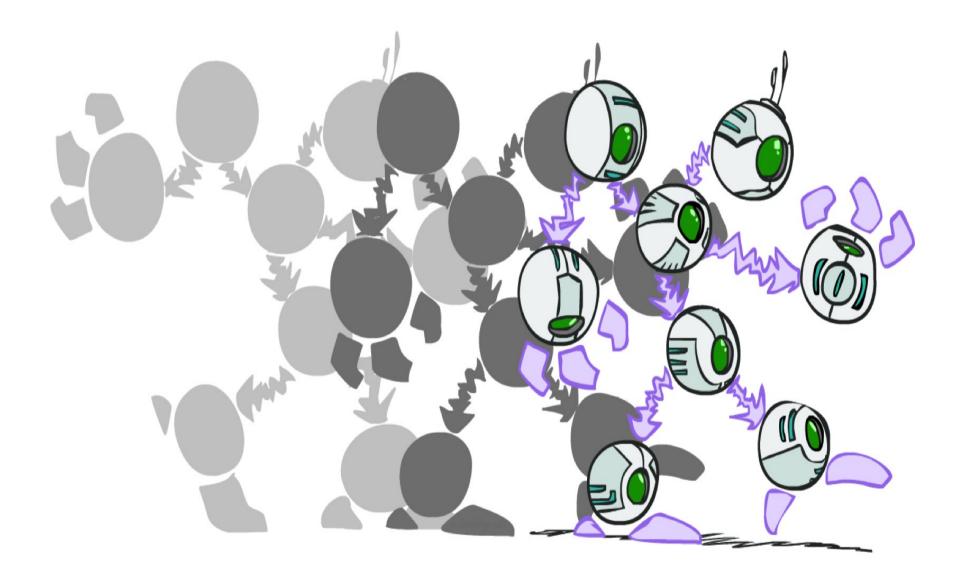
### Particle Filter Localization (Sonar)



### Particle Filter Localization (Laser)

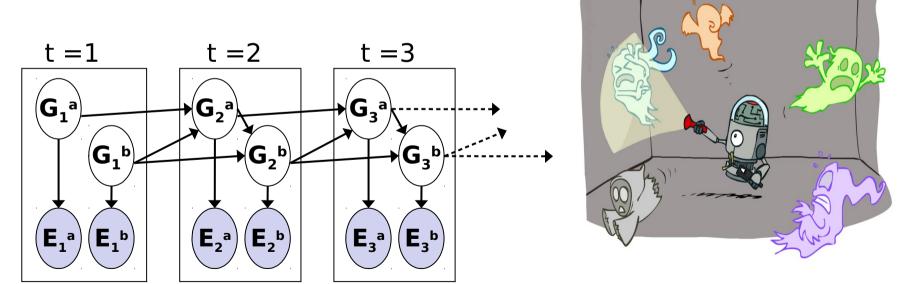


### **Dynamic Bayes Nets**



# 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

### **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<sub>1</sub><sup>a</sup> = (3,3) G<sub>1</sub><sup>b</sup> = (5,3)
- Elapse time: Sample a successor for each particle
  - Example successor: G<sub>2</sub><sup>a</sup> = (2,3) G<sub>2</sub><sup>b</sup> = (6,3)
- Observe: Weight each <u>entire</u> 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