Al Programming CS662-2013S-15 Probability Theory

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15-0: Uncertainty

- In many interesting agent environments, uncertainty plays a central role.
- Actions may have nondeterministic effects.
 - Shooting an arrow at a target, retrieving a web page, moving
- Agents may not know the true state of the world.
 - Incomplete sensors, dynamic environment
- Relations between facts may not be deterministic.
 - Sometimes it rains when it's cloudy.
 - Sometimes I play tennis when it's humid.
- Rational agents will need to deal with uncertainty.

15-1: Logic and Uncertainty

- We've already seen how to use logic to deal with uncertainty.
 - *Studies*(*Bart*) \lor *WatchesTV*(*Bart*)
 - Hungry(Homer) ⇒ Eats(Homer, HotDog) ∨ Eats(Homer, Pie)
 - $\exists x Hungry(x)$
- Unfortunately, the logical approach has some drawbacks.

15-2: Weaknesses with logic

• Qualifying all possible outcomes.

- "If I leave now, I'll be on time, unless there's an earthquake, or I run out of gas, or there's an accident ..."
- We may not know all possible outcomes.
 - "If a patient has a toothache, she may have a cavity, or may have gum disease, or maybe something else we don't know about."
- We have no way to talk about the likelihood of events.
 - "It's possible that I'll get hit by lightning today."

15-3: Qualitative vs. Quantitative

- Logic gives us a *qualitative* approach to uncertainty.
 - We can say that one event is more common than another, or that something is a possibility.
 - Useful in cases where we don't have statistics, or we want to reason more abstractly.
- Probability allows us to reason *quantitatively*
 - We assign concrete values to the chance of an event occurring and derive new concrete values based on observations.

15-4: Uncertainty and Rationality

- Recall our definition of rationality:
 - A rational agent is one that acts to maximize its performance measure.
- How do we define this in an uncertain world?
- We will say that an agent has a *utility* for different outcomes, and that those outcomes have a *probability* of occurring.
- An agent can then consider each of the possible outcomes, their utility, and the probability of that outcome occurring, and choose the action that produces the highest *expected* (or average) utility.
- The theory of combining preferences over outcomes with the probability of an outcome's occurrence is called *decision theory*.
 - Talk a bit more about decision theory after we've covered probability theory.

15-5: **Basic Probability**

- A probability signifies a *belief* that a proposition is true.
 - P(BartStudied) = 0.01
 - P(Hungry(Homer)) = 0.99
- The proposition itself is true or false we just don't know which.
- This is different than saying the sentence is partially true.
 - "Bart is short" this is *sort of* true, since "short" is a vague term.
- An agent's *belief state* is a representation of the probability of the value of each proposition of interest.

15-6: Notation

- A *Random Variable* (or just *variable*) is a variable whose value can be described using probabilities
 - Use Upper Case for variables -X, Y, Z, etc.
- Random Variables can have discrete or continuous values (for now, we will assume discrete values)
 - use lower case for values of variables x, y, x₁, x₂, etc.
- *P*(*X* = *x*) is the probability that variable *X* has the value *x*
 - Can also be written as P(x)

15-7: Notation

• If variable X can have the values $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$, then the expression P(X) stands for a vector which contains $P(X = x_k)$, for all values x_k of X

 $P(X) = [P(X = x_1), P(X = x_2), \dots P(X = x_n)]$

• If *D* is a variable that represents the value of a fair die, then

P(D) = [1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6]

15-8: Notation

- Variable W, represents Weather, which can have values sunny, cloudy, rain, or snow.
 - P(W = sunny) = 0.7
 - P(W = cloudy) = 0.2
 - P(W = rain) = 0.08
 - P(W = snow) = 0.02
- P(W) = [0.7, 0.2, 0.08, 0.02]

$$P(x, y) = P(X = x \land Y = y)$$

- Given two fair dice D_1 and D_2 : $P(D_1 = 3, D_2 = 4) = 1/36$
- P(X, Y) represents the set of P(x, y) for all values x of X and y of Y. Thus, P(D₁, D₂) represents 36 different values.

15-10: Notation – Binary Variables

- If *X* has two values (false and true), we can represent:
 - P(X = false) as $P(\neg x)$, and
 - P(X = true) as P(x)

15-11: Conditional Probability

- P(x|y) = Probability that X = x given that all we know is Y = y
- P(cavity|toothache) = 0.8
- *P*(*Cavity*|*Toothache*) represents 4 values:

 $\begin{bmatrix} P(\neg cavity | \neg toothache) & P(cavity | \neg toothache) \\ P(\neg cavity | toothache) & P(cavity | toothache) \end{bmatrix}$

15-12: Conditional Probability

• We can define conditional probabilities in terms of unconditional probabilities.

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a,b)}{P(b)}$$

Whenever P(b) > 0

- P(a,b) = P(a|b)P(b) = P(b|a)P(a)
- P(A, B) = P(A|B)P(B) means P(a, b) = P(a|b)P(b) for all values a, b

15-13: Axioms of Probability

- $0 \le P(a) \le 1$
- P(true) = 1, P(false) = 0
- $P(a \lor b) = P(a) + P(b) P(a \land b)$

Everything follows from these three axioms

For instance, prove $P(x) = 1 - P(\neg x)$

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- $P(a \lor b) = P(a) + P(b) P(a \land b)$

$$P(x \lor \neg x) = P(x) + P(\neg x) - P(x \land \neg x)$$

$$1 = P(x) + P(\neg x) - 0$$

$$1 - P(\neg x) = P(x)$$

$$P(x) = 1 - P(\neg x)$$

15-15: Joint Probability

- Probability for all possible values of all possible variables cavity toothache 0.04

 - -cavity toothache 0.01
 - -cavity -toothache 0.89
- From the joint, we can calculate anything

15-16: Joint Probability

- Probability for all possible values of all possible variables
 - cavitytoothache0.04cavity¬toothache0.06¬cavitytoothache0.01¬cavity¬toothache0.89
- From the joint, we can calculate anything
 - P(cavity) = 0.04 + 0.06 = 0.01
 - $P(\text{cavity} \lor \text{toothache}) = 0.04 + 0.06 + 0.01$ = 0.11
 - P(cavity|toothache) = P(c, t)/P(t)= 0.04 / (0.04 + 0.01) = 0.80

15-17: Joint Probability

| sunny | windy | playTennis | 0.1 |
|---------|---------|--------------|------|
| sunny | windy | ¬ playTennis | 0.1 |
| sunny | – windy | playTennis | 0.3 |
| sunny | ¬ windy | ¬ playTennis | 0.05 |
| ⊐ sunny | windy | playTennis | 0.05 |
| ⊐ sunny | windy | ¬ playTennis | 0.2 |
| ¬ sunny | ¬ windy | playTennis | 0.1 |
| ¬ sunny | ¬ windy | ¬ playTennis | 0.1 |

- P(sunny)?
- $P(playTennis|\neg windy)$?
- P(playTennis)?
- $P(playTennis|sunny \land \neg windy)?$
 - (also written *P*(*playTennis*|*sunny*, ¬*windy*))

15-18: Joint Probability

- Joint can tell us everything
- Calculate the joint, read off what you want to know
- This will *not* work!

15-19: Joint Probability

- Joint can tell us everything
- Calculate the joint, read off what you want to know
- This will *not* work!
 - *x* different variables, each of which has *v* values
 - Size of joint = v^x
 - 50 variables, each has 7 values, 1.8 * 10⁴² table entires

15-20: Conditional Probability

- Working with the joint is impractical
- Work with conditional probabilities instead
- Manipulate conditional probabilities based on definition:

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

(when P(B) is always > 0)

15-21: Conditional Probability

 Just as we can define conditional probability given probability of a conjunction (AND), we can define the probability of a conjunction given a conditional probability

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

15-22: Conditional Probability

Example:

- P(cloudy) = 0.25
- P(rain) = 0.25
- $P(cloudy \land rain) = 0.15$
- $P(cloudy \land \neg rain) = 0.1$
- $P(\neg cloudy \land rain) = 0.1$
- $P(\neg cloudy \land \neg rain) = 0.65$
 - Initially, P(Rain) = 0.25. Once we see that it's cloudy, $P(rain|cloudy) = P\frac{(rain \land cloudy)}{P(cloudy)} = \frac{0.15}{0.25} = 0.6$

15-23: Independence

- In some cases, we can simplify matters by noticing that one variable has no effect on another.
- For example, what if we add a fourth variable *DayOfWeek* to our Rain calculation?
- Since the day of the week will not affect the probability of rain, we can assert
 P(rain|cloudy, monday) = P(rain|cloudy, tuesday)... = P(rain|cloudy)
- We say that *DayOfWeek* and *Rain* are independent.
- We can then split the larger joint probability distribution into separate subtables.
- Independence will help us divide the domain into separate pieces.

15-24: Bayes' Rule

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

• Also known as Bayes' theorem (or Bayes' law).

15-25: Bayes' Rule

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

Generalize Bayes Rule, with additional evidence E:

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

15-26: Bayes' theorem example

- Say we know:
 - Meningitis causes a stiff neck in 50% of patients.
 - P(stiffNeck|meningitis) = 0.5
 - Prior probability of meningitis is 1/50000.
 - P(meningitis) = 0.00002
 - Prior probability of a stiff neck is 1/20
 - P(stiffNeck) = 0.05
- A patient comes to use with a stiff neck. What is the probability she has meningitis?

• $\frac{P(meningitis|stiffNeck) =}{\frac{P(stiffNeck|meningitis)P(meningitis)}{P(stiffNeck)}} = \frac{0.5 \times 0.00002}{0.05} = 0.0002$

15-27: Using Bayes Rule

- Rare disease, strikes one in every 10,000
- Test for the disease that is 95% accurate:
 - P(t|d) = 0.95
 - $P(\neg t | \neg d) = 0.95$
- Someone tests positive for the disease, what is the probability that they have it?

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$$P(d|t) = ?$$

15-28: Using Bayes Rule

- P(d) = 0.0001
- P(t|d) = 0.95
- $P(\neg t | \neg d) = 0.95$

P(d|t) = P(t|d)P(d)/P(t)

15-29: Using Bayes Rule

- P(d) = 0.0001
- P(t|d) = 0.95 (and hence $P(\neg t|d) = 0.05$)
- $P(\neg t | \neg d) = 0.95$ (and hence $P(t | \neg d) = 0.05$)

P(d|t) = P(t|d)P(d)/P(t)

15-30: Using Bayes Rule

- P(d) = 0.0001
- P(t|d) = 0.95
- $P(\neg t | \neg d) = 0.95$

P(d|t) = P(t|d)P(d)/P(t)

- $= 0.95 * 0.0001 / (P(t|d)P(d) + P(t|\neg d)P(\neg d))$
- = 0.95 * 0.0001 / (0.95 * 0.0001 + 0.05 * 0.9999)
- = 0.0019

15-31: Using Bayes Rule

- This is somewhat counter-intuitive
 - Test is 95% accurate
 - Test is positive
 - Only a 0.19% chance of having the disease!
 - Why?

15-32: Using Bayes Rule

- Note that for:
 - P(a|b) = P(b|a)P(a)/P(b)
- We needed P(b), which was a little bit of a pain to calculate
- We can often get away with *not* calculating it!

15-33: Using Bayes Rule

- $P(a|b) = \alpha P(b|a)P(a)$
- α is a normalizing constant
 - Calculate P(b|a)P(a), $P(b|\neg a)P(\neg a)$
 - $\alpha = \frac{1}{P(b|a)P(a) + P(b|\neg a)P(\neg a)}$
 - No magic here: $\alpha = \frac{1}{P(b)}$

15-34: Conditional Independence

- Variable A is conditionally independent of variable B, if P(A|B) = P(A)
- Notation: $(A \perp B)$
 - D roll of a fair die $(d_1 \dots d_6)$
 - *C* value of a coin flip (h or t)
 - P(D|C) = P(D)P(C|D) = P(C)
- $(A \perp \!\!\!\perp B) \Leftrightarrow (B \perp \!\!\!\perp A)$
- $P(A|B) = P(A) \Leftrightarrow P(B|A) = P(B)$

15-35: Conditional Independence

- If A and B are independent, then P(a, b) = P(a)P(b)
 - (Also used as a definition of conditional independence – two definitions are equivalent)
- P(a,b) = P(a|b)P(b) = P(a)P(b)

15-36: Conditional Independence

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- $P(R|S) \neq P(R)$
- P(R|S, A) = P(R|A)

• Notation: $(R \perp S | A)$

15-38: Monte Hall Problem

From the game show "Let's make a Deal"

- Pick one of three doors. Fabulous prize behind one door, goats behind other 2 doors
- Monty opens one of the doors you did not pick, shows a goat
- Monty then offers you the chance to switch doors, to the other unopened door
- Should you switch?

15-39: Monte Hall Problem

Problem Clarification:

- Prize location selected randomly
- Monty always opens a door, allows contestants to switch
- When Monty has a choice about which door to open, he chooses randomly.

Variables Prize: $P = p_A, p_B, p_C$ Choose: $C = c_A, c_B, c_C$ Monty: $M = m_A, m_B, m_C$

15-40: Monte Hall Problem

Without loss of generality, assume:

- Choose door A
- Monty opens door B

 $P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = ?$

15-41: Monte Hall Problem

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- Choose door A
- Monty opens door B

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

15-42: Monte Hall Problem

 $P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_A) \frac{P(p_A|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)}$

• $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = ?$

15-43: Monte Hall Problem

 $P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_A) \frac{P(p_A|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)}$

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
- $P(p_A|c_A) = ?$

15-44: Monte Hall Problem

 $P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_A) \frac{P(p_A|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)}$

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
- $P(p_A|c_A) = 1/3$
- $P(m_B|c_A) = ?$

15-45: Monte Hall Problem

 $P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_A) \frac{P(p_A|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)}$

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
- $P(p_A|c_A) = 1/3$
- $P(m_B|c_A) = P(m_b|c_A, p_A)P(p_A) + P(m_b|c_A, p_B)P(p_B) + P(m_b|c_A, p_C)P(p_C)$

15-46: Monte Hall Problem

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

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
- $P(p_A|c_A) = 1/3$
- $P(m_B|c_A) = P(m_b|c_A, p_A)P(p_A) + P(m_b|c_A, p_B)P(p_B) + P(m_b|c_A, p_C)P(p_C)$
 - $P(p_A) = P(p_B) = P(p_C) = 1/3$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_B) = 0$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_C) = 1$

Won't open prize door Monty has no choice

15-47: Monte Hall Problem

$$P(p_A|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_A) \frac{P(p_A|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)} = 1/3$$

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
- $P(p_A|c_A) = 1/3$
- $P(m_B|c_A) = P(m_b|c_A, p_A)P(p_A) + P(m_b|c_A, p_B)P(p_B) + P(m_b|c_A, p_C)P(p_C) = 1/2$
 - $P(p_A) = P(p_B) = P(p_C) = 1/3$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_B) = 0$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_C) = 1$

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15-48: Monte Hall Problem

$$P(p_C|c_A, m_B) = P(m_B|c_A, p_C) \frac{P(p_C|c_A)}{P(m_B|c_A)} = 2/3$$

- $P(m_B|c_A, p_C) = 1$
- $P(p_C|c_A) = 1/3$
- $P(m_B|c_A) = P(m_b|c_A, p_A)P(p_A) + P(m_b|c_A, p_B)P(p_B) + P(m_b|c_A, p_C)P(p_C) = 1/2$
 - $P(p_A) = P(p_B) = P(p_C) = 1/3$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_A) = 1/2$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_B) = 0$
 - $P(m_b|c_A, p_C) = 1$

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15-49: Rare Disease Redux

- Rare disease, strikes one in every 10,000
- Two tests, one 95% accurate, other 90% accurate:
 - $P(t1|d) = 0.95, P(\neg t1|\neg d) = 0.95$
 - $P(t2|d) = 0.90, P(\neg t2|\neg d) = 0.90$
- Tests use independent mechanisms to detect disease, and are conditionally independent, given disease state:
 - P(t1|d, t2) = P(t1|d)
- Both test are positive, what is the probability of disease?
 - P(d|t1, t2) = ?

15-50: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

= $P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$

15-51: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

= $P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$

P(t1|t2) = ?

15-52: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
$$= P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

$P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

15-53: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
$$= P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

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P(d|t2) = ?

15-54: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
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 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)}$

15-55: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

= $P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)}$

P(t2) = ?

15-56: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
$$= P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)}$

 $P(t2) = P(t2|d)P(d) + P(t2|\neg d)P(\neg d)$

15-57: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
$$= P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)}$

 $P(t2) = P(t2|d)P(d) + P(t2|\neg d)P(\neg d)$ = .10008

15-58: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

= $P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)} = 0.0009$

 $P(t2) = P(t2|d)P(d) + P(t2|\neg d)P(\neg d)$ = .10008

15-59: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$
$$= P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = 0.05081

- $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d)\frac{P(d)}{P(t2)} = 0.0009$
- $P(t2) = P(t2|d)P(d) + P(t2|\neg d)P(\neg d)$ = .10008

15-60: Rare Disease Redux

$$P(d|t1, t2) = P(t1|d, t2) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$$

= $P(t1|d) \frac{P(d|t2)}{P(t1|t2)}$
= 0.0168

 $P(t1|t2) = P(t1|t2, d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|t2, \neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = $P(t1|d)P(d|t2) + P(t1|\neg d)P(\neg d|t2)$ = 0.05081

 $P(d|t2) = P(t2|d) \frac{P(d)}{P(t2)} = 0.0009$

 $P(t2) = P(t2|d)P(d) + P(t2|\neg d)P(\neg d)$ = .10008

15-61: Probabilistic Reasoning

- Given:
 - Set of conditional probabilities (P(t1|d), etc)
 - Set of prior probabilities (*P*(*d*))
 - Conditional independence information (P(t1|d, t2) = P(t1|d))
- We can calculate any quantity that we like

15-62: Probabilistic Reasoning

- Given:
 - Set of conditional probabilities (P(t1|d), etc)
 - Set of prior probabilities (P(d))
 - Conditional independence information (P(t1|d, t2) = P(t1|d))
- We can calculate any quantity that we like
- Problems:
 - Hard to know exactly what data we need
 - Even given sufficient data, calculations can be complex – especially dealing with conditional independence

15-63: Probabilistic Reasoning

• Next time:

- Make some simplifying assumptions that are not theoretically sound, but give good results in practice
 - Naive Bayes
 - Works very well for spam filtering
- Use conditional independence to create a probabilistic alternative to rule-bases systems
 - Bayesian Networks