

CS 188  
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Final Exam

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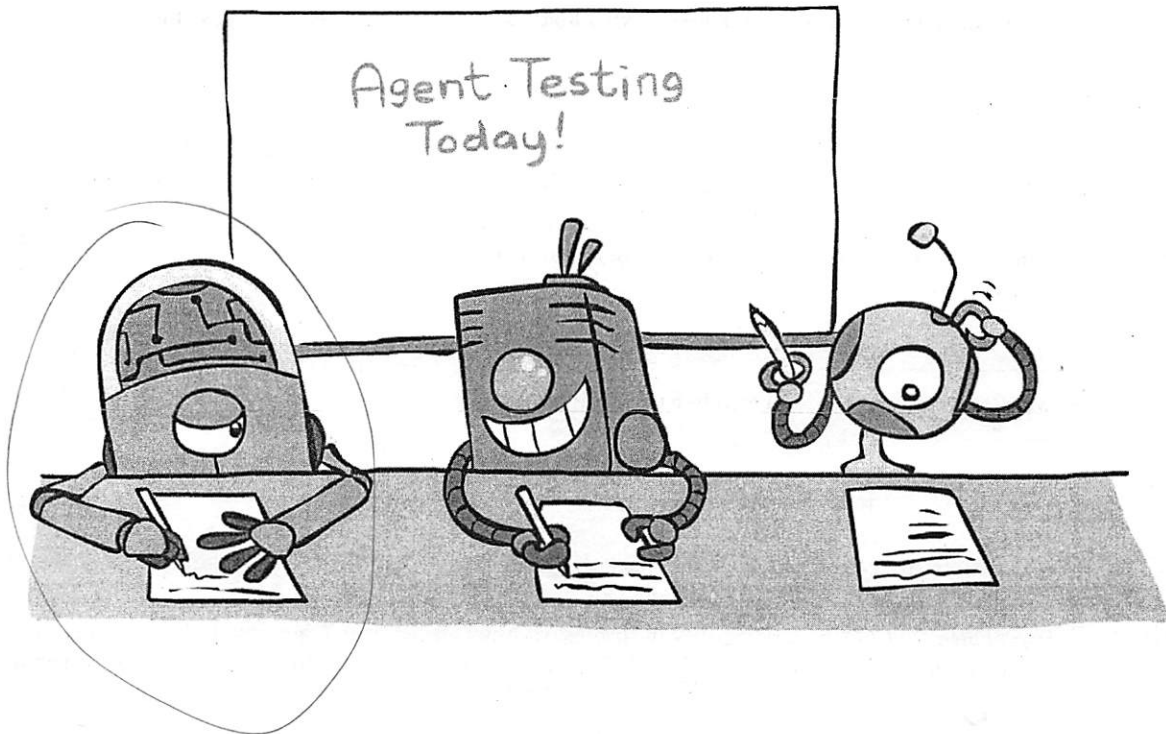
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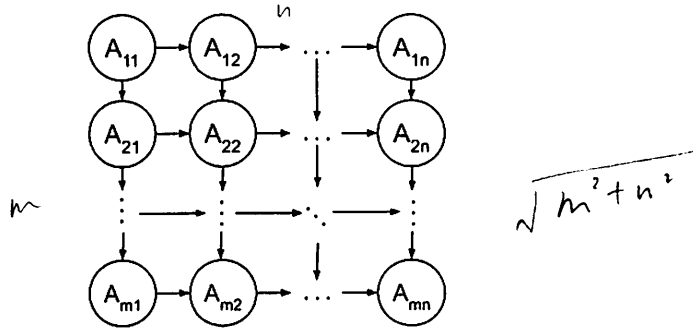
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## Q1. [1 pt] Agent Testing Today!

It's testing time! Not only for you, but for our CS188 robots as well! Circle your favorite robot below.



## Q2. [12 pts] Search



(a) Consider the class of directed,  $m \times n$  grid graphs as illustrated above. (We assume that  $m, n > 2$ .) Each edge has a cost of 1. The start state is  $A_{11}$  at top left and the goal state at  $A_{mn}$  is bottom right.

- (i) [2 pts] If we run **Uniform-Cost** graph search (breaking ties randomly), what is the maximum possible size of the fringe? Write your answer in terms of  $m$  and  $n$  in big-O style, ignoring constants. For example, if you think the answer is  $m^3n^3 + 2$ , write  $m^3n^3$ .

$$\sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$$

- (ii) [2 pts] If we run **Depth-First** graph search with a stack, what is the maximum possible size of the stack?

$$m + n$$

(b) Now answer the same questions for undirected  $m \times n$  grid graphs (i.e., the links go in both directions between neighboring nodes).

- (i) [2 pts] Maximum fringe size for **Uniform-Cost** graph search?

$$\sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$$

- (ii) [2 pts] Maximum stack size for **Depth-First** graph search?

$$m \cdot n$$

(c) The following questions are concerned with an undirected grid graph  $G$  and with Manhattan distance  $d((i, j), (k, l)) = |i - k| + |j - l|$ . Now the start and goal locations can be anywhere in the graph.

- (i) [1 pt] True/False: Let  $G^+$  be a copy of  $G$  with  $n$  extra links added with edge cost 1 that connect arbitrary non-adjacent nodes. Then Manhattan distance is an admissible heuristic for finding shortest paths in  $G^+$ .

☐ True ☒ False

- (ii) [1 pt] True/False: Let  $G^-$  be a copy of  $G$  with  $n$  arbitrarily chosen links deleted, and let  $h^+(s, t)$  be the exact cost of the shortest path from location  $s$  to location  $t$  in  $G^+$ . Then  $h^+(\cdot, g)$  is an admissible heuristic for finding shortest paths in  $G^-$  when the goal is location  $g$ .

☒ True ☐ False

(iii) [2 pts] Suppose that  $K$  robots are at  $K$  different locations  $(x_k, y_k)$  on the complete grid  $G$ , and can move simultaneously. The goal is for them all to meet in one location as soon as possible, subject to the constraint that if two robots meet in the same location en route, they immediately settle down together and cannot move after that. Define  $d_X$  to be the maximum  $x$  separation, i.e.,  $|\max\{x_1, \dots, x_K\} - \min\{x_1, \dots, x_K\}|$ , with  $d_Y$  defined similarly. Which of the following is the most accurate admissible heuristic for this problem? (Select one only.)

- ☐  $\lceil d_X/2 \rceil + \lceil d_Y/2 \rceil$  ✗
- ☐  $d_X + d_Y$  ✗
- ☐  $\lceil d_X/2 \rceil + \lceil d_Y/2 \rceil + K/4$  ✗
- ☐  $\max\{\lceil d_X/2 \rceil, \lceil d_Y/2 \rceil, K/4\}$
- ☒  $\max\{\lceil d_X/2 \rceil + \lceil d_Y/2 \rceil, K/4\}$

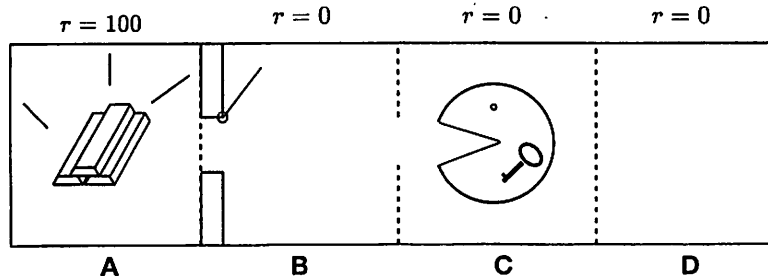
### Q3. [14 pts] Pacman's Treasure Hunt

Pacman is hunting for gold in a linear grid-world with cells  $A, B, C, D$ . Cell  $A$  contains the gold but the entrance to  $A$  is locked. Pacman can pass through if he has a key. The possible states are as follows:  $X_k$  means that Pacman is in cell  $X$  and has the key;  $X_{-k}$  means that Pacman is in cell  $X$  and does not have the key. The initial state is always  $C_{-k}$ .

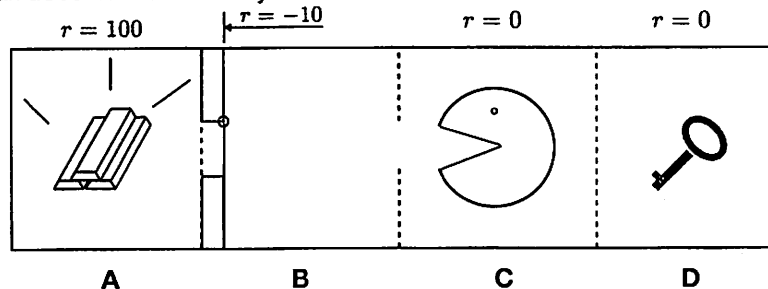
In each state Pacman has two possible actions, left and right. These actions are deterministic but do not change the state if Pacman tries to enter cell  $A$  without the key or run into a wall (left from cell  $A$  or right from cell  $D$ ). The key is in cell  $D$  and entering cell  $D$  causes the key to be picked up instantly.

If Pacman tries to enter cell  $A$  without the key, he receives a reward of  $-10$ , i.e.  $R(B_{-k}, \text{left}, B_{-k}) = -10$ . The "exit" action from cell  $A$  receives a reward of  $100$ . All other actions have  $0$  reward.

Pacman has the key



Pacman does not have the key



(a) [2 pts] Consider the discount factor  $\gamma = 0.1$  and the following policy:

State	$A_k$	$B_k$	$C_k$	$D_k$	$A_{-k}$	$B_{-k}$	$C_{-k}$	$D_{-k}$
Action	exit	left	left	left	exit	left	right	right

Fill in  $V^\pi(B_{-k})$  and  $V^\pi(C_{-k})$  for this policy in the table below.

State	$A_k$	$B_k$	$C_k$	$D_k$	$A_{-k}$	$B_{-k}$	$C_{-k}$	$D_{-k}$
$V^\pi(s)$	100	10	1	0.1	100	$\frac{-10}{9}$	0	0

$$0 + 0.1 \cdot (-10) =$$

$$0 + 0.1 \cdot 0 =$$

$$X = -10 + 0.1 \cdot X$$

$$0.9X = -10$$

$$X = \frac{-100}{9}$$

- (b) [3 pts] Now, we will redefine the MDP so that Pacman has a probability  $\beta \in [0, 1]$ , on each attempt, of crashing through the gate even without the key. So our transition function from  $B$  will be modified as follows:

$$T(B_{-k}, left, A_{-k}) = \beta \text{ and } T(B_{-k}, left, B_{-k}) = 1 - \beta.$$

All other aspects remain the same. The immediate reward for attempting to go through the gate is  $-10$  if Pacman fails to go through the gate, as before, and  $0$  if Pacman succeeds in crashing through gate. Which of the following are true? (Select one or more choices.)

- ☐ For any fixed  $\gamma < 1$ , there is some value  $\beta < 1$  such that trying to crash through the gate is better than fetching the key.
- ☒ For any fixed  $\beta$ , there is some value of  $\gamma < 1$  such that trying to crash through the gate is better than fetching the key.  $0 < 1 < \gamma$
- ☒ For  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ , there is some value of  $\gamma < 1$  such that trying to crash through the gate is better than fetching the key.
- ☐ None of the above  $\beta \cdot -10 + (1-\beta) \cdot r$   $r = 10$   $\gamma^5 \cdot 10$   $-\beta + (1-\beta)\gamma \cdot 10 \geq \gamma^5 \cdot 10$

- (c) Thus far we've assumed knowledge of the transition function  $T(s, a, s')$ . Now let's assume we do not.

- (i) [2 pts] Which of the following can be used to obtain a policy if we don't know the transition function?

- ☐ Value Iteration followed by Policy Extraction  $10(1-\beta) - \beta < 0$
- ☒ Approximate Q-learning  $10 \neq 10\beta$
- ☒ TD learning followed by Policy Extraction
- ☒ Policy Iteration with a learned  $T(s, a, s')$

- (ii) [1 pt] Under which conditions would one benefit from using approximate Q-learning over vanilla Q-learning? (Select one only)

- ☒ When the state space is very high-dimensional
- ☐ When the transition function is known
- ☐ When the transition function is unknown
- ☐ When the discount factor is small

- (iii) [4 pts] Suppose we choose to use Q-learning (in absence of the transition function) and we obtain the following observations:

$s_t$	$a$	$s_{t+1}$	reward
$C_k$	left	$B_k$	0
$B_k$	left	$A_k$	0
$A_k$	exit	terminal	100
$B_{-k}$	left	$B_{-k}$	-10

What values does the Q-function attain if we initialize the Q-values to 0 and replay the experience in the table exactly two times? Use a learning rate,  $\alpha$ , of 0.5 and a discount factor,  $\gamma$ , of 0.1.

1.  $Q(A_k, exit)$ : ☐ 100 ☒ 75 ☐ 50 ☐ 0
2.  $Q(B_k, left)$ : ☐ 10 ☐ 5 ☒ 2.5 ☐ 0
3.  $Q(C_k, left)$ : ☐ 10 ☐ 5 ☐ 2.5 ☒ 0
4.  $Q(B_{-k}, left)$ : ☐ -10 ☐ 5 ☐ -2.5 ☒ -7.5

$$-10 + 0.1 \cdot 0 = -10$$

- (d) Suppose we want to define the (deterministic) transition model using propositional logic instead of a table. States are defined using proposition symbols be  $A_t, B_t, C_t, D_t$  and  $K_t$ , where, e.g.,  $A_t$  means that Pacman is in cell  $A$  at time  $t$  and  $K_t$  means that the Pacman has the key. The action symbols are  $\text{Left}_t, \text{Right}_t, \text{Exit}_t$ .

(i) [1 pt] Which of the following statements are correct formulations of the successor-state axiom for  $A_t$ ?

- ☐  $A_t \Leftrightarrow (A_{t-1} \Rightarrow (\text{Left}_{t-1} \wedge B_{t-1} \wedge K_{t-1}))$
- ☐  $A_t \Leftrightarrow (A_t \wedge \text{Left}_t) \vee (B_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1} \wedge K_{t-1})$
- ☒  $A_t \Leftrightarrow (A_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1}) \vee (B_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1} \wedge K_{t-1})$
- ☐  $A_t \Leftrightarrow (A_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1}) \vee (B_t \wedge \text{Left}_t \wedge K_t)$
- ☐  $A_t \Leftrightarrow (A_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1}) \vee (B_{t-1} \wedge \text{Left}_{t-1} \wedge \neg K_{t-1})$

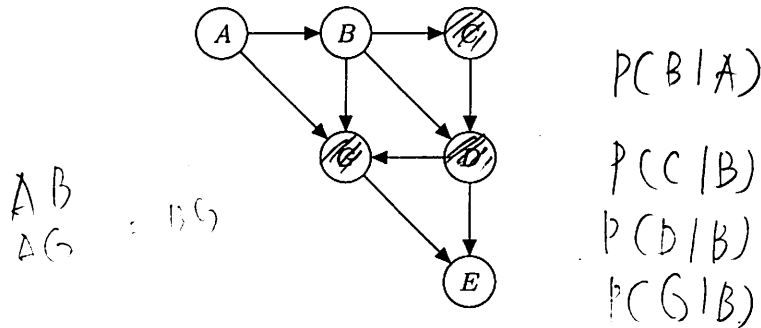
(ii) [1 pt] Which of the following statements are correct formulations of the successor-state axiom for  $K_t$ ?

- ☐  $K_t \Leftrightarrow K_{t-1} \wedge (C_{t-1} \vee \text{Right}_{t-1})$
- ☐  $K_t \Leftrightarrow K_t \vee (C_t \wedge \text{Right}_t)$
- ☒  $K_t \Leftrightarrow K_{t-1} \vee (C_{t-1} \wedge \text{Right}_{t-1})$
- ☐  $K_t \Leftrightarrow K_{t-1} \vee D_{t-1}$



# Q4. [9 pts] Inexpensive Elimination

In this problem, we will be using the Bayes Net below. Assume all random variables are binary-valued.



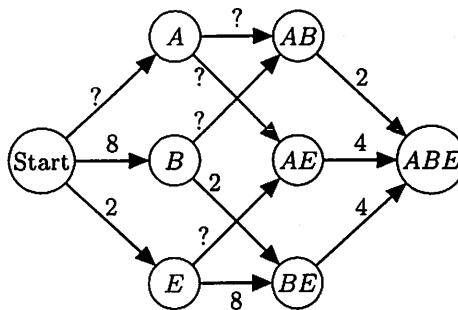
- (a) [1 pt] Consider using Variable Elimination to get  $P(C, G|D = d)$ .

What is the factor generated if  $B$  is the first variable to be eliminated? Comma-separate all variables in the resulting factor, e.g.,  $f(A, B, C)$ , without conditioned and unconditioned variables. Alphabetically order variables in your answer. E.g.,  $P(A)$  before  $P(B)$ , and  $P(A|B)$  before  $P(A|C)$ .

$$f(A, C, D, G) = \sum_b P(b|A) \cdot P(C|b) \cdot P(D|b) \cdot P(G|b)$$

- (b) Suppose we want to find the *optimal* ordering for variable elimination such that we have the *smallest sum of factor sizes*. Recall that all random variables in the graph are binary-valued (that means if there are two factors, one over two variables and another over three variables, the sum of factor sizes is  $4+8=12$ ).

In order to pick this ordering, we consider using  $A^*$  Tree Search. Our state space graph consists of states which represent the variables we have eliminated so far, and does not take into account the order which they are eliminated. For example, eliminating  $B$  is a transition from the start state to state  $B$ , then eliminating  $A$  will result in state  $AB$ . Similarly, eliminating  $A$  is a transition from the start state to state  $A$ , then eliminating  $B$  will also result in state  $AB$ . An edge represents a step in variable elimination, and has weight equal to the size of the factor generated after eliminating the variable.



- (i) [2 pts] Yes/No: As the graph is defined, we have assumed that different elimination orderings of the same subset of random variables will always produce the same final set of factors. Does this hold for all graphs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- (ii) [4 pts] For this part, we consider possible heuristics  $h(s)$ , for a generic Bayes Net which has  $N$  variables left to eliminate at state  $s$ . Each remaining variable has domain size  $D$ .

Let the set  $E$  be the costs of edges from state  $s$  (e.g. for  $s = A$ ,  $E$  is the costs of edges from  $A$  to  $AE$ , and  $A$  to  $AB$ ). Which of the following would be admissible heuristics?

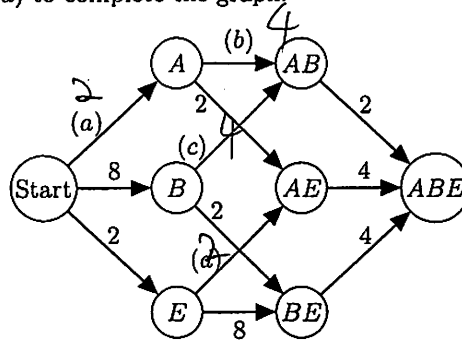
- ☒  $\min E$  ☐  $\max E$  ☐  $N * D$   
☐  $2 \min E$  ☐  $\max(E)/N$  ☐ None are admissible

$$\frac{D^N}{N} \geq \phi N^2$$

$E = \{2, 4\}$   
 $N = 4$   
 $D = 2$   
 $N = 4$

- (c) [2 pts] Now let's consider A\* tree search on our Bayes Net for the query  $P(C, G|D = d)$ , where  $d$  is observed evidence.

Fill in the edge weights (a) – (d) to complete the graph.



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(b) =

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(c) =

4

(d) =

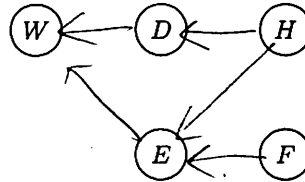
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## Q5. [10 pts] Sampling

Variables  $H, F, D, E$  and  $W$  denote the event of being health conscious, having free time, following a healthy diet, exercising and having a normal body weight, respectively. If an event does occur, we denote it with a +, otherwise -, e.g.,  $+e$  denotes an exercising and  $-e$  denotes not exercising.

- A person is health conscious with probability 0.8.  $P(H) = 0.8$
- A person has free time with probability 0.4.  $P(F) = 0.4$
- If someone is health conscious, they will follow a healthy diet with probability 0.9.  $P(+d|+h) = 0.9$
- If someone is health conscious and has free time, then they will exercise with probability 0.9.  $P(+e|+h, +f) = 0.9$
- If someone is health conscious, but does not have free time, they will exercise with probability 0.4.  $P(+e|+h, -f) = 0.4$
- If someone is not health conscious, but they do have free time, they will exercise with probability 0.3.  $P(+e|-h, +f) = 0.3$
- If someone is neither health conscious, nor they have free time, then they will exercise with probability 0.1.  $P(+e|-h, -f) = 0.1$
- If someone follows both a healthy diet and exercises, they will have a normal body weight with probability 0.9.  $P(+w|+d, +e) = 0.9$
- If someone only follows a healthy diet and does not exercise, or vice versa, they will have a normal body weight with probability 0.5.  $P(+w|+d, -e) = P(+w|-d, +e) = 0.5$
- If someone neither exercises nor has a healthy diet, they will have a normal body weight with probability 0.2.  $P(+w|-d, -e) = 0.2$

(a) [2 pts] Select the minimal set of edges that needs to be added to the following Bayesian network



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(b) Suppose we want to estimate the probability of a person being normal body weight given that they exercise (i.e.  $P(+w|+e)$ ), and we want to use likelihood weighting.

- (i) [1 pt] We observe the following sample:  $(-w, -d, +e, +f, -h)$ . What is our estimate of  $P(+w|+e)$  given this one sample? Express your answer in decimal notation rounded to the second decimal point, or express it as a fraction simplified to the lowest terms.

0

- (ii) [2 pts] Now, suppose that we observe another sample:  $(+w, +d, +e, +f, +h)$ . What is our new estimate for  $P(+w|+e)$ ? Express your answer in decimal notation rounded to the second decimal point, or express it as a fraction simplified to the lowest terms.

0.75

- (iii) [1 pt] True/False: After 10 iterations, both rejection sampling and likelihood weighting would typically compute equally accurate probability estimates. Each sample counts as an iteration, and rejecting a sample counts as an iteration.

☐ True ☒ False

(c) Suppose we now want to use **Gibbs sampling** to estimate  $P(+w|+e)$

- (i) [2 pts] We start with the sample  $(+w, +d, +e, +h, +f)$ , and we want to resample the variable  $W$ . What is the probability of sampling  $(-w, +d, +e, +h, +f)$ ? Express your answer in decimal notation rounded to the second decimal point, or express it as a fraction simplified to the lowest terms.

0.1

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot 0.1 = 0.025$$

- (ii) [1 pt] Suppose we observe the following sequence of samples via Gibbs sampling:

$(+w, +d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, +d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, -d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, -d, +e, -h, +f)$

What is your estimate of  $P(+w|+e)$  given these samples?

0.25

- (iii) [1 pt] While estimating  $P(+w|+e)$ , the following is a possible sequence of sample that can be obtained via Gibbs sampling:

$(+w, +d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, +d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, -d, +e, +h, +f), (-w, -d, +e, -h, +f), (-w, -d, -e, -h, +f)$

☐ True

☒ False

## Q6. [11 pts] HMM Smoothing

Consider the HMM with state variables  $X_t$  and observation variables  $E_t$ . The joint distribution is given by

$$P(X_{1:T}, E_{1:T} = e_{1:T}) = P(X_1) \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} P(X_{t+1}|X_t) \prod_{t=1}^T P(E_t = e_t|X_t).$$

where  $X_{1:T}$  means  $X_1, \dots, X_T$  and  $E_{1:T} = e_{1:T}$  means  $E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_T = e_T$ . We learned about how the forward algorithm can be used to solve the *filtering* problem, which calculates  $P(X_t|E_{1:t} = e_{1:t})$ . We will now focus on the *smoothing* problem, which calculates  $P(X_t|E_{1:T} = e_{1:T})$ , where  $1 \leq t < T$ , for obtaining a more informed estimate of the past state  $X_t$  given all observed evidence  $E_{1:T}$ .

Now define the following vectors of probabilities:

- $\alpha(X_t) \equiv P(E_{1:t} = e_{1:t}, X_t)$ , the probability of seeing evidence  $E_1 = e_1$  through  $E_t = e_t$  and being in state  $X_t$ ;
- $\beta(X_t) \equiv P(E_{t+1:T} = e_{t+1:T}|X_t)$ , the probability of seeing evidence  $E_{t+1} = e_{t+1}$  through  $E_T = e_T$  having started in state  $X_t$ .

$$\beta(X_{T-1}) = P(E_{t+1:T} = e_{t+1:T} | X_{T-1})$$

- (a) [2 pts] Let us consider  $\beta(X_{T-1})$ . Which of the following are equivalent to  $P(E_T = e_T|X_{T-1})$ ? (Select one or more.)

- ☒  $\sum_{x_t} P(X_T = x_t|X_{T-1})P(E_T = e_T|X_T = x_t)$
- ☒  $\sum_{x_t} P(X_T = x_t|X_{T-1})P(E_T = e_T|X_T = x_t, X_{T-1})$
- ☐  $P(X_T = x_t|X_{T-1})P(E_T = e_T|X_T = x_t)$
- ☐  $P(X_T = x_t|X_{T-1})P(E_T = e_T|X_T = x_t, X_{T-1})$

- (b) [4 pts] In lecture we covered the *forward recursion* for filtering. An almost identical algorithm can be derived for computing the sequence  $\alpha(X_1), \dots, \alpha(X_T)$ . For  $\beta$ , we need a *backward recursion*. What is the appropriate expression for  $\beta(X_t)$  to implement such a recursion? The expression may have up to four parts, as follows:

$$P(E_{t+1} = e_{t+1}, \dots, E_T = e_T|X_t) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{(i)} & \text{(ii)} & \text{(iii)} & \text{(iv)} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

For each blank (i) through (iv), mark the appropriate subexpression. If it is possible to write the expression for  $\beta(X_t)$  without a particular subexpression, mark "None."

- (i) [1 pt] ☒  $\sum_{x_{t-1}}$  ☐  $\sum_{x_t}$  ☒  $\sum_{x_{t+1}}$  ☐ None
- (ii) [1 pt] ☐  $\alpha(X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$  ☐  $\alpha(X_t = x_t)$  ☐  $\alpha(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1})$
- ☐  $\beta(X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$  ☒  $\beta(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1})$  ☐ None
- (iii) [1 pt] ☐  $P(X_t = x_t|X_{t-1})$  ☒  $P(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1}|X_t)$
- ☐  $P(X_t|X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$  ☐  $P(X_{t+1}|X_t = x_t)$  ☐ None
- (iv) [1 pt] ☐  $P(E_{t-1} = e_{t-1}|X_{t-1})$  ☐  $P(E_t = e_t|X_t)$  ☐  $P(E_{t+1} = e_{t+1}|X_{t+1})$
- ☐  $P(E_{t-1} = e_{t-1}|X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$  ☐  $P(E_t = e_t|X_t = x_t)$  ☒  $P(E_{t+1} = e_{t+1}|X_{t+1} = x_{t+1})$
- ☐ None

- (c) [1 pt] If the number of values that each  $X_t$  can take on is  $K$  and the number of timesteps is  $T$ , what is the total computational complexity of calculating  $\beta(X_t)$  for all  $t$ , where  $1 \leq t \leq T$ ?

- ☐  $O(K)$  ☐  $O(T)$  ☒  $O(K^2T)$  ☐  $O(KT^2)$  ☐  $O(K^2T^2)$  ☐ None

$$K^2 T$$

(d) [2 pts] Which of the following expressions are equivalent to  $P(X_t = x_t | E_{1:T} = e_{1:T})$ ? (Select one or more.)

☐  $\sum_{x'_t} \alpha(X_t = x'_t) \beta(X_t = x'_t)$   $\times$

☐  $\alpha(X_t = x_t) \beta(X_t = x_t)$   $\times$

☒  $\frac{\alpha(X_t = x_t) \beta(X_t = x_t)}{\sum_{x'_t} \alpha(X_t = x'_t) \beta(X_t = x'_t)}$

☐  $\frac{\alpha(X_t = x_t) \beta(X_t = x_t)}{\sum_{x'_T} \alpha(X_T = x'_T)}$

(e) [2 pts] If the number of values that each  $X_t$  can take on is  $K$  and the number of timesteps is  $T$ , what is the *lowest total* computational complexity of calculating  $P(X_t | E_{1:T} = e_{1:T})$  for all  $t$ , where  $1 \leq t \leq T$ ?

☐  $O(K)$    ☐  $O(T)$    ☒  $O(K^2T)$    ☐  $O(KT^2)$    ☐  $O(K^2T^2)$    ☐ None

$\times$

$\times$

$$(K^2T) \cdot K$$

$$K^2T + K^2T + K^2T$$

# Q7. [8 pts] Partying Particle #No Filter(ing)

## Algorithm 1 Particle Filtering

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1: procedure PARTICLE FILTERING( $T, N$ )           ▷  $T$ : number of time steps,  $N$ : number of sampled particles
2:    $x \leftarrow$  sample  $N$  particles from initial state distribution  $P(X_0)$            ▷ Initialize
3:   for  $t \leftarrow 0$  to  $T - 1$  do           ▷  $X_t$ : hidden state,  $E_t$ : observed evidence
4:      $x_i \leftarrow$  sample particle from  $P(X_{t+1}|X_t = x_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$            ▷ Time Elapse Update
5:      $w_i \leftarrow P(E_{t+1}|X_{t+1} = x_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$            ▷ Evidence Update
6:      $x \leftarrow$  resample  $N$  particles according to weights  $w$            ▷ Particle Resampling
7:   end for
8:   return  $x$ 
9: end procedure

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Algorithm 1 outlines the particle filtering algorithm discussed in lecture. The variable  $x$  represents a list of  $N$  particles, while  $w$  is a list of  $N$  weights for those particles.

(a) Here, we consider the unweighted particles in  $x$  as approximating a distribution.

(i) [1 pt] After executing line 4, which distribution do the particles  $x$  represent?

- ☒  $P(X_{t+1}|E_{1:t})$ 
☐  $P(X_{1:t+1}|E_{1:t})$ 
☐  $P(X_{t+1}|E_{1:t+1})$ 
☐ None

(ii) [1 pt] After executing line 6, which distribution do the particles  $x$  represent?

- ☐  $P(X_{t+1}|X_t, E_{1:t+1})$ 
☐  $P(X_{1:t+1}|E_{1:t+1})$ 
☒  $P(X_{t+1}|E_{1:t+1})$ 
☐ None

(b) The particle filtering algorithm should return a sample-based approximation to the true posterior distribution  $P(X_T | E_{1:T})$ . The algorithm is **consistent** if and only if the approximation converges to the true distribution as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . In this question, we present several modifications to Algorithm 1. For each modification, indicate if the algorithm is still **consistent** or **not consistent**, and if it is **consistent**, indicate whether you expect it to be **more accurate** in general in terms of its estimate of  $P(X_T | E_{1:T})$  (i.e., you would expect the estimated distribution to be closer to the true one) or **less accurate**. Assume unlimited computational resources and arbitrary precision arithmetic.

(i) [2 pts] We modify line 6 to sample 1 or  $2N - 1$  particles with equal probability  $p = 0.5$  for each time step (as opposed to a fixed number of particles  $N$ ). You can assume that  $P(E_{t+1}|X_{t+1}) > 0$  for all observations and states. This algorithm is:

- ☐ Consistent and More Accurate
☒ Consistent and Less Accurate
☐ Not Consistent

(ii) [1 pt] Replace lines 4–6 as follows:

4': Compute a tabular representation of  $P(X_t = s|E_{1:t})$  based on the proportion of particles in state  $s$ .

5': Use the forward algorithm to calculate  $P(X_{t+1}|E_{1:t+1})$  exactly from the tabular representation.

6': Set  $x$  to be a sample of  $N$  particles from  $P(X_{t+1}|E_{1:t+1})$ .

This algorithm is:

- ☒ Consistent and More Accurate
☐ Consistent and Less Accurate
☐ Not consistent

(iii) [1 pt] At the start of the algorithm, we initialize each entry in  $w$  to 1s. Keep line 4, but replace lines 5 and 6 with the following multiplicative update:

5': For  $i = 1, \dots, N$  do

6'  $w_i \leftarrow w_i * P(E_{t+1}|X_{t+1} = x_i)$ .

Finally, **only** at the end of the  $T$  iterations, we resample  $x$  according to the cumulative weights  $w$  just like in line 6, producing a list of particle positions. This algorithm is:

- ☐ Consistent and More Accurate
☒ Not Consistent
☐ Consistent and Less Accurate

(c) [2 pts] Suppose that instead of particle filtering we run the following algorithm on the Bayes net with  $T$  time steps corresponding to the HMM:

1. Fix all the evidence variables  $E_{1:T}$  and initialize each  $X_t$  to a random value  $x_t$ .
2. For  $i = 1, \dots, N$  do
  - Choose a variable  $X_t$  uniformly at random from  $X_1, \dots, X_T$ .
  - Resample  $X_t$  according to the distribution  $P(X_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1}, X_{t+1} = x_{t+1}, E_t = e_t)$ .
  - Record the value of  $X_T$  as a sample.

Finally, estimate  $P(X_T = s | E_{1:T} = e_{1:T})$  by the proportion of samples with  $X_T = s$ . This algorithm is:



Consistent



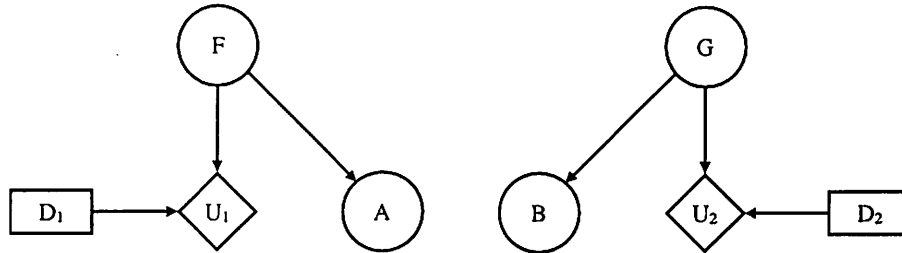
Not Consistent



## Q8. [11 pts] Double Decisions and VPI

In both parts of this problem, you are given a decision network with two decision nodes:  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . Your total utility is the sum of two subparts:  $U_{\text{total}} = U_1 + U_2$ , where  $U_1$  only depends on decision  $D_1$  and  $U_2$  only depends on decision  $D_2$ .

(a) Consider the following decision network:



For each subpart below, select all comparison relations that are true or could be true.

(i) [1 pt]

☐  $>$   
☒  $=$   $VPI(\{A, B\}) = VPI(A) + VPI(B)$   
☐  $<$

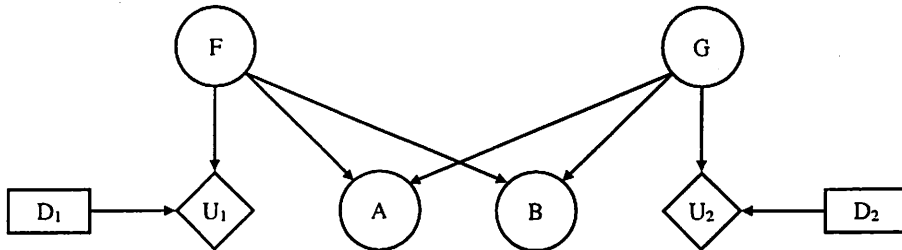
(ii) [1 pt]

☐  $>$   
 $\Rightarrow$  ☒  $=$   $VPI(\{A, F\}) = VPI(A) + VPI(F)$   
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(iii) [1 pt]

☐  $>$   
☒  $=$   $VPI(\{B, G\}) = VPI(G)$   
☒  $<$

(b) Now consider the following decision network:



For each subpart below, select all comparison relations that are true or could be true.

(i) [2 pts]

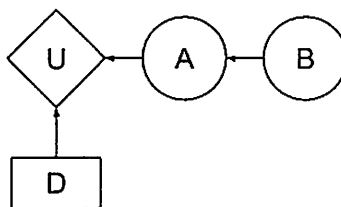
☐  $>$   
☒  $=$   $VPI(\{F, G\}) = VPI(F) + VPI(G)$   
☐  $<$

(ii) [2 pts]

☐  $>$   
☒  $=$   $VPI(\{A, F\}) = VPI(A) + VPI(F)$   
☒  $<$

(iii) [2 pts]

☐  $>$   
☒  $=$   $VPI(\{B, G\}) = VPI(G)$   
☒  $<$

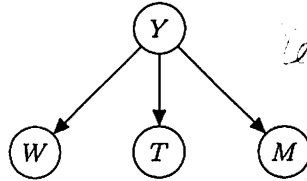


(c) [2 pts] Select all statements that are true. For the first two statements, consider the decision network above.

- ☒ If  $A, B$  are independent, then  $VPI(B) = 0$
- ☒ If  $A, B$  are guaranteed to be dependent, then  $VPI(B) > 0$
- ☐ In general, Gibbs Sampling can estimate the probabilities used when calculating VPI ~~X~~
- ☐ In general, Particle Filtering can estimate the probabilities used when calculating VPI

## Q9. [11 pts] Naively Fishing

Pacman has developed a hobby of fishing. Over the years, he has learned that a day can be considered fit or unfit for fishing  $Y$  which results in three features: whether or not Ms. Pacman can show up  $M$ , the temperature of the day  $T$ , and how high the water level is  $W$ . Pacman models it as the following Naive Bayes classification problem, shown below:



$0.1 \times 0.5 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 = 10$   
 $0.9 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.5 = 90$

- (a) We wish to calculate the probability a day is fit for fishing given features of the day. Consider the conditional probability tables that Pacman has estimated over the years:

Y	P(Y)	M	Y	P(M Y)	W	Y	P(W Y)	T	Y	P(T Y)
yes	0.1	yes	yes	0.5	high	yes	0.1	cold	yes	0.2
no	0.9	no	yes	0.5	low	yes	0.9	warm	yes	0.2
		yes	no	0.2	high	no	0.5	hot	yes	0.5
		no	no	0.8	low	no	0.5	cold	no	0.1
								warm	no	0.2
								hot	no	0.6

- (i) [1 pt] Using the method of Naive Bayes, what are these conditional probabilities, calculated from the conditional probability tables above? Fill in your final, decimal answer in the boxes below.

$P(Y = \text{yes} | M = \text{yes}, T = \text{cold}, W = \text{high}) =$

0.1

$P(Y = \text{no} | M = \text{yes}, T = \text{cold}, W = \text{high}) =$

0.9

- (ii) [1 pt] Using the method of Naive Bayes, do we predict that the day is fit for fishing if Ms. Pacman is available, the weather is cold, and the water level is high?

☐ Fit for fishing ☒ Not fit for fishing

- (b) Assume for this problem we do not have estimates for the conditional probability tables, and that Pacman is still using a Naive Bayes model. Write down an expression for each of the following queries. Express your solution using the conditional probabilities  $P(M|T)$ ,  $P(T|Y)$ ,  $P(W|Y)$ , and  $P(Y)$  from the Naive Bayes model.

- (i) [1 pt] Pacman now wishes to find the probability of Ms. Pacman being available or not given that the temperature is hot and the water level is low. Select all expressions that are equal to  $P(M|T, W)$ .

☒  $\frac{\sum_f P(f)P(M|f)P(T|f)P(W|f)}{\sum_f P(f)P(W|f)P(T|f)}$

☐  $\sum_f P(M|f)$

☒  $\sum_f \frac{P(M|f)P(T|f)P(W|f)}{P(T|f)P(W|f)}$

☐ None of the above

- (ii) [2 pts] Pacman now wants to now choose the class that gives the maximum  $P(\text{features}|\text{class})$ , that is, choosing the class that maximizes the probability of seeing the features. Write an expression that is equal to  $P(M, T, W|Y)$ .

$$P(M, T, W|Y) = \frac{P(Y) \cdot P(M|Y) \cdot P(T|Y) \cdot P(W|Y)}{\sum_{m, t, w} P(Y) \cdot P(M|Y) \cdot P(T|Y) \cdot P(W|Y)}$$

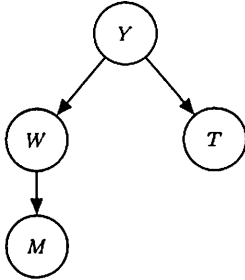
- (iii) [2 pts] Assume that Pacman is equally likely to go fishing as he is to not, i.e.  $P(Y = \text{yes}) = P(Y = \text{no})$ . Which method would give the correct Naive Bayes classification of whether a day is a good day for fishing if Pacman observes values for  $M$ ,  $T$ , and  $W$ ?

☐  $\arg \max_y P(M, T, W|Y = y)$  ☒  $\arg \max_y P(Y = y|M, T, W)$  ☐ None of the above

(c) Assume Pacman now has the underlying Bayes Net model, and the conditional probability tables from the previous parts do not apply. Recall that predictions are made under the Naive Bayes classification using the conditional probability,  $P(Y|W, T, M)$ , and the Naive Bayes assumption that features are independent given the class. We wish to explore if the Naive Bayes model is guaranteed to be able to represent the true distribution.

For each of the following true distributions, select 1) if the Naive Bayes modeling assumption holds and 2) if the Naive Bayes model is guaranteed to be able to represent the true conditional probability,  $P(Y|W, T, M)$ .

(i) [2 pts]



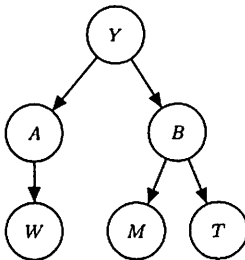
Does the Naive Bayes modeling assumption hold here?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the Naive Bayes model represent the true conditional distribution  $P(Y|W, T, M)$ ?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(ii) [2 pts]



Does the Naive Bayes modeling assumption hold here?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the Naive Bayes model represent the true conditional distribution  $P(Y|W, T, M)$ ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

# Q10. [13 pts] Neural Networks and Decision Trees

(a) Given the Boolean function represented by the truth table on the right, indicate which of the models can perfectly represent this function for some choice of parameters. Where no constraints are stated on the architecture (e.g. the number of neurons, activation function), answer yes if there exists *some* architecture which could represent the function.

(i) [2 pts]  $f(x, y) = x \oplus y$  can be modelled by:

- ☒ A neural network with a single layer (no hidden layer)
- ☒ A neural network with two layers (a single hidden layer)
- ☒ A decision tree of depth one
- ☒ A decision tree of depth two

$x$	$y$	$x \oplus y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

(ii) [2 pts]  $f(x, y) = \neg(x \vee y)$  can be modelled by:

- ☒ A neural network with a single layer (no hidden layer)
- ☒ A neural network with two layers (a single hidden layer)
- ☒ A decision tree of depth one
- ☒ A decision tree of depth two

$x$	$y$	$\neg(x \vee y)$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

(b) Ada is training a single layer (no hidden layer) neural network to predict a one-dimensional value from a one-dimensional input:

$$f(x) = g(Wx + b)$$

where  $g(y) = \text{relu}(y) = \max(0, y)$ . She initializes her weight and bias parameters to be:

$$W = -1, \quad b = 0.$$

(i) [1 pt] The derivative of the ReLU function takes the form:

$$\text{relu}'(y) = \begin{cases} s & y \geq u, \\ t & y < u. \end{cases}$$

Select the appropriate choice of  $s, t$  and  $u$  below.

$s$  is equal to:

- ☐  $s = 0.$
- ☒  $s = 1.$
- ☐  $s = y.$

$t$  is equal to:

- ☒  $t = 0.$
- ☐  $t = 1.$
- ☐  $t = y.$

$u$  is equal to:

- ☐  $u = -1.$
- ☒  $u = 0.$
- ☐  $u = 1.$

(ii) [2 pts] Compute the following partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to the weight  $W$  assuming the same parameters  $W$  and  $b$  as above.

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial W} \right|_{x=-1} = \underline{-1} \qquad \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial W} \right|_{x=1} = \underline{0}$$

(iii) [2 pts] For inputs  $x > 0$ , what range of values will  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial W}$  take on for the current values of  $W$  and  $b$ ?

$$\underline{0} \leq \frac{\partial f}{\partial W} \leq \underline{0}$$

- (iv) [1 pt] Suppose we now use gradient descent to train  $W$  and  $b$  to minimize a squared loss. Assume the training data consists only of inputs  $x > 0$ . For the given weight initialization, which of the following activation functions will result in the loss decreasing over time? You may find your answer to (b)(iii) helpful.
- ☐ Rectified Linear Unit:  $g(y) = \text{relu}(y)$ .
  - ☒ Hyperbolic Tangent:  $g(y) = \tanh y$ .
  - ☒ Sigmoid Function:  $g(y) = \sigma(y)$ .
- (c) [1 pt] Suppose you have found a learning rate  $\alpha_b$  that achieves low loss when using batch gradient descent. A learning rate  $\alpha_s$  for stochastic gradient descent that achieves similarly low loss would be expected to be:
- ☐ Higher than for batch gradient descent:  $\alpha_s > \alpha_b$
  - ☒ Lower than for batch gradient descent:  $\alpha_s < \alpha_b$
- (d) Your friend Alex is training a deep neural network, AlexNet, to classify images. He observes that the training loss is low, but that loss on a held-out validation dataset is high. Validation loss can be improved by:
- (i) [1 pt]
- ☒ Decreasing the number of layers.
  - ☐ Increasing the number of layers.
- (ii) [1 pt]
- ☒ Decreasing the size of each hidden layer.
  - ☐ Increasing the size of each hidden layer.