



LECTURE 31 OF 42

Reasoning under Uncertainty: Uncertain Inference Concluded Discussion: Fuzzy Reasoning & D-S Theory

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Reading for Next Class:

Review Chapters 13 – 14, R&N

Dempster-Shafer theory: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dempster-Shafer_theory

Fuzzy logic: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuzzy_logic



LECTURE OUTLINE

- **Reading for Next Class: Sections 14.1 – 14.2 (p. 492 – 499), R&N 2^e**
- **Last Class: Uncertainty, Probability, 13 (p. 462 – 486), R&N 2^e**
 - * Where uncertainty is encountered: reasoning, planning, learning (later)
 - * Sources: sensor error, incomplete/inaccurate domain theory, randomness
- **Today: Probability Intro, Continued, Chapter 13, R&N 2^e**
 - * Why probability
 - ⇒ Axiomatic basis: Kolmogorov
 - ⇒ With utility theory: sound foundation of rational decision making
 - * Joint probability
 - * Independence
 - * Probabilistic reasoning: inference by enumeration
 - * Conditioning
 - ⇒ Bayes's theorem (*aka* Bayes' rule)
 - ⇒ Conditional independence
- **Coming Week: More Applied Probability, Graphical Models**





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PROBABILITY: BASIC DEFINITIONS AND AXIOMS

- **Sample Space (Ω):** Range of Random Variable X
- **Probability Measure $Pr(\bullet)$**
 - * Ω denotes range of observations; $X: \Omega$
 - * Probability Pr , or P : measure over power set 2^Ω - event space
 - * In general sense, $Pr(X = x \in \Omega)$ is measure of belief in $X = x$
 - ⇒ $P(X = x) = 0$ or $P(X = x) = 1$: plain (aka categorical) beliefs
 - ⇒ Can't be revised; all other beliefs are subject to revision

- **Kolmogorov Axioms**

- * 1. $\forall x \in \Omega . 0 \leq P(X = x) \leq 1$
- * 2. $P(\Omega) \equiv \sum_{x \in \Omega} P(X = x) = 1$
- * 3. $\forall X_1, X_2, \dots \ni i \neq j \Rightarrow X_i \wedge X_j = \emptyset .$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(X_i)$$

- **Joint Probability:** $P(X_1 \wedge X_2) \equiv$ Prob. of Joint Event $X_1 \wedge X_2$
- **Independence:** $P(X_1 \wedge X_2) = P(X_1) \cdot P(X_2)$





EVIDENTIAL REASONING – INFERENCE BY ENUMERATION APPROACH

Let \mathbf{X} be all the variables. Typically, we want
the posterior joint distribution of the query variables \mathbf{Y}
given specific values \mathbf{e} for the evidence variables \mathbf{E}

Let the hidden variables be $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{E}$

Then the required summation of joint entries is done by summing out the
hidden variables:

$$P(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{e}) = \alpha P(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{E}=\mathbf{e}) = \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{E}=\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{H}=\mathbf{h})$$

The terms in the summation are joint entries because \mathbf{Y} , \mathbf{E} , and \mathbf{H} together
exhaust the set of random variables

Obvious problems:

- 1) Worst-case time complexity $O(d^n)$ where d is the largest arity
- 2) Space complexity $O(d^n)$ to store the joint distribution
- 3) How to find the numbers for $O(d^n)$ entries???

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BAYES'S THEOREM (AKA BAYES' RULE)

Product rule $P(a \wedge b) = P(a|b)P(b) = P(b|a)P(a)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Bayes' rule } P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$$

or in distribution form

$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)} = \alpha P(X|Y)P(Y)$$

Useful for assessing diagnostic probability from causal probability:

$$P(\text{Cause}|\text{Effect}) = \frac{P(\text{Effect}|\text{Cause})P(\text{Cause})}{P(\text{Effect})}$$

E.g., let M be meningitis, S be stiff neck:

$$P(m|s) = \frac{P(s|m)P(m)}{P(s)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.1} = 0.0008$$

Note: posterior probability of meningitis still very small!

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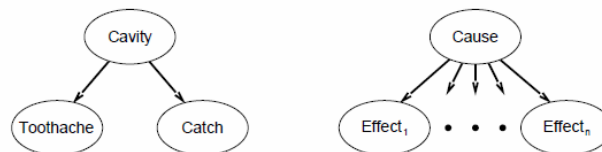


BAYES' RULE & CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{Cavity} | \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch}) \\
 &= \alpha P(\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch} | \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity}) \\
 &= \alpha P(\text{toothache} | \text{Cavity}) P(\text{catch} | \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})
 \end{aligned}$$

This is an example of a naive Bayes model:

$$P(\text{Cause}, \text{Effect}_1, \dots, \text{Effect}_n) = P(\text{Cause}) \prod_i P(\text{Effect}_i | \text{Cause})$$

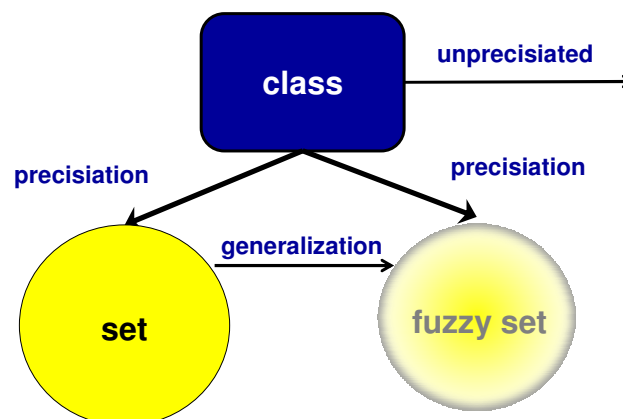


Total number of parameters is **linear** in n

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NON-PROBABILISTIC REPRESENTATION [1]: CONCEPT OF FUZZY SET



Informally, a fuzzy set, A , in a universe of discourse, U , is a class with a fuzzy boundary.

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NON-PROBABILISTIC REPRESENTATION [2]: PRECISION & DEGREE OF MEMBERSHIP

- Set A in U : Class with **Crisp Boundary**
- **Precision**: Association with Function whose Domain is U
- **Precision of Crisp Sets**
 - * Through association with (Boolean-valued) characteristic function
 - * $c_A: U \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- **Precision of Fuzzy Sets**
 - * Through association with membership function
 - * $\mu_A: U \rightarrow [0, 1]$
 - * $\mu_A(u)$, $u \in U$, represents grade of membership of u in A
- **Degree of Membership**
 - * Membership in A : matter of degree
 - * “In fuzzy logic everything is or is allowed to be a matter of degree.” – Zadeh

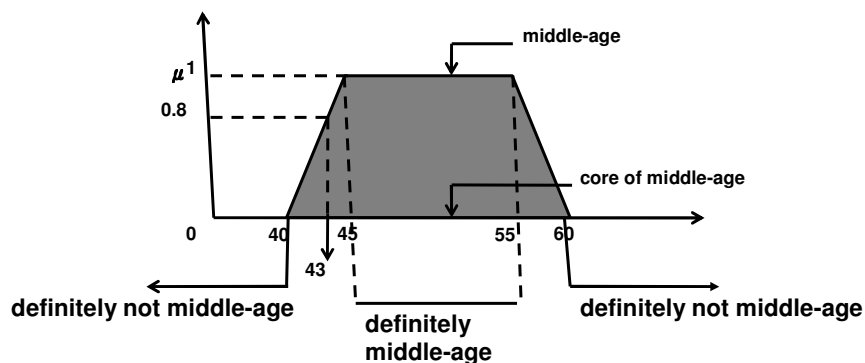
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NON-PROBABILISTIC REPRESENTATION [3]: FUZZY SET EXAMPLE – MIDDLE-AGE

- “Linguistic” Variables: Qualitative, Based on Descriptive Terms
- Imprecision of Meaning = Elasticity of Meaning
- Elasticity of Meaning = **Fuzziness of Meaning**



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AUTOMATED REASONING USING PROBABILITY: INFERENCE TASKS

Simple queries: compute posterior marginal $P(X_i | E = e)$

e.g., $P(\text{NoGas} | \text{Gauge} = \text{empty}, \text{Lights} = \text{on}, \text{Starts} = \text{false})$

Conjunctive queries: $P(X_i, X_j | E = e) = P(X_i | E = e)P(X_j | X_i, E = e)$

Optimal decisions: decision networks include utility information;
probabilistic inference required for $P(\text{outcome} | \text{action}, \text{evidence})$

Value of information: which evidence to seek next?

Sensitivity analysis: which probability values are most critical?

Explanation: why do I need a new starter motor?

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CHOOSING HYPOTHESES

- **Bayes's Theorem**

$$P(h | D) = \frac{P(D | h)P(h)}{P(D)} = \frac{P(h \wedge D)}{P(D)}$$

- **MAP Hypothesis**

- * Generally want most probable hypothesis given training data
- * Define: $\arg \max_{x \in \Omega} [f(x)]$ \equiv value of x in sample space Ω with highest $f(x)$
- * Maximum a posteriori hypothesis, h_{MAP}

$$\begin{aligned} h_{MAP} &= \arg \max_{h \in H} P(h | D) \\ &= \arg \max_{h \in H} \frac{P(D | h)P(h)}{P(D)} \\ &= \arg \max_{h \in H} P(D | h)P(h) \end{aligned}$$

- **ML Hypothesis**

- * Assume that $p(h_i) = p(h_j)$ for all pairs i, j (uniform priors, i.e., $P_H \sim \text{Uniform}$)
- * Can further simplify and choose maximum likelihood hypothesis, h_{ML}

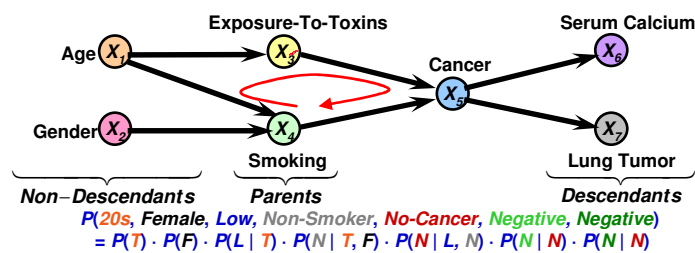
$$h_{ML} = \arg \max_{h_i \in H} P(D | h_i)$$





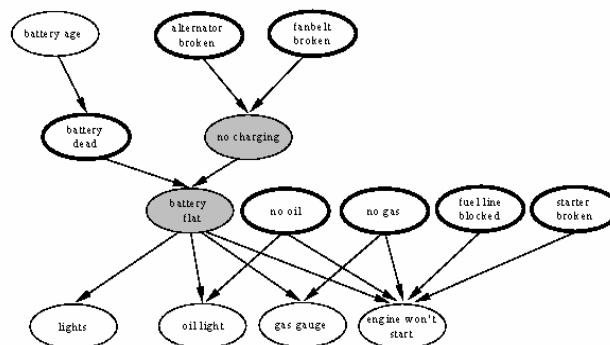
GRAPHICAL MODELS OF PROBABILITY

- **Conditional Independence**
 - * X is conditionally independent (CI) from Y given Z iff $P(X | Y, Z) = P(X | Z)$ for all values of X, Y , and Z
 - * Example: $P(\text{Thunder} | \text{Rain}, \text{Lightning}) = P(\text{Thunder} | \text{Lightning}) \Leftrightarrow T \perp R | L$
- **Bayesian (Belief) Network**
 - * Acyclic directed graph model $B = (V, E, \Theta)$ representing CI assertions over Θ
 - * Vertices (nodes) V : denote events (each a random variable)
 - * Edges (arcs, links) E : denote conditional dependencies
- **Markov Condition for BBNs (Chain Rule):** $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$
- **Example BBN**



EVIDENTIAL REASONING: EXAMPLE – CAR DIAGNOSIS

Initial evidence: engine won't start
 Testable variables (thin ovals), diagnosis variables (thick ovals)
 Hidden variables (shaded) ensure sparse structure, reduce parameters



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TOOLS FOR BUILDING GRAPHICAL MODELS

- **Commercial Tools:** *Ergo*, *Netica*, *TETRAD*, *Hugin*
- **Bayes Net Toolbox (BNT)** – Murphy (1997-present)
 - * Distribution page <http://http.cs.berkeley.edu/~murphyk/Bayes/bnt.html>
 - * Development group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BayesNetToolbox>
- **Bayesian Network tools in Java (BNJ)** – Hsu et al. (1999-present)
 - * Distribution page <http://bnj.sourceforge.net>
 - * Development group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bndev>
 - * Current (re)implementation projects for KSU KDD Lab
 - Continuous state: Minka (2002) – Hsu, Guo, Li
 - Formats: XML BNIF (MSBN), Netica – Barber, Guo
 - Space-efficient DBN inference – Meyer
 - Bounded cutset conditioning – Chandak



REFERENCES: GRAPHICAL MODELS & INFERENCE

- **Graphical Models**
 - * **Bayesian (Belief) Networks tutorial** – Murphy (2001)
<http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~murphyk/Bayes/bayes.html>
 - * **Learning Bayesian Networks** – Heckerman (1996, 1999)
<http://research.microsoft.com/~heckerman>
- **Inference Algorithms**
 - * **Junction Tree (Join Tree, L-S, Hugin)**: Lauritzen & Spiegelhalter (1988)
<http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/huang94inference.html>
 - * **(Bounded) Loop Cutset Conditioning**: Horvitz & Cooper (1989)
<http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/shachter94global.html>
 - * **Variable Elimination (Bucket Elimination, ElimBel)**: Dechter (1986)
<http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/dechter96bucket.html>
 - * **Recommended Books**
 - Neapolitan (1990) – *out of print*; see Pearl (1988), Jensen (2001)
 - Castillo, Gutierrez, Hadi (1997)
 - Cowell, Dawid, Lauritzen, Spiegelhalter (1999)
 - * **Stochastic Approximation**
<http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/cheng00aisbn.html>





TERMINOLOGY

- **Uncertain Reasoning: Inference Task with Uncertain Premises, Rules**
- **Probabilistic Representation**
 - * **Views of probability**
 - ⇒ **Subjectivist**: measure of belief in sentences
 - ⇒ **Frequentist**: likelihood ratio
 - ⇒ **Logicist**: counting evidence
 - * **Founded on Kolmogorov axioms**
 - ⇒ **Sum rule**
 - ⇒ **Prior, joint vs. conditional**
 - ⇒ **Bayes's theorem & product rule**: $P(A | B) = (P(B | A) * P(A)) / P(B)$
 - * **Independence & conditional independence**
- **Probabilistic Reasoning**
 - * **Inference by enumeration**
 - * **Evidential reasoning**



SUMMARY POINTS

- **Last Class: Reasoning under Uncertainty and Probability (Ch. 13)**
 - * **Uncertainty is pervasive**
 - * **What are we uncertain about?**
- **Today: Chapter 13 Concluded, Preview of Chapter 14**
 - * **Why probability**
 - ⇒ **Axiomatic basis: Kolmogorov**
 - ⇒ **With utility theory: sound foundation of rational decision making**
 - * **Joint probability**
 - * **Independence**
 - * **Probabilistic reasoning: inference by enumeration**
 - * **Conditioning**
 - ⇒ **Bayes's theorem (aka Bayes' rule)**
 - ⇒ **Conditional independence**
- **Coming Week: More Applied Probability**
 - * **Graphical models as KR for uncertainty: Bayesian networks, etc.**
 - * **Some inference algorithms for Bayes nets**

