

# Probabilitistic Graphical Models for Fraud and Anomaly Detection in Insurance

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## How to Build a Model with No Data and No Domain Knowledge...

# Structure of Talk

- Conditional Dependence, Independence and Bayesian Networks
- The Sprinkler Network
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- Expanding the Model
- Beyond Bayesian Networks
- Summary

# Conditional Probability

Probability of 2D6 totalling 11?

(5, 6) or (6, 5)

$$P(T = 11) = \frac{2}{36} = 0.05556$$

# Conditional Probability

Probability of 2D6 totalling 11 if first dice is 5?

(5, 6)

$$P(T = 11 | D_1 = 5) = \frac{5}{6} = 0.8333$$

# Conditional Dependence and Independence

Three variables,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ :

$A$  and  $B$  are independent

$C$  depends on  $A$

$C$  depends on  $B$

What happens if we learn information about  $C$ ?

$A$  and  $B$  are *conditionally dependent* on  $C$ .

## 2D6 Example

Define variables  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $T$ .

$D_1$  and  $D_2$  are independent,  $T$  depends on both

What happens to  $D_2$  if  $T = 7$ ,  $D_1 = 4$ ?

$$P(D_2 = X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } X = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 2D6

$$T = 9$$

$$P(D_2) :$$

1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0

$$P(D_1) :$$

1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5



# Conditional Independence

Now suppose we have  $T$  as before, but define

$$X_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } T \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$X_2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } T \geq 9 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$T$  NOT KNOWN,  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$

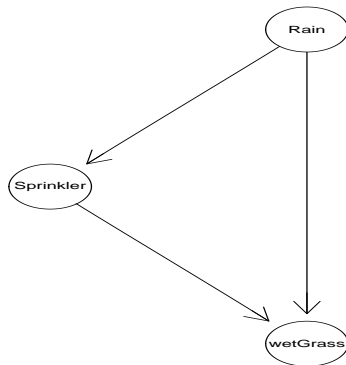
$T$  KNOWN,  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are *conditionally independent* on  $T$

Probabilistic Graphical Models represent structural dependence amongst variables

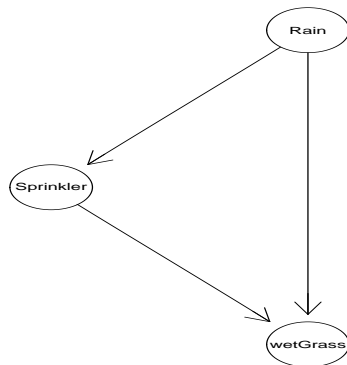
# Bayesian Networks

PGM where graph is a *directed, acyclic graph* (DAG):



Dependencies represented via *Conditional Probability Tables* (CPTs)

# The Sprinkler Network



Variables: (R)aining, (S)prinkler, wet(G)rass

# The Sprinkler Network

```
print(sprinkler_grain$scptlist$Rain)

## Rain
## yes no
## 0.2 0.8

ftable(sprinkler_grain$scptlist$Sprinkler, row.vars = 'Rain')

##      Sprinkler yes  no
## Rain
## yes           0.01 0.99
## no            0.40 0.60

ftable(sprinkler_grain$scptlist$wetGrass, row.vars = c('Rain', 'Sprinkler'))

##           wetGrass yes  no
## Rain Sprinkler
## yes yes           0.99 0.01
##      no           0.90 0.10
## no  yes           0.80 0.20
##      no           0.00 1.00
```

# Some Questions

What is the probability of the grass being wet?

```
querygrain(sprinkler_grain, nodes = 'wetGrass')$wetGrass

## wetGrass
##      yes      no
## 0.43618 0.56382
```

If the grass is wet, what is the probability that it is raining?

```
querygrain(sprinkler_grain, evidence = list(wetGrass = 'yes'), nodes = 'Rain')$Rain

## Rain
##      yes      no
## 0.413086 0.586914
```

If the grass is dry, what is the probability that the sprinkler is on?

```
querygrain(sprinkler_grain, evidence = list(wetGrass = 'no'), nodes = 'Sprinkler')$Sprinkler

## Sprinkler
##      yes      no
## 0.113547 0.886453
```

# Medical Non-disclosure

- Life/Health Insurance
- Questionnaire
- Disclosure / Non-disclosure
- Medical Examination

Focus exams on risky areas

# Problems

Doing Outlier / Anomaly Detection:

- Data is sparse/missing
- Lack of output variables
- Low incidence rate
- Semi-supervised Learning

# Anomaly/Outlier Detection





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# Anomaly/Outlier Detection

- Full automation difficult
- False positives
- Filter instead
- Human intuition

# Build a Model

*We want a model which, given the data observed in the policy application, allows us to estimate the probability of a subsequent medical exam changing the underwriting decision on the policy.*

*The model should incorporate our assumptions of the process and be as simple as possible.*

# Consequences

- Applicant may be unaware
- Is the nondisclosure relevant?
- Is the juice worth the squeeze?

# Consequences

Consider 3 conditions:

(S)moker: Smoker, Quitter, Non-smoker

(B)MI: Normal, Overweight, Obese

Family (H)istory: None, HeartDisease

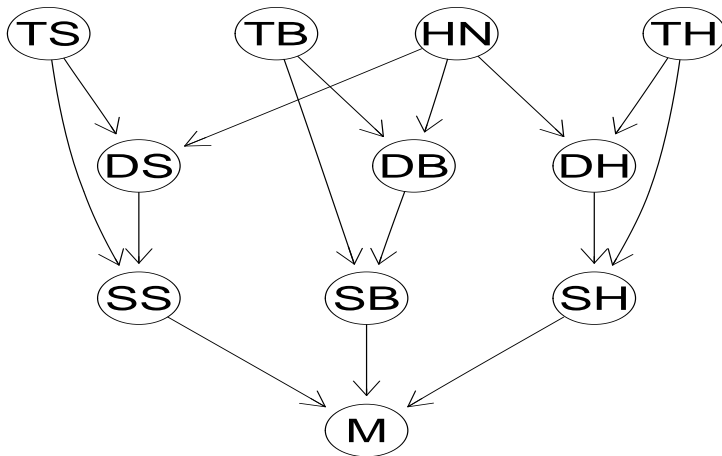
Conditions have related aspects:

T True state

D Declared state

S Seriousness of condition's impact on decision

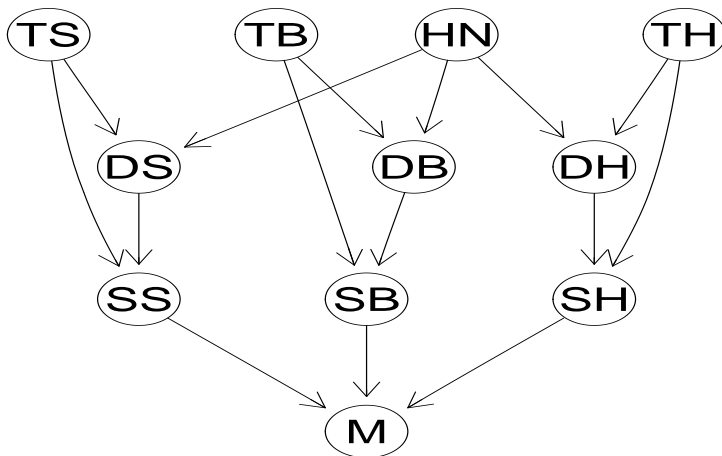
# Medical Exam Network



# Bad Teacher Syndrome







```
print(underwriting_grain$scptlist$TH)

## TH
##      None HeartDisease
##      0.95      0.05

ftable(underwriting_grain$scptlist$DH, row.vars = c('HN', 'TH'))

##              DH None HeartDisease
## HN      TH
## Dishonest None      0.9      0.1
##           HeartDisease 0.5      0.5
## Honest    None      0.9      0.1
##           HeartDisease 0.1      0.9

ftable(underwriting_grain$scptlist$SH, row.vars = c('TH', 'DH'))

##              SH Serious NotSerious
## TH      DH
## None    None      0.01      0.99
##         HeartDisease 0.20      0.80
## HeartDisease None      0.60      0.40
##         HeartDisease 0.10      0.90
```

# Medical Exam

```
ftable(underwriting_grain$sptlist$M, row.vars = c('SS', 'SB', 'SH'))
```

```
##                                     M Medical NoMedical
## SS          SB          SH
## Serious     Serious     Serious      0.99      0.01
##                                     NotSerious      0.85      0.15
##                                     NotSerious     Serious      0.95      0.05
##                                     NotSerious     NotSerious    0.60      0.40
## NotSerious  Serious     Serious      0.90      0.10
##                                     NotSerious     NotSerious    0.60      0.40
##                                     NotSerious     Serious      0.85      0.15
##                                     NotSerious     NotSerious    0.10      0.90
```

What is the unconditional probability of a medical exam finding something?

```
querygrain(underwriting_grain, nodes = 'M')$M  
  
## M  
##   Medical NoMedical  
## 0.177515 0.822485
```

Too high?

Ignores business processes — may be reasonable

Lack of domain knowledge → probably flawed

# Assess the Model

Declares a clean bill of health ( $DS = \text{Nonsmoker}$ ,  $DB = \text{Normal}$ ,  $DH = \text{None}$ )?

```
querygrain(underwriting_grain, nodes = 'M'
            ,evidence = list(DS = 'Nonsmoker'
                              ,DB = 'Normal'
                              ,DH = 'None'))$M

## M
##   Medical NoMedical
## 0.146951 0.853049
```

Declares history of heart disease? ( $DH = \text{HeartDisease}$ )?

```
querygrain(underwriting_grain, nodes = 'M'
            ,evidence = list(DS = 'Nonsmoker'
                              ,DB = 'Normal'
                              ,DH = 'HeartDisease'))$M

## M
##   Medical NoMedical
## 0.257899 0.742101
```

# Expanding the Model

# Beyond Bayesian Networks

# Conclusions



# Get In Touch

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Slides and code available on GitHub:  
[https://www.github.com/kaybenleroll/dublin\\_r\\_workshops](https://www.github.com/kaybenleroll/dublin_r_workshops)