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Reading for this set of slides

- Please refer to your textbooks from high school or the Internet
- For a textbook on probability see Introduction to Probability by Dimitri P. Bertsekas and John N. Tsitsiklis

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Robotics

Probability Review

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Probabilistic Model



$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Probability Law

$$L : A \subset \Omega \rightarrow 0 \leq \mathbf{P}(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(\{1\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\{2\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\{3\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\{1,2,3\}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}) = 1$$

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Probability Axioms



Nonnegativity $\forall A \subseteq \Omega : \mathbf{P}(A) \geq 0$

Additivity
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$
 if $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Normalization $P(\Omega) = 1$

Probability Law

(Properties)



1.
$$A \subset B \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}(A) \leq \mathbf{P}(B)$$

2.
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

3.
$$P(A \cup B) \le P(A) + P(B)$$

4.
$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(\bar{A} \cap B) + P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap C)$$

Conditional Probability ()



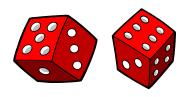
Conditional Probability allows us to reason about the outcome of an experiment based on partial information.

Given:
$$r_1 r_2 + ? = 9 P(r_1 = 6) = ?$$

$$A_{\Sigma=9} = \{(3,6), (4,5), (5,4), (6,3)\}$$

 $P(1^{st} \text{ of two rolls is } 6 \mid \text{sum of 2 rolls is 9}) = \frac{1}{4}$

More Formally



P(1stof two rolls is 6 | sum of 2 rolls is 9) = $\frac{1}{4}$

$$P(A_{r_1=6} \mid A_{\Sigma=9}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$A_{r_1=6} = \{(6,1), (6,2), (6,3), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6)\}$$

$$A_{\Sigma=9} = \{(3,6), (4,5), (5,4), (6,3)\}$$

$$A_{r_1=6} \cap A_{\Sigma=9} = \{(6,3)\}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbf{P}(B)} = \frac{\mathbf{P}(A_{r_1 = 6} \cap A_{\Sigma = 9})}{\mathbf{P}(A_{\Sigma = 9})} = \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{4}{36}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Another Example

- Fair coin is thrown 3 times
- A = {more heads than tails come up}
- B = {1st toss is a head}
- P(A|B)?
- P(B) = 4/8
- $P(A \cap B) = 3/8$
- P(A|B) = 3/4

Derivation of Bayes' Rule

Definition of Conditional Probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

Multiplying both sides with denominator

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) P(B)$$
 $P(B \cap A) = P(B|A) P(A)$

Set intersection is commutative

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap A)$$

We equate the equations...

$$P(B) P(A|B) = P(A) P(B|A)$$

And devide by P(B) to arrive at Bayes' formula

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) P(B|A)}{P(B)}$$

Interpretation of Bayes' Rule

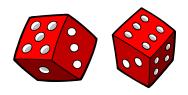
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(\text{belief}|\text{sensory input}) = \frac{P(\text{sensory input}|\text{belief})P(\text{belief})}{P(\text{sensory input})}$$

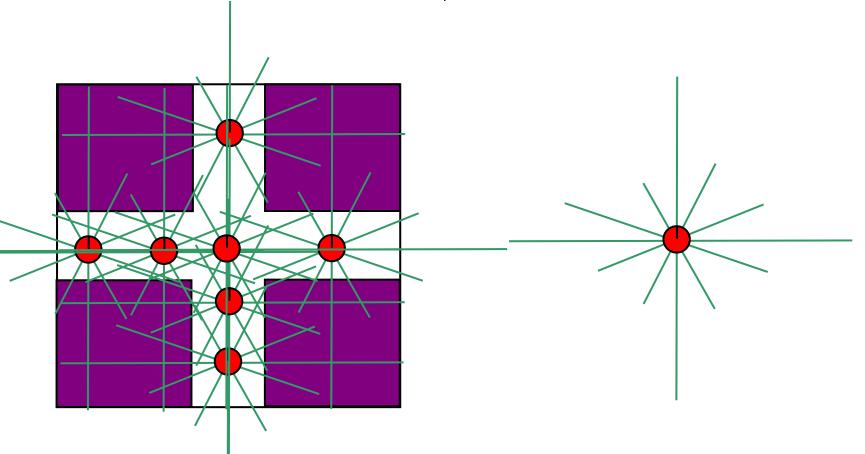
$$P(\text{model}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data}|\text{model})P(\text{model})}{P(\text{data})}$$

$$P(\text{hyptothesis}|\text{evindence}) = \frac{P(\text{evidence}|\text{hypothesis})P(\text{hypothesis})}{P(\text{evidence})}$$

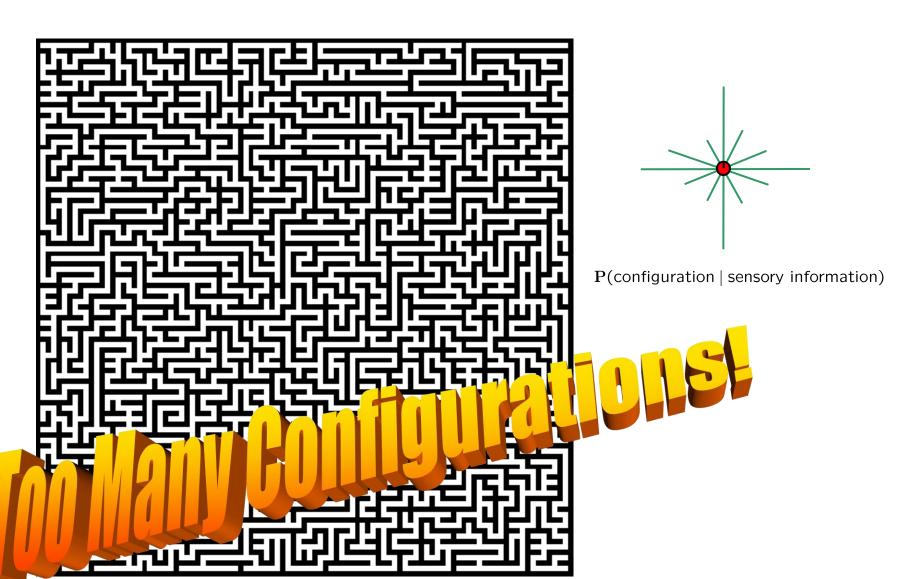
Applying it...



P(configuration | sensory information)



Problem!



Reversing the Condition

$$\mathbf{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(A) \ \mathbf{P}(B|A)}{\mathbf{P}(B)}$$
 Not all configurations!
$$\mathbf{P}(\mathsf{config}|\mathsf{sensor}) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(\mathsf{config}) \ \mathbf{P}(\mathsf{sensor}|\mathsf{config})}{\mathbf{P}(\mathsf{sensor})}$$

Summary

- Sample Space
- Probability Law
- Conditional Probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Bayes' Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) P(B|A)}{P(B)}$$

