Review of Probability Theory

- Random Variables
  - The probability that a random variable X has value val is written as P(X=val)
  - P: domain S → [0, 1]
    - Sums to 1 over the domain:
      - P(Raining = true) = P(Raining) = 0.2
      - P(Raining = false) = P(¬Raining) = 0.8
  - Joint distribution:
    - \( P(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n) \)
    - Probability assignment to all combinations of values of random variables and provide complete information about the probabilities of its random variables.
    - A JPD table for \( n \) random variables, each ranging over \( k \) distinct values, has \( k^n \) entries!

- Conditioning
  - \( P(A) = P(A \mid B) P(B) + P(A \mid -B) P(-B) \)
  - \( P(A \land B) = P(A \land B) \)
  - \( P(B \mid A) = P(A) \)
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  - \( A \) and \( B \) are independent iff
    - \( P(A \mid B, C) = P(A \mid C) \)
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    - \( P(A \land B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) \cdot P(B \mid C) \)
  - \( A \) and \( B \) are conditionally independent given \( C \) iff
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    - \( P(A \land B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) \cdot P(B \mid C) \)
  - Bayes' Rule
    - \( P(A \mid B) = P(B \mid A) P(A) / P(B) \)
    - \( P(A \mid B \land C) = P(B \mid A \land C) P(A \mid C) / P(B \mid C) \)
Bayesian Networks

- To do probabilistic reasoning, you need to know the joint probability distribution
- But, in a domain with N propositional variables, one needs $2^N$ numbers to specify the joint probability distribution
- We want to exploit independences in the domain
- Two components: structure and numerical parameters

Bayesian (Belief) Networks

- Set of random variables, each has a finite set of values
- Set of directed arcs between them forming acyclic graph, representing causal relation
- Every node $A_i$ with parents $B_{j1}, ..., B_{jn}$ has $P(A_i | B_{j1},...,B_{jn})$ specified

Key Advantage

- The conditional independencies (missing arrows) mean that we can store and compute the joint probability distribution more efficiently

How to design a Belief Network?

- Explore the causal relations
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Inference in Bayesian Networks

Query Types

Given a Bayesian network, what questions might we want to ask?

- Conditional probability query: \( P(x \mid e) \)
- Maximum a posteriori probability:
  
  What value of \( x \) maximizes \( P(x \mid e) \) ?

General question: What’s the whole probability distribution over variable \( X \) given evidence \( e \), \( P(X \mid e) \)?
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\Pr(d \mid b) = \frac{\Pr(b,d)}{\Pr(b)} = \sum_{ACD} \Pr(a,b,c,d)
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Chain Rule

- Variables: \(V_1, \ldots, V_n\)
- Values: \(v_1, \ldots, v_n\)
- \(\Pr(V_1=\bar{v}_1, V_2=\bar{v}_2, \ldots, V_n=\bar{v}_n) = 1\), \(\Pr(V_i=v_i \mid \text{parents}(V_i))\)

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\begin{array}{c}
A \\
\downarrow \text{P(A)} \\
\hline
B \\
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\hline
C \\
\downarrow \text{P(C|A,B)} \\
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A independent from D given C
B independent from D given C
A independent from B
The right-hand column in these tables is redundant, since we know the entries in each row must add to 1.

NB: the columns need NOT add to 1.
Probability that Watson Crashes

\[
P(W) = P(W | I) P(I) + P(W | \neg I) P(\neg I)
\]
\[
= 0.8 \times 0.7 + 0.1 \times 0.3
\]
\[
= 0.56 + 0.03
\]
\[
= 0.59
\]

Probability of Icy given Watson

\[
P(\neg I | W) =
\]

\[
= 0.59
\]
**Probability of Icy given Watson**

\[
P(I | W) = \frac{P(W | I) P(I)}{P(W)}
\]

We started with \(P(I) = 0.7\); knowing that Watson crashed raised the probability to 0.95.

**Probability of Holmes given Watson**

\[
P(H | W) = P(H, I | W) + P(H, -I | W)
\]

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\]

We started with \(P(H) = 0.59\); knowing that Watson crashed raised the probability to 0.765.
Prob of Holmes given Icy and Watson

\begin{align*}
P(I) &= 0.7 \\
P(H | I) &= 0.8 \\
P(I | H) &= 0.1 \\
P(H | \neg I) &= 0.8 \\
P(I | \neg H) &= 0.1
\end{align*}

\[ P(H | W, \neg I) = P(H | \neg I) = 0.1 \]

H and W are independent given I, so H and W are conditionally independent given I

Excercises

\begin{align*}
P(J, M, A, B, E) &= ? \\
P(M, A, B) &= ? \\
P(\neg M, A, B) &= ? \\
P(A, B) &= ? \\
P(M, B) &= ? \\
P(A | J) &= ?
\end{align*}