# Python code for Artificial Intelligence Foundations of Computational Agents

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# Python for Artificial Intelligence

AIPython contains runnable code for the book *Artificial Intelligence, foundations of computational agents, 3rd Edition* [Poole and Mackworth, 2023]. It has the following design goals:

- Readability is more important than efficiency, although the asymptotic
  complexity is not compromised. AIPython is not a replacement for welldesigned libraries, or optimized tools. Think of it like a model of an engine made of glass, so you can see the inner workings; don't expect it to
  power a big truck, but it lets you see how a metal engine can power a
  truck.
- It uses as few libraries as possible. A reader only needs to understand Python. Libraries hide details that we make explicit. The only library used is matplotlib for plotting and drawing.

## 1.1 Why Python?

We use Python because Python programs can be close to pseudo-code. It is designed for humans to read.

Python is reasonably efficient. Efficiency is usually not a problem for small examples. If your Python code is not efficient enough, a general procedure to improve it is to find out what is taking most of the time, and implement just that part more efficiently in some lower-level language. Most of these lower-level languages interoperate with Python nicely. This will result in much less programming and more efficient code (because you will have more time to optimize) than writing everything in a low-level language. You will not have to do that for the code here if you are using it for larger projects.

# 1.2 Getting Python

You need Python 3.9 or later (https://python.org/) and a compatible version of matplotlib (https://matplotlib.org/). This code is *not* compatible with Python 2 (e.g., with Python 2.7).

Download and install the latest Python 3 release from https://python.org/orhttps://www.anaconda.com/download. This should also install pip3. You can install matplotlib using

```
pip3 install matplotlib
```

in a terminal shell (not in Python). That should "just work". If not, try using pip instead of pip3.

The command python or python3 should then start the interactive Python shell. You can quit Python with a control-D or with quit().

To upgrade matplotlib to the latest version (which you should do if you install a new version of Python) do:

```
pip3 install --upgrade matplotlib
```

We recommend using the enhanced interactive python **ipython** (https://ipython.org/) [Pérez and Granger, 2007]. To install ipython after you have installed python do:

```
pip3 install ipython
```

## 1.3 Running Python

We assume that everything is done with an interactive Python shell. You can either do this with an IDE, such as IDLE that comes with standard Python distributions, or just running ipython3 or python3 (or perhaps just ipython or python) from a shell.

Here we describe the most simple version that uses no IDE. If you download the zip file, and cd to the "aipython" folder where the .py files are, you should be able to do the following, with user input in bold. The first python command is in the operating system shell; the -i is important to enter interactive mode.

```
python -i searchGeneric.py
Testing problem 1:
7 paths have been expanded and 4 paths remain in the frontier
Path found: A --> C --> B --> D --> G
Passed unit test
>>> searcher2 = AStarSearcher(searchProblem.acyclic_delivery_problem) #A*
>>> searcher2.search() # find first path
16 paths have been expanded and 5 paths remain in the frontier
o103 --> o109 --> o119 --> o123 --> r123
>>> searcher2.search() # find next path
```

1.4. Pitfalls

```
21 paths have been expanded and 6 paths remain in the frontier o103 --> b3 --> b4 --> o109 --> o119 --> o123 --> r123 >>> searcher2.search() # find next path

28 paths have been expanded and 5 paths remain in the frontier o103 --> b3 --> b1 --> b2 --> b4 --> o109 --> o119 --> o123 --> r123 >>> searcher2.search() # find next path

No (more) solutions. Total of 33 paths expanded.
```

You can then interact at the last prompt.

There are many textbooks for Python. The best source of information about python is https://www.python.org/. The documentation is at https://docs.python.org/3/.

The rest of this chapter is about what is special about the code for AI tools. We will only use the standard Python library and matplotlib. All of the exercises can be done (and should be done) without using other libraries; the aim is for you to spend your time thinking about how to solve the problem rather than searching for pre-existing solutions.

#### 1.4 Pitfalls

It is important to know when side effects occur. Often AI programs consider what would/might happen given certain conditions. In many such cases, we don't want side effects. When an agent acts in the world, side effects are appropriate.

In Python, you need to be careful to understand side effects. For example, the inexpensive function to add an element to a list, namely append, changes the list. In a functional language like Haskell or Lisp, adding a new element to a list, without changing the original list, is a cheap operation. For example if x is a list containing n elements, adding an extra element to the list in Python (using append) is fast, but it has the side effect of changing the list x. To construct a new list that contains the elements of x plus a new element, without changing the value of x, entails copying the list, or using a different representation for lists. In the searching code, we will use a different representation for lists for this reason.

## 1.5 Features of Python

## 1.5.1 f-strings

Python can use matching ', ", ''' or """, the latter two respecting line breaks in the string. We use the convention that when the string denotes a unique symbol, we use single quotes, and when it is designed to be for printing, we use double quotes.

We make extensive use of f-strings https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/inputoutput.html. In its simplest form

```
f"str1{e1}str2{e2}str3"
```

where e1 and e2 are expressions, is an abbreviation for

```
"str1"+str(e2)+"str2"+str(e2)+"str3"
```

where + is string concatenation, and str is the function that returns a string representation of its expression argument.

#### 1.5.2 Lists, Tuples, Sets, Dictionaries and Comprehensions

We make extensive uses of lists, tuples, sets and dictionaries (dicts). See https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html

One of the nice features of Python is the use of **comprehensions**<sup>1</sup> (and also list, tuple, set and dictionary comprehensions). A generator expression is of the form

```
(fe for e in iter if cond)
```

enumerates the values fe for each e in iter for which cond is true. The "if cond" part is optional, but the "for" and "in" are not optional. Here e is a variable (or a pattern that can be on the left side of =), iter is an iterator, which can generate a stream of data, such as a list, a set, a range object (to enumerate integers between ranges) or a file. cond is an expression that evaluates to either True or False for each e, and fe is an expression that will be evaluated for each value of e for which cond returns True.

The result can go in a list or used in another iteration, or can be called directly using next. The procedure next takes an iterator and returns the next element (advancing the iterator); it raises a StopIteration exception if there is no next element. The following shows a simple example, where user input is prepended with >>>

```
>>> [e*e for e in range(20) if e%2==0]
[0, 4, 16, 36, 64, 100, 144, 196, 256, 324]
>>> a = (e*e for e in range(20) if e%2==0)
>>> next(a)
0
>>> next(a)
4
>>> next(a)
16
>>> list(a)
[36, 64, 100, 144, 196, 256, 324]
```

 $<sup>^{1}</sup> https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html \# displays-for-lists-sets-and-dictionaries$ 

```
>>> next(a)
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
StopIteration
```

Notice how list(a) continued on the enumeration, and got to the end of it.

Comprehensions can also be used for dictionaries. The following code creates an index for list a:

```
>>> a = ["a","f","bar","b","a","aaaaa"]
>>> ind = {a[i]:i for i in range(len(a))}
>>> ind
{'a': 4, 'f': 1, 'bar': 2, 'b': 3, 'aaaaa': 5}
>>> ind['b']
3
```

which means that 'b' is the 3rd element of the list.

The assignment of ind could have also be written as:

```
>>> ind = {val:i for (i,val) in enumerate(a)}
```

where enumerate is a built-in function that, given a dictionary, returns an iterator of (*index*, *value*) pairs.

#### 1.5.3 Functions as first-class objects

Python can create lists and other data structures that contain functions. There is an issue that tricks many newcomers to Python. For a local variable in a function, the function uses the last value of the variable when the function is *called*, not the value of the variable when the function was defined (this is called "late binding"). This means if you want to use the value a variable has when the function is created, you need to save the current value of that variable. Whereas Python uses "late binding" by default, the alternative that newcomers often expect is "early binding", where a function uses the value a variable had when the function was defined. The following examples show how early binding can be implemented.

Consider the following programs designed to create a list of 5 functions, where the ith function in the list is meant to add i to its argument:<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Numbered lines are Python code available in the code-directory, aipython. The name of the file is given in the gray text above the listing. The numbers correspond to the line numbers in that file.

```
16
17
   fun_list2 = []
   for i in range(5):
18
       def fun2(e,iv=i):
19
           return e+iv
20
       fun_list2.append(fun2)
21
22
   fun_list3 = [lambda e: e+i for i in range(5)]
23
24
   fun_list4 = [lambda e,iv=i: e+iv for i in range(5)]
25
26
   i=56
27
```

Try to predict, and then test to see the output, of the output of the following calls, remembering that the function uses the latest value of any variable that is not bound in the function call:

```
pythonDemo.py — (continued)

# in Shell do
## ipython -i pythonDemo.py

# Try these (copy text after the comment symbol and paste in the Python prompt):

# print([f(10) for f in fun_list1])
# print([f(10) for f in fun_list2])
# print([f(10) for f in fun_list3])
# print([f(10) for f in fun_list4])
```

In the first for-loop, the function fun1 uses i, whose value is the last value it was assigned. In the second loop, the function fun2 uses iv. There is a separate iv variable for each function, and its value is the value of i when the function was defined. Thus fun1 uses late binding, and fun2 uses early binding. fun\_list3 and fun\_list4 are equivalent to the first two (except fun\_list4 uses a different i variable).

One of the advantages of using the embedded definitions (as in fun1 and fun2 above) over the lambda is that is it possible to add a \_\_doc\_\_ string, which is the standard for documenting functions in Python, to the embedded definitions.

#### 1.5.4 Generators

Python has generators which can be used for a form of lazy evaluation – only computing values when needed.

The yield command returns a value that is obtained with next. It is typically used to enumerate the values for a for loop or in generators. (The yield command can also be used for coroutines, but AIPython only uses it for generators.)

A version of the built-in range, with 2 or 3 arguments (and positive steps) can be implemented as:

```
_{\rm pythonDemo.py} — (continued)
   def myrange(start, stop, step=1):
37
        """enumerates the values from start in steps of size step that are
38
39
       less than stop.
40
41
       assert step>0, f"only positive steps implemented in myrange: {step}"
       i = start
42
       while i<stop:</pre>
43
44
           yield i
45
           i += step
46
   print("list(myrange(2,30,3)):",list(myrange(2,30,3)))
```

Note that the built-in range is unconventional in how it handles a single argument, as the single argument acts as the second argument of the function. Note also that the built-in range also allows for indexing (e.g., range(2,30,3)[2] returns 8), but the above implementation does not. However myrange also works for floats, whereas the built-in range does not.

**Exercise 1.1** Implement a version of myrange that acts like the built-in version when there is a single argument. (Hint: make the second argument have a default value that can be recognized in the function.) There is no need to make it with indexing.

Yield can be used to generate the same sequence of values as in the example of Section 1.5.2:

```
pythonDemo.py — (continued)

def ga(n):
    """generates square of even nonnegative integers less than n"""

for e in range(n):
    if e%2==0:
        yield e*e

49

def ga(n):
    """generates square of even nonnegative integers less than n"""

50

for e in range(n):
    if e%2==0:
        yield e*e
```

The sequence of next(a), and list(a) gives exactly the same results as the comprehension in Section 1.5.2.

It is straightforward to write a version of the built-in enumerate called myenumerate:

```
pythonDemo.py — (continued)

56 | def myenumerate(enum):

57 | for i in range(len(enum)):

58 | yield i,enum[i]
```

**Exercise 1.2** Write a version of enumerate where the only iteration is "for val in enum". Hint: keep track of the index.

#### 1.6 Useful Libraries

#### 1.6.1 Timing Code

In order to compare algorithms, we often want to compute how long a program takes; this is called the **run time** of the program. The most straightforward way to compute run time is to use time.perf\_counter(), as in:

```
import time
start_time = time.perf_counter()
compute_for_a_while()
end_time = time.perf_counter()
print("Time:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
```

Note that time.perf\_counter() measures clock time; so this should be done without user interaction between the calls. On the interactive python shell, you should do:

```
start_time = time.perf_counter(); compute_for_a_while(); end_time = time.perf_counter()
```

If this time is very small (say less than 0.2 second), it is probably very inaccurate, and it may be better to run your code many times to get a more accurate count. For this you can use timeit (https://docs.python.org/3/library/timeit.html). To use timeit to time the call to foo.bar(aaa) use:

The setup is needed so that Python can find the meaning of the names in the string that is called. This returns the number of seconds to execute foo.bar(aaa) 100 times. The variable number should be set so that the run time is at least 0.2 seconds.

You should not trust a single measurement as that can be confounded by interference from other processes. timeit.repeat can be used for running timit a few (say 3) times. When reporting the time of any computation, you should be explicit and explain what you are reporting. Usually the minimum time is the one to report.

#### 1.6.2 Plotting: Matplotlib

The standard plotting for Python is matplotlib (https://matplotlib.org/). We will use the most basic plotting using the pyplot interface.

Here is a simple example that uses everything we will use. The output is shown in Figure 1.1.

```
_____pythonDemo.py — (continued) ______
60 | import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
61
```

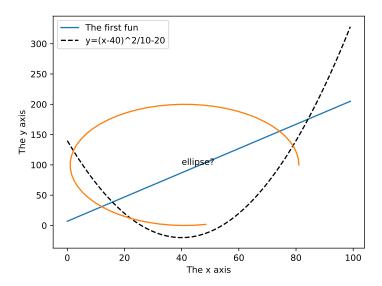


Figure 1.1: Result of pythonDemo code

```
def myplot(minv,maxv,step,fun1,fun2):
63
       plt.ion() # make it interactive
       plt.xlabel("The x axis")
64
       plt.ylabel("The y axis")
65
       plt.xscale('linear') # Makes a 'log' or 'linear' scale
66
       xvalues = range(minv,maxv,step)
67
       plt.plot(xvalues,[fun1(x) for x in xvalues],
68
                  label="The first fun")
69
70
       plt.plot(xvalues,[fun2(x) for x in xvalues], linestyle='--',color='k',
                  label=fun2.__doc__) # use the doc string of the function
71
       plt.legend(loc="upper right") # display the legend
72
73
   def slin(x):
74
       """y=2x+7"""
75
       return 2*x+7
76
   def sqfun(x):
77
       """y=(x-40)^2/10-20"""
78
       return (x-40)**2/10-20
79
80
   # Try the following:
81
   # from pythonDemo import myplot, slin, sqfun
82
   # import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   # myplot(0,100,1,slin,sqfun)
84
   # plt.legend(loc="best")
   # import math
86
87
   # plt.plot([41+40*math.cos(th/10) for th in range(50)],
              [100+100*math.sin(th/10) for th in range(50)])
88
```

```
89  # plt.text(40,100,"ellipse?")
90  # plt.xscale('log')
```

At the end of the code are some commented-out commands you should try in interactive mode. Cut from the file and paste into Python (and remember to remove the comments symbol and leading space).

#### 1.7 Utilities

#### 1.7.1 Display

In this distribution, to keep things simple, using only standard Python, we use a text-oriented tracing of the code. A graphical depiction of the code can override the definition of display (e.g., see SearcherGUI in Section 3.2.2 and ConsistencyGUI in Section 4.4.2).

The method self.display is used to trace the program. Any call

```
self.display(level, to_print...)
```

where the *level* is less than or equal to the value for max\_display\_level will be printed. The *to\_print*... can be anything that is accepted by the built-in print (including any keyword arguments).

The definition of display is:

```
display.py — A simple way to trace the intermediate steps of algorithms.
   class Displayable(object):
11
       """Class that uses 'display'.
12
       The amount of detail is controlled by max_display_level
13
14
       max_display_level = 1 # can be overridden in subclasses or instances
15
16
       def display(self,level,*args,**nargs):
17
           """print the arguments if level is less than or equal to the
18
           current max_display_level.
19
           level is an integer.
20
           the other arguments are whatever arguments print can take.
21
22
           if level <= self.max_display_level:</pre>
23
24
               print(*args, **nargs) ##if error you are using Python2 not
                   Python3
```

(Note that args gets a tuple of the positional arguments, and nargs gets a dictionary of the keyword arguments). This will not work in Python 2, and will give an error.

Any class that wants to use display can be made a subclass of Displayable. To change the maximum display level to 3 for a class do:

```
Classname.max\_display\_level = 3
```

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which will make calls to display in that class print when the value of level is less-than-or-equal to 3. The default display level is 1. It can also be changed for individual objects (the object value overrides the class value).

The value of max\_display\_level by convention is:

- 0 display nothing
- 1 display solutions (nothing that happens repeatedly)
- 2 also display the values as they change (little detail through a loop)
- 3 also display more details
- 4 and above even more detail

#### 1.7.2 Argmax

Python has a built-in max function that takes a generator (or a list or set) and returns the maximum value. The argmax method returns the index of an element that has the maximum value. If there are multiple elements with the maximum value, one of the indexes to that value is returned at random. argmaxe assumes an enumeration; a generator of (*element*, *value*) pairs, as for example is generated by the built-in enumerate(*list*) for lists or *dict*.items() for dictionaries.

```
_utilities.py — AIPython useful utilities
   import random
   import math
12
13
   def argmaxall(gen):
14
       """gen is a generator of (element, value) pairs, where value is a real.
15
       argmaxall returns a list of all of the elements with maximal value.
16
17
       maxv = -math.inf
                              # negative infinity
18
       maxvals = []
                        # list of maximal elements
19
       for (e,v) in gen:
20
           if v>maxv:
21
22
               maxvals, maxv = [e], v
           elif v==maxv:
23
               maxvals.append(e)
24
       return maxvals
25
26
   def argmaxe(gen):
27
       """gen is a generator of (element, value) pairs, where value is a real.
28
       argmaxe returns an element with maximal value.
29
       If there are multiple elements with the max value, one is returned at
30
           random.
31
       return random.choice(argmaxall(gen))
32
33
  def argmax(lst):
```

```
"""returns maximum index in a list"""
35
       return argmaxe(enumerate(lst))
36
37
   # Try:
   \# argmax([1,6,3,77,3,55,23])
38
39
   def argmaxd(dct):
40
      """returns the arg max of a dictionary dct"""
41
42
      return argmaxe(dct.items())
   # Try:
43
  # arxmaxd({2:5,5:9,7:7})
```

**Exercise 1.3** Change argmaxall to have an optional argument that specifies whether you want the "first", "last" or a "random" index of the maximum value returned. If you want the first or the last, you don't need to keep a list of the maximum elements. Enable the other methods to have this optional argument.

#### 1.7.3 Probability

For many of the simulations, we want to make a variable True with some probability. flip(p) returns True with probability p, and otherwise returns False.

The select\_from\_dist method takes in a *item*: *probability* dictionary, and returns one of the items in proportion to its probability. The probabilities should sum to 1 or more. If they sum to more than one, the excess is ignored.

```
__utilities.py — (continued) _
   def select_from_dist(item_prob_dist):
49
       """ returns a value from a distribution.
50
       item_prob_dist is an item:probability dictionary, where the
51
52
           probabilities sum to 1.
       returns an item chosen in proportion to its probability
53
54
       ranreal = random.random()
55
       for (it,prob) in item_prob_dist.items():
56
           if ranreal < prob:</pre>
57
               return it
58
           else:
59
               ranreal -= prob
60
       raise RuntimeError(f"{item_prob_dist} is not a probability
61
           distribution")
```

# 1.8 Testing Code

It is important to test code early and test it often. We include a simple form of **unit test**. The value of the current module is in \_\_name\_\_ and if the module is run at the top-level, its value is "\_\_main\_\_". See https://docs.python.org/3/library/\_main\_\_.html.

The following code tests argmax and dict\_union, but only when if utilities is loaded in the top-level. If it is loaded in a module the test code is not run.

In your code, you should do more substantial testing than done here. In particular, you should also test boundary cases.

```
_utilities.py — (continued)
   def test():
63
       """Test part of utilities"""
64
       assert argmax([1,6,55,3,55,23]) in [2,4]
65
       print("Passed unit test in utilities")
66
67
       print("run test_aipython() to test (almost) everything")
68
   if __name__ == "__main__":
69
       test()
70
```

The following does a simple check of all of AIPython that has automatic checks. If you develop new algorithms or tests, add them here!

```
_utilities.py — (continued)
   def test_aipython():
       # Agents: currently no tests
73
       # Search:
74
       print("***** testing Search *****")
75
       import searchGeneric, searchBranchAndBound, searchExample, searchTest
76
       searchGeneric.test(searchGeneric.AStarSearcher)
77
       searchBranchAndBound.test(searchBranchAndBound.DF_branch_and_bound)
78
       searchTest.run(searchExample.problem1,"Problem 1")
79
       # CSP
80
       print("\n**** testing CSP *****")
81
       import cspExamples, cspDFS, cspSearch, cspConsistency, cspSLS
82
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspDFS.dfs_solve1)
83
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspSearch.solver_from_searcher)
84
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspConsistency.ac_solver)
85
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspConsistency.ac_search_solver)
86
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspSLS.sls_solver)
87
       cspExamples.test_csp(cspSLS.any_conflict_solver)
88
       # Propositions
89
       print("\n***** testing Propositional Logic *****")
90
       import logicBottomUp, logicTopDown, logicExplain, logicNegation
92
       logicBottomUp.test()
       logicTopDown.test()
93
       logicExplain.test()
94
       logicNegation.test()
95
       # Planning
96
```

```
print("\n***** testing Planning *****")
97
98
        import stripsHeuristic
        stripsHeuristic.test_forward_heuristic()
99
        stripsHeuristic.test_regression_heuristic()
100
        # Learning
101
        print("\n**** testing Learning *****")
102
103
        import learnProblem, learnNoInputs, learnDT, learnLinear
        learnNoInputs.test_no_inputs(training_sizes=[4])
104
        data = learnProblem.Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv', target_index=-1,
105
            seed=123)
        learnDT.testDT(data, print_tree=False)
106
        learnLinear.test()
107
        # Deep Learning: currently no tests
108
        # Uncertainty
109
        print("\n**** testing Uncertainty *****")
110
        import probGraphicalModels, probRC, probVE, probStochSim
111
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probRC.ProbSearch)
112
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probRC.ProbRC)
113
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probVE.VE)
114
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probStochSim.RejectionSampling,
115
            threshold=0.1)
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probStochSim.LikelihoodWeighting,
116
            threshold=0.1)
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probStochSim.ParticleFiltering,
117
            threshold=0.1)
        probGraphicalModels.InferenceMethod.testIM(probStochSim.GibbsSampling,
118
            threshold=0.1)
        # Learning under uncertainty: currently no tests
119
        # Causality: currently no tests
120
        # Planning under uncertainty
121
        print("\n**** testing Planning under Uncertainty *****")
122
        import decnNetworks
123
        decnNetworks.test(decnNetworks.fire_dn)
124
125
        import mdpExamples
        mdpExamples.test_MDP(mdpExamples.partyMDP)
126
127
        # Reinforement Learning:
        print("\n**** testing Reinforcement Learning *****")
128
        import rlQLearner
129
        rlQLearner.test_RL(rlQLearner.Q_learner, alpha_fun=lambda k:10/(9+k))
130
        import rlQExperienceReplay
131
        rlQLearner.test_RL(rlQExperienceReplay.Q_ER_learner, alpha_fun=lambda
132
            k:10/(9+k))
        import rlStochasticPolicy
133
        rlQLearner.test_RL(rlStochasticPolicy.StochasticPIAgent,
134
            alpha_fun=lambda k:10/(9+k))
        import rlModelLearner
135
        rlQLearner.test_RL(rlModelLearner.Model_based_reinforcement_learner)
136
        import rlFeatures
137
        rlQLearner.test_RL(rlFeatures.SARSA_LFA_learner,
138
            es_kwargs={'epsilon':1}, eps=4)
```

```
# Multiagent systems: currently no tests
139
       # Individuals and Relations
140
       print("\n**** testing Datalog and Logic Programming ****")
141
       import relnExamples
142
       relnExamples.test_ask_all()
143
       # Knowledge Graphs and Onologies
144
       print("\n**** testing Knowledge Graphs and Onologies ****")
145
146
       import knowledgeGraph
       knowledgeGraph.test_kg()
147
       # Relational Learning: currently no tests
148
```

# Agent Architectures and Hierarchical Control

This implements the controllers described in Chapter 2 of Poole and Mackworth [2023].

These provide sequential implementations of the control. More sophisticated version may have them run concurrently (either as coroutines or in parallel).

In this version the higher-levels call the lower-levels. The higher-levels calling the lower-level works in simulated environments when there is a single agent, and where the lower-level are written to make sure they return (and don't go on forever), and the higher level doesn't take too long (as the lower-levels will wait until called again).

# 2.1 Representing Agents and Environments

In the initial implementation, both agents and the environment are treated as objects in the send of object-oriented programs: they can have an internal state they maintain, and can evaluate methods that can provide answers. This is the same representation used for the reinforcement learning algorithms (Chapter 13).

An **environment** takes in actions of the agents, updates its internal state and returns the next percept, using the method do.

An **agent** takes the precept, updates its internal state, and output it next action. An agent implements the method select\_action that takes percept and returns its next action.

The methods do and select\_action are chained together to build a simulator. In order to start this, we need either an action or a percept. There are two variants used:

- An agent implements the initial\_action() method which is used initially. This is the method used in the reinforcement learning chapter (page 307).
- The environment implements the initial\_percept() method which gives the initial percept. This is the method used in this chapter.

In this implementation, the state of the agent and the state of the environment are represented using standard Python variables, which are updated as the state changes. The percept and the actions are represented as variable-value dictionaries. When agent has only a limited number of actions, the action can be a single value.

In the following code raise NotImplementedError() is a way to specify an abstract method that needs to be overridden in any implemented agent or environment.

```
_agents.py — Agent and Controllers
11
   from display import Displayable
12
   class Agent(Displayable):
13
14
       def initial_action(self, percept):
15
           """return the initial action."""
16
17
           return self.select_action(percept) # same as select_action
18
       def select_action(self, percept):
19
           """return the next action (and update internal state) given percept
20
           percept is variable: value dictionary
21
           raise NotImplementedError("go") # abstract method
23
```

The environment implements a do(action) method where action is a variable-value dictionary. This returns a percept, which is also a variable-value dictionary. The use of dictionaries allows for structured actions and percepts.

Note that Environment is a subclass of Displayable so that it can use the display method described in Section 1.7.1.

```
class Environment(Displayable):
    def initial_percept(self):
        """returns the initial percept for the agent"""
        raise NotImplementedError("initial_percept") # abstract method

def do(self, action):
    """does the action in the environment
```

```
returns the next percept """
raise NotImplementedError("Environment.do") # abstract method
```

The simulator lets the agent and the environment take turns in updating their states and returning the action and the percept.

The first implementation is a simple procedure to carry out n steps of the simulation and return the agent state and the environment state at the end.

```
_agents.py — (continued)
   class Simulate(Displayable):
35
       """simulate the interaction between the agent and the environment
36
       for n time steps.
37
       Returns a pair of the agent state and the environment state.
38
39
       def __init__(self,agent, environment):
40
           self.agent = agent
           self.env = environment
42
43
           self.percept = self.env.initial_percept()
           self.percept_history = [self.percept]
44
           self.action_history = []
45
46
       def go(self, n):
47
           for i in range(n):
48
49
               action = self.agent.select_action(self.percept)
               self.display(2,f"i={i} action={action}")
50
               self.percept = self.env.do(action)
51
               self.display(2,f"
                                    percept={self.percept}")
52
```

## 2.2 Paper buying agent and environment

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "agents.py", using e.g., ipython -i agentBuying.py, and copy and paste the commented-out commands at the bottom of that file.

This is an implementation of Example 2.1 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]. You might get different plots to Figures 2.2 and 2.3 as there is randomness in the environment.

#### 2.2.1 The Environment

The environment state is given in terms of the time and the amount of paper in stock. It also remembers the in-stock history and the price history. The percept consists of the price and the amount of paper in stock. The action of the agent is the number to buy.

Here we assume that the prices are obtained from the prices list (which cycles) plus a random integer in range [0, max\_price\_addon) plus a linear "in-

flation". The agent cannot access the price model; it just observes the prices and the amount in stock.

```
_agentBuying.py — Paper-buying agent ___
   import random
11
   from agents import Agent, Environment, Simulate
12
   from utilities import select_from_dist
13
14
   class TP_env(Environment):
15
       price_delta = [0, 0, 0, 21, 0, 20, 0, -64, 0, 0, 23, 0, 0, -35,
16
           0, 76, 0, -41, 0, 0, 0, 21, 0, 5, 0, 5, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0, -15, 0, 5,
17
          0, 5, 0, -115, 0, 115, 0, 5, 0, -15, 0, 5, 0, 5, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0,
18
          -59, 0, 44, 0, 5, 0, 5, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0, -65, 50, 0, 5, 0, 5, 0, 0,
19
          0. 5. 07
20
       sd = 5 # noise standard deviation
21
22
23
       def __init__(self):
           """paper buying agent"""
24
           self.time=0
25
           self.stock=20
26
           self.stock_history = [] # memory of the stock history
27
           self.price_history = [] # memory of the price history
28
29
       def initial_percept(self):
30
           """return initial percept"""
31
           self.stock_history.append(self.stock)
32
33
           self.price = round(234+self.sd*random.gauss(0,1))
           self.price_history.append(self.price)
34
           return {'price': self.price,
35
                   'instock': self.stock}
36
37
       def do(self, action):
38
           """does action (buy) and returns percept consisting of price and
39
               instock"""
           used = select_from_dist({6:0.1, 5:0.1, 4:0.1, 3:0.3, 2:0.2, 1:0.2})
40
           \# used = select_from_dist(\{7:0.1, 6:0.2, 5:0.2, 4:0.3, 3:0.1, 
41
               2:0.1}) # uses more paper
           bought = action['buy']
42
           self.stock = self.stock+bought-used
43
           self.stock_history.append(self.stock)
44
           self.time += 1
45
           self.price = round(self.price
46
                          + self.price_delta[self.time%len(self.price_delta)] #
47
                              repeating pattern
                          + self.sd*random.gauss(0,1)) # plus randomness
48
           self.price_history.append(self.price)
49
           return {'price': self.price,
50
                   'instock': self.stock}
51
```

#### 2.2.2 The Agent

The agent does not have access to the price model but can only observe the current price and the amount in stock. It has to decide how much to buy.

The belief state of the agent is an estimate of the average price of the paper, and the total amount of money the agent has spent.

```
\_agentBuying.py — (continued)
   class TP_agent(Agent):
53
       def __init__(self):
54
           self.spent = 0
55
56
           percept = env.initial_percept()
           self.ave = self.last_price = percept['price']
57
           self.instock = percept['instock']
58
           self.buy_history = []
59
60
       def select_action(self, percept):
61
           """return next action to carry out
62
63
           self.last_price = percept['price']
64
           self.ave = self.ave+(self.last_price-self.ave)*0.05
65
           self.instock = percept['instock']
66
           if self.last_price < 0.9*self.ave and self.instock < 60:</pre>
67
               tobuy = 48
68
           elif self.instock < 12:</pre>
69
               tobuy = 12
70
71
           else:
               tobuy = 0
72
           self.spent += tobuy*self.last_price
73
           self.buy_history.append(tobuy)
74
           return {'buy': tobuy}
75
```

Set up an environment and an agent. Uncomment the last lines to run the agent for 90 steps, and determine the average amount spent.

#### 2.2.3 Plotting

The following plots the price and number in stock history:

```
agentBuying.py — (continued)

83 | import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

84 | class Plot_history(object):
```

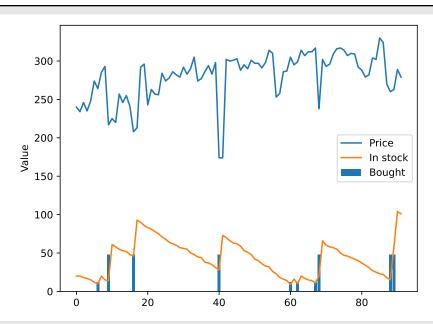


Figure 2.1: Percept and command traces for the paper-buying agent

```
"""Set up the plot for history of price and number in stock"""
86
        def __init__(self, ag, env):
87
            self.ag = ag
88
            self.env = env
89
90
            plt.ion()
           plt.xlabel("Time")
91
           plt.ylabel("Value")
92
93
94
        def plot_env_hist(self):
95
            """plot history of price and instock"""
96
           num = len(env.stock_history)
97
           plt.plot(range(num),env.price_history,label="Price")
98
           plt.plot(range(num),env.stock_history,label="In stock")
99
            plt.legend()
100
            #plt.draw()
101
102
        def plot_agent_hist(self):
103
            """plot history of buying"""
104
            num = len(ag.buy_history)
105
            plt.bar(range(1,num+1), ag.buy_history, label="Bought")
106
            plt.legend()
107
            #plt.draw()
108
109
    # sim.go(100); print(f"agent spent ${ag.spent/100}")
110
    # pl = Plot_history(ag,env); pl.plot_env_hist(); pl.plot_agent_hist()
```

Figure 2.1 shows the result of the plotting in the previous code.

#### **Exercise 2.1** Design a better controller for a paper-buying agent.

- Justify a performance measure that is a fair comparison. Note that minimizing the total amount of money spent may be unfair to agents who have built up a stockpile, and favors agents that end up with no paper.
- Give a controller that can work for many different price histories. An agent can use other local state variables, but does not have access to the environment model.
- Is it worthwhile trying to infer the amount of paper that the home uses?
   (Try your controller with the different paper consumption commented out in TP\_env.do.)

#### 2.3 Hierarchical Controller

To run the hierarchical controller, in folder "aipython", load "agentTop.py", using e.g., ipython -i agentTop.py, and copy and paste the commands near the bottom of that file.

In this implementation, each layer, including the top layer, implements the environment class, because each layer is seen as an environment from the layer above.

We arbitrarily divide the environment and the body, so that the environment just defines the walls, and the body includes everything to do with the agent. Note that the named locations are part of the (top-level of the) agent, not part of the environment, although they could have been.

#### 2.3.1 Environment

The environment defines the walls.

```
_agentEnv.py — Agent environment _
   import math
   from display import Displayable
   from agents import Environment
13
14
   class Rob_env(Environment):
15
       def __init__(self,walls = {}):
16
           """walls is a set of line segments
17
                  where each line segment is of the form ((x0,y0),(x1,y1))
18
19
           self.walls = walls
20
```

#### 2.3.2 Body

The body defines everything about the agent body.

```
_agentEnv.py — (continued) _____
   import math
22
   from agents import Environment
23
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
24
25
   import time
26
   class Rob_body(Environment):
27
       def __init__(self, env, init_pos=(0,0,90)):
28
           """ env is the current environment
29
           init_pos is a triple of (x-position, y-position, direction)
30
              direction is in degrees; 0 is to right, 90 is straight-up, etc
31
32
           self.env = env
33
           self.rob_x, self.rob_y, self.rob_dir = init_pos
34
           self.turning_angle = 18 # degrees that a left makes
35
           self.whisker_length = 6 # length of the whisker
36
           self.whisker_angle = 30 # angle of whisker relative to robot
37
           self.crashed = False
38
           # The following control how it is plotted
39
           self.plotting = True
                                 # whether the trace is being plotted
40
           self.sleep_time = 0.05 # time between actions (for real-time
41
               plotting)
           # The following are data structures maintained:
42
           self.history = [(self.rob_x, self.rob_y)] # history of (x,y)
43
           self.wall_history = [] # history of hitting the wall
44
       def percept(self):
46
           return {'rob_x_pos':self.rob_x, 'rob_y_pos':self.rob_y,
47
                  'rob_dir':self.rob_dir, 'whisker':self.whisker(),
48
                       'crashed':self.crashed}
       initial_percept = percept # use percept function for initial percept too
49
50
51
       def do(self,action):
           """ action is {'steer':direction}
52
           direction is 'left', 'right' or 'straight'
53
54
           if self.crashed:
55
               return self.percept()
56
57
           direction = action['steer']
           compass_deriv =
58
               {'left':1, 'straight':0, 'right':-1}[direction]*self.turning_angle
           self.rob_dir = (self.rob_dir + compass_deriv +360)%360 # make in
59
               range [0,360)
           rob_x_new = self.rob_x + math.cos(self.rob_dir*math.pi/180)
60
           rob_y_new = self.rob_y + math.sin(self.rob_dir*math.pi/180)
61
           path = ((self.rob_x,self.rob_y),(rob_x_new,rob_y_new))
62
```

```
if any(line_segments_intersect(path,wall) for wall in
63
               self.env.walls):
               self.crashed = True
               if self.plotting:
65
                  plt.plot([self.rob_x],[self.rob_y],"r*",markersize=20.0)
66
                  plt.draw()
67
68
           self.rob_x, self.rob_y = rob_x_new, rob_y_new
           self.history.append((self.rob_x, self.rob_y))
69
           if self.plotting and not self.crashed:
70
              plt.plot([self.rob_x],[self.rob_y],"go")
71
               plt.draw()
72
               plt.pause(self.sleep_time)
73
           return self.percept()
74
```

The Boolean whisker method returns True when the whisker and the wall intersect.

```
_agentEnv.py — (continued) _
       def whisker(self):
76
           """returns true whenever the whisker sensor intersects with a wall
77
78
           whisk_ang_world = (self.rob_dir-self.whisker_angle)*math.pi/180
79
               # angle in radians in world coordinates
80
           wx = self.rob_x + self.whisker_length * math.cos(whisk_ang_world)
81
           wy = self.rob_y + self.whisker_length * math.sin(whisk_ang_world)
82
           whisker_line = ((self.rob_x,self.rob_y),(wx,wy))
83
           hit = any(line_segments_intersect(whisker_line,wall)
                       for wall in self.env.walls)
85
           if hit:
86
               self.wall_history.append((self.rob_x, self.rob_y))
87
               if self.plotting:
88
                   plt.plot([self.rob_x],[self.rob_y],"ro")
89
                   plt.draw()
90
           return hit
91
92
    def line_segments_intersect(linea,lineb):
93
        """returns true if the line segments, linea and lineb intersect.
94
       A line segment is represented as a pair of points.
95
       A point is represented as a (x,y) pair.
96
97
98
        ((x0a,y0a),(x1a,y1a)) = linea
        ((x0b,y0b),(x1b,y1b)) = lineb
99
       da, db = x1a-x0a, x1b-x0b
100
101
       ea, eb = y1a-y0a, y1b-y0b
       denom = db*ea-eb*da
102
        if denom==0: # line segments are parallel
103
           return False
104
       cb = (da*(y0b-y0a)-ea*(x0b-x0a))/denom # position along line b
105
       if cb<0 or cb>1:
106
           return False
107
       ca = (db*(y0b-y0a)-eb*(x0b-x0a))/denom # position along line a
108
```

```
return 0<=ca<=1

110

111  # Test cases:

112  # assert line_segments_intersect(((0,0),(1,1)),((1,0),(0,1)))

113  # assert not line_segments_intersect(((0,0),(1,1)),((1,0),(0.6,0.4)))

114  # assert line_segments_intersect(((0,0),(1,1)),((1,0),(0.4,0.6)))
```

#### 2.3.3 Middle Layer

The middle layer acts like both a controller (for the environment layer) and an environment for the upper layer. It has to tell the environment how to steer. Thus it calls  $env.do(\cdot)$ . It also is told the position to go to and the timeout. Thus it also has to implement  $do(\cdot)$ .

```
_agentMiddle.py — Middle Layer _
   from agents import Environment
11
   import math
12
13
   class Rob_middle_layer(Environment):
14
       def __init__(self,env):
15
           self.env=env
16
           self.percept = env.initial_percept()
17
           self.straight_angle = 11 # angle that is close enough to straight
18
           self.close_threshold = 2 # distance that is close enough to arrived
19
           self.close_threshold_squared = self.close_threshold**2 # just
20
               compute it once
21
       def initial_percept(self):
22
           return {}
23
24
       def do(self, action):
25
           """action is {'go_to':target_pos,'timeout':timeout}
26
           target_pos is (x,y) pair
27
           timeout is the number of steps to try
28
29
           returns {'arrived':True} when arrived is true
               or {'arrived':False} if it reached the timeout
30
31
           if 'timeout' in action:
32
               remaining = action['timeout']
33
           else:
34
               remaining = −1 # will never reach 0
35
           target_pos = action['go_to']
36
           arrived = self.close_enough(target_pos)
           while not arrived and remaining != 0:
38
               self.percept = self.env.do({"steer":self.steer(target_pos)})
               remaining -= 1
40
               arrived = self.close_enough(target_pos)
41
           return {'arrived':arrived}
42
```

The following method determines how to steer depending on whether the goal is to the right or the left of where the robot is facing.

```
_agentMiddle.py — (continued) _
       def steer(self, target_pos):
44
           if self.percept['whisker']:
45
               self.display(3,'whisker on', self.percept)
46
               return "left"
47
           else:
48
               return self.head_towards(target_pos)
49
50
       def head_towards(self,target_pos):
51
               """ given a target position, return the action that heads
52
                   towards that position
53
               gx,gy = target_pos
54
               rx,ry = self.percept['rob_x_pos'],self.percept['rob_y_pos']
55
               goal_dir = math.acos((gx-rx)/math.sqrt((gx-rx)*(gx-rx)
56
                                                     +(gy-ry)*(gy-ry)))*180/math.pi
57
               if ry>gy:
58
                   goal_dir = -goal_dir
59
               goal_from_rob = (goal_dir - self.percept['rob_dir']+540)%360-180
60
               assert -180 < goal_from_rob <= 180</pre>
61
               if goal_from_rob > self.straight_angle:
62
                   return "left"
63
               elif goal_from_rob < -self.straight_angle:</pre>
                   return "right"
65
66
               else:
                   return "straight"
67
68
       def close_enough(self,target_pos):
69
           gx,gy = target_pos
70
           rx,ry = self.percept['rob_x_pos'],self.percept['rob_y_pos']
71
72
           return (gx-rx)**2 + (gy-ry)**2 <= self.close_threshold_squared</pre>
```

#### 2.3.4 Top Layer

The top layer treats the middle layer as its environment. Note that the top layer is an environment for us to tell it what to visit.

```
timeout is the number of steps the middle layer goes before giving
19
           locations is a loc:pos dictionary
20
              where loc is a named location, and pos is an (x,y) position.
21
22
           self.middle = middle
23
24
           self.timeout = timeout # number of steps before the middle layer
               should give up
           self.locations = locations
25
26
       def do(self,plan):
27
           """carry out actions.
28
           actions is of the form {'visit':list_of_locations}
29
           It visits the locations in turn.
30
31
           to_do = plan['visit']
32
           for loc in to_do:
33
              position = self.locations[loc]
              arrived = self.middle.do({'go_to':position,
35
                   'timeout':self.timeout})
              self.display(1,"Arrived at",loc,arrived)
36
```

#### 2.3.5 Plotting

The following is used to plot the locations, the walls and (eventually) the movement of the robot. It can either plot the movement if the robot as it is going (with the default env.plotting = True), or not plot it as it is going (setting env.plotting = False; in this case the trace can be plotted using  $pl.plot\_run()$ ).

```
_agentTop.py — (continued) _____
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
38
39
   class Plot_env(Displayable):
40
       def __init__(self, body,top):
41
           """sets up the plot
42
43
           self.body = body
44
           self.top = top
45
           plt.ion()
46
           plt.axes().set_aspect('equal')
47
           self.redraw()
48
49
       def redraw(self):
50
51
           plt.clf()
           for wall in body.env.walls:
52
               ((x0,y0),(x1,y1)) = wall
               plt.plot([x0,x1],[y0,y1],"-k",linewidth=3)
54
           for loc in top.locations:
55
               (x,y) = top.locations[loc]
56
```

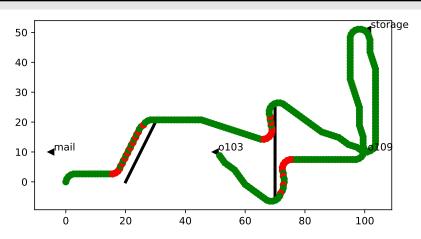


Figure 2.2: A trace of the trajectory of the agent. Red dots correspond to the whisker sensor being on; the green dot to the whisker sensor being off. The agent starts at position (0,0) facing up.

```
57
               plt.plot([x],[y],"k<")
               plt.text(x+1.0,y+0.5,loc) # print the label above and to the
58
           plt.plot([body.rob_x],[body.rob_y],"go")
59
           plt.gca().figure.canvas.draw()
60
           if self.body.history or self.body.wall_history:
61
               self.plot_run()
62
63
       def plot_run(self):
64
           """plots the history after the agent has finished.
65
           This is typically only used if body.plotting==False
66
67
           if self.body.history:
68
               xs,ys = zip(*self.body.history)
               plt.plot(xs,ys,"go")
70
           if self.body.wall_history:
71
              wxs,wys = zip(*self.body.wall_history)
72
               plt.plot(wxs,wys,"ro")
73
```

The following code plots the agent as it acts in the world. Figure 2.2 shows the result of the top.do

```
from agentEnv import Rob_body, Rob_env

from agentEnv import Rob_body, Rob_env

env = Rob_env({((20,0),(30,20)), ((70,-5),(70,25))})

body = Rob_body(env)

middle = Rob_middle_layer(body)

top = Rob_top_layer(middle)

# try:
```

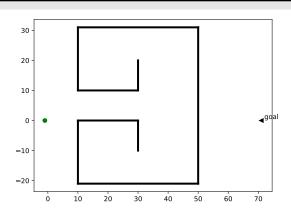


Figure 2.3: Robot trap

```
# pl=Plot_env(body,top)
# top.do({'visit':['o109','storage','o109','o103']})
# You can directly control the middle layer:
# middle.do({'go_to':(30,-10), 'timeout':200})
# Can you make it crash?
```

**Exercise 2.2** The following code implements a robot trap (Figure 2.3). Write a controller that can escape the "trap" and get to the goal. See Exercise 2.4 in the textbook for hints.

```
__agentTop.py — (continued) _
   # Robot Trap for which the current controller cannot escape:
89
   trap_env = Rob_env(\{((10,-21),(10,0)),((10,10),(10,31)),
       ((30,-10),(30,0)),
                      ((30,10),(30,20)),((50,-21),(50,31)),
91
                          ((10,-21),(50,-21)),
                      ((10,0),(30,0)),((10,10),(30,10)),((10,31),(50,31)))
92
   trap_body = Rob_body(trap_env,init_pos=(-1,0,90))
93
94
   trap_middle = Rob_middle_layer(trap_body)
   trap_top = Rob_top_layer(trap_middle,locations={'goal':(71,0)})
95
96
   # Robot trap exercise:
97
   # pl=Plot_env(trap_body,trap_top)
  # trap_top.do({'visit':['goal']})
```

#### Plotting for Moving Targets

Exercise 2.5 refers to targets that can move. The following implements targets than can be moved by the user (using the mouse).

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```
13
14
   class Plot_follow(Plot_env):
       def __init__(self, body, top, epsilon=2.5):
15
           """plot the agent in the environment.
16
           epsilon is the threshold how how close someone needs to click to
17
               select a location.
18
           Plot_env.__init__(self, body, top)
19
           self.epsilon = epsilon
20
           self.canvas = plt.gca().figure.canvas
21
           self.canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', self.on_press)
22
           self.canvas.mpl_connect('button_release_event', self.on_release)
23
           self.canvas.mpl_connect('motion_notify_event', self.on_move)
24
           self.pressloc = None
25
           self.pressevent = None
26
           for loc in self.top.locations:
27
               self.display(2,f" loc {loc} at {self.top.locations[loc]}")
28
29
       def on_press(self, event):
30
           self.display(2,'v',end="")
31
           self.display(2,f"Press at ({event.xdata},{event.ydata}")
32
           for loc in self.top.locations:
33
               lx,lv = self.top.locations[loc]
34
               if abs(event.xdata- lx) <= self.epsilon and abs(event.ydata-</pre>
35
                   ly) <= self.epsilon :</pre>
                   self.pressloc = loc
36
                   self.pressevent = event
37
38
                   self.display(2, "moving", loc)
39
       def on_release(self, event):
40
           self.display(2,'^',end="")
41
           if self.pressloc is not None: #and event.inaxes ==
42
               self.pressevent.inaxes:
               self.top.locations[self.pressloc] = (event.xdata, event.ydata)
43
               self.display(1,f"Placing {self.pressloc} at {(event.xdata,
44
                   event.ydata)}")
           self.pressloc = None
45
           self.pressevent = None
46
47
       def on_move(self, event):
48
           if self.pressloc is not None: # and event.inaxes ==
49
               self.pressevent.inaxes:
               self.display(2,'-',end="")
50
               self.top.locations[self.pressloc] = (event.xdata, event.ydata)
51
               self.redraw()
52
           else:
53
               self.display(2,'.',end="")
54
55
   # try:
56
57 | # pl=Plot_follow(body,top)
```

```
58 | # top.do({'visit':['o109','storage','o109','o103']})
```

**Exercise 2.3** Change the code to also allow walls to move.

# Searching for Solutions

# 3.1 Representing Search Problems

A search problem consists of:

- a start node
- a *neighbors* function that given a node, returns an enumeration of the arcs from the node
- a specification of a goal in terms of a Boolean function that takes a node and returns true if the node is a goal
- a (optional) heuristic function that, given a node, returns a non-negative real number. The heuristic function defaults to zero.

As far as the searcher is concerned a node can be anything. If multiple-path pruning is used, a node must be hashable. In the simple examples, it is a string, but in more complicated examples (in later chapters) it can be a tuple, a frozen set, or a Python object.

In the following code, "raise NotImplementedError()" is a way to specify that this is an abstract method that needs to be overridden to define an actual search problem.

```
searchProblem.py — representations of search problems

from display import Displayable
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random

class Search_problem(Displayable):
"""A search problem consists of:
```

```
17
       * a start node
18
       * a neighbors function that gives the neighbors of a node
       * a specification of a goal
19
       * a (optional) heuristic function.
20
       The methods must be overridden to define a search problem."""
21
22
23
       def start_node(self):
           """returns start node"""
24
           raise NotImplementedError("start_node") # abstract method
25
26
27
       def is_goal(self,node):
           """is True if node is a goal"""
28
           raise NotImplementedError("is_goal") # abstract method
29
30
       def neighbors(self,node):
31
           """returns a list (or enumeration) of the arcs for the neighbors of
32
               node"""
           raise NotImplementedError("neighbors") # abstract method
33
34
       def heuristic(self,n):
35
           """Gives the heuristic value of node n.
36
           Returns 0 if not overridden."""
37
           return 0
38
```

The neighbors is a list of arcs. A (directed) arc consists of a from\_node node and a to\\_node node. The arc is the pair (from\_node, to\_node), but can also contain a non-negative cost (which defaults to 1) and can be labeled with an action.

```
__searchProblem.py — (continued) .
   class Arc(object):
40
       """An arc has a from_node and a to_node node and a (non-negative)
41
       def __init__(self, from_node, to_node, cost=1, action=None):
42
           self.from_node = from_node
43
           self.to_node = to_node
           self.action = action
45
           self.cost = cost
46
           assert cost >= 0, (f"Cost cannot be negative: {self}, cost={cost}")
47
48
       def __repr__(self):
49
           """string representation of an arc"""
50
           if self.action:
51
               return f"{self.from_node} --{self.action}--> {self.to_node}"
52
53
           else:
               return f"{self.from_node} --> {self.to_node}"
54
```

## 3.1.1 Explicit Representation of Search Graph

The first representation of a search problem is from an explicit graph (as opposed to one that is generated as needed).

An explicit graph consists of

- a list or set of nodes
- a list or set of arcs
- a start node
- a list or set of goal nodes
- (optionally) a dictionary that maps a node to a heuristic value for that node

To define a search problem, we need to define the start node, the goal predicate, the neighbors function and the heuristic function.

```
_searchProblem.py — (continued)
   class Search_problem_from_explicit_graph(Search_problem):
56
       """A search problem from an explicit graph.
57
58
59
       def __init__(self, title, nodes, arcs, start=None, goals=set(), hmap={},
60
                       positions=None, show_costs = True):
61
           """ A search problem consists of:
62
           * list or set of nodes
63
           * list or set of arcs
64
           * start node
65
           * list or set of goal nodes
66
           * hmap: dictionary that maps each node into its heuristic value.
67
           \star positions: dictionary that maps each node into its (x,y) position
68
           * show_costs is used for show()
69
70
           self.title = title
71
           self.neighs = {}
72
           self.nodes = nodes
73
           for node in nodes:
74
               self.neighs[node]=[]
75
           self.arcs = arcs
76
           for arc in arcs:
77
78
               self.neighs[arc.from_node].append(arc)
           self.start = start
79
           self.goals = goals
           self.hmap = hmap
81
           if positions is None:
               self.positions = {node:(random.random(),random.random()) for
83
                   node in nodes}
           else:
84
```

```
self.positions = positions
85
            self.show_costs = show_costs
86
88
        def start_node(self):
89
            """returns start node"""
90
91
            return self.start
92
93
        def is_goal(self,node):
            """is True if node is a goal"""
94
            return node in self.goals
96
        def neighbors(self, node):
97
            """returns the neighbors of node (a list of arcs)"""
98
            return self.neighs[node]
99
100
        def heuristic(self, node):
101
            """Gives the heuristic value of node n.
102
            Returns 0 if not overridden in the hmap."""
103
            if node in self.hmap:
104
                return self.hmap[node]
105
106
            else:
                return 0
107
108
109
        def __repr__(self):
            """returns a string representation of the search problem"""
110
111
112
            for arc in self.arcs:
                res += f"{arc}. "
113
            return res
114
```

## Graphical Display of a Search Graph

```
\_searchProblem.py - (continued) \_
        def show(self, fontsize=10, node_color='orange', show_costs = None):
116
            """Show the graph as a figure
117
118
            self.fontsize = fontsize
119
            if show_costs is not None: # override default definition
120
                self.show_costs = show_costs
121
            plt.ion() # interactive
122
123
            ax = plt.figure().gca()
            ax.set_axis_off()
124
            plt.title(self.title, fontsize=fontsize)
125
            self.show_graph(ax, node_color)
126
127
        def show_graph(self, ax, node_color='orange'):
128
            bbox =
129
                dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",facecolor=node_color)
```

```
130
            for arc in self.arcs:
131
                self.show_arc(ax, arc)
            for node in self.nodes:
132
                self.show_node(ax, node, node_color = node_color)
133
134
        def show_node(self, ax, node, node_color):
135
136
                x,y = self.positions[node]
                ax.text(x,y,node,bbox=dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",
137
                                                    facecolor=node_color),
138
                                                         ha='center', va='center',
                            fontsize=self.fontsize)
139
140
        def show_arc(self, ax, arc, arc_color='black', node_color='white'):
141
                from_pos = self.positions[arc.from_node]
142
                to_pos = self.positions[arc.to_node]
143
                ax.annotate(arc.to_node, from_pos, xytext=to_pos,
144
                                   # arrowprops=dict(facecolor='black',
145
                                       shrink=0.1, width=2),
                                   arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<|-', 'linewidth':</pre>
146
                                       2, 'color':arc_color},
                                   bbox=dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",
147
148
                                                   facecolor=node_color),
                                   ha='center', va='center',
149
                                   fontsize=self.fontsize)
150
                # Add costs to middle of arcs:
151
                if self.show_costs:
152
                    ax.text((from_pos[0]+to_pos[0])/2, (from_pos[1]+to_pos[1])/2,
153
154
                            arc.cost, bbox=dict(pad=1,fc='w',ec='w'),
                            ha='center', va='center', fontsize=self.fontsize)
155
```

#### 3.1.2 Paths

A searcher will return a path from the start node to a goal node. A Python list is not a suitable representation for a path, as many search algorithms consider multiple paths at once, and these paths should share initial parts of the path. If we wanted to do this with Python lists, we would need to keep copying the list, which can be expensive if the list is long. An alternative representation is used here in terms of a recursive data structure that can share subparts.

A path is either:

- a node (representing a path of length 0) or
- a path, initial and an arc, where the from\_node of the arc is the node at the end of initial.

These cases are distinguished in the following code by having arc=None if the path has length 0, in which case initial is the node of the path. Note that we only use the most basic form of Python's yield for enumerations (Section 1.5.4).

```
_searchProblem.py — (continued)
    class Path(object):
157
        """A path is either a node or a path followed by an arc"""
158
159
        def __init__(self,initial,arc=None):
160
            """initial is either a node (in which case arc is None) or
161
            a path (in which case arc is an object of type Arc)"""
162
            self.initial = initial
163
            self.arc=arc
164
            if arc is None:
165
                self.cost=0
166
            else:
167
                self.cost = initial.cost+arc.cost
168
169
170
        def end(self):
            """returns the node at the end of the path"""
171
            if self.arc is None:
172
                return self.initial
173
            else:
174
                return self.arc.to_node
175
176
        def nodes(self):
177
            """enumerates the nodes for the path.
178
            This enumerates the nodes in the path from the last elements
179
                backwards.
            ,, ,, ,,
180
            current = self
181
            while current.arc is not None:
                yield current.arc.to_node
183
184
                current = current.initial
            yield current.initial
185
186
        def initial_nodes(self):
187
            """enumerates the nodes for the path before the end node.
188
            This calls nodes() for the initial part of the path.
189
190
            if self.arc is not None:
191
                yield from self.initial.nodes()
192
193
        def __repr__(self):
194
            """returns a string representation of a path"""
195
            if self.arc is None:
196
                return str(self.initial)
197
            elif self.arc.action:
198
                return f"{self.initial}\n --{self.arc.action}-->
199
                    {self.arc.to_node}"
200
            else:
                return f"{self.initial} --> {self.arc.to_node}"
201
```

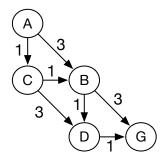


Figure 3.1: problem1

## 3.1.3 Example Search Problems

The first search problem is one with 5 nodes where the least-cost path is one with many arcs. See Figure 3.1. Note that this example is used for the unit tests, so the test (in searchGeneric) will need to be changed if this is changed.

```
_searchExample.py — Search Examples _
   from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem_from_explicit_graph,
11
       Search_problem
12
   problem1 = Search_problem_from_explicit_graph('Problem 1',
13
       {'A','B','C','D','G'},
14
       [Arc('A','B',3), Arc('A','C',1), Arc('B','D',1), Arc('B','G',3),
15
            Arc('C','B',1), Arc('C','D',3), Arc('D','G',1)],
16
17
       start = 'A'
       goals = {'G'},
18
       positions={'A': (0, 1), 'B': (0.5, 0.5), 'C': (0,0.5), 'D': (0.5,0),
19
            'G': (1,0)})
```

The second search problem is one with 8 nodes where many paths do not lead to the goal. See Figure 3.2.

```
\_searchExample.py - (continued) \_
   problem2 = Search_problem_from_explicit_graph('Problem 2',
21
       {'A','B','C','D','E','G','H','J'},
22
       [Arc('A', 'B',1), Arc('B', 'C',3), Arc('B', 'D',1), Arc('D', 'E',3),
23
           Arc('D','G',1), Arc('A','H',3), Arc('H','J',1)],
24
       start = 'A'
25
       goals = {'G'},
26
       positions={'A': (0, 1), 'B': (0, 3/4), 'C': (0,0), 'D': (1/4,3/4), 'E':
27
           (1/4,0),
                      'G': (2/4,3/4), 'H': (3/4,1), 'J': (3/4,3/4)})
28
```

The third search problem is a disconnected graph (contains no arcs), where the start node is a goal node. This is a boundary case to make sure that weird cases work.

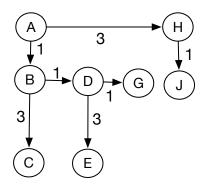


Figure 3.2: problem2

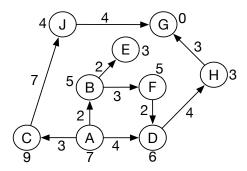


Figure 3.3: simp\_delivery\_graph with arc costs and h values of nodes

The simp\_delivery\_graph is the graph shown Figure 3.3. This is Figure 3.3 with the heuristics of Figure 3.1 as shown in Figure 3.13 of Poole and Mackworth [2023],

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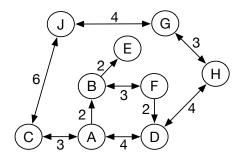


Figure 3.4: cyclic\_simp\_delivery\_graph with arc costs

```
Arc('B', 'F', 3),
42
             Arc('C', 'J', 7),
43
             Arc('D', 'H', 4),
Arc('F', 'D', 2),
44
45
             Arc('H', 'G', 3),
46
             Arc('J', 'G', 4)],
47
       start = 'A'
48
       goals = {'G'},
49
       hmap = {
50
            'A': 7,
51
             'B': 5,
52
             'C': 9,
53
             'D': 6,
54
             'E': 3,
55
             'F': 5,
56
             'G': 0,
57
58
             'H': 3,
             'J': 4,
59
        },
60
        positions = {
61
            'A': (0.4,0.1),
62
             'B': (0.4,0.4),
63
             'C': (0.1,0.1),
64
             'D': (0.7,0.1),
65
             'E': (0.6,0.7),
66
             'F': (0.7,0.4),
67
             'G': (0.7,0.9),
68
69
             'H': (0.9,0.6),
70
             'J': (0.3,0.9)
            }
71
72
        )
```

cyclic\_simp\_delivery\_graph is the graph shown Figure 3.4. This is the graph of Figure 3.10 of [Poole and Mackworth, 2023]. The heuristic values are the same as in simp\_delivery\_graph.

```
_searchExample.py — (continued) _
    cyclic_simp_delivery_graph = Search_problem_from_explicit_graph("Cyclic
 73
         Delivery Graph",
         {'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'J'},
74
              Arc('A', 'B', 2),
 75
              Arc('A', 'C', 3),
 76
              Arc('A', 'D', 4),
 77
              Arc('B', 'E', 2),
 78
              Arc('B', 'F', 3),
 79
              Arc('C', 'A', 3),
 80
              Arc('C', 'J', 6),
 81
              Arc('D', 'A', 4),
 82
              Arc('D', 'H', 4),
 83
              Arc('F', 'B', 3),
 84
              Arc('F', 'D', 2),
 85
              Arc('G', 'H', 3),
 86
              Arc('G', 'J', 4),
 87
              Arc('H', 'D', 4),
 88
              Arc('H', 'G', 3),
 89
              Arc('J', 'C', 6),
Arc('J', 'G', 4)],
 90
 91
        start = 'A'
 92
 93
        goals = {'G'},
        hmap = {
 94
             'A': 7,
 95
             'B': 5,
 96
             'C': 9,
 97
             'D': 6,
             'E': 3,
 99
             'F': 5,
100
             'G': 0,
101
             'H': 3,
102
             'J': 4,
103
104
         },
         positions = {
105
106
             'A': (0.4,0.1),
             'B': (0.4,0.4),
107
             'C': (0.1,0.1),
108
             'D': (0.7,0.1),
109
110
             'E': (0.6,0.7),
             'F': (0.7,0.4),
111
112
             'G': (0.7,0.9),
             'H': (0.9,0.6),
113
             'J': (0.3,0.9)
114
115
             })
```

The next problem is the tree graph shown in Figure 3.6, and is Figure 3.15 in Poole and Mackworth [2023].

```
_____searchExample.py — (continued) ______

117 | tree_graph = Search_problem_from_explicit_graph("Tree Graph",
```

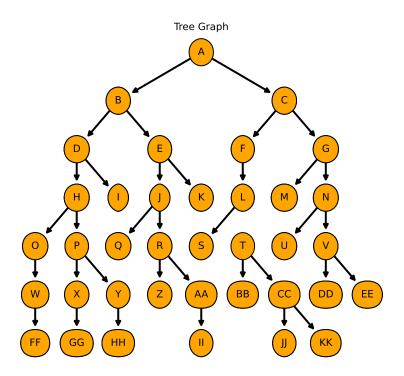


Figure 3.5: tree\_graph.show(show\_costs = False)

```
{'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N',
118
             '0',
             'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z', 'AA', 'BB',
119
                  'CC'.
             'DD', 'EE', 'FF', 'GG', 'HH', 'II', 'JJ', 'KK'},
120
             Arc('A', 'B', 1),
121
             Arc('A', 'C', 1),
122
             Arc('B', 'D', 1),
123
             Arc('B', 'E', 1),
124
             Arc('C', 'F', 1),
125
             Arc('C', 'G', 1),
126
             Arc('D', 'H', 1),
127
             Arc('D', 'I', 1),
Arc('E', 'J', 1),
128
129
             Arc('E', 'K', 1),
130
             Arc('F', 'L', 1),
131
             Arc('G', 'M', 1),
132
             Arc('G', 'N', 1),
133
```

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```
Arc('H', '0', 1),
134
              Arc('H', 'P', 1),
135
             Arc('J', 'Q', 1),
136
              Arc('J', 'R', 1),
137
              Arc('L', 'S', 1),
138
              Arc('L', 'T', 1),
139
             Arc('N', 'U', 1),
140
              Arc('N', 'V', 1),
141
              Arc('0', 'W', 1),
142
              Arc('P', 'X', 1),
143
             Arc('P', 'Y', 1),
144
              Arc('R', 'Z', 1),
145
              Arc('R', 'AA', 1),
146
             Arc('T', 'BB', 1),
Arc('T', 'CC', 1),
147
148
              Arc('V', 'DD', 1),
149
              Arc('V', 'EE', 1),
150
              Arc('W', 'FF', 1),
151
              Arc('X', 'GG', 1),
152
              Arc('Y', 'HH', 1),
153
              Arc('AA', 'II', 1),
154
              Arc('CC', 'JJ', 1),
155
             Arc('CC', 'KK', 1)
156
        ],
157
158
       start = 'A',
       goals = {'K', 'M', 'T', 'X', 'Z', 'HH'},
159
        positions = {
160
161
             'A': (0.5,0.95),
             'B': (0.3,0.8),
162
             'C': (0.7,0.8),
163
             'D': (0.2,0.65),
164
             'E': (0.4,0.65),
165
             'F': (0.6,0.65),
166
167
             'G': (0.8,0.65),
             'H': (0.2,0.5),
168
             'I': (0.3,0.5),
169
             'J': (0.4,0.5),
170
             'K': (0.5,0.5),
171
172
             'L': (0.6,0.5),
             'M': (0.7,0.5),
173
             'N': (0.8,0.5),
174
             '0': (0.1,0.35),
175
             'P': (0.2,0.35),
176
             'Q': (0.3,0.35),
177
178
             'R': (0.4,0.35),
             'S': (0.5,0.35),
179
             'T': (0.6,0.35),
180
             'U': (0.7,0.35),
181
             'V': (0.8,0.35),
182
             'W': (0.1,0.2),
183
```

```
'X': (0.2,0.2),
184
185
             'Y': (0.3,0.2),
             'Z': (0.4,0.2),
186
             'AA': (0.5,0.2),
187
             'BB': (0.6,0.2),
188
             'CC': (0.7,0.2),
189
             'DD': (0.8,0.2),
190
             'EE': (0.9,0.2),
191
             'FF': (0.1,0.05),
192
             'GG': (0.2,0.05),
193
             'HH': (0.3,0.05),
194
             'II': (0.5,0.05),
195
             'JJ': (0.7,0.05),
196
             'KK': (0.8,0.05)
197
198
             show_costs = False
199
200
201
    # tree_graph.show(show_costs = False)
202
```

# 3.2 Generic Searcher and Variants

To run the search demos, in folder "aipython", load "searchGeneric.py", using e.g., ipython -i searchGeneric.py, and copy and paste the example queries at the bottom of that file.

## 3.2.1 Searcher

A *Searcher* for a problem can be asked repeatedly for the next path. To solve a problem, you can construct a *Searcher* object for the problem and then repeatedly ask for the next path using *search*. If there are no more paths, *None* is returned.

```
__searchGeneric.py — Generic Searcher, including depth-first and A* _
   from display import Displayable
11
12
   class Searcher(Displayable):
13
        """returns a searcher for a problem.
14
       Paths can be found by repeatedly calling search().
15
       This does depth-first search unless overridden
16
17
       def __init__(self, problem):
18
            """creates a searcher from a problem
19
           self.problem = problem
21
           self.initialize_frontier()
22
           self.num\_expanded = 0
23
```

```
self.add_to_frontier(Path(problem.start_node()))
24
25
           super().__init__()
26
       def initialize_frontier(self):
27
           self.frontier = []
28
29
30
       def empty_frontier(self):
           return self.frontier == []
31
32
       def add_to_frontier(self,path):
33
           self.frontier.append(path)
34
35
       def search(self):
36
           """returns (next) path from the problem's start node
37
           to a goal node.
38
           Returns None if no path exists.
39
40
           while not self.empty_frontier():
41
               self.path = self.frontier.pop()
42
               self.num\_expanded += 1
43
              if self.problem.is_goal(self.path.end()): # solution found
44
                  self.solution = self.path # store the solution found
                  self.display(1, f"Solution: {self.path} (cost:
46
                      {self.path.cost})\n",
                      self.num_expanded, "paths have been expanded and",
47
                              len(self.frontier), "paths remain in the
                                  frontier")
49
                  return self.path
              else:
50
                  self.display(4,f"Expanding: {self.path} (cost:
51
                      {self.path.cost})")
                  neighs = self.problem.neighbors(self.path.end())
52
                  self.display(2,f"Expanding: {self.path} with neighbors
53
                       {neighs}")
                  for arc in reversed(list(neighs)):
54
                      self.add_to_frontier(Path(self.path,arc))
55
                  self.display(3, f"New frontier: {[p.end() for p in
                      self.frontier]}")
57
           self.display(0, "No (more) solutions. Total of",
58
                       self.num_expanded, "paths expanded.")
59
```

Note that this reverses the neighbors so that it implements depth-first search in an intuitive manner (expanding the first neighbor first). The call to *list* is for the case when the neighbors are generated (and not already in a list). Reversing the neighbors might not be required for other methods. The calls to *reversed* and *list* can be removed, and the algorithm still implements depth-first search.

To use depth-first search to find multiple paths for problem1 and simp\_delivery\_graph, copy and paste the following into Python's read-evaluate-print loop; keep finding next solutions until there are no more:

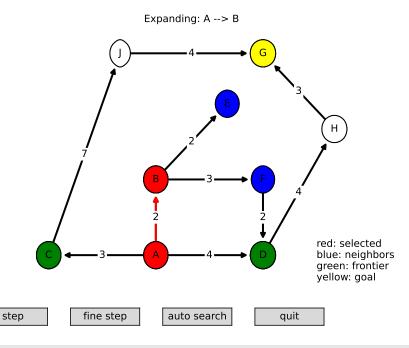


Figure 3.6: SearcherGUI(Searcher, simp\_delivery\_graph).go()

```
searchGeneric.py — (continued)

# Depth-first search for problem1; do the following:

# searcher1 = Searcher(searchExample.problem1)

# searcher1.search() # find first solution

# searcher1.search() # find next solution (repeat until no solutions)

# searcher_sdg = Searcher(searchExample.simp_delivery_graph)

# searcher_sdg.search() # find first or next solution
```

**Exercise 3.1** Implement breadth-first search. Only *add\_to\_frontier* and/or *pop* need to be modified to implement a first-in first-out queue.

# 3.2.2 GUI for Tracing Search

This GUI implements most of the functionality of the AISpace.org search app.

Figure 3.6 shows the GUI to step through various algorithms. Here the path  $A \to B$  is being expanded, and the neighbors are E and F. The other nodes at the end of paths of the frontier are E and E. Thus the frontier contains paths to E and E0, used to also contain E1, and now will contain E2 and E3 and E4.

SearcherGUI takes a search class and a problem, and lets one explore the search space after calling go(). A GUI can only be used for one search; at the end of the search the loop ends and the buttons no longer work.

This is implemented by redefining display. The search algorithms don't need to be modified. If you modify them (or create your own), you just have to be careful to use the appropriate number for the display. The first argument to display has the following meanings:

- 1. a solution has been found
- 2. what is shown for a "step" on a GUI; here it is assumed to be the path, the neighbors of the end of the path, and the other nodes at the end of paths on the frontier
- 3. (shown with "fine step" but not with "step") the frontier and the path selected
- 4. (shown with "fine step" but not with "step") the frontier.

It is also useful to look at the Python console, as the display information is printed there.

```
_searchGUI.py — GUI for search _
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   from matplotlib.widgets import Button
   import time
13
14
   class SearcherGUI(object):
15
       def __init__(self, SearchClass, problem, fontsize=10,
16
                       colors = {'selected':'red', 'neighbors':'blue',
17
                            'frontier': 'green', 'goal': 'yellow'}):
           self.problem = problem
18
           self.searcher = SearchClass(problem)
19
           self.problem.fontsize = fontsize
20
           self.colors = colors
21
           #self.go()
22
23
       def go(self):
24
           fig, self.ax = plt.subplots()
25
26
           plt.ion() # interactive
27
           self.ax.set_axis_off()
           plt.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.15)
28
           step_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.05,0.02,0.15,0.05]), "step")
29
           step_butt.on_clicked(self.step)
30
           fine_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.25, 0.02, 0.15, 0.05]), "fine step")
31
           fine_butt.on_clicked(self.finestep)
32
           auto_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.45,0.02,0.15,0.05]), "auto search")
33
           auto_butt.on_clicked(self.auto)
           quit_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.65,0.02,0.15,0.05]), "quit")
35
           quit_butt.on_clicked(self.quit)
           self.ax.text(0.85,0, '\n'.join(self.colors[a]+": "+a for a in
37
               self.colors))
           self.problem.show_graph(self.ax, node_color='white')
38
```

```
self.problem.show_node(self.ax, self.problem.start,
39
               self.colors['frontier'])
           for node in self.problem.nodes:
40
               if self.problem.is_goal(node):
41
                   self.problem.show_node(self.ax, node,self.colors['goal'])
42
           plt.show()
43
           self.click = 7 # bigger than any display!
           #while self.click == 0:
45
               plt.pause(0.1)
           self.searcher.display = self.display
47
48
               while self.searcher.frontier:
49
                  path = self.searcher.search()
50
           except ExitToPython:
51
               print("Exited")
52
           else:
53
               print("No more solutions")
54
55
       def display(self, level,*args,**nargs):
56
           if level <= self.click: #step</pre>
57
               print(*args, **nargs)
58
               self.ax.set_title(f"Expanding:
                   {self.searcher.path}",fontsize=self.problem.fontsize)
               if level == 1:
60
                  self.show_frontier(self.colors['frontier'])
61
                  self.show_path(self.colors['selected'])
                   self.ax.set_title(f"Solution Found:
63
                       {self.searcher.path}",fontsize=self.problem.fontsize)
               elif level == 2: # what should be shown if a node is in all
64
                   three?
                   self.show_frontier(self.colors['frontier'])
65
                   self.show_path(self.colors['selected'])
66
                   self.show_neighbors(self.colors['neighbors'])
               elif level == 3:
68
                   self.show_frontier(self.colors['frontier'])
69
                   self.show_path(self.colors['selected'])
70
               elif level == 4:
71
                   self.show_frontier(self.colors['frontier'])
72
73
74
               # wait for a button click
75
               self.click = 0
76
               plt.draw()
77
               while self.click == 0:
78
                   plt.pause(0.1)
               # undo coloring:
80
               self.ax.set_title("")
81
               self.show_frontier('white')
82
               self.show_neighbors('white')
83
               path_show = self.searcher.path
84
```

```
while path_show.arc:
85
                   self.problem.show_arc(self.ax, path_show.arc, 'black')
86
                   self.problem.show_node(self.ax, path_show.end(), 'white')
                   path_show = path_show.initial
88
                self.problem.show_node(self.ax, path_show.end(), 'white')
89
                if self.problem.is_goal(self.searcher.path.end()):
90
91
                   self.problem.show_node(self.ax, self.searcher.path.end(),
                       self.colors['goal'])
92
               plt.draw()
93
        def show_frontier(self, color):
            for path in self.searcher.frontier:
95
                self.problem.show_node(self.ax, path.end(), color)
96
97
        def show_path(self, color):
98
            """color selected path"""
99
            path_show = self.searcher.path
100
            while path_show.arc:
101
                   self.problem.show_arc(self.ax, path_show.arc, color)
102
                   self.problem.show_node(self.ax, path_show.end(), color)
103
                   path_show = path_show.initial
104
105
            self.problem.show_node(self.ax, path_show.end(), color)
106
        def show_neighbors(self, color):
107
108
            for neigh in self.problem.neighbors(self.searcher.path.end()):
                self.problem.show_node(self.ax, neigh.to_node, color)
109
110
        def auto(self, event):
111
            self.click = 1
112
        def step(self,event):
113
            self.click = 2
114
        def finestep(self,event):
115
            self.click = 3
116
117
        def quit(self, event):
            quit()
118
119
    class ExitToPython(Exception):
120
        pass
121
```

```
\_searchGUI.py — (continued)
    from searchGeneric import Searcher, AStarSearcher
123
    from searchMPP import SearcherMPP
124
    import searchExample
125
    from searchBranchAndBound import DF_branch_and_bound
126
127
    # to demonstrate depth-first search:
128
    # sdfs = SearcherGUI(Searcher, searchExample.tree_graph); sdfs.go()
129
130
    # delivery graph examples:
131
   | # sh = SearcherGUI(Searcher, searchExample.simp_delivery_graph); sh.go()
```

```
# sha = SearcherGUI(AStarSearcher, searchExample.simp_delivery_graph);
133
    # shac = SearcherGUI(AStarSearcher,
134
        searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph); shac.go()
    # shm = SearcherGUI(SearcherMPP,
135
        searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph); shm.go()
136
    # shb = SearcherGUI(DF_branch_and_bound,
        searchExample.simp_delivery_graph); shb.go()
137
   # The following is AI:FCA figure 3.15, and is useful to show branch&bound:
138
   # shbt = SearcherGUI(DF_branch_and_bound, searchExample.tree_graph);
        shbt.go()
```

## 3.2.3 Frontier as a Priority Queue

In many of the search algorithms, such as  $A^*$  and other best-first searchers, the frontier is implemented as a priority queue. The following code uses the Python's built-in priority queue implementations, heapq.

Following the lead of the Python documentation, https://docs.python.org/3/library/heapq.html, a frontier is a list of triples. The first element of each triple is the value to be minimized. The second element is a unique index which specifies the order that the elements were added to the queue, and the third element is the path that is on the queue. The use of the unique index ensures that the priority queue implementation does not compare paths; whether one path is less than another is not defined. It also lets us control what sort of search (e.g., depth-first or breadth-first) occurs when the value to be minimized does not give a unique next path.

The variable *frontier index* is the total number of elements of the frontier that have been created. As well as being used as the unique index, it is useful for statistics, particularly in conjunction with the current size of the frontier.

```
_searchGeneric.py — (continued)
   import heapq
                      # part of the Python standard library
   from searchProblem import Path
69
70
   class FrontierPQ(object):
71
       """A frontier consists of a priority queue (heap), frontierpq, of
72
           (value, index, path) triples, where
73
       * value is the value we want to minimize (e.g., path cost + h).
74
       * index is a unique index for each element
75
       * path is the path on the queue
76
       Note that the priority queue always returns the smallest element.
77
78
79
       def __init__(self):
           """constructs the frontier, initially an empty priority queue
81
82
           self.frontier_index = 0 # the number of items added to the frontier
83
```

```
self.frontierpq = [] # the frontier priority queue
84
85
        def empty(self):
86
           """is True if the priority queue is empty"""
87
           return self.frontierpq == []
88
89
90
        def add(self, path, value):
            """add a path to the priority queue
91
           value is the value to be minimized"""
92
           self.frontier_index += 1 # get a new unique index
93
           heapq.heappush(self.frontierpq,(value, -self.frontier_index, path))
94
95
        def pop(self):
96
            """returns and removes the path of the frontier with minimum value.
97
98
            (_,_,path) = heapq.heappop(self.frontierpq)
99
            return path
100
```

The following methods are used for finding and printing information about the frontier.

```
_searchGeneric.py — (continued) _
        def count(self,val):
102
            """returns the number of elements of the frontier with value=val"""
103
            return sum(1 for e in self.frontierpq if e[0]==val)
104
105
        def __repr__(self):
106
            """string representation of the frontier"""
107
            return str([(n,c,str(p)) for (n,c,p) in self.frontierpq])
108
109
        def __len__(self):
110
            """length of the frontier"""
111
            return len(self.frontierpq)
112
113
        def __iter__(self):
114
            """iterate through the paths in the frontier"""
115
            for (_,_,path) in self.frontierpq:
116
117
                yield path
```

## 3.2.4 $A^*$ Search

For an  $A^*$  Search the frontier is implemented using the FrontierPQ class.

```
class AStarSearcher(Searcher):
"""returns a searcher for a problem.
Paths can be found by repeatedly calling search().
"""

def __init__(self, problem):
```

```
125
            super().__init__(problem)
126
        def initialize_frontier(self):
127
            self.frontier = FrontierPQ()
128
129
        def empty_frontier(self):
130
131
            return self.frontier.empty()
132
        def add_to_frontier(self,path):
133
            """add path to the frontier with the appropriate cost"""
134
            value = path.cost+self.problem.heuristic(path.end())
135
            self.frontier.add(path, value)
136
```

Code should always be tested. The following provides a simple **unit test**, using problem1 as the default problem.

```
_searchGeneric.py — (continued) _
    import searchExample
138
139
    def test(SearchClass, problem=searchExample.problem1,
140
        solutions=[['G','D','B','C','A']] ):
        """Unit test for aipython searching algorithms.
141
       SearchClass is a class that takes a problem and implements search()
142
       problem is a search problem
143
       solutions is a list of optimal solutions
144
145
       print("Testing problem 1:")
146
       schr1 = SearchClass(problem)
147
       path1 = schr1.search()
148
       print("Path found:",path1)
149
        assert path1 is not None, "No path is found in problem1"
150
        assert list(path1.nodes()) in solutions, "Shortest path not found in
151
            problem1"
       print("Passed unit test")
152
153
    if __name__ == "__main__":
154
       #test(Searcher)
                           # what needs to be changed to make this succeed?
155
       test(AStarSearcher)
156
157
    # example queries:
158
   # searcher1 = Searcher(searchExample.simp_delivery_graph) # DFS
159
   # searcher1.search() # find first path
    # searcher1.search() # find next path
161
   # searcher2 = AStarSearcher(searchExample.simp_delivery_graph) # A*
   # searcher2.search() # find first path
163
   # searcher2.search() # find next path
164
    # searcher3 = Searcher(searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph) # DFS
165
   # searcher3.search() # find first path with DFS. What do you expect to
166
        happen?
    # searcher4 = AStarSearcher(searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph) # A*
167
   # searcher4.search() # find first path
```

**Exercise 3.2** Change the code so that it implements (i) best-first search and (ii) lowest-cost-first search. For each of these methods compare it to  $A^*$  in terms of the number of paths expanded, and the path found.

**Exercise 3.3** The searcher acts like a Python iterator, in that it returns one value (here a path) and then returns other values (paths) on demand, but does not implement the iterator interface. Change the code so it implements the iterator interface. What does this enable us to do?

## 3.2.5 Multiple Path Pruning

To run the multiple-path pruning demo, in folder "aipython", load "searchMPP.py", using e.g., ipython -i searchMPP.py, and copy and paste the example queries at the bottom of that file.

The following implements  $A^*$  with multiple-path pruning. It overrides search() in Searcher.

```
searchMPP.py — Searcher with multiple-path pruning
   from searchGeneric import AStarSearcher
11
   from searchProblem import Path
12
13
   class SearcherMPP(AStarSearcher):
14
       """returns a searcher for a problem.
15
       Paths can be found by repeatedly calling search().
16
       11 11 11
17
       def __init__(self, problem):
18
           super().__init__(problem)
19
           self.explored = set()
20
21
       def search(self):
22
           """returns next path from an element of problem's start nodes
23
           to a goal node.
24
           Returns None if no path exists.
25
26
27
           while not self.empty_frontier():
               self.path = self.frontier.pop()
28
               if self.path.end() not in self.explored:
29
                   self.explored.add(self.path.end())
30
                   self.num\_expanded += 1
31
                   if self.problem.is_goal(self.path.end()):
32
                       self.solution = self.path # store the solution found
33
                       self.display(1, f"Solution: {self.path} (cost:
34
                           {self.path.cost})\n",
                       self.num_expanded, "paths have been expanded and",
35
                              len(self.frontier), "paths remain in the
                                   frontier")
                       return self.path
37
                   else:
38
```

```
self.display(4,f"Expanding: {self.path} (cost:
39
                          {self.path.cost})")
                      neighs = self.problem.neighbors(self.path.end())
40
                      self.display(2,f"Expanding: {self.path} with neighbors
41
                          {neighs}")
                      for arc in neighs:
42
43
                          self.add_to_frontier(Path(self.path,arc))
                      self.display(3, f"New frontier: {[p.end() for p in
44
                          self.frontier]}")
           self.display(0,"No (more) solutions. Total of",
45
                       self.num_expanded,"paths expanded.")
46
47
   from searchGeneric import test
48
   if __name__ == "__main__":
49
       test(SearcherMPP)
50
51
   import searchExample
52
   # searcherMPPcdp = SearcherMPP(searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph)
53
   # searcherMPPcdp.search() # find first path
```

**Exercise 3.4** Chris was very puzzled as to why there was a minus ("-") in the second element of the tuple added to the heap in the add method in FrontierPQ in searchGeneric.py.

Sam suggested the following example would demonstrate the importance of the minus. Consider an infinite integer grid, where the states are pairs of integers, the start is (0,0), and the goal is (10,10). The neighbors of (i,j) are (i+1,j) and (i,j+1). Consider the heuristic function h((i,j)) = |10-i| + |10-j|. Sam suggested you compare how many paths are expanded with the minus and without the minus. searchGrid is a representation of Sam's graph. If something takes too long, you might consider changing the size.

```
_searchGrid.py — A grid problem to demonstrate A*
   from searchProblem import Search_problem, Arc
11
12
   class GridProblem(Search_problem):
13
       """a node is a pair (x,y)"""
14
       def __init__(self, size=10):
15
           self.size = size
16
17
       def start_node(self):
18
           """returns the start node"""
19
           return (0,0)
20
21
       def is_goal(self,node):
22
           """returns True when node is a goal node"""
23
           return node == (self.size,self.size)
24
25
       def neighbors(self, node):
26
           """returns a list of the neighbors of node"""
27
           (x,y) = node
28
```

```
29
            return [Arc(node, (x+1,y)), Arc(node, (x,y+1))]
30
       def heuristic(self, node):
31
            (x,y) = node
32
            return abs(x-self.size)+abs(y-self.size)
33
34
35
   class GridProblemNH(GridProblem):
       """Grid problem with a heuristic of 0"""
36
       def heuristic(self, node):
37
           return 0
38
39
   from searchGeneric import Searcher, AStarSearcher
40
   from searchMPP import SearcherMPP
41
   \textbf{from} \ \ \text{searchBranchAndBound} \ \ \textbf{import} \ \ \text{DF\_branch\_and\_bound}
42
43
   def testGrid(size = 10):
44
       print("\nWith MPP")
45
       gridsearchermpp = SearcherMPP(GridProblem(size))
46
       print(gridsearchermpp.search())
47
       print("\nWithout MPP")
48
       gridsearchera = AStarSearcher(GridProblem(size))
49
       print(gridsearchera.search())
       print("\nWith MPP and a heuristic = 0 (Dijkstra's algorithm)")
51
       gridsearchermppnh = SearcherMPP(GridProblemNH(size))
52
53
       print(gridsearchermppnh.search())
```

Explain to Chris what the minus does and why it is there. Give evidence for your claims. It might be useful to refer to other search strategies in your explanation. As part of your explanation, explain what is special about Sam's example.

**Exercise 3.5** Implement a searcher that implements cycle pruning instead of multiple-path pruning. You need to decide whether to check for cycles when paths are added to the frontier or when they are removed. (Hint: either method can be implemented by only changing one or two lines in SearcherMPP. Hint: there is a cycle if path.end() in path.initial\_nodes()) Compare no pruning, multiple path pruning and cycle pruning for the cyclic delivery problem. Which works better in terms of number of paths expanded, computational time or space?

# 3.3 Branch-and-bound Search

```
To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "searchBranchAndBound.py", and copy and paste the example queries at the bottom of that file.
```

Depth-first search methods do not need a priority queue, but can use a list as a stack. In this implementation of branch-and-bound search, we call *search* to find an optimal solution with cost less than bound. This uses depth-first search to find a path to a goal that extends *path* with cost less than the bound.

Once a path to a goal has been found, that path is remembered as the *best\_path*, the bound is reduced, and the search continues.

```
__searchBranchAndBound.py — Branch and Bound Search __
   from searchProblem import Path
   from searchGeneric import Searcher
12
   from display import Displayable
13
14
   class DF_branch_and_bound(Searcher):
15
       """returns a branch and bound searcher for a problem.
16
       An optimal path with cost less than bound can be found by calling
17
           search()
18
       def __init__(self, problem, bound=float("inf")):
19
20
           """creates a searcher than can be used with search() to find an
               optimal path.
           bound gives the initial bound. By default this is infinite -
21
               meaning there
           is no initial pruning due to depth bound
22
23
           super().__init__(problem)
24
           self.best_path = None
25
           self.bound = bound
26
27
28
       def search(self):
           """returns an optimal solution to a problem with cost less than
29
           returns None if there is no solution with cost less than bound."""
30
           self.frontier = [Path(self.problem.start_node())]
31
           self.num\_expanded = 0
32
           while self.frontier:
33
               self.path = self.frontier.pop()
34
               if self.path.cost+self.problem.heuristic(self.path.end()) <</pre>
35
                   self.bound:
                  # if self.path.end() not in self.path.initial_nodes(): # for
36
                       cycle pruning
                  self.display(2,"Expanding:",self.path,"cost:",self.path.cost)
37
                  self.num\_expanded += 1
38
                  if self.problem.is_goal(self.path.end()):
39
                      self.best_path = self.path
40
                      self.bound = self.path.cost
41
                      self.display(1,"New best path:",self.path,"
42
                          cost:",self.path.cost)
                  else:
43
                      neighs = self.problem.neighbors(self.path.end())
44
                      self.display(4,"Neighbors are", neighs)
                      for arc in reversed(list(neighs)):
46
                          self.add_to_frontier(Path(self.path, arc))
47
                      self.display(3, f"New frontier: {[p.end() for p in
48
                          self.frontier]}")
           self.path = self.best_path
49
```

```
self.solution = self.best_path
self.display(1,f"Optimal solution is {self.best_path}." if
self.best_path

else "No solution found.",
f"Number of paths expanded: {self.num_expanded}.")
return self.best_path
```

Note that this code used *reversed* in order to expand the neighbors of a node in the left-to-right order one might expect. It does this because *pop()* removes the rightmost element of the list. The call to *list* is there because *reversed* only works on lists and tuples, but the neighbors can be generated.

Here is a unit test and some queries:

```
\_searchBranchAndBound.py — (continued) .
   from searchGeneric import test
56
   if __name__ == "__main__":
57
       test(DF_branch_and_bound)
58
59
   # Example queries:
  import searchExample
61
   # searcherb1 = DF_branch_and_bound(searchExample.simp_delivery_graph)
   # searcherb1.search()
                               # find optimal path
   | # searcherb2 =
       DF_branch_and_bound(searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph,
       bound=100)
  # searcherb2.search()
                               # find optimal path
```

**Exercise 3.6** In searcherb2, in the code above, what happens if the bound is smaller, say 10? What if it is larger, say 1000?

**Exercise 3.7** Implement a branch-and-bound search using recursion. Hint: you don't need an explicit frontier, but can do a recursive call for the children.

**Exercise 3.8** After the branch-and-bound search found a solution, Sam ran search again, and noticed a different count. Sam hypothesized that this count was related to the number of nodes that an A\* search would use (either expand or be added to the frontier). Or maybe, Sam thought, the count for a number of nodes when the bound is slightly above the optimal path case is related to how A\* would work. Is there a relationship between these counts? Are there different things that it could count so they are related? Try to find the most specific statement that is true, and explain why it is true.

To test the hypothesis, Sam wrote the following code, but isn't sure it is helpful:

```
17
18
   def run(problem,name):
       print("\n\n******",name)
19
20
       print("\nA*:")
21
       asearcher = AStarSearcher(problem)
22
23
       print("Path found:",asearcher.search()," cost=",asearcher.solution.cost)
       print("there are", asearcher.frontier.count(asearcher.solution.cost),
24
             "elements remaining on the queue with
25
                 f-value=",asearcher.solution.cost)
26
       print("\nA* with MPP:"),
27
       msearcher = SearcherMPP(problem)
28
       print("Path found:",msearcher.search()," cost=",msearcher.solution.cost)
29
       print("there are", msearcher.frontier.count(msearcher.solution.cost),
30
             "elements remaining on the queue with
31
                 f-value=",msearcher.solution.cost)
32
       bound = asearcher.solution.cost+0.01
33
       print("\nBranch and bound (with too-good initial bound of", bound,")")
34
       tbb = DF_branch_and_bound(problem,bound) # cheating!!!!
35
       print("Path found:",tbb.search()," cost=",tbb.solution.cost)
36
       print("Rerunning B&B")
37
       print("Path found:",tbb.search())
38
39
       bbound = asearcher.solution.cost*2+10
40
       print("\nBranch and bound (with not-very-good initial bound of",
41
           bbound, ")")
       tbb2 = DF_branch_and_bound(problem,bbound)
42
       print("Path found:",tbb2.search()," cost=",tbb2.solution.cost)
43
       print("Rerunning B&B")
44
       print("Path found:",tbb2.search())
45
46
47
       print("\nDepth-first search: (Use ^C if it goes on forever)")
       tsearcher = Searcher(problem)
48
       print("Path found:",tsearcher.search()," cost=",tsearcher.solution.cost)
49
50
51
   import searchExample
   from searchTest import run
53
   if __name__ == "__main__":
54
       run(searchExample.problem1,"Problem 1")
55
   # run(searchExample.simp_delivery_graph, "Acyclic Delivery")
   # run(searchExample.cyclic_simp_delivery_graph,"Cyclic Delivery")
57
   # also test some graphs with cycles, and some with multiple least-cost
       paths
```

# Reasoning with Constraints

# 4.1 Constraint Satisfaction Problems

## 4.1.1 Variables

A **variable** consists of a name, a domain and an optional (x,y) position (for displaying). The domain of a variable is a list or a tuple, as the ordering will matter in the representation of constraints.

```
_variable.py — Representations of a variable in CSPs and probabilistic models _
   import random
11
   class Variable(object):
13
       """A random variable.
14
       name (string) - name of the variable
15
       domain (list) - a list of the values for the variable.
16
       Variables are ordered according to their name.
17
18
19
       def __init__(self, name, domain, position=None):
20
           """Variable
21
22
           name a string
           domain a list of printable values
23
           position of form (x,y)
24
25
           self.name = name # string
26
           self.domain = domain # list of values
27
           self.position = position if position else (random.random(),
28
                random.random())
           self.size = len(domain)
29
30
       def __str__(self):
31
```

```
return self.name

def __repr__(self):
    return self.name # f"Variable({self.name})"
```

### 4.1.2 Constraints

#### A **constraint** consists of:

- A tuple (or list) of variables called the **scope**.
- A condition, a Boolean function that takes the same number of arguments as there are variables in the scope. The condition must have a \_\_name\_\_ property that gives a printable name of the function; built-in functions and functions that are defined using *def* have such a property; for other functions you may need to define this property.
- An optional name
- An optional (*x*, *y*) position

```
_cspProblem.py — Representations of a Constraint Satisfaction Problem _
   from variable import Variable
11
   # for showing csps:
13
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14
   import matplotlib.lines as lines
15
16
   class Constraint(object):
17
       """A Constraint consists of
18
       * scope: a tuple of variables
19
       * condition: a Boolean function that can applied to a tuple of values
20
            for variables in scope
       * string: a string for printing the constraints. All of the strings
21
           must be unique.
       for the variables
22
23
       def __init__(self, scope, condition, string=None, position=None):
24
           self.scope = scope
25
           self.condition = condition
26
27
           if string is None:
               self.string = f"{self.condition.__name__}({self.scope})"
28
29
           else:
               self.string = string
30
           self.position = position
31
32
       def __repr__(self):
33
           return self.string
34
```

An **assignment** is a *variable:value* dictionary.

If con is a constraint, con.holds(assignment) returns True or False depending on whether the condition is true or false for that assignment. The assignment assignment must assign a value to every variable in the scope of the constraint con (and could also assign values to other variables); con.holds gives an error if not all variables in the scope of con are assigned in the assignment. It ignores variables in assignment that are not in the scope of the constraint.

In Python, the \* notation is used for unpacking a tuple. For example, F(\*(1,2,3)) is the same as F(1,2,3). So if t has value (1,2,3), then F(\*t) is the same as F(1,2,3).

```
__cspProblem.py — (continued) .
       def can_evaluate(self, assignment):
36
37
           assignment is a variable:value dictionary
38
           returns True if the constraint can be evaluated given assignment
39
40
           return all(v in assignment for v in self.scope)
41
42
       def holds(self,assignment):
43
           """returns the value of Constraint con evaluated in assignment.
44
45
           precondition: all variables are assigned in assignment, ie
46
               self.can_evaluate(assignment) is true
47
           return self.condition(*tuple(assignment[v] for v in self.scope))
48
```

#### 4.1.3 CSPs

A constraint satisfaction problem (CSP) requires:

- variables: a list or set of variables
- constraints: a set or list of constraints.

Other properties are inferred from these:

• *var\_to\_const* is a mapping from variables to set of constraints, such that *var\_to\_const*[*var*] is the set of constraints with *var* in the scope.

```
class CSP(object):

"""A CSP consists of

* a title (a string)

* variables, a set of variables

* constraints, a list of constraints

* var_to_const, a variable to set of constraints dictionary

"""
```

```
def __init__(self, title, variables, constraints):
57
58
           """title is a string
           variables is set of variables
59
           constraints is a list of constraints
60
61
           self.title = title
62
63
           self.variables = variables
           self.constraints = constraints
64
           self.var_to_const = {var:set() for var in self.variables}
           for con in constraints:
               for var in con.scope:
                  self.var_to_const[var].add(con)
68
69
       def __str__(self):
70
           """string representation of CSP"""
71
           return str(self.title)
72
73
       def __repr__(self):
74
           """more detailed string representation of CSP"""
75
           return f"CSP({self.title}, {self.variables}, {([str(c) for c in
76
               self.constraints])})"
```

*csp.consistent*(*assignment*) returns true if the assignment is consistent with each of the constraints in *csp* (i.e., all of the constraints that can be evaluated evaluate to true). Note that this is a local consistency with each constraint; it does *not* imply the CSP is consistent or has a solution.

```
\_cspProblem.py — (continued)
       def consistent(self,assignment):
78
           """assignment is a variable:value dictionary
79
           returns True if all of the constraints that can be evaluated
80
                          evaluate to True given assignment.
81
82
83
           return all(con.holds(assignment)
                       for con in self.constraints
84
                       if con.can_evaluate(assignment))
85
```

The **show** method uses matplotlib to show the graphical structure of a constraint network. If the node positions are not specified, this gives different positions each time it is run; if you don't like the graph, try again.

```
_cspProblem.py — (continued) _
       def show(self, linewidth=3, showDomains=False, showAutoAC = False):
87
88
           self.linewidth = linewidth
           self.picked = None
89
           plt.ion() # interactive
           self.arcs = {} # arc: (con,var) dictionary
91
           self.thelines = {} # (con,var):arc dictionary
           self.nodes = {} # node: variable dictionary
93
           self.fig, self.ax= plt.subplots(1, 1)
94
           self.ax.set_axis_off()
95
```

```
for var in self.variables:
96
97
                if var.position is None:
                   var.position = (random.random(), random.random())
98
            self.showAutoAC = showAutoAC # used for consistency GUI
99
            self.autoAC = False
100
            domains = {var:var.domain for var in self.variables} if showDomains
101
                else {}
            self.draw_graph(domains=domains)
102
103
        def draw_graph(self, domains={}, to_do = {}, title=None, fontsize=10):
104
            self.ax.clear()
105
            self.ax.set_axis_off()
106
            if title:
107
                plt.title(title, fontsize=fontsize)
108
            else:
109
                plt.title(self.title, fontsize=fontsize)
110
            var_bbox = dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5")
111
            con_bbox = dict(boxstyle="square,pad=1.0",color="green")
112
            self.autoACtext = plt.text(0,0,"Auto AC" if self.showAutoAC else "",
113
                                         bbox={'boxstyle':'square','color':'yellow'},
114
                                          picker=True, fontsize=fontsize)
115
            for con in self.constraints:
116
                if con.position is None:
117
                   con.position = tuple(sum(var.position[i] for var in
118
                        con.scope)/len(con.scope)
                                           for i in range(2))
119
               cx, cy = con.position
120
                bbox = dict(boxstyle="square,pad=1.0",color="green")
121
               for var in con.scope:
122
                   vx, vy = var.position
123
                   if (var,con) in to_do:
124
                       color = 'blue'
125
                   else:
126
127
                       color = 'limegreen'
                   line = lines.Line2D([cx,vx], [cy,vy], axes=self.ax,
128
                        color=color,
                                       picker=True, pickradius=10,
129
                                           linewidth=self.linewidth)
                   self.arcs[line]= (var,con)
130
                   self.thelines[(var,con)] = line
131
                   self.ax.add_line(line)
132
                plt.text(cx,cy,con.string,
133
                                      bbox=con_bbox,
134
                                      ha='center', va='center', fontsize=fontsize)
135
            for var in self.variables:
136
               x,y = var.position
137
                if domains:
138
                   node_label = f"{var.name}\n{domains[var]}"
139
                else:
140
                   node_label = var.name
141
```

```
node = plt.text(x, y, node_label, bbox=var_bbox, ha='center',
142
                    va='center',
                            picker=True, fontsize=fontsize)
143
                self.nodes[node] = var
144
            self.fig.canvas.mpl_connect('pick_event', self.pick_handler)
145
146
        def pick_handler(self, event):
147
            mouseevent = event.mouseevent
148
            self.last_artist = artist = event.artist
149
            #print('***picker handler:',artist, 'mouseevent:', mouseevent)
150
            if artist in self.arcs:
151
               #print('### selected arc',self.arcs[artist])
152
                self.picked = self.arcs[artist]
153
            elif artist in self.nodes:
154
               #print('### selected node',self.nodes[artist])
155
                self.picked = self.nodes[artist]
156
            elif artist==self.autoACtext:
157
               self.autoAC = True
158
               #print("*** autoAC")
159
160
            else:
               print("### unknown click")
161
```

#### 4.1.4 Examples

In the following code  $ne_-$ , when given a number, returns a function that is true when its argument is not that number. For example, if  $f = ne_-(3)$ , then f(2) is True and f(3) is False. That is,  $ne_-(x)(y)$  is true when  $x \neq y$ . Allowing a function of multiple arguments to use its arguments one at a time is called **currying**, after the logician Haskell Curry. Functions used as conditions in constraints require names (so they can be printed).

```
__cspExamples.py — Example CSPs
   from cspProblem import Variable, CSP, Constraint
11
   from operator import lt,ne,eq,gt
12
13
14
   def ne_(val):
15
       """not equal value"""
       \# nev = lambda x: x != val \# alternative definition
16
       # nev = partial(neq,val) # another alternative definition
17
       def nev(x):
18
19
           return val != x
       nev.__name__ = f"{val} != "
                                       # name of the function
20
       return nev
21
   Similarly is_{-}(x)(y) is true when x = y.
```

```
cspExamples.py — (continued)

def is_(val):
    """is a value"""
    # isv = lambda x: x == val # alternative definition
```

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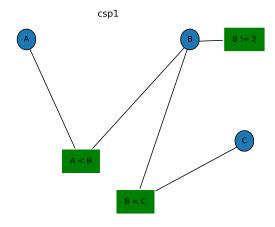


Figure 4.1: csp1.show()

```
# isv = partial(eq,val) # another alternative definition

def isv(x):
    return val == x

isv.__name__ = f"{val} == "

return isv
```

The CSP, csp0 has variables X, Y and Z, each with domain  $\{1,2,3\}$ . The constraints are X < Y and Y < Z.

The CSP, csp1 has variables A, B and C, each with domain  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ . The constraints are A < B,  $B \neq 2$ , and B < C. This is slightly more interesting than csp0 as it has more solutions. This example is used in the unit tests, and so if it is changed, the unit tests need to be changed. The CSP csp1s is the same, but with only the constraints A < B and B < C

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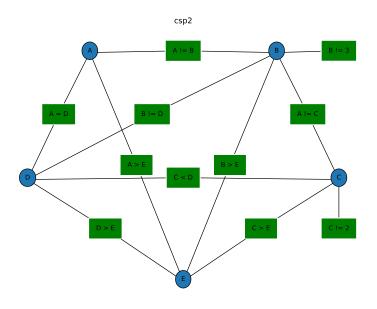


Figure 4.2: csp2.show()

```
45 | csp1 = CSP("csp1", {A, B, C},

46 | [C0, C1, C2])

47 | 48 | csp1s = CSP("csp1s", {A, B, C},

49 | [C0, C2]) # A<B, B<C
```

The next CSP, *csp*2 is Example 4.9 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]; the domain consistent network (after applying the unary constraints) is shown in Figure 4.2. Note that we use the same variables as the previous example and add two more.

```
__cspExamples.py — (continued)
   D = Variable('D', \{1,2,3,4\}, position=(0,0.4))
51
   E = Variable('E', \{1,2,3,4\}, position=(0.5,0))
52
   csp2 = CSP("csp2", {A,B,C,D,E},
53
              [ Constraint([B], ne_(3), "B != 3", position=(1,0.9)),
54
               Constraint([C], ne_(2), "C != 2", position=(1,0.2)),
55
               Constraint([A,B], ne, "A != B"),
56
               Constraint([B,C], ne, "A != C"),
57
               Constraint([C,D], lt, "C < D"),</pre>
58
               Constraint([A,D], eq, "A = D"),
59
               Constraint([E,A], lt, "E < A"),
               Constraint([E,B], lt, "E < B"),
61
               Constraint([E,C], lt, "E < C"),
62
               Constraint([E,D], lt, "E < D"),
63
```

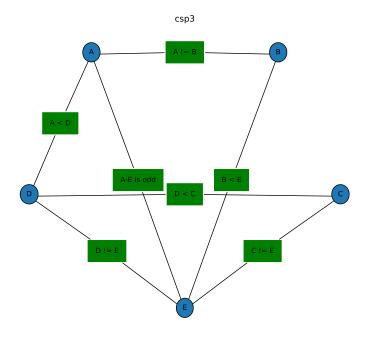


Figure 4.3: csp3.show()

```
64 | Constraint([B,D], ne, "B != D")])
```

The following example is another scheduling problem (but with multiple answers). This is the same as "scheduling 2" in the original Alspace.org consistency app.

```
\_cspExamples.py — (continued)
   csp3 = CSP("csp3", {A,B,C,D,E},
66
              [Constraint([A,B], ne, "A != B"),
67
               Constraint([A,D], lt, "A < D"),
68
               Constraint([A,E], lambda a,e: (a-e)\%2 == 1, "A-E is odd"),
               Constraint([B,E], lt, "B < E"),
70
               Constraint([D,C], lt, "D < C"),
71
               Constraint([C,E], ne, "C != E"),
72
               Constraint([D,E], ne, "D != E")])
73
```

The following example is another abstract scheduling problem. What are the solutions?

```
cspExamples.py — (continued)

def adjacent(x,y):
    """True when x and y are adjacent numbers"""
    return abs(x-y) == 1
```

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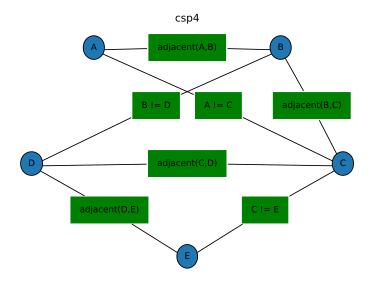


Figure 4.4: csp4.show()

The following examples represent the crossword shown in Figure 4.5.

In the first representation, the variables represent words. The constraint imposed by the crossword is that where two words intersect, the letter at the intersection must be the same. The method meet\_at is used to test whether two words intersect with the same letter. For example, the constraint meet\_at(2,0) means that the third letter (at position 2) of the first argument is the same as the first letter of the second argument. This is shown in Figure 4.6.

```
_cspExamples.py — (continued)
   def meet_at(p1,p2):
86
       """returns a function of two words that is true
87
                   when the words intersect at positions p1, p2.
88
       The positions are relative to the words; starting at position 0.
89
       meet_at(p1,p2)(w1,w2) is true if the same letter is at position p1 of
90
           word w1
            and at position p2 of word w2.
91
92
       def meets(w1,w2):
93
           return w1[p1] == w2[p2]
94
```

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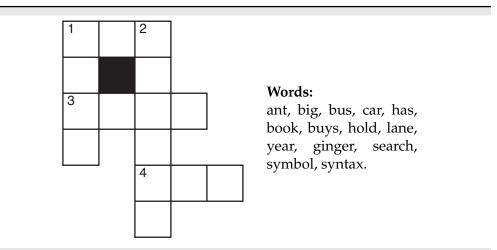


Figure 4.5: crossword1: a crossword puzzle to be solved

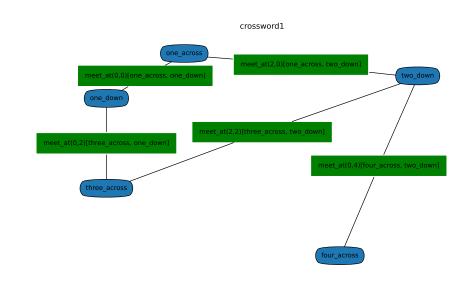


Figure 4.6: crossword1.show()

```
95
        meets.__name__ = f"meet_at({p1},{p2})"
96
        return meets
97
    one_across = Variable('one_across', {'ant', 'big', 'bus', 'car', 'has'},
98
        position=(0.3,0.9))
    one_down = Variable('one_down', {'book', 'buys', 'hold', 'lane', 'year'},
99
        position=(0.1,0.7)
    two_down = Variable('two_down', {'ginger', 'search', 'symbol', 'syntax'},
100
        position=(0.9, 0.8))
    three_across = Variable('three_across', {'book', 'buys', 'hold', 'land',
101
        'year'}, position=(0.1,0.3))
    four_across = Variable('four_across',{'ant', 'big', 'bus', 'car', 'has'},
102
        position=(0.7,0.0)
    crossword1 = CSP("crossword1",
103
                     {one_across, one_down, two_down, three_across,
104
                         four_across},
                     [Constraint([one_across,one_down], meet_at(0,0)),
105
                      Constraint([one_across,two_down], meet_at(2,0)),
106
                      Constraint([three_across,two_down], meet_at(2,2)),
107
                      Constraint([three_across,one_down], meet_at(0,2)),
108
                      Constraint([four_across,two_down], meet_at(0,4))])
109
```

In an alternative representation of a crossword (the "dual" representation), the variables represent letters, and the constraints are that adjacent sequences of letters form words. This is shown in Figure 4.7.

```
___cspExamples.py — (continued) _
    words = {'ant', 'big', 'bus', 'car', 'has', 'book', 'buys', 'hold',
111
            'lane', 'year', 'ginger', 'search', 'symbol', 'syntax'}
112
113
    def is_word(*letters, words=words):
114
        """is true if the letters concatenated form a word in words"""
115
        return "".join(letters) in words
116
117
    letters = {"a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h", "i", "j",
118
      "m", "n", "o", "p", "q", "r", "s", "t", "u", "v", "w", "x",
119
      "z"}
120
121
    # pij is the variable representing the letter i from the left and j down
122
        (starting from 0)
    p00 = Variable('p00', letters, position=(0.1,0.85))
123
    p10 = Variable('p10', letters, position=(0.3,0.85))
    p20 = Variable('p20', letters, position=(0.5,0.85))
125
    p01 = Variable('p01', letters, position=(0.1,0.7))
    p21 = Variable('p21', letters, position=(0.5,0.7))
127
    p02 = Variable('p02', letters, position=(0.1,0.55))
128
    p12 = Variable('p12', letters, position=(0.3,0.55))
129
    p22 = Variable('p22', letters, position=(0.5,0.55))
130
    p32 = Variable('p32', letters, position=(0.7,0.55))
131
    p03 = Variable('p03', letters, position=(0.1,0.4))
   p23 = Variable('p23', letters, position=(0.5,0.4))
```

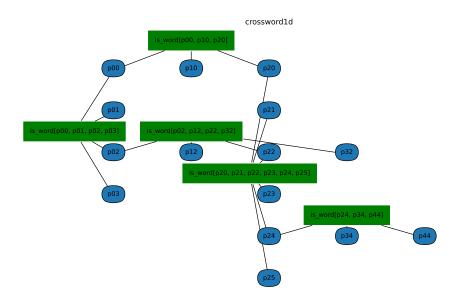


Figure 4.7: crossword1d.show()

```
p24 = Variable('p24', letters, position=(0.5,0.25))
   p34 = Variable('p34', letters, position=(0.7,0.25))
135
    p44 = Variable('p44', letters, position=(0.9,0.25))
136
    p25 = Variable('p25', letters, position=(0.5,0.1))
137
138
    crossword1d = CSP("crossword1d",
139
                     {p00, p10, p20, # first row
140
                      p01, p21, # second row
141
                      p02, p12, p22, p32, # third row
142
                      p03, p23, #fourth row
143
                      p24, p34, p44, # fifth row
144
                      p25 # sixth row
145
146
                      },
                     [Constraint([p00, p10, p20], is_word,
147
                         position=(0.3, 0.95)), #1-across
                      Constraint([p00, p01, p02, p03], is_word,
148
                          position=(0,0.625)), # 1-down
                      Constraint([p02, p12, p22, p32], is_word,
149
                          position=(0.3, 0.625)), # 3-across
                      Constraint([p20, p21, p22, p23, p24, p25], is_word,
150
                          position=(0.45,0.475)), # 2-down
                      Constraint([p24, p34, p44], is_word,
151
                          position=(0.7,0.325)) # 4-across
```

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**Exercise 4.1** How many assignments of a value to each variable are there for each of the representations of the above crossword? Do you think an exhaustive enumeration will work for either one?

The queens problem is a puzzle on a chess board, where the idea is to place a queen on each column so the queens cannot take each other: there are no two queens on the same row, column or diagonal. The **n-queens problem** is a generalization where the size of the board is an  $n \times n$ , and n queens have to be placed.

Here is a representation of the n-queens problem, where the variables are the columns and the values are the rows in which the queen is placed. The original queens problem on a standard  $(8 \times 8)$  chess board is n\_queens(8)

```
_cspExamples.py — (continued)
154
    def queens(ri,rj):
        """ri and rj are different rows, return the condition that the queens
155
            cannot take each other"""
        def no_take(ci,cj):
156
            """is true if queen at (ri,ci) cannot take a queen at (rj,cj)"""
157
            return ci != cj and abs(ri-ci) != abs(rj-cj)
158
159
        return no_take
160
    def n_queens(n):
161
        """returns a CSP for n-queens"""
162
        columns = list(range(n))
163
        variables = [Variable(f"R{i}",columns) for i in range(n)]
164
        return CSP("n-queens",
165
                  variables,
166
                   [Constraint([variables[i], variables[j]], queens(i,j))
167
                        for i in range(n) for j in range(n) if i != j])
168
169
170
    # try the CSP n_queens(8) in one of the solvers.
    # What is the smallest n for which there is a solution?
171
```

**Exercise 4.2** How many constraints does this representation of the n-queens problem produce? Can it be done with fewer constraints? Either explain why it can't be done with fewer constraints, or give a solution using fewer constraints.

Unit tests

The following defines a unit test for csp solvers, by default using example csp1.

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```
This tests whether the solution returned by CSP_solver is a solution.

"""

print("Testing csp with",CSP_solver.__doc__)

sol0 = CSP_solver(csp)

print("Solution found:",sol0)

assert sol0 in solutions, f"Solution not correct for {csp}"

print("Passed unit test")
```

**Exercise 4.3** Modify *test* so that instead of taking in a list of solutions, it checks whether the returned solution actually is a solution.

**Exercise 4.4** Propose a test that is appropriate for CSPs with no solutions. Assume that the test designer knows there are no solutions. Consider what a CSP solver should return if there are no solutions to the CSP.

**Exercise 4.5** Write a unit test that checks whether all solutions (e.g., for the search algorithms that can return multiple solutions) are correct, and whether all solutions can be found.

## 4.2 A Simple Depth-first Solver

The first solver carries out a depth-first search through the space of partial assignments. This takes in a CSP problem and an optional variable ordering (a list of the variables in the CSP). It returns a generator of the solutions (see Section 1.5.4 on yield for enumerations).

```
_cspDFS.py — Solving a CSP using depth-first search. _
   import cspExamples
11
12
   def dfs_solver(constraints, context, var_order):
13
       """generator for all solutions to csp.
14
       context is an assignment of values to some of the variables.
15
       var_order is a list of the variables in csp that are not in context.
16
17
       to_eval = {c for c in constraints if c.can_evaluate(context)}
18
       if all(c.holds(context) for c in to_eval):
19
           if var_order == []:
20
               yield context
21
           else:
22
               rem_cons = [c for c in constraints if c not in to_eval]
23
               var = var_order[0]
24
25
               for val in var.domain:
26
                   yield from dfs_solver(rem_cons, context|{var:val},
                       var_order[1:])
27
   def dfs_solve_all(csp, var_order=None):
28
       """depth-first CSP solver to return a list of all solutions to csp.
29
30
       if var_order == None: # use an arbitrary variable order
31
           var_order = list(csp.variables)
32
```

```
return list( dfs_solver(csp.constraints, {}, var_order))
33
34
   def dfs_solve1(csp, var_order=None):
35
       """depth-first CSP solver"""
36
       if var_order == None: # use an arbitrary variable order
37
           var_order = list(csp.variables)
38
39
       for sol in dfs_solver(csp.constraints, {}, var_order):
           return sol #return first one
40
41
   if __name__ == "__main__":
42
       cspExamples.test_csp(dfs_solve1)
43
44
45
   # dfs_solve_all(cspExamples.csp1)
46
   # dfs_solve_all(cspExamples.csp2)
47
   # dfs_solve_all(cspExamples.crossword1)
   # dfs_solve_all(cspExamples.crossword1d) # warning: may take a *very* long
       time!
```

**Exercise 4.6** Instead of testing all constraints at every node, change it so each constraint is only tested when all of its variables are assigned. Given an elimination ordering, it is possible to determine when each constraint needs to be tested. Implement this. Hint: create a parallel list of sets of constraints, where at each position i in the list, the constraints at position i can be evaluated when the variable at position i has been assigned.

**Exercise 4.7** Estimate how long dfs\_solve\_all(crossword1d) will take on your computer. To do this, reduce the number of variables that need to be assigned, so that the simplified problem can be solved in a reasonable time (between 0.1 second and 10 seconds). This can be done by reducing the number of variables in var\_order, as the program only splits on these. How much more time will it take if the number of variables is increased by 1? (Try it!) Then extrapolate to all of the variables. See Section 1.6.1 for how to time your code. Would making the code 100 times faster or using a computer 100 times faster help?

# 4.3 Converting CSPs to Search Problems

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "cspSearch.py", and copy and paste the example queries at the bottom of that file.

The next solver constructs a search space that can be solved using the search methods of the previous chapter. This takes in a CSP problem and an optional variable ordering, which is a list of the variables in the CSP. In this search space:

• A node is a *variable*: *value* dictionary which does not violate any constraints (so that dictionaries that violate any conmtratints are not added).

An arc corresponds to an assignment of a value to the next variable. This
assumes a static ordering; the next variable chosen to split does not depend on the context. If no variable ordering is given, this makes no attempt to choose a good ordering.

```
_cspSearch.py — Representations of a Search Problem from a CSP. ___
   from cspProblem import CSP, Constraint
11
   from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
12
13
   class Search_from_CSP(Search_problem):
14
       """A search problem directly from the CSP.
15
16
       A node is a variable:value dictionary"""
17
       def __init__(self, csp, variable_order=None):
18
           self.csp=csp
19
           if variable_order:
20
               assert set(variable_order) == set(csp.variables)
21
               assert len(variable_order) == len(csp.variables)
22
               self.variables = variable_order
23
           else:
24
               self.variables = list(csp.variables)
25
26
       def is_goal(self, node):
27
           """returns whether the current node is a goal for the search
28
29
           return len(node) == len(self.csp.variables)
30
31
       def start_node(self):
32
           """returns the start node for the search
33
34
35
           return {}
```

The *neighbors*(*node*) method uses the fact that the length of the node, which is the number of variables already assigned, is the index of the next variable to split on. Note that we do not need to check whether there are no more variables to split on, as the nodes are all consistent, by construction, and so when there are no more variables we have a solution, and so don't need the neighbors.

```
cspSearch.py — (continued)
       def neighbors(self, node):
37
           """returns a list of the neighboring nodes of node.
38
39
           var = self.variables[len(node)] # the next variable
40
41
           for val in var.domain:
42
               new_env = node|{var:val} #dictionary union
               if self.csp.consistent(new_env):
44
                   res.append(Arc(node,new_env))
45
           return res
46
```

The unit tests relies on a solver. The following procedure creates a solver using search that can be tested.

```
_cspSearch.py — (continued) _
   import cspExamples
48
   from searchGeneric import Searcher
49
50
   def solver_from_searcher(csp):
51
       """depth-first search solver"""
52
       path = Searcher(Search_from_CSP(csp)).search()
53
       if path is not None:
54
           return path.end()
       else:
56
           return None
57
58
   if __name__ == "__main__":
       test_csp(solver_from_searcher)
60
61
   ## Test Solving CSPs with Search:
62
   searcher1 = Searcher(Search_from_CSP(cspExamples.csp1))
63
   #print(searcher1.search()) # get next solution
   searcher2 = Searcher(Search_from_CSP(cspExamples.csp2))
   #print(searcher2.search()) # get next solution
   searcher3 = Searcher(Search_from_CSP(cspExamples.crossword1))
   #print(searcher3.search()) # get next solution
   searcher4 = Searcher(Search_from_CSP(cspExamples.crossword1d))
70 | #print(searcher4.search()) # get next solution (warning: slow)
```

**Exercise 4.8** What would happen if we constructed the new assignment by assigning node[var] = val (with side effects) instead of using dictionary union? Give an example of where this could give a wrong answer. How could the algorithm be changed to work with side effects? (Hint: think about what information needs to be in a node).

**Exercise 4.9** Change neighbors so that it returns an iterator of values rather than a list. (Hint: use *yield*.)

## 4.4 Consistency Algorithms

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To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "cspConsistency.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file.

A Con\_solver is used to simplify a CSP using arc consistency.

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```
"""Solves a CSP with arc consistency and domain splitting
"""

def __init__(self, csp):
    """a CSP solver that uses arc consistency
    * csp is the CSP to be solved
    """

self.csp = csp
super().__init__() # Or Displayable.__init__(self)
```

The following implementation of arc consistency maintains the set *to\_do* of (variable, constraint) pairs that are to be checked. It takes in a domain dictionary and returns a new domain dictionary. It needs to be careful to avoid side effects (by copying the *domains* dictionary and the *to\_do* set).

```
_cspConsistency.py — (continued) _
       def make_arc_consistent(self, domains=None, to_do=None):
23
           """Makes this CSP arc-consistent using generalized arc consistency
24
           domains is a variable:domain dictionary
25
           to_do is a set of (variable, constraint) pairs
26
           returns the reduced domains (an arc-consistent variable:domain
27
               dictionary)
28
           if domains is None:
29
              self.domains = {var:var.domain for var in self.csp.variables}
30
           else:
31
               self.domains = domains.copy() # use a copy of domains
32
           if to_do is None:
33
               to_do = {(var, const) for const in self.csp.constraints
34
                       for var in const.scope}
35
           else:
36
               to_do = to_do.copy() # use a copy of to_do
37
           self.display(5,"Performing AC with domains", self.domains)
38
           while to_do:
39
               self.arc_selected = (var, const) = self.select_arc(to_do)
40
               self.display(5, "Processing arc (", var, ",", const, ")")
41
               other_vars = [ov for ov in const.scope if ov != var]
42
               new_domain = {val for val in self.domains[var]
43
                              if self.any_holds(self.domains, const, {var:
                                  val}, other_vars)}
              if new_domain != self.domains[var]:
45
                  self.add_to_do = self.new_to_do(var, const) - to_do
46
                  self.display(3, f"Arc: ({var}, {const}) is inconsistent\n"
47
                               f"Domain pruned, dom({var}) ={new_domain} due to
48
                                   {const}")
                  self.domains[var] = new_domain
49
                  {\tt self.display(4, "adding", self.add\_to\_do \ if \ self.add\_to\_do}
50
                                   else "nothing", "to to_do.")
51
                  to_do |= self.add_to_do
                                            # set union
               self.display(5, f"Arc: ({var},{const}) now consistent")
53
           self.display(5, "AC done. Reduced domains", self.domains)
54
           return self.domains
55
```

```
56
57
       def new_to_do(self, var, const):
           """returns new elements to be added to to_do after assigning
58
           variable var in constraint const.
59
60
           return {(nvar, nconst) for nconst in self.csp.var_to_const[var]
61
62
                  if nconst != const
63
                  for nvar in nconst.scope
                  if nvar != var}
64
```

The following selects an arc. Any element of *to\_do* can be selected. The selected element needs to be removed from *to\_do*. The default implementation just selects which ever element *pop* method for sets returns. The graphical user interface below allows the user to select an arc. Alternatively, a more sophisticated selection could be employed.

```
def select_arc(self, to_do):
"""Selects the arc to be taken from to_do .

* to_do is a set of arcs, where an arc is a (variable,constraint)
pair
the element selected must be removed from to_do.

"""
return to_do.pop()
```

The value of new\_domain is the subset of the domain of var that is consistent with the assignment to the other variables. To make it easier to understand, the following treats unary (with no other variables in the constraint) and binary (with one other variables in the constraint) constraints as special cases. These cases are not strictly necessary; the last case covers the first two cases, but is more difficult to understand without seeing the first two cases. Note that this case analysis is not in the code distribution, but can replace the assignment to new\_domain above.

any\_holds is a recursive function that tries to finds an assignment of values to the other variables (other\_vars) that satisfies constraint const given the assignment in env. The integer variable ind specifies which index to other\_vars needs to be

checked next. As soon as one assignment returns *True*, the algorithm returns *True*.

```
_cspConsistency.py — (continued) _
       def any_holds(self, domains, const, env, other_vars, ind=0):
73
           """returns True if Constraint const holds for an assignment
74
           that extends env with the variables in other_vars[ind:]
75
           env is a dictionary
76
77
           if ind == len(other_vars):
78
               return const.holds(env)
79
           else:
80
               var = other_vars[ind]
               for val in domains[var]:
82
                   if self.any_holds(domains, const, env|{var:val}, other_vars,
                       ind + 1):
                       return True
84
85
               return False
```

#### 4.4.1 Direct Implementation of Domain Splitting

The following is a direct implementation of domain splitting with arc consistency. It implements the generator interface of Python (see Section 1.5.4). When it has found a solution it yields the result; otherwise it recursively splits a domain (using yield from).

```
_cspConsistency.py — (continued) _
        def generate_sols(self, domains=None, to_do=None, context=dict()):
87
            """return list of all solution to the current CSP
88
            to_do is the list of arcs to check
89
            context is a dictionary of splits made (used for display)
90
91
            new_domains = self.make_arc_consistent(domains, to_do)
92
            if any(len(new_domains[var]) == 0 for var in new_domains):
93
               self.display(1,f"No solutions for context {context}")
94
            elif all(len(new_domains[var]) == 1 for var in new_domains):
95
               self.display(1, "solution:", str({var: select(
96
                   new_domains[var]) for var in new_domains}))
97
               yield {var: select(new_domains[var]) for var in new_domains}
98
            else:
99
               var = self.select_var(x for x in self.csp.variables if
100
                    len(new\_domains[x]) > 1)
               dom1, dom2 = partition_domain(new_domains[var])
101
               self.display(5, "...splitting", var, "into", dom1, "and", dom2)
102
               new_doms1 = new_domains | {var:dom1}
103
               new_doms2 = new_domains | {var:dom2}
104
               to_do = self.new_to_do(var, None)
105
               self.display(4, "adding", to_do if to_do else "nothing", "to
106
                    to_do.")
```

```
yield from self.generate_sols(new_doms1, to_do,
107
                    context|{var:dom1})
               yield from self.generate_sols(new_doms2, to_do,
108
                    context|{var:dom1})
109
        def solve_all(self, domains=None, to_do=None):
110
111
            return list(self.generate_sols())
112
        def solve_one(self, domains=None, to_do=None):
113
            return select(self.generate_sols())
114
115
        def select_var(self, iter_vars):
116
            """return the next variable to split"""
117
            return select(iter_vars)
118
119
    def partition_domain(dom):
120
        """partitions domain dom into two.
121
122
        split = len(dom) // 2
123
        dom1 = set(list(dom)[:split])
124
        dom2 = dom - dom1
125
        return dom1, dom2
126
                                 \_cspConsistency.py — (continued)
    def select(iterable):
128
        """select an element of iterable. Returns None if there is no such
129
            element.
130
        This implementation just picks the first element.
131
        For many of the uses, which element is selected does not affect
132
            correctness,
133
        but may affect efficiency.
134
        for e in iterable:
135
            return e # returns first element found
136
```

**Exercise 4.10** Implement *solve\_all* that returns the set of all solutions without using yield. Hint: it can be like generate\_sols but returns a set of solutions; the recursive calls can be unioned; | is Python's union.

**Exercise 4.11** Implement *solve\_one* that returns one solution if one exists, or False otherwise, without using yield. Hint: Python's "or" has the behaviour A or B will return the value of A unless it is None or False, in which case the value of B is returned.

Unit test:

```
cspConsistency.py — (continued)

import cspExamples

def ac_solver(csp):
    "arc consistency (ac_solver)"
```

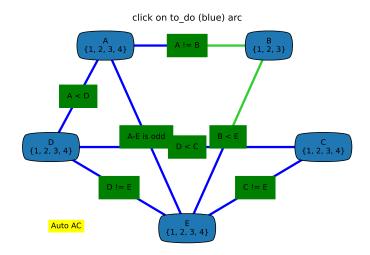


Figure 4.8: ConsistencyGUI(cspExamples.csp3).go()

```
for sol in Con_solver(csp).generate_sols():
return sol

if __name__ == "__main__":
cspExamples.test_csp(ac_solver)
```

### 4.4.2 Consistency GUI

The consistency GUI allows students to step through the algorithm, choosing which arc to process next, and which variable to split.

Figure 4.8 shows the state of the GUI after two arcs have been made arc consistent. The arcs on the to\_do list arc colored blue. The green arcs are those have been made arc consistent. The user can click on a blue arc to process that arc. If the arc selected is not arc consistent, it is made red, the domain is reduced, and then the arc becomes green. If the arc was already arc consistent it turns green.

This is implemented by overriding select\_arc and select\_var to allow the user to pick the arcs and the variables, and overriding display to allow for the animation. Note that the first argument of display (the number) in the code above is interpreted with a special meaning by the GUI and should only be changed with care.

Clicking AutoAC automates arc selection until the network is arc consistent.

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```
class ConsistencyGUI(Con_solver):
14
15
       def __init__(self, csp, fontsize=10, speed=1, **kwargs):
           csp is the csp to show
17
           fontsize is the size of the text
18
           speed is the number of animations per second (controls delay_time)
19
20
                1 (slow) and 4 (fast) seem like good values
21
           self.fontsize = fontsize
22
           self.delay_time = 1/speed
23
           Con_solver.__init__(self, csp, **kwargs)
24
           csp.show(showAutoAC = True)
25
26
       def go(self):
27
           res = self.solve_all()
28
           self.csp.draw_graph(domains=self.domains,
29
                                  title="No more solutions. GUI finished.",
30
                                  fontsize=self.fontsize)
31
32
           return res
33
       def select_arc(self, to_do):
34
           while True:
35
              self.csp.draw_graph(domains=self.domains, to_do=to_do,
36
                                     title="click on to_do (blue) arc",
37
                                          fontsize=self.fontsize)
              while self.csp.picked == None and not self.csp.autoAC:
38
                  plt.pause(0.01) # controls reaction time of GUI
39
               if self.csp.autoAC:
                  break
41
              picked = self.csp.picked
42
               self.csp.picked = None
43
               if picked in to_do:
44
                  to_do.remove(picked)
45
                  print(f"{picked} picked")
46
                  return picked
47
48
                  print(f"{picked} not in to_do")
49
           if self.csp.autoAC:
50
51
               self.csp.draw_graph(domains=self.domains, to_do=to_do,
                                     title="Auto AC", fontsize=self.fontsize)
52
              plt.pause(self.delay_time)
53
               return to_do.pop()
54
55
       def select_var(self, iter_vars):
56
           vars = list(iter_vars)
           while True:
58
               self.csp.draw_graph(domains=self.domains,
                                     title="Arc consistent. Click node to
60
                                          split",
                                      fontsize=self.fontsize)
61
```

```
while self.csp.picked == None:
62
63
                   plt.pause(0.01) # controls reaction time of GUI
               picked = self.csp.picked
               self.csp.picked = None
65
               self.csp.autoAC = False
66
               if picked in vars:
67
                   #print("splitting",picked)
68
                   return picked
69
               else:
70
                   print(picked, "not in", vars)
71
72
       def display(self,n,*args,**nargs):
73
           if n <= self.max_display_level: # default display</pre>
74
               print(*args, **nargs)
75
           if n==1: # solution found or no solutions"
76
               self.csp.draw_graph(domains=self.domains, to_do=set(),
77
                                      title=' '.join(args)+": click any node or
78
                                          arc to continue",
                                      fontsize=self.fontsize)
79
               self.csp.autoAC = False
80
               while self.csp.picked == None and not self.csp.autoAC:
81
                   plt.pause(0.01) # controls reaction time of GUI
               self.csp.picked = None
83
           elif n==2: # backtracking
               plt.title("backtracking: click any node or arc to continue")
85
               self.csp.autoAC = False
               while self.csp.picked == None and not self.csp.autoAC:
87
88
                   plt.pause(0.01)
               self.csp.picked = None
89
           elif n==3: # inconsistent arc
90
               line = self.csp.thelines[self.arc_selected]
91
               line.set_color('red')
92
               line.set_linewidth(10)
93
               plt.pause(self.delay_time)
94
               line.set_color('limegreen')
95
               line.set_linewidth(self.csp.linewidth)
96
           #elif n==4 and self.add_to_do: # adding to to_do
97
                print("adding to to_do",self.add_to_do) ## highlight these arc
98
99
    import cspExamples
100
    # Try:
101
    # ConsistencyGUI(cspExamples.csp1).go()
102
   # ConsistencyGUI(cspExamples.csp3).go()
   # ConsistencyGUI(cspExamples.csp3, speed=4, fontsize=15).go()
```

### 4.4.3 Domain Splitting as an interface to graph searching

An alternative implementation is to implement domain splitting in terms of the search abstraction of Chapter 3. A node is a dictionary that maps the variables to their (pruned) domains...

```
_cspConsistency.py — (continued) .
147
    from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
148
    class Search_with_AC_from_CSP(Search_problem, Displayable):
149
        """A search problem with arc consistency and domain splitting
150
151
        A node is a CSP """
152
        def __init__(self, csp):
153
            self.cons = Con_solver(csp) #copy of the CSP
154
            self.domains = self.cons.make_arc_consistent()
155
156
        def is_goal(self, node):
157
            """node is a goal if all domains have 1 element"""
158
            return all(len(node[var])==1 for var in node)
159
160
        def start_node(self):
161
            return self.domains
162
163
        def neighbors(self,node):
164
            """returns the neighboring nodes of node.
165
166
            neighs = []
167
            var = select(x for x in node if len(node[x])>1)
168
            if var:
169
                dom1, dom2 = partition_domain(node[var])
170
                self.display(2, "Splitting", var, "into", dom1, "and", dom2)
171
                to_do = self.cons.new_to_do(var,None)
172
                for dom in [dom1,dom2]:
173
                   newdoms = node | {var:dom}
174
                   cons_doms = self.cons.make_arc_consistent(newdoms, to_do)
175
                    if all(len(cons_doms[v])>0 for v in cons_doms):
176
177
                       # all domains are non-empty
                       neighs.append(Arc(node,cons_doms))
178
179
                       self.display(2,"...",var,"in",dom,"has no solution")
180
            return neighs
181
```

**Exercise 4.12** When splitting a domain, this code splits the domain into half, approximately in half (without any effort to make a sensible choice). Does it work better to split one element from a domain?

Unit test:

```
import cspExamples
from searchGeneric import Searcher

def ac_search_solver(csp):
"""arc consistency (search interface)"""
```

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```
sol = Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(csp)).search()
188
189
           return {v:select(d) for (v,d) in sol.end().items()}
190
191
    if __name__ == "__main__":
        cspExamples.test_csp(ac_search_solver)
193
        Testing:
                                _cspConsistency.py — (continued) _
    ## Test Solving CSPs with Arc consistency and domain splitting:
    #Con_solver.max_display_level = 4 # display details of AC (0 turns off)
196
    #Con_solver(cspExamples.csp1).solve_all()
197
    #searcher1d = Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(cspExamples.csp1))
198
    #print(searcher1d.search())
199
    #Searcher.max_display_level = 2 # display search trace (0 turns off)
200
    #searcher2c = Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(cspExamples.csp2))
    #print(searcher2c.search())
202
    #searcher3c = Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(cspExamples.crossword1))
203
    #print(searcher3c.search())
   #searcher4c = Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(cspExamples.crossword1d))
205
   #print(searcher4c.search())
```

## 4.5 Solving CSPs using Stochastic Local Search

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "cspSLS.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file. This assumes Python 3. Some of the queries require matplotlib.

The following code implements the two-stage choice (select one of the variables that are involved in the most constraints that are violated, then a value), the any-conflict algorithm (select a variable that participates in a violated constraint) and a random choice of variable, as well as a probabilistic mix of the three.

Given a CSP, the stochastic local searcher (*SLSearcher*) creates the data structures:

- *variables\_to\_select* is the set of all of the variables with domain-size greater than one. For a variable not in this set, we cannot pick another value from that variable.
- *var\_to\_constraints* maps from a variable into the set of constraints it is involved in. Note that the inverse mapping from constraints into variables is part of the definition of a constraint.

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```
_____cspSLS.py — Stochastic Local Search for Solving CSPs ______

11 | from cspProblem import CSP, Constraint
```

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```
from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
13
   from display import Displayable
   import random
   import heapq
15
16
   class SLSearcher(Displayable):
17
18
       """A search problem directly from the CSP...
19
       A node is a variable:value dictionary"""
20
       def __init__(self, csp):
21
           self.csp = csp
           self.variables_to_select = {var for var in self.csp.variables
23
                                     if len(var.domain) > 1}
24
           # Create assignment and conflicts set
25
           self.current_assignment = None # this will trigger a random restart
26
           self.number_of_steps = 0 #number of steps after the initialization
27
```

restart creates a new total assignment, and constructs the set of conflicts (the constraints that are false in this assignment).

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued)
29
       def restart(self):
           """creates a new total assignment and the conflict set
30
31
           self.current_assignment = {var:random_choice(var.domain) for
32
                                     var in self.csp.variables}
33
           self.display(2,"Initial assignment",self.current_assignment)
34
           self.conflicts = set()
35
           for con in self.csp.constraints:
               if not con.holds(self.current_assignment):
37
                  self.conflicts.add(con)
38
           self.display(2,"Number of conflicts",len(self.conflicts))
39
           self.variable_pq = None
40
```

The *search* method is the top-level searching algorithm. It can either be used to start the search or to continue searching. If there is no current assignment, it must create one. Note that, when counting steps, a restart is counted as one step, which is not appropriate for CSPs with many variables, as it is a relatively expensive operation for these cases.

This method selects one of two implementations. The argument *pob\_best* is the probability of selecting a best variable (one involving the most conflicts). When the value of *prob\_best* is positive, the algorithm needs to maintain a priority queue of variables and the number of conflicts (using *search\_with\_var\_pq*). If the probability of selecting a best variable is zero, it does not need to maintain this priority queue (as implemented in *search\_with\_any\_conflict*).

The argument *prob\_anycon* is the probability that the any-conflict strategy is used (which selects a variable at random that is in a conflict), assuming that it is not picking a best variable. Note that for the probability parameters, any value less that zero acts like probability zero and any value greater than 1 acts

like probability 1. This means that when  $prob\_anycon = 1.0$ , a best variable is chosen with probability  $prob\_best$ , otherwise a variable in any conflict is chosen. A variable is chosen at random with probability  $1 - prob\_anycon - prob\_best$  as long as that is positive.

This returns the number of steps needed to find a solution, or *None* if no solution is found. If there is a solution, it is in *self.current\_assignment*.

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued)
       def search(self,max_steps, prob_best=0, prob_anycon=1.0):
42
43
           returns the number of steps or None if these is no solution.
44
           If there is a solution, it can be found in self.current_assignment
45
           max_steps is the maximum number of steps it will try before giving
47
               up
           prob_best is the probability that a best variable (one in most
48
               conflict) is selected
           prob_anycon is the probability that a variable in any conflict is
49
           (otherwise a variable is chosen at random)
50
51
           if self.current_assignment is None:
52
53
               self.restart()
               self.number_of_steps += 1
54
55
               if not self.conflicts:
                  self.display(1, "Solution found:", self.current_assignment,
56
                       "after restart")
57
                  return self.number_of_steps
           if prob_best > 0: # we need to maintain a variable priority queue
58
               return self.search_with_var_pq(max_steps, prob_best,
59
                   prob_anycon)
           else:
60
              return self.search_with_any_conflict(max_steps, prob_anycon)
61
```

**Exercise 4.13** This does an initial random assignment but does not do any random restarts. Implement a searcher that takes in the maximum number of walk steps (corresponding to existing *max\_steps*) and the maximum number of restarts, and returns the total number of steps for the first solution found. (As in *search*, the solution found can be extracted from the variable *self.current\_assignment*).

## 4.5.1 Any-conflict

In the any-conflict heuristic a variable that participates in a violated constraint is picked at random. The implementation need to keeps track of which variables are in conflicts. This is can avoid the need for a priority queue that is needed when the probability of picking a best variable is greter than zero.

```
_____cspSLS.py — (continued) _____63 | def search_with_any_conflict(self, max_steps, prob_anycon=1.0):
```

```
"""Searches with the any_conflict heuristic.
64
65
           This relies on just maintaining the set of conflicts;
           it does not maintain a priority queue
67
           self.variable_pq = None # we are not maintaining the priority queue.
                                   # This ensures it is regenerated if
69
70
                                       we call search_with_var_pq.
           for i in range(max_steps):
71
               self.number_of_steps +=1
72
               if random.random() < prob_anycon:</pre>
73
                  con = random_choice(self.conflicts) # pick random conflict
74
                  var = random_choice(con.scope) # pick variable in conflict
75
              else:
76
                  var = random_choice(self.variables_to_select)
77
              if len(var.domain) > 1:
78
                  val = random_choice([val for val in var.domain
79
                                     if val is not
80
                                          self.current_assignment[var]])
                  self.display(2,self.number_of_steps,":
81
                      Assigning", var, "=", val)
                  self.current_assignment[var]=val
82
                  for varcon in self.csp.var_to_const[var]:
                      if varcon.holds(self.current_assignment):
84
                          if varcon in self.conflicts:
85
                              self.conflicts.remove(varcon)
86
                      else:
                          if varcon not in self.conflicts:
88
                              self.conflicts.add(varcon)
89
                  self.display(2,"
                                      Number of conflicts",len(self.conflicts))
90
               if not self.conflicts:
91
                  self.display(1, "Solution found:", self.current_assignment,
92
                                   "in", self.number_of_steps, "steps")
93
                  return self.number_of_steps
94
95
           self.display(1,"No solution in",self.number_of_steps,"steps",
                      len(self.conflicts), "conflicts remain")
96
97
           return None
```

**Exercise 4.14** This makes no attempt to find the best value for the variable selected. Modify the code to include an option selects a value for the selected variable that reduces the number of conflicts the most. Have a parameter that specifies the probability that the best value is chosen, and otherwise chooses a value at random.

## 4.5.2 Two-Stage Choice

This is the top-level searching algorithm that maintains a priority queue of variables ordered by the number of conflicts, so that the variable with the most conflicts is selected first. If there is no current priority queue of variables, one is created.

The main complexity here is to maintain the priority queue. When a variable var is assigned a value val, for each constraint that has become satisfied or unsatisfied, each variable involved in the constraint need to have its count updated. The change is recorded in the dictionary *var\_differential*, which is used to update the priority queue (see Section 4.5.3).

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued) _
        def search_with_var_pq(self,max_steps, prob_best=1.0, prob_anycon=1.0):
99
100
            """search with a priority queue of variables.
            This is used to select a variable with the most conflicts.
101
102
            if not self.variable_pq:
103
104
                self.create_pq()
            pick_best_or_con = prob_best + prob_anycon
105
            for i in range(max_steps):
106
                self.number_of_steps +=1
107
                randnum = random.random()
108
                ## Pick a variable
109
                if randnum < prob_best: # pick best variable</pre>
110
                    var,oldval = self.variable_pq.top()
111
                elif randnum < pick_best_or_con: # pick a variable in a conflict</pre>
112
                    con = random_choice(self.conflicts)
113
                    var = random_choice(con.scope)
114
                else: #pick any variable that can be selected
115
                    var = random_choice(self.variables_to_select)
116
                if len(var.domain) > 1: # var has other values
117
                    ## Pick a value
118
                    val = random_choice([val for val in var.domain if val is not
119
                                       self.current_assignment[var]])
120
                    self.display(2, "Assigning", var, val)
121
                    ## Update the priority queue
122
                    var_differential = {}
123
                    self.current_assignment[var]=val
124
                    for varcon in self.csp.var_to_const[var]:
125
                        self.display(3, "Checking", varcon)
126
                       if varcon.holds(self.current_assignment):
127
                            if varcon in self.conflicts: #was incons, now consis
128
                               self.display(3, "Became consistent", varcon)
129
                               self.conflicts.remove(varcon)
130
                               for v in varcon.scope: # v is in one fewer
131
                                    conflicts
                                   var differential[v] =
132
                                        var_differential.get(v,0)-1
                       else:
133
                           if varcon not in self.conflicts: # was consis, not now
134
                               self.display(3, "Became inconsistent", varcon)
135
                               self.conflicts.add(varcon)
136
                               for v in varcon.scope: # v is in one more
137
                                    conflicts
                                   var_differential[v] =
138
```

```
var_differential.get(v,0)+1
139
                   self.variable_pq.update_each_priority(var_differential)
                   self.display(2,"Number of conflicts",len(self.conflicts))
140
               if not self.conflicts: # no conflicts, so solution found
141
                   self.display(1, "Solution found:",
142
                       self.current_assignment,"in",
143
                                self.number_of_steps, "steps")
                   return self.number_of_steps
144
            self.display(1,"No solution in",self.number_of_steps,"steps",
145
                       len(self.conflicts), "conflicts remain")
146
            return None
147
```

*create\_pq* creates an updatable priority queue of the variables, ordered by the number of conflicts they participate in. The priority queue only includes variables in conflicts and the value of a variable is the *negative* of the number of conflicts the variable is in. This ensures that the priority queue, which picks the minimum value, picks a variable with the most conflicts.

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued)
149
        def create_pq(self):
            """Create the variable to number-of-conflicts priority queue.
150
            This is needed to select the variable in the most conflicts.
151
152
            The value of a variable in the priority queue is the negative of the
153
            number of conflicts the variable appears in.
154
155
            self.variable_pq = Updatable_priority_queue()
156
            var_to_number_conflicts = {}
157
            for con in self.conflicts:
158
               for var in con.scope:
159
                   var_to_number_conflicts[var] =
160
                        var_to_number_conflicts.get(var,0)+1
            for var,num in var_to_number_conflicts.items():
161
                if num>0:
162
                    self.variable_pq.add(var,-num)
163
                                    _cspSLS.py — (continued)
    def random_choice(st):
165
        """selects a random element from set st.
166
        It would be more efficient to convert to a tuple or list only once
167
        (left as exercise)."""
168
```

**Exercise 4.15** These implementations always select a value for the variable selected that is different from its current value (if that is possible). Change the code so that it does not have this restriction (so it can leave the value the same). Would you expect this code to be faster? Does it work worse (or better)?

169

return random.choice(tuple(st))

#### 4.5.3 Updatable Priority Queues

An **updatable priority queue** is a priority queue, where key-value pairs can be stored, and the pair with the smallest key can be found and removed quickly, and where the values can be updated. This implementation follows the idea of http://docs.python.org/3.9/library/heapq.html, where the updated elements are marked as removed. This means that the priority queue can be used unmodified. However, this might be expensive if changes are more common than popping (as might happen if the probability of choosing the best is close to zero).

In this implementation, the equal values are sorted randomly. This is achieved by having the elements of the heap being [val, rand, elt] triples, where the second element is a random number. Note that Python requires this to be a list, not a tuple, as the tuple cannot be modified.

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued)
171
    class Updatable_priority_queue(object):
        """A priority gueue where the values can be updated.
172
        Elements with the same value are ordered randomly.
173
174
        This code is based on the ideas described in
175
        http://docs.python.org/3.3/library/heapq.html
176
        It could probably be done more efficiently by
177
        shuffling the modified element in the heap.
178
179
        def __init__(self):
180
            self.pq = [] # priority queue of [val,rand,elt] triples
181
            self.elt_map = {} # map from elt to [val,rand,elt] triple in pq
182
            self.REMOVED = "*removed*" # a string that won't be a legal element
183
            self.max_size=0
184
185
        def add(self,elt,val):
186
            """adds elt to the priority queue with priority=val.
187
188
            assert val <= 0, val
189
190
            assert elt not in self.elt_map, elt
            new_triple = [val, random.random(),elt]
191
            heapq.heappush(self.pq, new_triple)
192
            self.elt_map[elt] = new_triple
193
194
        def remove(self,elt):
195
            """remove the element from the priority queue"""
196
            if elt in self.elt_map:
197
                self.elt_map[elt][2] = self.REMOVED
198
                del self.elt_map[elt]
199
200
        def update_each_priority(self,update_dict):
201
            """update values in the priority queue by subtracting the values in
202
            update_dict from the priority of those elements in priority queue.
203
```

```
204
205
            for elt,incr in update_dict.items():
               if incr != 0:
206
                   newval = self.elt_map.get(elt,[0])[0] - incr
207
                   assert newval <= 0, f"{elt}:{newval+incr}-{incr}"</pre>
                   self.remove(elt)
209
210
                   if newval != 0:
                       self.add(elt,newval)
211
212
        def pop(self):
213
            """Removes and returns the (elt,value) pair with minimal value.
214
            If the priority queue is empty, IndexError is raised.
215
216
            self.max_size = max(self.max_size, len(self.pq)) # keep statistics
217
            triple = heapq.heappop(self.pq)
218
           while triple[2] == self.REMOVED:
219
               triple = heapq.heappop(self.pq)
220
            del self.elt_map[triple[2]]
221
222
            return triple[2], triple[0] # elt, value
223
        def top(self):
224
            """Returns the (elt,value) pair with minimal value, without
225
                removing it.
            If the priority queue is empty, IndexError is raised.
226
227
            self.max_size = max(self.max_size, len(self.pq)) # keep statistics
228
            triple = self.pq[0]
229
230
            while triple[2] == self.REMOVED:
               heapq.heappop(self.pq)
231
               triple = self.pq[0]
232
            return triple[2], triple[0] # elt, value
233
234
        def empty(self):
235
            """returns True iff the priority queue is empty"""
236
            return all(triple[2] == self.REMOVED for triple in self.pq)
237
```

### 4.5.4 Plotting Run-Time Distributions

Runtime\_distribution uses matplotlib to plot run time distributions. Here the run time is a misnomer as we are only plotting the number of steps, not the time. Computing the run time is non-trivial as many of the runs have a very short run time. To compute the time accurately would require running the same code, with the same random seed, multiple times to get a good estimate of the run time. This is left as an exercise.

```
_____cspSLS.py — (continued) ______
239 | import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
240 | # plt.style.use('grayscale')
241
```

```
242
    class Runtime_distribution(object):
243
        def __init__(self, csp, xscale='log'):
            """Sets up plotting for csp
244
            xscale is either 'linear' or 'log'
245
246
            self.csp = csp
247
248
            plt.ion()
            plt.xlabel("Number of Steps")
249
            plt.ylabel("Cumulative Number of Runs")
250
            plt.xscale(xscale) # Makes a 'log' or 'linear' scale
251
252
        def plot_runs(self,num_runs=100,max_steps=1000, prob_best=1.0,
253
            prob_anycon=1.0):
            """Plots num_runs of SLS for the given settings.
254
255
            stats = []
256
            SLSearcher.max_display_level, temp_mdl = 0,
257
                SLSearcher.max_display_level # no display
            for i in range(num_runs):
258
                searcher = SLSearcher(self.csp)
259
               num_steps = searcher.search(max_steps, prob_best, prob_anycon)
260
261
                if num_steps:
                   stats.append(num_steps)
262
            stats.sort()
263
            if prob_best >= 1.0:
264
               label = "P(best)=1.0"
265
            else:
266
267
                p_ac = min(prob_anycon, 1-prob_best)
                label = "P(best)=%.2f, P(ac)=%.2f" % (prob_best, p_ac)
268
            plt.plot(stats,range(len(stats)),label=label)
269
            plt.legend(loc="upper left")
270
            SLSearcher.max_display_level= temp_mdl #restore display
271
```

Figure 4.9 gives run-time distributions for 3 algorithms. It is also useful to compare the distributions of different runs of the same algorithms and settings.

### 4.5.5 Testing

```
_cspSLS.py — (continued)
    import cspExamples
273
    def sls_solver(csp,prob_best=0.7):
274
        """stochastic local searcher (prob_best=0.7)"""
275
        se0 = SLSearcher(csp)
276
277
        se0.search(1000,prob_best)
        return se0.current_assignment
278
    def any_conflict_solver(csp):
279
        """stochastic local searcher (any-conflict)"""
280
        return sls_solver(csp,0)
281
282
```

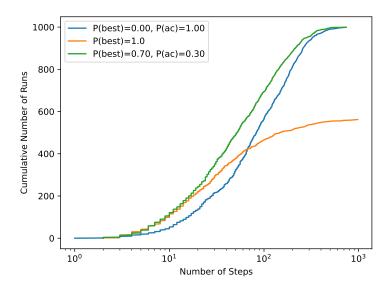


Figure 4.9: Run-time distributions for three algorithms on *csp*2.

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
283
       cspExamples.test_csp(sls_solver)
284
       cspExamples.test_csp(any_conflict_solver)
285
286
    ## Test Solving CSPs with Search:
287
    #se1 = SLSearcher(cspExamples.csp1); print(se1.search(100))
288
    #se2 = SLSearcher(cspExamples.csp2); print(se2.search(1000,1.0)) # greedy
289
    #se2 = SLSearcher(cspExamples.csp2); print(se2.search(1000,0)) #
290
        any_conflict
    #se2 = SLSearcher(cspExamples.csp2); print(se2.search(1000,0.7)) # 70%
291
        greedy; 30% any_conflict
    #SLSearcher.max_display_level=2 #more detailed display
292
    #se3 = SLSearcher(cspExamples.crossword1); print(se3.search(100),0.7)
293
    #p = Runtime_distribution(cspExamples.csp2)
294
    #p.plot_runs(1000,1000,0) # any_conflict
295
    #p.plot_runs(1000,1000,1.0) # greedy
296
    #p.plot_runs(1000,1000,0.7) # 70% greedy; 30% any_conflict
297
```

**Exercise 4.16** Modify this to plot the run time, instead of the number of steps. To measure run time use *timeit* (https://docs.python.org/3.9/library/timeit. html). Small run times are inaccurate, so timeit can run the same code multiple times. Stochastic local algorithms give different run times each time called. To make the timing meaningful, you need to make sure the random seed is the same for each repeated call (see random.getstate and random.setstate in https://docs.python.org/3.9/library/random.html). Because the run time for different seeds can vary a great deal, for each seed, you should start with 1 iteration and multiplying it by, say 10, until the time is greater than 0.2 seconds. Make sure you

plot the average time for each run. Before you start, try to estimate the total run time, so you will be able to tell if there is a problem with the algorithm stopping.

## 4.6 Discrete Optimization

A SoftConstraint is a constraint, but where the condition is a real-valued function. Because the definition of the constraint class did not force the condition to be Boolean, you can use the Constraint class for soft constraints too.

```
__cspSoft.py — Representations of Soft Constraints _
   from cspProblem import Variable, Constraint, CSP
11
   class SoftConstraint(Constraint):
       """A Constraint consists of
13
       * scope: a tuple of variables
14
       * function: a real-valued function that can applied to a tuple of values
15
       * string: a string for printing the constraints. All of the strings
16
           must be unique.
17
       for the variables
18
       def __init__(self, scope, function, string=None, position=None):
19
           Constraint.__init__(self, scope, function, string, position)
20
21
       def value(self,assignment):
22
           return self.holds(assignment)
23
```

```
__cspSoft.py — (continued) _
  |A = Variable('A', \{1,2\}, position=(0.2,0.9))
  B = Variable('B', \{1,2,3\}, position=(0.8,0.9))
   C = Variable('C', {1,2}, position=(0.5,0.5))
   D = Variable('D', {1,2}, position=(0.8,0.1))
28
29
   def c1fun(a,b):
30
       if a==1: return (5 if b==1 else 2)
31
       else: return (0 if b==1 else 4 if b==2 else 3)
32
   c1 = SoftConstraint([A,B],c1fun,"c1")
33
34
   def c2fun(b,c):
       if b==1: return (5 if c==1 else 2)
35
       elif b==2: return (0 if c==1 else 4)
36
       else: return (2 if c==1 else 0)
37
   c2 = SoftConstraint([B,C],c2fun,"c2")
38
   def c3fun(b,d):
39
40
       if b==1: return (3 if d==1 else 0)
       elif b==2: return 2
41
       else: return (2 if d==1 else 4)
   c3 = SoftConstraint([B,D],c3fun,"c3")
43
   def penalty_if_same(pen):
45
       "returns a function that gives a penalty of pen if the arguments are
46
           the same"
```

```
return lambda x,y: (pen if (x==y) else 0)
47
48
   c4 = SoftConstraint([C,A],penalty_if_same(3),"c4")
49
50
   scsp1 = CSP("scsp1", \{A,B,C,D\}, [c1,c2,c3,c4])
51
52
53
   ### The second soft CSP has an extra variable, and 2 constraints
   E = Variable('E', \{1,2\}, position=(0.1,0.1))
54
   c5 = SoftConstraint([C,E],penalty_if_same(3),"c5")
56
   c6 = SoftConstraint([D,E],penalty_if_same(2),"c6")
   scsp2 = CSP("scsp1", {A,B,C,D,E}, [c1,c2,c3,c4,c5,c6])
```

#### 4.6.1 Branch-and-bound Search

Here we specialize the branch-and-bound algorithm (Section 3.3 on page 64) to solve soft CSP problems.

```
_cspSoft.py — (continued)
   from display import Displayable, visualize
   import math
61
62
   class DF_branch_and_bound_opt(Displayable):
63
       """returns a branch and bound searcher for a problem.
64
       An optimal assignment with cost less than bound can be found by calling
65
           search()
66
       def __init__(self, csp, bound=math.inf):
67
           """creates a searcher than can be used with search() to find an
68
               optimal path.
           bound gives the initial bound. By default this is infinite -
69
               meaning there
           is no initial pruning due to depth bound
70
71
72
           super().__init__()
73
           self.csp = csp
           self.best_asst = None
74
           self.bound = bound
75
76
       def optimize(self):
77
           """returns an optimal solution to a problem with cost less than
78
               bound.
           returns None if there is no solution with cost less than bound."""
79
           self.num_expanded=0
           self.cbsearch({}, 0, self.csp.constraints)
81
           self.display(1,"Number of paths expanded:",self.num_expanded)
           return self.best_asst, self.bound
83
84
       def cbsearch(self, asst, cost, constraints):
85
```

```
"""finds the optimal solution that extends path and is less the
86
                bound"""
           self.display(2,"cbsearch:",asst,cost,constraints)
87
           can_eval = [c for c in constraints if c.can_evaluate(asst)]
88
           rem_cons = [c for c in constraints if c not in can_eval]
89
           newcost = cost + sum(c.value(asst) for c in can_eval)
90
           self.display(2,"Evaluaing:",can_eval,"cost:",newcost)
91
           if newcost < self.bound:</pre>
92
               self.num\_expanded += 1
93
               if rem_cons==[]:
94
                   self.best_asst = asst
95
                   self.bound = newcost
96
                   self.display(1,"New best assignment:",asst," cost:",newcost)
97
               else:
98
                   var = next(var for var in self.csp.variables if var not in
99
                       asst)
                   for val in var.domain:
100
                       self.cbsearch({var:val}|asst, newcost, rem_cons)
101
102
   # bnb = DF_branch_and_bound_opt(scsp1)
103
   # bnb.max_display_level=3 # show more detail
104
   # bnb.optimize()
105
```

**Exercise 4.17** Change the stochastic-local search algorithms to work for soft constraints. Hint: The analog of a conflict is a soft constraint that is not at its lowest value. Instead of the number of constraints violated, consider how much a change in a variable affects the objective function. Instead of returning a solution, return the best assignment found.

## Propositions and Inference

## 5.1 Representing Knowledge Bases

A clause consists of a head (an atom) and a body. A body is represented as a list of atoms. Atoms are represented as strings.

```
_logicProblem.py — Representations Logics _
   class Clause(object):
11
        """A definite clause"""
12
13
       def __init__(self,head,body=[]):
14
            """clause with atom head and lost of atoms body"""
            self.head=head
16
            self.body = body
17
18
19
       def __repr__(self):
            """returns the string representation of a clause.
20
21
            if self.body:
22
                return f"{self.head} <- {' & '.join(str(a) for a in</pre>
                    self.body)}."
24
               return f"{self.head}."
25
```

An askable atom can be asked of the user. The user can respond in English or French or just with a "y".

```
class Askable(object):
    """An askable atom"""

def __init__(self,atom):
```

```
"""clause with atom head and lost of atoms body"""
31
32
           self.atom=atom
33
       def __str__(self):
34
           """returns the string representation of a clause."""
35
           return "askable " + self.atom + "."
36
37
   def yes(ans):
38
       """returns true if the answer is yes in some form"""
39
       return ans.lower() in ['yes', 'oui', 'y'] # bilingual
40
```

A knowledge base is a list of clauses and askables. In order to make top-down inference faster, this creates a dictionary that maps each atom into the set of clauses with that atom in the head.

```
___logicProblem.py — (continued) ___
   from display import Displayable
42
   class KB(Displayable):
44
       """A knowledge base consists of a set of clauses.
45
       This also creates a dictionary to give fast access to the clauses with
46
           an atom in head.
47
       def __init__(self, statements=[]):
48
           self.statements = statements
49
           self.clauses = [c for c in statements if isinstance(c, Clause)]
           self.askables = [c.atom for c in statements if isinstance(c,
51
               Askable)]
           self.atom_to_clauses = {} # dictionary giving clauses with atom as
52
           for c in self.clauses:
53
               self.add_clause(c)
54
55
       def add_clause(self, c):
56
           if c.head in self.atom_to_clauses:
57
               self.atom_to_clauses[c.head].append(c)
58
           else:
59
               self.atom_to_clauses[c.head] = [c]
60
61
       def clauses_for_atom(self,a):
62
           """returns list of clauses with atom a as the head"""
63
           if a in self.atom_to_clauses:
64
               return self.atom_to_clauses[a]
65
           else:
66
               return []
67
68
       def __str__(self):
69
           """returns a string representation of this knowledge base.
70
71
           return '\n'.join([str(c) for c in self.statements])
72
```

Here is a trivial example (I think therefore I am) used in the unit tests:

Here is a representation of the electrical domain of the textbook:

```
_logicProblem.py — (continued)
    elect = KB([
80
        Clause('light_l1'),
81
        Clause('light_12'),
82
        Clause('ok_l1'),
83
        Clause('ok_12'),
84
        Clause('ok_cb1'),
85
86
        Clause('ok_cb2'),
        Clause('live_outside'),
87
        Clause('live_l1', ['live_w0']),
88
        Clause('live_w0', ['up_s2', 'live_w1']),
89
        Clause('live_w0', ['down_s2', 'live_w2']),
90
        Clause('live_w1', ['up_s1', 'live_w3']),
91
        Clause('live_w2', ['down_s1','live_w3']),
92
        Clause('live_l2', ['live_w4']),
93
        Clause('live_w4', ['up_s3', 'live_w3']),
94
        Clause('live_p_1', ['live_w3']),
95
        Clause('live_w3', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb1']),
96
97
        Clause('live_p_2', ['live_w6']),
        Clause('live_w6', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb2']),
98
        Clause('live_w5', ['live_outside']),
        Clause('lit_l1', ['light_l1', 'live_l1', 'ok_l1']),
100
        Clause('lit_12', ['light_12', 'live_12', 'ok_12']),
101
        Askable('up_s1'),
102
        Askable('down_s1'),
103
        Askable('up_s2'),
104
        Askable('down_s2'),
105
        Askable('up_s3'),
106
107
        Askable('down_s2')
        ])
108
109
    # print(kb)
110
```

The following knowledge base is false in the intended interpretation. One of the clauses is wrong; can you see which one? We will show how to debug it.

```
Clause('ok_cb1'),
115
116
        Clause('ok_cb2'),
        Clause('live_outside'),
117
        Clause('live_p_2', ['live_w6']),
118
        Clause('live_w6', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb2']),
119
        Clause('light_l1'),
120
        Clause('live_w5', ['live_outside']),
121
        Clause('lit_l1', ['light_l1', 'live_l1', 'ok_l1']),
122
        Clause('lit_12', ['light_12', 'live_12', 'ok_12']),
123
        Clause('live_l1', ['live_w0']),
124
        Clause('live_w0', ['up_s2', 'live_w1']),
125
        Clause('live_w0', ['down_s2', 'live_w2']),
126
        Clause('live_w1', ['up_s3', 'live_w3']),
127
        Clause('live_w2', ['down_s1','live_w3']),
128
        Clause('live_12', ['live_w4']),
129
        Clause('live_w4', ['up_s3', 'live_w3']),
130
        Clause('live_p_1', ['live_w3']),
131
        Clause('live_w3', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb1']),
132
        Askable('up_s1'),
133
        Askable('down_s1'),
134
        Askable('up_s2'),
135
        Clause('light_12'),
136
        Clause('ok_l1'),
137
138
        Clause('light_12'),
        Clause('ok_l1'),
139
        Clause('ok_12'),
140
        Clause('ok_cb1'),
141
142
        Clause('ok_cb2'),
        Clause('live_outside'),
143
        Clause('live_p_2', ['live_w6']),
144
        Clause('live_w6', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb2']),
145
        Clause('ok_12'),
146
        Clause('ok_cb1'),
147
        Clause('ok_cb2'),
148
        Clause('live_outside'),
149
        Clause('live_p_2', ['live_w6']),
150
        Clause('live_w6', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb2']),
151
        Askable('down_s2'),
152
        Askable('up_s3'),
153
        Askable('down_s2')
154
155
        ])
156
    # print(kb)
```

## 5.2 Bottom-up Proofs (with askables)

*fixed\_point* computes the fixed point of the knowledge base kb.

```
https://aipython.org Version 0.9.12 January 19, 2024
```

```
from logicProblem import yes
11
12
   def fixed_point(kb):
13
       """Returns the fixed point of knowledge base kb.
14
15
       fp = ask_askables(kb)
16
17
       added = True
       while added:
18
           added = False # added is true when an atom was added to fp this
19
               iteration
           for c in kb.clauses:
20
               if c.head not in fp and all(b in fp for b in c.body):
21
                   fp.add(c.head)
22
                   added = True
23
                  kb.display(2,c.head, "added to fp due to clause",c)
24
       return fp
25
26
   def ask_askables(kb):
27
       return {at for at in kb.askables if yes(input("Is "+at+" true? "))}
28
```

The following provides a trivial **unit test**, by default using the knowledge base triv\_KB:

```
_logicBottomUp.py — (continued)
   from logicProblem import triv_KB
30
   def test(kb=triv_KB, fixedpt = {'i_am','i_think'}):
31
       fp = fixed_point(kb)
32
       assert fp == fixedpt, f"kb gave result {fp}"
33
       print("Passed unit test")
34
   if __name__ == "__main__":
35
       test()
36
37
   from logicProblem import elect
   # elect.max_display_level=3 # give detailed trace
  # fixed_point(elect)
```

**Exercise 5.1** It is not very user-friendly to ask all of the askables up-front. Implement ask-the-user so that questions are only asked if useful, and are not re-asked. For example, if there is a clause  $h \leftarrow a \land b \land c \land d \land e$ , where c and e are askable, c and e only need to be asked if a, b, d are all in fp and they have not been asked before. Askable e only needs to be asked if the user says "yes" to e. Askable e doesn't need to be asked if the user previously replied "no" to e.

This form of ask-the-user can ask a different set of questions than the topdown interpreter that asks questions when encountered. Give an example where they ask different questions (neither set of questions asked is a subset of the other).

**Exercise 5.2** This algorithm runs in time  $O(n^2)$ , where n is the number of clauses, for a bounded number of elements in the body; each iteration goes through each of the clauses, and in the worst case, it will do an iteration for each clause. It is possible to implement this in time O(n) time by creating an index that maps an atom to the set of clauses with that atom in the body. Implement this. What is its

complexity as a function of *n* and *b*, the maximum number of atoms in the body of a clause?

**Exercise 5.3** It is possible to be asymptotically more efficient (in terms of the number of elements in a body) than the method in the previous question by noticing that each element of the body of clause only needs to be checked once. For example, the clause  $a \leftarrow b \land c \land d$ , needs only be considered when b is added to fp. Once b is added to fp, if c is already in fp, we know that a can be added as soon as d is added. Implement this. What is its complexity as a function of n and b, the maximum number of atoms in the body of a clause?

## 5.3 Top-down Proofs (with askables)

The following implements the top-down proof procedure for propositional definite clauses, as described in Section 5.3.2 and Figure 5.4 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]. It implements "choose" by looping over the alternatives (using Python's any) and returning true if any choice leads to a proof.

prove(kb, goal) is used to prove goal from a knowledge base, kb, where a goal is a list of atoms. It returns True if  $kb \vdash goal$ . The indent is used when displaying the code (and doesn't need to be called initially with a non-default value).

```
__logicTopDown.py — Top-down Proof Procedure for Definite Clauses .
11
   from logicProblem import yes
12
   def prove(kb, ans_body, indent=""):
13
       """returns True if kb |- ans_body
14
       ans_body is a list of atoms to be proved
15
16
       kb.display(2,indent,'yes <-',' & '.join(ans_body))</pre>
17
       if ans_body:
18
           selected = ans_body[0] # select first atom from ans_body
19
20
           if selected in kb.askables:
               return (yes(input("Is "+selected+" true? "))
21
                       and prove(kb,ans_body[1:],indent+" "))
22
           else:
23
               return any(prove(kb,cl.body+ans_body[1:],indent+" ")
                          for cl in kb.clauses_for_atom(selected))
25
26
       else:
           return True # empty body is true
27
```

The following provides a simple **unit test** that is hard wired for triv\_KB:

```
print("Passed unit tests")
if __name__ == "__main__":
    test()

# try
from logicProblem import elect
# elect.max_display_level=3 # give detailed trace
# prove(elect,['live_w6'])
# prove(elect,['lit_l1'])
```

**Exercise 5.4** This code can re-ask a question multiple times. Implement this code so that it only asks a question once and remembers the answer. Also implement a function to forget the answers.

**Exercise 5.5** What search method is this using? Implement the search interface so that it can use  $A^*$  or other searching methods. Define an admissible heuristic that is not always 0.

## 5.4 Debugging and Explanation

Here we modify the top-down procedure to build a proof tree than can be traversed for explanation and debugging.

prove\_atom(kb, atom) returns a proof for *atom* from a knowledge base *kb*, where a proof is a pair of the atom and the proofs for the elements of the body of the clause used to prove the atom. prove\_body(kb, body) returns a list of proofs for list *body* from a knowledge base, *kb*. The *indent* is used when displaying the code (and doesn't need to have a non-default value).

```
_logicExplain.py — Explaining Proof Procedure for Definite Clauses _
   from logicProblem import yes # for asking the user
11
12
   def prove_atom(kb, atom, indent=""):
13
       """returns a pair (atom, proofs) where proofs is the list of proofs
14
          of the elements of a body of a clause used to prove atom.
15
16
       kb.display(2,indent,'proving',atom)
17
       if atom in kb.askables:
18
           if yes(input("Is "+atom+" true? ")):
19
               return (atom, "answered")
20
21
               return "fail"
22
23
24
           for cl in kb.clauses_for_atom(atom):
               kb.display(2,indent,"trying",atom,'<-',' & '.join(cl.body))</pre>
25
26
               pr_body = prove_body(kb, cl.body, indent)
27
               if pr_body != "fail":
                   return (atom, pr_body)
28
           return "fail"
29
  def prove_body(kb, ans_body, indent=""):
```

```
"""returns proof tree if kb |- ans_body or "fail" if there is no proof
32
33
       ans_body is a list of atoms in a body to be proved
34
       proofs = []
35
       for atom in ans_body:
           proof_at = prove_atom(kb, atom, indent+" ")
37
           if proof_at == "fail":
38
               return "fail" # fail if any proof fails
39
           else:
40
              proofs.append(proof_at)
41
       return proofs
42
```

The following provides a simple **unit test** that is hard wired for triv\_KB:

```
_logicExplain.py — (continued)
   from logicProblem import triv_KB
44
   def test():
45
       a1 = prove_atom(triv_KB, 'i_am')
46
       assert a1, f"triv_KB proving i_am gave {a1}"
47
       a2 = prove_atom(triv_KB, 'i_smell')
48
       assert a2=="fail", "triv_KB proving i_smell gave {a2}"
49
       print("Passed unit tests")
50
51
   if __name__ == "__main__":
52
       test()
53
54
   # try
55
   from logicProblem import elect, elect_bug
56
   # elect.max_display_level=3 # give detailed trace
57
  # prove_atom(elect, 'live_w6')
  # prove_atom(elect, 'lit_l1')
```

The interact(kb) provides an interactive interface to explore proofs for knowledge base kb. The user can ask to prove atoms and can ask how an atom was proved.

To ask how, there must be a current atom for which there is a proof. This starts as the atom asked. When the user asks "how n" the current atom becomes the n-th element of the body of the clause used to prove the (previous) current atom. The command "up" makes the current atom the atom in the head of the rule containing the (previous) current atom. Thus "how n" moves down the proof tree and "up" moves up the proof tree, allowing the user to explore the full proof.

```
logicExplain.py — (continued)

helptext = """Commands are:
ask atom ask is there is a proof for atom (atom should not be in quotes)
how show the clause that was used to prove atom
how n show the clause used to prove the nth element of the body
up go back up proof tree to explore other parts of the proof tree
kb print the knowledge base
```

```
quit
                 quit this interaction (and go back to Python)
67
68
    help
                 print this text
    11 11 11
69
70
    def interact(kb):
71
        going = True
72
73
        ups = [] # stack for going up
74
        proof="fail" # there is no proof to start
75
        while going:
            inp = input("logicExplain: ")
76
            inps = inp.split(" ")
77
            try:
78
                command = inps[0]
79
                if command == "quit":
80
                    going = False
81
                elif command == "ask":
82
                    proof = prove_atom(kb, inps[1])
83
                    if proof == "fail":
                        print("fail")
85
                    else:
86
                        print("yes")
87
                elif command == "how":
88
                    if proof=="fail":
89
                        print("there is no proof")
90
91
                    elif len(inps)==1:
                       print_rule(proof)
92
                    else:
93
94
                        try:
                            ups.append(proof)
95
                            proof = proof[1][int(inps[1])] #nth argument of rule
96
                            print_rule(proof)
97
98
                            print('In "how n", n must be a number between 0
99
                                and', len(proof[1])-1, "inclusive.")
                elif command == "up":
100
                    if ups:
101
                        proof = ups.pop()
102
                    else:
103
                        print("No rule to go up to.")
104
                    print_rule(proof)
105
                elif command == "kb":
106
                     print(kb)
107
                elif command == "help":
108
                    print(helptext)
109
                else:
110
                    print("unknown command:", inp)
111
                    print("use help for help")
112
            except:
113
                print("unknown command:", inp)
114
                print("use help for help")
115
```

```
116
117
    def print_rule(proof):
       (head, body) = proof
118
       if body == "answered":
119
           print(head, "was answered yes")
120
       elif body == []:
121
                print(head,"is a fact")
122
123
       else:
               print(head, "<-")</pre>
124
               for i,a in enumerate(body):
125
                  print(i,":",a[0])
126
127
    # try
128
   # interact(elect)
129
   # Which clause is wrong in elect_bug? Try:
130
# interact(elect_bug)
132 # logicExplain: ask lit_l1
       The following shows an interaction for the knowledge base elect:
    >>> interact(elect)
    logicExplain: ask lit_l1
    Is up_s2 true? no
    Is down_s2 true? yes
    Is down_s1 true? yes
    yes
    logicExplain: how
    lit_l1 <-
    0 : light_l1
    1 : live_l1
    2 : ok_l1
    logicExplain: how 1
    live_l1 <-
    0 : live_w0
    logicExplain: how 0
    live_w0 <-
    0 : down_s2
    1 : live_w2
    logicExplain: how 0
    down_s2 was answered yes
    logicExplain: up
    live_w0 <-
    0 : down_s2
    1 : live_w2
    logicExplain: how 1
    live_w2 <-
    0 : down_s1
    1 : live_w3
```

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```
logicExplain: quit
>>>
```

**Exercise 5.6** The above code only ever explores one proof – the first proof found. Change the code to enumerate the proof trees (by returning a list of all proof trees, or, preferably, using yield). Add the command "retry" to the user interface to try another proof.

### 5.5 Assumables

Atom a can be made assumable by including Assumable(a) in the knowledge base. A knowledge base that can include assumables is declared with KBA.

```
_logicAssumables.py — Definite clauses with assumables
   from logicProblem import Clause, Askable, KB, yes
11
12
   class Assumable(object):
13
       """An askable atom"""
14
15
       def __init__(self,atom):
16
           """clause with atom head and lost of atoms body"""
17
18
           self.atom = atom
19
       def __str__(self):
20
            """returns the string representation of a clause.
21
22
           return "assumable " + self.atom + "."
23
24
   class KBA(KB):
25
       """A knowledge base that can include assumables"""
26
       def __init__(self,statements):
27
           self.assumables = [c.atom for c in statements if isinstance(c,
28
               Assumable)]
29
           KB.__init__(self, statements)
```

The top-down Horn clause interpreter, *prove\_all\_ass* returns a list of the sets of assumables that imply *ans\_body*. This list will contain all of the minimal sets of assumables, but can also find non-minimal sets, and repeated sets, if they can be generated with separate proofs. The set *assumed* is the set of assumables already assumed.

```
def prove_all_ass(self, ans_body, assumed=set()):

"""returns a list of sets of assumables that extends assumed to imply ans_body from self.

ans_body is a list of atoms (it is the body of the answer clause).

assumed is a set of assumables already assumed

"""

if ans_body:
```

```
selected = ans_body[0] # select first atom from ans_body
38
39
               if selected in self.askables:
                  if yes(input("Is "+selected+" true? ")):
40
                      return self.prove_all_ass(ans_body[1:],assumed)
41
                  else:
42
                      return [] # no answers
43
44
              elif selected in self.assumables:
                  return self.prove_all_ass(ans_body[1:],assumed|{selected})
45
              else:
                  return [ass
47
                          for cl in self.clauses_for_atom(selected)
48
                          for ass in
49
                              self.prove_all_ass(cl.body+ans_body[1:],assumed)
                             ] # union of answers for each clause with
50
                                 head=selected
           else:
                                # empty body
51
               return [assumed] # one answer
52
53
       def conflicts(self):
54
           """returns a list of minimal conflicts"""
55
           return minsets(self.prove_all_ass(['false']))
56
```

Given a list of sets, *minsets* returns a list of the minimal sets in the list. For example,  $minsets([\{2,3,4\},\{2,3\},\{6,2,3\},\{2,4,5\}])$  returns  $[\{2,3\},\{2,4,5\}]$ .

```
__logicAssumables.py — (continued) ___
   def minsets(ls):
       """ls is a list of sets
59
60
       returns a list of minimal sets in ls
61
       ans = []
                    # elements known to be minimal
62
       for c in ls:
63
           if not any(c1<c for c1 in 1s) and not any(c1 <= c for c1 in ans):</pre>
64
               ans.append(c)
65
       return ans
66
  | # minsets([{2, 3, 4}, {2, 3}, {6, 2, 3}, {2, 3}, {2, 4, 5}])
```

Warning: *minsets* works for a list of sets or for a set of (frozen) sets, but it does not work for a generator of sets (because 1s is referenced in the loop). For example, try to predict and then test:

```
minsets(e for e in [{2, 3, 4}, {2, 3}, {6, 2, 3}, {2, 3}, {2, 4, 5}])
```

The diagnoses can be constructed from the (minimal) conflicts as follows. This also works if there are non-minimal conflicts, but is not as efficient.

```
logicAssumables.py — (continued)

def diagnoses(cons):
    """cons is a list of (minimal) conflicts.
    returns a list of diagnoses."""
    if cons == []:
```

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Test cases:

```
logicAssumables.py — (continued)
    electa = KBA([
80
        Clause('light_l1'),
81
82
        Clause('light_12'),
        Assumable('ok_l1'),
83
        Assumable('ok_12'),
84
        Assumable('ok_s1'),
85
        Assumable('ok_s2'),
86
        Assumable('ok_s3'),
87
88
        Assumable('ok_cb1'),
        Assumable('ok_cb2'),
89
        Assumable('live_outside'),
90
        Clause('live_l1', ['live_w0']),
91
        Clause('live_w0', ['up_s2', 'ok_s2', 'live_w1']),
92
93
        Clause('live_w0', ['down_s2', 'ok_s2', 'live_w2']),
94
        Clause('live_w1', ['up_s1', 'ok_s1', 'live_w3']),
        Clause('live_w2', ['down_s1', 'ok_s1', 'live_w3']),
95
        Clause('live_l2', ['live_w4']),
96
        Clause('live_w4', ['up_s3', 'ok_s3', 'live_w3']),
97
        Clause('live_p_1', ['live_w3']),
98
        Clause('live_w3', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb1']),
        Clause('live_p_2', ['live_w6']),
100
        Clause('live_w6', ['live_w5', 'ok_cb2']),
101
        Clause('live_w5', ['live_outside']),
102
        Clause('lit_l1', ['light_l1', 'live_l1', 'ok_l1']),
103
        Clause('lit_12', ['light_12', 'live_12', 'ok_12']),
104
        Askable('up_s1'),
105
        Askable('down_s1'),
106
        Askable('up_s2'),
107
        Askable('down_s2'),
108
109
        Askable('up_s3'),
        Askable('down_s2'),
110
        Askable('dark_l1'),
111
        Askable('dark_12'),
112
        Clause('false', ['dark_l1', 'lit_l1']),
113
        Clause('false', ['dark_12', 'lit_12'])
114
        ])
115
    # electa.prove_all_ass(['false'])
116
    # cs=electa.conflicts()
117
    # print(cs)
118
   # diagnoses(cs)
                          # diagnoses from conflicts
119
```

**Exercise 5.7** To implement a version of *conflicts* that never generates non-minimal

conflicts, modify *prove\_all\_ass* to implement iterative deepening on the number of assumables used in a proof, and prune any set of assumables that is a superset of a conflict.

**Exercise 5.8** Implement *explanations*(*self*, *body*), where *body* is a list of atoms, that returns a list of the minimal explanations of the body. This does not require modification of *prove\_all\_ass*.

**Exercise 5.9** Implement *explanations*, as in the previous question, so that it never generates non-minimal explanations. Hint: modify *prove\_all\_ass* to implement iterative deepening on the number of assumptions, generating conflicts and explanations together, and pruning as early as possible.

## 5.6 Negation-as-failure

The negation af an atom a is written as Not(a) in a body.

```
_logicNegation.py — Propositional negation-as-failure _
   from logicProblem import KB, Clause, Askable, yes
11
12
   class Not(object):
13
        def __init__(self, atom):
14
            self.theatom = atom
15
16
        def atom(self):
17
            return self.theatom
18
19
        def __repr__(self):
20
            return f"Not({self.theatom})"
21
```

Prove with negation-as-failure (prove\_naf) is like prove, but with the extra case to cover Not:

```
__logicNegation.py — (continued) _
   def prove_naf(kb, ans_body, indent=""):
23
       """ prove with negation-as-failure and askables
24
       returns True if kb |- ans_body
25
       ans_body is a list of atoms to be proved
26
27
       kb.display(2,indent,'yes <-',' & '.join(str(e) for e in ans_body))</pre>
28
29
           selected = ans_body[0] # select first atom from ans_body
30
           if isinstance(selected, Not):
31
               kb.display(2,indent,f"proving {selected.atom()}")
32
               if prove_naf(kb, [selected.atom()], indent):
33
                  kb.display(2,indent,f"{selected.atom()} succeeded so
                       Not({selected.atom()}) fails")
                   return False
35
               else:
36
                  kb.display(2,indent,f"{selected.atom()} fails so
37
                       Not({selected.atom()}) succeeds")
```

```
return prove_naf(kb, ans_body[1:],indent+" ")
38
39
           if selected in kb.askables:
              return (yes(input("Is "+selected+" true? "))
40
                      and prove_naf(kb,ans_body[1:],indent+" "))
41
           else:
42
              return any(prove_naf(kb,cl.body+ans_body[1:],indent+" ")
43
44
                         for cl in kb.clauses_for_atom(selected))
45
       else:
           return True # empty body is true
```

Test cases:

```
__logicNegation.py — (continued) __
   triv_KB_naf = KB([
48
       Clause('i_am', ['i_think']),
49
       Clause('i_think'),
50
       Clause('i_smell', ['i_am', Not('dead')]),
51
52
       Clause('i_bad', ['i_am', Not('i_think')])
       ])
53
54
   triv_KB_naf.max_display_level = 4
55
   def test():
56
       a1 = prove_naf(triv_KB_naf,['i_smell'])
57
       assert a1, f"triv_KB_naf proving i_smell gave {a1}"
58
       a2 = prove_naf(triv_KB_naf,['i_bad'])
59
       assert not a2, f"triv_KB_naf proving i_bad gave {a2}"
60
       print("Passed unit tests")
61
   if __name__ == "__main__":
62
       test()
63
```

Default reasoning about beaches at resorts (Example 5.28 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]):

```
_logicNegation.py — (continued)
   beach_KB = KB([
65
      Clause('away_from_beach', [Not('on_beach')]),
66
      Clause('beach_access', ['on_beach', Not('ab_beach_access')]),
67
      Clause('swim_at_beach', ['beach_access', Not('ab_swim_at_beach')]),
68
      Clause('ab_swim_at_beach', ['enclosed_bay', 'big_city',
69
          Not('ab_no_swimming_near_city')]),
      Clause('ab_no_swimming_near_city', ['in_BC', Not('ab_BC_beaches')])
70
71
       ])
72
   # prove_naf(beach_KB, ['away_from_beach'])
73
  # prove_naf(beach_KB, ['beach_access'])
  | # beach_KB.add_clause(Clause('on_beach',[]))
75
   | # prove_naf(beach_KB, ['away_from_beach'])
76
   # prove_naf(beach_KB, ['swim_at_beach'])
77
  | # beach_KB.add_clause(Clause('enclosed_bay',[]))
  |# prove_naf(beach_KB, ['swim_at_beach'])
  |# beach_KB.add_clause(Clause('big_city',[]))
  # prove_naf(beach_KB, ['swim_at_beach'])
```

# Deterministic Planning

# 6.1 Representing Actions and Planning Problems

The STRIPS representation of an action consists of:

- the name of the action
- preconditions: a dictionary of *feature:value* pairs that specifies that the feature must have this value for the action to be possible
- effects: a dictionary of *feature:value* pairs that are made true by this action. In particular, a feature in the dictionary has the corresponding value (and not its previous value) after the action, and a feature not in the dictionary keeps its old value.

```
_stripsProblem.py — STRIPS Representations of Actions .
   class Strips(object):
11
       def __init__(self, name, preconds, effects, cost=1):
12
13
           defines the STRIPS representation for an action:
           * name is the name of the action
15
           * preconds, the preconditions, is feature: value dictionary that
               must hold
           for the action to be carried out
17
           * effects is a feature:value map that this action makes
18
           true. The action changes the value of any feature specified
           here, and leaves other features unchanged.
20
           * cost is the cost of the action
21
22
```

```
self.name = name
self.preconds = preconds
self.effects = effects
self.cost = cost

def __repr__(self):
return self.name
```

A STRIPS domain consists of:

- A dictionary that maps each feature into a set of possible values for the feature.
- A set of actions, each representeded using the Strips class.

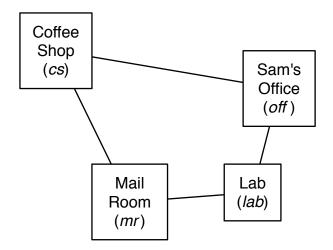
```
\_stripsProblem.py — (continued) \_
31
   class STRIPS_domain(object):
       def __init__(self, feature_domain_dict, actions):
32
           """Problem domain
33
           feature_domain_dict is a feature:domain dictionary,
34
                   mapping each feature to its domain
35
36
           actions
37
           self.feature_domain_dict = feature_domain_dict
38
           self.actions = actions
39
```

A planning problem consists of a planning domain, an initial state, and a goal. The goal does not need to fully specify the final state.

```
_stripsProblem.py — (continued)
41
   class Planning_problem(object):
       def __init__(self, prob_domain, initial_state, goal):
42
43
           a planning problem consists of
44
           * a planning domain
45
           * the initial state
46
           * a goal
48
           self.prob_domain = prob_domain
49
           self.initial_state = initial_state
50
           self.goal = goal
51
```

## 6.1.1 Robot Delivery Domain

The following specifies the robot delivery domain of Section 6.1, shown in Figure 6.1.



#### Features to describe states

#### **Actions**

<i>RLoc</i> – Rob's location	<i>mc</i> – move clockwise
RHC – Rob has coffee	<i>mcc</i> – move counterclockwise
SWC – Sam wants coffee	<i>puc</i> – pickup coffee
MW - Mail is waiting	<i>dc</i> – deliver coffee
<i>RHM</i> – Rob has mail	<i>pum</i> – pickup mail
	<i>dm</i> – deliver mail

Figure 6.1: Robot Delivery Domain

```
{'RLoc':{'cs', 'off', 'lab', 'mr'}, 'RHC':boolean, 'SWC':boolean,
55
         'MW':boolean, 'RHM':boolean},
                                                #feature:values dictionary
56
        { Strips('mc_cs', {'RLoc':'cs'}, {'RLoc':'off'}),
57
        Strips('mc_off', {'RLoc':'off'}, {'RLoc':'lab'}),
58
        Strips('mc_lab', {'RLoc':'lab'}, {'RLoc':'mr'}),
59
        Strips('mc_mr', {'RLoc':'mr'}, {'RLoc':'cs'}),
60
        Strips('mcc_cs', {'RLoc':'cs'}, {'RLoc':'mr'}),
61
        Strips('mcc_off', {'RLoc':'off'}, {'RLoc':'cs'}),
62
        Strips('mcc_lab', {'RLoc':'lab'}, {'RLoc':'off'}),
63
64
        Strips('mcc_mr', {'RLoc':'mr'}, {'RLoc':'lab'}),
        Strips('puc', {'RLoc':'cs', 'RHC':False}, {'RHC':True}),
65
        Strips('dc', {'RLoc':'off', 'RHC':True}, {'RHC':False, 'SWC':False}),
66
        Strips('pum', {'RLoc':'mr','MW':True}, {'RHM':True,'MW':False}),
Strips('dm', {'RLoc':'off', 'RHM':True}, {'RHM':False})
67
68
       })
69
```

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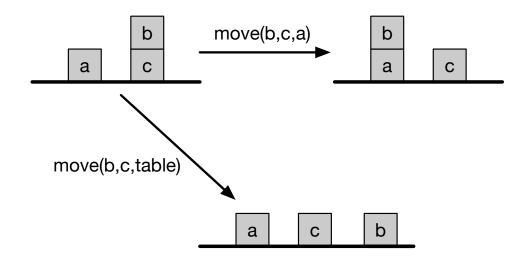


Figure 6.2: Blocks world with two actions

```
74
                              {'RLoc':'off'})
75
   problem1 = Planning_problem(delivery_domain,
                              {'RLoc':'lab', 'MW':True, 'SWC':True, 'RHC':False,
76
                               'RHM':False},
77
                              {'SWC':False})
78
   problem2 = Planning_problem(delivery_domain,
79
80
                              {'RLoc':'lab', 'MW':True, 'SWC':True, 'RHC':False,
                               'RHM':False},
81
                              {'SWC':False, 'MW':False, 'RHM':False})
82
```

#### 6.1.2 Blocks World

The blocks world consist of blocks and a table. Each block can be on the table or on another block. A block can only have one other block on top of it. Figure 6.2 shows 3 states with some of the actions between them.

A state is defined by the two features:

- *on* where on(x) = y when block x is on block or table y
- *clear* where clear(x) = True when block x has nothing on it.

There is one parameterized action

 move(x, y, z) move block x from y to z, where y and z could be a block or the table.

To handle parameterized actions (which depend on the blocks involved), the actions and the features are all strings, created for all the combinations of the blocks. Note that we treat moving to a block separately from moving to the

table, because the blocks needs to be clear, but the table always has room for another block.

```
stripsProblem.py — (continued)
    ### blocks world
84
85
    def move(x,y,z):
        """string for the 'move' action"""
86
        return 'move_'+x+'_from_'+y+'_to_'+z
87
88
        """string for the 'on' feature"""
89
        return x+'_is_on'
90
91
    def clear(x):
        """string for the 'clear' feature"""
92
        return 'clear_'+x
93
    def create_blocks_world(blocks = {'a','b','c','d'}):
94
95
        blocks_and_table = blocks | {'table'}
        stmap = {Strips(move(x,y,z),{on(x):y, clear(x):True, clear(z):True},
96
                                    {on(x):z, clear(y):True, clear(z):False})
97
                       for x in blocks
98
                       for y in blocks_and_table
99
                       for z in blocks
100
                       if x!=y and y!=z and z!=x}
101
        stmap.update({Strips(move(x,y,'table'), {on(x):y, clear(x):True},
102
                                    {on(x):'table', clear(y):True})
103
                       for x in blocks
104
                       for y in blocks
105
                       if x!=y})
106
        feature_domain_dict = {on(x):blocks_and_table-{x} for x in blocks}
107
108
        feature_domain_dict.update({clear(x):boolean for x in blocks_and_table})
        return STRIPS_domain(feature_domain_dict, stmap)
109
```

The problem *blocks*1 is a classic example, with 3 blocks, and the goal consists of two conditions. See Figure 6.3. This example is challenging because you can't achieve one of the goals and then the other; whichever one you achieve first has to be undone to achieve the second.

The problem *blocks*2 is one to invert a tower of size 4.

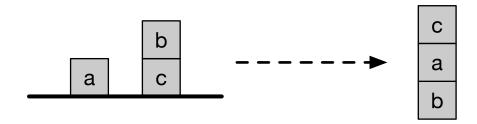


Figure 6.3: Blocks problem blocks1

```
clear('d'):False, on('d'):'table'}
blocks2 = Planning_problem(blocks2dom,
tower4, # initial state
{on('d'):'c',on('c'):'b',on('b'):'a'}) #goal
```

The problem *blocks*3 is to move the bottom block to the top of a tower of size 4.

**Exercise 6.1** Represent the problem of given a tower of 4 blocks (a on b on c on d on table), the goal is to have a tower with the previous top block on the bottom (b on c on d on a). Do not include the table in your goal (the goal does not care whether a is on the table). [Before you run the program, estimate how many steps it will take to solve this.] How many steps does an optimal planner take?

**Exercise 6.2** Represent the domain so that on(x, y) is a Boolean feature that is True when x is on y, Does the representation of the state need to include negative on facts? Why or why not? (Note that this may depend on the planner; write your answer with respect to particular planners.)

**Exercise 6.3** It is possible to write the representation of the problem without using clear, where clear(x) means nothing is on x. Change the definition of the blocks world so that it does not use clear but uses on being false instead. Does this work better for any of the planners?

## 6.2 Forward Planning

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "stripsForwardPlanner.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file.

In a forward planner, a node is a state. A state consists of an assignment, which is a variable:value dictionary. In order to be able to do multiple-path pruning, we need to define a hash function, and equality between states.

```
__stripsForwardPlanner.py — Forward Planner with STRIPS actions _
   from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
   from stripsProblem import Strips, STRIPS_domain
12
13
   class State(object):
14
15
       def __init__(self,assignment):
           self.assignment = assignment
16
           self.hash_value = None
17
       def __hash__(self):
18
           if self.hash_value is None:
19
               self.hash_value = hash(frozenset(self.assignment.items()))
20
           return self.hash_value
21
       def __eq__(self,st):
22
           return self.assignment == st.assignment
23
24
       def __str__(self):
25
           return str(self.assignment)
```

In order to define a search problem (page 41), we need to define the goal condition, the start nodes, the neighbours, and (optionally) a heuristic function. Here *zero* is the default heuristic function.

```
_stripsForwardPlanner.py — (continued)
   def zero(*args,**nargs):
27
       """always returns 0"""
28
29
       return 0
30
   class Forward_STRIPS(Search_problem):
31
       """A search problem from a planning problem where:
32
       * a node is a state object.
33
       * the dynamics are specified by the STRIPS representation of actions
34
35
       def __init__(self, planning_problem, heur=zero):
36
           """creates a forward search space from a planning problem.
37
           heur(state,goal) is a heuristic function,
38
              an underestimate of the cost from state to goal, where
39
              both state and goals are feature: value dictionaries.
40
41
           self.prob_domain = planning_problem.prob_domain
42
           self.initial_state = State(planning_problem.initial_state)
43
           self.goal = planning_problem.goal
44
           self.heur = heur
45
46
       def is_goal(self, state):
47
           """is True if node is a goal.
48
49
           Every goal feature has the same value in the state and the goal."""
50
           return all(state.assignment[prop]==self.goal[prop]
51
                     for prop in self.goal)
52
53
       def start_node(self):
54
           """returns start node"""
55
```

```
return self.initial_state
56
57
       def neighbors(self,state):
58
           """returns neighbors of state in this problem"""
59
           return [ Arc(state, self.effect(act, state.assignment), act.cost,
               act)
61
                   for act in self.prob_domain.actions
                   if self.possible(act,state.assignment)]
62
63
       def possible(self,act,state_asst):
64
           """True if act is possible in state.
65
           act is possible if all of its preconditions have the same value in
66
               the state"""
           return all(state_asst[pre] == act.preconds[pre]
67
                     for pre in act.preconds)
68
69
       def effect(self,act,state_asst):
70
           """returns the state that is the effect of doing act given
71
               state_asst
          Python 3.9: return state_asst | act.effects"""
72
           new_state_asst = state_asst.copy()
73
           new_state_asst.update(act.effects)
74
           return State(new_state_asst)
75
76
77
       def heuristic(self, state):
           """in the forward planner a node is a state.
78
           the heuristic is an (under)estimate of the cost
79
           of going from the state to the top-level goal.
81
           return self.heur(state.assignment, self.goal)
82
```

Here are some test cases to try.

## 6.2.1 Defining Heuristics for a Planner

Each planning domain requires its own heuristics. If you change the actions, you will need to reconsider the heuristic function, as there might then be a lower-cost path, which might make the heuristic non-admissible.

Here is an example of defining heuristics for the coffee delivery planning domain.

First we define the distance between two locations, which is used for the heuristics.

```
_stripsHeuristic.py — Planner with Heuristic Function _
   def dist(loc1, loc2):
11
        """returns the distance from location loc1 to loc2
12
13
        if loc1==loc2:
14
15
            return 0
        if {loc1,loc2} in [{'cs','lab'},{'mr','off'}]:
16
17
            return 2
        else:
18
            return 1
19
```

Note that the current state is a complete description; there is a value for every feature. However the goal need not be complete; it does not need to define a value for every feature. Before checking the value for a feature in the goal, a heuristic needs to define whether the feature is defined in the goal.

```
___stripsHeuristic.py — (continued) _
   def h1(state,goal):
21
       """ the distance to the goal location, if there is one"""
22
       if 'RLoc' in goal:
23
           return dist(state['RLoc'], goal['RLoc'])
24
25
       else:
26
           return 0
27
   def h2(state,goal):
28
       """ the distance to the coffee shop plus getting coffee and delivering
29
       if the robot needs to get coffee
30
31
       if ('SWC' in goal and goal['SWC']==False
32
               and state['SWC']==True
33
               and state['RHC']==False):
34
           return dist(state['RLoc'], 'cs')+3
35
       else:
36
37
           return 0
```

The maximum of the values of a set of admissible heuristics is also an admissible heuristic. The function maxh takes a number of heuristic functions as arguments, and returns a new heuristic function that takes the maximum of the values of the heuristics. For example, h1 and h2 are heuristic functions and so maxh(h1,h2) is also. maxh can take an arbitrary number of arguments.

```
def maxh(*heuristics):
    """Returns a new heuristic function that is the maximum of the
    functions in heuristics.
```

```
heuristics is the list of arguments which must be heuristic functions.

"""

# return lambda state,goal: max(h(state,goal) for h in heuristics)

def newh(state,goal):

return max(h(state,goal) for h in heuristics)

return newh
```

The following runs the example with and without the heuristic.

```
stripsHeuristic.py — (continued)
   ##### Forward Planner #####
   from searchMPP import SearcherMPP
49
   from stripsForwardPlanner import Forward_STRIPS
   import stripsProblem
51
52
   def test_forward_heuristic(thisproblem=stripsProblem.problem1):
53
       print("\n***** FORWARD NO HEURISTIC")
54
       print(SearcherMPP(Forward_STRIPS(thisproblem)).search())
55
56
       print("\n***** FORWARD WITH HEURISTIC h1")
57
       print(SearcherMPP(Forward_STRIPS(thisproblem,h1)).search())
58
59
       print("\n**** FORWARD WITH HEURISTIC h2")
60
       print(SearcherMPP(Forward_STRIPS(thisproblem, h2)).search())
61
62
       print("\n***** FORWARD WITH HEURISTICs h1 and h2")
63
       print(SearcherMPP(Forward_STRIPS(thisproblem, maxh(h1, h2))).search())
64
65
   if __name__ == "__main__":
66
       test_forward_heuristic()
```

**Exercise 6.4** For more than one start-state/goal combination, test the forward planner with a heuristic function of just h1, with just h2 and with both. Explain why each one prunes or doesn't prune the search space.

**Exercise 6.5** Create a better heuristic than maxh(h1,h2). Try it for a number of different problems. In particular, try and include the following costs:

- i) *h*3 is like *h*2 but also takes into account the case when *Rloc* is in goal.
- ii) *h*4 uses the distance to the mail room plus getting mail and delivering it if the robot needs to get need to deliver mail.
- iii) *h*5 is for getting mail when goal is for the robot to have mail, and then getting to the goal destination (if there is one).

**Exercise 6.6** Create an admissible heuristic for the blocks world.

## 6.3 Regression Planning

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "stripsRegressionPlanner.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file.

In a regression planner a node is a subgoal that need to be achieved.

A *Subgoal* object consists of an assignment, which is a *variable:value* dictionary. We make it hashable so that multiple path pruning can work. The hash is only computed when necessary (and only once).

```
_stripsRegressionPlanner.py — Regression Planner with STRIPS actions _
   from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
11
12
   class Subgoal(object):
13
       def __init__(self,assignment):
14
           self.assignment = assignment
15
           self.hash_value = None
16
       def __hash__(self):
17
           if self.hash_value is None:
18
               self.hash_value = hash(frozenset(self.assignment.items()))
19
20
           return self.hash_value
       def __eq__(self,st):
21
           return self.assignment == st.assignment
22
       def __str__(self):
23
           return str(self.assignment)
```

A regression search has subgoals as nodes. The initial node is the top-level goal of the planner. The goal for the search (when the search can stop) is a subgoal that holds in the initial state.

```
_stripsRegressionPlanner.py — (continued)
   from stripsForwardPlanner import zero
26
27
   class Regression_STRIPS(Search_problem):
28
       """A search problem where:
29
       * a node is a goal to be achieved, represented by a set of propositions.
30
       * the dynamics are specified by the STRIPS representation of actions
31
32
33
       def __init__(self, planning_problem, heur=zero):
34
           """creates a regression search space from a planning problem.
35
           heur(state, goal) is a heuristic function;
36
              an underestimate of the cost from state to goal, where
37
38
              both state and goals are feature: value dictionaries
39
           self.prob_domain = planning_problem.prob_domain
           self.top_goal = Subgoal(planning_problem.goal)
41
           self.initial_state = planning_problem.initial_state
42
           self.heur = heur
43
```

```
44
45
       def is_goal(self, subgoal):
           """if subgoal is true in the initial state, a path has been found"""
           goal_asst = subgoal.assignment
47
           return all(self.initial_state[g]==goal_asst[g]
48
                     for g in goal_asst)
49
50
       def start_node(self):
51
           """the start node is the top-level goal"""
52
           return self.top_goal
53
       def neighbors(self, subgoal):
55
           """returns a list of the arcs for the neighbors of subgoal in this
56
               problem"""
           goal_asst = subgoal.assignment
57
           return [ Arc(subgoal, self.weakest_precond(act,goal_asst),
58
               act.cost, act)
                   for act in self.prob_domain.actions
59
                   if self.possible(act,goal_asst)]
60
61
       def possible(self,act,goal_asst):
62
           """True if act is possible to achieve goal_asst.
64
           the action achieves an element of the effects and
65
           the action doesn't delete something that needs to be achieved and
66
           the preconditions are consistent with other subgoals that need to
               be achieved
           ,, ,, ,,
68
           return ( any(goal_asst[prop] == act.effects[prop]
69
                      for prop in act.effects if prop in goal_asst)
70
                  and all(goal_asst[prop] == act.effects[prop]
71
                          for prop in act.effects if prop in goal_asst)
72
                  and all(goal_asst[prop] == act.preconds[prop]
73
74
                          for prop in act.preconds if prop not in act.effects
                              and prop in goal_asst)
                  )
75
76
       def weakest_precond(self,act,goal_asst):
77
           """returns the subgoal that must be true so goal_asst holds after
78
               act
           should be: act.preconds | (goal_asst - act.effects)
79
80
           new_asst = act.preconds.copy()
81
           for g in goal_asst:
82
               if g not in act.effects:
                  new_asst[g] = goal_asst[g]
84
           return Subgoal(new_asst)
85
86
       def heuristic(self, subgoal):
87
           """in the regression planner a node is a subgoal.
88
```

```
the heuristic is an (under)estimate of the cost of going from the initial state to subgoal.

return self.heur(self.initial_state, subgoal.assignment)
```

```
from searchBranchAndBound import DF_branch_and_bound
from searchMPP import SearcherMPP
import stripsProblem

# SearcherMPP(Regression_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem1)).search() #A* with
MPP

# DF_branch_and_bound(Regression_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem1),10).search()
#B&R
```

**Exercise 6.7** Multiple path pruning could be used to prune more than the current node. In particular, if the current node contains more conditions than a previously visited node, it can be pruned. For example, if  $\{a : True, b : False\}$  has been visited, then any node that is a superset, e.g.,  $\{a : True, b : False, d : True\}$ , need not be expanded. If the simpler subgoal does not lead to a solution, the more complicated one will not either. Implement this more severe pruning. (Hint: This may require modifications to the searcher.)

**Exercise 6.8** It is possible that, as knowledge of the domain, that some assignment of values to variables can never be achieved. For example, the robot cannot be holding mail when there is mail waiting (assuming it isn't holding mail initially). An assignment of values to (some of the) variables is incompatible if no possible (reachable) state can include that assignment. For example, {'MW' : True,' RHM' : True} is an incompatible assignment. This information may be useful information for a planner; there is no point in trying to achieve these together. Define a subclass of STRIPS\_domain that can accept a list of incompatible assignments. Modify the regression planner code to use such a list of incompatible assignments. Give an example where the search space is smaller.

**Exercise 6.9** After completing the previous exercise, design incompatible assignments for the blocks world. (This should result in dramatic search improvements.)

## 6.3.1 Defining Heuristics for a Regression Planner

The regression planner can use the same heuristic function as the forward planner. However, just because a heuristic is useful for a forward planner does not mean it is useful for a regression planner, and vice versa. you should experiment with whether the same heuristic works well for both a regression planner and a forward planner.

The following runs the same example as the forward planner with and without the heuristic defined for the forward planner:

```
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```

```
##### Regression Planner
70
   from stripsRegressionPlanner import Regression_STRIPS
   def test_regression_heuristic(thisproblem=stripsProblem.problem1):
72
       print("\n***** REGRESSION NO HEURISTIC")
73
       print(SearcherMPP(Regression_STRIPS(thisproblem)).search())
74
75
       print("\n**** REGRESSION WITH HEURISTICs h1 and h2")
76
       print(SearcherMPP(Regression_STRIPS(thisproblem, maxh(h1,h2))).search())
77
78
   if __name__ == "__main__":
       test_regression_heuristic()
80
```

**Exercise 6.10** Try the regression planner with a heuristic function of just h1 and with just h2 (defined in Section 6.2.1). Explain how each one prunes or doesn't prune the search space.

**Exercise 6.11** Create a better heuristic than *heuristic\_fun* defined in Section 6.2.1.

## 6.4 Planning as a CSP

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "stripsCSPPlanner.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file. This assumes Python 3.

Here we implement the CSP planner assuming there is a single action at each step. This creates a CSP that can use any of the CSP algorithms to solve (e.g., stochastic local search or arc consistency with domain splitting).

This assumes the same action representation as before; we do not consider factored actions (action features), nor do we implement state constraints.

```
_stripsCSPPlanner.py — CSP planner where actions are represented using STRIPS
   from cspProblem import Variable, CSP, Constraint
11
12
   class CSP_from_STRIPS(CSP):
13
       """A CSP where:
14
       * CSP variables are constructed for each feature and time, and each
15
           action and time
       * the dynamics are specified by the STRIPS representation of actions
16
17
18
       def __init__(self, planning_problem, number_stages=2):
19
           prob_domain = planning_problem.prob_domain
20
21
           initial_state = planning_problem.initial_state
           goal = planning_problem.goal
22
           # self.action_vars[t] is the action variable for time t
           self.action_vars = [Variable(f"Action{t}", prob_domain.actions)
24
                                  for t in range(number_stages)]
25
           # feat_time_var[f][t] is the variable for feature f at time t
26
```

```
feat_time_var = {feat: [Variable(f"{feat}_{t}",dom)
27
28
                                          for t in range(number_stages+1)]
                             for (feat,dom) in
29
                                 prob_domain.feature_domain_dict.items()}
30
           # initial state constraints:
31
32
           constraints = [Constraint((feat_time_var[feat][0],), is_(val))
                              for (feat,val) in initial_state.items()]
33
           # goal constraints on the final state:
35
           constraints += [Constraint((feat_time_var[feat][number_stages],),
36
                                         is_(val))
37
                              for (feat,val) in goal.items()]
38
39
           # precondition constraints:
40
           constraints += [Constraint((feat_time_var[feat][t],
41
               self.action_vars[t]),
                                    if_(val,act)) # feat@t==val if action@t==act
42
                              for act in prob_domain.actions
43
                              for (feat,val) in act.preconds.items()
44
                              for t in range(number_stages)]
45
           # effect constraints:
47
           constraints += [Constraint((feat_time_var[feat][t+1],
48
               self.action_vars[t]),
                                    if_(val,act)) # feat@t+1==val if
49
                                        action@t==act
50
                              for act in prob_domain.actions
                              for feat,val in act.effects.items()
51
                              for t in range(number_stages)]
52
           # frame constraints:
53
54
           constraints += [Constraint((feat_time_var[feat][t],
55
               self.action_vars[t], feat_time_var[feat][t+1]),
                                    eq_if_not_in_({act for act in
56
                                        prob_domain.actions
                                                  if feat in act.effects}))
57
                              for feat in prob_domain.feature_domain_dict
58
                              for t in range(number_stages) ]
           variables = set(self.action_vars) | {feat_time_var[feat][t]
60
                                             for feat in
                                                 prob_domain.feature_domain_dict
                                             for t in range(number_stages+1)}
62
           CSP.__init__(self, "CSP_from_Strips", variables, constraints)
63
       def extract_plan(self, soln):
65
           return [soln[a] for a in self.action_vars]
66
```

The following methods return methods which can be applied to the particular environment.

For example,  $is_{-}(3)$  returns a function that when applied to 3, returns True

and when applied to any other value returns False. So  $is_{-}(3)(3)$  returns *True* and  $is_{-}(3)(7)$  returns *False*.

Note that the underscore ( $'\_$ ') is part of the name; here we use it as the convention that it is a function that returns a function. This uses two different styles to define  $is\_$  and  $if\_$ ; returning a function defined by lambda is equivalent to returning the embedded function, except that the embedded function has a name. The embedded function can also be given a docstring.

```
_stripsCSPPlanner.py — (continued) .
   def is_(val):
68
       """returns a function that is true when it is it applied to val.
69
70
       #return lambda x: x == val
71
       def is_fun(x):
72
           return x == val
73
       is_fun.__name__ = f"value_is_{val}"
74
75
       return is_fun
76
   def if_(v1, v2):
77
       """if the second argument is v2, the first argument must be v1"""
78
       #return lambda x1,x2: x1==v1 if x2==v2 else True
79
       def if_fun(x1,x2):
80
           return x1==v1 if x2==v2 else True
81
       if_fun.__name__ = f"if x2 is \{v2\} then x1 is \{v1\}"
82
       return if_fun
83
84
   def eq_if_not_in_(actset):
85
       """first and third arguments are equal if action is not in actset"""
86
       # return lambda x1, a, x2: x1==x2 if a not in actset else True
87
       def eq_if_not_fun(x1, a, x2):
88
           return x1==x2 if a not in actset else True
89
       eq_if_not_fun.__name__ = f"first and third arguments are equal if
90
           action is not in {actset}"
91
       return eq_if_not_fun
```

Putting it together, this returns a list of actions that solves the problem *prob* for a given horizon. If you want to do more than just return the list of actions, you might want to get it to return the solution. Or even enumerate the solutions (by using *Search\_with\_AC\_from\_CSP*).

```
_____stripsCSPPlanner.py — (continued)

93 | def con_plan(prob,horizon):

94    """finds a plan for problem prob given horizon.

95    """

96    csp = CSP_from_STRIPS(prob, horizon)

97    sol = Con_solver(csp).solve_one()

98    return csp.extract_plan(sol) if sol else sol
```

The following are some example queries.

```
_____stripsCSPPlanner.py — (continued) ______
```

141

```
from searchGeneric import Searcher
100
101
    from cspConsistency import Search_with_AC_from_CSP, Con_solver
    from stripsProblem import Planning_problem
102
    import stripsProblem
103
104
   # Problem 0
105
106
   # con_plan(stripsProblem.problem0,1) # should it succeed?
   # con_plan(stripsProblem.problem0,2) # should it succeed?
107
   |# con_plan(stripsProblem.problem0,3) # should it succeed?
   # To use search to enumerate solutions
109
    #searcher0a =
        Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(CSP_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem0,
    #print(searcher0a.search()) # returns path to solution
111
112
    ## Problem 1
113
   # con_plan(stripsProblem.problem1,5) # should it succeed?
114
   | # con_plan(stripsProblem.problem1,4) # should it succeed?
115
    ## To use search to enumerate solutions:
116
    #searcher15a =
117
        Searcher(Search_with_AC_from_CSP(CSP_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem1,
    #print(searcher15a.search()) # returns path to solution
118
119
    ## Problem 2
120
    #con_plan(stripsProblem.problem2, 6) # should fail??
121
    #con_plan(stripsProblem.problem2, 7) # should succeed???
122
123
    ## Example 6.13
124
    problem3 = Planning_problem(stripsProblem.delivery_domain,
125
                              {'SWC':True, 'RHC':False}, {'SWC':False})
126
    #con_plan(problem3,2) # Horizon of 2
127
    #con_plan(problem3,3) # Horizon of 3
128
129
    problem4 = Planning_problem(stripsProblem.delivery_domain,{'SWC':True},
130
                                 {'SWC':False, 'MW':False, 'RHM':False})
131
132
    # For the stochastic local search:
133
   #from cspSLS import SLSearcher, Runtime_distribution
   # cspplanning15 = CSP_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem1, 5) # should
135
    #se0 = SLSearcher(cspplanning15); print(se0.search(100000,0.5))
136
   #p = Runtime_distribution(cspplanning15)
| #p.plot_runs(1000,1000,0.7) # warning will take a few minutes
```

## 6.5 Partial-Order Planning

To run the demo, in folder "aipython", load "stripsPOP.py", and copy and paste the commented-out example queries at the bottom of that file.

A partial order planner maintains a partial order of action instances. An action instance consists of a name and an index. We need action instances because the same action could be carried out at different times.

```
.stripsPOP.py — Partial-order Planner using STRIPS representation _
   from searchProblem import Arc, Search_problem
   import random
12
13
   class Action_instance(object):
14
       next_index = 0
15
       def __init__(self,action,index=None):
16
           if index is None:
17
               index = Action_instance.next_index
18
               Action_instance.next_index += 1
19
           self.action = action
20
           self.index = index
21
22
23
       def __str__(self):
           return f"{self.action}#{self.index}"
24
25
       __repr__ = __str__ # __repr__ function is the same as the __str__
            function
```

A node (as in the abstraction of search space) in a partial-order planner consists of:

- *actions*: a set of action instances.
- *constraints*: a set of  $(a_1, a_2)$  pairs, where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are action instances, which represents that  $a_1$  must come before  $a_2$  in the partial order. There are a number of ways that this could be represented. Here we represent the set of pairs that are in transitive closure of the *before* relation. This lets us quickly determine whether some *before* relation is consistent with the current constraints.
- *agenda*: a list of (*s*, *a*) pairs, where *s* is a (*var*, *val*) pair and *a* is an action instance. This means that variable *var* must have value *val* before *a* can occur.
- *causal\_links*: a set of (a0, g, a1) triples, where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are action instances and g is a (var, val) pair. This holds when action  $a_0$  makes g true for action  $a_1$ .

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued)
   class POP_node(object):
28
       """a (partial) partial-order plan. This is a node in the search
29
           space."""
       def __init__(self, actions, constraints, agenda, causal_links):
30
31
           * actions is a set of action instances
32
           * constraints a set of (a0,a1) pairs, representing a0<a1,
33
             closed under transitivity
34
           * agenda list of (subgoal,action) pairs to be achieved, where
35
             subgoal is a (variable, value) pair
36
           * causal_links is a set of (a0,g,a1) triples,
37
             where ai are action instances, and g is a (variable, value) pair
38
39
           self.actions = actions # a set of action instances
40
           self.constraints = constraints # a set of (a0,a1) pairs
41
42
           self.agenda = agenda # list of (subgoal,action) pairs to be
               achieved
           self.causal_links = causal_links # set of (a0,g,a1) triples
43
44
       def __str__(self):
45
           return ("actions: "+str({str(a) for a in self.actions})+
46
47
                   "\nconstraints: "+
                   str({(str(a1),str(a2)) for (a1,a2) in self.constraints})+
48
                   "\nagenda: "+
49
                  str([(str(s),str(a)) for (s,a) in self.agenda])+
50
                   "\ncausal links:"+
51
                  str({(str(a0), str(g), str(a2))}) for (a0, g, a2) in
52
                       self.causal_links}) )
```

*extract\_plan* constructs a total order of action instances that is consistent with the partial order.

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued)
       def extract_plan(self):
54
           """returns a total ordering of the action instances consistent
55
           with the constraints.
56
           raises IndexError if there is no choice.
57
           sorted_acts = []
59
           other_acts = set(self.actions)
60
           while other_acts:
61
               a = random.choice([a for a in other_acts if
62
                        all(((a1,a) not in self.constraints) for a1 in
63
                            other_acts)])
               sorted_acts.append(a)
64
65
               other_acts.remove(a)
           return sorted_acts
66
```

*POP\_search\_from\_STRIPS* is an instance of a search problem. As such, we need to define the start nodes, the goal, and the neighbors of a node.

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued)
   from display import Displayable
68
69
70
   class POP_search_from_STRIPS(Search_problem, Displayable):
       def __init__(self,planning_problem):
71
72
           Search_problem.__init__(self)
           self.planning_problem = planning_problem
73
           self.start = Action_instance("start")
74
           self.finish = Action_instance("finish")
75
76
77
       def is_goal(self, node):
           return node.agenda == []
78
       def start_node(self):
80
           constraints = {(self.start, self.finish)}
81
           agenda = [(g, self.finish) for g in
82
               self.planning_problem.goal.items()]
           return POP_node([self.start,self.finish], constraints, agenda, [] )
83
```

The *neighbors* method is a coroutine that enumerates the neighbors of a given node.

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued)
85
        def neighbors(self, node):
            """enumerates the neighbors of node"""
86
            self.display(3,"finding neighbors of\n",node)
            if node.agenda:
88
                subgoal,act1 = node.agenda[0]
                self.display(2, "selecting", subgoal, "for", act1)
90
               new_agenda = node.agenda[1:]
               for act0 in node.actions:
92
                   if (self.achieves(act0, subgoal) and
                      self.possible((act0,act1),node.constraints)):
94
                       self.display(2," reusing",act0)
95
                       consts1 =
96
                            self.add_constraint((act0,act1),node.constraints)
97
                       new_clink = (act0, subgoal, act1)
                       new_cls = node.causal_links + [new_clink]
98
                       for consts2 in
99
                            self.protect_cl_for_actions(node.actions,consts1,new_clink):
                           yield Arc(node,
100
                                     POP_node(node.actions,consts2,new_agenda,new_cls),
101
102
                                     cost=0)
               for a0 in self.planning_problem.prob_domain.actions: #a0 is an
103
                    action
                   if self.achieves(a0, subgoal):
104
                       #a0 acheieves subgoal
105
                       new_a = Action_instance(a0)
106
                       self.display(2," using new action",new_a)
107
                       new_actions = node.actions + [new_a]
108
```

```
109
                       consts1 =
                           self.add_constraint((self.start,new_a),node.constraints)
                       consts2 = self.add_constraint((new_a,act1),consts1)
110
                       new_agenda1 = new_agenda + [(pre,new_a) for pre in
111
                           a0.preconds.items()]
                       new_clink = (new_a, subgoal, act1)
112
113
                       new_cls = node.causal_links + [new_clink]
                       for consts3 in
114
                           self.protect_all_cls(node.causal_links,new_a,consts2):
                           for consts4 in
115
                               self.protect_cl_for_actions(node.actions,consts3,new_clink):
                              yield Arc(node,
116
                                        POP_node(new_actions,consts4,new_agenda1,new_cls),
117
                                        cost=1)
118
```

Given a causal link (*a*0, *subgoal*, *a*1), the following method protects the causal link from each action in *actions*. Whenever an action deletes *subgoal*, the action needs to be before *a*0 or after *a*1. This method enumerates all constraints that result from protecting the causal link from all actions.

```
\_stripsPOP.py — (continued) \_
120
        def protect_cl_for_actions(self, actions, constrs, clink):
            """yields constraints that extend constrs and
121
            protect causal link (a0, subgoal, a1)
122
            for each action in actions
123
124
            if actions:
125
                a = actions[0]
126
                rem_actions = actions[1:]
127
                a0, subgoal, a1 = clink
128
                if a != a0 and a != a1 and self.deletes(a, subgoal):
129
                    if self.possible((a,a0),constrs):
130
                       new_const = self.add_constraint((a,a0),constrs)
131
                       for e in
132
                            self.protect_cl_for_actions(rem_actions,new_const,clink):
                            yield e # could be "yield from"
133
                   if self.possible((a1,a),constrs):
                       new_const = self.add_constraint((a1,a),constrs)
134
135
                        for e in
                            self.protect_cl_for_actions(rem_actions,new_const,clink):
                            yield e
                else:
136
137
                    for e in
                        self.protect_cl_for_actions(rem_actions,constrs,clink):
                        vield e
            else:
138
                yield constrs
139
```

Given an action *act*, the following method protects all the causal links in *clinks* from *act*. Whenever *act* deletes *subgoal* from some causal link (*a*0, *subgoal*, *a*1),

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the action *act* needs to be before *a*0 or after *a*1. This method enumerates all constraints that result from protecting the causal links from *act*.

```
__stripsPOP.py — (continued) _
141
        def protect_all_cls(self, clinks, act, constrs):
            """yields constraints that protect all causal links from act"""
142
            if clinks:
143
                (a0,cond,a1) = clinks[0] # select a causal link
144
145
                rem_clinks = clinks[1:] # remaining causal links
                if act != a0 and act != a1 and self.deletes(act,cond):
                   if self.possible((act,a0),constrs):
147
                       new_const = self.add_constraint((act,a0),constrs)
148
                       for e in self.protect_all_cls(rem_clinks,act,new_const):
149
                           yield e
                   if self.possible((a1,act),constrs):
150
                       new_const = self.add_constraint((a1,act),constrs)
151
                       for e in self.protect_all_cls(rem_clinks,act,new_const):
152
                           yield e
               else:
153
                   for e in self.protect_all_cls(rem_clinks,act,constrs): yield
154
            else:
155
               yield constrs
156
```

The following methods check whether an action (or action instance) achieves or deletes some subgoal.

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued) _
158
        def achieves(self,action,subgoal):
            var, val = subgoal
159
160
            return var in self.effects(action) and self.effects(action)[var] ==
                val
161
        def deletes(self,action,subgoal):
162
            var,val = subgoal
163
            return var in self.effects(action) and self.effects(action)[var] !=
164
                val
165
        def effects(self,action):
166
            """returns the variable:value dictionary of the effects of action.
167
            works for both actions and action instances"""
168
            if isinstance(action, Action_instance):
169
                action = action.action
170
            if action == "start":
171
                return self.planning_problem.initial_state
172
            elif action == "finish":
173
                return {}
174
            else:
175
                return action.effects
176
```

The constraints are represented as a set of pairs closed under transitivity. Thus if (a, b) and (b, c) are the list, then (a, c) must also be in the list. This means

that adding a new constraint means adding the implied pairs, but querying whether some order is consistent is quick.

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued) ___
        def add_constraint(self, pair, const):
178
            if pair in const:
179
180
                return const
            todo = [pair]
181
            newconst = const.copy()
182
            while todo:
183
                x0, x1 = todo.pop()
184
                newconst.add((x0,x1))
185
                for x,y in newconst:
186
                    if x==x1 and (x0,y) not in newconst:
187
                         todo.append((x0,y))
188
                    if y==x0 and (x,x1) not in newconst:
189
                         todo.append((x,x1))
190
191
            return newconst
192
        def possible(self,pair,constraint):
193
            (x,y) = pair
194
195
            return (y,x) not in constraint
```

Some code for testing:

```
_stripsPOP.py — (continued)
    from searchBranchAndBound import DF_branch_and_bound
197
    from searchMPP import SearcherMPP
198
199
    import stripsProblem
200
    rplanning0 = POP_search_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem0)
201
    rplanning1 = POP_search_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem1)
202
    rplanning2 = POP_search_from_STRIPS(stripsProblem.problem2)
203
    searcher0 = DF_branch_and_bound(rplanning0,5)
204
    searcher0a = SearcherMPP(rplanning0)
    searcher1 = DF_branch_and_bound(rplanning1,10)
206
    searcher1a = SearcherMPP(rplanning1)
207
    searcher2 = DF_branch_and_bound(rplanning2,10)
208
    searcher2a = SearcherMPP(rplanning2)
209
   # Try one of the following searchers
210
   |# a = searcher0.search()
211
212 | # a = searcher0a.search()
   |# a.end().extract_plan() # print a plan found
213
   |# a.end().constraints  # print the constraints
214
    # SearcherMPP.max_display_level = 0 # less detailed display
215
   # DF_branch_and_bound.max_display_level = 0 # less detailed display
216
217
   |# a = searcher1.search()
   | # a = searcher1a.search()
    # a = searcher2.search()
219
220 | # a = searcher2a.search()
```

# Supervised Machine Learning

This chapter is the first on machine learning. It covers the following topics:

- Data: how to load it, training and test sets
- Features: many of the features come directly from the data. Sometimes it is useful to construct features, e.g. *height* > 1.9*m* might be a Boolean feature constructed from the real-values feature *height*. The next chapter is about neural networks and how to learn features; in this chapter we construct them explicitly in what is often known as **feature engineering**.
- Learning with no input features: this is the base case of many methods. What should we predict if we have no input features? This provides the base cases for many algorithms (e.g., decision tree algorithm) and baselines that more sophisticated algorithms need to beat. It also provides ways to test various predictors.
- Decision tree learning: one of the classic and simplest learning algorithms, which is the basis of many other algorithms.
- Cross validation and parameter tuning: methods to prevent overfitting.
- Linear regression and classification: other classic and simple techniques that often work well (particularly combined with feature learning or engineering).
- Boosting: combining simpler learning methods to make even better learners.

A good source of classic datasets is the UCI Machine Learning Repository [Lichman, 2013] [Dua and Graff, 2017]. The SPECT, IRIS, and car datasets (carbool is a Boolean version of the car dataset) are from this repository.

Dataset	# Examples	#Columns	Input Types	Target Type
SPECT	267	23	Boolean	Boolean
IRIS	150	5	numeric	categorical
carbool	1728	7	categorical/numeric	numeric
holiday	32	6	Boolean	Boolean
mail_reading	28	5	Boolean	Boolean
tv_likes	12	5	Boolean	Boolean
simp_regr	7	2	numeric	numeric

Figure 7.1: Some of the datasets used here.

# 7.1 Representations of Data and Predictions

The code uses the following definitions and conventions:

- A **dataset** is an enumeration of examples.
- An example is a list (or tuple) of values. The values can be numbers or strings.
- A **feature** is a function from examples into the range of the feature. Each feature f also has the following attributes:
  - f.ftype, the type of f, one of: "boolean", "categorical", "numeric"
  - f.frange, the set of values of f seen in the dataset, represented as a list. The ftype is inferred from the frange if not given explicitly.
  - f.\_\_doc\_\_, the docstring, a string description of f (for printing).

Thus for example, a **Boolean feature** is a function from the examples into  $\{False, True\}$ . So, if f is a Boolean feature, f frange == [False, True], and if e is an example, f(e) is either True or False.

```
import math, random, statistics
import csv
from display import Displayable
from utilities import argmax

boolean = [False, True]
```

When creating a dataset, we partition the data into a training set (*train*) and a test set (*test*). The target feature is the feature that we are making a prediction of. A dataset ds has the following attributes

- ds. train a list of the training examples
- ds. test a list of the test examples

- ds.target\_index the index of the target
- ds.target the feature corresponding to the target (a function as described above)
- ds.input\_features a list of the input features

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued)
   class Data_set(Displayable):
       """ A dataset consists of a list of training data and a list of test
19
           data.
20
21
       def __init__(self, train, test=None, prob_test=0.20, target_index=0,
22
                       header=None, target_type= None, seed=None): #12345):
23
           """A dataset for learning.
24
           train is a list of tuples representing the training examples
25
           test is the list of tuples representing the test examples
26
27
           if test is None, a test set is created by selecting each
               example with probability prob_test
28
           target_index is the index of the target.
29
               If negative, it counts from right.
30
               If target_index is larger than the number of properties,
31
               there is no target (for unsupervised learning)
32
           header is a list of names for the features
33
           target_type is either None for automatic detection of target type
34
                or one of "numeric", "boolean", "categorical"
35
           seed is for random number; None gives a different test set each time
36
37
           if seed: # given seed makes partition consistent from run-to-run
38
               random.seed(seed)
39
           if test is None:
40
               train,test = partition_data(train, prob_test)
41
           self.train = train
42
           self.test = test
43
44
           self.display(1,"Training set has",len(train),"examples. Number of
45
               columns: ",{len(e) for e in train})
           self.display(1, "Test set has", len(test), "examples. Number of
46
               columns: ",{len(e) for e in test})
           self.prob_test = prob_test
47
           self.num_properties = len(self.train[0])
48
           if target_index < 0: #allows for -1, -2, etc.</pre>
49
               self.target_index = self.num_properties + target_index
50
51
           else:
               self.target_index = target_index
52
           self.header = header
           self.domains = [set() for i in range(self.num_properties)]
54
           for example in self.train:
55
               for ind,val in enumerate(example):
56
```

```
self.domains[ind].add(val)
57
58
           self.conditions_cache = {} # cache for computed conditions
           self.create_features()
59
           if target_type:
60
               self.target.ftype = target_type
61
           self.display(1, "There are", len(self.input_features), "input
62
               features")
63
       def __str__(self):
64
           if self.train and len(self.train)>0:
65
               return ("Data: "+str(len(self.train))+" training examples, "
66
                      +str(len(self.test))+" test examples, "
67
                      +str(len(self.train[0]))+" features.")
68
           else:
69
               return ("Data: "+str(len(self.train))+" training examples, "
70
                      +str(len(self.test))+" test examples.")
71
```

A **feature** is a function that takes an example and returns a value in the range of the feature. Each feature has a **frange**, which gives the range of the feature, and an **ftype** that gives the type, one of "boolean", "numeric" or "categorical".

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued)
       def create_features(self):
73
           """create the set of features
74
75
76
           self.target = None
           self.input_features = []
77
           for i in range(self.num_properties):
78
               def feat(e,index=i):
79
                   return e[index]
               if self.header:
81
                   feat.__doc__ = self.header[i]
82
               else:
83
                   feat.__doc__ = "e["+str(i)+"]"
84
               feat.frange = list(self.domains[i])
85
               feat.ftype = self.infer_type(feat.frange)
86
               if i == self.target_index:
87
                   self.target = feat
88
               else:
89
                   self.input_features.append(feat)
90
```

We try to infer the type of each feature. Sometimes this can be wrong, (e.g., when the numbers are really categorical) and may need to be set explicitly.

```
def infer_type(self,domain):
    """Infers the type of a feature with domain
    """

if all(v in {True,False} for v in domain):
    return "boolean"
```

#### 7.1.1 Creating Boolean Conditions from Features

Some of the algorithms require Boolean input features or features with range  $\{0,1\}$ . In order to be able to use these algorithms on datasets that allow for arbitrary domains of input variables, we construct Boolean conditions from the attributes.

There are 3 cases:

- When the range only has two values, we designate one to be the "true" value.
- When the values are all numeric, we assume they are ordered (as opposed to just being some classes that happen to be labelled with numbers) and construct Boolean features for splits of the data. That is, the feature is e[ind] < cut for some value cut. We choose a number of cut values, up to a maximum number of cuts, given by  $max\_num\_cuts$ .
- When the values are not all numeric, we create an indicator function for each value. An indicator function for a value returns true when that value is given and false otherwise. Note that we can't create an indicator function for values that appear in the test set but not in the training set because we haven't seen the test set. For the examples in the test set with a value that doesn't appear in the training set for that feature, the indicator functions all return false.

There is also an option categorical\_only to create only Boolean features for categorical input features, and not to make cuts for numerical values.

```
\_learnProblem.py — (continued)
102
        def conditions(self, max_num_cuts=8, categorical_only = False):
            """returns a set of boolean conditions from the input features
103
            max_num_cuts is the maximum number of cute for numeric features
104
            categorical_only is true if only categorical features are made
105
                binary
106
            if (max_num_cuts, categorical_only) in self.conditions_cache:
107
               return self.conditions_cache[(max_num_cuts, categorical_only)]
108
109
            conds = []
            for ind,frange in enumerate(self.domains):
110
               if ind != self.target_index and len(frange)>1:
111
                   if len(frange) == 2:
112
                       # two values, the feature is equality to one of them.
113
                       true_val = list(frange)[1] # choose one as true
114
```

```
def feat(e, i=ind, tv=true_val):
115
116
                           return e[i]==tv
                        if self.header:
117
                            feat.__doc__ = f"{self.header[ind]}=={true_val}"
118
                        else:
119
                            feat.__doc__ = f"e[{ind}]=={true_val}"
120
121
                        feat.frange = boolean
                        feat.ftype = "boolean"
122
                        conds.append(feat)
123
                    elif all(isinstance(val,(int,float)) for val in frange):
124
                        if categorical_only: # numeric, don't make cuts
125
                           def feat(e, i=ind):
126
                                return e[i]
127
                           feat.\__doc\__ = f"e[{ind}]"
128
                           conds.append(feat)
129
                        else:
130
                            # all numeric, create cuts of the data
131
                            sorted_frange = sorted(frange)
132
                            num_cuts = min(max_num_cuts,len(frange))
133
                            cut_positions = [len(frange)*i//num_cuts for i in
134
                                range(1,num_cuts)]
                            for cut in cut_positions:
135
                               cutat = sorted_frange[cut]
136
                               def feat(e, ind_=ind, cutat=cutat):
137
                                   return e[ind_] < cutat</pre>
138
139
                               if self.header:
140
                                   feat.__doc__ = self.header[ind]+"<"+str(cutat)</pre>
141
                                else:
142
                                   feat.__doc__ = "e["+str(ind)+"]<"+str(cutat)
143
                                feat.frange = boolean
144
                                feat.ftype = "boolean"
145
                                conds.append(feat)
146
                    else:
147
                        # create an indicator function for every value
148
                        for val in frange:
149
                            def feat(e, ind_=ind, val_=val):
150
                                return e[ind_] == val_
151
                            if self.header:
152
                                feat.__doc__ = self.header[ind]+"=="+str(val)
153
                            else:
154
                                feat.__doc__= "e["+str(ind)+"]=="+str(val)
155
                            feat.frange = boolean
156
                           feat.ftype = "boolean"
157
                           conds.append(feat)
158
            self.conditions_cache[(max_num_cuts, categorical_only)] = conds
159
            return conds
160
```

**Exercise 7.1** Change the code so that it splits using  $e[ind] \le cut$  instead of e[ind] < cut. Check boundary cases, such as 3 elements with 2 cuts. As a test case, make sure that when the range is the 30 integers from 100 to 129, and you want 2 cuts,

the resulting Boolean features should be  $e[ind] \le 109$  and  $e[ind] \le 119$  to make sure that each of the resulting domains is of equal size.

**Exercise 7.2** This splits on whether the feature is less than one of the values in the training set. Sam suggested it might be better to split between the values in the training set, and suggested using

```
cutat = (sorted\_frange[cut] + sorted\_frange[cut - 1])/2
```

Why might Sam have suggested this? Does this work better? (Try it on a few datasets).

#### 7.1.2 Evaluating Predictions

A **predictor** is a function that takes an example and makes a prediction on the values of the target features.

A **loss** takes a prediction and the actual value and returns a non-negative real number; lower is better. The **error** for a dataset is either the mean loss, or sometimes the sum of the losses. When reporting results the mean is usually used. When it is the sum, this will be made explicit.

The function *evaluate\_dataset* returns the average error for each example, where the error for each example depends on the evaluation criteria. Here we consider three evaluation criteria, the squared error (average of the square of the difference between the actual and predicted values), absolute errors (average of the absolute difference between the actual and predicted values) and the log loss (the average negative log-likelihood, which can be interpreted as the number of bits to describe an example using a code based on the prediction treated as a probability).

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued)
        def evaluate_dataset(self, data, predictor, error_measure):
162
            """Evaluates predictor on data according to the error_measure
163
            predictor is a function that takes an example and returns a
164
                   prediction for the target features.
165
            error_measure(prediction,actual) -> non-negative real
166
167
            if data:
168
169
                try:
                    value = statistics.mean(error_measure(predictor(e),
170
                        self.target(e))
                               for e in data)
171
                except ValueError: # if error_measure gives an error
172
                    return float("inf") # infinity
173
                return value
174
175
            else:
                return math.nan # not a number
176
```

The following evaluation criteria are defined. This is defined using a class, Evaluate but no instances will be created. Just use Evaluate.squared\_loss etc.

(Please keep the \_\_doc\_\_ strings a consistent length as they are used in tables.) The prediction is either a real value or a {value : probability} dictionary or a list. The actual is either a real number or a key of the prediction.

```
\_learnProblem.py — (continued) \_
    class Evaluate(object):
178
        """A container for the evaluation measures"""
179
180
        def squared_loss(prediction, actual):
181
            "squared loss "
182
            if isinstance(prediction, (list, dict)):
183
                 return (1-prediction[actual])**2 # the correct value is 1
184
            else:
185
                 return (prediction-actual)**2
186
187
        def absolute_loss(prediction, actual):
188
            "absolute loss "
189
190
            if isinstance(prediction, (list, dict)):
                 return abs(1-prediction[actual]) # the correct value is 1
191
            else:
192
                return abs(prediction-actual)
193
194
195
        def log_loss(prediction, actual):
            "log loss (bits)"
196
            try:
197
                if isinstance(prediction, (list, dict)):
198
                     return -math.log2(prediction[actual])
199
200
                    return -math.log2(prediction) if actual==1 else
201
                        -math.log2(1-prediction)
            except ValueError:
202
                return float("inf") # infinity
203
204
        def accuracy(prediction, actual):
205
            "accuracy
206
            if isinstance(prediction, dict):
207
                prev_val = prediction[actual]
208
                return 1 if all(prev_val >= v for v in prediction.values())
209
                    else 0
            if isinstance(prediction, list):
210
                prev_val = prediction[actual]
211
                return 1 if all(prev_val >= v for v in prediction) else 0
212
            else:
213
214
                return 1 if abs(actual-prediction) <= 0.5 else 0
215
        all_criteria = [accuracy, absolute_loss, squared_loss, log_loss]
```

#### 7.1.3 Creating Test and Training Sets

The following method partitions the data into a training set and a test set. Note that this does not guarantee that the test set will contain exactly a proportion of the data equal to *prob\_test*.

[An alternative is to use *random.sample()* which can guarantee that the test set will contain exactly a particular proportion of the data. However this would require knowing how many elements are in the dataset, which we may not know, as *data* may just be a generator of the data (e.g., when reading the data from a file).]

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued) _
    def partition_data(data, prob_test=0.30):
218
        """partitions the data into a training set and a test set, where
219
        prob_test is the probability of each example being in the test set.
220
221
        train = []
222
        test = []
223
        for example in data:
224
            if random.random() < prob_test:</pre>
225
                test.append(example)
226
227
            else:
                train.append(example)
228
        return train, test
229
```

#### 7.1.4 Importing Data From File

A dataset is typically loaded from a file. The default here is that it loaded from a CSV (comma separated values) file, although the separator can be changed. This assumes that all lines that contain the separator are valid data (so we only include those data items that contain more than one element). This allows for blank lines and comment lines that do not contain the separator. However, it means that this method is not suitable for cases where there is only one feature.

Note that <code>data\_all</code> and <code>data\_tuples</code> are generators. <code>data\_all</code> is a generator of a list of list of strings. This version assumes that CSV files are simple. The standard <code>csv</code> package, that allows quoted arguments, can be used by uncommenting the line for <code>data\_all</code> and commenting out the following line. <code>data\_tuples</code> contains only those lines that contain the delimiter (others lines are assumed to be empty or comments), and tries to convert the elements to numbers whenever possible.

This allows for some of the columns to be included; specified by *include\_only*. Note that if *include\_only* is specified, the target index is the index for the included columns, not the original columns.

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```
233
                    has_header=False, target_index=0, boolean_features=True,
234
                    categorical=[], target_type= None, include_only=None,
                        seed=None): #seed=12345):
           """create a dataset from a file
235
           separator is the character that separates the attributes
236
           num_train is a number specifying the first num_train tuples are
237
                training, or None
           prob_test is the probability an example should in the test set (if
238
               num_train is None)
           has_header is True if the first line of file is a header
239
           target_index specifies which feature is the target
240
           boolean_features specifies whether we want to create Boolean
241
               (if False, it uses the original features).
242
           categorical is a set (or list) of features that should be treated
243
                as categorical
           target_type is either None for automatic detection of target type
244
                or one of "numeric", "boolean", "categorical"
245
           include_only is a list or set of indexes of columns to include
246
247
           self.boolean_features = boolean_features
248
           with open(file_name,'r',newline='') as csvfile:
249
               self.display(1,"Loading",file_name)
250
               # data_all = csv.reader(csvfile,delimiter=separator) # for more
251
                   complicated CSV files
               data_all = (line.strip().split(separator) for line in csvfile)
252
               if include_only is not None:
253
254
                   data_all = ([v for (i,v) in enumerate(line) if i in
                       include_only]
                                  for line in data_all)
255
               if has_header:
256
                   header = next(data_all)
257
               else:
258
                   header = None
259
               data_tuples = (interpret_elements(d) for d in data_all if
260
                   len(d)>1)
               if num_train is not None:
261
                   # training set is divided into training then text examples
262
                   # the file is only read once, and the data is placed in
263
                       appropriate list
                   train = []
264
                   for i in range(num_train): # will give an error if
265
                       insufficient examples
                       train.append(next(data_tuples))
266
                   test = list(data_tuples)
267
                   Data_set.__init__(self, train, test=test,
268
                       target_index=target_index,header=header)
               else:
                         # randomly assign training and test examples
269
                   Data_set.__init__(self,data_tuples, test=None,
270
                       prob_test=prob_test,
```

```
target_index=target_index, header=header,
seed=seed, target_type=target_type)
```

The following class is used for datasets where the training and test are in different files

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued)
    class Data_from_files(Data_set):
273
274
        def __init__(self, train_file_name, test_file_name, separator=',',
                    has_header=False, target_index=0, boolean_features=True,
275
                    categorical=[], target_type= None, include_only=None):
276
            """create a dataset from separate training and file
277
            separator is the character that separates the attributes
278
279
            num_train is a number specifying the first num_train tuples are
                training, or None
            prob_test is the probability an example should in the test set (if
280
                num_train is None)
            has_header is True if the first line of file is a header
281
            target_index specifies which feature is the target
282
            boolean_features specifies whether we want to create Boolean
283
                features
               (if False, it uses the original features).
284
            categorical is a set (or list) of features that should be treated
285
                as categorical
            target_type is either None for automatic detection of target type
286
                or one of "numeric", "boolean", "categorical"
287
            include_only is a list or set of indexes of columns to include
288
289
            self.boolean_features = boolean_features
290
            with open(train_file_name,'r',newline='') as train_file:
291
             with {\bf open}({\tt test\_file\_name,'r',newline=''}) as {\tt test\_file:}
               # data_all = csv.reader(csvfile,delimiter=separator) # for more
293
                    complicated CSV files
               train_data = (line.strip().split(separator) for line in
294
                    train_file)
               test_data = (line.strip().split(separator) for line in
295
                    test_file)
               if include_only is not None:
296
                   train_data = ([v for (i,v) in enumerate(line) if i in
297
                        include_only]
298
                                  for line in train_data)
                   test_data = ([v for (i,v) in enumerate(line) if i in
299
                        include onlyl
                                   for line in test_data)
300
               if has_header: # this assumes the training file has a header
301
                    and the test file doesn't
                   header = next(train_data)
302
               else:
303
                   header = None
304
               train_tuples = [interpret_elements(d) for d in train_data if
305
                    len(d)>1
```

When reading from a file all of the values are strings. This next method tries to convert each value into a number (an int or a float) or Boolean, if it is possible.

```
_learnProblem.py — (continued)
310
    def interpret_elements(str_list):
        """make the elements of string list str_list numeric if possible.
311
        Otherwise remove initial and trailing spaces.
312
313
314
        res = []
        for e in str_list:
315
            try:
316
                 res.append(int(e))
317
            except ValueError:
318
319
                try:
                    res.append(float(e))
320
                except ValueError:
321
                    se = e.strip()
322
                    if se in ["True","true","TRUE"]:
323
                        res.append(True)
324
                    elif se in ["False", "false", "FALSE"]:
325
                        res.append(False)
326
                    else:
327
                        res.append(e.strip())
328
329
        return res
```

#### 7.1.5 Augmented Features

Sometimes we want to augment the features with new features computed from the old features (e.g., the product of features). Here we allow the creation of a new dataset from an old dataset but with new features. Note that special cases of these are **kernel**s; mapping the original feature space into a new space, which allow a neat way to do learning in the augmented space for many mappings (the "kernel trick"). This is beyond the scope of AIPython; those interested should read about support vector machines.

A feature is a function of examples. A unary feature constructor takes a feature and returns a new feature. A binary feature combiner takes two features and returns a new feature.

```
| class Data_set_augmented(Data_set):
| def __init__(self, dataset, unary_functions=[], binary_functions=[], include_orig=True):
| """creates a dataset like dataset but with new features
```

```
unary_function is a list of unary feature constructors
334
335
            binary_functions is a list of binary feature combiners.
            include_orig specifies whether the original features should be
336
                included
            ,, ,, ,,
337
            self.orig_dataset = dataset
338
339
            self.unary_functions = unary_functions
            self.binary_functions = binary_functions
340
            self.include_orig = include_orig
341
            self.target = dataset.target
342
            Data_set.__init__(self,dataset.train, test=dataset.test,
343
                             target_index = dataset.target_index)
344
345
        def create_features(self):
346
            if self.include_orig:
347
                self.input_features = self.orig_dataset.input_features.copy()
348
            else:
349
                self.input_features = []
350
            for u in self.unary_functions:
351
                for f in self.orig_dataset.input_features:
352
                   self.input_features.append(u(f))
353
            for b in self.binary_functions:
354
                for f1 in self.orig_dataset.input_features:
355
                   for f2 in self.orig_dataset.input_features:
356
357
                       if f1 != f2:
                           self.input_features.append(b(f1,f2))
358
```

The following are useful unary feature constructors and binary feature combiner.

```
__learnProblem.py — (continued) .
    def square(f):
360
        """a unary feature constructor to construct the square of a feature
361
362
        def sq(e):
363
            return f(e)**2
364
        sq.\_doc\_ = f.\_doc\_+"**2"
365
366
        return sq
367
    def power_feat(n):
368
        """given n returns a unary feature constructor to construct the nth
369
            power of a feature.
        e.g., power_feat(2) is the same as square, defined above
370
371
        def fn(f,n=n):
372
373
            def pow(e,n=n):
                return f(e)**n
374
            pow.__doc__ = f.__doc__+"**"+str(n)
375
            return pow
376
        return fn
377
378
```

```
379
    def prod_feat(f1,f2):
        """a new feature that is the product of features f1 and f2
380
381
        def feat(e):
382
            return f1(e)*f2(e)
383
        feat.__doc__ = f1.__doc__+"*"+f2.__doc__
384
385
        return feat
386
    def eq_feat(f1,f2):
387
        """a new feature that is 1 if f1 and f2 give same value
388
389
        def feat(e):
390
            return 1 if f1(e)==f2(e) else 0
391
        feat.__doc__ = f1.__doc__+"=="+f2.__doc__
392
        return feat
393
394
    def neq_feat(f1,f2):
395
        """a new feature that is 1 if f1 and f2 give different values
396
397
        def feat(e):
398
            return 1 if f1(e)!=f2(e) else 0
399
        feat.__doc__ = f1.__doc__+"!="+f2.__doc__
400
        return feat
401
```

Example:

**Exercise 7.3** For symmetric properties, such as product, we don't need both f1 \* f2 as well as f2 \* f1 as extra properties. Allow the user to be able to declare feature constructors as symmetric (by associating a Boolean feature with them). Change *construct\_features* so that it does not create both versions for symmetric combiners.

### 7.2 Generic Learner Interface

A **learner** takes a dataset (and possibly other arguments specific to the method). To get it to learn, we call the *learn*() method. This implements *Displayable* so that we can display traces at multiple levels of detail (perhaps with a GUI).

```
_____learnProblem.py — (continued) ______
409 | from display import Displayable
```

```
410
411
    class Learner(Displayable):
        def __init__(self, dataset):
412
            raise NotImplementedError("Learner.__init__") # abstract method
413
414
        def learn(self):
415
            """returns a predictor, a function from a tuple to a value for the
416
                target feature
417
            raise NotImplementedError("learn") # abstract method
418
```

# 7.3 Learning With No Input Features

If we make the same prediction for each example, what prediction should we make? This can be used as a naive baseline; if a more sophisticated method does not do better than this, it is not useful. This also provides the base case for some methods, such as decision-tree learning.

To run demo to compare different prediction methods on various evaluation criteria, in folder "aipython", load "learnNoInputs.py", using e.g., ipython -i learnNoInputs.py, and it prints some test results.

There are a few alternatives as to what could be allowed in a prediction:

- a point prediction, where we are only allowed to predict one of the values of the feature. For example, if the values of the feature are {0,1} we are only allowed to predict 0 or 1 or of the values are ratings in {1,2,3,4,5}, we can only predict one of these integers.
- a point prediction, where we are allowed to predict any value. For example, if the values of the feature are {0,1} we may be allowed to predict 0.3, 1, or even 1.7. For all of the criteria we can imagine, there is no point in predicting a value greater than 1 or less that zero (but that doesn't mean we can't), but it is often useful to predict a value between 0 and 1. If the values are ratings in {1,2,3,4,5}, we may want to predict 3.4.
- a probability distribution over the values of the feature. For each value v, we predict a non-negative number  $p_v$ , such that the sum over all predictions is 1.

For regression, we do the first of these. For classification, we do the second. The third can be implemented by having multiple indicator functions for the target.

Here are some prediction functions that take in an enumeration of values, a domain, and returns a value or dictionary of  $\{value : prediction\}$ . Note that cmedian returns one of the middle values when there are an even number of

examples, whereas median gives the average of them (and so cmedian is applicable for ordinals that cannot be considered cardinal values). Similarly, cmode picks one of the values when more than one value has the maximum number of elements.

```
___learnNoInputs.py — Learning ignoring all input features _
   from learnProblem import Evaluate
   import math, random, collections, statistics
   import utilities # argmax for (element, value) pairs
   class Predict(object):
15
       """The class of prediction methods for a list of values.
16
       Please make the doc strings the same length, because they are used in
17
       Note that we don't need self argument, as we are creating Predict
18
           objects,
       To use call Predict.laplace(data) etc."""
19
20
       ### The following return a distribution over values (for classification)
21
       def empirical(data, domain=[0,1], icount=0):
22
           "empirical dist "
23
           # returns a distribution over values
24
           counts = {v:icount for v in domain}
25
           for e in data:
26
              counts[e] += 1
27
           s = sum(counts.values())
28
           return {k:v/s for (k,v) in counts.items()}
29
30
       def bounded_empirical(data, domain=[0,1], bound=0.01):
31
           "bounded empirical"
32
           return {k:min(max(v,bound),1-bound) for (k,v) in
33
               Predict.empirical(data, domain).items()}
34
       def laplace(data, domain=[0,1]):
35
                          " # for categorical data
36
           return Predict.empirical(data, domain, icount=1)
37
38
       def cmode(data, domain=[0,1]):
39
                           " # for categorical data
           "mode
40
           md = statistics.mode(data)
41
           return {v: 1 if v==md else 0 for v in domain}
42
43
       def cmedian(data, domain=[0,1]):
44
                           " # for categorical data
45
           md = statistics.median_low(data) # always return one of the values
           return {v: 1 if v==md else 0 for v in domain}
47
       ### The following return a single prediction (for regression). domain
49
           is ignored.
```

50

```
51
       def mean(data, domain=[0,1]):
52
           # returns a real number
53
           return statistics.mean(data)
54
55
       def rmean(data, domain=[0,1], mean0=0, pseudo_count=1):
56
57
           "regularized mean"
           # returns a real number.
58
           \# mean0 is the mean to be used for 0 data points
59
           # With mean0=0.5, pseudo_count=2, same as laplace for [0,1] data
60
           # this works for enumerations as well as lists
61
           sum = mean0 * pseudo_count
62
           count = pseudo_count
63
           for e in data:
64
               sum += e
65
               count += 1
66
           return sum/count
67
68
       def mode(data, domain=[0,1]):
69
           "mode
70
           return statistics.mode(data)
71
72
       def median(data, domain=[0,1]):
73
           "median
74
75
           return statistics.median(data)
76
       all = [empirical, mean, rmean, bounded_empirical, laplace, cmode, mode,
77
           median, cmedian]
78
       # The following suggests appropriate predictions as a function of the
79
           target type
       select = {"boolean": [empirical, bounded_empirical, laplace, cmode,
80
           cmedian],
                 "categorical": [empirical, bounded_empirical, laplace, cmode,
81
                     cmedian],
                 "numeric": [mean, rmean, mode, median]}
82
```

#### 7.3.1 Evaluation

To evaluate a point prediction, we first generate some data from a simple (Bernoulli) distribution, where there are two possible values, 0 and 1 for the target feature. Given *prob*, a number in the range [0,1], this generate some training and test data where *prob* is the probability of each example being 1. To generate a 1 with probability *prob*, we generate a random number in range [0,1] and return 1 if that number is less than *prob*. A prediction is computed by applying the predictor to the training data, which is evaluated on the test set. This is repeated num\_samples times.

Let's evaluate the predictions of the possible selections according to the different evaluation criteria, for various training sizes.

```
_learnNoInputs.py — (continued) _
    def test_no_inputs(error_measures = Evaluate.all_criteria,
83
        num_samples=10000,
                          test_size=10, training_sizes=
84
                              [1,2,3,4,5,10,20,100,1000]):
        for train_size in training_sizes:
85
            results = {predictor: {error_measure: 0 for error_measure in
86
                error_measures}
87
                           for predictor in Predict.all}
            for sample in range(num_samples):
88
                prob = random.random()
                training = [1 if random.random()prob else 0 for i in
90
                    range(train_size)]
                test = [1 if random.random()prob else 0 for i in
91
                    range(test_size)]
                for predictor in Predict.all:
92
                    prediction = predictor(training)
93
                    for error_measure in error_measures:
                        results[predictor][error_measure] += sum(
95
                            error_measure(prediction,actual) for actual in
                            test)/test_size
           print(f"For training size {train_size}:")
           print(" Predictor\t","\t".join(error_measure.__doc__ for
97
                                             error_measure in
98
                                                 error_measures), sep="\t")
99
            for predictor in Predict.all:
                         {predictor.__doc__}",
               print(f"
100
                         "\t".join("{:.7f}".format(results[predictor][error_measure]/num_samples)
101
                                      for error_measure in
102
                                          error_measures), sep="\t")
103
    if __name__ == "__main__":
104
       test_no_inputs()
105
```

**Exercise 7.4** Which predictor works best for low counts when the error is

- (a) Squared error
- (b) Absolute error
- (c) Log loss

You may need to try this a few times to make sure your answer is supported by the evidence. Does the difference from the other methods get more or less as the number of examples grow?

**Exercise 7.5** Suggest some other predictions that only take the training data. Does your method do better than the given methods? A simple way to get other predictors is to vary the threshold of bounded average, or to change the pseodocounts of the Laplace method (use other numbers instead of 1 and 2).

# 7.4 Decision Tree Learning

To run the decision tree learning demo, in folder "aipython", load "learnDT.py", using e.g., ipython -i learnDT.py, and it prints some test results. To try more examples, copy and paste the commented-out commands at the bottom of that file. This requires Python 3 with matplotlib.

The decision tree algorithm does binary splits, and assumes that all input features are binary functions of the examples. It stops splitting if there are no input features, the number of examples is less than a specified number of examples or all of the examples agree on the target feature.

```
__learnDT.py — Learning a binary decision tree _
   from learnProblem import Learner, Evaluate
   from learnNoInputs import Predict
13
   import math
14
   class DT_learner(Learner):
15
       def __init__(self,
16
                   dataset,
17
                   split_to_optimize=Evaluate.log_loss, # to minimize for at
18
                        each split
                    leaf_prediction=Predict.empirical, # what to use for value
19
                        at leaves
                    train=None,
                                                  # used for cross validation
20
                   max_num_cuts=8, # maximum number of conditions to split a
21
                        numeric feature into
                    gamma=1e-7 , # minimum improvement needed to expand a node
22
                   min_child_weight=10):
23
           self.dataset = dataset
24
           self.target = dataset.target
25
           self.split_to_optimize = split_to_optimize
26
           self.leaf_prediction = leaf_prediction
27
           self.max_num_cuts = max_num_cuts
28
           self.gamma = gamma
29
           self.min_child_weight = min_child_weight
30
           if train is None:
31
               self.train = self.dataset.train
32
33
               self.train = train
34
35
       def learn(self, max_num_cuts=8):
36
           """learn a decision tree"""
37
           return self.learn_tree(self.dataset.conditions(self.max_num_cuts),
               self.train)
```

The main recursive algorithm, takes in a set of input features and a set of training data. It first decides whether to split. If it doesn't split, it makes a point prediction, ignoring the input features.

It only splits if the best split increases the error by at least gamma. This implies it does not split when:

- there are no more input features
- there are fewer examples than min\_number\_examples,
- all the examples agree on the value of the target, or
- the best split puts all examples in the same partition.

If it splits, it selects the best split according to the evaluation criterion (assuming that is the only split it gets to do), and returns the condition to split on (in the variable *split*) and the corresponding partition of the examples.

```
_learnDT.py — (continued) __
       def learn_tree(self, conditions, data_subset):
40
           """returns a decision tree
41
           conditions is a set of possible conditions
42
           data_subset is a subset of the data used to build this (sub)tree
43
44
           where a decision tree is a function that takes an example and
45
          makes a prediction on the target feature
47
           self.display(2,f"learn_tree with {len(conditions)} features and
48
               {len(data_subset)} examples")
           split, partn = self.select_split(conditions, data_subset)
49
           if split is None: # no split; return a point prediction
50
              prediction = self.leaf_value(data_subset, self.target.frange)
51
              self.display(2,f"leaf prediction for {len(data_subset)}
52
                   examples is {prediction}")
              def leaf_fun(e):
53
                  return prediction
54
              leaf_fun.__doc__ = str(prediction)
55
               leaf_fun.num_leaves = 1
56
               return leaf_fun
57
           else: # a split succeeded
58
              false_examples, true_examples = partn
59
               rem_features = [fe for fe in conditions if fe != split]
60
              self.display(2,"Splitting on",split.__doc__,"with examples
61
                   split",
                             len(true_examples),":",len(false_examples))
62
               true_tree = self.learn_tree(rem_features,true_examples)
63
              false_tree = self.learn_tree(rem_features,false_examples)
              def fun(e):
65
                  if split(e):
66
                      return true_tree(e)
67
                  else:
68
                      return false_tree(e)
69
              #fun = lambda e: true_tree(e) if split(e) else false_tree(e)
70
              fun.__doc__ = (f"(if {split.__doc__}) then {true_tree.__doc___}"
71
```

```
f" else {false_tree.__doc__})")

fun.num_leaves = true_tree.num_leaves + false_tree.num_leaves

return fun
```

```
_learnDT.py — (continued)
76
        def leaf_value(self, egs, domain):
            return self.leaf_prediction((self.target(e) for e in egs), domain)
77
78
79
        def select_split(self, conditions, data_subset):
            """finds best feature to split on.
80
81
            conditions is a non-empty list of features.
82
83
            returns feature, partition
            where feature is an input feature with the smallest error as
84
                 judged by split_to_optimize or
85
                 feature==None if there are no splits that improve the error
86
            partition is a pair (false_examples, true_examples) if feature is
87
                not None
            ,, ,, ,,
88
            best_feat = None # best feature
89
            # best_error = float("inf") # infinity - more than any error
90
            best_error = self.sum_losses(data_subset) - self.gamma
91
            self.display(3," no split has
92
                error=",best_error,"with",len(conditions),"conditions")
            best partition = None
93
            for feat in conditions:
94
               false_examples, true_examples = partition(data_subset,feat)
95
               if
96
                   min(len(false_examples),len(true_examples))>=self.min_child_weight:
                   err = (self.sum_losses(false_examples)
97
                          + self.sum_losses(true_examples))
98
                   self.display(3," split on",feat.__doc__,"has error=",err,
                             "splits
100
                                 into",len(true_examples),":",len(false_examples),"gamma=",self.gamma)
                   if err < best_error:</pre>
101
                       best_feat = feat
102
103
                       best_error=err
                       best_partition = false_examples, true_examples
104
            self.display(2,"best split is on",best_feat.__doc__,
105
                                  "with err=",best_error)
106
            return best_feat, best_partition
107
108
        def sum_losses(self, data_subset):
109
            """returns sum of losses for dataset (with no more splits)
110
111
            There a single prediction for all leaves using leaf_prediction
            It is evaluated using split_to_optimize
112
113
            prediction = self.leaf_value(data_subset, self.target.frange)
114
            error = sum(self.split_to_optimize(prediction, self.target(e))
115
                        for e in data_subset)
116
```

```
117
            return error
118
    def partition(data_subset, feature):
119
        """partitions the data_subset by the feature"""
120
        true_examples = []
121
        false_examples = []
122
123
        for example in data_subset:
            if feature(example):
124
                true_examples.append(example)
125
            else:
126
                false_examples.append(example)
127
        return false_examples, true_examples
128
```

Test cases:

```
_learnDT.py — (continued)
    from learnProblem import Data_set, Data_from_file
131
132
    def testDT(data, print_tree=True, selections = None, **tree_args):
133
        """Prints errors and the trees for various evaluation criteria and ways
134
            to select leaves.
135
        if selections == None: # use selections suitable for target type
136
           selections = Predict.select[data.target.ftype]
137
        evaluation_criteria = Evaluate.all_criteria
138
        print("Split Choice", "Leaf Choice\t", "#leaves", '\t'.join(ecrit.__doc__
139
                                                   for ecrit in
140
                                                       evaluation_criteria), sep="\t")
        for crit in evaluation criteria:
141
           for leaf in selections:
142
               tree = DT_learner(data, split_to_optimize=crit,
143
                   leaf_prediction=leaf,
                                     **tree_args).learn()
144
               print(crit.__doc__, leaf.__doc__, tree.num_leaves,
145
                       "\t".join("{:.7f}".format(data.evaluate_dataset(data.test,
146
                           tree, ecrit))
                                    for ecrit in evaluation_criteria), sep="\t")
147
               if print_tree:
148
                   print(tree.__doc__)
149
150
    #DT_learner.max_display_level = 4
151
    if __name__ == "__main__":
152
153
        # Choose one of the data files
        #data=Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', target_index=0);
154
            print("SPECT.csv")
        #data=Data_from_file('data/iris.data', target_index=-1);
155
            print("iris.data")
        data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv', target_index=-1, seed=123)
156
        #data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1);
157
            print("mail_reading.csv")
```

Note that different runs may provide different values as they split the training and test sets differently. So if you have a hypothesis about what works better, make sure it is true for different runs.

**Exercise 7.6** The current algorithm does not have a very sophisticated stopping criterion. What is the current stopping criterion? (Hint: you need to look at both *learn\_tree* and *select\_split*.)

**Exercise 7.7** Extend the current algorithm to include in the stopping criterion

- (a) A minimum child size; don't use a split if one of the children has fewer elements that this.
- (b) A depth-bound on the depth of the tree.
- (c) An improvement bound such that a split is only carried out if error with the split is better than the error without the split by at least the improvement bound.

Which values for these parameters make the prediction errors on the test set the smallest? Try it on more than one dataset.

**Exercise 7.8** Without any input features, it is often better to include a pseudocount that is added to the counts from the training data. Modify the code so that it includes a pseudo-count for the predictions. When evaluating a split, including pseudo counts can make the split worse than no split. Does pruning with an improvement bound and pseudo-counts make the algorithm work better than with an improvement bound by itself?

**Exercise 7.9** Some people have suggested using information gain (which is equivalent to greedy optimization of log loss) as the measure of improvement when building the tree, even in they want to have non-probabilistic predictions in the final tree. Does this work better than myopically choosing the split that is best for the evaluation criteria we will use to judge the final prediction?

### 7.5 Cross Validation and Parameter Tuning

To run the cross validation folder "aipython", demo, in "learnCrossValidation.py", using e.g., ipython -i learnCrossValidation.py. Run the examples at the end to produce a graph like Figure 7.15. Note that different runs will produce different graphs, so your graph will not look like the one in the textbook. To try more examples, copy and paste the commented-out commands at the bottom of that file. This requires Python 3 with matplotlib.

The above decision tree overfits the data. One way to determine whether the prediction is overfitting is by cross validation. The code below implements k-fold cross validation, which can be used to choose the value of parameters to best fit the training data. If we want to use parameter tuning to improve predictions on a particular dataset, we can only use the training data (and not the test data) to tune the parameter.

In k-fold cross validation, we partition the training set into k approximately equal-sized folds (each fold is an enumeration of examples). For each fold, we train on the other examples, and determine the error of the prediction on that fold. For example, if there are 10 folds, we train on 90% of the data, and then test on remaining 10% of the data. We do this 10 times, so that each example gets used as a test set once, and in the training set 9 times.

The code below creates one copy of the data, and multiple views of the data. For each fold, *fold* enumerates the examples in the fold, and *fold\_complement* enumerates the examples not in the fold.

```
\_learnCrossValidation.py — Cross Validation for Parameter Tuning \_
   from learnProblem import Data_set, Data_from_file, Evaluate
   from learnNoInputs import Predict
   from learnDT import DT_learner
13
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14
15
   import random
16
   class K_fold_dataset(object):
17
       def __init__(self, training_set, num_folds):
18
           self.data = training_set.train.copy()
19
           self.target = training_set.target
20
21
           self.input_features = training_set.input_features
           self.num_folds = num_folds
22
           self.conditions = training_set.conditions
23
24
           random.shuffle(self.data)
25
26
           self.fold_boundaries = [(len(self.data)*i)//num_folds
                                  for i in range(0,num_folds+1)]
27
28
       def fold(self, fold_num):
29
           for i in range(self.fold_boundaries[fold_num],
30
                         self.fold_boundaries[fold_num+1]):
31
               yield self.data[i]
32
33
       def fold_complement(self, fold_num):
34
           for i in range(0,self.fold_boundaries[fold_num]):
35
               yield self.data[i]
36
           for i in range(self.fold_boundaries[fold_num+1],len(self.data)):
37
               yield self.data[i]
```

The validation error is the average error for each example, where we test on each fold, and learn on the other folds.

```
def validation_error(self, learner, error_measure, **other_params):
40
41
42
           try:
               for i in range(self.num_folds):
43
                  predictor = learner(self,
                       train=list(self.fold_complement(i)),
45
                                     **other_params).learn()
                  error += sum( error_measure(predictor(e), self.target(e))
46
                                for e in self.fold(i))
47
           except ValueError:
48
               return float("inf") #infinity
           return error/len(self.data)
50
```

The *plot\_error* method plots the average error as a function of the minimum number of examples in decision-tree search, both for the validation set and for the test set. The error on the validation set can be used to tune the parameter — choose the value of the parameter that minimizes the error. The error on the test set cannot be used to tune the parameters; if it were to be used this way it could not be used to test how well the method works on unseen examples.

```
_learnCrossValidation.py — (continued)
         def plot_error(data, criterion=Evaluate.squared_loss,
52
                    leaf_prediction=Predict.empirical,
                                                        num_folds=5, maxx=None, xscale='linear'):
53
                    """Plots the error on the validation set and the test set
54
                   with respect to settings of the minimum number of examples.
55
                   xscale should be 'log' or 'linear'
56
57
                   plt.ion()
58
                   plt.xscale(xscale) # change between log and linear scale
                   plt.xlabel("min_child_weight")
60
                   plt.ylabel("average "+criterion.__doc__)
61
                   folded_data = K_fold_dataset(data, num_folds)
62
                   if maxx == None:
63
                             maxx = len(data.train)//2+1
64
                   verrors = [] # validation errors
65
                   terrors = [] # test set errors
66
                   for mcw in range(1,maxx):
67
                             verrors.append(folded_data.validation_error(DT_learner,criterion,leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction=leaf_predicti
68
                                                                                                                                           min_child_weight=mcw))
69
                             tree = DT_learner(data, criterion, leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction,
70
                                        min_child_weight=mcw).learn()
71
                             terrors.append(data.evaluate_dataset(data.test,tree,criterion))
                   plt.plot(range(1,maxx), verrors, ls='-',color='k',
72
                                                   label="validation for "+criterion.__doc__)
73
                   plt.plot(range(1,maxx), terrors, ls='--',color='k',
74
                                                   label="test set for "+criterion.__doc__)
75
                   plt.legend()
76
```

plt.draw()

77 78

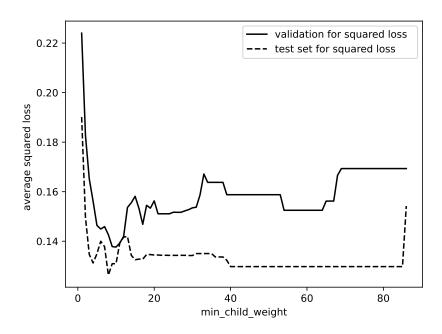


Figure 7.2: plot\_error for SPECT dataset

Figure 7.2 shows the average squared loss in the validation and test sets as a function of the min\_child\_weight in the decision-tree learning algorithm. (SPECT data with seed 12345 followed by plot\_error(data)). Different seeds will produce different graphs. The assumption behind cross validation is that the parameter that minimizes the loss on the validation set, will be a good parameter for the test set.

Note that different runs for the same data will have the same test error, but different validation error. If you rerun the Data\_from\_file, with a different seed, you will get the new test and training sets, and so the graph will change.

**Exercise 7.10** Change the error plot so that it can evaluate the stopping criteria of the exercise of Section 7.6. Which criteria makes the most difference?

# 7.6 Linear Regression and Classification

Here is a stochastic gradient descent searcher for linear regression and classification.

```
_learnLinear.py — Linear Regression and Classification _
   from learnProblem import Learner
11
   import random, math
12
13
   class Linear_learner(Learner):
14
       def __init__(self, dataset, train=None,
15
                   learning_rate=0.1, max_init = 0.2,
16
                    squashed=True, batch_size=10):
17
           """Creates a gradient descent searcher for a linear classifier.
18
           The main learning is carried out by learn()
20
           dataset provides the target and the input features
21
           train provides a subset of the training data to use
22
           number_iterations is the default number of steps of gradient descent
23
           learning_rate is the gradient descent step size
24
           max_init is the maximum absolute value of the initial weights
25
           squashed specifies whether the output is a squashed linear function
26
27
           self.dataset = dataset
28
           self.target = dataset.target
29
           if train==None:
30
               self.train = self.dataset.train
31
           else:
32
               self.train = train
33
           self.learning_rate = learning_rate
34
           self.squashed = squashed
35
           self.batch_size = batch_size
           self.input_features = [one]+dataset.input_features # one is defined
37
           self.weights = {feat:random.uniform(-max_init,max_init)
38
                          for feat in self.input_features}
```

*predictor* predicts the value of an example from the current parameter settings. *predictor\_string* gives a string representation of the predictor.

```
_learnLinear.py — (continued)
41
       def predictor(self,e):
42
           """returns the prediction of the learner on example e"""
43
           linpred = sum(w*f(e) for f,w in self.weights.items())
44
           if self.squashed:
               return sigmoid(linpred)
46
           else:
47
               return linpred
48
49
       def predictor_string(self, sig_dig=3):
50
```

```
"""returns the doc string for the current prediction function
51
52
           sig_dig is the number of significant digits in the numbers"""
           doc = "+".join(str(round(val,sig_dig))+"*"+feat.__doc__
53
                          for feat,val in self.weights.items())
54
           if self.squashed:
55
               return "sigmoid("+ doc+")"
56
57
           else:
58
               return doc
```

*learn* is the main algorithm of the learner. It does *num\_iter* steps of stochastic gradient descent. Only the number of iterations is specified; the other parameters it gets from the class.

```
_learnLinear.py — (continued)
       def learn(self,num_iter=100):
60
           batch_size = min(self.batch_size, len(self.train))
61
           d = {feat:0 for feat in self.weights}
62
           for it in range(num_iter):
63
               self.display(2,"prediction=",self.predictor_string())
64
               for e in random.sample(self.train, batch_size):
65
                  error = self.predictor(e) - self.target(e)
                  update = self.learning_rate*error
67
                   for feat in self.weights:
68
                      d[feat] += update*feat(e)
69
               for feat in self.weights:
70
                  self.weights[feat] -= d[feat]
71
72
                  d[feat]=0
           return self.predictor
73
```

*one* is a function that always returns 1. This is used for one of the input properties.

sigmoid(x) is the function

$$\frac{1}{1+\rho^{-x}}$$

The inverse of *sigmoid* is the *logit* function

 $sigmoid([x_0, v_2, \dots])$  returns  $[v_0, v_2, \dots]$  where  $v_i = \frac{exp(x_i)}{\sum_i exp(x_i)}$ 

The inverse of *sigmoid* is the *logit* function

```
__learnLinear.py — (continued)
   def softmax(xs,domain=None):
85
       """xs is a list of values, and
86
       domain is the domain (a list) or None if the list should be returned
87
       returns a distribution over the domain (a dict)
88
89
       m = max(xs) # use of m prevents overflow (and all values underflowing)
90
       exps = [math.exp(x-m) for x in xs]
91
       s = sum(exps)
92
       if domain:
93
94
           return {d:v/s for (d,v) in zip(domain,exps)}
       else:
95
           return [v/s for v in exps]
96
97
   def indicator(v, domain):
98
       return [1 if v==dv else 0 for dv in domain]
99
```

The following tests the learner on a datasets. Uncomment the other datasets for different examples.

```
___learnLinear.py — (continued) ___
    from learnProblem import Data_set, Data_from_file, Evaluate
    from learnProblem import Evaluate
102
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
103
104
    def test(**args):
105
        data = Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', target_index=0)
106
        # data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1)
107
        # data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv', target_index=-1)
108
        learner = Linear_learner(data,**args)
109
        learner.learn()
110
        print("function learned is", learner.predictor_string())
111
        for ecrit in Evaluate.all_criteria:
112
            test_error = data.evaluate_dataset(data.test, learner.predictor,
113
                ecrit)
                      Average", ecrit.__doc__, "is", test_error)
114
            print("
```

The following plots the errors on the training and test sets as a function of the number of steps of gradient descent.

```
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116 | def plot_steps(learner=None,

117 | data = None,

118 | criterion=Evaluate.squared_loss,
```

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```
119
                  step=1,
120
                  num_steps=1000,
                  log_scale=True,
121
                  legend_label=""):
122
        ,, ,, ,,
123
        plots the training and test error for a learner.
124
125
        data is the
        learner_class is the class of the learning algorithm
126
        criterion gives the evaluation criterion plotted on the y-axis
127
        step specifies how many steps are run for each point on the plot
128
        num_steps is the number of points to plot
129
130
131
        if legend_label != "": legend_label+=" "
132
        plt.ion()
133
        plt.xlabel("step")
134
        plt.ylabel("Average "+criterion.__doc__)
135
        if log_scale:
136
            plt.xscale('log') #plt.semilogx() #Makes a log scale
137
        else:
138
            plt.xscale('linear')
139
        if data is None:
140
            data = Data_from_file('data/holiday.csv', has_header=True,
141
                num_train=19, target_index=-1)
142
            #data = Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', target_index=0)
            # data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1)
143
            # data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv', target_index=-1)
144
145
        #random.seed(None) # reset seed
        if learner is None:
146
            learner = Linear_learner(data)
147
        train_errors = []
148
        test_errors = []
149
        for i in range(1,num_steps+1,step):
150
151
            test_errors.append(data.evaluate_dataset(data.test,
                learner.predictor, criterion))
            train_errors.append(data.evaluate_dataset(data.train,
152
                learner.predictor, criterion))
            learner.display(2, "Train error:",train_errors[-1],
153
                             "Test error:",test_errors[-1])
154
            learner.learn(num_iter=step)
155
        plt.plot(range(1,num_steps+1,step),train_errors,ls='-',label=legend_label+"training")
156
        plt.plot(range(1,num_steps+1,step),test_errors,ls='--',label=legend_label+"test")
157
        plt.legend()
158
        plt.draw()
159
        learner.display(1, "Train error:",train_errors[-1],
160
                             "Test error:",test_errors[-1])
161
162
    if __name__ == "__main__":
163
        test()
164
165
```

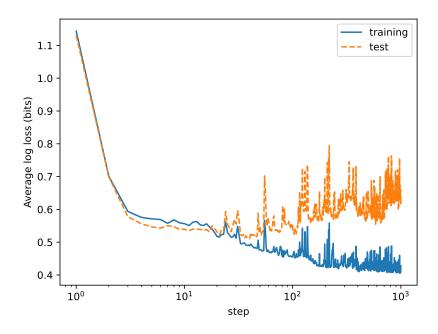


Figure 7.3: plot\_steps for SPECT dataset

```
# This generates the figure
# from learnProblem import Data_set_augmented, prod_feat
# data = Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', prob_test=0.5, target_index=0, seed=123)
# dataplus = Data_set_augmented(data, [], [prod_feat])
# plot_steps(data=data, num_steps=1000)
# plot_steps(data=dataplus, num_steps=1000) # warning very slow
```

Figure 7.3 shows the result of plot\_steps(data=data, num\_steps=1000) in the code above. What would you expect to happen with the augmented data (with extra features)? Hint: think about underfitting and overfitting.

**Exercise 7.11** The squashed learner only makes predictions in the range (0,1). If the output values are  $\{1,2,3,4\}$  there is no use predicting less than 1 or greater than 4. Change the squashed learner so that it can learn values in the range (1,4). Test it on the file 'data/car.csv'.

The following plots the prediction as a function of the number of steps of gradient descent. We first define a version of *range* that allows for real numbers (integers and floats).

```
| def arange(start,stop,step):
| """returns enumeration of values in the range [start,stop) separated by step.
```

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```
like the built-in range(start, stop, step) but allows for integers and
174
        Note that rounding errors are expected with real numbers. (or use
175
            numpy.arange)
176
        while start<stop:</pre>
177
178
            yield start
            start += step
179
180
    def plot_prediction(data,
181
                   learner = None,
182
                   minx = 0,
183
                   maxx = 5,
184
                   step_size = 0.01, # for plotting
185
                   label = "function"):
186
        plt.ion()
187
        plt.xlabel("x")
188
        plt.ylabel("y")
189
        if learner is None:
190
            learner = Linear_learner(data, squashed=False)
191
        learner.learning_rate=0.001
192
        learner.learn(100)
193
        learner.learning_rate=0.0001
194
        learner.learn(1000)
195
        learner.learning_rate=0.00001
196
        learner.learn(10000)
197
        learner.display(1, "function learned is", learner.predictor_string(),
198
                  "error=",data.evaluate_dataset(data.train, learner.predictor,
199
                      Evaluate.squared_loss))
        plt.plot([e[0] for e in data.train],[e[-1] for e in
200
            data.train], "bo", label="data")
        plt.plot(list(arange(minx, maxx, step_size)), [learner.predictor([x])
201
                                              for x in
202
                                                  arange(minx,maxx,step_size)],
                                           label=label)
203
        plt.legend()
204
        plt.draw()
205
                                   _learnLinear.py — (continued)
```

```
from learnProblem import Data_set_augmented, power_feat
207
    def plot_polynomials(data,
208
                    learner_class = Linear_learner,
209
210
                    max_degree = 5,
                    minx = 0,
211
212
                    maxx = 5,
                    num_iter = 1000000,
213
                    learning_rate = 0.00001,
214
                    step_size = 0.01, # for plotting
215
                    ):
216
        plt.ion()
217
```

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```
plt.xlabel("x")
218
219
        plt.ylabel("y")
        plt.plot([e[0] for e in data.train],[e[-1] for e in
220
            data.train], "ko", label="data")
        x_values = list(arange(minx,maxx,step_size))
221
        line_styles = ['-','--','-.',':']
222
        colors = ['0.5','k','k','k','k']
        for degree in range(max_degree):
224
            data_aug = Data_set_augmented(data,[power_feat(n) for n in
225
                range(1, degree+1)],
                                            include_orig=False)
226
            learner = learner_class(data_aug, squashed=False)
227
            learner.learning_rate = learning_rate
228
            learner.learn(num_iter)
229
            learner.display(1, "For degree", degree,
230
                        "function learned is", learner.predictor_string(),
231
                        "error=",data.evaluate_dataset(data.train,
232
                            learner.predictor, Evaluate.squared_loss))
            ls = line_styles[degree % len(line_styles)]
233
            col = colors[degree % len(colors)]
234
            plt.plot(x_values,[learner.predictor([x]) for x in x_values],
235
                linestyle=ls, color=col,
                             label="degree="+str(degree))
236
            plt.legend(loc='upper left')
237
            plt.draw()
238
239
    # Try:
240
    # data0 = Data_from_file('data/simp_regr.csv', prob_test=0,
        boolean_features=False, target_index=-1)
    # plot_prediction(data0)
242
    # plot_polynomials(data0)
243
244 | # What if the step size was bigger?
245 | #datam = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1)
   #plot_prediction(datam)
```

## 7.7 Boosting

The following code implements functional gradient boosting for regression.

A Boosted dataset is created from a base dataset by subtracting the prediction of the offset function from each example. This does not save the new dataset, but generates it as needed. The amount of space used is constant, independent on the size of the dataset.

```
16
17
   class Boosted_dataset(Data_set):
       def __init__(self, base_dataset, offset_fun, subsample=1.0):
18
           """new dataset which is like base_dataset,
19
             but offset_fun(e) is subtracted from the target of each example e
20
21
22
           self.base_dataset = base_dataset
           self.offset_fun = offset_fun
23
           self.train =
               random.sample(base_dataset.train,int(subsample*len(base_dataset.train)))
           self.test = base_dataset.test
25
           #Data_set.__init__(self, base_dataset.train, base_dataset.test,
26
                            base_dataset.prob_test, base_dataset.target_index)
27
28
           #def create_features(self):
29
           """creates new features - called at end of Data_set.init()
30
           defines a new target
31
32
           self.input_features = self.base_dataset.input_features
33
           def newout(e):
34
              return self.base_dataset.target(e) - self.offset_fun(e)
35
           newout.frange = self.base_dataset.target.frange
           newout.ftype = self.infer_type(newout.frange)
37
           self.target = newout
38
39
       def conditions(self, *args, colsample_bytree=0.5, **nargs):
40
           conds = self.base_dataset.conditions(*args, **nargs)
41
42
           return random.sample(conds, int(colsample_bytree*len(conds)))
```

A boosting learner takes in a dataset and a base learner, and returns a new predictor. The base learner, takes a dataset, and returns a Learner object.

```
_learnBoosting.py — (continued) _
   class Boosting_learner(Learner):
44
       def __init__(self, dataset, base_learner_class, subsample=0.8):
45
           self.dataset = dataset
46
           self.base_learner_class = base_learner_class
47
           self.subsample = subsample
           mean = sum(self.dataset.target(e)
49
                     for e in self.dataset.train)/len(self.dataset.train)
50
           self.predictor = lambda e:mean # function that returns mean for
51
               each example
           self.predictor.__doc__ = "lambda e:"+str(mean)
52
           self.offsets = [self.predictor] # list of base learners
53
           self.predictors = [self.predictor] # list of predictors
54
           self.errors = [data.evaluate_dataset(data.test, self.predictor,
               Evaluate.squared_loss)]
           self.display(1,"Predict mean test set mean squared loss=",
               self.errors[0] )
57
58
```

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```
def learn(self, num_ensembles=10):
59
60
           """adds num_ensemble learners to the ensemble.
           returns a new predictor.
61
62
           for i in range(num_ensembles):
63
              train_subset = Boosted_dataset(self.dataset, self.predictor,
64
                   subsample=self.subsample)
              learner = self.base_learner_class(train_subset)
65
              new_offset = learner.learn()
66
              self.offsets.append(new_offset)
67
              def new_pred(e, old_pred=self.predictor, off=new_offset):
68
                  return old_pred(e)+off(e)
69
              self.predictor = new_pred
70
              self.predictors.append(new_pred)
71
              self.errors.append(data.evaluate_dataset(data.test,
72
                   self.predictor, Evaluate.squared_loss))
              self.display(1,f"Iteration {len(self.offsets)-1},treesize =
73
                   {new_offset.num_leaves}. mean squared
                   loss={self.errors[-1]}")
           return self.predictor
74
```

For testing, *sp\_DT\_learner* returns a learner that predicts the mean at the leaves and is evaluated using squared loss. It can also take arguments to change the default arguments for the trees.

```
_learnBoosting.py — (continued) _
   # Testing
76
77
   from learnDT import DT_learner
78
   from learnProblem import Data_set, Data_from_file
79
80
   def sp_DT_learner(split_to_optimize=Evaluate.squared_loss,
81
                              leaf_prediction=Predict.mean,**nargs):
82
       """Creates a learner with different default arguments replaced by
83
           **nargs
84
       def new_learner(dataset):
85
86
           return DT_learner(dataset,split_to_optimize=split_to_optimize,
                                 leaf_prediction=leaf_prediction, **nargs)
87
       return new_learner
88
89
   #data = Data_from_file('data/car.csv', target_index=-1) regression
90
   data = Data_from_file('data/student/student-mat-nq.csv',
91
       separator=';',has_header=True,target_index=-1,seed=13,include_only=list(range(30))+[32])
       #2.0537973790924946
   #data = Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', target_index=0, seed=62) #123)
   #data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1)
   #data = Data_from_file('data/holiday.csv', has_header=True, num_train=19,
       target_index=-1)
   #learner10 = Boosting_learner(data,
       sp_DT_learner(split_to_optimize=Evaluate.squared_loss,
```

```
leaf_prediction=Predict.mean, min_child_weight=10))
    #learner7 = Boosting_learner(data, sp_DT_learner(0.7))
    #learner5 = Boosting_learner(data, sp_DT_learner(0.5))
97
    #predictor9 =learner9.learn(10)
98
    #for i in learner9.offsets: print(i.__doc__)
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
100
101
    def plot_boosting_trees(data, steps=10, mcws=[30,20,20,10], gammas=
102
        [100,200,300,500]):
        # to reduce clutter uncomment one of following two lines
103
        #mcws=[10]
104
        #gammas=[200]
105
        learners = [(mcw, gamma, Boosting_learner(data,
106
            sp_DT_learner(min_child_weight=mcw, gamma=gamma)))
                       for gamma in gammas for mcw in mcws
107
108
        plt.ion()
109
        plt.xscale('linear') # change between log and linear scale
110
        plt.xlabel("number of trees")
111
        plt.ylabel("mean squared loss")
112
        markers = (m+c for c in ['k', 'g', 'r', 'b', 'm', 'c', 'y'] for m in
113
            ['-','--','-.',':'])
        for (mcw,gamma,learner) in learners:
114
           data.display(1,f"min_child_weight={mcw}, gamma={gamma}")
115
           learner.learn(steps)
116
           plt.plot(range(steps+1), learner.errors, next(markers),
117
                        label=f"min_child_weight={mcw}, gamma={gamma}")
118
119
        plt.legend()
        plt.draw()
120
121
    # plot_boosting_trees(data)
```

## 7.7.1 Gradient Tree Boosting

The following implements gradient Boosted trees for classification. If you want to use this gradient tree boosting for a real problem, we recommend using **XGBoost** [Chen and Guestrin, 2016] or **LightGBM** [Ke, Meng, Finley, Wang, Chen, Ma, Ye, and Liu, 2017].

GTB\_learner subclasses DT\_learner. The method learn\_tree is used unchanged. DT\_learner assumes that the value at the leaf is the prediction of the leaf, thus leaf\_value needs to be overridden. It also assumes that all nodes at a leaf have the same prediction, but in GBT the elements of a leaf can have different values, depending on the previous trees. Thus sum\_losses also needs to be overridden.

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```
126
            DT_learner.__init__(self, dataset,
                split_to_optimize=Evaluate.log_loss, **dtargs)
            self.number_trees = number_trees
127
            self.lambda_reg = lambda_reg
128
            self.gamma = gamma
129
            self.trees = []
130
131
        def learn(self):
132
            for i in range(self.number_trees):
133
               tree =
134
                    self.learn_tree(self.dataset.conditions(self.max_num_cuts),
                    self.train)
               self.trees.append(tree)
135
               self.display(1,f"""Iteration {i} treesize = {tree.num_leaves}
136
                    train logloss={
                   self.dataset.evaluate_dataset(self.dataset.train,
137
                        self.gtb_predictor, Evaluate.log_loss)
                       } test logloss={
138
                   self.dataset.evaluate_dataset(self.dataset.test,
139
                        self.gtb_predictor, Evaluate.log_loss)}""")
            return self.gtb_predictor
140
141
        def gtb_predictor(self, example, extra=0):
142
            """prediction for example,
143
            extras is an extra contribution for this example being considered
144
145
            return sigmoid(sum(t(example) for t in self.trees)+extra)
146
147
        def leaf_value(self, egs, domain=[0,1]):
148
            """value at the leaves for examples egs
149
            domain argument is ignored"""
150
            pred_acts = [(self.gtb_predictor(e),self.target(e)) for e in egs]
151
            return sum(a-p for (p,a) in pred_acts) /(sum(p*(1-p) for (p,a) in
152
                pred_acts)+self.lambda_reg)
153
154
        def sum_losses(self, data_subset):
155
            """returns sum of losses for dataset (assuming a leaf is formed
156
                with no more splits)
157
            leaf_val = self.leaf_value(data_subset)
158
            error = sum(Evaluate.log_loss(self.gtb_predictor(e,leaf_val),
159
                self.target(e))
                        for e in data_subset) + self.gamma
160
            return error
161
```

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```
_learnBoosting.py — (continued) _
   # data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv', target_index=-1, seed=123)
# gtb_learner = GTB_learner(data, 10)
```

165 | # gtb\_learner.learn()

# Neural Networks and Deep Learning

Warning: this is not meant to be an efficient implementation of deep learning. If you want to do serious machine learning on meduim-sized or large data, we recommend Keras (https://keras.io) [Chollet, 2021] or PyTorch (https://pytorch.org), which are very efficient, particularly on GPUs. They are, however, black boxes. The AIPython neural network code should be seen like a car engine made of glass; you can see exactly how it works, even if it is not fast.

The parameters that are the same as in Keras have the same names. In AIPython, actication functions are treated as separate layers, which makes them more modular and readable.

# 8.1 Layers

A neural network is built from layers.

This provides a modular implementation of layers. Layers can easily be stacked in many configurations. A layer needs to implement a function to compute the output values from the inputs, a way to back-propagate the error, and perhaps update its parameters.

```
| Items | Item
```

```
"""Given a list of inputs, outputs will produce a list of length
17
               num_outputs.
           nn is the neural network this layer is part of
18
           num outputs is the number of outputs for this layer.
19
20
           self.nn = nn
21
22
           self.num_inputs = nn.num_outputs # output of nn is the input to
               this layer
           if num_outputs:
23
              self.num_outputs = num_outputs
24
           else:
25
              self.num_outputs = nn.num_outputs # same as the inputs
26
27
       def output_values(self,input_values, training=False):
28
           """Return the outputs for this layer for the given input values.
29
           input_values is a list of the inputs to this layer (of length
30
               num_inputs)
           returns a list of length self.num_outputs.
31
           It can act differently when training and when predicting.
32
33
           raise NotImplementedError("output_values") # abstract method
34
35
       def backprop(self,errors):
36
           """Backpropagate the errors on the outputs
37
           errors is a list of errors for the outputs (of length
38
               self.num_outputs).
          Returns the errors for the inputs to this layer (of length
39
               self.num_inputs).
40
           You can assume that this is only called after corresponding
41
               output_values,
             which can remember information information required for the
42
                  back-propagation.
43
           raise NotImplementedError("backprop") # abstract method
44
45
       def update(self):
           """updates parameters after a batch.
47
           overridden by layers that have parameters
48
49
50
           pass
```

## 8.1.1 Linear Layer

A linear layer maintains an array of weights. self.weights[o][i] is the weight between input i and output o. A 1 is added to the end of the inputs. The default initialization is the Glorot uniform initializer [Glorot and Bengio, 2010], which is the default in Keras. An alternative is to provide a limit, in which case the

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values are selected uniformly in the range [-limit, limit]. Keras treats the bias separately, and by default initialzes to zero.

```
_learnNN.py — (continued) _
52
   class Linear_complete_layer(Layer):
       """a completely connected layer"""
53
       def __init__(self, nn, num_outputs, limit=None):
54
           """A completely connected linear layer.
55
           nn is a neural network that the inputs come from
56
           num_outputs is the number of outputs
57
           the random initialization of parameters is in range [-limit,limit]
58
           Layer.__init__(self, nn, num_outputs)
60
61
           if limit is None:
              limit =math.sqrt(6/(self.num_inputs+self.num_outputs))
62
           # self.weights[o][i] is the weight between input i and output o
63
           self.weights = [[random.uniform(-limit, limit) if inf <</pre>
               self.num_inputs else 0
                            for inf in range(self.num_inputs+1)]
65
                          for outf in range(self.num_outputs)]
66
           self.delta = [[0 for inf in range(self.num_inputs+1)]
67
                          for outf in range(self.num_outputs)]
68
69
       def output_values(self,input_values, training=False):
70
           """Returns the outputs for the input values.
71
           It remembers the values for the backprop.
72
73
           Note in self.weights there is a weight list for every output,
74
           so wts in self.weights loops over the outputs.
75
           The bias is the *last* value of each list in self.weights.
76
77
           self.inputs = input_values + [1]
78
           return [sum(w*val for (w,val) in zip(wts,self.inputs))
79
                      for wts in self.weights]
80
81
       def backprop(self,errors):
82
           """Backpropagate the errors, updating the weights and returning the
83
               error in its inputs.
84
           input_errors = [0]*(self.num_inputs+1)
85
           for out in range(self.num_outputs):
86
               for inp in range(self.num_inputs+1):
87
                  input_errors[inp] += self.weights[out][inp] * errors[out]
88
                  self.delta[out][inp] += self.inputs[inp] * errors[out]
89
           return input_errors[:-1] # remove the error for the "1"
90
91
92
       def update(self):
           """updates parameters after a batch"""
93
           batch_step_size = self.nn.learning_rate / self.nn.batch_size
94
           for out in range(self.num_outputs):
95
               for inp in range(self.num_inputs+1):
96
```

#### 8.1.2 ReLU Layer

The standard activation function for hidden nodes is the **ReLU**.

```
_learnNN.py — (continued)
    class ReLU_layer(Layer):
100
        """Rectified linear unit (ReLU) f(z) = max(0, z).
101
        The number of outputs is equal to the number of inputs.
102
103
        def __init__(self, nn):
104
            Layer.__init__(self, nn)
105
106
        def output_values(self, input_values, training=False):
107
            """Returns the outputs for the input values.
108
            It remembers the input values for the backprop.
109
            ,, ,, ,,
110
            self.input_values = input_values
111
            self.outputs= [max(0,inp) for inp in input_values]
112
            return self.outputs
113
114
        def backprop(self,errors):
115
            """Returns the derivative of the errors"""
116
            return [e if inp>0 else 0 for e,inp in zip(errors,
117
                self.input_values)]
```

## 8.1.3 Sigmoid Layer

One of the old standards for the activation function for hidden layers is the sigmoid. It is included here to experiment with.

```
_learnNN.py — (continued)
    class Sigmoid_layer(Layer):
119
        """sigmoids of the inputs.
120
        The number of outputs is equal to the number of inputs.
121
        Each output is the sigmoid of its corresponding input.
122
        11 11 11
123
        def __init__(self, nn):
124
125
            Layer.__init__(self, nn)
126
        def output_values(self, input_values, training=False):
127
            """Returns the outputs for the input values.
128
            It remembers the output values for the backprop.
129
130
            self.outputs= [sigmoid(inp) for inp in input_values]
131
            return self.outputs
132
```

```
def backprop(self,errors):
    """Returns the derivative of the errors"""
return [e*out*(1-out) for e,out in zip(errors, self.outputs)]
```

## 8.2 Feedforward Networks

```
_learnNN.py — (continued)
    class NN(Learner):
138
        def __init__(self, dataset, validation_proportion = 0.1,
139
            learning_rate=0.001):
            """Creates a neural network for a dataset,
140
            layers is the list of layers
141
142
            self.dataset = dataset
143
            self.output_type = dataset.target.ftype
144
            self.learning_rate = learning_rate
145
            self.input_features = dataset.input_features
146
            self.num_outputs = len(self.input_features)
147
            validation_num = int(len(self.dataset.train)*validation_proportion)
148
            if validation_num > 0:
149
150
               random.shuffle(self.dataset.train)
                self.validation_set = self.dataset.train[-validation_num:]
151
                self.training_set = self.dataset.train[:-validation_num]
152
            else:
153
                self.validation_set = []
154
               self.training_set = self.dataset.train
155
            self.layers = []
156
            self.bn = 0 # number of batches run
157
158
        def add_layer(self,layer):
159
            """add a layer to the network.
160
            Each layer gets number of inputs from the previous layers outputs.
161
162
163
            self.layers.append(layer)
            self.num_outputs = layer.num_outputs
164
165
        def predictor(self,ex):
166
            """Predicts the value of the first output for example ex.
167
168
            values = [f(ex) for f in self.input_features]
169
            for layer in self.layers:
170
                values = layer.output_values(values)
            return sigmoid(values[0]) if self.output_type =="boolean" \
172
                  else softmax(values, self.dataset.target.frange) if
173
                       self.output_type == "categorical" \
                   else values[0]
174
175
```

```
def predictor_string(self):
return "not implemented"
```

The *learn* method learns a network.

```
_learnNN.py — (continued)
        def learn(self, epochs=5, batch_size=32, num_iter = None,
179
            report_each=10):
            """Learns parameters for a neural network using stochastic gradient
180
                decent.
           epochs is the number of times through the data (on average)
181
           batch_size is the maximum size of each batch
182
           num_iter is the number of iterations over the batches
183
                - overrides epochs if provided (allows for fractions of epochs)
184
            report_each means give the errors after each multiple of that
185
                iterations
186
            self.batch_size = min(batch_size, len(self.training_set)) # don't
187
                have batches bigger than training size
            if num_iter is None:
188
                num_iter = (epochs * len(self.training_set)) // self.batch_size
189
            #self.display(0,"Batch\t","\t".join(criterion.__doc__ for criterion
190
                in Evaluate.all_criteria))
            for i in range(num_iter):
191
               batch = random.sample(self.training_set, self.batch_size)
192
               for e in batch:
193
                   # compute all outputs
194
                   values = [f(e) for f in self.input_features]
195
                   for layer in self.layers:
196
                       values = layer.output_values(values, training=True)
197
                   # backpropagate
198
                   predicted = [sigmoid(v) for v in values] if self.output_type
199
                       == "boolean"\
                                else softmax(values) if self.output_type ==
200
                                    "categorical"
                                else values
201
                   actuals = indicator(self.dataset.target(e),
202
                       self.dataset.target.frange) \
                               if self.output_type == "categorical"\
203
                               else [self.dataset.target(e)]
204
                   errors = [pred-obsd for (obsd,pred) in
205
                       zip(actuals, predicted)]
                   for layer in reversed(self.layers):
206
                       errors = layer.backprop(errors)
207
               # Update all parameters in batch
208
               for layer in self.layers:
209
                   layer.update()
210
               self.bn+=1
211
               if (i+1)%report_each==0:
212
                   self.display(0,self.bn,"\t",
213
                               "\t\t".join("{:.4f}".format(
214
```

```
self.dataset.evaluate_dataset(self.validation_set, self.predictor, criterion))

for criterion in Evaluate.all_criteria), sep="")
```

# 8.3 Improved Optimization

#### 8.3.1 Momentum

```
__learnNN.py — (continued) _
    class Linear_complete_layer_momentum(Linear_complete_layer):
218
        """a completely connected layer"""
219
        def __init__(self, nn, num_outputs, limit=None, alpha=0.9, epsilon =
220
            1e-07, vel0=0):
            """A completely connected linear layer.
221
            nn is a neural network that the inputs come from
222
            num_outputs is the number of outputs
223
224
            max_init is the maximum value for random initialization of
                parameters
            vel0 is the initial velocity for each parameter
225
226
            Linear_complete_layer.__init__(self, nn, num_outputs, limit=limit)
227
            # self.weights[o][i] is the weight between input i and output o
228
            self.velocity = [[vel0 for inf in range(self.num_inputs+1)]
229
                           for outf in range(self.num_outputs)]
230
            self.alpha = alpha
231
            self.epsilon = epsilon
232
233
        def update(self):
234
            """updates parameters after a batch"""
235
            batch_step_size = self.nn.learning_rate / self.nn.batch_size
236
            for out in range(self.num_outputs):
237
               for inp in range(self.num_inputs+1):
238
                   self.velocity[out][inp] = self.alpha*self.velocity[out][inp]
239
                        - batch_step_size * self.delta[out][inp]
                   self.weights[out][inp] += self.velocity[out][inp]
240
                   self.delta[out][inp] = 0
241
```

## 8.3.2 RMS-Prop

```
class Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(Linear_complete_layer):

"""a completely connected layer"""

def __init__(self, nn, num_outputs, limit=None, rho=0.9, epsilon = 1e-07):

"""A completely connected linear layer.

nn is a neural network that the inputs come from num_outputs is the number of outputs
```

```
max_init is the maximum value for random initialization of
249
                parameters
250
           Linear_complete_layer.__init__(self, nn, num_outputs, limit=limit)
251
           # self.weights[o][i] is the weight between input i and output o
252
           self.ms = [[0 for inf in range(self.num_inputs+1)]
253
254
                           for outf in range(self.num_outputs)]
           self.rho = rho
255
           self.epsilon = epsilon
256
257
        def update(self):
258
            """updates parameters after a batch"""
259
           for out in range(self.num_outputs):
260
               for inp in range(self.num_inputs+1):
261
                   gradient = self.delta[out][inp] / self.nn.batch_size
262
                   self.ms[out][inp] = self.rho*self.ms[out][inp]+ (1-self.rho)
263
                       * gradient**2
                   self.weights[out][inp] -=
264
                       self.nn.learning_rate/(self.ms[out][inp]+self.epsilon)**0.5
                       * gradient
                   self.delta[out][inp] = 0
265
```

## 8.4 Dropout

**Dropout** is implemented as a layer.

```
_learnNN.py — (continued) __
    from utilities import flip
267
    class Dropout_layer(Layer):
268
        """Dropout layer
269
270
271
        def __init__(self, nn, rate=0):
272
273
            rate is fraction of the input units to drop. 0 =< rate < 1
274
275
276
            self.rate = rate
277
            Layer.__init__(self, nn)
278
        def output_values(self, input_values, training=False):
279
            """Returns the outputs for the input values.
280
            It remembers the input values for the backprop.
281
            ,, ,, ,,
282
            if training:
283
284
                scaling = 1/(1-self.rate)
                self.mask = [0 if flip(self.rate) else 1
285
                               for _ in input_values]
286
                return [x*y*scaling for (x,y) in zip(input_values, self.mask)]
287
            else:
288
                return input_values
289
```

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```
290
291
        def backprop(self,errors):
            """Returns the derivative of the errors"""
292
            return [x*y for (x,y) in zip(errors, self.mask)]
293
294
    class Dropout_layer_0(Layer):
295
        """Dropout layer
296
297
298
        def __init__(self, nn, rate=0):
299
300
            rate is fraction of the input units to drop. 0 =< rate < 1
301
302
            self.rate = rate
303
            Layer.__init__(self, nn)
304
305
        def output_values(self, input_values, training=False):
306
            """Returns the outputs for the input values.
307
            It remembers the input values for the backprop.
308
309
            if training:
310
                scaling = 1/(1-self.rate)
311
                self.outputs= [0 if flip(self.rate) else inp*scaling # make 0
312
                    with probability rate
                              for inp in input_values]
313
                return self.outputs
314
            else:
315
316
                return input_values
317
        def backprop(self,errors):
318
            """Returns the derivative of the errors"""
319
320
            return errors
```

## 8.4.1 Examples

The following constructs a neural network with one hidden layer. The output is assumed to be Boolean or Real. If it is categorical, the final layer should have the same number of outputs as the number of cetegories (so it can use a softmax).

```
#data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading.csv', target_index=-1)
#data = Data_from_file('data/mail_reading_consis.csv', target_index=-1)
#data = Data_from_file('data/SPECT.csv', prob_test=0.3, target_index=0, seed=12345)
#data = Data_from_file('data/iris.data', prob_test=0.2, target_index=-1) #
#data = Data_from_file('data/iris.data', prob_test=0.2, target_index=-1) #
#data = Data_from_file('data/if_x_then_y_else_z.csv', num_train=8, target_index=-1) # not linearly sep
```

```
#data = Data_from_file('data/holiday.csv', target_index=-1) #,
327
        num_train=19)
    #data = Data_from_file('data/processed.cleveland.data', target_index=-1)
328
    #random.seed(None)
329
330
    # nn3 is has a single hidden layer of width 3
331
    nn3 = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
332
    nn3.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer(nn3,3))
333
    #nn3.add_layer(Sigmoid_layer(nn3))
    nn3.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn3))
335
    nn3.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer(nn3,1)) # when using
336
        output_type="boolean"
    #nn3.learn(epochs = 100)
337
338
    # nn3do is like nn3 but with dropout on the hidden layer
339
    nn3do = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
340
    nn3do.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer(nn3do,3))
341
    #nn3.add_layer(Sigmoid_layer(nn3)) # comment this or the next
342
    nn3do.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn3do))
343
    nn3do.add_layer(Dropout_layer(nn3do, rate=0.5))
344
    nn3do.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer(nn3do,1))
345
    #nn3do.learn(epochs = 100)
346
347
    # nn3_rmsp is like nn3 but uses RMS prop
348
    nn3_rmsp = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
349
    nn3_rmsp.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn3_rmsp,3))
    #nn3_rmsp.add_layer(Sigmoid_layer(nn3_rmsp)) # comment this or the next
351
    nn3_rmsp.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn3_rmsp))
    nn3_rmsp.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn3_rmsp,1))
353
    #nn3_rmsp.learn(epochs = 100)
354
355
    # nn3_m is like nn3 but uses momentum
356
    mm1_m = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
357
358
    mm1_m.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_momentum(mm1_m,3))
    #mm1_m.add_layer(Sigmoid_layer(mm1_m)) # comment this or the next
359
    mm1_m.add_layer(ReLU_layer(mm1_m))
360
    mm1_m.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_momentum(mm1_m,1))
361
    #mm1_m.learn(epochs = 100)
362
    # nn2 has a single a hidden layer of width 2
364
    nn2 = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
365
    nn2.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn2,2))
366
    nn2.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn2))
    nn2.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn2,1))
368
369
    # nn5 is has a single hidden layer of width 5
370
    nn5 = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0)
371
    nn5.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn5,5))
372
    nn5.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn5))
373
   nn5.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn5,1))
```

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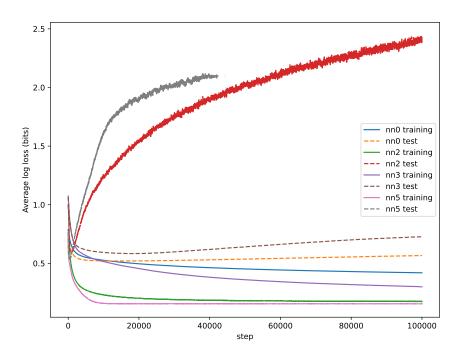


Figure 8.1: Plotting train and test log loss for various algorithms on SPECT dataset

```
# nn0 has no hidden layers, and so is just logistic regression:
nn0 = NN(data, validation_proportion = 0) #learning_rate=0.05)
nn0.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer(nn0,1))
# Or try this for RMS-Prop:
#nn0.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn0,1))
```

Plotting. Figure 8.1 shows the training and test performance on the SPECT dataset for the architectures above. Note the nn5 test has infinite log loss on the test set after about 45,000 steps. The noisyness of the predictions might indicate that the step size is too big. This was produced by the code below:

```
| from learnLinear import plot_steps | from learnProblem import Evaluate | # To show plots first choose a criterion to use | # crit = Evaluate.log_loss | # crit = Evaluate.accuracy | # plot_steps(learner = nn0, data = data, criterion=crit, num_steps=10000, log_scale=False, legend_label="nn0")
```

```
# plot_steps(learner = nn2, data = data, criterion=crit, num_steps=10000,
389
        log_scale=False, legend_label="nn2")
    # plot_steps(learner = nn3, data = data, criterion=crit, num_steps=10000,
390
        log_scale=False, legend_label="nn3")
    # plot_steps(learner = nn5, data = data, criterion=crit, num_steps=10000,
391
        log_scale=False, legend_label="nn5")
392
    # for (nn,nname) in [(nn0,"nn0"),(nn2,"nn2"),(nn3,"nn3"),(nn5,"nn5")]:
393
        plot_steps(learner = nn, data = data, criterion=crit,
        num_steps=100000, log_scale=False, legend_label=nname)
394
    # Print some training examples
395
396
    #for eg in random.sample(data.train,10): print(eg,nn3.predictor(eg))
397
    # Print some test examples
398
    #for eg in random.sample(data.test,10): print(eg,nn3.predictor(eg))
399
400
    # To see the weights learned in linear layers
401
    # nn3.layers[0].weights
402
    # nn3.layers[2].weights
403
404
405
    # Print test:
    # for e in data.train: print(e,nn0.predictor(e))
406
407
    def test(data, hidden_widths = [5], epochs=100,
408
                optimizers = [Linear_complete_layer,
                          Linear_complete_layer_momentum,
410
                               Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop]):
        data.display(0, "Batch\t", "\t".join(criterion.__doc__ for criterion in
411
            Evaluate.all_criteria))
        for optimizer in optimizers:
412
            nn = NN(data)
413
            for width in hidden_widths:
414
                nn.add_layer(optimizer(nn,width))
415
               nn.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn))
416
            if data.target.ftype == "boolean":
417
               nn.add_layer(optimizer(nn,1))
418
            else:
419
               error(f"Not implemented: {data.output_type}")
420
            nn.learn(epochs)
421
```

The following tests on MNIST. The original files are from http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/. This code assumes you use the csv files from https://pjreddie.com/projects/mnist-in-csv/, and put them in the directory ../MNIST/. Note that this is **very** inefficient; you would be better to use Keras or Pytorch. There are 28\*28=784 input units and 512 hidden units, which makes 401,408 parameters for the lowest linear layer. So don't be surprised when it takes many hours in AIPython (even if it only takes a few seconds in Keras).

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```
# Simplified version: (6000 training instances)
423
424
    # data_mnist = Data_from_file('../MNIST/mnist_train.csv', prob_test=0.9,
        target_index=0, boolean_features=False, target_type="categorical")
425
    # Full version:
426
    # data_mnist = Data_from_files('../MNIST/mnist_train.csv',
427
        '../MNIST/mnist_test.csv', target_index=0, boolean_features=False,
        target_type="categorical")
428
    # nn_mnist = NN(data_mnist, validation_proportion = 0.02,
429
        learning_rate=0.001) #validation set = 1200
    # nn_mnist.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn_mnist,512));
430
        nn_mnist.add_layer(ReLU_layer(nn_mnist));
        nn_mnist.add_layer(Linear_complete_layer_RMS_Prop(nn_mnist,10))
    # start_time = time.perf_counter();nn_mnist.learn(epochs=1,
431
        batch_size=128);end_time = time.perf_counter();print("Time:", end_time
        - start_time, "seconds") #1 epoch
    # determine test error:
432
    # data_mnist.evaluate_dataset(data_mnist.test, nn_mnist.predictor,
433
        Evaluate.accuracy)
   # Print some random predictions:
434
   # for eg in random.sample(data_mnist.test,10):
        print(data_mnist.target(eg),nn_mnist.predictor(eg),nn_mnist.predictor(eg)[data_mnist.target(eg)
```

**Exercise 8.1** In the definition of *nn*3 above, for each of the following, first hypothesize what will happen, then test your hypothesis, then explain whether you testing confirms your hypothesis or not. Test it for more than one data set, and use more than one run for each data set.

- (a) Which fits the data better, having a sigmoid layer or a ReLU layer after the first linear layer?
- (b) Which is faster, having a sigmoid layer or a ReLU layer after the first linear layer?
- (c) What happens if you have both the sigmoid layer and then a ReLU layer after the first linear layer and before the second linear layer?
- (d) What happens if you have a ReLU layer then a sigmoid layer after the first linear layer and before the second linear layer?
- (e) What happens if you have neither the sigmoid layer nor a ReLU layer after the first linear layer?

Exercise 8.2 Do some

# Reasoning with Uncertainty

# 9.1 Representing Probabilistic Models

A probabilisitic model uses the same definition of a variable as a CSP (Section 4.1.1, page 69). A variable consists of a name, a domain and an optional (x,y) position (for displaying). The domain of a variable is a list or a tuple, as the ordering will matter in the representation of factors.

# 9.2 Representing Factors

A **factor** is, mathematically, a function from variables into a number; that is given a value for each of its variable, it gives a number. Factors are used for conditional probabilities, utilities in the next chapter, and are explicitly constructed by some algorithms (in particular variable elimination).

A variable assignment, or just **assignment**, is represented as a {variable : value} dictionary. A factor can be evaluated when all of its variables are assigned. The method get\_value evaluates the factor for an assignment. The assignment can include extra variables not in the factor. This method needs to be defined for every subclass.

```
probFactors.py — Factors for graphical models

from display import Displayable
import math

class Factor(Displayable):
    nextid=0 # each factor has a unique identifier; for printing

def __init__(self, variables, name=None):
    self.variables = variables # list of variables
```

```
if name:
19
20
               self.name = name
21
           else:
               self.name = f"f{Factor.nextid}"
22
              Factor.nextid += 1
23
24
25
       def can_evaluate(self,assignment):
           """True when the factor can be evaluated in the assignment
26
           assignment is a {variable:value} dict
27
28
           return all(v in assignment for v in self.variables)
29
30
       def get_value(self,assignment):
31
           """Returns the value of the factor given the assignment of values
32
               to variables.
           Needs to be defined for each subclass.
33
34
           assert self.can_evaluate(assignment)
35
           raise NotImplementedError("get_value") # abstract method
36
```

The method \_\_str\_\_ returns a brief definition (like "f7(X,Y,Z)"). The method to\_table returns string representations of a table showing all of the assignments of values to variables, and the corresponding value.

```
\_probFactors.py — (continued) \_
       def __str__(self):
38
           """returns a string representing a summary of the factor"""
39
           return f"{self.name}({','.join(str(var) for var in
40
               self.variables)})"
41
       def to_table(self, variables=None, given={}):
42
           """returns a string representation of the factor.
43
           Allows for an arbitrary variable ordering.
44
           variables is a list of the variables in the factor
45
           (can contain other variables)"""
46
           if variables==None:
47
              variables = [v for v in self.variables if v not in given]
48
           else: #enforce ordering and allow for extra variables in ordering
49
              variables = [v for v in variables if v in self.variables and v
50
                   not in given]
           head = "\t".join(str(v) for v in variables)+"\t"+self.name
51
           return head+"\n"+self.ass_to_str(variables, given, variables)
52
53
54
       def ass_to_str(self, vars, asst, allvars):
           #print(f"ass_to_str({vars}, {asst}, {allvars})")
55
           if vars:
56
               return "\n".join(self.ass_to_str(vars[1:], {**asst,
57
                   vars[0]:val}, allvars)
                              for val in vars[0].domain)
58
59
              val = self.get_value(asst)
60
```

# 9.3 Conditional Probability Distributions

A **conditional probability distribution (CPD)** is a type of factor that represents a conditional probability. A CPD representing  $P(X \mid Y_1...Y_k)$  is a type of factor, where given values for X and each  $Y_i$  returns a number.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued) _
   class CPD(Factor):
       def __init__(self, child, parents):
68
           """represents P(variable | parents)
69
70
           self.parents = parents
71
           self.child = child
72
           Factor.__init__(self, parents+[child], name=f"Probability")
73
74
       def __str__(self):
75
           """A brief description of a factor using in tracing"""
76
77
           if self.parents:
               return f"P({self.child}|{','.join(str(p) for p in
78
                    self.parents)})"
           else:
79
               return f"P({self.child})"
80
81
       __repr__ = __str__
82
```

A constant CPD has no parents, and has probability 1 when the variable has the value specified, and 0 when the variable has a different value.

```
class ConstantCPD(CPD):
    def __init__(self, variable, value):
        CPD.__init__(self, variable, [])
        self.value = value
    def get_value(self, assignment):
        return 1 if self.value==assignment[self.child] else 0
```

## 9.3.1 Logistic Regression

A **logistic regression** CPD, for Boolean variable *X* represents  $P(X=True \mid Y_1 ... Y_k)$ , using k+1 real-values weights so

$$P(X=True \mid Y_1 \dots Y_k) = sigmoid(w_0 + \sum_i w_i Y_i)$$

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where for Boolean  $Y_i$ , True is represented as 1 and False as 0.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    from learnLinear import sigmoid, logit
91
92
93
    class LogisticRegression(CPD):
        def __init__(self, child, parents, weights):
94
            """A logistic regression representation of a conditional
95
                probability.
            child is the Boolean (or 0/1) variable whose CPD is being defined
96
            parents is the list of parents
            weights is list of parameters, such that weights[i+1] is the weight
98
                for parents[i]
99
            assert len(weights) == 1+len(parents)
100
            CPD.__init__(self, child, parents)
101
            self.weights = weights
102
103
        def get_value(self,assignment):
104
            assert self.can_evaluate(assignment)
105
            prob = sigmoid(self.weights[0]
106
                           + sum(self.weights[i+1]*assignment[self.parents[i]]
107
                                     for i in range(len(self.parents))))
108
            if assignment[self.child]: #child is true
109
110
                return prob
111
            else:
               return (1-prob)
112
```

## 9.3.2 Noisy-or

A **noisy-or**, for Boolean variable X with Boolean parents  $Y_1 \dots Y_k$  is parametrized by k+1 parameters  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_k$ , where each  $0 \le p_i \le 1$ . The semantics is defined as though there are k+1 hidden variables  $Z_0, Z_1 \dots Z_k$ , where  $P(Z_0) = p_0$  and  $P(Z_i \mid Y_i) = p_i$  for  $i \ge 1$ , and where X is true if and only if  $Z_0 \vee Z_1 \vee \dots \vee Z_k$  (where  $\vee$  is "or"). Thus X is false if all of the  $Z_i$  are false. Intuitively,  $Z_0$  is the probability of X when all  $Y_i$  are false and each  $Z_i$  is a noisy (probabilistic) measure that  $Y_i$  makes X true, and X only needs one to make it true.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class NoisyOR(CPD):
114
        def __init__(self, child, parents, weights):
115
            """A noisy representation of a conditional probability.
116
            variable is the Boolean (or 0/1) child variable whose CPD is being
117
                defined
            parents is the list of Boolean (or 0/1) parents
118
            weights is list of parameters, such that weights[i+1] is the weight
119
                for parents[i]
120
            assert len(weights) == 1+len(parents)
121
```

```
122
            CPD.__init__(self, child, parents)
123
            self.weights = weights
124
        def get_value(self,assignment):
125
            assert self.can_evaluate(assignment)
126
            probfalse = (1-self.weights[0])*math.prod(1-self.weights[i+1]
127
128
                                                       for i in
                                                            range(len(self.parents))
                                                       if
129
                                                           assignment[self.parents[i]])
            if assignment[self.child]:
130
                return 1-probfalse
131
            else:
132
                return probfalse
133
```

#### 9.3.3 Tabular Factors and Prob

A **tabular factor** is a factor that represents each assignment of values to variables separately. It is represented by a Python array (or python dict). If the variables are  $V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_k$ , the value of  $f(V_1 = v_1, V_2 = v_1, \ldots, V_k = v_k)$  is stored in  $f[v_1][v_2] \ldots [v_k]$ .

If the domain of  $V_i$  is  $[0, \ldots, n_i - 1]$  this can be represented as an array. Otherwise we can use a dictionary. Python is nice in that it doesn't care, whether an array or dict is used **except when enumerating the values**; enumerating a dict gives the keys (the variables) but enumerating an array gives the values. So we have to be careful not to do this.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class TabFactor(Factor):
135
136
        def __init__(self, variables, values, name=None):
137
            Factor.__init__(self, variables, name=name)
138
            self.values = values
139
140
        def get_value(self, assignment):
141
            return self.get_val_rec(self.values, self.variables, assignment)
142
143
        def get_val_rec(self, value, variables, assignment):
            if variables == []:
145
               return value
146
            else:
147
                return self.get_val_rec(value[assignment[variables[0]]],
148
                                           variables[1:],assignment)
149
```

*Prob* is a factor that represents a conditional probability by enumerating all of the values.

```
"""A factor defined by a conditional probability table"""

def __init__(self, var, pars, cpt, name=None):
    """Creates a factor from a conditional probability table, cpt
    The cpt values are assumed to be for the ordering par+[var]
    """

TabFactor.__init__(self, pars+[var], cpt, name)
    self.child = var
    self.parents = pars
```

## 9.3.4 Decision Tree Representations of Factors

A decision tree representation of a conditional probability is either:

- IFeq(var, val, true\_cond, false\_cond) where true\_cond and false\_cond are decision trees. true\_cond is used if variable var has value val in an assignment; false\_cond is used if var has a different value.
- a distribution over the child variable

Note that not all parents needs to be assigned to evaluate the decision tree; you only need the branch down the tree that gives the distribition.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class ProbDT(CPD):
161
        def __init__(self, child, parents, dt):
162
            CPD.__init__(self, child, parents)
163
            self.dt = dt
164
165
        def get_value(self, assignment):
166
            return self.dt.get_value(assignment, self.child)
167
168
        def can_evaluate(self, assignment):
169
            return self.child in assignment and self.dt.can_evaluate(assignment)
170
```

Decison trees are made up of conditions; here equality equality of a value and a variable:

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class IFeq:
172
        def __init__(self, var, val, true_cond, false_cond):
173
            self.var = var
174
            self.val = val
175
            self.true_cond = true_cond
176
            self.false_cond = false_cond
177
178
        def get_value(self, assignment, child):
179
            if assignment[self.var] == self.val:
180
                return self.true_cond.get_value(assignment, child)
181
            else:
182
                return self.false_cond.get_value(assignment,child)
183
```

```
def can_evaluate(self, assignment):
    if self.var not in assignment:
        return False
    elif assignment[self.var] == self.val:
        return self.true_cond.can_evaluate(assignment)
    else:
        return self.false_cond.can_evaluate(assignment)
```

At the leaves are distribitions over the child variable.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class Dist:
193
194
        def __init__(self, dist):
            """Dist is an arror or dictionary indexed by value of current
195
                 child"""
            self.dist = dist
196
197
        def get_value(self, assignment, child):
198
            return self.dist[assignment[child]]
199
200
201
        def can_evaluate(self, assignment):
            return True
202
```

The following shows a decision representation of the Example 9.18 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]. When the Action is to go out, the probability is a function of rain; otherwise it is a function of full.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    ##### A decision tree representation Example 9.18 of AIFCA 3e
204
    from variable import Variable
205
206
207
    boolean = [False, True]
208
    action = Variable('Action', ['go_out', 'get_coffee'], position=(0.5,0.8))
209
    rain = Variable('Rain', boolean, position=(0.2,0.8))
210
    full = Variable('Cup Full', boolean, position=(0.8,0.8))
211
212
    wet = Variable('Wet', boolean, position=(0.5,0.2))
213
    p_wet = ProbDT(wet,[action,rain,full],
214
                      IFeq(action, 'go_out',
215
                               IFeq(rain, True, Dist([0.2,0.8]),
216
                                   Dist([0.9,0.1])),
                               IFeq(full, True, Dist([0.4,0.6]),
217
                                   Dist([0.7,0.3])))
218
   # See probRC for wetBN which expands this example to a complete network
```

# 9.4 Graphical Models

A graphical model consists of a set of variables and a set of factors. A belief network is a graphical model where all of the factors represent conditional probabilities. There are some operations (such as pruning variables) which are applicable to belief networks, but are not applicable to more general models. At the moment, we will treat them as the same.

```
_probGraphicalModels.py — Graphical Models and Belief Networks _
   from display import Displayable
   from probFactors import CPD
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
13
14
   class GraphicalModel(Displayable):
15
       """The class of graphical models.
16
17
       A graphical model consists of a title, a set of variables and a set of
            factors
18
       vars is a set of variables
19
       factors is a set of factors
20
21
22
       def __init__(self, title, variables=None, factors=None):
           self.title = title
23
           self.variables = variables
24
           self.factors = factors
25
```

A **belief network** (also known as a **Bayesian network**) is a graphical model where all of the factors are conditional probabilities, and every variable has a conditional probability of it given its parents. This only checks the first condition, and builds some useful data structures.

```
__probGraphicalModels.py — (continued)
27
   class BeliefNetwork(GraphicalModel):
       """The class of belief networks."""
28
29
       def __init__(self, title, variables, factors):
30
           """vars is a set of variables
31
           factors is a set of factors. All of the factors are instances of
32
               CPD (e.g., Prob).
33
           GraphicalModel.__init__(self, title, variables, factors)
34
           assert all(isinstance(f,CPD) for f in factors), factors
35
           self.var2cpt = {f.child:f for f in factors}
36
           self.var2parents = {f.child:f.parents for f in factors}
37
           self.children = {n:[] for n in self.variables}
38
           for v in self.var2parents:
               for par in self.var2parents[v]:
40
                   self.children[par].append(v)
41
42
           self.topological_sort_saved = None
```

The following creates a topological sort of the nodes, where the parents of a node come before the node in the resulting order. This is based on Kahn's algorithm from 1962.

```
_probGraphicalModels.py — (continued)
       def topological_sort(self):
           """creates a topological ordering of variables such that the
45
               parents of
           a node are before the node.
46
47
           if self.topological_sort_saved:
48
49
               return self.topological_sort_saved
           next_vars = {n for n in self.var2parents if not self.var2parents[n]
50
           self.display(3,'topological_sort: next_vars',next_vars)
51
           top_order=[]
52
53
           while next_vars:
54
               var = next_vars.pop()
               self.display(3,'select variable',var)
55
               top_order.append(var)
56
57
               next_vars |= {ch for ch in self.children[var]
                                if all(p in top_order for p in
58
                                    self.var2parents[ch])}
               self.display(3,'var_with_no_parents_left',next_vars)
59
           self.display(3,"top_order",top_order)
60
           assert
61
               set(top_order) == set(self.var2parents), (top_order, self.var2parents)
           self.topologicalsort_saved=top_order
62
           return top_order
63
```

## 9.4.1 Showing Belief Networks

The **show** method uses matplotlib to show the graphical structure of a belief network.

```
___probGraphicalModels.py — (continued)
       def show(self, fontsize=10, facecolor='orange'):
65
           plt.ion() # interactive
66
67
           ax = plt.figure().gca()
           ax.set_axis_off()
           plt.title(self.title, fontsize=fontsize)
69
70
           bbox =
               dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",facecolor=facecolor)
71
           for var in self.variables: #reversed(self.topological_sort()):
               for par in self.var2parents[var]:
72
                       ax.annotate(var.name, par.position, xytext=var.position,
                                      arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<-'},bbox=bbox,</pre>
74
                                      ha='center', va='center',
75
                                           fontsize=fontsize)
```

#### 4-chain

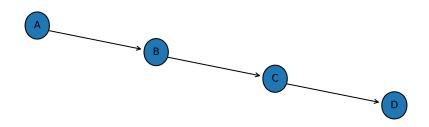


Figure 9.1: bn\_4ch.show()

## 9.4.2 Example Belief Networks

#### A Chain of 4 Variables

The first example belief network is a simple chain  $A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow D$ , shown in Figure 9.1.

Please do not change this, as it is the example used for testing.

```
___probExamples.py — Example belief networks .
   from variable import Variable
   from probFactors import CPD, Prob, LogisticRegression, NoisyOR, ConstantCPD
   from probGraphicalModels import BeliefNetwork
13
14
   #### Simple Example Used for Unit Tests ####
15
  |boolean = [False, True]
16
   A = Variable("A", boolean, position=(0,0.8))
17
   B = Variable("B", boolean, position=(0.333,0.7))
18
   C = Variable("C", boolean, position=(0.666,0.6))
19
   D = Variable("D", boolean, position=(1,0.5))
20
21
   f_a = Prob(A,[],[0.4,0.6])
22
   |f_b = Prob(B,[A],[[0.9,0.1],[0.2,0.8]])
23
   f_c = Prob(C, [B], [[0.6, 0.4], [0.3, 0.7]])
   f_d = Prob(D,[C],[[0.1,0.9],[0.75,0.25]])
25
  bn_4ch = BeliefNetwork("4-chain", {A,B,C,D}, {f_a,f_b,f_c,f_d})
```

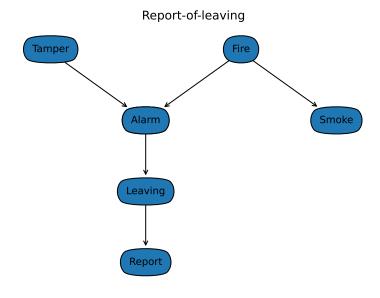


Figure 9.2: The report-of-leaving belief network

## Report-of-Leaving Example

The second belief network, bn\_report, is Example 9.13 of Poole and Mackworth [2023] (http://artint.info). The output of bn\_report.show() is shown in Figure 9.2 of this document.

```
\_probExamples.py - (continued)
   # Belief network report-of-leaving example (Example 9.13 shown in Figure
       9.3) of
   # Poole and Mackworth, Artificial Intelligence, 2023 http://artint.info
30
   boolean = [False, True]
31
32
   Alarm = Variable("Alarm", boolean, position=(0.366,0.5))
33
           Variable("Fire", boolean, position=(0.633,0.75))
   Leaving = Variable("Leaving", boolean, position=(0.366,0.25))
35
   Report = Variable("Report", boolean, position=(0.366,0.0))
   Smoke = Variable("Smoke", boolean, position=(0.9,0.5))
37
   Tamper = Variable("Tamper", boolean, position=(0.1,0.75))
38
39
   f_{ta} = Prob(Tamper, [], [0.98, 0.02])
  f_fi = Prob(Fire,[],[0.99,0.01])
f_{sm} = Prob(Smoke, [Fire], [[0.99, 0.01], [0.1, 0.9]])
  f_{al} = Prob(Alarm, [Fire, Tamper], [[[0.9999, 0.0001], [0.15, 0.85]], [[0.01, 0.001]]
        0.99], [0.5, 0.5]]])
  f_{1v} = Prob(Leaving, [Alarm], [[0.999, 0.001], [0.12, 0.88]])
```

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#### Simple Diagnosis

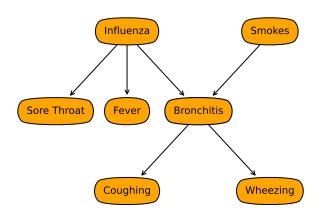
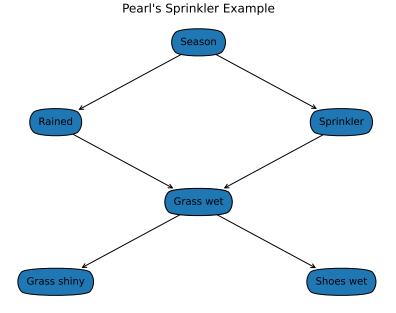


Figure 9.3: Simple diagnosis example; simple\_diagnosis.show()

#### Simple Diagnostic Example

This is the "simple diagnostic example" of Exercise 9.1 of Poole and Mackworth [2023], reproduced here as Figure 9.3

```
\_probE \times amples.py - (continued)
   # Belief network simple-diagnostic example (Exercise 9.3 shown in Figure
50
       9.39) of
   # Poole and Mackworth, Artificial Intelligence, 2023 http://artint.info
51
52
   Influenza = Variable("Influenza", boolean, position=(0.4,0.8))
53
   Smokes =
                Variable("Smokes", boolean, position=(0.8,0.8))
54
   SoreThroat = Variable("Sore Throat", boolean, position=(0.2,0.5))
55
                   Variable("Fever", boolean, position=(0.4,0.5))
56
   Bronchitis = Variable("Bronchitis", boolean, position=(0.6,0.5))
57
   Coughing = Variable("Coughing", boolean, position=(0.4,0.2))
58
   Wheezing = Variable("Wheezing", boolean, position=(0.8,0.2))
59
60
              Prob(Influenza,[],[0.95,0.05])
61
   p_infl =
   p_smokes = Prob(Smokes,[],[0.8,0.2])
              Prob(SoreThroat,[Influenza],[[0.999,0.001],[0.7,0.3]])
   p_fever = Prob(HasFever,[Influenza],[[0.99,0.05],[0.9,0.1]])
   p_bronc = Prob(Bronchitis,[Influenza,Smokes],[[[0.9999, 0.0001], [0.3,
       0.7]], [[0.1, 0.9], [0.01, 0.99]]])
```



#### Figure 9.4: The sprinkler belief network

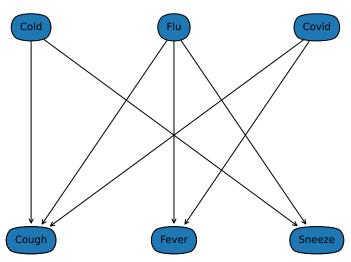
#### Sprinkler Example

The third belief network is the sprinkler example from Pearl. The output of bn\_sprinkler.show() is shown in Figure 9.4 of this document.

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#### Bipartite Diagnostic Network (noisy-or)

Figure 9.5: A bipartite diagnostic network

```
f_sprinkler = Prob(Sprinkler,[Season],{'dry_season':{'on':0.4,'off':0.6},
81
82
                                       'wet_season':{'on':0.01,'off':0.99}})
   f_rained = Prob(Rained,[Season],{'dry_season':[0.9,0.1], 'wet_season':
83
       [0.2, 0.8]
   f_wet = Prob(Grass_wet,[Sprinkler,Rained], {'on': [[0.1,0.9],[0.01,0.99]],
                                            'off':[[0.99,0.01],[0.3,0.7]]})
85
   f_shiny = Prob(Grass_shiny, [Grass_wet], [[0.95,0.05], [0.3,0.7]])
86
   f_shoes = Prob(Shoes_wet, [Grass_wet], [[0.98,0.02], [0.35,0.65]])
87
88
   bn_sprinkler = BeliefNetwork("Pearl's Sprinkler Example",
89
                          {Season, Sprinkler, Rained, Grass_wet, Grass_shiny,
90
                              Shoes_wet},
                          {f_season, f_sprinkler, f_rained, f_wet, f_shiny,
91
                              f_shoes})
```

#### Bipartite Diagnostic Model with Noisy-or

The belief network bn\_no1 is a bipartite diagnostic model, with independent diseases, and the symptoms depend on the diseases, where the CPDs are defined using noisy-or. Bipartite means it is in two parts; the diseases are only connected to the symptoms and the symptoms are only connected to the diseases. The output of bn\_no1.show() is shown in Figure 9.5 of this document.

```
_probExamples.py — (continued)
    #### Bipartite Diagnostic Network ###
    Cough = Variable("Cough", boolean, (0.1,0.1))
94
    Fever = Variable("Fever", boolean, (0.5,0.1))
   | Sneeze = Variable("Sneeze", boolean, (0.9,0.1))
97
    Cold = Variable("Cold", boolean, (0.1,0.9))
    Flu = Variable("Flu", boolean, (0.5,0.9))
98
    Covid = Variable("Covid", boolean, (0.9,0.9))
99
100
    p_{cold_{no}} = Prob(Cold, [], [0.9, 0.1])
101
    p_{flu_no} = Prob(Flu, [], [0.95, 0.05])
102
    p_{covid_{no}} = Prob(Covid,[],[0.99,0.01])
103
104
    p_cough_no = NoisyOR(Cough, [Cold,Flu,Covid], [0.1, 0.3, 0.2, 0.7])
105
    p_fever_no = NoisyOR(Fever, [
                                      Flu,Covid], [0.01,
                                                              0.6, 0.7]
106
    p_sneeze_no = NoisyOR(Sneeze, [Cold,Flu ], [0.05, 0.5, 0.2
107
108
    bn_no1 = BeliefNetwork("Bipartite Diagnostic Network (noisy-or)",
109
                            {Cough, Fever, Sneeze, Cold, Flu, Covid},
110
                             {p_cold_no, p_flu_no, p_covid_no, p_cough_no,
111
                                 p_fever_no, p_sneeze_no})
112
113
    # to see the conditional probability of Noisy-or do:
    # print(p_cough_no.to_table())
114
115
    # example from box "Noisy-or compared to logistic regression"
116
   | # X = Variable("X",boolean)
117
   | # w0 = 0.01
118
    # print(NoisyOR(X,[A,B,C,D],[w0, 1-(1-0.05)/(1-w0), 1-(1-0.1)/(1-w0),
119
        1-(1-0.2)/(1-w0), 1-(1-0.2)/(1-w0), ]).to_table(given={X:True}))
```

#### Bipartite Diagnostic Model with Logistic Regression

The belief network bn\_lr1 is a bipartite diagnostic model, with independent diseases, and the symptoms depend on the diseases, where the CPDs are defined using logistic regression. It has the same graphical structure as the previous example (see Figure 9.5). This has the (approximately) the same conditional probabilities as the previous example when zero or one diseases are present. Note that  $sigmoid(-2.2) \approx 0.1$ 

```
probExamples.py — (continued)

121

122

p_cold_lr = Prob(Cold,[],[0.9,0.1])

p_flu_lr = Prob(Flu,[],[0.95,0.05])

p_covid_lr = Prob(Covid,[],[0.99,0.01])

125

126

p_cough_lr = LogisticRegression(Cough, [Cold,Flu,Covid], [-2.2, 1.67, 1.26, 3.19])
```

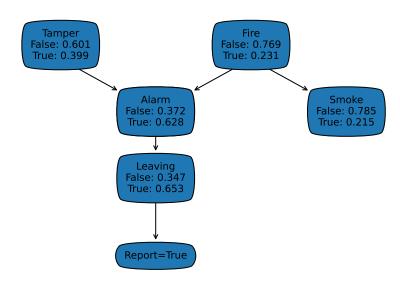
```
p_fever_lr = LogisticRegression(Fever, [ Flu,Covid], [-4.6,
127
                                                                         5.02,
    p_sneeze_lr = LogisticRegression(Sneeze, [Cold,Flu ], [-2.94, 3.04, 1.79
128
129
    bn_lr1 = BeliefNetwork("Bipartite Diagnostic Network - logistic
130
        regression",
                           {Cough, Fever, Sneeze, Cold, Flu, Covid},
131
                            {p_cold_lr, p_flu_lr, p_covid_lr, p_cough_lr,
132
                                p_fever_lr, p_sneeze_lr})
133
    # to see the conditional probability of Noisy-or do:
134
    #print(p_cough_lr.to_table())
135
136
    # example from box "Noisy-or compared to logistic regression"
137
    # from learnLinear import sigmoid, logit
138
    # w0=logit(0.01)
139
    # X = Variable("X", boolean)
140
    # print(LogisticRegression(X,[A,B,C,D],[w0, logit(0.05)-w0, logit(0.1)-w0,
141
        logit(0.2)-w0, logit(0.2)-w0]).to_table(given={X:True}))
    # try to predict what would happen (and then test) if we had
142
   # w0=logit(0.01)
```

## 9.5 Inference Methods

Each of the inference methods implements the query method that computes the posterior probability of a variable given a dictionary of {variable : value} observations. The methods are Displayable because they implement the display method which is currently text-based.

```
_probGraphicalModels.py — (continued)
   from display import Displayable
   from probExamples import bn_4ch, B, D
81
82
   class InferenceMethod(Displayable):
83
       """The abstract class of graphical model inference methods"""
84
       method_name = "unnamed" # each method should have a method name
85
86
       def __init__(self,gm=None):
87
           self.gm = gm
89
       def query(self, qvar, obs={}):
           """returns a {value:prob} dictionary for the query variable"""
91
           raise NotImplementedError("InferenceMethod query") # abstract method
92
```

We use bn\_4ch as the test case, in particular  $P(B \mid D = true)$ . This needs an error threshold, particularly for the approximate methods, where the default threshold is much too accurate.



Report-of-leaving observed: {Report: True}

Figure 9.6: The report-of-leaving belief network with posterior distributions

```
_probGraphicalModels.py — (continued)
        def testIM(self, threshold=0.0000000001):
94
            solver = self(bn_4ch)
95
96
            res = solver.query(B,{D:True})
            correct_answer = 0.429632380245
97
            assert correct_answer-threshold < res[True] <</pre>
98
                correct_answer+threshold, \
99
                    f"value {res[True]} not in desired range for
                        {self.method_name}"
100
            print(f"Unit test passed for {self.method_name}.")
```

## 9.5.1 Showing Posterior Distributions

The show\_post method draws the posterior distribution of all variables. Figure 9.6 shows the result of bn\_reportRC.show\_post({Report:True}) when run after loading probRC.py (see below).

```
def show_post(self, obs={}, num_format="{:.3f}", fontsize=10, facecolor='orange'):

"""draws the graphical model conditioned on observations obs num_format is number format (allows for more or less precision) fontsize gives size of the text
```

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```
facecolor gives the color of the nodes
106
107
            plt.ion() # interactive
108
            ax = plt.figure().gca()
109
            ax.set_axis_off()
110
            plt.title(self.gm.title+" observed: "+str(obs), fontsize=fontsize)
111
112
            bbox = dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",
                facecolor=facecolor)
            vartext = {} # variable:text dictionary
113
            for var in self.gm.variables: #reversed(self.gm.topological_sort()):
114
                if var in obs:
115
                   text = var.name + "=" + str(obs[var])
116
               else:
117
                   distn = self.query(var, obs=obs)
118
119
                   text = var.name + "\n" + "\n".join(str(d)+":
120
                        "+num_format.format(v) for (d,v) in distn.items())
               vartext[var] = text
121
122
               # Draw arcs
               for par in self.gm.var2parents[var]:
123
                       ax.annotate(text, par.position, xytext=var.position,
124
                                      arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<-'},bbox=bbox,</pre>
125
                                      ha='center', va='center',
126
                                           fontsize=fontsize)
            for var in self.gm.variables:
127
               x,y = var.position
128
               plt.text(x,y,vartext[var], bbox=bbox, ha='center', va='center',
129
                    fontsize=fontsize)
```

## 9.6 Naive Search

An instance of a *ProbSearch* object takes in a graphical model. The query method uses naive search to compute the probability of a query variable given observations on other variables. See Figure 9.9 of Poole and Mackworth [2023].

```
__probRC.py — Recursive Conditioning for Graphical Models _
   import math
11
   from probGraphicalModels import GraphicalModel, InferenceMethod
   from probFactors import Factor
13
   class ProbSearch(InferenceMethod):
15
       """The class that queries graphical models using recursive conditioning
16
17
18
       gm is graphical model to query
19
       method_name = "naive search"
21
       def __init__(self,gm=None):
22
           InferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
23
```

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```
## self.max_display_level = 3
24
25
       def query(self, qvar, obs={}, split_order=None):
26
           """computes P(qvar | obs) where
27
           qvar is the query variable
28
           obs is a variable: value dictionary
29
30
           split_order is a list of the non-observed non-query variables in gm
31
           if qvar in obs:
32
               return {val:(1 if val == obs[qvar] else 0)
33
                          for val in qvar.domain}
34
           else:
35
              if split_order == None:
36
                  split_order = [v for v in self.gm.variables
37
                                   if (v not in obs) and v != qvar]
38
              unnorm = [self.prob_search({qvar:val}|obs, self.gm.factors,
39
                  split_order)
                           for val in qvar.domain]
40
              p_obs = sum(unnorm)
41
              return {val:pr/p_obs for val,pr in zip(qvar.domain, unnorm)}
42
```

The following is the naive search-based algorithm. It is exponential in the number of variables, so is not very useful. However, it is simple, and useful to understand before looking at the more complicated algorithm used in the subclass.

```
___probRC.py — (continued) _
       def prob_search(self, context, factors, split_order):
44
           """simple search algorithm
45
           context: a variable:value dictionary
46
           factors: a set of factors
           split_order: list of variables not assigned in context
48
           returns sum over variable assignments to variables in split order
49
               of product of factors """
           self.display(2,"calling prob_search,",(context,factors,split_order))
50
           if not factors:
51
              return 1
52
           elif to_eval := {fac for fac in factors
53
                               if fac.can_evaluate(context)}:
54
               # evaluate factors when all variables are assigned
55
               self.display(3,"prob_search evaluating factors",to_eval)
56
               val = math.prod(fac.get_value(context) for fac in to_eval)
57
              return val * self.prob_search(context, factors-to_eval,
58
                   split_order)
           else:
59
               total = 0
               var = split_order[0]
61
               self.display(3, "prob_search branching on", var)
               for val in var.domain:
63
                   total += self.prob_search({var:val}|context, factors,
64
                       split_order[1:])
```

```
self.display(3, "prob_search branching on", var,"returning",
total)
return total
```

# 9.7 Recursive Conditioning

The **recursive conditioning** algorithm adds forgetting and caching and recognizing disconnected components to the naive search. We do this by adding a cache and redefining the recursive search algorithm. In inherits the query method. See Figure 9.12 of Poole and Mackworth [2023].

```
_probRC.py — (continued)
    class ProbRC(ProbSearch):
68
        method_name = "recursive conditioning"
69
70
        def __init__(self,gm=None):
71
            self.cache = {(frozenset(), frozenset()):1}
72
           ProbSearch.__init__(self,gm)
73
74
        def prob_search(self, context, factors, split_order):
75
            """ returns \sum_{split_order} \prod_{factors} given assignment in
76
                context
77
           context is a variable: value dictionary
            factors is a set of factors
78
            split_order: list of variables in factors that are not in context
80
           self.display(3, "calling rc,",(context, factors))
81
           ce = (frozenset(context.items()), frozenset(factors)) # key for the
                cache entry
           if ce in self.cache:
83
               self.display(3,"rc cache lookup",(context,factors))
84
               return self.cache[ce]
85
            if not factors: #no factors; not needed with forgetting and caching
86
                return 1
87
           elif vars_not_in_factors := {var for var in context
88
                                           if not any(var in fac.variables
                                                         for fac in factors)}:
90
               # forget variables not in any factor
91
               self.display(3,"rc forgetting variables", vars_not_in_factors)
92
               return self.prob_search({key:val for (key,val) in
                   context.items()
                                  if key not in vars_not_in_factors},
94
                              factors, split_order)
95
           elif to_eval := {fac for fac in factors
                               if fac.can_evaluate(context)}:
97
               # evaluate factors when all variables are assigned
               self.display(3,"rc evaluating factors",to_eval)
99
               val = math.prod(fac.get_value(context) for fac in to_eval)
100
               if val == 0:
101
```

```
102
                    return 0
103
                else:
                 return val * self.prob_search(context,
104
                                             {fac for fac in factors
105
                                                       if fac not in to_eval},
106
                                             split_order)
107
108
            elif len(comp := connected_components(context, factors,
                split_order)) > 1:
                # there are disconnected components
109
                self.display(3, "splitting into connected components", comp, "in
110
                    context", context)
                return(math.prod(self.prob_search(context,f,eo) for (f,eo) in
111
            else:
112
                assert split_order, "split_order should not be empty to get
113
                    here"
                total = 0
114
                var = split_order[0]
115
                self.display(3, "rc branching on", var)
116
                for val in var.domain:
117
                    total += self.prob_search({var:val}|context, factors,
118
                        split_order[1:])
                self.cache[ce] = total
119
                self.display(2, "rc branching on", var, "returning", total)
120
121
                return total
```

connected\_components returns a list of connected components, where a connected component is a set of factors and a set of variables, where the graph that connects variables and factors that involve them is connected. The connected components are built one at a time; with a current connected component. At all times factors is partitioned into 3 disjoint sets:

- component\_factors containing factors in the current connected component where all factors that share a variable are already in the component
- factors\_to\_check containing factors in the current connected component where potentially some factors that share a variable are not in the component; these need to be checked
- other\_factors the other factors that are not (yet) in the connected component

```
def connected_components(context, factors, split_order):

"""returns a list of (f,e) where f is a subset of factors and e is a subset of split_order

such that each element shares the same variables that are disjoint from other elements.

"""

other_factors = set(factors) #copies factors
```

```
factors_to_check = {other_factors.pop()} # factors in connected
128
            component still to be checked
        component_factors = set() # factors in first connected component
129
            already checked
        component_variables = set() # variables in first connected component
130
        while factors_to_check:
131
132
           next_fac = factors_to_check.pop()
           component_factors.add(next_fac)
133
           new_vars = set(next_fac.variables) - component_variables -
134
                context.keys()
           component_variables |= new_vars
135
           for var in new vars:
136
               factors_to_check |= {f for f in other_factors
137
                                     if var in f.variables}
138
               other_factors -= factors_to_check # set difference
139
        if other_factors:
140
            return ( [(component_factors,[e for e in split_order
141
                                          if e in component_variables])]
142
                   + connected_components(context, other_factors,
143
                                         [e for e in split_order
144
                                            if e not in component_variables]) )
145
        else:
146
            return [(component_factors, split_order)]
147
```

Testing:

```
___probRC.py — (continued) ___
    from probExamples import bn_4ch, A,B,C,D,f_a,f_b,f_c,f_d
    bn_4chv = ProbRC(bn_4ch)
   ## bn_4chv.query(A,{})
151
    ## bn_4chv.query(D,{})
152
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 3 # show more detail in displaying
153
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 1 # show less detail in displaying
154
    ## bn_4chv.query(A,{D:True},[C,B])
155
    ## bn_4chv.query(B,{A:True,D:False})
156
157
    from probExamples import bn_report,Alarm,Fire,Leaving,Report,Smoke,Tamper
158
    bn_reportRC = ProbRC(bn_report) # answers queries using recursive
159
        conditioning
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Tamper,{})
160
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 0 # show no detail in displaying
161
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Leaving,{})
162
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Tamper, { },
163
        split_order=[Smoke,Fire,Alarm,Leaving,Report])
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Tamper,{Report:True})
164
165
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Tamper,{Report:True,Smoke:False})
166
    ## To display resulting posteriors try:
167
    # bn_reportRC.show_post({})
168
    # bn_reportRC.show_post({Smoke:False})
169
# bn_reportRC.show_post({Report:True})
```

```
# bn_reportRC.show_post({Report:True, Smoke:False})
171
172
    ## Note what happens to the cache when these are called in turn:
173
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Tamper,{Report:True},
174
        split_order=[Smoke,Fire,Alarm,Leaving])
    ## bn_reportRC.query(Smoke,{Report:True},
175
        split_order=[Tamper,Fire,Alarm,Leaving])
176
    from probExamples import bn_sprinkler, Season, Sprinkler, Rained,
177
        Grass_wet, Grass_shiny, Shoes_wet
    bn_sprinklerv = ProbRC(bn_sprinkler)
178
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{})
179
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Rained:True})
180
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:True})
181
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:False,Rained:True})
182
183
    from probExamples import bn_no1, bn_lr1, Cough, Fever, Sneeze, Cold, Flu,
184
        Covid
    bn_no1v = ProbRC(bn_no1)
185
    bn_1r1v = ProbRC(bn_1r1)
186
   | ## bn_no1v.query(Flu, {Fever:1, Sneeze:1})
187
   | ## bn_lr1v.query(Flu, {Fever:1, Sneeze:1})
    ## bn_lr1v.query(Cough,{})
189
    ## bn_lr1v.query(Cold,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1})
   | ## bn_lr1v.query(Flu,{Cough:0,Sneeze:1,Fever:1})
191
    ## bn_lr1v.query(Covid,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1})
192
    ## bn_lr1v.query(Covid,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1,Flu:0})
193
    ## bn_lr1v.query(Covid,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1,Flu:1})
194
195
    if __name__ == "__main__":
196
        InferenceMethod.testIM(ProbSearch)
197
        InferenceMethod.testIM(ProbRC)
198
```

The following example uses the decision tree representation of Section 9.3.4 (page 207). Does recursive conditioning split on variable full for the query commented out below? What can be done to guarantee that it does?

```
__probRC.py — (continued) _
    from probFactors import Prob, action, rain, full, wet, p_wet
200
    from probGraphicalModels import BeliefNetwork
201
    p_action = Prob(action,[],{'go_out':0.3, 'get_coffee':0.7})
202
    p_{rain} = Prob(rain, [], [0.4, 0.6])
203
    p_{full} = Prob(full, [], [0.1, 0.9])
204
205
    wetBN = BeliefNetwork("Wet (decision tree CPD)", {action, rain, full, wet},
206
                             {p_action, p_rain, p_full, p_wet})
207
    wetRC = ProbRC(wetBN)
208
    |# wetRC.query(wet, {action:'go_out', rain:True})
209
    # wetRC.show_post({action:'go_out', rain:True})
210
# wetRC.show_post({action:'go_out', wet:True})
```

### 9.8 Variable Elimination

An instance of a *VE* object takes in a graphical model. The query method uses variable elimination to compute the probability of a variable given observations on some other variables.

```
_probVE.py — Variable Elimination for Graphical Models _
   from probFactors import Factor, FactorObserved, FactorSum, factor_times
   from probGraphicalModels import GraphicalModel, InferenceMethod
12
13
14
   class VE(InferenceMethod):
       """The class that queries Graphical Models using variable elimination.
15
16
       gm is graphical model to query
17
18
       method name = "variable elimination"
19
20
       def __init__(self,gm=None):
21
           InferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
22
23
       def query(self,var,obs={},elim_order=None):
24
           """computes P(var|obs) where
25
26
           var is a variable
           obs is a {variable:value} dictionary"""
27
           if var in obs:
28
               return {var:1 if val == obs[var] else 0 for val in var.domain}
29
           else:
30
               if elim_order == None:
31
32
                  elim_order = self.gm.variables
              projFactors = [self.project_observations(fact,obs)
33
                             for fact in self.gm.factors]
34
               for v in elim_order:
35
                   if v != var and v not in obs:
36
                      projFactors = self.eliminate_var(projFactors,v)
37
              unnorm = factor_times(var,projFactors)
38
              p_obs=sum(unnorm)
               self.display(1,"Unnormalized probs:",unnorm,"Prob obs:",p_obs)
40
               return {val:pr/p_obs for val,pr in zip(var.domain, unnorm)}
41
```

A *FactorObserved* is a factor that is the result of some observations on another factor. We don't store the values in a list; we just look them up as needed. The observations can include variables that are not in the list, but should have some intersection with the variables in the factor.

```
class FactorObserved(Factor):

def __init__(self,factor,obs):
Factor.__init__(self, [v for v in factor.variables if v not in obs])

self.observed = obs
self.orig_factor = factor
```

```
def get_value(self,assignment):
    return self.orig_factor.get_value(assignment|self.observed)
```

A *FactorSum* is a factor that is the result of summing out a variable from the product of other factors. I.e., it constructs a representation of:

$$\sum_{var} \prod_{f \in factors} f.$$

We store the values in a list in a lazy manner; if they are already computed, we used the stored values. If they are not already computed we can compute and store them.

```
_probFactors.py — (continued)
    class FactorSum(Factor):
230
        def __init__(self,var,factors):
231
            self.var_summed_out = var
232
            self.factors = factors
233
            vars = list({v for fac in factors
234
                           for v in fac.variables if v is not var})
235
            #for fac in factors:
236
                 for v in fac.variables:
237
                     if v is not var and v not in vars:
238
                         vars.append(v)
239
            Factor.__init__(self, vars)
240
            self.values = {}
241
242
243
        def get_value(self,assignment):
            """lazy implementation: if not saved, compute it. Return saved
244
                value"""
            asst = frozenset(assignment.items())
245
            if asst in self.values:
246
                return self.values[asst]
247
            else:
248
                total = 0
249
                new_asst = assignment.copy()
250
                for val in self.var_summed_out.domain:
251
                    new_asst[self.var_summed_out] = val
252
                    total += math.prod(fac.get_value(new_asst) for fac in
253
                        self.factors)
                self.values[asst] = total
254
                return total
255
```

The method *factor\_times* multiples a set of factors that are all factors on the same variable (or on no variables). This is the last step in variable elimination before normalizing. It returns an array giving the product for each value of *variable*.

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```
facs = [f for f in factors if variable in f.variables]
for val in variable.domain:
ast = {variable:val}
prods.append(math.prod(f.get_value(ast) for f in facs))
return prods
```

To project observations onto a factor, for each variable that is observed in the factor, we construct a new factor that is the factor projected onto that variable. *Factor\_observed* creates a new factor that is the result is assigning a value to a single variable.

```
___probVE.py — (continued) _
       def project_observations(self,factor,obs):
43
           """Returns the resulting factor after observing obs
44
45
           obs is a dictionary of {variable:value} pairs.
46
47
           if any((var in obs) for var in factor.variables):
48
               # a variable in factor is observed
49
               return FactorObserved(factor,obs)
50
           else:
51
               return factor
52
53
       def eliminate_var(self, factors, var):
54
           """Eliminate a variable var from a list of factors.
55
           Returns a new set of factors that has var summed out.
56
57
           self.display(2,"eliminating ",str(var))
58
           contains_var = []
           not_contains_var = []
60
           for fac in factors:
61
               if var in fac.variables:
62
                  contains_var.append(fac)
63
              else:
                  not_contains_var.append(fac)
65
           if contains_var == []:
66
               return factors
67
           else:
               newFactor = FactorSum(var,contains_var)
69
               self.display(2,"Multiplying:",[str(f) for f in contains_var])
70
               self.display(2,"Creating factor:", newFactor)
71
               self.display(3, newFactor.to_table()) # factor in detail
72
              not_contains_var.append(newFactor)
73
74
               return not_contains_var
75
   from probExamples import bn_4ch, A,B,C,D
76
   bn_4chv = VE(bn_4ch)
77
   ## bn_4chv.query(A,{})
   ## bn_4chv.query(D,{})
79
   ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 3 # show more detail in displaying
81 | ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 1 # show less detail in displaying
```

```
## bn_4chv.query(A,{D:True})
83
    ## bn_4chv.query(B,{A:True,D:False})
    from probExamples import bn_report,Alarm,Fire,Leaving,Report,Smoke,Tamper
85
   bn_reportv = VE(bn_report) # answers queries using variable elimination
   | ## bn_reportv.query(Tamper, { } )
87
   ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 0 # show no detail in displaying
    ## bn_reportv.query(Leaving,{})
89
   ## bn_reportv.query(Tamper,{},elim_order=[Smoke,Report,Leaving,Alarm,Fire])
   ## bn_reportv.query(Tamper,{Report:True})
91
   ## bn_reportv.query(Tamper, {Report:True, Smoke:False})
92
93
    from probExamples import bn_sprinkler, Season, Sprinkler, Rained,
        Grass_wet, Grass_shiny, Shoes_wet
    bn_sprinklerv = VE(bn_sprinkler)
95
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{})
96
   ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Rained:True})
97
   ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:True})
98
    ## bn_sprinklerv.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:False,Rained:True})
99
100
    from probExamples import bn_lr1, Cough, Fever, Sneeze, Cold, Flu, Covid
101
    vediag = VE(bn_lr1)
102
    ## vediag.guery(Cough,{})
103
   ## vediag.query(Cold,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1})
   ## vediag.query(Flu,{Cough:0,Sneeze:1,Fever:1})
105
    ## vediag.query(Covid, {Cough:1, Sneeze:0, Fever:1})
106
    ## vediag.query(Covid,{Cough:1,Sneeze:0,Fever:1,Flu:0})
107
   ## vediag.query(Covid, {Cough:1, Sneeze:0, Fever:1, Flu:1})
109
   if __name__ == "__main__":
110
       InferenceMethod.testIM(VE)
111
```

## 9.9 Stochastic Simulation

## 9.9.1 Sampling from a discrete distribution

The method *sample\_one* generates a single sample from a (possible unnormalized) distribution. *dist* is a {*value* : weight} dictionary, where  $weight \ge 0$ . This returns a value with probability in proportion to its weight.

```
import random
from probGraphicalModels import InferenceMethod

def sample_one(dist):
    """returns the index of a single sample from normalized distribution dist."""
    rand = random.random()*sum(dist.values())
    cum = 0  # cumulative weights
```

If we want to generate multiple samples, repeatedly calling  $sample\_one$  may not be efficient. If we want to generate n samples, and the distribution is over m values,  $sample\_one$  takes time O(mn). If m and n are of the same order of magnitude, we can do better.

The method  $sample\_multiple$  generates multiple samples from a distribution defined by dist, where dist is a  $\{value : weight\}$  dictionary, where  $weight \ge 0$  and the weights cannot all be zero. This returns a list of values, of length  $num\_samples$ , where each sample is selected with a probability proportional to its weight.

The method generates all of the random numbers, sorts them, and then goes through the distribution once, saving the selected samples.

```
_probStochSim.py — (continued)
   def sample_multiple(dist, num_samples):
23
       """returns a list of num_samples values selected using distribution
24
           dist.
25
       dist is a {value:weight} dictionary that does not need to be normalized
26
       total = sum(dist.values())
27
       rands = sorted(random.random()*total for i in range(num_samples))
28
       result = []
29
       dist_items = list(dist.items())
30
       cum = dist_items[0][1] # cumulative sum
31
       index = 0
32
       for r in rands:
33
           while r>cum:
              index += 1
35
36
              cum += dist_items[index][1]
           result.append(dist_items[index][0])
37
       return result
```

#### Exercise 9.1

What is the time and space complexity the following 4 methods to generate n samples, where m is the length of dist:

- (a) *n* calls to *sample\_one*
- (b) *sample\_multiple*
- (c) Create the cumulative distribution (choose how this is represented) and, for each random number, do a binary search to determine the sample associated with the random number.
- (d) Choose a random number in the range [i/n, (i+1)/n) for each  $i \in range(n)$ , where n is the number of samples. Use these as the random numbers to select the particles. (Does this give random samples?)

For each method suggest when it might be the best method.

The *test\_sampling* method can be used to generate the statistics from a number of samples. It is useful to see the variability as a function of the number of samples. Try it for few samples and also for many samples.

```
_probStochSim.py — (continued)
   def test_sampling(dist, num_samples):
40
       """Given a distribution, dist, draw num_samples samples
41
42
       and return the resulting counts
43
       result = {v:0 for v in dist}
44
       for v in sample_multiple(dist, num_samples):
45
           result[v] += 1
46
       return result
47
48
   # try the following queries a number of times each:
49
   | # test_sampling({1:1,2:2,3:3,4:4}, 100)
  # test_sampling({1:1,2:2,3:3,4:4}, 100000)
```

### 9.9.2 Sampling Methods for Belief Network Inference

A *SamplingInferenceMethod* is an *InferenceMethod*, but the query method also takes arguments for the number of samples and the sample-order (which is an ordering of factors). The first methods assume a belief network (and not an undirected graphical model).

```
___probStochSim.py — (continued)
   class SamplingInferenceMethod(InferenceMethod):
53
       """The abstract class of sampling-based belief network inference
54
           methods"""
55
       def __init__(self,gm=None):
56
           InferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
57
58
       def query(self,qvar,obs={},number_samples=1000,sample_order=None):
59
           raise NotImplementedError("SamplingInferenceMethod query") #
60
               abstract
```

## 9.9.3 Rejection Sampling

```
68
69
        def __init__(self, gm=None):
            SamplingInferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
70
71
        def query(self, qvar, obs={}, number_samples=1000, sample_order=None):
72
            """computes P(qvar | obs) where
73
           qvar is a variable.
           obs is a {variable:value} dictionary.
75
            sample_order is a list of variables where the parents
             come before the variable.
77
78
           if sample_order is None:
79
               sample_order = self.gm.topological_sort()
80
            self.display(2,*sample_order,sep="\t")
81
           counts = {val:0 for val in qvar.domain}
82
           for i in range(number_samples):
83
               rejected = False
84
               sample = {}
               for nvar in sample_order:
86
                   fac = self.gm.var2cpt[nvar] #factor with nvar as child
87
                   val = sample_one({v:fac.get_value({**sample, nvar:v}) for v
88
                       in nvar.domain})
                   self.display(2,val,end="\t")
89
                   if nvar in obs and obs[nvar] != val:
90
                       rejected = True
91
                       self.display(2,"Rejected")
                       break
93
                   sample[nvar] = val
               if not rejected:
95
                   counts[sample[qvar]] += 1
96
                   self.display(2, "Accepted")
97
            tot = sum(counts.values())
98
           # As well as the distribution we also include raw counts
100
           dist = {c:v/tot if tot>0 else 1/len(qvar.domain) for (c,v) in
                counts.items()}
           dist["raw_counts"] = counts
101
            return dist
102
```

### 9.9.4 Likelihood Weighting

Likelihood weighting includes a weight for each sample. Instead of rejecting samples based on observations, likelihood weighting changes the weights of the sample in proportion with the probability of the observation. The weight then becomes the probability that the variable would have been rejected.

```
method_name = "likelihood weighting"
109
110
        def __init__(self, gm=None):
111
            SamplingInferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
112
113
        def guery(self, gvar, obs={}, number_samples=1000, sample_order=None):
114
            """computes P(qvar | obs) where
115
            qvar is a variable.
116
            obs is a {variable:value} dictionary.
117
            sample_order is a list of factors where factors defining the parents
118
              come before the factors for the child.
119
120
            if sample_order is None:
121
                sample_order = self.gm.topological_sort()
122
            self.display(2,*[v for v in sample_order
123
                               if v not in obs], sep="\t")
124
            counts = {val:0 for val in qvar.domain}
125
            for i in range(number_samples):
126
                sample = {}
127
                weight = 1.0
128
                for nvar in sample_order:
129
                    fac = self.gm.var2cpt[nvar]
130
                   if nvar in obs:
131
                       sample[nvar] = obs[nvar]
132
                       weight *= fac.get_value(sample)
133
                   else:
134
                       val = sample_one({v:fac.get_value({**sample,nvar:v}) for
135
                            v in nvar.domain})
                       self.display(2,val,end="\t")
136
                       sample[nvar] = val
137
                counts[sample[qvar]] += weight
138
                self.display(2,weight)
139
            tot = sum(counts.values())
140
            # as well as the distribution we also include the raw counts
141
            dist = {c:v/tot for (c,v) in counts.items()}
142
            dist["raw_counts"] = counts
143
            return dist
144
```

**Exercise 9.2** Change this algorithm so that it does **importance sampling** using a proposal distribution. It needs *sample\_one* using a different distribution and then update the weight of the current sample. For testing, use a proposal distribution that only specifies probabilities for some of the variables (and the algorithm uses the probabilities for the network in other cases).

## 9.9.5 Particle Filtering

In this implementation, a particle is a {variable : value} dictionary. Because adding a new value to dictionary involves a side effect, the dictionaries need to be copied during resampling.

```
__probStochSim.py — (continued)
    class ParticleFiltering(SamplingInferenceMethod):
146
        """The class that queries Graphical Models using Particle Filtering.
147
148
        gm is a belief network to query
149
150
        method_name = "particle filtering"
151
152
153
        def __init__(self, gm=None):
            SamplingInferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
154
155
        def query(self, qvar, obs={}, number_samples=1000, sample_order=None):
156
            """computes P(qvar | obs) where
157
            qvar is a variable.
158
            obs is a {variable:value} dictionary.
159
            sample_order is a list of factors where factors defining the parents
160
              come before the factors for the child.
161
162
            if sample_order is None:
163
                sample_order = self.gm.topological_sort()
164
            self.display(2,*[v for v in sample_order
165
                               if v not in obs], sep="\t")
166
            particles = [{} for i in range(number_samples)]
167
            for nvar in sample_order:
168
               fac = self.gm.var2cpt[nvar]
169
                if nvar in obs:
170
                   weights = [fac.get_value({**part, nvar:obs[nvar]})
171
                                  for part in particles]
172
                   particles = [{**p, nvar:obs[nvar]}
173
                                    for p in resample(particles, weights,
174
                                        number_samples)]
                else:
175
                   for part in particles:
176
177
                       part[nvar] = sample_one({v:fac.get_value({**part,
                            nvar:v})
178
                                                   for v in nvar.domain})
                   self.display(2,part[nvar],end="\t")
179
            counts = {val:0 for val in qvar.domain}
180
            for part in particles:
181
                counts[part[qvar]] += 1
182
            tot = sum(counts.values())
183
            # as well as the distribution we also include the raw counts
184
            dist = {c:v/tot for (c,v) in counts.items()}
185
            dist["raw_counts"] = counts
186
            return dist
187
```

#### Resampling

Resample is based on *sample\_multiple* but works with an array of particles. (Aside: Python doesn't let us use *sample\_multiple* directly as it uses a dictionary,

and particles, represented as dictionaries can't be the key of dictionaries).

```
_probStochSim.py — (continued) _
    def resample(particles, weights, num_samples):
189
        """returns num_samples copies of particles resampled according to
190
            weights.
        particles is a list of particles
191
192
        weights is a list of positive numbers, of same length as particles
        num_samples is n integer
193
194
        total = sum(weights)
195
        rands = sorted(random.random()*total for i in range(num_samples))
196
        result = []
197
        cum = weights[0]
                            # cumulative sum
198
        index = 0
199
        for r in rands:
200
            while r>cum:
201
                index += 1
202
                cum += weights[index]
203
            result.append(particles[index])
204
        return result
205
```

### 9.9.6 Examples

```
__probStochSim.py — (continued) _
    from probExamples import bn_4ch, A,B,C,D
207
    bn_4chr = RejectionSampling(bn_4ch)
    bn_4chL = LikelihoodWeighting(bn_4ch)
209
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 2 # detailed tracing for all
        inference methods
    ## bn_4chr.query(A,{})
211
    ## bn_4chr.query(C,{})
212
    ## bn_4chr.query(A,{C:True})
213
    ## bn_4chr.query(B,{A:True,C:False})
214
215
216
    from probExamples import bn_report,Alarm,Fire,Leaving,Report,Smoke,Tamper
    bn_reportr = RejectionSampling(bn_report) # answers queries using
217
        rejection sampling
    bn_reportL = LikelihoodWeighting(bn_report) # answers queries using
218
        likelihood weighting
    bn_reportp = ParticleFiltering(bn_report) # answers queries using particle
219
        filtering
    ## bn_reportr.query(Tamper,{})
220
    ## bn_reportr.query(Tamper,{})
    ## bn_reportr.query(Tamper, {Report:True})
222
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 0 # no detailed tracing for all
        inference methods
    ## bn_reportr.query(Tamper,{Report:True},number_samples=100000)
224
   ## bn_reportr.query(Tamper,{Report:True,Smoke:False})
```

```
## bn_reportr.query(Tamper,{Report:True,Smoke:False},number_samples=100)
226
227
    ## bn_reportL.query(Tamper,{Report:True,Smoke:False},number_samples=100)
228
    ## bn_reportL.query(Tamper,{Report:True,Smoke:False},number_samples=100)
229
230
    from probExamples import bn_sprinkler, Season, Sprinkler
231
    from probExamples import Rained, Grass_wet, Grass_shiny, Shoes_wet
    bn_sprinklerr = RejectionSampling(bn_sprinkler) # answers queries using
233
        rejection sampling
    bn_sprinklerL = LikelihoodWeighting(bn_sprinkler) # answers queries using
234
        rejection sampling
    bn_sprinklerp = ParticleFiltering(bn_sprinkler) # answers queries using
235
        particle filtering
    #bn_sprinklerr.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:True,Rained:True})
236
    #bn_sprinklerL.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:True,Rained:True})
237
    #bn_sprinklerp.query(Shoes_wet,{Grass_shiny:True,Rained:True})
238
239
    if __name__ == "__main__":
240
       InferenceMethod.testIM(RejectionSampling, threshold=0.1)
241
       InferenceMethod.testIM(LikelihoodWeighting, threshold=0.1)
242
       InferenceMethod.testIM(ParticleFiltering, threshold=0.1)
243
```

**Exercise 9.3** This code keeps regenerating the distribution of a variable given its parents. Implement one or both of the following, and compare them to the original. Make *cond\_dist* return a slice that corresponds to the distribution, and then use the slice instead of the dictionary (a list slice does not generate new data structures). Make *cond\_dist* remember values it has already computed, and only return these.

## 9.9.7 Gibbs Sampling

The following implements **Gibbs sampling**, a form of **Markov Chain Monte Carlo** MCMC.

```
_probStochSim.py — (continued)
    #import random
245
    #from probGraphicalModels import InferenceMethod
246
247
    #from probStochSim import sample_one, SamplingInferenceMethod
248
249
250
    class GibbsSampling(SamplingInferenceMethod):
        """The class that queries Graphical Models using Gibbs Sampling.
251
252
        bn is a graphical model (e.g., a belief network) to query
253
254
        method_name = "Gibbs sampling"
255
256
        def __init__(self, gm=None):
257
            SamplingInferenceMethod.__init__(self, gm)
258
            self.gm = gm
259
```

```
260
261
        def query(self, qvar, obs={}, number_samples=1000, burn_in=100,
            sample_order=None):
            """computes P(qvar | obs) where
262
            qvar is a variable.
263
            obs is a {variable:value} dictionary.
264
265
            sample_order is a list of non-observed variables in order, or
            if sample_order None, an arbitrary ordering is used
266
267
            counts = {val:0 for val in qvar.domain}
268
            if sample_order is not None:
269
                variables = sample order
270
            else:
271
                variables = [v for v in self.gm.variables if v not in obs]
272
                random.shuffle(variables)
273
            var_to_factors = {v:set() for v in self.gm.variables}
274
            for fac in self.gm.factors:
275
               for var in fac.variables:
276
                    var_to_factors[var].add(fac)
277
            sample = {var:random.choice(var.domain) for var in variables}
278
            self.display(3, "Sample: ", sample)
279
            sample.update(obs)
280
            for i in range(burn_in + number_samples):
281
                for var in variables:
282
                   # get unnormalized probability distribution of var given its
283
                        neighbors
                   vardist = {val:1 for val in var.domain}
284
285
                   for val in var.domain:
                       sample[var] = val
286
                       for fac in var_to_factors[var]: # Markov blanket
287
                           vardist[val] *= fac.get_value(sample)
288
                   sample[var] = sample_one(vardist)
289
               if i >= burn_in:
290
                   counts[sample[qvar]] +=1
291
                   self.display(3,"
                                         ", sample)
292
293
            tot = sum(counts.values())
            # as well as the computed distribution, we also include raw counts
294
            dist = {c:v/tot for (c,v) in counts.items()}
295
            dist["raw_counts"] = counts
296
            self.display(2, f"Gibbs sampling P({qvar}|{obs}) = {dist}")
297
            return dist
298
299
    #from probExamples import bn_4ch, A,B,C,D
300
    bn_4chg = GibbsSampling(bn_4ch)
301
    ## InferenceMethod.max_display_level = 2 # detailed tracing for all
302
        inference methods
    bn_4chg.query(A,{})
303
304 | ## bn_4chg.query(D,{})
   | ## bn_4chg.query(B,{D:True})
305
306 | ## bn_4chg.query(B,{A:True,C:False})
```

```
from probExamples import bn_report,Alarm,Fire,Leaving,Report,Smoke,Tamper
bn_reportg = GibbsSampling(bn_report)
## bn_reportg.query(Tamper,{Report:True},number_samples=1000)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    InferenceMethod.testIM(GibbsSampling, threshold=0.1)
```

**Exercise 9.4** Change the code so that it can have multiple query variables. Make the list of query variable be an input to the algorithm, so that the default value is the list of all non-observed variables.

**Exercise 9.5** In this algorithm, explain where it computes the probability of a variable given its Markov blanket. Instead of returning the average of the samples for the query variable, it is possible to return the average estimate of the probability of the query variable given its Markov blanket. Does this converge to the same answer as the given code? Does it converge faster, slower, or the same?

### 9.9.8 Plotting Behavior of Stochastic Simulators

The stochastic simulation runs can give different answers each time they are run. For the algorithms that give the same answer in the limit as the number of samples approaches infinity (as do all of these algorithms), the algorithms can be compared by comparing the accuracy for multiple runs. Summary statistics like the variance may provide some information, but the assumptions behind the variance being appropriate (namely that the distribution is approximately Gaussian) may not hold for cases where the predictions are bounded and often skewed.

It is more appropriate to plot the distribution of predictions over multiple runs. The *plot\_stats* method plots the prediction of a particular variable (or for the partition function) for a number of runs of the same algorithm. On the *x*-axis, is the prediction of the algorithm. On the *y*-axis is the number of runs with prediction less than or equal to the *x* value. Thus this is like a cumulative distribution over the predictions, but with counts on the *y*-axis.

Note that for runs where there are no samples that are consistent with the observations (as can happen with rejection sampling), the prediction of probability is 1.0 (as a convention for 0/0).

That variable *what* contains the query variable, or *what* is "prob\_ev", the probability of evidence.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def plot_stats(method, qvar, qval, obs, number_runs=1000, **queryargs):
    """Plots a cumulative distribution of the prediction of the model.
    method is a InferenceMethod (that implements appropriate query(.))
    plots P(qvar=qval | obs)
    qvar is the query variable, qval is corresponding value
```

```
obs is the {variable:value} dictionary representing the observations
322
323
        number_iterations is the number of runs that are plotted
        **queryargs is the arguments to query (often number_samples for
324
            sampling methods)
        ,, ,, ,,
325
        plt.ion()
326
327
        plt.xlabel("value")
        plt.ylabel("Cumulative Number")
328
        method.max_display_level, prev_mdl = 0, method.max_display_level #no
329
            display
        answers = [method.query(qvar,obs,**queryargs)
330
                   for i in range(number_runs)]
331
        values = [ans[qval] for ans in answers]
332
        label = f"""{method.method_name}
333
            P({qvar}={qval}|{','.join(f'{var}={val})'}
                                                            for (var, val) in
334
                                                                obs.items())})"""
        values.sort()
335
        plt.plot(values, range(number_runs), label=label)
336
        plt.legend() #loc="upper left")
337
        plt.draw()
338
        method.max_display_level = prev_mdl # restore display level
339
340
    # Try:
341
    # plot_stats(bn_reportr, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
342
        number_samples=1000, number_runs=1000)
    # plot_stats(bn_reportL, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
343
        number_samples=1000, number_runs=1000)
    # plot_stats(bn_reportp, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
344
        number_samples=1000, number_runs=1000)
    # plot_stats(bn_reportr, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
345
        number_samples=100, number_runs=1000)
    # plot_stats(bn_reportL, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
346
        number_samples=100, number_runs=1000)
    # plot_stats(bn_reportg, Tamper, True, {Report: True, Smoke: True},
347
        number_samples=1000, number_runs=1000)
348
    def plot_mult(methods, example, qvar, qval, obs, number_samples=1000,
349
        number_runs=1000):
        for method in methods:
350
            solver = method(example)
351
            if isinstance(method, SamplingInferenceMethod):
352
                plot_stats(solver, qvar, qval, obs,
353
                    number_samples=number_samples, number_runs=number_runs)
            else:
354
                plot_stats(solver, qvar, qval, obs, number_runs=number_runs)
355
356
    from probRC import ProbRC
357
    # Try following (but it takes a while..)
358
    methods =
359
```

```
[ProbRC, RejectionSampling, LikelihoodWeighting, ParticleFiltering, GibbsSampling]
360
    #plot_mult(methods,bn_report,Tamper,True,{Report:True,Smoke:False},number_samples=100,
        number_runs=1000)
    #
361
        plot_mult(methods,bn_report,Tamper,True,{Report:False,Smoke:True},number_samples=100,
        number_runs=1000)
362
    # Sprinkler Example:
363
364
        plot_stats(bn_sprinklerr,Shoes_wet,True,{Grass_shiny:True,Rained:True},number_samples=1000)
    #
365
        plot_stats(bn_sprinklerL,Shoes_wet,True,{Grass_shiny:True,Rained:True},number_samples=1000)
```

### 9.10 Hidden Markov Models

This code for hidden Markov models is independent of the graphical models code, to keep it simple. Section 9.11 gives code that models hidden Markov models, and more generally, dynamic belief networks, using the graphical models code.

This HMM code assumes there are multiple Boolean observation variables that depend on the current state and are independent of each other given the state.

```
_probHMM.py — Hidden Markov Model
11
   from probStochSim import sample_one, sample_multiple
12
13
   class HMM(object):
14
       def __init__(self, states, obsvars, pobs, trans, indist):
15
           """A hidden Markov model.
16
           states - set of states
17
           obsvars - set of observation variables
           pobs - probability of observations, pobs[i][s] is P(Obs_i=True |
19
               State=s)
           trans - transition probability - trans[i][j] gives P(State=j |
20
               State=i)
           indist - initial distribution - indist[s] is P(State_0 = s)
21
22
           self.states = states
23
           self.obsvars = obsvars
           self.pobs = pobs
25
26
           self.trans = trans
           self.indist = indist
27
```

Consider the following example. Suppose you want to unobtrusively keep track of an animal in a triangular enclosure using sound. Suppose you have 3 microphones that provide unreliable (noisy) binary information at each time

step. The animal is either close to one of the 3 points of the triangle or in the middle of the triangle.

The observation model is as follows. If the animal is in a corner, it will be detected by the microphone at that corner with probability 0.6, and will be independently detected by each of the other microphones with a probability of 0.1. If the animal is in the middle, it will be detected by each microphone with a probability of 0.4.

```
probHMM.py — (continued)

# pobs gives the observation model:

#pobs[mi][state] is P(mi=on | state)

closeMic=0.6; farMic=0.1; midMic=0.4

pobs1 = {'m1':{'middle':midMic, 'c1':closeMic, 'c2':farMic, 'c3':farMic},

# mic 1

'm2':{'middle':midMic, 'c1':farMic, 'c2':closeMic, 'c3':farMic}, #

mic 2

'm3':{'middle':midMic, 'c1':farMic, 'c2':farMic, 'c3':closeMic}} #

mic 3
```

The transition model is as follows: If the animal is in a corner it stays in the same corner with probability 0.80, goes to the middle with probability 0.1 or goes to one of the other corners with probability 0.05 each. If it is in the middle, it stays in the middle with probability 0.7, otherwise it moves to one the corners, each with probability 0.1.

```
_probHMM.py — (continued)
   # trans specifies the dynamics
41
   # trans[i] is the distribution over states resulting from state i
42
   # trans[i][j] gives P(S=j | S=i)
43
   sm=0.7; mmc=0.1
                                # transition probabilities when in middle
   sc=0.8; mcm=0.1; mcc=0.05 # transition probabilities when in a corner
45
46
   trans1 = {'middle':{'middle':sm, 'c1':mmc, 'c2':mmc, 'c3':mmc}, # was in
       middle
             'c1':{'middle':mcm, 'c1':sc, 'c2':mcc, 'c3':mcc}, # was in corner
47
             'c2':{'middle':mcm, 'c1':mcc, 'c2':sc, 'c3':mcc}, # was in corner
48
49
             'c3':{'middle':mcm, 'c1':mcc, 'c2':mcc, 'c3':sc}} # was in corner
```

Initially the animal is in one of the four states, with equal probability.

https://aipython.org

```
52 indist1 = {st:1.0/len(states1) for st in states1}
53
54 hmm1 = HMM(states1, obs1, pobs1, trans1, indist1)
```

### 9.10.1 Exact Filtering for HMMs

A *HMMVE filter* has a current state distribution which can be updated by observing or by advancing to the next time.

```
__probHMM.py — (continued) _
   from display import Displayable
56
57
   class HMMVEfilter(Displayable):
58
       def __init__(self,hmm):
59
           self.hmm = hmm
60
           self.state_dist = hmm.indist
61
62
       def filter(self, obsseq):
63
           """updates and returns the state distribution following the
64
               sequence of
           observations in obsseq using variable elimination.
65
           Note that it first advances time.
67
           This is what is required if it is called sequentially.
68
           If that is not what is wanted initially, do an observe first.
69
70
           for obs in obsseq:
71
              self.advance()
                                 # advance time
72
              self.observe(obs) # observe
73
           return self.state_dist
75
       def observe(self, obs):
76
           """updates state conditioned on observations.
77
           obs is a list of values for each observation variable"""
78
           for i in self.hmm.obsvars:
79
              self.state_dist = {st:self.state_dist[st]*(self.hmm.pobs[i][st]
80
                                                   if obs[i] else
81
                                                       (1-self.hmm.pobs[i][st]))
                                 for st in self.hmm.states}
82
           norm = sum(self.state_dist.values()) # normalizing constant
83
           self.state_dist = {st:self.state_dist[st]/norm for st in
               self.hmm.states}
           self.display(2, "After observing", obs, "state
85
               distribution:",self.state_dist)
86
       def advance(self):
87
           """advance to the next time"""
           nextstate = {st:0.0 for st in self.hmm.states} # distribution over
89
           for j in self.hmm.states:
                                          # j ranges over next states
90
```

```
for i in self.hmm.states: # i ranges over previous states
nextstate[j] += self.hmm.trans[i][j]*self.state_dist[i]
self.state_dist = nextstate
self.display(2,"After advancing state
distribution:",self.state_dist)
```

The following are some queries for *hmm*1.

```
_probHMM.py — (continued)
    hmm1f1 = HMMVEfilter(hmm1)
    # hmm1f1.filter([{'m1':0, 'm2':1, 'm3':1}, {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
   ## HMMVEfilter.max_display_level = 2 # show more detail in displaying
98
    # hmm1f2 = HMMVEfilter(hmm1)
99
    # hmm1f2.filter([{'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':1, 'm3':0},
100
        {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
101
        {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1},
102
        {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1},
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
103
    # hmm1f3 = HMMVEfilter(hmm1)
104
    # hmm1f3.filter([{'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
105
        {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
106
    # How do the following differ in the resulting state distribution?
107
    # Note they start the same, but have different initial observations.
108
   ## HMMVEfilter.max_display_level = 1 # show less detail in displaying
109
   # for i in range(100): hmm1f1.advance()
110
   # hmm1f1.state_dist
111
   # for i in range(100): hmm1f3.advance()
112
   # hmm1f3.state_dist
113
```

**Exercise 9.6** The representation assumes that there are a list of Boolean observations. Extend the representation so that the each observation variable can have multiple discrete values. You need to choose a representation for the model, and change the algorithm.

#### 9.10.2 Localization

The localization example in the book is a controlled HMM, where there is a given action at each time and the transition depends on the action.

```
from probHMM import HMMVEfilter, HMM
from display import Displayable
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.widgets import Button, CheckButtons

class HMM_Controlled(HMM):
"""A controlled HMM, where the transition probability depends on the action.
```

```
Instead of the transition probability, it has a function act2trans
18
19
         from action to transition probability.
         Any algorithms need to select the transition probability according
20
              to the action.
21
       def __init__(self, states, obsvars, pobs, act2trans, indist):
22
23
           self.act2trans = act2trans
          HMM.__init__(self, states, obsvars, pobs, None, indist)
24
25
26
   local_states = list(range(16))
27
   door_positions = \{2,4,7,11\}
28
   def prob_door(loc): return 0.8 if loc in door_positions else 0.1
29
   local_obs = {'door':[prob_door(i) for i in range(16)]}
30
   act2trans = {'right': [[0.1 if next == current
31
                          else 0.8 if next == (current+1)%16
32
                          else 0.074 if next == (current+2)%16
33
                          else 0.002 for next in range(16)]
34
                             for current in range(16)],
35
                'left': [[0.1 if next == current
36
                          else 0.8 if next == (current-1)%16
37
                          else 0.074 if next == (current-2)%16
38
                          else 0.002 for next in range(16)]
39
                           for current in range(16)]}
40
   hmm_16pos = HMM_Controlled(local_states, {'door'}, local_obs,
41
                                act2trans, [1/16 for i in range(16)])
42
```

To change the VE localization code to allow for controlled HMMs, notice that the action selects which transition probability to us.

```
___probLocalization.py — (continued) _
   class HMM_Local(HMMVEfilter):
43
       """VE filter for controlled HMMs \,
44
45
       def __init__(self, hmm):
46
           HMMVEfilter.__init__(self, hmm)
47
48
49
       def go(self, action):
           self.hmm.trans = self.hmm.act2trans[action]
50
           self.advance()
51
52
   loc_filt = HMM_Local(hmm_16pos)
   # loc_filt.observe({'door':True}); loc_filt.go("right");
        loc_filt.observe({'door':False}); loc_filt.go("right");
        loc_filt.observe({'door':True})
   # loc_filt.state_dist
```

The following lets us interactively move the agent and provide observations. It shows the distribution over locations.

```
_____probLocalization.py — (continued) ______

57 | class Show_Localization(Displayable):
```

```
def __init__(self,hmm, fontsize=10):
58
59
           self.hmm = hmm
           self.fontsize = fontsize
60
           self.loc_filt = HMM_Local(hmm)
61
           fig,(self.ax) = plt.subplots()
62
           plt.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.2)
63
           ## Set up buttons:
64
           left_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.05,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "left")
65
           left_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
66
           left_butt.on_clicked(self.left)
67
           right_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.25,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "right")
68
           right_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
69
           right_butt.on_clicked(self.right)
70
           door_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.45, 0.02, 0.1, 0.05]), "door")
71
           door_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
72
           door_butt.on_clicked(self.door)
73
           nodoor_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.65,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "no door")
74
           nodoor_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
75
           nodoor_butt.on_clicked(self.nodoor)
76
           reset_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.85,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "reset")
77
           reset_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
78
           reset_butt.on_clicked(self.reset)
           ## draw the distribution
80
           plt.subplot(1, 1, 1)
81
           self.draw_dist()
82
           plt.show()
83
84
       def draw_dist(self):
85
           self.ax.clear()
86
           plt.ylim(0,1)
           plt.ylabel("Probability", fontsize=self.fontsize)
88
           plt.xlabel("Location", fontsize=self.fontsize)
89
           plt.title("Location Probability Distribution",
90
                fontsize=self.fontsize)
           plt.xticks(self.hmm.states,fontsize=self.fontsize)
91
           plt.yticks(fontsize=self.fontsize)
92
           vals = [self.loc_filt.state_dist[i] for i in self.hmm.states]
93
           self.bars = self.ax.bar(self.hmm.states, vals, color='black')
94
           self.ax.bar_label(self.bars,["{v:.2f}".format(v=v) for v in vals],
                padding = 1, fontsize=self.fontsize)
           plt.draw()
96
97
       def left(self,event):
98
           self.loc_filt.go("left")
99
           self.draw_dist()
100
       def right(self,event):
101
           self.loc_filt.go("right")
102
           self.draw_dist()
103
       def door(self, event):
104
           self.loc_filt.observe({'door':True})
105
```

```
self.draw_dist()
106
107
        def nodoor(self, event):
            self.loc_filt.observe({'door':False})
108
            self.draw_dist()
109
        def reset(self, event):
110
            self.loc_filt.state_dist = {i:1/16 for i in range(16)}
111
112
            self.draw_dist()
113
    # sl = Show_Localization(hmm_16pos)
    # sl = Show_Localization(hmm_16pos, fontsize=15) # for demos - enlarge
115
        window
```

### 9.10.3 Particle Filtering for HMMs

In this implementation a particle is just a state. If you want to do some form of smoothing, a particle should probably be a history of states. This maintains, *particles*, an array of states, *weights* an array of (non-negative) real numbers, such that weights[i] is the weight of particles[i].

```
_probHMM.py — (continued)
    from display import Displayable
114
    from probStochSim import resample
115
116
    class HMMparticleFilter(Displayable):
117
        def __init__(self,hmm,number_particles=1000):
            self.hmm = hmm
119
            self.particles = [sample_one(hmm.indist)
120
                             for i in range(number_particles)]
121
            self.weights = [1 for i in range(number_particles)]
122
123
        def filter(self, obsseq):
124
            """returns the state distribution following the sequence of
125
            observations in obsseq using particle filtering.
126
127
            Note that it first advances time.
128
            This is what is required if it is called after previous filtering.
129
            If that is not what is wanted initially, do an observe first.
130
131
132
            for obs in obsseq:
                self.advance()
                                  # advance time
133
                self.observe(obs) # observe
134
               self.resample_particles()
135
                self.display(2,"After observing", str(obs),
136
137
                              "state distribution:"
                                  self.histogram(self.particles))
            self.display(1,"Final state distribution:",
138
                self.histogram(self.particles))
            return self.histogram(self.particles)
139
140
```

```
def advance(self):
141
142
            """advance to the next time.
            This assumes that all of the weights are 1."""
143
            self.particles = [sample_one(self.hmm.trans[st])
144
                             for st in self.particles]
145
146
147
        def observe(self, obs):
            """reweighs the particles to incorporate observations obs"""
148
            for i in range(len(self.particles)):
149
                for obv in obs:
150
                   if obs[obv]:
151
                       self.weights[i] *= self.hmm.pobs[obv][self.particles[i]]
152
                   else:
153
                       self.weights[i] *=
154
                            1-self.hmm.pobs[obv][self.particles[i]]
155
        def histogram(self, particles):
156
            """returns list of the probability of each state as represented by
157
            the particles"""
158
            tot=0
159
            hist = {st: 0.0 for st in self.hmm.states}
160
            for (st,wt) in zip(self.particles,self.weights):
161
               hist[st]+=wt
162
                tot += wt
163
            return {st:hist[st]/tot for st in hist}
164
165
        def resample_particles(self):
166
            """resamples to give a new set of particles."""
167
            self.particles = resample(self.particles, self.weights,
168
                len(self.particles))
            self.weights = [1] * len(self.particles)
169
```

The following are some queries for *hmm*1.

```
_probHMM.py — (continued)
    hmm1pf1 = HMMparticleFilter(hmm1)
171
    # HMMparticleFilter.max_display_level = 2 # show each step
172
    # hmm1pf1.filter([{'m1':0, 'm2':1, 'm3':1}, {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
173
174
    # hmm1pf2 = HMMparticleFilter(hmm1)
    # hmm1pf2.filter([{'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':1, 'm3':0},
175
        {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
    #
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
176
        {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1},
177
        {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1},
178
                    {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
    # hmm1pf3 = HMMparticleFilter(hmm1)
179
   # hmm1pf3.filter([{'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':0, 'm2':0, 'm3':0},
180
        {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':0}, {'m1':1, 'm2':0, 'm3':1}])
```

**Exercise 9.7** A form of importance sampling can be obtained by not resampling.

Is it better or worse than particle filtering? Hint: you need to think about how they can be compared. Is the comparison different if there are more states than particles?

**Exercise 9.8** Extend the particle filtering code to continuous variables and observations. In particular, suppose the state transition is a linear function with Gaussian noise of the previous state, and the observations are linear functions with Gaussian noise of the state. You may need to research how to sample from a Gaussian distribution.

### 9.10.4 Generating Examples

The following code is useful for generating examples.

```
_probHMM.py — (continued)
    def simulate(hmm, horizon):
182
        """returns a pair of (state sequence, observation sequence) of length
183
            horizon.
        for each time t, the agent is in state_sequence[t] and
184
        observes observation_sequence[t]
185
186
        state = sample_one(hmm.indist)
187
        obsseq=[]
188
        stateseq=[]
189
        for time in range(horizon):
190
            stateseq.append(state)
191
            newobs =
192
                {obs:sample_one({0:1-hmm.pobs[obs][state],1:hmm.pobs[obs][state]})
                      for obs in hmm.obsvars}
193
            obsseq.append(newobs)
194
            state = sample_one(hmm.trans[state])
195
        return stateseq, obsseq
196
197
    def simobs(hmm, stateseq):
198
        """returns observation sequence for the state sequence"""
199
        obsseq=[]
200
201
        for state in stateseq:
            newobs =
202
                {obs:sample_one({0:1-hmm.pobs[obs][state],1:hmm.pobs[obs][state]})
                      for obs in hmm.obsvars}
203
            obsseq.append(newobs)
204
        return obsseq
205
206
    def create_eg(hmm,n):
207
        """Create an annotated example for horizon n"""
208
        seq,obs = simulate(hmm,n)
209
        print("True state sequence:", seq)
210
        print("Sequence of observations:\n",obs)
211
        hmmfilter = HMMVEfilter(hmm)
212
        dist = hmmfilter.filter(obs)
213
```

214

print("Resulting distribution over states:\n",dist)

## 9.11 Dynamic Belief Networks

A dynamic belief network (DBN) is a belief network that extends in time.

There are a number of ways that reasoning can be carried out in a DBN, including:

- Rolling out the DBN for some time period, and using standard belief network inference. The latest time that needs to be in the rolled out network is the time of the latest observation or the time of a query (whichever is later). This allows us to observe any variables at any time and query any variables at any time. This is covered in Section 9.11.2.
- An unrolled belief network may be very large, and we might only be interested in asking about "now". In this case we can just representing the variables "now". In this approach we can observe and query the current variables. We can them move to the next time. This does not allow for arbitrary historical queries (about the past or the future), but can be much simpler. This is covered in Section 9.11.3.

### 9.11.1 Representing Dynamic Belief Networks

To specify a DBN, think about the distribution *now*. *Now* will be represented as time 1. Each variable will have a corresponding previous variable; these will be created together.

A dynamic belief network consists of:

- A set of features. A variable is a feature-time pair.
- An initial distribution over the features "now" (time 1). This is a belief network with all variables being time 1 variables.
- A specification of the dynamics. We define the how the variables *now* (time 1) depend on variables *now* and the previous time (time 0), in such a way that the graph is acyclic.

```
from variable import Variable
from probGraphicalModels import GraphicalModel, BeliefNetwork
from probFactors import Prob, Factor, CPD
from probVE import VE
from display import Displayable

class DBNvariable(Variable):
"""A random variable that incorporates the stage (time)
```

```
19
20
       A variable can have both a name and an index. The index defaults to 1.
21
       def __init__(self,name,domain=[False,True],index=1):
22
           Variable.__init__(self,f"{name}_{index}",domain)
23
           self.basename = name
24
25
           self.domain = domain
           self.index = index
26
           self.previous = None
27
28
       def __lt__(self,other):
29
           if self.name != other.name:
30
               return self.name<other.name
31
           else:
32
               return self.index<other.index
33
34
       def __gt__(self,other):
35
           return other<self</pre>
36
37
   def variable_pair(name,domain=[False,True]):
38
       """returns a variable and its predecessor. This is used to define
39
           2-stage DBNs
40
       If the name is X, it returns the pair of variables X_prev,X_now"""
41
       var_now = DBNvariable(name,domain,index='now')
42
       var_prev = DBNvariable(name,domain,index='prev')
43
       var_now.previous = var_prev
44
       return var_prev, var_now
```

A *FactorRename* is a factor that is the result renaming the variables in the factor. It takes a factor, *fac*, and a {*new* : *old*} dictionary, where *new* is the name of a variable in the resulting factor and *old* is the corresponding name in *fac*. This assumes that the all variables are renamed.

```
____probDBN.py — (continued) __
   class FactorRename(Factor):
47
       def __init__(self,fac,renaming):
48
           """A renamed factor.
49
           fac is a factor
50
           renaming is a dictionary of the form {new:old} where old and new
51
               var variables,
             where the variables in fac appear exactly once in the renaming
52
53
           Factor.__init__(self,[n for (n,o) in renaming.items() if o in
               fac.variables])
           self.orig_fac = fac
55
           self.renaming = renaming
56
57
       def get_value(self,assignment):
58
           return self.orig_fac.get_value({self.renaming[var]:val
59
                                         for (var,val) in assignment.items()
60
```

```
if var in self.variables})
```

The following class renames the variables of a conditional probability distribution. It is used for template models (e.g., dynamic decision networks or relational models)

```
_probDBN.py — (continued)
   class CPDrename(FactorRename, CPD):
63
       def __init__(self, cpd, renaming):
64
65
           renaming_inverse = {old:new for (new,old) in renaming.items()}
           CPD.__init__(self,renaming_inverse[cpd.child],[renaming_inverse[p]
66
               for p in cpd.parents])
           self.orig_fac = cpd
67
           self.renaming = renaming
68
                                __probDBN.py — (continued) _
   class DBN(Displayable):
70
       """The class of stationary Dynamic Belief networks.
71
       * name is the DBN name
72
       * vars_now is a list of current variables (each must have
73
       previous variable).
74
       * transition_factors is a list of factors for P(X|parents) where X
75
       is a current variable and parents is a list of current or previous
76
           variables.
       * init_factors is a list of factors for P(X|parents) where X is a
77
       current variable and parents can only include current variables
78
       The graph of transition factors + init factors must be acyclic.
79
80
81
       def __init__(self, title, vars_now, transition_factors=None,
82
           init_factors=None):
           self.title = title
83
           self.vars_now = vars_now
84
           self.vars_prev = [v.previous for v in vars_now]
85
           self.transition_factors = transition_factors
           self.init_factors = init_factors
87
                                   # var_index[v] is the index of variable v
           self.var_index = {}
88
           for i,v in enumerate(vars_now):
89
               self.var_index[v]=i
```

Here is a 3 variable DBN:

114

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122

123

124

125

126

127

128

129

130

```
100
101
    # initial distribution
    pa0 = Prob(A1,[],[0.9,0.1])
102
    pb0 = Prob(B1,[A1],[[0.3,0.7],[0.8,0.2]])
103
    pc0 = Prob(C1,[],[0.2,0.8])
104
105
106
    dbn1 = DBN("Simple DBN", [A1, B1, C1], [pa, pb, pc], [pa0, pb0, pc0])
    Here is the animal example
                                   _probDBN.py — (continued) .
    from probHMM import closeMic, farMic, midMic, sm, mmc, sc, mcm, mcc
108
109
    Pos_0,Pos_1 = variable_pair("Position",domain=[0,1,2,3])
110
    Mic1_0,Mic1_1 = variable_pair("Mic1")
111
    Mic2_0,Mic2_1 = variable_pair("Mic2")
112
    Mic3_0,Mic3_1 = variable_pair("Mic3")
113
```

# conditional probabilities - see hmm for the values of sm,mmc, etc

pm1 = Prob(Mic1\_1, [Pos\_1], [[1-midMic, midMic], [1-closeMic, closeMic],

pm2 = Prob(Mic2\_1, [Pos\_1], [[1-midMic, midMic], [1-farMic, farMic],

pm3 = Prob(Mic3\_1, [Pos\_1], [[1-midMic, midMic], [1-farMic, farMic],

[1-farMic, farMic], [1-farMic, farMic]])

[1-closeMic, closeMic], [1-farMic, farMic]])

[1-farMic, farMic], [1-closeMic, closeMic]])

[[sm, mmc, mmc], #was in middle

 $ipos = Prob(Pos_1,[], [0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25])$ 

[ppos, pm1, pm2, pm3],

[ipos, pm1, pm2, pm3])

dbn\_an =DBN("Animal DBN",[Pos\_1,Mic1\_1,Mic2\_1,Mic3\_1],

[mcm, sc, mcc, mcc], #was in corner 1

[mcm, mcc, sc, mcc], #was in corner 2

[mcm, mcc, mcc, sc]]) #was in corner 3

# 9.11.2 Unrolling DBNs

ppos = Prob(Pos\_1, [Pos\_0],

```
_probDBN.py — (continued) _
    class BNfromDBN(BeliefNetwork):
132
        """Belief Network unrolled from a dynamic belief network
133
134
135
        def __init__(self,dbn,horizon):
136
            """dbn is the dynamic belief network being unrolled
137
            horizon>0 is the number of steps (so there will be horizon+1
138
                variables for each DBN variable.
139
            self.name2var = {var.basename:
140
                [DBNvariable(var.basename,var.domain,index) for index in
                range(horizon+1)]
```

```
for var in dbn.vars_now}
141
142
           self.display(1,f"name2var={self.name2var}")
           variables = {v for vs in self.name2var.values() for v in vs}
143
           self.display(1,f"variables={variables}")
144
           bnfactors = {CPDrename(fac,{self.name2var[var.basename][0]:var
145
                                           for var in fac.variables})
146
147
                         for fac in dbn.init_factors}
           bnfactors |= {CPDrename(fac,{self.name2var[var.basename][i]:var
148
                                           for var in fac.variables if
149
                                               var.index=='prev'}
                                     | {self.name2var[var.basename][i+1]:var
150
                                           for var in fac.variables if
151
                                               var.index=='now'})
                         for fac in dbn.transition_factors
152
                             for i in range(horizon)}
153
           self.display(1,f"bnfactors={bnfactors}")
154
           BeliefNetwork.__init__(self, dbn.title, variables, bnfactors)
155
```

Here are two examples. Note that we need to use bn.name2var['B'][2] to get the variable B2 (B at time 2).

## 9.11.3 DBN Filtering

If we only wanted to ask questions about the current state, we can save space by forgetting the history variables.

```
_probDBN.py — (continued)
    class DBNVEfilter(VE):
164
        def __init__(self,dbn):
165
            self.dbn = dbn
166
            self.current_factors = dbn.init_factors
167
            self.current_obs = {}
168
169
170
        def observe(self, obs):
            """updates the current observations with obs.
171
            obs is a variable: value dictionary where variable is a current
            variable.
173
174
            assert all(self.current_obs[var]==obs[var] for var in obs
175
                      if var in self.current_obs), "inconsistent current
176
                           observations"
```

```
self.current_obs.update(obs) # note 'update' is a dict method
177
178
        def query(self,var):
179
            """returns the posterior probability of current variable var"""
180
            return
181
                VE(GraphicalModel(self.dbn.title,self.dbn.vars_now,self.current_factors)).guery(var,self.c
182
        def advance(self):
183
            """advance to the next time"""
184
           prev_factors = [self.make_previous(fac) for fac in
185
                self.current_factors]
            prev_obs = {var.previous:val for var,val in
186
                self.current_obs.items()}
            two_stage_factors = prev_factors + self.dbn.transition_factors
187
            self.current_factors =
188
                self.elim_vars(two_stage_factors, self.dbn.vars_prev,prev_obs)
            self.current_obs = {}
189
190
        def make_previous(self,fac):
191
             """Creates new factor from fac where the current variables in fac
192
             are renamed to previous variables.
193
194
             return FactorRename(fac, {var.previous:var for var in
195
                 fac.variables})
196
        def elim_vars(self, factors, vars, obs):
197
            for var in vars:
198
199
               if var in obs:
                   factors = [self.project_observations(fac,obs) for fac in
200
               else:
201
                   factors = self.eliminate_var(factors, var)
202
            return factors
203
```

#### Example queries:

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# 10.1 Bayesian Learning

The section contains two implementations of the (discretized) beta distribution. The first represents Bayesian learning as a belief network. The second is an interactive tool to understand the beta distribution.

The following uses a belief network representation from the previous chapter to learn (discretized) probabilities. Figure 10.1 shows the output after observing *heads*, *heads*, *tails*. Notice the prediction of future tosses.

```
_learnBayesian.py — Bayesian Learning
   from variable import Variable
11
   from probFactors import Prob
   from probGraphicalModels import BeliefNetwork
13
   from probRC import ProbRC
14
15
   #### Coin Toss ###
16
   # multiple coin tosses:
17
   toss = ['tails','heads']
18
   tosses = [ Variable(f"Toss#{i}", toss,
19
                          (0.8, 0.9-i/10) if i<10 else (0.4,0.2))
20
                   for i in range(11)]
21
22
23
   def coinTossBN(num_bins = 10):
       prob_bins = [x/num_bins for x in range(num_bins+1)]
24
       PH = Variable("P_heads", prob_bins, (0.1,0.9))
25
       p_PH = Prob(PH,[],\{x:0.5/num\_bins if x in [0,1] else 1/num\_bins for x
           in prob_bins})
       p_tosses = [ Prob(tosses[i],[PH], {x:{'tails':1-x,'heads':x} for x in
27
           prob_bins})
                  for i in range(11)]
28
```

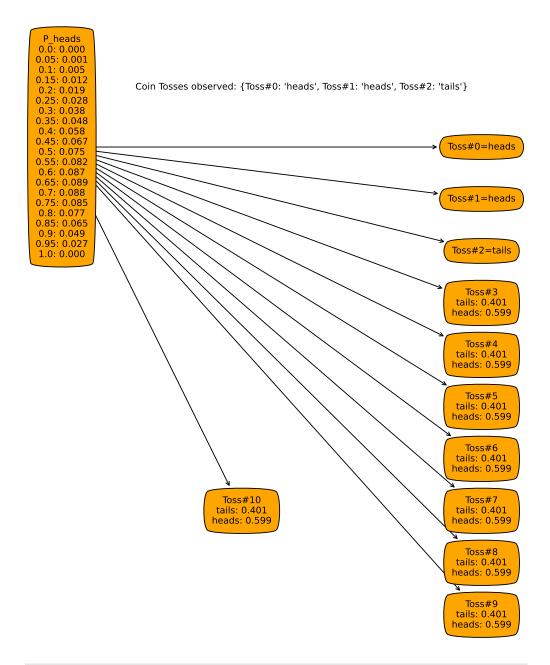


Figure 10.1: coinTossBN after observing heads, heads, tails

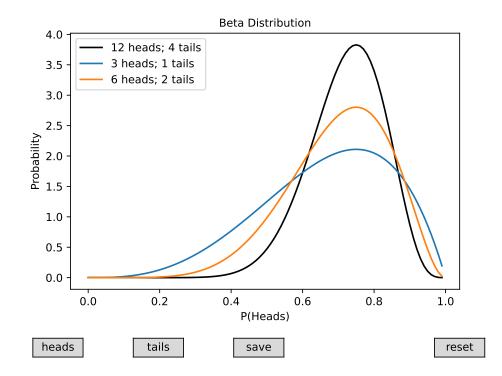


Figure 10.2: Beta distribution after some observations

```
return BeliefNetwork("Coin Tosses",
29
                          [PH]+tosses,
30
                          [p_PH]+p_tosses)
31
32
33
34
   # coinRC = ProbRC(coinTossBN(20))
35
   # coinRC.query(tosses[10],{tosses[0]:'heads'})
36
   # coinRC.show_post({})
37
   | # coinRC.show_post({tosses[0]:'heads'})
38
   # coinRC.show_post({tosses[0]:'heads',tosses[1]:'heads'})
39
  # coinRC.show_post({tosses[0]:'heads',tosses[1]:'heads',tosses[2]:'tails'})
```

Figure 10.2 shows a plot of the Beta distribution (the *P\_head* variable in the previous belief network) given some sets of observations.

This is a plot that is produced by the following interactive tool.

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```
def __init__(self,num=100, fontsize=10):
47
48
           self.num = num
           self.dist = [1 for i in range(num)]
49
           self.vals = [i/num for i in range(num)]
50
           self.fontsize = fontsize
51
           self.saves = []
52
           self.num_heads = 0
53
           self.num_tails = 0
54
           plt.ioff()
55
           fig,(self.ax) = plt.subplots()
56
           plt.subplots_adjust(bottom=0.2)
57
           ## Set up buttons:
58
           heads_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.05,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "heads")
59
           heads_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
60
           heads_butt.on_clicked(self.heads)
61
           tails_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.25,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "tails")
62
           tails_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
63
           tails_butt.on_clicked(self.tails)
           save_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.45, 0.02, 0.1, 0.05]), "save")
65
           save_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
           save_butt.on_clicked(self.save)
67
           reset_butt = Button(plt.axes([0.85,0.02,0.1,0.05]), "reset")
           reset_butt.label.set_fontsize(self.fontsize)
69
           reset_butt.on_clicked(self.reset)
70
           ## draw the distribution
71
           plt.subplot(1, 1, 1)
           self.draw_dist()
73
74
           plt.show()
75
       def draw_dist(self):
76
           sv = self.num/sum(self.dist)
77
           self.dist = [v*sv for v in self.dist]
78
           #print(self.dist)
79
           self.ax.clear()
80
           plt.ylabel("Probability", fontsize=self.fontsize)
81
           plt.xlabel("P(Heads)", fontsize=self.fontsize)
82
           plt.title("Beta Distribution", fontsize=self.fontsize)
83
           plt.xticks(fontsize=self.fontsize)
84
           plt.yticks(fontsize=self.fontsize)
           self.ax.plot(self.vals, self.dist, color='black', label =
86
               f"{self.num_heads} heads; {self.num_tails} tails")
           for (nh,nt,d) in self.saves:
87
               self.ax.plot(self.vals, d, label = f"{nh} heads; {nt} tails")
88
           self.ax.legend()
89
           plt.draw()
90
91
       def heads(self,event):
92
           self.num_heads += 1
93
           self.dist = [self.dist[i]*self.vals[i] for i in range(self.num)]
94
95
           self.draw_dist()
```

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```
def tails(self, event):
96
97
            self.num_tails += 1
            self.dist = [self.dist[i]*(1-self.vals[i]) for i in range(self.num)]
98
            self.draw_dist()
99
        def save(self, event):
100
            self.saves.append((self.num_heads,self.num_tails,self.dist))
101
102
            self.draw_dist()
        def reset(self, event):
103
            self.num_tails = 0
104
            self.num_heads = 0
105
            self.dist = [1/self.num for i in range(self.num)]
106
            self.draw_dist()
107
108
    # s1 = Show_Beta(100)
109
   | # sl = Show_Beta(100, fontsize=15) # for demos - enlarge window
```

# 10.2 K-means

The k-means learner maintains two lists that suffice as sufficient statistics to classify examples, and to learn the classification:

- *class\_counts* is a list such that *class\_counts*[c] is the number of examples in the training set with *class* = c.
- *feature\_sum* is a list such that *feature\_sum*[*i*][*c*] is sum of the values for the *i*′th feature *i* for members of class *c*. The average value of the *i*th feature in class *i* is

```
\frac{feature\_sum[i][c]}{class\_counts[c]}
```

The class is initialized by randomly assigning examples to classes, and updating the statistics for *class\_counts* and *feature\_sum*.

```
__learnKMeans.py — k-means learning ___
   from learnProblem import Data_set, Learner, Data_from_file
11
   import random
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
13
   class K_means_learner(Learner):
15
       def __init__(self,dataset, num_classes):
16
           self.dataset = dataset
17
           self.num_classes = num_classes
18
           self.random_initialize()
19
20
       def random_initialize(self):
21
           # class_counts[c] is the number of examples with class=c
22
           self.class_counts = [0]*self.num_classes
23
```

```
# feature_sum[i][c] is the sum of the values of feature i for class
24
           self.feature_sum = [[0]*self.num_classes
25
                             for feat in self.dataset.input_features]
26
           for eg in self.dataset.train:
27
              cl = random.randrange(self.num_classes) # assign eg to random
28
                  class
              self.class_counts[cl] += 1
29
              for (ind,feat) in enumerate(self.dataset.input_features):
30
                  self.feature_sum[ind][cl] += feat(eg)
31
           self.num_iterations = 0
           self.display(1,"Initial class counts: ",self.class_counts)
33
```

The distance from (the mean of) a class to an example is the sum, over all features, of the sum-of-squares differences of the class mean and the example value.

```
_learnKMeans.py — (continued)
       def distance(self,cl,eg):
35
           """distance of the eg from the mean of the class"""
36
           return sum( (self.class_prediction(ind,cl)-feat(eg))**2
37
                           for (ind,feat) in
38
                               enumerate(self.dataset.input_features))
39
       def class_prediction(self,feat_ind,cl):
40
           """prediction of the class cl on the feature with index feat_ind"""
41
           if self.class_counts[cl] == 0:
               return 0 # there are no examples so we can choose any value
43
           else:
44
               return self.feature_sum[feat_ind][cl]/self.class_counts[cl]
45
46
       def class_of_eg(self,eg):
47
           """class to which eg is assigned"""
48
           return (min((self.distance(cl,eg),cl)
49
                          for cl in range(self.num_classes)))[1]
50
                 # second element of tuple, which is a class with minimum
51
                      distance
```

One step of k-means updates the *class\_counts* and *feature\_sum*. It uses the old values to determine the classes, and so the new values for *class\_counts* and *feature\_sum*. At the end it determines whether the values of these have changes, and then replaces the old ones with the new ones. It returns an indicator of whether the values are stable (have not changed).

```
def k_means_step(self):
"""Updates the model with one step of k-means.
Returns whether the assignment is stable.
"""
new_class_counts = [0]*self.num_classes
```

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```
# feature_sum[i][c] is the sum of the values of feature i for class
58
           new_feature_sum = [[0]*self.num_classes
59
                              for feat in self.dataset.input_features]
60
           for eg in self.dataset.train:
61
               cl = self.class_of_eg(eg)
62
63
               new_class_counts[cl] += 1
               for (ind, feat) in enumerate(self.dataset.input_features):
64
                   new_feature_sum[ind][cl] += feat(eg)
65
           stable = (new_class_counts == self.class_counts) and
66
                (self.feature_sum == new_feature_sum)
           self.class_counts = new_class_counts
67
           self.feature_sum = new_feature_sum
68
           self.num_iterations += 1
69
           return stable
70
71
72
       def learn(self, n=100):
73
           """do n steps of k-means, or until convergence"""
74
           i=0
75
           stable = False
76
           while i<n and not stable:</pre>
77
               stable = self.k_means_step()
78
               i += 1
79
               self.display(1,"Iteration", self.num_iterations,
80
                                "class counts: ",self.class_counts,"
81
                                    Stable=",stable)
82
           return stable
83
       def show_classes(self):
84
           """sorts the data by the class and prints in order.
85
           For visualizing small data sets
86
87
           class_examples = [[] for i in range(self.num_classes)]
88
           for eg in self.dataset.train:
89
               class_examples[self.class_of_eg(eg)].append(eg)
90
           print("Class","Example",sep='\t')
91
           for cl in range(self.num_classes):
92
93
               for eg in class_examples[cl]:
                   print(cl,*eg,sep='\t')
94
95
       def plot_error(self, maxstep=20):
96
            """Plots the sum-of-squares error as a function of the number of
97
                steps"""
           plt.ion()
98
           plt.xlabel("step")
99
           plt.ylabel("Ave sum-of-squares error")
100
           train_errors = []
101
           if self.dataset.test:
102
103
               test_errors = []
```

```
104
           for i in range(maxstep):
105
               self.learn(1)
               train_errors.append( sum(self.distance(self.class_of_eg(eg),eg)
106
                                           for eg in self.dataset.train)
107
                                   /len(self.dataset.train))
108
               if self.dataset.test:
109
110
                   test_errors.append(
                       sum(self.distance(self.class_of_eg(eg),eg)
                                              for eg in self.dataset.test)
111
                                       /len(self.dataset.test))
112
           plt.plot(range(1, maxstep+1), train_errors,
113
                    label=str(self.num_classes)+" classes. Training set")
114
            if self.dataset.test:
115
               plt.plot(range(1, maxstep+1), test_errors,
116
                        label=str(self.num_classes)+" classes. Test set")
117
           plt.legend()
118
           plt.draw()
119
120
    %data = Data_from_file('data/emdata1.csv', num_train=10,
121
        target_index=2000) % trivial example
    data = Data_from_file('data/emdata2.csv', num_train=10, target_index=2000)
122
    %data = Data_from_file('data/emdata0.csv', num_train=14,
        target_index=2000) % example from textbook
    kml = K_means_learner(data,2)
124
    num_iter=4
125
    print("Class assignment after", num_iter, "iterations:")
126
    kml.learn(num_iter); kml.show_classes()
127
128
    # Plot the error
129
    # km2=K_means_learner(data,2); km2.plot_error(20) # 2 classes
130
    # km3=K_means_learner(data,3); km3.plot_error(20) # 3 classes
131
    # km13=K_means_learner(data,13); km13.plot_error(20) # 13 classes
132
133
    # data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv',
134
        target_index=2000,boolean_features=True)
    # kml = K_means_learner(data,3)
135
    # kml.learn(20); kml.show_classes()
    # km3=K_means_learner(data,3); km3.plot_error(20) # 3 classes
137
   |# km3=K_means_learner(data,30); km3.plot_error(20) # 30 classes
```

**Exercise 10.1** Change *boolean\_features* = *True* flag to allow for numerical features. K-means assumes the features are numerical, so we want to make non-numerical features into numerical features (using characteristic functions) but we probably don't want to change numerical features into Boolean.

**Exercise 10.2** If there are many classes, some of the classes can become empty (e.g., try 100 classes with carbool.csv). Implement a way to put some examples into a class, if possible. Two ideas are:

(a) Initialize the classes with actual examples, so that the classes will not start empty. (Do the classes become empty?)

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(b) In *class\_prediction*, we test whether the code is empty, and make a prediction of 0 for an empty class. It is possible to make a different prediction to "steal" an example (but you should make sure that a class has a consistent value for each feature in a loop).

Make your own suggestions, and compare it with the original, and whichever of these you think may work better.

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In the following definition, a class, c, is a integer in range  $[0, num\_classes)$ . i is an index of a feature, so feat[i] is the ith feature, and a feature is a function from tuples to values. val is a value of a feature.

A model consists of 2 lists, which form the sufficient statistics:

•  $class\_counts$  is a list such that  $class\_counts[c]$  is the number of tuples with class = c, where each tuple is weighted by its probability, i.e.,

$$class\_counts[c] = \sum_{t:class(t) = c} P(t)$$

• feature\_counts is a list such that feature\_counts[i][val][c] is the weighted count of the number of tuples t with feat[i](t) = val and class(t) = c, each tuple is weighted by its probability, i.e.,

$$feature\_counts[i][val][c] = \sum_{t:feat[i](t)=val \text{ and} class(t)=c} P(t)$$

```
____learnEM.py — EM Learning _
11
   from learnProblem import Data_set, Learner, Data_from_file
   import random
12
   import math
13
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14
15
   class EM_learner(Learner):
16
17
       def __init__(self,dataset, num_classes):
           self.dataset = dataset
18
           self.num classes = num classes
19
           self.class_counts = None
20
           self.feature_counts = None
```

The function *em\_step* goes though the training examples, and updates these counts. The first time it is run, when there is no model, it uses random distributions.

```
"""updates the model."""
24
25
           class_counts = [0]*self.num_classes
           feature_counts = [{val:[0]*self.num_classes
26
                                for val in feat.frange}
27
                                for feat in self.dataset.input_features]
28
           for tple in self.dataset.train:
29
30
               if orig_class_counts: # a model exists
                  tpl_class_dist = self.prob(tple, orig_class_counts,
31
                      orig_feature_counts)
              else:
                                    # initially, with no model, return a random
32
                  distribution
                  tpl_class_dist = random_dist(self.num_classes)
33
              for cl in range(self.num_classes):
34
                  class_counts[cl] += tpl_class_dist[cl]
35
                  for (ind,feat) in enumerate(self.dataset.input_features):
36
                      feature_counts[ind][feat(tple)][cl] += tpl_class_dist[cl]
37
           return class_counts, feature_counts
38
```

*prob* computes the probability of a class *c* for a tuple *tpl*, given the current statistics.

$$\begin{split} P(c \mid tple) &\propto P(c) * \prod_{i} P(X_i = tple(i) \mid c) \\ &= \frac{class\_counts[c]}{len(self.dataset)} * \prod_{i} \frac{feature\_counts[i][feat_i(tple)][c]}{class\_counts[c]} \\ &\propto \frac{\prod_{i} feature\_counts[i][feat_i(tple)][c]}{class\_counts[c]^{[feats]-1}} \end{split}$$

The last step is because len(self.dataset) is a constant (independent of c).  $class\_counts[c]$  can be taken out of the product, but needs to be raised to the power of the number of features, and one of them cancels.

```
_learnEM.py — (continued) _
40
       def prob(self, tple, class_counts, feature_counts):
           """returns a distribution over the classes for tuple tple in the
41
               model defined by the counts
42
43
           feats = self.dataset.input_features
           unnorm = [prod(feature_counts[i][feat(tple)][c]
44
                          for (i,feat) in enumerate(feats))
45
                        /(class_counts[c]**(len(feats)-1))
46
                      for c in range(self.num_classes)]
           thesum = sum(unnorm)
48
49
           return [un/thesum for un in unnorm]
```

*learn* does *n* steps of EM:

```
def learn(self,n):

"""do n steps of em"""
```

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The following is for visualizing the classes. It prints the dataset ordered by the probability of class *c*.

```
_learnEM.py — (continued)
       def show_class(self,c):
57
           """sorts the data by the class and prints in order.
58
           For visualizing small data sets
59
60
           sorted_data =
               sorted((self.prob(tpl,self.class_counts,self.feature_counts)[c],
                                ind, # preserve ordering for equal
62
                                    probabilities
63
                               for (ind,tpl) in enumerate(self.dataset.train))
64
           for cc,r,tpl in sorted_data:
               print(cc,*tpl,sep='\t')
66
```

The following are for evaluating the classes.

The probability of a tuple can be evaluated by marginalizing over the classes:

$$P(tple) = \sum_{c} P(c) * \prod_{i} P(X_i = tple(i) \mid c)$$

$$= \sum_{c} \frac{cc[c]}{len(self.dataset)} * \prod_{i} \frac{fc[i][feat_i(tple)][c]}{cc[c]}$$

where cc is the class count and fc is feature count. len(self.dataset) can be distributed out of the sum, and cc[c] can be taken out of the product:

$$= \frac{1}{len(self.dataset)} \sum_{c} \frac{1}{cc[c]^{\#feats-1}} * \prod_{i} fc[i][feat_{i}(tple)][c]$$

Given the probability of each tuple, we can evaluate the logloss, as the negative of the log probability:

```
_learnEM.py — (continued)
68
       def logloss(self,tple):
           """returns the logloss of the prediction on tple, which is
69
               -log(P(tple))
70
           based on the current class counts and feature counts
71
72
           feats = self.dataset.input_features
           res = 0
73
           cc = self.class_counts
           fc = self.feature_counts
75
           for c in range(self.num_classes):
76
               res += prod(fc[i][feat(tple)][c]
77
```

```
for (i, feat) in
78
                               enumerate(feats))/(cc[c]**(len(feats)-1))
            if res>0:
79
                return -math.log2(res/len(self.dataset.train))
80
            else:
81
                return float("inf") #infinity
82
83
        def plot_error(self, maxstep=20):
84
            """Plots the logloss error as a function of the number of steps"""
85
            plt.ion()
86
            plt.xlabel("step")
            plt.ylabel("Ave Logloss (bits)")
88
            train_errors = []
89
            if self.dataset.test:
90
               test_errors = []
91
            for i in range(maxstep):
92
               self.learn(1)
93
                train_errors.append( sum(self.logloss(tple) for tple in
                    self.dataset.train)
                                    /len(self.dataset.train))
95
               if self.dataset.test:
96
                   test_errors.append( sum(self.logloss(tple) for tple in
                        self.dataset.test)
                                        /len(self.dataset.test))
98
99
           plt.plot(range(1, maxstep+1), train_errors,
                    label=str(self.num_classes)+" classes. Training set")
100
            if self.dataset.test:
101
102
               plt.plot(range(1, maxstep+1), test_errors,
                        label=str(self.num_classes)+" classes. Test set")
103
            plt.legend()
104
           plt.draw()
105
106
107
    def prod(L):
        """returns the product of the elements of L"""
108
        res = 1
109
110
        for e in L:
            res *= e
111
        return res
112
113
    def random_dist(k):
114
        """generate k random numbers that sum to 1"""
115
        res = [random.random() for i in range(k)]
116
117
        s = sum(res)
        return [v/s for v in res]
118
119
    data = Data_from_file('data/emdata2.csv', num_train=10, target_index=2000)
120
   eml = EM_learner(data,2)
121
   num_iter=2
122
    print("Class assignment after", num_iter, "iterations:")
123
124 | eml.learn(num_iter); eml.show_class(0)
```

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```
125
126
    # Plot the error
    # em2=EM_learner(data,2); em2.plot_error(40) # 2 classes
127
    # em3=EM_learner(data,3); em3.plot_error(40) # 3 classes
128
    # em13=EM_learner(data,13); em13.plot_error(40) # 13 classes
129
130
131
   # data = Data_from_file('data/carbool.csv',
        target_index=2000,boolean_features=False)
    # [f.frange for f in data.input_features]
132
    # eml = EM_learner(data,3)
133
   # eml.learn(20); eml.show_class(0)
134
   # em3=EM_learner(data,3); em3.plot_error(60) # 3 classes
135
   # em3=EM_learner(data,30); em3.plot_error(60) # 30 classes
```

**Exercise 10.3** For the EM data, where there are naturally 2 classes, 3 classes does better on the training set after a while than 2 classes, but worse on the test set. Explain why. Hint: look what the 3 classes are. Use "em3.show\_class(i)" for each of the classes  $i \in [0,3)$ .

**Exercise 10.4** Write code to plot the logloss as a function of the number of classes (from 1 to say 15) for a fixed number of iterations. (From the experience with the existing code, think about how many iterations is appropriate.)

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# 11.1 Do Questions

A causal model can answer "do" questions.

The intervene function takes a belief network and a variable:value dictionary specifying what to "do", and returns a belief network resulting from intervening to set each variable in the dictionary to its value specified. It replaces the CPD of each intervened variable with an constant CPD.

```
__probDo.py — Probabilistic inference with the do operator _
   from probGraphicalModels import InferenceMethod, BeliefNetwork
11
   from probFactors import CPD, ConstantCPD
12
13
   def intervene(bn, do={}):
       assert isinstance(bn, BeliefNetwork), f"Do only applies to belief
15
           networks ({bn.title})"
       if do=={}:
16
           return bn
17
       else:
18
           newfacs = ({f for (ch,f) in bn.var2cpt.items() if ch not in do} |
19
                          {ConstantCPD(v,c) for (v,c) in do.items()})
20
           return BeliefNetwork(f"{bn.title}(do={do})", bn.variables, newfacs)
```

The following adds the queryDo method to the InferenceMethod class, so it can be used with any inference method. It replaces the graphical model with the modified one, runs the inference algorithm, and restores the initial belief network.

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```
oldBN, self.gm = self.gm, intervene(self.gm, do)
result = self.query(qvar, obs)
self.gm = oldBN # restore original
return result

# make queryDo available for all inference methods
InferenceMethod.queryDo = queryDo
```

Test cases:

```
_probDo.py — (continued)
   from probRC import ProbRC
34
35
   from probExamples import bn_sprinkler, Season, Sprinkler, Rained,
36
       Grass_wet, Grass_shiny, Shoes_wet
   bn_sprinklerv = ProbRC(bn_sprinkler)
37
   ## bn_sprinklerv.queryDo(Shoes_wet)
38
   ## bn_sprinklerv.queryDo(Shoes_wet,obs={Sprinkler:"on"})
   ## bn_sprinklerv.queryDo(Shoes_wet,do={Sprinkler:"on"})
40
   ## bn_sprinklerv.queryDo(Season, obs={Sprinkler:"on"})
   ## bn_sprinklerv.queryDo(Season, do={Sprinkler:"on"})
42
43
   ### Showing posterior distributions:
44
   # bn_sprinklerv.show_post({})
45
   # bn_sprinklerv.show_post({Sprinkler:"on"})
  |# spon = intervene(bn_sprinkler, do={Sprinkler:"on"})
48 | # ProbRC(spon).show_post({})
```

The following is a representation of a possible model where marijuana is a gateway drug to harder drugs (or not). Try the queries at the end.

```
___probDo.py — (continued) _
   from variable import Variable
50
   from probFactors import Prob
   from probGraphicalModels import BeliefNetwork
52
   boolean = [False, True]
53
54
   Drug_Prone = Variable("Drug_Prone", boolean, position=(0.1,0.5)) #
55
       (0.5, 0.9)
   Side_Effects = Variable("Side_Effects", boolean, position=(0.1,0.5)) #
56
       (0.5, 0.1)
   Takes_Marijuana = Variable("\nTakes_Marijuana\n", boolean,
57
       position=(0.1, 0.5))
   Takes_Hard_Drugs = Variable("Takes_Hard_Drugs", boolean,
58
       position=(0.9, 0.5))
59
   p_dp = Prob(Drug_Prone, [], [0.8, 0.2])
   p_be = Prob(Side_Effects, [Takes_Marijuana], [[1, 0], [0.4, 0.6]])
   p_tm = Prob(Takes_Marijuana, [Drug_Prone], [[0.98, 0.02], [0.2, 0.8]])
   p_thd = Prob(Takes_Hard_Drugs, [Side_Effects, Drug_Prone],
63
                   # Drug_Prone=False Drug_Prone=True
64
                   [[[0.999, 0.001], [0.6, 0.4]], # Side_Effects=False
65
```

```
[[0.99999, 0.00001], [0.995, 0.005]]]) # Side_Effects=True
66
67
   drugs = BeliefNetwork("Gateway Drug?",
68
                      [Drug_Prone,Side_Effects, Takes_Marijuana,
69
                          Takes_Hard_Drugs],
                      [p_tm, p_dp, p_be, p_thd])
70
71
72
   drugsq = ProbRC(drugs)
   # drugsq.queryDo(Takes_Hard_Drugs)
  | # drugsq.queryDo(Takes_Hard_Drugs, obs = {Takes_Marijuana: True})
74
   |# drugsq.queryDo(Takes_Hard_Drugs, obs = {Takes_Marijuana: False})
75
   # drugsq.queryDo(Takes_Hard_Drugs, do = {Takes_Marijuana: True})
   # drugsq.queryDo(Takes_Hard_Drugs, do = {Takes_Marijuana: False})
77
78
79
   # ProbRC(drugs).show_post({})
80
  | # ProbRC(drugs).show_post({Takes_Marijuana: True})
81
  | # ProbRC(drugs).show_post({Takes_Marijuana: False})
82
   # ProbRC(intervene(drugs, do={Takes_Marijuana: True})).show_post({})
83
  # ProbRC(intervene(drugs, do={Takes_Marijuana: False})).show_post({})
  # Why was that? Try the following then repeat:
  # Drug_Prone.position=(0.5,0.9); Side_Effects.position=(0.5,0.1)
```

# 11.2 Counterfactual Example

Consider chain  $A \to B \to C$  where you want "what if A was True" or "what if A was False". For example, suppose A=true, C=true is observed and you want the probability of C if A were false. See Figure 11.1.

```
probCounterfactual.py — Counterfactual Query Example

from variable import Variable
from probFactors import Prob, ProbDT, IFeq, Dist
from probGraphicalModels import BeliefNetwork
from probRC import ProbRC
from probDo import queryDo

boolean = [False, True]
```

The following is a simple chain  $Ap \to Bp \to Cp$ . According to the probabilities, Bp is independent of Ap. This does not usually cause a problem; often parents are included because they might be relevant.

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# A B if a B if not a A' B C if b C if not b B'

#### ABC Counterfactual Example

Figure 11.1:  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  belief network for "what if A"

Here is the same network as a deterministic system with noise variables. The Primed variables correspond to "what if A were True" or "what if A were False". In this scenario, Aprime should be conditioned on. Conditioning on Aprime should not affect the non-primed variables. (You should check this).

```
_probCounterfactual.py — (continued) _
   # as a deterministic system with independent noise
   A = Variable("A", boolean, position=(0.2,0.8))
33
   B = Variable("B", boolean, position=(0.2,0.4))
34
   C = Variable("C", boolean, position=(0.2,0.0))
35
   Aprime = Variable("A'", boolean, position=(0.8,0.8))
36
   Bprime = Variable("B'", boolean, position=(0.8,0.4))
Cprime = Variable("C'", boolean, position=(0.8,0.0))
37
   BifA = Variable("B if a", boolean, position=(0.4,0.8))
   BifnA = Variable("B if not a", boolean, position=(0.6,0.8))
   CifB = Variable("C if b", boolean, position=(0.4,0.4))
41
  CifnB = Variable("C if not b", boolean, position=(0.6,0.4))
```

The following uses a tabular representation of the if-then-else structure that arises with a single Boolean parent when converted to a deterministic system with noise. The deterministic probability  $P(p \mid c, n_1, n_0)$  where  $n_i$  is the noise variable that is used when c = i is given by  $if1then2else3[c][n_1][n_0][p]$ . For example  $P(p=1 \mid c=0, n_1=0, n_0=1)$  is if1then2else3[0][0][1][1] has value 1 because p takes the value of  $n_0$  when c=0.

```
_probCounterfactual.py — (continued) _
   # if1then2else3 is a probability table
   # if1then2else3[x][y][z] is the deterministic probability that
45
   # is the value of y if x is 1 otherwise it is the value of z
46
   if1then2else3 = [[[[1,0],[0,1]],[[1,0],[0,1]]],
47
                    [[[1,0],[1,0]],[[0,1],[0,1]]]
48
49
50
   p_A = Prob(A, [], [0.5, 0.5])
51
52
   p_B = Prob(B, [A, BifA, BifnA], if1then2else3)
   p_C = Prob(C, [B, CifB, CifnB], if1then2else3)
  p_{Aprime} = Prob(Aprime,[], [0.5,0.5])
54
   p_Bprime = Prob(Bprime, [Aprime, BifA, BifnA], if1then2else3)
   p_Cprime = Prob(Cprime, [Bprime, CifB, CifnB], if1then2else3)
56
   |p_bifa = Prob(BifA, [], [0.6,0.4])
  |p_bifna = Prob(BifnA, [], [0.6,0.4])
   p_{cifb} = Prob(CifB, [], [0.9, 0.1])
   p_{cifnb} = Prob(CifnB, [], [0.2, 0.8])
60
61
   abcCounter = BeliefNetwork("ABC Counterfactual Example",
63
                       [A,B,C,Aprime,Bprime,Cprime,BifA, BifnA, CifB, CifnB],
                       [p_A,p_B,p_C,p_Aprime,p_Bprime, p_Cprime, p_bifa,
64
                           p_bifna, p_cifb, p_cifnb])
```

Here are some queries you might like to try. The show\_post queries might be most useful if you have the space to show multiple queries.

```
_probCounterfactual.py — (continued) _
   abcq = ProbRC(abcCounter)
   # abcq.queryDo(Cprime, obs = {Aprime:False, A:True})
67
  |# abcq.queryDo(Cprime, obs = {C:True, Aprime:False})
   | # abcq.queryDo(Cprime, obs = {A:True, C:True, Aprime:False})
   |# abcq.queryDo(Cprime, obs = {A:True, C:True, Aprime:False})
70
   # abcq.queryDo(Cprime, obs = {A:False, C:True, Aprime:False})
71
   # abcq.queryDo(CifB, obs = {C:True,Aprime:False})
72
   # abcq.queryDo(CifnB, obs = {C:True,Aprime:False})
73
74
   # abcq.show_post(obs = {})
75
  | # abcq.show_post(obs = {Aprime:False, A:True})
76
  | # abcq.show_post(obs = {A:True, C:True, Aprime:False})
77
   # abcq.show_post(obs = {A:True, C:True, Aprime:True})
```

**Exercise 11.1** Is the above reasonable? What is surprising about this?

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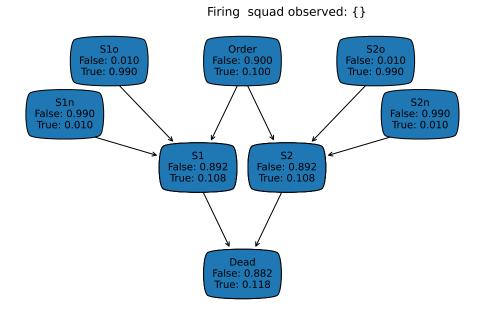


Figure 11.2: Firing squad belief network

What if *B* did depend on *A*, but not by very much (e.g.  $P(B \mid A) = 0.41$ ). Is the answer then reasonable?

Are there guidelines as to when a reasonable counterfactual probability is to be expected?

# 11.2.1 Firing Squad Example

The following is the firing squad example of Pearl as a deterministic system. See Figure 11.2.

```
probCounterfactual.py — (continued)

Order = Variable("Order", boolean, position=(0.4,0.8))

S1 = Variable("S1", boolean, position=(0.3,0.4))

S1o = Variable("S1o", boolean, position=(0.1,0.8))

S1n = Variable("S1n", boolean, position=(0.0,0.6))

S2 = Variable("S2", boolean, position=(0.5,0.4))

S2o = Variable("S2o", boolean, position=(0.7,0.8))

S2n = Variable("S2n", boolean, position=(0.8,0.6))

Dead = Variable("Dead", boolean, position=(0.4,0.0))
```

Instead of the tabular representation of the if-then-else structure used for the  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  network above, the following uses the decision tree representation of conditional probabilities of Section 9.3.4.

```
_probCounterfactual.py — (continued)
    def eqto(var):
89
        return IFeq(var,True,Dist([0,1]), Dist([1,0]))
90
91
    |p_S1 = ProbDT(S1, [Order, S1o, S1n],
92
93
                      IFeq(Order,True, eqto(S1o), eqto(S1n)))
    p_S2 = ProbDT(S2, [Order, S2o, S2n],
94
95
                      IFeq(Order,True, eqto(S2o), eqto(S2n)))
    p_dead = Prob(Dead, [S1,S2], [[[1,0],[0,1]],[[0,1],[0,1]])
96
    p_order = Prob(Order, [], [0.9, 0.1])
97
    p_s10 = Prob(S10, [], [0.01, 0.99])
    p_s1n = Prob(S1n, [], [0.99, 0.01])
99
    p_s20 = Prob(S20, [], [0.01, 0.99])
100
    p_s2n = Prob(S2n, [], [0.99, 0.01])
101
102
    firing_squad = BeliefNetwork("Firing squad",
103
104
                              [Order, S1, S1o, S1n, S2, S2o, S2n, Dead],
                              [p_order, p_dead, p_S1, p_s1o, p_s1n, p_S2, p_s2o,
105
                                  p_s2n]
    fsq = ProbRC(firing_squad)
106
    # fsq.queryDo(Dead)
107
    | # fsq.queryDo(Order, obs={Dead:True})
108
    | # fsq.queryDo(Dead, obs={Order:True})
109
   |# fsq.show_post({})
110
    # fsq.show_post({Dead:True})
111
112 | # fsq.show_post({Order:True})
```

**Exercise 11.2** Create the network for "what if shooter 2 did or did not shoot". Give the probabilities of the following counterfactuals:

- (a) The prisoner is dead; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if shooter 2 did not shoot?
- (b) Shooter 2 shot; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if shooter 2 did not shoot?
- (c) No order was given, but the prisoner is dead; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if shooter 2 did not shoot?

**Exercise 11.3** Create the network for "what if the order was or was not given". Give the probabilities of the following counterfactuals:

- (a) The prisoner is dead; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if the order was not given?
- (b) The prisoner is not dead; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if the order was not given? (Is this different from the prior that the prisoner is dead, or the posterior that the prisoner was dead given the order was not given).
- (c) Shooter 2 shot; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if the order was not given?

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(d) Shooter 2 did not shoot; what is the probability that the prisoner would be dead if the order was given? (Is this different from the probability that the the prisoner would be dead if the order was given without the counterfactual observation)?

# Planning with Uncertainty

## 12.1 Decision Networks

The decision network code builds on the representation for belief networks of Chapter 9.

We first allow for factors that define the utility. Here the **utility** is a function of the variables in *vars*. In a **utility table** the utility is defined in terms of a tabular factor – a list that enumerates the values – as in Section 9.3.3.

```
_decnNetworks.py — Representations for Decision Networks _
  from probGraphicalModels import GraphicalModel, BeliefNetwork
   from probFactors import Factor, CPD, TabFactor, factor_times, Prob
   from variable import Variable
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14
   class Utility(Factor):
16
        """A factor defining a utility"""
17
18
19
   class UtilityTable(TabFactor, Utility):
20
       """A factor defining a utility using a table"""
21
       def __init__(self, vars, table, position=None):
22
           """Creates a factor on vars from the table.
23
           The table is ordered according to vars.
24
25
           TabFactor.__init__(self,vars,table, name="Utility")
26
           self.position = position
```

A **decision variable** is a like a random variable with a string name, and a domain, which is a list of possible values. The decision variable also includes the parents, a list of the variables whose value will be known when the decision is made. It also includes a potion, which is only used for plotting.

```
class DecisionVariable(Variable):
    def __init__(self, name, domain, parents, position=None):
        Variable.__init__(self, name, domain, position)
        self.parents = parents
        self.all_vars = set(parents) | {self}
```

A decision network is a graphical model where the variables can be random variables or decision variables. Among the factors we assume there is one utility factor.

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued)
   class DecisionNetwork(BeliefNetwork):
35
       def __init__(self, title, vars, factors):
36
           """vars is a list of variables
37
           factors is a list of factors (instances of CPD and Utility)
39
40
           GraphicalModel.__init__(self, title, vars, factors) # don't call
               init for BeliefNetwork
           self.var2parents = ({v : v.parents for v in vars if
41
               isinstance(v,DecisionVariable)}
                       | {f.child:f.parents for f in factors if
42
                           isinstance(f,CPD)})
           self.children = {n:[] for n in self.variables}
43
           for v in self.var2parents:
44
              for par in self.var2parents[v]:
45
                  self.children[par].append(v)
           self.utility_factor = [f for f in factors if
47
               isinstance(f,Utility)][0]
           self.topological_sort_saved = None
48
49
       def __str__(self):
50
51
           return self.title
```

The split order ensures that the parents of a decision node are split before the decision node, and no other variables (if that is possible).

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued)
       def split_order(self):
53
           so = []
54
           tops = self.topological_sort()
55
            for v in tops:
56
                if isinstance(v,DecisionVariable):
                   so += [p for p in v.parents if p not in so]
58
                   so.append(v)
            so += [v for v in tops if v not in so]
60
            return so
61
                                  _decnNetworks.py — (continued)
       def show(self, fontsize=10,
63
```

```
colors={'utility':'red', 'decision':'lime',
64
                        'random':'orange'} ):
           plt.ion() # interactive
65
           ax = plt.figure().gca()
66
           ax.set_axis_off()
67
           plt.title(self.title, fontsize=fontsize)
68
           for par in self.utility_factor.variables:
               ax.annotate("Utility", par.position,
70
                   xytext=self.utility_factor.position,
                                      arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<-'},</pre>
71
                                     bbox=dict(boxstyle="sawtooth,pad=1.0",color=colors['utility']),
72
                                     ha='center', va='center',
73
                                          fontsize=fontsize)
           for var in reversed(self.topological_sort()):
74
               if isinstance(var, DecisionVariable):
75
                  bbox =
76
                       dict(boxstyle="square,pad=1.0",color=colors['decision'])
               else:
77
78
                 bbox =
                      dict(boxstyle="round4,pad=1.0,rounding_size=0.5",color=colors['random'])
               if self.var2parents[var]:
79
                  for par in self.var2parents[var]:
                      ax.annotate(var.name, par.position, xytext=var.position,
81
                                     arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<-'},bbox=bbox,</pre>
82
                                     ha='center', va='center',
83
                                          fontsize=fontsize)
               else:
84
85
                  x,y = var.position
                  plt.text(x,y,var.name,bbox=bbox,ha='center', va='center',
86
                       fontsize=fontsize)
```

## 12.1.1 Example Decision Networks

Umbrella Decision Network

Here is a simple "umbrella" decision network. The output of umbrella\_dn.show() is shown in Figure 12.1.

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Umbrella Decision Network

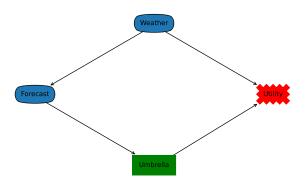


Figure 12.1: The umbrella decision network

```
"Rain":{"Sunny":0.15,
95
                                                  "Cloudy":0.25, "Rainy":0.6}})
    umb_utility = UtilityTable([Weather, Umbrella], {"NoRain":{"Take":20,
96
        "Leave":100},
                                                      "Rain":{"Take":70,
97
                                                          "Leave":0}},
                                                          position=(1,0.4)
98
    umbrella_dn = DecisionNetwork("Umbrella Decision Network",
99
                                     {Weather, Forecast, Umbrella},
100
                                     {p_weather, p_forecast, umb_utility})
101
102
    # umbrella_dn.show()
103
   # umbrella_dn.show(fontsize=15)
104
```

The following is a variant with the umbrella decision having 2 parents; nothing else has changed. This is interesting because one of the parents is not needed; if the agent knows the weather, it can ignore the forecast.

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued) _
    Umbrella2p = DecisionVariable("Umbrella", ["Take", "Leave"], {Forecast,
106
        Weather}, position=(0.5,0))
    umb_utility2p = UtilityTable([Weather, Umbrella2p], {"NoRain":{"Take":20,
107
        "Leave":100},
                                                       "Rain":{"Take":70,
108
                                                           "Leave":0}},
                                                           position=(1,0.4))
    umbrella_dn2p = DecisionNetwork("Umbrella Decision Network (extra arc)",
109
                                     {Weather, Forecast, Umbrella2p},
110
                                     {p_weather, p_forecast, umb_utility2p})
111
112
   # umbrella_dn2p.show()
113
```

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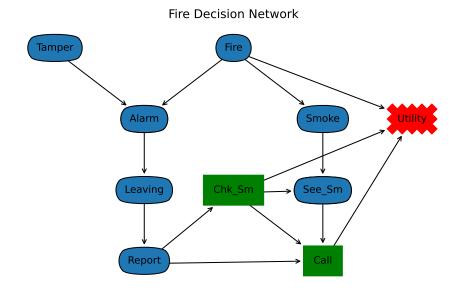


Figure 12.2: Fire Decision Network

# umbrella\_dn2p.show(fontsize=15)

#### Fire Decision Network

The fire decision network of Figure 12.2 (showing the result of fire\_dn.show()) is represented as:

```
\_decnNetworks.py — (continued) \_
   |boolean = [False, True]
116
   Alarm = Variable("Alarm", boolean, position=(0.25,0.633))
117
   Fire = Variable("Fire", boolean, position=(0.5,0.9))
118
    Leaving = Variable("Leaving", boolean, position=(0.25,0.366))
119
    Report = Variable("Report", boolean, position=(0.25,0.1))
120
    Smoke = Variable("Smoke", boolean, position=(0.75,0.633))
121
    Tamper = Variable("Tamper", boolean, position=(0,0.9))
122
123
    See_Sm = Variable("See_Sm", boolean, position=(0.75,0.366) )
124
    Chk_Sm = DecisionVariable("Chk_Sm", boolean, {Report}, position=(0.5,
125
        0.366))
    Call = DecisionVariable("Call", boolean,{See_Sm,Chk_Sm,Report},
126
        position=(0.75, 0.1))
128 | f_ta = Prob(Tamper,[],[0.98,0.02])
```

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```
f_{fi} = Prob(Fire, [], [0.99, 0.01])
129
130
    f_{sm} = Prob(Smoke, [Fire], [[0.99, 0.01], [0.1, 0.9]])
    f_al = Prob(Alarm,[Fire,Tamper],[[[0.9999, 0.0001], [0.15, 0.85]], [[0.01,
131
         0.99], [0.5, 0.5]]])
    f_{lv} = Prob(Leaving, [Alarm], [[0.999, 0.001], [0.12, 0.88]])
132
    f_re = Prob(Report, [Leaving], [[0.99, 0.01], [0.25, 0.75]])
133
134
    f_ss = Prob(See_Sm,[Chk_Sm,Smoke],[[[1,0],[1,0]],[[1,0],[0,1]]])
135
    ut = UtilityTable([Chk_Sm,Fire,Call],
136
                          [[[0,-200],[-5000,-200]],[[-20,-220],[-5020,-220]]],
137
                          position=(1,0.633))
138
139
    fire_dn = DecisionNetwork("Fire Decision Network",
140
                              {Tamper, Fire, Alarm, Leaving, Smoke, Call, See_Sm, Chk_Sm, Report},
141
                              \{f_{ta}, f_{fi}, f_{sm}, f_{al}, f_{lv}, f_{re}, f_{ss}, ut\}
142
143
    # print(ut.to_table())
144
    # fire_dn.show()
145
    # fire_dn.show(fontsize=15)
```

#### Cheating Decision Network

The following is the representation of the cheating decision of Figure 12.3. Note that we keep the names of the variables short (less than 8 characters) so that the tables look good when printed.

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued)
    grades = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'F']
    Watched = Variable("Watched", boolean, position=(0,0.9))
149
    Caught1 = Variable("Caught1", boolean, position=(0.2,0.7))
    Caught2 = Variable("Caught2", boolean, position=(0.6,0.7))
151
    Punish = Variable("Punish", ["None", "Suspension", "Recorded"],
152
        position=(0.8, 0.9))
    Grade_1 = Variable("Grade_1", grades, position=(0.2,0.3))
153
    Grade_2 = Variable("Grade_2", grades, position=(0.6,0.3))
154
    Fin_Grd = Variable("Fin_Grd", grades, position=(0.8,0.1))
155
    Cheat_1 = DecisionVariable("Cheat_1", boolean, set(), position=(0,0.5))
156
        #no parents
    Cheat_2 = DecisionVariable("Cheat_2", boolean, {Cheat_1,Caught1},
157
        position=(0.4, 0.5))
158
    p_{wa} = Prob(Watched, [], [0.7, 0.3])
159
    p_cc1 = Prob(Caught1,[Watched,Cheat_1],[[[1.0, 0.0], [0.9, 0.1]], [[1.0,
        0.0], [0.5, 0.5]])
    p_cc2 = Prob(Caught2, [Watched, Cheat_2], [[[1.0, 0.0], [0.9, 0.1]], [[1.0,
161
        0.0], [0.5, 0.5]]])
    p_pun = Prob(Punish, [Caught1, Caught2],
162
                    [[{"None":0, "Suspension":0, "Recorded":0},
163
                      {"None":0.5, "Suspension":0.4, "Recorded":0.1}],
164
                     [{"None":0.6, "Suspension":0.2, "Recorded":0.2},
165
```

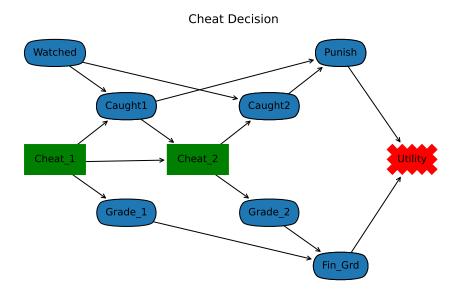


Figure 12.3: Cheating Decision Network

```
{"None":0.2, "Suspension":0.3, "Recorded":0.3}]])
166
    p_gr1 = Prob(Grade_1,[Cheat_1], [{'A':0.2, 'B':0.3, 'C':0.3, 'F': 0.2},
167
                                   {'A':0.5, 'B':0.3, 'C':0.2, 'F':0.0}])
168
    p_gr2 = Prob(Grade_2,[Cheat_2], [{'A':0.2, 'B':0.3, 'C':0.3, 'F': 0.2},
169
                                   {'A':0.5, 'B':0.3, 'C':0.2, 'F':0.0}])
170
    p_fg = Prob(Fin_Grd,[Grade_1,Grade_2],
171
            {'A':{'A':{'A':1.0, 'B':0.0, 'C': 0.0, 'F':0.0},
172
                  'B': {'A':0.5, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.0, 'F':0.0},
173
                 'C':{'A':0.25, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.25, 'F':0.0},
174
                 'F':{'A':0.25, 'B':0.25, 'C': 0.25, 'F':0.25}},
175
             'B':{'A':{'A':0.5, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.0, 'F':0.0},
176
                  'B': {'A':0.0, 'B':1, 'C': 0.0, 'F':0.0},
177
                 'C':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.0},
178
                 'F':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.25, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.25}},
179
             'C':{'A':{'A':0.25, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.25, 'F':0.0},
180
                  'B': {'A':0.0, 'B':0.5, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.0},
181
                 'C':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.0, 'C': 1, 'F':0.0},
182
                 'F':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.0, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.5}},
183
             'F':{'A':{'A':0.25, 'B':0.25, 'C': 0.25, 'F':0.25},
184
                  'B': {'A':0.0, 'B':0.25, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.25},
185
                 'C':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.0, 'C': 0.5, 'F':0.5},
186
                  'F':{'A':0.0, 'B':0.0, 'C': 0, 'F':1.0}}})
187
188
   utc = UtilityTable([Punish,Fin_Grd],
189
```

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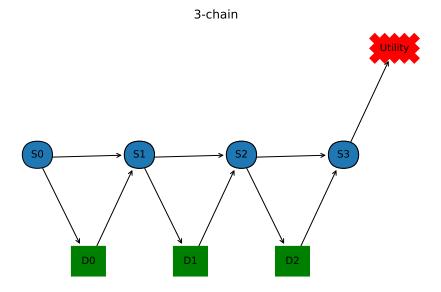


Figure 12.4: A decision network that is a chain of 3 decisions

```
{'None':{'A':100, 'B':90, 'C': 70, 'F':50},
190
                            'Suspension':{'A':40, 'B':20, 'C': 10, 'F':0},
191
                           'Recorded':{'A':70, 'B':60, 'C': 40, 'F':20}},
192
                          position=(1,0.5)
193
194
    cheating_dn = DecisionNetwork("Cheating Decision Network",
195
                   {Punish, Caught2, Watched, Fin_Grd, Grade_2, Grade_1, Cheat_2, Caught1, Cheat_1},
196
                   {p_wa, p_cc1, p_cc2, p_pun, p_gr1, p_gr2,p_fg,utc})
197
198
    # cheating_dn.show()
199
   # cheating_dn.show(fontsize=15)
```

#### Chain of 3 decisions

The following example is a finite-stage fully-observable Markov decision process with a single reward (utility) at the end. It is interesting because the parents do not include all predecessors. The methods we use will work without change on this, even though the agent does not condition on all of its previous observations and actions. The output of ch3.show() is shown in Figure 12.4.

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```
D1 = DecisionVariable('D1', boolean, {S1}, position=(3/7,0.1))
205
    S2 = Variable('S2', boolean, position=(4/7,0.5))
206
    D2 = DecisionVariable('D2', boolean, {S2}, position=(5/7,0.1))
207
    S3 = Variable('S3', boolean, position=(6/7,0.5))
208
209
    p_s0 = Prob(S0, [], [0.5, 0.5])
210
211
    tr = [[[0.1, 0.9], [0.9, 0.1]], [[0.2, 0.8], [0.8, 0.2]]] # 0 is flip, 1
        is keep value
    p_s1 = Prob(S1, [D0,S0], tr)
    p_s2 = Prob(S2, [D1,S1], tr)
213
    p_s3 = Prob(S3, [D2,S2], tr)
214
215
    ch3U = UtilityTable([S3],[0,1], position=(7/7,0.9))
216
217
    ch3 = DecisionNetwork("3-chain",
218
        {S0,D0,S1,D1,S2,D2,S3},{p_s0,p_s1,p_s2,p_s3,ch3U})
219
    # ch3.show()
220
    # ch3.show(fontsize=15)
```

#### 12.1.2 Decision Functions

The output of an optimation function is an optimal policy, a list of decision functions, and the expected value of the optimal policy. A decision function is the action for each decision variable as a function of its parents.

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued) _
223
    class DictFactor(Factor):
        """A factor the represents the values using a dicionary"""
224
        def __init__(self, *pargs, **kwargs):
225
            self.values = {}
226
            Factor.__init__(self, *pargs, **kwargs)
227
228
        def assign(self, assignment, value):
229
            self.values[frozenset(assignment.items())] = value
230
231
        def get_value(self, assignment):
232
            ass = frozenset(assignment.items())
233
            assert ass in self.values, f"assignment {assignment} cannot be
234
                evaluated"
            return self.values[ass]
235
236
237
    class DecisionFunction(DictFactor):
        def __init__(self, decision, parents):
238
            """ A decision function
239
            decision is a decision variable
240
            parents is a set of variables
241
242
            self.decision = decision
243
            self.parent = parents
244
```

```
DictFactor.__init__(self, parents, name=decision.name)
```

## 12.1.3 Recursive Conditioning for decision networks

An instance of a RC\_DN object takes in a decision network. The query method uses recursive conditioning to compute the expected utility of the optimal policy. self.opt\_policy becomes the optimal policy.

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued)
247
    import math
    from probGraphicalModels import GraphicalModel, InferenceMethod
248
    from probFactors import Factor
249
    from probRC import connected_components
250
251
    class RC_DN(InferenceMethod):
252
        """The class that queries graphical models using recursive conditioning
253
254
        gm is graphical model to query
255
256
257
        def __init__(self,gm=None):
258
            self.gm = gm
259
            self.cache = {(frozenset(), frozenset()):1}
260
            ## self.max_display_level = 3
261
262
263
        def optimize(self, split_order=None, algorithm=None):
            """computes expected utility, and creates optimal decision
264
                functions, where
            elim_order is a list of the non-observed non-query variables in gm
265
            algorithm is the (search algortithm to use). Default is self.rc
266
267
            if algorithm is None:
268
               algorithm = self.rc
269
            if split_order == None:
270
                split_order = self.gm.split_order()
271
            self.opt_policy = {v:DecisionFunction(v, v.parents)
272
                                  for v in self.gm.variables
273
                                  if isinstance(v,DecisionVariable)}
274
            return algorithm({}, self.gm.factors, split_order)
275
276
        def show_policy(self):
277
            print('\n'.join(df.to_table() for df in self.opt_policy.values()))
278
```

The following us the simplest search-based algorithm. It is exponential in the number of variables, so is not very useful. However, it is simple, and useful to understand before looking at the more complicated algorithm. Note that the above code does not call rc0; you will need to change the self.rc to self.rc0 in above code to use it.

```
def rc0(self, context, factors, split_order):
280
281
            """simplest search algorithm
            context is a variable: value dictionary
282
            factors is a set of factors
283
            split_order is a list of variables in factors that are not in
284
                context
285
            self.display(3,"calling rc0,",(context,factors),"with
286
                SO", split_order)
            if not factors:
287
                return 1
288
            elif to_eval := {fac for fac in factors if
289
                fac.can_evaluate(context)}:
                self.display(3,"rc0 evaluating factors",to_eval)
290
                val = math.prod(fac.get_value(context) for fac in to_eval)
291
                return val * self.rc0(context, factors-to_eval, split_order)
292
            else:
293
                var = split_order[0]
294
                self.display(3, "rc0 branching on", var)
295
                if isinstance(var, DecisionVariable):
296
                   assert set(context) <= set(var.parents), f"cannot optimize</pre>
297
                        {var} in context {context}"
                   maxres = -math.inf
298
                   for val in var.domain:
299
                       self.display(3,"In rc0, branching on",var,"=",val)
300
                       newres = self.rc0({var:val}|context, factors,
301
                            split_order[1:])
302
                       if newres > maxres:
                           maxres = newres
303
                           theval = val
304
                   self.opt_policy[var].assign(context,theval)
305
                   return maxres
306
               else:
307
                    total = 0
308
                   for val in var.domain:
309
                       total += self.rc0({var:val}|context, factors,
310
                            split_order[1:])
                   self.display(3, "rc0 branching on", var, "returning", total)
311
312
                   return total
```

We can combine the optimization for decision networks above, with the improvements of recursive conditioning used for graphical models (Section 9.7, page 220).

```
def rc(self, context, factors, split_order):

""" returns the number \sum_{split_order} \prod_{factors} given assignments in context

context is a variable:value dictionary factors is a set of factors
```

```
split_order is a list of variables in factors that are not in
318
                context
319
            self.display(3,"calling rc,",(context,factors))
320
            ce = (frozenset(context.items()), frozenset(factors)) # key for the
321
                cache entry
322
            if ce in self.cache:
               self.display(2,"rc cache lookup",(context,factors))
323
                return self.cache[ce]
324
            if not factors: # no factors; needed if you don't have forgetting
    #
325
        and caching
    #
                return 1
326
            elif vars_not_in_factors := {var for var in context
327
                                           if not any(var in fac.variables for
328
                                               fac in factors)}:
                # forget variables not in any factor
329
                self.display(3,"rc forgetting variables", vars_not_in_factors)
330
                return self.rc({key:val for (key,val) in context.items()
331
                                   if key not in vars_not_in_factors},
332
                               factors, split_order)
333
            elif to_eval := {fac for fac in factors if
334
                fac.can_evaluate(context)):
               # evaluate factors when all variables are assigned
335
               self.display(3,"rc evaluating factors",to_eval)
336
               val = math.prod(fac.get_value(context) for fac in to_eval)
337
                if val == 0:
338
                   return 0
339
340
               else:
                return val * self.rc(context, {fac for fac in factors if fac
341
                    not in to_eval}, split_order)
            elif len(comp := connected_components(context, factors,
342
                split_order)) > 1:
                # there are disconnected components
343
                self.display(2, "splitting into connected components", comp)
344
                return(math.prod(self.rc(context,f,eo) for (f,eo) in comp))
345
            else:
346
                assert split_order, f"split_order empty rc({context},{factors})"
347
               var = split_order[0]
348
                self.display(3, "rc branching on", var)
349
                if isinstance(var, DecisionVariable):
350
                   assert set(context) <= set(var.parents), f"cannot optimize</pre>
351
                       {var} in context {context}"
                   maxres = -math.inf
352
                   for val in var.domain:
353
                       self.display(3,"In rc, branching on",var,"=",val)
354
                       newres = self.rc({var:val}|context, factors,
355
                           split_order[1:])
                       if newres > maxres:
356
                           maxres = newres
357
                           theval = val
358
```

```
self.opt_policy[var].assign(context, theval)
359
360
                    self.cache[ce] = maxres
                    return maxres
361
                else:
362
                    total = 0
363
                    for val in var.domain:
364
365
                       total += self.rc({var:val}|context, factors,
                            split_order[1:])
                    self.display(3, "rc branching on", var, "returning", total)
366
                    self.cache[ce] = total
367
                    return total
368
```

Here is how to run the optimize the example decision networks:

```
___decnNetworks.py — (continued) _
    # Umbrella decision network
370
    #urc = RC_DN(umbrella_dn)
371
    #urc.optimize(algorithm=urc.rc0) #RC0
372
    #urc.optimize() #RC
373
    #urc.show_policy()
374
375
    #rc_fire = RC_DN(fire_dn)
376
    #rc_fire.optimize()
377
    #rc_fire.show_policy()
378
379
    #rc_cheat = RC_DN(cheating_dn)
380
    #rc_cheat.optimize()
381
    #rc_cheat.show_policy()
382
383
    \#rc\_ch3 = RC\_DN(ch3)
384
    #rc_ch3.optimize()
385
   | #rc_ch3.show_policy()
386
   | # rc_ch3.optimize(algorithm=rc_ch3.rc0) # why does that happen?
```

#### 12.1.4 Variable elimination for decision networks

VE\_DN is variable elimination for decision networks. The method *optimize* is used to optimize all the decisions. Note that *optimize* requires a legal elimination ordering of the random and decision variables, otherwise it will give an exception. (A decision node can only be maximized if the variables that are not its parents have already been eliminated.)

```
from probVE import VE

class VE_DN(VE):
    """Variable Elimination for Decision Networks"""

def __init__(self,dn=None):
    """dn is a decision network"""

VE.__init__(self,dn)
```

```
self.dn = dn
396
397
        def optimize(self,elim_order=None,obs={}):
398
            if elim_order == None:
399
                   elim_order = reversed(self.gm.split_order())
400
            self.opt_policy = {}
401
402
            proj_factors = [self.project_observations(fact,obs)
                              for fact in self.dn.factors]
403
            for v in elim_order:
404
               if isinstance(v,DecisionVariable):
405
                   to_max = [fac for fac in proj_factors
406
                             if v in fac.variables and set(fac.variables) <=</pre>
407
                                 v.all_vars]
                   assert len(to_max)==1, "illegal variable order
408
                        "+str(elim_order)+" at "+str(v)
                   newFac = FactorMax(v, to_max[0])
409
                   self.opt_policy[v]=newFac.decision_fun
410
                   proj_factors = [fac for fac in proj_factors if fac is not
411
                        to_max[0]]+[newFac]
                   self.display(2,"maximizing",v )
412
                   self.display(3,newFac)
413
414
               else:
                   proj_factors = self.eliminate_var(proj_factors, v)
415
            assert len(proj_factors)==1,"Should there be only one element of
416
                proj_factors?"
            return proj_factors[0].get_value({})
417
418
419
        def show_policy(self):
           print('\n'.join(df.to_table() for df in self.opt_policy.values()))
420
                                 _decnNetworks.py — (continued) _
    class FactorMax(TabFactor):
422
        """A factor obtained by maximizing a variable in a factor.
423
        Also builds a decision_function. This is based on FactorSum.
424
425
426
427
        def __init__(self, dvar, factor):
            """dvar is a decision variable.
428
            factor is a factor that contains dvar and only parents of dvar
429
430
            self.dvar = dvar
431
            self.factor = factor
432
            vars = [v for v in factor.variables if v is not dvar]
433
            Factor.__init__(self,vars)
434
435
            self.values = {}
            self.decision_fun = DecisionFunction(dvar, dvar.parents)
436
437
        def get_value(self,assignment):
438
            """lazy implementation: if saved, return saved value, else compute
439
                it"""
```

```
new_asst = \{x:v \text{ for } (x,v) \text{ in assignment.items() if } x \text{ in }
440
                 self.variables}
            asst = frozenset(new_asst.items())
            if asst in self.values:
442
                return self.values[asst]
443
            else:
444
445
                max_val = float("-inf") # -infinity
                for elt in self.dvar.domain:
446
                    fac_val = self.factor.get_value(assignment|{self.dvar:elt})
447
                    if fac_val>max_val:
448
                        max_val = fac_val
449
                        best elt = elt
450
                self.values[asst] = max_val
451
                self.decision_fun.assign(assignment, best_elt)
452
                return max_val
453
```

Here are some example queries:

```
_decnNetworks.py — (continued)
    # Example queries:
455
    # vf = VE_DN(fire_dn)
456
    # vf.optimize()
457
458
    |# vf.show_policy()
459
    # VE_DN.max_display_level = 3 # if you want to show lots of detail
460
    # vc = VE_DN(cheating_dn)
461
    # vc.optimize()
462
    # vc.show_policy()
463
464
465
    def test(dn):
466
        rc0dn = RC_DN(dn)
467
        rc0v = rc0dn.optimize(algorithm=rc0dn.rc0)
468
        rcdn = RC_DN(dn)
469
        rcv = rcdn.optimize()
470
        assert abs(rc0v-rcv)<1e-10, f"rc0 produces {rc0v}; rc produces {rcv}"</pre>
471
        vedn = VE_DN(dn)
472
473
        vev = vedn.optimize()
        assert abs(vev-rcv)<1e-10, f"VE_DN produces {vev}; RC produces {rcv}"</pre>
474
        print(f"passed unit test. rc0, rc and VE gave same result for {dn}")
475
476
    if __name__ == "__main__":
477
        test(fire_dn)
478
```

# 12.2 Markov Decision Processes

The following represent a Markov decision process (MDP) directly, rather than using the recursive conditioning or variable elimination code, as was dome for decision networks.

```
___mdpProblem.py — Representations for Markov Decision Processes _
   import random
   from display import Displayable
   from utilities import argmaxd
13
14
15
   class MDP(Displayable):
       """A Markov Decision Process. Must define:
16
       title a string that gives the title of the MDP
17
       states the set (or list) of states
18
19
       actions the set (or list) of actions
       discount a real-valued discount
20
21
22
       def __init__(self, title, states, actions, discount, init=0):
23
           self.title = title
24
           self.states = states
25
           self.actions = actions
26
           self.discount = discount
27
           self.initv = self.V = {s:init for s in self.states}
28
           self.initq = self.Q = {s: {a: init for a in self.actions} for s in
29
               self.states}
30
31
       def P(self,s,a):
           """Transition probability function
32
           returns a dictionary of \{s1:p1\} such that P(s1 \mid s,a)=p1. Other
33
               probabilities are zero.
34
           raise NotImplementedError("P") # abstract method
35
36
       def R(self,s,a):
37
           """Reward function R(s,a)
38
           returns the expected reward for doing a in state s.
39
40
           raise NotImplementedError("R") # abstract method
41
```

Two state partying example (Example 12.29 in Poole and Mackworth [2023]):

```
___mdpExamples.py — MDP Examples __
   from mdpProblem import MDP, ProblemDomain, distribution
11
   from mdpGUI import GridDomain
12
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
13
14
15
   class partyMDP(MDP):
       """Simple 2-state, 2-Action Partying MDP Example"""
16
       def __init__(self, discount=0.9):
17
           states = {'healthy','sick'}
18
           actions = {'relax', 'party'}
           MDP.__init__(self, "party MDP", states, actions, discount)
20
21
       def R(self,s,a):
22
```

```
"R(s,a)"
23
24
           return { 'healthy': {'relax': 7, 'party': 10},
                    'sick': {'relax': 0, 'party': 2 }}[s][a]
25
26
       def P(self,s,a):
27
           "returns a dictionary of \{s1:p1\} such that P(s1 \mid s,a)=p1. Other
28
               probabilities are zero.'
           phealthy = { # P('healthy' | s, a)
29
                        'healthy': {'relax': 0.95, 'party': 0.7},
30
                        'sick': {'relax': 0.5, 'party': 0.1 }}[s][a]
31
           return {'healthy':phealthy, 'sick':1-phealthy}
32
```

The distribution class is used to represent distibutions as they are being created. Probability distributions are represented as item:value dictionaries. When being constructed, adding an item:value to the dictionary has to act differently when the item is already in the dictionary and when it isn't. The add\_prob method works whether the item is in the dictionary or not.

```
_mdpProblem.py — (continued)
   class distribution(dict):
43
       """A distribution is an item:prob dictionary.
       The only new part is when a new item:pr is added, and item is already
45
            there, the values are summed
46
       def __init__(self,d):
47
           dict.__init__(self,d)
48
49
       def add_prob(self, item, pr):
50
51
           if item in self:
               self[item] += pr
52
53
           else:
               self[item] = pr
54
           return self
55
```

#### 12.2.1 Problem Domains

An MDP does not contain enough information to simulate a domain, because

- (a) the rewards and resulting state can be correlated (e.g., in the grid domains below, crashing into a wall results in both a negative reward and the agent not moving), and
- (b) it represents the *expected* reward (e.g., a reward of 1 is has the same expected value as as a reward of 100 with probability 1/100 and 0 otherwise, but these are different in a simulation).

A problem domain represents a problem as a function result from states and actions into a distribution of (*state, reward*) pairs. This can be a subclass of MDP because it implements R and P. A problem domain also specifies an initial state and coordinate information used by the graphical user interfaces.

```
\_mdpProblem.py - (continued) _{-}
    class ProblemDomain(MDP):
57
        """A ProblemDomain implements
58
59
        self.result(state, action) -> {(reward, state):probability}.
        Other pairs have probability are zero.
60
        The probabilities must sum to 1.
61
        11 11 11
62
        def __init__(self, title, states, actions, discount,
63
                        initial_state=None, x_dim=0, y_dim = 0,
                        vinit=0, offsets={}):
65
            """A problem domain
            * title is list of titles
67
            * states is the list of states
            * actions is the list of actions
69
            * discount is the discount factor
            * initial_state is the state the agent starts at (for simulation)
71
                if known
            \star x_dim and y_dim are the dimensions used by the GUI to show the
72
                states in 2-dimensions
            * vinit is the initial value
73
            * offsets is a {action:(x,y)} map which specifies how actions are
74
                displayed in GUI
75
           MDP.__init__(self, title, states, actions, discount)
76
            if initial_state is not None:
77
                self.state = initial_state
78
            else:
79
                self.state = random.choice(states)
80
            self.vinit = vinit # value to reset v,q to
81
            # The following are for the GUI:
82
            self.x_dim = x_dim
83
            self.y_dim = y_dim
            self.offsets = offsets
85
86
        def state2pos(self,state):
87
            """When displaying as a grid, this specifies how the state is
88
                mapped to (x,y) position.
            The default is for domains where the (x,y) position is the state
89
90
91
            return state
92
93
        def state2goal(self,state):
            """When displaying as a grid, this specifies how the state is
94
                mapped to goal position.
            The default is for domains where there is no goal
95
96
97
            return None
98
99
        def pos2state(self,pos):
            """When displaying as a grid, this specifies how the state is
100
```

```
mapped to (x,y) position.
101
            The default is for domains where the (x,y) position is the state
102
            return pos
103
104
        def P(self, state, action):
105
            """Transition probability function
106
            returns a dictionary of {s1:p1} such that P(s1 | state,action)=p1.
107
            Other probabilities are zero.
108
109
            res = self.result(state, action)
110
            acc = 1e-6 # accuracy for test of equality
111
            assert 1-acc<sum(res.values())<1+acc, f"result({state},{action})</pre>
112
                not a distribution, sum={sum(res.values())}"
            dist = distribution({})
113
            for ((r,s),p) in res.items():
114
                dist.add_prob(s,p)
115
            return dist
116
117
        def R(self, state, action):
118
            """Reward function R(s,a)
119
            returns the expected reward for doing a in state s.
120
121
            return sum(r*p for ((r,s),p) in self.result(state, action).items())
122
```

#### Tiny Game

The next example is the tiny game from Example 13.1 and Figure 13.1 of Poole and Mackworth [2023] The state is represented as (x,y) where x counts from zero from the left, and y counts from zero upwards, so the state (0,0) is on the bottom-left state. The actions are upC for up-careful, upR for up-risky, left, and left. (Note that GridDomain means that it can be shown with the MDP GUI in Section 12.2.3).

```
_mdpExamples.py — (continued)
34
   class MDPtiny(ProblemDomain, GridDomain):
       def __init__(self, discount=0.9):
35
           x_dim = 2 \# x_dimension
36
37
           y_dim = 3
           ProblemDomain.__init__(self,
38
               "Tiny MDP", # title
39
               [(x,y) for x in range(x_dim) for y in range(y_dim)], #states
40
               ['right', 'upC', 'left', 'upR'], #actions
41
               discount,
               x_dim=x_dim, y_dim = y_dim,
43
               offsets = {'right': (0.25,0), 'upC': (0,-0.25), 'left': (-0.25,0),
                    'upR':(0,0.25)}
               )
45
46
```

```
47
       def result(self, state, action):
           """return a dictionary of \{(r,s):p\} where p is the probability of
48
               reward r, state s
           a state is an (x,y) pair
49
50
           (x,y) = state
51
52
           right = (-x,(1,y)) # reward is -1 if x was 1
           left = (0,(0,y)) if x==1 else [(-1,(0,0)), (-100,(0,1)),
53
               (10,(0,0))][y]
           up = (0,(x,y+1)) if y<2 else (-1,(x,y))
54
           if action == 'right':
55
               return {right:1}
56
           elif action == 'upC':
57
               (r,s) = up
58
59
               return {(r-1,s):1}
           elif action == 'left':
60
              return {left:1}
61
           elif action == 'upR':
63
               return distribution({left:
                   0.1}).add_prob(right, 0.1).add_prob(up, 0.8)
              # Exercise: what is wrong with return {left: 0.1, right:0.1,
64
                   up:0.8}
65
   # To show GUI do
67 | # MDPtiny().viGUI()
```

#### Grid World

Here is the domain of Example 12.30 of Poole and Mackworth [2023], shown here in Figure 12.5. A state is represented as (x,y) where x counts from zero from the left, and y counts from zero upwards, so the state (0,0) is on the bottom-left.

```
__mdpExamples.py — (continued) _
              class grid(ProblemDomain, GridDomain):
69
                              """ x_dim * y_dim grid with rewarding states"""
70
                              def __init__(self, discount=0.9, x_dim=10, y_dim=10):
71
72
                                             ProblemDomain.__init__(self,
                                                             "Grid World",
73
                                                              [(x,y) for x in range(y_dim) for y in range(y_dim)], #states
74
                                                              ['up', 'down', 'right', 'left'], #actions
75
                                                             discount,
76
77
                                                             x_{dim} = x_{dim}, y_{dim} = y_{dim},
                                                             offsets = \{'right':(0.25,0), 'up':(0,0.25), 'left':(-0.25,0), 'left':(-0.
78
                                                                                'down':(0,-0.25)})
                                              self.rewarding_states = \{(3,2):-10, (3,5):-5, (8,2):10, (7,7):3\}
79
                                              self.fling_states = \{(8,2), (7,7)\} # assumed a subset of
                                                               rewarding_states
81
                              def intended_next(self,s,a):
82
```

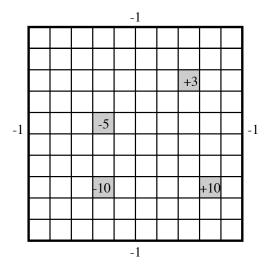


Figure 12.5: Grid world

```
"""returns the (reward, state) in the direction a.
83
            This is where the agent will end up if to goes in its
84
                intended_direction
                 (which it does with probability 0.7).
85
86
87
            (x,y) = s
            if a=='up':
88
               return (0, (x,y+1)) if y+1 < self.y_dim else <math>(-1, (x,y))
89
            if a=='down':
90
91
               return (0, (x,y-1)) if y > 0 else (-1, (x,y))
            if a=='right':
92
               return (0, (x+1,y)) if x+1 < self.x_dim else (-1, (x,y))
93
            if a=='left':
94
                return (0, (x-1,y)) if x > 0 else (-1, (x,y))
95
96
        def result(self,s,a):
97
            """return a dictionary of \{(r,s):p\} where p is the probability of
98
                reward r, state s.
            a state is an (x,y) pair
99
100
            r0 = self.rewarding_states[s] if s in self.rewarding_states else 0
101
            if s in self.fling_states:
102
103
                return \{(r0,(0,0)): 0.25, (r0,(self.x_dim-1,0)): 0.25,
                           (r0,(0,self.y_dim-1)):0.25,
104
                               (r0,(self.x_dim-1,self.y_dim-1)):0.25}
            dist = distribution({})
105
            for a1 in self.actions:
106
                (r1,s1) = self.intended_next(s,a1)
107
                rs = (r1+r0, s1)
108
                p = 0.7 if a1==a else 0.1
109
```

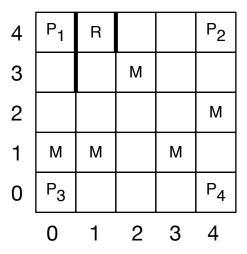


Figure 12.6: Monster game

```
dist.add_prob(rs,p)
return dist
```

#### Monster Game

This is for the game depicted in Figure 13.1 (Example 13.2 of Poole and Mackworth [2023]).

```
\_\_mdpExamples.py — (continued) \_
113
    class Monster_game(ProblemDomain, GridDomain):
114
        vwalls = [(0,3), (0,4), (1,4)] # vertical walls right of these locations
115
        crash\_reward = -1
116
117
        prize_locs = [(0,0), (0,4), (4,0), (4,4)]
118
        prize_apears_prob = 0.3
119
        prize\_reward = 10
120
121
        monster_locs = [(0,1), (1,1), (2,3), (3,1), (4,2)]
122
        monster_appears_prob = 0.4
123
        monster_reward_when_damaged = -10
124
        repair_stations = [(1,4)]
125
126
        def __init__(self, discount=0.9):
127
            x_dim = 5
128
            y_dim = 5
129
                # which damaged and prize to show
130
            ProblemDomain.__init__(self,
131
132
                "Monster Game",
                [(x,y,damaged,prize)
133
```

```
for x in range(x_dim)
134
135
                                              for y in range(y_dim)
                                              for damaged in [False,True]
136
                                              for prize in [None]+self.prize_locs], #states
137
                                   ['up', 'down', 'right', 'left'], #actions
138
                                   discount,
139
140
                                   x_{dim} = x_{dim}, y_{dim} = y_{dim},
                                   offsets = \{'right':(0.25,0), 'up':(0,0.25), 'left':(-0.25,0), 'left':(-0.
141
                                             'down':(0,-0.25)})
                           self.state = (2,2,False,None)
142
143
                  def intended_next(self,xy,a):
144
                           """returns the (reward, (x,y)) in the direction a.
145
                           This is where the agent will end up if to goes in its
146
                                    intended_direction
                                     (which it does with probability 0.7).
147
148
                           (x,y) = xy # original x-y position
149
                           if a=='up':
150
                                   return (0, (x,y+1)) if y+1 < self.y_dim else
151
                                             (self.crash_reward, (x,y))
                           if a=='down':
152
                                   return (0, (x,y-1)) if y > 0 else (self.crash_reward, (x,y))
153
                           if a=='right':
154
                                   if (x,y) in self.vwalls or x+1==self.x_dim: # hit wall
155
                                            return (self.crash_reward, (x,y))
156
                                   else:
157
158
                                           return (0, (x+1,y))
                           if a=='left':
159
                                   if (x-1,y) in self.vwalls or x==0: # hit wall
160
                                                                     return (self.crash_reward, (x,y))
161
                                   else:
162
                                           return (0, (x-1,y))
163
164
                  def result(self,s,a):
165
                           """return a dictionary of {(r,s):p} where p is the probability of
166
                                    reward r, state s.
                           a state is an (x,y) pair
167
168
                           (x,y,damaged,prize) = s
169
                           dist = distribution({})
170
                           for al in self.actions: # possible results
171
                                   mp = 0.7 if a1==a else 0.1
172
                                   mr,(xn,yn) = self.intended_next((x,y),a1)
173
                                   if (xn,yn) in self.monster_locs:
174
                                            if damaged:
175
                                                    dist.add_prob((mr+self.monster_reward_when_damaged,(xn,yn,True,prize)),
176
                                                              mp*self.monster_appears_prob)
                                                    dist.add_prob((mr,(xn,yn,True,prize)),
177
                                                              mp*(1-self.monster_appears_prob))
```

```
else:
178
179
                      dist.add_prob((mr,(xn,yn,True,prize)),
                          mp*self.monster_appears_prob)
                      dist.add_prob((mr,(xn,yn,False,prize)),
180
                          mp*(1-self.monster_appears_prob))
               elif (xn,yn) == prize:
181
182
                   dist.add_prob((mr+self.prize_reward,(xn,yn,damaged,None)),
                        mp)
               elif (xn,yn) in self.repair_stations:
183
                   dist.add_prob((mr,(xn,yn,False,prize)), mp)
184
               else:
185
                   dist.add_prob((mr,(xn,yn,damaged,prize)), mp)
186
            if prize is None:
187
               res = distribution({})
188
               for (r,(x2,y2,d,p2)),p in dist.items():
189
                   res.add_prob((r,(x2,y2,d,None)),
190
                        p*(1-self.prize_apears_prob))
                   for pz in self.prize_locs:
191
192
                       res.add_prob((r,(x2,y2,d,pz)),
                            p*self.prize_apears_prob/len(self.prize_locs))
                return res
193
194
            else:
               return dist
195
196
197
        def state2pos(self, state):
            """When displaying as a grid, this specifies how the state is
198
                mapped to (x,y) position.
199
            The default is for domains where the (x,y) position is the state
200
            (x,y,d,p) = state
201
            return (x,y)
202
203
        def pos2state(self, pos):
204
            """When displaying as a grid, this specifies how the state is
205
                mapped to (x,y) position.
206
207
            (x,y) = pos
            (xs, ys, damaged, prize) = self.state
208
            return (x, y, damaged, prize)
209
210
        def state2goal(self, state):
211
            """the (x,y) position for the goal
212
213
            (x, y, damaged, prize) = state
214
            return prize
215
216
    # To see value iterations:
217
    # mg = Monster_game()
218
    # mg.viGUI() # then run vi a few times
219
220 | # to see other states, exit the GUI
```