

$$E[V] = \sum_{x \in \text{Out}(X)} P(x) V(x)$$

$$E[V(\text{Decision})] = \sum_{\text{outcome}} P(\text{outcome}|\text{decision}) V(\text{outcome})$$

sum out what we can't control



### Lottery

Distribution over outcomes

$$[p_1: o_1, \dots, p_k: o_k]$$

sum to 1

They **prefer** better outcomes

They are **rational**: do action w/ best outcome

### Preference

For any 2 outcomes  $o_1, o_2$ , either

Weak Preference  $o_1 \succeq o_2$  "at least as desirable"

Strong Preference  $o_1 \succ o_2$  "more desirable"

Indifferent  $o_1 \sim o_2$  "as desirable"

properties:

Complete  $o_1 \succeq o_2$  or  $o_2 \succeq o_1$

Transitive  $o_1 \succeq o_2 \wedge o_2 \succeq o_3 \Rightarrow o_1 \succeq o_3$  prefers larger chance of better outcome.

Monotonic  $o_1 \succeq o_2 \wedge p > q \Rightarrow [p: o_1, 1-p: o_2] \succeq [q: o_1, 1-q: o_2]$

Continuity  $o_1 \succ o_2 \wedge o_2 \succ o_3 \Rightarrow o_2 \sim \exists p, [1-p: o_1, p: o_3]$

### Utility Function:

Map preference to numerical values

$$\text{Utility: Outcome} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

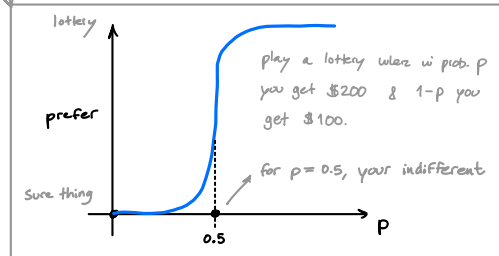
such that

$$① o_1 \succeq o_2 \Leftrightarrow U(o_1) \geq U(o_2)$$

Linear with probs

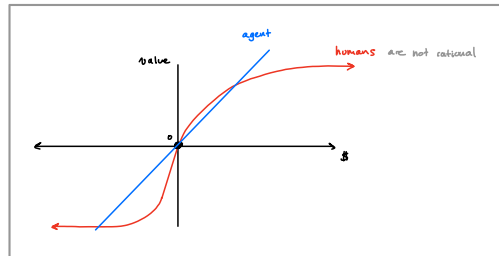
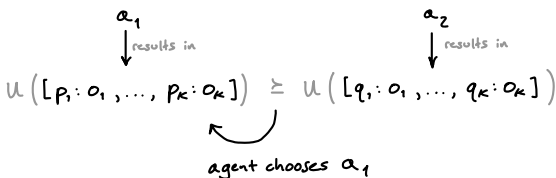
$$② U([p_1: o_1, \dots, p_k: o_k]) = p_1 U(o_1) + \dots + p_k U(o_k)$$

doesn't need to be in this range. But can always normalize.



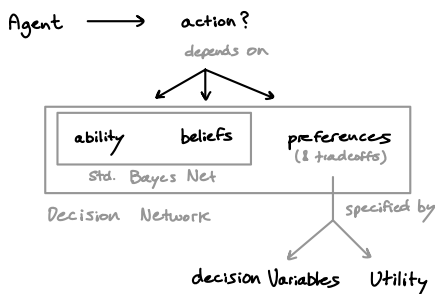
### Rational Agents

Act to maximize expected utility.



### Decision Theory

How to **tradeoff** preferences & probability of outcomes, between actions.



### Decision Variables

chooses value leads to outcome

Agent  $\rightarrow D = d_i \rightarrow \omega$

$$\text{expected utility: } E(u|D=d_i) = \sum P(\omega|D=d_i) U(\omega)$$

$$\text{optimal Decision: } \arg \max_{d_i} E(u|D=d_i)$$

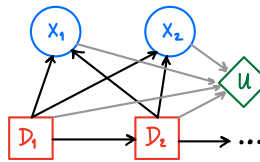
### Decision Networks

For sequential decision problems



$$E(u|D) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_n} P(x_1, \dots, x_n | D) U(x_1, \dots, x_n, D)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | D)$$



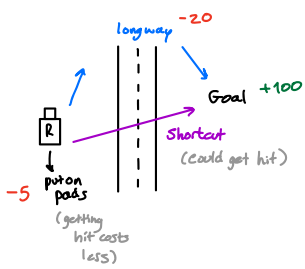
Optimal Decision:

- Factor for each  $D_i$  and for  $U$
- Multiply, sum out:  $\sum \dots \rightarrow$  factor for  $E(u|D)$
- Choose  $d_i$  with max value in that factor

Same as BN-VE but:

- ordering is fixed
- Utility factor
- Maximization step.

## Delivery Robot



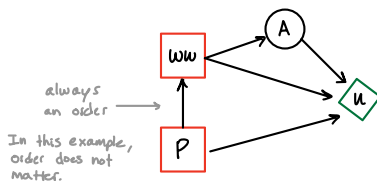
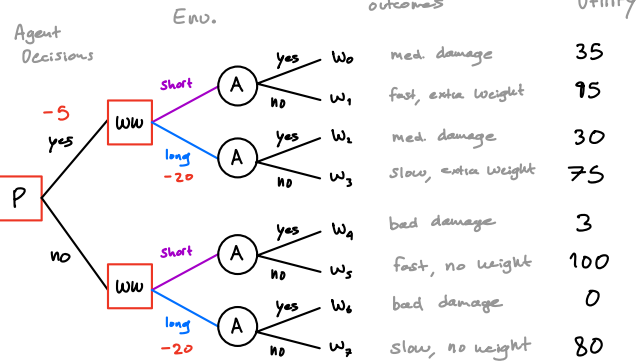
Decision Var's :

- Put on pads (P): yes/no
- Which Way (ww): long/short

Environment Var's :

- Accident (A): yes/no

ww	A	P(A ww)
long	yes	0.01
long	no	0.99
short	yes	0.2
short	no	0.8

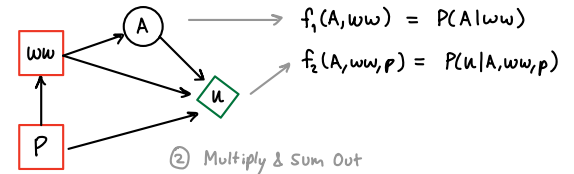


$$E[U|P, ww] = \sum_{a \in A} P(A=a|P, ww) U(P, a, ww)$$

ww	wp	E[U]
S	T	83
L	T	79.6
S	F	80.6
L	F	79.2

As factors:

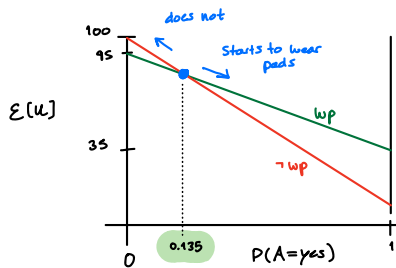
① Create Factors



$$f_2(u, ww, p) = \sum_A f_1(A, ww) f_2(A, ww, p)$$

$$= E(u|ww, p)$$

What probability of A, p would make the robot put on the pads?

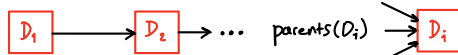


$$35p + (1-p)95 = 3p + (1-p)100$$

$$p = 0.135$$

## Sequential Decisions $D_1, \dots, D_n$

Each  $D_i$  has an information set  $\text{parents}(D_i)$  whose values will be known when its time to make  $D_i$



Actions depend on previous observations

Policy

Sequence  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n$

$\text{dom}[\text{parents}(D_i)]$

$\text{dom}[D_i]$

$\delta_i(o) = d_i$

expected Utility

$$E(u|\delta) = \sum_{\omega \models \delta} P(\omega) U(\omega)$$

all worlds possible with this policy

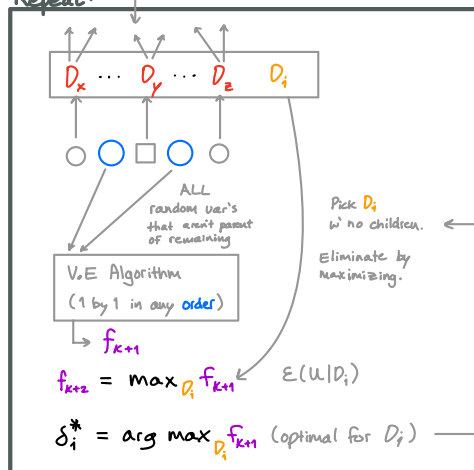
Algorithm: Find  $\delta^*$  (optimal policy)

Init:

Factors: each CPT, Utility Function

remaining  $D_i$ 's  $\leftarrow$   $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$

Repeat:



Note:

Pool does not reset.  
Add  $f_{k+1}$  to pool.

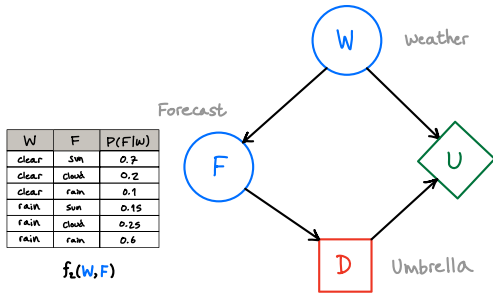
End:

- ① Eliminate remaining variables  $\rightarrow \frac{E(u|\delta^*)}{P(\text{Evidence})}$
- ② Divide by  $P(\text{Evidence})$  (if any)

## Example - Umbrella

W	P(W)
clear	0.7
rain	0.3

$f_1(W)$



W	F	P(F W)
clear	sun	0.7
clear	cloud	0.2
clear	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.15
rain	cloud	0.25
rain	rain	0.6

$f_2(W, F)$

W	D	U
clear	yes	20
clear	no	100
rain	yes	70
rain	no	0

$f_0(W, D)$

This time, we observe  $F = \text{cloud}$

policy is  $D = \text{no}$ . But  $E(D = \text{no}) \neq 14$

because this value considers  $F = \text{cloud}$  being unlikely

$$E(U|D) = \sum_{W, F} P(W, F) U(W, D) = \sum_{W, F} f_0(W, D) f_1(W) f_2(W, F)$$

$$E(U|D) = \sum_W P(W, F = \text{cloud}) U(W, D)$$

① Eliminate W (VE)

$$f_3(F, D) = \sum_W f_0(W, D) f_1(W) f_2(W, F) =$$

F	D	$f_3$
sun	yes	12.75
sun	no	49
cloud	yes	8.05
cloud	no	14
rain	yes	14
rain	no	7

② Max out D

$$f_4(F) = \max_D f_3(F, D) =$$

F	D	$f_4$
sun	yes	12.75
sun	no	49
cloud	yes	8.05
cloud	no	14
rain	yes	14
rain	no	7

$$\therefore \delta_D(F) =$$

F	$\delta(F)$
sun	no
cloud	no
rain	yes

Sum-out F:

$$f_5() = \sum_F f_4(F) = 49 + 14 + 14 = 77 \quad \text{(expected) value of optimal } \delta$$

$$f_2 \leftarrow f_2(W, F = \text{cloud}) =$$

W	F	$f_2$
clear	sun	0.7
clear	cloud	0.2
clear	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.15
rain	cloud	0.25
rain	rain	0.6

$=$ 

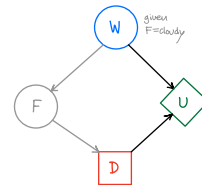
W	$f_2$
clear	0.2
rain	0.25

 } unnormalized

$$f_1(W) \leftarrow P(W, F = \text{cloud}) P(W) =$$

W	$f_1$
clear	0.21
rain	0.095

$(0.7) \cdot 0.3$  } unnormalized



① Eliminate W (VE)

$$f_2(D) = \sum_W f_0(W, D) f_1(W) =$$

D	$f_2$
yes	8.05
no	14

② Max out D

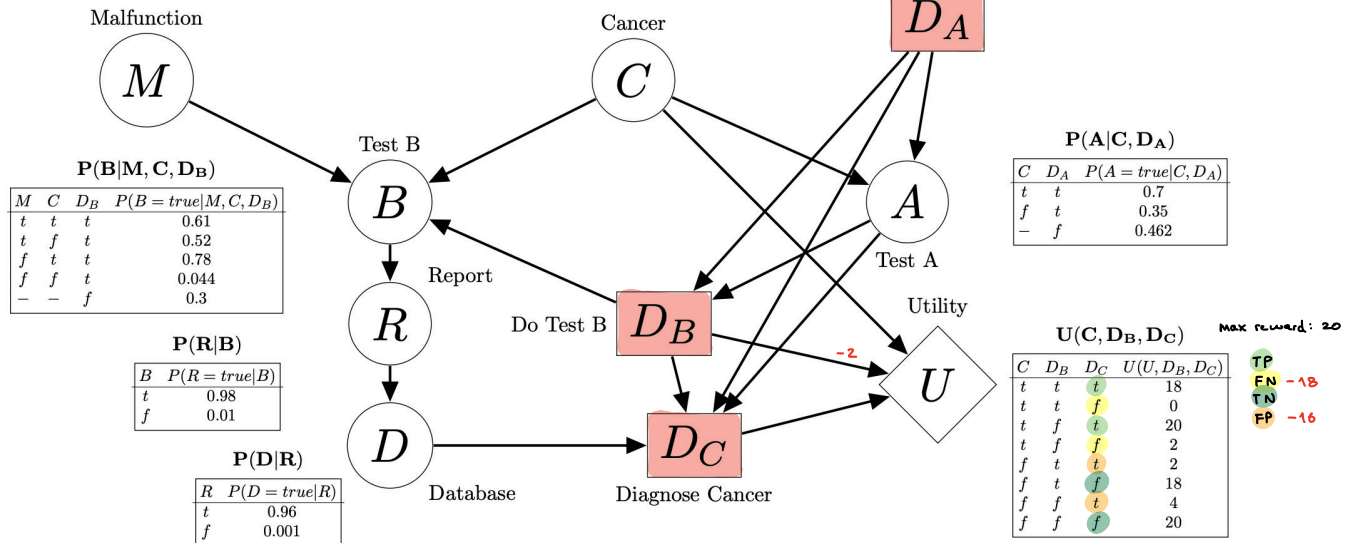
$$f_5() = \max_D f_2(D) = 14 \quad \therefore \delta_D = \text{no}$$

Divide by  $P(\text{Evidence})$  to get expected value:

$$\sum_W P(W, F = \text{cloud}) P(W) = (0.1) \cdot 0.7 + (0.25) \cdot 0.3 = 0.215 \rightarrow \frac{14}{0.215} = 65$$

$$P(M = \text{true}) = 0.08$$

$$P(C = \text{true}) = 0.32$$



Init: Factors:

$$f_0(C) = \begin{array}{c|c|c} C & f_0 \\ \hline t & 0.32 \\ f & 0.68 \end{array} \quad f_1(M) = \begin{array}{c|c|c} M & f_1 \\ \hline t & 0.08 \\ f & 0.92 \end{array} \quad f_2(B, M, C, D_B) = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} B & M & C & D_B & f_2 \\ \hline t & t & t & t & 0.61 \\ t & t & t & f & 0.52 \\ t & t & f & t & 0.78 \\ t & t & f & f & 0.044 \\ f & t & t & t & 0.96 \\ f & t & t & f & 0.001 \\ f & t & f & t & 0.52 \\ f & t & f & f & 0.044 \\ f & f & t & t & 0.35 \\ f & f & t & f & 0.044 \\ f & f & f & t & 0.78 \\ f & f & f & f & 0.044 \end{array}$$

$$f_3(R, B) = \begin{array}{c|c|c} B & R & f_3 \\ \hline t & t & 0.98 \\ t & f & 0.01 \\ f & t & 0.01 \\ f & f & 0.99 \end{array} \quad f_4(D, R) = \begin{array}{c|c|c} R & D & f_4 \\ \hline t & t & 0.96 \\ t & f & 0.001 \\ f & t & 0.001 \\ f & f & 0.999 \end{array}$$

$$f_5(A, C, D_A) = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} C & D_A & A & f_5 \\ \hline t & t & t & 0.7 \\ t & t & f & 0.35 \\ t & f & t & 0.462 \\ t & f & f & 0.462 \\ f & t & t & 0.35 \\ f & t & f & 0.35 \\ f & f & t & 0.7 \\ f & f & f & 0.462 \end{array}$$

$$f_6(C, D_B, D_C) = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} C & D_B & D_C & U \\ \hline t & t & t & 18 \\ t & t & f & 0 \\ t & f & t & 20 \\ t & f & f & 2 \\ f & t & t & 2 \\ f & t & f & 18 \\ f & f & t & 4 \\ f & f & f & 20 \end{array}$$

①

Remaining:  $D_A, D_B, D_C$

No child in  $\uparrow$ :  $M, C, B, R$

No children:  $D_C$

Variable Elim:

$$f_7(B, C, D_B) = \sum_M f_1(M) f_2(B, M, C, D_B)$$

$$f_8(R, C, D_B) = \sum_B f_3(R, B) f_7(B, C, D_B)$$

$$f_9(C, C, D_B) = \sum_R f_4(R, C) f_8(R, C, D_B)$$

$$f_{10}(A, D, D_A, D_B, D_C) = \sum_C f_5(A, C, D_A) f_9(C, C, D_B) f_6(C, D_B, D_C)$$

Max Out:

$$f_{11}(A, D, D_A, D_B) = \max_{D_C} f_{10}(A, D, D_A, D_B, D_C)$$

$$\delta_C^* = \arg \max_{D_C} f_{10}(A, D, D_A, D_B, D_C)$$

Pool

$$f_0(C) \quad f_1(M, C, D_B) \quad f_2(R, B) \quad f_3(R, B) \quad f_4(C, D_A) \quad f_5(A, C, D_A) \quad f_6(C, D_B, D_C) \quad f_7(B, C, D_B) \quad f_8(R, C, D_B) \quad f_9(C, C, D_B) \quad f_{10}(A, D, D_A, D_B, D_C) \quad f_{11}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

$$f_0(C) \quad f_1(M, C, D_B) \quad f_2(R, B) \quad f_3(R, B) \quad f_4(C, D_A) \quad f_5(A, C, D_A) \quad f_6(C, D_B, D_C) \quad f_7(B, C, D_B) \quad f_8(R, C, D_B) \quad f_9(C, C, D_B) \quad f_{10}(A, D, D_A, D_B, D_C) \quad f_{11}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

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②

Remaining:  $D_A, D_B$

No child in  $\uparrow$ :  $M, C, B, R, D$

No children:  $D_B$

Variable Elim:

$$f_{12}(A, D, D_A) = \sum_D f_{11}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

Max Out:

$$f_{13}(A, D_A) = \max_{D_B} f_{12}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

$$\delta_B^* = \arg \max_{D_B} f_{12}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

Pool

$$f_{12}(A, D, D_A, D_B)$$

Final Policy

do test A

if A = (t)

do test B:

diagnose based on D

else:

diagnose no cancer

③

Remaining:  $D_A$

No child in  $\uparrow$ : All

Variable Elim:

$$f_{14}(A) = \sum_{D_A} f_{13}(A, D_A)$$

Max Out:

$$f_{15}(A) = \max_{D_A} f_{14}(A, D_A)$$

$$\delta_A^* = \arg \max_{D_A} f_{14}(A, D_A)$$

Pool

$$f_{13}(A, D_A)$$

Final Expected Value: 15.9

