# Intro to Al Assignment 3 - Probabilistic Reasoning

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# §1 Problem 1

#### §1.1 Part a

The joint probability for the events A, B, C, D, E is defined by the chain rule as:

$$P(A, B, C, D, E) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) \cdot P(D|A, B) \cdot P(E|B, C)$$

For the specific case where all events are true (T), the joint probability is:

$$P(A = T, B = T, C = T, D = T, E = T) = P(A = T) \cdot P(B = T) \cdot P(C = T)$$
  
  $\cdot P(D = T|A = T, B = T) \cdot P(E = T|B = T, C = T)$ 

Substituting the provided numerical values:

$$P(A = T, B = T, C = T, D = T, E = T) = 0.2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.3$$
  
= 0.0024

Thus, the likelihood of the combined event where A, B, C, D and E are all true is 0.0024.

### §1.2 Part b

Now, let's analyze the scenario where all these events are false (F). The joint probability is:

$$P(A = F, B = F, C = F, D = F, E = F) = P(A = F) \cdot P(B = F) \cdot P(C = F)$$
  
  $\cdot P(D = F|A = F, B = F) \cdot P(E = F|B = F, C = F)$ 

Inserting the given probabilities for this scenario:

$$P(A = F, B = F, C = F, D = F, E = F) = 0.8 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.8$$
  
= 0.0064

Consequently, the probability of the joint event where A, B, C, D, and E are all false is  $\boxed{0.0064}$ .

#### §1.3 Part c

We aim to determine the conditional probability  $P(\neg A|B,C,D,E)$ . Employing Bayes' theorem, this can be expressed as proportional to the joint probability  $P(\neg A,B,C,D,E)$ :

$$P(\neg A|B,C,D,E) \propto P(\neg A,B,C,D,E)$$
.

Let the normalization factor be  $\alpha$ , defined as:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{P(A, B, C, D, E) + P(\neg A, B, C, D, E)}.$$

We are given the calculation for  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{(0.2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.3) + (0.8 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.3)}.$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{0.0024 + 0.0576} = \frac{1}{0.06} = \frac{50}{3}.$$

Now, we can compute the conditional probability  $P(\neg A|B,C,D,E)$ :

$$P(\neg A|B, C, D, E) = \alpha \cdot P(\neg A, B, C, D, E).$$

$$P(\neg A|B, C, D, E) = \frac{50}{3} \cdot 0.0576.$$

$$P(\neg A|B, C, D, E) = 0.96.$$

Therefore, the conditional probability  $P(\neg A|B,C,D,E)$  is  $\boxed{0.96}$ .

# §2 Problem 2

#### §2.1 Part a

Our goal is to determine the conditional probability P(Burglary|JohnsCalls = true, MaryCalls = true). We are given the formulation:

$$P(B|J,M) = \alpha \cdot P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|B,E) \cdot P(J|A) \cdot P(M|A)$$

where 
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{P(J, M)}$$
.

Following the provided steps and correcting the final calculation:

$$P(B|J,M) = \alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0.00059224259 \\ 0.0014918576 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (where the top element corresponds to  $B = T$  and the bottom to  $B = F$ ) 
$$\left(\text{and } \alpha = \frac{1}{0.0020853609}\right)$$
 
$$= \frac{1}{0.0020853609} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0.00059224259 \\ 0.0014918576 \end{pmatrix}$$
 
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{0.00059224259}{0.0020853609} \\ \frac{0.0014918576}{0.0020853609} \end{pmatrix}$$
 
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.284 \\ 0.716 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here,  $\boxed{0.284}$  signifies the probability of a burglary occurring given that John and Mary call, while  $\boxed{0.716}$  represents the probability of no burglary under the same conditions.

#### §2.2 Part b

What is the computational cost of determining  $P(X_1|X_n = \text{true})$  via enumeration? What is the cost using variable elimination?

# §2.2.1 Complexity via Enumeration

To compute  $P(X_1|X_n = \text{true})$  by enumeration, we initially assess two binary trees for each state of  $X_1$ . Each of these trees possesses a depth of n-2. Consequently, the aggregate computational effort for enumeration amounts to  $O(2^n)$ .

# §2.2.2 Complexity via Variable Elimination

Moving on to variable elimination, the size of the factors will not exceed two variables. For instance, when computing  $P(X_1|X_n = \text{true})$ :

$$P(X_{1}|X_{n} = \text{true}) = \alpha \cdot P(X_{1}) \cdots \sum_{x_{n-2}} P(x_{n-2}|x_{n-3}) \sum_{x_{n-1}} P(x_{n-1}|x_{n-2}) P(X_{n} = \text{true}|x_{n-1})$$

$$= \alpha \cdot P(X_{1}) \cdots \sum_{x_{n-2}} P(x_{n-2}|x_{n-3}) \sum_{x_{n-1}} f_{X_{n-1}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) f_{X_{n}}(x_{n-1})$$

$$= \alpha \cdot P(X_{1}) \cdots \sum_{x_{n-2}} P(x_{n-2}|x_{n-3}) f_{\frac{x_{n-2}}{X_{n-1} \cdot X_{n}}}$$

As evident, this mirrors a problem with n-1 variables rather than n. Hence, the computational work remains constant, independent of n, and the overall complexity is O(n).

#### §3 Problem 3

#### §4 Problem 4

We can model the system as a hidden Markov model. We can model  $X_t$  as a Markov chain with the states  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  and transition matrix:

$$T_{i,j} = P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i)$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In addition, we have the observation matrices for hot and cold:

We know that the rover starts at state A with probability 1, so  $P(X_1 = A) = 1$ . The initial state vector is therefore  $f_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ .

#### §4.1 Part 1

We are being asked to compute the state distribution  $f_3$  given the observations  $O_1 = \text{hot}$ ,  $O_2 = \text{cold}$ , and  $O_3 = \text{cold}$ .

# §4.2 Part 2

We know that

$$f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can then compute

$$b_3 = TO_{\text{cold}}b_4$$

$$= [0.8, 1, 0.2, 0.8, 1, 0]$$

$$P(X_2|\text{hot}_1, \text{cold}_2, \text{cold}_3) = b_3 \circ f_2$$

$$= [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]$$

#### §4.4 Part 4

We can simply do

$$P(X_4|\text{hot}_1, \text{cold}_2, \text{cold}_3) = Tf_3$$
  
=  $[0, 0.04, 0.32, 0.64, 0, 0]$ 

# §4.3 Part 3

Using the results of part 4,

$$P(\text{hot}_4|\text{hot}_1, \text{cold}_2, \text{cold}_3) = P(X_4 = A \text{ or } X_4 = D|\text{hot}_1, \text{cold}_2, \text{cold}_3)$$
  
= 0 + 0.64  
= 0.64

# §5 Problem 5

# §5.1 Part 1

The Bellman equation for this Markov decision process is given by:

$$V^{\pi}(s) = R(s, \pi(s)) + \sum_{s' \in A, B} T(s, \pi(s), s') V^{\pi}(s')$$

# §5.2 Part 2

# §5.2.1 Iteration 1

$$\begin{split} V_0^\pi(A) &= 0 \\ V_1^\pi(A) &= R(A,1) + \sum_{s'} T(A,1,s') V_0^\pi(s') \\ &= 0 + (1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0) \\ &= 0 \\ V_0^\pi(B) &= 0 \\ V_1^\pi(B) &= R(B,1) + \sum_{s'} T(B,1,s') V_0^\pi(s') \\ &= 5 + (0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0) \\ &= 5 \end{split}$$

# **§5.2.2** Iteration 2

$$V_2^{\pi}(A) = R(A, 1) + \sum_{s'} T(A, 1, s') V_0^{\pi}(s')$$

$$= 0 + (1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 0$$

$$V_2^{\pi}(B) = R(B, 1) + \sum_{s'} T(B, 1, s') V_0^{\pi}(s')$$

$$= 5 + (0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 10$$

# §5.3 Part 3

$$\begin{split} \pi_{\text{new}}(A) &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ R(A,1) + \sum_{s'} T(A,1,s') V_0^{\pi}(s'), R(A,2) + \sum_{s'} T(A,2,s') V_0^{\pi}(s') \right\} \\ &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ 0 + (1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 5), 0 + (0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 5) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ 0, 5 \right\} \\ &= 2 \\ \pi_{\text{new}}(B) &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ R(B,1) + \sum_{s'} T(B,1,s') V_0^{\pi}(s'), R(B,2) + \sum_{s'} T(B,2,s') V_0^{\pi}(s') \right\} \\ &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ 5 + (0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 5), 5 + (1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 5) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{a} \left\{ 10, 5 \right\} \\ &= 1 \end{split}$$