

Intro to AI Project 3: Car

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Problem 1: Bayesian network basics

(a)

In (a), we want to calculate $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0)$. To delay normalization until the very end, we can calculate $P(C_2, D_2 = 0)$ and then normalize it. By Bayes' rule, we have the following reasoning process:

$$\begin{aligned} P(C_2 \mid D_2 = 0) &= \alpha P(C_2, D_2 = 0) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{c_1} \sum_{d_1} \sum_{c_3} \sum_{d_3} P(c_1, d_1, C_2, D_2 = 0, c_3, d_3) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{c_1} \sum_{d_1} \sum_{c_3} \sum_{d_3} P(c_1) P(d_1 \mid c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) P(c_3 \mid C_2) P(d_3 \mid c_3) \\ &= \alpha P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) \sum_{c_1} P(c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) \sum_{d_1} P(d_1 \mid c_1) \sum_{c_3} P(c_3 \mid C_2) \sum_{d_3} P(d_3 \mid c_3) \\ &= \alpha P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) \sum_{c_1} P(c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) \end{aligned}$$

By the setup of the problem, we know that $\sum_{c_1} P(c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) = 0.5 \sum_{c_1} P(C_2 \mid c_1) = (0.5, 0.5)$.

Thus, we can derive that:

$$P(C_2 = 1, D_2 = 0) = \frac{\eta}{2}, \quad P(C_2 = 0, D_2 = 0) = \frac{1 - \eta}{2}$$

Then we conduct normalization and get the target value:

$$P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0) = \frac{P(C_2 = 1, D_2 = 0)}{P(C_2 = 1, D_2 = 0) + P(C_2 = 0, D_2 = 0)} = \eta$$

(b)

In (b), we want to calculate $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)$. We perform the similar reasoning process as in (a):

$$\begin{aligned}
P(C_2 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) &= \alpha P(C_2, D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) \\
&= \alpha \sum_{c_1} \sum_{d_1} \sum_{c_3} P(c_1, d_1, C_2, D_2 = 0, c_3, d_3) \\
&= \alpha \sum_{c_1} \sum_{d_1} \sum_{c_3} P(c_1) P(d_1 \mid c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) P(c_3 \mid C_2) P(D_3 = 1 \mid c_3) \\
&= \alpha P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) \sum_{c_1} P(c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) \sum_{c_3} P(c_3 \mid C_2) P(D_3 = 1 \mid c_3) \sum_{d_1} P(d_1 \mid c_1) \\
&= \alpha P(D_2 = 0 \mid C_2) \sum_{c_1} P(c_1) P(C_2 \mid c_1) \sum_{c_3} P(c_3 \mid C_2) P(D_3 = 1 \mid c_3)
\end{aligned}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
P(C_2 = 0, D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) &= (1 - \eta) \cdot 0.5 \cdot [(1 - \epsilon) \cdot \eta + \epsilon \cdot (1 - \eta)] = \frac{2\epsilon\eta^2 - \eta^2 - 3\epsilon\eta + \epsilon + \eta}{2} \\
P(C_2 = 1, D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) &= \eta \cdot 0.5 \cdot [\epsilon \cdot \eta + (1 - \epsilon) \cdot (1 - \eta)] = \frac{2\epsilon\eta^2 - \eta^2 - \epsilon\eta + \eta}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Normalize the above two equations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) &= \frac{P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)}{P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) + P(C_2 = 0 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)} \\
&= \frac{2\epsilon\eta^2 - \eta^2 - \epsilon\eta + \eta}{4\epsilon\eta^2 - 2\eta^2 - 4\epsilon\eta + \epsilon + 2\eta}
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

By assumption, $\epsilon = 0.1$ and $\eta = 0.2$.

(c1).

From (a), we know:

$$P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0) = \eta = 0.2$$

From (b), we know:

$$P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1) = \frac{2\epsilon\eta^2 - \eta^2 - \epsilon\eta + \eta}{4\epsilon\eta^2 - 2\eta^2 - 4\epsilon\eta + \epsilon + 2\eta} \approx 0.4157$$

(c2).

With the addition of the new information that $D_3 = 1$, it can be observed that $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)$ surpasses $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0)$. This suggests that knowing $D_3 = 1$ significantly increases the likelihood of $C_2 = 1$. With $\epsilon = 0.1$ indicating a high chance of the car staying still, which is equivalent to $P(C_2 = C_3)$ being high, and $\eta = 0.2$ suggesting an acceptable likelihood of accurate sensor reports, i.e. $P(D_3 = C_3)$. Therefore, it's more likely that $C_2 = D_3$. Hence, if $D_3 = 1$ is reported, it's rational to believe $C_2 = 1$, reflected in the probability increase from $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0)$ to $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)$.

(c3).

Let $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0) = P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)$, which is equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= \frac{2\epsilon\eta^2 - \eta^2 - \epsilon\eta + \eta}{4\epsilon\eta^2 - 2\eta^2 - 4\epsilon\eta + \epsilon + 2\eta} \\ \iff 4\epsilon\eta^2 - 2\eta^2 - 4\epsilon\eta + \epsilon + 2\eta &= 2\epsilon\eta - \eta - \epsilon + 1 \\ \iff 4\epsilon\eta^2 - 2\eta^2 - 6\epsilon\eta + 2\epsilon + 3\eta - 1 &= 0 \\ \iff \epsilon &= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

From above, we should set ϵ be 0.5 while keeping $\eta = 0.2$.

Assigning a value of 0.5 to ϵ implies that the car has an equal likelihood of either moving or staying stationary, essentially indicating no correlation between C_2 and C_3 . Consequently, observing $D_3 = 1$ provides insight only into the state of C_3 , being 1, but offers no valuable information regarding C_2 . Therefore, in terms of intuitive understanding, $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0)$ remains the same as $P(C_2 = 1 \mid D_2 = 0, D_3 = 1)$, as the observation of $D_3 = 1$ does not influence the assessment of C_2 .