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# Planning Treatment of Ischemic Heart Disease with POMDP

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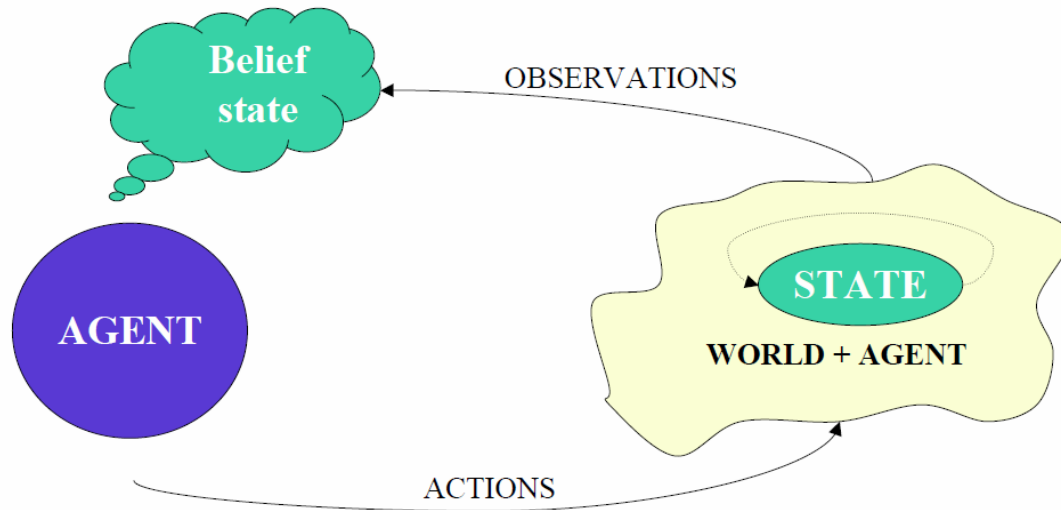
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# Review : POMDP



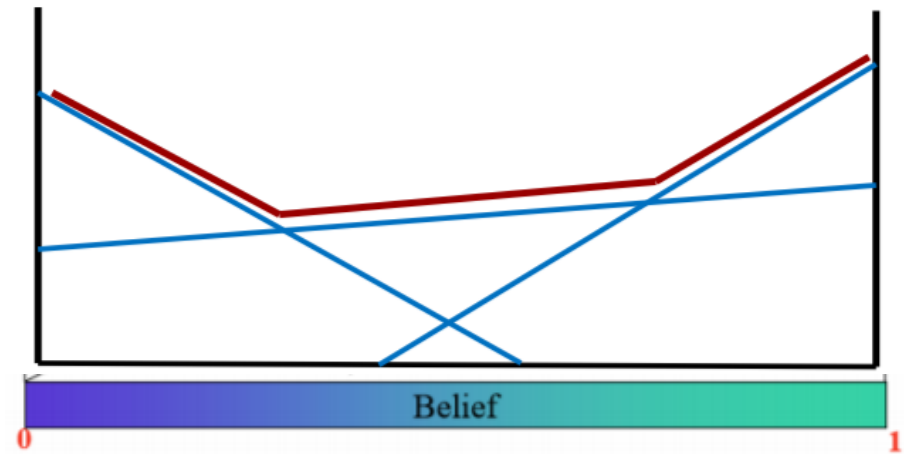
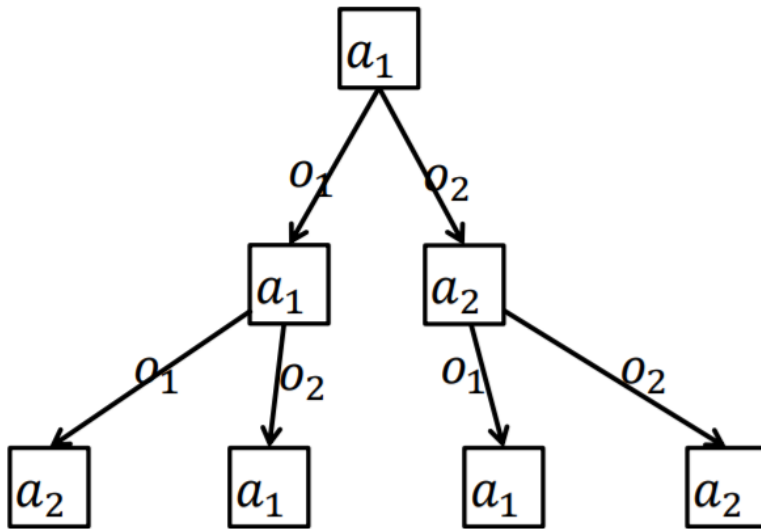
	Observable	Partially Observable
No Actions	Markov Process	Hidden Markov Model
Actions	MDP	POMDP

Given:  
 $S$  : States /  $A$  : Finite set of Actions /  $R$ : Reward /  $P$ : transition Probability (as common MDP)

$O(\Omega)$ : set of conditional observation Probabilities (Observation Function)  
 $o$ : set of observations } Added for POMDP

# Review : POMDP

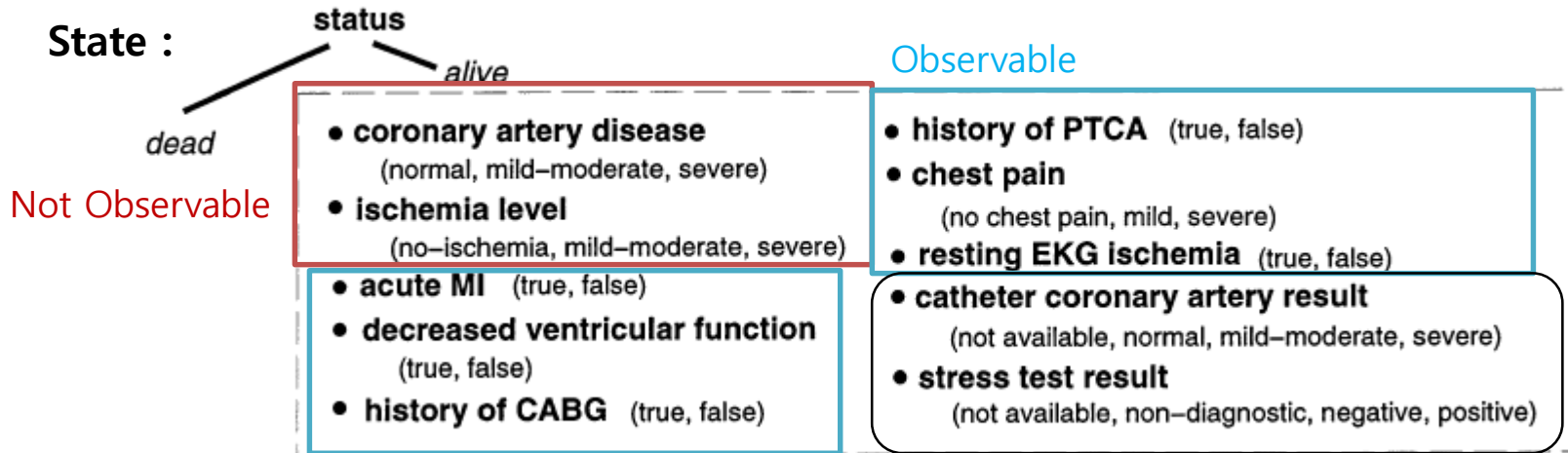
Given Initial Belief State  $b_0$



Example of two state POMDP

- Each policy in the tree corresponds with the linear equation, and it is proven that the upper layer of this piecewise linear & Convex value function.
- Main obstacle of implementing POMDP is that solving for finite horizon POMDP has complexity of PSPACE-complete (time-complexity grows in an exponential rate)

# Ischemic Heart Disease Problem



Observable, but based on previous action

- Process state variables represent their subset of whole states which is consistent with the Value Function equation and summarize all the information from previous steps.
- (To reduce complexity)

• **Action Sets:**

<i>treatment actions</i>	<i>investigative actions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no action (wait)</li> <li>• medication treatment</li> <li>• angioplasty (PTCA)</li> <li>• coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stress test</li> <li>• coronary angiogram</li> </ul>

# Ischemic Heart Disease Problem

Use of Hierarchical Bayesian Belief Network

$$b'(s_j) = P(s_j | o, a, b) = \frac{P(o | s_j, a) \sum_{s_i \in S} P(s_j | s_i, a) b(s_i)}{\sum_{s_j \in S} P(o | s_j, a) \sum_{s_i \in S} P(s_j | s_i, a) b(s_i)}$$

What actual POMDP transition probability looks like.

$$P(\text{status} = \text{alive}, \text{CAD} = \text{severe} | \text{action}, \text{PRS})$$

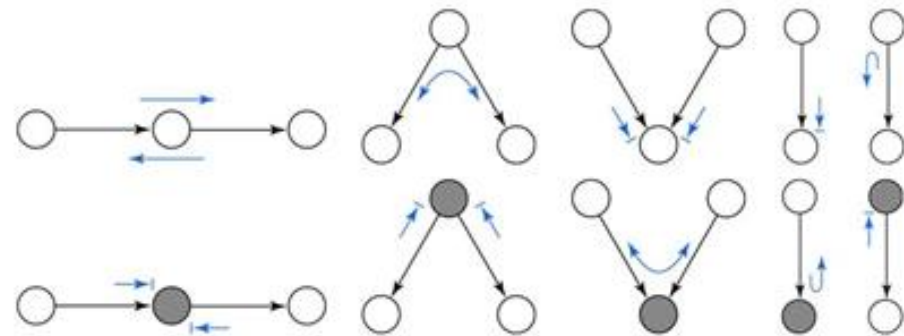
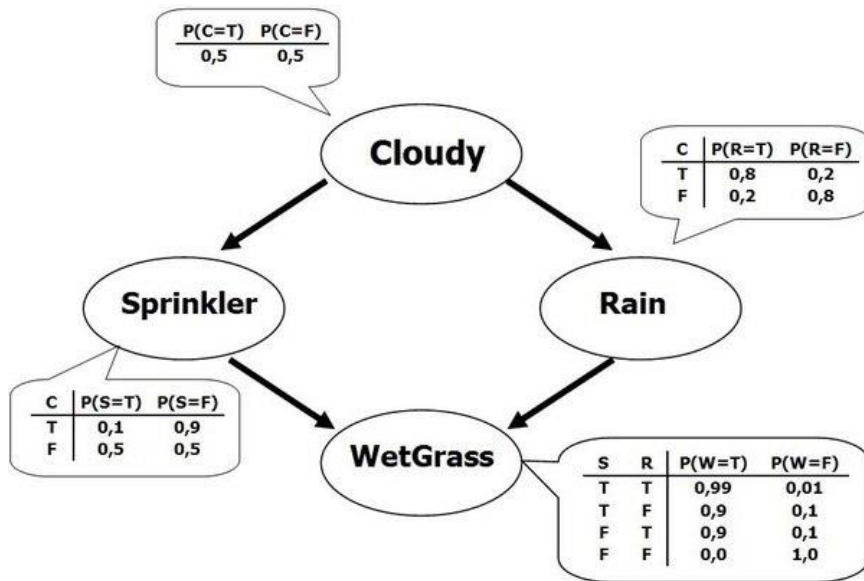
PRS: Previous states

$$= P(\text{status} = \text{alive} | \text{action}, \text{PRS})$$

$$\cdot P(\text{CAD} = \text{severe} | \text{action}, \text{PRS}, \text{status} = \text{alive}).$$

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## Brief Review of Bayesian Belief Networks



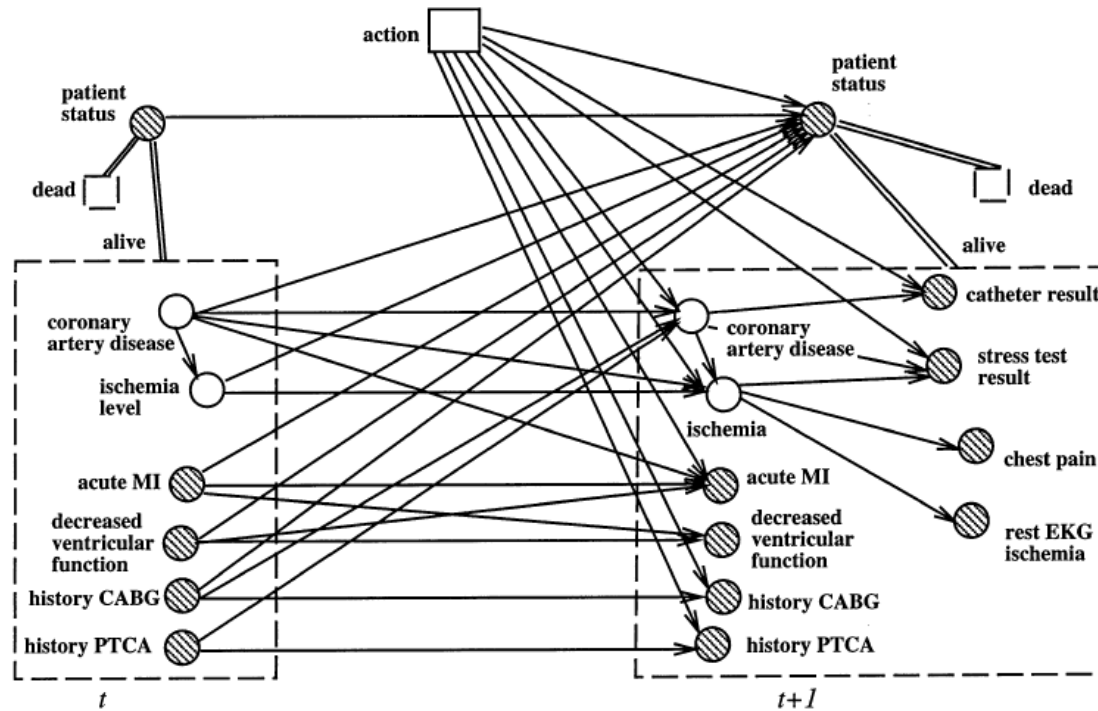
Graph showing the dependency relations.

Very handy to find whether two variables are independent (Bayesian Ball Algorithm in Common Parent/Cascading structure/V-structure)

F.Y.I.: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMG\\_LxhTzzk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMG_LxhTzzk)  
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## Use of Hierarchical Bayesian Belief Network



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Reward(Cost) :

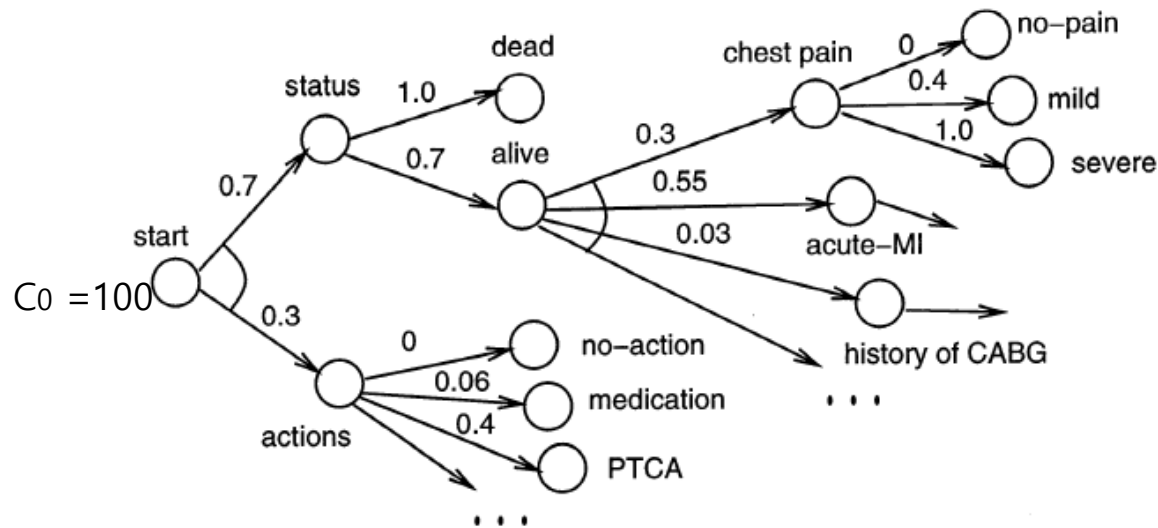


Fig. 7. Model used for the acquisition of costs for the ischemic heart disease model. Links with arcs represent the *AND model*, links without arcs represent the *XOR model*. Numbers represent weights assigned to the lower level components.

Reward for action and state is independent in this case

$$R(\text{chest-pain-severe}) = -C_0 \cdot w_{\text{status}} \cdot w_{\text{alive}} \cdot w_{\text{chest-pain}} \cdot w_{\text{chest-pain-severe}}$$

$$R(s,a,s') = R(s') + R(a)$$



# Ischemic Heart Disease Problem

Solving the problem:

- Adapting hybrid information states: acute MI, decreased ventricular function, history of CABG, history of PTCA are Observable states while some others are unobservable.(hidden states)

$$\{o_d, b_d\} \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_j, \dots, h_q\}$$

$h_j$  : set of all possible combinations of values of hidden process state variables.

$$V_i(\{o_d, b_d\}) = \max_{\alpha \in \Gamma_i^{od}} \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha(h_j) b_d(h_j).$$

$\Gamma_i^{od}$  is a set of linear functions defining  $V_i$

Subscript d denotes the process state variables

- Two Heuristics based on above Value Function was implemented.(Incremental Linear Function Method/Fast Informed Bound Method)

# Ischemic Heart Disease Problem: Conclusion

- Despite that and the need to estimate a large number of parameters, the model and obtained solutions demonstrated behavior that was in most instances clinically reasonable and justifiable seen by cardiologists.
- Two methods showed very similar recommendation on action
- Does not cover all ischemic heart disease domain, so it should be detailed further
- The process of **defining probability parameters** proved difficult and time consuming.
- May adopt many other techniques widely used in Machine Learning context.
  
- Several modifications were taken into the model to alleviate the complexity of the actual problem.

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# Thank you