CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

Probability Review



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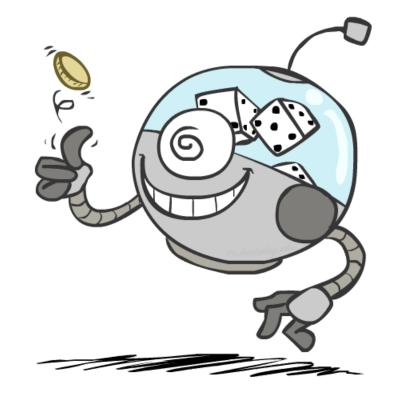
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Random Variables

 Recall: random variable is some aspect of the world about which we (may) have uncertainty

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\circ R = Is it raining?
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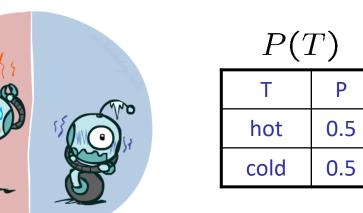
- \circ T = Is it hot?
- \circ D = How long will it take to drive to work?
- Capital letters: Random variables
- Lowercase letters: values that the R.V. can take
 - \circ $r \in \{+r, -r\}$
 - o $t \in \{+t, -t\}$
 - o $d \in [0, \infty)$



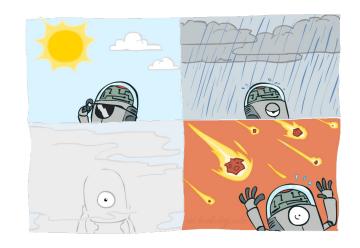
Probability Distributions

Associate a probability with each value

o Temperature:



Weather:



P(W)

W	Р
sun	0.6
rain	0.1
fog	0.3
meteor	0.0

Probability Distributions

Unobserved random variables have distributions

P(T)	
Т	Р
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

D(m)

P(W)		
W	Р	
sun	0.6	
rain	0.1	
fog	0.3	
meteor	0.0	

- A distribution is a TABLE of probabilities of values
- o A probability (lower case value) is a single number

$$P(W = rain) = 0.1$$

• Must have: $\forall x \ P(X = x) \ge 0$ and $\sum_{x} P(X = x) = 1$

Joint Distributions

• A *joint distribution* over a set of random variables: $X_1, X_2, ... X_n$ specifies a real number for each assignment (or *outcome*):

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots X_n = x_n)$$

 $P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n)$

• Must obey:
$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n) \ge 0$$

$$\sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n)} P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n) = 1$$

P(T,W)

Т	W	Р
hot	sun	0.4
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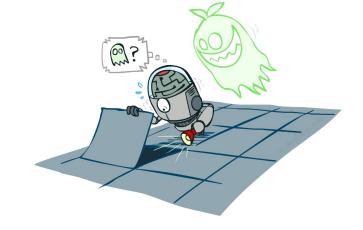
- Size of distribution if n variables with domain sizes d?
 - o For all but the smallest distributions, impractical to write out!

Probabilistic Models

- A probabilistic model is a joint distribution over a set of random variables
- Probabilistic models:
 - o Random variables with domains
 - o Assignments are *outcomes*
 - o Joint distributions: say whether assignments (outcomes) are likely
 - o *Normalized:* sum to 1.0
 - o Ideally: only certain variables directly interact

Distribution over T,W

Т	W	Р
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3



Events

An event is a set E of outcomes

$$P(E) = \sum_{(x_1...x_n)\in E} P(x_1...x_n)$$

- From a joint distribution, we can calculate the probability of any event
 - o Probability that it's hot AND sunny?
 - o Probability that it's hot?
 - o Probability that it's hot OR sunny?
- Typically, the events we care about are partial assignments, like P(T=hot)

P(T,W)

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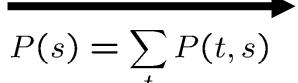
Marginal Distributions

- Marginal distributions are sub-tables which eliminate variables
- Marginalization (summing out): Combine collapsed rows by adding P(T)

P	T	1	\overline{W})
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Т	W	Р
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

$$P(t) = \sum_{s} P(t, s)$$



$$P(s) = \sum P(t, s)$$

P(c) —	$\sum D(t)$	e)
I(s)	$\sum_{i} I_{i}(t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{I}}$



Т	Р
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

D	1	TXZ	-)
I	/	VV	1

W	Р
sun	0.6
rain	0.4

$$P(X_1 = x_1) = \sum_{x_2} P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$

Quiz: Marginal Distributions

P(X,Y)

X	Υ	Р
+x	+y	0.2
+x	- y	0.3
-X	+y	0.4
-X	-y	0.1

$$P(x) = \sum_{y} P(x, y)$$

$$P(y) = \sum_{x} P(x, y)$$

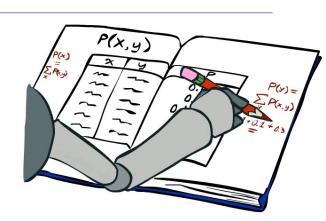
P(X)

X	Р
+x	
-X	





Υ	Р
+y	
-y	



Quiz: Marginal Distributions

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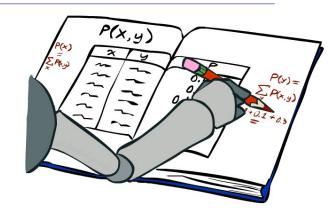
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P(X)

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-X	.5	



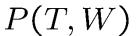
P(Y)

Υ	Р
+y	.6
-y	.4

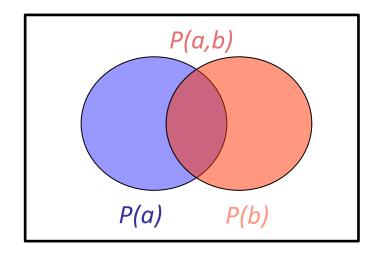
Conditional Probabilities

- A simple relation between joint and conditional probabilities
 - o In fact, this is taken as the *definition* of a conditional probability

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a,b)}{P(b)}$$



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hot	sun	0.4
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$$P(W = s | T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$$

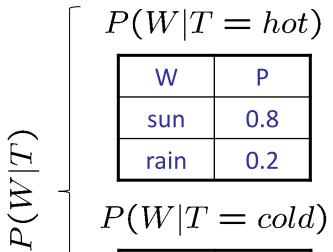
$$= P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)$$

$$= 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5$$

Conditional Distributions

 Conditional distributions are probability distributions over some variables given fixed values of others

Conditional Distributions



W	Р
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

Joint Distribution

P(T, W)

Т	W	Р
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hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
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Normalization Trick

P(T,W)

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$$P(W = s | T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{0.2}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.4$$

P(W|T=c)

sun

rain

0.4

0.6

$$P(W = r | T = c) = \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

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P(T,W)

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cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

SELECT the joint probabilities matching the evidence

P(c, W)

Т	W	Р
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

NORMALIZE the selection

(make it sum to one)



P(W)	T	=	c)
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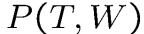
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$$= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)}$$

$$= \frac{0.3}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.6$$

Normalization Trick



Т	W	Р
hot	sun	0.4
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evidence

SELECT the joint probabilities matching the

P(c, W)

NORMALIZE the

selection (make it sum to one)



P(W	T	=	c)
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W	Р
sun	0.4
rain	0.6

Why does this work? Sum of selection is P(evidence)! (P(T=c), here)

$$P(x_1|x_2) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{P(x_2)} = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{\sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2)}$$

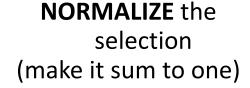
Quiz: Normalization Trick

$$\circ$$
 P(X | Y=-y)?

P(X,Y)

X	Υ	Р
+x	+y	0.2
+x	-y	0.3
-X	+ y	0.4
-X	-y	0.1

SELECT the joint probabilities matching the evidence





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SELECT the joint probabilities matching the



evidence

X Y P
+x -y 0.3
-x -y 0.1

NORMALIZE the selection (make it sum to one)



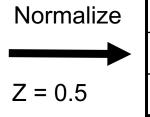
X	Р	
+X	0.75	
-X	0.25	

To Normalize

o (Dictionary) To bring or restore to a normal condition

- Procedure:
 - \circ Step 1: Compute Z = sum over all entries
 - o Step 2: Divide every entry by Z
- o Example 1

W	Р	Nor
sun	0.2	
rain	0.3	Z =

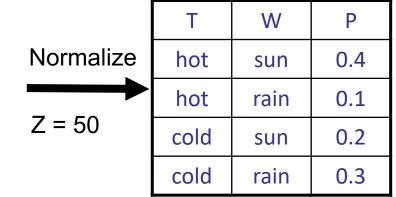


W	Р	
sun	0.4	
rain	0.6	

Example 2

Т	W	Р
hot	sun	20
hot	rain	5
cold	sun	10
cold	rain	15

All entries sum to ONE



Probabilistic Inference

- Probabilistic inference: compute a desired probability from other known probabilities (e.g. conditional from joint)
- We generally compute conditional probabilities
 - o P(on time ∣ no reported accidents) = 0.90
 - o These represent the agent's beliefs given the evidence
- Probabilities change with new evidence:
 - o P(on time | no accidents, 5 a.m.) = 0.95
 - o P(on time ∣ no accidents, 5 a.m., raining) = 0.80
 - o Observing new evidence causes beliefs to be updated



o P(W)?

S	Т	W	Р
summer	hot	sun	0.30
summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
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winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

 \circ P(W)?

P(sun)=.3+.1+.1+.15=.65

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summer	cold	rain	0.05
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winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

o P(W)?

P(sun)=.3+.1+.1+.15=.65 P(rain)=1-.65=.35

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winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

○ P(W | winter, hot)?

S	Т	W	Р
summer	hot	sun	0.30
summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
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○ P(W | winter, hot)?

P(sun|winter,hot)~.1 P(rain|winter,hot)~.05

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winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

○ P(W | winter, hot)?

P(sun|winter,hot)~.1 P(rain|winter,hot)~.05 P(sun|winter,hot)=2/3 P(rain|winter,hot)=1/3

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o P(W | winter)?

P(sun|winter)~.1+.15=.25 P(sun,winter)=.25

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summer	hot	sun	0.30
summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

o P(W | winter)?

P(rain|winter)~.05+.2=.25 P(rain,winter)=.25

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summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

○ P(W | winter)?

P(sun|winter)~.25

P(rain|winter)~.25

P(sun|winter)=.5

P(rain|winter)=.5

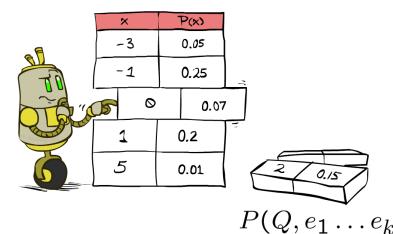
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General case:

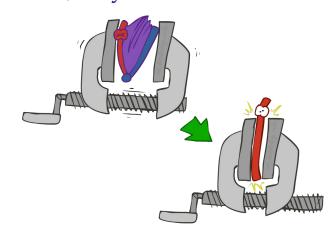
o Evidence variables: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$ o Query* variables: Qo Hidden variables: $H_1 \dots H_r$ $X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$ We want:

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

 Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence



 Step 2: Sum out H to get joint of Query and evidence



$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(Q, h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$$

Step 3: Normalize

$$\frac{1}{Z}$$

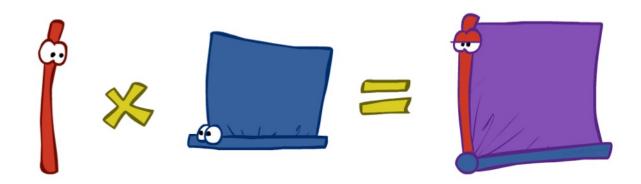
$$= \sum_{q} P(Q, e_1 \cdots e_k)$$

$$Z = \sum_{q} P(Q, e_1 \cdots e_k)$$
$$P(Q|e_1 \cdots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \cdots e_k)$$

The Product Rule

Sometimes have conditional distributions but want the joint

$$P(y)P(x|y) = P(x,y) \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad P(x|y) = \frac{P(x,y)}{P(y)}$$



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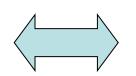
Example:

P(W)

R	Р
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

P(D|W)

D	W	Р
wet	sun	0.1
dry	sun	0.9
wet	rain	0.7
dry	rain	0.3



P(D,W)

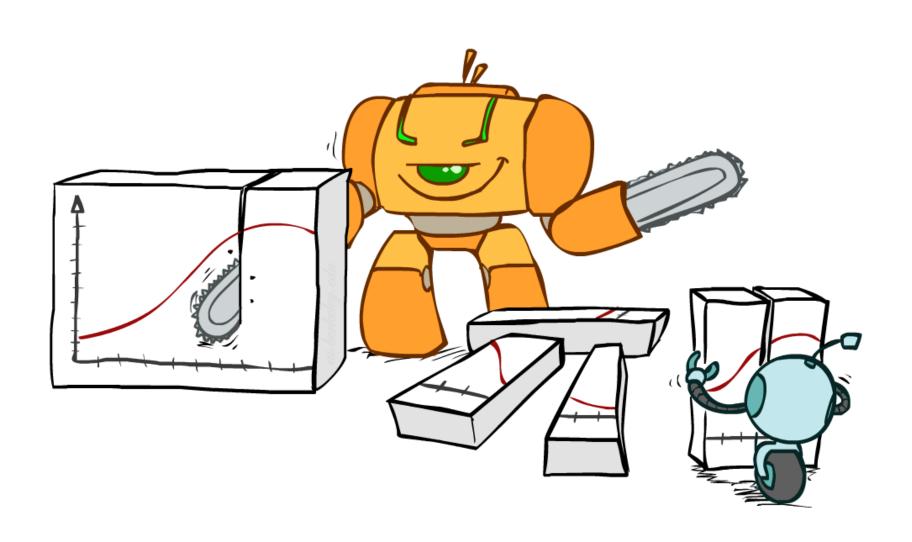
D	W	Р
wet	sun	
dry	sun	
wet	rain	
dry	rain	

The Chain Rule

 More generally, can always write any joint distribution as an incremental product of conditional distributions

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)P(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$
$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i|x_1 \dots x_{i-1})$$

Bayes Rule



Bayes' Rule

Two ways to factor a joint distribution over two variables:

$$P(x,y) = P(x|y)P(y) = P(y|x)P(x)$$

o Dividing, we get:

$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(y|x)}{P(y)}P(x)$$

- Why is this at all helpful?
 - o Lets us build one conditional from its reverse
 - o Often one conditional is tricky but the other one is simple



Inference with Bayes' Rule

Example: Diagnostic probability from causal probability:

$$P(\text{cause}|\text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect}|\text{cause})P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

- Example:
 - o M: meningitis, S: stiff neck

$$P(+m) = 0.0001$$

$$P(+s|+m) = 0.8$$
 Example givens
$$P(+s|-m) = 0.01$$

$$P(+m|+s) = \frac{P(+s|+m)P(+m)}{P(+s)} = \frac{P(+s|+m)P(+m)}{P(+s|+m)P(+m) + P(+s|-m)P(-m)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.8 \times 0.0001 + 0.01 \times 0.999}$$

- o Note: posterior probability of meningitis still very small
- o Note: you should still get stiff necks checked out! Why?

Quiz: Bayes' Rule

o Given:

P(W)

R	Р
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

P(D|W)

D	W	Р
wet	sun	0.1
dry	sun	0.9
wet	rain	0.7
dry	rain	0.3

o What is P(W ∣ dry)?

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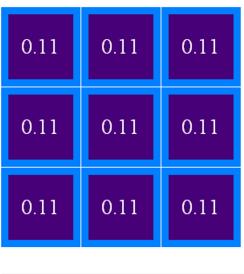
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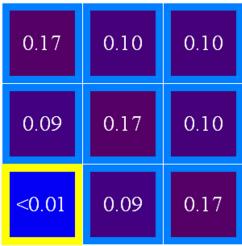
 $P(sun|dry) \sim P(dry|sun)P(sun) = .9*.8 = .72$ $P(rain|dry) \sim P(dry|rain)P(rain) = .3*.2 = .06$ P(sun|dry)=12/13P(rain|dry)=1/13

Ghostbusters, Revisited

- Let's say we have two distributions:
 - o Prior distribution over ghost location: P(G)
 - o Let's say this is uniform
 - o Sensor reading model: P(R ∣ G)
 - o Given: we know what our sensors do
 - \circ R = reading color measured at (1,1)
 - E.g. $P(R = yellow \mid G=(1,1)) = 0.1$
- We can calculate the posterior distribution P(G|r) over ghost locations given a reading using Bayes' rule:

$$P(g|r) \propto P(r|g)P(g)$$





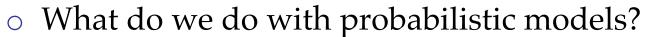
Video of Demo Ghostbusters with Probability



Probabilistic Models

Models describe how (a portion of) the world works

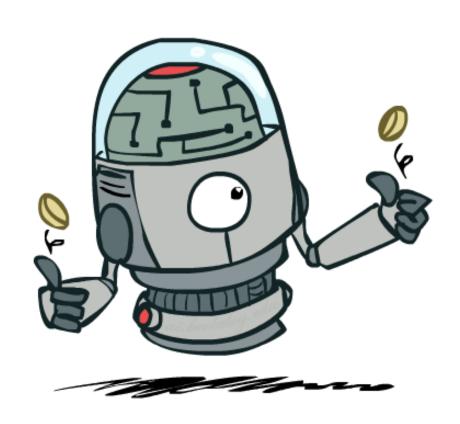
- Models are always simplifications
 - May not account for every variable
 - o May not account for all interactions between variables
 - o "All models are wrong; but some are useful."– George E. P. Box



- We (or our agents) need to reason about unknown variables, given evidence
- o Example: explanation (diagnostic reasoning)
- o Example: prediction (causal reasoning)
- Example: value of information



Independence



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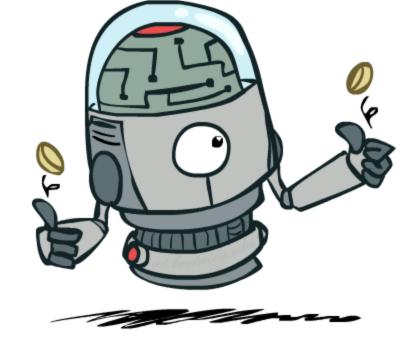
Two variables are independent if:

$$\forall x, y : P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$

- This says that their joint distribution *factors* into a product tw simpler distributions
- o Another form:

$$\forall x, y : P(x|y) = P(x)$$

o We write: $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$



- Independence is a simplifying modeling assumption
 - o *Empirical* joint distributions: at best "close" to independent
 - What could we assume for {Weather, Traffic, Cavity, Toothache}?

Example: Independence?

 $P_1(T,W)$

Т	W	Р
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

P(T)

Т	Р
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

P(W)

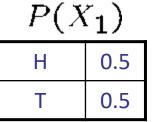
W	Р
sun	0.6
rain	0.4

 $P_2(T,W)$

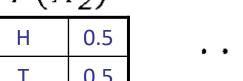
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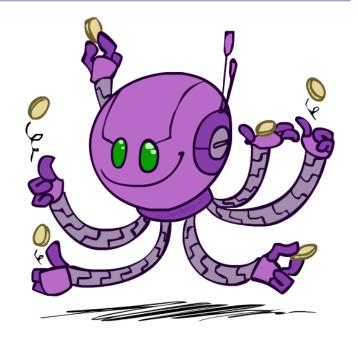
N fair, independent coin flips:

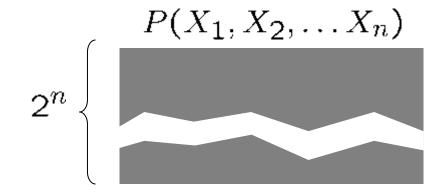


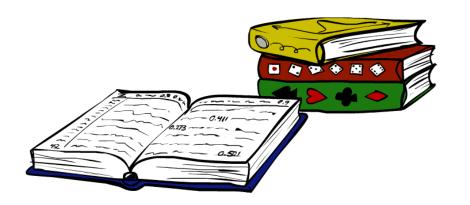
$P(X_2)$		
Н	0.5	
Т	0.5	

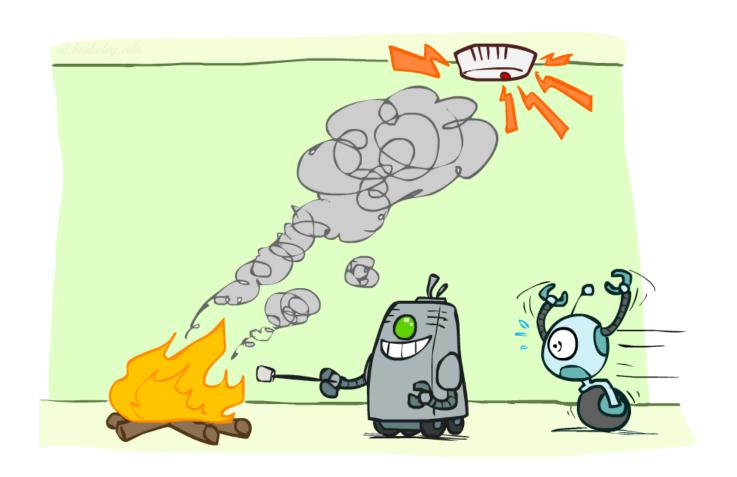


$P(X_n)$		
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Т	0.5	

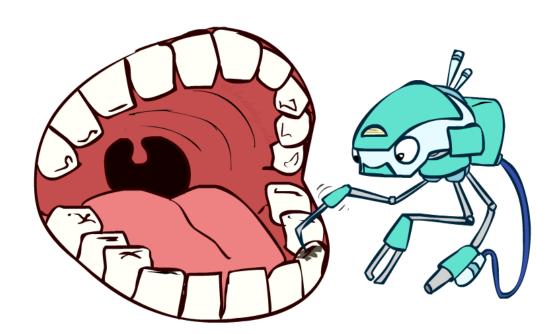








- o P(Toothache, Cavity, Catch)
- If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:
 - o P(+catch | +toothache, +cavity) = P(+catch | +cavity)
- The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:
 - o P(+catch | +toothache, -cavity) = P(+catch | -cavity)
- Catch is conditionally independent of Toothache given Cavity:
 - o P(Catch | Toothache, Cavity) = P(Catch | Cavity)
- Equivalent statements:
 - P(Toothache | Catch , Cavity) = P(Toothache | Cavity)
 - P(Toothache, Catch | Cavity) = P(Toothache | Cavity) P(Catch | Cavity)
 - One can be derived from the other easily



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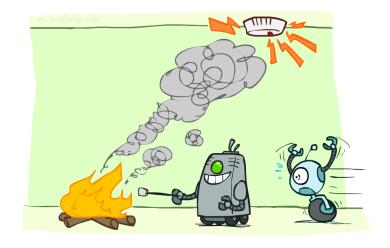
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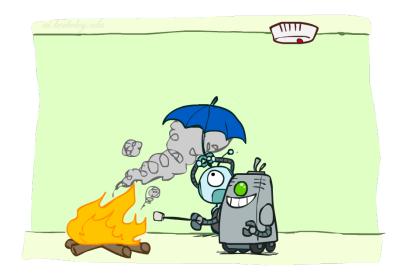
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- What about this domain:
 - o Traffic
 - o Umbrella
 - o Raining



- What about this domain:
 - o Fire
 - o Smoke
 - o Alarm





Conditional Independence and the Chain Rule

• Chain rule: $P(X_1, X_2, ... X_n) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_1, X_2)...$

Trivial decomposition:

$$P(\text{Traffic}, \text{Rain}, \text{Umbrella}) = P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain}, \text{Traffic})$$

With assumption of conditional independence:

$$P(\text{Traffic}, \text{Rain}, \text{Umbrella}) =$$

 $P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain})$

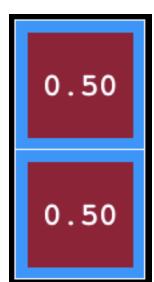


Ghostbusters Chain Rule

- Each sensor depends only on where the ghost is
- That means, the two sensors are conditionally independent, given the ghost position
- T: Top square is redB: Bottom square is redG: Ghost is in the top
- Givens:

$$P(+g) = 0.5$$

 $P(-g) = 0.5$
 $P(+t + g) = 0.8$
 $P(+t - g) = 0.4$
 $P(+b + g) = 0.4$
 $P(+b - g) = 0.8$



P(T,B,G) :	= P(G)	P(T	G) P	(B	(G)
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Т	В	G	P(T,B,G)
+t	+b	+g	0.16
+t	+b	-g	0.16
+t	-b	+g	0.24
+t	-b	-g	0.04
-t	+b	+g	0.04
-t	+b	g ø	0.24
-t	-b	+g	0.06
-t	-b	-g	0.06

