



# 10-708 Probabilistic Graphical Models

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## Directed Graphical Models

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# **ROADMAP**

# Roadmap by Contrasts

- **Model:**
  - locally normalized *vs.* globally normalized
  - generative *vs.* discriminative
  - treewidth: high *vs.* low
  - cyclic *vs.* acyclic graphical models
  - exponential family *vs.* neural
  - deep *vs.* shallow (when viewed as neural network)
- **Inference:**
  - exact *vs.* approximate (and which models admit which)
  - dynamic programming *vs.* sampling *vs.* optimization
- **Inference problems:**
  - MAP *vs.* marginal *vs.* partition function
- **Learning:**
  - fully-supervised *vs.* partially-supervised (latent variable models) *vs.* unsupervised
  - partially-supervised *vs.* semi-supervised (missing some variable values *vs.* missing labels for entire instances)
  - loss-aware *vs.* not
  - probabilistic *vs.* non-probabilistic
  - frequentist *vs.* Bayesian

# Roadmap by Example

## **Whiteboard:**

- Starting point: fully supervised HMM
- modifications to the model, inference, and learning
- corresponding technical terms of the result

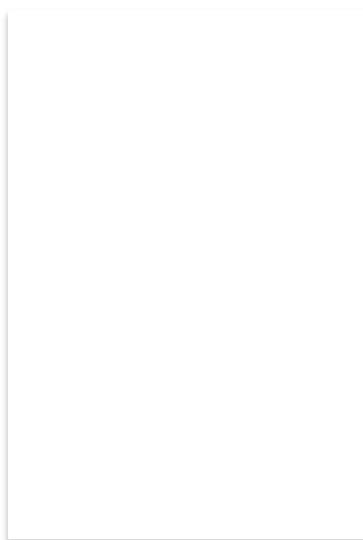
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# **DIRECTED GRAPHICAL MODELS**

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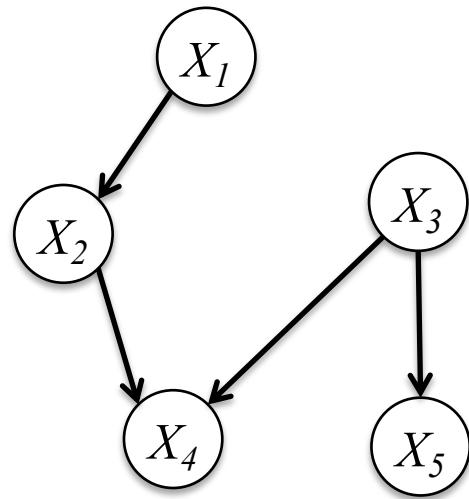


# Directed Graphical Models (Bayes Nets)

## Whiteboard

- Example: Ryan Reynolds' Voicemail
- Writing Joint Distributions
  - Idea #1: Giant Table
  - Idea #2: Rewrite using chain rule
  - Idea #3: Assume full independence
  - Idea #4: Drop variables from RHS of conditionals
- Definition: Bayesian Network

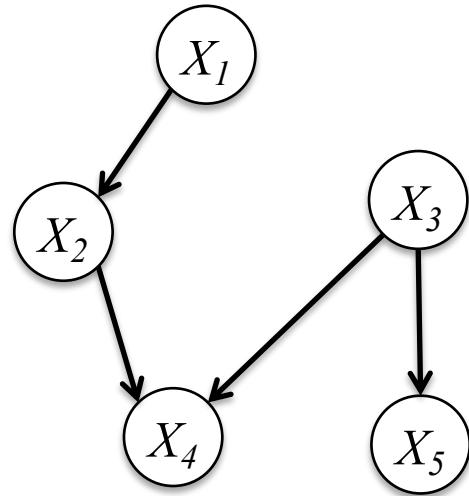
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# Bayesian Network

## Definition:



$$P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \mid \text{parents}(X_i))$$

- A Bayesian Network is a **directed graphical model**
- It consists of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) **G** and the conditional probabilities **P**
- These two parts full specify the distribution:
  - Qualitative Specification: **G**
  - Quantitative Specification: **P**

# Bayesian Networks & DAGs

Suppose we have an arbitrary directed graph  $G$  over  $T$  variables  $X_i$  and define the following product:

$$P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^T P(X_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

- **Proposition:** The function  $P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X})$  is a valid joint distribution when  $G$  is a DAG
- **Proof:** Let  $X_s$  be a leaf node. By our factorization we have that,

$$P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X}) = P(X_s | \text{parents}(X_s))P_{\text{fact}}(\text{parents}(X_s))$$

By induction, if  $P_{\text{fact}}(\text{parents}(X_s))$  is a valid joint distribution then  $P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X})$  is a valid joint distribution.

# Qualitative Specification

- Where does the qualitative specification come from?
  - Prior knowledge of causal relationships
  - Prior knowledge of modular relationships
  - Assessment from experts
  - Learning from data (i.e. structure learning)
  - We simply prefer a certain architecture (e.g. a layered graph)
  - ...

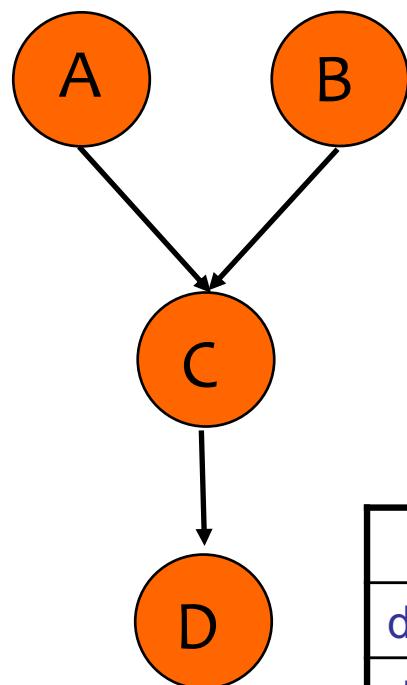
# Quantitative Specification

Example: Conditional probability tables (CPTs)  
for discrete random variables

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$$P(a,b,c,d) = P(a)P(b)P(c|a,b)P(d|c)$$



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c <sup>0</sup>	0.45	1	0.9	0.7
c <sup>1</sup>	0.55	0	0.1	0.3

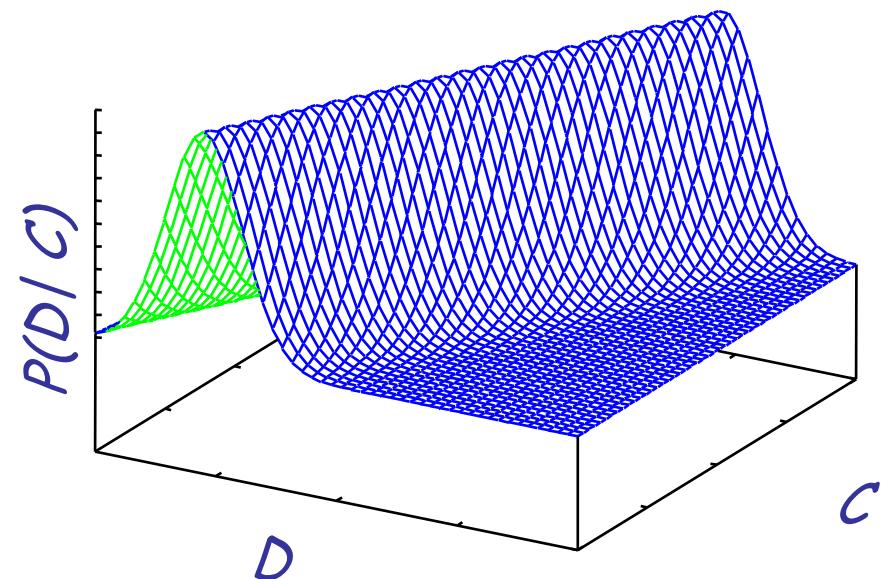
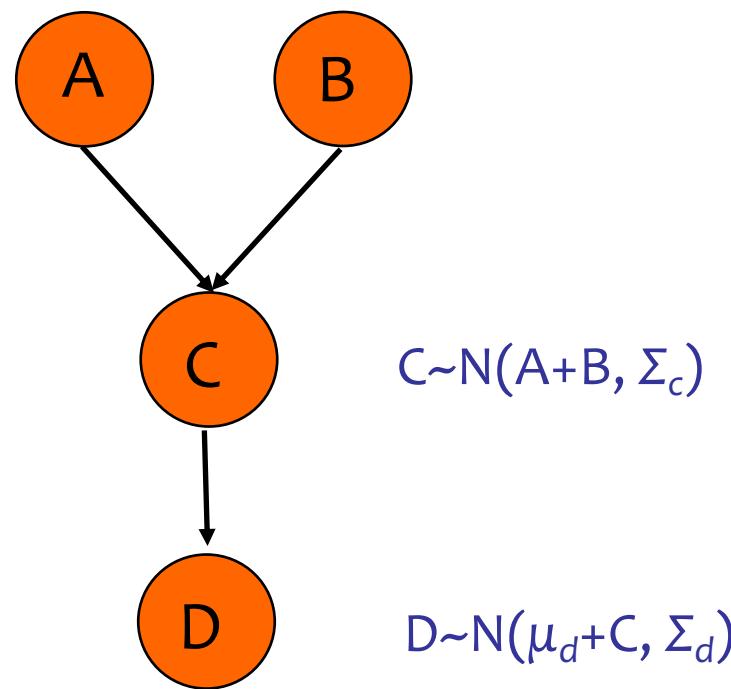
	c <sup>0</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>
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# Quantitative Specification

Example: Conditional probability density functions (CPDs)  
for continuous random variables

$$A \sim N(\mu_a, \Sigma_a) \quad B \sim N(\mu_b, \Sigma_b)$$

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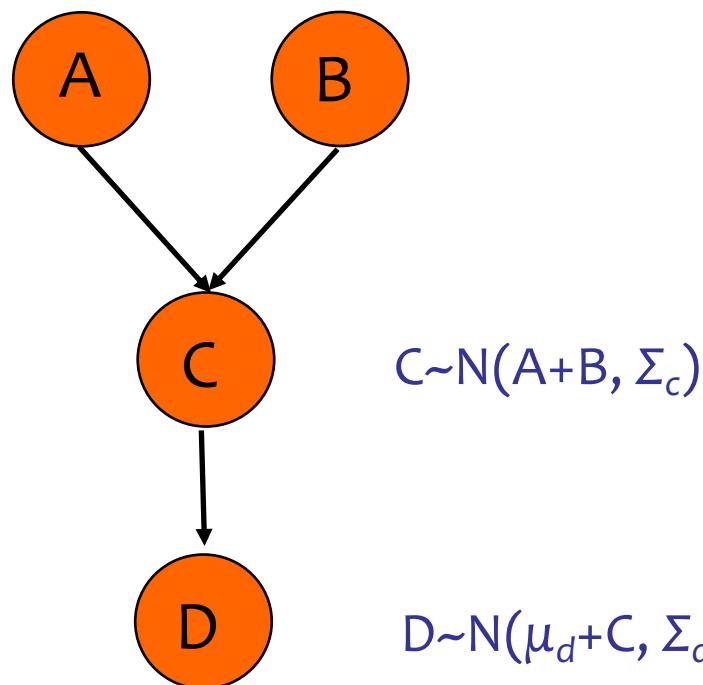
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Example: Combination of CPTs and CPDs  
for a mix of discrete and continuous variables

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# Compactness of a BayesNet

Consider random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T$   
where  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$ , where  $|\mathcal{X}| = R$

- To represent an arbitrary distribution  $P(\mathbf{X})$  via a single joint probability table requires  $R^T - 1$  values
- If the distribution factors according to a graph  $G$  and  $\max_{X_i} |\text{parents}(X_i)| \leq D$

Exponential  
in  $T$

then each  $P(X_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$  needs only  $R^D(R - 1)$  values for a total of only  $T(R^D(R - 1))$  values

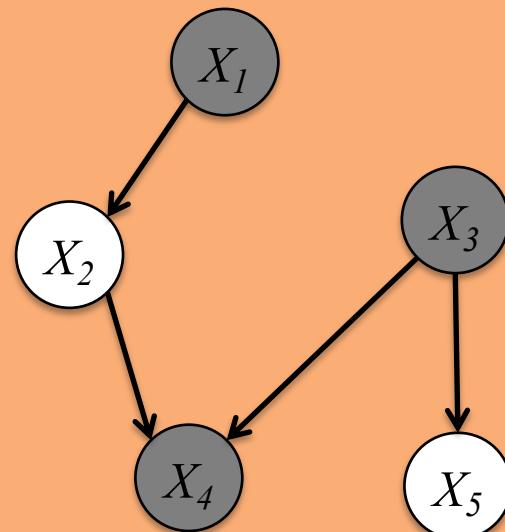
Linear in  $T$

# Observed Variables

- In a graphical model, **shaded nodes** are “**observed**”, i.e. their values are given

**Example:**

$$P(X_2, X_5 \mid X_1 = 0, X_3 = 1, X_4 = 1)$$



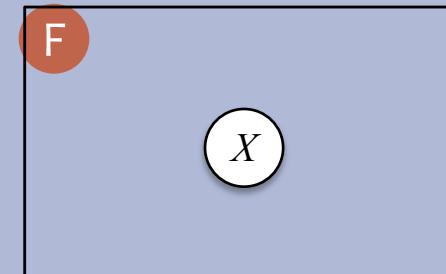
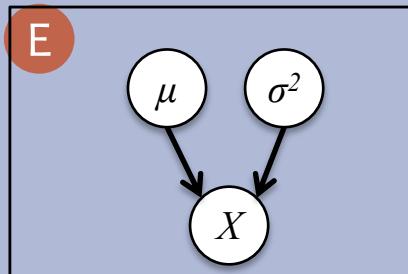
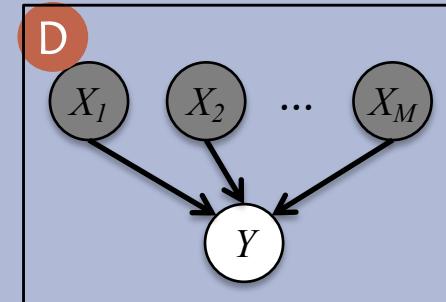
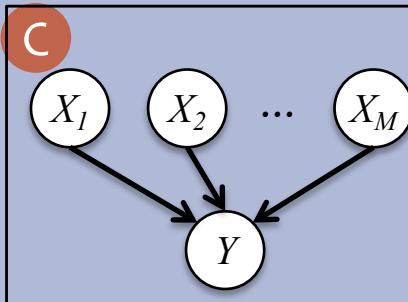
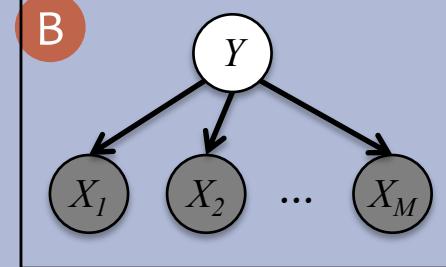
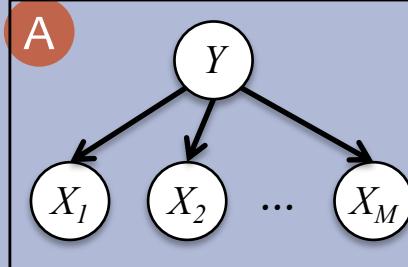
# Familiar Models as Bayesian Networks

## Question:

Match the model name to the corresponding Bayesian Network

1. Logistic Regression
2. Linear Regression
3. Bernoulli Naïve Bayes
4. Gaussian Naïve Bayes
5. 1D Gaussian

## Answer:



# **GRAPHICAL MODELS: DETERMINING CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCIES**

# What Independencies does a Bayes Net Model?

- In order for a Bayesian network to model a probability distribution, the following must be true:  
Each variable is conditionally independent of all its non-descendants in the graph given the value of all its parents.

- This follows from

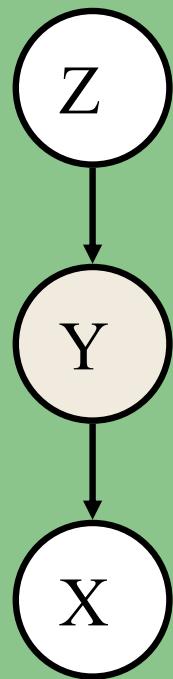
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- But what else does it imply?

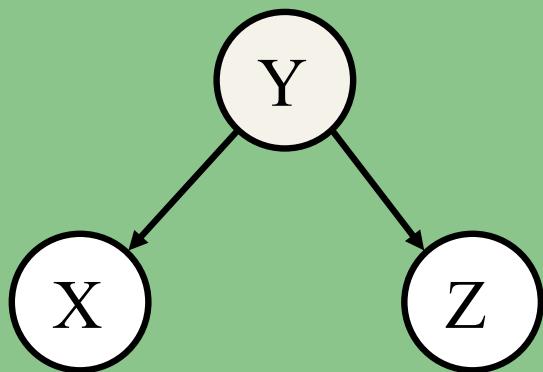
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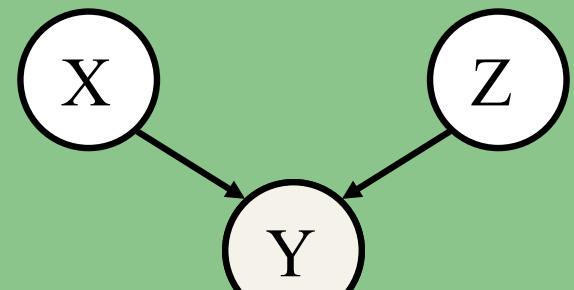
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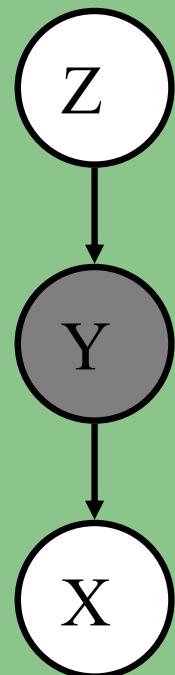
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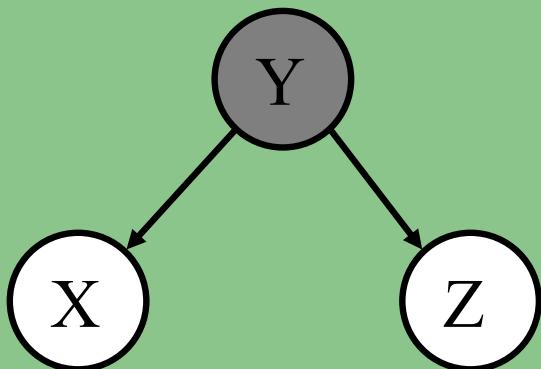
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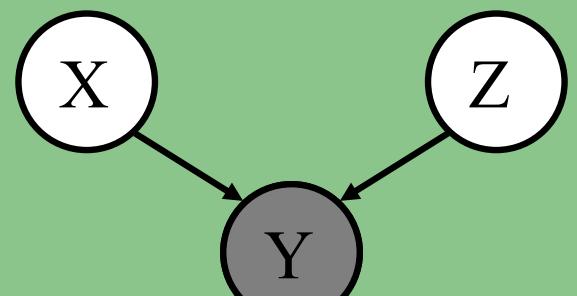
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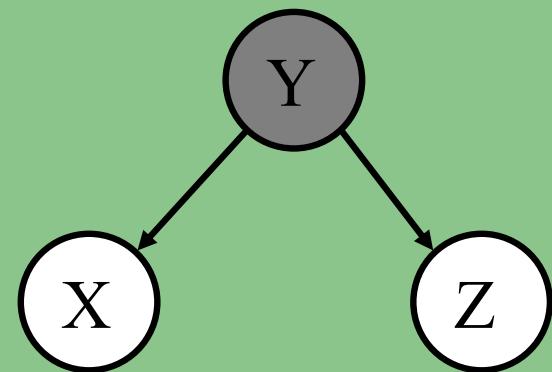
Knowing Y  
**decouples** X and Z

Knowing Y  
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# Whiteboard

Proof of  
conditional  
independence

**Common Parent**

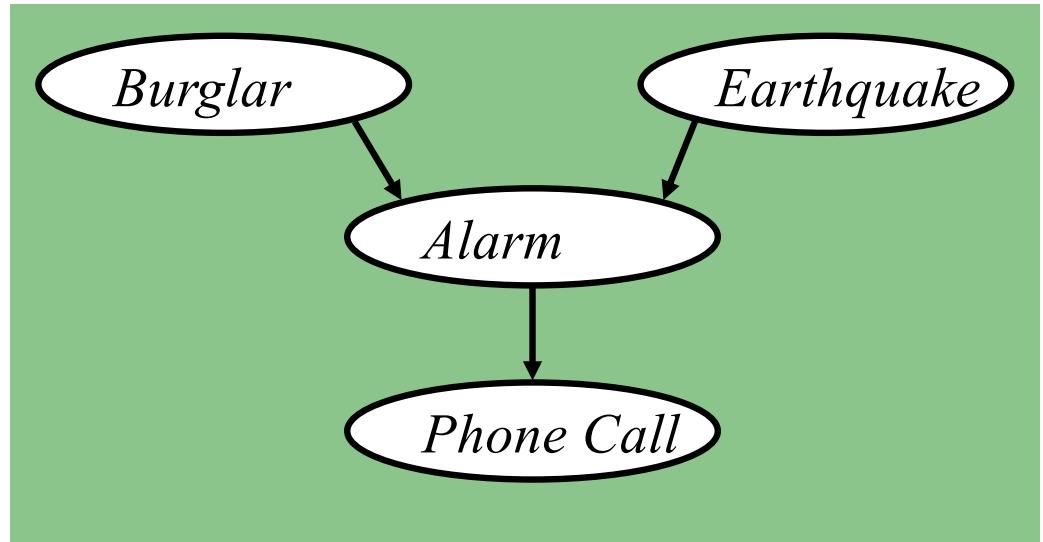


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(The other two  
cases can be  
shown just as  
easily.)

# The “Burglar Alarm” example

- Your house has a twitchy burglar alarm that is also sometimes triggered by earthquakes.
- Earth arguably doesn't care whether your house is currently being burgled
- While you are on vacation, one of your neighbors calls and tells you your home's burglar alarm is ringing. Uh oh!



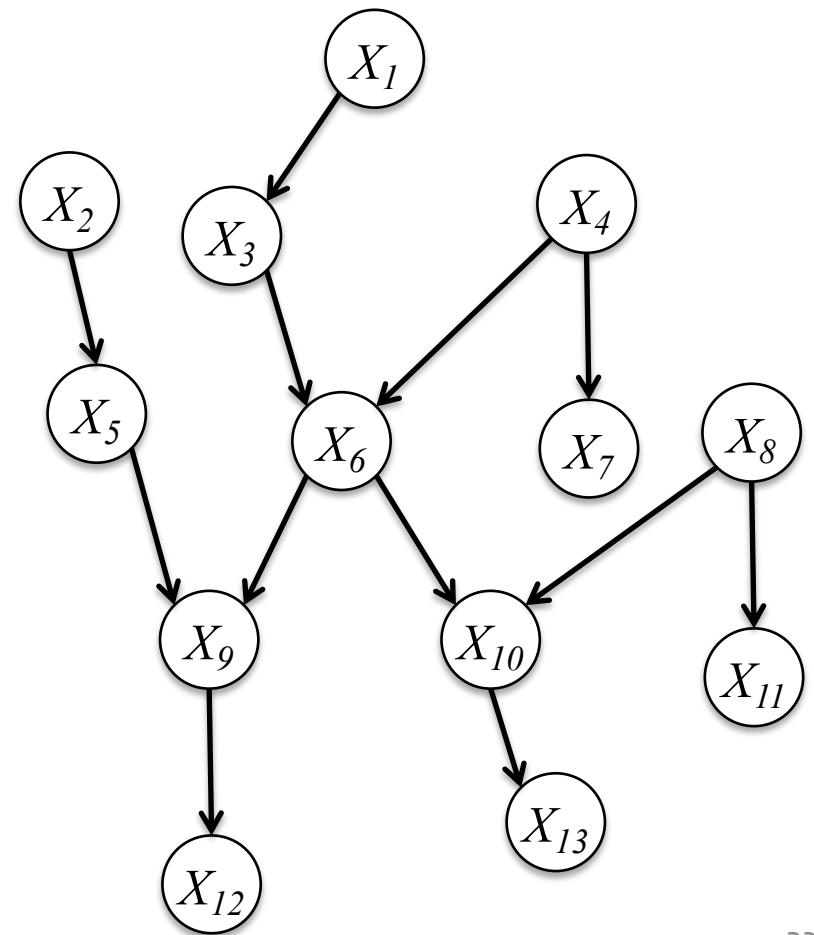
Quiz: True or False?

$$\text{Burglar} \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{Earthquake} \mid \text{PhoneCall}$$

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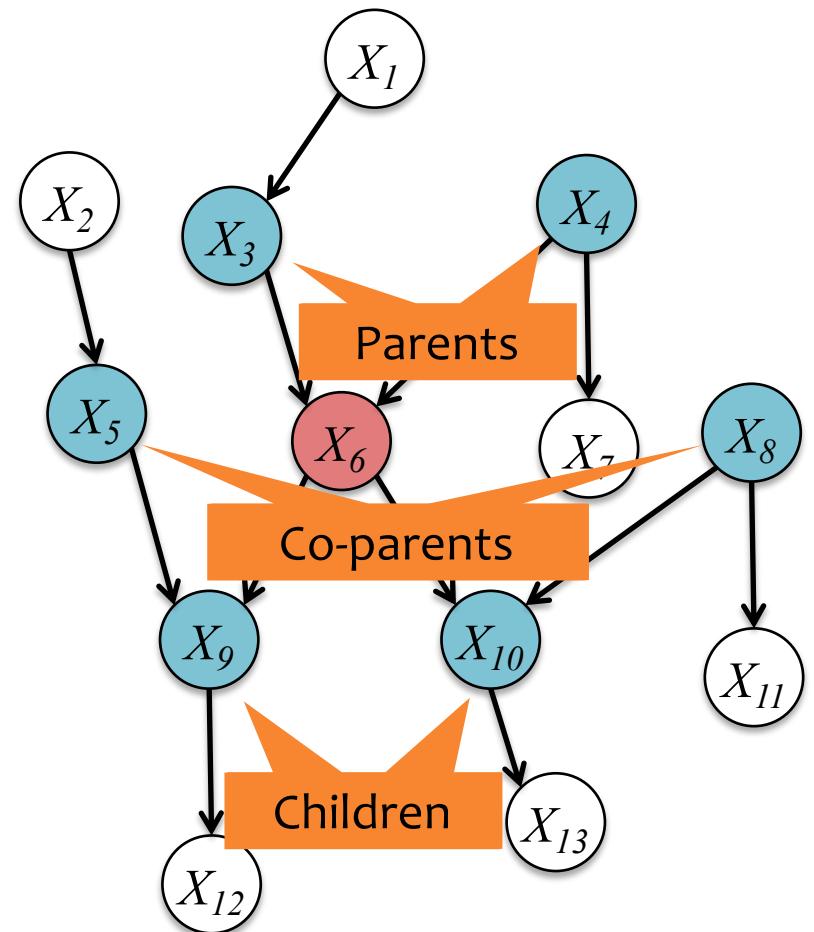


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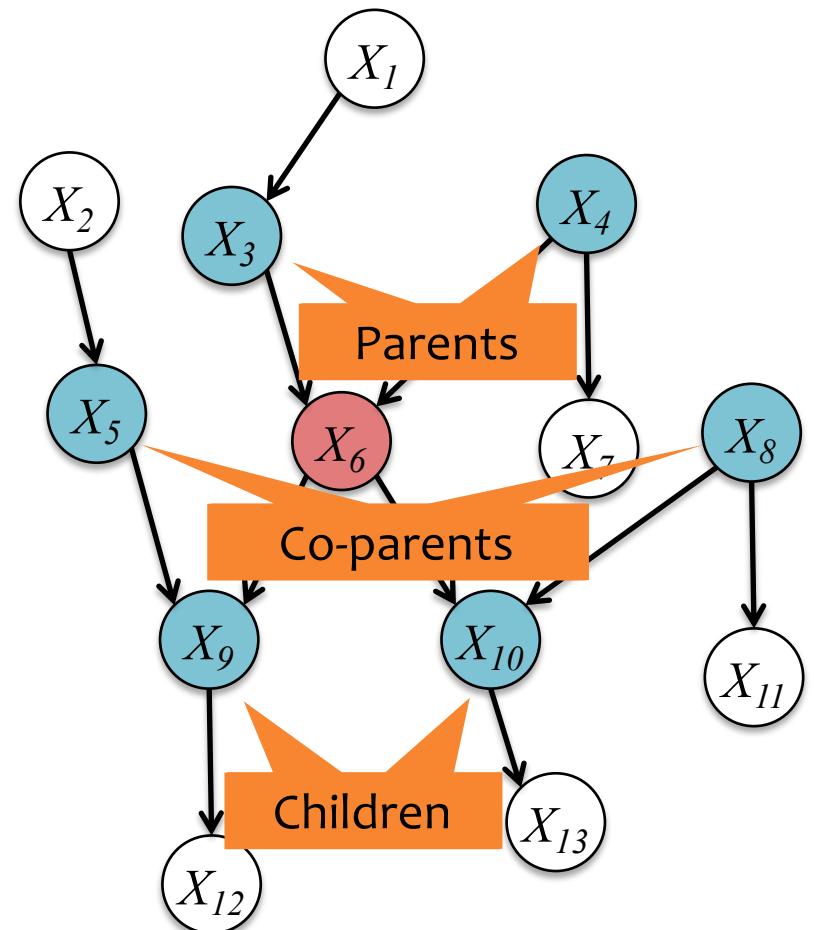
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**Theorem:** a node is **conditionally independent** of every other node in the graph given its **Markov blanket**

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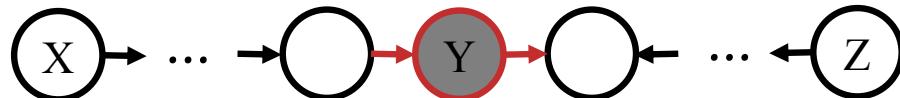
Variables X and Z are **d-separated** given a **set** of evidence variables E iff every path from X to Z is “blocked”.

A path is “blocked” whenever:

1.  $\exists Y$  on path s.t.  $Y \in E$  and Y is a “common parent”



2.  $\exists Y$  on path s.t.  $Y \in E$  and Y is in a “cascade”



3.  $\exists Y$  on path s.t.  $\{Y, \text{descendants}(Y)\} \notin E$  and Y is in a “v-structure”



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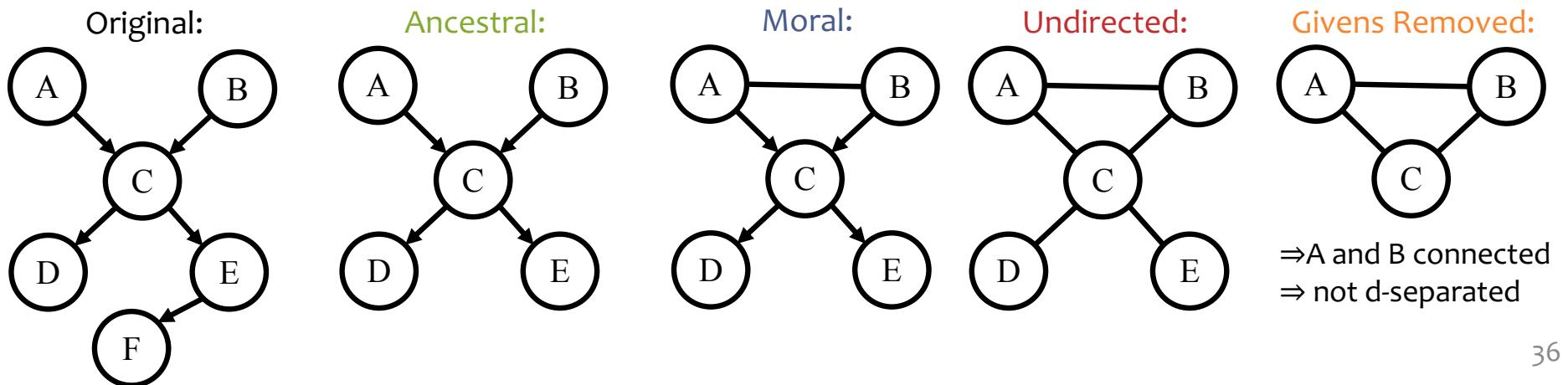
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## Definition #2:

Variables X and Z are **d-separated** given a **set** of evidence variables E iff there does **not** exist a path in the **undirected ancestral moral graph with E removed**.

1. **Ancestral graph:** keep only X, Z, E and their ancestors
2. **Moral graph:** add undirected edge between all pairs of each node's parents
3. **Undirected graph:** convert all directed edges to undirected
4. **Givens Removed:** delete any nodes in E

Example Query:  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B | \{D, E\}$



# **SUPERVISED LEARNING FOR BAYES NETS**

# Recipe for Closed-form MLE

1. Assume data was generated i.i.d. from some model  
(i.e. write the generative story)

$$x^{(i)} \sim p(x|\theta)$$

2. Write log-likelihood

$$\ell(\theta) = \log p(x^{(1)}|\theta) + \dots + \log p(x^{(N)}|\theta)$$

3. Compute partial derivatives (i.e. gradient)

$$\partial \ell(\theta) / \partial \theta_1 = \dots$$

$$\partial \ell(\theta) / \partial \theta_2 = \dots$$

...

$$\partial \ell(\theta) / \partial \theta_M = \dots$$

4. Set derivatives to zero and solve for  $\theta$

$$\partial \ell(\theta) / \partial \theta_m = 0 \text{ for all } m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$$

$\theta^{\text{MLE}}$  = solution to system of  $M$  equations and  $M$  variables

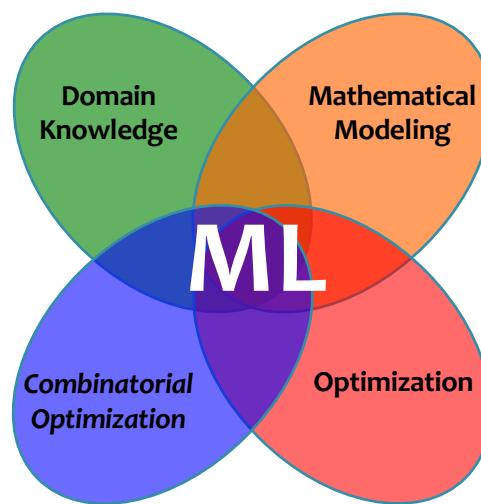
5. Compute the second derivative and check that  $\ell(\theta)$  is concave down at  $\theta^{\text{MLE}}$

# Machine Learning

The **data** inspires  
the structures  
we want to  
predict

**Inference** finds  
{best structure, marginals,  
partition function} for a  
new observation

(**Inference** is usually  
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in learning)



Our **model**  
defines a score  
for each structure

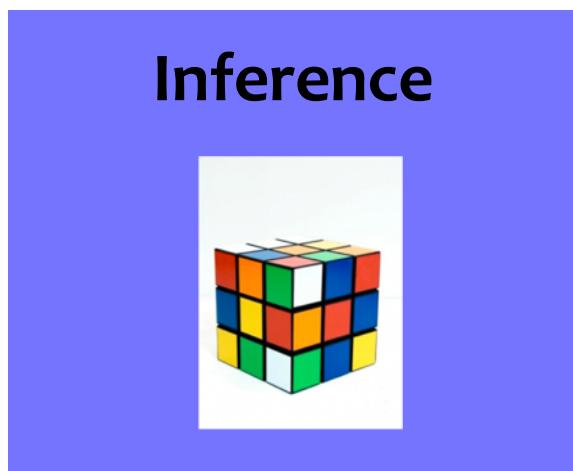
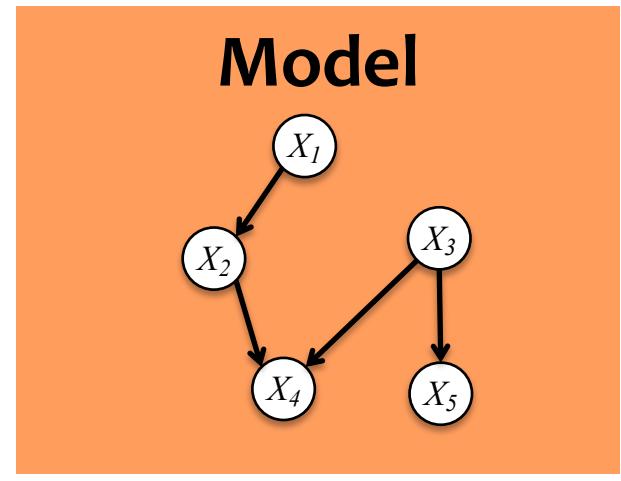
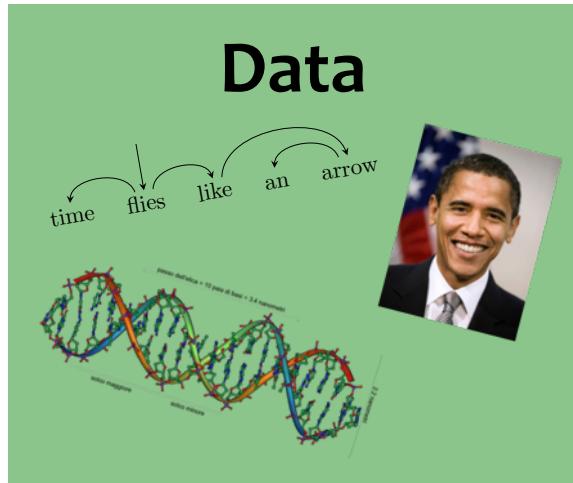
It also tells us  
what to optimize



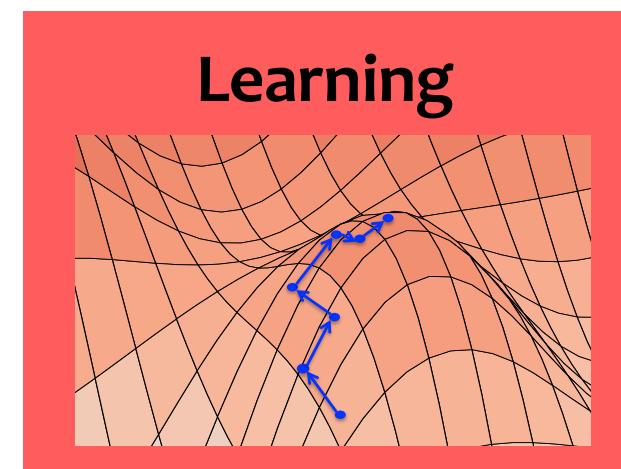
**Learning** tunes the  
parameters of the  
model



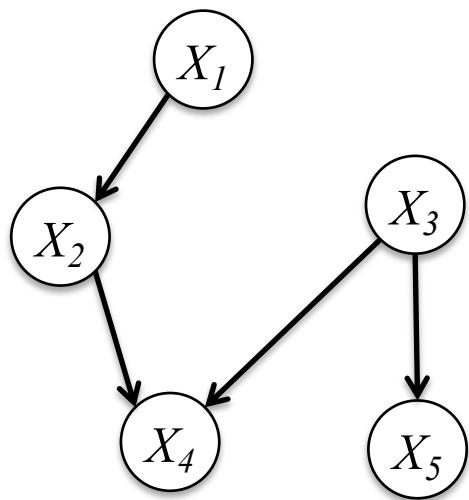
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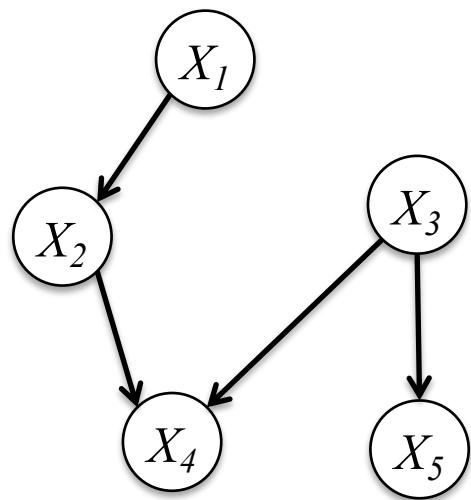


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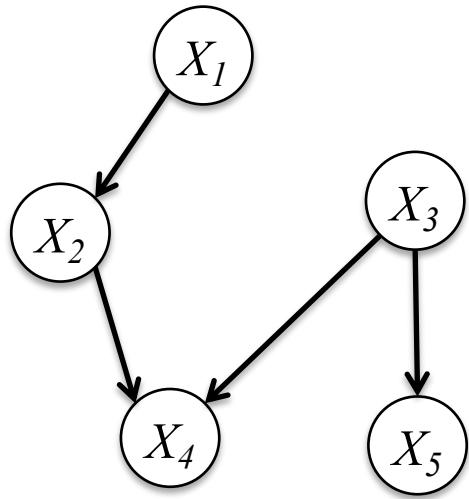
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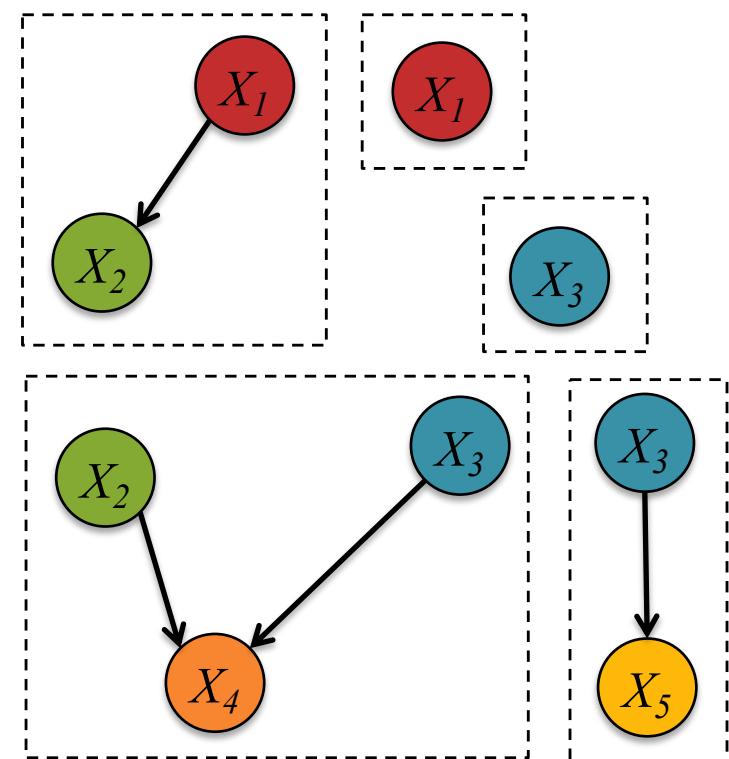
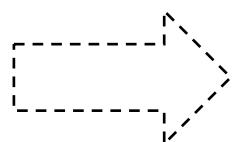
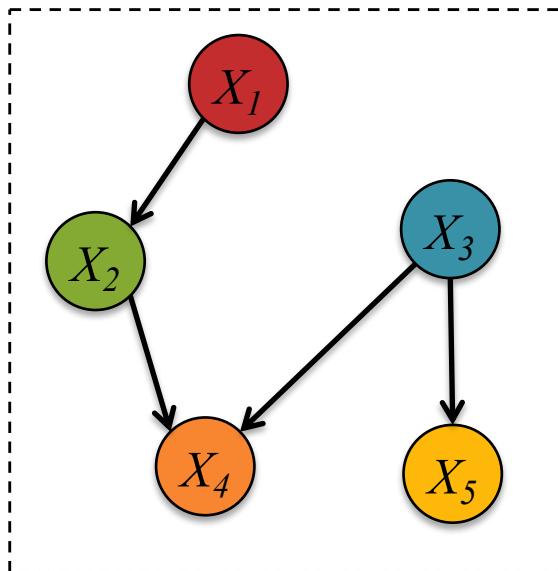


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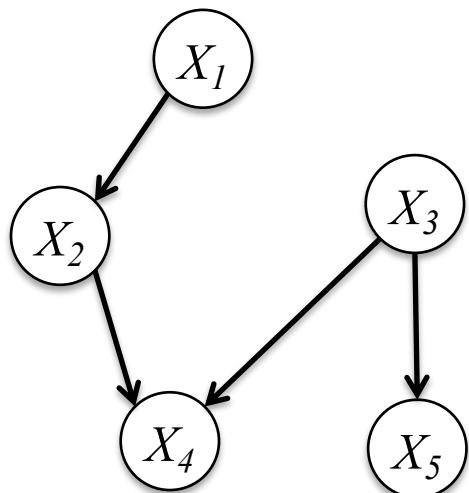
Learning this fully observed Bayesian Network is **equivalent** to learning five (small / simple) independent networks from the same data



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$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(X_5|X_3, \theta_5) + \log p(X_4|X_2, X_3, \theta_4) \\ &\quad + \log p(X_3|\theta_3) + \log p(X_2|X_1, \theta_2) \\ &\quad + \log p(X_1|\theta_1)\end{aligned}$$

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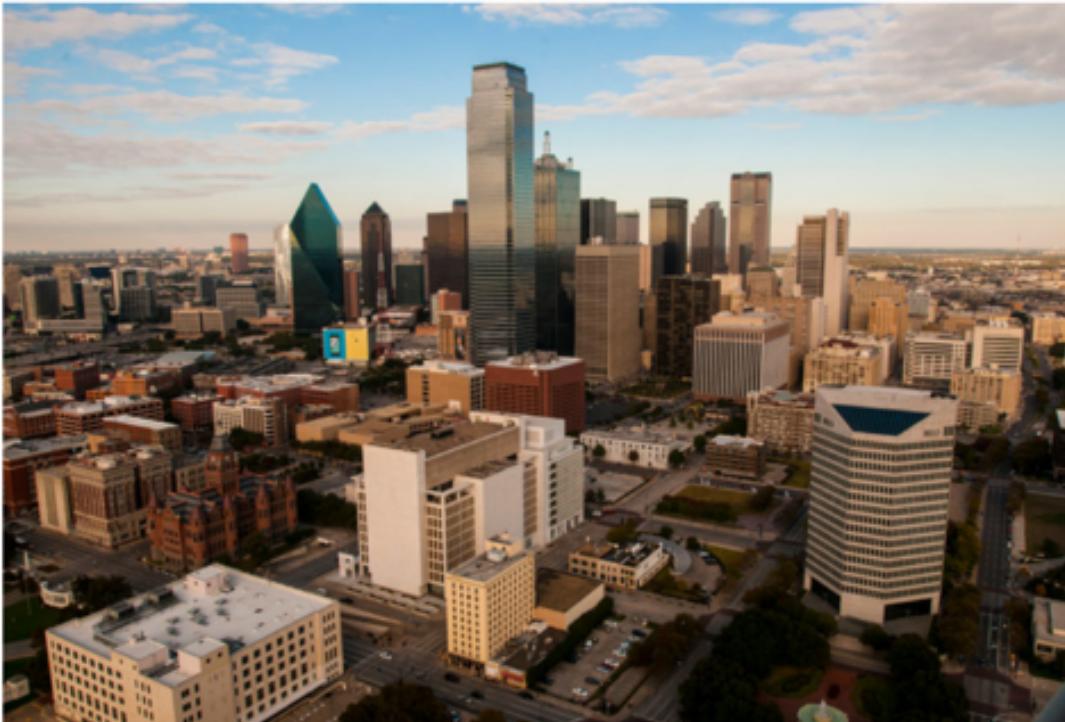


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## *Hacking Attack Woke Up Dallas With Emergency Sirens, Officials Say*

By ELI ROSENBERG and MAYA SALAM APRIL 8, 2017

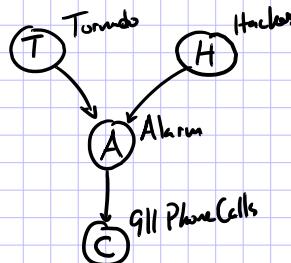


Warning sirens in Dallas, meant to alert the public to emergencies like severe weather, started sounding around 11:40 p.m. Friday, and were not shut off until 1:20 a.m. Rex C. Curry for The New York Times

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Ex: Tornado Alarms



$$\begin{aligned}
 H &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\eta) && \text{parameters} \\
 T &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\tau) && \\
 A &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha_{H,T}) && \text{no parameters} \\
 C &\sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, 6\}) + A * \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, 6\}) && \\
 && \text{integer}
 \end{aligned}$$

Dataset	T	H	A	C
1	0	0	0	2
2	0	0	0	6
3	0	0	0	4
:	1	0	0	3
:	1	0	0	1
:	1	0	1	10
:	1	0	1	7
0	1	0	2	
0	1	1	1	12
0	1	0	0	5
:	1	1	1	10
12	1	0	0	2

What are the MLEs?

$$\hat{\eta} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{t,h} = \frac{\#(A=1, T=t, H=h)}{\#(T=t, H=h)}$$

	H=0	H=1
T=0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$
T=1	$\frac{2}{3}$	1

MLE's in Closed Form

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\eta, \tau, \alpha) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^{12} p(t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, a^{(i)}, c^{(i)} | \eta, \tau, \alpha) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{12} \log p(t^{(i)} | \tau) + \log p(h^{(i)} | \eta) \\
 &\quad + \log p(a^{(i)} | t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, \alpha) + \log p(c^{(i)} | \alpha)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\eta}, \hat{\tau}, \hat{\alpha} = \arg \max \ell(\eta, \tau, \alpha)$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \arg \max_{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \log p(h^{(i)} | \eta) = \#\{H=1\} / N$$

$$\hat{\tau} = \arg \max_{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \log p(t^{(i)} | \tau) = \#\{T=1\} / N$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \log p(a^{(i)} | t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, \alpha)$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{t,h} = \frac{\#(A=1, T=t, H=h)}{\#(T=t, H=h)}$$

# **INFERENCE FOR BAYESIAN NETWORKS**

# A Few Problems for Bayes Nets

Suppose we already have the parameters of a Bayesian Network...

1. How do we compute the probability of a specific assignment to the variables?  
 $P(T=t, H=h, A=a, C=c)$
2. How do we draw a sample from the joint distribution?  
 $t, h, a, c \sim P(T, H, A, C)$
3. How do we compute marginal probabilities?  
 $P(A) = \dots$
4. How do we draw samples from a conditional distribution?  
 $t, h, a \sim P(T, H, A | C = c)$
5. How do we compute conditional marginal probabilities?  
 $P(H | C = c) = \dots$

# Learning Objectives

## Bayesian Networks

*You should be able to...*

1. Identify the conditional independence assumptions given by a generative story or a specification of a joint distribution
2. Draw a Bayesian network given a set of conditional independence assumptions
3. Define the joint distribution specified by a Bayesian network
4. Use domain knowledge to construct a (simple) Bayesian network for a real-world modeling problem
5. Depict familiar models as Bayesian networks
6. Use d-separation to prove the existence of conditional independencies in a Bayesian network
7. Employ a Markov blanket to identify conditional independence assumptions of a graphical model
8. Develop a supervised learning algorithm for a Bayesian network