

Exam Probabilistic Programming 2020

April 16, 08:45–11:45

General Information:

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- Check that your copy of the exam consists of **five exercises**.
- This is an **open exam**, i.e. all lecture material (slides, exercises, solutions to the exercises) is permitted.
- Write with blue or black ink; do **not** use a pencil or red ink.
- You are neither allowed the help of anyone to complete your exam, nor is it allowed to help anyone else in completing this exam.
- Any attempt at deception leads to failure for this exam, even if detected later.
- Your exam is only valid if the integrity statement on the next page is signed by ticking the box.
- You are supposed to send your solutions to the exam via e-mail to m.gerhold@utwente.nl.
- Your solutions need to be send in a **single** pdf-file or jpg-file and must be received ultimately on **Thursday April 16, noon (12:00, CEST)**.
- During the exam, Marcuc Gerhold is on-line available for questions via Canvas (conference).

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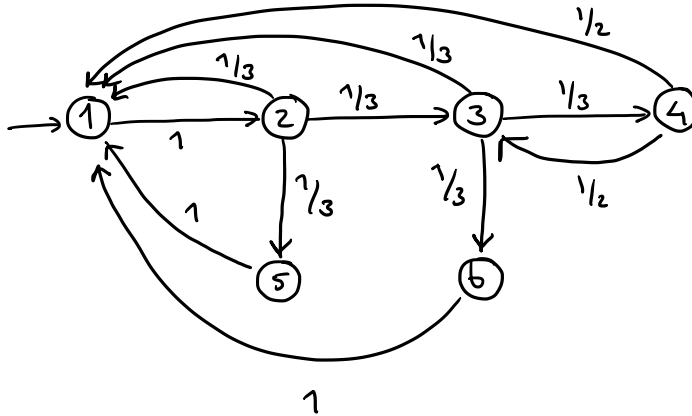
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Exercise 1 (Markov Chain Analysis)

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Consider the Markov chain depicted below:



$$r(5) = r(6) = 10$$

$$r(1) = r(2) = r(3) =$$

$$r(4) = 0$$

- (a) [4%] Determine $\Pr^M(\diamond\{4\})$.
- (b) [4%] Determine $ER^M(\diamond\{4\})$.
- (c) [4%] Determine $ER^M(\diamond\{4\} \mid \neg\diamond\{5, 6\})$.

Provide intermediate steps such that your computations are comprehensible.

Exercise 2 (Weakest Pre-expectations)**20%**

Consider the following pGCL program P_a where a is a rational number in the interval $[0, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\ell := 1\} [1/4] \{\ell := 0\}; \\ & \{r := 1 - \ell\} [1/3] \{r := 0\}; \\ & \{t := 1 - (\ell+r)\} [a] \{t := 0\}; \\ & d := 1 - (r+\ell+t); \\ & x := x + r - \ell; \\ & y := y + t - d \end{aligned}$$

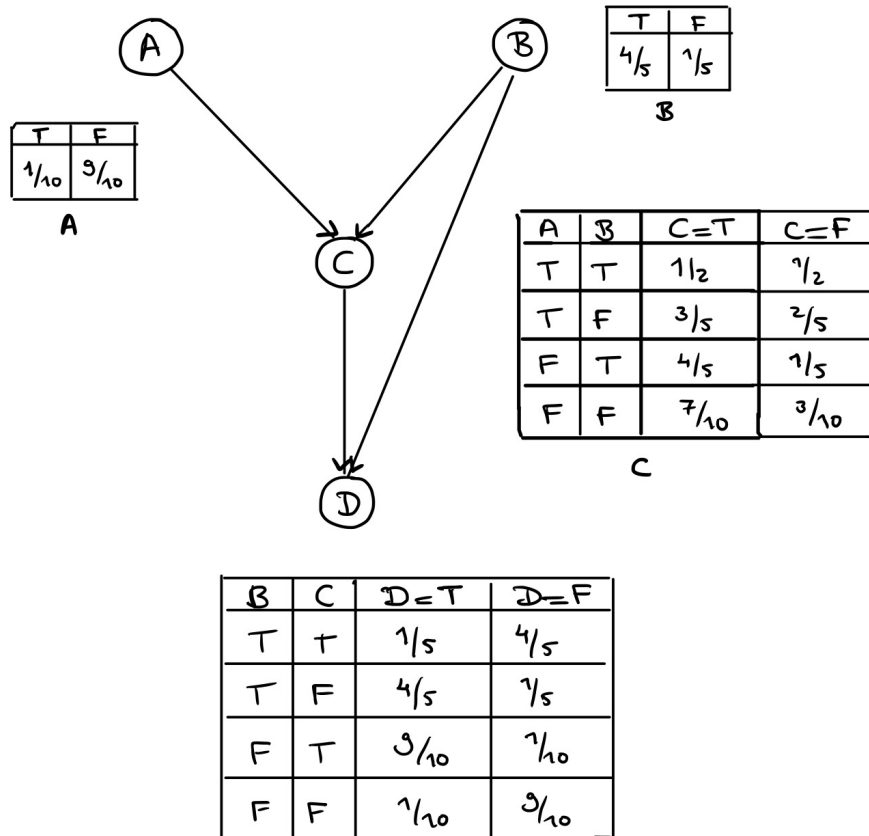
Determine for which values of a the following statement holds:

$$wp(x := y; P_a, x) = wp(P_a, y)$$

Exercise 3 (Bayesian Networks)

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Consider the Bayesian network depicted below:



- [4%] Given an expression for the joint probability distribution of the Bayesian network.
- [4%] Determine $\Pr(B = T \mid D = F \wedge A = T)$
- [4%] Determine the pGCL program of the Bayesian network for the evidence $D = F \wedge A = T$
- [6%] Determine the expected run-time of your pGCL program using the following equation:

$$\text{ert}(\text{repeat } Seq \text{ until } G, f) = \frac{1 + \text{ert}(Seq, [G].f)}{wp(Seq, [G])}$$

where Seq stands for the sequential composition of the programs for the Bayesian network vertices.

Exercise 4 (Loops, Invariants, and Termination)**25%**Consider the following pGCL program P :

```
x := 1;
while (x = 1) {
  {x := 0}[1/3]{y := y + 1}
}
```

Let expectation I_n for natural number n be defined by:

$$I_n := [x \neq 1] + [x = 1] \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 1/3 \cdot (2/3)^k,$$

where $\sum_{k=0}^{-1} \dots = 0$.Let post-expectation $f = \mathbf{1}$.

- (a) [5%] Give the characteristic function Φ_f of the loop in P
- (b) [5%] Show that $I_0 = \Phi_f(\mathbf{0})$
- (c) [8%] Show that for all $n \geq 0$, it holds: $I_{n+1} = \Phi_f(I_n)$
- (d) [4%] Determine $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n$
- (e) [3%] Given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n \leq wp(\text{body of } P, f)$, determine whether program P almost surely terminates.

Exercise 5 (Probabilistic Databases)

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The example data of Figure 2 was produced by a handwriting recognition software that analysed the example sentence of Figure 1. The table **words** has two attributes: **pos** is the position of the word and **word** is the word recognized in that position. As you can see, for some positions there are several possible words recognized. The second table **meaning** holds data from a dictionary with meanings of words. It has three attributes: **id** is a unique identifier for words, **word** is the word, and **meaning** is a description of a possible meaning of the word. Also here you see that there are several possible meanings for each word.

For simplicity, we only consider a part of the data produced, namely the first 5 words of the example sentence and the possible meanings of the second and third word. Note that our dictionary for meaning has no entry for the word “shute”.

(a) [2%] How many possible worlds does the probabilistic database of Figure 2

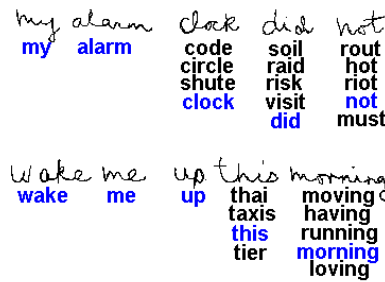


Figure 1: Example sentence for handwriting recognition (source <https://cedar.buffalo.edu/handwriting/HROverview.html>).

words		meaning		description	
$\langle \text{pos}, \text{word} \rangle$	φ	$\langle \text{id}, \text{word}, \text{meaning} \rangle$	φ	φ	
$\langle 1, \text{my} \rangle$	\top	$\langle 1, \text{alarm}, \text{warning of danger} \rangle$	$m_1 = 1$	$w_k = i$	k th word is i th alternative
$\langle 2, \text{alarm} \rangle$	\top	$\langle 1, \text{alarm}, \text{warning sound or device} \rangle$	$m_1 = 2$	$m_l = j$	word with id l has meaning j
$\langle 3, \text{code} \rangle$	$w_3 = 1$	$\langle 2, \text{code}, \text{program instructions} \rangle$	$m_2 = 1$		
$\langle 3, \text{circle} \rangle$	$w_3 = 2$	$\langle 2, \text{code}, \text{collection of laws} \rangle$	$m_2 = 2$		
$\langle 3, \text{shute} \rangle$	$w_3 = 3$	$\langle 2, \text{code}, \text{cryptographic system} \rangle$	$m_2 = 3$		
$\langle 3, \text{clock} \rangle$	$w_3 = 4$	$\langle 3, \text{circle}, \text{round figure} \rangle$	$m_3 = 1$		
$\langle 4, \text{soil} \rangle$	$w_4 = 1$	$\langle 3, \text{circle}, \text{group of people} \rangle$	$m_3 = 2$		
$\langle 4, \text{raid} \rangle$	$w_4 = 2$	$\langle 4, \text{clock}, \text{time measuring device} \rangle$	$m_4 = 1$		
$\langle 4, \text{risk} \rangle$	$w_4 = 3$	$\langle 4, \text{clock}, \text{spherical seed head} \rangle$	$m_4 = 2$		
$\langle 4, \text{visit} \rangle$	$w_4 = 4$	$\langle 4, \text{clock}, \text{person's face} \rangle$	$m_4 = 3$		
$\langle 4, \text{did} \rangle$	$w_4 = 5$				
$\langle 5, \text{rout} \rangle$	$w_5 = 1$				
$\langle 5, \text{hot} \rangle$	$w_5 = 2$				
$\langle 5, \text{riot} \rangle$	$w_5 = 3$				
$\langle 5, \text{not} \rangle$	$w_5 = 4$				
$\langle 5, \text{must} \rangle$	$w_5 = 5$				

All probabilities uniform

Figure 2: Example probabilistic data corresponding with Figure 1.

contain? Explain your answer by giving the complete calculation of the answer.

- (b) [2%] We define “correct contents” for the database as containing for each position the correctly recognized word in table `words`, and for each such correctly recognized word its correct meaning in table `meaning`. Give a sentence that selects the correct contents for the database, i.e., where the recognized words are “my alarm clock did not” with meanings “warning sound or device” for “alarm” and “time measuring device” for “clock”.
- (c) [2%] How many of the possible worlds in the database have correct contents, i.e., have the abovedescribed recognized words and meanings? Explain your answer by giving the complete calculation of the answer.
- (d) [3%] Calculate the probability of $(w_3 = 4 \wedge m_4 = 1) \vee (w_3 = 2 \wedge m_3 = 2)$. Explain your answer by giving the complete calculation of the answer.
- (e) [3%] Suppose we have a table `meaning-raw` that contains the same data as table `meaning` in Figure 2 but without the sentences φ . The purpose of this table is to provide the raw data as a *certain table* from which we derive the *uncertain table meaning*.

Given the following attempt at creating the *uncertain table meaning*

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS meaning;
CREATE TABLE meaning AS
  REPAIR KEY word IN meaning-raw
```

See <http://maybms.sourceforge.net/manual/index.html#x1-460006.2.1> for an explanation of `REPAIR KEY` from the official MayBMS manual.

For each statement, indicate whether or not it is true *and provide an explanation why*.

- The `REPAIR KEY` is a pure query, i.e., it has no side effects on the data in the database.
 - The attempt indeed creates 4 random variables $m_1..m_4$.
 - There is no mention of `WEIGHT BY` in the `REPAIR KEY` statement, so no probabilities are created.
 - We could also have used `id` instead of `word` to arrive at the same result.
- (f) [8%] Given the probabilistic algebra expression E below (‘ $w.a$ ’ refers to attribute a of table ‘words’; ‘ $m.a$ ’ refers to attribute a of table ‘meaning’).

$$\pi_{w.pos,w.word,m.meaning}(\bowtie_{w.word=m.word}(\text{meaning}, \sigma_{w.pos=3}(\text{words})))$$

Since there are 4 words possible for position 3 and in total 8 possible meanings for these words, the query can have many results. Give exactly *one result* of E .

NB: I do not ask for a derivation, nor do I ask for all results, but I do ask for one of those many results *in the right form*, so take care to provide all components that a result of a probabilistic algebra expression should have and omit those components that such a result should not have.

- (g) [5%] In indeterministic duplicate detection, an M -graph is constructed from similarity match results of a duplicate detection tool which ran on tuples a, b, c, d . The tool determines the following similarities: $s(a - b) = 0.3$, $s(a - c) = 0.95$, $s(a - d) = 0.2$, $s(b - c) = 0.5$, $s(b - d) = 0.8$, $s(c - d) = 0.2$. We set the upper threshold to 0.9 and the lower threshold to 0.4.

1. Draw the M -graph *after the thresholds have been applied*.
2. Which possible worlds does this produce? Use the following notation: $\{\dots\}$ for the set of records comprising a possible world; ab for the merge of records a and b (other combinations analogously). Explain your answer.

NB: I do not ask for probabilities of possible worlds, so no need to compute them.