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Bayesian Network Example:

Ques. [MAY 2024 – 10 Marks]

A patient goes to the doctor for a medical condition, the doctor suspects three diseases as the cause of the condition. The three diseases are $D1$, $D2$, $D3$, which are marginally independent from each other. There are four symptoms $S1$, $S2$, $S3$, $S4$ which the doctor wants to check for presence in order to find the most probable cause of the condition. The symptoms are conditionally dependent to the three diseases as follows: $S1$ depends only on $D1$, $S2$ depends on $D1$ and $D2$. $S3$ depends on $D1$ and $D3$, whereas $S4$ depends only on $D3$. Assume all random variables are Boolean, they are either 'true' or 'false'. i. Draw the Bayesian network for this problem.

- ii. Write the expression for the joint probability distribution as a product of conditional probabilities.
- iii. What is the number of independent parameters required to describe this joint distribution?

Solution:

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1. Three diseases: $D1$, $D2$, $D3$, which are **marginally independent**.
2. Four symptoms: $S1$, $S2$, $S3$, $S4$, which are conditionally dependent on diseases as follows:
 - $S1$: Depends on $D1$.
 - $S2$: Depends on $D1$ and $D2$.
 - $S3$: Depends on $D1$ and $D3$.
 - $S4$: Depends on $D3$.
3. All random variables are Boolean (*True/False*).



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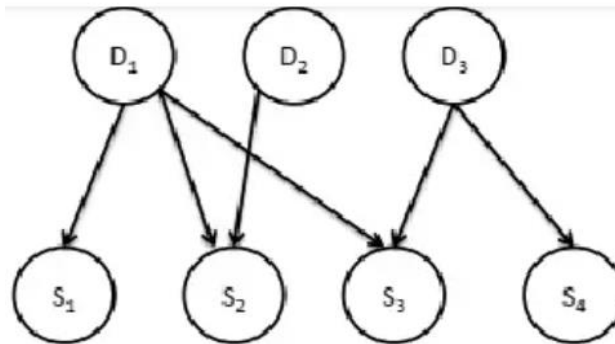
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1. Drawing the Bayesian Network

Nodes and Dependencies

- $D1, D2, D3$ are independent, so there are no edges between them.
- The dependencies between diseases and symptoms are:
 - $D1 \rightarrow S1, S2, S3$
 - $D2 \rightarrow S2$
 - $D3 \rightarrow S3, S4$



2. Joint Probability Distribution

The joint probability distribution can be expressed as a product of conditional probabilities based on the Bayesian network:

$$P(D1, D2, D3, S1, S2, S3, S4) = P(D1)P(D2)P(D3)P(S1|D1)P(S2|D1, D2)P(S3|D1, D3)P(S4|D3)$$

Here:

- $P(D1), P(D2), P(D3)$: Marginal probabilities of the diseases.
- $P(S1|D1), P(S2|D1, D2), P(S3|D1, D3), P(S4|D3)$: Conditional probabilities for symptoms given the diseases they depend on.



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3. Calculating the Number of Independent Parameters

Step 1: Marginal probabilities for $D1, D2, D3$

Each Boolean variable requires **1 parameter** because the probability of the second state is determined by $1 - P(\text{True})$.

- $P(D1)$: 1 parameter.
- $P(D2)$: 1 parameter.
- $P(D3)$: 1 parameter.

Total for diseases: 3 parameters.

Step 2: Conditional probabilities for symptoms

Each conditional probability depends on its parent(s). We calculate the number of independent parameters required:

1. $P(S1|D1)$:

- $D1$ has 2 states ($True, False$).
- For each state, $P(S1 = True)$ is independent.
- Parameters: 2.

2. $P(S2|D1, D2)$:

- $D1$ and $D2$ have $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations of states.
- For each combination, $P(S2 = True)$ is independent.
- Parameters: 4.

3. $P(S3|D1, D3)$:

- $D1$ and $D3$ have $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations of states.
- For each combination, $P(S3 = True)$ is independent.
- Parameters: 4.

4. $P(S4|D3)$:

- $D3$ has 2 states ($True, False$).
- For each state, $P(S4 = True)$ is independent.
- Parameters: 2.

Total for symptoms: $2 + 4 + 4 + 2 = 12$.



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Step 3: Total Number of Parameters

Adding the parameters for diseases and symptoms:

$\text{Total parameters} = \text{Parameters for diseases} + \text{Parameters for symptoms}$

$\text{Total parameters} = 3 + 12 = 15$