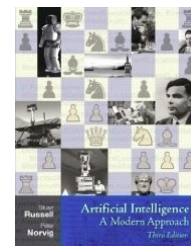


# Outline

- Uncertainty
- Probability
- Syntax and Semantics
- Inference
- Independence and Bayes' Rule



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# Uncertain Actions

- So far, our agents believe that
    - logical statements are true or false (maybe unknown)
    - actions will always do what they think they do
  - Unfortunately, the real world is not like that
    - agents almost never have access to the whole truth about the world
- agents must deal with **uncertainty**
- Example:
    - We many different actions for getting us to the airport:
      - action  $A_t$  = leave for the airport  $t$  minutes before departure
    - Typical problems:
      - Will a given action  $A_t$  get me to the airport in time?
      - Which action is the best choice for getting me to the airport?

# Problems with Uncertainty

- Risks involved in the plan  $A_{90}$  will get me to the airport
  - partial observability (road state, other drivers' plans, etc.)
  - noisy sensors (traffic reports may be wrong)
  - uncertainty in action outcomes (flat tire, accident, etc.)
  - immense complexity of modeling and predicting traffic

- A logically correct plan:

$A_{90}$  will get me to the airport as long as my car doesn't break down, I don't run out of gas, no accident, the bridge doesn't fall down, etc.

- impossible to model all things that can go wrong
    - → qualification problem
- A more cautious plan:

$A_{1440}$  will get me to the airport

- will certainly succeed, but clearly suboptimal
    - e.g., we have to pay for a night in a hotel

# Probabilities

- Probabilities are one way of handling uncertainty
  - e.g.  $A_{90}$  will get me to the airport with probability 0.5
- The probability summarizes effects that are due to
  - Laziness
    - I don't want to list all things that must not go wrong
  - Theoretical Ignorance
    - Some things just can't be known
      - e.g.: We cannot completely model the weather
  - Practical Ignorance
    - Some things might not be known about the particular situation
      - e.g. Is there a traffic jam at A5?

# Probabilities and Beliefs

- Probabilities that are related to one's beliefs
  - a probability  $p$  attached to a statement means that I believe that the statement will be true in  $p \cdot 100\%$  of the cases
    - there is traffic jam on the A5 in 10% of the cases  
(meaning: there might be jam, but usually there is none)
  - it does not mean that it is true with  $p\%$ 
    - the traffic on the A5 is jammed with a degree of 10%  
(meaning: there's a jam, but it could be worse...)
- **Probability theory** is about **degree of belief**
  - other techniques (e.g., Fuzzy logic) deal with degree of truth
- Probabilities of propositions change with new evidence:
  - $P(A_{45} \text{ gets me there in time} \mid \text{no reported accidents}) = 0.06$ 
    - in 6% of the days I get there in in time if no accidents reported
  - $P(A_{45} \text{ gets me there in time} \mid \text{no reported accidents, 5 a.m.}) = 0.15$ 
    - chances are higher at 5 in the morning...

# Making Decisions under Uncertainty

- Suppose I believe the following:
  - $P(A_{25} \text{ gets me there on time} \mid \dots) = 0.04$
  - $P(A_{90} \text{ gets me there on time} \mid \dots) = 0.70$
  - $P(A_{120} \text{ gets me there on time} \mid \dots) = 0.95$
  - $P(A_{1440} \text{ gets me there on time} \mid \dots) = 0.9999$

Which action should I choose?

- The choice depends on my **preferences**
  - how bad is to miss the flight?
  - how bad is it to wait for an hour at the airport?
- **Utility theory** is used to represent and infer preferences
- **Decision theory** = probability theory + utility theory

# Probability Basics

Begin with a set  $\Omega$ —the sample space

e.g., 6 possible rolls of a die.

$\omega \in \Omega$  is a sample point/possible world/atomic event

A probability space or probability model is a sample space with an assignment  $P(\omega)$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  s.t.

$$0 \leq P(\omega) \leq 1$$

$$\sum_{\omega} P(\omega) = 1$$

e.g.,  $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$ .

An event  $A$  is any subset of  $\Omega$

$$P(A) = \sum_{\{\omega \in A\}} P(\omega)$$

E.g.,  $P(\text{die roll} < 4) = P(1) + P(2) + P(3) = 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 = 1/2$

# Kolmogorov's Axioms of Probability

1. All probabilities are between 0 and 1

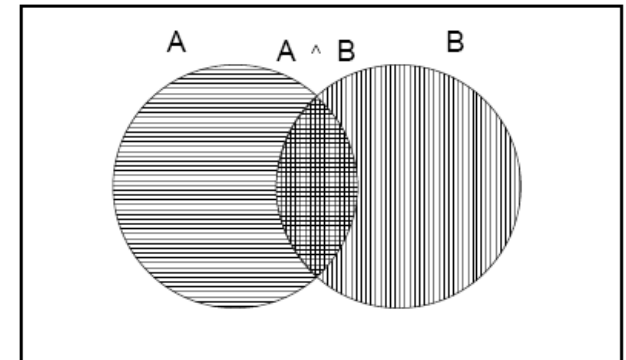
$$0 \leq P(a) \leq 1$$

2. Necessarily true propositions have probability 1, necessarily false propositions have probability 0

$$P(\text{false}) = 0 \quad P(\text{true}) = 1$$

3. The probability of a disjunction is

$$P(a \vee b) = P(a) + P(b) - P(a \wedge b)$$



These axioms restrict the set of probabilistic beliefs that an agent can (reasonably) hold

- similar to logical constraints like  $A$  and  $\neg A$  can't both be true



# Violation of Axioms of Probability

## Bruno de Finetti (1931)

- an agent who bets according to probabilities that violate the axioms of probability can be forced to bet so as to lose money *regardless of outcome!*

## Example:

- suppose Agent 1 believes the following  
 $P(a)=0.4$      $P(b)=0.3$      $P(a \vee b)=0.8$
- Agent 2 can now select a set of events and bet on them according to these probabilities so that she cannot loose



axioms of probability  
are violated because  
 $P(a \vee b) > P(a) + P(b)$

Agent 1		Agent 2		Outcome for Agent 1			
proposition	belief	bet	stakes	$a \wedge b$	$a \wedge \neg b$	$\neg a \wedge b$	$\neg a \wedge \neg b$
$a$	0.4	$a$	4:6	-6	-6	4	4
$b$	0.3	$b$	3:7	-7	3	-7	3
$a \vee b$	0.8	$\neg(a \vee b)$	2:8	2	2	2	-8
				<b>-11</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1</b>

# Random Variables

- A **random variable** is a function from atomic events to some range of values
- Example: Roulette
  - atomic events: numbers 0-36
  - random variables with outcomes true or false
    - rouge / noir, pair / impair, passe / manque
    - transversale, carre, cheval
    - douzaines premier/milieu/dernier
    - etc.

e.g.  $\text{rouge}(36) = \text{true}$

			0					
PASSE	1	2	3	MANQUE				
	4	5	6					
	7	8	9					
	10	11	12					
PAIR	13	14	15	IMPAIR				
	16	17	18					
	19	20	21					
	22	23	24					
	25	26	27					
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- The probability function  $P$  over atomic events induces a **probability distribution** over all random variables  $X$

$$P(X = x_i) = \sum_{\{\omega : X(\omega) = x_i\}} P(\omega)$$

- $P(\text{Rouge} = \text{true}) = P(1) + P(3) + \dots + P(34) + P(36) = \frac{1}{37} + \frac{1}{37} + \dots + \frac{1}{37} + \frac{1}{37} = \frac{18}{37}$

# Propositions

Think of a proposition as the event (set of sample points) where the proposition is true

Given Boolean random variables  $A$  and  $B$ :

event  $a$  = set of sample points where  $A(\omega) = \text{true}$

event  $\neg a$  = set of sample points where  $A(\omega) = \text{false}$

event  $a \wedge b$  = points where  $A(\omega) = \text{true}$  and  $B(\omega) = \text{true}$

Often in AI applications, the sample points are **defined** by the values of a set of random variables, i.e., the sample space is the Cartesian product of the ranges of the variables

With Boolean variables, sample point = propositional logic model

e.g.,  $A = \text{true}$ ,  $B = \text{false}$ , or  $a \wedge \neg b$ .

Proposition = disjunction of atomic events in which it is true

e.g.,  $(a \vee b) \equiv (\neg a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge \neg b) \vee (a \wedge b)$

$\Rightarrow P(a \vee b) = P(\neg a \wedge b) + P(a \wedge \neg b) + P(a \wedge b)$

# Syntax for Propositions

Propositional or Boolean random variables

e.g., *Cavity* (do I have a cavity?)

*Cavity = true* is a proposition, also written *cavity*

Discrete random variables (*finite* or *infinite*)

e.g., *Weather* is one of *{sunny, rain, cloudy, snow}*

*Weather = rain* is a proposition

Values must be exhaustive and mutually exclusive

Continuous random variables (*bounded* or *unbounded*)

e.g., *Temp = 21.6*; also allow, e.g., *Temp < 22.0*.

Arbitrary Boolean combinations of basic propositions

# (Joint) Probability Distribution

**P** denotes a probability distribution

Prior or unconditional probabilities of propositions

*P* denotes a probability

e.g.,  $P(\text{Cavity} = \text{true}) = 0.1$  and  $P(\text{Weather} = \text{sunny}) = 0.72$

correspond to belief prior to arrival of any (new) evidence

Probability distribution gives values for all possible assignments:

→  $P(\text{Weather}) = \langle 0.72, 0.1, 0.08, 0.1 \rangle$  (normalized, i.e., sums to 1)

Joint probability distribution for a set of r.v.s gives the probability of every atomic event on those r.v.s (i.e., every sample point)

$P(\text{Weather}, \text{Cavity}) =$  a  $4 \times 2$  matrix of values:

<i>Weather =</i>	<i>sunny</i>	<i>rain</i>	<i>cloudy</i>	<i>snow</i>
<i>Cavity = true</i>	0.144	0.02	0.016	0.02
<i>Cavity = false</i>	0.576	0.08	0.064	0.08

**Note:** If we know the joint probability for a set of random variables, we can answer all questions, because each event is a union of sample points

# Marginalization (Summing Out)

## *Marginalization (aka Summing Out)*

- For any set of variables **Y** and **Z**

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_z \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}, z)$$

- In particular, this means that given the joint probability distribution, the probability distribution of any random variable can be computed by summing out
  - the resulting distribution is then also called **marginal distribution** and its probabilities the **marginal probabilities**

## *Conditioning*

- A variant of the above rule that uses conditional probabilities

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_z \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}|z) \cdot P(z)$$

# Marginalization

Start with the joint distribution:

	<i>toothache</i>		$\neg$ <i>toothache</i>	
	<i>catch</i>	$\neg$ <i>catch</i>	<i>catch</i>	$\neg$ <i>catch</i>
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For any proposition  $\phi$ , sum the atomic events where it is true:

$$P(\phi) = \sum_{\omega: \omega \models \phi} P(\omega)$$

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$$P(\text{cavity} \vee \text{toothache}) = 0.108 + 0.012 + 0.072 + 0.008 + 0.016 + 0.064 = 0.28$$

# Conditional Probabilities

Conditional or posterior probabilities

e.g.,  $P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) = 0.6$

i.e., **given that** *toothache* **is all I know**

**NOT** “if *toothache* then 60% chance of *cavity*”

(Notation for conditional distributions:

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} | \text{Toothache}) = \langle \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle, \langle 0.1, 0.9 \rangle \rangle$$

$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} | \text{Toothache})$  = 2-element vector of 2-element vectors)

If we know more, e.g., *cavity* is also given, then we have

$$P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}, \text{cavity}) = 1$$

Note: the less specific belief **remains valid** after more evidence arrives, but is not always **useful**

New evidence may be irrelevant, allowing simplification, e.g.,

$$P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}, \text{sunny}) = P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) = 0.6$$

This kind of inference, sanctioned by domain knowledge, is crucial

$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity}, \text{Toothache})$	<i>toothache</i>	$\neg \text{toothache}$
<i>cavity</i>	0.12	0.08
$\neg \text{cavity}$	0.08	0.72



# Definition of Conditional Probability

Definition of conditional probability:

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} \text{ if } P(b) \neq 0$$

**Product rule** gives an alternative formulation:

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

A general version holds for whole distributions, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{P}(Weather, Cavity) = \mathbf{P}(Weather|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Cavity)$$

(View as a  $4 \times 2$  set of equations, **not** matrix mult.)

**Chain rule** is derived by successive application of product rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \mathbf{P}(X_n|X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}) \mathbf{P}(X_{n-1}|X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}) \mathbf{P}(X_n|X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \\ &= \dots \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i|X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

# Inference by Enumeration

Start with the joint distribution:

	<i>toothache</i>		$\neg$ <i>toothache</i>	
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Can also compute conditional probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\neg \text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) &= \frac{P(\neg \text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})} \\
 &= \frac{0.016 + 0.064}{0.108 + 0.012 + 0.016 + 0.064} = 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

# Normalization

Start with the joint distribution:

	<i>toothache</i>		$\neg$ <i>toothache</i>	
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Denominator can be viewed as a normalization constant  $\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P}(Cavity|toothache) &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(Cavity, toothache) \\
 &= \alpha [\mathbf{P}(Cavity, toothache, catch) + \mathbf{P}(Cavity, toothache, \neg catch)] \\
 &= \alpha [\langle 0.108, 0.016 \rangle + \langle 0.012, 0.064 \rangle] \\
 &= \alpha \langle 0.12, 0.08 \rangle = \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

General idea: compute distribution on query variable  
by fixing **evidence variables** and summing over **hidden variables**

# Inference by Enumeration (Ctd.)

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

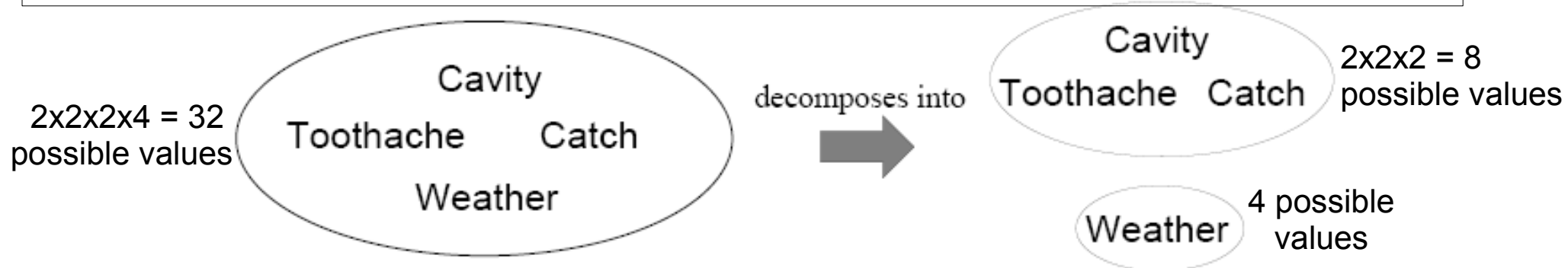
Obvious problems:

- 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???

# Independence

$A$  and  $B$  are independent iff

$$\mathbf{P}(A|B) = \mathbf{P}(A) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{P}(B|A) = \mathbf{P}(B) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{P}(A, B) = \mathbf{P}(A)\mathbf{P}(B)$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Weather}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity})\mathbf{P}(\textit{Weather}) \end{aligned}$$

32 entries reduced to 12; for  $n$  independent biased coins,  $2^n \rightarrow n$

Absolute independence powerful but rare

Dentistry is a large field with hundreds of variables, none of which are independent. What to do?



# Conditional Independence

$\mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Catch})$  has  $2^3 - 1 = 7$  independent entries

If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:

$$(1) \ P(\textit{catch}|\textit{toothache}, \textit{cavity}) = P(\textit{catch}|\textit{cavity})$$

The same independence holds if I haven't got a cavity:

$$(2) \ P(\textit{catch}|\textit{toothache}, \neg \textit{cavity}) = P(\textit{catch}|\neg \textit{cavity})$$

*Catch* is **conditionally independent** of *Toothache* given *Cavity*:

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

Equivalent statements:

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

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

Analogous to:

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# Conditional Independence (Ctd.)

Write out full joint distribution using chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache} | \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache} | \textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\textit{Catch} | \textit{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\textit{Cavity}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache} | \textit{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\textit{Catch} | \textit{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\textit{Cavity}) \end{aligned}$$

I.e.,  $2 + 2 + 1 = 5$  independent numbers (equations 1 and 2 remove 2)

In most cases, the use of conditional independence reduces the size of the representation of the joint distribution from exponential in  $n$  to linear in  $n$ .

**Conditional independence is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.**

# 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

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

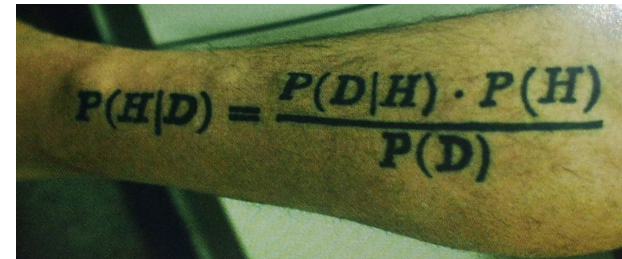
Useful for assessing **diagnostic** probability from **causal** probability:

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

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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# Example: AIDS-Test

- event *Aids* = a person has Aids or not
- event *Positive* = a person has a positive test result
- Assume the test has the following characteristics:
  - $P(\text{positive}|\text{aids})=0.99$       The test makes 1% mistakes for people that have aids
  - $P(\text{negative}|\text{aids})=0.01$
  - $P(\text{positive}|\neg\text{aids})=0.005$       The test makes 0,5% mistakes for people that don't have aids
  - $P(\text{negative}|\neg\text{aids})=0.995$
- Looks like a pretty reliable test?

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  - $P(\text{negative}|\neg\text{aids})=0.995$
- Now suppose you are in a low-risk group (low a priori probability of having Aids, say  $P(\text{aids}) = 0.0001$ ) and have a positive test result. Should you panic?

$$P(a|p) = \frac{P(p|a) \cdot P(a)}{P(p)} = \frac{P(p|a) \cdot P(a)}{P(p|a) \cdot P(a) + P(p|\neg a) \cdot P(\neg a)} = \frac{0.99 \cdot 0.0001}{0.99 \cdot 0.0001 + 0.005 \cdot 0.9999} = 0.0194$$

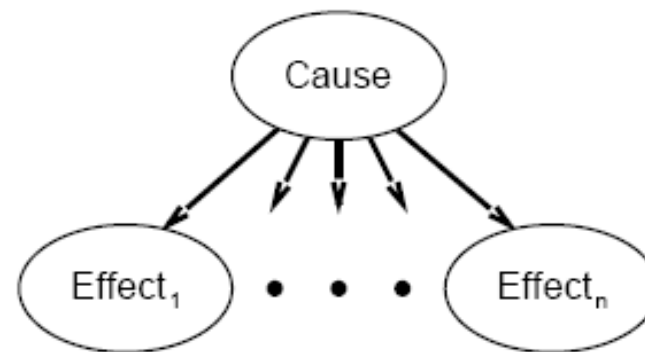
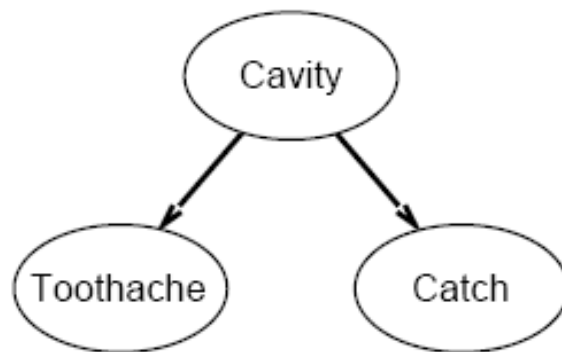
# Bayes Rule and Independence

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

The model is naïve because it assumes that all effects are independent given the cause (which is often not true)

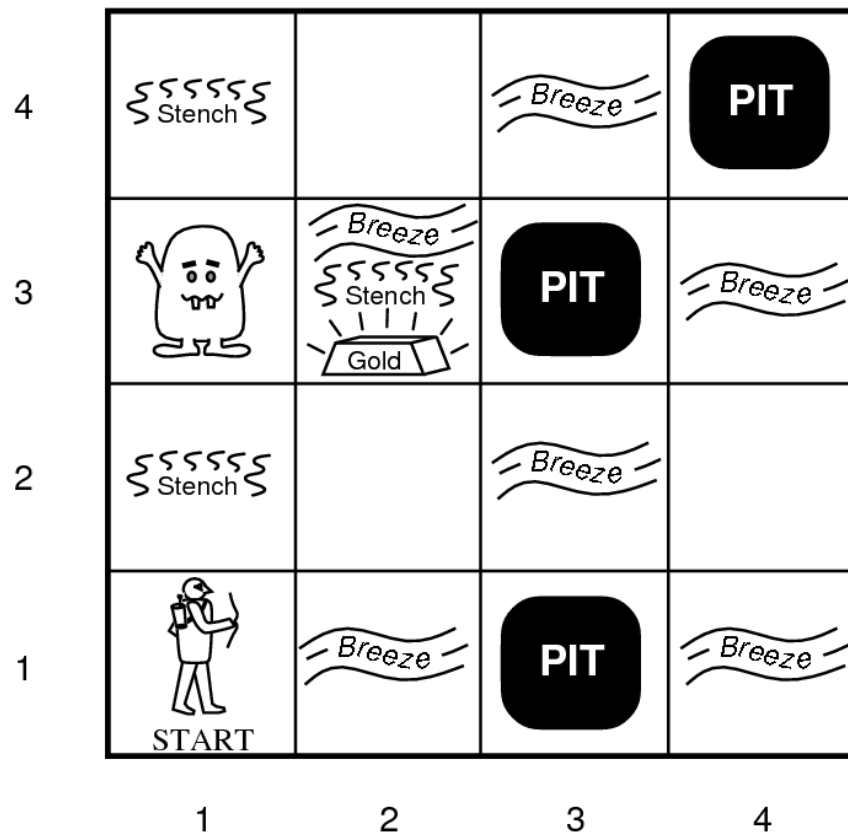
This is an example of a **naïve Bayes** model: ←

$$\mathbf{P}(Cause, Effect_1, \dots, Effect_n) = \mathbf{P}(Cause) \prod_i \mathbf{P}(Effect_i|Cause)$$



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

# Example: Wumpus World



## Performance measure

gold +1000, death -1000

-1 per step, -10 for using the arrow

## Environment

Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly

Squares adjacent to pit are breezy

Glitter iff gold is in the same square

Shooting kills wumpus if you are facing it

Shooting uses up the only arrow

Grabbing picks up gold if in same square

Releasing drops the gold in same square

**Actuators** Left turn, Right turn,  
Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot

**Sensors** Breeze, Glitter, Smell

# Example: Wumpus World

Current knowledge of the agent about the world

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 B OK	2,2	3,2	4,2
1,1 OK	2,1 B OK	3,1	4,1

- the agent has visited the squares [1,1], [1,2], [2,1]
  - it found a breeze in [1,2] and one in [2,1].
  - therefore, no safe explorative step is possible
    - all yellow squares might contain a pit
- Which of the yellow squares is the safest?



# Example: Wumpus World

## Specifying the Probability Model

$P_{ij} = \text{true}$  iff  $[i, j]$  contains a pit

$B_{ij} = \text{true}$  iff  $[i, j]$  is breezy

Include only  $B_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{2,1}$  in the probability model

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The full joint distribution is  $\mathbf{P}(P_{1,1}, \dots, P_{4,4}, B_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{2,1})$

Apply product rule:  $\mathbf{P}(B_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{2,1} \mid P_{1,1}, \dots, P_{4,4}) \mathbf{P}(P_{1,1}, \dots, P_{4,4})$

(Do it this way to get  $P(\text{Effect} \mid \text{Cause})$ .)

First term: 1 if pits are adjacent to breezes, 0 otherwise

Second term: pits are placed randomly, probability 0.2 per square:

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,1}, \dots, P_{4,4}) = \prod_{i,j=1,1}^{4,4} \mathbf{P}(P_{i,j}) = 0.2^n \times 0.8^{16-n}$$

for  $n$  pits.



# Example: Wumpus World

## Observations and Queries

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We know the following facts:

$$b = \neg b_{1,1} \wedge b_{1,2} \wedge b_{2,1}$$

$$\text{known} = \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$$

Query is  $\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3} | \text{known}, b)$  ← What is the probability distribution for a pit on  $[1,3]$ ?

Define  $Unknown = P_{ij}$ s other than  $P_{1,3}$  and  $Known$

For inference by enumeration, we have

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3} | \text{known}, b) = \alpha \sum_{\text{unknown}} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}, \text{unknown}, \text{known}, b)$$

Grows exponentially with number of squares!

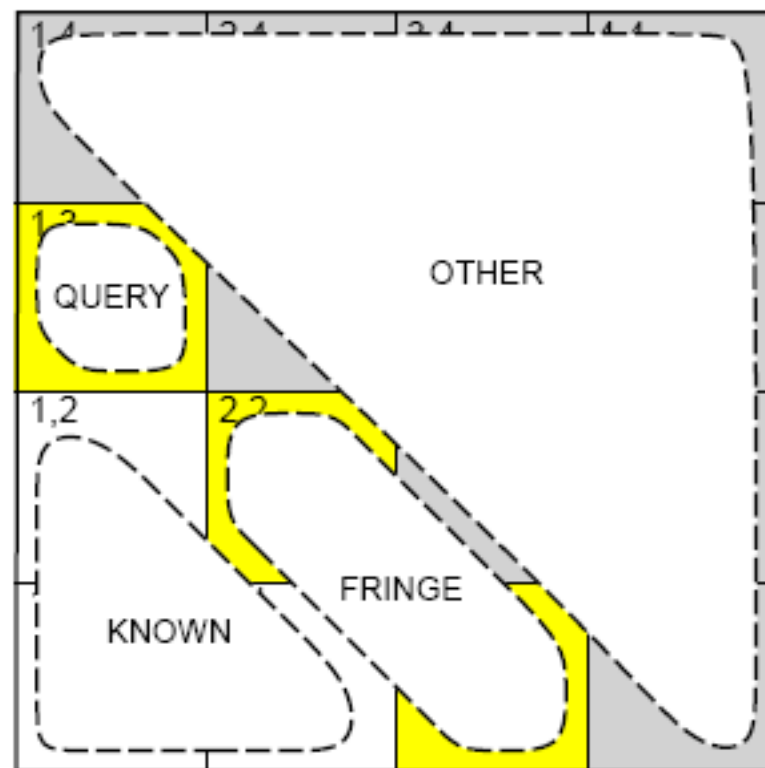
# Example: Wumpus World

## Using Conditional Independence

Basic insight: observations are conditionally independent of other hidden squares given neighbouring hidden squares

The square [4,4] will not have an influence on whether the agent has noticed a breeze on [1,2] or not.

In fact, none of the squares in the *Other* region may have influenced the observations in [1,1], [1,2] and [2,1].

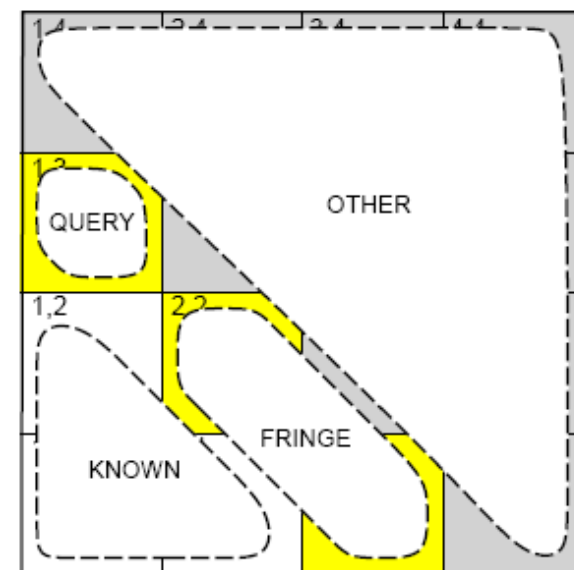


Define  $Unknown = Fringe \cup Other$

$$\mathbf{P}(b|P_{1,3}, Known, Unknown) = \mathbf{P}(b|P_{1,3}, Known, Fringe)$$

Manipulate query into a form where we can use this!

The query  $\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|known,b)$  is now transformed in a way so that we can use the equation from the previous slide



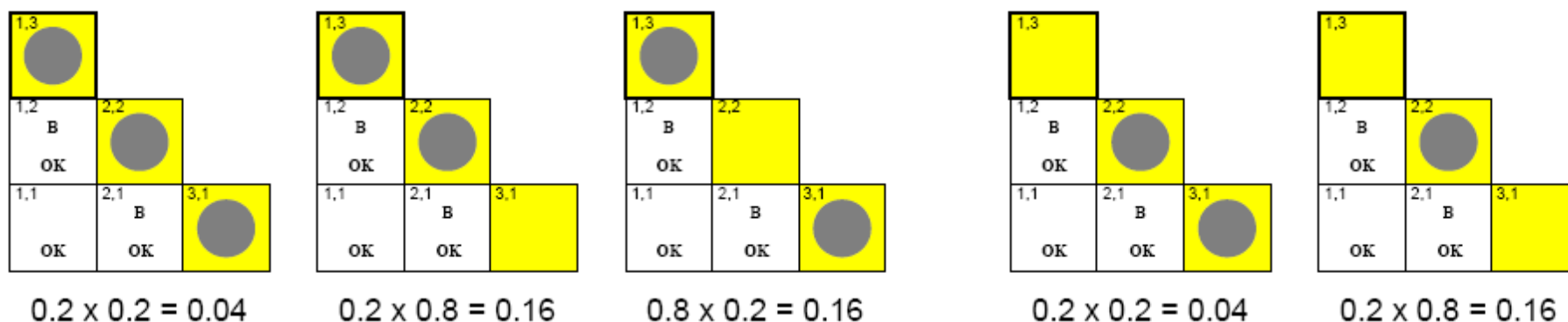
$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|\textit{known}, b) &= \alpha \sum_{\textit{unknown}} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}, \textit{unknown}, \textit{known}, b) \\
&= \alpha \sum_{\textit{unknown}} \mathbf{P}(b|P_{1,3}, \textit{known}, \textit{unknown}) \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}, \textit{known}, \textit{unknown}) \\
&= \alpha \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \sum_{\textit{other}} \mathbf{P}(b|\textit{known}, P_{1,3}, \textit{fringe}, \textit{other}) \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}, \textit{known}, \textit{fringe}, \textit{other}) \\
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&= \alpha \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b|\textit{known}, P_{1,3}, \textit{fringe}) \sum_{\textit{other}} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}) P(\textit{known}) P(\textit{fringe}) P(\textit{other}) \\
&= \alpha P(\textit{known}) \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}) \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b|\textit{known}, P_{1,3}, \textit{fringe}) P(\textit{fringe}) \sum_{\textit{other}} P(\textit{other}) \\
&= \alpha' \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}) \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b|\textit{known}, P_{1,3}, \textit{fringe}) P(\textit{fringe})
\end{aligned}$$

# Example: Wumpus World

## Computation

is 1 if the breeze observations  $b$  are consistent with the fringe,  
0 otherwise

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3} | \text{known}, b) = \alpha' \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}) \sum_{\text{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b | \text{known}, P_{1,3}, \text{fringe}) P(\text{fringe})$$



$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3} | \text{known}, b) = \alpha' \langle 0.2(0.04 + 0.16 + 0.16), 0.8(0.04 + 0.16) \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle 0.31, 0.69 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{2,2} | \text{known}, b) \approx \langle 0.86, 0.14 \rangle \quad (\text{by analogous computation})$$

# Summary

- Probability is a rigorous formalism for uncertain knowledge
- Joint probability distribution specifies probability of every atomic event
- Queries can be answered by summing over atomic events
- For nontrivial domains, we must find a way to reduce the joint size
- Independence and conditional independence provide the tools