
CIS 471/571 (Fall 2020): Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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Reminder

- Project 3: Reinforcement Learning
 - Deadline: Nov 10th, 2020

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- Homework 3: MDPs and Reinforcement Learning
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Today

- Probability

- Random Variables
 - Joint and Marginal Distributions
 - Conditional Distributions
 - Product Rule, Chain Rule
 - Inference
 - Independence
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- You'll need all this stuff A LOT for the next few weeks, so make sure you go over it now!



Uncertainty

- General situation:
 - **Observed variables (evidence):** Agent knows certain things about the state of the world (e.g. sensor readings or symptoms)
 - **Unobserved variables:** other aspects (e.g. where is present)
 - **Model:** Agent knows something about how the known variables relate to the unknown variables
- Probabilistic reasoning gives us a framework for managing our beliefs and knowledge

0.11	0.11	0.11
0.11	0.11	0.11
0.11	0.11	0.11

0.17	0.10	0.10
0.09	0.17	0.10
<0.01	0.09	0.17

<0.01	<0.01	0.03
<0.01	0.05	0.05
<0.01	0.05	0.81

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Random Variables

- A random variable is some aspect of the world about which we (may) have uncertainty

- R = Is it raining?
- T = Is it hot or cold?
- D = How long will it take to drive
- L = Where is the ghost?

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- We denote random variables with capital letters
- Like variables in a CSP, random variables have domains

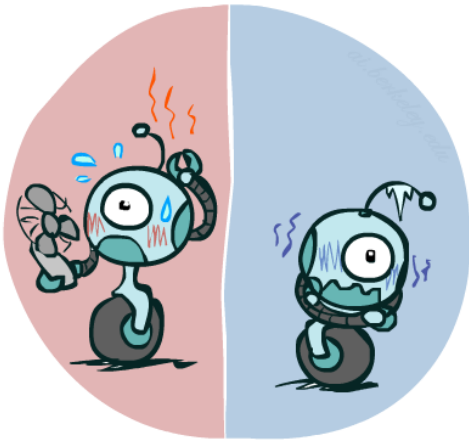
- R in {true, false} (often write as {+r, -r})
- T in {hot, cold}
- D in $[0, \infty)$
- L in possible locations, maybe $\{(0,0), (0,1), \dots\}$



Probability Distributions

- Associate a probability with each value

- Temperature:



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$P(T)$

T	P
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

- Weather:

$P(W)$

W	P
sun	0.6
rain	0.1
fog	0.3
meteor	0.0



Probability Distributions

- Unobserved random variables have distributions

$$P(T)$$

T	P
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

$$P(W)$$

W	P
sun	0.6
rain	
fog	
meteor	

Shorthand notation:

$$P(\text{hot}) = P(T = \text{hot}),$$

$$P(\text{cold}) = P(T = \text{cold}),$$

$$P(\text{rain}) = P(W = \text{rain}),$$

...

OK if all domain entries are unique

- A distribution is a TABLE of probabilities of values
- A probability (lower case value) is a single number

$$P(W = \text{rain}) = 0.1$$

- Must have: $\forall x \ P(X = x) \geq 0$ and $\sum_x P(X = x) = 1$



Joint Distributions

- A *joint distribution* over a set of random variables: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n specifies a real number for each assignment (or *outcome*):

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

- Must obey:

$$\sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 1$$

- Size of distribution if n variables with domain sizes d ?
 - For all but the smallest distributions, impractical to write out!

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$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3



Probabilistic Models

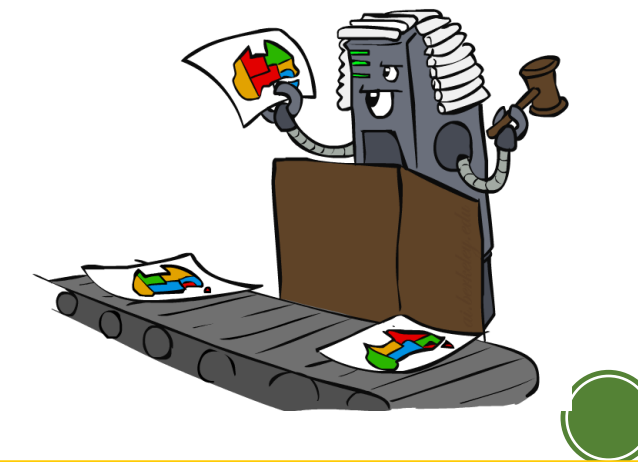
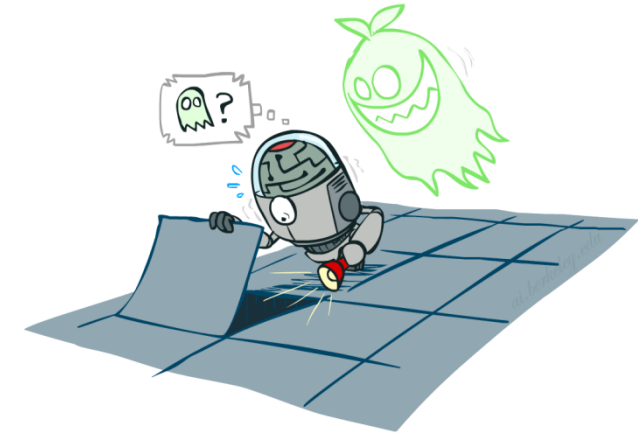
- A probabilistic model is a joint distribution over a set of random variables
- Probabilistic models:
 - (Random) variables with domains
 - Assignments are called *outcomes*
 - Joint distributions: say whether a (outcomes) are likely
 - *Normalized*: sum to 1.0
 - Ideally: only certain variables directly interact
- Constraint satisfaction problems:
 - Variables with domains
 - Constraints: state whether assignments are possible
 - Ideally: only certain variables directly interact

Distribution over T,W

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
		0.8
		0.3

Constraint over T,W

T	W	P
hot	sun	T
hot	rain	F
cold	sun	F
cold	rain	T



Events

- An *event* is a set E of outcomes

$$P(E) = \sum_{(x_1 \dots x_n) \in E} P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

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- From a joint distribution, calculate the probability of

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$P(T, W)$

- Probability that it's hot AND sunny?
- Probability that it's hot?
- Probability that it's hot OR sunny?

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T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

- Typically, the events we care about are *partial assignments*, like $P(T=\text{hot})$



Quiz: Events

■ $P(+x, +y)$?

$P(X, Y)$

■ $P(+x)$?

■ $P(-y \text{ OR } +x)$?

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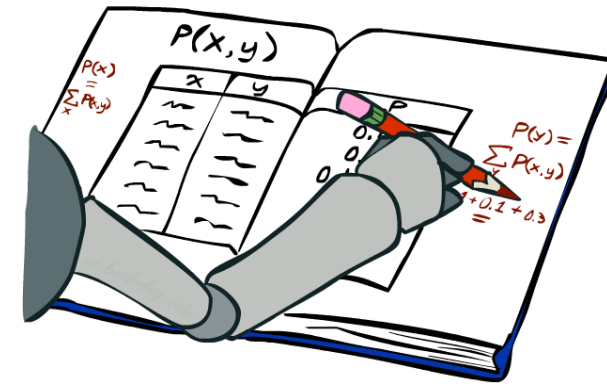
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X	Y	P
+x	+y	0.2
+x	-y	0.3
-x	+y	0.4
-x	-y	0.1



Marginal Distributions

- Marginal distributions are sub-tables which eliminate variables
- Marginalization (summing out): Combine collapsed rows by adding



$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

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$$P(t) = \sum_s P(t, s)$$

$P(T)$

T	P
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

$$P(s) = \sum_t P(t, s)$$

W	P
sun	0.6
rain	0.4

$$P(X_1 = x_1) = \sum_{x_2} P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$



Quiz: Marginal Distributions

$P(X, Y)$

X	Y	P
+x	+y	0.2
+x	-y	0.3
-x	+y	0.4
-x	-y	0.1

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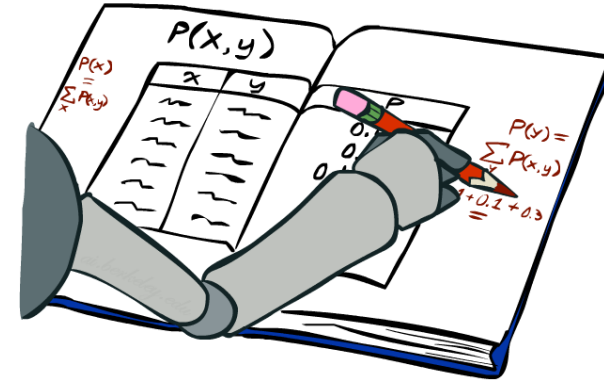
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$$P(y) = \sum_x P(x, y)$$

$P(X)$

X	P
+x	
-x	

Y	P
+y	
-y	



Conditional Probabilities

- A simple relation between joint and marginal probabilities
 - In fact, this is taken as the *definition* of a conditional probability

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a, b)}{P(b)}$$

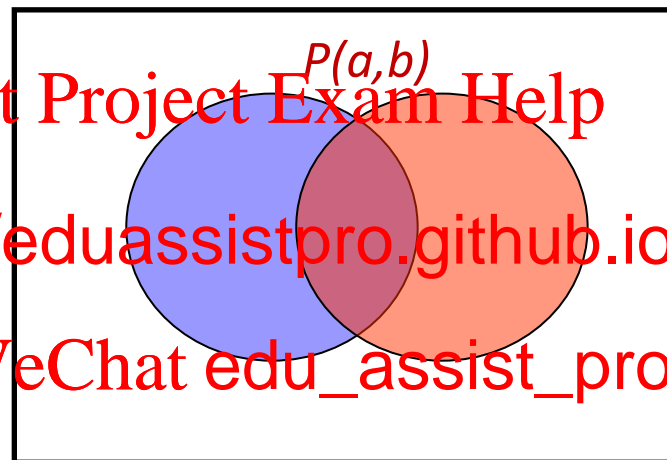
$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
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cold	rain	0.3

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$$P(W = s|T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$



Quiz: Conditional Probabilities

- $P(+x \mid +y)$?

$P(X, Y)$

X	Y	P
+x	+y	0.2
+x	-y	0.3
-x	+y	0.4
-x	-y	0.1

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- $P(-y \mid +x)$?



Conditional Distributions

- Conditional distributions are probability distributions over some variables given fixed values of others

Conditional Distributions

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Joint Distribution

$P(W|T)$

$P(W T = \text{hot})$	
W	P
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

$P(W T = \text{cold})$	
W	P
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

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$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3



Normalization Trick

$$P(W = s|T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)}$$

$$\frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

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$P(W|T = c)$

W	P
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(W = r|T = c) &= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(T = c)} \\
 &= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)} \\
 &= \frac{0.3}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.6
 \end{aligned}$$



Normalization Trick

$$P(W = s|T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

SELECT t

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matchi
evidence



cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

NORMALIZE the

selection
(make it sum to one)



$P(W|T = c)$

W	P
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

$$P(W = r|T = c) = \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{0.3}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.6$$

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Normalization Trick

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

SELECT the joint

probabilities
matching the
evid



cold		

NORMALIZE the
selection
(make it sum to one)

$P(W|T = c)$

W	P
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

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- Why does this work? Sum of selection is $P(\text{evidence})!$ ($P(T=c)$, here)

$$P(x_1|x_2) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{P(x_2)} = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{\sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2)}$$



Quiz: Normalization Trick

■ $P(X \mid Y=-y)$?

$P(X, Y)$

X	Y	P
+x	+y	0.2
+x	-y	0.3
-x	+y	0.4
-x	-y	0.1

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SELECT the joint proba
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Probabilistic Inference

- Probabilistic inference: compute a desired probability from other known probabilities (e.g. conditional from joint)

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- We generally compute conditional probabilities
 - $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no reported accidents}) = 0.90$
 - These represent the agent's *beliefs* given the evidence
- Probabilities change with new evidence:
 - $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no accidents, 5 a.m.}) = 0.95$
 - $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no accidents, 5 a.m., raining}) = 0.80$
 - Observing new evidence causes *beliefs to be updated*



Inference by Enumeration

- General case:

- Evidence variables: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
- Query* variable: Q
- Hidden variables: $H_1 \dots H_r$

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

All

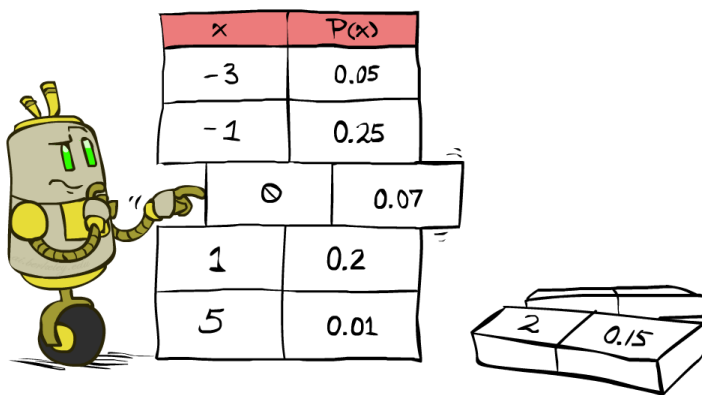
variables

- We want:

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

* Works fine with multiple query variables, too

- Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence



$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(Q, \underbrace{h_1 \dots h_r}_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

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- Step 3: Normalize

$$\times \frac{1}{Z}$$

$$Z = \sum_q P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

Inference by Enumeration

■ $P(W)$?

■ $P(W \mid \text{winter})$?

■ $P(W \mid \text{winter, hot})$?

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S	T	W	P
summer	hot	sun	0.30
summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20



Inference by Enumeration

- Obvious problems:

- Worst-case time complexity $O(d^n)$
- Space complexity $O(d^n)$ to store the joint distribution

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The Product Rule

- Sometimes have conditional distributions but want the joint

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$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(x, y)}{P(y)}$$

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The Product Rule

$$P(y)P(x|y) = P(x, y)$$

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- Example:

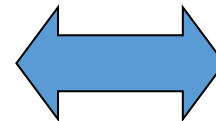
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$P(D, W)$

$P(W)$

R	P
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

D	W	P
wet	sun	0.1
dry	sun	0.9
wet	rain	0.7
dry	rain	0.3



D	W	P
wet	sun	
dry	sun	
wet	rain	
dry	rain	



The Chain Rule

- More generally, can always write any joint distribution as an incremental product of conditional distributions

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)P(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

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- Why is this always true?



Bayes Rule

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Bayes Rule

- Two ways to factor a joint distribution over two variables:

$$P(x, y) = P(x|y)P(y) = P(y|x)P(x)$$

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That's my rule!

- Dividing, we get:

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- Why is this at all helpful?
 - Lets us build one conditional from its reverse
 - Often one conditional is tricky but the other one is simple
- In the running for most important AI equation!



Quiz

- Given:

$P(W)$	
R	P
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

$$P(D|W)$$

D	W	P
wet	sun	0.1
dry	rain	0

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- What is $P(W \mid \text{dry})$?



Inference with Bayes' Rule

- Example: Diagnostic probability from causal probability:

$$P(\text{cause}|\text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect}|\text{cause})P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

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- Example:

- M: meningitis, S: stiff neck

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Example
gives

$$P(+s| - m) = 0.01$$

$$P(+m| + s) = \frac{P(+s| + m)P(+m)}{P(+s)} = \frac{P(+s| + m)P(+m)}{P(+s| + m)P(+m) + P(+s| - m)P(-m)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.8 \times 0.0001 + 0.01 \times 0.999}$$

- Note: posterior probability of meningitis still very small
 - Note: you should still get stiff necks checked out! Why?

