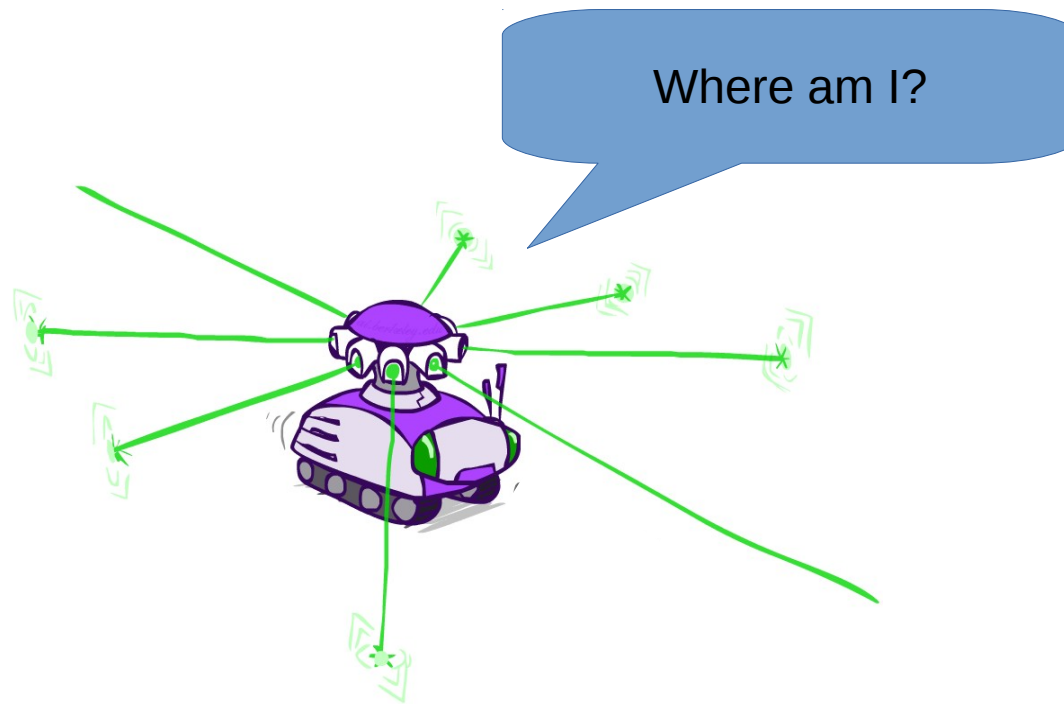


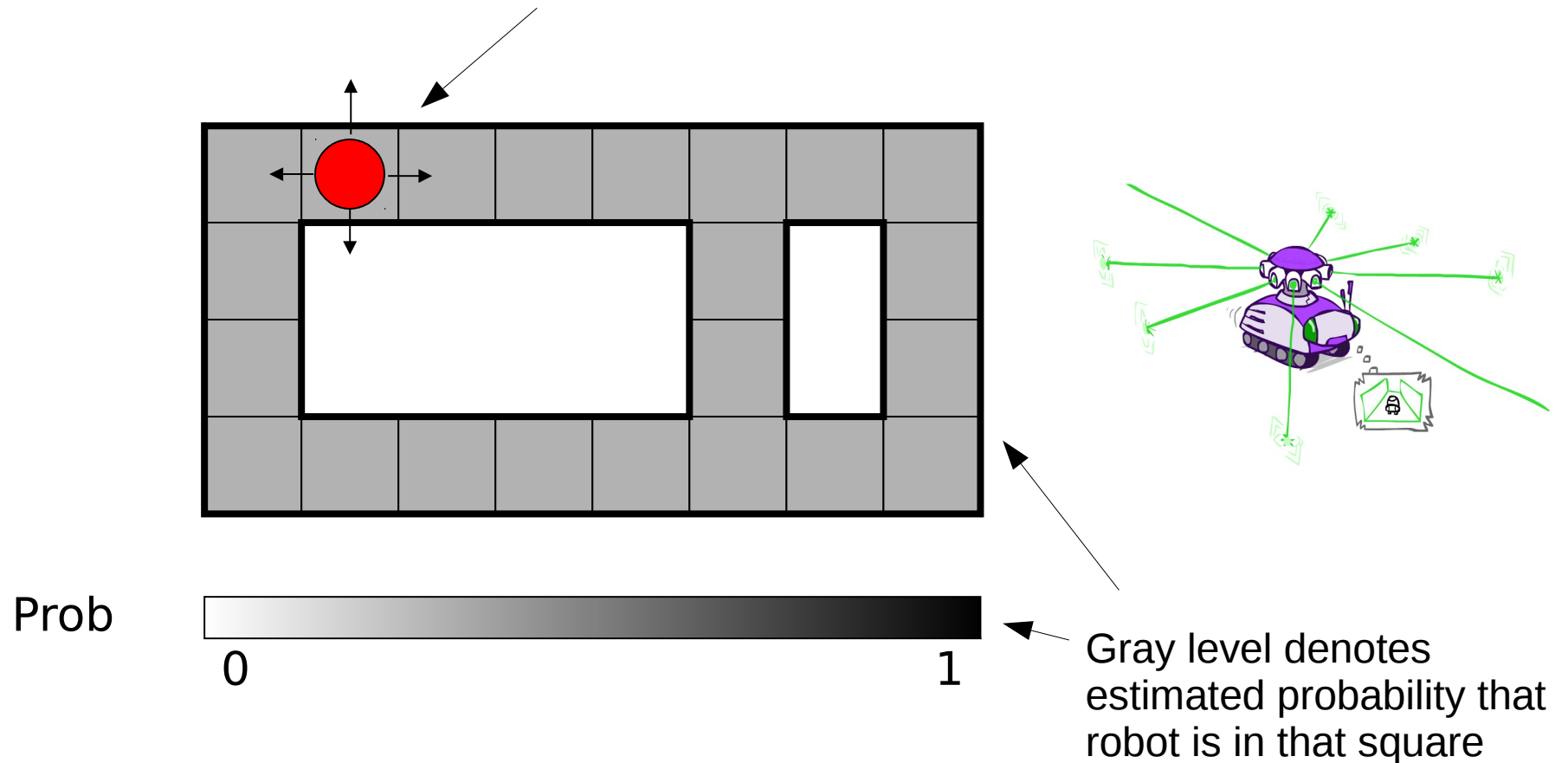
Filtering and Robot Localization

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Robot localization example

Robot is actually located here, but it doesn't know it.

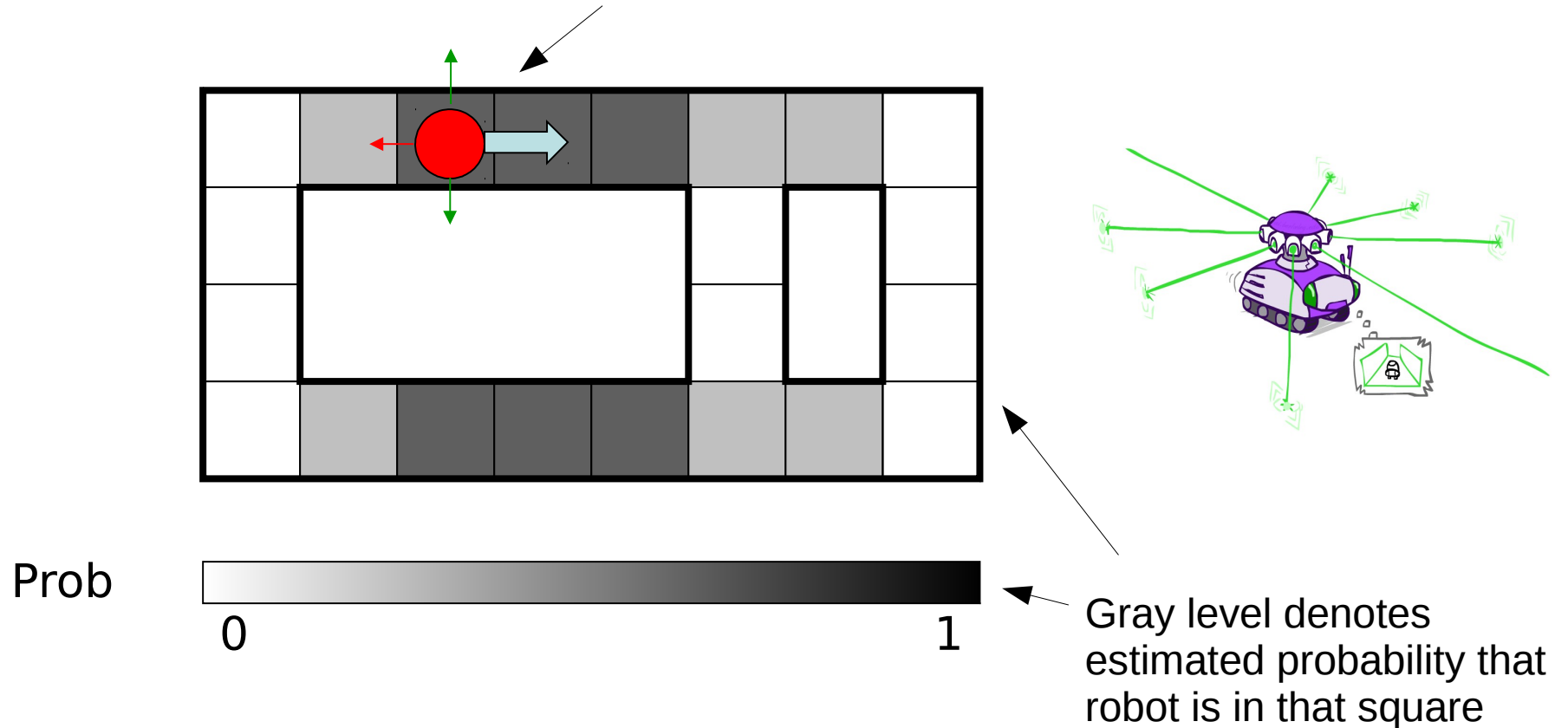


Goal: localize the robot based on sequential observations

- robot is given a map of the world; robot could be in any square
- initially, robot doesn't know which square it's in

Robot localization example

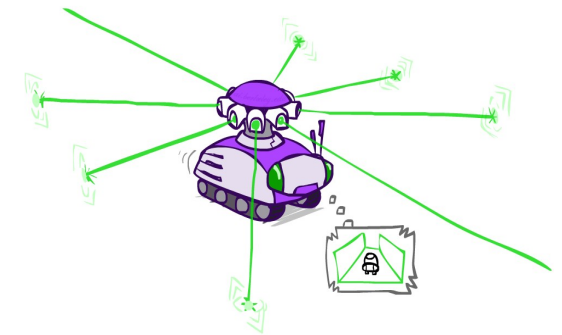
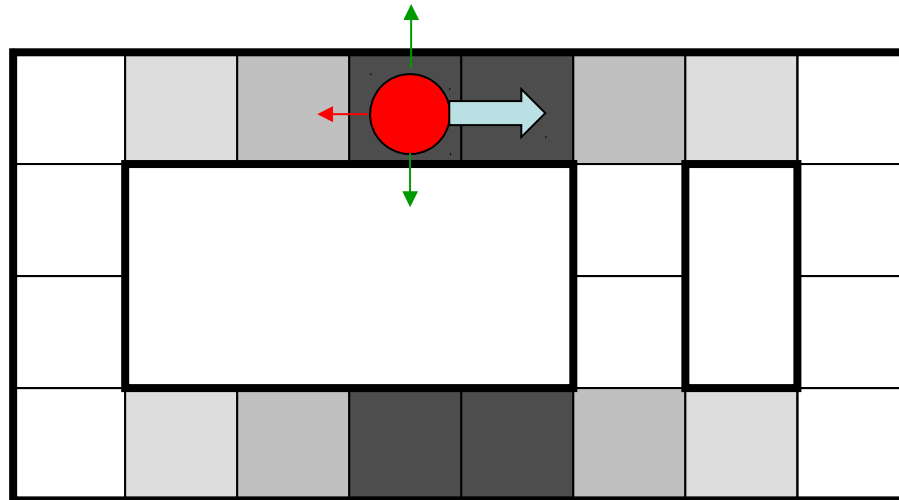
Robot perceives that there are walls above and below, but no walls either left or right



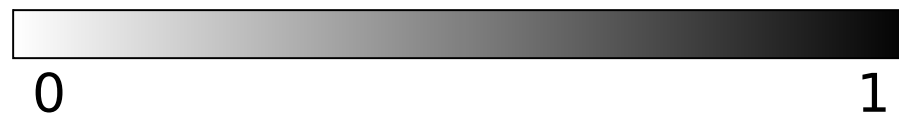
On each time step, the robot moves, and then observes the directions in which there are walls.

- observes a four-bit binary number
- observations are noisy: there is a small chance that each bit will be flipped.

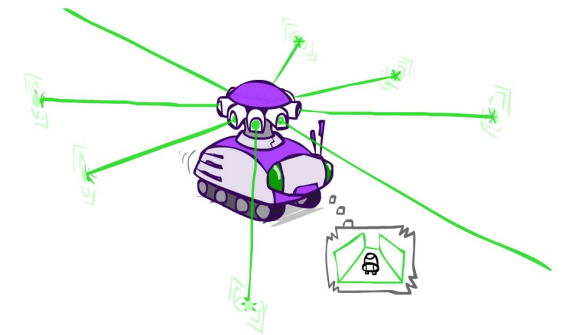
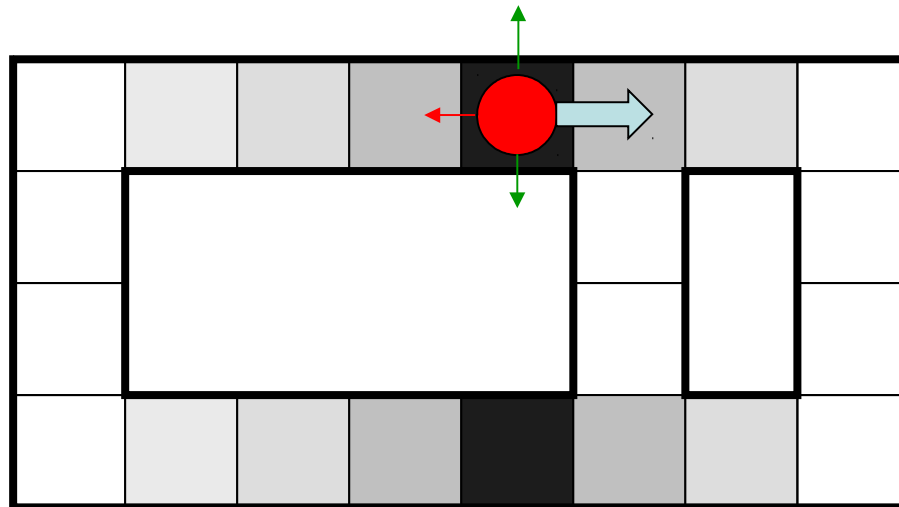
Robot localization example



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Robot localization example



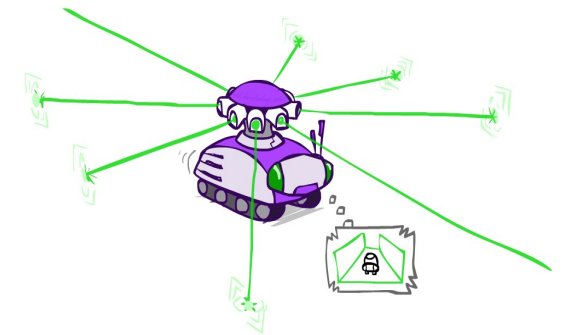
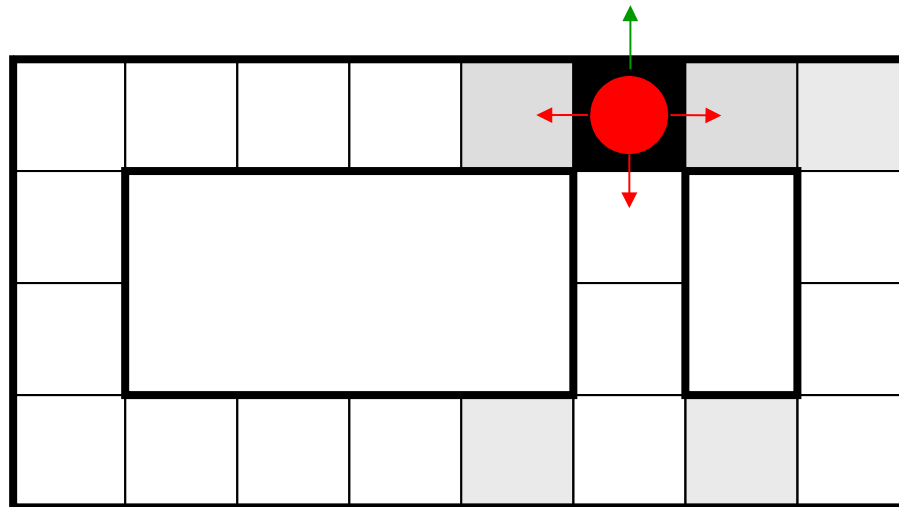
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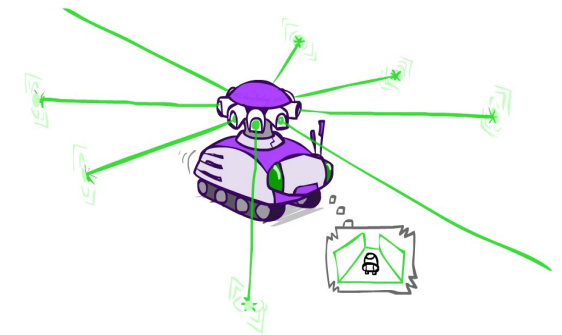
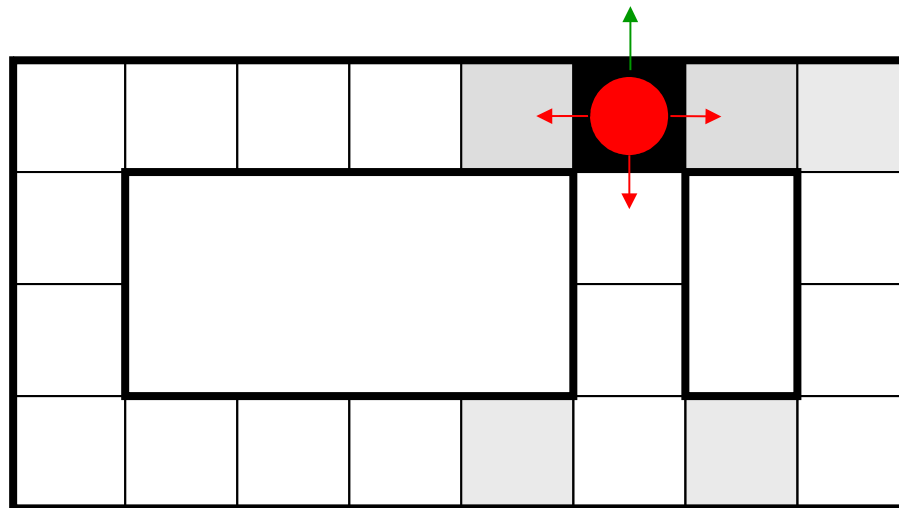
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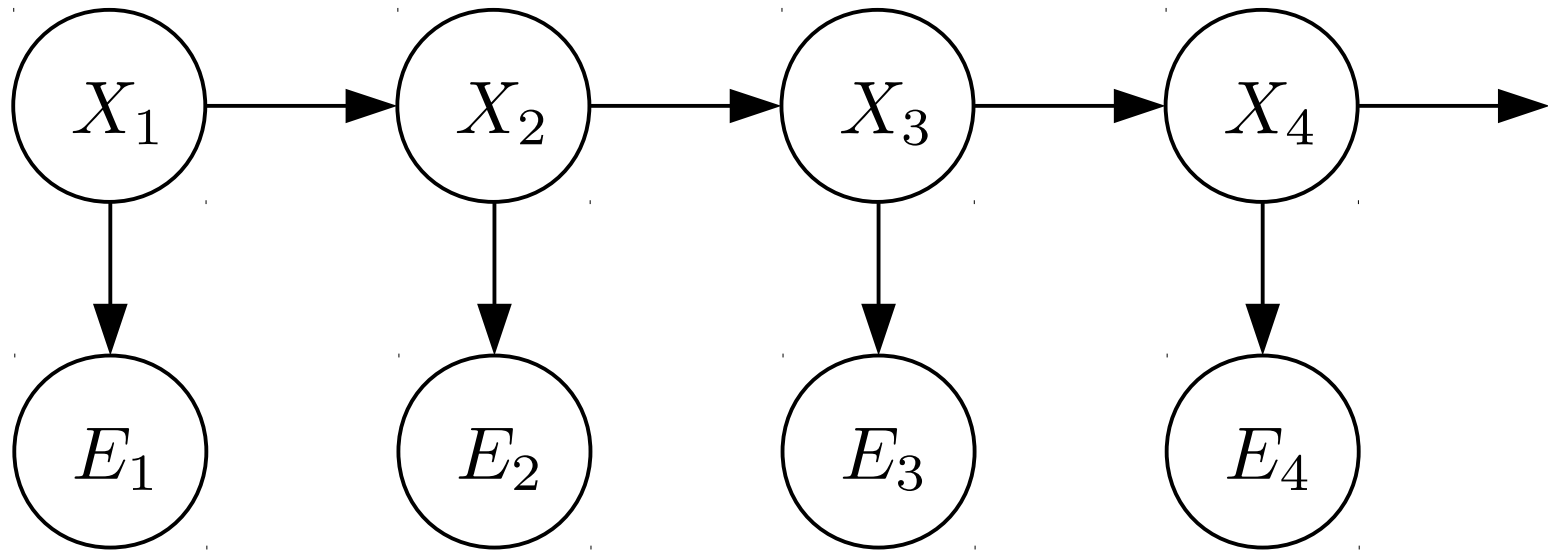


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Question: how do we update this probability distribution from time t to $t+1$?

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)

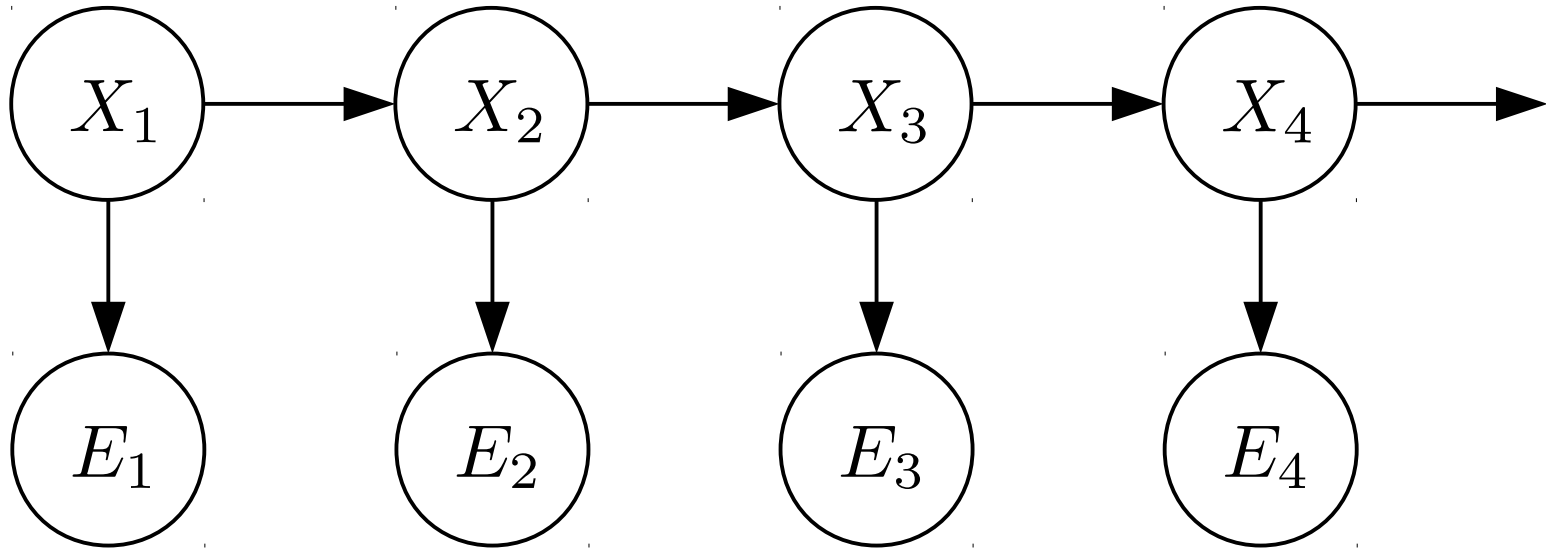


Called an “emission”

State, X_t , is assumed to be unobserved

However, you get to make one observation, E_t , on each timestep.

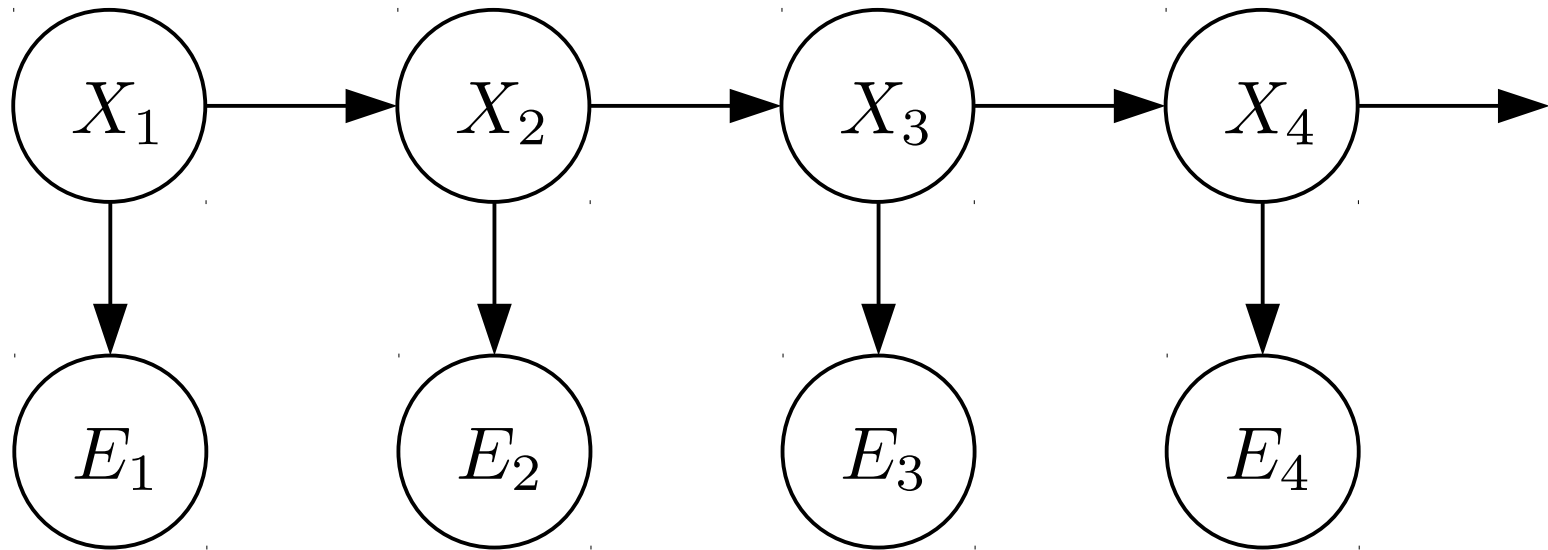
Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)



Process dynamics: $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$ ← How the system changes from one time step to the next

Observation dynamics: $P(E_t | X_t)$ ← What gets observed as a function of what state the system is in

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)



Process dynamics:

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

How the system changes from one time step to the next

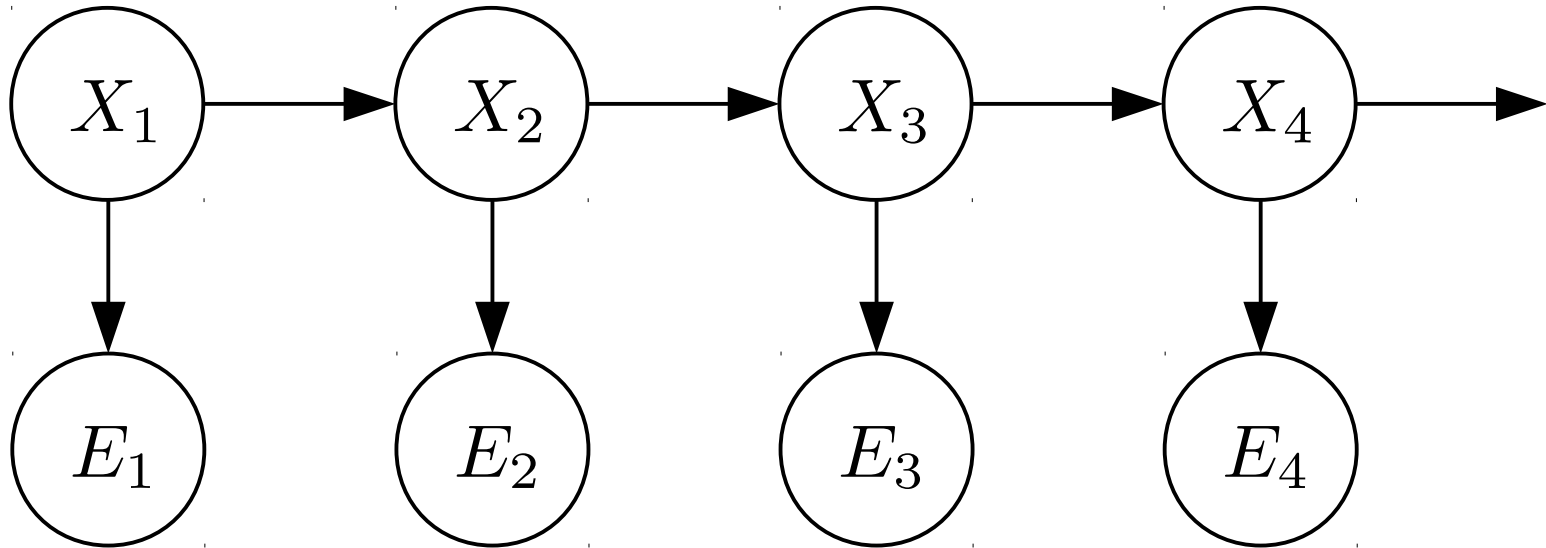
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What gets observed as a function of what state the system is in

Let's assume (for now) that these probability distributions are given to us.

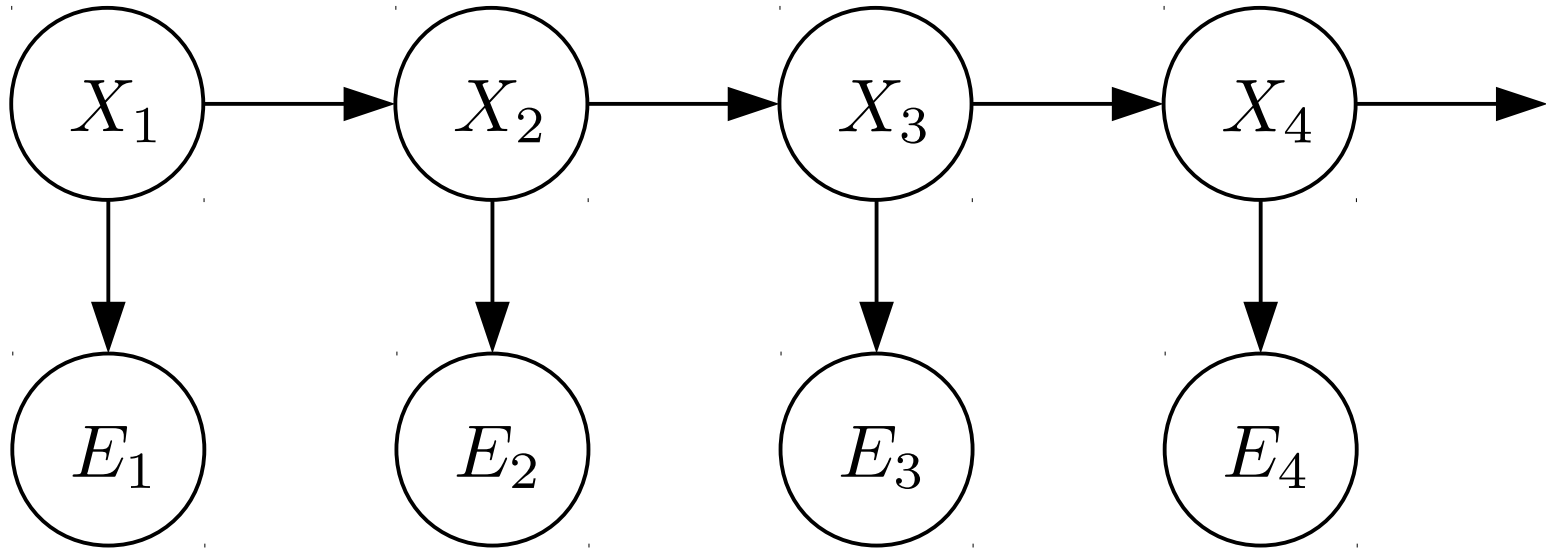
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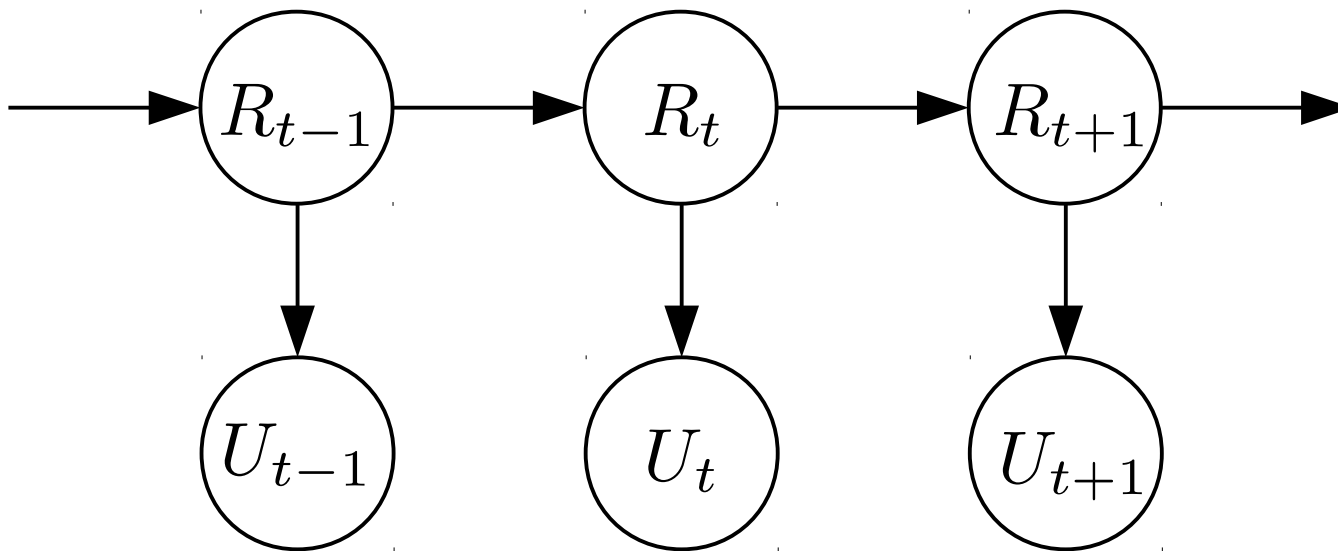


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Markov assumptions

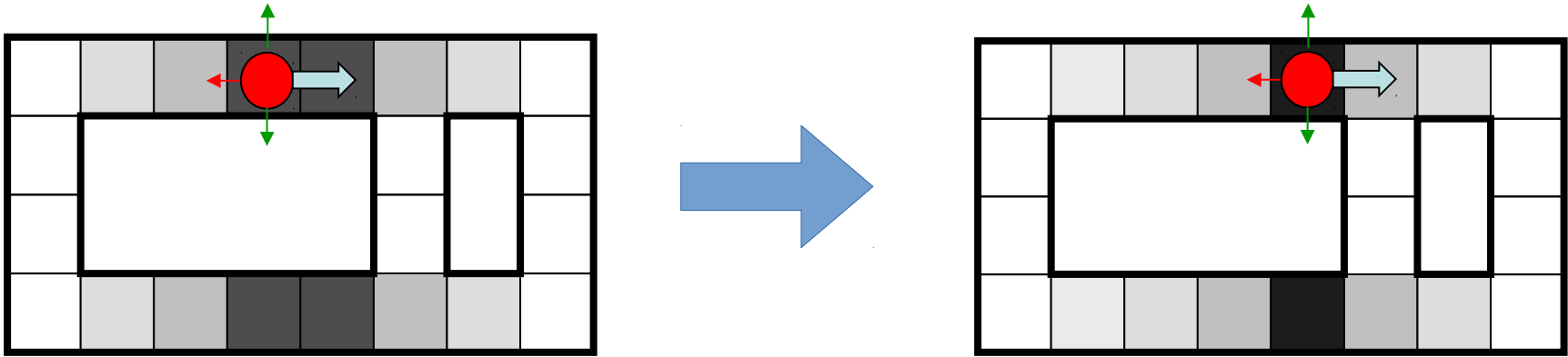
HMM example



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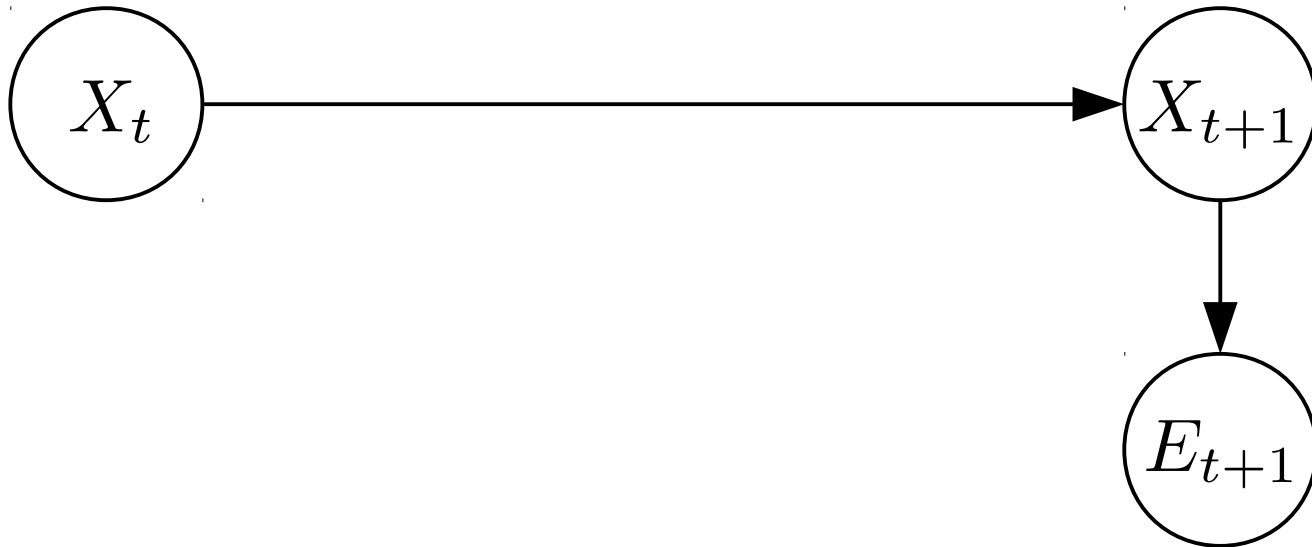
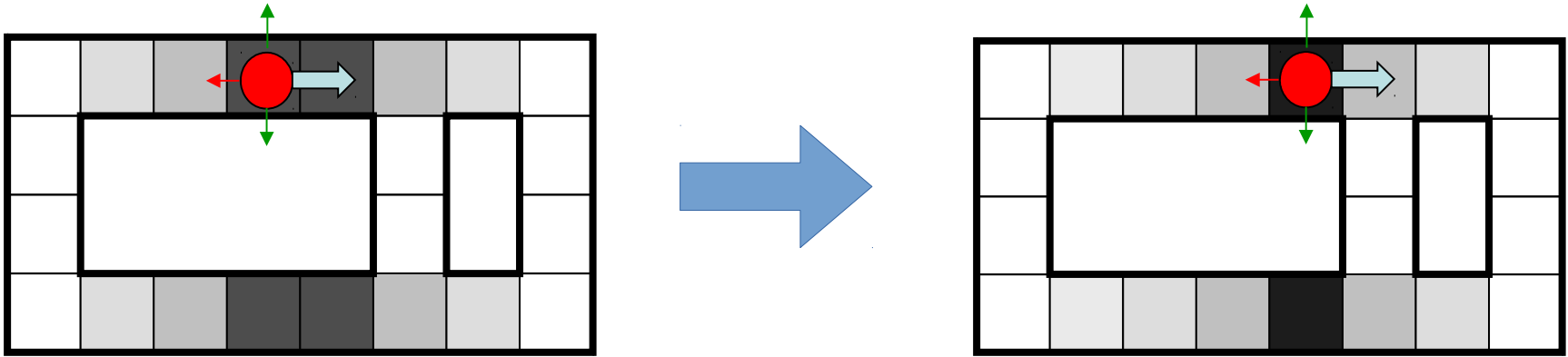
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Bayes Filtering

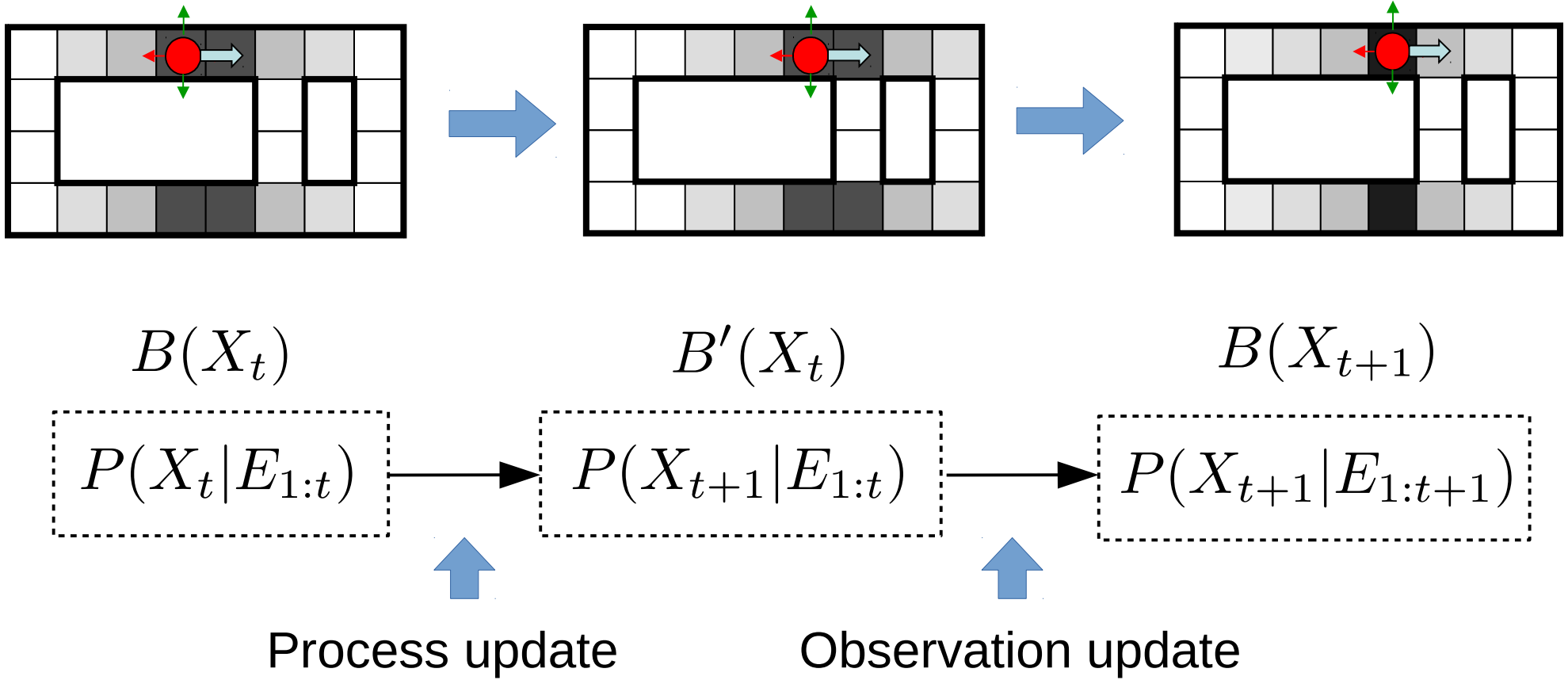


How do we go from this distribution to this distribution?

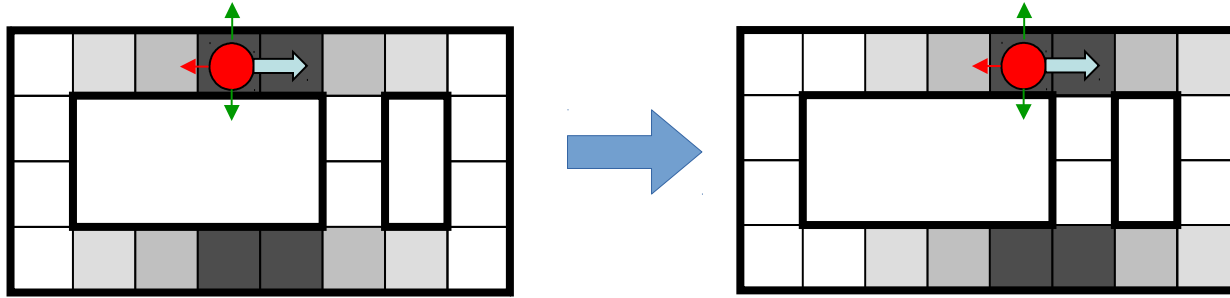
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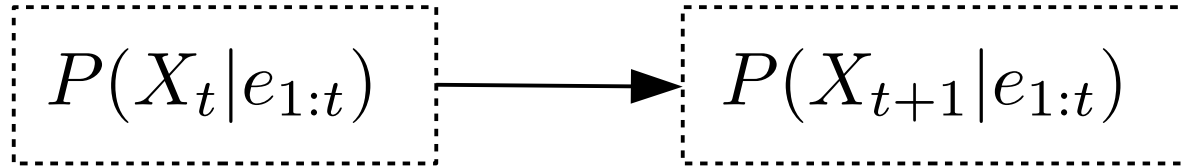


Process update

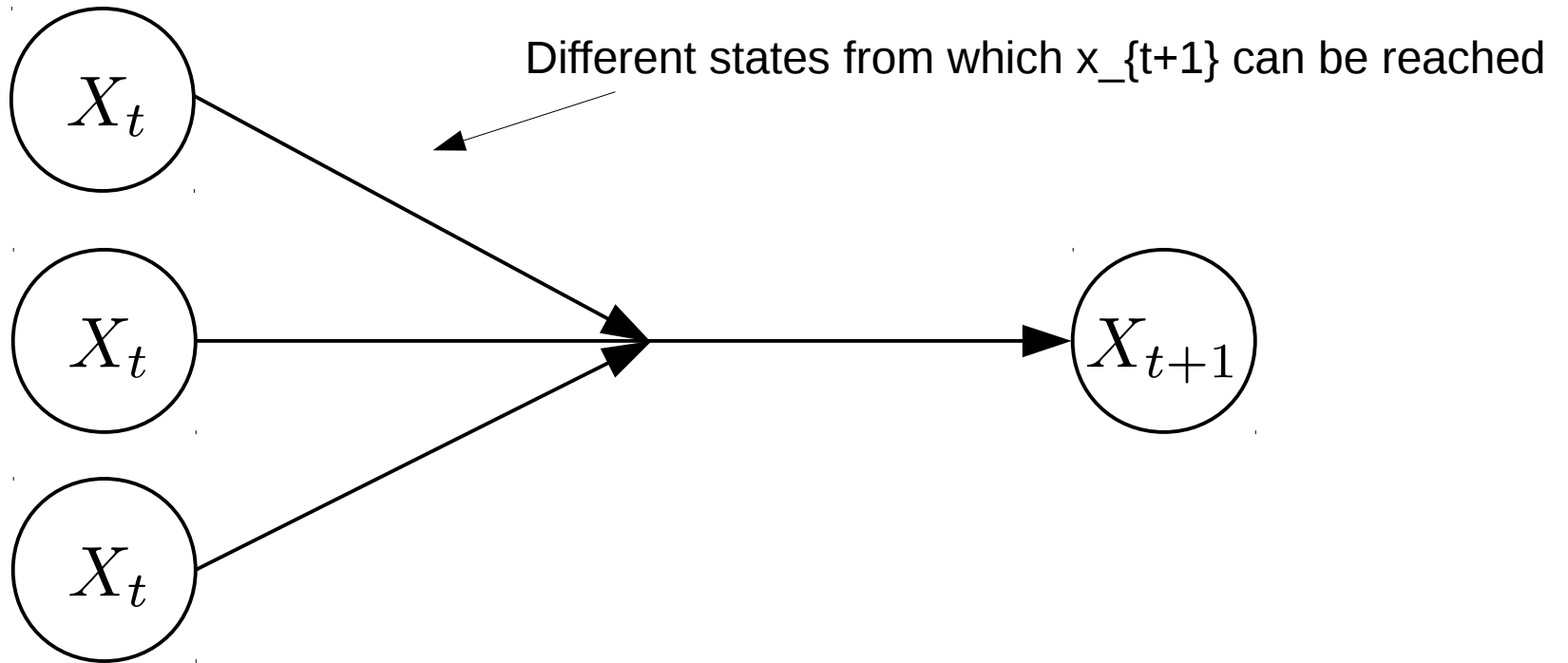
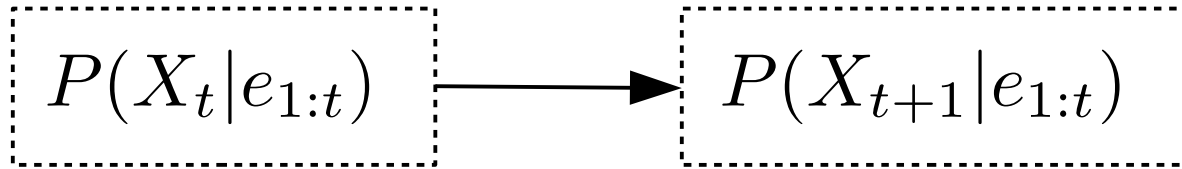


$B(X_t)$

$B'(X_t)$



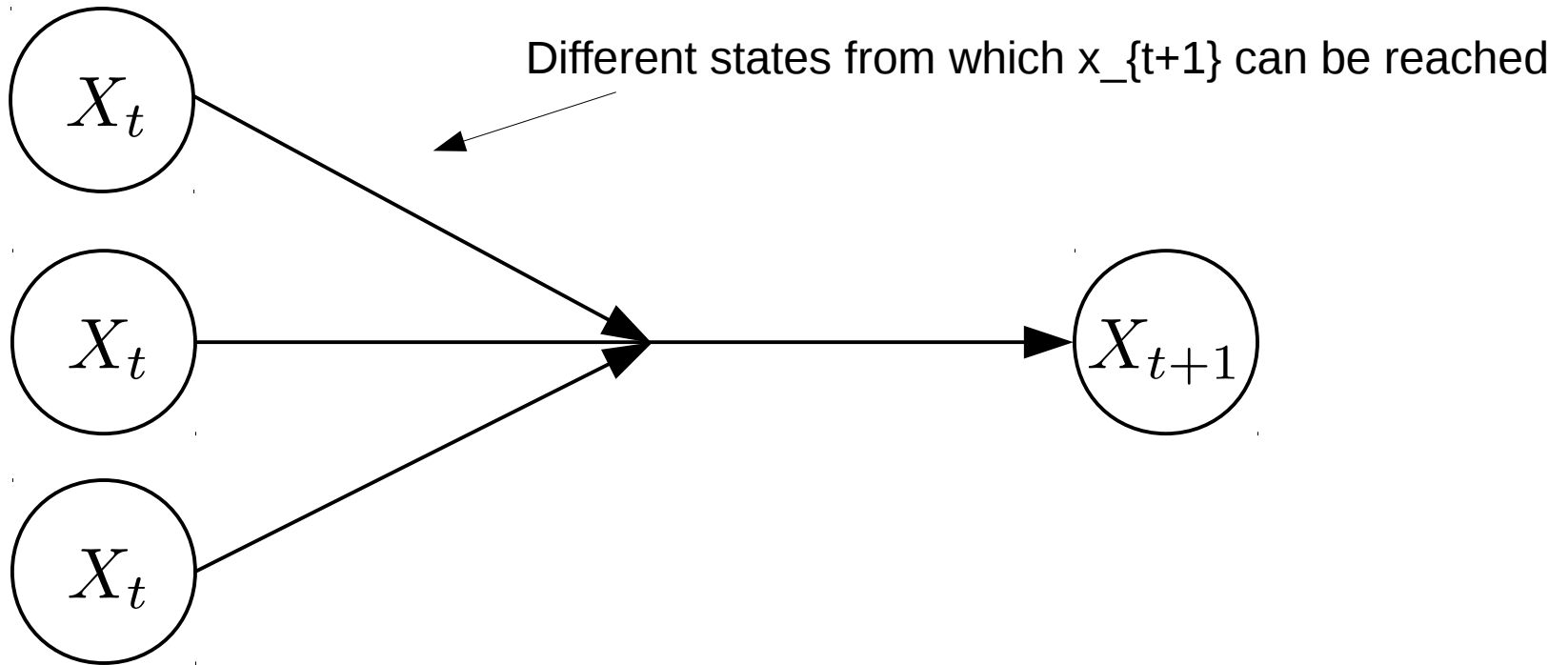
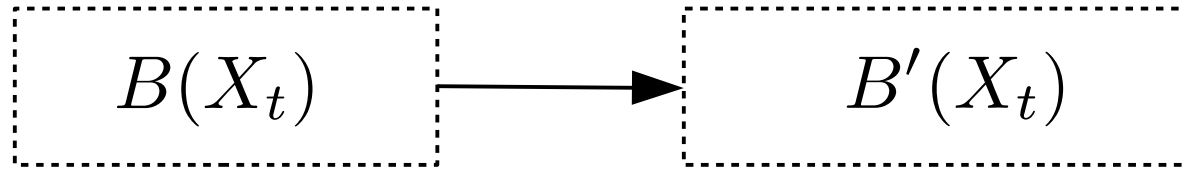
Process update



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

Marginalize over next states

Process update

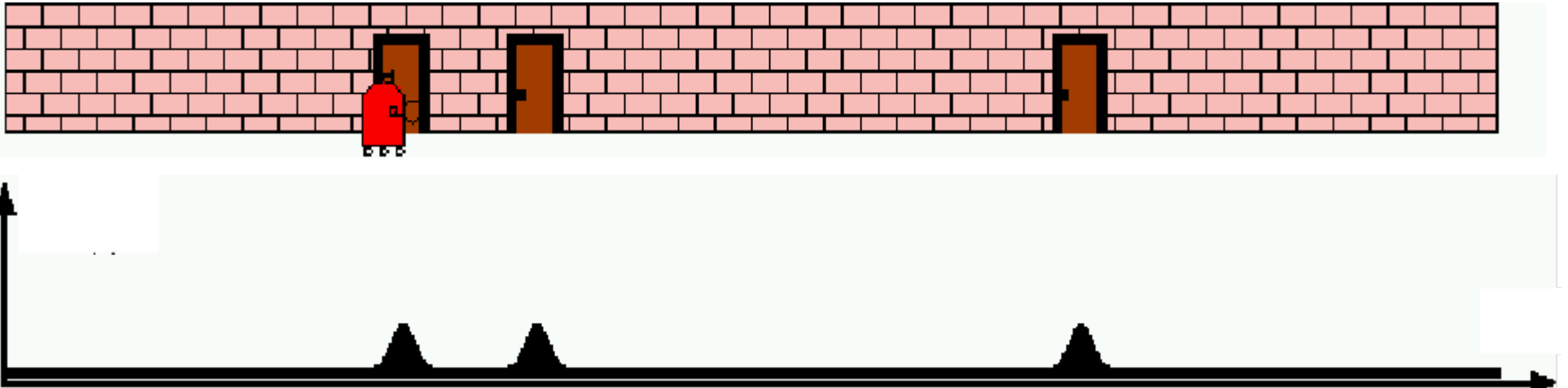


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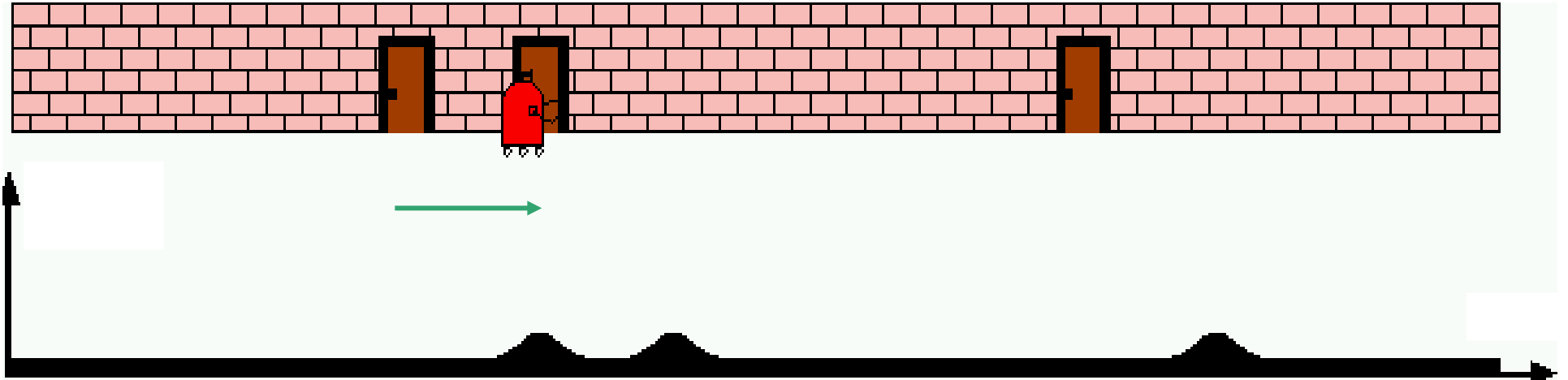
Process update

Before process update



Process update

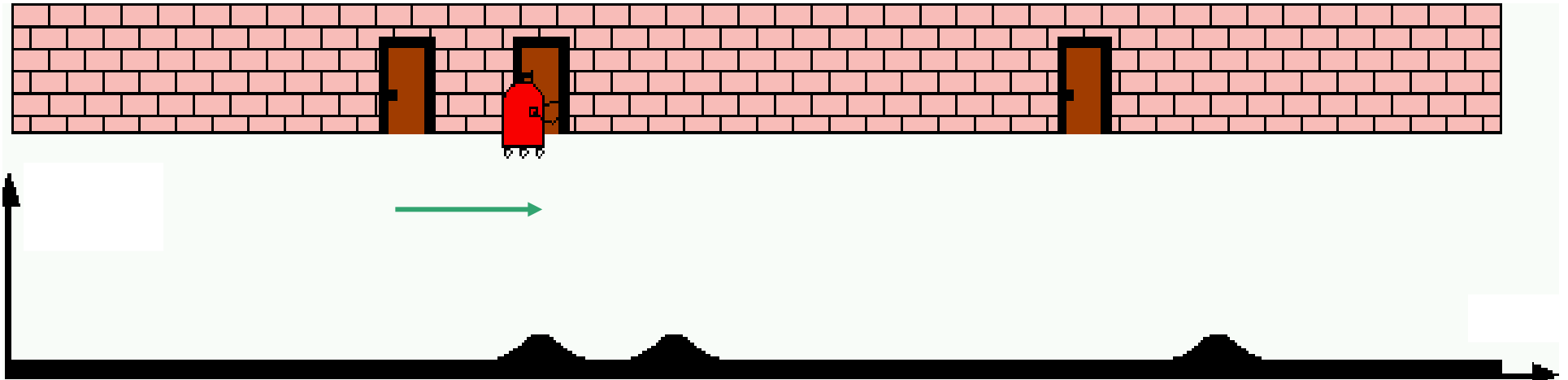
After process update



$$B'(X_{t+1}) = \sum_{X_t} P(X_{t+1} | X_t, e_{1:t}) B(X_t) \leftarrow \text{This is a little like convolution...}$$

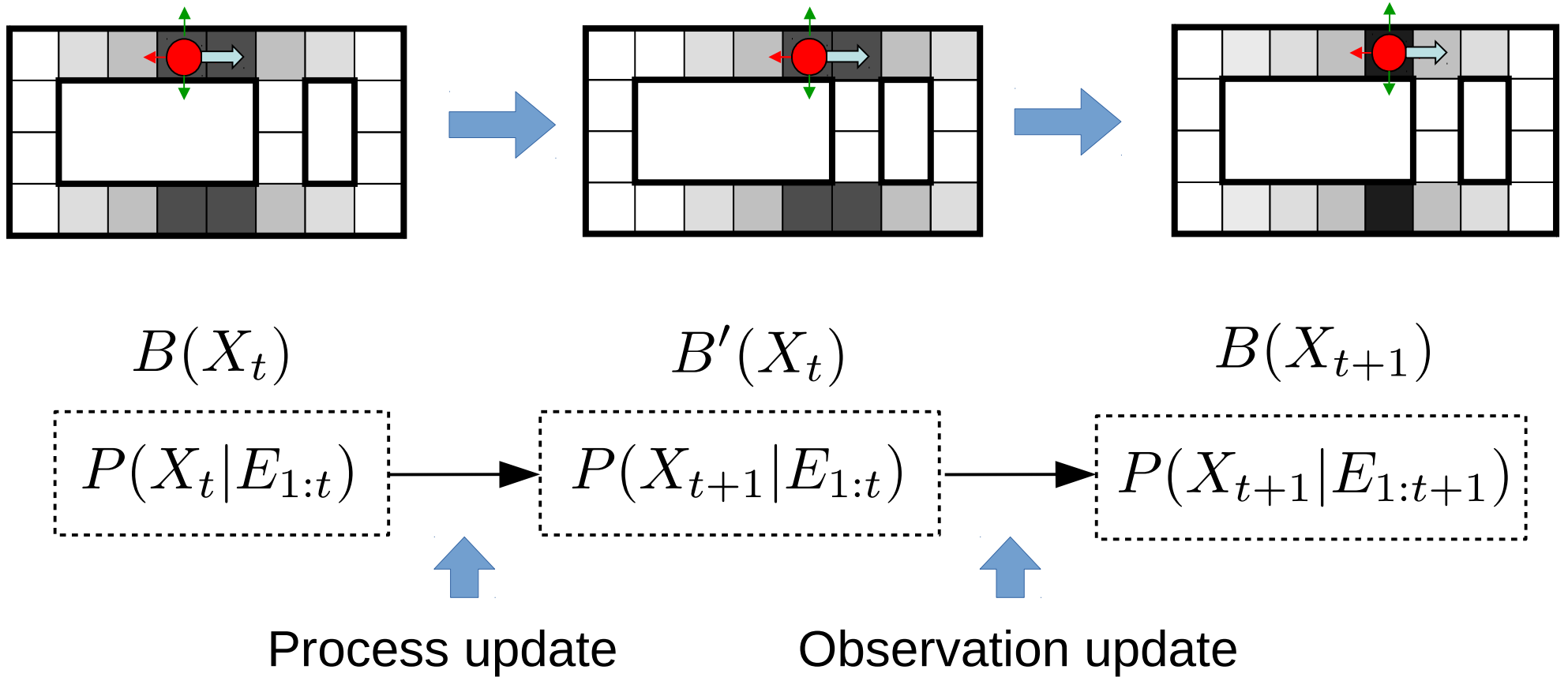
Process update

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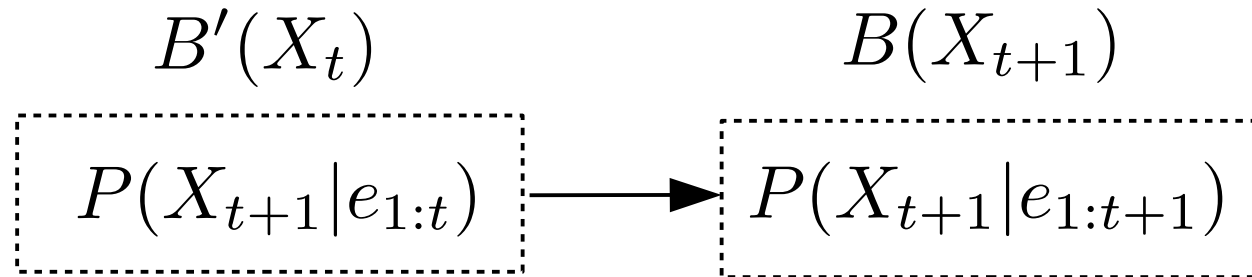


- Each time you execute a process update, belief gets more disbursed
- *i.e.* Shannon entropy increases
 - this makes sense: as you predict state further into the future, your uncertainty grows.

Bayes Filtering

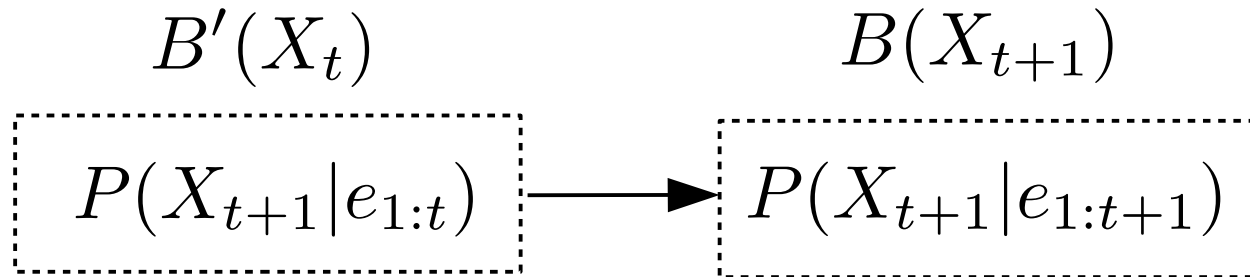


Observation update



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

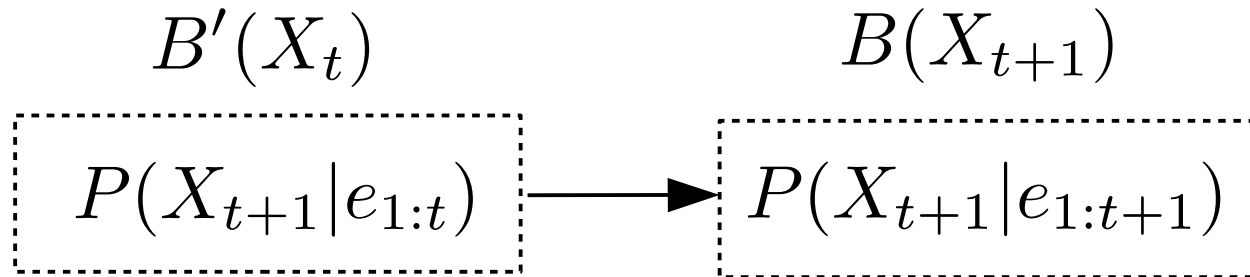
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$$P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t+1}) = \underbrace{\eta P(e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})}_{\text{Probability of seeing observation } e_{t+1} \text{ from state } X_{t+1}} P(X_{t+1}|e_{1:t})$$

Probability of seeing observation e_{t+1} from state X_{t+1}

Observation update



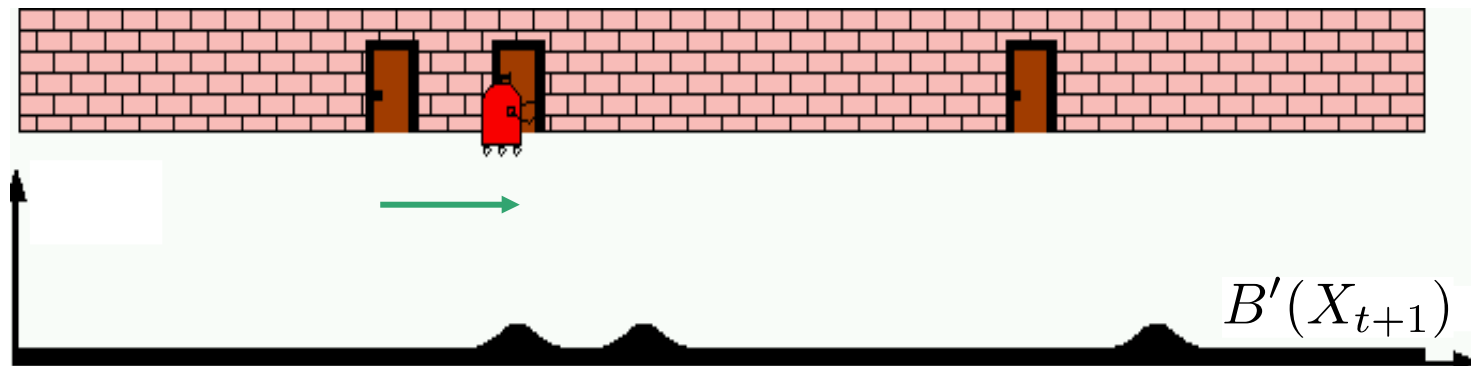
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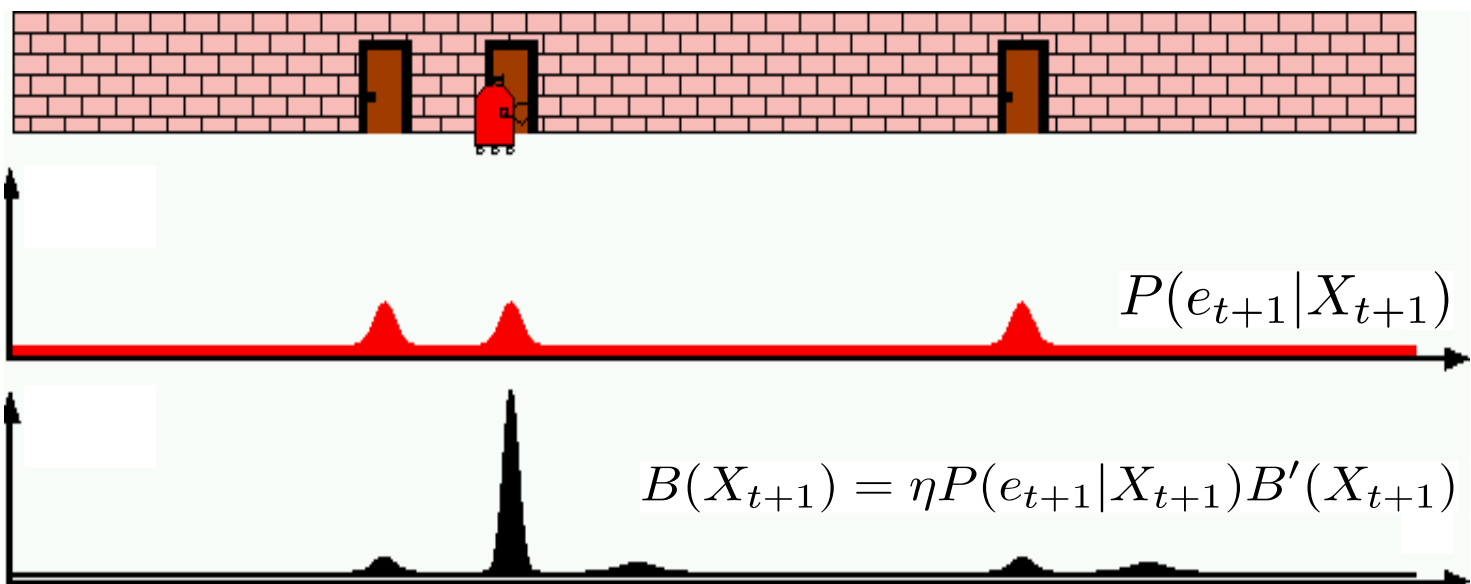
Where $\eta = \frac{1}{P(e_{t+1})}$ is a normalization factor

Observation update

Before observation update

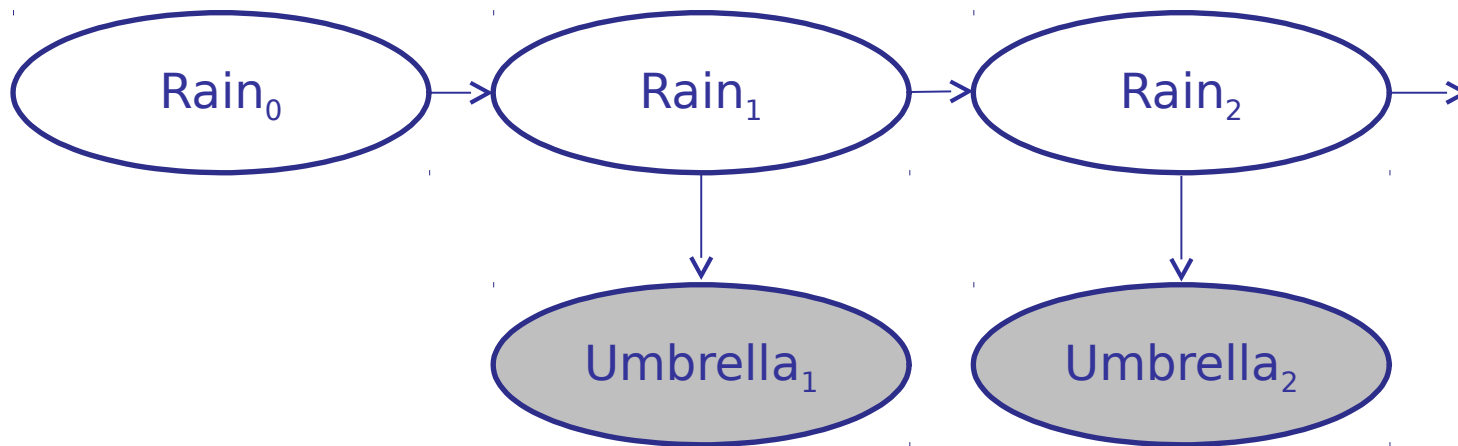


After observation update



Weather HMM example

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



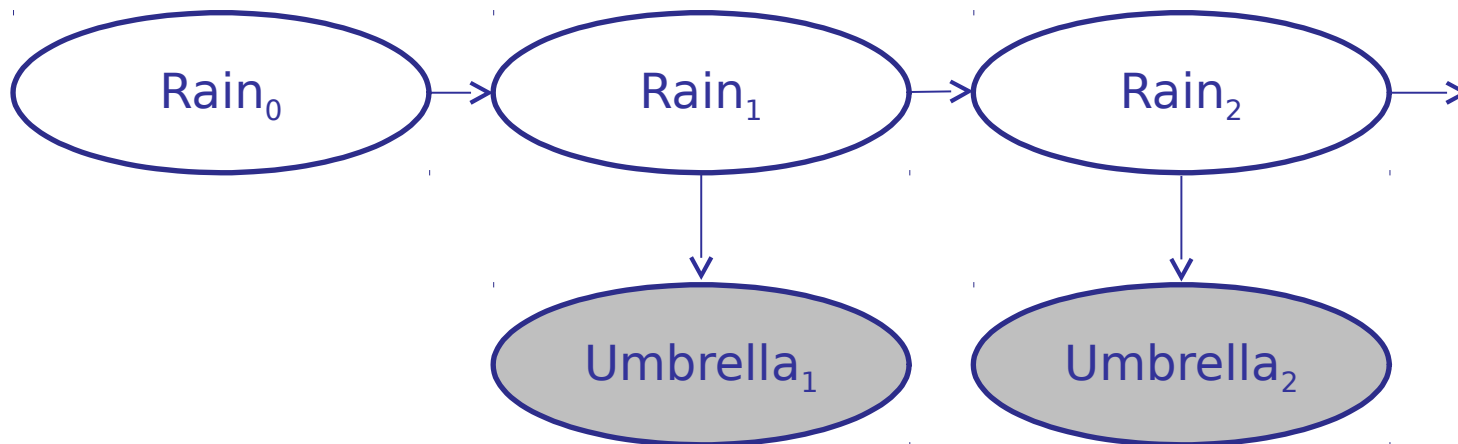
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-r	-u	0.8

Weather HMM example

$B(+r) = 0.5$
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$B'(+r) = 0.5$
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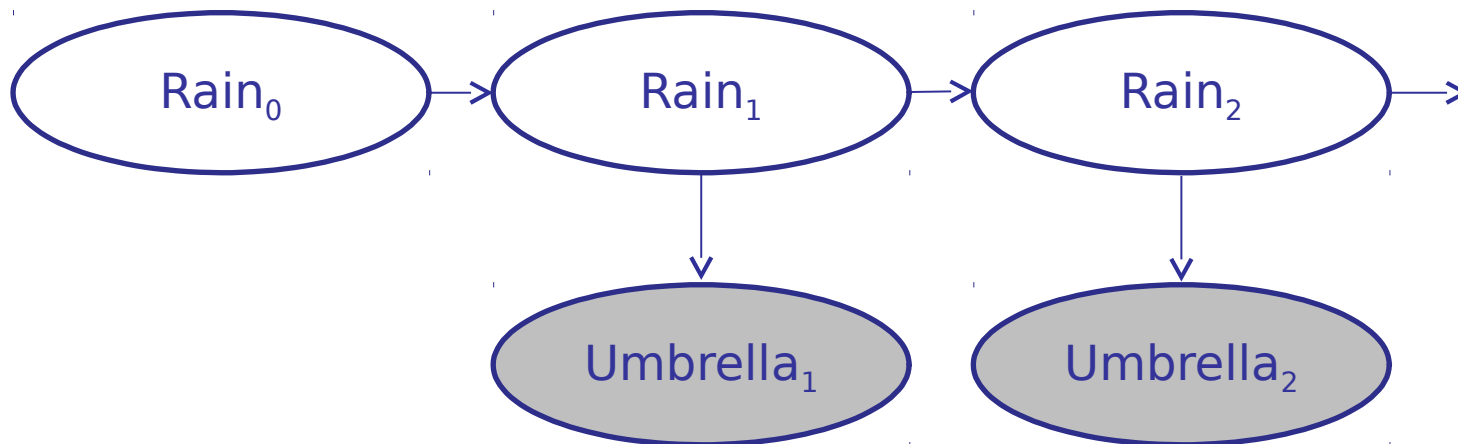
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Weather HMM example

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 & B(-r) = 0.5 \\
 & \quad \nearrow \\
 & \quad B'(+r) = 0.5 \\
 & \quad B'(-r) = 0.5 \\
 & \quad \downarrow \\
 & B(+r) = 0.818 \\
 & B(-r) = 0.182
 \end{aligned}$$

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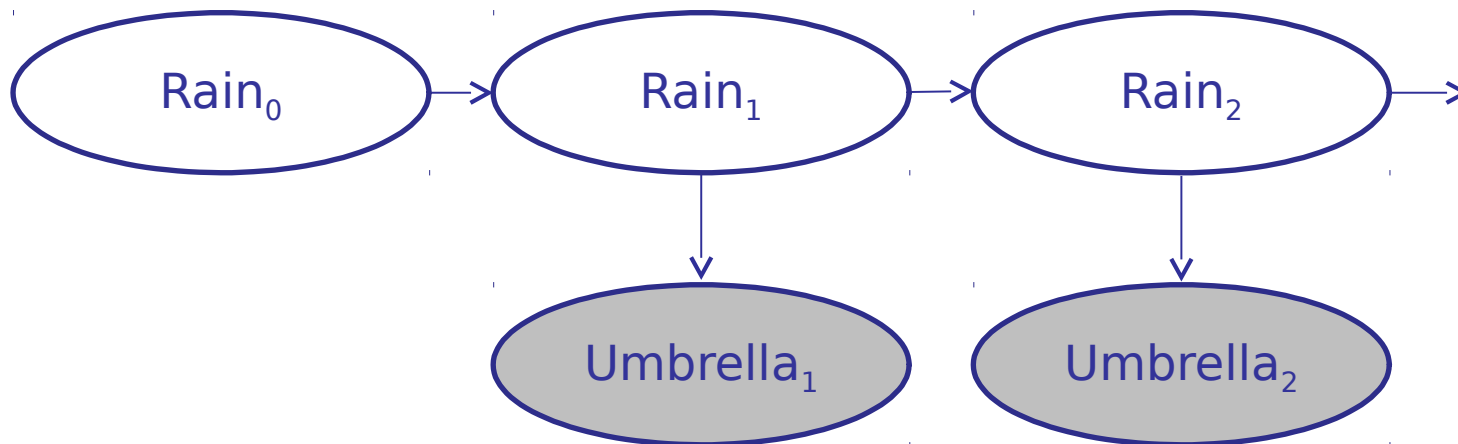


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Weather HMM example

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 B'(+r) = 0.627 \\
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 \end{array}$$

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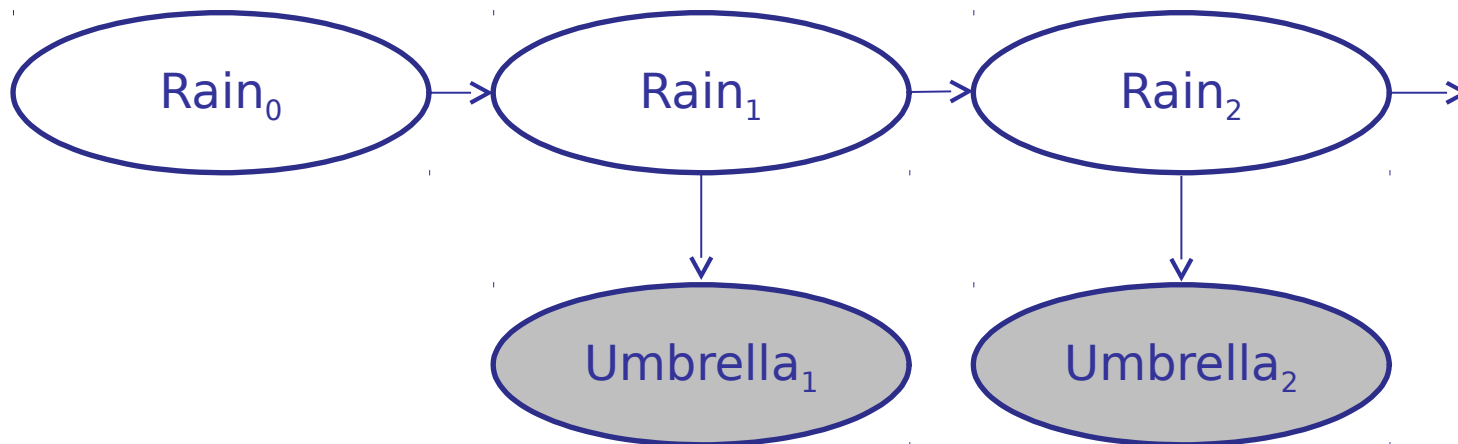


R_t	U_t	$P(U_t R_t)$
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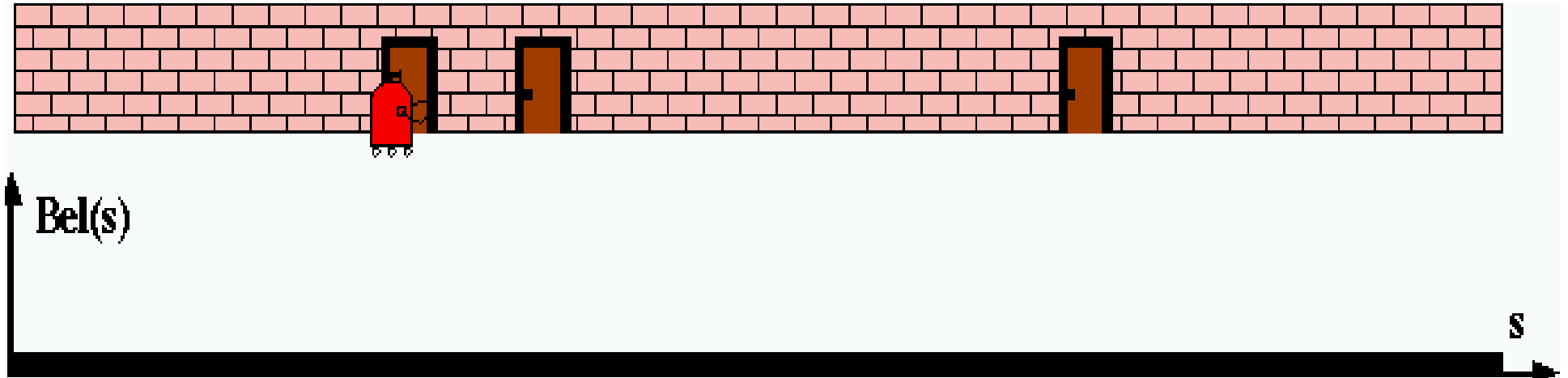
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 B(+r) = 0.883 \\
 B(-r) = 0.117
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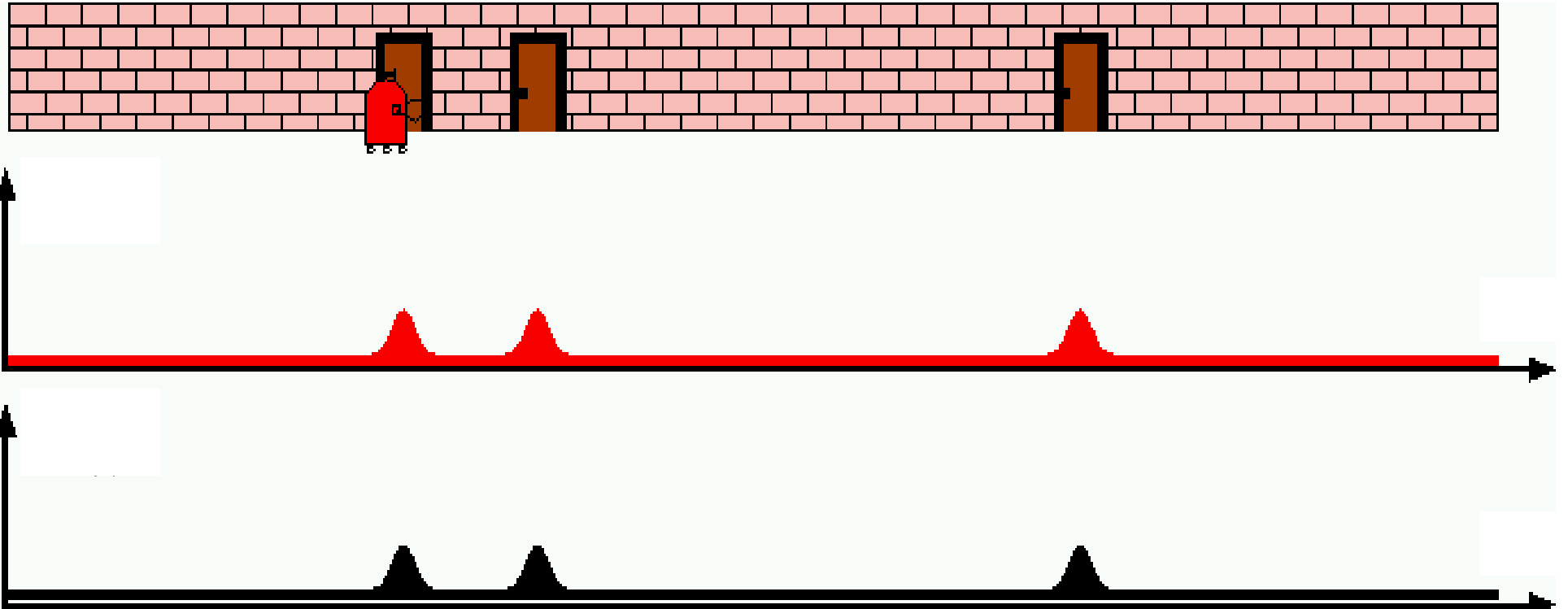


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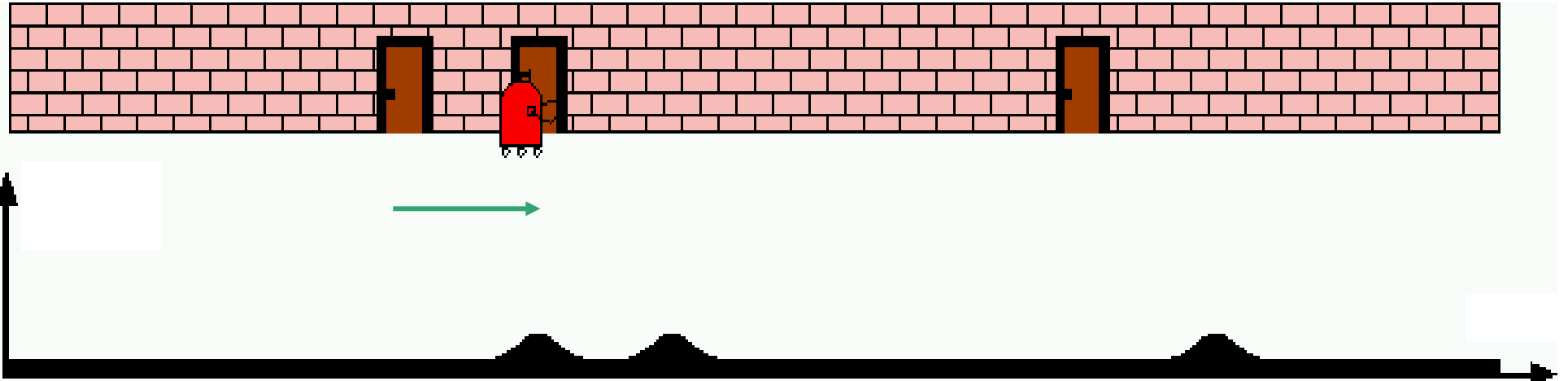
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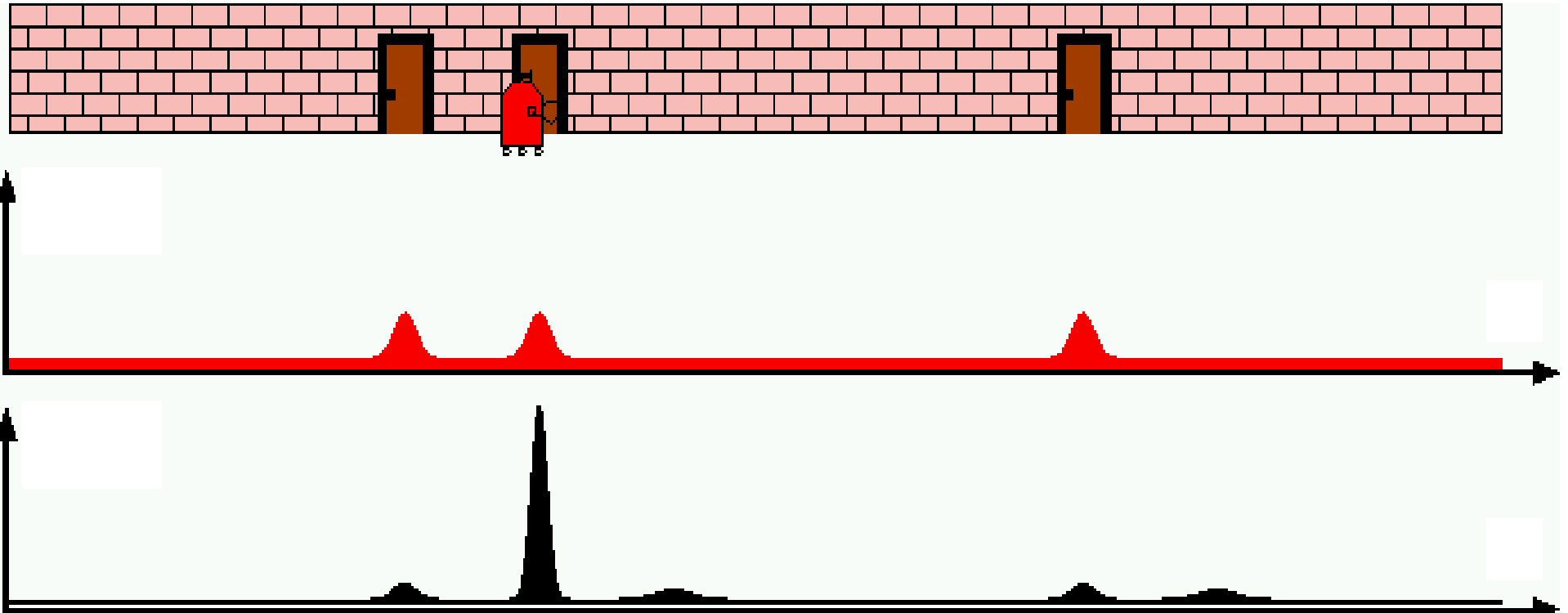
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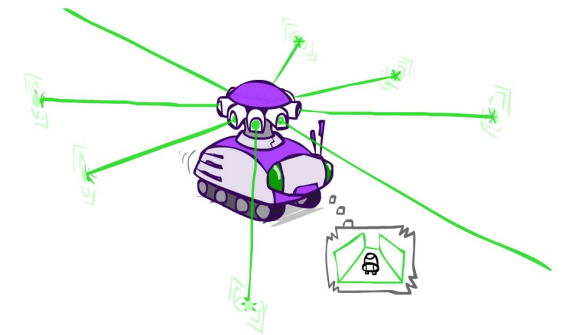
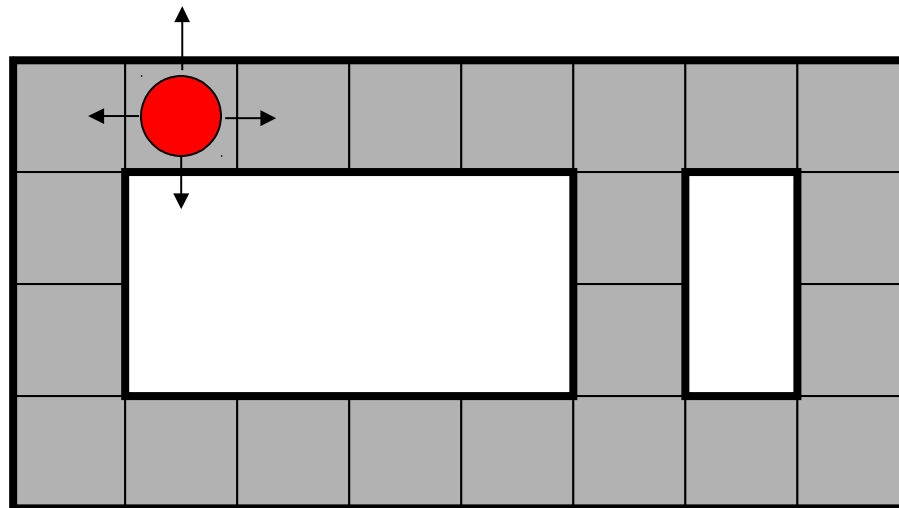
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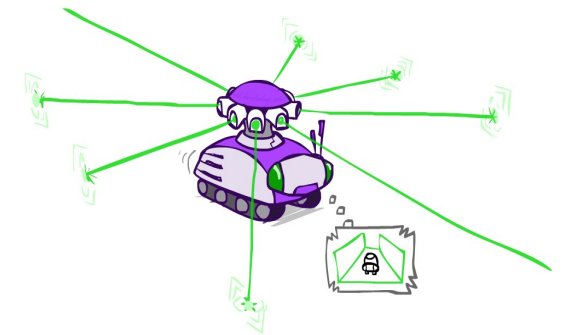
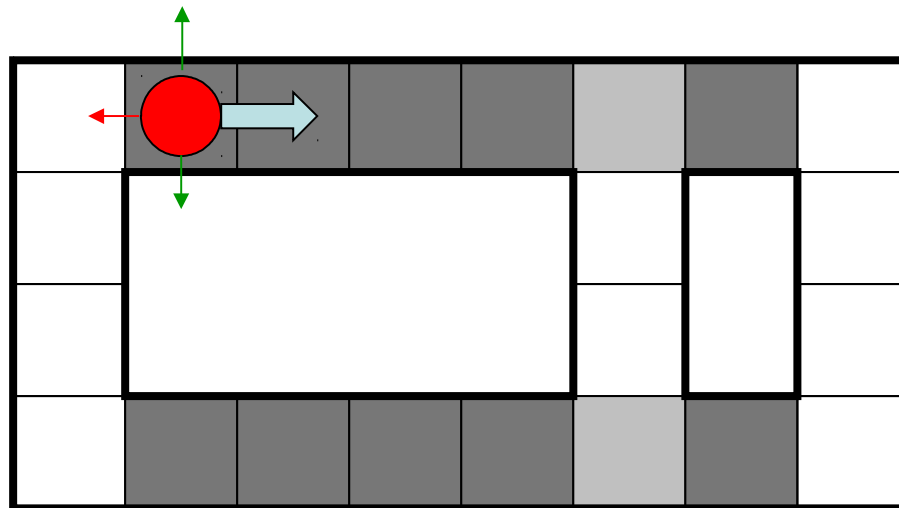
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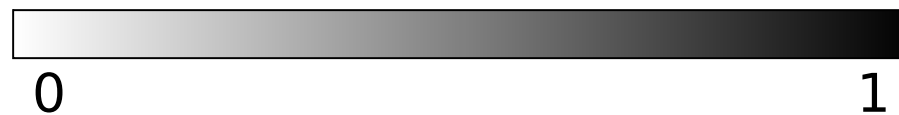
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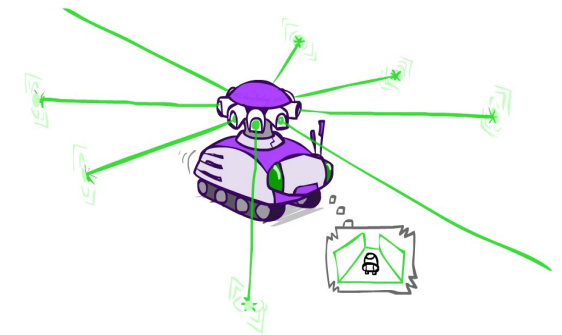
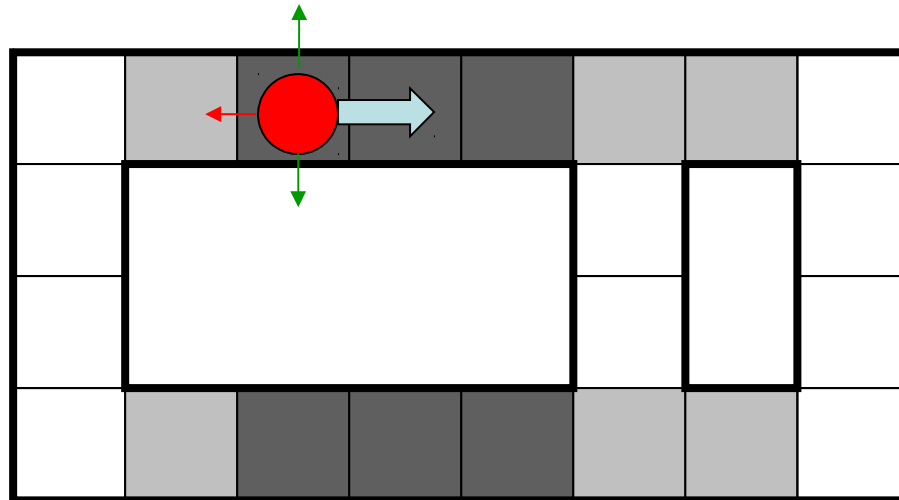
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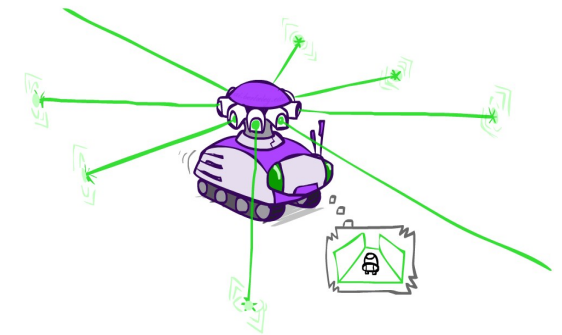
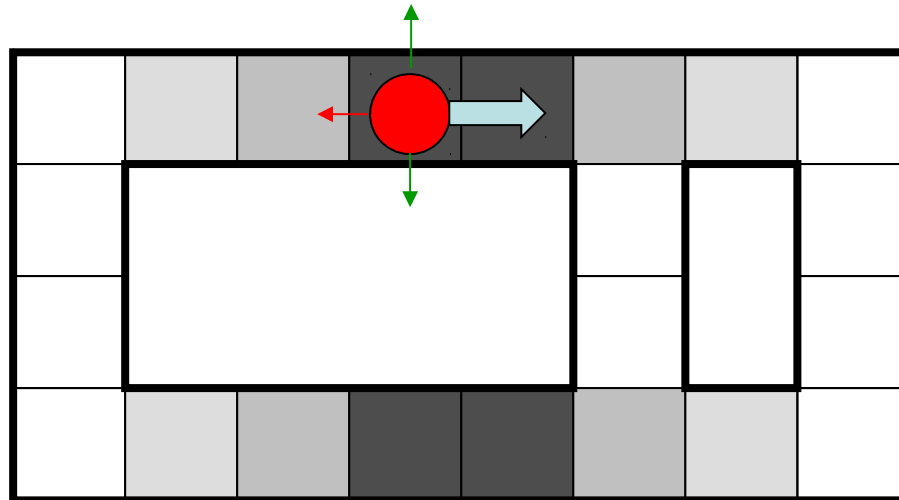
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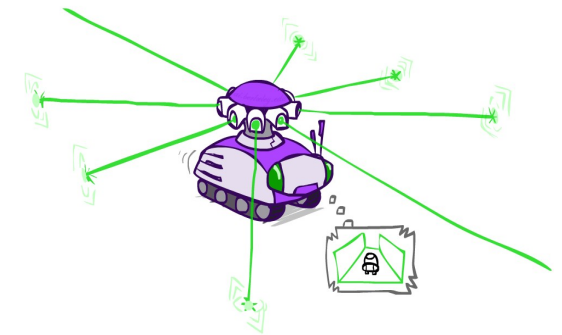
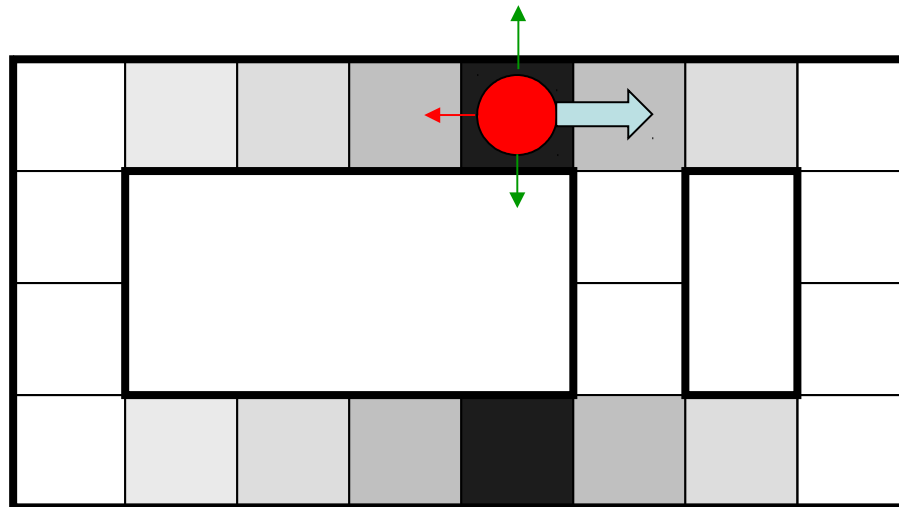
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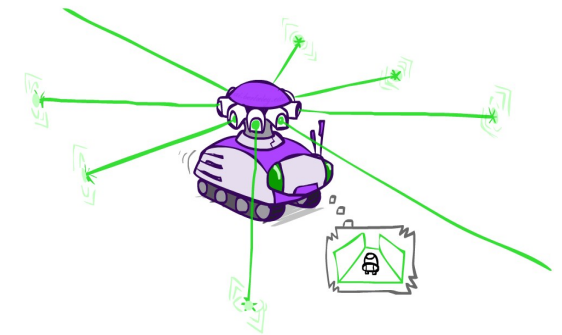
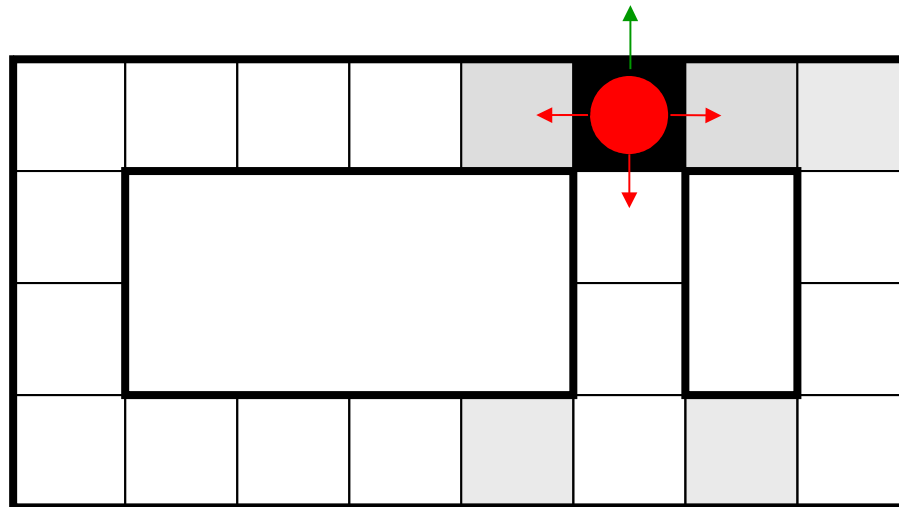
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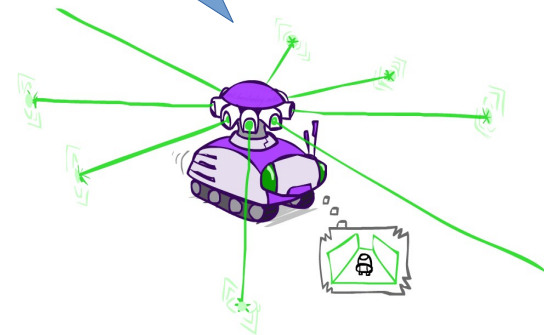
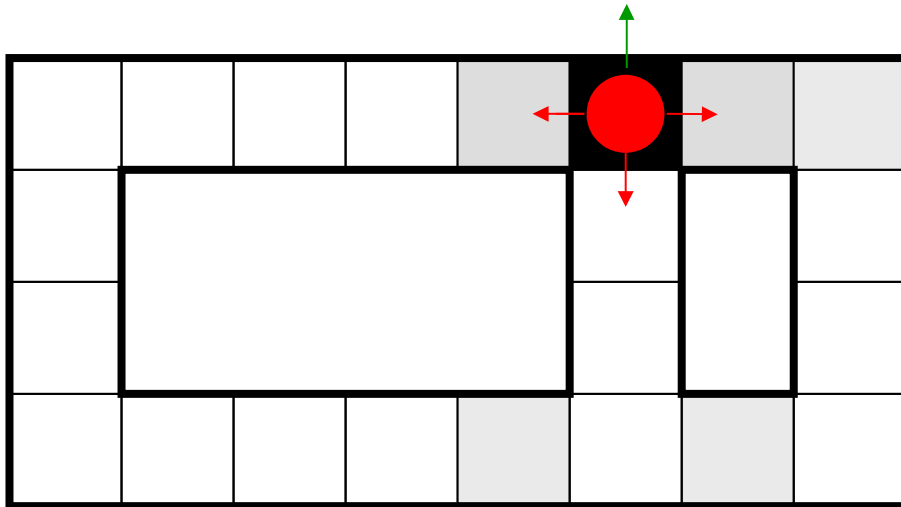
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Applications of HMMs

- **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)

Particle Filter

Why must I be confined to this grid?

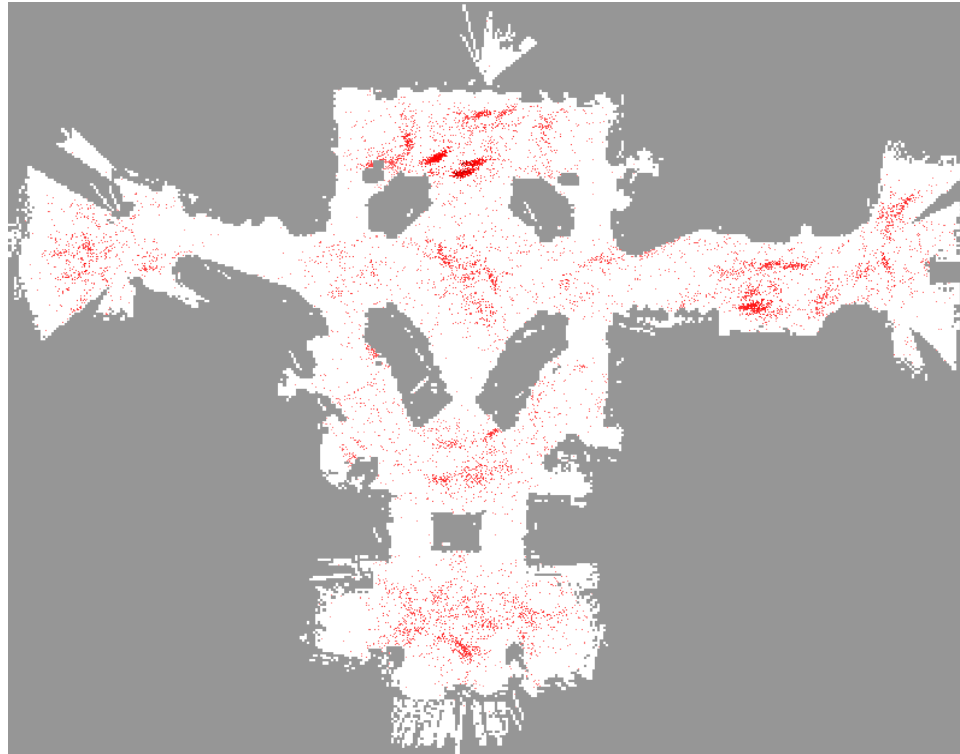


Standard Bayes filtering requires discretizing state space into grid cells

Can do Bayes filtering w/o discretizing?

– yes: particle filtering or Kalman filtering

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Sequential Bayes Filtering is great, but it's not great for continuous state spaces.
– you need to discretize the state space (e.g. a grid) in order to use Bayes filtering
– but, doing filtering on a grid is not efficient...

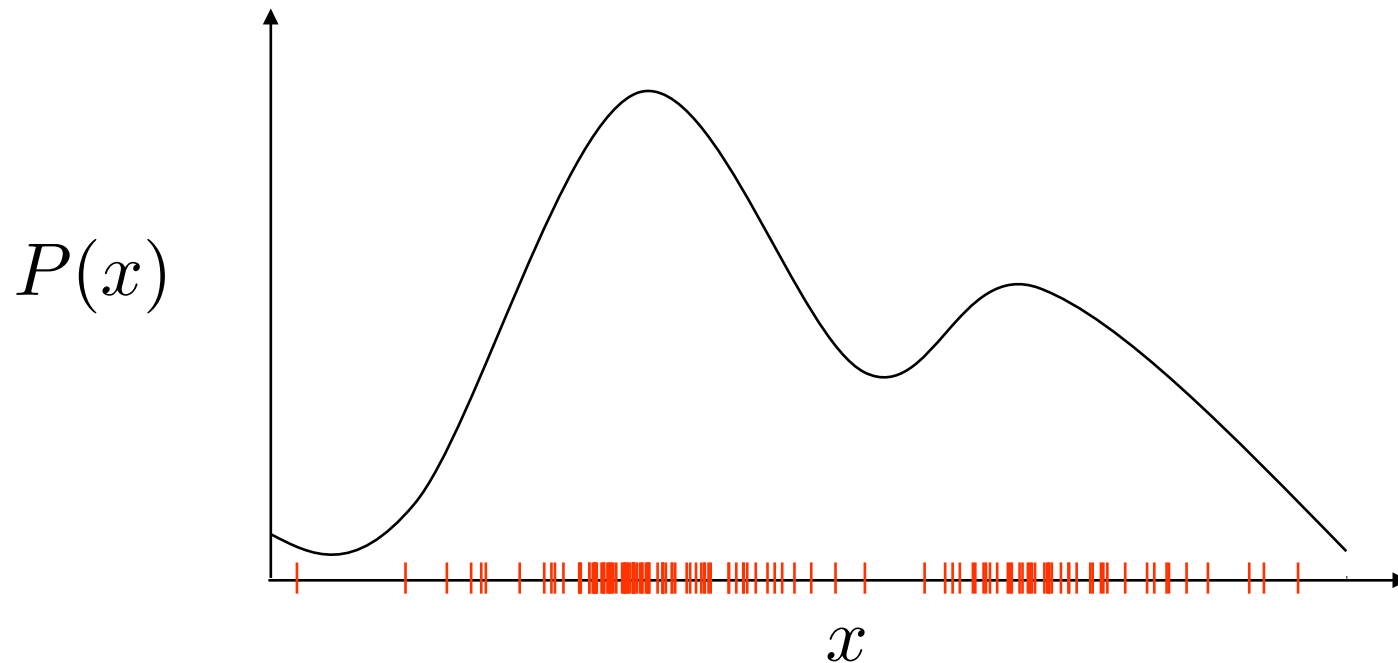
Therefore:

- particle filters
- Kalman filters



Two different ways of filtering in continuous state spaces

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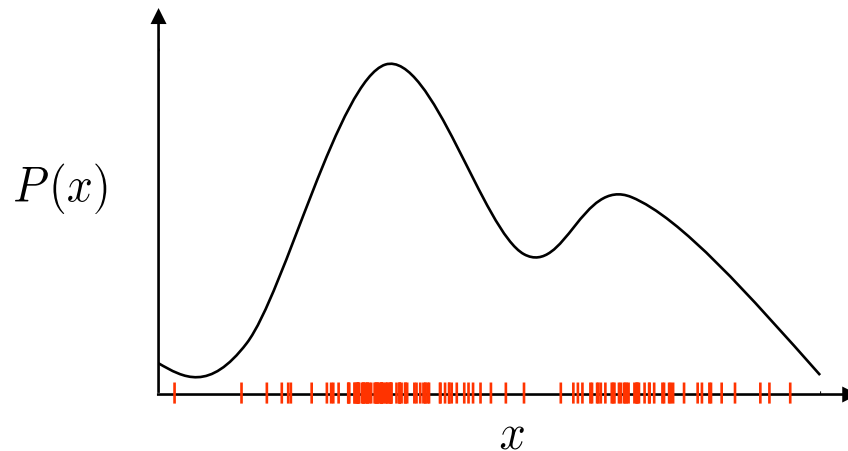


Key idea: represent a probability distribution as a finite set of points

– density of points encodes probability mass.

– particle filtering is an adaptation of Bayes filtering to this particle representation

Monte Carlo Sampling



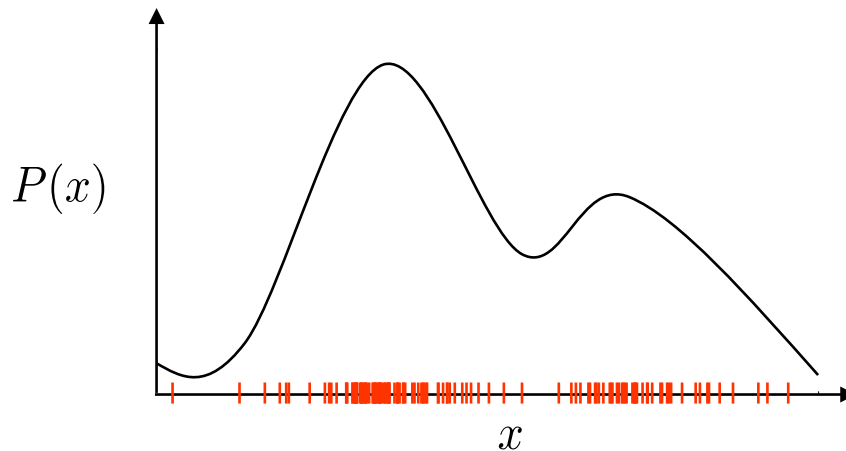
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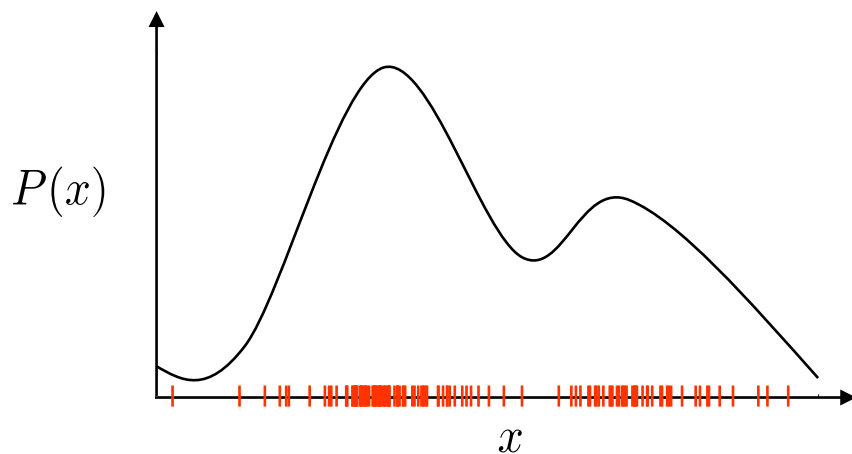
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FYI:
You can use the same strategy to estimate other moments as well...

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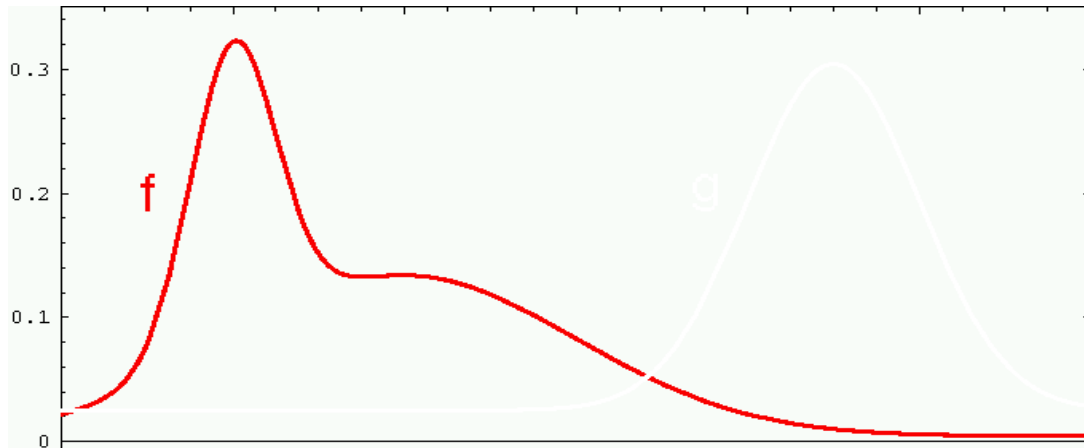
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Suppose you can't even sample from it?

Suppose that all you can do is evaluate the function at a given point?

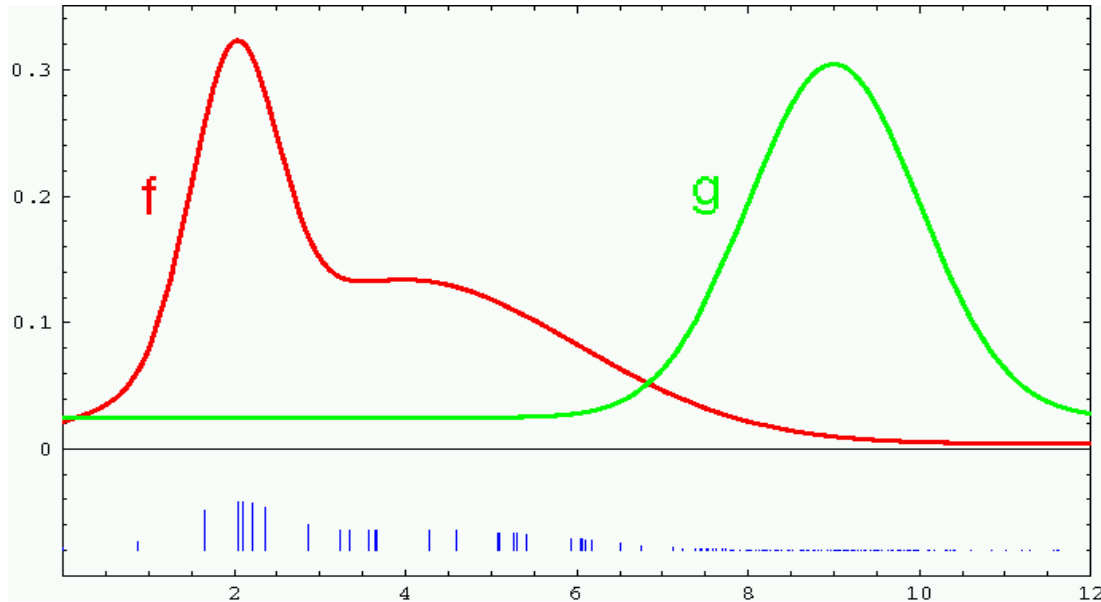
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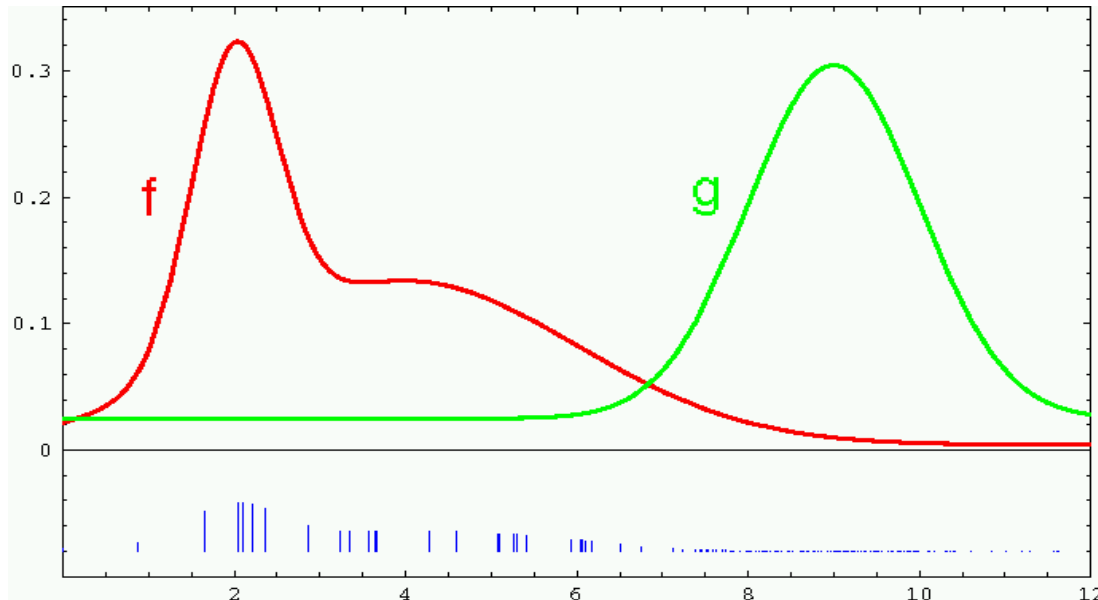
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and $w_i = f(x^i)/g(x^i)$

Proposal distribution

Particle Filter

Prior distribution

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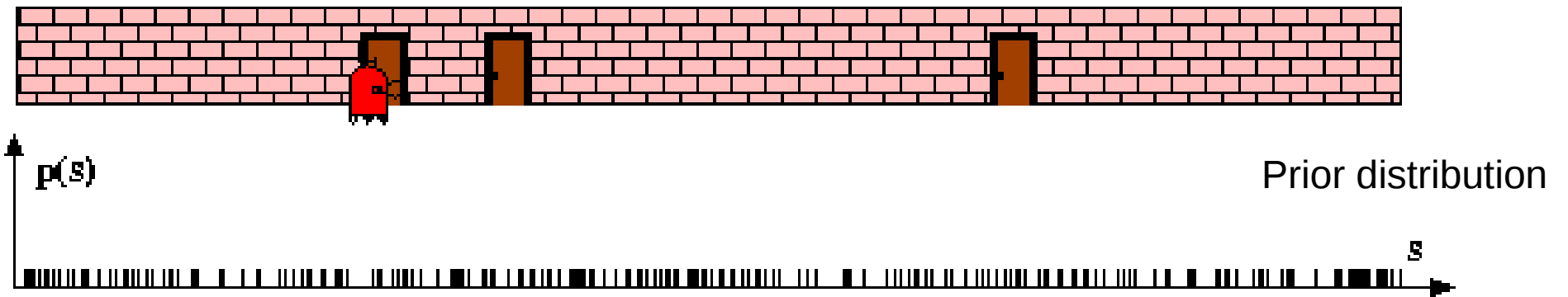
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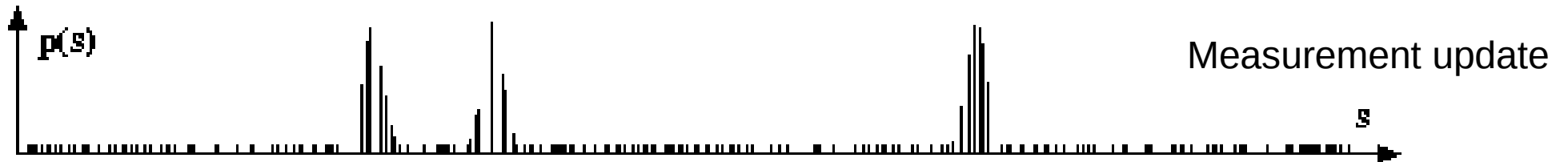
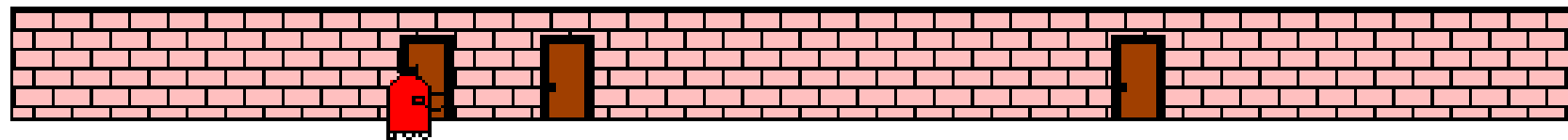
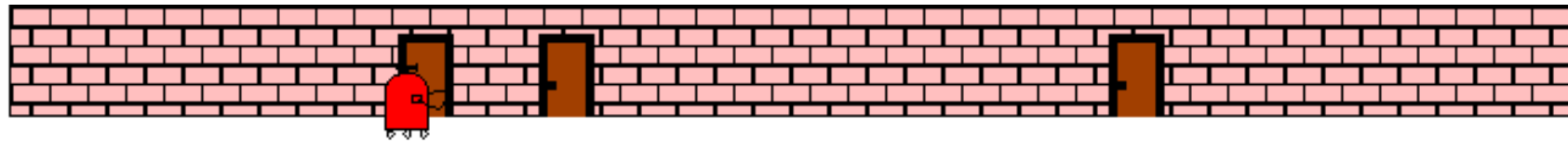
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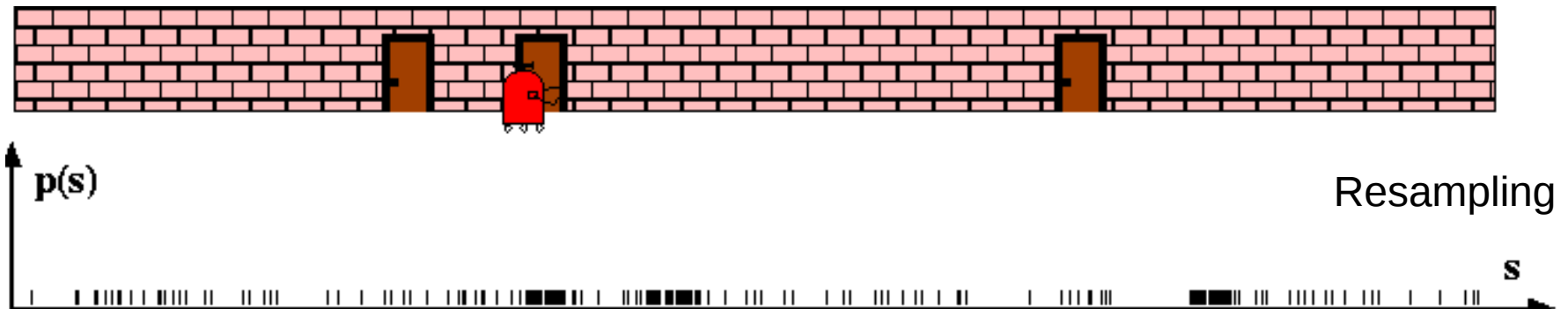
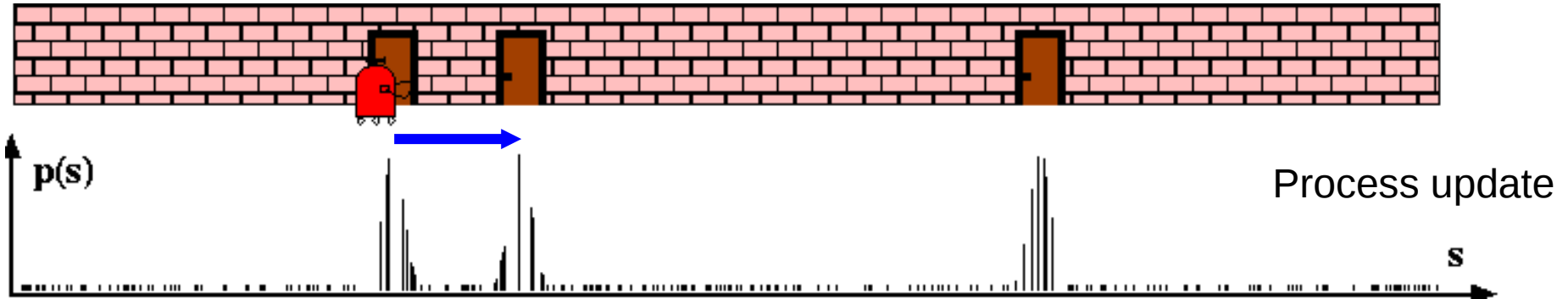
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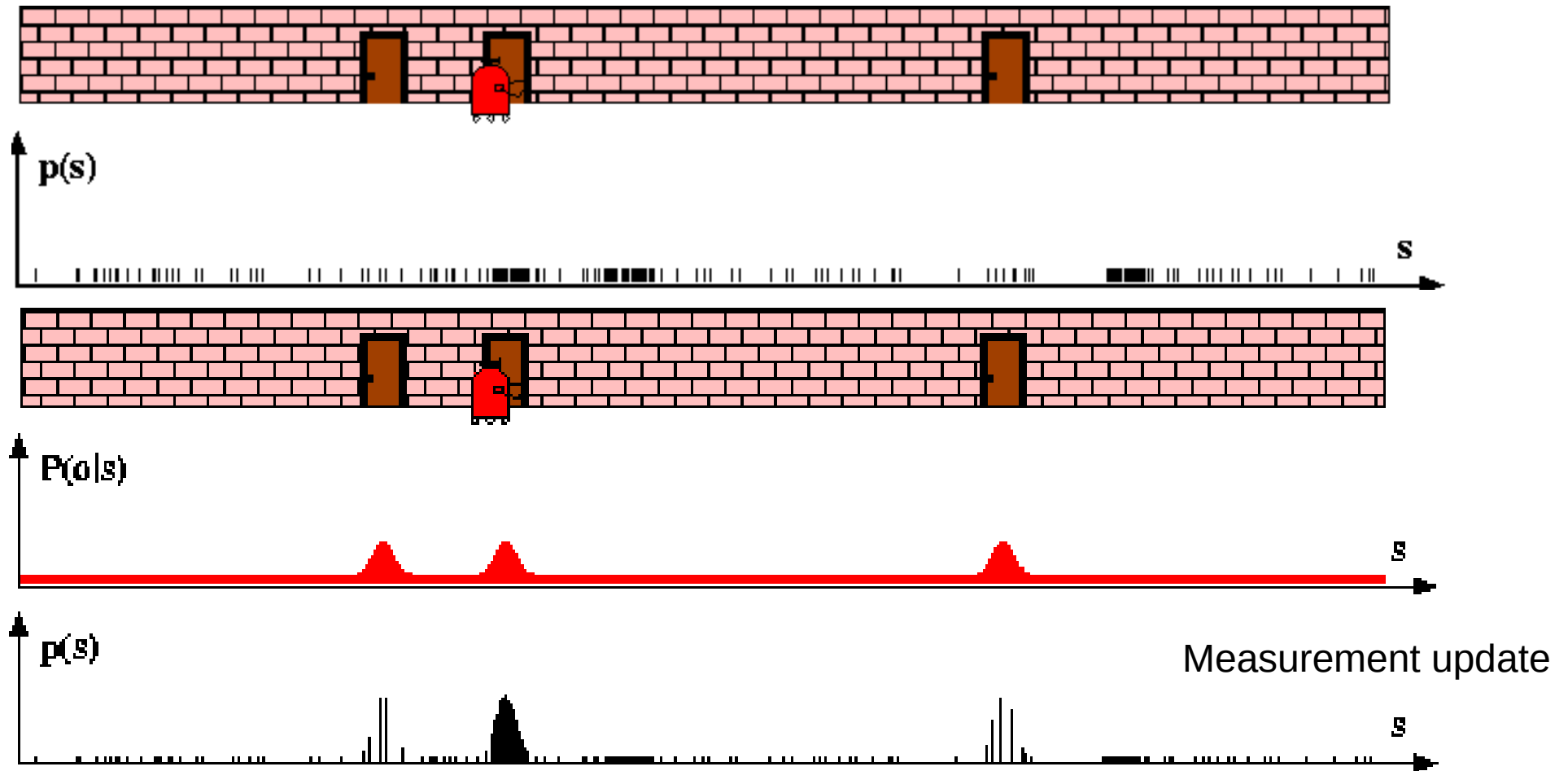
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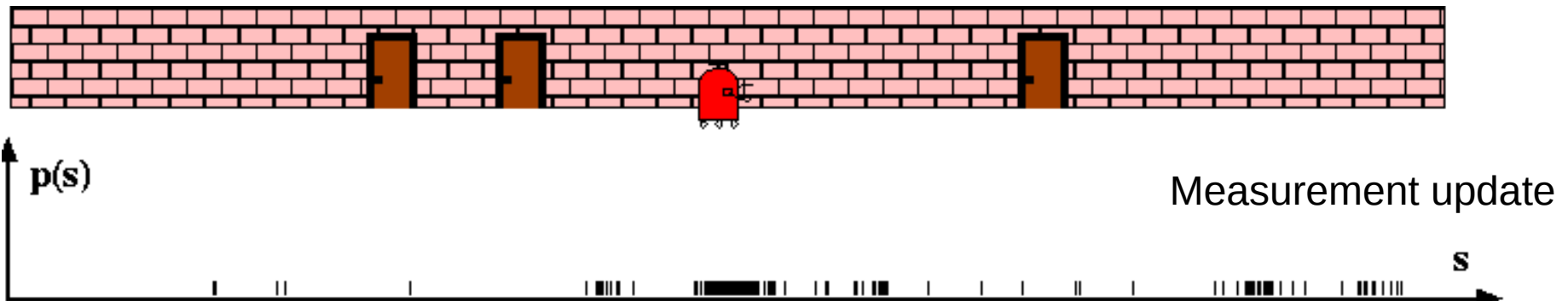
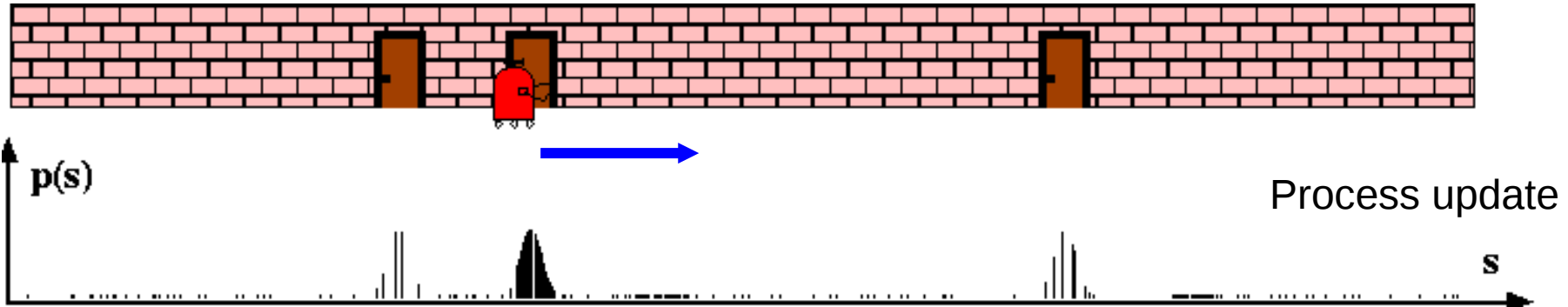
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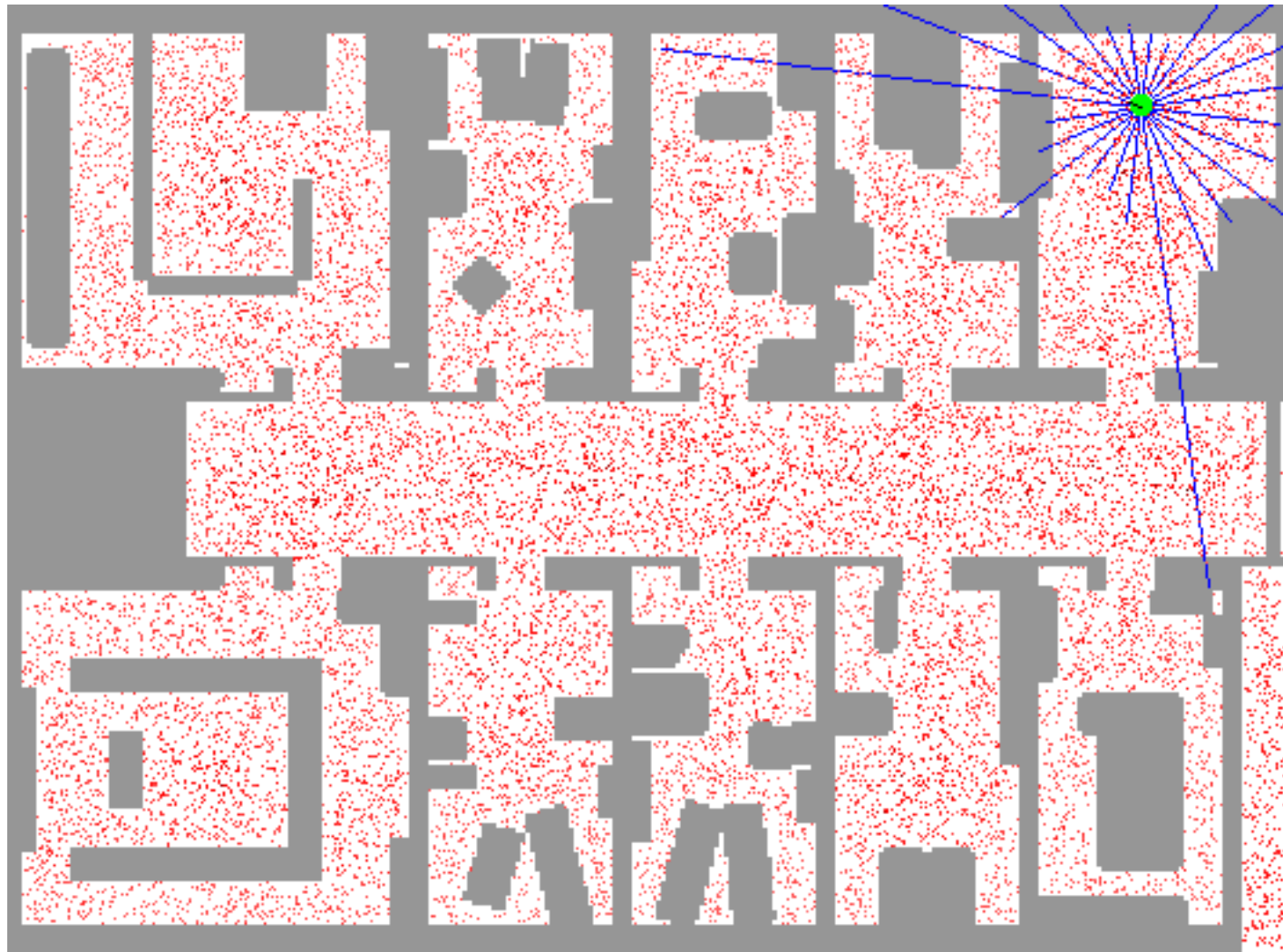
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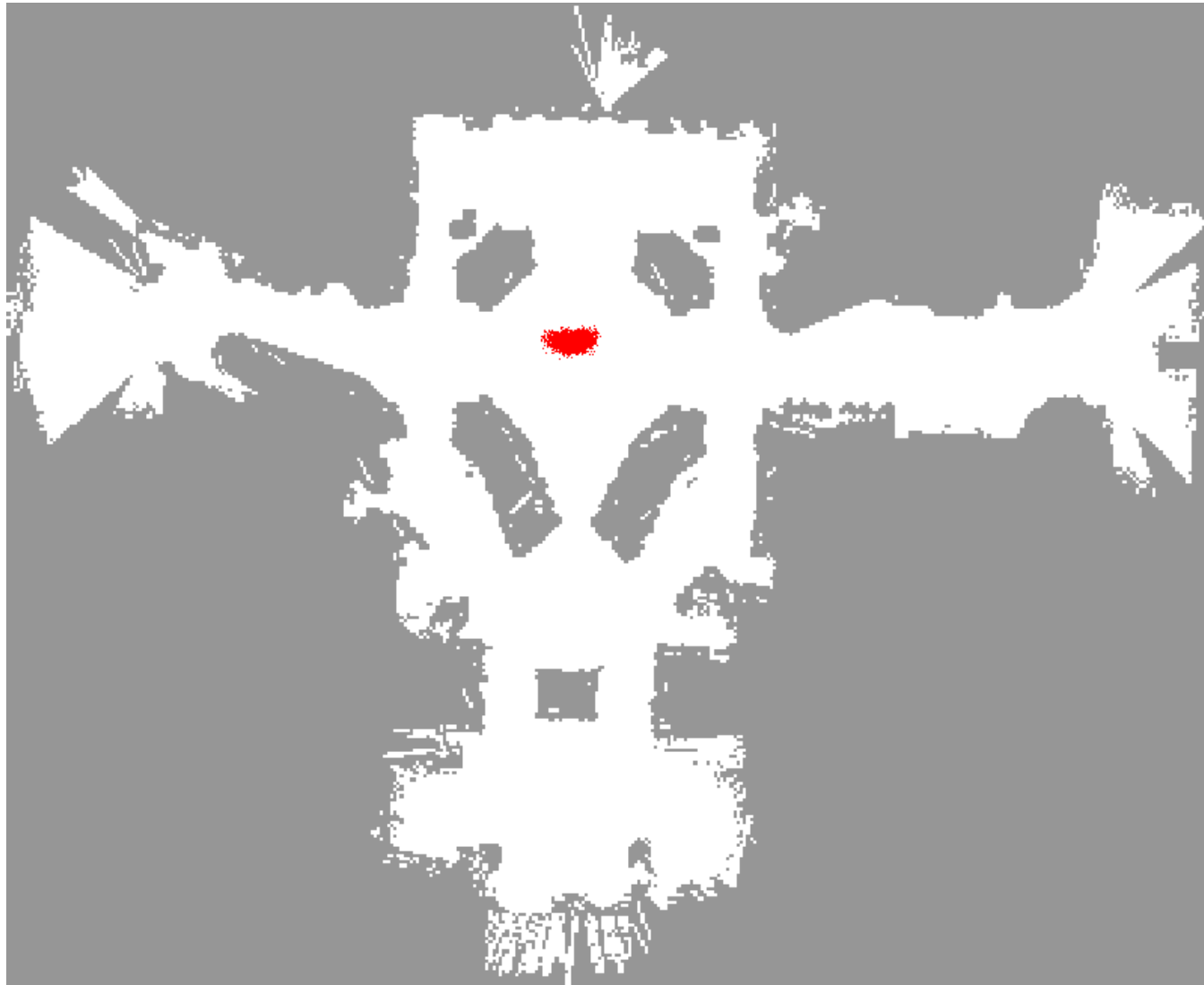
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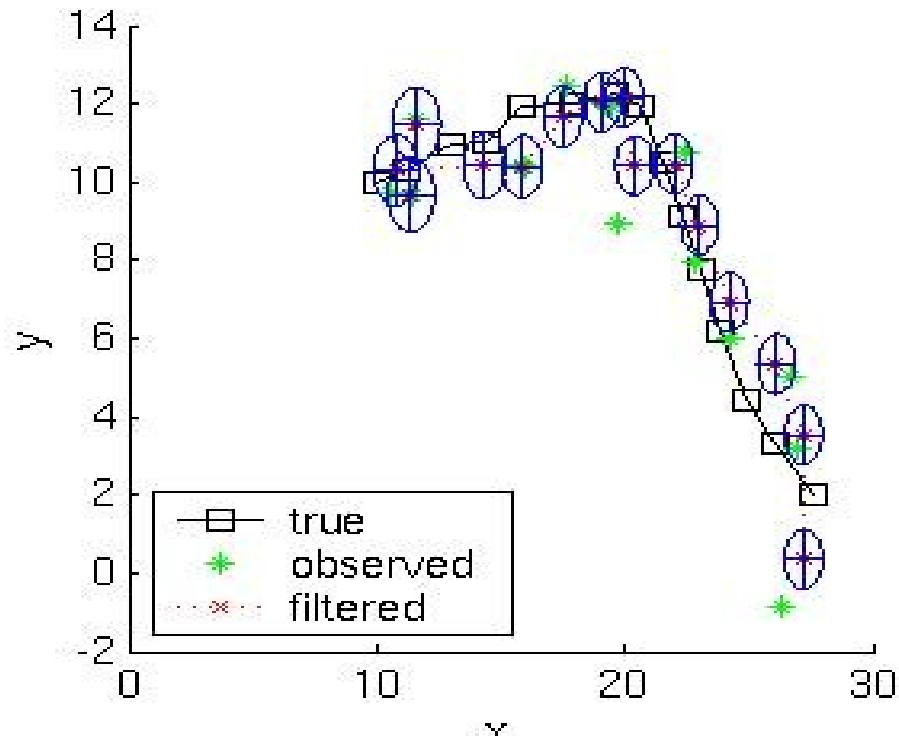
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Kalman Filtering



Another way to adapt Sequential Bayes Filtering to continuous state spaces

– relies on representing the probability distribution as a Gaussian

– first developed in the early 1960s (before general Bayes filtering); used in Apollo program



Kalman Idea

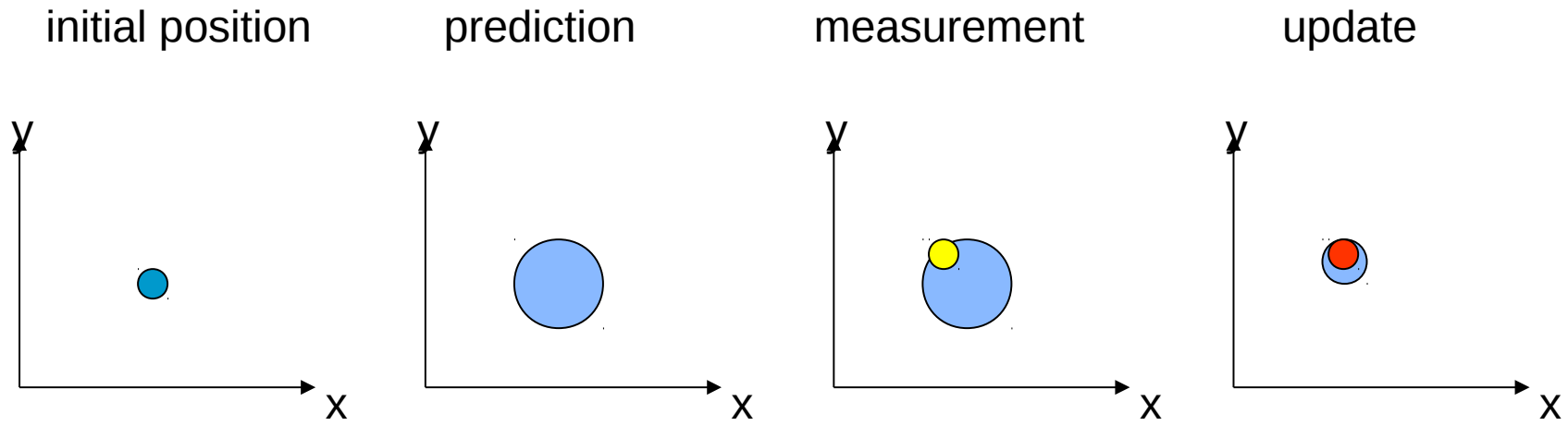


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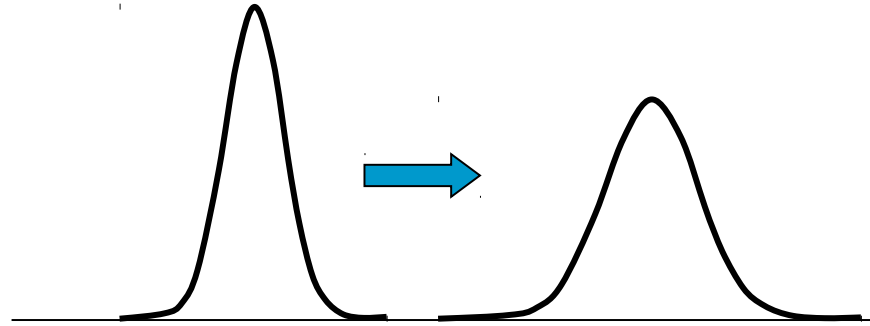


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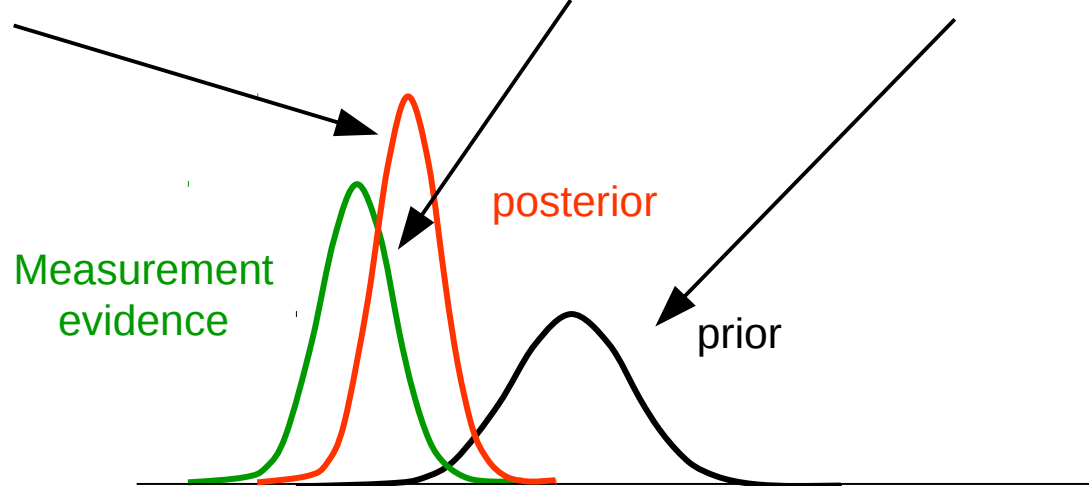


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Gaussians

- Univariate
Gaussian:

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- Multivariate
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$$P(x) = \eta e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}$$

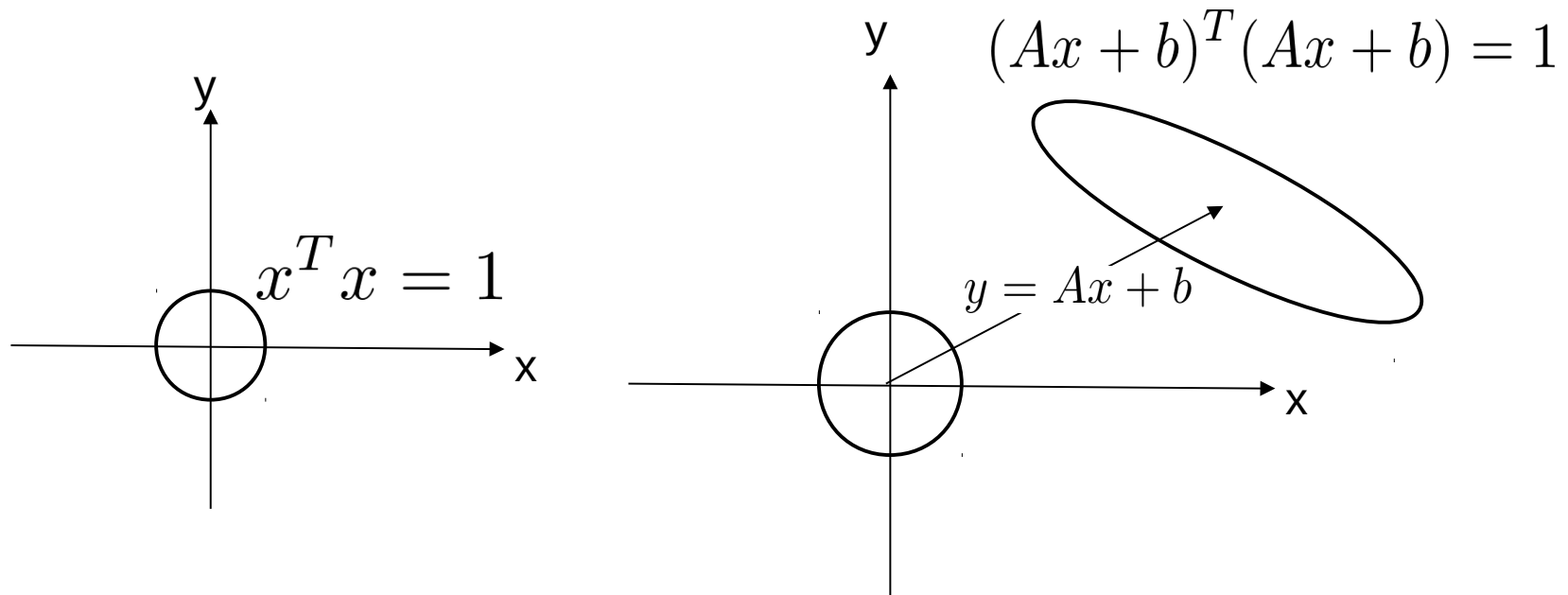
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Playing w/ Gaussians

- Suppose: $P(x) = N(x; \mu, \Sigma)$
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- Calculate: $P(y) = ?$

$$P(y) = N(y; Ax + b, A\Sigma A^T)$$



In fact

- Suppose: $P(x) = N(x; \mu, \Sigma)$
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- Then:

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Illustration

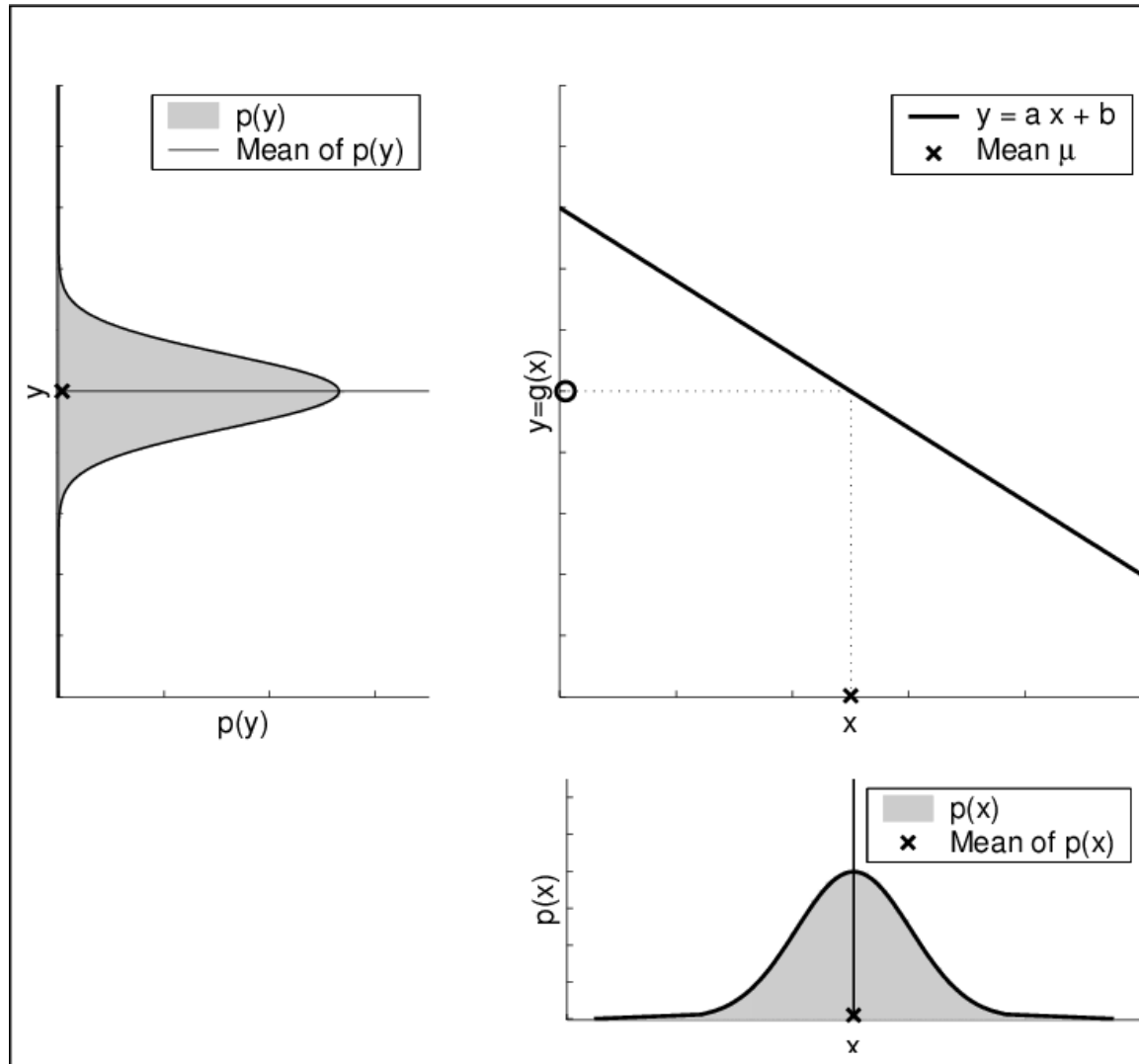


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Marginal distribution



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Another Gaussian identity...

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Calculate: $P(y|x) = ?$

$$P(y|x) = N(y | b + C^T A^{-1}(x - a), B - C^T A^{-1}C)$$

Observation update

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To summarize the Kalman filter

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Suppose there is an action term...

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This factor is often
called the “Kalman
gain”

$$\Sigma_{t+1} = \Sigma'_t - \boxed{\Sigma'_t C^T (R + C\Sigma'_t C^T)^{-1}} C\Sigma'_t$$

Things to note about the Kalman filter

Process update: $\mu'_t = A\mu_t \quad \Sigma'_t = A\Sigma_t A^T + Q$

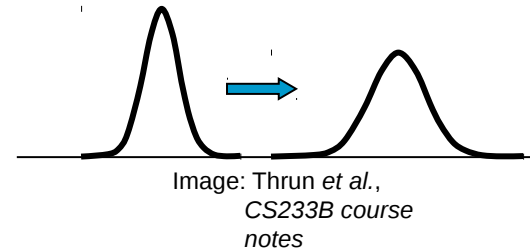
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- covariance update is independent of observation
- Kalman is only optimal for linear-Gaussian systems
- the distribution “stays” Gaussian through this update
- the error term can be thought of as the different between the observation and the prediction

Kalman in 1D

System:

$$P(x_{t+1}|x_t) = N(x_{t+1} : x_t + u_t, q)$$
$$P(z_{t+1}|x_{t+1}) = N(z_{t+1} | 2x_{t+1}, r)$$

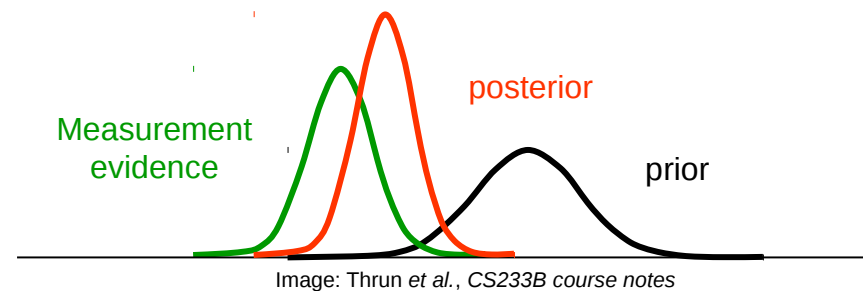


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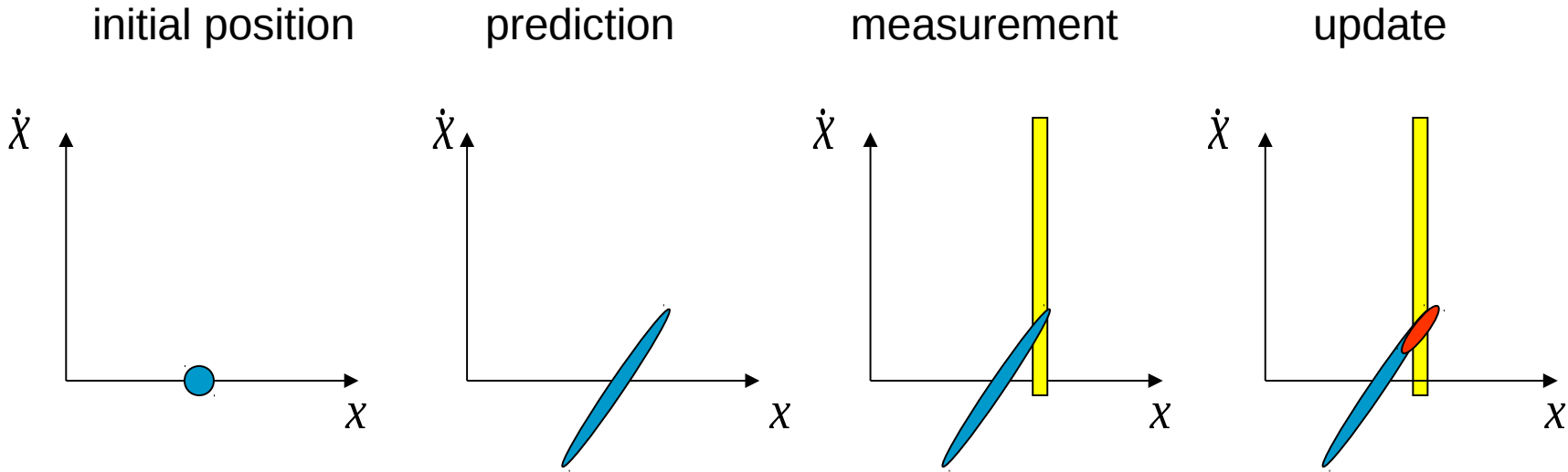
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Kalman Idea



Example: estimate velocity

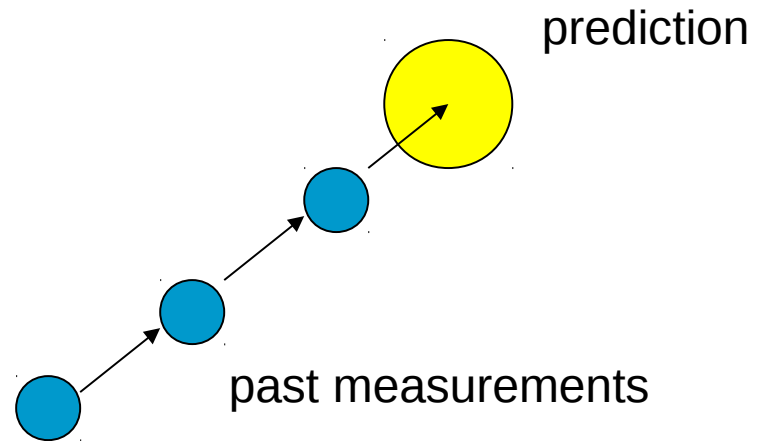


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Example: filling a tank

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} l \\ f \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{Level of} \\ \text{tank} \\ \leftarrow \text{Fill rate} \end{array}$$

$$l_{t+1} = l_t + f dt$$

Process:
$$x_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & dt \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x_t + q$$

Observation:
$$z_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x_{t+1} + r$$

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Then use the same equations...

To summarize the EKF

Prior: μ_t

$$\Sigma_t$$

Process update: $\mu'_t = f(\mu_t, u_t)$

$$\Sigma'_t = A_t \Sigma_t A_t^T + Q$$

Measurement
update:

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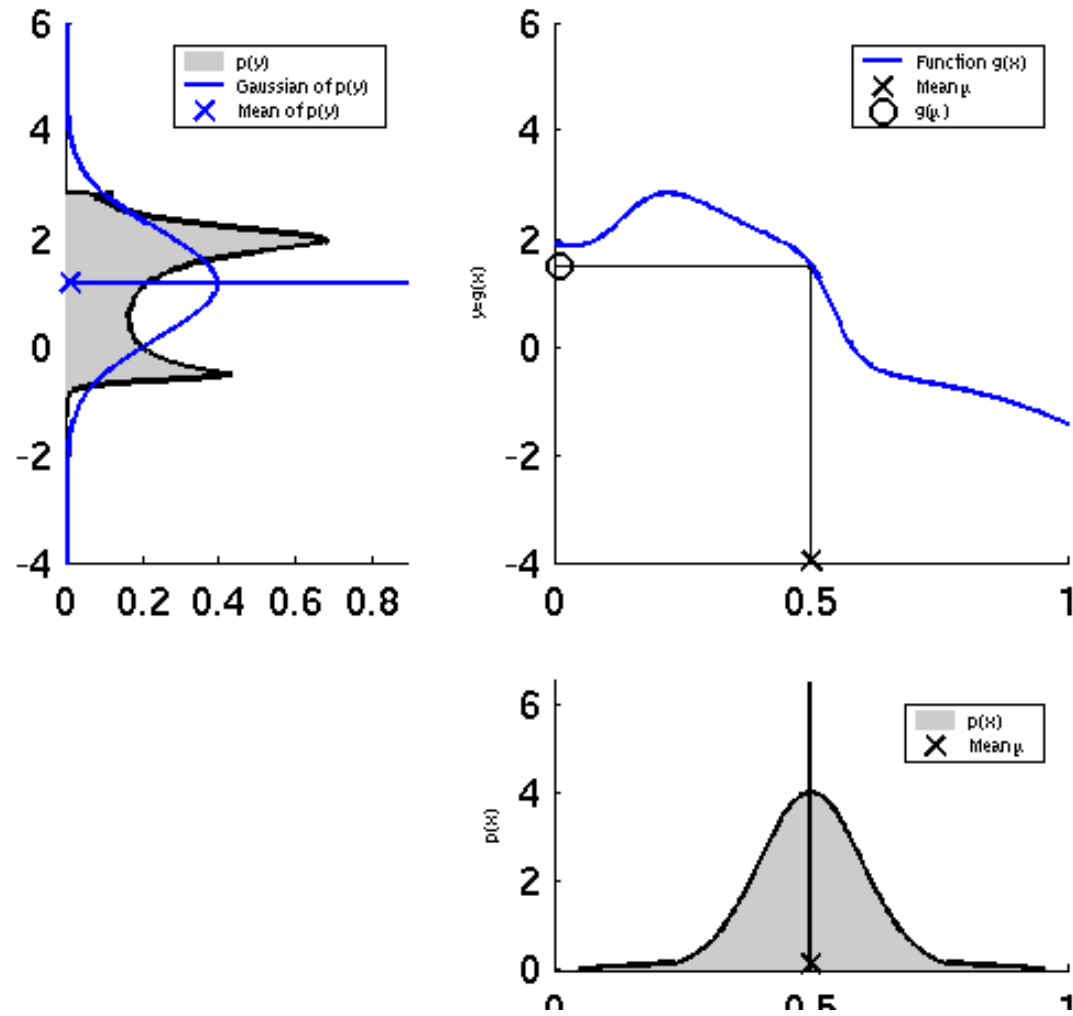


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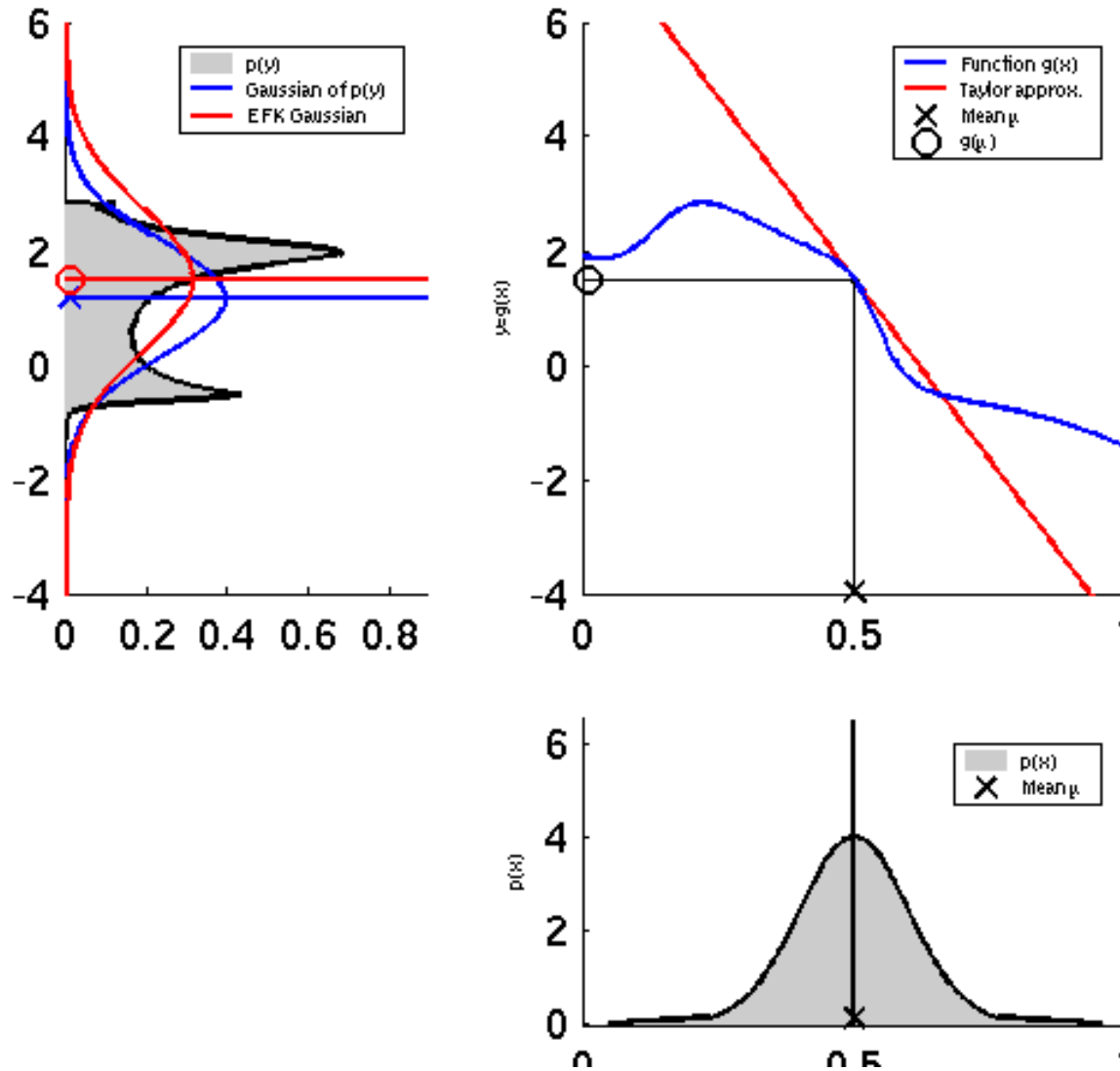
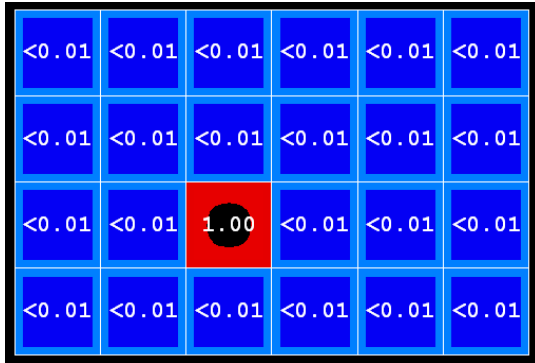
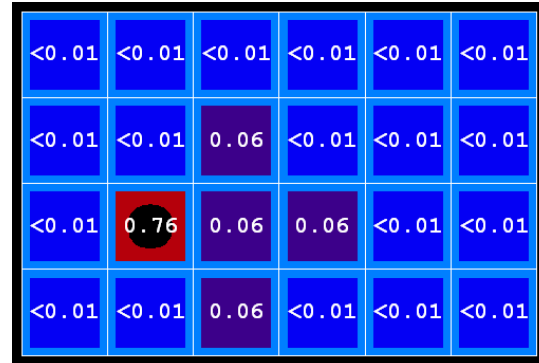


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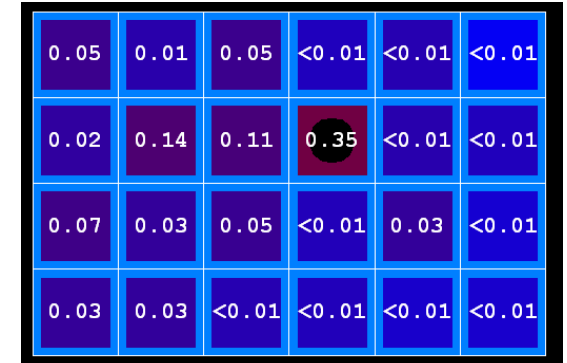
Process update



T = 1



T = 2



T = 5

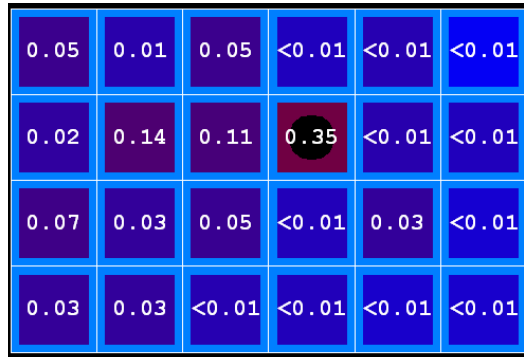
- Each time you execute a process update, belief gets more disbursed
- *i.e.* Shannon entropy increases
 - this makes sense: as you predict state further into the future, your uncertainty grows.

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

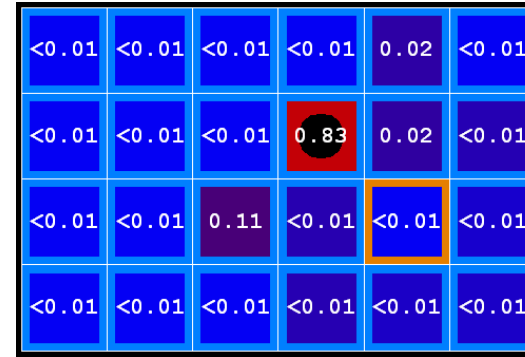
This is a little like convolution...

Kalman Filter

Observation update



Before observation



After observation

Process update *increases* uncertainty

Observation update *decreases* uncertainty

– observations give you more information