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**Instructions**

- Please write your NetID on the top of every page.
- This is a **CLOSED BOOK** exam. You will be permitted to bring one 8.5x11 page of handwritten notes (front & back).
- Calculators are not permitted. You need not simplify explicit numerical expressions.

**Possibly Useful Formulas****Search:**

$$\text{Admissible Heuristic: } h(n) \leq d(n)$$

$$\text{Consistent Heuristic: } h(m) - h(n) \leq d(m) - d(n) \text{ if } d(m) - d(n) \geq 0$$

**Belief Propagation:**

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

$$P(A, C) = \sum_b P(A, B = b, C)$$

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

**Expectation Maximization:**

$$P(B = b|A = a) \leftarrow \frac{E[\# \text{ times } A = a, B = b]}{E[\# \text{ times } A = a]}$$

$$E[\# \text{ times } A = a, B = b] = \sum_t P(A_t = a, B_t = b | \text{observations on day } t)$$

**HMM:**

$$P(Y_1, X_1, \dots, Y_T, X_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T P(Y_t|Y_{t-1})P(X_t|Y_t)$$

**Viterbi Algorithm:**

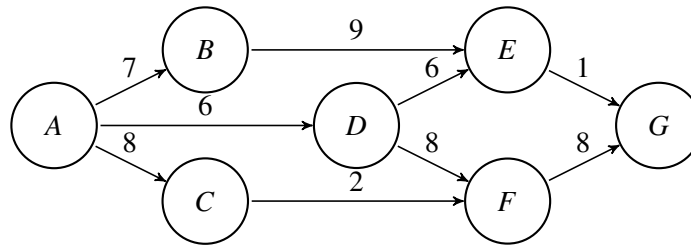
$$e_{i,j,t} = a_{j,i}b_{j,k}$$

$$v_{i,1} = \pi_i b_{i,x_1}$$

$$v_{j,t} = \max_i v_{i,t-1} e_{i,j,t}$$

**Question 1** (7 points)

Consider the following search graph. The starting state is A, the goal state is G, and the cost of each possible action is shown on the corresponding edge:



Suppose that the states shown have the following heuristics:

|          | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $h(n)$ : | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

A\* search (with repetitions avoided using an explored set) is applied to this graph to find the shortest path.

- What states are expanded, and
- what is the shortest path?

**Solution:** Expanded states: A,D,C,E,G  
**Shortest path:** A,D,E,G

**Question 2** (7 points)

A typical freight management problem seeks to deliver several large objects from point  $A$  to point  $B$  using a truck that can carry up to  $M$  kilograms. First, you weigh each of the objects, so that you know its mass. Then you use the following search problem to devise an optimal plan:

- State:  $S$  = a list of the objects that have not yet been delivered.
- Action: Load a set of objects onto the truck, take them from  $A$  to  $B$ , then return the truck from  $B$  to  $A$ .
- Cost: Each trip from  $A$  to  $B$  has a cost of 1, regardless of the weight of the objects on the truck. Your goal is simply to minimize the number of trips.

Define a nonzero heuristic for this problem, and prove that your heuristic is admissible.

**Solution:** A reasonable heuristic is the sum of the weights of all objects that have not yet been delivered, divided by  $M$ .

$d(S)$  is the total number of trips remaining. The truck can only carry up to  $M$  kilograms per trip, therefore  $d(S) \geq \frac{1}{M}$ (mass of remaining objects).

**Question 3** (7 points)

The figure below shows a map of the 7 provinces of Costa Rica, donated to Wikipedia by Pixeltoo.



Your goal is to color each of these 7 provinces Red, Green, or Blue, in such a way that no two neighboring provinces have the same color.

Answer the following three questions using the LRV, MCV, and LCV heuristics.

- (a) Suppose that none of the regions have been colored yet. Which region should be colored first, and why?

**Solution:** Region 6 should be colored first, because it constrains the largest number of other provinces (MCV).

- (b) Suppose that region 1 has been colored Red, and no other regions have been colored. Now you want to find a color for region 2. What color should region 2 be colored, and why?

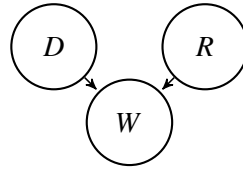
**Solution:** Region 2 should be colored Red also, because that is the only choice that will leave region 7 with more than one possible color (LCV).

- (c) Suppose that region 1 has been colored Red, and region 2 has been colored Green. What region should be colored next, and why?

**Solution:** Region 7 should be colored next, because it has only one possible color (LRV).

**Question 4 (7 points)**

Consider the following Bayesian network:



Suppose that the model parameters are as follows:

$$P(D = d) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } d \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$P(R = r) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } r \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$P(W = T | D = d, R = r) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & d \geq r \\ \frac{1}{3} & d < r \end{cases}$$

What is  $P(D = 2 | W = T)$ ?

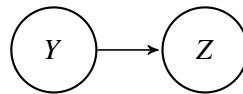
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} P(D = 2 | W = T) &= \frac{\sum_{r=1}^2 P(D = 2, R = r, W = T)}{\sum_{d=1}^2 \sum_{r=1}^2 P(D = d, R = r, W = T)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

If you wish, you can simplify the last formula to  $4/7$ , but it's not required.

**Question 5** (7 points)

Consider the following Bayesian network, showing the relationship between two binary variables  $Y$  and  $Z$ :



Suppose that you've been given the following initial estimates of the model parameters, where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are some arbitrary constants:

$$P(Y = T) = a, \quad P(Z = T|Y = F) = b, \quad P(Z = T|Y = T) = c$$

You are now trying to re-estimate the values of these model parameters. You have observed the values of the variables on five consecutive days, but on the fifth day, the value of  $Y$  was unobserved (labeled with a "?" in the table below:

|                | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Value of $Y$ : | T     | F     | T     | F     | ?     |
| Value of $Z$ : | F     | F     | F     | T     | T     |

For this table, in terms of the current model parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , what is the expected number of days on which  $Y = T$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\# \text{ days } Y = T] &= 2 + P(Y = T|Z = T) \\
 &= 2 + \frac{ac}{ac + (1-a)b}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 6** (7 points)

Your apartment is haunted by a ghost. Like most ghosts, your ghost tends to sleep for several days at a time. Let  $Y_t = T$  if the ghost is awake on day  $t$ . You can't see the ghost, but if the ghost is awake, your cat tends to hide under the bed; let  $X_t = T$  if your cat is hiding under the bed on day  $t$ . Suppose that these probabilities are given by the following distribution, where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are arbitrary constants:

| $Y_{t-1}$ | $P(Y_t = T   Y_{t-1})$ |
|-----------|------------------------|
| F         | $a$                    |
| T         | $b$                    |

| $Y_t$ | $P(X_t = T   Y_t)$ |
|-------|--------------------|
| F     | $c$                |
| T     | $d$                |

Suppose you know that the ghost was asleep on day 0 ( $Y_0 = F$ ). You don't know whether or not it was awake on day 1, but you know that your cat hid under the bed ( $X_1 = T$ ). In terms of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and/or  $d$ , find  $P(Y_1 = T | Y_0 = F, X_1 = T)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Y_1 = T | Y_0 = F, X_1 = T) &= \frac{P(Y_1 = T, X_1 = T | Y_0 = F)}{P(X_1 = T | Y_0 = F)} \\
 &= \frac{ad}{ad + (1-a)c}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Question 7 (7 points)**

Consider an HMM with state variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_T$  and observations  $X_1, \dots, X_T$ . Suppose that the model has the following parameters, where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are some arbitrary constants:

| $Y_{t-1}$ | $P(Y_t = 2 Y_{t-1})$ |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 1         | $a$                  |
| 2         | $b$                  |

| $Y_t$ | $P(X_t = 2 Y_t)$ |
|-------|------------------|
| 1     | $c$              |
| 2     | $d$              |

For a particular observation sequence  $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_T = x_T$ , define the Viterbi vertex probability to be

$$v_{j,t} = \max_{y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}} P(Y_1 = y_1, X_1 = x_1, \dots, Y_{t-1} = y_{t-1}, X_{t-1} = x_{t-1}, Y_t = j, X_t = x_t)$$

Suppose that  $v_{j,t}$  has been calculated, and has been found to have the following values, where  $e$  and  $f$  are some arbitrary constants:

$$v_{1,t} = e$$

$$v_{2,t} = f$$

Furthermore, suppose that  $x_{t+1} = 2$ . In terms of the constants  $a, b, c, d, e$ , and/or  $f$ , what are  $v_{1,t+1}$  and  $v_{2,t+1}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$v_{1,t+1} = \max(e(1-a)c, f(1-b)c)$$

$$v_{2,t+1} = \max(ead, fbd)$$