

# CSC442: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Probability and Inference

# Announcements

- Hoping to grade midterms this week.
- FOL quiz cancelled (no assignment either).
- Next quiz will be take-home (written) given out on Wednesday, subject: probability.
- Next project will also be assigned Wednesday.

# Probability

- Sample space: possible worlds
- Probability model: degrees of belief in possible worlds
- Events: subsets of possible worlds

# Random Variable

- A function from outcomes to values
- “the number of heads in three flips”
- “the total of the two dice”
- “the dice are matched doubles”
- “a red ball was picked”

# Statements

- Elementary (atomic) statement  
 $RV = \text{value}$
- Combine with connectives from PL
  - $\text{Die}_1 = 3 \wedge \text{Total} = 7$
  - $\text{Total} = 7 \vee \text{doubles}$
  - $\text{Die}_1 = 3 \wedge \neg \text{doubles}$

# Probability Statements

- Assign a probability to a statement

$$P(\text{Die}_1 = 3 \wedge \text{Total} = 7) = 1/36$$

$$P(\text{Total} = 7 \vee \text{doubles}) = 12/36$$

$$P(\text{Die}_1 = 3 \wedge \neg \text{doubles}) = 5/36$$

# Probability Distribution

- Assign a probability to every possible value of a random variable

*Weather* : {*sunny*, *rain*, *cloudy*, *snow*}

$$P(\text{Weather} = \text{sunny}) = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{Weather} = \text{rain}) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{Weather} = \text{cloudy}) = 0.29$$

$$P(\text{Weather} = \text{snow}) = 0.01$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Weather}) = \langle 0.6, 0.1, 0.29, 0.01 \rangle$$

Bold

Vector

# Joint Distribution

- Distribution over multiple variables
- Gives probabilities of all combinations of the values of the variables

# Joint Distributions

$P(Weather, Cavity)$

		Cavity	
		true	false
Weather	sunny		
	rain		
	cloudy		
	snow		

# Full Joint Probability Distribution

- Joint probability distribution over all the random variables
- Probabilities for every possible combination of values assigned to random variables
- Probabilities for every possible world

# Full Joint Probability Distribution

$P(Cavity, Toothache, Weather)$

		toothache	$\neg$ toothache		
		cavity	$\neg$ cavity	cavity	$\neg$ cavity
sunny					
rain					
cloudy					
snow					

# Representing Uncertainty

- Probability: Sample space, probabilities, events
- Random variables, domains
- Language of probability statements
- Probability distributions, joint distributions, full joint distribution

New Stuff

# Inference

- Compute what “follows from” our knowledge
- Make implicit knowledge explicit

Now with Probabilities!

# Probabilistic Inference

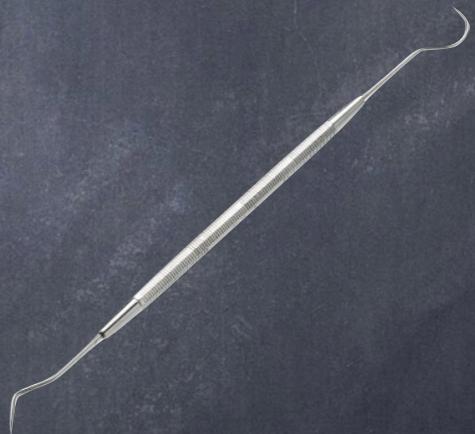
- Compute what “follows from” our (uncertain) knowledge
- Make implicit knowledge explicit



Cavity



Toothache



Catch

# $P(\text{Cavity}, \text{Toothache}, \text{Catch})$

		toothache		$\neg$ toothache	
		catch	$\neg$ catch	catch	$\neg$ catch
cavity		0.108	0.012	0.072	0.008
$\neg$ cavity		0.016	0.064	0.144	0.576

# Probability of a Statement

$$P(\text{cavity} \vee \text{toothache})$$

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# Probability of a Statement

$$P(\text{cavity} \vee \text{toothache}) = 0.28$$

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	catch	$\neg$ catch	catch	$\neg$ catch
cavity	0.108	0.012	0.072	0.008
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# Probability of a Statement

$$P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = 0.12$$

		toothache		$\neg$ toothache	
		catch	$\neg$ catch	catch	$\neg$ catch
cavity	toothache	0.108	0.012	0.072	0.008
	$\neg$ cavity	0.016	0.064	0.144	0.576

Background + Evidence → Conclusions  
Knowledge

# Unconditional (Prior) Probabilities

- Degrees of belief in propositions in the absence of any other information

$$P(\text{doubles}) = 1/3$$

$$P(\text{cavity}) = 0.2$$

# Conditional (Posterior) Probability

- Degree of belief in a proposition given some information (evidence)

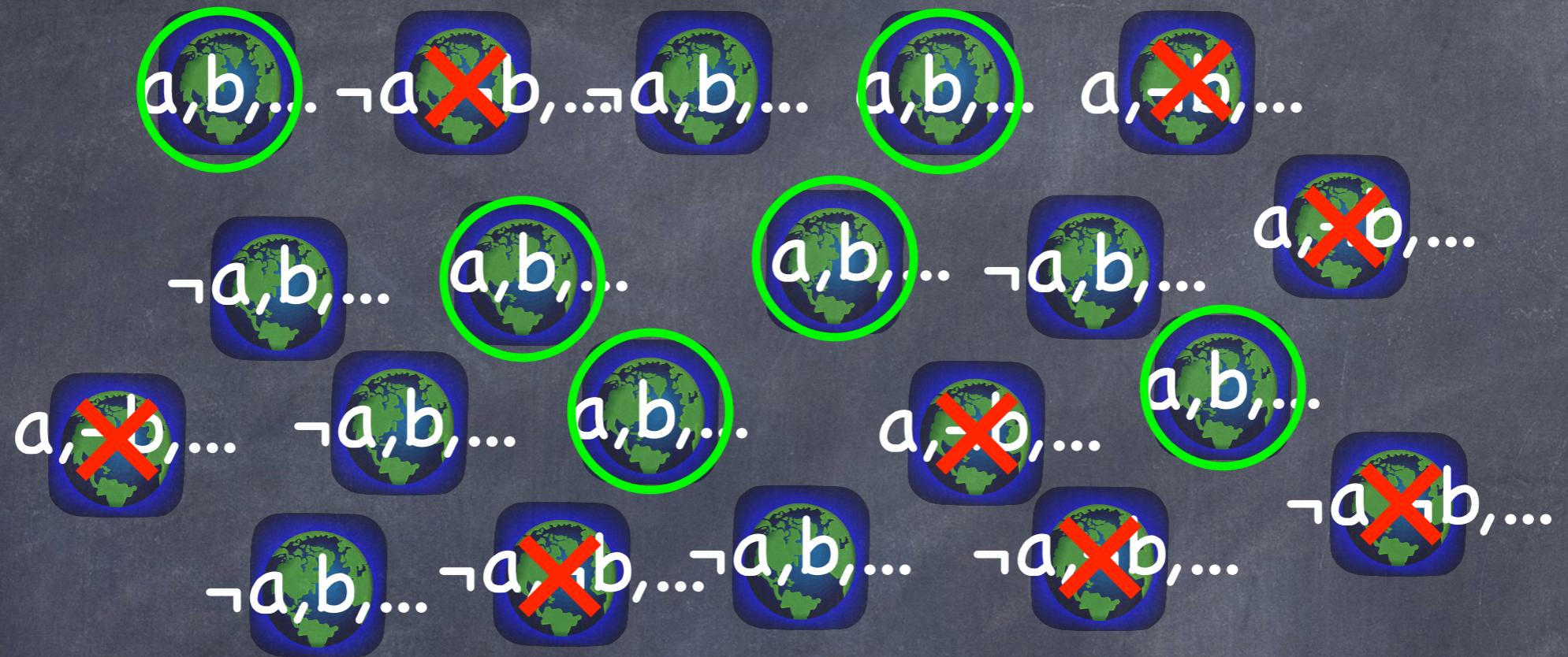
$$P(\text{SnakeEyes} \mid \text{Die}_1 = 1) = 1/6$$

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = 0.6$$

- Whenever evidence is true and we have no further information, conclude probability of proposition

# Conditional (Posterior) and Unconditional (Prior) Probability

$$P(a \mid b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} \text{ when } P(b) > 0$$



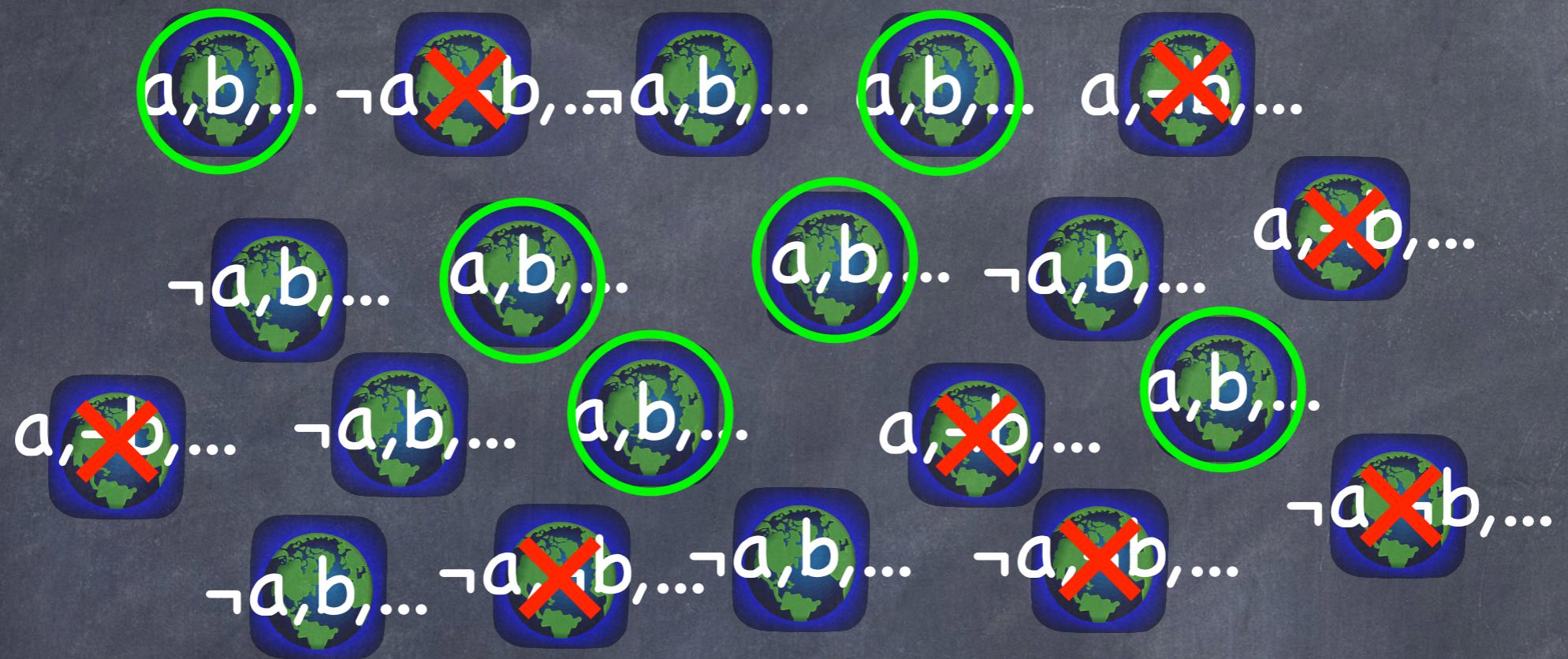
20 equally likely possible worlds

12 possible worlds where  $b$  is true

$$P(b) = 12/20$$

$a$  is true in 6 of those 12

$$P(a | b) = 6/12 = 1/2$$



20 equally likely possible worlds

12 possible worlds where b is true

$$P(b) = 12/20$$

6 worlds where  $a \wedge b$  is true:

$$P(a \wedge b) = 6/20$$

$$P(a \mid b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} = \frac{6/20}{12/20} = 1/2$$

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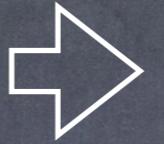
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# Conditional (Posterior) and Unconditional (Prior) Probability

$$P(a \mid b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} \text{ when } P(b) > 0$$

Product Rule:

$$P(a \wedge b) = P(a \mid b)P(b)$$

Background  
Knowledge + Evidence  Conclusions

Prior  
Probabilities

Posterior  
(Conditional)  
Probabilities  
given evidence

# Probabilistic Inference

- Computing posterior probabilities for statements given prior probabilities and observed evidence
- Given priors and evidence, compute probabilities given evidence (posteriors)

# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})}$$

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# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})} = \frac{0.12}{0.2}$$

		toothache		$\neg\text{toothache}$	
		catch	$\neg\text{catch}$	catch	$\neg\text{catch}$
cavity	toothache	0.108	0.012	0.072	0.008
	$\neg\text{cavity}$	0.016	0.064	0.144	0.576

# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})} = 0.6$$

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$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})} = 0.6$$

$$P(\neg \text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\neg \text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})}$$

# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\neg cavity \mid toothache) = \frac{P(\neg cavity \wedge toothache)}{P(toothache)} = 0.4$$

		toothache		$\neg$ toothache	
		catch	$\neg$ catch	catch	$\neg$ catch
cavity	toothache	0.108	0.012	0.072	0.008
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$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$$

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# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha 0.12$$

$$P(\neg \text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha P(\neg \text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha 0.08$$

# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha \quad P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha \cdot 0.12$$

$$P(\neg \text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha \quad P(\neg \text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha \cdot 0.08$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha \langle 0.12, 0.08 \rangle$$

# Probabilistic Inference

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha \quad P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha \cdot 0.12$$

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$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{1}{0.12 + 0.08} \langle 0.12, 0.08 \rangle$$

# Normalization

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha 0.12$$

$$P(\neg\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \alpha P(\neg\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = \alpha 0.08$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle$$

Normalization  
constant

We didn't know  $P(\text{toothache})!$

$$P(\text{cavity}) = 0.108 + 0.012 + 0.072 + 0.008 = 0.2$$

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$$P(\text{cavity}) = \sum_{y_1 \in \text{Toothache}} \sum_{y_2 \in \text{Catch}} P(\text{cavity}, y_1, y_2)$$

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# Marginalization

$$P(X) = \sum_{y \in Y} P(X, y)$$

X : Cavity

Y : { Toothache, Catch }

$$P(\text{Cavity}) = \sum_{y_1 \in \text{Toothache}} \sum_{y_2 \in \text{Catch}} P(Cavity, y_1, y_2)$$

# Probabilistic Inference (Single Variable)

$$\mathbf{P}(X \mid \mathbf{e})$$

Query variable  $X : \text{Domain}(X) = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

Evidence variables  $\mathbf{E} : \{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$

Observations  $\mathbf{e} : \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$  s.t.  $E_i = e_i$

Unobserved variables  $\mathbf{Y} : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_l\}$

$$\text{Domain}(Y_i) = \{y_{i,1}, \dots, y_{i,n_i}\}$$

# Probabilistic Inference (Single Variable)

$$P(X | e) = \alpha P(X, e)$$

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Add numerical example of querying/evidence

# Probabilistic Inference (Single Variable)

$$P(X | e) = \alpha P(X, e) = \alpha \sum_y P(X, e, y)$$

Given values  $e$  for evidence variables  $E$ :

For each possible value  $x_i$  for query  $X$

For each possible combination of values  $y$  for  $Y$

Sum up  $P(x_i, e, y)$

Result:  $P(X|e) = \langle P(x_i, e, y) \rangle$

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$$\text{Sum up } P(x_i, e, y) = P(x_i, e_1, \dots, e_k, y_{1,i_1}, \dots, y_{l,i_l})$$

$$= P(X=x_i, E_1=e_1, \dots, E_k=e_k, Y_1=y_{1,i_1}, \dots, Y_l=y_{l,i_l})$$

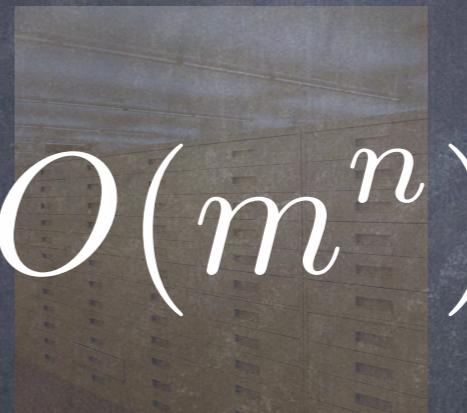
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$$P(X | e) = \alpha P(X, e) = \alpha \sum_y P(X, e, y)$$



$O(m^n)$   
Time Complexity



$O(m^n)$   
Space Complexity

For variables with at most m values

# Probabilistic Inference (Single Variable)

$$P(X | e) = \alpha P(X, e) = \alpha \sum_y P(X, e, y)$$



Time Complexity      Space Complexity

Intractable!

# Bayesian Reasoning

# Conditional Probability

$$P(a \mid b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} \text{ when } P(b) > 0$$

# Product Rule

$$P(a \wedge b) = P(a \mid b)P(b) \quad P(b \wedge a) = P(b \mid a)P(a)$$

$$P(a \mid b)P(b) = P(b \mid a)P(a)$$

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$$P(b \mid a) = \frac{P(a \mid b)P(b)}{P(a)}$$

# Bayes' Rule

$$P(b \mid a) = \frac{P(a \mid b)P(b)}{P(a)}$$



Thomas Bayes  
(c. 1702 – 1761)

# Bayes' Rule

$$\mathbf{P}(Y \mid X) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(X \mid Y)\mathbf{P}(Y)}{\mathbf{P}(X)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(Y \mid X) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(X \mid Y)\mathbf{P}(Y)$$

# Causal and Diagnostic Knowledge

Causal knowledge:  $P(\text{effect} \mid \text{cause})$

Diagnostic knowledge:  $P(\text{cause} \mid \text{effect})$

# Causal and Diagnostic Knowledge

Causal knowledge:  $P(\text{symptom} \mid \text{disease})$

Diagnostic knowledge:  $P(\text{disease} \mid \text{symptom})$

# Bayesian Diagnosis

$$P(\text{disease} \mid \text{symptom}) = \frac{P(\text{symptom} \mid \text{disease})P(\text{disease})}{P(\text{symptom})}$$

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$$= \frac{0.7 \times 0.00002}{0.01}$$

$$= 0.0014$$

# Bayesian Diagnosis

$$P(\text{disease} \mid \text{symptom}) = \frac{P(\text{symptom} \mid \text{disease})P(\text{disease})}{P(\text{symptom})}$$



toothache

(Toothache = true)

catch

(Catch = true)

$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$

# Combining Evidence

$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$

# Combining Evidence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(Cavity \mid toothache \wedge catch) \\ = \alpha \langle 0.180, 0.016 \rangle \approx \langle 0.871, 0.129 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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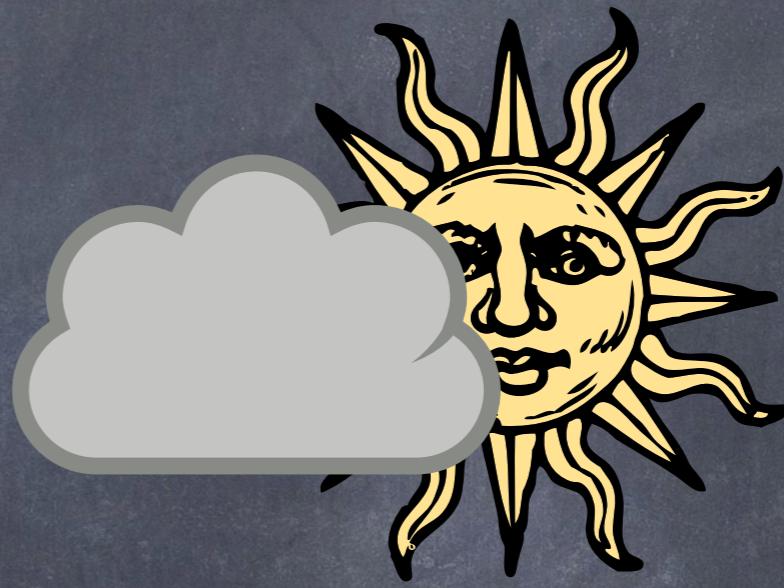
= a  $P(\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})$

# Combining Evidence

- In general, if there are  $n$  evidence variables, then there are  $O(2^n)$  possible combinations of observed values for which we would need to know the conditional probabilities



Cavity

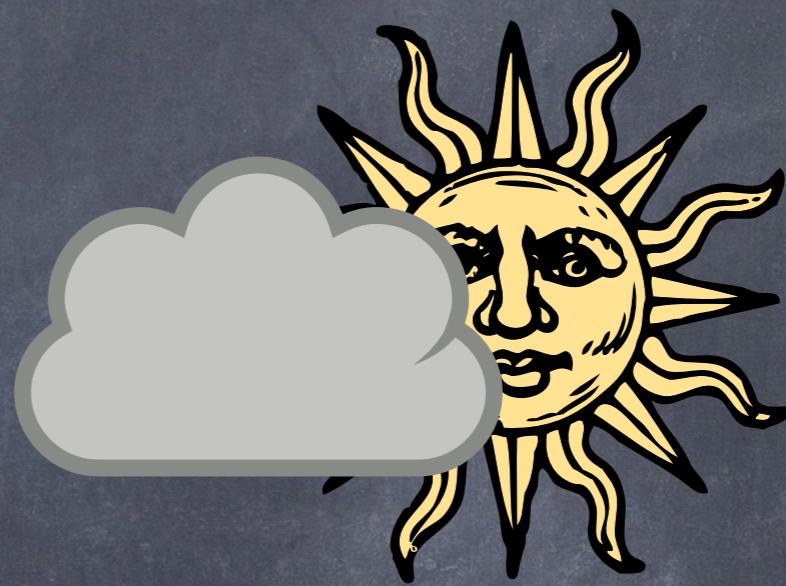


Weather

# Independence



Cavity



Weather

# Independence

$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{sunny}) = P(\text{cavity})$$

$$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{cavity}) = P(\text{rain})$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{Weather}) = \mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity})$$

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# Independence

$$P(a \mid b) = P(a)$$

$$P(b \mid a) = P(b)$$

$$P(a \wedge b) = P(a)P(b)$$

# Independence

$$\mathbf{P}(X \mid Y) = \mathbf{P}(X)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(Y \mid X) = \mathbf{P}(Y)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X, Y) = \mathbf{P}(X)\mathbf{P}(Y)$$

# Independence

$$\mathbf{P}(X) = \langle p_{x_1}, p_{x_2}, \dots, p_{x_n} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{P}(Y) = \langle p_{y_1}, p_{y_2}, \dots, p_{y_m} \rangle$$

$\mathbf{P}(X, Y)$	$x_1$	$x_2$	...	$x_n$
$y_1$	$p_{x_1}p_{y_1}$	$p_{x_2}p_{y_1}$	...	$p_{x_n}p_{y_1}$
$y_2$	$p_{x_1}p_{y_2}$	$p_{x_2}p_{y_2}$	...	$p_{x_n}p_{y_2}$
...	...	...	...	...
$y_m$	$p_{x_1}p_{y_m}$	$p_{x_2}p_{y_m}$	...	$p_{x_n}p_{y_m}$

# Independence

$$P(X \mid Y) = P(X)$$

$$P(Y \mid X) = P(Y)$$

$$P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y)$$

Can compute  $n \times m$  probabilities  
from  $n+m$  probabilities  
(if random variables are independent)



toothache

(Toothache = true)

catch

(Catch = true)

$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$



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$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$

= a  $P(\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})$



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$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$

= a  $P(\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})$

Independent?

# Conditional Independence

- Both toothache and catch are caused by a cavity, but neither has a direct effect on the other
- The variables are independent given the presence or absence of a cavity

# Conditional Independence

$$\mathbf{P}(X \mid Y, Z) = \mathbf{P}(X \mid Z)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(Y \mid X, Z) = \mathbf{P}(Y \mid Z)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X, Y \mid Z) = \mathbf{P}(X \mid Z)\mathbf{P}(Y \mid Z)$$

# Conditional Independence

$$\mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch} \mid \textit{Cavity}) =$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache} \mid \textit{Cavity})\mathbf{P}(\textit{Catch} \mid \textit{Cavity})$$

# Combining Evidence

$$P(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch})$$

$$= a P(\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})$$

$$= a P(\text{toothache} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Cavity})$$

# Combining Evidence

- For  $n$  symptoms (e.g., Toothache, Catch) that are all conditionally independent given a disease (e.g., Cavity), we need  $O(n)$  probabilities rather than  $O(2^n)$
- Representation scales to larger problems
- Conditional probabilities more likely to be available than absolute independence assumptions

# Probabilistic Inference

- Computing posterior distribution given evidence
  - Normalization, Marginalization
- Full joint distribution: intractable as problem grows
- Bayes' Rule
- Independence assumptions
  - Factor FJPD into smaller distributions

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Bayesian Networks