

# Nonparametric Filter

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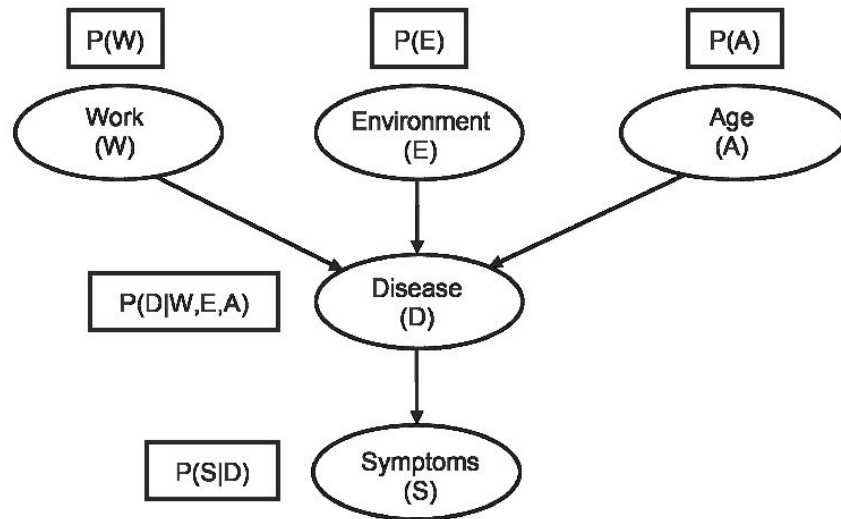
## Bayesian Network

- Graphical model of conditional probabilistic relation
- Directed acyclic graph (DAG)

$$G = (V, E)$$

**V:** set of random variables

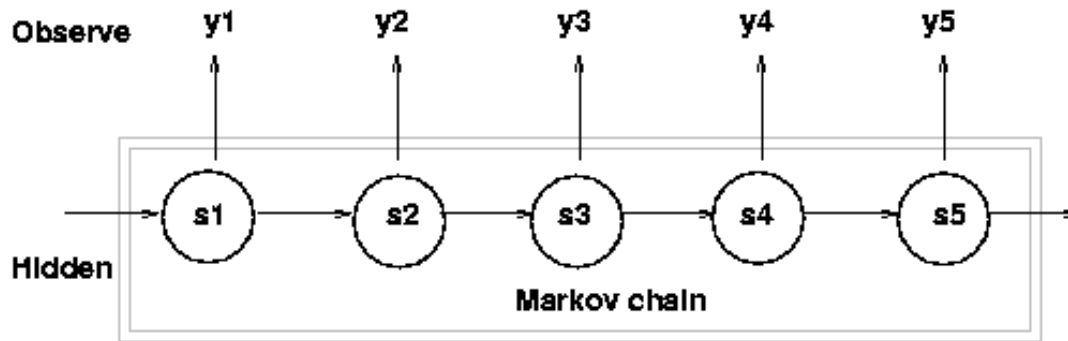
**E:** set of conditional dependencies



<http://www.intechopen.com/books/current-topics-in-public-health/from-creativity-to-artificial-neural-networks-problem-solving-methodologies-in-hospitals>

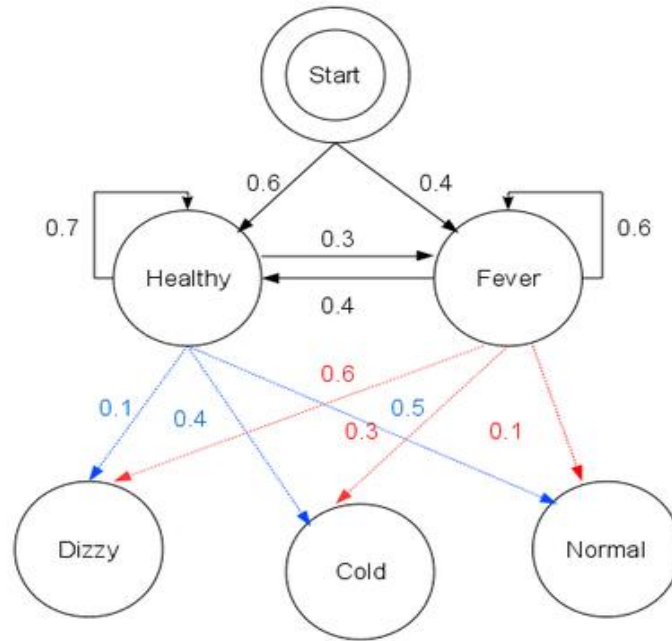
# Hidden Markov Model

- Particular kind of Bayesian Network
- Modelling time series data



<http://sites.stat.psu.edu/~jiali/hmm.html>

# Hidden Markov Model



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viterbi\\_algorithm#Example](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viterbi_algorithm#Example)

## Hidden Markov Model

### Observing a patient for 3 days:

- + Day 1: Cold
- + Day 2: Normal
- + Day 3: Dizzy

### Question:

- 1) Most likely sequence of health condition of the patient in last 3 days ?
- 2) Most likely health condition of the patient in the 4<sup>th</sup> day ?

## 2. State estimation

### State space

- Quantities that cannot be directly observed but can be inferred from sensor data
- Examples: position and direction of robot in a room
- Notation:

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t\}$$

$P(X = x_t)$ : probability of state equals to  $x$  at time  $t$

## Measurement (Observation)

- Environment data provided by robot sensor
- Examples: distance to ground, camera images
- Notation:

$$Z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_t\}$$

$P(Z = z_t)$ : probability of measurement equals to  $z$  at time  $t$



## Control data

- Information about the change of state in the environment
- Examples: velocity of robot, temperature of a room, an action of robot on environment objects
- Notation:

$$U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t\}$$

$P(U = u_t)$ : probability of measurement equals to  $z$  at time  $t$

## Probabilistic Generative Laws

- State can be constructed on all past states, measurements and controls:

$$P(X = x_t) = P(X = x_t | x_{0:t-1}, z_{0:t-1}, u_{0:t-1})$$

- Markov assumption:

$$P(X = x_t) = P(X = x_t | x_{t-1}, u_t)$$

$$P(Z = z_t) = P(Z = z_t | x_t)$$

## 2.State estimation

### Belief distribution

- Belief:
  - Internal knowledge of the robot about the true state
  - Represent probability to each possible true state
  - Notation:

$$bel(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t}, u_{1:t})$$

- Prediction:

$$\overline{bel}(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t-1}, u_{1:t})$$

- Correction:

$$bel(x_t) = F(\overline{bel}(x_t))$$

### 3. Bayes Filter

## Bayes Filter algorithm (continuous case)

```
1: Func_continuous_Bayes_filter ( $bel(x_{t-1}), u_t, z_t$ )
2:   for all  $x_t$  do
3:      $\overline{bel}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | u_t, x_{t-1}) bel(x_{t-1}) dx$ 
4:      $bel(x_t) = \text{normalizer} * p(z_t | x_t) \overline{bel}(x_t)$ 
5:   end
6:   return  $bel(x_t)$ 
```

### 3. Bayes Filter

## Bayes Filters algorithm (discrete case)

```
1: Func_discrete_Bayes_filter( $p_{k,t-1}, u_t, z_t$ )
2:   for all k do
3:      $\overline{p_{k,t}} = \sum p(x_t | u_t, X_{t-1} = x_i) p_{i,t-1}$ 
4:      $p_{k,t} = \text{normalizer} * p(z_t | x_t) \overline{p_{k,t}}$ 
5:   end
6:   return  $\overline{p_{k,t}}$ 
```

## Histogram Filter

- Discrete Bayes filter estimation for *continuous* state spaces
- State space decomposition:
  - $Range(X_t) = \{x_{1,t} \cup x_{2,t} \cup \dots x_{M,t}\}$
  - For every  $i \neq k: x_{i,t} \cap x_{k,t} = \emptyset$
- In each region the posterior is a piecewise constant density:
- For every state  $x_t$  belongs to  $k^{th}$  region:

$$p(x_t) = \frac{p_{k,t}}{|x_{k,t}|}$$

## Histogram filter

- **Problem:** prior information is defined for individual states, not for region !
  - Refer to line 3, 4 of discrete Bayes filter algorithm
- **Solution:** approximating density of a region by a *representative* state of that region.

$$\widehat{x}_{k,t} = \frac{\int_{x_{k,t}} x_t dx_t}{|x_{k,t}|}$$

## 4. Histogram filter

### Histogram filter

- Approximation of density values for regions:

$$p(z_t | x_{k,t}) \approx p(z_t | \widehat{x}_{k,t})$$

$$p(x_{k,t} | u_t, x_{i,t-1}) \approx \text{normalizer} * p(\widehat{x}_{k,t} | u_t, \widehat{x}_{i,t-1})$$

- Precondition: all regions must have the same size.
- Now discrete Bayes filter algorithm is applicable !



## 5. Binary filter with static state

# Binary Bayes filter with Static State

- Belief is a function of measurement:

$$bel_t(x) = p(x|z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) = p(x|z_{1:t})$$

- **General algorithm:**

1: *Func\_binary\_Bayes\_filter*( $l_{t-1}, z_t$ )

2:  $l_t = l_{t-1} + \log \frac{p(x|z_t)}{1-p(x|z_t)} - \log \frac{p(x)}{1-p(x)}$

3: *return*  $l_t$

## 5. Binary filter with static state

- **Log odds ratio**

$$l(x) = \log \frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)}$$

- Avoids truncation problems when probabilities close to 0 or 1

- **Inverse measurement model:**

- Reduce complexity by using probability of state given measurement data
- Example: infer state of a door in an image is much easier than infer an image from all other images of a close/open door.

## 5. Binary filter with static state

### Example of Binary filter: Occupancy grid mapping

- Estimate (generate) map from (noisy) sensor measurement data and robot position
- General algorithm:

$$p(\text{Map} = M | z_{1:t}, x_{1:t}) = \prod_c p(\text{Cell} = c \text{ is occupied} | z_{1:t}, x_{1:t})$$

$p(\text{Cell} = c \text{ is occupied} | z_{1:t}, x_{1:t})$  is a binary estimation problem

## 6. Particle filter

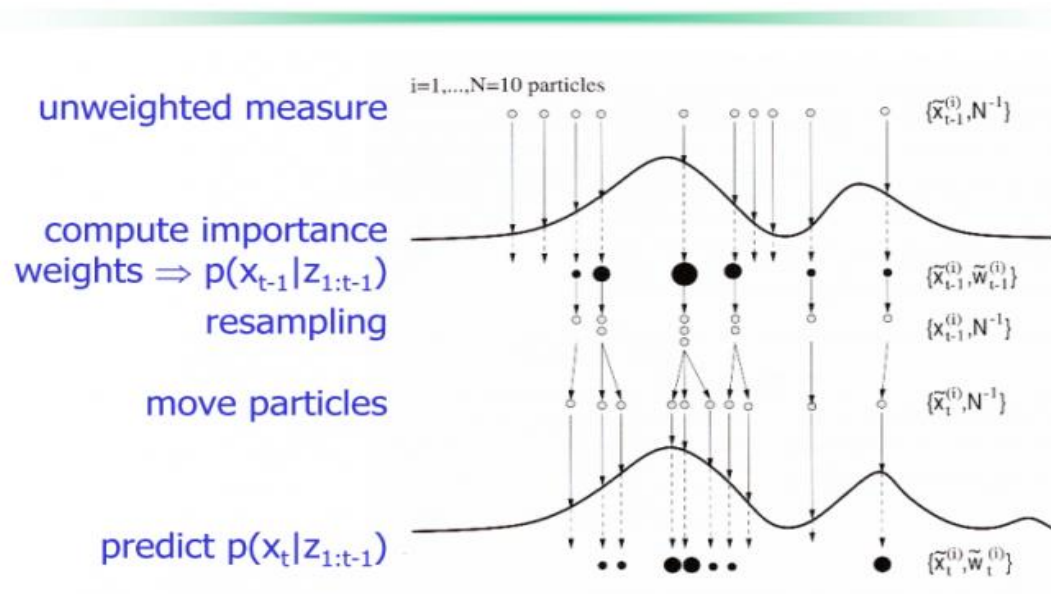
### Particle filter algorithm

- Represent the posterior density by a set of weighted random particles
- General algorithm:

```
1: Func_Particle_filter( $X_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ )
2:    $\bar{X}_t = X_t = \emptyset$ 
3:   for  $i = 1$  to  $M$  do
4:     sample  $x_t^i \sim p(x_t | x_{t-1}^i)$ 
5:      $w_t^i = p(z_t | x_t^i)$ 
6:      $\bar{X}_t = X_t + (x_t^i, w_t^i)$ 
7:   endfor
8:   for  $i = 1$  to  $M$  do
9:     draw  $i$  with probability  $\propto w_t^i$ 
10:    add  $x_t^i$  to  $X_t$ 
11:  endfor
12:  return  $X_t$ 
```

# Particle filter algorithm

## Visualization of Particle Filter



[http://www.juergenwiki.de/work/wiki/doku.php?id=public:particle\\_filter](http://www.juergenwiki.de/work/wiki/doku.php?id=public:particle_filter)

## Properties of Particle filter algorithm

- **Degree of freedom:**

- Because of normalization we lost one degree of freedom:

$$\text{deg} = M - 1$$

- **Identical particles after resampling phase:**

- Resampling with probability proportional to weight: after every iteration we failed to draw one or more state sample

## Properties of Particle filter algorithm

- **Deterministic sensor:**

- Sensor with noise-free range: measurement data is zero for most of state !

⇒ All weights become zero.

- **Particle deprivation problem:**

- Resampling can wipe out all particles near the true state

⇒ incorrect states have larger weight !

## Application of Particle filter

- **Tracking the state of a dynamic system modeled by a Bayesian Network:** Robot localization, SLAM, robot fault diagnosis.
  - **Image segmentation:** by generating a large number of particles and gradually focus on particle with desired properties
- ⇒ **Image processing, Medical image analysis**



## 7. Summary

# Summary

- Nonparametric filters represent posterior state as a function of previous poster state
- Nonparametric filters does not rely on a fixed functional form of posterior
- Histogram filter and Particle filter represent state space and posterior as a finite set of data
- There is usually a trade-off between efficiency and level of detail of data

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