

## Assignment 3

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**Problem 1 (a)** $E(aX) = aE(X) = a \cdot p$  by linear transformation

$$E[(bX)]^2 = b^2 E[X^2] = b^2 \cdot E[X^2] = b^2 \cdot E[X] = b^2 \cdot p$$

$$\text{so, } \text{Var}(bX) = E[(bX)^2] - (E(bX))^2$$

$$\text{Var}(bX) = b^2 p - b^2 p^2 = b^2 p(1 - p)$$

**Problem 1 (b)**

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = p + q$$

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

Since,  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = p(1 - p) + q(1 - q)$$

**Problem 2 (a)**

i Note that for fixed  $y$  with  $P(Y = y) > 0$ , the conditional distribution over  $X$  satisfies,  $\sum_x P(X = x|Y = y) = 1$  because the probabilities of all mutually exclusive outcomes of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  must sum to 1

So this expression is always 1 for any valid  $y$ .

ii Suppose  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$  with  $(P(Y = 0), P(Y = 1)) > 0$

Then,  $\sum_x \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y) = 2$

iii Suppose that  $X, Y \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $P(X = 1|Y = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(X = 1|Y = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$

so,  $\sum_y P(X = 1|Y = y) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

but if we change to  $P(X = 1|Y = 0) = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $P(X = 1|Y = 1) = \frac{3}{4}$

then,  $\sum_y P(X = 1|Y = y) = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \neq 1$

**Problem 2 (b) i**

Suppose  $\pi = P(S = 1)$  be the unknown

$$\text{then } P(S = 1|M = 1) = \frac{P(M = 1|S = 1)P(S = 1)}{P(M = 1|S = 1)P(S = 1) + P(M = 1|S = 0)P(S = 0)}$$

$$\text{so, } P(S = 1|M = 1) = \frac{0.85\pi}{0.85\pi + 0.10(1 - \pi)}$$

so it depends on  $\pi$ , we cannot determine a value without base rate.

$$\text{Next, } P(S = 0|M = 0) = \frac{P(M = 0|S = 0)P(S = 0)}{P(M = 0|S = 0)P(S = 0) + P(M = 0|S = 1)P(S = 1)}$$

$$\text{so, } P(S = 0|M = 0) = \frac{0.90(1 - \pi)}{0.90(1 - \pi) + 0.15\pi}$$

again this depends on  $\pi$  so we cannot get a value without knowing the base rate. For both cases we

can only express the value in terms of  $\pi$ .

**Problem 2 (b) ii**

Suppose  $P(S = 1) = 0.20$   
so,  $\pi = 0.2$ ,  $P(S = 0) = 0.8$

$$\text{so, } P(S = 1|M = 1) = \frac{P(M = 1|S = 1)P(S = 1)}{P(M = 1|S = 1)P(S = 1) + P(M = 1|S = 0)P(S = 0)}$$
$$= \frac{0.85 \times 0.20}{0.85 \times 0.20 + 0.10 \times 0.80} = \frac{0.17}{0.25} = 0.68$$

$$P(S = 0|M = 1) = 1 - 0.68 = 0.32$$

so a message moved to the Spam folder is more likely to be spam with .68 than legitimate .32.

**Problem 3 (a)**

i Since we cannot compute the joint  $P(X_1, X_2|Y)$  or  $P(X_1, X_2, Y)$ . Thus we cannot determine what  $P(Y|X_1, X_2)$  is, because multiple joint distributions are consistent with the same marginals.

ii  $P(Y|X_1, X_2) = \frac{P(X_1, X_2|Y)P(Y)}{P(X_1, X_2)}$

iii We cannot determine it because we can't determine the value of  $P(Y)$

iv Same case as (i) (multiple...)

**Problem 3 (b)**

i by conditional independence we know  $P(X_1, X_2|Y) = P(X_1|Y)P(X_2|Y)$  to form

$$P(X_1, X_2, Y) = P(X_1|Y)P(X_2|Y)P(Y)$$

if we fixed  $x_1, x_2$  we get  $P(Y = y|x_1, x_2) = \frac{P(x_1|y)P(x_2|y)P(y)}{\sum_y' P(x_1|y')P(x_2|y')P(y')}$

now it is sufficient.

ii Already sufficient.

iii Not sufficient because we are still missing  $P(Y)$

iv By conditional independence we can construct  $P(X_1, X_2|Y) = P(X_1|Y)P(X_2|Y)$  and then it is them same as original case (ii), thus it is sufficient now

**Problem 4(a)**

Node C has Parent A, so the CPT is  $P(C|A)$

$|Dom(A)| = |Dom(C)| = 3 \Rightarrow$  Number of entries in the CPT for C = 9.

**Problem 4(b)**

All undirected paths from D to E:  $D \rightarrow F \leftarrow E$

Note at F we have a collider on this path. So we are not conditioning on F so this path is blocked. So, there is no other path connecting D and E in the graph. So  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp E$  true.

**Problem 4(c)**

Consider path between B and F

path  $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow F$

Along B - D - F, at D we have a chain  $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow F$ . We are conditioning only on C, not on D. So this path is open.

Any other path must go through this same structure, so at least one open path exists.

Thus B and F are not d-separated given C  $\Rightarrow B \perp\!\!\!\perp F|C$  is false

**Problem 4(d)**

Paths between A and B:

direct path  $A \rightarrow B$

this is a simple chain with non collider B. We are conditioning only on F, not A or B, so this path remains open.

Thus we conclude that A and B are d-connected given F

$A \perp\!\!\!\perp B|F$  is false

**Problem 4(e)**

Path  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow F \leftarrow E$

B appears as  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$  so B is non collider.

D is non collider along this path and we are conditioning on D, thus the only path  $A - \dots - E$  is blocked by conditioning on D, and there is no other path.

$A \perp\!\!\!\perp E|D$  is true

**Problem 5 (a)**

$$B \rightarrow A, W \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow A, X \rightarrow A, A \rightarrow S, X \rightarrow S$$

So  $A$  has parents  $\{B, W, C, X\}$  and  $S$  has parents  $\{A, X\}$ .

All of  $B, W, C, X$  are root nodes.

**Problem 5 (b)**

$$P(B, W, C, X, A, S) = P(B)P(W)P(C)P(X)P(A|B, W, C, X)P(S|A, X)$$

### Problem 5 (c)

inexperienced as  $X = 0$ , battery healthy as  $B = 1$ , weather favorable as  $W = 1$ , sensors well calibrated as  $C = 1$ , mission success as  $S = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(S = 1 | B = 1, W = 1, C = 1, X = 0) &= \frac{\sum_a P(B = 1, W = 1, C = 1, X = 0, A = a, S = 1)}{\sum_s \sum_a P(B = 1, W = 1, C = 1, X = 0, A = a, S = s)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_a P(B = 1)P(W = 1)P(C = 1)P(X = 0), P(A = a | 1, 1, 1, 0)P(S = 1 | a, 0)}{\sum_s \sum_a P(B = 1)P(W = 1)P(C = 1)P(X = 0)P(A = a | 1, 1, 1, 0)P(S = s | a, 0)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_a P(A = a | 1, 1, 1, 0)P(S = 1 | a, 0)}{\sum_s \sum_a P(A = a | 1, 1, 1, 0)P(S = s | a, 0)} \end{aligned}$$

for each fixed  $(a, 0)$ ,  $\sum_s P(S = s | a, 0) = 1$ , and the denominator becomes 1

$$\text{so, } P(S = 1 | B = 1, W = 1, C = 1, X = 0) = \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} P(A = a | B = 1, W = 1, C = 1, X = 0)P(S = 1 | A = a, X = 0)$$

### Problem 5 (d)

$P(B = 1 | S = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1)$  By Bn factorization

$$P(B, W, C, X, A, S) = P(B)P(W)P(C)P(X)P(A | B, W, C, X)P(S | A, X),$$

and summing out  $A$ , we get  $P(B = 1 | S = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) = \frac{P(B=1, S=1, W=0, C=1, X=1)}{\sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} P(B=b, S=1, W=0, C=1, X=1)}$ , with

$$P(B = b, S = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) = \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} P(B = b)P(W = 0)P(C = 1)P(X = 1)P(A = a | b, 0, 1, 1)P(S = 1 | a, 1).$$

The common factor  $P(W = 0)P(C = 1)P(X = 1)$  cancels, so define

$$\text{score}(b) = P(B = b) \sum_a P(A = a | b, 0, 1, 1)P(S = 1 | a, 1),$$

and then

$$P(B = 1 | S = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) = \frac{\text{score}(1)}{\text{score}(0) + \text{score}(1)}.$$

From the CPTs:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = 1) &= 0.50, & P(B = 0) &= 0.50, \\ P(A = 1 | B = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) &= 0.70, & P(A = 0 | 1, 0, 1, 1) &= 0.30, \\ P(A = 1 | B = 0, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) &= 0.55, & P(A = 0 | 0, 0, 1, 1) &= 0.45, \\ P(S = 1 | A = 0, X = 1) &= 0.55, & P(S = 1 | A = 1, X = 1) &= 0.90. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\text{score}(1) = 0.50(0.30 \cdot 0.55 + 0.70 \cdot 0.90) = 0.50 \cdot 0.795 = 0.3975,$$

$$\text{score}(0) = 0.50(0.45 \cdot 0.55 + 0.55 \cdot 0.90) = 0.50 \cdot 0.7425 = 0.37125.$$

Therefore

$$P(B = 1 | S = 1, W = 0, C = 1, X = 1) = \frac{0.3975}{0.3975 + 0.37125} = \frac{106}{205} \approx 0.517.$$

So the battery is more likely to have been healthy than unhealthy.