

Variable Elimination "VE" Algorithm:-

- Manipulate probability tables as "factor":

factor = a representation of a function from Random Variable Values to numbers.

Example

Random Variable X, Y, Z = they are boolean

A probability distribution is a factor with the constraint that $\sum \text{val} = 1$ extra

X	Y	Z	val
t	t	t	0.1
t	t	f	0.9
t	f	t	0.2
t	f	f	0.8
f	t	t	0.4
f	t	f	0.6
f	f	t	0.3
f	f	f	0.7

$r(X, Y, Z)$

Operations on "factors"

- fix value of a variable

$$r(X=t, Y, Z) = r^t(Y, Z) =$$

Y	Z	val
t	t	0.1
t	f	0.9
f	t	0.2
f	f	0.8

- Multiply factors:

$$f_1(A, B) \quad f_2(B, C)$$

$$f_1 * f_2 = f_3(A, B, C) = f_1(A, B) \cdot f_2(B, C)$$

Example:

f_1

A, B		val
t	t	0.1
t	f	0.9
f	t	0.2
f	f	0.8

f_2

B, C		val
t	t	0.3
t	f	0.7
f	t	0.6
f	f	0.4

f_3

A	B	C	val
t	t	t	0.03
t	t	f	0.07
t	f	t	0.54
t	f	f	0.36
f	t	t	0.06
f	t	f	0.14
f	f	t	0.48
f	f	f	0.32

Annotations: 0.1×0.3 , 0.1×0.7 , 0.9×0.6 , 0.2×0.3

- Sum a variable out.

$$\sum_B f_1(A, B, C) = f_2(A, C)$$

$$f_2(A, C) = f_2(A, B=t, C) + f_2(A, B=f, C)$$

Example:

A	B	C	val
t	t	t	0.03
t	t	f	0.07
t	f	t	0.54
t	f	f	0.36
f	t	t	0.06
f	t	f	0.14
f	f	t	0.48
f	f	f	0.32

$$\sum_B f_2 = f_2$$

A	C	val
t	t	0.57
t	f	0.43
f	t	0.54
f	f	0.46

$0.03 + 0.54$
 $0.36 + 0.07$
 $0.06 + 0.48$
 $0.14 + 0.32$

- Posterior probability

want: $P(Z | Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, Y_3 = v_3, \dots, Y_n = v_n)$

$$p(h|e) = \frac{p(h \wedge e)}{p(e)}$$

$$= \frac{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, Y_3 = v_3, \dots, Y_n = v_n)}{P(Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, Y_3 = v_3, \dots, Y_n = v_n)}$$

$$= \frac{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, \dots, Y_n = v_n)}{\sum_Z P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, \dots, Y_n = v_n)}$$

equal.

To compute $P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, Y_2 = v_2, \dots, Y_n = v_n)$ the VE algorithm

- 1) Construct a factor from each conditional probability
- 2) Set the observed variables Y to their observed values.
- 3) Sum out all other variables. (In some ordering)
- 4) Multiply remaining factors and Normalize

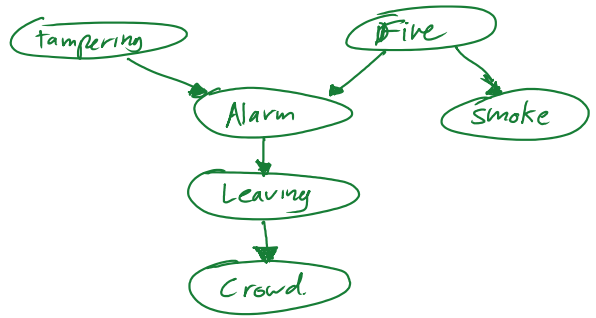
$$f(Z) / \sum_Z f(Z) =$$

EXAMPLE:

Recall the alarm domain.



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$$P(T \mid S=t \wedge C=t) = ?$$

Conditional Probability Tables

- $P(T)$
- $P(F)$
- $P(A \mid F, T)$
- $P(S \mid F)$
- $P(L \mid A)$
- $P(C \mid L)$

factors

- $f_0(T)$
- $\times f_1(F)$
- $\times f_2(A, F, T)$
- $\times f_3(F) \quad S = \text{true}$
- $\times f_4(L, A)$
- $\times f_5(L) \quad C = \text{true}$

Eliminate **Fire**

$$f_1(F) * f_2(A, F, T) * f_3(F) = f(A, F, T)$$

$$\sum_F f(A, F, T) = \times f_6(T, A)$$

Eliminate **Alarm**:

$$f_4(L, A) * f_6(T, A) = f(L, A, T) \quad \sum_A f(L, A, T) = \times f_7(L, T)$$

Eliminate **Leaving**:

$$f_5(L) * f_7(L, T) = f(L, T) \quad \sum_L f(L, T) = f_8(T)$$

$$f_0(T) - f_8(T) = f_9(T) \text{ is prop. } P(T, S=t \wedge C=t)$$

$$\frac{f_9(T)}{\sum_T f_9(T)} = P(T \mid S=t \wedge C=t)$$

↘ $P(S=t \wedge C=t)$

$$P(h|e) = \frac{P(h \wedge e)}{P(e)}$$