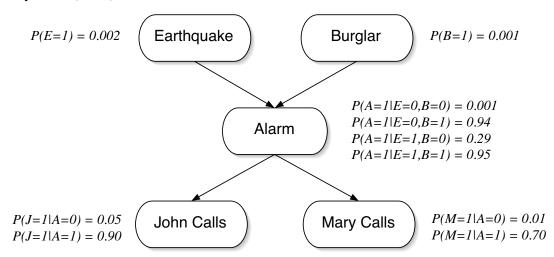
CSE 150A / 250A - Homework 2 (*CSE 150A: 51 pts / CSE 250A: 56 pts*)

Due: *Mon Apr 21* (by 11:59 PM, Pacific Time, via gradescope)

Grace period: 24 hours

2.1 Probabilistic inference (12 pts — 2 pts each)

Recall the alarm belief network described in class. The directed acyclic graph (DAG) and conditional probability tables (CPTs) are shown below:



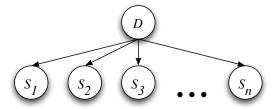
Compute numeric values for the following probabilities, exploiting relations of marginal and conditional independence as much as possible to simplify your calculations. You may re-use numerical results from lecture, but otherwise *show your work*. **Be careful not to drop significant digits in your answer.**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(a) } P(E\!=\!1|A\!=\!1) & \text{(c) } P(A\!=\!1|M\!=\!1) & \text{(e) } P(A\!=\!1|M\!=\!0) \\ \text{(b) } P(E\!=\!1|A\!=\!1,B\!=\!0) & \text{(d) } P(A\!=\!1|M\!=\!1,J\!=\!0) & \text{(f) } P(A\!=\!1|M\!=\!0,B\!=\!1) \\ \end{array}$$

Consider your results in (b) versus (a), (d) versus (c), and (f) versus (e). Do they seem consistent with commonsense patterns of reasoning?

2.2 Probabilistic reasoning (4 pts)

A patient is known to have contracted a rare disease which comes in two forms, represented by the values of a binary random variable $D \in \{0,1\}$. Symptoms of the disease are represented by the binary random variables $S_k \in \{0,1\}$, and knowledge of the disease is summarized by the belief network:



The conditional probability tables (CPTs) for this belief network are as follows. In the absence of evidence, both forms of the disease are equally likely, with prior probabilities:

$$P(D=0) = P(D=1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

In one form of the disease (D=0), the first symptom occurs with probability one,

$$P(S_1=1|D=0)=1,$$

while the k^{th} symptom (with $k \ge 2$) occurs with probability

$$P(S_k=1|D=0) = \frac{f(k-1)}{f(k)},$$

where the function f(k) is defined by

$$f(k) = 2^k + (-1)^k.$$

By contrast, in the other form of the disease (D=1), all the symptoms are uniformly likely to be observed, with

$$P(S_k = 1 | D = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

for all k. Suppose that on the $k^{\rm th}$ day of the month, a test is done to determine whether the patient is exhibiting the $k^{\rm th}$ symptom, and that each such test returns a positive result. Thus, on the $k^{\rm th}$ day, the doctor observes the patient with symptoms $\{S_1=1,S_2=1,\ldots,S_k=1\}$. Based on the cumulative evidence, the doctor makes a new diagnosis each day by computing the ratio:

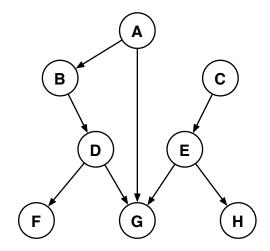
$$r_k = \frac{P(D=0|S_1=1, S_2=1, \dots, S_k=1)}{P(D=1|S_1=1, S_2=1, \dots, S_k=1)}.$$

If this ratio is greater than 1, the doctor diagnoses the patient with the D=0 form of the disease; otherwise, with the D=1 form.

- (a) Compute the ratio r_k as a function of k. How does the doctor's diagnosis depend on the day of the month? Show your work. (3 pts)
- (b) Does the diagnosis become more or less certain as more symptoms are observed? Explain. (1 pts)

2.3 True or false (10 pts)

For the belief network shown below, indicate whether the following statements of marginal or conditional independence are **true** (**T**) or **false** (**F**). Your answer will be **only** graded based on correctness. No justifications required.



(a)
$$P(B|G,C) = P(B|G)$$

(b)
$$P(F,G|D) = P(F|D)P(G|D)$$

(c)
$$P(A,C) = P(A)P(C)$$

(d)
$$P(D|B,F,G) = P(D|B,F,G,A)$$

(e)
$$P(F, H) = P(F) P(H)$$

(f)
$$P(D, E|F, H) = P(D|F) P(E|H)$$

$$(g) \qquad \qquad P(F,C|G) \quad = \quad P(F|G)\,P(C|G)$$

$$(h) \qquad \qquad P(D,E,G) \quad = \quad P(D)\,P(E)\,P(G|D,E)$$

(i)
$$P(H|C) = P(H|A, B, C, D, F)$$

(j)
$$P(H|A,C) = P(H|A,C,G)$$

2.4 More on Belief Networks (10 pts)

For the belief network shown below, indicate whether the following statements of marginal or conditional independence are **true** (**T**) or **false** (**F**). Your answer will be **only** graded based on correctness. No justifications required.

(a)
$$P(F|H) = P(F|C, H)$$

(b)
$$P(E|A,B) = P(E|A,B,F)$$

(c)
$$P(E, F|B, G) = P(E|B, G) P(F|B, G)$$

(d)
$$P(F|B,C,G,H) = P(F|B,C,E,G,H)$$

(e)
$$P(A, B|D, E, F) = P(A, B|D, E, F, G, H)$$

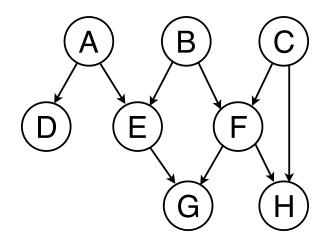
(f)
$$P(D, E, F) = P(D) P(E|D) P(F|E)$$

(g)
$$P(A|F) = P(A)$$

(h)
$$P(E,F) = P(E)P(F)$$

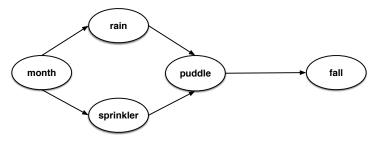
(i)
$$P(D|A) = P(D|A, E)$$

$$(j) \qquad \qquad P(B,C) = P(B) P(C)$$



2.5 Conditional independence (8 pts)

Consider the DAG shown below, describing the following domain. Given the month of the year, there is some probability of rain, and also some probability that the sprinkler is turned on. Either of these events leads to some probability that a puddle forms on the sidewalk, which in turn leads to some probability that someone has a fall.



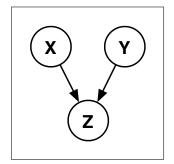
List all the conditional independence relations that must hold in any probability distribution represented by this DAG. More specifically, list all tuples $\{X,Y,E\}$ such that P(X,Y|E) = P(X|E)P(Y|E), where

$$\begin{array}{rcl} X,Y & \in & \{ \texttt{month}, \texttt{rain}, \texttt{sprinkler}, \texttt{puddle}, \texttt{fall} \}, \\ E & \subseteq & \{ \texttt{month}, \texttt{rain}, \texttt{sprinkler}, \texttt{puddle}, \texttt{fall} \}, \\ X & \neq & Y, \\ X,Y & \not\in & E. \end{array}$$

Hint: There are sixteen such tuples, not counting those that are equivalent up to exchange of X and Y. One of the tuples is provided for you.

X	Y	E
month	puddle	{rain, sprinkler}

2.6 Noisy-OR (7 pts)



Nodes:
$$X \in \{0,1\}, Y \in \{0,1\}, Z \in \{0,1\}$$

Noisy-OR CPT:
$$P(Z = 1|X, Y) = 1 - (1 - p_x)^X (1 - p_y)^Y$$

Parameters:
$$p_x \in [0, 1], p_y \in [0, 1], p_x < p_y$$

Suppose that the nodes in this network represent binary random variables and that the CPT for P(Z|X,Y) is parameterized by a noisy-OR model, as shown above. Suppose also that

$$0 < P(X=1) < 1$$
 $0 < P(Y=1) < 1$

while the parameters of the noisy-OR model satisfy

$$0 < p_x < p_y < 1$$
.

Consider the following pairs of probabilities. In each case, indicate whether the probability on the left is equal (=), greater than (>), or less than (<) the probability on the right. The first one has been filled in for you as an example. You may rely on intuition for these problems; you are **not** required to show work.

For CSE 250A ONLY (5 pts): Prove your answers for part (e), (f), and (g). You will receive partial credits for your efforts on proofs.