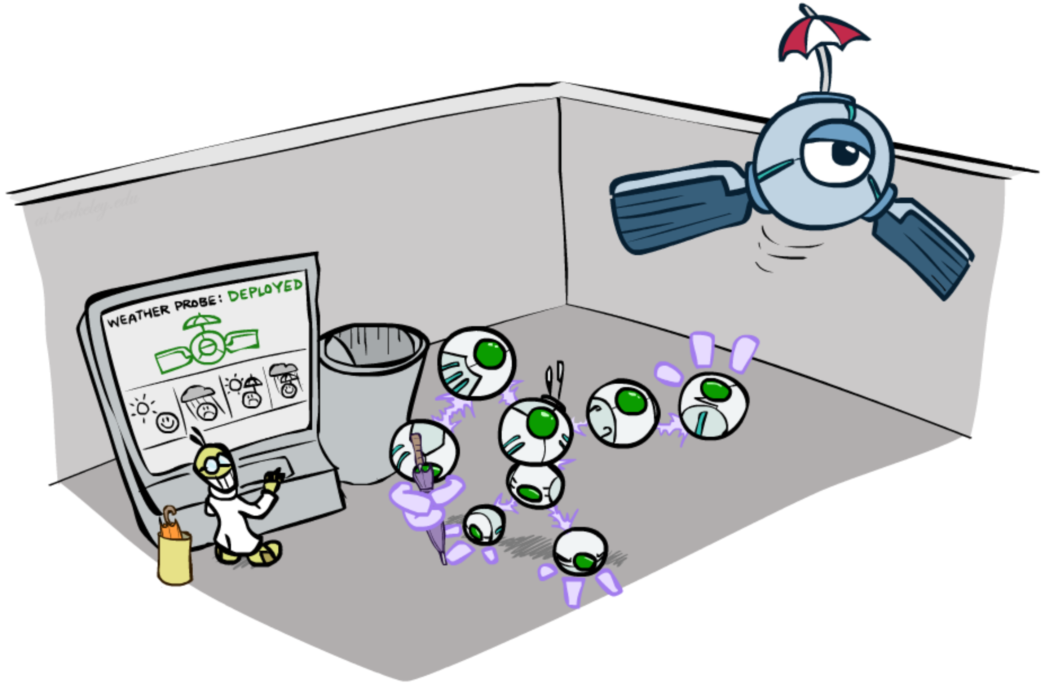
CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

Decision Networks and VPI



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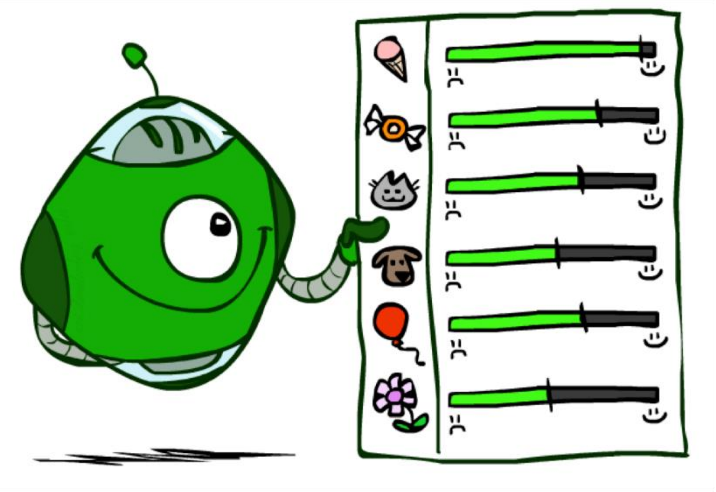
Recap: Utilities and Rationality

- Utilities and Rationality
- Rational Preferences



Orderability: $(A > B) \vee (B > A) \vee (A \sim B)$
Transitivity: $(A > B) \wedge (B > C) \Rightarrow (A > C)$
Continuity: $(A > B > C) \Rightarrow \exists p\ [p, A;\ 1\text{-p}, C] \sim B$
Substitutability: $(A \sim B) \Rightarrow [p, A;\ 1\text{-p}, C] \sim [p, B;\ 1\text{-p}, C]$
Monotonicity: $(A > B) \Rightarrow$
$(p \geq q) \Leftrightarrow [p, A;\ 1\text{-p}, B] \geq [q, A;\ 1\text{-q}, B]$

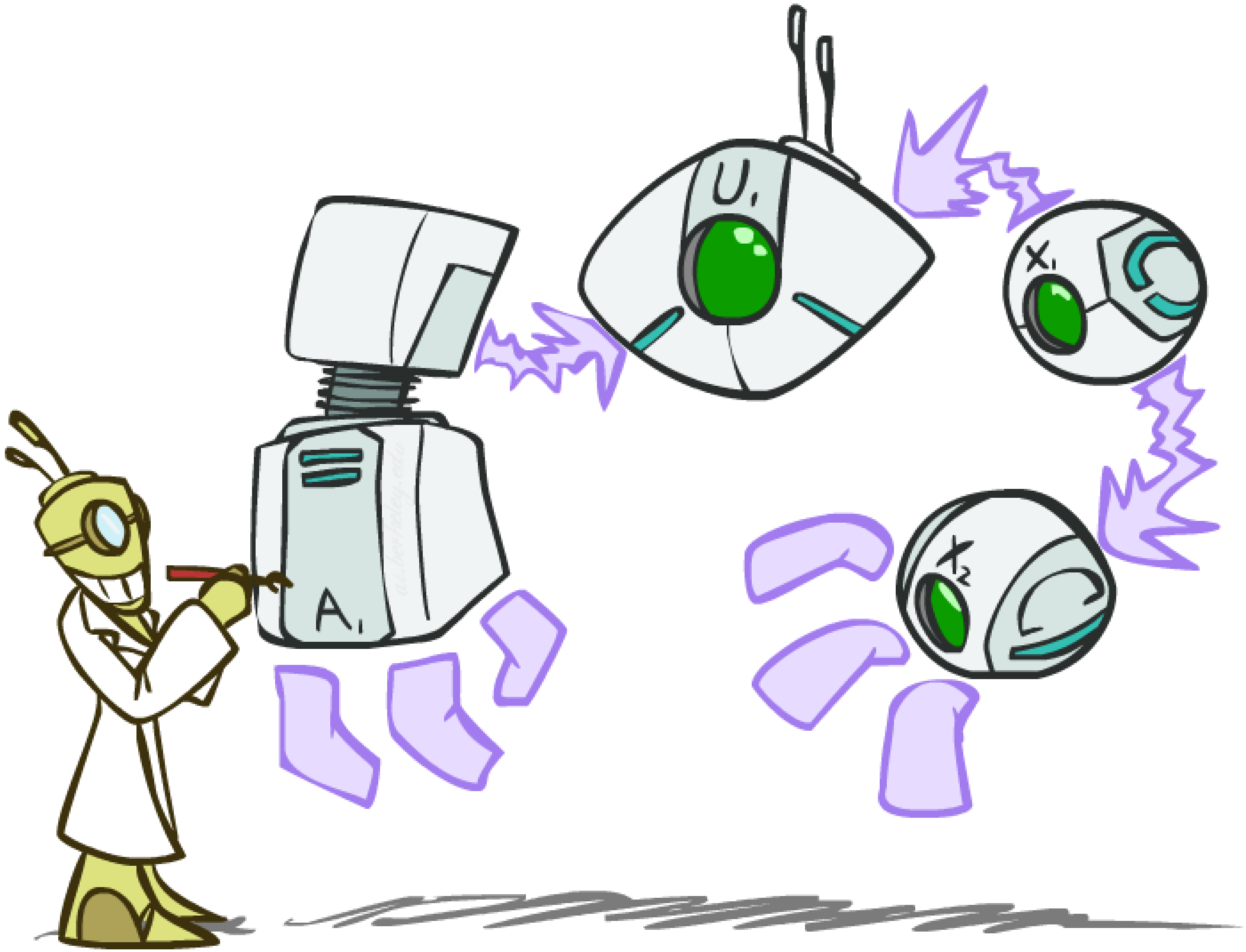
MEU Principle:

Given Rational Preferences, Exists U(X) s.t.

$U(A) \geq U(B) \Leftrightarrow A \geq B$

$U([p_1,S_1; \ldots ; p_n,S_n]) = p_1 U(S_1) + \ldots + p_n U(S_n)$

Decision Networks



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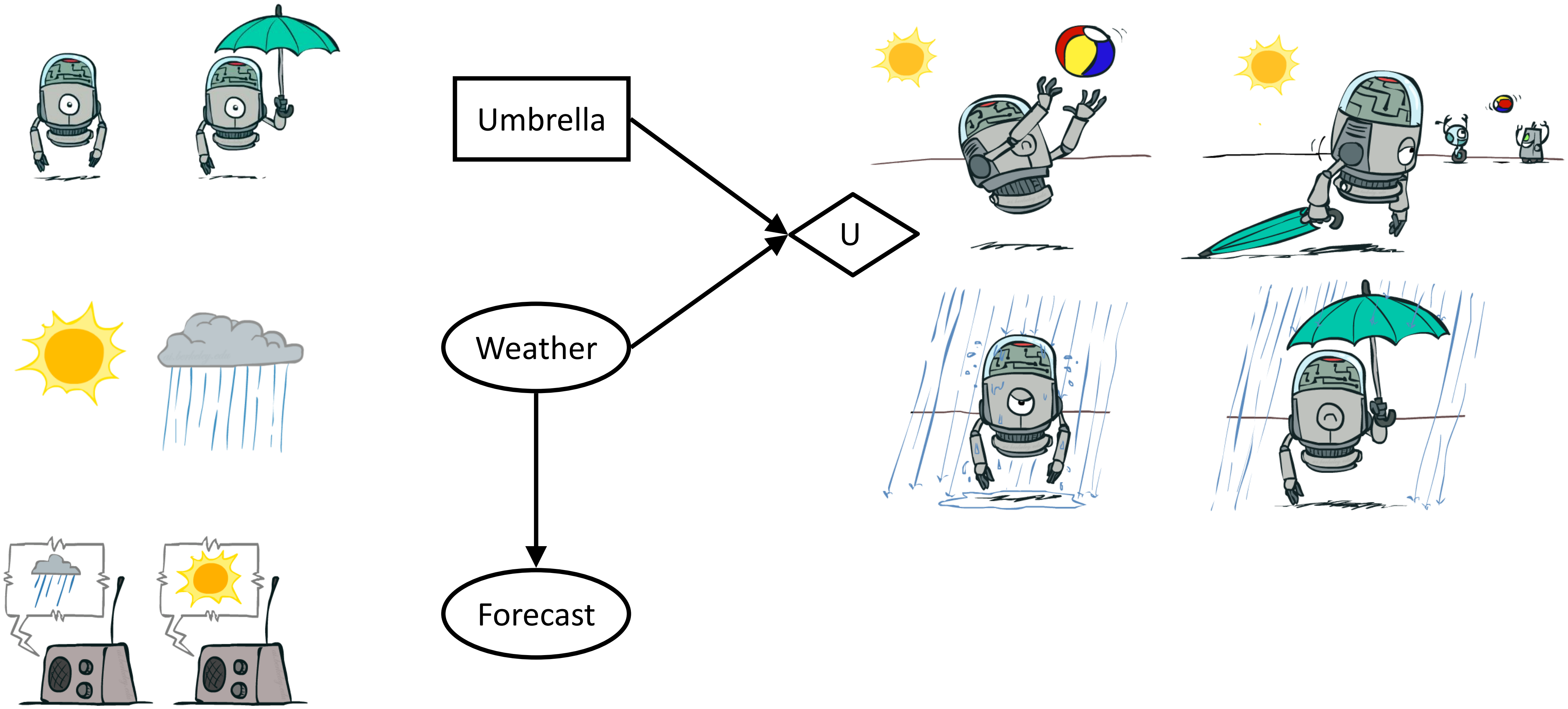
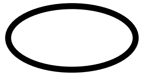


Decision Networks

- **MEU: choose the action which maximizes the expected utility given the evidence**

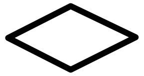
- Can directly operationalize this with decision networks
  - Bayes nets, with new node types for utilities and actions
  - Lets us calculate the expected utility for each action

- New node types:

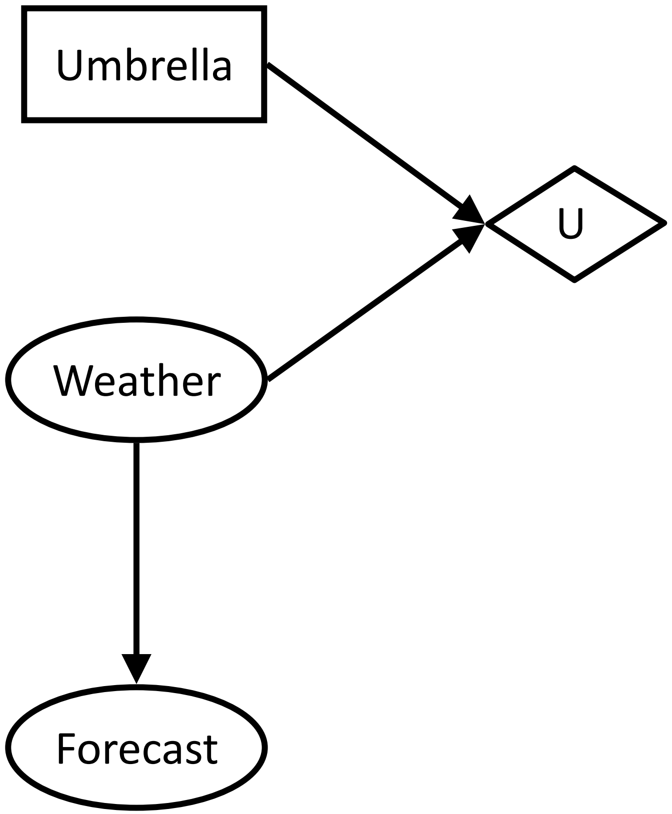


  - Chance nodes (just like Bayes Nets)

  - Actions (rectangles, cannot have parents, act as observed evidence)

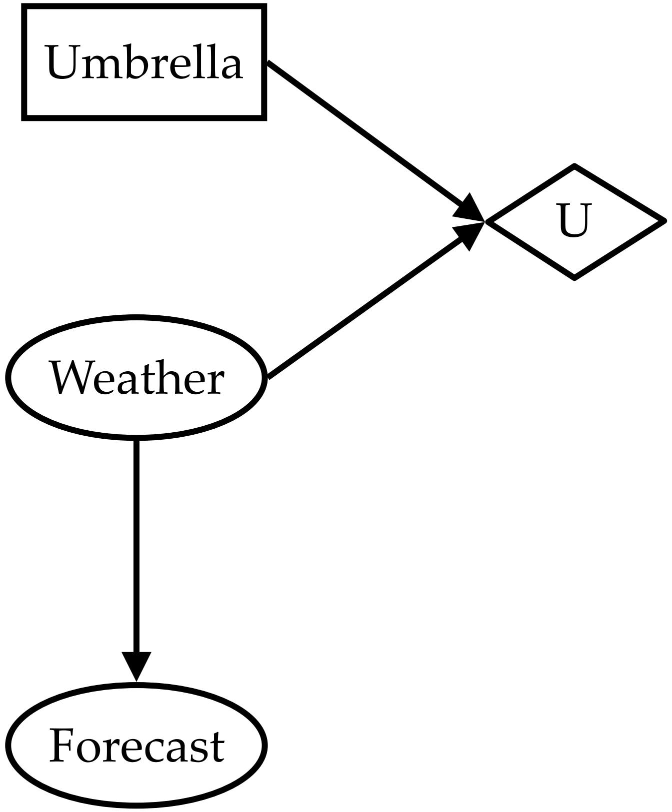


  - Utility node (diamond, depends on action and chance nodes)



Decision Networks

- Action selection
  - Instantiate all evidence
  - Set action node(s) each possible way
  - Calculate posterior for all parents of utility node, given the evidence
  - Calculate expected utility for each action
  - Choose maximizing action



Maximum Expected Utility

Umbrella = leave

$$\mathrm{EU}(\mathrm{leave}) = \sum_w P(w)U(\mathrm{leave}, w)$$

$$= 0.7 \cdot 100 + 0.3 \cdot 0 = 70$$

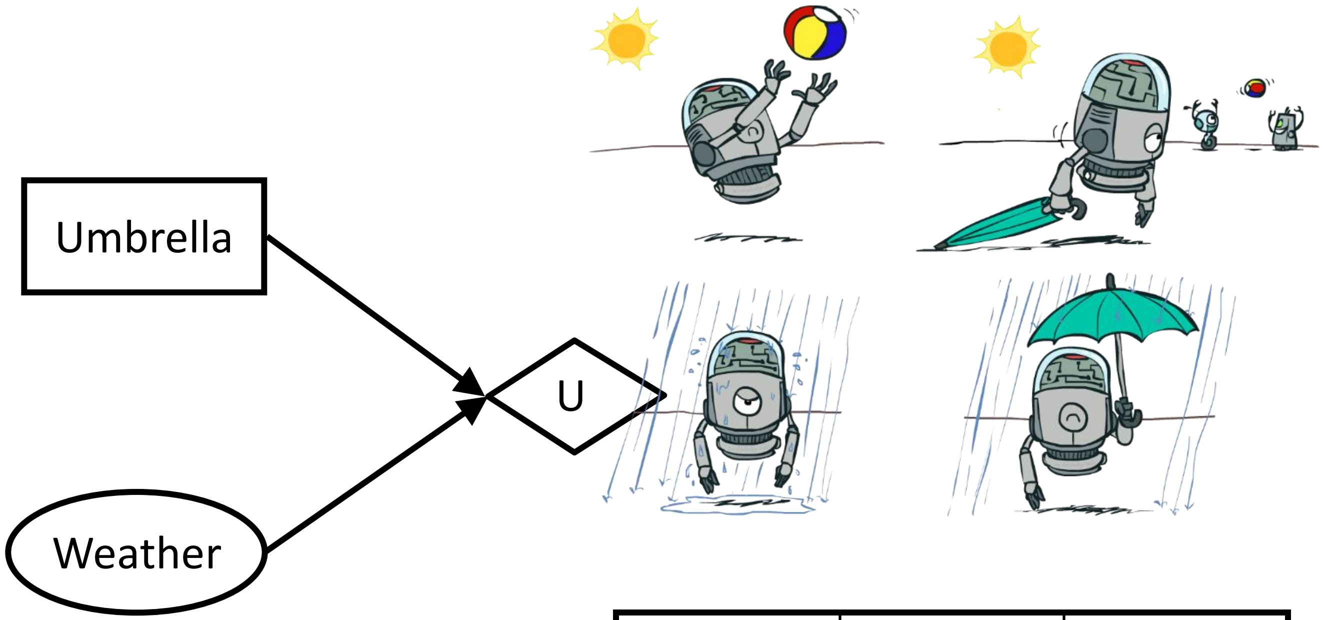
Umbrella = take

$$\mathrm{EU}(\mathrm{take}) = \sum_w P(w)U(\mathrm{take}, w)$$

$$= 0.7 \cdot 20 + 0.3 \cdot 70 = 35$$

Optimal decision = leave

$$\mathrm{MEU}(\emptyset) = \max_a \mathrm{EU}(a) = 70$$



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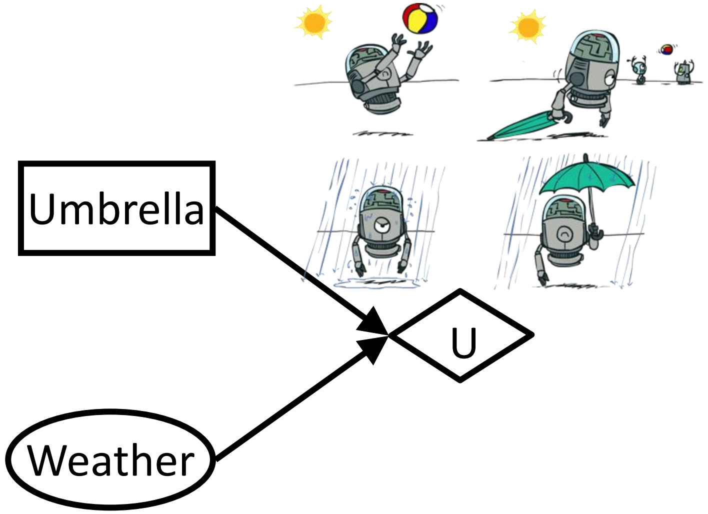
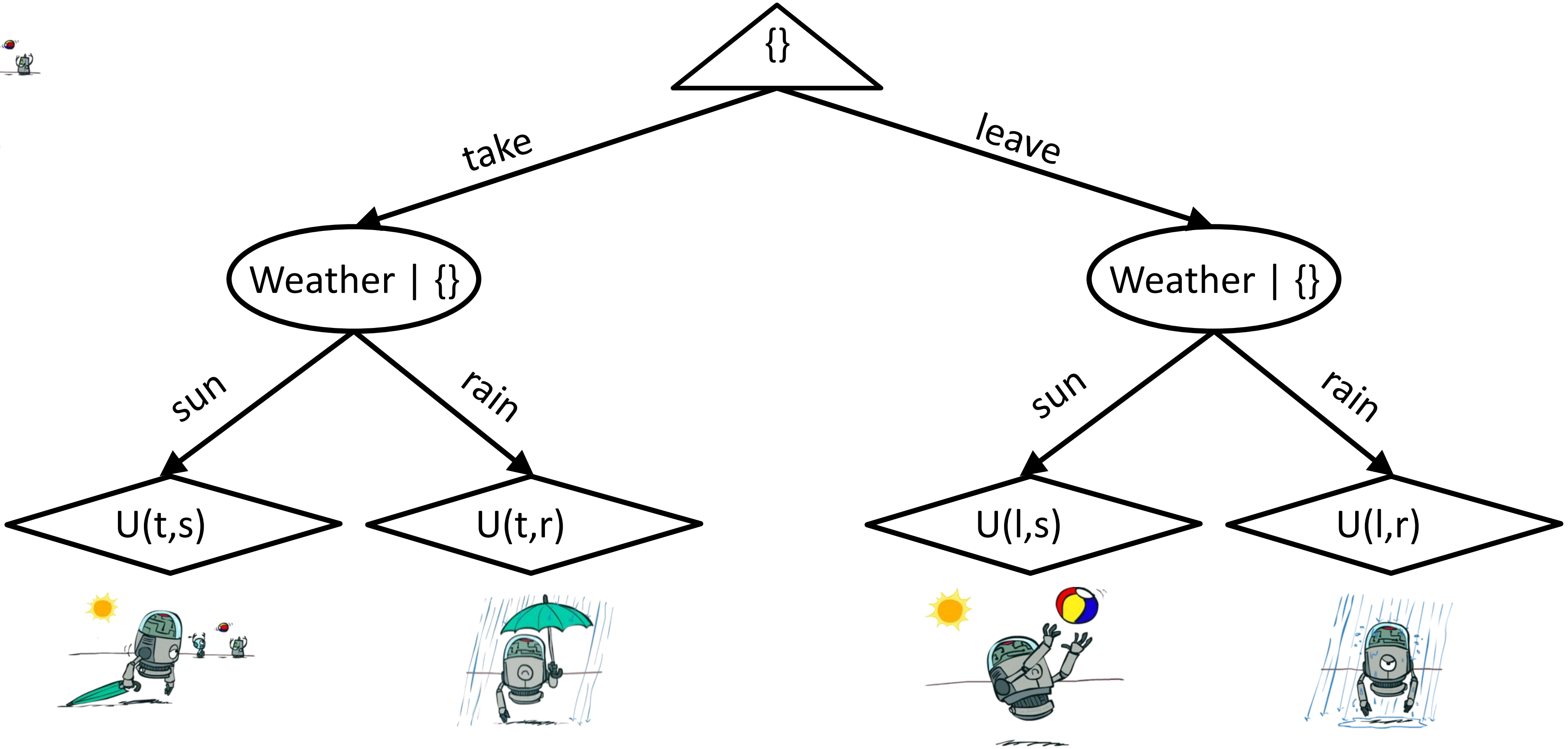
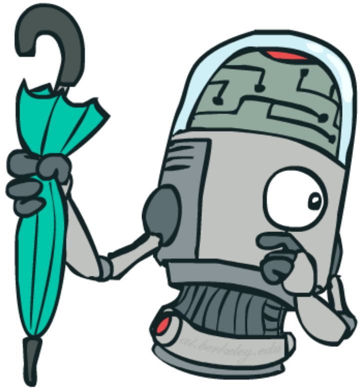
Decisions as Outcome Trees







- Almost exactly like expectimax

Maximum Expected Utility Given Evidence

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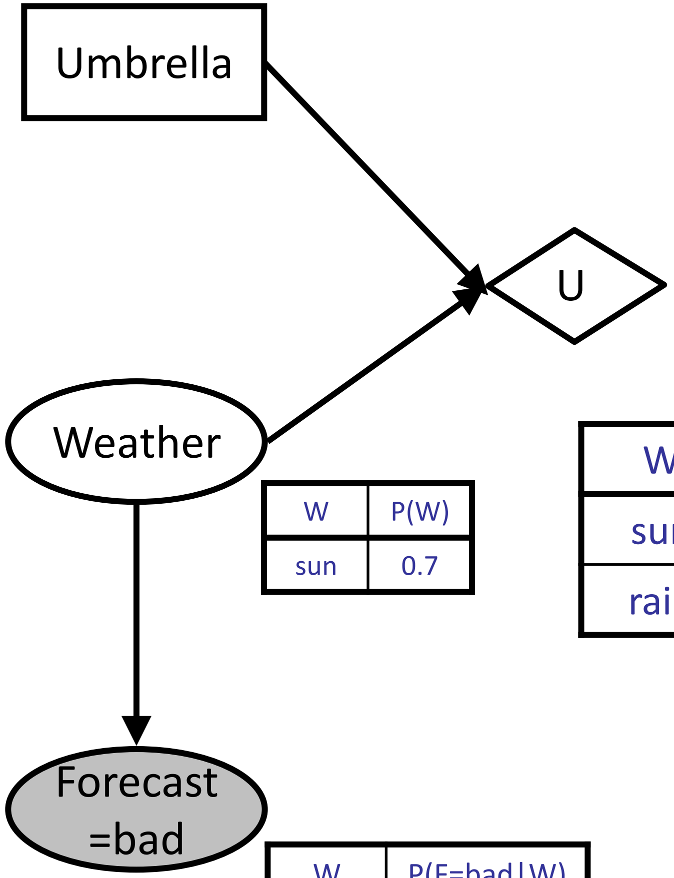
$$\mathrm{EU}(\mathrm{leave}|\mathrm{bad}) = \sum_w P(w|\mathrm{bad})U(\mathrm{leave}, w)$$

$$P(W) \qquad\qquad P(F|W)$$

$$P(W|F) = \frac{P(W,F)}{\sum_w P(w,F)}$$

$$= \frac{P(F|W)P(W)}{\sum_w P(F|w)P(w)}$$



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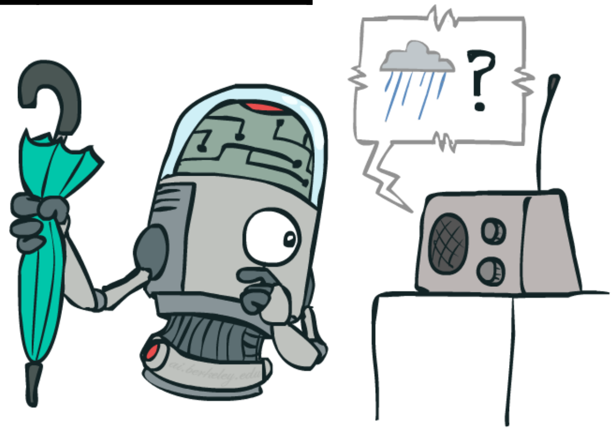
sun	0.34
rain	0.66

W	P(F=bad|W)
sun	0.17
rain	0.77



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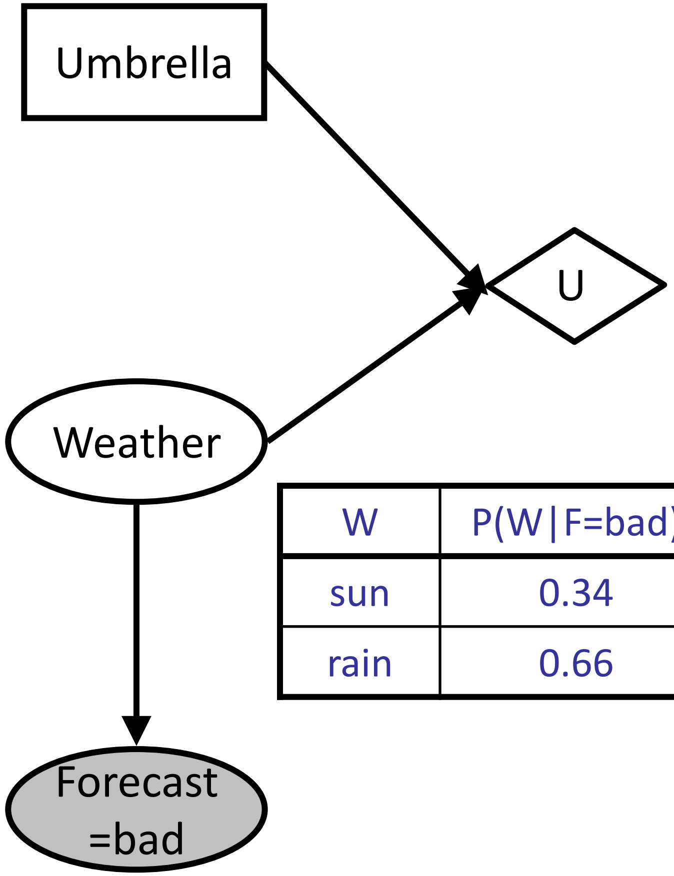
Optimal decision = take

$$\mathrm{MEU}(F = \mathrm{bad}) = \max_a \mathrm{EU}(a|\mathrm{bad}) = 53$$



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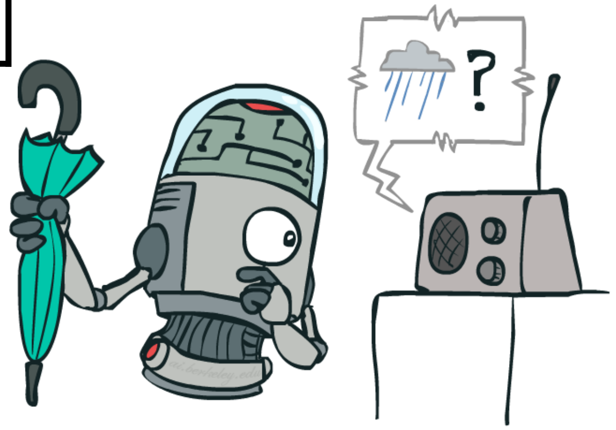

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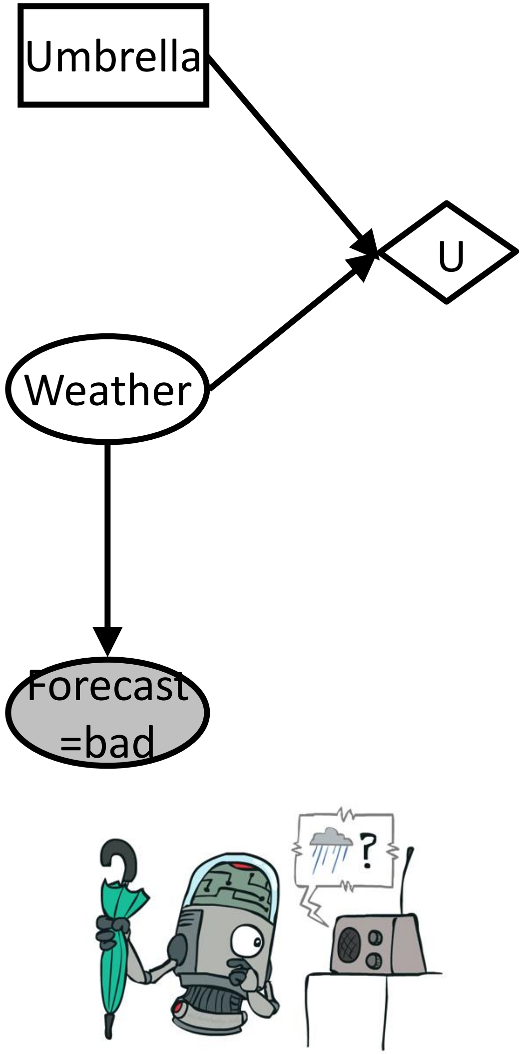

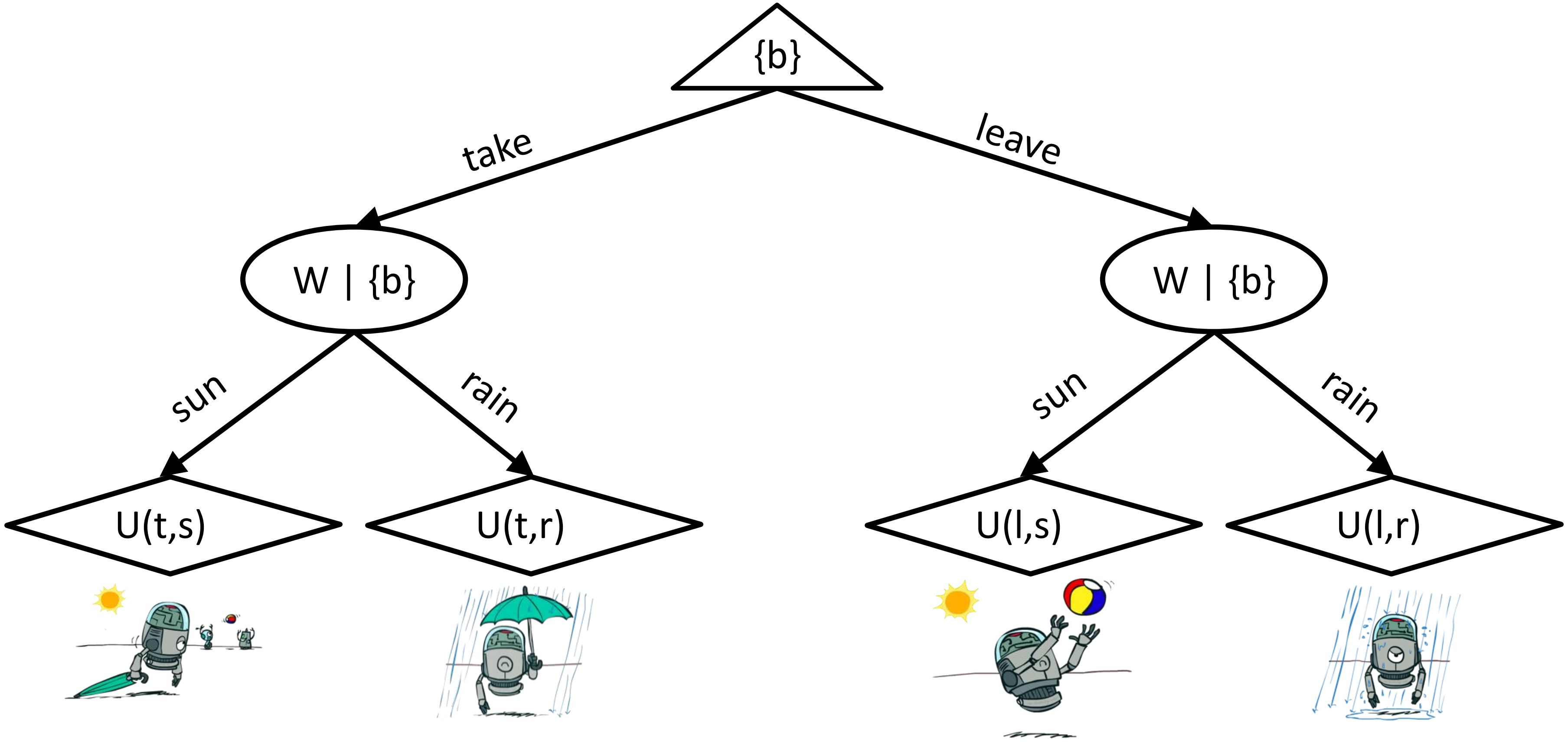

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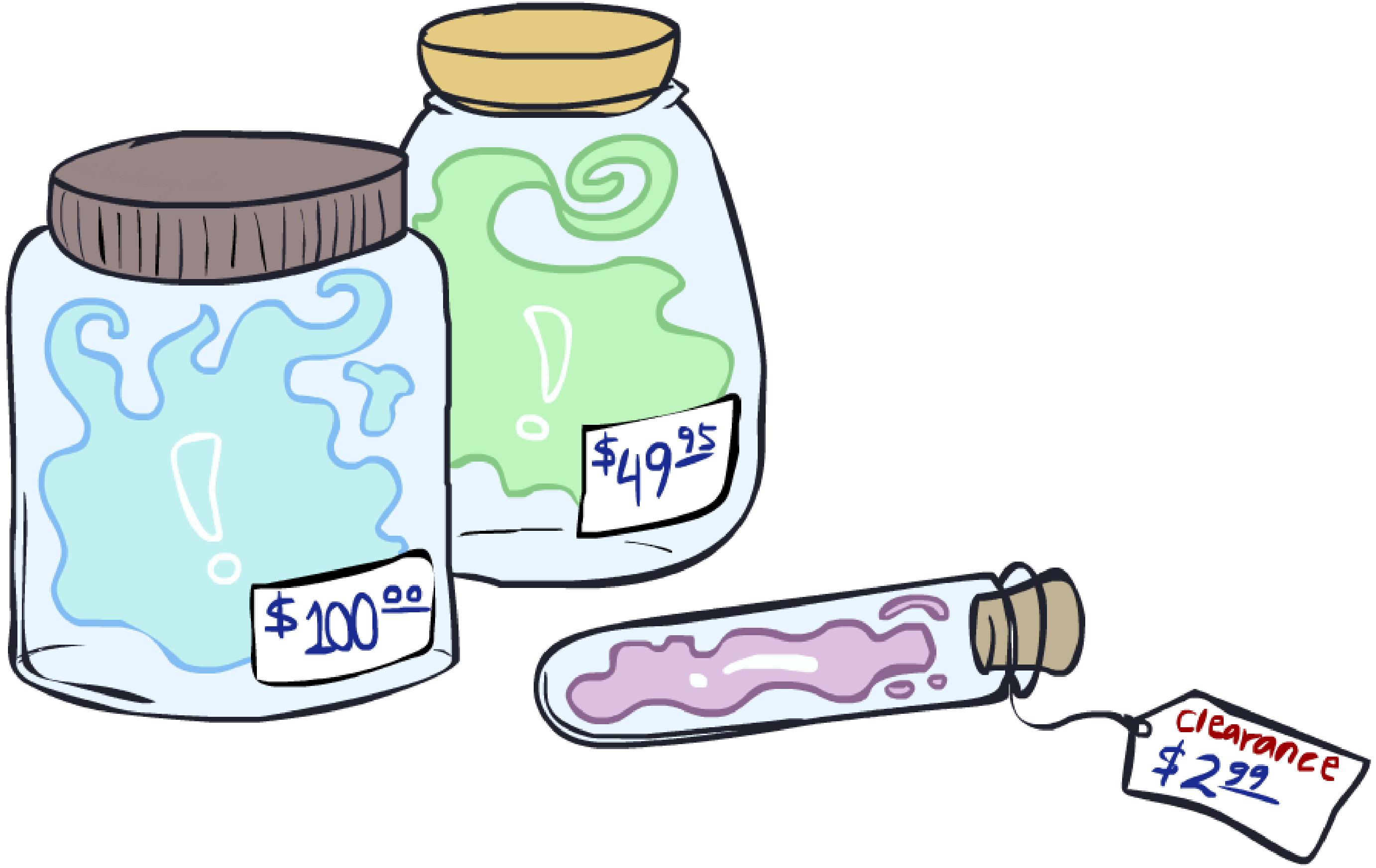


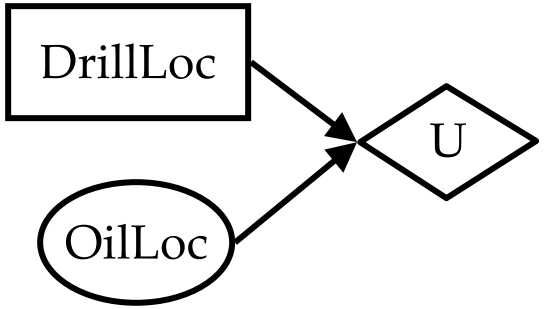
Value of Information

- Idea: compute value of acquiring evidence
  - Can be done directly from decision network

- Example: buying oil drilling rights
  - Two blocks A and B, exactly one has oil, worth k
  - You can drill in one location
  - Prior probabilities 0.5 each, & mutually exclusive
  - Drilling in either A or B has EU = k/2, MEU = k/2

- Question: what's the value of information of O?
  - Value of knowing which of A or B has oil
  - Value is expected gain in MEU from new info
  - Survey may say "oil in a" or "oil in b," prob 0.5 each
  - If we know OilLoc, MEU is k (either way)
  - Gain in MEU from knowing OilLoc?
  - VPI(OilLoc) = k/2
  - Fair price of information: k/2

O	P
a	1/2
b	1/2



D	O	U
a	a	k
a	b	0
b	a	0
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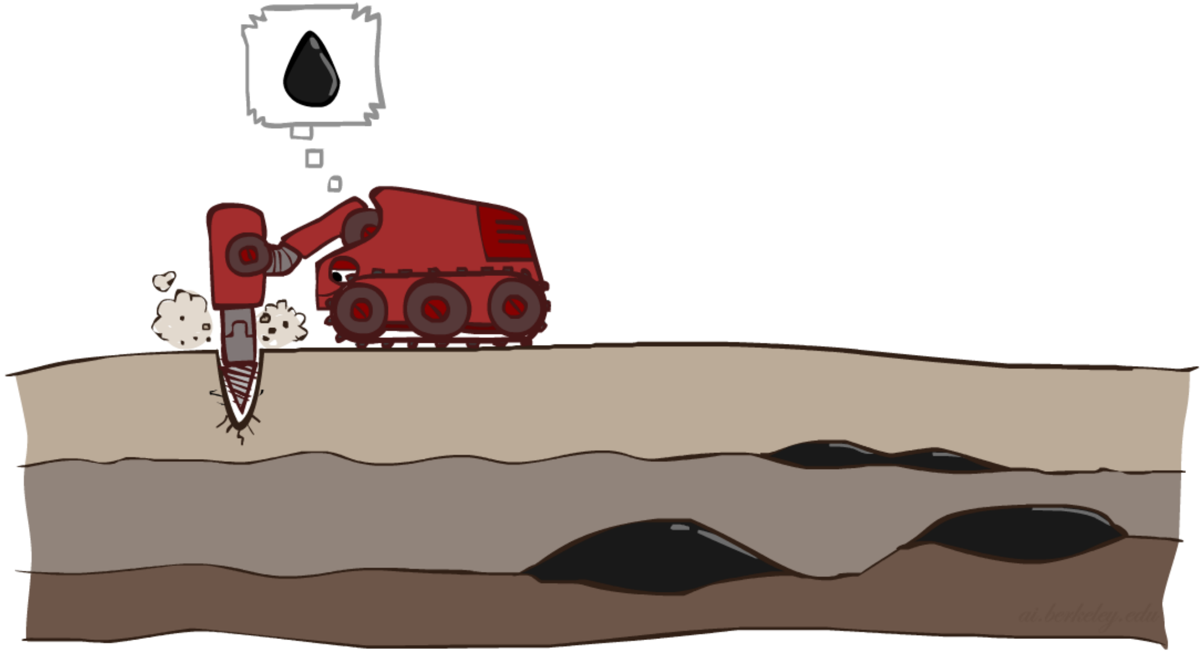


Value of Perfect Information

MEU with no evidence

$$\mathrm{MEU}(\phi) = \max_a \mathrm{EU}(a) = 70$$

MEU if forecast is bad

$$\mathrm{MEU}(F = \mathrm{bad}) = \max_a \mathrm{EU}(a|\mathrm{bad}) = 53$$

MEU if forecast is good

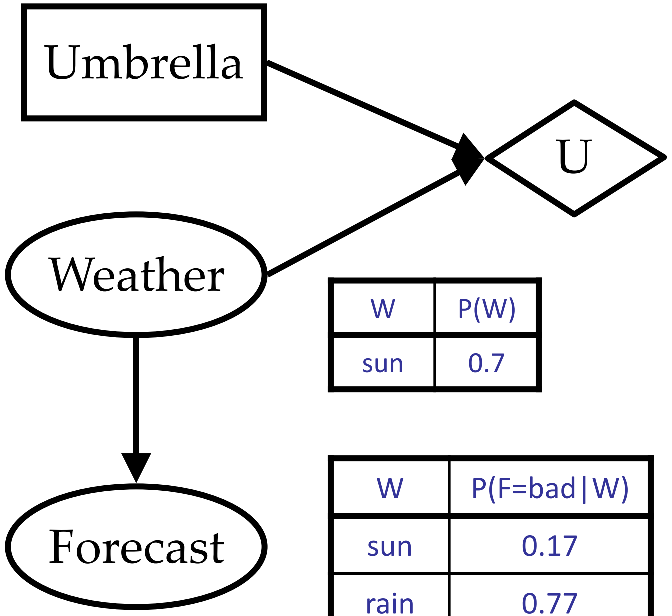
$$\mathrm{MEU}(F = \mathrm{good}) = \max_a \mathrm{EU}(a|\mathrm{good}) = 89.4$$

Forecast distribution

F	P(F)
bad	0.35
good	0.65

VPI = 0.35 (53) + 0.65 (89.4) – 70
VPI = 6.66

$$\mathrm{VPI}(E'|e) = \left(\sum_{e'} P(e'|e)\mathrm{MEU}(e, e')\right) - \mathrm{MEU}(e)$$



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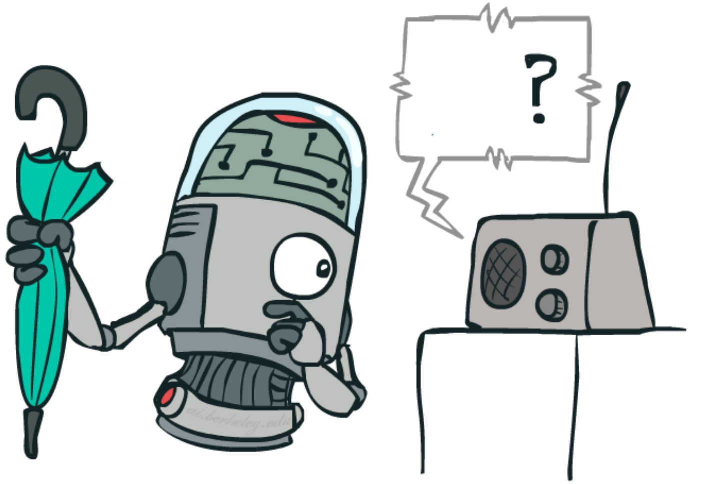
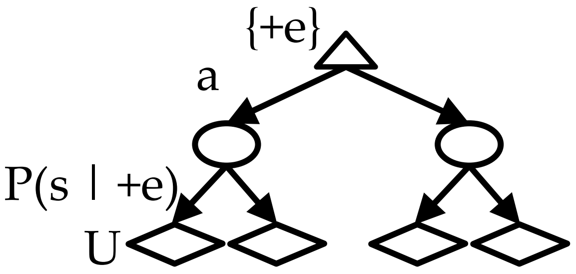


Value of Information

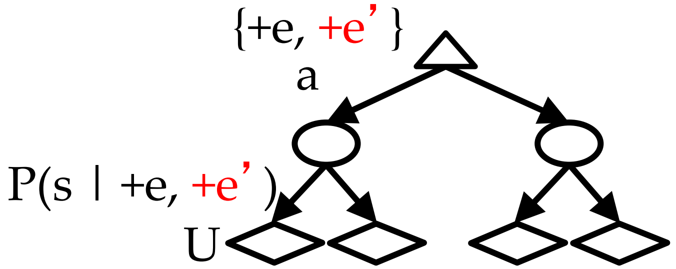
- Assume we have evidence E=e. Value if we act now:

$$\text{MEU}(e) = \max_a \sum_s P(s|e)\, U(s,a)$$



- We see new evidence E' = e'. Value if we act then:

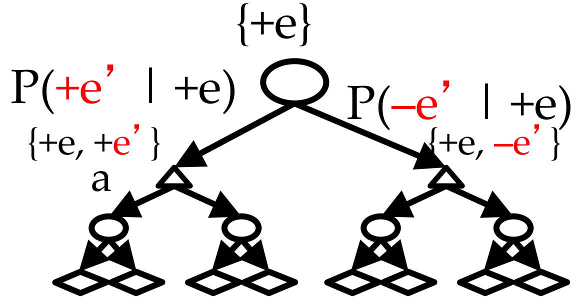
$$\text{MEU}(e,e') = \max_a \sum_s P(s|e,e')\, U(s,a)$$



- BUT E' is a random variable whose value is unknown, so we don't know what e' will be.

- Expected value if E' is revealed and then we act:

$$\text{MEU}(e,E') = \sum_{e'} P(e'|e)\text{MEU}(e,e')$$



- Value of information: how much MEU goes up by revealing E' first then acting, as opposed to acting now:

$$\text{VPI}(E'|e) = \text{MEU}(e,E') - \text{MEU}(e)$$

VPI Properties

- Nonnegative

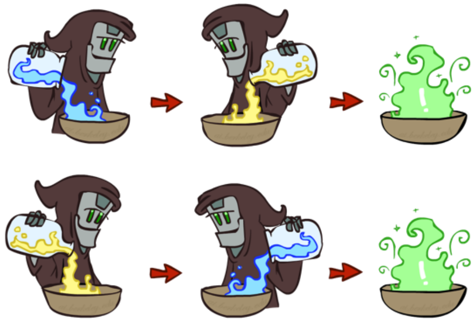
$$\forall E', e : \mathsf{VPI}(E'|e) \geq 0$$

- Nonadditive
  (think of observing E_j twice)

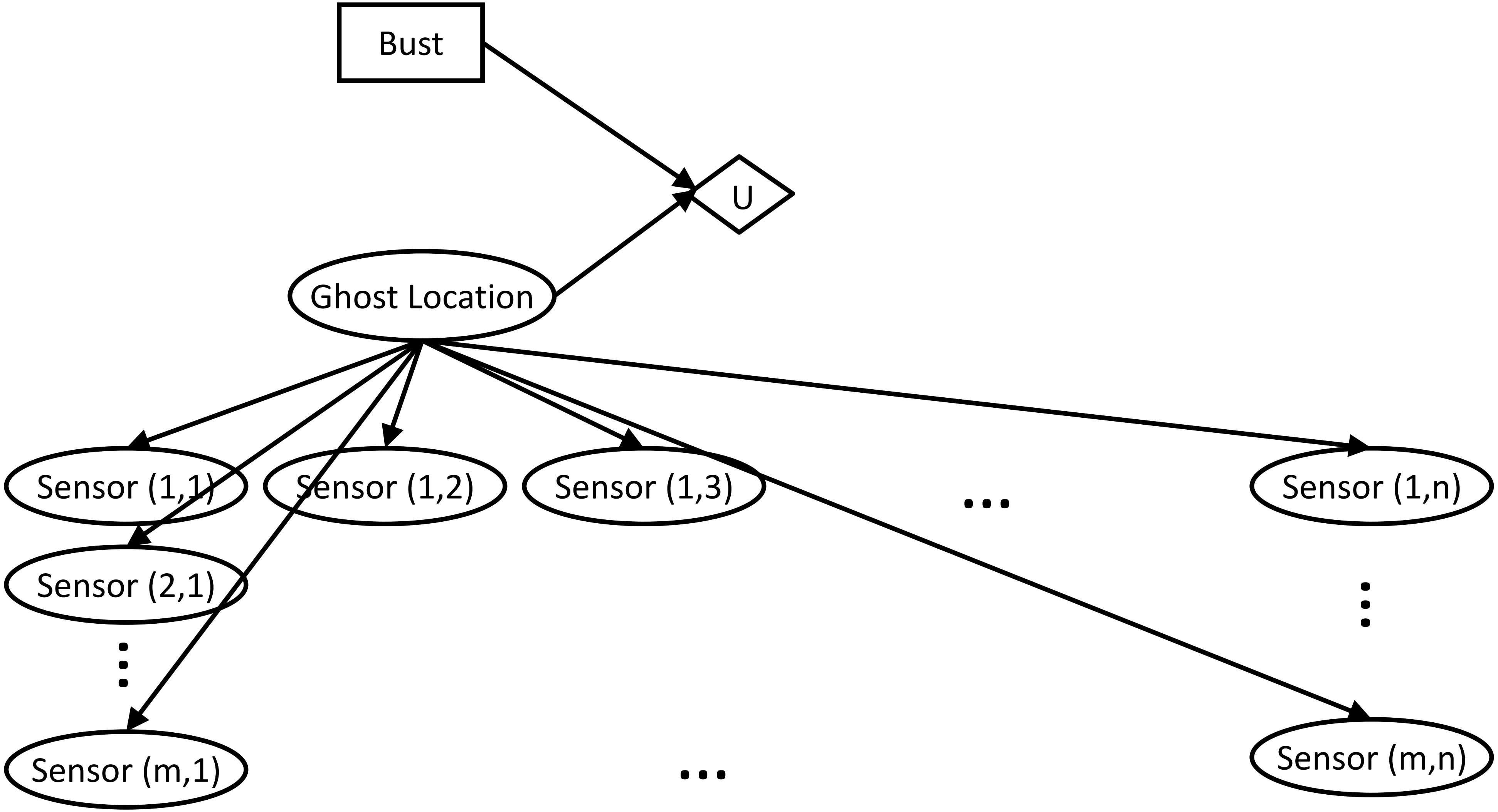
$$\mathsf{VPI}(E_j, E_k|e) \neq \mathsf{VPI}(E_j|e) + \mathsf{VPI}(E_k|e)$$

- Order-independent

$$\begin{aligned}\mathsf{VPI}(E_j, E_k|e) &= \mathsf{VPI}(E_j|e) + \mathsf{VPI}(E_k|e, E_j)\\ &= \mathsf{VPI}(E_k|e) + \mathsf{VPI}(E_j|e, E_k)\end{aligned}$$

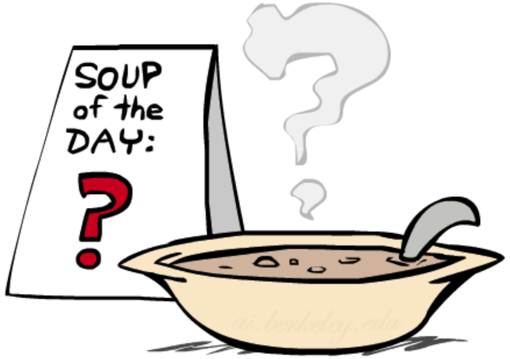


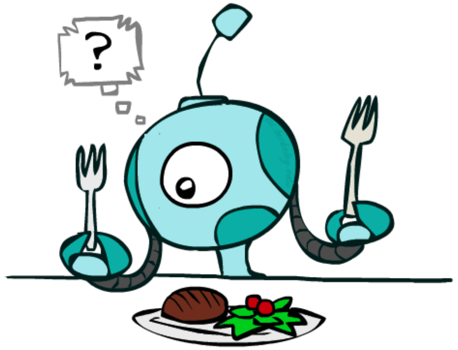
Ghostbusters Decision Network

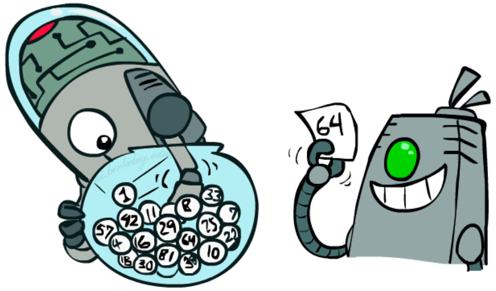


Quick VPI Questions

- The soup of the day is either clam chowder or split pea, but you wouldn't order either one. What's the value of knowing which it is?
- There are two kinds of plastic forks at a picnic. One kind is slightly sturdier. What's the value of knowing which?
- You're playing the lottery. The prize will be $0 or $100. You can play any number between 1 and 100 (chance of winning is 1%). What is the value of knowing the winning number?







Value of Imperfect Information?

- No such thing
- Information corresponds to the observation of a node in the decision network
- If data is "noisy" that just means we don't observe the original variable, but another variable which is a noisy version of the original one

VPI Question

- VPI(OilLoc) ?
- VPI(ScoutingReport) ?
- VPI(Scout) ?
- VPI(Scout | ScoutingReport) ?
- Generally:

  If $\quad$ Parents(U) $\perp\!\!\!\perp$ Z | CurrentEvidence

  Then VPI(Z | CurrentEvidence) = 0