## Announcements

- HW3 is due today, February 20, 11:59pm PT
- Project 3 is due Tuesday, February 27, 11:59pm PT
- HW4 out later this week; due Friday, March 1, 11:59pm PT
- Midterm: Tuesday, March 5, 7pm PT (more info on website)


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## CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

## Bayes Nets


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## Recap: Probability

- Basic laws: $0 \leq P(\omega) \leq 1 \quad \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega)=1$
- Events: subsets of $\Omega: P(A)=\sum_{\omega \in A} P(\omega)$
- Random variable $X(\omega)$ has a value in each $\omega$
- Distribution $P(X)$ gives probability for each possible value $x$
- Joint distribution $P(X, Y)$ gives total probability for each combination $x, y$
- Summing out/marginalization: $P(X=x)=\sum_{y} P(X=x, Y=y)$
- Conditional probability: $P(X \mid Y)=P(X, Y) / P(Y)$
- Product rule: $P(X \mid Y) P(Y)=P(X, Y)=P(Y \mid X) P(X)$
- Generalize to chain rule: $P\left(X_{1}, ., X_{n}\right)=\prod_{i} P\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1, \ldots}, X_{i-1}\right)$


## Recap: Strict Independence

- Two variables X and Y are (absolutely) independent if

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

- I.e., the joint distribution factors into a product of two simpler distributions
- Equivalently, via the product rule $P(x, y)=P(x \mid y) P(y)$,

$$
P(x \mid y)=P(x) \quad \text { or } \quad P(y \mid x)=P(y)
$$

- Example: two dice rolls $\mathrm{Roll}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{Roll}_{2}$
- $P\left(\right.$ Roll $_{1}=5$, Rol $\left._{2}=3\right)=P\left(\right.$ Roll $\left._{1}=5\right) P\left(\right.$ Roll $\left._{2}=3\right)=1 / 6 \times 1 / 6=1 / 36$
- $P\left(\right.$ Roll $_{2}=3 \mid$ Rol $\left._{1}=5\right)=P\left(\right.$ Rol $\left._{2}=3\right)$



## Recap: Strict Independence

- n fair, independent coin flips:

|  |  | $P\left(X_{2}\right)$ |  | $P\left(X_{n}\right)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | 0.5 | H | 0.5 | H | 0.5 |
| T | 0.5 | T | 0.5 | T | 0.5 |



$$
P\left(X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{n}\right)
$$



## Example: Strict Independence


$P$ (Rain, Traffic, Umbrella)

| Rain | Traffic | Umbrella | P | P_indep. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F | F | F | 0.504 | 0.314 |
| F | F | T | 0.056 | 0.141 |
| F | T | F | 0.126 | 0.169 |
| F | T | T | 0.014 | 0.076 |
| T | F | F | 0.018 | 0.135 |
| T | F | T | 0.072 | 0.060 |
| T | T | F | 0.042 | 0.072 |
| T | T | T | 0.168 | 0.033 |

$P$ (Rain) $\quad P$ (Traffic) $\quad P$ (Umbrella)

| F | T |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.7 | 0.3 |$*$| F | T |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.65 | 0.35 |$*$| F | T |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.69 | 0.31 |

## Example: Chain Rule

$P$ (Rain, Traffic, Umbrella)

| Rain | Traffic | Umbrella | P |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F | F | F | 0.504 |
| F | F | T | 0.056 |
| F | T | F | 0.126 |
| F | T | T | 0.014 |
| T | F | F | 0.018 |
| T | F | T | 0.072 |
| T | T | F | 0.042 |
| T | T | T | 0.168 |

$$
P(\text { Traf.|Rain) }
$$

$P$ (Rain)

| F | T |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.7 | 0.3 |

* 

|  | Traffic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rain | F | T |
| F | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| T | 0.3 | 0.7 |

* 

$P($ Umbr.|Rain, Traf.)

|  |  | Umbrella |  | conditional <br> independence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rain | Traffic | F | T |  |
| F | F | 0.9 | 0.1 |  |
| F | T | 0.9 | 0.1 | $=$ |
| T | F | 0.2 | 0.8 |  |
| T | T | 0.2 | 0.8 |  |

## Example: Chain Rule

$P$ (Rain, Traffic, Umbrella)

| Rain | Traffic | Umbrella | P |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F | F | F | 0.504 |
| F | F | T | 0.056 |
| F | T | F | 0.126 |
| F | T | T | 0.014 |
| T | F | F | 0.018 |
| T | F | T | 0.072 |
| T | T | F | 0.042 |
| T | T | T | 0.168 |

> P(Traf.|Rain)
$P$ (Rain)

| $F$ | $T$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.7 | 0.3 |

* 

|  | Traffic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rain | F | T |
| F | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| T | 0.3 | 0.7 |

$P$ (Umbr.|Rain)

|  | Umbrella |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rain | F | T |
| F | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| T | 0.2 | 0.8 |

conditional
independence
$=$

## Conditional Independence

- Conditional independence is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.
- $X$ is conditionally independent of $Y$ given $Z$ if and only if:

$$
\forall x, y, z \quad P(x \mid y, z)=P(x \mid z)
$$

or, equivalently, if and only if

$$
\forall x, y, z \quad P(x, y \mid z)=P(x \mid z) P(y \mid z)
$$

## Conditional 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:
- $\mathrm{P}(+$ catch | +toothache, +cavity) $=\mathrm{P}(+$ catch | +cavity)
- The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:
- $\mathrm{P}(+$ catch | +toothache, -cavity $)=\mathrm{P}(+$ catch | -cavity $)$
- Catch is conditionally independent of Toothache given Cavity:
- P(Catch | Toothache, Cavity) $=\mathrm{P}($ Catch | Cavity $)$

- Equivalent statements:
- P (Toothache | Catch , Cavity) $=\mathrm{P}($ Toothache | Cavity)
- P (Toothache, Catch | Cavity) $=\mathrm{P}$ (Toothache | Cavity) P (Catch | Cavity)
- One can be derived from the other easily


## Conditional Independence

- What about this domain:
- Fire
- Smoke
- Alarm



## Ghostbusters

- A ghost is in the grid somewhere
- Sensor readings tell how close a square is to the ghost
- On the ghost: usually red
- 1 or 2 away: usually orange
- 3 or 4 away: usually yellow
- 5+ away: usually green
- Click on squares until confident of location, then "bust"



## Ghostbusters model

- Variables and ranges:
- $G$ (ghost location) in $\{(1,1), \ldots,(3,3)\}$
- $C_{x, y}$ (color measured at square $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$ ) in \{red,orange,yellow,green\}

- Ghostbuster physics:
- Uniform prior distribution over ghost location: $P(G)$
- Sensor model: $P\left(C_{x, y} \mid G\right)$ (depends only on distance to $G$ )
- E.g. $P\left(C_{1,1}=\right.$ yellow $\left.\mid G=(1,1)\right)=0.1$


## Ghostbusters model, contd.

- $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{G}, C_{1,1}, \ldots C_{3,3}\right)$ has $9 \times 4^{9}=2,359,296$ entries!!!
- Ghostbuster independence:
- Are $C_{1,1}$ and $C_{1,2}$ independent?
- E.g., does $\mathrm{P}\left(C_{1,1}=\right.$ yellow $)=\mathrm{P}\left(C_{1,1}=\right.$ yellow $\mid C_{1,2}=$ orange $)$ ?

- Ghostbuster physics again:
- $P\left(C_{x, y} \mid G\right)$ depends only on distance to $G$
- So $P\left(C_{1,1}=\right.$ yellow $\left.\mid \underline{G=(2,3)}\right)=P\left(C_{1,1}=\right.$ yellow $\mid \underline{G=(2,3)}, C_{1,2}=$ orange)
- I.e., $C_{1,1}$ is conditionally independent of $C_{1,2}$ given $G$


## Ghostbusters model, contd.

- Apply the chain rule to decompose the joint probability model:
- $P\left(G, C_{1,1}, \ldots C_{3,3}\right)=P(G) P\left(C_{1,1} \mid G\right) P\left(C_{1,2} \mid G, C_{1,1}\right) P\left(C_{1,3} \mid G, C_{1,1}, C_{1,2}\right) \ldots P\left(C_{3,3} \mid G, C_{1,1}, \ldots, C_{3,2}\right)$
- Now simplify using conditional independence:
- $P\left(G, C_{1,1}, \ldots C_{3,3}\right)=P(G) P\left(C_{1,1} \mid G\right) P\left(C_{1,2} \mid G\right) P\left(C_{1,3} \mid G\right) \ldots P\left(C_{3,3} \mid G\right)$
- I.e., conditional independence properties of ghostbuster physics simplify the probability model from exponential to quadratic in the number of squares


## Bayes Nets: Big Picture



## Bayes Nets: Big Picture

- Bayes nets: a technique for describing complex joint distributions (models) using simple, conditional distributions
- A subset of the general class of graphical models
- Use local causality/conditional independence:

- the world is composed of many variables,
- each interacting locally with a few others
- Outline
- Representation
- Exact inference
- Approximate inference



## Graphical Model Notation

- Nodes: variables (with domains)
- Can be assigned (observed) or unassigned (unobserved)
- Arcs: interactions
- Indicate "direct influence" between variables
- Formally: absence of arc encodes conditional independence (more later)
- For now: imagine that arrows mean direct causation (in general, they don't!)



## Example: Coin Flips

- $n$ independent coin flips

. . .

- No interactions between variables: strict independence


## Example: Traffic

- Variables:
- $T$ : There is traffic
- U: I'm holding my umbrella
- $R$ : It rains



## Example: Smoke alarm

- Variables:
- $F$ : There is fire
- $S$ : There is smoke
- A: Alarm sounds



## Example: Ghostbusters

- Variables:
- G: The ghost's location
- $C_{1,1}, \ldots C_{3,3}$ :

The observation at each location

- Want to estimate:
$P\left(G \mid C_{1,1}, \ldots C_{3,3}\right)$

- This is called a Naïve Bayes model:
- One discrete query variable (often called the class or category variable)
- All other variables are (potentially) evidence variables
- Evidence variables are all conditionally independent given the query variable


## Example Bayes' Net: Car Insurance



## Example Bayes' Net: Car Won’t Start



## Bayes Net Syntax and Semantics



## Bayes Net Syntax

- A set of nodes, one per variable $X_{i}$
- A directed, acyclic graph
- A conditional distribution for each node given its parent variables in the graph


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

## Example: Alarm Network

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



## Example: Alarm Network



## Bayes net global semantics

- Bayes nets encode joint distributions as product of conditional distributions on each variable:

$$
P\left(X_{1}, . ., X_{n}\right)=\prod_{i} P\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
$$

- Exploits sparse structure: number of parents is usually small


## Size of a Bayes Net

- How big is a joint distribution over $N$ variables, each with $d$ values?

$$
d^{N}
$$

- How big is an $N$-node net if nodes have at most $k$ parents?

$$
O\left(N * d^{k}\right)
$$



- Both give you the power to calculate $P\left(X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{N}\right)$
- Bayes Nets: huge space savings with sparsity!
- Also easier to elicit local CPTs
- Also faster to answer queries (coming)



## Example



## Conditional independence in BNs

- Compare the Bayes net global semantics

$$
P\left(X_{1}, . ., X_{n}\right)=\prod_{i} P\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
$$

with the chain rule identity

$$
P\left(X_{1}, . ., X_{n}\right)=\prod_{i} P\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}\right)
$$

- Assume (without loss of generality) that $X_{1}, . ., X_{n}$ sorted in topological order according to the graph (i.e., parents before children), so Parents $\left(X_{i}\right) \subseteq X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}$
- So the Bayes net asserts conditional independences $P\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}\right)=P\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)$
- To ensure these are valid, choose parents for node $X_{i}$ that "shield" it from other predecessors


## Conditional independence semantics

- Every variable is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents
- Conditional independence semantics <=> global semantics



## Example: Burglary



## Example: Burglary

- Alarm
- Burglary
- Earthquake

| $A$ | $P(B \mid A)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | true | false |
| true | $?$ |  |
| false |  |  |



## Example: Traffic



|  | $P(R)$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | +r |  | 1/4 |  |
|  | -r |  | 3/4 |  |
|  | $P(T \mid R)$ |  |  |  |
|  | +r | + |  | 3/4 |
|  |  | - |  | 1/4 |
|  | -r | + |  | 1/2 |
|  |  | - |  | 1/2 |


| $P(T, R)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $+r$ $+t$ $3 / 16$ <br> $+r$ $-t$ $1 / 16$ <br> $-r$ $+t$ $6 / 16$ <br> $-r$ $-t$ $6 / 16$ |  |


| $P(T)$ |
| :---: |
| +t |
| -t |
| $9 / 16$ |

## 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 Rain
- 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

$$
P\left(x_{i} \mid x_{1}, \ldots x_{i-1}\right)=P\left(x_{i} \mid \operatorname{parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
$$

## Summary

- Independence and conditional independence are important forms of probabilistic knowledge
- Bayes net encode joint distributions efficiently by taking advantage of conditional independence
- Global joint probability = product of local conditionals
- Allows for flexible tradeoff between model accuracy and memory/compute efficiency
(A) B C
(D) E
Strict Independence



Sparse Bayes Net


