# CSE 573: Artificial Intelligence

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# Our Status in CSE573

- We're done with Search and planning
- We are done with learning to make decisions
- Probabilistic Reasoning
  - Diagnosis
  - Speech recognition
  - Tracking objects
  - Robot mapping
  - Genetics
  - Error correcting codes
  - Interpretation of the second secon



# 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





#### Video of Demo Ghostbuster

	GHOSTS	REMAINING: 1
	BUSTS F SCORE : MESSAGE	REMAINING: 1 0 ES:
	1	
		BUST
		TIME+1
	*	
		7, 18, 19

# 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 our beliefs and knowledge

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# **Random Variables**

- A random variable is some aspect of the world about which we (may) have uncertainty
  - R = s it raining?
  - $T \neq Is$  if 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
- Random variables have domains
  - Rin {true, false} (often write as {+r, -r}) T in {hot, cold} D in  $[0, \infty)$
  - L in possible locations, maybe {(0,0), (0,1), ...}



# **Probability Distributions**

- Associate a probability with each outcome
  - Temperature:

Weather:







**Probability Distributions** 



• A probability (lower case value) is a single number

Must have:

$$P(W = rain) = 0.1$$
  
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Shorthand notation: P(hot) = P(T = hot), P(cold) = P(T = cold), P(rain) = P(W = rain),....

OK *if* all domain entries are unique



# Joint Distributions

 $X_1, X_2, \ldots X_n$ 

 A joint distribution over a set of random variables: 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:
$$P(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots x_{n}) \ge 0$$

$$\sum_{(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots x_{n})} P(x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots x_{n}) = 1$$

 $\begin{array}{c|c} P(T,W) \\ \hline T & W & P \\ \hline hot & sun & 0.4 \\ \hline hot & rain & 0.1 \\ \hline cold & sun & 0.2 \\ \hline cold & rain & 0.3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ 

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

### Events



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# **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



Distribution over T,W



# **Probabilistic Models**

- Models describe how (a portion of) the world works
- Models are always simplifications
  - May not account for every variable
  - May not account for all interactions between variables
  - "All models are wrong; but some are useful."
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- What do we do with probabilistic models?
  - We (or our agents) need to reason about unknown variables, given evidence
  - Example: explanation (diagnostic reasoning)
  - Example: prediction (causal reasoning)

# Independence



#### Independence

Two variables are *independent* if:

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

- 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:
- Independence is a simplifying modeling assumption

 $X \parallel Y$ 

- Empirical joint distributions. at best "close" to independent
- What could we assume for {Weather, Traffic, Cavity, Toothache}?





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# Example: Independence?



#### Example: Independence





- P(Toothache, Cavity, Catch)
- If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:
  - P(+catch | +toothache, +cavity) = P(+catch | +cavity) 4
- The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:
  - P(+catch | +toothache, -cavity) = P(+catch | -cavity)
- Catch is conditionally independent of Toothache given Cavity:
  - Preatch | Toothache, Cavity) = P(Catch | Cavity)
- Equivalent statements;
  - P(Toothache | Catch , Cavity) = P(Toothache | Cavity)
  - P(Toothache, Catch | Cavity) = P(Toothache | Cavity) P(Catch | Cavity)
  - One can be derived from the other easily



# **Conditional Probabilities**

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



 $\chi = \int t_i f_i Quiz$ : Conditional Probabilities

$$P(x, y) = P(x, y)? = P(x, y) = \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x, y)} = \frac{P(x, y)}{$$

0.2 🗲

0.3

0.4

0.1

**+**X

**+**X

-X

-X

+y

-V

+y

-y

■ P(-y | +x) ?

#### **Quiz: Conditional Probabilities**

■ P(+x | +y) ?

P(X,	Y)
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Х	Y	Р
+x	+у	0.2
+x	- <b>y</b>	0.3
-X	+у	0.4
-X	- <b>y</b>	0.1

.2/.6=1/3

P(-x | +y) ?
.4/.6=2/3

■ P(-y | +x) ?

.3/.5=.6

### **Conditional Distributions**

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



P(T,W)					
Т	W	Р			
hot	sun	0.4			
hot	rain	0.1			
cold	sun	0.2			
cold	rain	0.3			

Joint Distribution

### The Product Rule

Sometimes have conditional distributions but want the joint

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



Unconditional (absolute) independence very rare (why?)

Conditional independence is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.

• X is conditionally independent of Y given Z P(x,y|z) = P(x|z) + (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  $\forall x, y, z : P(x|z, y) = P(x|z)$   $P(x|y_{t},z_{t})=P(x|z)$ 







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#### Announcements

- Paper report: Due today
- PS3: Due March 1st

#### Remaining:

- HW2
- PS4
- Final Project

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  - Independence
  - Conditional independence

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- What about this domain:
  - Traffic
  - Umbrella
  - Raining





# The Chain Rule in Probability Distributions



# 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:
  - P(Traffic, Rain, Umbrella) =
- Rain, T, U
  - P(Rain)P(Traffic|Rain)P(Umbrella|Rain, Traffic)
- With assumption of conditional independence:

 $P(\mathsf{Traffic}, \mathsf{Rain}, \mathsf{Umbrella})$ 

P(Rain)P(Traffic|Rain)P(Umbrella|Rain)

- We can represent joint distributions by multiplying these simpler local distributions.
- Bayes'nets / graphical models help us express conditional independence assumptions

#### Bayes'Nets: Big Picture



# Bayes' Nets: Big Picture

- Two problems with using full joint distribution tables as our probabilistic models:
  - Unless there are only a few variables, the joint is WAY too big to represent explicitly
  - Hard to learn (estimate) anything empirically about more than a few variables at a time
- Bayes' nets: a technique for describing complex joint distributions (models) using simple, local distributions (conditional probabilities)
  - More properly called graphical models
  - We describe how variables locally interact
  - Local interactions chain together to give global, indirect interactions
  - For about 10 min, we'll be vague about how these interactions are specified


#### Example Bayes' Net: Insurance



#### Example Bayes' Net: Car



## **Graphical Model Notation**



## Example: Coin Flips



#### No interactions between variables: absolute independence

## Example: Traffic

- Variables:
  - R: It rains
  - T: There is traffic
- Model 1: independence



Model 2: rain causes traffic







## Example: Traffic II



## Example: Alarm Network

- Variables
  - B: Burglary
  - A: Alarm goes off
  - M: Mary calls
  - J: John calls
  - E: Earthquake!

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#### **Bayes' Net Semantics**



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- A set of nodes, one per variable X
- A directed, acyclic graph
- A conditional distribution for each node
  - A collection of distributions over X, one for each combination of narents' values  $P(X|a_1 \dots a_n)$

- CPT: conditional probability table
- Description of a noisy "causal" process

A Bayes net = Topology (graph) + Local Conditional Probabilities





## Bayes' Net Representation

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## **Probabilities in BNs**



Why are we guaranteed that setting

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{\substack{i=1\\i \in I}}^n P(x_i | parents(X_i))$$
  
results in a proper joint distribution?

Chain rule (valid for all distributions):
 Assume conditional independences:
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  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | x_1 \dots x_{i-1})$   $P(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | parents(X_i))$  Not every BN can represent every joint distribution
 The topology enforces certain conditional independencies

### Example: Coin Flips



Only distributions whose variables are absolutely independent can be represented by a Bayes' net with no arcs.

#### Example: Traffic



### Example: Alarm Network



## Example: Traffic

Causal direction







P(T,R)			
+r	+t	3/16	
(+r)	(†	1/16	
-r	+t	6/16	
-r	-t	6/16	

## Example: Reverse Traffic

Reverse causality?





+r	+t (	3/10
+r	-t	1/16
-r	+t	6/16
-r	-t	6/16

# Causality?

- When Bayes' nets reflect the true causal patterns:
  - Often simpler (nodes have fewer parents)
  - Often easier to think about
  - Often easier to elicit from experts
- BNs need not actually be causal
  - Sometimes no causal net exists over the domain (especially if variables are missing)
  - E.g. consider the variables Traffic and Drips
  - End up with arrows that reflect correlation, not causation
- What do the arrows really mean?
  - Topology may happen to encode causal structure
  - Topology really encodes conditional independence  $P(x_i|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}) = P(x_i|parents(X_i))$



Bayes Rules



## Bayes' Rule

Two ways to factor a joint distribution over two variables:

$$\underbrace{P(x,y)}_{\longleftarrow} = P(x|y)P(y) = P(y|x)P(x)$$

Dividing, we get:



- Why is this at all helpful?
  - Lets 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!



## 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  

$$P(+m) = 0.0001$$

$$P(+s|+m) = 0.8$$

$$P(+s|-m) = 0.01$$
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



P(	D W)	
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D	W	Р
wet	sun	0.1
dry	sun	0.9
wet	rain	0.7
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What is P(W | dry) ?

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What is P(W | dry) ?

 $P(sun|dry) \sim P(dry|sun)P(sun) = .9^*.8 = .72$   $P(rain|dry) \sim P(dry|rain)P(rain) = .3^*.2 = .06$  P(sun|dry)=12/13P(rain|dry)=1/13

## 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 | G)
  - Given: we know what our sensors do
  - R = reading color measured at (1,1)
  - E.g. P(R = yellow | G=(1,1)) = 0.1
- We can calculate the posterior distribution
   P(G|r) over ghost locations given a reading using Bayes' rule:

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

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[Demo: Ghostbuster – with probability (L12D2)]

## Video of Demo Ghostbusters with Probability

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