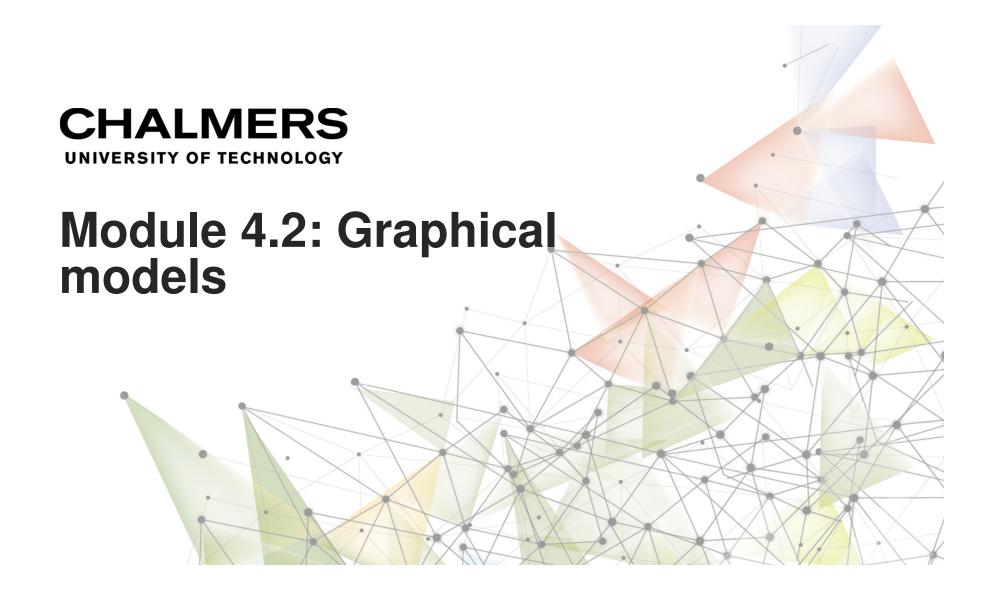


DAT405/DIT407 – Part 2:

Statistical methods in Data Science and Al

DAT405, DIT 407 LP2 2022, Module 4.





Today's topics:

- Joint probability distributions
- Graphical models
- Chain rule
- Bayesian networks
- Sampling of Bayesian networks
- MCMC and Gibbs sampling
- Naïve Bayes





Join probability distributions

- Consider a t-shirt shop.
- The shirts come in two colors: {blue, white}
- In three sizes: {S, M, L}
- Which t-shirt is most probably sold next?

color	Size	Sail frequency
BLUE	S	0.1
BLUE	L	0.2
BLUE	М	0.2
WHITE	S	0.1
WHITE	L	0.1
WHITE	М	0.3

Join probability distributions

- Define two random variables
 - $X \in \{\text{blue}, \text{white}\}$
 - $Y \in \{S, M, L\}$
- The joint distribution can be represented in a table
- If $X \in \{x_1, ..., x_n\}$ and $Y \in \{y_1, ..., y_m\}$ the size of the table is $n \cdot m$.
- Becomes large fast!

	S	L	M
BLUE	0.1	0.2	0.2
WHITE	0.1	0.1	0.3

Joint probability distributions can be represented more compactly using graphical models

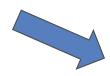
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Conditional probability distributions

X	Y	$\mathbb{P}(X,Y)$
TRUE	TRUE	0.16
FALSE	TRUE	0.24
TRUE	FALSE	0.12
FALSE	FALSE	0.48

X	Y	P(X Y)
TRUE	TRUE	0.4
FALSE	TRUE	0.6
TRUE	FALSE	0.2
FALSE	FALSE	0.8

Joint distribution



Y	$\mathbb{P}(Y)$
TRUE	0.4
FALSE	0.6

Marginal distribution Y

Conditional distribution



Conditional probability distributions

Consider a conditional distribution

$$\mathbb{P}(X=x|Y=y)$$

Y	$\mathbb{P}(X = TRUE Y)$	
TRUE	0.4	$\mathbb{P}(X = \text{TRUE} Y = \text{TRUE})$
FALSE	0.2	$\mathbb{P}(X = TRUE \ Y = FALSE)$

Does not have to sum to 1: $\mathbb{P}(X) = \mathbb{P}(X|Y)\mathbb{P}(Y) + \mathbb{P}(X|Y^c)\mathbb{P}(Y^c)$



Independent events

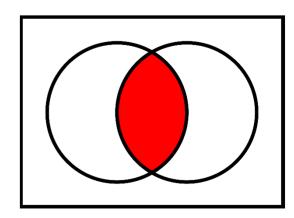
- Two events A and B are independent if information about one does not affect the probability of the other.
- Definition: A and B are independent if

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

Consequently, if A and B are independent

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

Note: mutually exclusive ≠ inependence



Thus, if $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \neq \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$, then A and B are dependent.

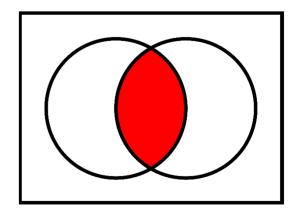


Independent random variables

A set of random variables X₁, X₂, ..., X_n are independent if

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

= $\mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X_n = x_n)$



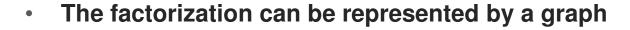
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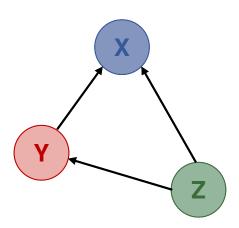


Chain rule

- Random variables: X, Y, Z
- Chain rule

$$\mathbb{P}(X,Y,Z) = \mathbb{P}(X|Y,Z)\mathbb{P}(Y,Z) = \mathbb{P}(X|Y,Z)\mathbb{P}(Y|Z)\mathbb{P}(Z)$$







Chain rule

• In general, for any random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}\left(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\right) = \\ & = \mathbb{P}(X_1) \mathbb{P}(X_2 | X_1) \mathbb{P}(X_3 | X_1, X_2) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X_n | X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \end{split}$$

Note: if X_3 only depends on X_2 then $\mathbb{P}(X_3|X_2,X_1) = P(X_3|X_2)$ This factor requires a table withwith 2^{n-1} rows: one for each value combination of $X_1, ..., X_n$. If n = 40 we need a TB-sized memory to store.

Note that we can choose any ordering of the n! possible

Chain rule

Note that the factorization is not unique

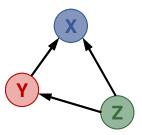
$$\mathbb{P}(X,Y,Z) = \mathbb{P}(X|Y,Z)\mathbb{P}(Y|Z)\mathbb{P}(Z) =$$

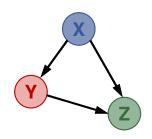
$$= \mathbb{P}(Y|X,Z)\mathbb{P}(X|Z)\mathbb{P}(Z)$$

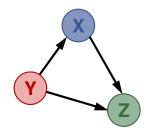
Y

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In total n! = 6 permutations and different graph representations.

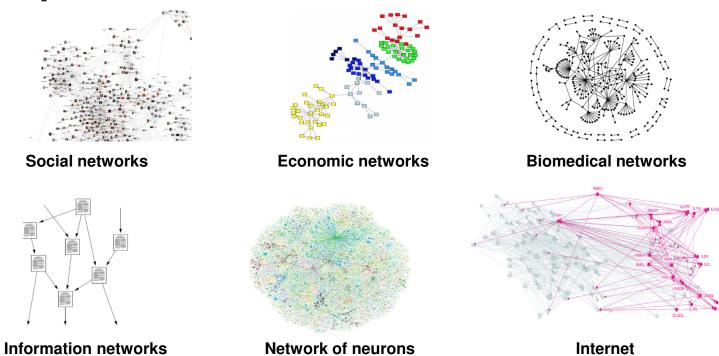








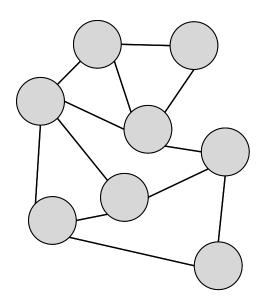
Graphical models





Graphical models

- Diagrammatic representations of various connections and dependencies
- Informative visualization of the structure
- Efficient computer algorithms acting directly on the graph model

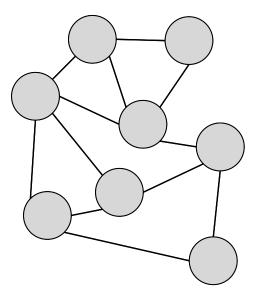




Graphical models

Three main objectives:

- Representation
 - model structure
- Inference
 - queries to ask using model
- Learning
 - fit model to observed data

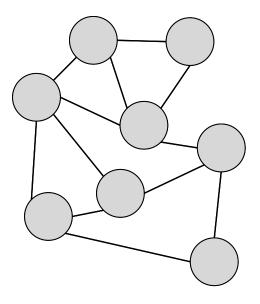




Graphical models: some basics

A simple graph G = (V, E) consists of

- A set V of vertices or nodes
- A set E of edges or links

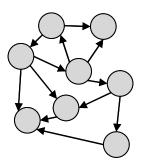


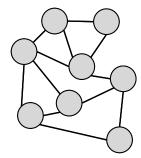


Graphical models: some basics

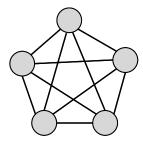
The graph can be

- directed or
- undirected





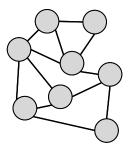
A *complete graph* has a connection between every pair of vertices



Graphical models: some basics

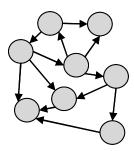
Undirected

- Joint probability distribution
- Links without arrows
- Indicating relationships (correlation)



Directed

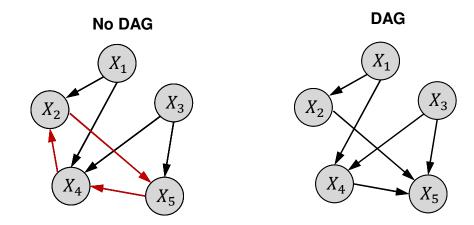
- Conditional prob distribution
- Directional links (with arrows)
- Indicating conditional dependence





Directed acyclic graphs (DAGs)

- Directed edges
- Contains no cycles/loops.
- Topological ordering of nodes





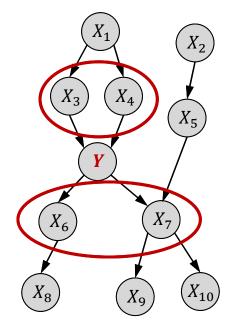
Directed acyclic graphs (DAGs)

The parents of a node are the nodes with links into it.

$$pa(Y) = \{X_3, X_4\}$$

• The *children* of a node are the nodes with links to them from that node.

$$\operatorname{ch}(Y) = \{X_6, X_7\}$$



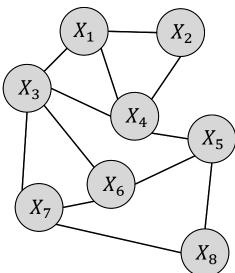


Probabilistic graphical models

A graph that represents the joint distribution of the random variables

Vertices: random variables

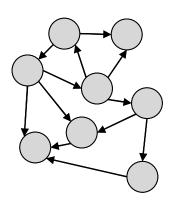
Edges: probabilistic relationships



Examples of probabilistic graphical models

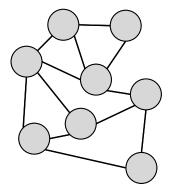
Directed

- Naïve Bayes
- Bayesian networks
- Markov chains
- Neural networks



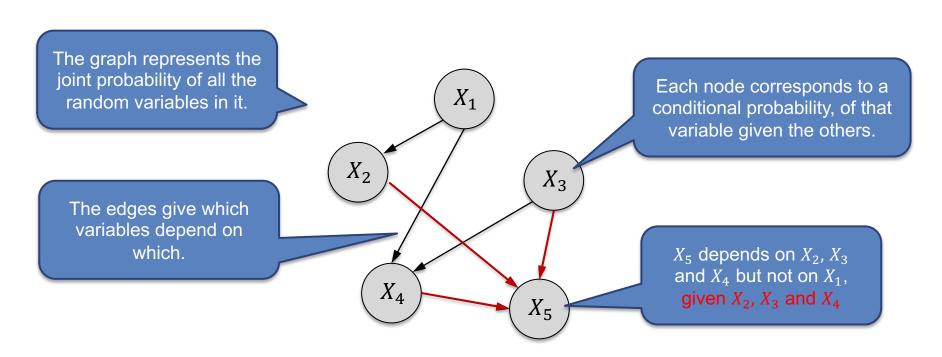
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- Markov random fields
- Conditional random fields



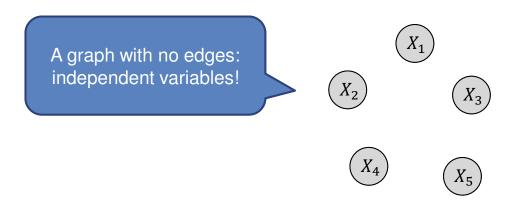


Intuitive interpretation of the graph





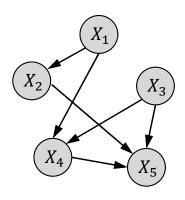
Example 1: chain rule



Chain rule:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5\right) = \mathbb{P}(X_1)\mathbb{P}(X_2)\mathbb{P}(X_3)\mathbb{P}(X_4)\mathbb{P}(X_5)$$

Example 2: chain rule

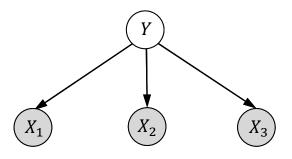


Chain rule:

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) = \mathbb{P}(X_1) \mathbb{P}(X_2 | X_1) \mathbb{P}(X_3) \mathbb{P}(X_4 | X_1, X_3) \mathbb{P}(X_5 | X_2, X_3, X_4)$$



Example 3: chain rule



Chain rule:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Y,X_{1},X_{2},X_{3}\right)=\mathbb{P}(Y)\mathbb{P}(X_{1}|Y)\mathbb{P}(X_{2}|Y)\mathbb{P}(X_{3}|Y)$$

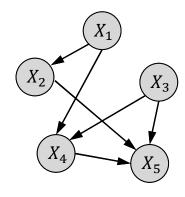
Chain rule for DAGs

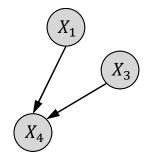
Can deduce probabilistic model from graph

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}(X_{1}, X_{2}, \dots, X_{5}) \\ & = \mathbb{P}(X_{1}) \mathbb{P}(X_{3}) \mathbb{P}(X_{2} | X_{1}) \mathbb{P}(X_{4} | X_{1}, X_{3}) \mathbb{P}(X_{5} | X_{2}, X_{3}, X_{4}) \end{split}$$

- A link going from $X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ means that X_1 is a *parent* node of X_2 .
- The probability of each node X_i is conditioned only on its parents $pa(X_i)$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1,\ldots,X_n)=\prod_{i=1}^n\mathbb{P}(X_i|\mathrm{pa}(X_i))$$





$$pa(X_4) = \{X_1, X_3\}$$



- Diagnosis of cancer

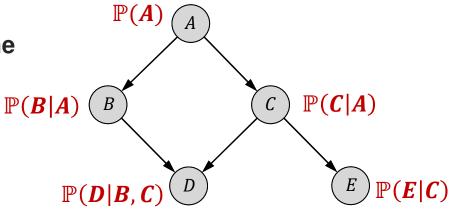
increased total serium calcium D E Severe headaches



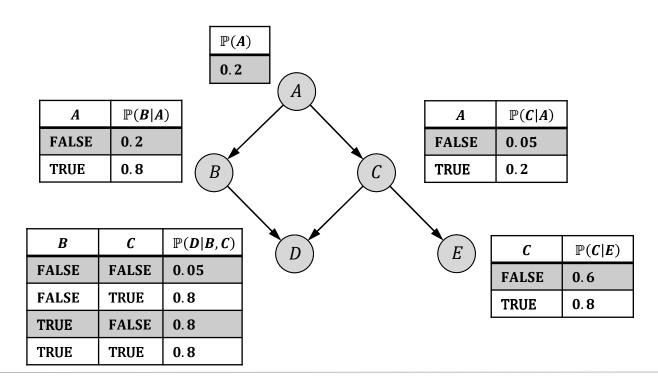
The entire network represents the joint probability

 $\mathbb{P}(A, B, C, D, E)$

This can be factorized according to the dependencies given by the edges



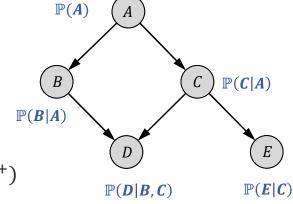
 $\mathbb{P}(A, B, C, D, E) = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B|A) \mathbb{P}(C|A) \mathbb{P}(D|B, C) \mathbb{P}(E|C)$





Now we can compute the joint probability for any combination of interest

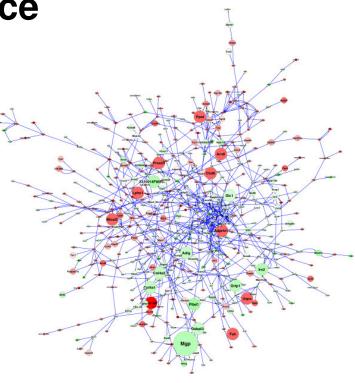
$$\mathbb{P}(A^{+}, B^{-}, C^{+}, D^{-}, E^{+}) =
= \mathbb{P}(A^{+}) \mathbb{P}(B^{-}|A^{+}) \mathbb{P}(C^{+}|A^{-}) \mathbb{P}(D^{-}|B^{-}, C^{+}) \mathbb{P}(E^{+}|C^{+})
= \mathbb{P}(A^{+}) (1 - \mathbb{P}(B^{+}|A^{+})) \mathbb{P}(C^{+}|A^{-}) (1 - \mathbb{P}(D^{+}|B^{-}, C^{+})) \mathbb{P}(E^{+}|C^{+})
= \dots = 0.00128$$



However: this needs to be put in relation to all other value combinations ($2^5 = 32$ joint probabilities)...



Bayesian network inference





Bayesian network inference

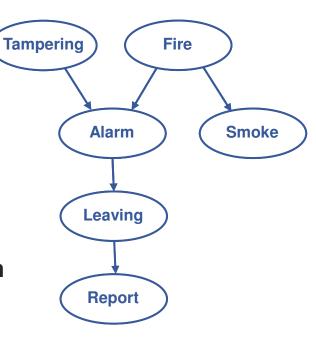
We want to diagnose the true cause of a fire alarm.

Variabels (all true/false):

Fire: true when there is a fire

- Alarm: true when the alarm sounds
- Smoke: true when there is smoke
- Leaving: true if many people leave the building
- Report: true if reports of people leaving
- Tampering: true when alarm were tampered with

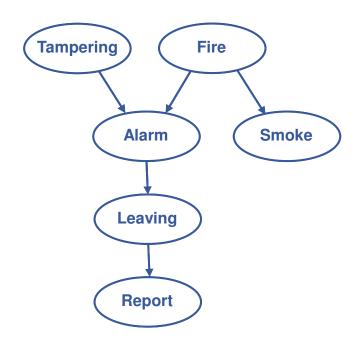
Conditional dependencies are given by the DAG.





Bayesian network inference

- Exact inference: variable elimination
- Approximate inference: sampling



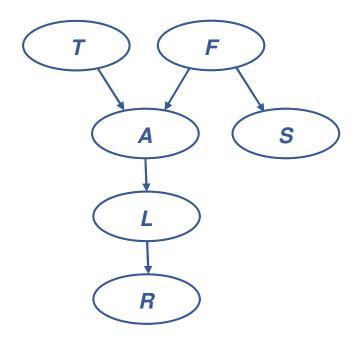


Sampling in Bayesian networks: example

Factorization

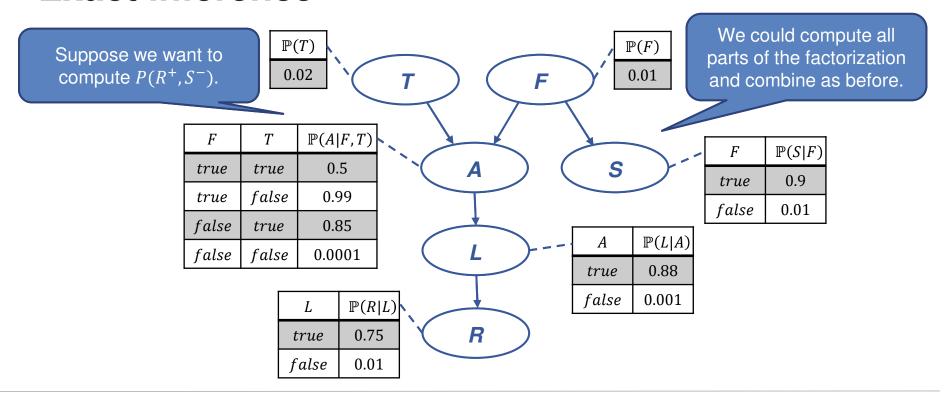
$$\mathbb{P}(T, F, A, S, L, R) =$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(T)\mathbb{P}(F)\mathbb{P}(A|T, F)\mathbb{P}(S, F)\mathbb{P}(L|A)\mathbb{P}(R|L)$$





Exact inference





Exact inference

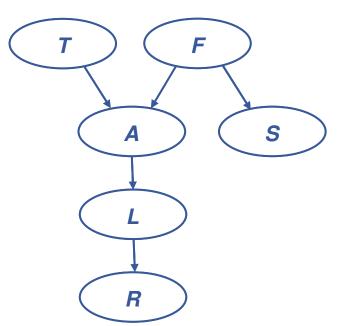
$$\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-) =$$

$$= \sum_{L} \sum_{A} \sum_{T} \sum_{F} \mathbb{P}(R^+, S^- | L, A, T, F) \, \mathbb{P}(L, A, T, F)$$

$$= \sum_{L, A, T, F} \mathbb{P}(R^+ | L) \mathbb{P}(L | A) \mathbb{P}(A | T, F) \mathbb{P}(T) \mathbb{P}(F) \mathbb{P}(S^- | F)$$

Very time consuming.

Approximation by sampling scales better.





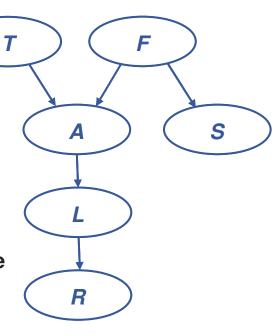
Sampling in Bayesian networks

Basic idea

- Draw N samples from a sampling distribution
- Estimate the posterior probability
- Show that this converges to the desired probability

Why sampling?

- Learning: get samples from an unknown distribution
- Inference: faster and more scalable than exact inference



Sampling – basic idea

Sampling from a given distribution:

Step 1: Split the interval [0, 1) into subintervals proportional to the desired sampling distribution

Step 2: Sample from the uniform distribution U[0, 1) (i.e. a random number $0 \le u < 1$)

Step 3: Associate u with the corresponding subinterval Repeat N times.

Evennler			
Example:	Class C	$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C})$	
$0 \le u < 0.6$	red	0.6	
$0.6 \le u < 0.7$	green	0.1	
$0.7 \le u < 1$	blue	0.3	

• If random() returns u = 0.83, then C =blue.

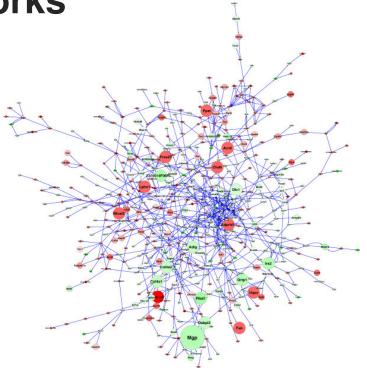
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Sampling in Bayesian networks

- Prior sampling
- Rejection sampling
- Likelihood Weighting
- Gibbs sampling (MCMC)





Prior sampling

Sample	Т	F	Α	S	L	R	
s_1	false	false	true	false	false	true	
s_2	false	true	false	true	false	false	
s_3	false	true	true	false	true	true	
S_4	false	true	false	true	false	false	
S ₅	false	true	true	true	true	true	
<i>S</i> ₆	false	false	false	true	false	false	
S ₇	true	false	false	false	true	false	
<i>S</i> ₈	true	true	true	true	true	true	
S ₁₀₀₀	true	false	true	false	true	false	

Example: estimate $P(T^+)$

Forward sampling from BN

$$P(T^+) = \frac{\#\{T^+\}}{\#\{samples\}}$$



Rejection sampling

Reject the samples that conflict with our evidence

Sample	Т	F	Α	S	L	R	
s_1	false	false	true	false	false	true	
s_2	false	true	false	true	false	false	\checkmark
s_3	false	true	true	false	true	true	
s_4	false	true	false	true	false	false	\checkmark
<i>S</i> ₅	false	true	true	true	true	true	
s_6	false	false	false	true	false	false	\checkmark
S ₇	true	false	false	false	true	false	
s_8	true	true	true	true	true	true	
s_{1000}	true	false	true	false	true	false	

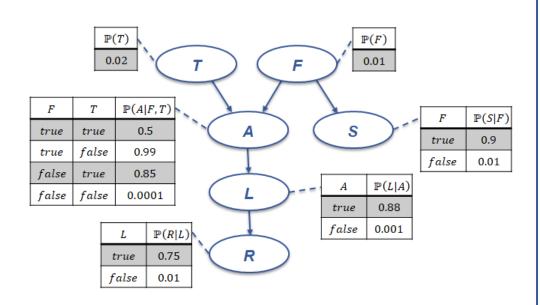
Example: $\mathbb{P}(T^+|S^+,R^-)$

Reject all samples that conflict with our evidence (S^+, R^-)

Estimate $\mathbb{P}(T^+|S^+,R^-)$ from the accepted:

$$\mathbb{P}(T^+|S^+,R^-) = \frac{\#\{\text{accepted},T^+\}}{\#\{\text{accepted}\}}$$

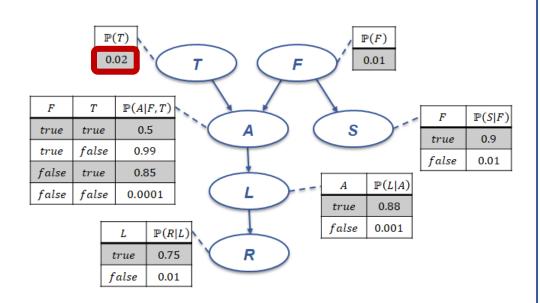
Downside: requires MANY samples



Example: estimate $\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-)$

Variables S = true and R = false are fixed *evidence*

Generate sample 1:

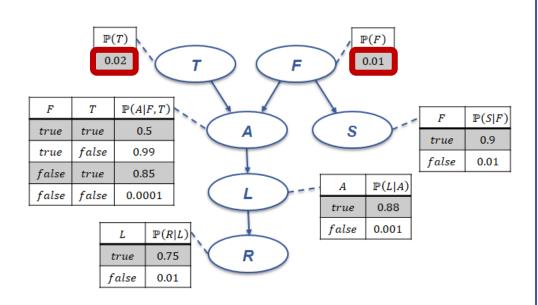


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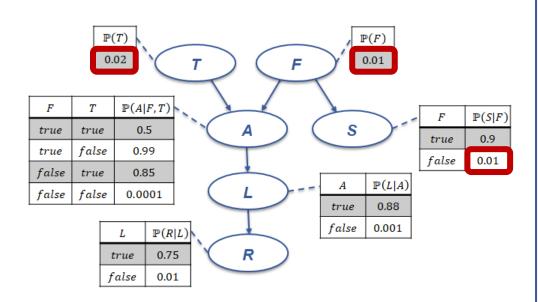


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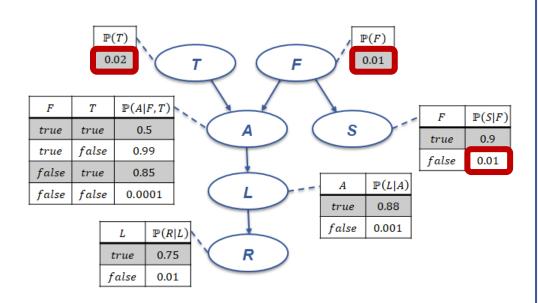


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- 3. Sample S|F: e.g. S = true



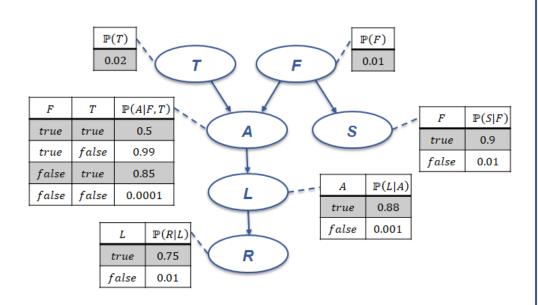
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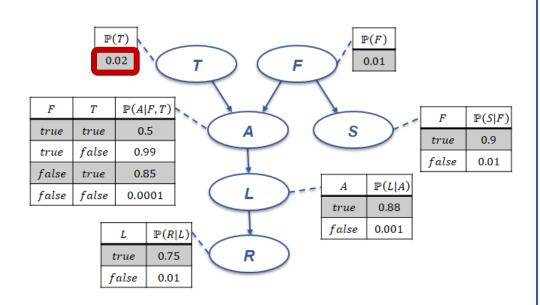
1 sample: Hits: 0, Misses: 1



Example: estimate $\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-)$

Variables S = true and R = false are fixed *evidence*

Generate sample 2:

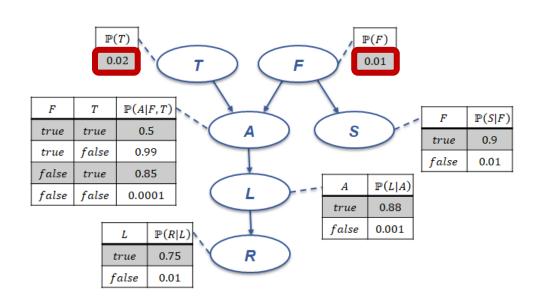


Example: estimate $\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-)$

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Generate sample 2:

1. Sample T: e.g T = false

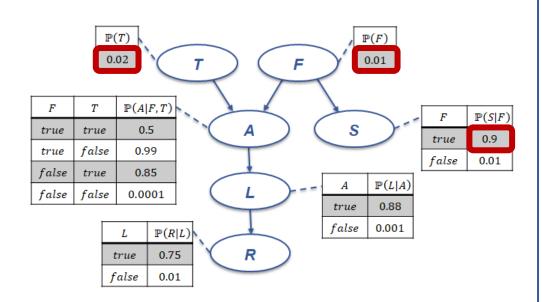


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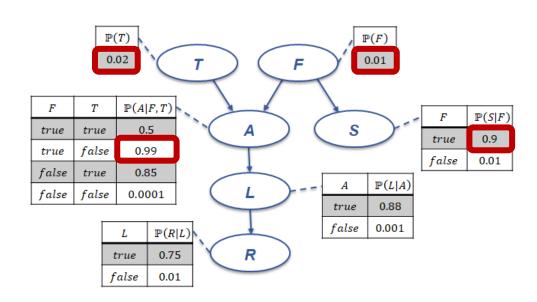


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Variables S = true and R = false are fixed *evidence*

Generate sample 2:

- **1.** Sample T: e.g T = false
- 2. Sample F: e.g. F = true
- 3. Sample $S|F^+$: e.g. S = false

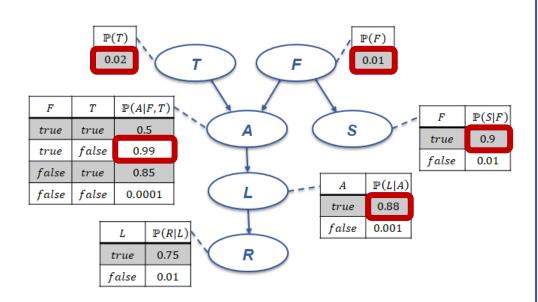


Example: estimate $\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-)$

Variables S = true and R = false are fixed *evidence*

Generate sample 2:

- **1.** Sample T: e.g T = false
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- 3. Sample $S|F^+$: e.g. S = false
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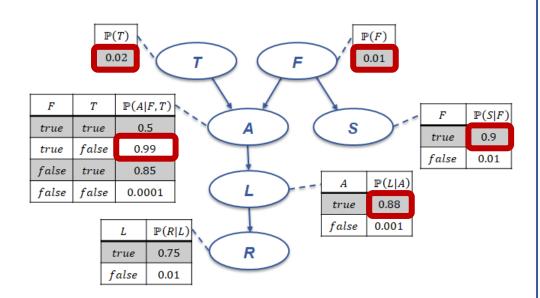


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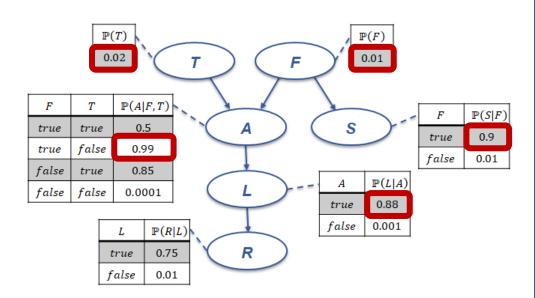


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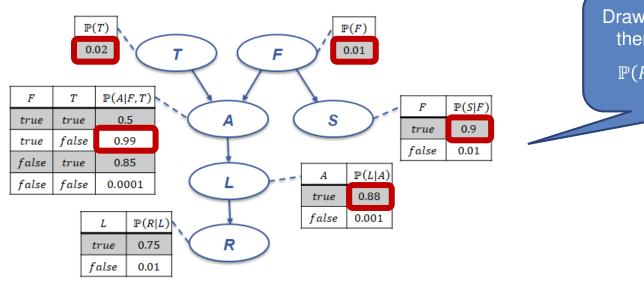
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2 samples: Hits: 1, Misses: 1

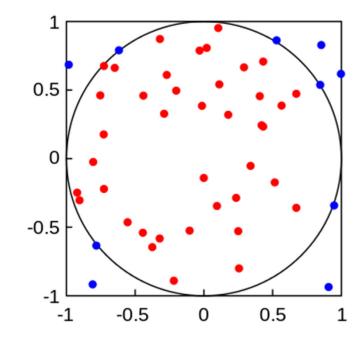




Draw many such samples and then estimate $\mathbb{P}(R^+, S^-)$ by $\frac{Hits}{Hits + Misses}$

Sampling in Monte Carlo integration

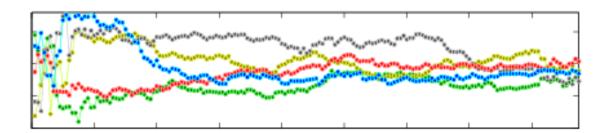
- Let us approximate π
- Generate 100 random points inside the square ("throw darts")
 - Hits (inside circle): 80
 - Misses (outside circle): 20
- Circle area $\approx 0.8 \cdot \text{square area}$ = $0.8 \cdot 4 = 3.2$
- Also: circle area = $\pi \cdot 1 \approx 3.2$





Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

- MCMC combines Monte Carlo simulation and Markov chains.
- Idea: Instead of generating every sample from scratch, we create samples that are similar to the previous one





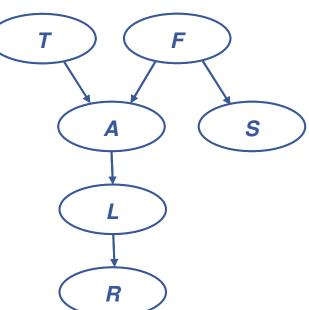
Gibbs sampling in a Bayesian network

Example: estimation of $\mathbb{P}(T^+, A^-|S^+, R^+)$

- 1. Keep the evidence S^+, R^+ fixed, sample all other variables from there conditional distributions
- 2. Repeat (as many times as wanted)
- 3. Alternatively march through the variables in some predefined order.

E.g. sample $\mathbb{P}(T)$ and $\mathbb{P}(F)$, then $\mathbb{P}(A|T,F)$ and so on.

A.k.a. forward sampling



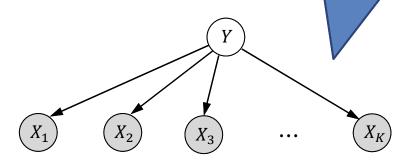


The naïve Bayes classifier

Assume the graph looks like this

Still, very helpful simplification that give "good enough" results in many applications.

What is naïve here is to assume that each X_i only depends on Y, and not on each other.



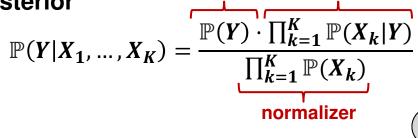


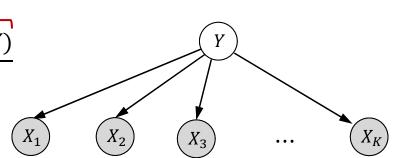
Naïve Bayes: general description

- The Naïve Bayes assumption
 - $\mathbb{P}(Y, X_1, X_2, ... X_K) = \mathbb{P}(Y) \prod_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(X_k | Y)$
 - $\mathbb{P}(X_1, X_2, \dots X_K) = \mathbb{P}(X_1)\mathbb{P}(X_2) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X_K) = \prod_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(X_k)$

likelihood

Posterior

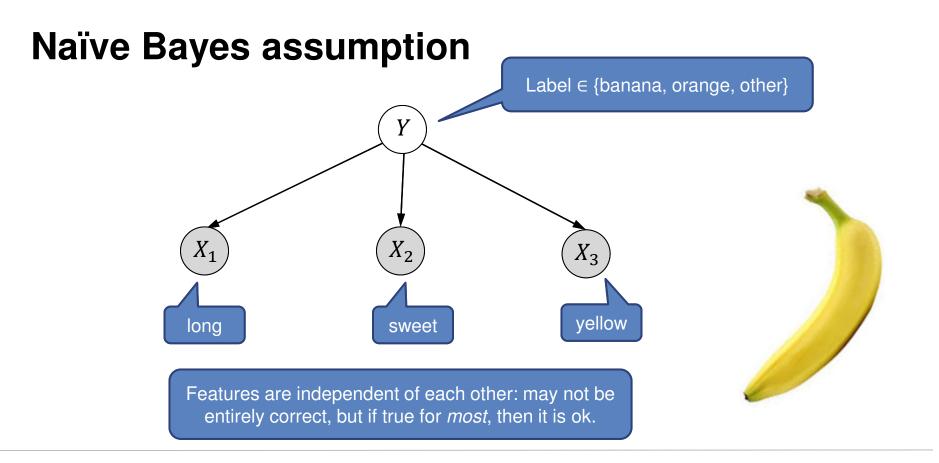






- We have N = 1000 fruits, with labels
 - Banana
 - Orange
 - Other
- Three features of each fruit
 - Long \in {true, false}
 - **Sweet** ∈ {true, false}
 - Yellow $\in \{true, false\}$
- Objective: determine label for a new fruit given the three features







Label	Long	Not long	Sweet	Not sweet	Yellow	Not yellow	Total
Banana	400	100	350	150	450	50	500
Orange	0	300	150	150	300	0	300
Other	100	200	150	50	50	150	200
Total	500	500	650	350	800	200	1000

Potential queries

 What is the probability of it being a banana given the features long, sweet and yellow?

Step 1: Compute the prior probabilities P(Y) for each fruit label

- from prior information
- or from training data

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = \text{banana}) = 500/1000 = 0.5$$

 $\mathbb{P}(Y = \text{orange}) = 300/1000 = 0.3$
 $\mathbb{P}(Y = \text{other}) = 200/1000 = 0.2$

Label	Total
Banana	500
Orange	300
Other	200
Total	1000

Step 2: Compute the denominator

$$\prod_{k=1}^K P(X_k)$$

$$P(X_1 = long) = 500/1000 = 0.5$$

$$P(X_2 = \text{sweet}) = 650/1000 = 0.65$$

$$P(X_3 = \text{yellow}) = 800/1000 = 0.8$$

Label	Long	Sweet	Yellow	Total
Banana	400	350	450	500
Orange	0	150	300	300
Other	100	150	50	200
Total	500	650	800	1000

Step 3: Compute the likelihood

$$\prod_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{P}(X_k|Y) = \prod_{k=1}^{K} \frac{\#\{\text{fruits with label } Y \text{ and feature } X_k\}}{\#\{\text{fruits with label } Y\}}$$

$$P(X_1 = long|banana) = 400/500 = 0.8$$

$$P(X_2 = \text{sweet}|\text{banana}) = 350/500 = 0.7$$

$$P(X_3 = \text{yellow}|\text{banana}) = 450/500 = 0.9$$

Label	Long	Sweet	Yellow	Total
Banana	400	350	450	500



Given that the fruit is long, sweet, and yellow, what is the probability it is a banana?

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}(banana|long,sweet,yellow) = \\ & = \frac{\mathbb{P}(banana)\mathbb{P}(long|banana)\mathbb{P}(sweet|banana)\mathbb{P}(yellow|banana)}{\mathbb{P}(long)\mathbb{P}(sweet)\mathbb{P}(yellow)} \\ & = \frac{0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.9}{0.5 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 0.8} = 0.969 \end{split}$$





Given some features, which is the most likely label? Which is biggest?

- $\mathbb{P}(\text{banana}|X_1,\ldots,X_K)$?
- $\mathbb{P}(\text{orange}|X_1,\ldots,X_K)$?
- $\mathbb{P}(\text{other}|X_1,\ldots,X_K)$?

All labels have the same denominator

To find out, it is enough to compute the nominator

$$\mathbb{P}(Y|X_1,\ldots,X_K) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(X_k|Y)}{\prod_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(X_k)}$$





Step 4: Given that the fruit is long, sweet, and yellow, what is the *most likely label*?

 $\mathbb{P}(\text{banana}|\text{long, sweet, yellow})$

 $\propto \mathbb{P}(\text{banana})\mathbb{P}(\text{long |banana})\mathbb{P}(\text{sweet |banana})\mathbb{P}(\text{yellow |banana})$

 $= 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.9 = 0.252$

 $\mathbb{P}(\text{orange } | \text{long, sweet, yellow}) \propto \mathbf{0} \text{ because } \mathbb{P}(\text{long}|\text{orange}) = \mathbf{0}$

 $\mathbb{P}(\text{other }|\text{long, sweet, yellow}) \propto 0.01875$

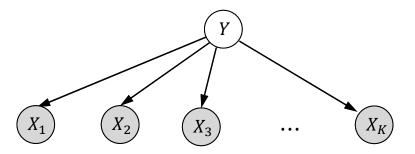
The fruit is most likely a banana!





Applications of naïve Bayes

- Real-time prediction (fast, scalable)
- Multi-class prediction
- Text classification/spam filtering/sentiment analysis
- Recommendation system





Inference algorithms in graphical models

Exact inference

- Variable elimination
- Message passing/belief propagation
- Junction trees

Approximative inference

- Stochastic simulation
- Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Variational algorithms

