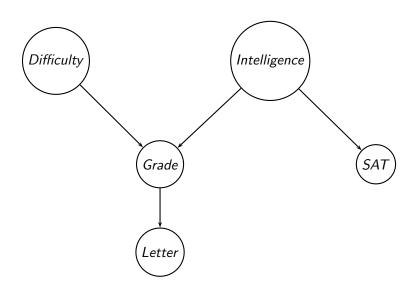
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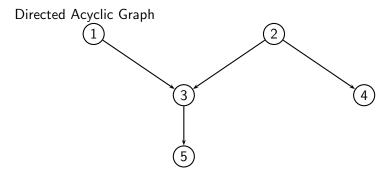
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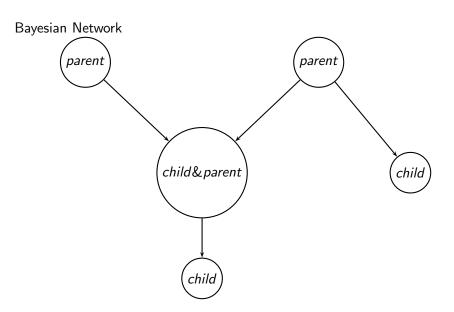
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Learning a graph and its structure



## Graph theory - Part I





# Probability theory

### Reminder

### Definition (Independence)

Let A, B denote random variables. Then A and B are independent iff

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$$
 (1)

### Definition (Conditional Probability)

Let A, B denote random variables and P(B) > 0. The probability of A given B is defined as:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \tag{2}$$

# Combining these approaches

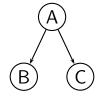
### Definition (Conditional Independence)

Two variables X and Y are conditionally independent given  $\mathbf{Z}$  w.r.t a probability distribution P, denoted as  $Ind_p(X; Y|\mathbf{Z})$ , if  $\forall x, y, \mathbf{z}$ , where  $P(\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{z}) > 0$ ,

$$P(X, Y|\mathbf{Z}) = P(X|\mathbf{Z}) * P(Y|\mathbf{Z})$$
(3)

where  $P(X, Y|\mathbf{Z}) = P(X \cap Y|\mathbf{Z})$ .

## Graph theory - Part II



### Collider

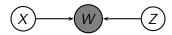


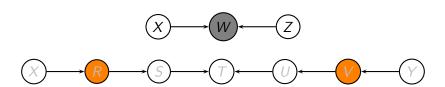
# Blocked paths and d-seperation (Examples)

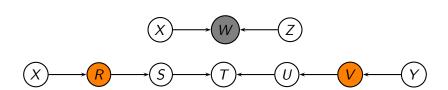
#### Define three sets

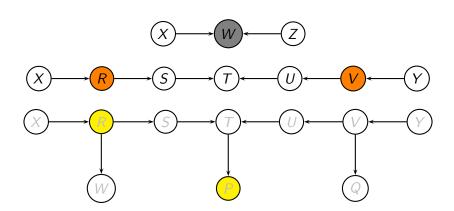
Let  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  denote sets with:

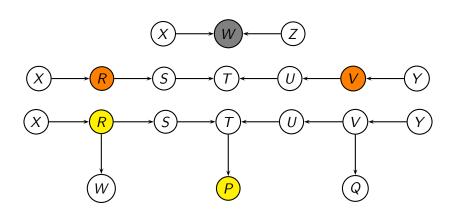
$$Z_1 = \{W\}$$
  
 $Z_2 = \{R, V\}$   
 $Z_3 = \{R, P\}$ 











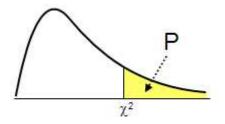
### **Statistics**

# The $G^2$ value

#### **Definition**

We calculate the  $G^2$  value under the nullhypothesis of the conditional independence of  $Ind(X_i, X_i | \mathbf{X}_k \text{ holding. Then, the } G^2 \text{ value is defined as:}$ 

$$G^{2} := 2 * \sum_{a,b,c} S_{ijk}^{abc} * In \left( \frac{S_{ijk}^{abc} * S_{k}^{c}}{S_{ik}^{ac} * S_{jk}^{bc}} \right)$$
(4)



http://www.medcalc.org/manual/\_help/images/chi-sq\_curve.png

# Computational properties

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$\mathbf{d}^0$	$d^1$
0.6	0.4

i <sup>0</sup>	$i^1$	
0.7	0.3	

	<b>s</b> <sup>0</sup>	$\mathbf{s}^1$	
i <sup>0</sup>	0.95	0.05	
$i^1$	0.2	0.8	

	I <sup>0</sup>	l <sup>1</sup>	
$\mathbf{g}^1$	0.95	0.05	
$\mathbf{g}^2$	0.2	0.8	
$\mathbf{g}^3$	0.2	8.0	

	$\mathbf{g}^1$	$\mathbf{g}^2$	$\mathbf{g}^3$
$\mathbf{i}^0,\mathbf{d}^0$	0.3	0.4	0.3
$\mathbf{i}^0,\mathbf{d}^1$	0.05	0.25	0.7
$\mathbf{i}^1, \mathbf{d}^0$	0.9	0.08	0.02
$\mathbf{i}^1, \mathbf{d}^1$	0.5	0.3	0.2