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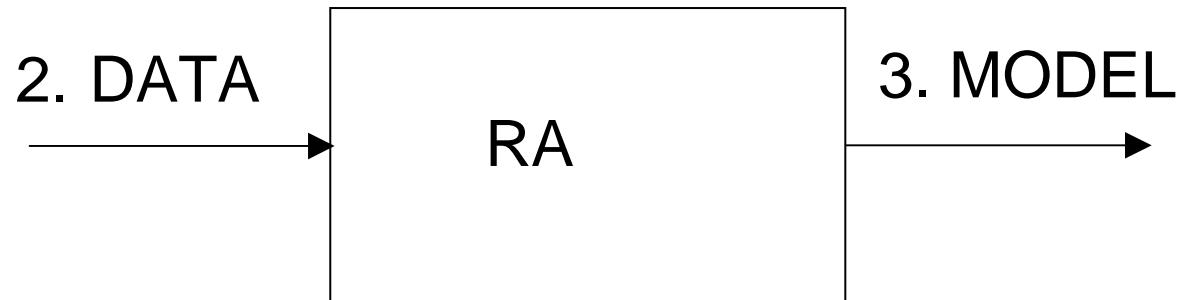
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1. Introduction: what is RA
2. Input data to RA
3. Output model from RA



## ***INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS RA?***

- Reconstructability Analysis (RA) = a probabilistic graphical modeling methodology
- RA = Information theory + Graph theory
- Graphs, applied to data, are models:
- node = variable; link = relationship
- RA uses not only graphs (a link joins 2 nodes), but hypergraphs (a link can join **>2** nodes)

## **WHY RA MIGHT BE OF INTEREST** 1/2

- Can detect **many-variable** or **non-linear** interactions not hypothesized in advance, i.e., it is explicitly designed for **exploratory** search
- **Transparent** -- not a black box like deep learning NNs
- **Easily interpretable & communicable**
- Designed for **nominal** variables
- Can also analyze **continuous** variables via **binning**
- **Prediction**/classification, **clustering**/network models
- **Time series, spatial** analyses
- Overlaps common **statistical** & **machine-learning** methods, but has unique features

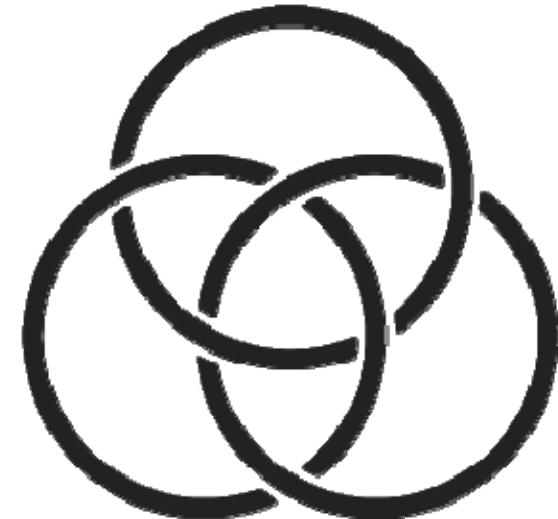
## **WHY RA MIGHT BE OF INTEREST** 2/2

- Analyses at 3 levels of refinement:
  - coarse (very fast, in principle *many* variables)
  - fine (slower, 100s of variables) (~500 is max so far)
  - ultra-fine (slow, < 10 variables)
- Standard application: frequency data  $f(A_i, B_j, C_k, Z_l)$
- Variety of non-standard capabilities
  - Data: set-theoretic relations & mappings
  - Predict continuous dependent variables
  - Integrate multiple inconsistent data sets (not yet in Occam)
  - Regression-like Fourier version (not yet in Occam)

## **OCCAM, SOFTWARE FOR RA**

- OCCAM, developed by Systems Science Program, Portland State University, is now **open source**

- <https://www.occam-ra.io/>
- [github.com/occam-ra/occam](https://github.com/occam-ra/occam)



- Contact me if you want to become involved:
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# ***RA (DMM) WEB PAGE***

<http://pdx.edu/sysc/research-discrete-multivariate-modeling>

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Portland State Systems Science Graduate Program Research: Discrete Multivariate Modeling page. The page has a dark green header with the university logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left lists research topics like Artificial Life, Computational Intelligence, and Discrete Multivariate Modeling. The main content area features a heading 'Research: Discrete Multivariate Modeling' and a paragraph about the methods used. It also includes sections for 'Projects' (OCCAM software), 'EDA: Extended Dependency Analysis' (with a diagram), and 'RA utility programs'. A search bar and a navigation bar with links to Courses, Program, Faculty, Students, Research, and Resources are also visible.

# **PAST RA APPLICATIONS**

- **BIOMEDICAL**

Gene-disease association, disease risk factors, gene expression, health care use & outcomes, **dementia**, diabetes, heart disease, prostate cancer, brain injury, primate health, surgery

- **FINANCE-ECONOMICS-BUSINESS**

Stock market, bank loans, credit decisions, apparel analyses, market segmentation

- **SOCIAL-POLITICAL-ENVIRONMENTAL**

Socio-ecological interactions, wars, urban water use, rainfall, forest attributes

- **MATH-ENGINEERING**

Logic circuits, automata dynamics, genetic algorithm & neural network preprocessing, chip manufacturing, pattern recognition, decision analysis

- **OTHER**

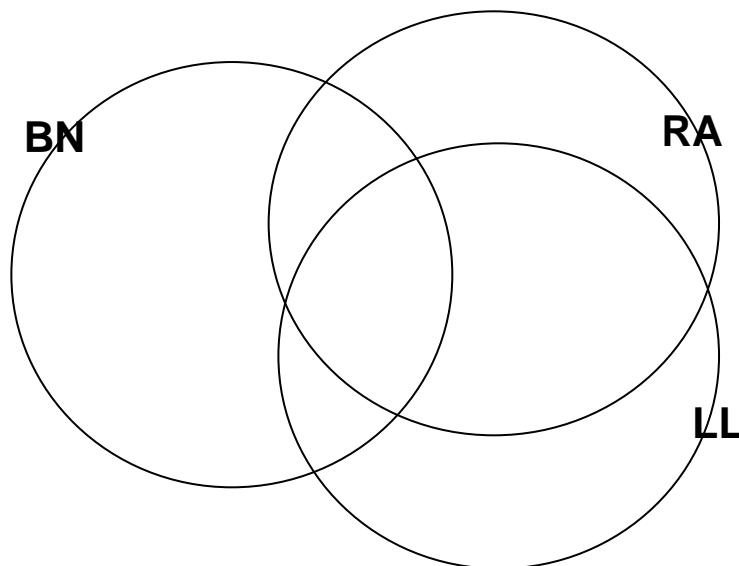
Textual analysis, language analysis

## ***OVERLAP WITH STATISTICAL, ML METHODS***

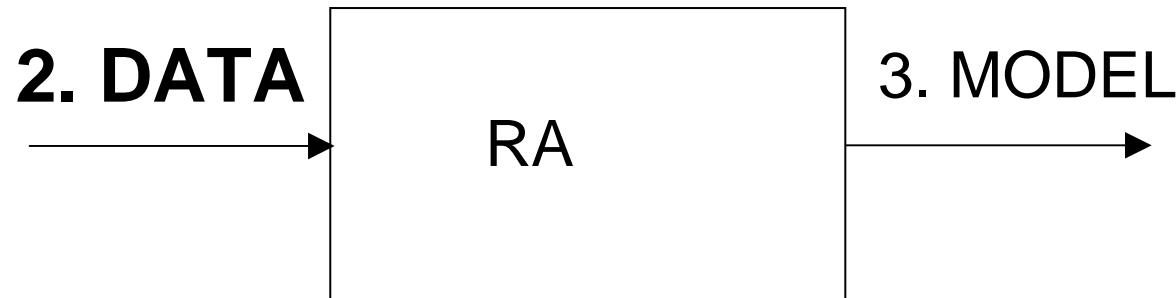
Closely related to other PGM methods, e.g., log linear (LL) (& logistic regression) models & Bayesian networks (BN)

Where methods overlap, they're equivalent

These PGM methods totally different from neural nets



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# **FORM OF DATA**

## Variables

- Type: nominal; bin if continuous (continuous DV needn't be binned)
- Number: few variables to 100s (in principle >1000s coarse analysis)

## Data analysis

### *directed system*

- IV-DV distinction: predict/classify a DV from IVs

### *neutral system*

- No IV-DV distinction: model association, clustering

## ***FORM OF DATA***

- frequency( $A_i, B_j, C_k, Z_l$ ) or individual cases

|       |       |       |       | frequency |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_0$ | $Z_0$ | 13        |
| $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_0$ | $Z_1$ | 2         |
| $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_1$ | $Z_0$ | 9         |
| $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_1$ | $Z_1$ | 11        |
| ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | <hr/>     |
|       |       |       |       | N         |

|                   | A     | B     | C     | Z     |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| case <sub>1</sub> | $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_0$ | $Z_0$ |
| case <sub>2</sub> | $A_1$ | $B_2$ | $C_3$ | $Z_1$ |
| ...               |       |       |       |       |
| case <sub>N</sub> | $A_0$ | $B_0$ | $C_0$ | $Z_0$ |

N = sample size

Cases are indexed by  
individual (in a population),  
time, or  
space

$$\text{frequency}(ABCZ) / N = p_{\text{data}}(ABCZ)$$

## OCCAM input file, DATA CASES INDEXED BY INDIVIDUAL

|             |                    |                              |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| ID          | ,413, <b>0</b> ,ID | #Index specifying individual |
| APOE        | ,2, <b>1</b> ,Ap   |                              |
| Gender      | ,2,1,Sx            |                              |
| Education   | ,3,1,Ed            |                              |
| AgeLastExam | ,3,1,Ag            |                              |
| rs1801133   | ,3,1,A             |                              |
| rs3818361   | ,4,1,B             |                              |
| rs7561528   | ,3,1,C             |                              |
| rs744373    | ,3,1,D             |                              |
| rs6943822   | ,3,1,E             |                              |
| rs4298437   | ,3,1,F             |                              |
| rs7012010   | ,3,1,G             |                              |
| rs11136000  | ,3,1,H             |                              |
| rs10786998  | ,4,1,J             |                              |
| rs11193130  | ,4,1,K             |                              |
| rs610932    | ,3,1,L             |                              |
| rs3851179   | ,3,1,M             |                              |
| rs3764650   | ,4,1,N             |                              |
| rs3865444   | ,4,1,P             |                              |
| Dementia    | ,2, <b>2</b> ,Z    |                              |

### DEMENTIA EXAMPLE

Z = 0 no disease; Z = 1 disease

| #ID | Ap | Sx | Ed | Ag | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | N | P | Z |
|-----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 103 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 111 | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 112 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 118 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 120 | 0  | 1  | 2  | 2  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | . | 1 |
| 121 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 |
| 122 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 123 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

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# **DATA CASES INDEXED BY TIME**

|     | X  | Y  | Z  |
|-----|----|----|----|
| t-4 | -- | -- | -- |
| t-3 | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| t-2 | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| t-1 | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| t   | 9  | 10 | 11 |

## original data

| A  | B  | C  | X  | Y  | Z  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |

# transformed data

Values are labels for variable states at particular times

**XYZ = generating variables**

Apply mask (here # lags = 1) to data

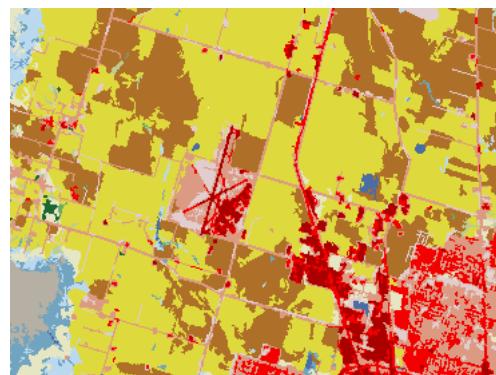
Mask adds lagged variables, ABC(t) = XYZ(t-1)

E.g.,  $A(t) = X(t-1)$ , labeled 6

Masking: time series data → atemporal data

**DATA CASES INDEXED BY *SPACE*** : 1 generating variable

A,14,1,A  
B,14,1,B  
C,14,1,C  
D,14,1,D  
**E,14,2,E**  
F,14,1,F  
G,14,1,G  
H,14,1,H  
I,14,1,I



| #A | B  | C  | D  | E  | F  | G  | H  | I  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 71 | 71 | 71 | 95 | 71 | 95 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 95 | 71 | 95 | 95 | 71 | 95 | 71 | 71 | 71 |
| 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 95 |
| 71 | 95 | 95 | 90 | 95 | 95 | 71 | 95 | 95 |
| 95 | 95 | 90 | 90 | 71 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| 95 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 95 | 90 | 95 | 95 | 90 |

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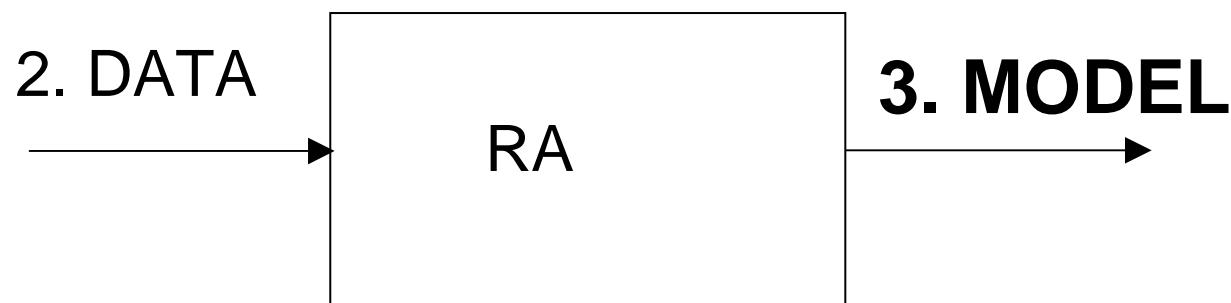
## Moore neighborhood

$$E = DV$$

A,B,C,D,F,G,H,I = IVs

IVs & DV have 14 possible states

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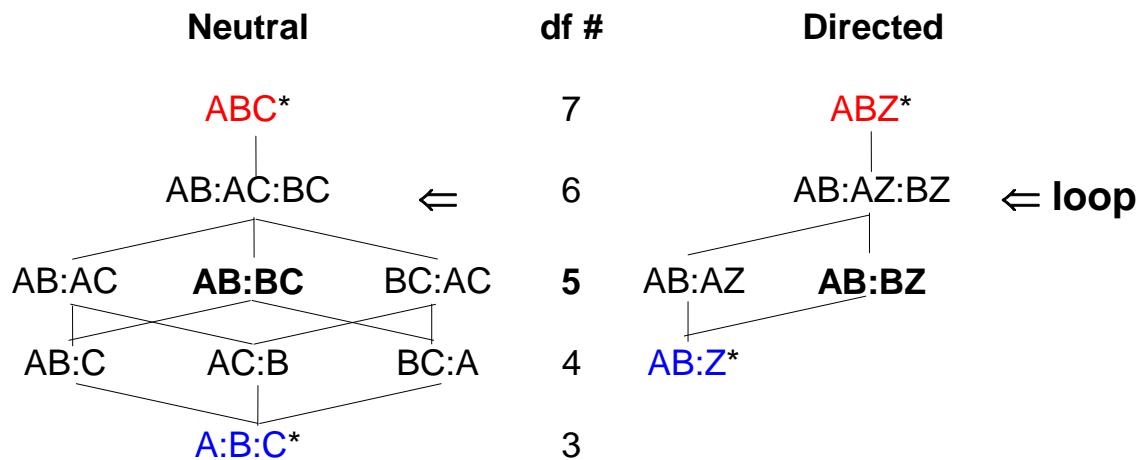
# **MODEL = STRUCTURE APPLIED TO DATA**

A **structure** (*graph or hypergraph*) is a set of **relationships** (GT)

Specific structure AB:BC    General structure



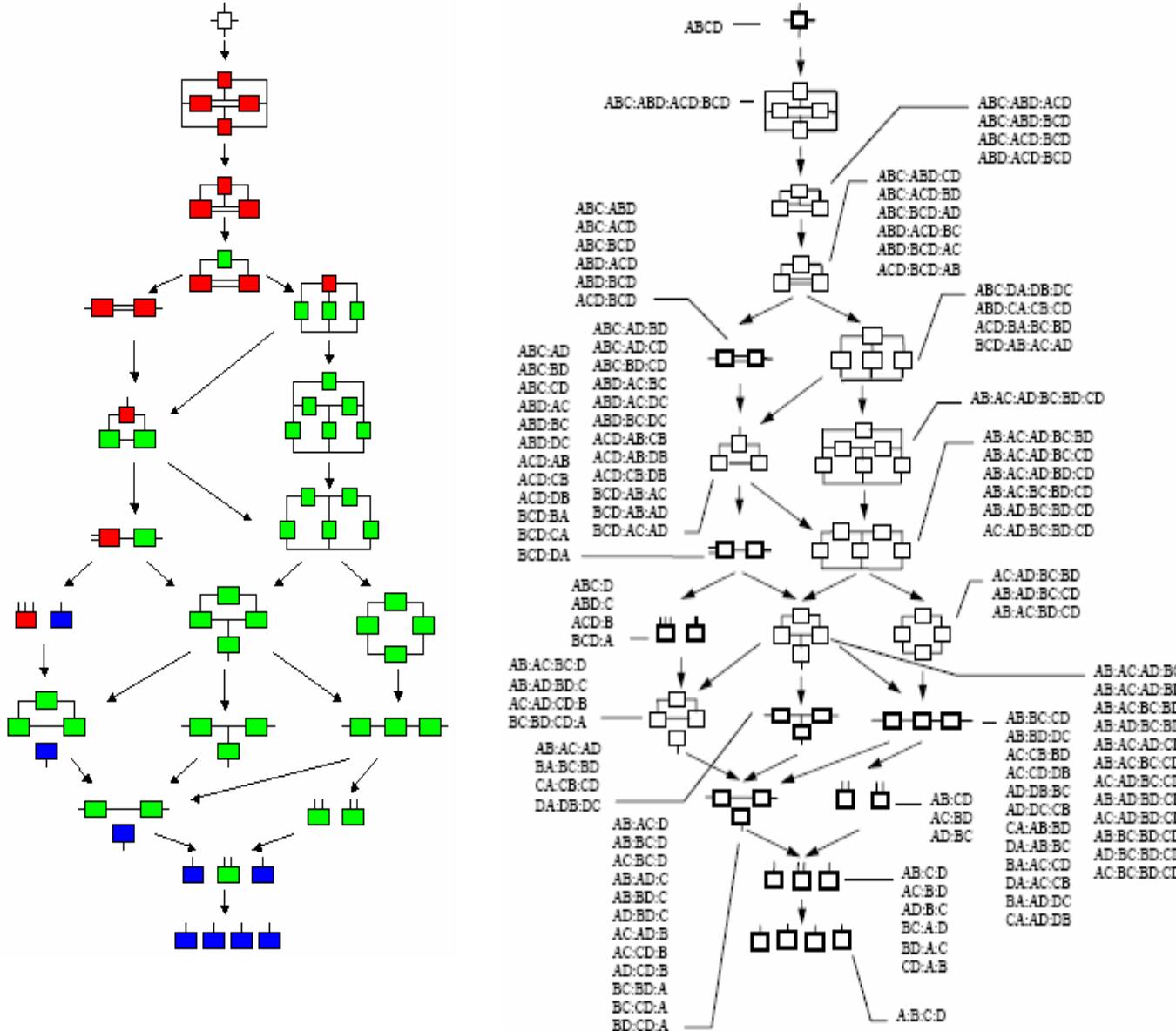
LATTICE OF SPECIFIC STRUCTURES (3 variables)



\* Reference model is **data** or **independence**

# df (degrees of freedom) values are for binary variables

# STRUCTURES 4 variables (GT)



# **STRUCTURES (GT)**

Combinatorial explosion

| # variables                              | 3 | 4   | 5     | 6         |
|--|---|-----|-------|-----------|
| # general structures <sub>neutral</sub>  | 5 | 20  | 180   | 16,143    |
| # specific structures <sub>neutral</sub> | 9 | 114 | 6,894 | 7,785,062 |
| one DV <sub>directed</sub>               | 5 | 19  | 167   | 7,580     |
| one DV, no loops <sub>directed</sub>     | 4 | 8   | 16    | 32        |

NEED INTELLIGENT HEURISTICS TO SEARCH LATTICE

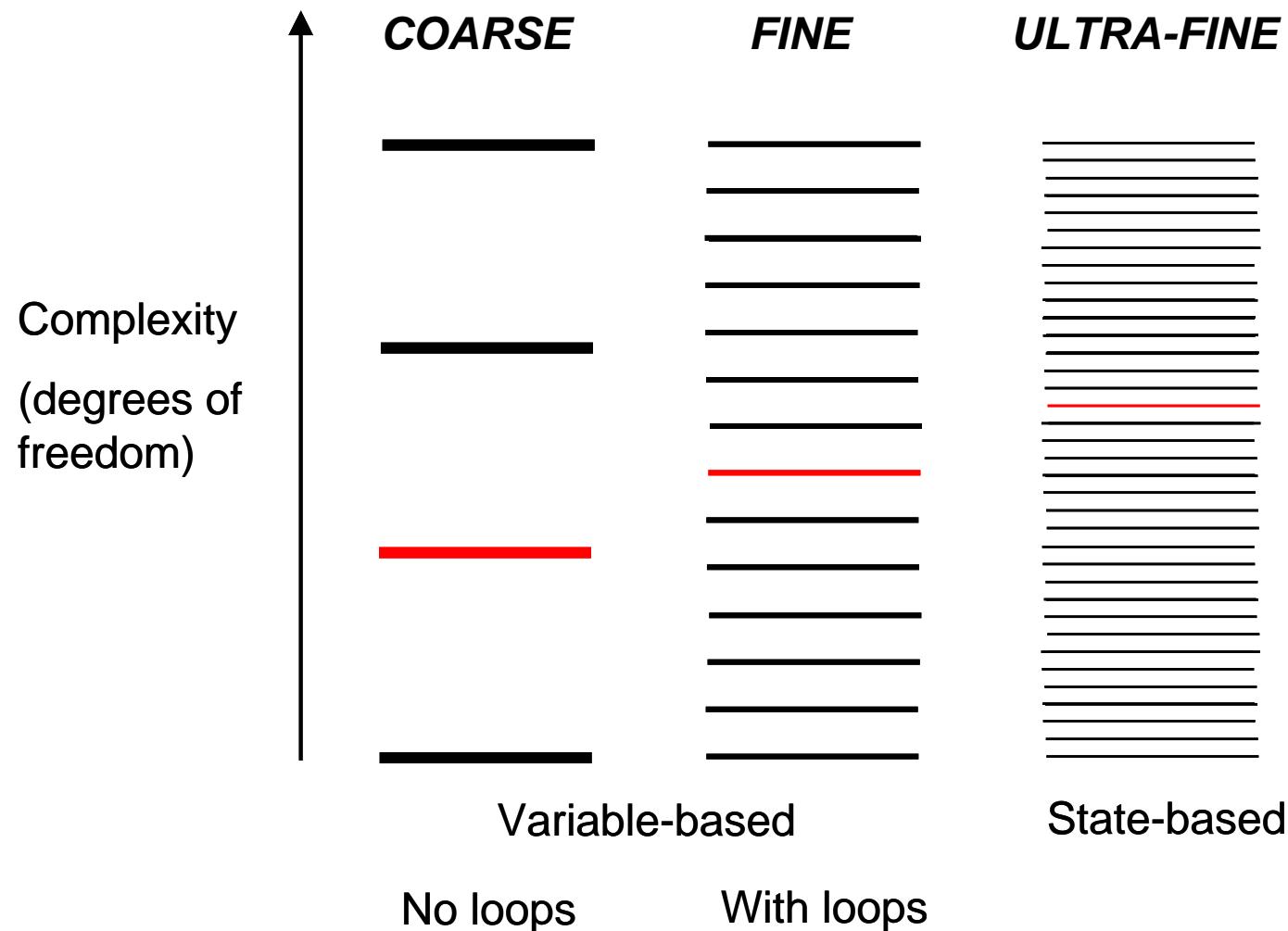
Can analyze 100s of variables, & for simple models, many more.

## ***TYPES OF STRUCTURES (GT)***

FOR PREDICTION / CLASSIFICATION (directed system)

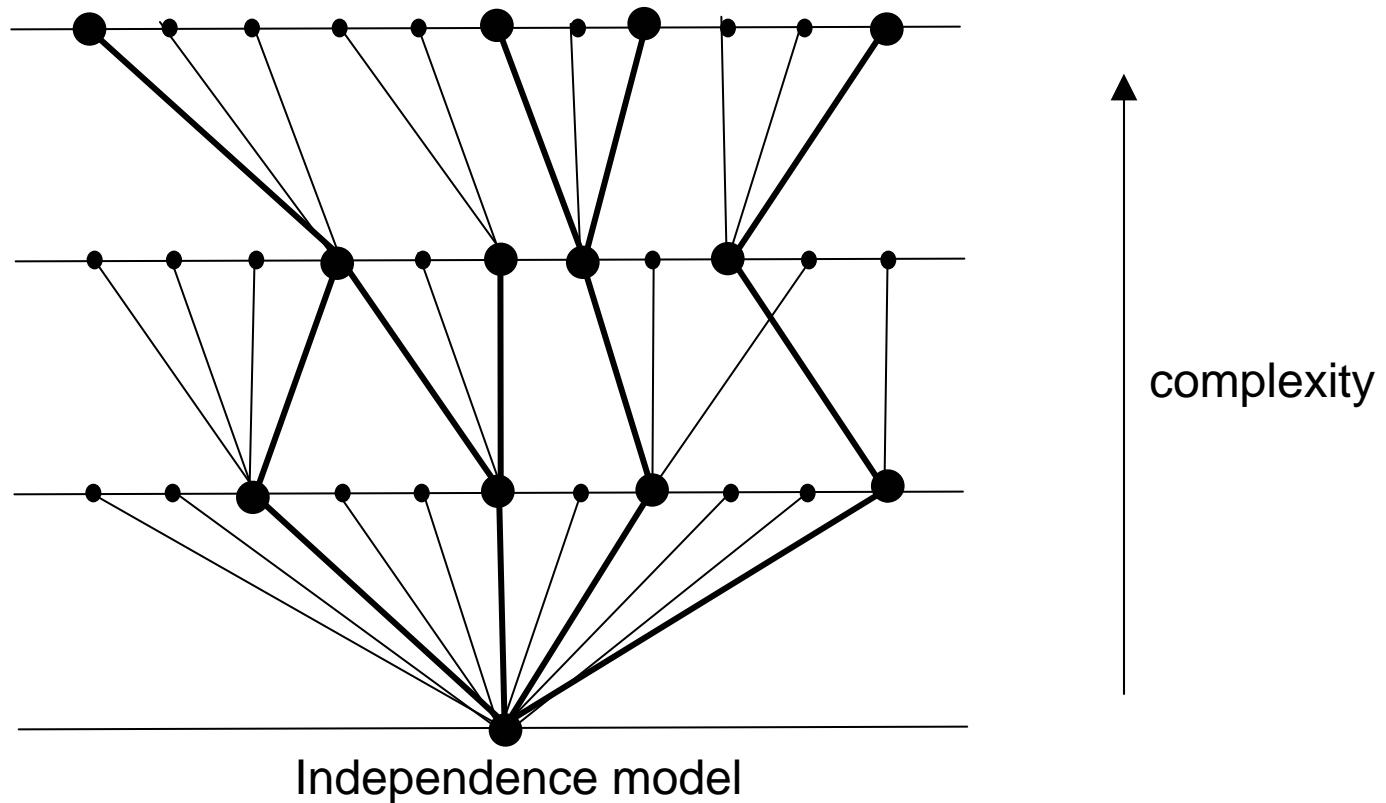
- **Variable-based**
  - no loops [coarse]      many variables (**fast**)  
IV:ACZ                        simple prediction, **feature selection**
  - with loops [fine]      up to 100s of variables (**slow**)  
IV:ABZ:BCZ                  better prediction
- **State-based** [ultra-fine] < 10 variables (**very slow**)  
IV:Z: A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>Z : B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>Z<sub>1</sub>    best prediction; detailed models  
“IV” = ABC (all IVs); Z = DV  
All directed system models include an IV component

# ***TYPES OF STRUCTURES (GT)***



# **OCCAM SEARCH of LATTICE of STRUCTURES**

beam search, levels = 3, width = 4 (node = model)  
(there are many other search algorithms)



# ***MODEL = PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION (IT)***

## Neutral system:

- Model = calculated *joint* distribution,  
e.g.,  $p_{ABC:AZ:BZ}(A_i B_j C_k Z_l)$

## Directed system:

- Model = calculated *conditional* distribution,  
e.g.,  $p_{ABC:AZ:BZ}(Z_l | A_i B_j C_k)$
- Distribution gives *rule* to *predict* Z from A,B,C  
And *increase/decrease risk* relative to margins

# ***SELECTING A MODEL (IT)***

## 1. High **information** (or low **error**) in model

### *Directed system*

- *Info-theory measure: high  $\Delta H$ , reduction of uncertainty of DV*
- *Generic measure: high %correct, accuracy of prediction*

## 2. Low **complexity**: df, degrees of freedom

## 3. Information $\leftrightarrow$ complexity **tradeoff**

- Statistical **significance** (Chi-square p-values)
- **Integrated measures:** AIC, BIC  
(Akaike & Bayesian Information Criteria)
- BIC **a conservative** selection criterion

# **UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION: SIMPLE EXAMPLE**

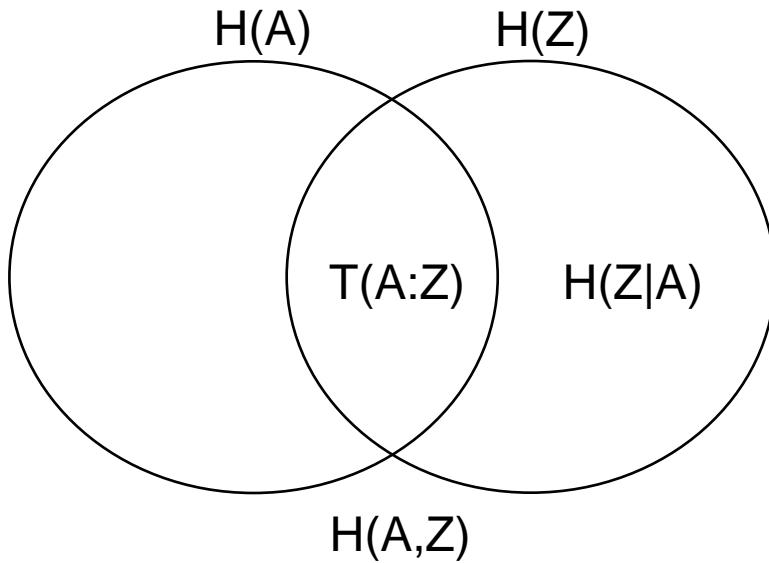
2 variables:  $IV=A$ ;  $DV = Z$ ;  $T(A:Z)$ =mutual information (**association**)

- *Uncertainty reduction* is like variance explained

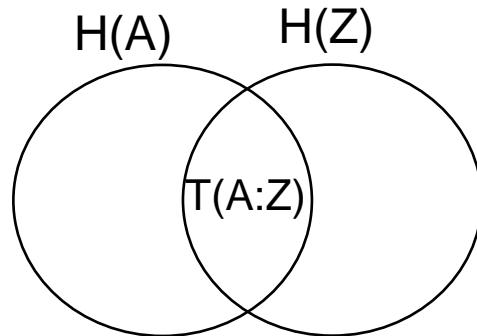
Model  $AZ$  = predict  $Z$ , i.e., reduce  $H(Z)$ , by knowing  $A$

- Uncertainty *reduced* =  $T(A:Z)$ ; uncertainty *remaining* =  $H(Z|A)$

$\Delta H = T(A:Z) / H(Z)$  *fractional uncertainty reduction* (express in %)



## **UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION: SIMPLE EXAMPLE**



|       | $Z_0$  | $Z_1$  |    |
|-------|--------|--------|----|
| $A_0$ | .67*.5 | .33*.5 | .5 |
| $A_1$ | .33*.5 | .67*.5 | .5 |
| df=3  | .5     | .5     |    |

- $p(Z_1)/p(Z_0) = \text{1:1}$ , not knowing A  $\rightarrow \text{2:1}$  or 1:2, knowing A
- $\Delta H(Z) = T(A:Z) / H(Z) = 8\%$
- 8% reduction in uncertainty is *large* (unlike variance!)

## ***SELECTING A MODEL DEMENTIA EXAMPLE***

| <u>Criterion</u>                        | <u>model</u>  | <u><math>\Delta H(\%)</math></u> | <u><math>\Delta df</math></u> | <u>%c</u> | <u><math>\Delta BIC</math></u> |
|---|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Variable-based with loops (fine)</i> |   |                                  |                               |           |                                |
| BIC                                     | IV: Ap Z : Ed Z : K Z   | 16                               | 5                             | 70        | 59                             |
| p-value                                 | IV: Ap Z : Ed Z : K Z : C Z : L Z   | 18                               | 9                             | 71        |                                |
| AIC                                     | IV: <b>B</b> Ap Z : Ed Z : K Z : C Z  | 20                               | 11                            | 72        |                                |
| <i>State-based (ultra-fine)</i>         |   |                                  |                               |           |                                |
| BIC                                     | (model below; each interaction = 1 df)  | 20                               | 6                             | 72        | 81                             |
|   | IV:Z: Ap <sub>1</sub> Z : Ed <sub>0</sub> Z : K <sub>2</sub> Z : Ap <sub>0</sub> Ed <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> Z : Ap <sub>0</sub> Ed <sub>1</sub> C <sub>2</sub> K <sub>1</sub> Z : Ap <sub>0</sub> Ed <sub>1</sub> C <sub>0</sub> K <sub>1</sub> Z |                                  |                               |           |                                |

*Models integrate multiple predicting interactions*

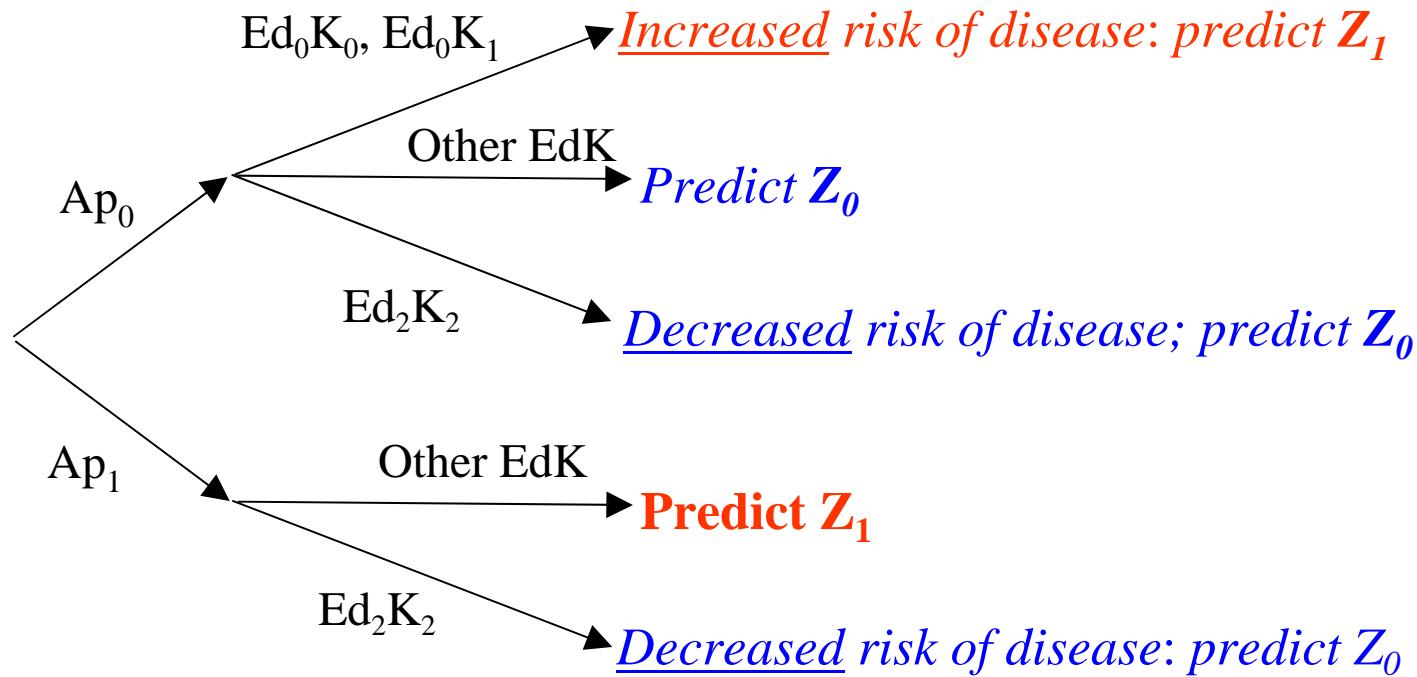
IV = ApEdCKL... (all the independent variables); %c( IV:Z ) = 52

# PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION DEMENTIA EXAMPLE

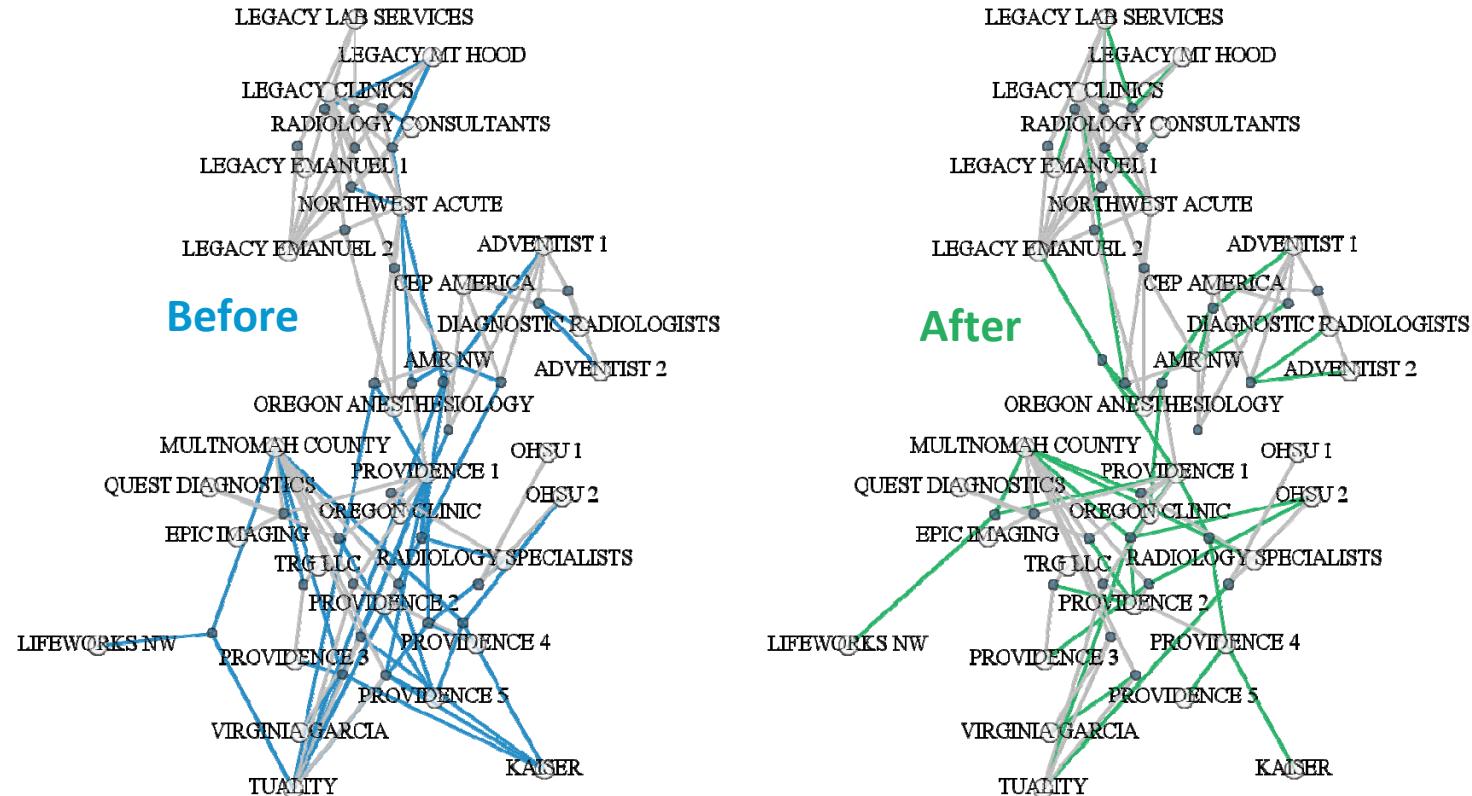
| DATA |    |    |               | MODEL IV:ApZ:EdZ:KZ |                |                |                |      |                   |                 |
|------|----|----|---------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| IV   |    |    | obs p(Z   IV) | calc p(Z   IV)      |                |                | p-value        |      |                   |                 |
| Ap   | Ed | K  | freq          | Z <sub>0</sub>      | Z <sub>1</sub> | Z <sub>0</sub> | Z <sub>1</sub> | rule | p <sub>rule</sub> | p <sub>Ap</sub> |
| 0    | 0  | 0  | 4             | 0.0                 | 1.000          | .122           | .878           | 1    | 0.131             | <b>0.028</b>    |
| 0    | 0  | 1  | 8             | .125                | .875           | .124           | .876           | 1    | <b>0.033</b>      | <b>0.002</b>    |
| 0    | 0  | 2  | 4             | .250                | .750           | .294           | .706           | 1    | 0.409             | 0.138           |
| 0    | 1  | 0  | 31            | .645                | .355           | .616           | .384           | 0    | 0.198             | 0.707           |
| 0    | 1  | 1  | 37            | .622                | .378           | .619           | .381           | 0    | 0.147             | 0.714           |
| 0    | 1  | 2  | 23            | .783                | .217           | .827           | .173           | 0    | <b>0.002</b>      | 0.072           |
| 0    | 2  | 0  | 66            | .636                | .364           | .640           | .360           | 0    | <b>0.023</b>      | 0.894           |
| 0    | 2  | 1  | 61            | .656                | .344           | .644           | .357           | 0    | <b>0.025</b>      | 0.942           |
| 0    | 2  | 2  | 33            | .848                | .152           | .842           | .158           | 0    | <b>0.000</b>      | <b>0.020</b>    |
| 0    | -- | -- | 267           | .648                | .352           | .648           | .352           | 0    |                   |                 |
| 1    | 0  | 0  | 1             | .000                | 1.000          | .026           | .974           | 1    | 0.343             | 0.571           |
| 1    | 0  | 1  | 7             | .143                | .857           | .026           | .974           | 1    | <b>0.012</b>      | 0.134           |
| 1    | 0  | 2  | 2             | .000                | 1.000          | .074           | .926           | 1    | 0.228             | 0.514           |
| 1    | 1  | 0  | 13            | .308                | .692           | .234           | .766           | 1    | 0.055             | 0.709           |
| 1    | 1  | 1  | 24            | .167                | .833           | .237           | .763           | 1    | <b>0.010</b>      | 0.633           |
| 1    | 1  | 2  | 11            | .545                | .455           | .478           | .522           | 1    | 0.884             | 0.146           |
| 1    | 2  | 0  | 32            | .219                | .781           | .254           | .746           | 1    | <b>0.005</b>      | 0.732           |
| 1    | 2  | 1  | 39            | .256                | .744           | .256           | .744           | 1    | <b>0.002</b>      | 0.735           |
| 1    | 2  | 2  | 17            | .529                | .471           | .504           | .496           | 0    | 0.973             | <b>0.040</b>    |
| 1    | -- | -- | 146           | .281                | .719           | .281           | .719           | 1    |                   |                 |
|      |    |    | 413           | .518                | .482           | .518           | .482           | 0    |                   |                 |

# **DECISION TREE DEMENTIA EXAMPLE**

Obtained from conditional probability distribution  
**Increase/decrease** of risk compared to prediction based only on Ap



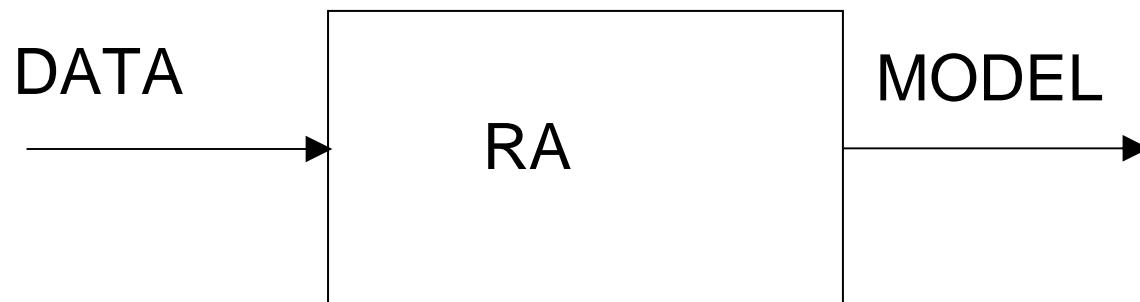
# NEUTRAL ANALYSIS EXAMPLE



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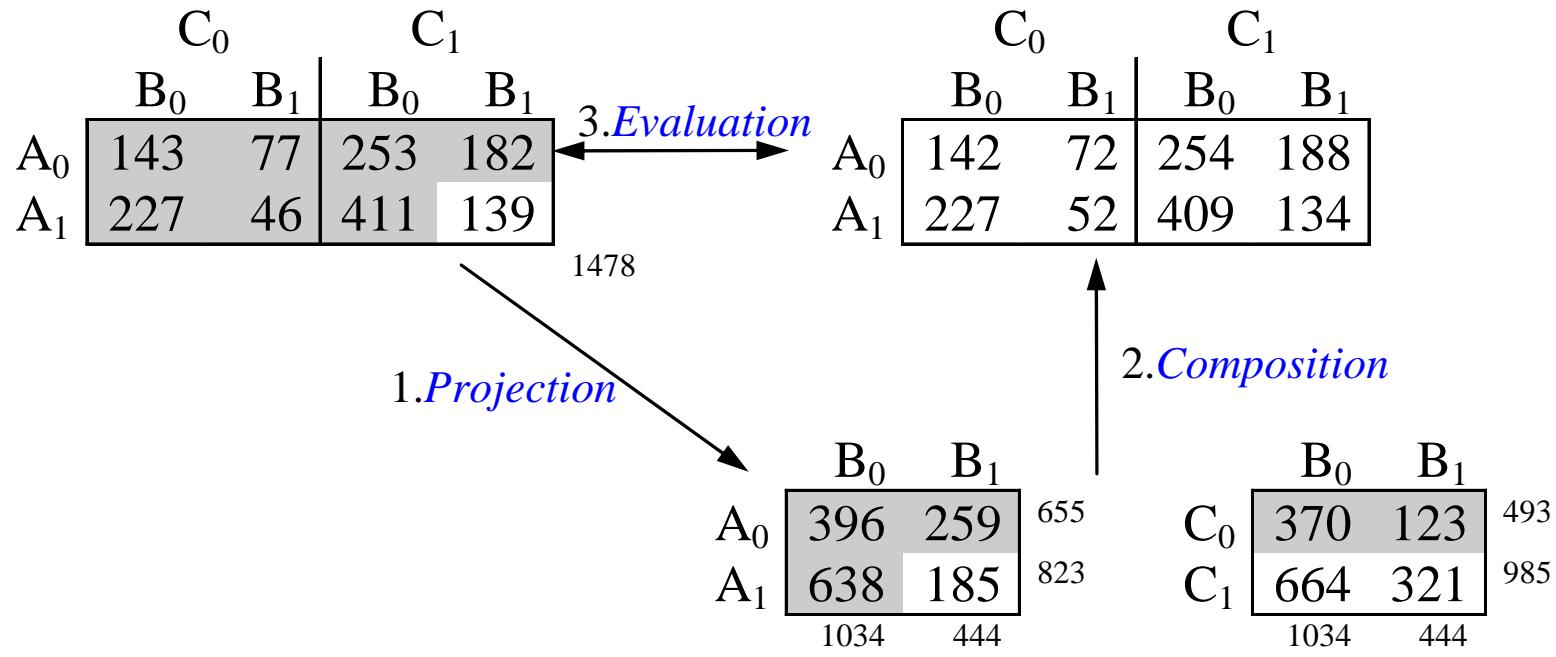


# **GENERATE MODEL**

*frequencies shown, not probabilities*

**data:** observed ABC (df=7)

**model:** calculated ABC<sub>AB:BC</sub>



**model:** AB:BC (df=5)

## **GENERATE MODEL** (*Projection, Composition*)

- *Projection* = sum frequencies or probabilities
- *Composition*

*Maximize* model entropy *subject to* model constraints

Model entropy:  $H(p_{\text{model}}) = - \sum p_{\text{model}} \log_2 p_{\text{model}}$

E.g., for model AB:BC, *maximize*  $H(p_{AB:BC})$  *subject to*

$$p_{AB:BC}(AB) = p_{\text{data}}(AB)$$

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Composition is *critical computational step*; done

(a) Algebraically (very fast)                          loopless models

(b) *Iteratively* (Iterative Proportional Fitting)      models with loops

## **EVALUATE MODEL (1/2)**

- *Evaluation* (1 = data dependent; 2 = data independent)

1. [reference=*data*]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{error, } T_{\text{model}} &= H_{\text{model}} - H_{\text{data}} \\ &= \sum p_{\text{data}} \log_2(p_{\text{data}}/p_{\text{model}})\end{aligned}$$

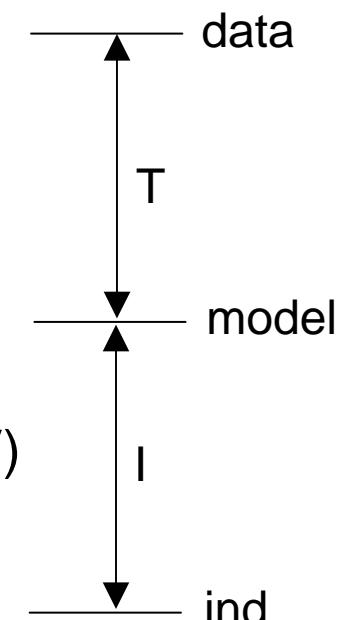
[reference=*independence*]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{information, } I_{\text{model}} &= H_{\text{ind}} - H_{\text{model}} \\ &= \sum p_{\text{data}} \log_2(p_{\text{model}}/p_{\text{ind}})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{uncertainty reduction} = H(\text{DV}) - H_{\text{model}}(\text{DV} | \text{IV})$$

2. [reference=*independence*]

$$\text{complexity} = \Delta df = df_{\text{model}} - df_{\text{ind}}$$



## **EVALUATE MODEL (2/2)**

Trade off information (or error) & complexity, define **best model** criterion, via:

Use likelihood ratio Chi-square,  $LR = k N T$

- p-values from  $\Delta LR$ ,  $\Delta df$ , Chi-square table

Or linear combinations of information & complexity

- $\Delta AIC = \Delta LR + 2 \Delta df$
- $\Delta BIC = \Delta LR + \ln(N) \Delta df$

## **BASIC OCCAM ACTIONS**

- **Search** = **exploratory** modeling, examine many models, find best or good ones

(OCCAM actions: Search, SB-Search)

- **Fit** = **confirmatory** modeling, look at one model in detail (see probability distribution) & use for prediction

(OCCAM actions: Fit, SB-Fit)

(OCCAM actions: Show Log, Manage Jobs = managerial functions)

# OCCAM Initial Screen

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the OCCAM Initial Screen. The address bar shows the URL [dmit.sysc.pdx.edu/weboccam.cgi](http://dmit.sysc.pdx.edu/weboccam.cgi). The page header features the Portland State University logo and the word "Occam". Below the header, there is a menu bar with several options: "Do Search", "Do SB-Search", "Do Fit", "Do SB-Fit", "Do Compare", "Show Log", "Manage Jobs", and "Cached Data Mode". The "Do Fit" option is currently selected. At the bottom left of the page, there is a copyright notice: "© 2000-2017".

## **INFORMATION ON RA**

- Review articles on DMM page
  - “Wholes & Parts in General Systems Methodology” (accessible)
  - “An Overview of Reconstructability Analysis” (encompassing)
- Krippendorff, Klaus (1986). *Information Theory. Structural Models for Qualitative Data* (Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences Monograph #62). New York: Sage Publications.
- *International Journal of General Systems*
- *Kybernetes*, Vol. 33, No. 5/6 2004: special RA issue