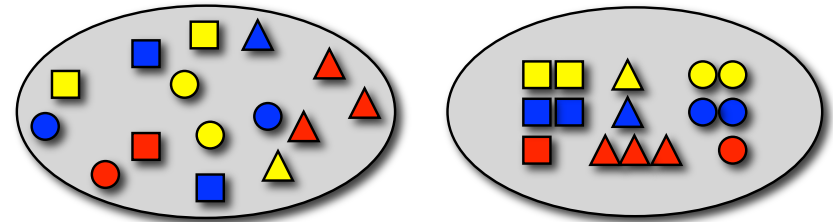


Lecture 15: Probability review Bayes Nets intro

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What is the probability of...?



$$P(\text{blue}) = 5/15$$

$$P(\text{blue} | \text{square}) = 2/5$$

$$P(\text{red}) = 5/15$$

$$P(\text{square}) = 5/15$$

$$P(\text{red or blue}) = 2/15$$

$$P(\text{triangle} | \text{red}) = 3/5$$

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Some terminology...

Trial: e.g. picking a shape

Sample space Ω : the set of all possible outcomes (e.g. all kinds of shapes)

Event $\omega \subseteq \Omega$: an actual outcome of a trial (a subset of Ω)

Coin tossing

Bernoulli distribution:

Probability of success (*head*) in single yes/no trial

The probability of *head* is p .

The probability of *tail* is $1-p$.

Binomial distribution:

Prob. of getting k heads in n independent yes/no trials

$$P(k \text{ heads, } n - k \text{ tails}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Rolling a die

Categorical distribution:

Prob. of getting one of K outcomes in a single trial
The probability of outcome c_i is p_i ($\sum p_i = 1$)

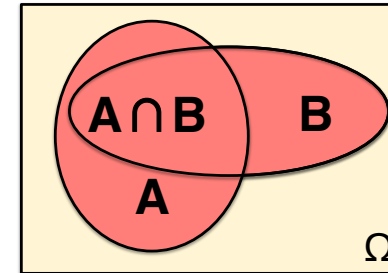
Multinomial distribution:

Prob. of observing each possible outcome c_i
exactly x_i times in a sequence of n yes/no trials

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_N!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_N^{x_N} \quad \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = n$$

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Laws of probability



$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$\forall A \subseteq \Omega: 0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$\forall A, B \subseteq \Omega: P(A \cap B) \leq P(A)$$

$$\forall A, B \subseteq \Omega: P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

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Random variables

A function which maps every element in the sample space to some value.

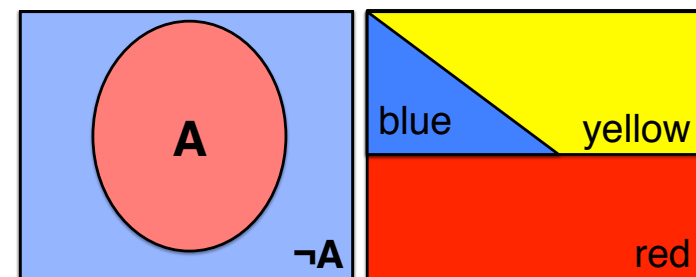
Boolean random variables: heads or tails?

Categorical random variables: color, shape

Continuous random variables: size, height,...

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Discrete random variables



The possible outcomes of discrete random variables (=atomic events) partition the sample space

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What is the probability of...

.... a circle when drawing a red shape?

(# of red circles) / (# of red shapes)

Conditional probability: the probability of one event (*circle*) given another (*red*)

.... drawing a red circle?

(# of red circles) / (# of all shapes in bag)

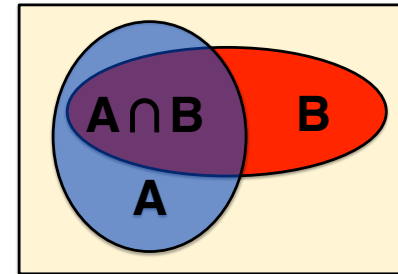
Joint probability: the probability of two events (*red* and *circle*) occurring together

Joint probability $P(A, B)$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A, B)$$

If A and B are boolean variables:

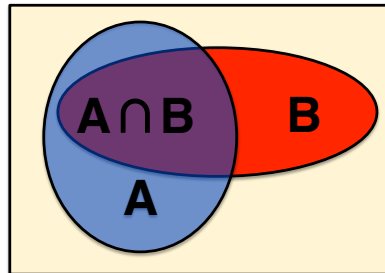
$$P(A, B) = P(A \wedge B)$$



Conditional probability $P(A|B)$

Bayes rule:

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$



Product rule

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

Conditional probability

Probability of A given B:

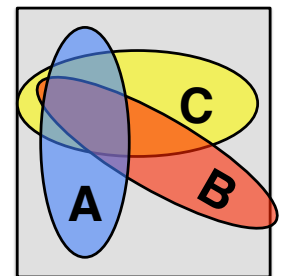
$$P(A | B)$$

Probability of A and B given C:

$$P(A, B | C)$$

Probability of A given B and C:

$$P(A | B, C)$$



Conditional probability

If A and B are **events** (A: 'red', (B: 'triangle'),
 $P(A | B)$: probability of event A given event B.
 $P(\text{red} | \text{triangle})$

If A and B are **random variables** (A: 'color', B: 'shape'),
 $P(A | B)$ is a set of distributions (one per value of B):
 $P(\text{color} = \text{red} | \text{shape} = \text{'triangle'})$,
 $P(\text{color} = \text{blue} | \text{shape} = \text{'triangle'})$,
 $P(\text{color} = \text{yellow} | \text{shape} = \text{'triangle'})$,
 $P(\text{color} = \text{red} | \text{shape} = \text{'square'})$
...

Chain rule

Extends the product rule to multiple variables:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1) \\ \times P(X_2 | X_1) \\ \times P(X_3 | X_{1..2}) \\ \times \dots \\ \times P(X_i | X_{1..i-1}) \\ \times \dots \\ \times P(X_n | X_{1..n-1})$$

The parameters of a distribution

How many numbers do we need to specify a distribution?

Bernoulli distribution:

1 parameter (two, but one is implied)

Categorical distribution:

N-1 parameters (N, but one is implied)

Parameters of joint distributions

Joint distribution of N Bernoulli RVs:

2^N parameters

How many models does a formula with N propositional variables have?

Answer: 2^N

Full joint probability distribution

		Weather			
		Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy	Snowy
Have Fun?	Yes	0.25	0.15	0.05	0.13
	No	0.05	0.1	0.25	0.02

Probabilities for each atomic event

Marginal Probabilities: $P(\text{Sunny})$, $P(\text{Fun})$, etc
(Written in the margins)

Conditional Probabilities: $P(\text{Fun}|\text{Sunny})$

		Weather			
		Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy	Snowy
Have Fun?	Yes	0.25	0.15	0.05	0.13
	No	0.05	0.1	0.25	0.02

$P(\text{Rainy})$

$= 0.05 + 0.25$

$= 0.3$

This is the **marginal probability**

		Weather			
		Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy	Snowy
Have Fun?	Yes	0.25	0.15	0.05	0.13
	No	0.05	0.1	0.25	0.02

$P(\text{Rainy} | \neg \text{Sunny})$

$= \frac{P(\text{Rainy} \wedge \neg \text{Sunny})}{P(\neg \text{Sunny})}$

$= 0.3 / 0.7 \approx 0.43$

$P(\text{Fun} | \text{Sunny})$

$= \frac{P(\text{Fun} \wedge \text{Sunny})}{P(\text{Sunny})}$

$= 0.25 / 0.3 \approx 0.83$

		Weather			
		Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy	Snowy
Have Fun?	Yes	0.25	0.15	0.05	0.13
	No	0.05	0.1	0.25	0.02

Do I prefer Sun or Snow?

$P(\text{Fun} | \text{Snowy})$

$= 0.13 / 0.15 \approx 0.87$ So I prefer snow

Marginal distributions

If we only know the full joint $P(X, Y)$, we can still compute $P(X)$:

$$P(X) = \sum_y P(X, Y = y) = \sum_y P(X | Y = y) \times P(Y = y)$$

Parameters of conditional distributions

How many parameters does $P(A | B)$ have?

How many **distributions** does $P(A | B)$ stand for?

Answer: K_B ; one for each possible value of B .

How many parameters does $P(A | B=b)$ have?

Answer: K_A ; one for each possible value of A (minus one implied parameter)

So, $P(A | B)$ has $K_A \times K_B$ parameters

Joint distributions $P(X_1 \dots X_i \dots X_n)$

How many parameters does $P(A, B)$ have?

Answer: $K_A \times K_B$ parameters

In general:

The joint distribution of n discrete random variables $X_1 \dots X_i \dots X_n$ with K_i possible outcomes each has $K_1 \times \dots \times K_i \times \dots \times K_n$ parameters.

Independence

Two random variables X and Y are independent if $P(X, Y) = P(X) \times P(Y)$

If X and Y are independent: $P(X | Y) = P(X)$:

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

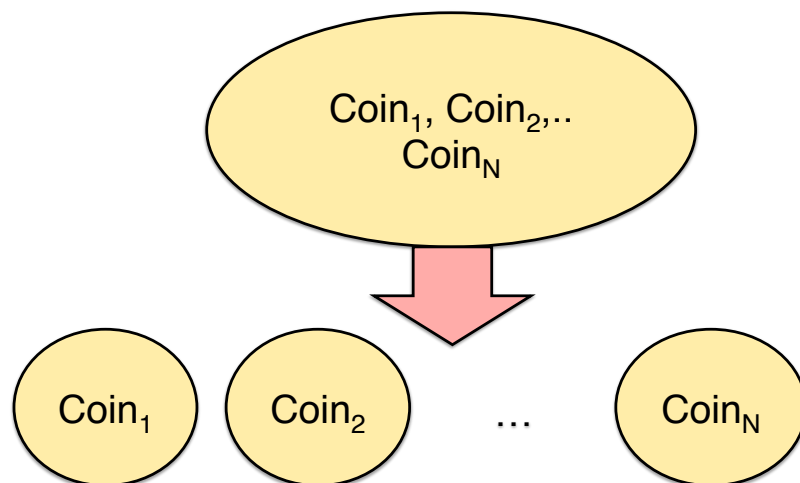
X, Y are independent

Conditional Independence

Two random variables X and Y are conditionally independent given Z

if $P(X, Y | Z) = P(X | Z) \times P(Y | Z)$

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Independence assumptions

In probabilistic modeling, we often **assume** random variables X , Y , Z are independent

Therefore we can **factor** the distribution:

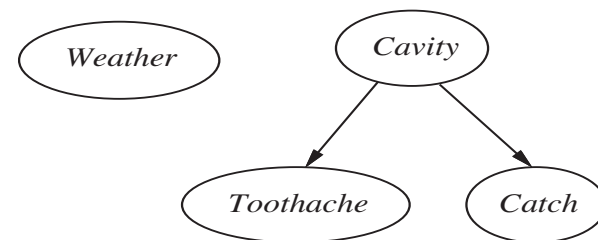
$$P(X, Y, Z) = P(X) \times P(Y) \times P(Z)$$

How many parameters do we need to know to specify $P(X, Y, Z)$?

Only $K_X + K_Y + K_Z$

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Bayesian networks



We have four random variables
Weather is independent of cavity, toothache and catch
Toothache and catch both depend on cavity.

Bayes Net

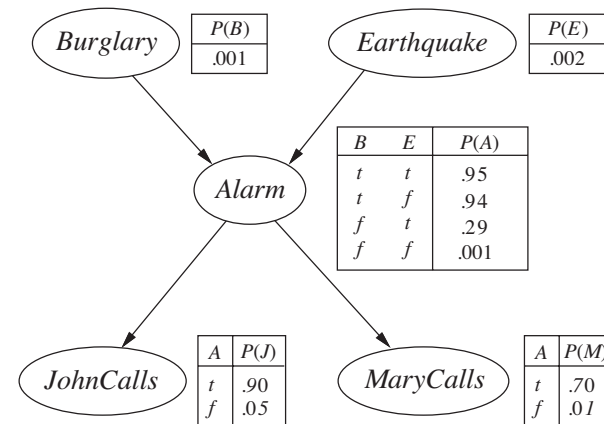
Each random variable is a node.

Each node depends only on its parent.

Each node is conditionally independent of its siblings

Each node specifies a conditional probability table (CPT)

The parameters of a Bayes Net



To conclude...

Today's key concepts

- **CONCEPT:**
explanation
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Your tasks

- **Reading:**
- **Compass quiz:**
- **Assignments:**