



# Probabilistic Graphical Models

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### Question 1

**Factor product.** Let  $X, Y$  be binary variables, and let  $Z$  be a variable that takes on values 1, 2, or 3.

If  $\phi_1(X, Y)$  and  $\phi_2(Y, Z)$  are the factors shown below, compute the selected entries (marked by a " ") the factor  $\psi(X, Y, Z) = \phi_1(X, Y) \cdot \phi_2(Y, Z)$ , giving your answer according to the ordering of assignments to variables as shown below.

You may separate the 3 entries of the factor by commas, e.g., an answer of "0.1, 0.2, 0.3" means that  $\psi(1, 1, 2) = 0.1$ ,  $\psi(1, 2, 1) = 0.2$  and  $\psi(2, 1, 3) = 0.3$

$X$	$Y$	$\phi_1(X, Y)$	$\times$	$Y$	$Z$	$\phi_2(Y, Z)$	$=$	$X$	$Y$	$Z$	$\psi(X, Y, Z)$
1	1	0.7		1	1	0.2		1	1	1	
1	2	0.1		1	2	0.8		1	1	2	?
2	1	0.4		1	3	0.5		1	1	3	
2	2	0.1		2	1	0.0		1	2	1	?
				2	2	0.9		1	2	2	
				2	3	0.3		1	2	3	
								2	1	1	
								2	1	2	
								2	1	3	?
								2	2	1	
								2	2	2	
								2	2	3	

Your Answer

Score

Explanation

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0.56		0.33
0.00		0.33
0.20		0.33
Total		1.00

Question 2

**Factor marginalization.** Let  $X, Z$  be binary variables, and let  $Y$  be a variable that takes on values 1 or 3.

If  $\phi(X, Y, Z)$  is the factor shown below, compute the entries of the factor  $\psi(X, Z) = \sum_Y \phi(X, Y, Z)$  giving your answer according to the ordering of assignments to variables as shown below.

As before, you may separate the 4 entries of the factor by commas.

$X$	$Y$	$Z$	$\phi(X, Y, Z)$	$X$	$Z$	$\psi(X, Z)$
1	1	1	14	1	1	?
1	1	2	60	1	2	?
1	2	1	40	2	1	?
1	2	2	27	2	2	?
1	3	1	42			
1	3	2	85			
2	1	1	4			
2	1	2	59			
2	2	1	54			
2	2	2	3			
2	3	1	96			
2	3	2	30			

96, 172, 154, 92

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
96		0.25	
172		0.25	
154		0.25	

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92		0.25
Total		1.00

Question 3

**Factor reduction.** Let  $X, Z$  be binary variables, and let  $Y$  be a variable that takes on values 1, 2, or

Now say we observe  $Y = 3$ . If  $\phi(X, Y, Z)$  is the factor shown below, compute the missing entries of reduced factor  $\psi(X, Z)$  given that  $Y = 3$ , giving your answer according to the ordering of assignmer variables as shown below.

As before, you may separate the 4 entries of the factor by commas.

$X$	$Y$	$Z$	$\phi(X, Y, Z)$	$X$	$Z$	$\psi(X, Z)$
1	1	1	14	1	1	?
1	1	2	60	1	2	?
1	2	1	40	2	1	?
1	2	2	27	2	2	?
1	3	1	42			
1	3	2	85			
2	1	1	4			
2	1	2	59			
2	2	1	54			
2	2	2	3			
2	3	1	96			
2	3	2	30			

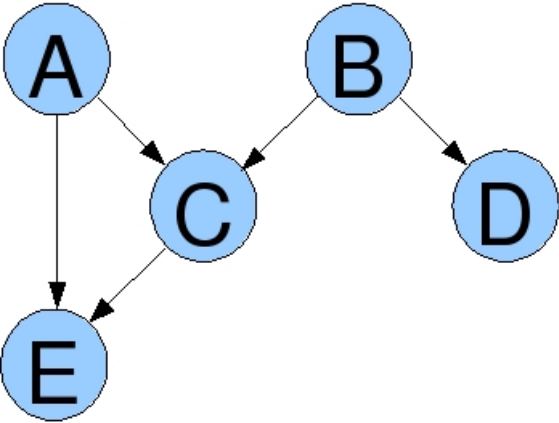
42, 85, 96, 30

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
42		0.25	
85		0.25	
96		0.25	
30		0.25	
Total		1.00	

**Question 4**  
**Properties of independent variables.** Assume that A and B are independent random variables. Which of the following options are always true? You may choose more than one option.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $P(A, B) = P(A) + P(B)$	✓ 0.25	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $P(A B) = P(A)$	✓ 0.25	In intuitive terms, this means that the value of A is not affected by the value of B. We can derive this from $P(A, B) = P(A)P(B)$ . $\begin{aligned} P(A, B) &= P(A) \times P(B) && \text{(by definition of independence)} \\ &= P(A B) \times P(B) && \text{(by chain rule)} \\ \implies P(A B) &= P(A). \end{aligned}$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $P(A, B) = P(A) \times P(B)$	✓ 0.25	This is the standard definition of independence.
<input type="radio"/> $P(A) + P(B) = 1$	✓ 0.25	
Total	1.00	

**Question 5**  
**Independencies in a graph.** Which pairs of variables are independent in the graphical model below given that none of them have been observed?



Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> None - there are no pairs of independent variables.	✓ 0.20	
<input type="radio"/> C, D	✓ 0.20	There is an active trail connecting C and D that goes through B.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A, B	✓ 0.20	There are no active trails between A and B, so they are independent.
<input type="radio"/> A, C	✓ 0.20	There is a directed edge from A to C.

B, E

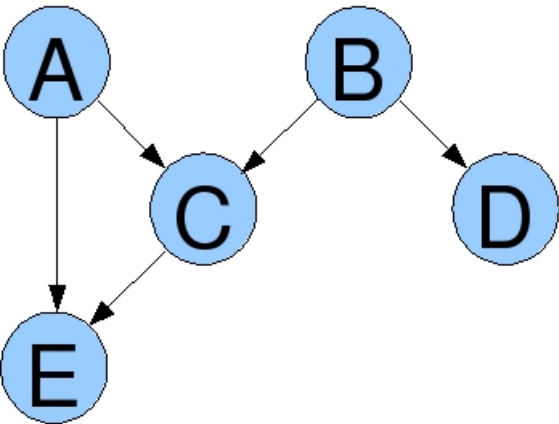
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0.20

There is an active trail connecting B and E that goes through C.

Total1.00

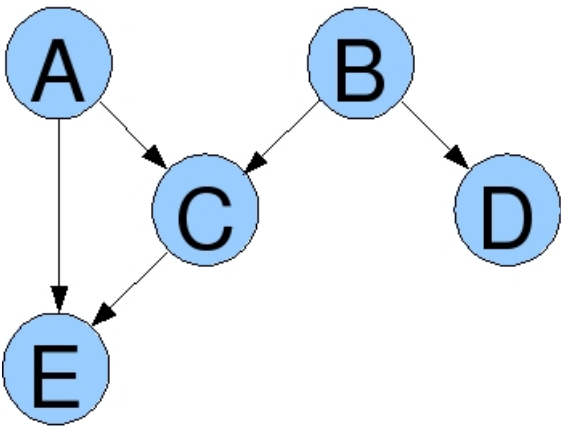
**Question 6**  
**\*Independencies in a graph.** (An asterisk marks a question that is more challenging. Congratulation you get it right!) Now assume that the value of E is known. (E is observed. A, B, C, and D are not observed.) Which pairs of variables (not including E) are independent in the same graphical model,  $\mathcal{G}_E$ ?



Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<div><div></div><div>A, C</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	There is a directed edge from A to C.
<div><div></div><div>A, B</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	Observing E activates the V-structures around C and E. Hence, influence can flow from A to B through C; knowing B will now affect the probabilities of A taking on each of its values.
<div><div></div><div>B, D</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	There is a directed edge from B to D.
<div><div>✔</div><div>None - given E, there are no pairs of variables that are independent.</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	Observing E activates the V-structures around C and E, giving rise to active trails between every pair of variable in the network.
<div><div></div><div>B, C</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	There is a directed edge from B to C.
<div><div></div><div>D, C</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	Influence can flow along the active trail $D \leftarrow B \rightarrow C$ .
<div><div></div><div>A, D</div></div>	<div><div>✔</div><div>0.14</div></div>	Observing E activates the V-structures around C and E. Hence, influence can flow from A to B through C, and therefore from A to D through C and B.
Total	1.00	

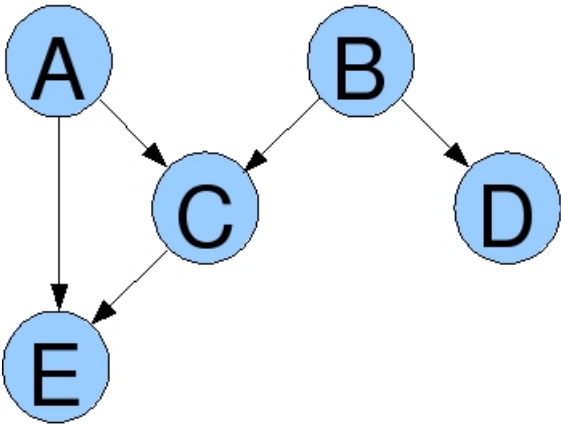
**Question 7**  
**Factorization.** Given the same model as above, which of these is an appropriate decomposition of the joint probability distribution?

joint distribution  $P(A, B, C, E)$ ?



Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $P(A, B, C, E) = P(A)P(B)P(C A, B)P(E A, C)$	1.00	We can read off the appropriate joint distribution from the graph by examining the parents of each node in the graph: $A$ and $B$ have no parents, $C$ is a child of $A, B$ and $E$ is a child of $A, C$ . $P(A, B, C, E) = P(A)P(B)P(C A, B)P(E A, C)$
Total	1.00	

**Question 8**  
**Independent parameters.** How many independent parameters are required to uniquely define the conditional probability distribution of  $E$  (the conditional probability distribution associated with the variable  $E$ ) in the same graphical model as above, if  $A, B$ , and  $D$  are binary, and  $C$  and  $E$  have three values each?








Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 8	0.00	In a Bayesian network, the conditional probability distribution associated with a variable is the conditional probability distribution of that variable given its parents. When calculating the number of free parameters, the number of possible values for the different variables should be multiplied, not added.
Total	0.00	

**Question 9**

**I-maps.** I-maps can also be defined directly on graphs as follows. Let  $I(G)$  be the set of independencies encoded by a graph  $G$ . Then  $G_1$  is an I-map for  $G_2$  if  $I(G_1) \subseteq I(G_2)$ .

Which of the following statements about I-maps are true? You may select more than one option.

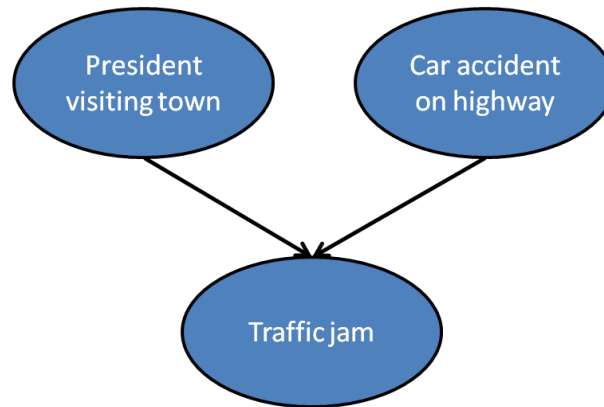
Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> An I-map is a function $f$ that maps a graph $G$ to itself, i.e., $f(G) = G$ .	 0.25	This is an identity function, not an I-map.
<input type="radio"/> A graph $K$ is an I-map for a graph $G$ if and only if $K$ and $G$ are identical, i.e., they have exactly the same nodes and edges.	 0.25	$K$ is an I-map for $G$ if $K$ and $G$ are identical, but there might be other I-maps for $G$ .
<input type="radio"/> A graph $K$ is an I-map for a graph $G$ if and only if $K$ encodes exactly the same independencies as $G$ .	 0.25	This is the definition of a perfect map. All perfect maps are I-maps, but the converse need not hold.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A graph $K$ is an I-map for a graph $G$ if and only if all of the independencies encoded by $K$ are also encoded by $G$ .	 0.25	$K$ is an I-map for $G$ if $K$ does not make independence assumptions that are not true in $G$ . An easy way to remember this is that the complete graph, which has no independencies, is an I-map of all distributions.
<input type="radio"/> I-maps are Apple's answer to Google Maps.	 0.00	This is not true -- yet!
Total	1.00	

**Question 10**

**\*Inter-causal reasoning.** Consider the following model for traffic jams in a small town, which we assume can be caused by a car accident, or by a visit from the president (and the accompanying security motorcade).

$$P(\text{President} = 1) = 0.01$$

$$P(\text{Accident} = 1) = 0.1$$



$$P(\text{Traffic} = 1 \mid \text{President} = 0, \text{Accident} = 0) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{Traffic} = 1 \mid \text{President} = 0, \text{Accident} = 1) = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{Traffic} = 1 \mid \text{President} = 1, \text{Accident} = 0) = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{Traffic} = 1 \mid \text{President} = 1, \text{Accident} = 1) = 0.9$$

Calculate  $P(\text{Accident} = 1 \mid \text{Traffic} = 1)$  and  $P(\text{Accident} = 1 \mid \text{Traffic} = 1, \text{President} = 1)$ . Separate your answers with a comma, e.g., an answer of "0.15, 0.25" means that  $P(\text{Accident} = 1 \mid \text{Traffic} = 1) = 0.15$ ;  $P(\text{Accident} = 1 \mid \text{Traffic} = 1, \text{President} = 1) = 0.25$ . Round your answer to two decimal places.

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
0.34	✓	0.50	
0.14	✓	0.50	
Total		1.00	

To calculate the required values, we can apply Bayes' rule. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A = 1 \mid T = 1, P = 1) &= \frac{P(A = 1, T = 1, P = 1)}{P(T = 1, P = 1)} \\
 &= \frac{P(A = 1, T = 1, P = 1)}{P(A = 0, T = 1, P = 1) + P(A = 1, T = 1, P = 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We can then use the chain rule of Bayesian networks to substitute the correct values in, e.g.,

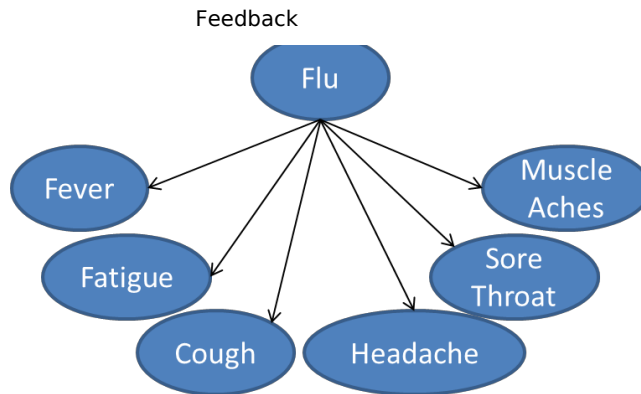
$$P(A = 1, T = 1, P = 1) = P(P = 1) \times P(A = 1) \times P(T = 1 \mid P = 1, A = 1)$$

This example of inter-causal reasoning meshes well with common sense: if we see a traffic jam, the probability that there was a car accident is relatively high. However, if we also see that the president visiting town, we can reason that the president's visit is the cause of the traffic jam; the probability that there was a car accident therefore drops correspondingly.

### Question 11

**\*Naive Bayes.** Consider the following Naive Bayes model for flu diagnosis:






Which of the following statements are true in this model?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> Say we observe that 1000 people have a headache (and possibly other symptoms), out of which 500 people have the flu (and possibly other symptoms), and 500 people have a fever (and possibly other symptoms). We would expect that approximately 250 people with a headache also have both the flu and a fever.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.25	<p>Even after observing the Headache variable, there is still an active probability of someone with a headache also having a flu is dependent on a fever as well. For example, if someone has a flu, he could be more likely to have a headache or not.</p> <p>We therefore cannot estimate <math>P(Flu = 1, Fever = 1   Headache = 1)</math> and <math>P(Fever = 1   Headache = 1)</math>.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Say we observe that 500 people have a headache (and possibly other symptoms) and 500 people have a fever (and possibly other symptoms). Without more information, we cannot estimate how many people have both a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.25	<p>Without having observed the Flu variable, there is an active trail from the probability of someone having a headache (without observing flu status) to the probability of the same person having a fever. For example, if someone is more likely to have the flu, which would correspondingly increase the probability of having a headache as well.</p> <p>We therefore cannot estimate <math>P(Headache = 1, Fever = 1)</math> from <math>P(Headache = 1)</math> and <math>P(Fever = 1)</math>.</p>

have both a headache and fever.

☒ Say we observe that 1000 people have the flu, out of which 500 people have a headache (and possibly other symptoms) and 500 have a fever (and possibly other symptoms). We would expect that approximately 250 people with the flu also have both a headache and fever.

 0.25

Given that someone has the flu, whether he has a headache is independent of whether he has a fever. We can thus calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Headache} = 1, \text{Fever} = 1 | \text{Flu} = 1) &= P(\text{Headache} = 1 | \text{Flu} = 1) \cdot P(\text{Fever} = 1 | \text{Flu} = 1) \\ &\approx 0.5 * 0.5 \\ &= 0.25. \end{aligned}$$

Since 1000 people have the flu, we can estimate that 250 of these also have both a headache and fever.

Note that this is only an estimate: we can assert with high confidence that  $P(\text{Headache} = 1, \text{Fever} = 1 | \text{Flu} = 1)$  is near to 0.25, but in general it is not exactly 0.25. Moreover, even if it is exactly 0.25, the number of people with both a headache and a fever will not be exactly 250 all the time. Think of this as analogous to flipping a coin: the probability of seeing a heads is exactly 0.5, in any given sequence of flips, but the number of heads in a sequence of 1000 flips will not be exactly 500.

☐ Say we observe that 500 people have a headache (and possibly other symptoms) and 500 people have a fever (and possibly other symptoms). We would expect that approximately 250 people have both a headache and fever.

 0.25

Without having observed the Flu variable, there is an active trail from the Flu variable to both the Headache and Fever variables. The probability of someone having a headache (without observing flu status) is 0.5, and the probability of the same person having a fever is also 0.5. For example, if someone is more likely to have the flu, which would correspondingly increase the probability of having a headache as well.

We therefore cannot estimate  $P(\text{Headache} = 1, \text{Fever} = 1)$  from  $P(\text{Headache} = 1)$  and  $P(\text{Fever} = 1)$ .

Total

1.00