Discrete Probabilistic Programming

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Discrete Probabilistic Programming

In the preceding lectures:

- Inference is intractable in general
- First order semantics of discrete and continuous PPL.

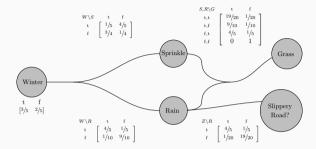
In this lecture: Discrete Setting

- Under some conditions, exact inference is possible: Bayesian Network
- Semantics of Higher-Order CBV Discrete Probabilistic Lambda-Calculus
- Exam 2021: Probabilistic Hoare Logic

Bayesian Networks

Bayseian Network - Introduction

Example



Purpose: compact representation of the joint distribution $\mathbb{P}(G, Z, S, R, W)$

- Variables X and their sample sets (or carrier or web) $|X| = \{t, f\}$
- lacktriangle Conditional Probability Tables (CPT): $\mathbb{P}(X|\mathtt{Pa}(X)): |\mathtt{Pa}(X)| imes |X| o \mathbb{R}^+$
- lacksquare Dependence to parents Pa(X) in the DAG and independence to other variables.

The function mass $\mathbb{P}(G = g, Z = z, S = s, R = r, W = w)$ has dimension 2^5 .

The CPTs: $\mathbb{P}(G = g | S = s, R = r)$: 2^3 and the others $3 * 2^2 + 2$

Bayesian Network - Definition

Definition A bayesian network is given by

- A DAG
- Labeled by variables and conditional probability tables (CPT)

The graph defines Dependence and Independence conditions

- Parents: $Pa(G) = \{S, R\}$ and Pa(S) = W
- The probability of X given variables depends only on Pa(X):

$$\mathbb{P}(X|\mathtt{Vars}) = \mathbb{P}(X|\mathtt{Pa}(X))$$

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Bayesian Network - Properties

Joint distribution from conditional probability tables

$$\mathbb{P}(Z, G, R, S, W) = \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \, \mathbb{P}(G|S, R) \, \mathbb{P}(S|W) \, \mathbb{P}(R|W) \, \mathbb{P}(W)$$

Conditional probability

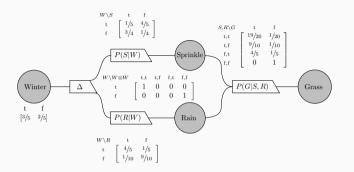
$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G,R,S,W) = \mathbb{P}(Z|G,S,R,W) \ \mathbb{P}(G,S,R,W)$$

Chain Rule

$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G,R,S,W) = \mathbb{P}(Z|G,S,R,W)\,\mathbb{P}(G|S,R,W)\,\mathbb{P}(S|R,W)\,\mathbb{P}(R|W)\,\mathbb{P}(W)$$

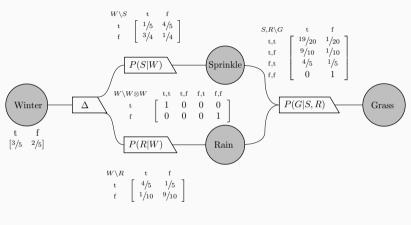
Dependence

$$\mathbb{P}(Z|G,S,R,W) = \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \quad \mathbb{P}(G|S,R,W) = \mathbb{P}(G|S,R) \quad \mathbb{P}(S|R,W) = \mathbb{P}(S|W)$$

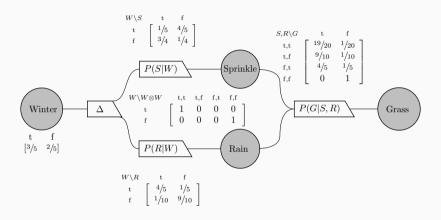


Compute $\mathbb{P}(G)$ using:

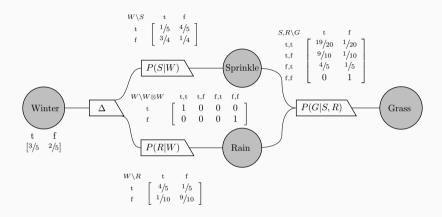
- **Joint distribution:** $\mathbb{P}(G, R, S, W) = \mathbb{P}(G|S, R) \mathbb{P}(S|W) \mathbb{P}(R|W) \mathbb{P}(W)$
- Marginal $\mathbb{P}(G) = \sum_{(r,s,w) \in |R| \times |S| \times |W|} \mathbb{P}(G,R,S,W)$



$$p(S) = \left(\sum_{a \in \{t,f\}} P(S|W)_{a,b} \cdot p(W)_a\right)_{b \in \{t,f\}}$$

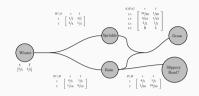


$$p(W)$$
 $P(S|W) = p(S)$
 $p(W)$ $P(R|W) = p(R)$ and $(p(S) \otimes p(R))$ $P(G|S,R) = p(G)$



$$p(W) \Delta (P(S|W) \otimes P(R|W)) P(G|S,R) = p(G)$$

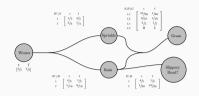
Bayesian Network - Computing Marginals



Using Chain Rule naive methods with 2⁵ operations

$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G) = \sum_{w,s,r} \mathbb{P}(Z,G,S,R,W)$$
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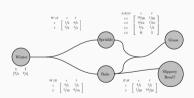
Using *Memoization* and *Factorization* Optimized methods using 2⁴ operations.

$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G) = \sum_{r} \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \left(\sum_{s} \mathbb{P}(G|S,R) \left(\sum_{w} \mathbb{P}(S|W) \mathbb{P}(R|W) \mathbb{P}(W) \right) \right)$$

Variable Elimination

An algorithm for exact inference, based on a chosen order to eliminate variables (i.e. marginalize): in the following factorization, the order is W then S then R.

$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G) = \sum_{r} \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \left(\sum_{s} \mathbb{P}(G|S,R) \left(\sum_{w} \mathbb{P}(S|W) \mathbb{P}(R|W) \mathbb{P}(W) \right) \right)$$



- Different orders have different perfomances
- Choosing an optimal order is known as NP-hard (see Cooper, The computational complexity of probabilistic inference using bayesian belief networks, Arti cial Intelligence 42 (1990), no. 2, 393–405)
- Many heuristic depending on the structure of the graph

Variable Elimination

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In a BN, variable elimination corresponds to the replacement of a subgraph with a factor.

$$\mathbb{P}(Z,G) = \sum_{r} \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \left(\sum_{s} \mathbb{P}(G|S,R) \left(\sum_{w} \mathbb{P}(S|W) \mathbb{P}(R|W) \mathbb{P}(W) \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{r} \mathbb{P}(Z|R) \left(\sum_{s} \mathbb{P}(G|S,R) m_{W}(S,R) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{r} \mathbb{P}(Z|R) m_{S}(R,G)$$

$$= m_{R}(Z,G)$$

$$= m_$$

Variable Elimination for marginal inference - Message Passing Algorithm

- 1. Compute the distance from the query variables
- 2. Factors are morphisms/CPT labelling edges (output edges are labelled with 1)
- 3. Variables are types/Nodes in the graph
- 4. Propagate Messages following distance order of edges:
 - Message from variable to factors: $\nu_{x \to f} = \prod_{g \in pe(x) \setminus f} \mu_{g \to x}$

$$\blacksquare \ \, \text{Message from factor to variable:} \ \, \mu_{f \to x} = \sum_{X_f \backslash x} \prod_{y \in \text{ne}(f) \backslash x} \nu_{y \to f}$$

Higher-Order Syntax and Semantics for PPL Discrete case

A Call-by-value probabilistic λ -calculus

Contexts: $G := 1 \mid G_0, x : t \text{ where } x \notin G_0$

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$G \vdash e : t$ **Type System**

Operational Semantics (discrete case) Labeled Transition System (LTS)

$\overline{sample(Bernoulli\ r) \xrightarrow{r} \underline{true}}$	$\overline{sample(Bernoulli\ r) \xrightarrow{1-r} \underline{false}}$	
$\frac{\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}}{sample(Dice\ n) \stackrel{\frac{1}{n}}{\longrightarrow} \underline{i}}$	$\frac{1}{\text{sample}(\text{Dirac }c)\xrightarrow{1}c}$	
${ let\; x = c\;in\; e_2 \xrightarrow{1} e_2[Dirac\; c/x]}$	$\frac{e_1 \stackrel{r}{\rightarrow} e_1'}{\operatorname{let} \ x = e_1 \ \operatorname{in} \ e_2 \stackrel{r}{\rightarrow} \operatorname{let} \ x = e_1' \ \operatorname{in} \ e_2}$	
$\frac{1}{(\lambda x.e_2)v \xrightarrow{1} e_2[v/x]}$	$\frac{e_2\stackrel{r}{\rightarrow}e_2'}{(e_2)e_1\stackrel{r}{\rightarrow}(e_2')e_1}$	$\frac{e_1 \stackrel{r}{\rightarrow} e_1'}{(e_2)e_1 \stackrel{r}{\rightarrow} (e_2)e_1'}$

Denotational semantics of Higher Order

Discrete Probabilistic Programming

Model of Linear Logic

SMCC - Symmetric Monoidal Closed Category

- Category : C objects + morphisms, identity and associative composition
- Symmetric Monoidal : $1, A \otimes B$ + unit, associative and commutative laws
- Closed: $A \multimap B$, Λ , ev + currying and evaluation are in tightly related, $\frac{A \otimes B \to C}{A \to B \to C}$.

Comonad

- $!:\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ a functor (action on objects and morphisms)
- counit $\epsilon_A : !A \to A$ and comultiplication $\delta_A : !A \to !!A + \text{diagrams}$.

Monoidal Strength:

■ natural isomorphisms $!T \xrightarrow{\sim} 1$ and $!(A \times B) \xrightarrow{\sim} !A \otimes !B + \text{coherence diagrams}$

Commutative Comonoid

• weakening $w_A: !A \to 1$ and contraction $c_A: !A \to !A \otimes !A$ + coherence diagrams

Call-By-Value in models of LL

Interpretation of types

- Ground types: $Z^* = !Z$
- Function types: $(A \rightarrow B)^* = !(A^* \multimap B^*)$
- Types A* are preceded by !, thus

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A^* & \xrightarrow{\delta} & !A^* \\ A^* & \xrightarrow{c} & A^* \otimes A^* & A^* & \xrightarrow{w} & 1 \end{array}$$

• Contexts: $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)^* = A_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes A_n^*$

Interpretation of terms: $G \vdash e : A$ is interpreted as a morphism $e^* : G^* \rightarrow A^*$

See call-by-name, call-by-value, call-by-need, and the Linear Lambda Calculus, Maraist & al.

Semantics of CBV in LL

Interpretation of terms: $G \vdash e : A$ is interpreted as a morphism $e^* : G^* \rightarrow A^*$

Variable:

$$G, x: t \vdash x: t$$

$$G^* \otimes t^* \xrightarrow{w_{G^*} \otimes \mathsf{id}} 1 \otimes t^* \xrightarrow{\sim} t^*$$

Abstraction

$$\frac{G,x:t_1\vdash e:t_2}{G\vdash \lambda x.e:t_1\to t_2}$$

$$egin{aligned} rac{G^* \otimes t_1^* \stackrel{e^*}{\longrightarrow} t_2^*}{G^* \stackrel{\Lambda e^*}{\longrightarrow} t_1^* \multimap t_2^*} \ G^* \stackrel{\delta}{\longrightarrow} ! \, G^* \stackrel{!\Lambda e^*}{\longrightarrow} ! (t_1^* \multimap t_2^*) = t_1 \to t_2^* \end{aligned}$$

Application

$$\frac{G \vdash e_2 : t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \qquad G \vdash e_1 : t_1}{G \vdash (e_2)e_1 : t_1}$$

$$G^* \stackrel{e_2}{\rightarrow} !(t_1^* \multimap t_2^*) \stackrel{\epsilon}{\rightarrow} t_1^* \multimap t_2^* \qquad G^* \stackrel{e_1}{\rightarrow} t_1^*$$
 $G^* \stackrel{c}{\rightarrow} G^* \otimes G^* \to (t_1^* \multimap t_2^*) \otimes t_1^* \stackrel{ev}{\rightarrow} t_2^*$

Probabilistic Coherence Spaces

A model of LL for discrete probability



Vincent Danos, Thomas Ehrhard, On probabilistic coherence spaces, 2011

PCOH

The category of Probabilistic Coherent spaces - Pcoh

• **Object:** (|A|, P(A)) with |A| a set and $P(A) \subset (\mathbb{R}^+)^{|A|}$ such that

$$\mathrm{P}\left(A\right) = \mathrm{P}\left(A\right)^{\perp \perp} \text{ where } \mathsf{P}^{\perp} = \{x \in (\mathbb{R}^+)^{|A|} \mid \forall x' \in \mathsf{P} \ \langle x, x' \rangle = \sum_{a \in |A|} x_a \, x' \, a \leq 1 \}$$

Bounded covering $\forall a \in |A| \ (\exists x \in P(A), \ x_a \neq 0)$ and $(\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^+, \ \forall x \ x_a < p)$

Examples $[\![\tau]\!] = (|\tau|, P(\tau))$

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{unit dist}| &= \{*\} & & \text{P (unit dist)} &= [0,1] \\ |\text{int dist}| &= \mathbb{N} & & \text{P (int dist)} &= \{(x_n)|\sum x_n \leq 1\} \\ |\text{bool dist}| &= \{\mathsf{t}, \ \mathsf{f}\} & & \text{P (bool dist)} &= \{(x_\mathsf{t}, x_\mathsf{f}) \, | \, x_\mathsf{t} + x_\mathsf{f} \leq 1\} \\ |A \times B| &= |A| \uplus |B| & & \text{P } (A \times B) &= \{(x_i)_{i \in |A| \uplus |B|} \, | \, (x_i)_{i \in |A|} \in \mathrm{P} \, (A) \, , (x_i)_{i \in |B|} \in \mathrm{P} \, (B)\} \\ \| \text{Bernoulli p} \| &= (p, 1-p) & & \| \text{Dice n} \| &= (\frac{1}{p}, \dots, \frac{1}{p}, 0, \dots, 0, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

PCOH and Linear coherent maps is a model of simply typed lambda-calculus

The linear category of Probabilistic Coherence Spaces

- **Object:** (|A|, P(A)) with |A| a set and $P(A) \subset (\mathbb{R}^+)^{|A|}$ set of functions
- Morphism: $f:(|A|, P(A)) \rightarrow (|B|, P(B))$ a matrix $(f_{(a,b)})$ indexed by $|A| \times |B|$ such that

$$\forall x \in P(A), f(x) : b \mapsto \sum_{a \in |A|} x(a) f_{a,b} \in P(B)$$

Examples

PCOH and Linear coherent maps is a model of Linear Logic

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Tensor product

- $\bullet |X \otimes Y| = |X| \times |Y|$
- $P(X \otimes Y) = \{x \otimes y \mid x \in P(X), y \in P(Y)\}^{\perp \perp}$ where $(x \otimes y) : (a, b) \mapsto x(a)y(b)$

Examples of morphisms in PCOH:

- Duplication: Δ : [b dist] \rightarrow [b dist \otimes b dist] such that $\Delta(x) = x \otimes x$
- $\qquad \qquad \textbf{Marginalization: proj: } \llbracket \textbf{b} \ \textbf{dist} \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket \textbf{b}' \ \textbf{dist} \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \textbf{b} \ \textbf{dist} \rrbracket \ \textbf{such that proj} (x \otimes y) = x$

Exponential

- $|!X| = \mathcal{M}_{fin}(|X|)$
- $P(!X) = \{x^! \mid x \in P(X)\}^{\perp \perp}$

where
$$x^!: m \mapsto \prod x(a)^{m(a)}$$

The cartesian closed category of Probabilistic Coherence spaces

The category of Probabilistic Coherence spaces and analytic maps

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Examples

- $f: [unit] \to [unit]$ such that $\forall x \in [0,1], f \cdot x = \sum_n f_n x^n \in [0,1]$
- $f: [bool] \to [unit]$ such that $f_{(true^n,*)} = 1$ otherwise $f_{m,*} = 0$, then $f \cdot (p, 1-p) = \sum_n p^n$ and $f \cdot (1,0) = 0$.

PCOH and analytic maps is a CCC (the Kleisli Category of !) CPO enriched.

It is a model of PCF = CBN lambda calculus and fixpoints

Results on Probabilistic Coherent Spaces

Compositionality

$$[[(e)e_2]]_b = [[e]([[e_2]])_b = \sum_m [[e]]_{m,b} \prod_{a \in m} [[e_2]]_a^{m(a)}$$

Invariance of the semantics

$$\llbracket e
rbracket = \sum_{e_2} \mathsf{Proba}(e, e_2) \llbracket e_2
rbracket$$

Adequacy Lemma

if
$$\vdash e$$
: nat, then **Proba** $^{\infty}(e,\underline{n}) = \llbracket e \rrbracket_n$

Full Abstraction at ground type nat

$$\llbracket e \rrbracket_1 = \llbracket e \rrbracket_2$$
 if and only if $\operatorname{Proba}^{\infty}(C[e_1], n) \stackrel{\forall C[j \forall n}{=} \operatorname{Proba}^{\infty}(C[e_2], n)$

Examples: Compute the semantics

Geometric

- By definition: $\llbracket G \rrbracket(d) \in [0,1]$
- By adequation: if G = fix (fun $f \to e$) then $\llbracket G \rrbracket = \llbracket e \llbracket G/f \rrbracket \rrbracket$ (from adequation)
- Let semantics: $[[let x = sample(d) in e']] = \sum_{a} [[d]]_a [[e'[a/x]]]$
- $\qquad \qquad \textbf{Computation: } \llbracket G \rrbracket(d) = d_{\texttt{true}} \llbracket G \rrbracket(d) + d_{\texttt{false}} \qquad \text{thus } \llbracket G \rrbracket(d) = \frac{d_{\texttt{false}}}{1 d_{\texttt{true}}}$

Examples: Compute the semantics

Fixpoints

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 \begin{array}{ll} \text{fix fun (b : bool)} \rightarrow \\ \text{2} & \text{let } \times = \text{sample(Bernoulli p) in} \\ \text{3} & \text{if } \times \text{ then (if } \times \text{ then b else true)} \\ \text{4} & \text{else (if } \times \text{ then false else b)} \\ \text{5} \end{array}
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egin{aligned} b &= p(b + \delta_{	exttt{true}}) \ &+ (1-p)(\delta_{	exttt{false}} + b) \end{aligned} b_{	exttt{true}} = b_{	exttt{false}} = 0
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fix fun (bb : bool) \rightarrow
let \times = (Bernoulli p) in
if \times then (if \times then bb else true)
else (if \times then false else bb)
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Why you should care or not on Probabilistic Coherence Spaces

- ✓ Interpretation of probabilistic programs of discrete type (int or real) are PCOH maps, with good analytic Properties
 - Probabilistic Stable Functions on Discrete Cones are Power Series. R. Crubille, 2018
- √ Concrete Sandbox for getting intuitions on probabilistic programs
- Non definability: $Pcoh(bool, 1) = \left\{ Q \in (\mathbb{R}^+)^{\mathcal{M}_{fin}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f})} \mid Q_{[\mathbf{t}^n, \mathbf{f}^m]} \leq \frac{(n+m)^{n+m}}{n^n m^m} \right\}$ but the greatest we can get is $\{e\} \leq \frac{(n+m)!}{n!m!}$
- $\label{eq:fix} 1 \qquad \text{fix fun } x \to \text{if } x \text{ then if } x \text{ then } f(x) \text{ else () else if } x \text{ then () else } f(x)$

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Why you should care or not on Probabilistic Coherence Spaces

It is not computable and thus cannot be used to implement inference if $\vdash^P M : \tau$ and $\{\!\{M\}\!\} \in \mathrm{P}(\tau)$ then \vdash^D infer $M : \tau$ dist and $[\![\![\!]\!]$ is a subprobability distribution over τ .

$$[[\inf M]] = \frac{\{M\}}{\sum_{a \in |T|} \{M\}_a}$$



Scaling exact inference for discrete probabilistic programs. Holtzen & al. 2020

Meas is not an SMCC



Borel structures for function spaces, Aumann, 1961

Denotational Semantics for continuous probability - Higher-Order problem

Meas is a symmetric monoidal category

- Meas:
 - Objects: Measurable spaces |X|, $\mathfrak{S}(X)$
 - Morphisms: Measurable functions
- Symmetric Monoidal:
 - Unit: $|1| = \{*\}$
 - Monoidal product:
 - $|X \otimes Y| = |X| \times |Y|$
 - $\mathfrak{S}(X \otimes Y) = \mathfrak{S}(X) \otimes \mathfrak{S}(Y)$ is generated by squared $U \times V$ where $U \in \mathfrak{S}(X)$ and $V \in \mathfrak{S}(Y)$ using countable intersections, unions and complement.

Theorem (Aumann' 61)

There is no σ -algebra on $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ such that **eval** : $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is measurable.

The category of measurable space and measurable functions is symmetric monoidal but not closed.

By contradiction: Assume Meas is an SMCC: $\forall X, Y, \text{ev} : Y^X \otimes X \to Y$ is measurable.

Measurable spaces X is \mathbb{R} with $\Sigma_X = \mathcal{P}(X)$ any parts and Y is \mathbb{R} with the Σ -algebra generated by countable and cocountable subsets (closed by complement and countable unions and intersections).

$$\Lambda(h): (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})) \to (\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{R}}, \Sigma_{2^{Y}})$$
 is measurable

 $h = \text{ev} \circ \Lambda(h)$ is **measurable** as the composition of measurable functions

$$\Delta = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = y\} = h^{-1}(1)$$
 is measurable in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$.

The category of measurable spaces and measurable functions is not closed.

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We deduced that $\Delta = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x=y\} = h^{-1}(\{1\})$ is measurable in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$.

If $W \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$, then there is $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ countable such that:

if there is $(x,y) \in W$ such that $y \notin B$, then $\forall z \notin B$, $(x,z) \in W$.

Proof: satisfied by basic measurable subsets and closed by countable intersection and unions

Consequence: Δ satisfies this property: there is B countable such there is $(x,x) \in \Delta$ and $x \notin B$. Yet, for any $z \notin B$ and $z \neq x$, $(x,z) \notin \delta$.

▲ CONTRADICTION **▲**

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