

Last Time:

- Mathematical human models
- Boltzmann model

Lecture 5
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Today:

- Trajectory forecasting
- planning with forecasts

REMINDERS

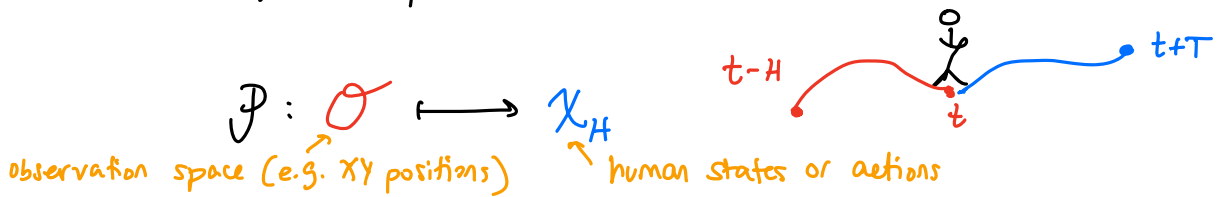
- project proposal (1 page, 0% grade) - Tues, Sept 24
↳ discuss w/ me + Pranav!
- guest lecture Prof. Dylan Losey - Tues, Sept 24
- HW 1 - Tues, Oct 8

We have learned about how to mathematically model humans. BUT WHY?

A large reason why we want to model human behavior in robotics, is to predict human behavior so robots can plan or make decisions around them!

A large subfield interested in building human prediction models is called trajectory forecasting.

Trajectory forecasting seeks to design or learn from data a model \mathcal{P} which given (a history of) observations about interaction, yields future behaviors of the person.

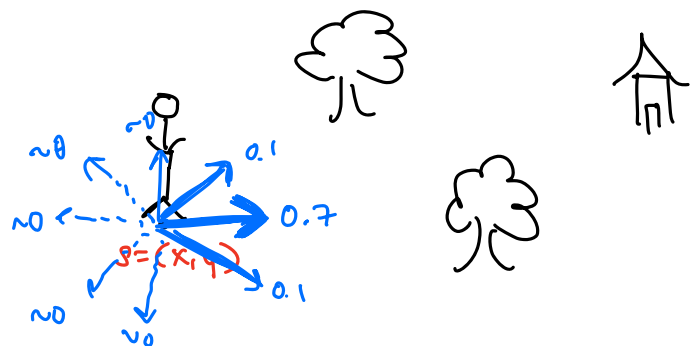


Ⓚ Have we already seen a prediction model? If yes, what is \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{X}_H ?

Ⓜ Yes! The Boltzmann model.

$$\pi(a | s) = \frac{e^{Q(s,a)}}{\sum_{\bar{a} \in A} e^{Q(s,\bar{a})}}$$

$s \in \mathcal{S} := \mathcal{O}$
 $a \in \mathcal{A} := \mathcal{X}_H$



Ⓚ Wait, this model only gives me actions. But what if I want to know their future state?

Ⓜ Combine $\pi(a | s)$ with transition function $P(s' | s, a)$ to get predicted future states!

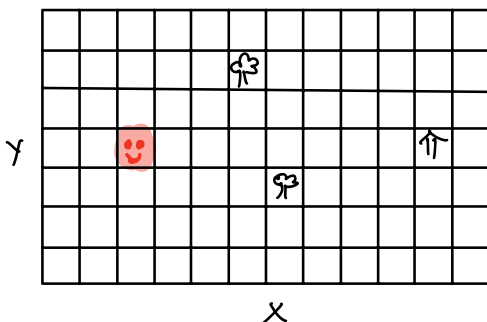
EXERCISE: Assume I give you 3 things:

(1) $P(s^{t+1} | s^t, a^t)$ transition function

(2) $\pi(a | s)$ the Boltzmann distribution over actions.

(3) $P(s^0)$ prior over initial states

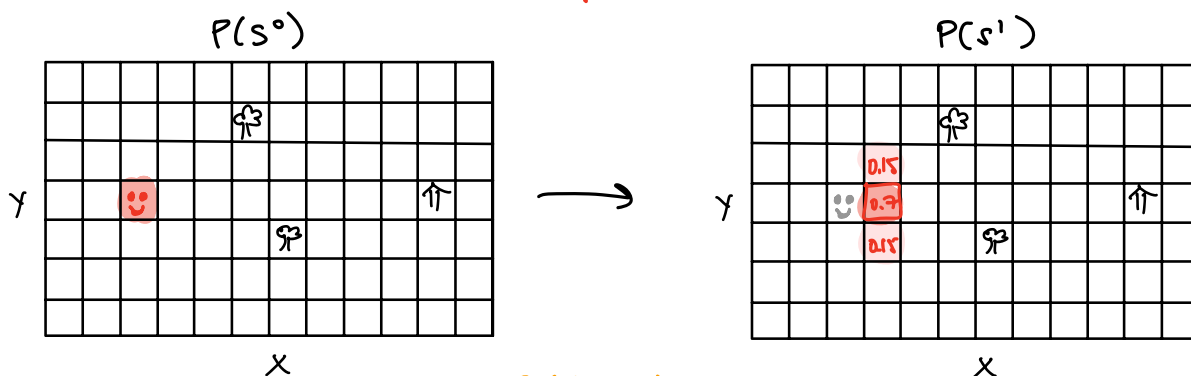
$$P(s^0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s^0 = \text{😊} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



Can you compute $P(s^1)$ with just (1-3) & our basic prob. rules?

$$P(s^1) = \sum_{s^0 \in S} \sum_{a^0 \in A} P(s^1, a^0, s^0) \quad // \text{marginalize over } s^0, a^0$$

$$= \sum_{s^0 \in S} \sum_{a^0 \in A} \underbrace{P(s^1 | a^0, s^0)}_{\text{transition function}} \underbrace{P(a^0 | s^0)}_{:= \pi(a | s)} \underbrace{P(s^0)}_{\checkmark \ddot{u}} \quad // \text{apply product rule}$$

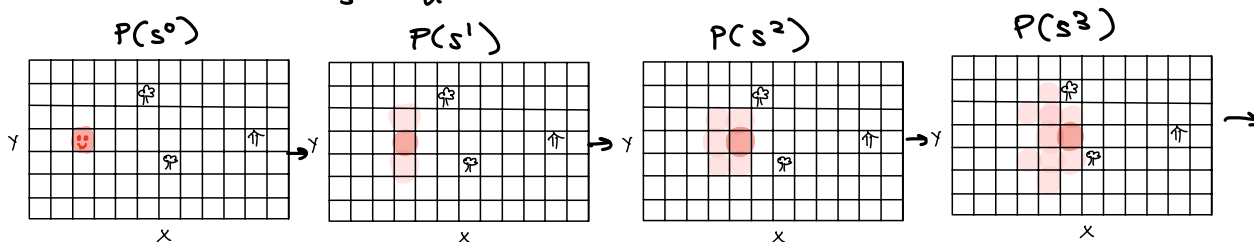


Assume $P(s^1 | s^0, a^0)$ is deterministic

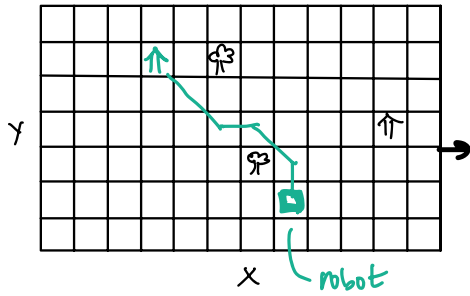


In general, $P(s^{t+1}) = \sum_{s^t} \sum_{a^t} P(s^{t+1} | s^t, a^t) P(a^t | s^t) P(s^t)$

→ computed recursively!

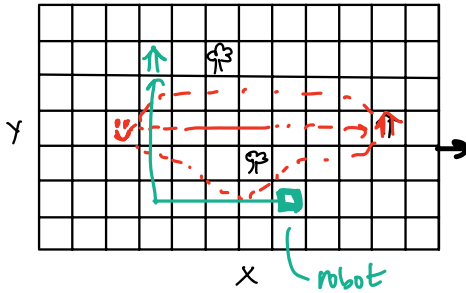


Now, we want to plan with this!



BEFORE:

$$R(s_R, a_R) = \mathbb{1}\{s_R = \uparrow\} - 10 \cdot \mathbb{1}\{s_R = \text{obstacle}\}$$



NOW:

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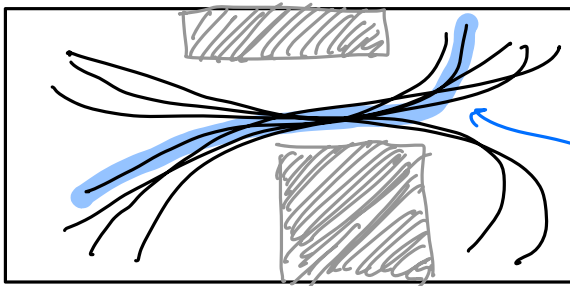
$$- \alpha \cdot \underbrace{P(s_H = s_R)}_{\text{prediction model!}}$$

DATA-DRIVEN PREDICTION

So far, we have modelling / making assumptions about the structure of an agent's decision-making (e.g. they are optimizing a reward!)

But, as data of human behavior explodes (e.g. AV datasets, Youtube/TikTok, motion capture), it's tempting to take a step back & minimize the behavioral assumptions we make when constructing a trajectory prediction model, \mathcal{P} .

Assume I get a dataset of TONS of human behavior!



$$\mathcal{D} := \{ \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots, \xi_N \}$$

sequence of states $\xi = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)$

Lets directly fit (e.g. regression) the prediction model \mathcal{P} to predict the future states $\underbrace{s^{t+1}, s^{t+2}, \dots, s^T}_{\mathcal{X}_t}$ from the past $\underbrace{s^0, s^1, \dots, s^t}_{\theta}$.

To do this, we parameterize our predictor \mathcal{P}_θ w/ params θ .

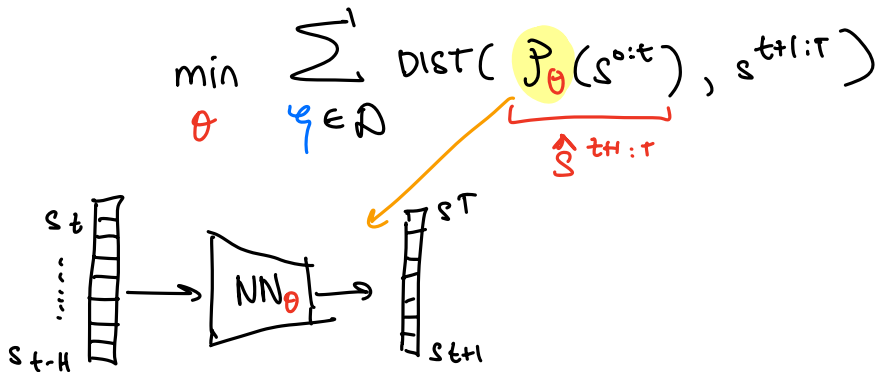
NOTE: before we often modelled the parameter θ as goals! But now, its much more general (e.g. θ could be weights of NN).

GOAL Find values of θ such that the prediction model \mathcal{P} outputs:

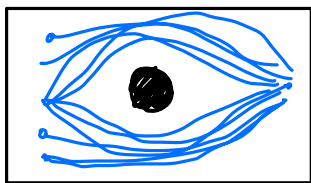
$$\mathcal{P}_\theta(s^{0:t}) \mapsto \hat{s}^{t+1:T}$$

to align with the actual observed dataset of behavior, \mathcal{D} .

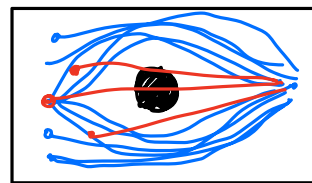
We can divide each trajectory in \mathcal{D} into $(\underbrace{s^{0:t}}_{\text{INPUT}}, \underbrace{s^{t+1:T}}_{\text{OUTPUT}})$ pairs



We now need to be careful about NN_θ architecture choice!



$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_\theta$ will degenerate!



If NN_θ naively chosen, can't handle multimodality in human behavior

ENTER: generative models

(e.g. GANS, CVAEs, GMMs, Transformers)

often used in enc-decoder but features from TF decoder are used to fit GMM which represents the state predictions

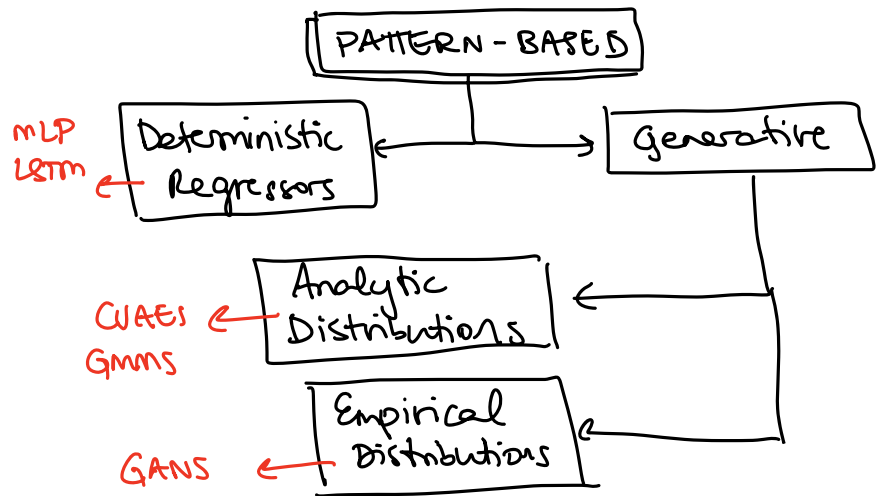
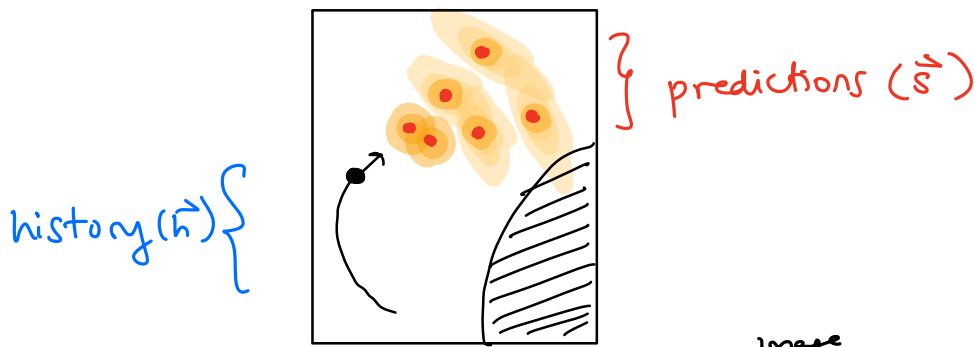


figure from * Boris Ivanovic!

One structure for a data-driven human predictor looks like this, inspired by MultiPath which was designed by Waymo.



$$= [s_{t-t_h}, \dots, s_{t-1}, s_t]$$

• let \vec{h} be history of states & scene context

• let $\vec{s} = [s_{t+h}, \dots, s_T]$ be prediction.





$$\vec{a}^k = [a_1^k, a_2^k, \dots]$$

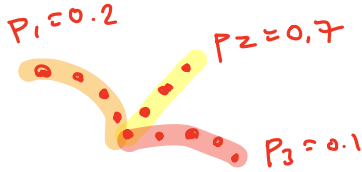
$k = \#$ intent traj's

MultiPATH, WAYMO

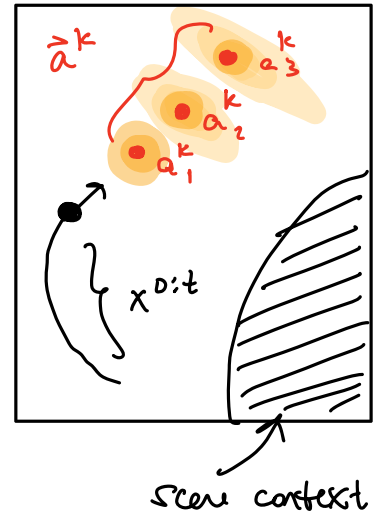
1) Discrete set of INTENTS: $\mathcal{A} = \{\vec{a}^k\}_{k=1}^K$

2) Uncertainty over INTENT:

$$P(\vec{a}^k | \vec{h}) = \frac{e^{\phi_k(\vec{h})}}{\sum_i e^{\phi_i(\vec{h})}}$$



$\phi_k(\vec{h}) : \mathbb{R}^{d(\vec{h})} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the output of a deep NN!



3) Uncertainty over state given intent:



$$P(s_t^k | \vec{a}^k, \vec{h}) = \mathcal{N}(s_t^k | a_t^k + \mu_t^k(\vec{h}), \Sigma_t^k(\vec{h}))$$

↑ predicted by model

4) Prediction:

$$p(\vec{s} | \vec{h}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \underbrace{P(\vec{a}^k | \vec{h})}_{\text{mixture weights fixed}} \prod_{t=1}^T P(s_t^k | \vec{a}^k, \vec{h}) \quad \leftarrow \text{GMM}$$

For training, the MultiPath paper is trained via Imitation learning (i.e. maximize log-likelihood of recorded driving traj's).