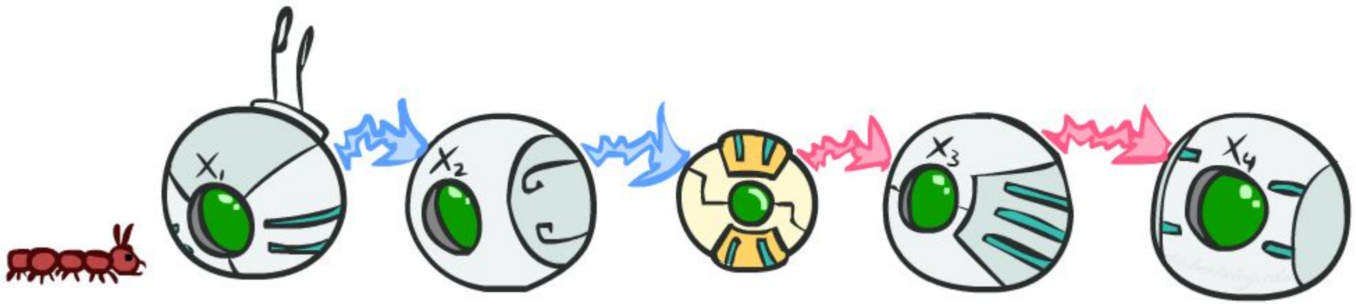
CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

Markov Models



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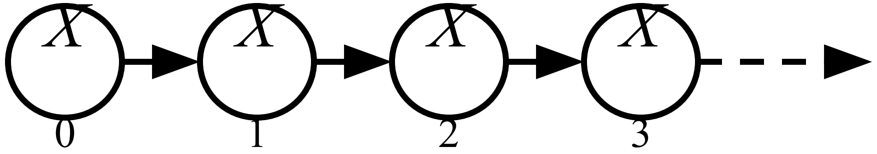
Uncertainty and Time

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

Markov Models (aka Markov chain/process)

- Value of X at a given time is called the ***state*** (usually discrete, finite)



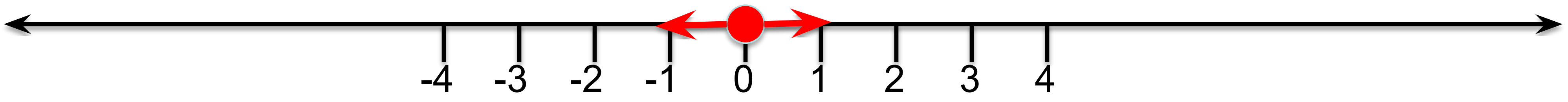
$P(X_0)$ $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$

- The ***transition model*** $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$ specifies how the state evolves over time
- ***Stationarity*** assumption: transition probabilities are the same at all times
- ***Markov*** assumption: "future is independent of the past given the present"
  - X_{t+1} is independent of $X_0, \ldots, X_{t-1}$ given X_t
  - This is a ***first-order*** Markov model (a kth-order model allows dependencies on k earlier steps)
- Joint distribution $P(X_0, \ldots, X_T) = P(X_0) \prod_t P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$

Quiz: are Markov models a special case of Bayes nets?

- Yes and no!
- Yes:
  - Directed acyclic graph, joint = product of conditionals
- No:
  - Infinitely many variables (unless we truncate)
  - Repetition of transition model not part of standard Bayes net syntax

Example: Random walk in one dimension



- State: location on the unbounded integer line
- Initial probability: starts at 0
- Transition model: $P(X_t = k \mid X_{t-1} = k \pm 1) = 0.5$
- Applications: particle motion in crystals, stock prices, gambling, genetics, etc.
- Questions:
  - How far does it get as a function of t?
    - Expected distance is $O(\sqrt{t})$
  - Does it get back to 0 or can it go off for ever and not come back?
    - In 1D and 2D, returns w.p. 1; in 3D, returns w.p. 0.34053733

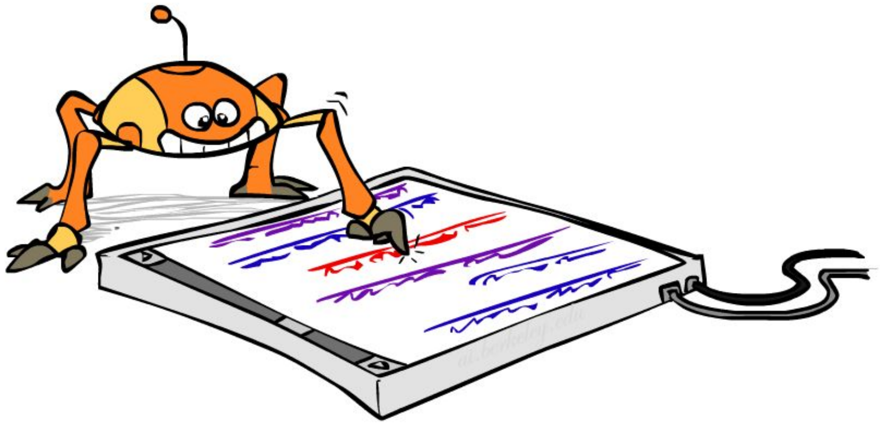
Example: n-gram models

We call ourselves *Homo sapiens*—man the wise—because our **intelligence** is so important to us. For thousands of years, we have tried to understand *how we think*; that is, how a mere handful of matter can perceive, understand, predict, and manipulate a world far larger and more complicated than itself. ….

- State: word at position *t* in text (can also build letter n-grams)
- Transition model (probabilities come from empirical frequencies):
  - Unigram (zero-order): $P(Word_t = i)$
    - "logical are as are confusion a may right tries agent goal the was . . ."
  - Bigram (first-order): $P(Word_t = i \mid Word_{t-1} = j)$
    - "systems are very similar computational approach would be represented . . ."
  - Trigram (second-order): $P(Word_t = i \mid Word_{t-1} = j, Word_{t-2} = k)$
    - "planning and scheduling are integrated the success of naive bayes model is . . ."
- Applications: text classification, spam detection, author identification, language classification, speech recognition

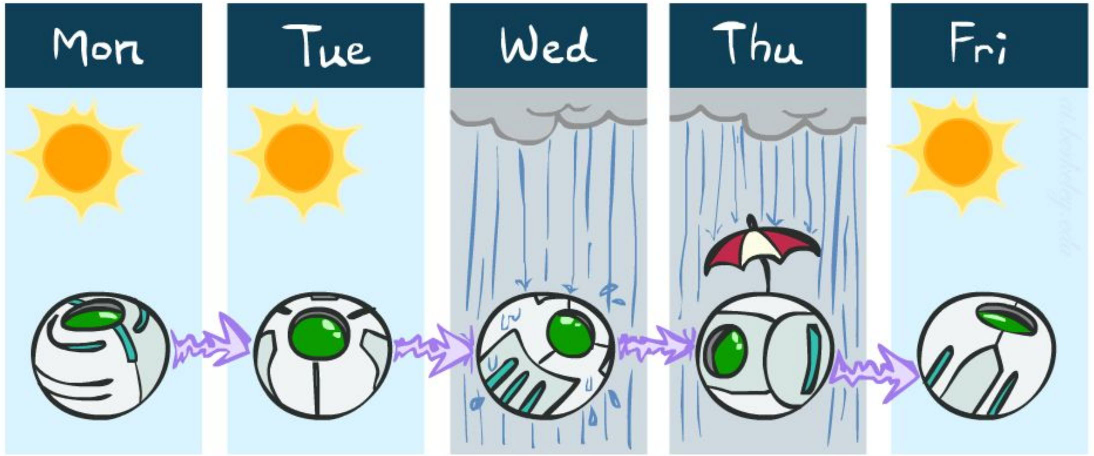
Example: Web browsing

- State: URL visited at step t
- Transition model:
  - With probability p, choose an outgoing link at random
  - With probability $(1-p)$, choose an arbitrary new page
- Question: What is the ***stationary distribution*** over pages?
  - I.e., if the process runs forever, what fraction of time does it spend in any given page?
- Application: Google page rank



Example: Weather

- States {rain, sun}



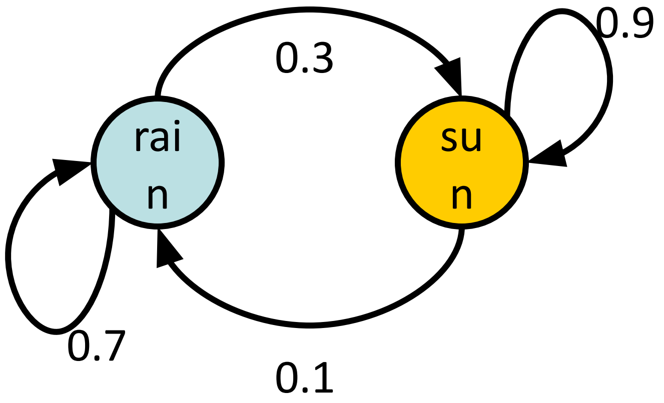
- Initial distribution $P(X_0)$

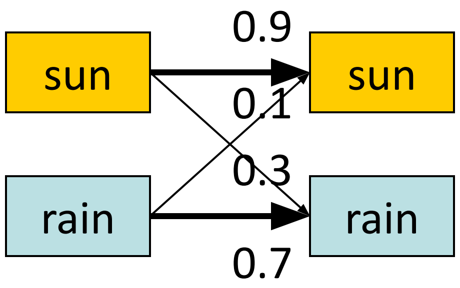
$P(X_0)$	
sun	rain
0.5	0.5

- Transition model $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$

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

Two new ways of representing the same CPT

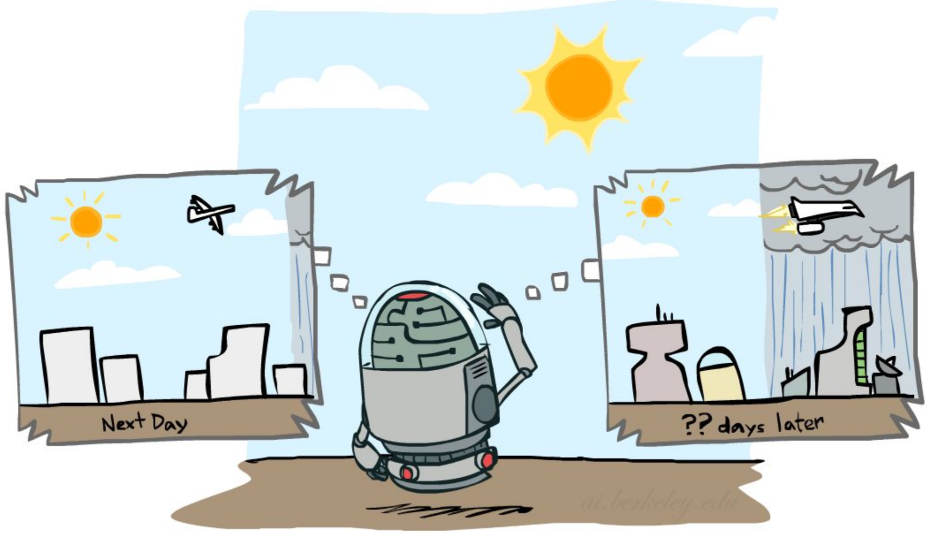




Weather prediction

- Time 0: <0.5,0.5>

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



- What is the weather like at time 1?
  - $P(X_1) = \sum_{x0} P(X_1, X_0 = x_0)$
  - $= \sum_{x0} P(X_0 = x_0)\, P(X_1 \mid X_0 = x_0)$
  - $= 0.5\langle 0.9, 0.1\rangle + 0.5\langle 0.3, 0.7\rangle = \langle 0.6, 0.4\rangle$

Weather prediction, contd.

- Time 1: $\langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$

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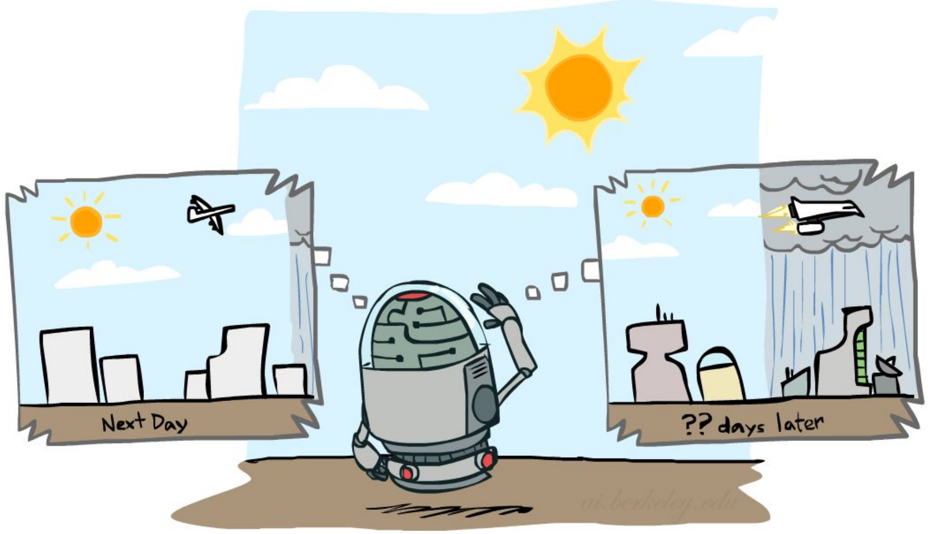
	sun	rain
sun	0.9	0.1
rain	0.3	0.7



- What is the weather like at time 2?
  - $P(X_2) = \sum_{x1} P(X_2, X_1 = x_1)$
  - $= \sum_{x1} P(X_1 = x_1)\, P(X_2 \mid X_1 = x_1)$
  - $= 0.6\langle 0.9, 0.1\rangle + 0.4\langle 0.3, 0.7\rangle = \langle 0.66, 0.34\rangle$

Weather prediction, contd.

- Time 2: <0.66,0.34>

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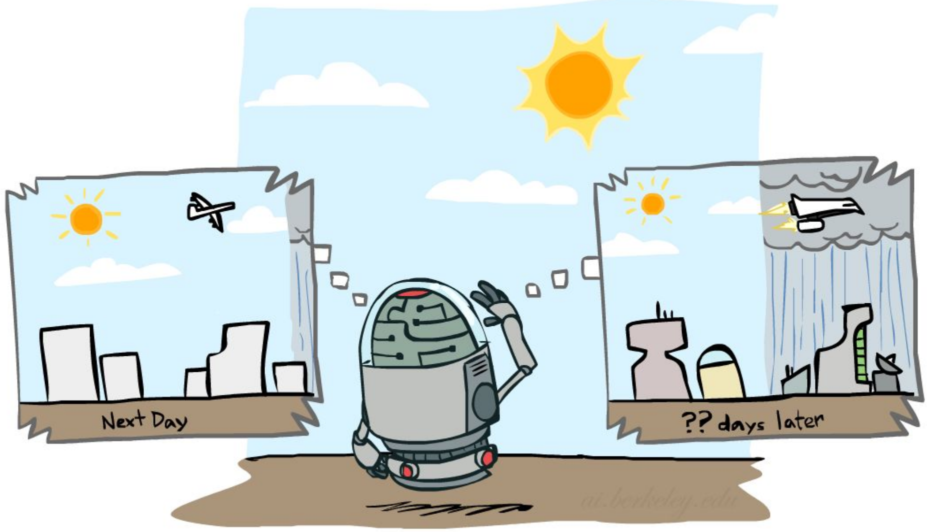
	sun	rain
sun	0.9	0.1
rain	0.3	0.7



- What is the weather like at time 3?
  - $P(X_3) = \sum_{x2} P(X_3, X_2=x_2)$
  - $= \sum_{x2} P(X_2=x_2)\, P(X_3 \mid X_2=x_2)$
  - $= 0.66\langle 0.9,0.1\rangle + 0.34\langle 0.3,0.7\rangle = \langle 0.696,0.304\rangle$

Forward algorithm (simple form)

Probability from previous iteration

Transition model

- What is the state at time t?
  - $P(X_t) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(X_t, X_{t-1}=x_{t-1})$
  - $= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(X_{t-1}=x_{t-1})\, P(X_t \mid X_{t-1}=x_{t-1})$
- Iterate this update starting at $t=0$

And the same thing in linear algebra

- What is the weather like at time 2?
  - $P(X_2) = 0.6\langle 0.9, 0.1\rangle + 0.4\langle 0.3, 0.7\rangle = \langle 0.66, 0.34\rangle$
- In matrix-vector form:
  - $P(X_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.66 \\ 0.34 \end{pmatrix}$

X_{t-1}	$P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$	
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- I.e., multiply by T^T, transpose of transition matrix

Stationary Distributions

- The limiting distribution is called the ***stationary distribution*** P_∞ of the chain
- It satisfies $P_\infty = P_{\infty+1} = T^T P_\infty$
- Solving for P_∞ in the example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1-p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1-p \end{pmatrix}$$

$0.9p + 0.3(1-p) = p$

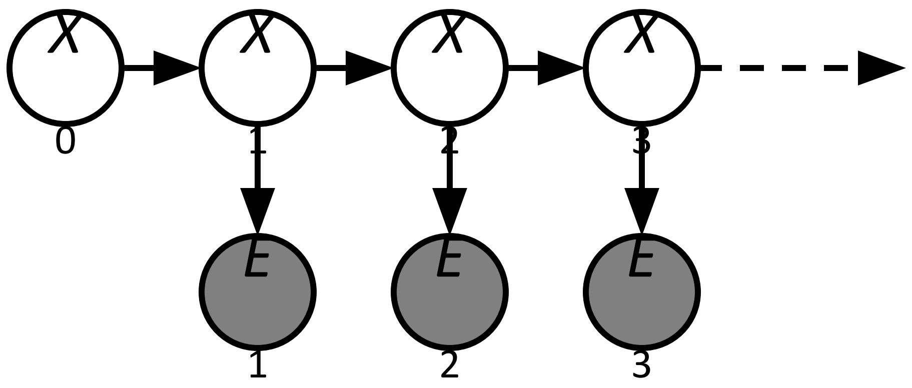
$p = 0.75$

Stationary distribution is <0.75,0.25> ***regardless of starting distribution***

Hidden Markov Models

Hidden Markov Models

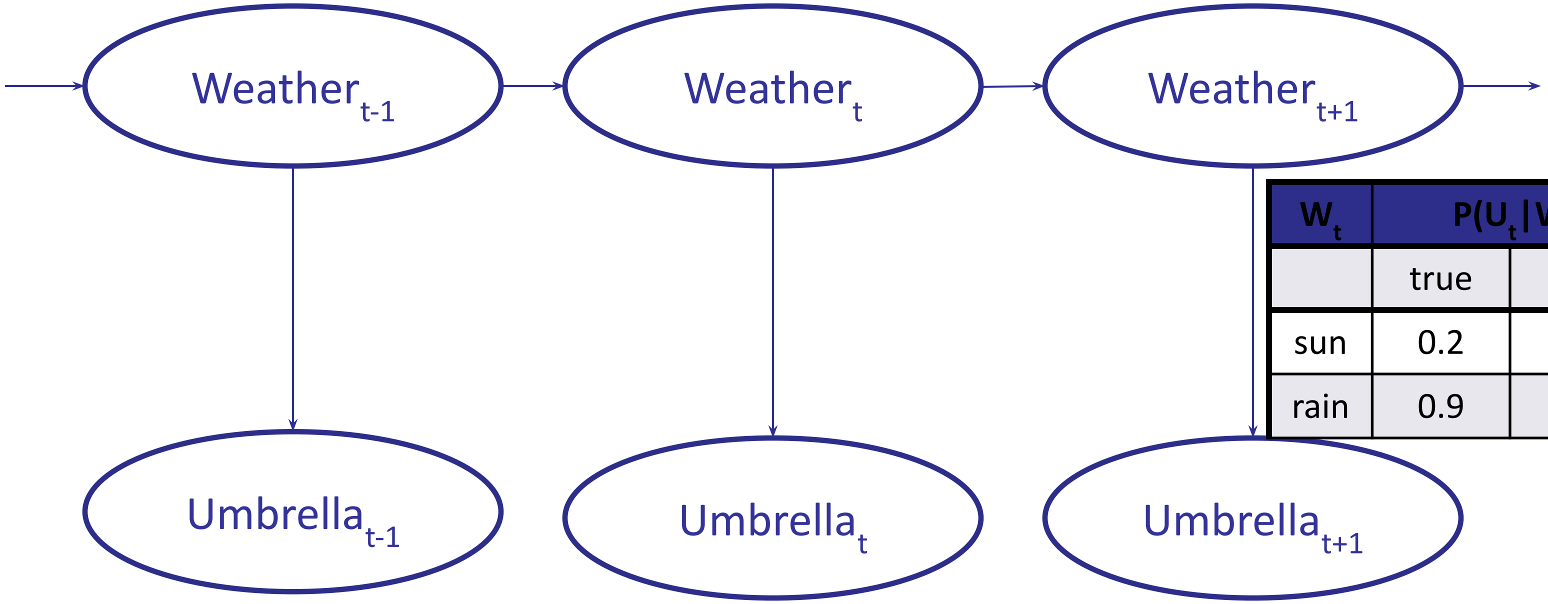
- Usually the true state is not observed directly
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
  - Underlying Markov chain over states *X*
  - You observe evidence *E* at each time step
  - X_t is a single discrete variable; E_t may be continuous and may consist of several variables



Example: Weather HMM

- An HMM is defined by:
  - Initial distribution: $P(X_0)$
  - Transition model: $P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$
  - Sensor model: $P(E_t \mid X_t)$

W_{t-1}	$P(W_t \mid W_{t-1})$	
	sun	rain
sun	0.9	0.1
rain	0.3	0.7

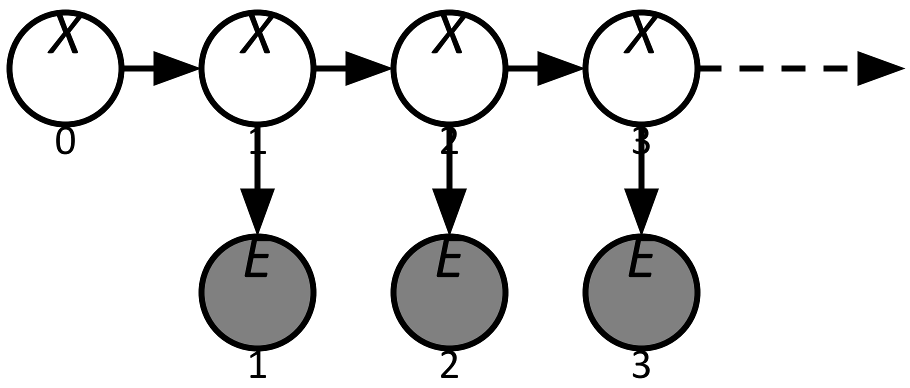


W_t	$P(U_t \mid W_t)$	
	true	false
sun	0.2	0.8
rain	0.9	0.1

HMM as probability model

- Joint distribution for Markov model: $P(X_0,\ldots,X_T) = P(X_0) \prod_{t=1:T} P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$
- Joint distribution for hidden Markov model:

  $P(X_0,X_1,\ldots,X_T,E_T) = P(X_0) \prod_{t=1:T} P(X_t \mid X_{t-1})\, P(E_t \mid X_t)$
- Future states are independent of the past given the present
- Current evidence is independent of everything else given the current state
- Are evidence variables independent of each other?



Useful notation:

$X_{a:b} = X_a, X_{a+1}, \ldots, X_b$

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)
- Molecular biology:
  - Observations are nucleotides ACGT
  - States are coding/non-coding/start/stop/splice-site etc.

Inference tasks

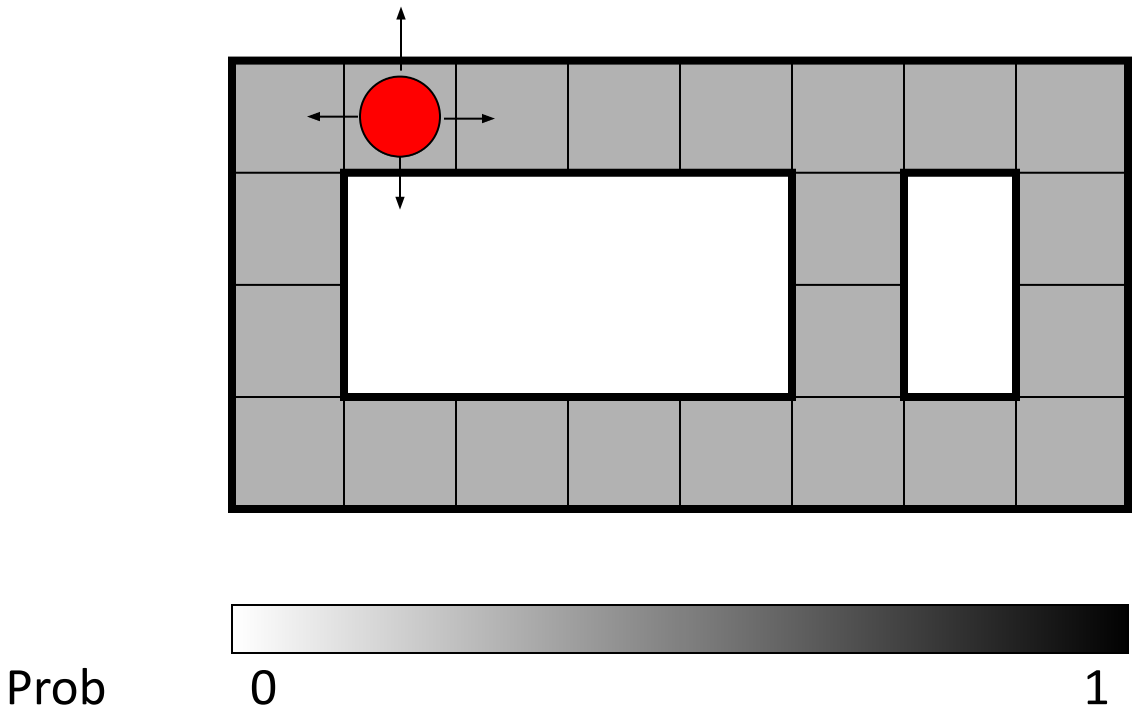
- ***Filtering***: $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$
  - ***belief state***—input to the decision process of a rational agent
- ***Prediction***: $P(X_{t+k} | e_{1:t})$ for $k > 0$
  - evaluation of possible action sequences; like filtering without the evidence
- ***Smoothing***: $P(X_k | e_{1:t})$ for $0 \leq k < t$
  - better estimate of past states, essential for learning
- ***Most likely explanation***: $\arg\max_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t} \mid e_{1:t})$
  - speech recognition, decoding with a noisy channel

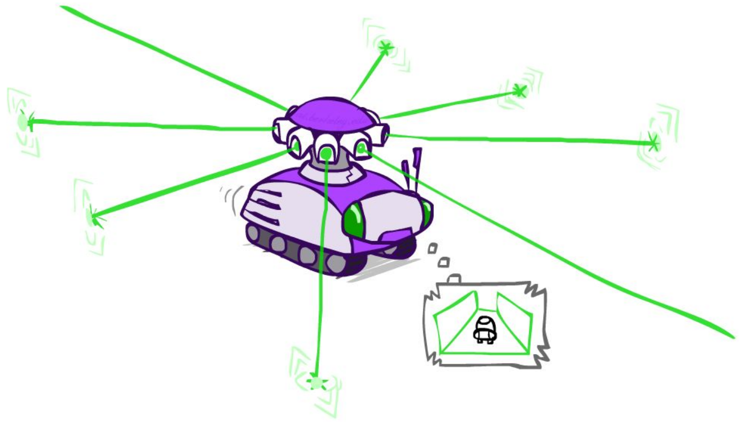
Filtering / Monitoring

- Filtering, or monitoring, or state estimation, is the task of maintaining the distribution $\boldsymbol{f}_{1:t} = P(X_t | e_{1:t})$ over time
- We start with $\boldsymbol{f}_0$ in an initial setting, usually uniform
- Filtering is a fundamental task in engineering and science
- The Kalman filter (continuous variables, linear dynamics, Gaussian noise) was invented in 1960 and used for trajectory estimation in the Apollo program; core ideas used by Gauss for planetary observations

Example: Robot Localization

Example from
Michael Pfeiffer





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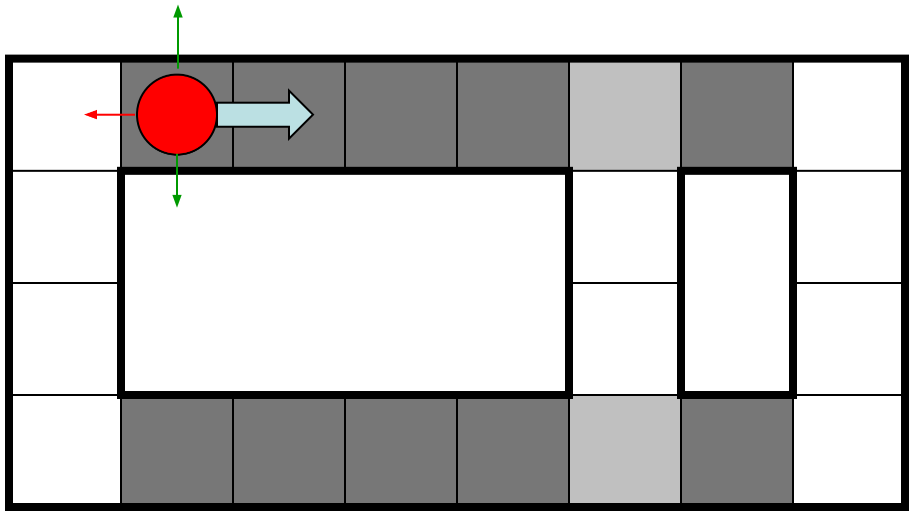
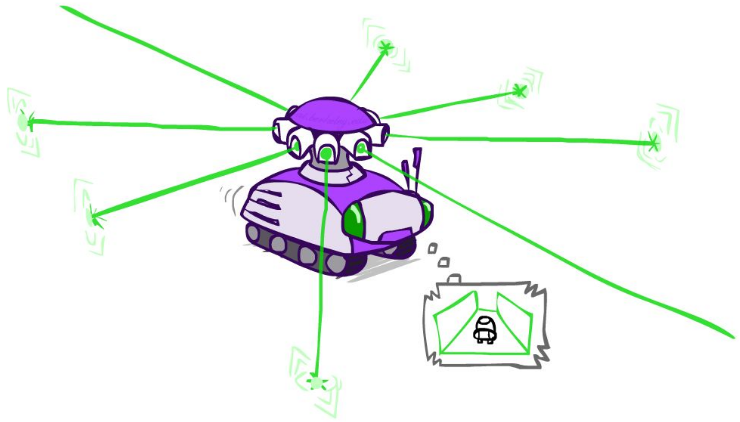
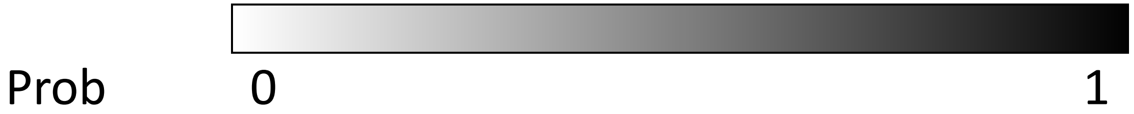
Sensor model: four bits for wall/no-wall in each direction, never more than 1 mistake

Transition model: action may fail with small prob.

Example: Robot Localization







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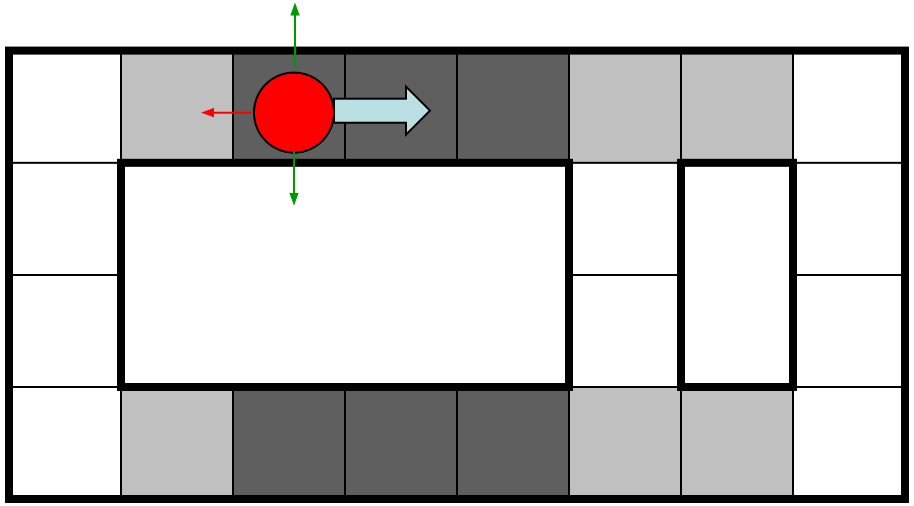
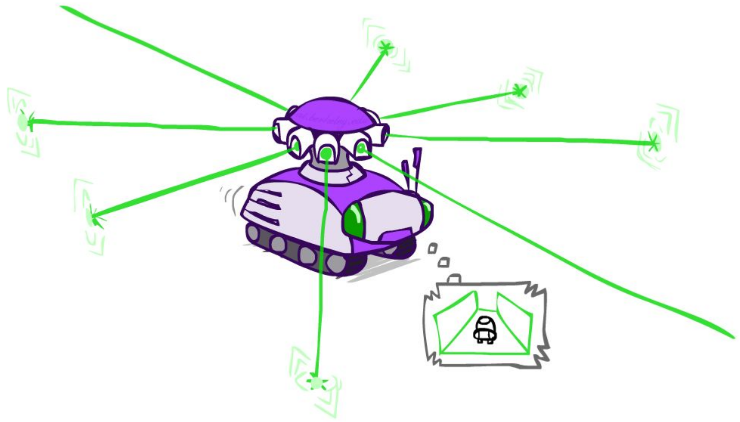
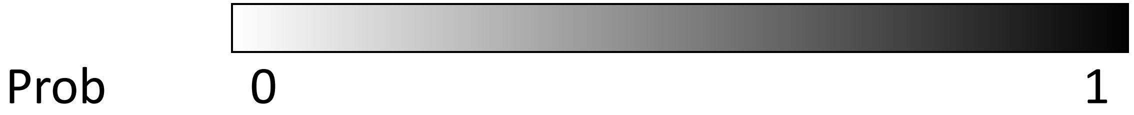
Lighter grey: was ***possible*** to get the reading, but ***less likely*** (required 1 mistake)

Example: Robot Localization







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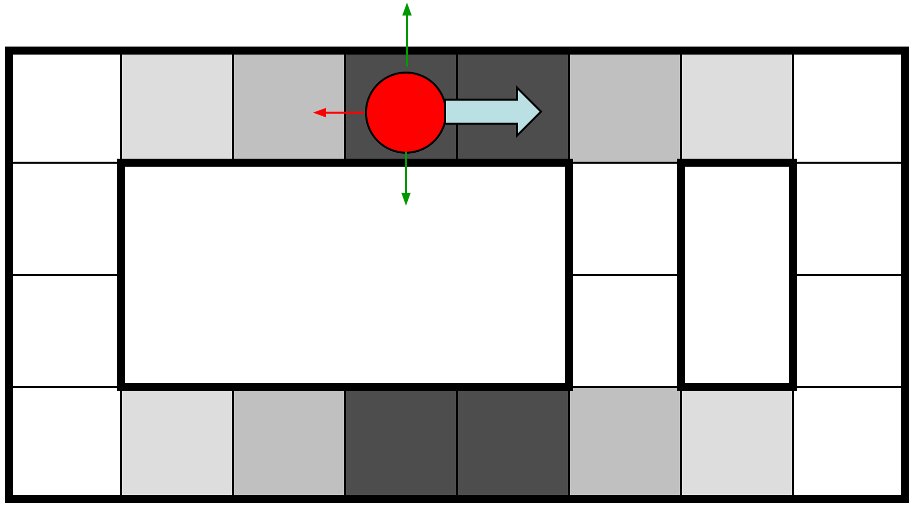
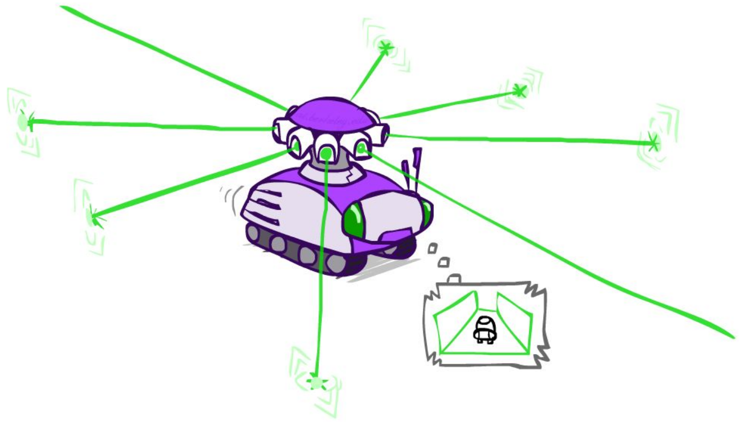
Example: Robot Localization





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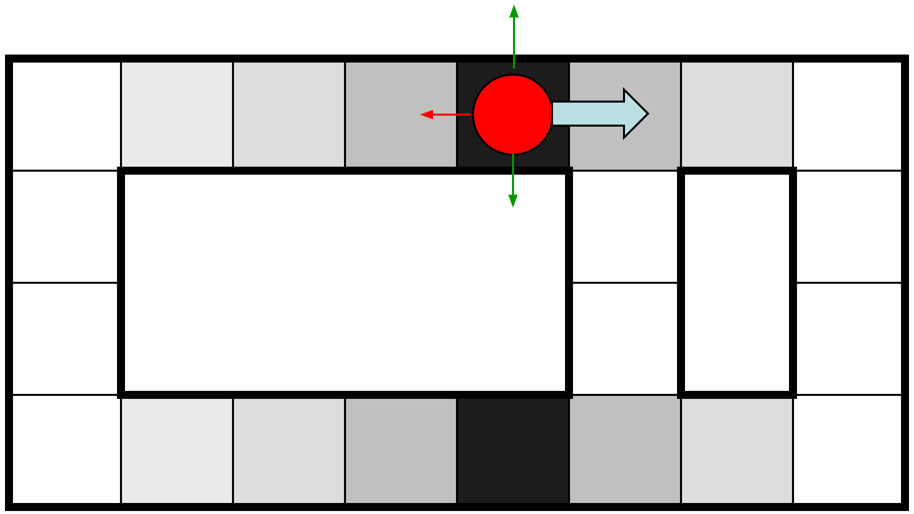
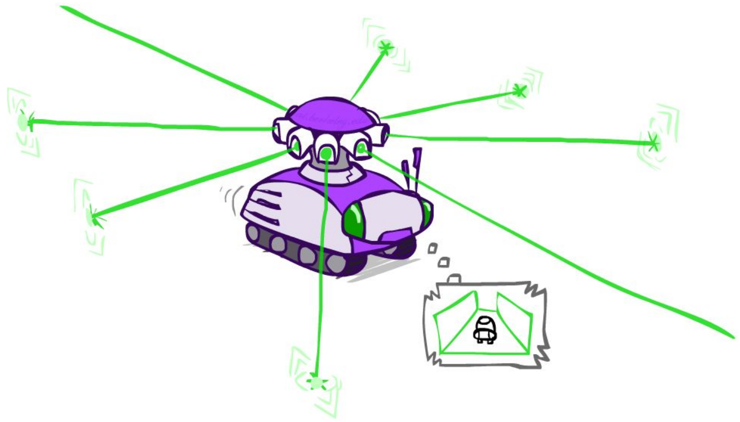
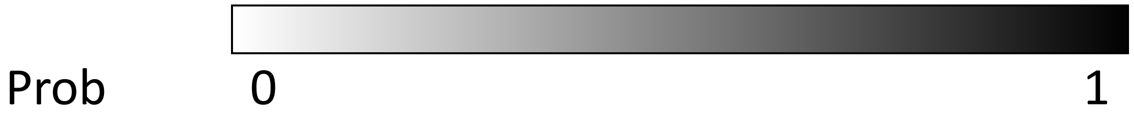
Example: Robot Localization







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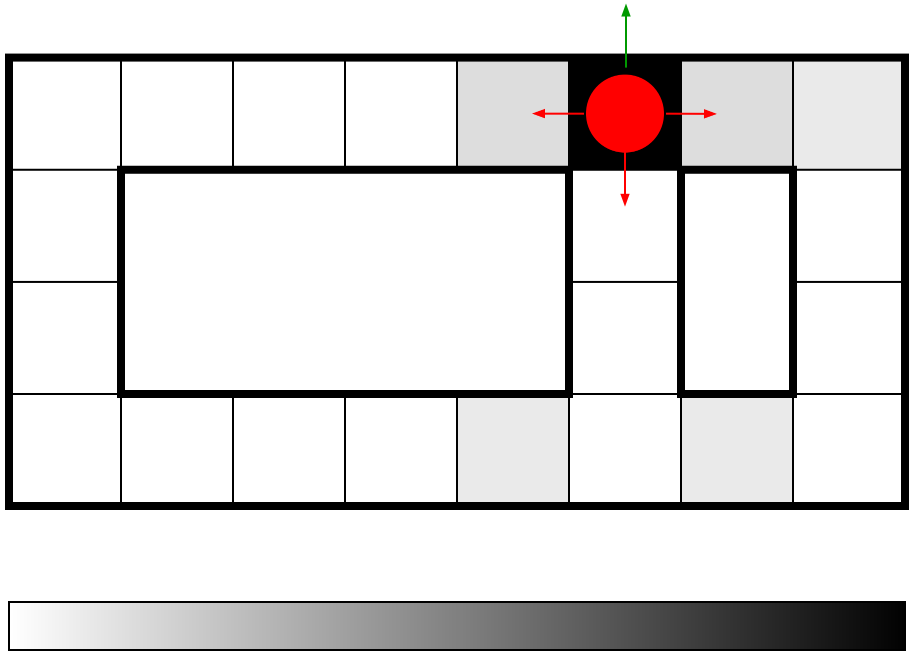
Example: Robot Localization



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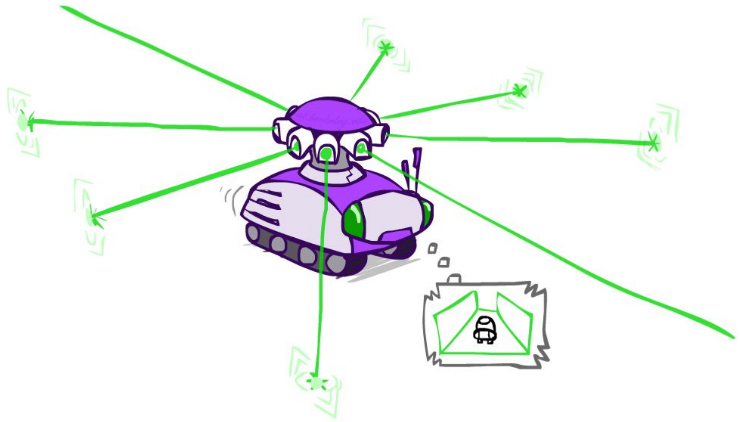

t=5

Filtering algorithm

- Aim: devise a ***recursive filtering*** algorithm of the form
  - $P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) = g(e_{t+1}, P(X_t | e_{1:t}))$

- $P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) =$

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

Apply Bayes' rule

Apply conditional independence

Condition on X_t

Apply conditional independence

Normalize

Update

Predict

Filtering algorithm

- $P(X_{t+1} | e_{1:t+1}) = \underbrace{\alpha}_{\text{Normalize}} \underbrace{P(e_{t+1} | X_{t+1})}_{\text{Update}} \underbrace{\sum_{x_t} P(x_t \mid e_{1:t}) P(X_{t+1} | x_t)}_{\text{Predict}}$

- $\boldsymbol{f}_{1:t+1}$ = FORWARD($\boldsymbol{f}_{1:t}$, e_{t+1})
- Cost per time step: $O(|X|^2)$ where $|X|$ is the number of states
- Time and space costs are ***constant***, independent of t
- $O(|X|^2)$ is infeasible for models with many state variables
- We get to invent really cool approximate filtering algorithms

And the same thing in linear algebra

- Transition matrix T, observation matrix O_t
  - Observation matrix has state likelihoods for E_t along diagonal
  - E.g., for $U_1 = \text{true}$, $O_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$
- Filtering algorithm becomes
  - $\boldsymbol{f}_{1:t+1} = \alpha\, O_{t+1} T^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{f}_{1:t}$

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

W_t	$P(U_t \mid W_t)$	
	true	false
sun	0.2	0.8
rain	0.9	0.1

Example: Weather HMM

f(sun) = 0.5
f(rain) = 0.5

predict

0.6
0.4

update

f(sun) = 0.25
f(rain) = 0.75

predict

0.45
0.55

update

f(sun) = 0.154
f(rain) = 0.846

$Weather_0$ → $Weather_1$ → $Weather_2$ →

$Umbrella_1$, $Umbrella_2$

$P(W_0)$	
sun	rain
0.5	0.5

W_{t-1}	$P(W_t \| W_{t-1})$	
	sun	rain
sun	0.9	0.1
rain	0.3	0.7

W_t	$P(U_t \| W_t)$	
	true	false
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Pacman – Hunting Invisible Ghosts with Sonar

[Demo: Pacman – Sonar – No Beliefs(L14D1)]

Video of Demo Pacman – Sonar