



Methods of Artificial Intelligence: Lecture

9. Session: Vagueness and Uncertainty II

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Probabilistic Logic: Properties of Probabilities

Modeling Uncertainty

Probability Space

- A (finite) **probability space** is a triple $\langle \Omega, \Sigma, P \rangle$
 - Ω is a finite non-empty set
 - Σ is the set of all subsets of Ω
 - $P: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a '*probability measure*'
- Ω is the set of **elementary events**
(in other fields also called "possible worlds" or "states")
- Σ is the set of **events**
 - Each event E in Σ is a subset of Ω
 - Intuitively, each event E corresponds to a set of possible worlds that satisfy some statement

Probability Measures

- **Probability measures** assign probabilities to events
- They are characterized by **Kolmogorov's axioms** (here: finite version)

1. $P(E) \geq 0$ (Non-negativity)

2. $P(\Omega) = 1$ (Normalization)

3. If the events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n **are disjoint**, then (Finite Additivity)

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n).$$

- The infinite version of Kolmogorov's axioms replaces the last axiom with:

The countable sequence of disjoint events E_1, E_2, \dots satisfies:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

Further Properties

- We can derive many **other properties** from Kolmogorov's axioms
- *For example, we have*

$$P(A) \leq 1 \quad (\text{Numeric bound})$$

$$P(\Omega \setminus E) = 1 - P(E) \quad (\text{Complement})$$

$$A \subseteq B \text{ implies } P(A) \leq P(B) \quad (\text{Monotonicity})$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad (\text{Sum Rule})$$

- Deriving some of these properties is good practice to get a better intuition for the axioms and for probabilities

Proof of $P(A) \leq 1$

- To derive $P(A) \leq 1$, note that

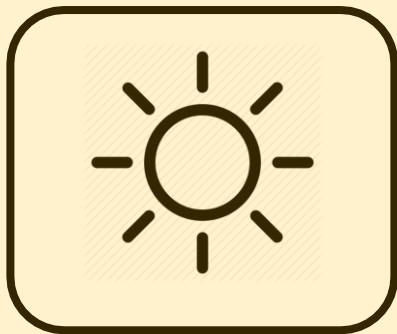
$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A) + 0 \\ &\leq P(A) + P(A^c) \\ &= P(A \cup A^c) \\ &= P(\Omega) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(Non-negativity)

(Additivity)

(Normalization)

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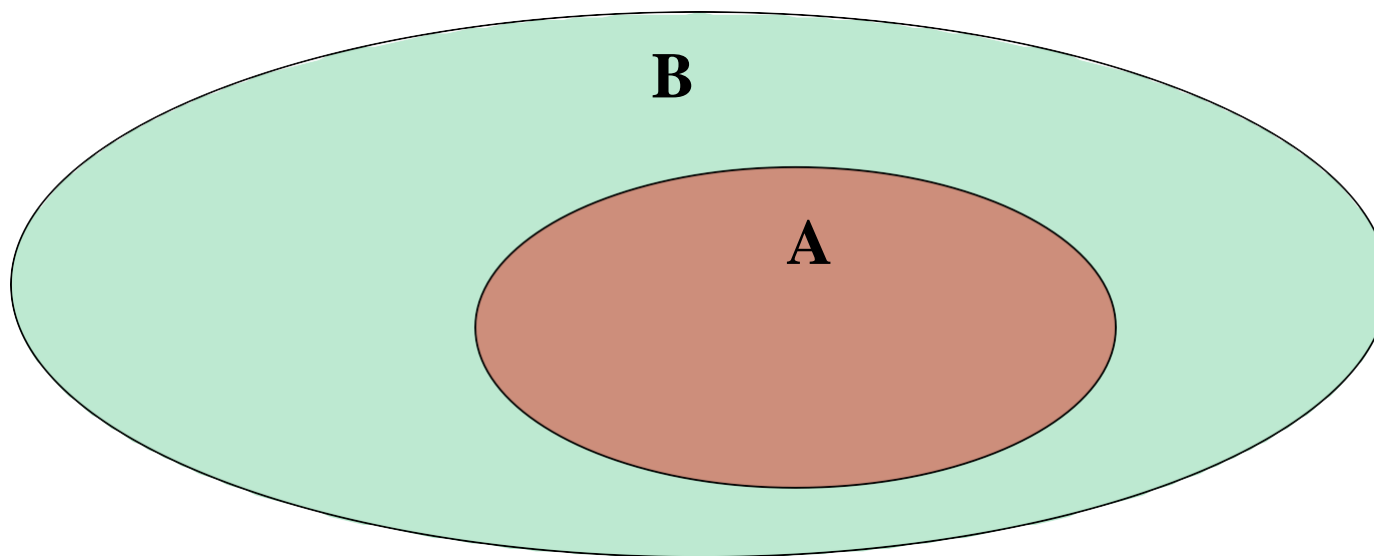
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Proof of $A \subseteq B$ implies $P(A) \leq P(B)$

- To derive $A \subseteq B$ implies $P(A) \leq P(B)$, assume that $A \subseteq B$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(A \cup (B \setminus A)) && (A \subseteq B) \\ &= P(A) + P(B \setminus A) && (\text{Additivity}) \\ &\geq P(A) && (\text{Non-negativity}) \end{aligned}$$



Probabilistic Logic: Propositional Probabilistic Logic

Probabilistic Reasoning and
Probabilistic Knowledge Bases

Propositional Probabilistic Logic

- Similar to Fuzzy Logic, we want to extend classical logic
- We do so by regarding propositional **classical interpretations as possible worlds**
- Given a set of propositional atoms A_1, \dots, A_n , let Ω be the set of classical interpretations $I: \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$
- Furthermore, we identify **formulas F** with the **event E_F** that contains all interpretations that satisfy F
- A **probability measure P** can then assign probabilities to formulas via

$$P(F) = P(E_F)$$

Example

- Consider propositional atoms A_1, A_2
- We let Ω be the set of classical interpretations and consider a probability measure P (as we saw before, it suffices to define P for elementary events)

A_1	A_2	$P(A_1, A_2)$
0	0	0.2
0	1	0.3
1	0	0.15
1	1	0.35

$$P(A_1) = P(\{(1,0), (1,1)\}) = P(\{(1,0)\}) + P(\{(1,1)\}) = 0.15 + 0.35 = 0.5$$

$$P(A_2) = P(\{(0,1), (1,1)\}) = P(\{(0,1)\}) + P(\{(1,1)\}) = 0.3 + 0.35 = 0.65$$

$$P(A_1 \vee A_2) = 0.3 + 0.15 + 0.35 = 0.8$$

Fuzzy vs. Probabilistic Logic

- Probabilistic logic maintains many logical properties
- If T is a tautological formula, we have

$$P(T) = P(E_T) = P(\Omega) = 1$$

- If C is a contradictory formula, we have $P(C) = P(E_C) =$

$$P(\emptyset) = 1 - P(\Omega) = 0$$

- Hence, each probability measure assigns probability 1 to tautological and probability 0 to contradictory formulas
- We do not have such a property for Fuzzy logics
(this is reasonable because $A \vee \neg A$ is not necessarily true for vague statements)

Simple Reasoning Example

- Probabilistic knowledge bases contain probabilistic formulas $F:p$
- A probability measure P satisfies the expression $F:p$ iff $P(F) = p$
- Consider the knowledge base
 - $A \wedge B : 0.3$
 - $A : 0.8$
- We can derive $P(B) \leq 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned}P(B) &= P((A \vee \neg A) \wedge B) \\&= P((A \wedge B) \vee (\neg A \wedge B)) \\&= P(A \wedge B) + P(\neg A \wedge B) \\&= 0.3 + (1 - P(A \vee \neg B)) \\&\leq 0.3 + 1 - P(A) \\&= 0.3 + 1 - 0.8 \\&= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

Tautology

Distributivity

Additivity

Complementary Event

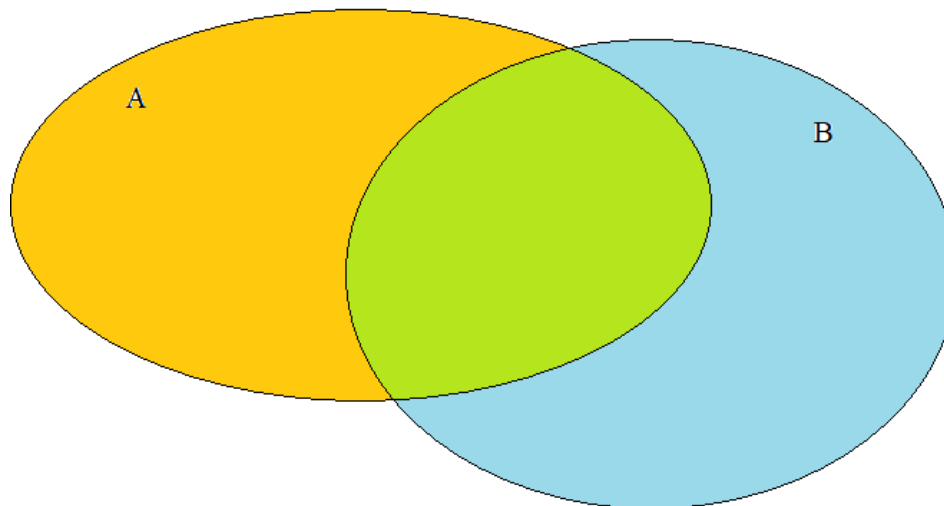
$(E(A) \subseteq E(A \vee \neg B))$

Probabilistic Logic: Conditional Probability

Dependent Events

Conditional Probability

- We often want to express probability under particular conditions
 - Probability of **disease** given that patient shows certain **symptoms**
 - Probability of **spam** given certain **keywords** in email
 - Probability of **car** given certain **features** of image
- $P(B | A)$ is the probability that event B is occurring given that event A has occurred
- Formally, conditional probability is defined as $P(B | A) = P(B \cap A) / P(A)$



Conditional Probability

- The definition can easily be transferred to probabilistic logics
 $P(G \mid F) = P(G \wedge F) / P(F)$
- Probabilistic knowledge bases can also contain **conditional formulas**
 $(G \mid F)[p]$
- P satisfies $(G \mid F)[p]$ if and only if $P(G \mid F) = p$

Conditional Reasoning Example

- Consider the **knowledge base**
 - Bird: 0.8
 - (Penguin | Bird)[0.2]
 - (Flies | Bird)[0.3]
 - (Bird | Penguin)[1]
 - (Flies | Penguin)[0]
- We can **derive $P(\text{Penguin}) \geq 0.16$** for all P that satisfy knowledge base

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Penguin}) &= P((\text{Bird} \vee \neg \text{Bird}) \wedge \text{Penguin}) && \text{(Tautology)} \\ &= P((\text{Bird} \wedge \text{Penguin}) \vee (\neg \text{Bird} \wedge \text{Penguin})) && \text{(Distributivity)} \\ &= P(\text{Bird} \wedge \text{Penguin}) + P(\neg \text{Bird} \wedge \text{Penguin}) && \text{(Additivity)} \\ &= P(\text{Penguin} | \text{Bird}) * P(\text{Bird}) + && \text{(Conditional)} \\ &\quad P(\text{Penguin} | \neg \text{Bird}) * P(\neg \text{Bird}) \\ &= 0.2 * 0.8 + P(\text{Penguin} | \neg \text{Bird}) * P(\neg \text{Bird}) && \text{(Non-negativity)} \\ &\geq 0.2 * 0.8 = 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

Summary

- In Fuzzy Theory, **vague statements** can be **true to a certain degree**.
- In Probability Theory, **precise statements** are **either true or false**, probabilities express our **degree of belief**
- Probabilistic Logic maintains more **classical properties** than Fuzzy Logic (e.g. Tautologies and Contradictions)
- **Reasoning** in Probabilistic Logic is often harder than in Fuzzy Logic

	Classical	Fuzzy	Probabilistic
Truth values	$\{0,1\}$	$[0,1]$	$[0,1]$
Propositions are	True or false	True to a certain degree	True or false
Truth values represent	True or false	Degree of "membership"	"Probability" that statement is true

Summary

- Some more features

	Probability Theory	Fuzzy Logic
Possible “values”	$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$	Truth values are elements of the real interval $[0,1]$
“Complement operation”	$P(\Omega \setminus E) = 1 - P(E)$	$A^C : \mu_{A^C}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x)$ [fuzzy set]
Involution of “negation”	Holds	<i>Holds for Fuzzy Logics we introduced (involutive monoidal t-norm based algebras)</i>
“Conjunction”	$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ [if A and B are independent]	$alg_t(x,y) = x \cdot y$ [example of a t-norm]
“Disjunction”	$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$	$alg_s(x,y) = x + y - (x \cdot y)$ [example of an s-norm]
“Neutral elements”	$P(\Omega) = 1$ $P(\emptyset) = 0$	1 Defined as $0 \Rightarrow 0$ 0 Defined as $\neg 1$

Bayesian Networks

Joint Distribution

Motivation

- Probabilistic Reasoning is computationally difficult
- **Bayesian networks** can improve performance by making independency assumptions
 - **Flu** does not depend on **size** of patient
 - **Spam** does not depend on **font type** of email
 - **Rain** does not depend on **daylight**
 - Etc.

Probability Distribution

- Bayesian networks express beliefs about a finite set of **random variables** $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$
- Each random variable has a domain of values
 - **Boolean** $\{0,1\}$
 - **Finite** $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$
 - **Infinite** $[0,1], \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$
- A **joint probability distribution** over $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ is a function $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ that maps variable assignments to \mathbf{R} such that:
 1. $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ for all assignments $(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$
 2. $\sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 1$

Inference by Enumeration

- Consider three Boolean variables *toothache*, *cavity*, *catch*

Start with the joint distribution:

	<i>toothache</i>		\neg <i>toothache</i>	
	<i>catch</i>	\neg <i>catch</i>	<i>catch</i>	\neg <i>catch</i>
<i>cavity</i>	.108	.012	.072	.008
\neg <i>cavity</i>	.016	.064	.144	.576

For any proposition ϕ , sum the atomic events where it is true:

$$P(\phi) = \sum_{\omega: \omega \models \phi} P(\omega)$$

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$$P(\text{cavity} \vee \text{toothache}) = 0.108 + 0.012 + 0.072 + 0.008 + 0.016 + 0.064 = 0.28$$

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Can also compute conditional probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\neg \text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) &= \frac{P(\neg \text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})} \\ &= \frac{0.016 + 0.064}{0.108 + 0.012 + 0.016 + 0.064} = 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

Bayesian Networks

Conditional Independence

Independence

- Formally, events A and B are called **independent** iff
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$$
- Analogously, formulas F and G are called **independent** iff
$$P(F \wedge G) = P(F) * P(G)$$
- If A is independent of B , then $P(B | A) = P(B)$

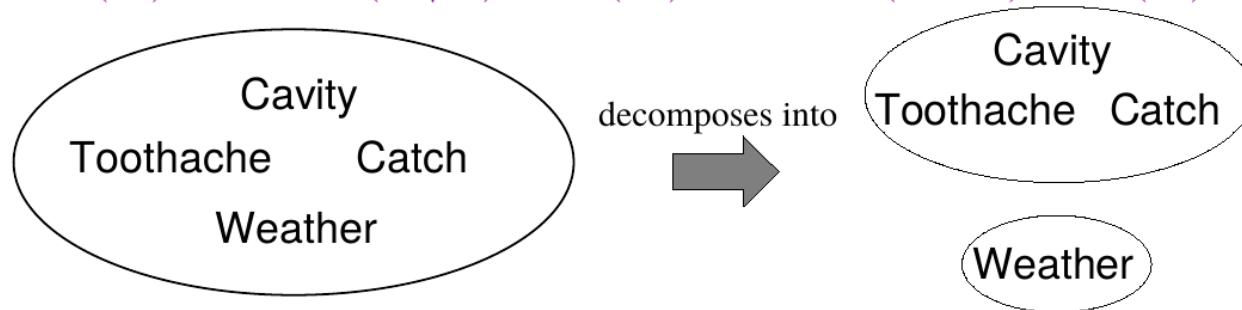
$$\begin{aligned} P(B | A) &= P(B \cap A) / P(A) \\ &= P(B) * P(A) / P(A) && \text{(Independence)} \\ &= P(B) * 1 \\ &= P(B) \end{aligned}$$

(A does not add any information about B – symmetrically $P(A | B) = P(A)$)

Independence

A and B are independent iff

$$\mathbf{P}(A|B) = \mathbf{P}(A) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{P}(B|A) = \mathbf{P}(B) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{P}(A, B) = \mathbf{P}(A)\mathbf{P}(B)$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Weather}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity})\mathbf{P}(\textit{Weather}) \end{aligned}$$

32 entries reduced to 12; for n independent biased coins, $2^n \rightarrow n$

Absolute independence powerful but rare

Dentistry is a large field with hundreds of variables, none of which are independent. What to do?

Conditional Independence

- Events A and B are called conditionally **independent given C** iff
$$P(A \cap B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) * P(B \mid C)$$
- Analogously, formulas F and G are called **independent given H** iff
$$P(F \wedge G \mid H) = P(F \mid H) * P(G \mid H)$$
- If A is independent of B given C , then $P(B \mid A \cap C) = P(B \mid C)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B \mid A \cap C) &= P(B \cap A \cap C) / P(A \cap C) && \text{(Conditional Prob.)} \\ &= P(B \cap A \cap C) / P(C) * P(C) / P(A \cap C) \\ &= P(A \cap B \mid C) * 1/P(A \mid C) && \text{(Conditional Prob.)} \\ &= P(A \mid C) * P(B \mid C) / P(A \mid C) && \text{(Independence)} \\ &= P(B \mid C) \end{aligned}$$

(if C is known, A does not add any information about B)

Conditional Independence

If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:

$$(1) P(\text{catch}|\text{toothache}, \text{cavity}) = P(\text{catch}|\text{cavity})$$

The same independence holds if I haven't got a cavity:

$$(2) P(\text{catch}|\text{toothache}, \neg \text{cavity}) = P(\text{catch}|\neg \text{cavity})$$

Catch is conditionally independent of *Toothache* given *Cavity*:

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Catch}|\text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}) = \mathbf{P}(\text{Catch}|\text{Cavity})$$

Equivalent statements:

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Toothache}|\text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = \mathbf{P}(\text{Toothache}|\text{Cavity})$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}|\text{Cavity}) = \mathbf{P}(\text{Toothache}|\text{Cavity})\mathbf{P}(\text{Catch}|\text{Cavity})$$

Conditional independence can reduce complexity of calculations significantly.

Further Readings

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