# Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence Chapter 13: Quantifying Uncertainty

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# **Acting Under Uncertainty**

- Agents often make decisions based on incomplete information
  - partial observability
  - nondeterministic actions
- Partial solution (see previous chapters): maintain belief states
  - represent the set of all possible world states the agent might be in
  - generating a contingency plan handling every possible eventuality
- Several drawbacks:
  - must consider every possible explanation for the observation (even very-unlikely ones) => impossibly complex belief-states
  - contingent plans handling every eventuality grow arbitrarily large
  - sometimes there is no plan that is guaranteed to achieve the goal
- Agent's knowledge cannot guarantee a successful outcome ...
  - ... but can provide some degree of belief (likelihood) on it
- A rational decision depends on both the relative importance of (sub)goals and the likelihood that they will be achieved
- Probability theory offers a clean way to quantify likelihood

# Acting Under Uncertainty: Example

#### Automated taxi to Airport

- Goal: deliver a passenger to the airport on time
- Action A<sub>t</sub>: leave for airport t minutes before flight
  - How can we be sure that A<sub>90</sub> will succeed?
- Too many sources of uncertainty:
  - partial observability (ex: road state, other drivers' plans, etc.)
  - uncertainty in action outcome (ex: flat tire, etc.)
  - noisy sensors (ex: unreliable traffic reports)
  - complexity of modelling and predicting traffic
- With purely-logical approach it is difficult to anticipate everything that can go wrong
  - risks falsehood: "A25 will get me there on time" or
  - leads to conclusions that are too weak for decision making:
     "A<sub>25</sub> will get me there on time if there's no accident on the bridge, and it doesn't rain and my tires remain intact, and..."
  - Over-cautious choices are not rational solutions either
    - ex: A<sub>1440</sub> causes staying overnight at the airport

# Acting Under Uncertainty: Example (2)

### A medical diagnosis

- Given the symptoms (toothache) infer the cause (cavity)
- How to encode this relation in logic?
  - diagnostic rules:

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Toothache 
ightarrow Cavity 	ext{ (wrong)}

Toothache 
ightarrow 	ext{(}Cavity 	ext{ } \lor 	ext{GumProblem} \lor 	ext{Abscess} \lor ...)

(too many possible causes, some very unlikely)
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causal rules:

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Cavity \rightarrow Toothache (wrong) (Cavity \wedge ...) \rightarrow Toothache (many possible (con)causes)
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- Problems in specifying the correct logical rules:
  - Complexity: too many possible antecedents or consequents
  - Theoretical ignorance: no complete theory for the domain
  - Practical ignorance: no complete knowledge of the patient

# Summarizing Uncertainty

- Probability allows to summarize the uncertainty on effects of
  - laziness: failure to enumerate exceptions, qualifications, etc.
  - ignorance: lack of relevant facts, initial conditions, etc.
- Probability can be derived from
  - statistical data (ex: 80% of toothache patients so far had cavities)
  - some knowledge (ex: 80% of toothache patients has cavities)
  - their combination thereof
- Probability statements are made with respect to a state of knowledge (aka evidence), not with respect to the real world
  - e.g., "The probability that the patient has a cavity, given that she has a toothache, is 0.8":
    - P(HasCavity(patient) | hasToothAche(patient)) = 0.8
- Probabilities of propositions change with new evidence:
  - "The probability that the patient has a cavity, given that she has a toothache and a history of gum disease, is 0.4": P(HasCavity(patient)
    - $hasToothAche(patient) \land HistoryOfGum(patient)) = 0.4$

# Making Decisions Under Uncertainty

Ex: Suppose I believe:

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P(A_{25} \text{ gets me there on time } | ...) = 0.04

P(A_{90} \text{ gets me there on time } | ...) = 0.70

P(A_{120} \text{ gets me there on time } | ...) = 0.95

P(A_{1440} \text{ gets me there on time } | ...) = 0.9999

Which action to choose?
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- Depends on tradeoffs among preferences:
  - missing flight vs. costs (airport cuisine, sleep overnight in airport)
  - When there are conflicting goals the agent may express preferences among them by means of a utility function.
  - Utilities are combined with probabilities in the general theory of rational decisions, aka decision theory:
     Decision theory = Probability theory + Utility theory
  - Maximum Expected Utility (MEU): an agent is rational if and only
    if it chooses the action that yields the maximum expected utility,
    averaged over all the possible outcomes of the action.

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### Probabilities Basics: an Al-sh Introduction

- Probabilistic assertions: state how likely possible worlds are
- Sample space  $\Omega$ : the set of all possible worlds
  - $\omega \in \Omega$  is a possible world (aka sample point or atomic event)
  - ex: the dice roll (1,4)
  - the possible worlds are mutually exclusive and exhaustive
  - ex: the 36 possible outcomes of rolling two dice: (1,1), (1,2), ...
- A probability model (aka probability space) is a sample space with an assignment  $P(\omega)$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  s.t.
  - $0 \le P(\omega) \le 1$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$
  - $\Sigma_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = 1$
- Ex: 1-die roll: P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6
- An Event A is any subset of  $\Omega$ , s.t.  $P(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} P(\omega)$ 
  - events can be described by propositions in some formal language
  - ex: P(Total = 11) = P(5,6) + P(6,5) = 1/36 + 1/36 = 1/18
  - ex: P(doubles) = P(1,1) + P(2,2) + ... + P(6,6) = 6/36 = 1/6

### Random Variables

- Factored representation of possible worlds: sets of (variable, value) pairs
- Variables in probability theory: Random variables
  - domain: the set of possible values a variable can take on ex: Die: {1,2,3,4,5,6}, Weather: {sunny, rain, cloudy, snow}, Odd: {true, false},
  - a r.v. can be seen as a function from sample points to the domain: ex:  $Die(\omega)$ ,  $Weather(\omega)$ ,... ("( $\omega$ )" typically omitted)
- Probability Distribution gives the probabilities of all the possible values of a random variable X:  $P(X = x_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\omega \in X(\omega)} P(\omega)$ 
  - ex: P(Odd = true) = P(1) + P(3) + P(5) = 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 = 1/2

## **Propositions and Probabilities**

- We think a proposition a as the event A (set of sample points) where the proposition is true
  - Odd is a propositional random variable of range {true, false}
  - notation:  $a \iff "A = true"$
- Given Boolean random variables A and B:
  - event *a*: set of sample points where  $A(\omega) = true$
  - event  $\neg a$ : set of sample points where  $A(\omega) = false$
  - event  $a \wedge b$ : set of sample points where  $A(\omega) = true$ ,  $B(\omega) = true$
- ⇒ with Boolean random variables, sample points are PL models
  - Proposition: disjunction of the sample points in which it is true
    - ex:  $(a \lor b) \equiv (\neg a \land b) \lor (a \land \neg b) \lor (a \land b)$  $\Rightarrow P(a \lor b) = P(\neg a \land b) + P(a \land \neg b) + P(a \land b)$
  - Some derived facts:
    - $P(\neg a) = 1 P(a)$
    - $P(a \lor b) = P(a) + P(b) P(a \land b)$

## **Probability Distributions**

 Probability Distribution gives the probabilities of all the possible values of a random variable

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• ex: Weather: \{sunny, rain, cloudy, snow\}
\Rightarrow P(Weather) = (0.6, 0.1, 0.29, 0.01) \Leftrightarrow
\begin{cases} P(Weather = sunny) = 0.6 \\ P(Weather = rain) = 0.1 \\ P(Weather = cloudy) = 0.29 \\ P(Weather = snow) = 0.01 \end{cases}
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- normalized: their sum is 1
- Joint Probability Distribution for multiple variables
  - gives the probability of every sample point
  - ex: **P**(Weather, Cavity) =

Weather =	sunny	rain	cloudy	snow
Cavity = true	0.144	0.02	0.016	0.02
Cavity = false	0.576	0.08	0.064	0.08

- Every event is a sum of sample points,
  - ⇒ its probability is determined by the joint distribution

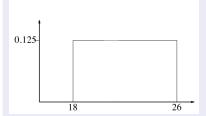
## Probability for Continuous Variables

- Express continuous probability distributions:
  - density functions  $f(x) \in [0,1]$  s.t  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$
- $P(x \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

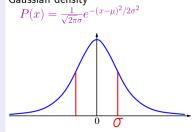
$$\Rightarrow P(x \in [val, val]) = 0, P(x \in [-\infty, +\infty]) = 1$$

- ex:  $P(x \in [20, 22]) = \int_{20}^{22} 0.125 \ dx = 0.25$
- Density:  $P(x) = P(X = x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{dx \to 0} P(X \in [x, x + dx])/dx$ 
  - ex:  $P(20.1) = \lim_{dx \to 0} P(X \in [20.1, 20.1 + dx])/dx = 0.125$
  - note:  $P(v) \neq P(x \in [v, v]) = 0$

Uniform density between 18 and 26 f(x) = U[18, 26](x)



Gaussian density



### **Conditional Probabilities**

- Unconditional or prior probabilities refer to degrees of belief in propositions in the absence of any other information (evidence)
  - ex: P(cavity) = 0.2, P(Total = 11) = 1/18, P(double) = 1/6
- Conditional or posterior probabilities refer to degrees of belief in proposition a given some evidence b: P(a|b)
  - evidence: information already revealed
  - ex: P(cavity|toothache) = 0.6: p. of a cavity given a toothache (assuming no other information is provided!)
  - ex:  $P(Total = 11 | die_1 = 5) = 1/6$ : p. of total 11 given first die is 5 restricts the set of possible worlds to those where the first die is 5
- Note:  $P(a|... \land a) = 1$ ,  $P(a|... \land \neg a) = 0$ 
  - ex: P(cavity|toothache ∧ cavity) = 1,
     P(cavity|toothache ∧ ¬cavity) = 0
- Less specific belief still valid after more evidence arrives
  - ex: P(cavity) = 0.2 holds even if P(cavity|toothache) = 0.6
- New evidence may be irrelevant, allowing for simplification
  - ex: P(cavity|toothache, 49ersWin) = P(cavity|toothache) = 0.8

# Conditional Probabilities [cont.]

- Conditional probability:  $P(a|b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{P(a \land b)}{P(b)}$ , s.t. P(b) > 0
  - ex:  $P(Total = 11 | die_1 = 5) = \frac{P(Total = 11 \land die_1 = 5)}{P(die_1 = 5)} = \frac{1/6 \cdot 1/6}{1/6} = 1/6$
  - observing b restricts the possible worlds to those where b is true
- Production rule:  $P(a \land b) = P(a|b) \cdot P(b) = P(b|a) \cdot P(a)$
- Production rule for whole distributions:  $P(X, Y) = P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y)$ 
  - ex: P(Weather, Cavity) = P(Weather|Cavity)P(Cavity), that is: P(sunny, cavity) = P(sunny|cavity)P(cavity)

... 
$$P(snow, \neg cavity) = P(snow|\neg cavity)P(\neg cavity)$$

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- Chain rule is derived by successive application of product rule:  $P(X_1,...,X_n)$

$$= \mathbf{P}(X_1, ..., X_{n-1}) \mathbf{P}(X_n | X_1, ..., X_{n-1})$$

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$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{P}(X_i|X_1,...,X_{i-1})$$

# Logic vs. Probability

Logic	Probability
а	P(a) = 1
¬а	P(a) = 0
$a \rightarrow b$	P(b a) = 1
(a,a  o b)	P(a) = 1, P(b a) = 1
b	P(b) = 1
$(a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow c)$	P(b a) = 1, P(c b) = 1
$a \rightarrow c$	P(c a)=1

• Proof of 
$$P(b|a) = 1$$
,  $P(c|b) = 1 \Longrightarrow P(c|a) = 1$ 

• 
$$P(b|a) = 1 \Longrightarrow P(\neg b, a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(\neg b|a)P(a) = 0$$

• 
$$P(c|b) = 1 \Longrightarrow P(\neg c, b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(\neg c|b)P(b) = 0$$

• 
$$P(\neg c, a) = P(\neg c, a, b) + P(\neg c, a, \neg b) \le \underbrace{P(\neg c, b)}_{===} + \underbrace{P(a, \neg b)}_{=====} = 0$$

• 
$$P(\neg c|a) = P(\neg c, a)/P(a) = 0$$

• 
$$P(c|a) = 1 - P(\neg c|a) = 1$$

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### Probabilistic Inference via Enumeration

#### **Basic Ideas**

- Start with the joint distribution **P**(*Toothache*, *Catch*, *Cavity*)
- $\bullet$  For any proposition  $\varphi,$  sum the atomic events where  $\varphi$  is true:

$$P(\varphi) = \sum_{\omega : \omega \models \varphi} P(\omega)$$

## Probabilistic Inference via Enumeration: Example

#### Example: Generic Inference

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- Ex: P(cavity ∨ toothache) = 0.108 + 0.012 + 0.072 + 0.008 + 0.016 + 0.064 = 0.28

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# Marginalization

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 Conditioning: variant of marginalization, involving conditional probabilities instead of joint probabilities (using the product rule)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{z}) P(\mathbf{z}) \\ & \text{Ex: } \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \{\textit{Catch}, \textit{Cavity}\}} \mathbf{P}(\textit{Toothache}|\mathbf{z}) P(\mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

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### Normalization

- Let **X** be all the variables. Typically, we want P(Y|E=e):
  - the conditional joint distribution of the query variables Y
  - given specific values **e** for the evidence variables **E**
  - let the hidden variables be  $\mathbf{H} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{X} \setminus (\mathbf{Y} \cup \mathbf{E})$
- The summation of joint entries is done by summing out the hidden variables:

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P(Y|E=e) = \alpha P(Y,E=e) = \alpha \Sigma_{h \in H} P(Y,E=e,H=h)
where \alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/P(E=e) (different \alpha's for different values of e) \implies it is easy to compute \alpha by normalization
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- note: the terms in the summation are joint entries,
   because Y, E, H together exhaust the set of random variables X
- Complexity:  $O(2^n)$ , *n* number of propositions  $\Longrightarrow$  impractical

### Normalization: Example

- $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/P(toothache)$  can be viewed as a normalization constant
- Idea: compute whole distribution on query variable by:
  - fixing evidence variables and summing over hidden variables
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=  $\alpha$ [ $\langle 0.108, 0.016 \rangle + \langle 0.012, 0.064 \rangle$ ]  
=  $\alpha \langle 0.12, 0.08 \rangle = (normalization) = \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle [\alpha = 5]$   
P(Cavity |  $\neg$ toothache) = ... =  $\alpha \langle 0.08, 0.72 \rangle = \langle 0.1, 0.9 \rangle [\alpha = 1.25]$ 

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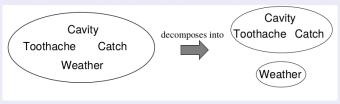
	toothache		¬ toothache	
	catch	¬ catch	catch	¬ catch
cavity	.108	.012	.072	.008
¬ cavity	.016	.064	.144	.576

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### Independence

- Variables X and Y are independent iff P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y) (or equivalently, iff P(X|Y) = P(X) or P(Y|X) = P(Y))
  - ex: P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity, Weather) =
     P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)P(Weather)
  - ⇒ e.g. P(toothache, catch, cavity, cloudy) = P(toothache, catch, cavity)P(cloudy)
    - typically based on domain knowledge
- May drastically reduce the number of entries and computation
  - ex: 32-element table decomposed into one 8-element and one 4-element table
- Unfortunately, absolute independence is quite rare



## Conditional Independence

• Variables X and Y are conditionally independent given **Z** iff P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z) (or equivalently, iff P(X|Y, Z) = P(X|Z) or P(Y|X, Z) = P(Y|Z))

- Consider 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)
  - the same independence holds if I haven't got a cavity:  $P(catch|toothache, \neg cavity) = P(catch|\neg cavity)$
  - Catch is conditionally independent of Toothache given Cavity:
    P(Catch|Toothache, Cavity) = P(Catch|Cavity)
    or, equivalently:
    - P(Toothache|Catch, Cavity) = P(Toothache|Cavity), or P(Toothache, Catch|Cavity) = P(Toothache|Cavity)P(Catch|Cavity)

## Conditional Independence [cont.]

- In many cases, the use of conditional independence reduces the size of the representation of the joint distribution dramatically
  - even from exponential to linear!

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P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)
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- Ex: = P(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)P(Catch, Cavity) = P(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)P(Catch|Cavity)P(Cavity)

  - = **P**(Toothache|Cavity)**P**(Catch|Cavity)**P**(Cavity)
- ⇒ Passes from 7 to 2+2+1=5 independent numbers
  - P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity) contains 7 independent entries (the 8th can be obtained as  $1 - \sum ...$ )
  - P(Toothache|Cavity), P(Catch|Cavity) contain 2 independent entries (2 × 2 matrix, each row sums to 1)
  - P(Cavity) contains 1 independent entry
  - General Case: if one causes has n independent effects:  $P(Cause, Effect_1, ..., Effect_n) = P(Cause) \prod_i P(Effect_i | Cause)$ 
    - $\implies$  reduces from  $2^{n+1} 1$  to 2n + 1 independent entries

#### **Exercise**

Consider the joint probability distribution described in the table in previous section (slide 20 onwards): **P**(*Toothache*, *Catch*, *Cavity*)

- Consider the example in previous slide:
  - **P**(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)
  - = **P**(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)**P**(Catch, Cavity)
  - = **P**(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)**P**(Catch|Cavity)**P**(Cavity)
  - $= \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Catch|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Cavity)$
- Compute separately the distributions
   P(Toothache|Catch, Cavity), P(Catch|Cavity), P(Cavity),
   P(Toothache|Cavity).
- Recompute P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity) in two ways:
  - **P**(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)**P**(Catch|Cavity)**P**(Cavity)
  - P(Toothache Cavity)P(Catch Cavity)P(Cavity)

and compare the result with **P**(*Toothache*, *Catch*, *Cavity*)

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# Bayes' Rule

#### Bayes' Rule/Theorem/Law

- Bayes' rule:  $P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)} = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$
- In distribution form  $P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)} = \alpha P(X|Y)P(Y)$ 
  - $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/\mathbf{P}(X)$ : normalization constant to make  $\mathbf{P}(Y|X)$  entries sum to 1 (different  $\alpha$ 's for different values of X)
- A version conditionalized on some background evidence e:

$$P(Y|X,e) = \frac{P(X|Y,e)P(Y|e)}{P(X|e)}$$

### Using Bayes' Rule: The Simple Case

Used to assess diagnostic probability from causal probability:

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

- P(cause effect) goes from effect to cause (diagnostic direction)
- P(effect|cause) goes from cause to effect (causal direction)

#### Example

• An expert doctor is likely to have causal knowledge ...

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P(symptoms|disease) (i.e., P(effect|cause))
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... and needs producing diagnostic knowledge

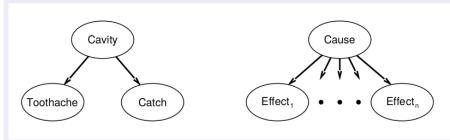
P(disease|symptoms) (i.e., P(cause|effect))

- Ex: let *m* be meningitis, *s* be stiff neck
  - P(m) = 1/50000, P(s) = 0.01 (prior knowledge, from statistics)
  - "meningitis causes to the patient a stiff neck in 70% of cases": P(s|m) = 0.7 (doctor's experience)

$$\implies P(m|s) = \frac{P(s|m)P(m)}{P(s)} = \frac{0.7 \cdot 1/50000}{0.01} = 0.0014$$

## Using Bayes' Rule: Combining Evidence

- A naive Bayes model is a probability model that assumes the effects are conditionally independent, given the cause
  - $\implies$  **P**(Cause, Effect<sub>1</sub>, ..., Effect<sub>n</sub>) = **P**(Cause)  $\prod_i$  **P**(Effect<sub>i</sub>|Cause)
    - total number of parameters is linear in n
    - ex: P(Cavity, Toothache, Catch) =
       P(Cavity)P(Toothache|Cavity)P(Catch|Cavity)
- Q: How can we compute  $P(Cause | Effect_1, ..., Effect_k)$ ?
  - ex P(Cavity|toothache ∧ catch)?



## Using Bayes' Rule: Combining Evidence [cont.]

- Q: How can we compute P(Cause|Effect<sub>1</sub>, ..., Effect<sub>k</sub>)?
   ex: P(Cavity|toothache ∧ catch)?
  A: Apply Bayes' Rule
  P(Cavity|toothache ∧ catch)
  = P(toothache ∧ catch|Cavity)P(Cavity)/P(toothache ∧ catch)
  = αP(toothache ∧ catch|Cavity)P(Cavity)
  = αP(toothache|Cavity)P(catch|Cavity)P(Cavity)
  - $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/P(toothache \wedge catch)$  not computed explicitly
  - General case:

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P(Cause|Effect_1, ..., Effect_n) = \alpha P(Cause) \prod_i P(Effect_i|Cause)
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- $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/\mathbf{P}(\textit{Effect}_1, ..., \textit{Effect}_n)$  not computed explicitly (one  $\alpha$  value for every value of  $\textit{Effect}_1, ..., \textit{Effect}_n)$
- $\implies$  reduces from  $2^{n+1} 1$  to 2n + 1 independent entries

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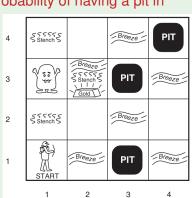
### An Example: The Wumpus World

#### A probability model of the Wumpus World

- Consider again the Wumpus World (restricted to pit detection)
- Evidence: no pit in (1,1), (1,2), (2,1), breezy in (1,2), (2,1)
- Q. Given the evidence, what is the probability of having a pit in (1,3), (2,2) or (3,1)?
  - Two groups of variables:
    - P<sub>ij</sub> = true iff [i, j] contains a pit ("causes")
    - B<sub>ij</sub> = true iff [i, j] is breezy ("effects", consider only B<sub>1,1</sub>, B<sub>1,2</sub>, B<sub>2,1</sub>)
  - Joint Distribution:

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4},B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1})$$

- Known facts (evidence):
  - $b^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg b_{1,1} \land b_{1,2} \land b_{2,1}$
  - $\bullet \ p^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$



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$$p^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$$



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#### Specifying the probability model

Apply the product rule to the joint distribution

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4},B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1}) = \\ \mathbf{P}(B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1}|P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4}) \ \mathbf{P}(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4}) \end{array}$$

- $\bullet \ \mathbf{P}(B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1}|P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4})$ 
  - 1 if one pit is adjacent to breeze,
  - 0 otherwise
- $P(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4})$ : pits are placed randomly except in (1,1)

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,1}, ..., P_{4,4}) = \prod_{i=1}^{4} \prod_{j=1}^{4} P(P_{i,j}) 
P(P_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & \text{if } (i,j) \neq (1,1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\bullet \ \text{ex:} \ \textbf{P}(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4}) = 0.2^3 \cdot 0.8^{15-3} \approx 0.00055 \ \text{if 3 pits}$ 

#### Inference by enumeration

General form of query:

$$P(Y|E=e) = \alpha P(Y, E=e) = \alpha \sum_{h} P(Y, E=e, H=h)$$

- Y: query vars; E,e: evidence vars/values; H,h: hidden vars/values
- Our case:  $P(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*)$ , s.t. the evidence is

• 
$$b^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg b_{1,1} \wedge b_{1,2} \wedge b_{2,1}$$

$$\bullet \ p^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$$

Sum over hidden variables:

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*,unknown)$$

• unknown are all  $P_{ij}$ 's s.t.  $(i,j) \notin \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (1,3)\}$  $\Rightarrow 2^{16-4} = 4096$  terms of the sum!

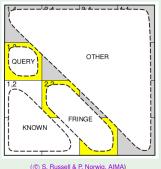


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Grows exponentially in the number of hidden variables H!
 ⇒ Inefficient

#### Using conditional independence

- Basic insight: Given the fringe squares (see below), b\* is conditionally independent of the other hidden squares
  - Unknown <sup>def</sup> Fringe ∪ Other
- $\Rightarrow$   $P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, Unknown) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, Fringe, Others) = P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, Fringe)$ 
  - Next: manipulate the query into a form where this equation can be used



 $\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*)=P(p^*,b^*)$  is scalar; use as a normalization constant

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \underline{\alpha}\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)$$

#### Sum over the unknowns

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)$$
  
=  $\alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},\underline{unknown},p^*,b^*)$ 

#### Use the product rule

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},unknown,p^*,\underline{b^*})$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(\underline{b^*}|P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)$$

#### Separate unknown into fringe and other

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},unknown,p^*,b^*)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(b^*|P_{1,3},p^*,\underline{unknown})\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,\underline{unknown})$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{tringe\ other} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\underline{fringe\ other})\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,\underline{fringe\ other})$$

b\* is conditionally independent of other given fringe

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},unknown,p^*,b^*)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(b^*|P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{fringe\ other} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\underline{fringe},other)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{fringe\ other} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\underline{fringe})\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other)$$

#### Move $P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, fringe)$ outward

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) &= \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},unknown,p^*,b^*) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(b^*|P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,unknown) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe,other)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \end{split}$$

#### All of the pit locations are independent

$$\begin{split} &\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*)/\mathbf{P}(p^*,b^*) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,b^*) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},unknown,p^*,b^*) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(b^*|P_{1,3},p^*,unknown)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,unknown) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe,other)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) \sum_{other} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe) \mathbf{P}(fringe) \mathbf{P}(other) \end{split}$$

#### Move $P(p^*)$ , $P(P_{1,3})$ , and P(fringe) outward

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#### Remove $\sum_{other} P(other)$ because it equals 1

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#### $P(p^*)$ is scalar, so make it part of the normalization constant

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We have obtained:

$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha' \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}) \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\textit{fringe}) P(\textit{fringe})$$

- We know that  $P(P_{1,3}) = (0.2, 0.8)$
- We can compute the normalization coefficient  $\alpha'$  afterwards
- $\sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe)$ : only 4 possible fringes
- Start by rewriting as two separate equations:

**P**( 
$$p_{1,3}|p^*, b^*$$
) =  $\alpha' P(p_{1,3}) \sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*, p_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe)$   
**P**( $\neg p_{1,3}|p^*, b^*$ ) =  $\alpha' P(\neg p_{1,3}) \sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*, \neg p_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe)$ 

Four possible fringes:









 $0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.04$   $0.2 \times 0.8 = 0.16$ 

 $0.8 \times 0.2 = 0.16$ 

 $0.8 \times 0.8 = 0.64$ 

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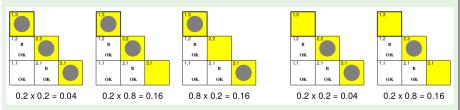
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$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{P}(\ \ p_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha' P(\ \ p_{1,3}) \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,\ \ p_{1,3},\textit{fringe}) P(\textit{fringe}) \\ \mathbf{P}(\neg p_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha' P(\neg p_{1,3}) \sum_{\textit{fringe}} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,\neg p_{1,3},\textit{fringe}) P(\textit{fringe}) \end{array}$$

• For each of them,  $P(b^*|...)$  is 1 if the breezes occur, 0 otherwise:

$$\sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*, p_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe) = 1 \cdot 0.04 + 1 \cdot 0.16 + 1 \cdot 0.16 + 0 = 0.36$$
$$\sum_{fringe} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*, \neg p_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe) = 1 \cdot 0.04 + 1 \cdot 0.16 + 0 + 0 = 0.2$$

⇒ 
$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha'\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3})\sum_{\textit{fringe}}\mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\textit{fringe})P(\textit{fringe})$$
  
=  $\alpha'\langle 0.2,0.8\rangle\langle 0.36,0.2\rangle = \alpha'\langle 0.072,0.16\rangle$   
=  $(\textit{normalization}, \textit{s.t.} \alpha' \approx 4.31) \approx \langle 0.31,0.69\rangle$ 



#### Exercise

Compute  $P(P_{2,2}|p^*,b^*)$  in the same way.