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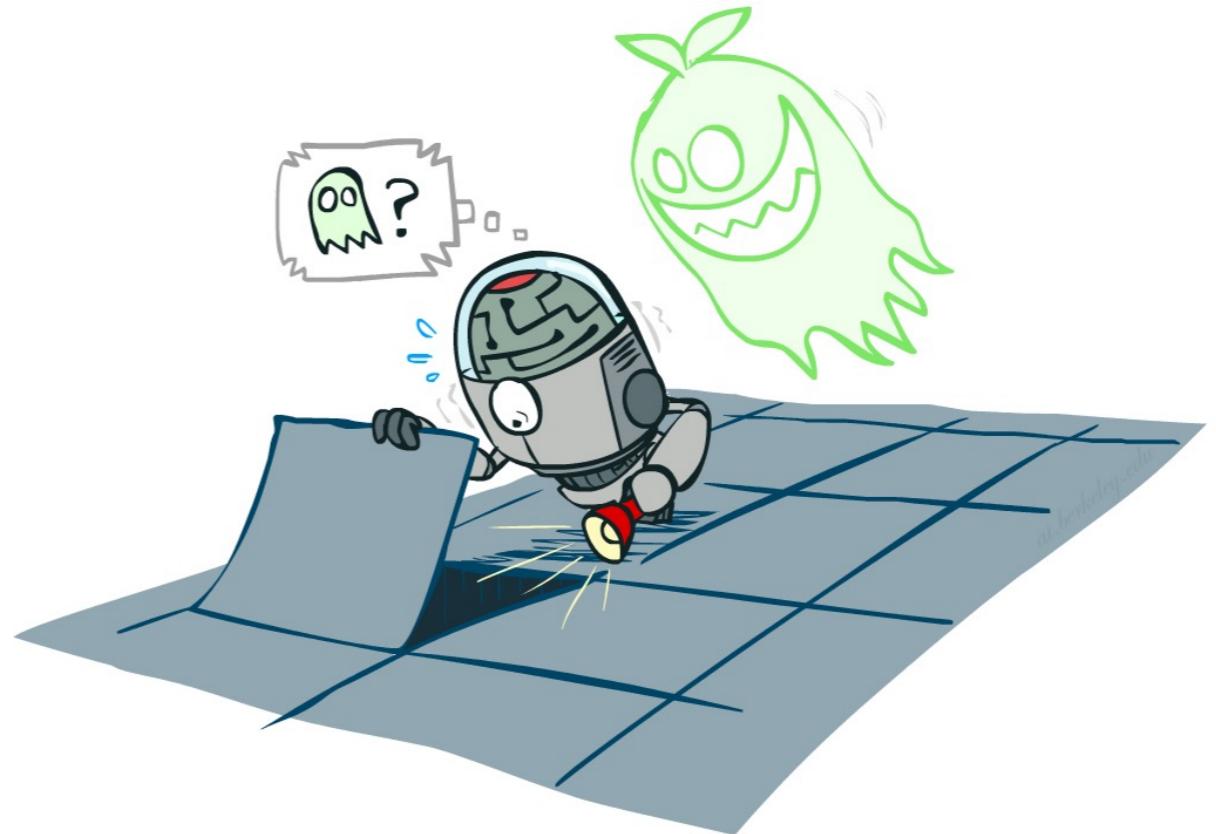
- ❖ We're done with Part I Search and Planning!

- ❖ Part II: Probabilistic Reasoning

- ❖ Diagnosis
- ❖ Speech recognition
- ❖ Tracking objects
- ❖ Robot mapping
- ❖ Genetics
- ❖ Error correcting codes
- ❖ ... lots more!

- ❖ Part III: Machine Learning

- ❖ Part IV: Logic



Ve492: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Probability Review



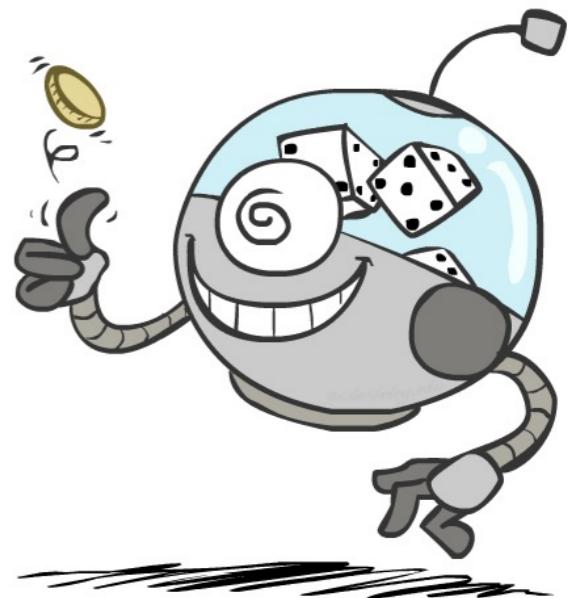
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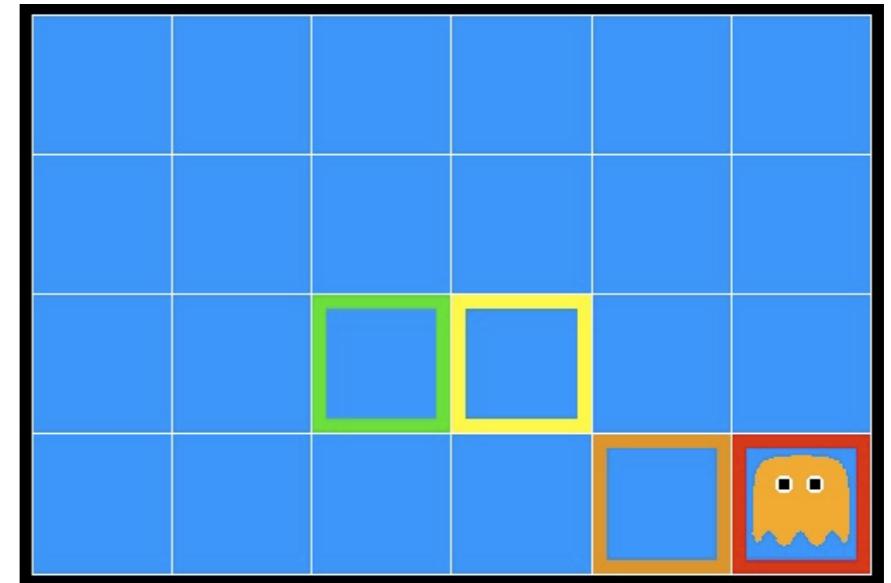
Today

- ❖ Probability
 - ❖ Random Variables
 - ❖ Joint and Marginal Distributions
 - ❖ Conditional Distribution
 - ❖ Product Rule, Chain Rule, Bayes' Rule
 - ❖ Inference
 - ❖ (Conditional) Independence
- ❖ You'll need all this stuff A LOT for the next few weeks, so make sure you go over it now!



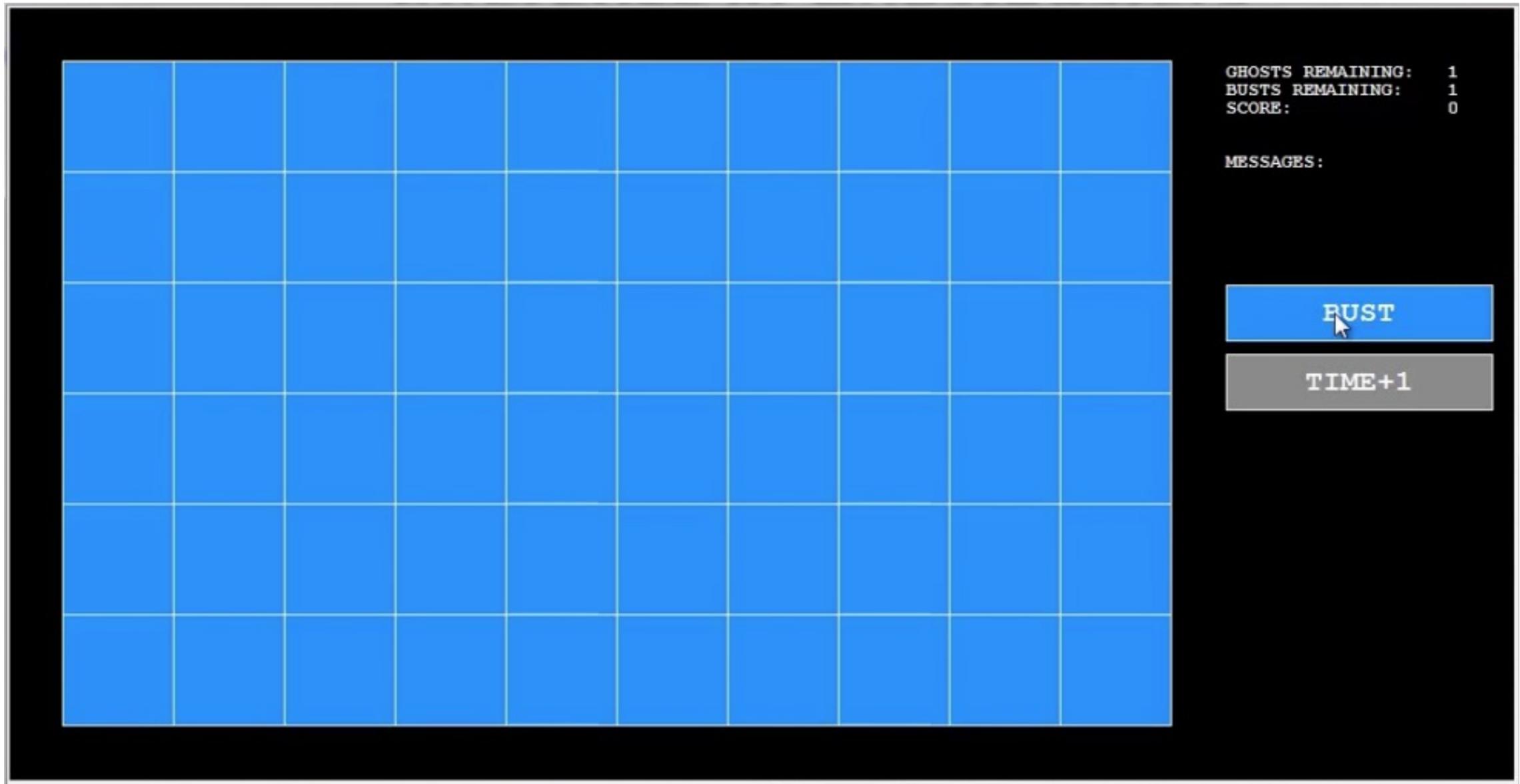
Inference in Ghostbusters

- ❖ A ghost is in the grid somewhere
- ❖ Sensor readings tell how close a square is to the ghost
 - ❖ On the ghost: red
 - ❖ 1 or 2 away: orange
 - ❖ 3 or 4 away: yellow
 - ❖ 5+ away: green
- ❖ Sensors are noisy, but we know $P(\text{Color} \mid \text{Distance})$



| $P(\text{red} \mid 3)$ | $P(\text{orange} \mid 3)$ | $P(\text{yellow} \mid 3)$ | $P(\text{green} \mid 3)$ |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

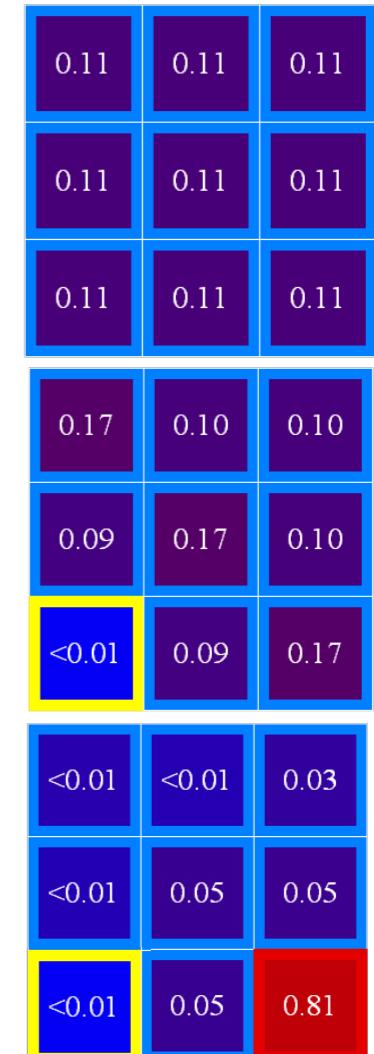
Video of Demo Ghostbuster – No probability



Uncertainty

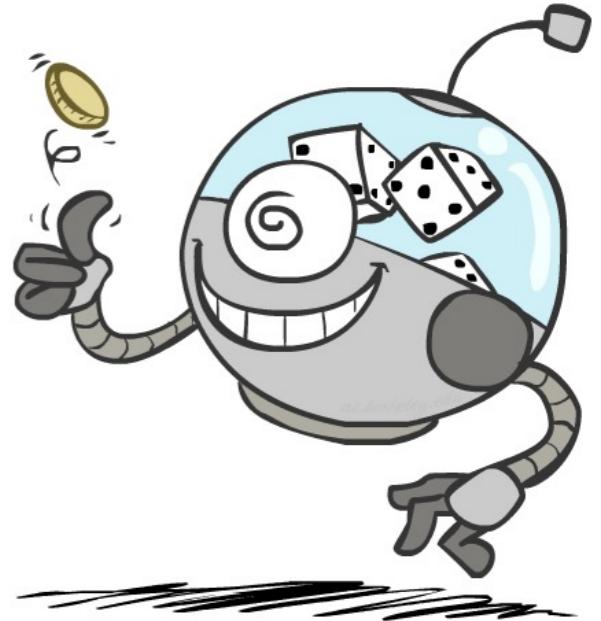
❖ General situation:

- ❖ **Observed variables (evidence):** Agent knows certain things about the state of the world (e.g., sensor readings or symptoms)
- ❖ **Unobserved variables:** Agent needs to reason about other aspects (e.g. where an object is or what disease is present)
- ❖ **Model:** Agent knows something about how the known variables relate to the unknown variables
- ❖ Probabilistic reasoning gives us a framework for managing uncertain beliefs and knowledge



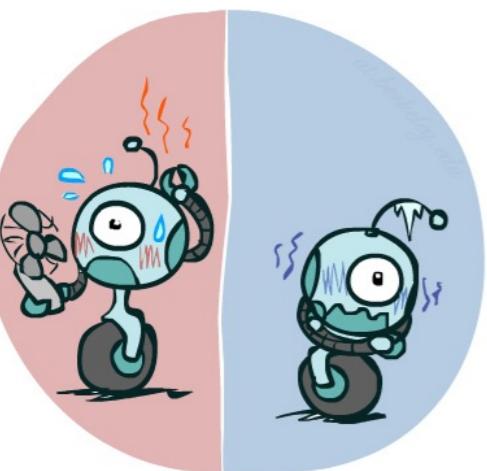
Random Variables

- ❖ A random variable is some aspect of the world about which we (may) have uncertainty
 - ❖ R = Is it raining?
 - ❖ T = Is it hot or cold?
 - ❖ D = How long will it take to drive to work?
 - ❖ L = Where is the ghost?
- ❖ We denote random variables with capital letters
- ❖ Like variables in a CSP, random variables have domains
 - ❖ R in {true, false} (often write as $\{+r, -r\}$)
 - ❖ T in {hot, cold}
 - ❖ D in $[0, \infty)$
 - ❖ L in possible locations, maybe $\{(0,0), (0,1), \dots\}$



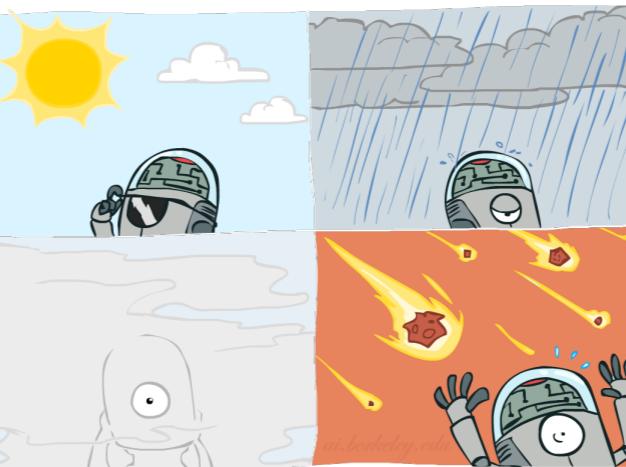
Probability Distributions

- ❖ Associate a probability with each value



$P(T)$

| T | P |
|------|-----|
| hot | 0.5 |
| cold | 0.5 |



❖ Weather:

$P(W)$

| W | P |
|--------|-----|
| sun | 0.6 |
| rain | 0.1 |
| fog | 0.3 |
| meteor | 0.0 |

Probability Distributions

- ❖ Random variables have distributions

$P(T)$

| T | P |
|------|-----|
| hot | 0.5 |
| cold | 0.5 |

$P(W)$

| W | P |
|--------|-----|
| sun | 0.6 |
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- ❖ A distribution is a TABLE of probabilities of values

- ❖ A probability (lower case value) is a single number

$$P(W = \text{rain}) = 0.1$$

- ❖ Must have: $\forall x \ P(X = x) \geq 0$ and $\sum_x P(X = x) = 1$

Shorthand notation:

$$P(\text{hot}) = P(T = \text{hot}),$$

$$P(\text{cold}) = P(T = \text{cold}),$$

$$P(\text{rain}) = P(W = \text{rain}),$$

...

OK if all domain entries are unique

Joint Distributions

- ❖ A *joint distribution* over a set of random variables: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n specifies a real number for each assignment (or *outcome*):

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

- ❖ Must obey:

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 1$$

$$P(T, W)$$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

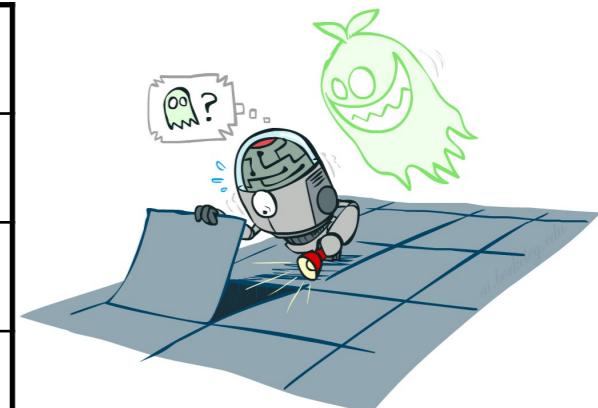
- ❖ Size of distribution if n variables with domain sizes d ?
 - ❖ For all but the smallest distributions, impractical to write out!

Probabilistic Models

- ❖ A probabilistic model is a joint distribution over a set of random variables
- ❖ Probabilistic models:
 - ❖ (Random) variables with domains
 - ❖ Assignments are called *outcomes*
 - ❖ Joint distributions: say whether assignments (outcomes) are likely
 - ❖ *Normalized*: sum to 1.0
 - ❖ Ideally: only certain variables directly interact
- ❖ Constraint satisfaction problems:
 - ❖ Variables with domains
 - ❖ Constraints: state whether assignments are possible
 - ❖ Ideally: only certain variables directly interact

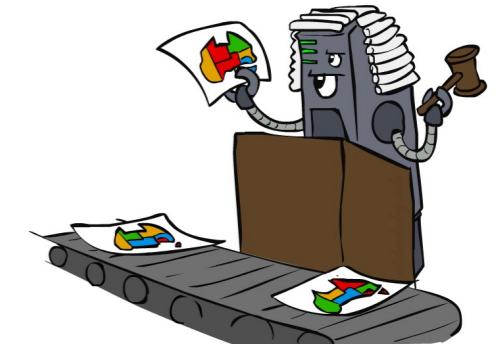
Distribution over T,W

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |



Constraint over T,W

| T | W | P |
|------|------|---|
| hot | sun | T |
| hot | rain | F |
| cold | sun | F |
| cold | rain | T |



Events

- ❖ An *event* is a set E of outcomes

$$P(E) = \sum_{(x_1 \dots x_n) \in E} P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

- ❖ From a joint distribution, we can calculate the probability of any event

- ❖ Probability that it's hot AND sunny?

- ❖ Probability that it's hot?

- ❖ Probability that it's hot OR sunny?

- ❖ Typically, the events we care about are *partial assignments*, like $P(T=\text{hot})$

$P(T, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

Quiz: Events

❖ $P(+x, -y)$?

$$P(X, Y)$$

❖ $P(+y)$?

❖ $P(-y \text{ OR } +x)$?

| X | Y | P |
|----|----|-----|
| +x | +y | 0.2 |
| +x | -y | 0.3 |
| -x | +y | 0.4 |
| -x | -y | 0.1 |

Marginal Distributions

- ❖ Marginal distributions are sub-tables which eliminate variables
- ❖ Marginalization (summing out): Combine collapsed rows by adding

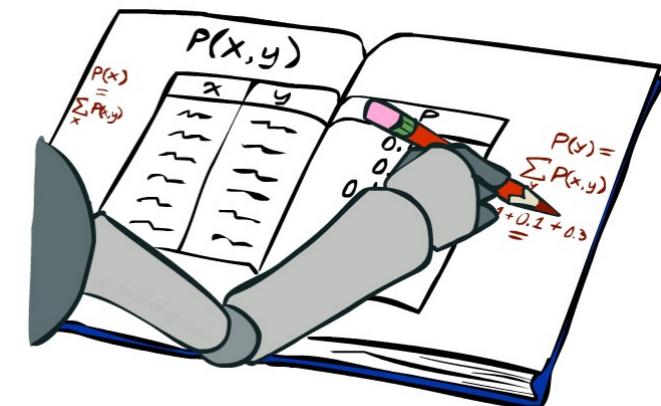
| P(T, W) | | |
|---------|------|-----|
| T | W | P |
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

$$P(t) = \sum_w P(t, w)$$

$$P(w) = \sum_t P(t, w)$$

| P(T) | |
|------|-----|
| T | P |
| hot | 0.5 |
| cold | 0.5 |

| P(W) | |
|------|-----|
| W | P |
| sun | 0.6 |
| rain | 0.4 |



$$P(X_1 = x_1) = \sum_{x_2} P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$

Quiz: Marginal Distributions

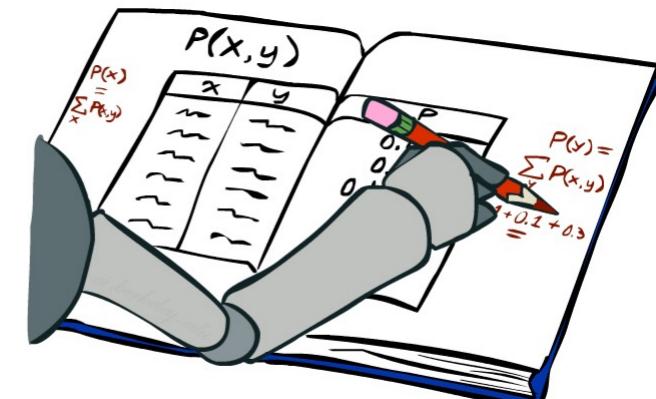
| X | Y | P |
|----|----|-----|
| +x | +y | 0.2 |
| +x | -y | 0.3 |
| -x | +y | 0.4 |
| -x | -y | 0.1 |

$$P(x) = \sum_y P(x, y)$$

$$P(y) = \sum_x P(x, y)$$

| X | P |
|----|---|
| +x | |
| -x | |

| Y | P |
|----|---|
| +y | |
| -y | |



Conditional Distributions

- ❖ Conditional distributions are probability distributions over some variables given fixed values of others

| Conditional Distributions | | Joint Distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|--|---|------|-----|------|------|--|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| $P(W T = \text{hot})$ | | $P(T, W)$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| rain | 0.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T | W | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| hot | sun | 0.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| hot | rain | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $P(W T = \text{cold})$ | | <table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>cold</td><td>sun</td><td>0.2</td></tr><tr><td>cold</td><td>rain</td><td>0.3</td></tr></tbody></table> | | cold | sun | 0.2 | cold | rain | 0.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| cold | sun | 0.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cold | rain | 0.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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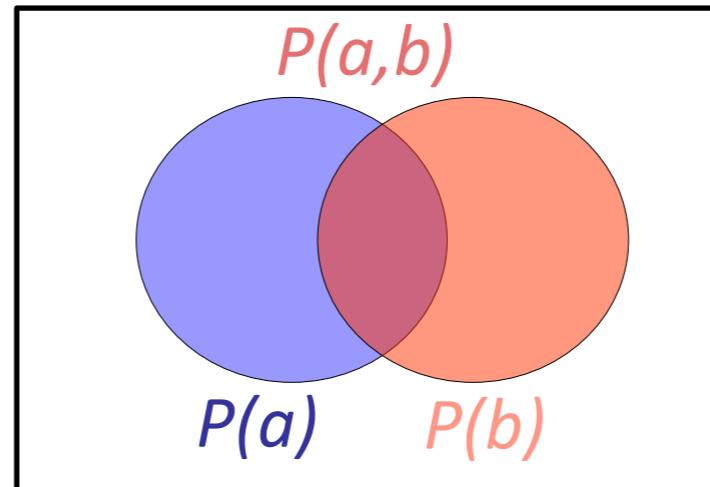
Conditional Probabilities

- ❖ A simple relation between joint and conditional probabilities
 - ❖ In fact, this is taken as the *definition* of a conditional probability

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a, b)}{P(b)}$$

$P(T, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
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| cold | rain | 0.3 |



$$P(W = s|T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Quiz: Conditional Probabilities

- ❖ Provide answers as fractions
- ❖ $P(+x \mid +y) ?$

- ❖ $P(-x \mid +y) ?$
- ❖ $P(-y \mid +x) ?$

$P(X, Y)$

| X | Y | P |
|----|----|-----|
| +x | +y | 0.2 |
| +x | -y | 0.3 |
| -x | +y | 0.4 |
| -x | -y | 0.1 |

How to compute a whole conditional distribution at once?

$P(T, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
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| cold | rain | 0.3 |

$$\begin{aligned} P(W = s|T = c) &= \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)} \\ &= \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)} \\ &= \frac{0.2}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$P(W|T = c)$

| W | P |
|------|-----|
| sun | 0.4 |
| rain | 0.6 |

$$\begin{aligned} P(W = r|T = c) &= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(T = c)} \\ &= \frac{P(W = r, T = c)}{P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c)} \\ &= \frac{0.3}{0.2 + 0.3} = 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

Normalization Trick

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

SELECT the joint probabilities matching the evidence



$P(c, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

NORMALIZE the selection
(make it sum to one)



$P(W|T = c)$

| W | P |
|------|-----|
| sun | 0.4 |
| rain | 0.6 |

$$\begin{aligned}
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Normalization Trick

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|-----------|------|-----|
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| $P(c, W)$ | | |
|-----------|------|-----|
| T | W | P |
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| $P(W T = c)$ | |
|--------------|-----|
| W | P |
| sun | 0.4 |
| rain | 0.6 |

- ❖ Why does this work? Sum of selection is $P(\text{evidence})!$ ($P(T=c)$, here)

$$P(x_1|x_2) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{P(x_2)} = \frac{P(x_1, x_2)}{\sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2)}$$

Quiz: Normalization Trick

- ❖ $P(X=+x \mid Y=-y)$? Provide the answer as a fraction.

$P(X, Y)$

| X | Y | P |
|----|----|-----|
| +x | +y | 0.2 |
| +x | -y | 0.3 |
| -x | +y | 0.4 |
| -x | -y | 0.1 |

SELECT the
joint
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| X | Y | P |
|----|----|---|
| +x | -y | |
| -x | -y | |

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| X | P |
|----|---|
| +x | |
| -x | |

Probabilistic Inference

- ❖ Probabilistic inference: compute a desired probability from other known probabilities (e.g. conditional from joint)
- ❖ We generally compute conditional probabilities
 - ❖ $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no reported accidents}) = 0.90$
 - ❖ These represent the agent's *beliefs* given the evidence
- ❖ Probabilities change with new evidence:
 - ❖ $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no accidents, 5 a.m.}) = 0.95$
 - ❖ $P(\text{on time} \mid \text{no accidents, 5 a.m., raining}) = 0.80$
 - ❖ Observing new evidence causes *beliefs to be updated*



Inference by Enumeration

- General case:

- Evidence variables: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
- Query* variable: Q
- Hidden variables: $H_1 \dots H_r$

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n
All variables

- We have the joint and we want:

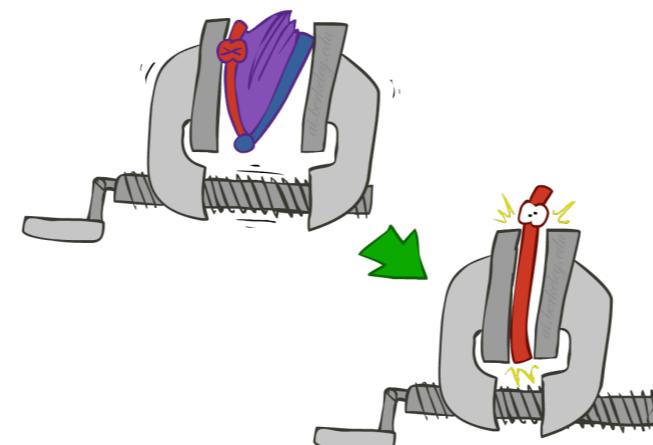
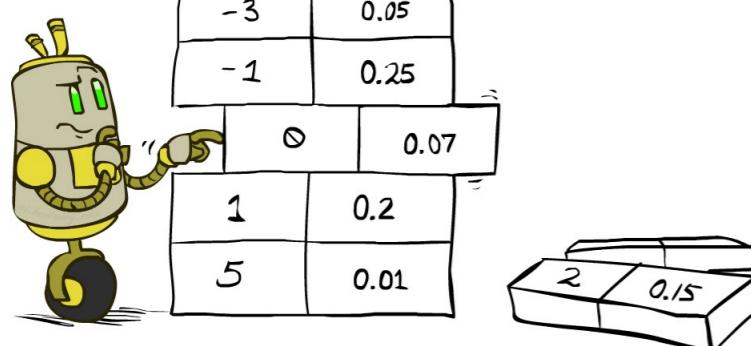
$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

* Works fine with multiple query variables, too

- Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence

- Step 2: Sum out H_1, \dots, H_r to get the joint of Q and evidence

- Step 3: Normalize



$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} \underbrace{P(Q, h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k)}_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{Z}$$

$$Z = \sum_q P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

Inference by Enumeration

- ❖ $P(W)?$
- ❖ $P(W \mid \text{winter})?$
- ❖ $P(W \mid \text{winter, hot})?$

| S | T | W | P |
|--------|------|------|------|
| summer | hot | sun | 0.30 |
| summer | hot | rain | 0.05 |
| summer | cold | sun | 0.10 |
| summer | cold | rain | 0.05 |
| winter | hot | sun | 0.10 |
| winter | hot | rain | 0.05 |
| winter | cold | sun | 0.15 |
| winter | cold | rain | 0.20 |

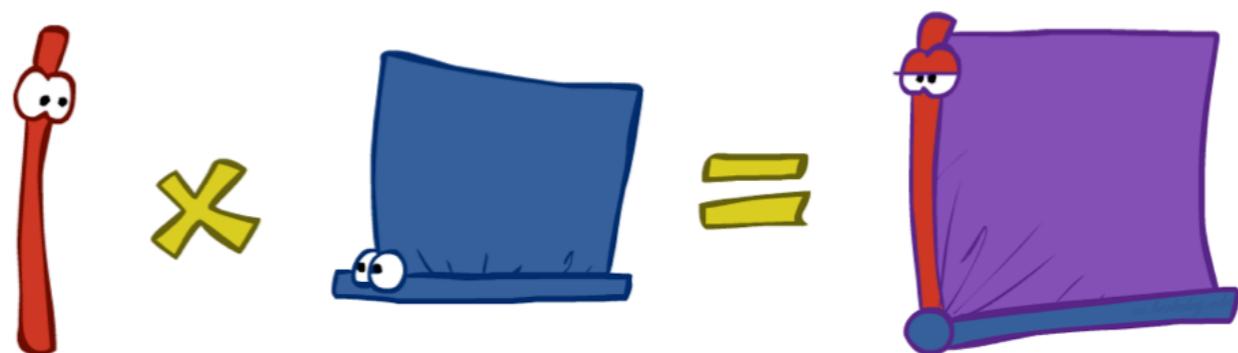
Inference by Enumeration

- ❖ Obvious problems:
 - ❖ Worst-case time complexity $O(d^n)$
 - ❖ Space complexity $O(d^n)$ to store the joint distribution

The Product Rule

- ❖ Sometimes we have conditional and marginal distributions but want the joint

$$P(y)P(x|y) = P(x, y) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad P(x|y) = \frac{P(x, y)}{P(y)}$$



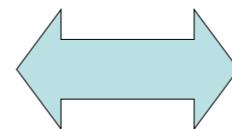
The Product Rule

$$P(y)P(x|y) = P(x, y)$$

- ❖ Example:

| $P(W)$ | |
|--------|-----|
| R | P |
| sun | 0.8 |
| rain | 0.2 |

| D | W | P |
|-----|------|-----|
| wet | sun | 0.1 |
| dry | sun | 0.9 |
| wet | rain | 0.7 |
| dry | rain | 0.3 |



$$P(D, W)$$

| D | W | P |
|-----|------|---|
| wet | sun | |
| dry | sun | |
| wet | rain | |
| dry | rain | |

The Chain Rule

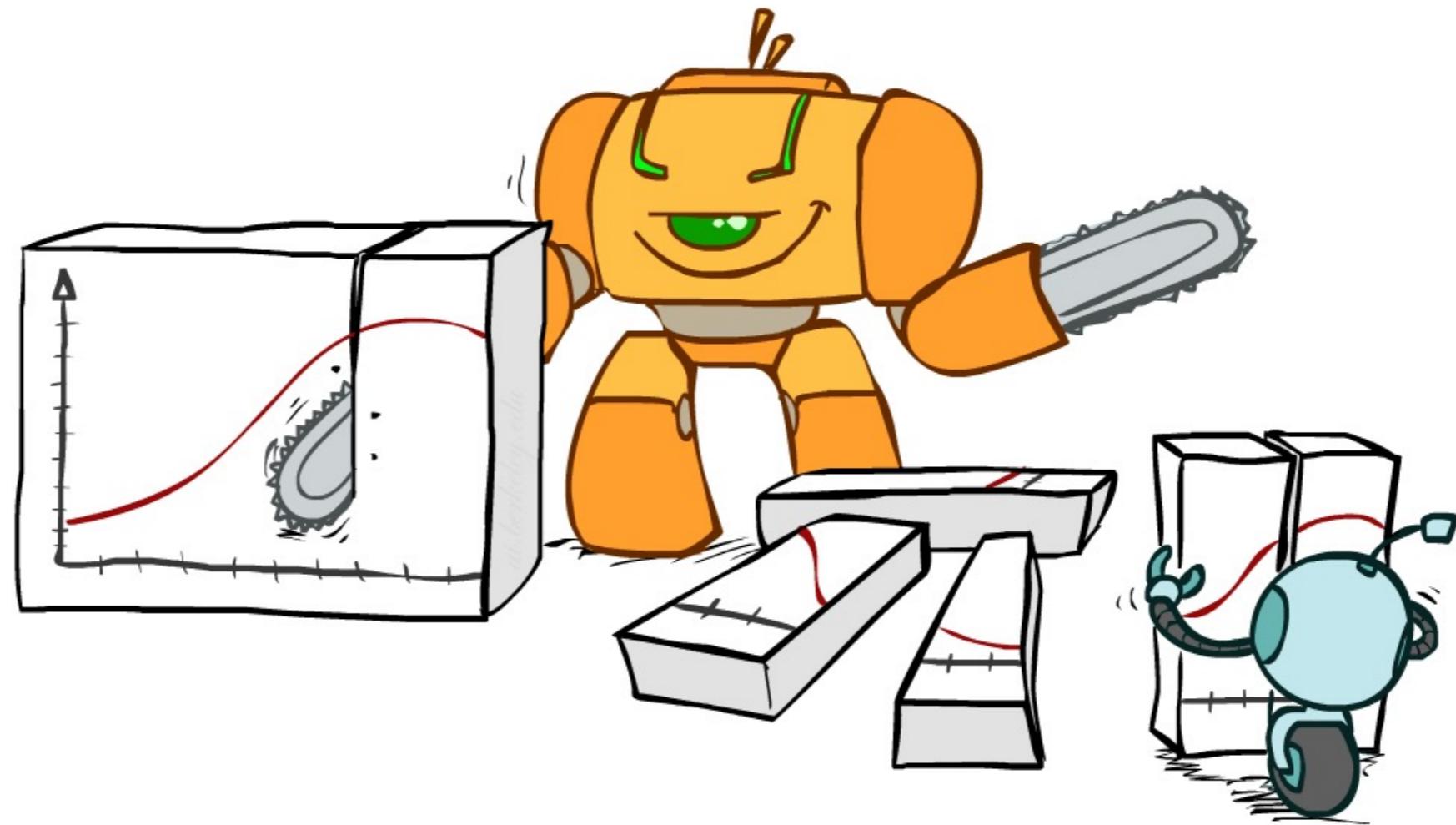
- ❖ More generally, we can always write any joint distribution as an incremental product of conditional distributions

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)P(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i|x_1 \dots x_{i-1})$$

- ❖ Why is this always true?

Bayes Rule



Bayes' Rule

- ❖ Two ways to factor a joint distribution over two variables:

$$P(x, y) = P(x|y)P(y) = P(y|x)P(x)$$

- ❖ Dividing, we get:

$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(y|x)}{P(y)}P(x)$$

- ❖ Why is this at all helpful?

- ❖ Let us build one conditional from its reverse
- ❖ Often one conditional is tricky but the other one is simple
- ❖ Foundation of many systems we'll see later (e.g. ASR, MT)

- ❖ In the running for most important AI equation!

That's my rule!



Inference with Bayes' Rule

- ❖ Example: Diagnostic probability from causal probability:

$$P(\text{cause}|\text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect}|\text{cause})P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

- ❖ Example:

- ❖ M: meningitis, S: stiff neck

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(+m) = 0.0001 \\ P(+s|m) = 0.8 \\ P(+s|-m) = 0.01 \end{array} \right\} \text{Example givens}$$

$$P(+m|+s) = \frac{P(+s|m)P(+m)}{P(+s)} = \frac{P(+s|m)P(+m)}{P(+s|m)P(+m) + P(+s|-m)P(-m)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.8 \times 0.0001 + 0.01 \times 0.999}$$

- ❖ Note: posterior probability of meningitis still very small
 - ❖ Note: you should still get stiff necks checked out! Why?

Quiz: Bayes' Rule

- ❖ Given:

| $P(W)$ | |
|--------|-----|
| R | P |
| sun | 0.8 |
| rain | 0.2 |

| $P(D W)$ | | |
|----------|------|-----|
| D | W | P |
| wet | sun | 0.1 |
| dry | sun | 0.9 |
| wet | rain | 0.7 |
| dry | rain | 0.3 |

- ❖ What is $P(\text{sun} \mid \text{dry})$? Give only the first two decimals

Ghostbusters, Revisited

- ❖ Let's say we have two distributions:

- ❖ Prior distribution over ghost location: $P(G)$
 - ❖ Let's say this is uniform
 - ❖ Sensor reading model: $P(R \mid G)$
 - ❖ Given: we know what our sensors do
 - ❖ R = reading color measured at (1,1)
 - ❖ E.g. $P(R = \text{yellow} \mid G=(1,1)) = 0.1$

| | | |
|------|------|------|
| 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 |

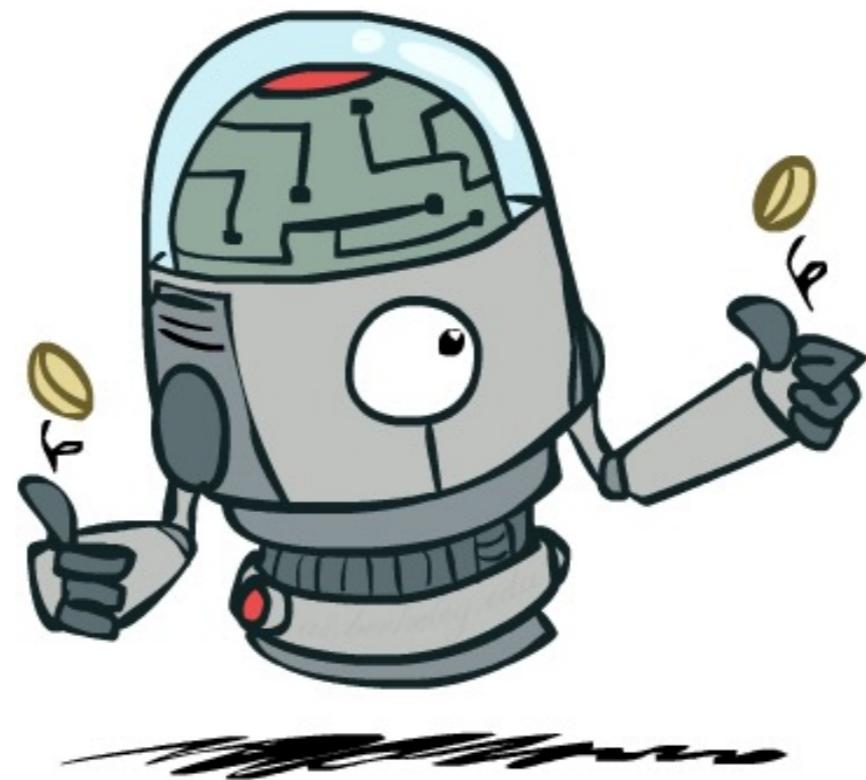
- ❖ We can calculate the posterior distribution $P(G \mid r)$ over ghost locations given a reading using Bayes' rule:

$$P(g|r) \propto P(r|g)P(g)$$

- ❖ What about two readings?
What is $P(r_1, r_2 | g)$?

| | | |
|-------|------|------|
| 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.10 |
| <0.01 | 0.09 | 0.17 |

Independence



Independence

- ❖ Two variables are *independent* if:

$$\forall x, y : P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$

- ❖ This says that their joint distribution *factors* into a product two simpler distributions
 - ❖ Another form: $\forall x, y : P(x|y) = P(x)$
 - ❖ We write: $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$
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- ❖ Independence can be used as a simplifying *modeling assumption*
 - ❖ *Empirical* joint distributions: at best “close” to independent
 - ❖ What could we assume for {Weather, Traffic, Cavity, Toothache}?



Example: Independence?

$P_1(T, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.4 |
| hot | rain | 0.1 |
| cold | sun | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.3 |

$P(T)$

| T | P |
|------|-----|
| hot | 0.5 |
| cold | 0.5 |

$P_2(T, W)$

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | sun | 0.3 |
| hot | rain | 0.2 |
| cold | sun | 0.3 |
| cold | rain | 0.2 |

$P(W)$

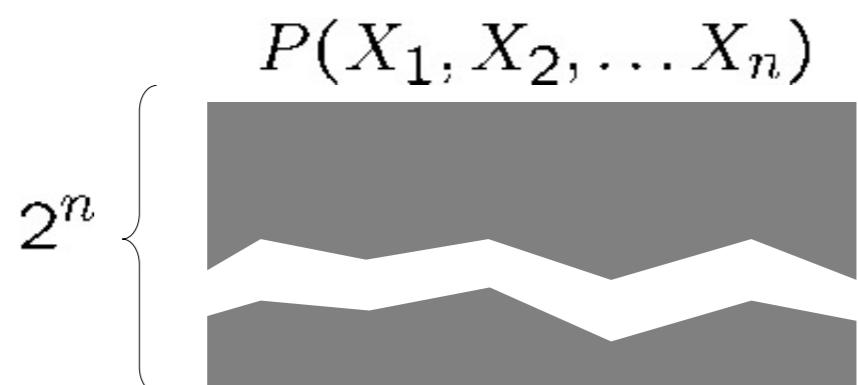
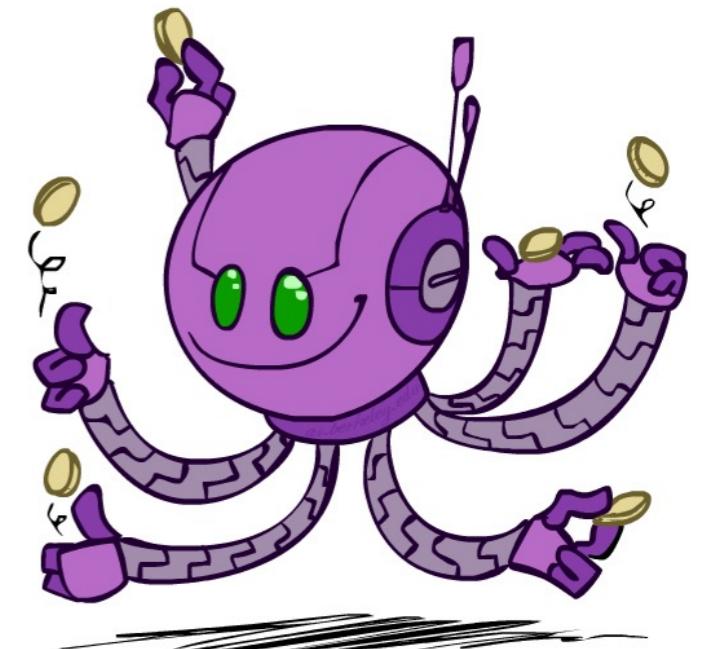
| W | P |
|------|-----|
| sun | 0.6 |
| rain | 0.4 |

Example: Independence

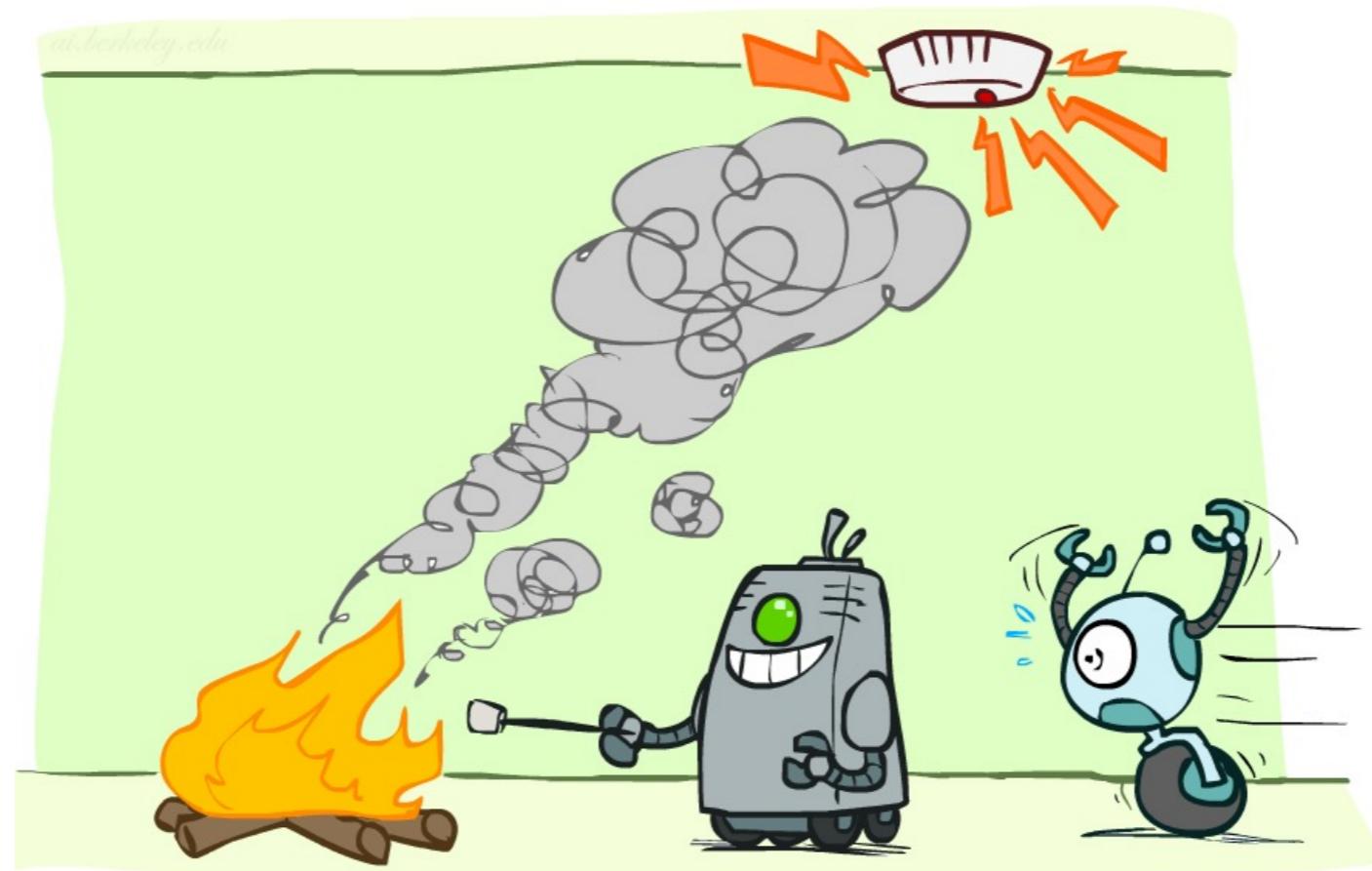
- ❖ N fair, independent coin flips:

$$P(X_1) \quad P(X_2) \quad \dots \quad P(X_n)$$

| | |
|-----|-----|
| H | 0.5 |
| T | 0.5 |
| H | 0.5 |
| T | 0.5 |
| ... | |
| H | 0.5 |
| T | 0.5 |

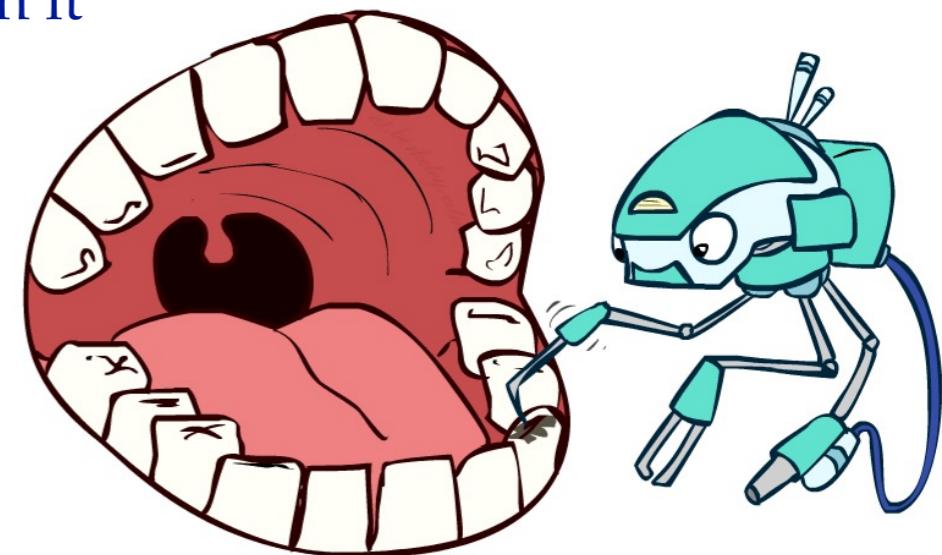


Conditional Independence



Conditional Independence

- ❖ $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Catch})$
- ❖ If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:
 - ❖ $P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{toothache}, +\text{cavity}) = P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{cavity})$
- ❖ The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:
 - ❖ $P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{toothache}, -\text{cavity}) = P(+\text{catch} \mid -\text{cavity})$
- ❖ Catch is *conditionally independent* of Toothache given Cavity:
 - ❖ $P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$
- ❖ Equivalent statements:
 - ❖ $P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity})$
 - ❖ $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$
 - ❖ One can be derived from the other easily



Conditional Independence

- ❖ Unconditional (absolute) independence very rare
- ❖ *Conditional independence* is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.

- ❖ X is conditionally independent of Y given Z

$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$$

if and only if:

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$$

or, equivalently, if and only if

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x|z, y) = P(x|z)$$

Conditional Independence

- ❖ What about this domain:

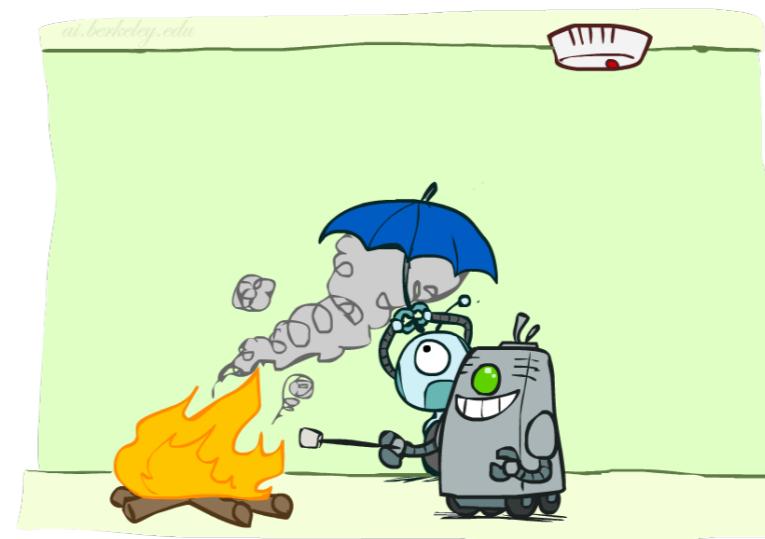
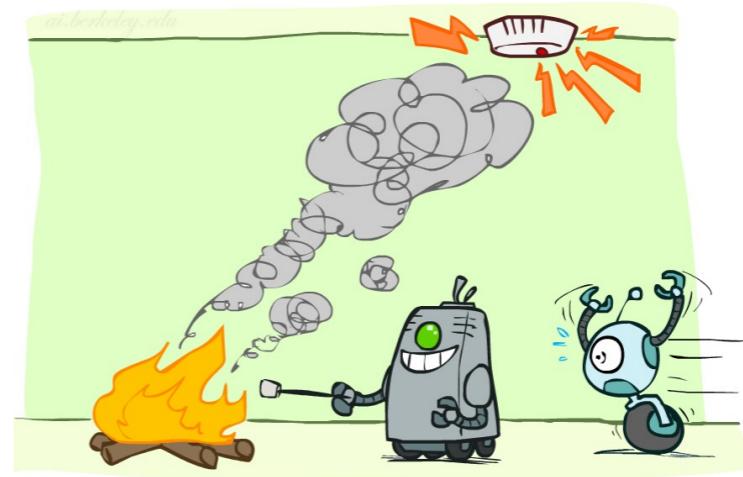
- ❖ Traffic
- ❖ Umbrella
- ❖ Raining



Conditional Independence

- ❖ What about this domain:

- ❖ Fire
- ❖ Smoke
- ❖ Alarm



Ghostbusters, Revisited

- ❖ What about two readings?
What is $P(r_1, r_2|g)$?
- ❖ Readings are conditionally independent given the ghost location!

$$P(r_1, r_2|g) = P(r_1|g)P(r_2|g)$$

- ❖ Applying Bayes' rule in full:

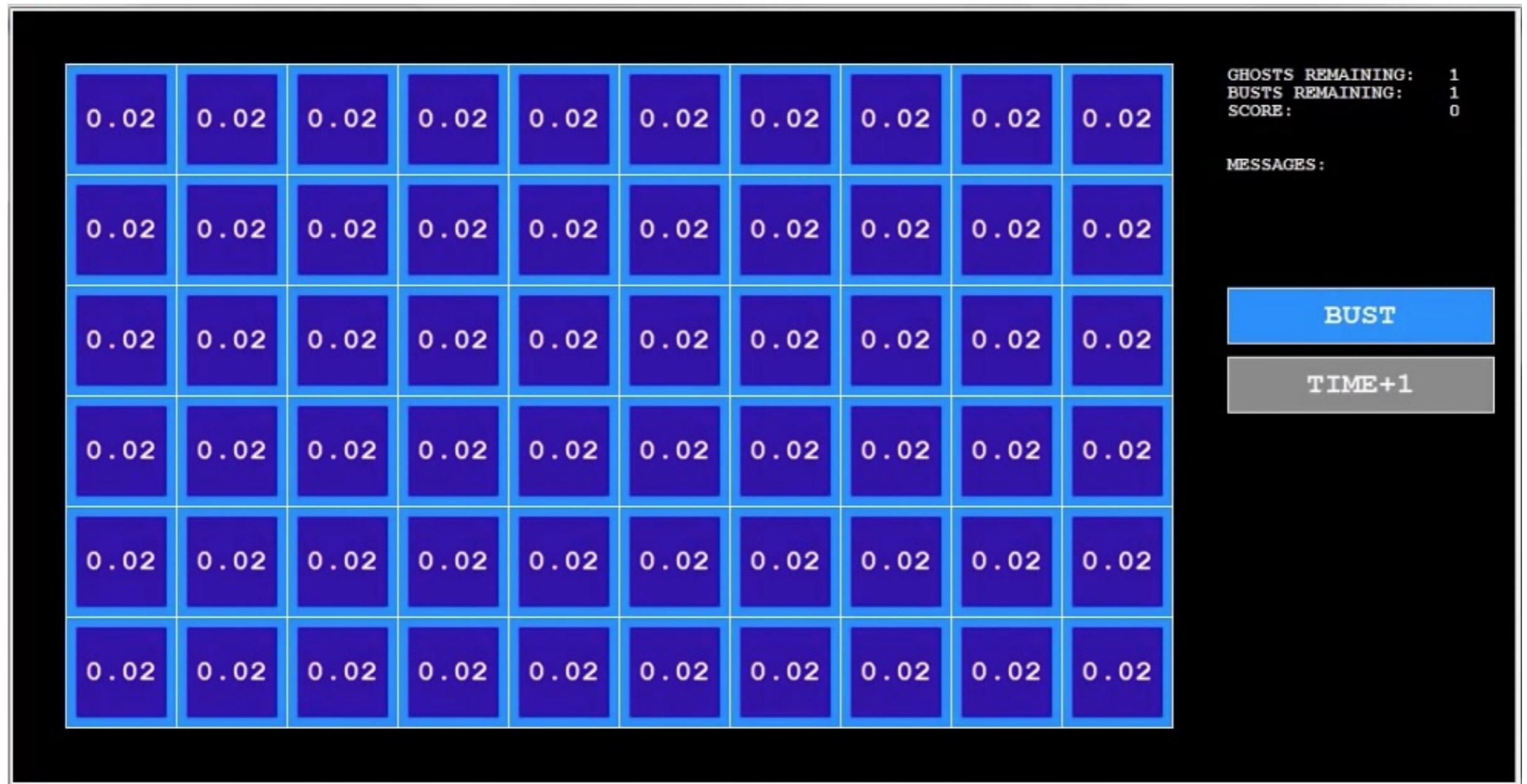
$$\begin{aligned} P(g|r_1, r_2) &\propto P(r_1, r_2|g)P(g) \\ &= P(g)P(r_1|g)P(r_2|g) \end{aligned}$$

- ❖ Bayesian updating

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ? | ? | ? |
| ? | ? | ? |
| ? | ? | ? |

| | | |
|------|------|------|
| 0.24 | 0.07 | <.01 |
| 0.07 | 0.24 | 0.07 |
| <.01 | 0.07 | 0.24 |

Video of Demo Ghostbusters with Probability



Conditional Independence and the Chain Rule

- ❖ **Chain rule:**

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_1, X_2) \dots$$

- ❖ **Trivial decomposition:**

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Traffic, Rain, Umbrella}) &= \\ P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain, Traffic}) \end{aligned}$$

- ❖ **With assumption of conditional independence:**

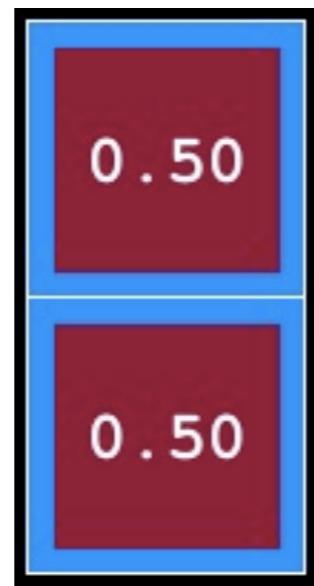
$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Traffic, Rain, Umbrella}) &= \\ P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain}) \end{aligned}$$



- ❖ **Bayesian nets / graphical models help us express conditional independence assumptions**

Ghostbusters Chain Rule

- Each sensor depends only on where the ghost is
- That means, the two sensors are conditionally independent, given the ghost position
- T: Top square is red
B: Bottom square is red
G: Ghost is in the top
- Given:
 $P(+g) = 0.5$
 $P(-g) = 0.5$
 $P(+t | +g) = 0.8$
 $P(+t | -g) = 0.4$
 $P(+b | +g) = 0.4$
 $P(+b | -g) = 0.8$



$$P(T, B, G) = P(G) P(T|G) P(B|G)$$

| T | B | G | $P(T, B, G)$ |
|----|----|----|--------------|
| +t | +b | +g | 0.16 |
| +t | +b | -g | 0.16 |
| +t | -b | +g | 0.24 |
| +t | -b | -g | 0.04 |
| -t | +b | +g | 0.04 |
| -t | +b | -g | 0.24 |
| -t | -b | +g | 0.06 |
| -t | -b | -g | 0.06 |

