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_t : leave for airport t minutes before flight
 - How can we be sure that A₉₀ 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:
 "A₂₅ 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: A₁₄₄₀ 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:
 Toothache → *Cavity* (wrong)
 Toothache → (*Cavity* ∨ *GumProblem* ∨ *Abscess* ∨ ...)
 (too many possible causes, some very unlikely)
 - causal rules:
 Cavity → Toothache (wrong)
 (Cavity ∧ ...) → Toothache (many possible (con)causes)
- 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":
 - $P(HasCavity(patient) \mid hasToothAche(patient) \land HistoryOfGum(patient)) = 0.4$

Making Decisions Under Uncertainty

Ex: Suppose I believe:

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

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

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

P(A_{1440} \text{ gets me there on time } | \dots) = 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 Ω : 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 Ω , 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: $Die(\omega)$, $Weather(\omega)$,... (" (ω) " typically omitted)
- Probability Distribution gives the probabilities of all the possible values of a random variable

$$X: P(X = x_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_{\omega \in X(\omega)} P(\omega)$$

• 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: $a \iff "A = true"$ (e.g., $odd \iff "Odd = true"$)
- Given Boolean random variables A and B:
 - a: set of sample points where $A(\omega) = true$
 - $\neg a$: set of sample points where $A(\omega) = false$
 - $a \wedge b$: 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: $(a \lor b) \equiv (\neg a \land b) \lor (a \land \neg b) \lor (a \land b)$
 - $\implies P(a \lor b) = P(\neg a \land b) + P(a \land \neg b) + P(a \land b)$
 - Some derived facts:
 - $P(\neg a) = 1 P(a)$
 - $P(a \lor b) = P(a) + P(b) P(a \land b)$

Probability Distributions

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• ex: Weather: \{sunny, rain, cloudy, snow\}
\implies P(Weather) = (0.6, 0.1, 0.29, 0.01) \iff \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

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

Probability for Continuous Variables

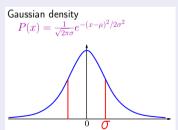
- Express continuous probability distributions:
 - density functions $f(x) \in [0,1]$ s.t $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$
- $P(x \in [a,b]) = \int_a^b f(x) \ dx$

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

- 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 $18\ \mathrm{and}\ 26$

$$f(x) = U[18, 26](x)$$
0.125



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: $P(cavity|toothache \land cavity) = 1$, $P(cavity|toothache \land \neg cavity) = 0$
- 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: $P(a|b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}$, 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)...

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

- a 4 × 2 set of equations, not matrix multiplication!
- Chain rule is derived by successive application of product rule:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P}(X_1,...,X_n) \\ & = \mathbf{P}(X_1,...,X_{n-1})\mathbf{P}(X_n|X_1,...,X_{n-1}) \\ & = \mathbf{P}(X_1,...,X_{n-2})\mathbf{P}(X_{n-1}|X_1,...,X_{n-2})\mathbf{P}(X_n|X_1,...,X_{n-1}) \\ & = ... \\ & = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i|X_1,...,X_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Logic vs. Probability

Logic	Probability
а	P(a) = 1
$\neg a$	P(a) = 0
$ extbf{\textit{a}} ightarrow extbf{\textit{b}}$	P(b a) = 1
(a,a o b)	P(a) = 1, P(b a) = 1
<u></u>	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
$$P(b|a) = 1$$
, $P(c|b) = 1 \Longrightarrow P(c|a) = 1$

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

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

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

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

•
$$P(c|a) = 1 - P(\neg c|a) = 1$$

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Probabilistic Inference via Enumeration

Basic Ideas

- Start with the joint distribution **P**(*Toothache*, *Catch*, *Cavity*)
- For any proposition φ , sum the atomic events where φ is true: $P(\varphi) = \sum_{\omega : \omega \models \varphi} P(\omega)$

Probabilistic Inference via Enumeration: Example

Example: Generic Inference

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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 guery 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:

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

where $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/P(E = e)$ (different α 's for different values of e)

- \implies it is easy to compute α by normalization
 - note: the terms in the summation are joint entries,
 because Y, E, H together exhaust the set of random variables X
- Idea: compute whole distribution on guery variable by:
 - fixing evidence variables and summing over hidden variables
 - normalize the final distribution, so that $\sum ... = 1$
- Complexity: $O(2^n)$, n number of propositions \Longrightarrow impractical for large n's

Common practice: deal with non-normalized distributions, normalize at the end of the process (see e.g. "Wumpus world" example at the end of this chapter)

Normalization: Example

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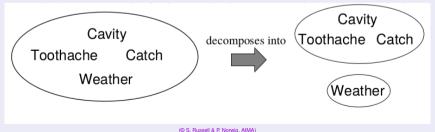
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Independence

- Variables X and Y are independent iff P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y) (equivalently, iff P(X|Y) = P(X) and iff P(Y|X) = P(Y))
 - ex: P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity, Weather) = P(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)P(Weather)
 - \implies e.g. P(toothache, catch, cavity, cloudy) = <math>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) (equivalently, iff P(X|Y,Z) = P(X|Z) and iff 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)
- Hint: Toothache and Catch are two (mutually-independent) effects of the same cause 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:

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P(Cause, Effect_1, ..., Effect_n) = P(Cause) \prod_i P(Effect_i | Cause)
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 \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)
 - = P(Toothache Cavity)P(Catch Cavity)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 α' s for different values of X)
- A version conditionalized on some background evidence e:

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

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

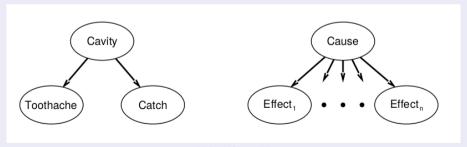
$$\implies P(m|s) = \frac{P(s|m)P(m)}{P(s)} = \frac{0.7 \cdot 1/50000}{0.01} = 0.0014$$

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, Effect₁, ..., Effect_n) = **P**(Cause) \prod_i **P**(Effect_i|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.]

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Q: How can we compute P(Cause | Effect_1, ..., Effect_k)?
       • ex: P(Cavity toothache ∧ catch)?
                                P(Cavity | toothache ∧ catch)
                                = \mathbf{P}(toothache \land catch|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Cavity)/P(toothache \land catch)
A: Apply Bayes' Rule
                               = \alpha P(toothache \wedge catch|Cavity) P(Cavity)
                                = \alpha P(toothache|Cavity)P(catch|Cavity)P(Cavity)
       • \alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/P(toothache \wedge catch) not computed explicitly
 • General case: P(Cause | Effect_1, ..., Effect_n) = \alpha P(Cause) \prod_i P(Effect_i | Cause)
       • \alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/\mathbf{P}(Effect_1, ..., Effect_n) not computed explicitly
           (one \alpha value for every value of Effect<sub>1</sub>, ..., Effect<sub>n</sub>)
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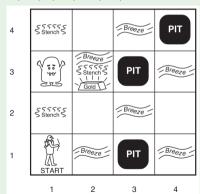
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A probability model of the Wumpus World

- 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_{ij} = true iff [i, j] contains a pit ("causes")
 - $B_{ij} = true \text{ iff } [i, j] \text{ is breezy}$ ("effects", consider only
 - $B_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{2,1}$
- Joint Distribution:

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

- Known facts (evidence):
 - $\bullet b^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg b_{1,1} \wedge b_{1,2} \wedge b_{2,1}$
 - $\bullet \ p^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$
- Queries: $P(P_{1,3}|b^*, p^*)$? $P(P_{22}|b^*, p^*)$? $(P(P_{3,1}|b^*, p^*)$ symmetric)



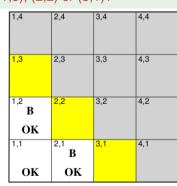
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Specifying the probability model

- Apply the product rule to the joint distribution $P(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4},B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1}) = P(B_{1,1},B_{1,2},B_{2,1}|P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4}) P(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4})$
- $P(B_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{2,1}|P_{1,1}, ..., P_{4,4})$ deterministic:
 - 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):

$$P(P_{1,1},...,P_{4,4}) = \prod_{i=1}^{4} \prod_{j=1}^{4} P(P_{i,j})$$

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

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

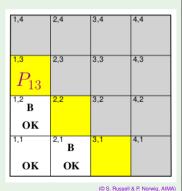
Inference by enumeration

Case $P_{1,3}$:

- 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
 - $\bullet \ b^* \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \neg b_{1,1} \land \ b_{1,2} \land \ b_{2,1}$
 - $\bullet \ p^* \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \neg p_{1,1} \wedge \neg p_{1,2} \wedge \neg p_{2,1}$
- Sum over hidden variables:

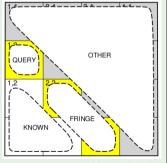
$$\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha \sum_{unknown} \mathbf{P}(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*,unknown)$$

- unknown are all P_{ij} 's s.t. $(i,j) \notin \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (1,3)\}$
- \implies 2¹⁶⁻⁴ = 4096 terms of the sum!
- Grows exponentially in the number of hidden variables H!
 ⇒ Inefficient
- Can we do better?



Exploiting conditional independence

- Basic insight: Given the fringe squares (see below), b^* is conditionally independent of the other hidden squares
 - Unknown ^{def} 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

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

Sum over the unknowns

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

Use the product rule

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

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

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

Separate unknown into fringe and other

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

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

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

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

b* is conditionally independent of other given fringe

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\begin{aligned} \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} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\underline{fringe},other)\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{fringe\ other} \mathbf{P}(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},\underline{fringe})\mathbf{P}(P_{1,3},p^*,fringe,other) \end{aligned}
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Move $P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, fringe)$ outward

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

All of the pit locations are independent

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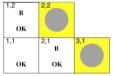
$P(p^*)$ is scalar, so make it part of the normalization constant

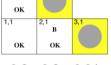
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- We have obtained: $P(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha' P(P_{1,3}) \sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) P(fringe)$
- We know that $P(P_{1,3}) = (0.2, 0.8)$ (see slide 38)
- We can compute the normalization coefficient α' afterwards
- $\sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*, P_{1,3}, fringe) P(fringe)$: only 4 possible fringes
- Start by rewriting as two separate equations:

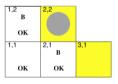
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Four possible fringes:

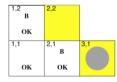


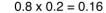


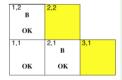
$$0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.04$$











$$0.8 \times 0.8 = 0.64$$

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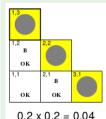
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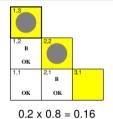
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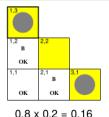
• For each of them, $P(b^*|...)$ is 1 if the breezes occur, 0 otherwise:

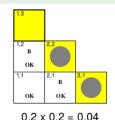
⇒
$$P(P_{1,3}|p^*,b^*) = \alpha' P(P_{1,3}) \sum_{fringe} P(b^*|p^*,P_{1,3},fringe) P(fringe)$$

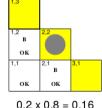
= $\alpha' \langle 0.2,0.8 \rangle \langle 0.36,0.2 \rangle = \alpha' \langle 0.072,0.16 \rangle = (normalization, s.t. \alpha' \approx 4.31) \approx \langle 0.31,0.69 \rangle$











Exercise

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