COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part II – 2021 – Paper 9

10 Machine Learning and Bayesian Inference (sbh11)

Consider the following Bayesian Network:



All random variables (RVs) are Boolean. For an RV R we denote R = T by r and R = F by \overline{r} . We have $\Pr(a) = 0.1$, $\Pr(b) = 0.2$, $\Pr(d|b) = 0.7$ and $\Pr(d|\overline{b}) = 0.4$. For the remaining RVs we have

			C	В	D	$\Pr(e C, B, D)$
			F	F	F	0.3
A	B	$\Pr(c A,B)$	F	F	T	0.5
F	F	0.2	F	T	F	0.6
F	T	0.2	F	T	T	0.3
T	F	0.5	T	F	F	0.1
T	T	0.6	T	F	T	0.2
		·	T	T	F	0.1
			T	T	Τ	0.9

In this question you must use the Variable Elimination algorithm to compute $\Pr(A|\overline{e})$. You should begin with the factorisation

$$\Pr(A|\overline{e}) = \Pr(A) \sum_{B} \Pr(B) \sum_{C} \Pr(C|A, B) \sum_{D} \Pr(D|B) \Pr(\overline{e}|B, C, D).$$

You should express factors as tables of integers, leaving any necessary normalisation until the final step in Part (d).

- (a) Define conditional independence of two RVs X and Y with respect to a third RV Z. [2 marks]
- (b) Deduce the factor $F_{E,\overline{D}}(B,C)$ corresponding to the summation over D. [8 marks]
- (c) Deduce the factor $F_{E,\overline{D},\overline{C}}(A,B)$ corresponding to the summation over C. [6 marks]
- (d) Complete the computation to find the distribution $Pr(A|\bar{e})$. [4 marks]