



Machine Learning 10-601

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Today:

- Graphical models
- Bayes Nets:
 - Representing distributions
 - Conditional independencies
 - Simple inference
 - Simple learning

Readings:

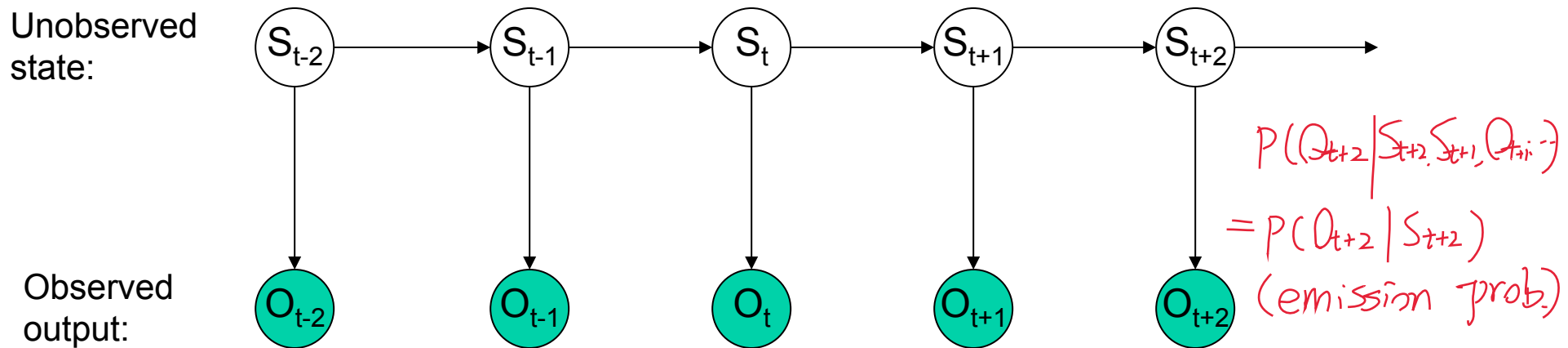
- Bishop chapter 8, through 8.2
- Mitchell chapter 6

Dynamic BN time-series data.

Bayes Network for a Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Implies the future is conditionally independent of the past,
given the present

$$S_{t+1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \{S_{t-1}, S_{t-2}, \dots\}$$



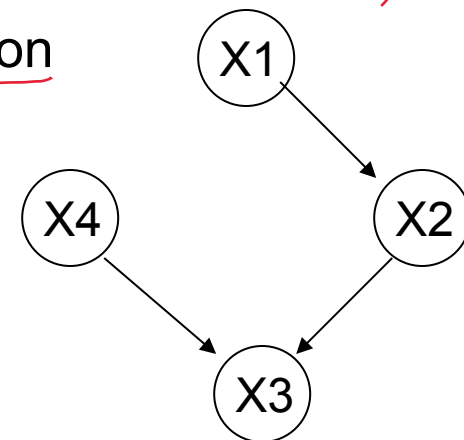
$$P(S_{t-2}, O_{t-2}, S_{t-1}, \dots, O_{t+2}) =$$

$$P(S_1, O_1, S_2, O_2, \dots, S_T, O_T) = P(S_1) P(O_1 | S_1) \prod_{t=2}^T P(S_t | S_{t-1}) P(O_t | S_t)$$

Conditional Independence, Revisited

- We said:
 - Each node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants, given its immediate parents.
- Does this rule give us all of the conditional independence relations implied by the Bayes network?
 - No!
 - E.g., X1 and X4 are conditionally indep given {X2, X3}
 - But X1 and X4 not conditionally indep given X3
 - For this, we need to understand D-separation

$X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_4 \mid \{X_2, X_3\}$
 $X_1 \not\perp\!\!\!\perp X_4 \mid X_3$



Head-Tail : $\circ \rightarrow \circ \rightarrow \circ$
(H-T)

Tail-Tail : $\circ \leftarrow \circ \rightarrow \circ$
(T-T)

Head-Head : $\circ \rightarrow \circ \leftarrow \circ$
(H-H)

Easy Network 1: Head to Tail

prove A cond indep of B given C?

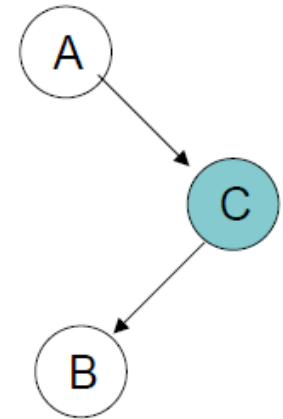
ie., $p(a,b|c) = p(a|c) p(b|c)$

$$p(a,b|c) = \frac{p(a,b,c)}{p(c)}$$

$$= \frac{p(a) p(c|a) p(b|c)}{p(c)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{p(c)} p(a|c) p(b|c)}{\cancel{p(c)}}$$

$$p(a,b) \neq p(a) p(b)$$



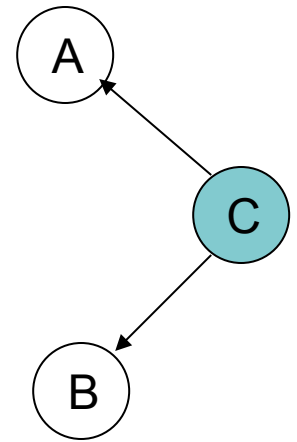
$$p(A,B,C) = p(A) p(C|A) p(B|C)$$

$$H-T \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \mid C \\ A \not\perp\!\!\!\perp B \end{cases}$$

let's use $p(a,b)$ as shorthand for $p(A=a, B=b)$

Easy Network 2: Tail to Tail

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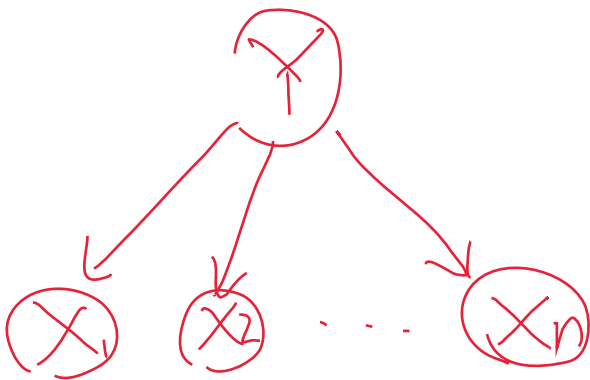
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$$p(A,B,C) = p(C) p(A|C) p(B|C)$$

$$p(a,b) \neq p(a) p(b)$$

$$T-T \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \mid C \\ A \not\perp\!\!\!\perp B \end{cases}$$

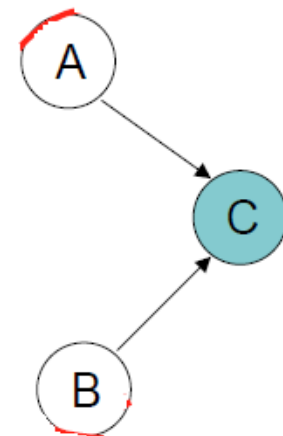
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Easy Network 3: Head to Head

prove A cond indep of B given C? ie., $p(a,b|c) = p(a|c) p(b|c)$



$$p(a, b) = \sum_c p(a, b, c)$$

$$= \sum_c p(a) p(c|a) p(b)$$

$$= p(a) p(b) \underbrace{\sum_c p(c|a)}_{=1}$$

$$= p(a) p(b)$$

H- H1:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \\ A \not\perp\!\!\!\perp B | C \end{array} \right.$$

$$p(a, b|c) \neq p(a|c) p(b|c)$$

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Easy Network 3: Head to Head

prove A cond indep of B given C? NO!

Summary:

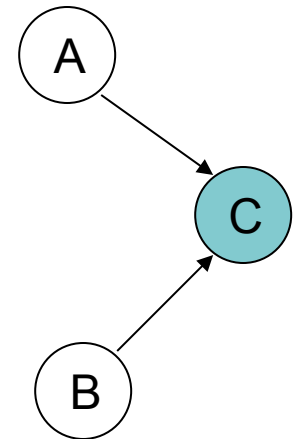
- $p(a,b)=p(a)p(b)$
- $p(a,b|c) \text{ NotEqual } p(a|c)p(b|c)$

Explaining away.

e.g.,

- A=earthquake
- B=breakIn
- C=motionAlarm

⊥-⊥:
{ A ⊥ B
A ⊥ B C



X and Y are conditionally independent given Z,
if and only if X and Y are D-separated by Z.

[Bishop, 8.2.2]

Suppose we have three sets of random variables: X, Y and Z

X and Y are **D-separated** by Z (and therefore conditionally indep, given Z)
iff every path from every variable in X to every variable in Y is **blocked**

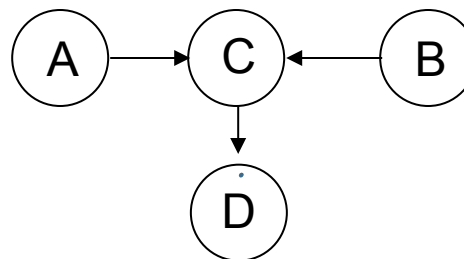
$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$

A path from variable X to variable Y is **blocked** if it includes a node in Z
such that either



1. arrows on the path meet either head-to-tail or tail-to-tail at the node and
this node is in Z

2. or, the arrows meet head-to-head at the node, and neither the node, nor
any of its descendants, is in Z



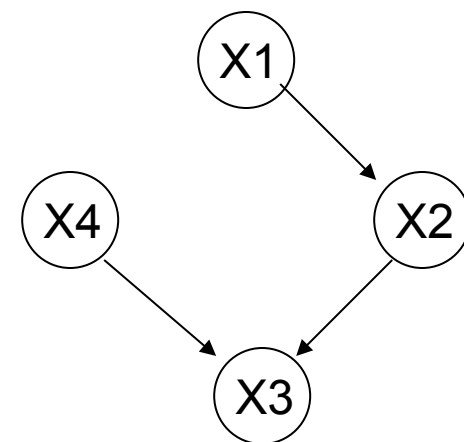
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	X	Y	Z	
✓	X1	X3	X2	$X1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X3 \mid X2$
✓	X3	X1	X2	
✓	X4	X1	X2	$X4 \perp\!\!\!\perp X1 \mid X2$



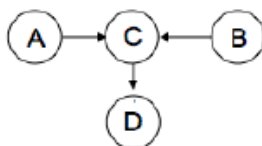
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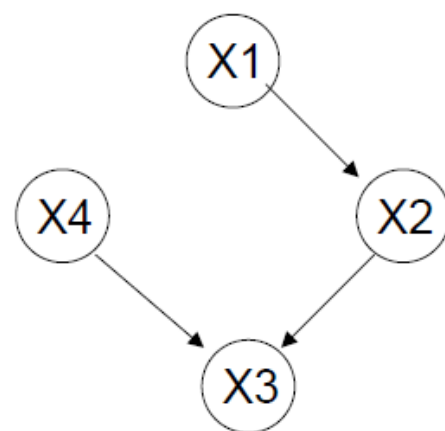
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✗ X4 indep of X1 given X3?

✓ X4 indep of X1 given {X3, X2}?

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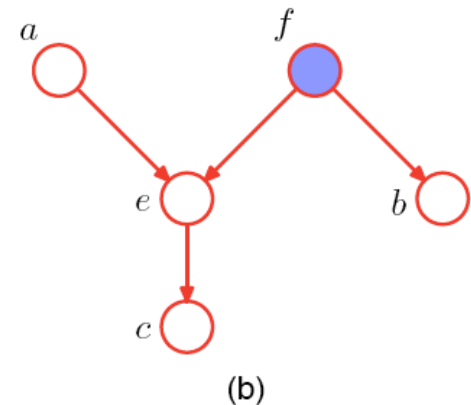
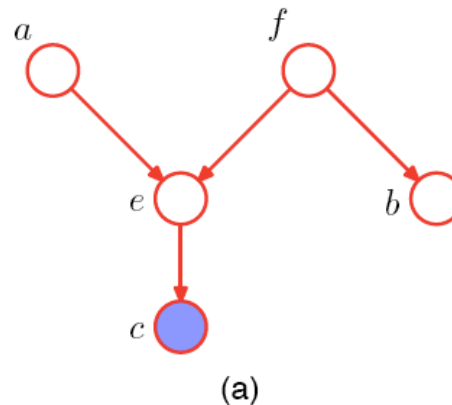
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a indep of b given c? ✗

a indep of b given f? ✓

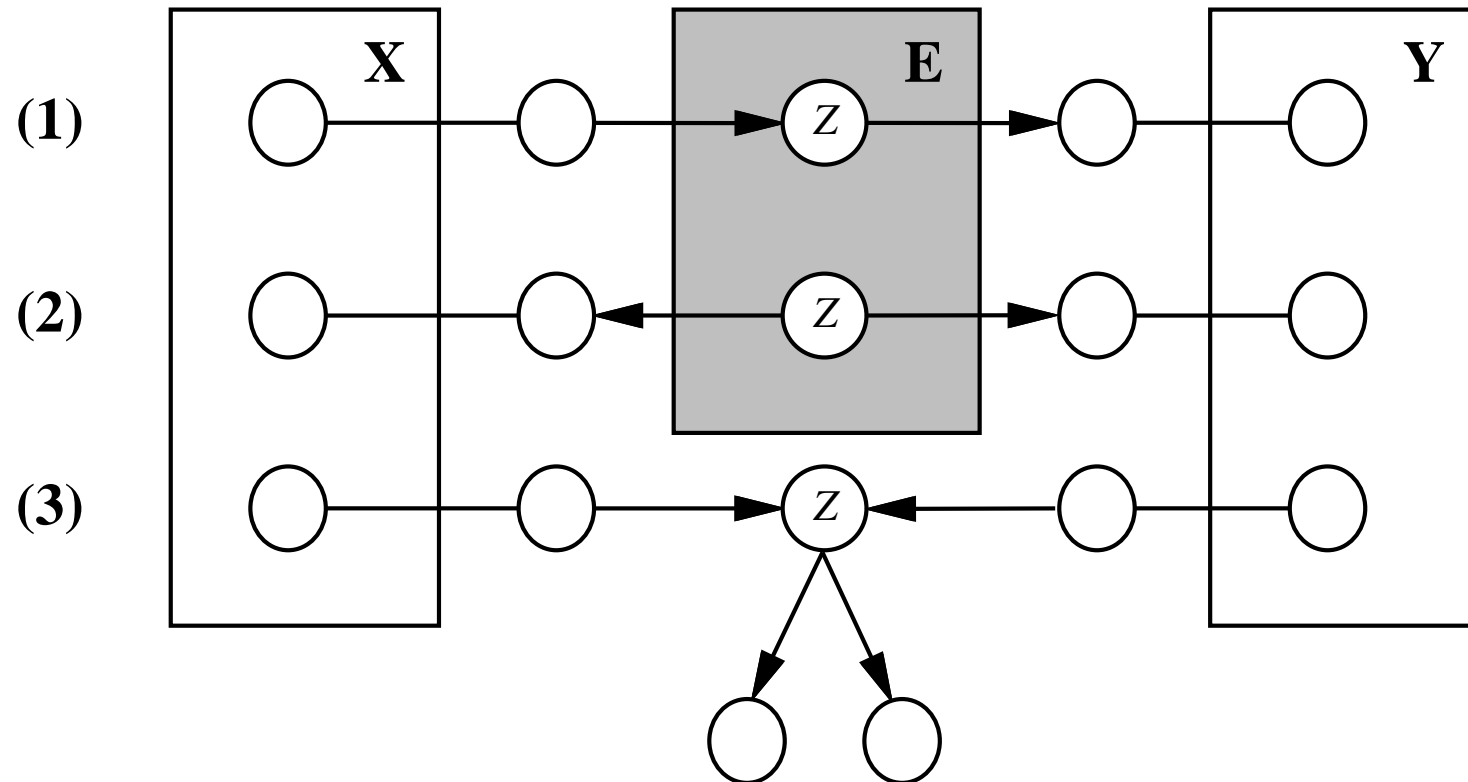


D-separation

Q: When are nodes X independent of nodes Y given nodes E ?

A: When every undirected path from a node in X to a node in Y is **d-separated** by E .

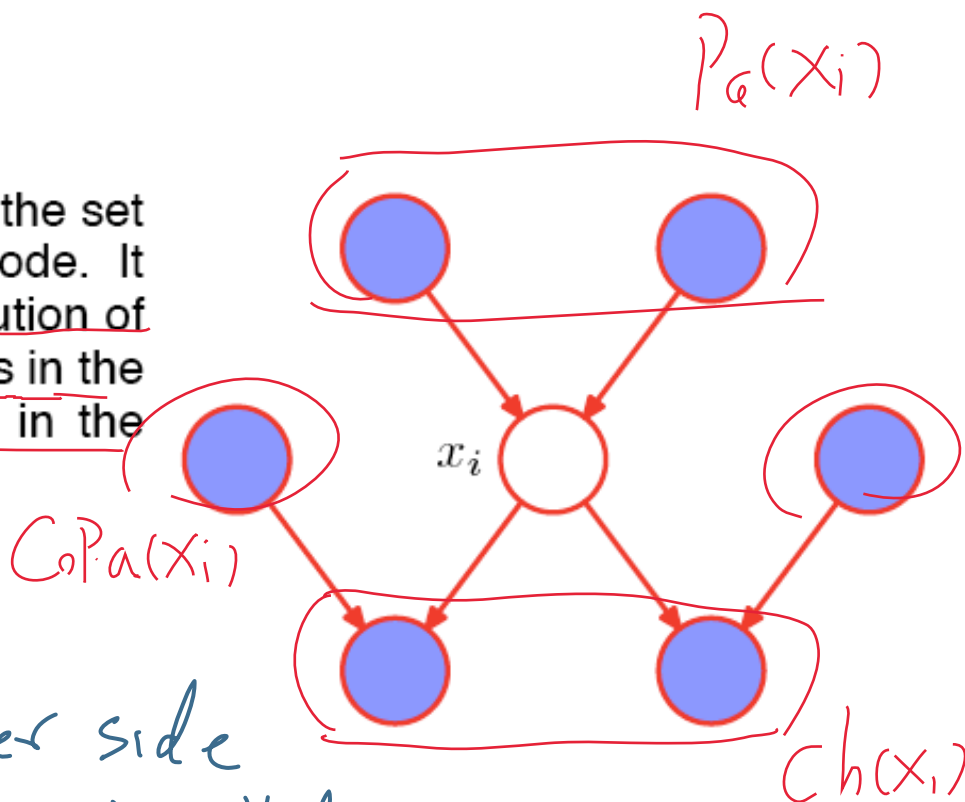
$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid E$



Markov Blanket

$$MB(x_i) = Pa(x_i) \cup CoPa(x_i) \cup Ch(x_i)$$

The Markov blanket of a node x_i comprises the set of parents, children and co-parents of the node. It has the property that the conditional distribution of x_i , conditioned on all the remaining variables in the graph, is dependent only on the variables in the Markov blanket.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(x_i | \underbrace{X_{j \neq i}}_{\text{Co-parent = other side}}) \\
 &= P(x_i | MB(x_i), \overline{MB(x_i)}) \quad \text{of } x_i \text{'s colliders} \\
 &= P(x_i | MB(x_i)) \Rightarrow x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp \overline{MB(x_i)} \mid MB(x_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

from [Bishop, 8.2]

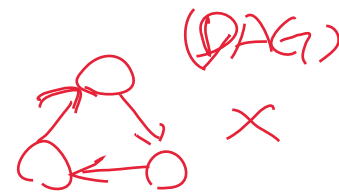
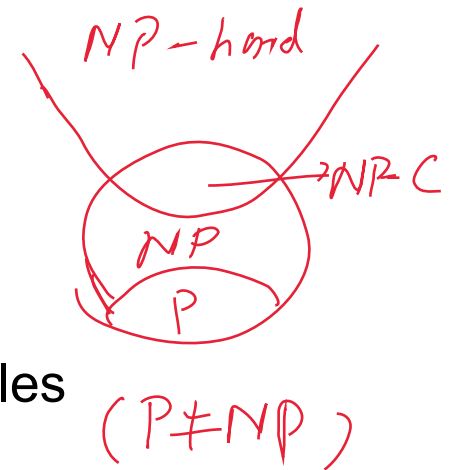
What You Should Know

- Bayes nets are convenient representation for encoding dependencies / conditional independence
- BN = Graph plus parameters of CPD's
 - Defines joint distribution over variables
 - Can calculate everything else from that
 - Though inference may be intractable
- Reading conditional independence relations from the graph
 - Each node is cond indep of non-descendents, given only its parents
 - X and Y are conditionally independent given Z if Z D-separates every path connecting X to Y
 - Marginal independence : special case where $Z=\{\}$

$$O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n^2) < O(e^n) < O(n!) , \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

Inference in Bayes Nets

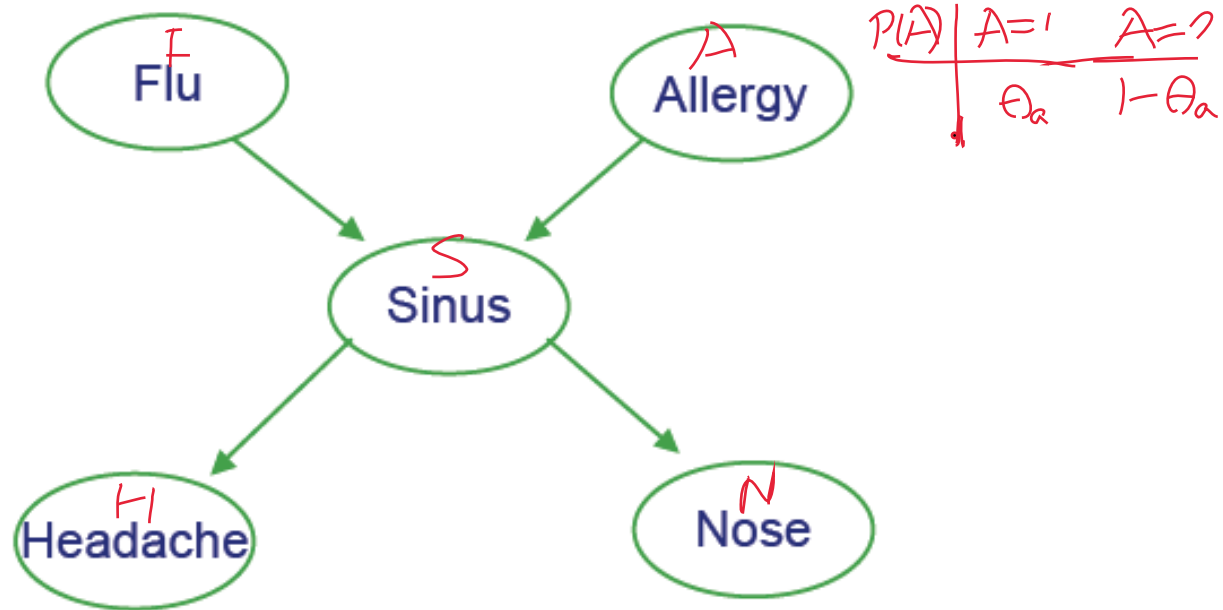
- In general, intractable (NP-~~complete~~^{Hard})
- For certain cases, tractable
 - Assigning probability to fully observed set of variables
 - Or if just one variable unobserved
 - Or for singly connected graphs (ie., no undirected loops)
 - Belief propagation ^{max-sum}
- Sometimes use Monte Carlo methods
 - Generate many samples according to the Bayes Net distribution, then count up the results
- Variational methods for tractable approximate solutions



Example

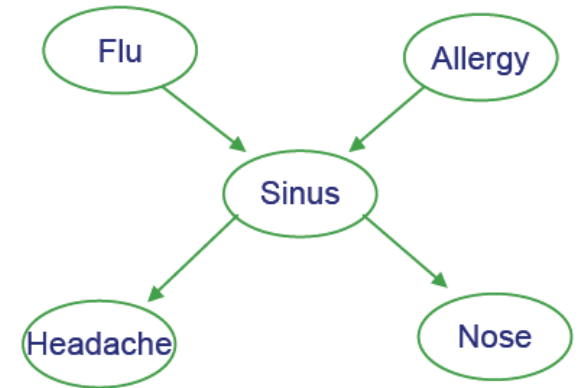
- Bird flu and Allergies both cause Sinus problems
- Sinus problems cause Headaches and runny Nose

BN: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Graph} \\ \text{CPD} \end{array} \right.$



Prob. of joint assignment: easy

- Suppose we are interested in joint assignment $\langle F=f, A=a, S=s, H=h, N=n \rangle$



What is $P(f,a,s,h,n)$?

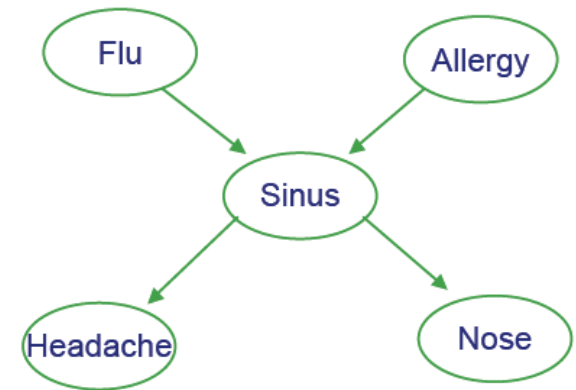
$(n-1)$ multiplication $O(n-1)$

$$P(f,a,s,h,n) = P(f) \cdot P(a) \cdot P(s|f,a) P(h|s) P(n|s) \equiv \dots$$

let's use $p(a,b)$ as shorthand for $p(A=a, B=b)$

Prob. of marginals: not so easy

- How do we calculate $P(N=n)$?



$$P(n) = \sum_{f,a,s,h} P(f, a, s, h, n)$$

$\underbrace{O(2^n n)}_{\text{summation.}} \cdot 2^4 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(f=0) p(a=0) p(s=0 | a=0, f=0) \cdot p(h=0 | s=0) p(n=0 | s=0) \\ \vdots \\ p(f=1) p(a=1) p(s=1 | a=1, f=1) p(h=1 | s=1) p(n=1 | s=1) \end{array} \right.$

$2^4 \rightarrow 2^{n-1}$
 multiplication

$$2^4 \cdot 4 \rightarrow 2^{n-1} \cdot (n-1)$$

let's use $p(a,b)$ as shorthand for $p(A=a, B=b)$

Generating a sample from joint distribution: easy

How can we generate random samples drawn according to $P(F, A, S, H, N)$?

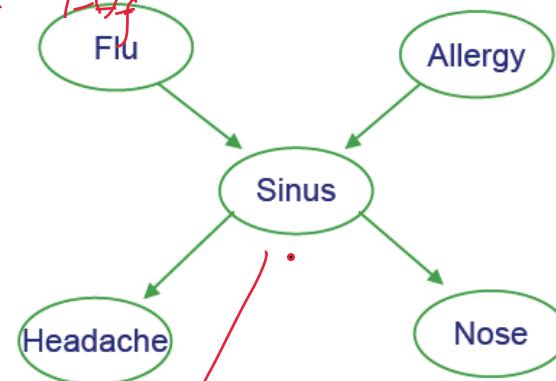
Hint: random sample of F according to $P(F=1) = \theta_{F=1} = 0.7$.

- draw a value of r uniformly from $[0, 1]$
- if $r < \theta$ then output $F=1$, else $F=0$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{X}_j\}_{j=1}^m$$

$$\mathcal{X}_j = (f_j, a_j, s_j, h_j, n_j)^T$$

$P(F)$	$F=1$	$F=0$
	θ_f	$1-\theta_f$

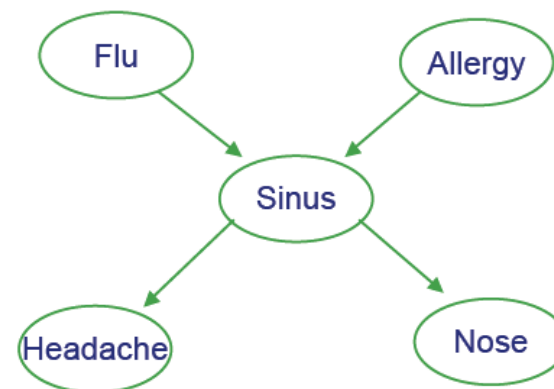


$P(S F,A)$	$S=1$	$S=0$
$F=0, A=0$	θ_{00}	$1-\theta_{00}$
$F=0, A=1$	θ_{01}	$1-\theta_{01}$
$F=1, A=0$	θ_{10}	$1-\theta_{10}$
$F=1, A=1$	θ_{11}	$1-\theta_{11}$

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Solution:

$$D = \{(f_j, a_j, s_j, h_j, n_j)\}_{j=1}^N$$

- draw a random value f for F , using its CPD
- then draw values for A , for $S|A,F$, for $H|S$, for $N|S$

$$P(N=n) = \theta^N (1-\theta)^{1-N}$$

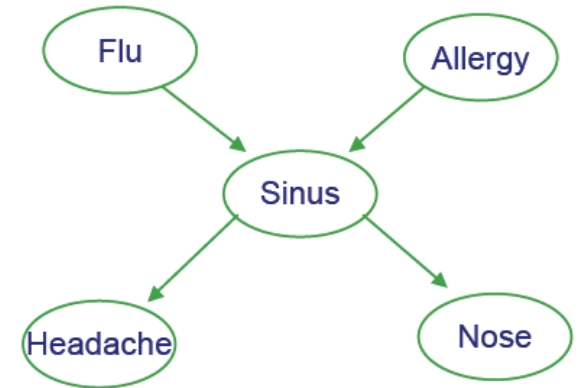
$$\max_{\theta} L(\theta) = P(D|\theta)$$

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^N \ln \theta^{\alpha_n} (1-\theta)^{1-\alpha_n}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_n = \frac{\alpha_n}{n}$$

$$= \frac{|D_{N=1}|}{|D|}$$

Generating a sample from joint distribution: easy



Note we can estimate marginals like $P(N=n)$ by generating many samples from joint distribution, then count the fraction of samples for which $N=n$

↗

Similarly, for anything else we care about

$$\text{MLE} \rightarrow P(F=1|H=1, N=0) = \frac{|D_{F=1, H=1, N=0}|}{|D_{H=1, N=0}|}$$

→ weak but general method for estimating any probability term...

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see Graphical Models course 10-708