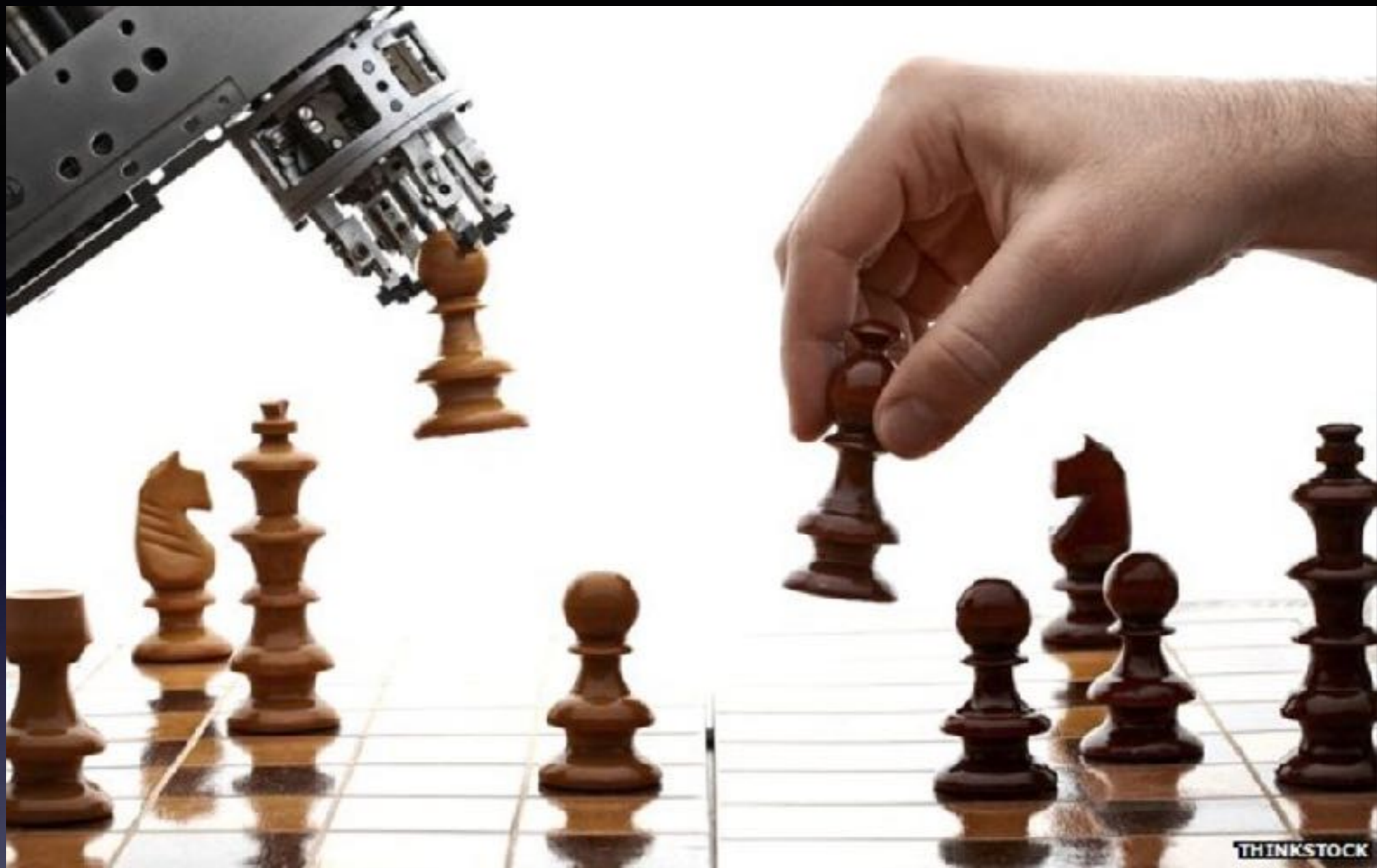


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# Today: uncertainty and probability

- Goals:
  - Get familiar with probability notation
  - Review probability theory
  - Get everybody on the same page

# Ch. 13: Uncertainty

- Uncertainty is pervasive in the world
  - e.g. diagnosing an illness
- Goal: maximize expected utility/value
- Probability Theory is our best tool
  - Lots of help with basic equations & notation in the book

# Bayesian Statistics

- Very important in AI
- Allow you to have prior knowledge about the world
  - e.g. phones don't have cameras
- update your knowledge of the world
  - e.g. most phones now have cameras

# Bayesian Statistics

- Priors
  - belief before seeing evidence
  - - e.g. most phones don't have cameras (belief in 2000)
  - aka “unconditional probabilities” or “prior probabilities”
- Posterior
  - aka “conditional probabilities” or “posterior probabilities”

# Bayesian Statistics

- Prior
  - $P(\text{two dice sum to } 12) = ??$ 
    - Read: the probability that two dice sum to 12
- Posterior
  - $P(\text{two dice sum to } 12 \mid \text{Die}_1=6) = ??$ 
    - Read: the probability that two dice sum to 12, given that one die landed on a six

# Conditional probabilities

Mathematically speaking, conditional probabilities are defined in terms of unconditional probabilities as follows: for any propositions  $a$  and  $b$ , we have

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}, \quad \wedge \text{ means "and"} \quad (13.3)$$

which holds whenever  $P(b) > 0$ . For example,

$$P(\text{doubles} | \text{Die}_1 = 5) = \frac{P(\text{doubles} \wedge \text{Die}_1 = 5)}{P(\text{Die}_1 = 5)}.$$

The definition of conditional probability, Equation (13.3), can be written in a different form called the **product rule**:

$$P(a \wedge b) = P(a | b)P(b),$$

The product rule is perhaps easier to remember: it comes from the fact that, for  $a$  and  $b$  to be true, we need  $b$  to be true, and we also need  $a$  to be true given  $b$ .



# Notation

- Capital letters indicate the Variable
  - e.g. Weather
- Lowercase letters indicate a value/instance of that variable
  - e.g. Weather = sunny (sometimes abbreviated as just sunny)
  - A = true abbreviated as a
  - A = false as  $\sim a$  or  $\neg a$
- What does this mean?  $P(\text{cavity} \mid \neg \text{toothache} \wedge \text{teen}) = 0.1$

# More notation

- Bolded letter is a vector  $\mathbf{P}(Weather) = \langle 0.6, 0.1, 0.29, 0.01 \rangle$
- Bolded P over two variables indicates all possible combinations of values over those variables

$\mathbf{P}(Weather, Cavity)$

- 4 x 2 table if there are 4 possible weather conditions and cavity is a binary random variable
- $P(sunny, cavity)$  means the same as  $P(sunny \wedge cavity)$

# Joint Distribution

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- Three Boolean random variables
- Values sum to 1
- $P(\sim\text{toothache})$ ?

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- $P(\sim\text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch}) = 0.072 + 0.144 = 0.216$

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# Bayesian Statistics

$$P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) = \text{(Alone or with your neighbor)}$$

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 &= \frac{0.108 + 0.012}{0.108 + 0.012 + 0.016 + 0.064} = 0.6.
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$P(\text{cavity} \mid \text{toothache}) = \frac{P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache})}{P(\text{toothache})}$$

Why divide by  $P(\text{toothache})$ ?

- In the world where we have a toothache, probabilities still need to sum to 1.
  - $P(\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = 0.108 + 0.012 = 0.12$
  - $P(\sim\text{cavity} \wedge \text{toothache}) = 0.016 + 0.064 = 0.08$
- 0.12 and 0.08 are the right relative proportions, but they don't sum to 1.
- Thus,  $1/P(\text{toothache})$  functions as a normalization constant

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- Such normalization constants will be denoted by  $\alpha$
- Note: you can calculate  $\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} | \text{toothache})$  without separately calculating  $P(\text{toothache})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} | \text{toothache}) &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity}, \text{toothache}) \\ &= \alpha [\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity}, \text{toothache}, \text{catch}) + \mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity}, \text{toothache}, \neg \text{catch})] \\ &= \alpha [\langle 0.108, 0.016 \rangle + \langle 0.012, 0.064 \rangle] = \alpha \langle 0.12, 0.08 \rangle = \langle 0.6, 0.4 \rangle .\end{aligned}$$

# Conditioning

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{z}) P(\mathbf{z}) . \quad (13.8)$$

This rule is called **conditioning**. Marginalization and conditioning turn out to be useful rules for all kinds of derivations involving probability expressions.

- $P(\text{cavity})$ , where  $\mathbf{z} = \langle \text{catch}, \neg \text{catch} \rangle$ ?  
(Alone or with your neighbor)

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# Full Joint Distributions

- Entry for every combination of random variables
- What is the size of the table for N boolean variables?

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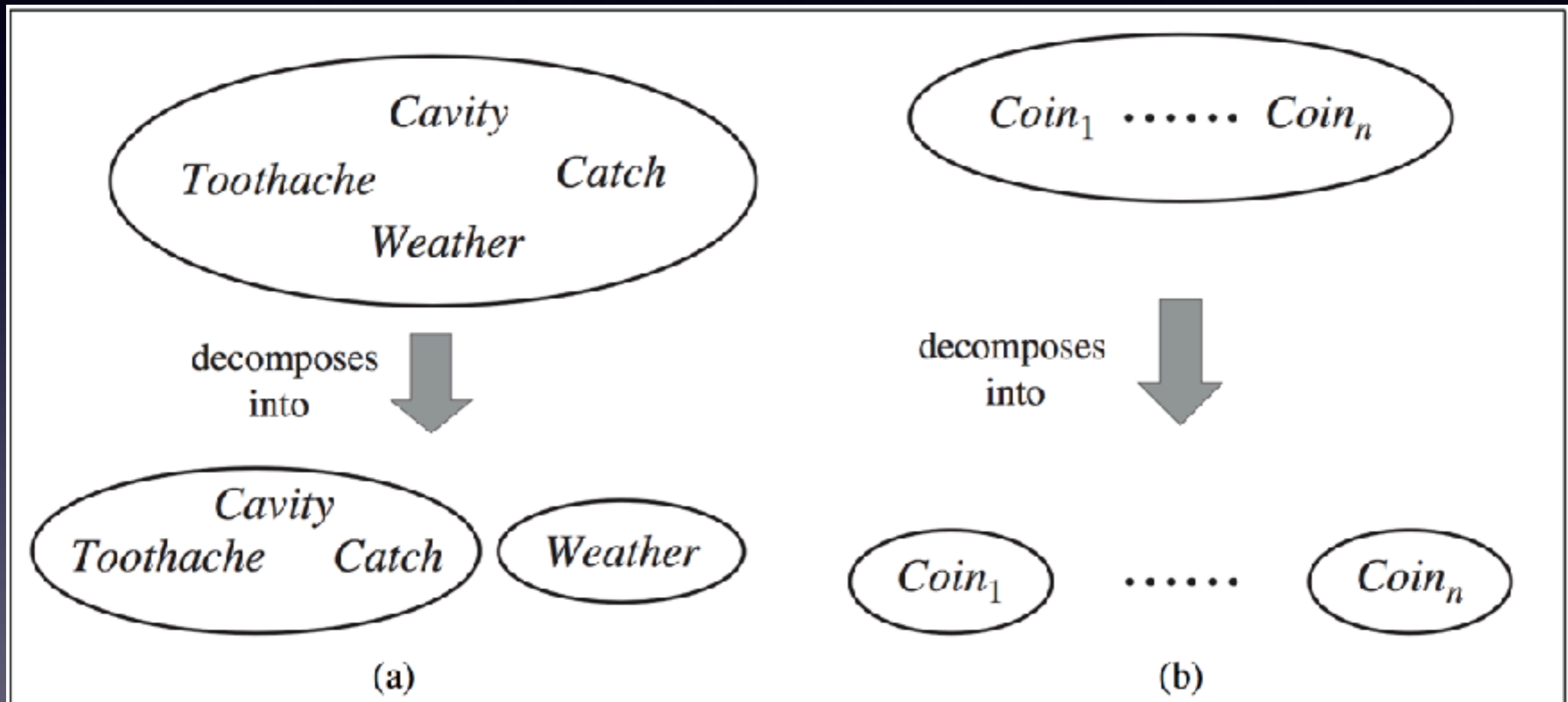
- Entry for every combination of random variables
- Does not scale
  - $(2^N)$  for boolean variables, much worse for non!

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# Independence



**Figure 13.4** Two examples of factoring a large joint distribution into smaller distributions, using absolute independence. (a) Weather and dental problems are independent. (b) Coin flips are independent.