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- "The future is independent of the past given the present."

- A stationary Markov chain is when for all i > 0, i' > 0, $P(S_{i+1}|S_i) = P(S_{i'+1}|S_{i'}).$
- We specify $P(S_0)$ and $P(S_{i+1}|S_i)$.
 - Simple model, easy to specify
 - Often the natural model
 - The network can extend indefinitely

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- An ergodic and aperiodic Markov chain has a unique stationary distribution P and
 P(s) = lim_{i→∞} P_i(s) equilibrium distribution

Pagerank

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- This Markov chain converges to a distribution over web pages: Pagerank basis for Google's initial search engine (P(S_i = p_j) for a network consisting of 322 million links in-edges and out-edges converged in 52 iterations.)

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- Observe O_0 , query S_0 .
- then observe O_1 , query S_1 .
- then observe O_2 , query S_2 .

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- Suppose a robot wants to determine its location based on its actions and its sensor readings: Localization
- This can be represented by the augmented HMM:



Example localization domain

• Circular corridor, with 16 locations:



- Doors at positions: 2, 4, 7, 11.
- Noisy Sensors
- Stochastic Dynamics
- Robot starts at an unknown location and must determine where it is.

- P(Observe Door | At Door) = 0.8
- P(Observe Door | Not At Door) = 0.1

Example Dynamics Model

- $P(loc_{t+1} = L | action_t = goRight \land loc_t = L) = 0.1$
- $P(loc_{t+1} = L + 1 | action_t = goRight \land loc_t = L) = 0.8$
- $P(loc_{t+1} = L + 2|action_t = goRight \land loc_t = L) = 0.074$
- P(loc_{t+1} = L'|action_t = goRight ∧ loc_t = L) = 0.002 for any other location L'.
 - All location arithmetic is modulo 16.
 - The action goLeft works the same but to the left.

Combining sensor information

• Example: we can combine information from a light sensor and the door sensor Sensor Fusion



 S_t robot location at time t D_t door sensor value at time t L_t light sensor value at time t

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N-gram

 P(w_i|w_{i-1},...w_{i-n+1}) is a distribution over words given
 the previous n − 1 words

Predictive Typing and Error Correction



 $domain(W_i) = \{"a", "aarvark", ..., "zzz", "\bot", "?"\}$ $domain(L_{ji}) = \{"a", "b", "c", ..., "z", "1", "2", ...\}$

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