Bayesian Network Fundamentals



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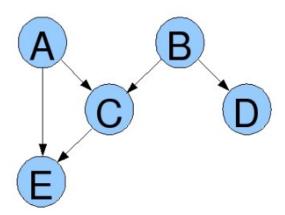


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1.

Factorization.

Given the same model as above, which of these is an appropriate decomposition of the joint distribution P(A,B,C,D,E) ?



- P(A,B,C,D,E) = P(A)P(B)P(C|A)P(C|B)P(D|B)P(E|A)P(E|C)

正确回答

We can read off the appropriate factorization from the graph by examining the parents of each variable in the graph: A and B have no parents, while C is a child of A,B, D is a child of B, and E is a child of A,C.

This gives us

$$P(A, B, C, D, E) = P(A)P(B)P(C|A, B)P(D|B)P(E|A, C).$$

P(A, B, C, D, E) = P(A)P(B)P(A, B|C)P(B|D)P(A, C|E)

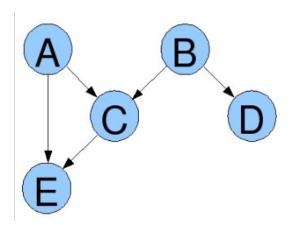
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Independent parameters.

How many independent parameters are required to uniquely define the CPD of C (the conditional probability distribution associated with the variable C) in the same graphical model as above, if A, B, and D are binary, and C and E have three values each?



If you haven't come across the term before, here's a brief explanation: A multinomial distribution over m possibilities x_1,\ldots,x_m has m parameters, but m-1 independent parameters, because we have the constraint that all parameters must sum to 1, so that if you specify m-1 of the parameters, the final one is fixed. In a CPD P(X|Y), if X has m values and Y has k values, then we have k distinct multinomial distributions, one for each value of Y, and we have m-1 independent parameters in each of them, for a total of k(m-1). More generally, in a CPD $P(X|Y_1,\ldots,Y_r)$, if each Y_i has k_i values, we have a total of k(m-1) independent parameters.

Example: Let's say we have a graphical model that just had $X \to Y$, where both variables are binary. In this scenario, we need 1 parameter to define the CPD of X. The CPD of X contains two entries P(X=0) and P(X=1). Since the sum of these two entries has to be equal to 1, we only need one parameter to define the CPD.

Now we look at Y . The CPD for Y contains 4 entries which correspond to: P(Y=0|X=0), P(Y=1|X=0), P(Y=0|X=1), P(Y=1|X=1) . Note that P(Y=0|X=0) and P(Y=1|X=0) should sum to one, so we need 1 independent parameter to describe those two entries; likewise, P(Y=0|X=1) and P(Y=1|X=1) should also sum to 1, so we need 1 independent parameter for those two entries.

Therefore, we need 1 independent parameter to define the CPD of X and 2 independent parameters to define the CPD of Y .

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正确回答

In a Bayesian network, the conditional probability distribution associated with a variable is the conditional probability distribution of that variable given its parents. There are 4 possibilities for the values of C's parents (A and B, which are binary). For each of these possibilities, there are 3 possible values for C, which corresponds to 2 free parameters (since the 3 numbers have to sum to 1). So there are 4*2=8 total free parameters.

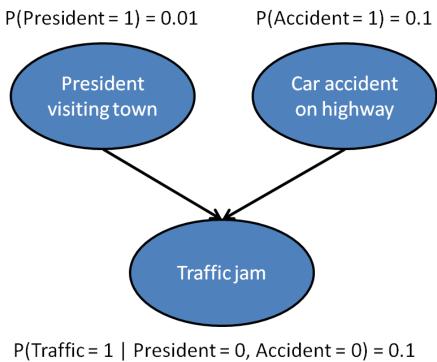


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3.

*Inter-causal reasoning.

Consider the following model for traffic jams in a small town, which we assume can be caused by a car accident, or by a visit from the president (and the accompanying security motorcade).



- P(Traffic = 1 | President = 0, Accident = 1) = 0.5
- P(Traffic = 1 | President = 1, Accident = 0) = 0.6
- P(Traffic = 1 | President = 1, Accident = 1) = 0.9

Calculate $P(Accident = 1 \mid Traffic = 1)$ and $P(Accident = 1 \mid Traffic = 1, President = 1)$. Separate your answers with a space, e.g., an answer of

0.15 0.25

means that $P(Accident = 1 \mid Traffic = 1) = 0.15$ and $P(Accident = 1 \mid Traffic = 1, President = 1) = 0.25$. Round your answers to two decimal places and write a leading zero, like in the example above.

0.35 0.14

正确回答

To calculate the required values, we can apply Bayes' rule. For instance,

$$\begin{split} P(A=1|T=1,P=1) &= \frac{P(A=1,T=1,P=1)}{P(T=1,P=1)} \\ &= \frac{P(A=1,T=1,P=1)}{P(A=0,T=1,P=1) + P(A=1,T=1,P=1)} \, . \end{split}$$

We can then use the chain rule of Bayesian networks to substitute the correct values in, e.g.,

$$P(A = 1, T = 1, P = 1) = P(P = 1) \times P(A = 1) \times P(T = 1 | P = 1, A = 1)$$

This example of inter-causal reasoning meshes well with common sense: if we see a traffic jam, the probability that there was a car accident is relatively high. However, if we also see that the president is visiting town, we can reason that the president's visit is the cause of the traffic jam; the probability that there was a car accident therefore drops correspondingly.

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