

- **Due:** Tuesday 10/19 at 10:59pm.
- **Policy:** Can be solved in groups (acknowledge collaborators) but must be submitted individually.
- **Make sure to show all your work and justify your answers.**
- **Note:** This is a typical exam-level question. On the exam, you would be under time pressure, and have to complete this question on your own. We strongly encourage you to first try this on your own to help you understand where you currently stand. Then feel free to have some discussion about the question with other students and/or staff, before independently writing up your solution.
- Your submission on Gradescope should be a PDF that matches this template. Each page of the PDF should align with the corresponding page of the template (page 1 has name/collaborators, question begins on page 2.). **Do not reorder, split, combine, or add extra pages.** The intention is that you print out the template, write on the page in pen/pencil, and then scan or take pictures of the pages to make your submission. You may also fill out this template digitally (e.g. using a tablet.)

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Q8. [23 pts] Bayes Nets

Consider the following Bayes Net that has four variables E , S , M and B . The associated probabilities are also given to you in the following tables.

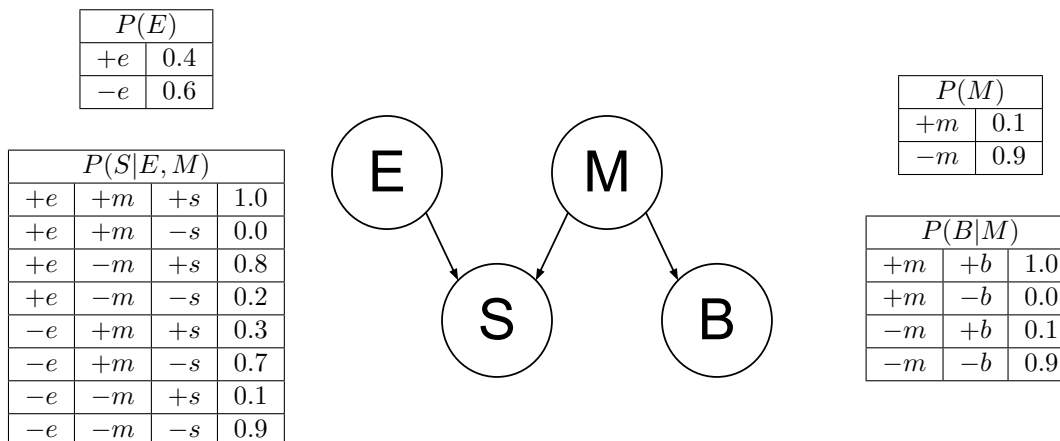


Figure 1: Bayes Net and probability tables.

In the following five questions, do not just answer with a numerical value. Write explicitly what probability expression you are calculating. For instance you should write $P(A)P(B) = 0.2$ instead of just 0.2.

10.1) (2 pts) Write an expression to compute the value of the joint distribution $P(-e, -s, -m, -b)$. What is its value?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(-e, -s, -m, -b) &= P(-e)P(-s|-e, -m)P(-m)P(-b|-m) \quad (\text{chain rule}) \\
 &= (0.6)(0.9)(0.9)(0.9) \\
 &= 0.4374
 \end{aligned}$$

10.2) (2 pts) Write an expression to compute the value of $P(+b)$? What is its value?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(+b) &= P(+b|+m)P(+m) + P(+b|-m)P(-m) \quad (\text{law of total prob}) \\
 &= (1)(0.1) + (0.1)(0.9) \\
 &= 0.19
 \end{aligned}$$

10.3) (2 pts) Write an expression to compute the value of $P(+m|+b)$? What is its value?

$$P(+m|+b) = \frac{P(+b|+m)P(+m)}{P(+b)} = \frac{(1)(0.1)}{0.19} \approx 0.5263$$

10.4) (2 pts) Write an expression to compute the value of $P(+m|+s, +b, +e)$? What is its value?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(+m|+s, +b, +e) &= \frac{P(+m, +s, +b, +e)}{P(+s, +b, +e)} = \frac{P(+e)P(+s|+e, +m)P(+m)P(+b|+m)}{P(+e)P(+s|+e, +m)P(+m)P(+b|+m) + P(+e)P(+s|+e, -m)P(-m)P(+b|-m)} \\
 &= \frac{(0.4)(1)(0.1)(1)}{(0.4)(1)(0.1)(1) + (0.4)(0.8)(0.9)(0.1)} \approx 0.5814
 \end{aligned}$$

10.5) (2 pts) Write an expression to compute the value of $P(+e|+m)$? What is its value?

$$P(+e|+m) = P(+e) \quad (\text{since } E \text{ and } M \text{ are independent})$$

$$= 0.4$$

Now consider the following Bayes Net in which all the variables are **binary**. We want to compute the query $P(B, D|+f)$, so we run variable elimination with the variable elimination ordering being A, C, E, G .

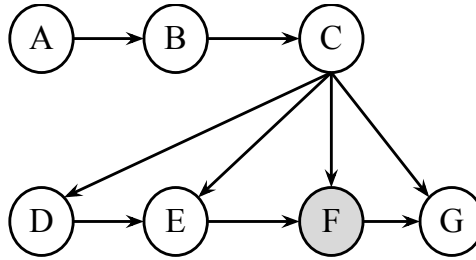


Figure 2: Bayes Net.

After observing evidence on F , we have the following factors

$$P(A), P(B|A), P(C|B), P(D|C), P(E|C, D), P(+f|C, E), P(G|C, +f)$$

When we eliminate the variable A , we then create a new factor $f_1(B) = \sum_a P(B|a)P(a)$ and the remaining factors are

$$f_1(B), P(C|B), P(D|C), P(E|C, D), P(+f|C, E), P(G|C, +f)$$

10.6) (2 pts) When we eliminate C next, what is the new factor f_2 we obtain? Furthermore, list the leftover factors.

$$f_2(B, D, E, +f, G) = \sum_c P(c|B)P(D|c)P(E|c, D)P(+f|c, E)P(G|c, +f)$$

Leftover factors: $f_1(B), f_2(B, D, E, +f, G)$

10.7) (2 pts) When we eliminate E next, what is the new factor f_3 we obtain? Furthermore, list the leftover factors.

$$f_3(B, D, +f, G) = \sum_e f_2(B, D, e, +f, G)$$

Leftover factors: $f_1(B), f_3(B, D, +f, G)$

10.8) (2 pts) When we eliminate G next, what is the new factor f_4 we obtain? Furthermore, list the leftover factors.

$$f_4(B, D, +f) = \sum_g f_3(B, D, +f, g)$$

Leftover factors: $f_1(B), f_4(B, D, +f)$

10.9) (2 pts) How can we compute $P(B, D | +f)$ using the factors from **10.8)**? Explain in a couple of sentences.

$$\begin{aligned} P(B, D | +f) &= \frac{P(B, D, +f)}{P(+f)} \\ &= \frac{f_1(B) f_4(B, D, +f)}{\sum_{b,d} f_1(b) f_4(b, d, +f)} \end{aligned}$$

Mathematically shown on the right. In words:

Multiply $f_1(B)$ and $f_4(B, D, +f)$ to get $P(B, D, +f)$.

Next, normalize $P(B, D, +f)$ by dividing by $P(+f)$.

To get $P(+f)$, sum over all possible values of b and d .

This normalization yields us $P(B, D | +f)$.

10.10) (1 pts) Between f_1, f_2, f_3 and f_4 which is the largest factor (or equivalently whose table has the most rows)?

Largest factor is f_2 . This is because it involves the most number of variables out of f_1, f_2, f_3 and f_4 .

10.11) (4 pts) For the same query $P(B, D | +f)$, find a new variable elimination ordering that minimizes the size of the largest factor created during the process. Fill in your ordering and the generated factors on the table below. For instance, if we were to follow the original ordering you would write on the left and right columns of the first row of the table A and $f_1(B)$ respectively, and so on. *Hint: Your largest factor should be of size 4, i.e. have only two variables.*

Choose variables in ascending order of how many variables they depend on.

$P(A), P(B|A), P(C|B), P(D|C), P(E|C, D), P(+f|C, E), P(G|C, +f)$

Variable Eliminated	Factor Generated
A	$f_1(B)$
E	$f_2(C, D)$
G	$f_3(C, +f)$
C	$f_4(B, D, +f)$