



Advances in Learning with Bayesian Networks

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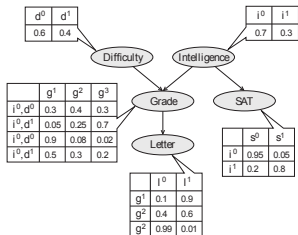
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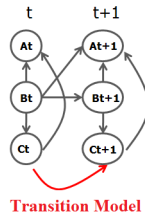
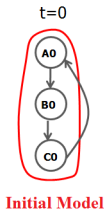
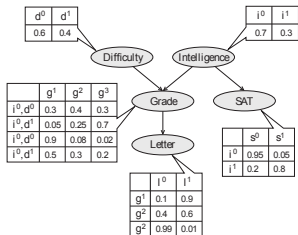
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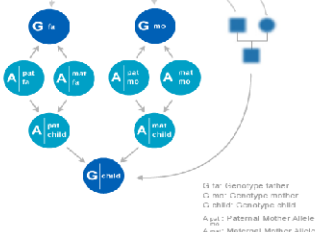
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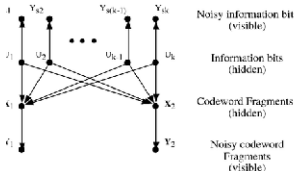


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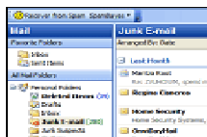
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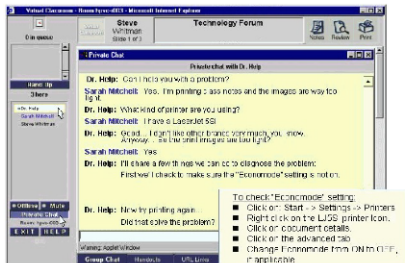
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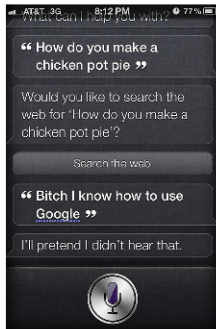
It looks like you're writing a letter.

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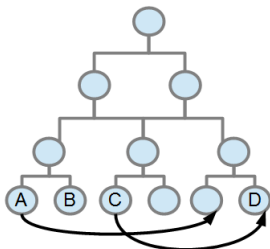
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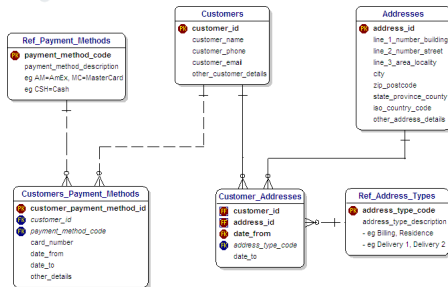
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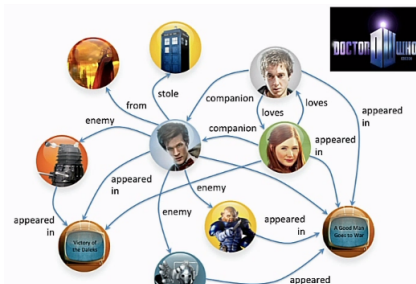
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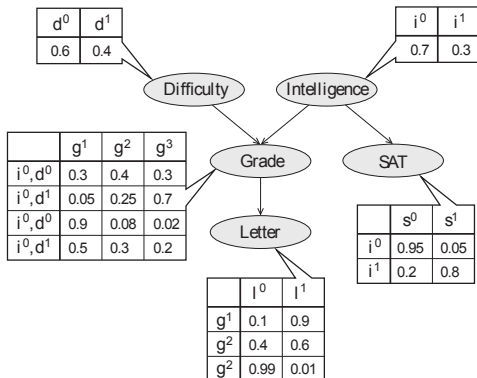
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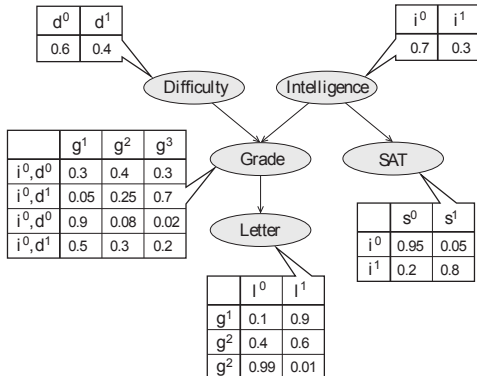
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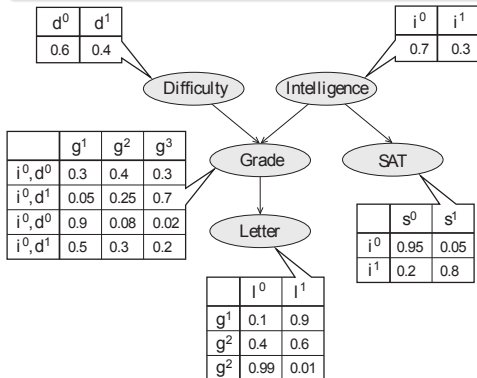
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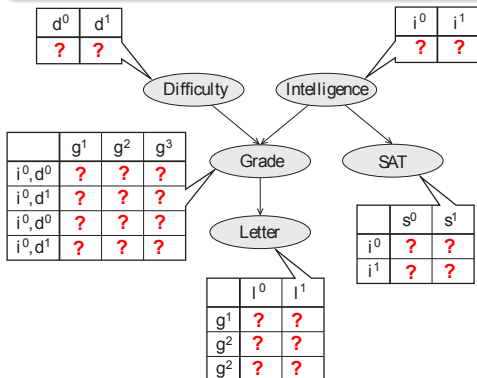
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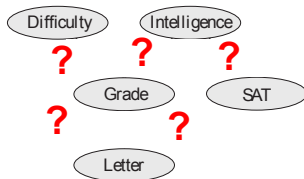
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 ex : IC [Pearl & Verma, 91], PC [Spirtes et al., 93]
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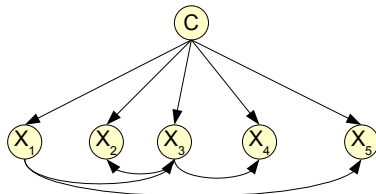
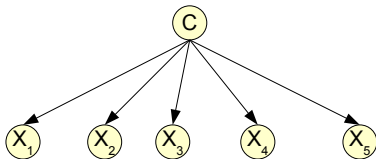
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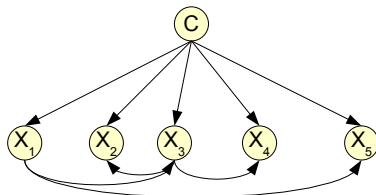
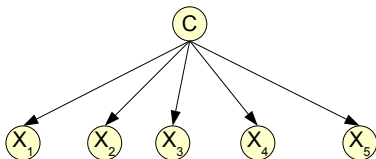
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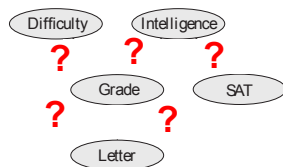
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Incomplete data

- hybridization of previous structure learning methods and EM
- ex : Structural EM [Friedman, 97]
 \simeq Greedy Search + EM
- problem : convergence

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$n \gg p$

- robustness and complexity issues
- application of Perturb & Combine principle
- ex : mixture of randomly perturbed trees
[Ammar & Leray, 11]

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Incremental learning and data streams

- Bayesian updating is easy for parameters
- Bayesian updating is complex for structure learning
- and other constraints related to data streams (limited storage, ...)
- ex : incremental MMHC
[Yasin and Leray, 13]

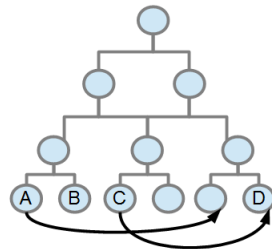
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Integration of prior knowledge

- in order to reduce search space : white list, black list, node ordering [Campos & Castellano, 07]
- interaction with ontologies [Ben Messaoud et al., 13]

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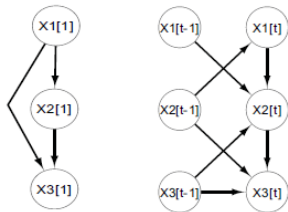


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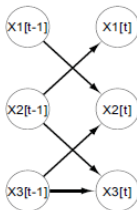
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Hybrid methods

- [Dojer, 06] [Vinh et al., 12] for simplified k-TBN, but often limited to $k = 2$ for scalability
- dynamic MMHC for "unsimplified" 2-TBNs with high n [Trabelsi et al., 13]

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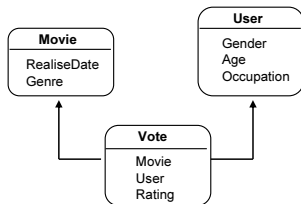
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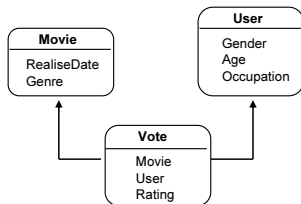
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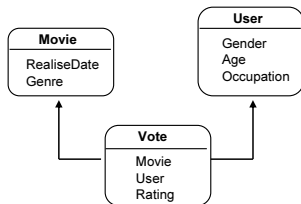
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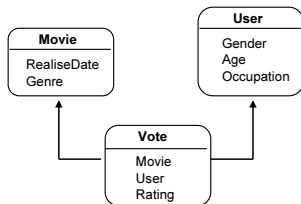
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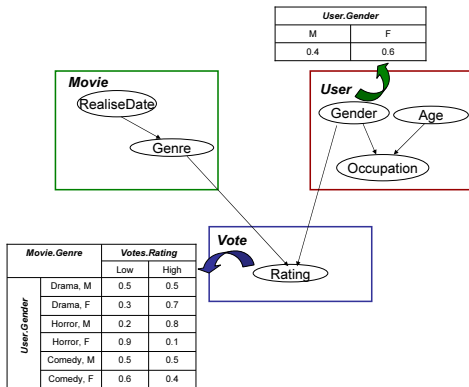
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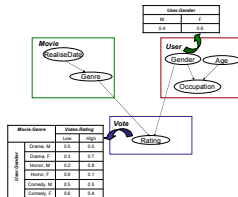
A PRM Π associated to \mathcal{R} :

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- a set of parameters $\theta_{\mathcal{S}}$



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- $Vote.User.User^{-1}.Movie.genre \rightarrow Vote.rating$
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 - solution : using an aggregated value, e.g. $\gamma = MODE$

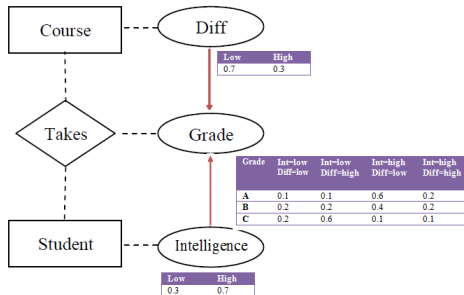
DAPER

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[Heckerman & Meek, 04]

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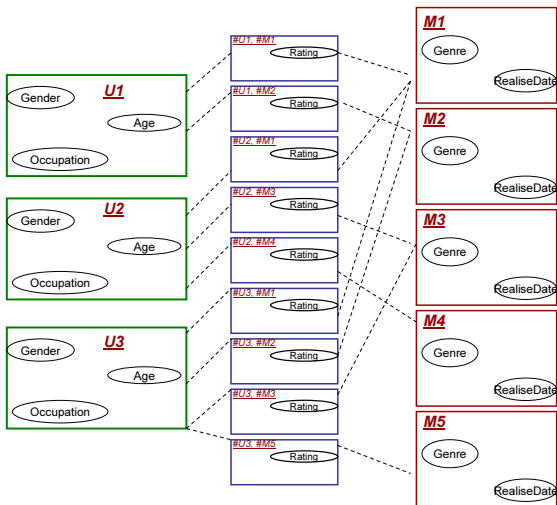
Probabilistic model associated to an Entity-Relationship model



Learning from a relational dataset

GBN

- PRM/DAPER learning = finding the probabilistic dependencies and the probability tables from an instantiated database
- the relational schema/ER model is given



PRM/DAPER structure learning

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- finding new variables by exploring the relational schema
- ex: student.reg.grade, registration.course.reg.grade, registration.student reg.course.reg.grade, ...
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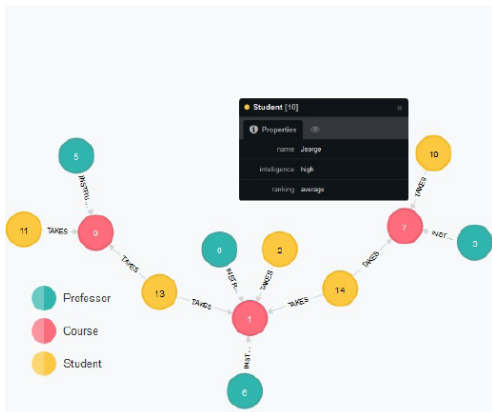
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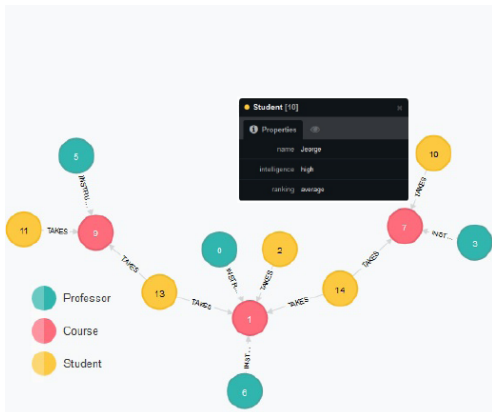
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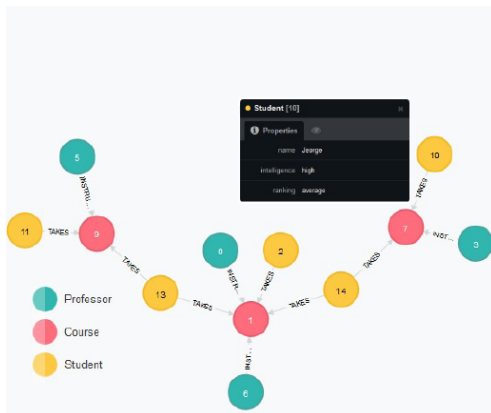
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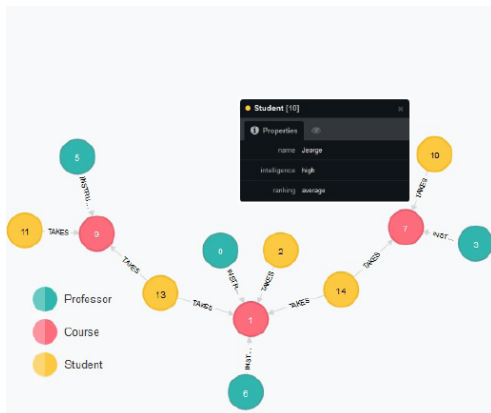
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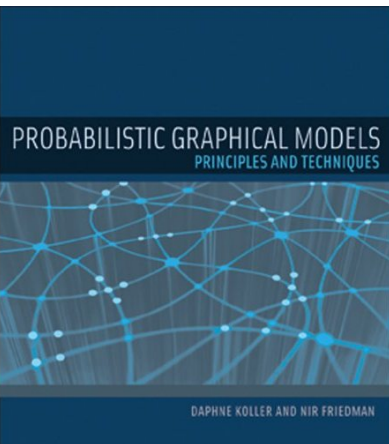
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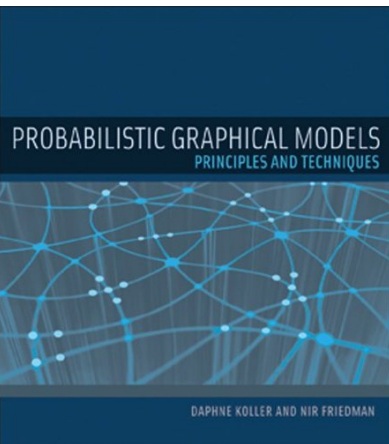
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