# 732A96 Advanced Machine Learning Graphical Models and Hidden Markov Models

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Lecture 1: Causal Models, Bayesian Networks and Markov Networks

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#### Causal Models: Qualitative

Microscopic	Macroscopic	Macroscopic
DAG	DAG	Violates assumption
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\epsilon^D$ $C$ $D$ $E$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} \epsilon^D & \epsilon^E \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ D E \end{array} $

- At the microscopic level, every system is a causal system, assuming Reichenbach's principle of common cause: "No correlation without causation".
- Then, at the microscopic level, every system can be represented by a causal model.
- The structure of the causal model can be represented as a directed and acyclic graph (DAG).
- At the macroscopic level, every system can be represented by a causal model **if no unmodeled variable** is cause of two or more modeled variables. The unmodeled causes of a variable X are aggregated into an error variable  $\epsilon^X$ .

#### Causal Models: Quantitative

Microscopic DAG	Macroscopic DAG	Macroscopic DAG	
Functional	Functional	Probabilistic	
$ \begin{array}{cccc} A & B & C \\ D = f(A, B, C) & E = f(C) \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ccc} \epsilon^{D} & C \\ \downarrow & & \\ D = f(C, \epsilon^{D}) & E = f(C) \end{array} $	$D \sim q(D C) \qquad E \sim q(E C)$	

- Assuming Laplace's demon, every variable is a deterministic function of its causes at the microscopic level.
- Then, every variable is a probabilistic function of its modeled causes at the macroscopic level.
- Both Reichenbach's principle of common cause and Laplace's demon have been disproven. Human reasoning seem to comply with both of them, though.
- Then, probabilistic DAGs may not be ontological but epistemological models. They also help to identify key questions about reasoning.

#### Bayesian Networks: Definition

DAG	Parameter values for the conditional probability distributions	
Sprinkler Rain Wet Grass Wet Street	$q(S) = (0.3, 0.7)$ $q(R) = (0.5, 0.5)$ $q(WG r_0, s_0) = (0.1, 0.9)$ $q(WG r_0, s_1) = (0.7, 0.3)$ $q(WG r_1, s_0) = (0.8, 0.2)$ $q(WG r_1, s_1) = (0.9, 0.1)$ $q(WS r_0) = (0.1, 0.9)$ $q(WS r_1) = (0.7, 0.3)$ $p(S, R, WG, WS) = q(S)q(R)q(WG S, R)q(WS R)$	

- A Bayesian network (BN) over a finite set of discrete random variables  $X = X_{1:n} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  consists of
  - ▶ a DAG G whose nodes are the elements in X, and
  - parameter values  $\theta_G$  specifying conditional probability distributions  $q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$ .
- ► The BN represents a causal model of the system.
- ► The BN also represents a probabilistic model of the system, namely  $p(X) = \prod_i q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$ .

## Bayesian Networks: Definition

- We now show that  $p(X) = \prod_i q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$  is a probability distribution.
- Clearly,  $0 \le \prod_i q(X_i | pa_G(X_i)) \le 1$ .
- ▶ Assume without loss of generality that  $pa_G(X_i) \subseteq X_{1:i-1}$  for all i. Then

$$\sum_{x} \prod_{i} q(x_{i}|pa_{G}(X_{i})) = \sum_{x_{1}} [q(x_{1}) \dots \sum_{x_{n-1}} [q(x_{n-1}|pa_{G}(X_{n-1})) \sum_{x_{n}} q(x_{n}|pa_{G}(X_{n}))] \dots] = 1$$

▶ Moreover,  $p(X_j|pa_G(X_j)) = q(X_j|pa_G(X_j))$ . To see it, note that

$$\begin{split} p(X_{j}|pa_{G}(X_{j})) & = & \frac{p(X_{j},pa_{G}(X_{j}))}{p(pa_{G}(X_{j}))} = \frac{\sum_{X \setminus \{X_{j},pa_{G}(X_{j})\}} \prod_{i} q(X_{i}|pa_{G}(X_{i}))}{\sum_{X \setminus pa_{G}(X_{j})} \prod_{i} q(X_{i}|pa_{G}(X_{i}))} \\ & = & \frac{\sum_{X_{1:j} \setminus \{X_{j},pa_{G}(X_{j})\}} \prod_{i \leq j} q(X_{i}|pa_{G}(X_{i}))}{\sum_{X_{1:j} \setminus pa_{G}(X_{j})} \prod_{i \leq j} q(X_{i}|pa_{G}(X_{i}))} = q(X_{j}|pa_{G}(X_{j})) \end{split}$$

#### Bayesian Networks: Separation

- We now show that many of the independencies in p can be read off G without numerical calculations.
- Let  $\rho$  be a path between two nodes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in G.
- ▶ A node B in  $\rho$  is a **collider** when  $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$  is a subpath of  $\rho$ .
- ▶ Moreover,  $\rho$  is Z-open with  $Z \subseteq X \setminus \{\alpha, \beta\}$  when
  - no non-collider in  $\rho$  is in Z, and
  - every collider in  $\rho$  is in Z or has a descendant in Z.
- Let U, V and Z be three disjoint subsets of X. Then, U and V are separated given Z in G (i.e. U⊥GV|Z) when there is no Z-open path in G between a node in U and a node in V.
- ▶ The separation criterion is **sound**, i.e. if  $U \perp_G V | Z$  then  $U \perp_p V | Z$ .
- Moreover, it is also **complete**, i.e. p may be such that  $U \perp_G V | Z$  if and only if  $U \perp_p V | Z$ .
- Moreover, p factorizes as  $p(X) = \prod_i q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$  if and only if it satisfies all the independencies identified by the separation criterion.

#### Bayesian Networks: Separation

- ▶ Exercise. Prove that  $A \perp_p B | C$  for the DAGs  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$ ,  $A \leftarrow C \rightarrow B$  and  $A \leftarrow C \leftarrow B$ , i.e. prove that p(A, B | C) = p(A | C) p(B | C).
- ► **Exercise**. Prove that  $A \perp_p B | \varnothing$  for the DAG  $A \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$ , i.e. prove that p(A,B) = p(A)p(B).
- Exercise. Find the minimal set of nodes that separates a given node from the rest. This set is called the Markov blanket of the given node.

# Bayesian Networks: Causal Reasoning

Original	After do(r <sub>1</sub> )
Sprinkler Rain Wet Grass Wet Street	Sprinkler  Wet Grass Wet Street
$\begin{split} q(S) &= (0.3, 0.7) \\ q(R) &= (0.5, 0.5) \\ q(WG r_0, s_0) &= (0.1, 0.9) \\ q(WG r_0, s_1) &= (0.7, 0.3) \\ q(WG r_1, s_0) &= (0.8, 0.2) \\ q(WG r_1, s_1) &= (0.9, 0.1) \\ q(WS r_0) &= (0.1, 0.9) \\ q(WS r_1) &= (0.7, 0.3) \\ \end{split}$ $p(S, R, WG, WS) = q(S)q(R)q(WG S, R)q(WS R)$	$q(S) = (0.3, 0.7)$ $q(WG s_0) = (0.8, 0.2)$ $q(WG s_1) = (0.9, 0.1)$ $q(WS) = (0.7, 0.3)$ $p(S, WG, WS) = q(S)q(WG S)q(WS)$

- What would be the state of the system if a random variable  $X_j$  is forced to take the state  $x_i$ , i.e.  $p(X \setminus X_i | do(x_i))$ ?
  - Remove  $X_i$  and all the edges from and to  $X_i$  from G.
  - Remove  $q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$ .
  - ▶ If  $X_j \in pa_G(X_i)$ , then replace  $q(X_i|pa_G(X_i))$  with  $q(X_i|pa_G(X_i) \setminus X_j, x_j)$
  - Set  $p(X \setminus X_i | do(x_i)) = \prod_i q(X_i | pa_G(X_i))$ .
- So, the result of do(x) on a BN is a BN.

## Bayesian Networks: Probabilistic Reasoning

What is the state of the system if a random variable X<sub>i</sub> is observed to be in the state x<sub>i</sub>, i.e. p(X \times X<sub>i</sub>|x<sub>i</sub>) ?

$$p(X \setminus X_i | x_i) = \frac{p(X \setminus X_i, x_i)}{p(x_i)} = \frac{p(X \setminus X_i, x_i)}{\sum_{X \setminus X_i} p(X \setminus X_i, x_i)}$$

$$p(R, WG, WS | s) = \frac{q(s)q(R)q(WG | s, R)q(WS | R)}{\sum_{r, wg, ws} q(s)q(r)q(wg | s, r)q(ws | r)}$$

$$= \frac{q(s)q(R)q(WG | s, R)q(WS | r)}{q(s)\sum_{r} [q(vg | s, r)\sum_{ws} q(ws | r)]}$$

• What is the state of a random variable Y if a random variable  $X_i$  is observed to be in the state  $x_i$ , i.e.  $p(Y|x_i)$  ?

► 
$$p(Y|x_i) = \frac{p(Y,x_i)}{p(x_i)} = \frac{\sum_{X \setminus \{X_i,Y\}} p(X \setminus X_i,x_i)}{\sum_{X \setminus X_i} p(X \setminus X_i,x_i)}$$
►  $p(WS|s) = \frac{\sum_{r,wg} q(s)q(r)q(wg|s,r)q(wS|r)}{\sum_{r,wg,ws} q(s)q(r)q(wg|s,r)q(wg|r)}$ 

$$= \frac{q(s)\sum_r [q(r)q(WS|r)\sum_{wg} q(wg|s,r)]}{q(s)\sum_r [q(r)\sum_{wg} [q(wg|s,r)\sum_{wg} q(ws|r)]}$$

- What is the state of a random variable Y if a random variable  $X_i$  is observed to be in the state  $x_i$ , after forcing a random variable  $X_j$  to take the state  $x_i$ , i.e.  $p(Y|x_i, do(x_i))$ ?
- Answering questions like the one above can be computationally hard.
- A BN is an efficient formalism to compute a posterior probability distribution from a prior probability distribution in the light of observations, hence the name.

#### Markov Networks: Definition

UG	Potentials assuming binary random variables	
A — B   /	$\varphi(A, B, C) = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ $\varphi(B, C, D) = (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$ $p(A, B, C, D) = \varphi(A, B, C)\varphi(B, C, D)/Z \text{ with } Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} \varphi(a, b, c)\varphi(b, c, d)$	

- A Markov network (MN) over X consists of
  - ightharpoonup an undirected graph (UG) G whose nodes are the elements in X, and
  - a set of non-negative functions  $\varphi(K)$  over the cliques Cl(G) of G.
- A clique is a maximal complete set of nodes. The functions are called potentials.
- ▶ The MN represents a probabilistic model of the system, namely

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{K \in Cl(G)} \varphi(K)$$

where Z is a normalization constant, i.e.

$$Z = \sum_{x} \prod_{K \in Cl(G)} \varphi(k)$$

• Clearly, p(X) is a probability distribution.

#### Markov Networks: Separation

- We now show that many of the independencies in p can be read off G without numerical calculations.
- A path  $\rho$  between two nodes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in G is Z-open with  $Z \subseteq X \setminus \{\alpha, \beta\}$  when no node in  $\rho$  is in Z.
- Let U, V and Z be three disjoint subsets of X. Then, U and V are separated given Z in G (i.e. U⊥GV|Z) when there is no Z-open path in G between a node in U and a node in V.
- ▶ The separation criterion is **sound**, i.e. if  $U \perp_G V | Z$  then  $U \perp_p V | Z$ .
- Moreover, it is also **complete**, i.e. p may be such that  $U \perp_G V | Z$  if and only if  $U \perp_P V | Z$ .
- Moreover, p factorizes as  $p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{K \in Cl(G)} \varphi(K)$  if and only if it satisfies all the independencies identified by the separation criterion.

#### Markov Networks: Separation

- ► Exercise. Prove that  $A \perp_p B | C$  for the UG A C B, i.e. prove that p(A, B | C) = f(A, C)g(B, C) for some functions f and g.
- Exercise. Find the minimal set of nodes that separates a given node from the rest. This set is called the Markov blanket of the given node.

#### Markov Networks: Factor Graphs

- ▶ What if  $\varphi(C_i) = \prod_i \varphi(C_i^j)$  with  $C_i^j \subset C_i$ ?
- A MN may obscure the structure of the potentials. Solution: Factor graphs.
- A factor graph over X consists of an UG G with two types of nodes: The elements in X and a set of potentials  $\varphi(K)$  over subsets of X. All the edges in G are between a potential and the elements of X that are in the potential's domain.

MN	Factor graph	Factor graph
$A \stackrel{\frown}{-} B \stackrel{\frown}{-} C$	$\varphi(A,B,C)$ $A$ $B$ $C$	$ \varphi(A,C) \\ A \longrightarrow \varphi(A,B) \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow \varphi(B,C) \longrightarrow C $

▶ The factor graph represents a probabilistic model of the system, namely

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{K} \varphi(K)$$

where Z is a normalization constant, i.e.

$$Z = \sum_{x} \prod_{k} \varphi(k)$$

Factor graphs: Finer-grained parameterization of MNs.

#### Markov Networks: Probabilistic Reasoning

In the first example before, what is the state of a random variable A if a random variable B is observed to be in the state b?

$$p(A|b) = \frac{\sum_{c,d} \varphi(A,b,c)\varphi(b,c,d)}{\sum_{a,c,d} \varphi(a,b,c)\varphi(b,c,d)} = \frac{\sum_{c} [\varphi(A,b,c) \sum_{d} \varphi(b,C,d)]}{\sum_{a,c} [\varphi(a,b,c) \sum_{d} \varphi(b,c,d)]}$$

- Answering questions like the one above can be computationally hard.
- ▶ A MN is an efficient formalism to answer such questions.

#### Intersection of Bayesian Networks and Markov Networks

# All independence models DAGs UGs

- ▶ An **unshielded collider** in a DAG is a subgraph of the form  $A \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$  such that A and B are not adjacent in the DAG.
- An UG is triangulated if every cycle in it contains a chord, i.e. an edge between two non-consecutive nodes in the cycle.
- Given a DAG G, there is an UG H such that I(G) = I(H) if and only if G has no unshielded colliders.
- Given an UG G, there is an DAG H such that I(G) = I(H) if and only if G is triangulated.