

# Introduction to Probability Theory 2

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# Schedule

- 22.10.2014 Calculate the probability of a given parse
- 23.10.2014 Solve the medical test Bayes' Rule problem
- 27.10.2014 Create a code for simplified Polynesian
- 29.10.2014 Identify types of machine learning problems
- 31.10.2014 Find a regression line for 2D data

# From last time

1. probability = what you want / what is possible
2. “and” = \* (times) [if independent]
3. “or” = + (plus) [if mutually exclusive]
4. logarithms = exponents
5. surprisal = the negative logarithm of probability

# Conditional probability example



# Definition of conditional probability

- $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) / p(\mathbf{B})$
- conditional = joint / normalizer
- “How likely is **A**, given that **B** happens?”
- “Germany wins the game” is a *predicate* that describes event **A** (a set of outcomes).

# Conditional probability and independence

- $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) / p(\mathbf{B})$
- Independent:  $p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{B})$
- Then,  $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{B}) / p(\mathbf{B})$
- $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A})$

# Conditional independence

- $p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{C}) = p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{C}) * p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{C})$
- Conditional independence does NOT imply independence.
- Independence does NOT imply conditional independence.

# The chain rule

- $p(\mathbf{A}_3, \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1) = p(\mathbf{A}_3 \mid \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1) * p(\mathbf{A}_2 \mid \mathbf{A}_1) * p(\mathbf{A}_1)$
- $p(\mathbf{A}_n, \dots, \mathbf{A}_1) = p(\mathbf{A}_n \mid \mathbf{A}_{n-1}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_1) * p(\mathbf{A}_{n-1}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_1)$
- chain rule = the conditional of the last times the joint of the rest

$$P \left( \bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k \right) = \prod_{k=1}^n P \left( A_k \mid \bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} A_j \right)$$



# Probabilistic context free grammar (PCFG)

$S \rightarrow NP VP (1.0)$

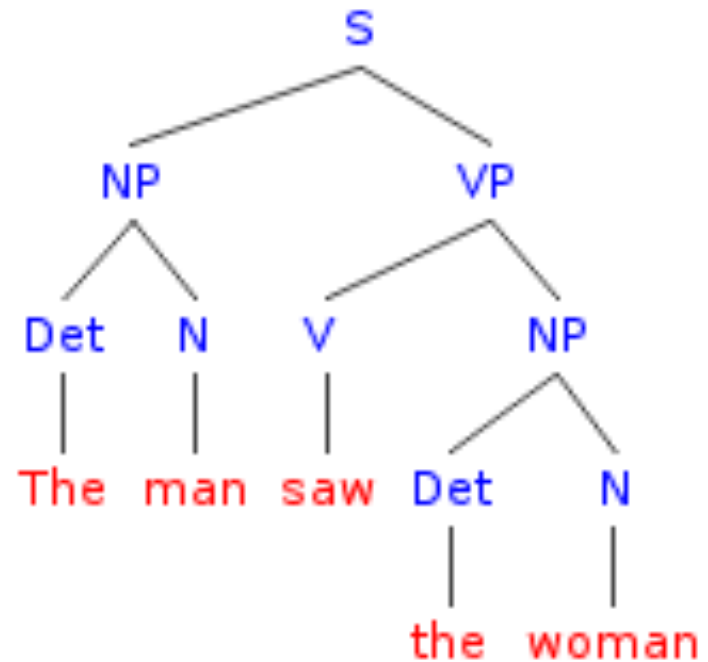
$NP \rightarrow Det N (0.8)$

$NP \rightarrow NP PP (0.2)$

$PP \rightarrow P NP (1.0)$

$VP \rightarrow V NP (0.7)$

$VP \rightarrow VP PP (0.3)$



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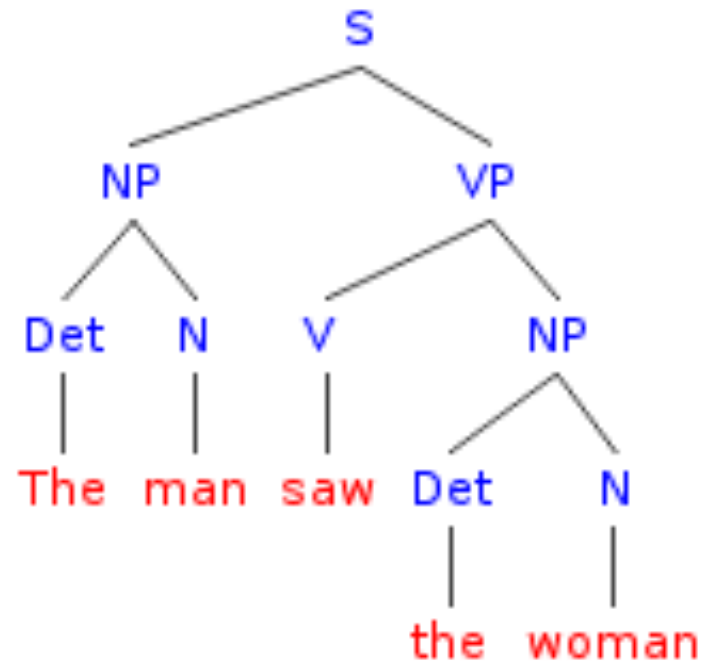
$$p(\text{Det}, \text{N} \mid \text{NP}) = 0.8$$

$$p(\text{NP}, \text{PP} \mid \text{NP}) = 0.2$$

$$p(\text{P}, \text{NP} \mid \text{PP}) = 1.0$$

$$p(\text{V}, \text{NP} \mid \text{VP}) = 0.7$$

$$p(\text{VP}, \text{PP} \mid \text{VP}) = 0.3$$



# Probability of a string

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{"the man saw the woman"} \mid S) \\ &= p(\text{"..."}, \text{NP}, \text{VP} \mid S) \text{ [marginal probability sum]} \\ &= p(\text{"..."} \mid \text{NP}, \text{VP}, S) * p(\text{NP}, \text{VP} \mid S) \text{ [Chain Rule]} \\ &= p(\text{"..."} \mid \text{NP}, \text{VP}, S) * (1.0) \text{ [grammar rule]} \\ &= p(\text{"..."} \mid \text{NP}, \text{VP}) * (1.0) \text{ [independence assumption]} \end{aligned}$$

Then split [using independence assumption]:

$$= p(\text{"the man"} \mid \text{NP}) * p(\text{"saw the woman"} \mid \text{VP}) * (1.0)$$

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# Probability of a string

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{"the man saw the woman"} \mid S) \\ &= p(\text{the} \mid \text{Det}) * p(\text{man} \mid \text{N}) * p(\text{saw} \mid \text{V}) * p(\text{the} \mid \\ & \quad \text{Det}) * p(\text{woman} \mid \text{N}) * (1.0)(0.8)(0.7)(0.8) \end{aligned}$$

These  $p(\text{WORD} \mid \text{TAG})$  terms are *lexical rules* and are usually part of the PCFG.

# Toy PCFG

$S \rightarrow NP VP$  (1.0)

$NP \rightarrow Det N$  (0.8)

$NP \rightarrow NP PP$  (0.2)

$PP \rightarrow P NP$  (1.0)

$VP \rightarrow V NP$  (0.7)

$VP \rightarrow VP PP$  (0.3)

$Det \rightarrow \text{"the"}$  (1.0)

$N \rightarrow \text{"man"}$  (0.5)

$N \rightarrow \text{"woman"}$  (0.5)

$V \rightarrow \text{"saw"}$  (1.0)

$P \rightarrow \text{"with"}$  (1.0)

# Toy PCFG

$$p(\text{NP, VP} \mid \text{S}) = 1.0$$

$$p(\text{Det, N} \mid \text{NP}) = 0.8$$

$$p(\text{NP, PP} \mid \text{NP}) = 0.2$$

$$p(\text{P, NP} \mid \text{PP}) = 1.0$$

$$p(\text{V, NP} \mid \text{VP}) = 0.7$$

$$p(\text{VP, PP} \mid \text{VP}) = 0.3$$

$$p(\text{the} \mid \text{Det}) = 1.0$$

$$p(\text{man} \mid \text{N}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{woman} \mid \text{N}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{saw} \mid \text{V}) = 1.0$$

$$p(\text{with} \mid \text{P}) = 1.0$$

# Probability of a string

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{"the man saw the woman"} \mid S) \\ &= p(\text{the} \mid \text{Det}) * p(\text{man} \mid \text{N}) * p(\text{saw} \mid \text{V}) \\ & * p(\text{the} \mid \text{Det}) * p(\text{woman} \mid \text{N}) * (1.0)(0.8)(0.7)(0.8) \end{aligned}$$

probability of a string (PCFG) =  
product of used rules (grammatical and lexical)

# Probability of a string

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{"the man saw the woman"} \mid S) \\ &= (1.0)(0.5)(1.0)(1.0)(0.5)(1.0)(0.8)(0.7)(0.8) \\ &= 0.112 \end{aligned}$$

probability of a string (PCFG) =  
product of used rules (grammatical and lexical)



# Bayes' rule

- So, we have  $p(\text{"..."} \mid S)$ .
- What if we want  $p(S \mid \text{"..."})$ ?
- By the Chain Rule,  $p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) * p(\mathbf{B})$
- Also, by the Chain Rule,  $p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{A})$
- So,  $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) * p(\mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{A})$
- Or:  $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{A}) / p(\mathbf{B})$

# Parts of Bayes' rule

$$p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{A}) / p(\mathbf{B})$$

posterior            likelihood \* prior    /    normalizer

# The most likely event

- Event alternatives:  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$
- Common context event:  $B$
- $\operatorname{argmax}_i p(A_i | B) = \operatorname{argmax}_i p(B | A_i) * p(A_i) / p(B)$   
 $= \operatorname{argmax}_i p(B | A_i) * p(A_i)$

# Medical test Bayes' rule problem

- Rare disease: affects 1 in 10,000 people.
  - If someone has the disease, s/he will test positive with probability 0.97.
  - If someone does not have the disease, s/he will test positive with probability 0.01.
  - You just tested positive for the disease.
1. What is your most likely health status?
  2. What is the probability that you have the disease?

# Medical test Bayes' rule problem

- $p(\text{disease}) = 0.0001$  [prior]
  - $p(\text{positive} \mid \text{disease}) = 0.97$  [likelihood]
  - $p(\text{positive} \mid \neg\text{disease}) = 0.01$  [for normalizer]
1.  $p(\text{positive} \mid \text{disease}) * p(\text{disease}) ? p(\text{positive} \mid \neg\text{disease}) * p(\neg\text{disease})$
  2.  $p(\text{disease} \mid \text{positive}) = p(\text{positive} \mid \text{disease}) * p(\text{disease}) / p(\text{positive})$

# Exercises

1. Memorize the green statements:
  1. conditional = joint / normalizer
  2. chain rule: joint = conditional of last \* joint of rest
  3. probability of a string (PCFG) = product of used rules
  4. Bayes' rule:  $p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}) = p(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) * p(\mathbf{A}) / p(\mathbf{B})$
  5. Bayes' rule: posterior = likelihood \* prior / normalizer
2. Solve the medical test Bayes' Rule problem (slide 20).