

Algoritmos y Programación III

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1 Reasoning with uncertainty

- Bayesian networks
- Exercises

Bayesian networks?

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They are key a computer technology for :

- Modeling Uncertainty: They effectively handle uncertainty by using probabilities.
- Inference: They allow us to compute the likelihood of certain outcomes given partial evidence.
- Causal Reasoning: Bayesian networks can model causal relationships, not just correlations, which is useful in decision-making.

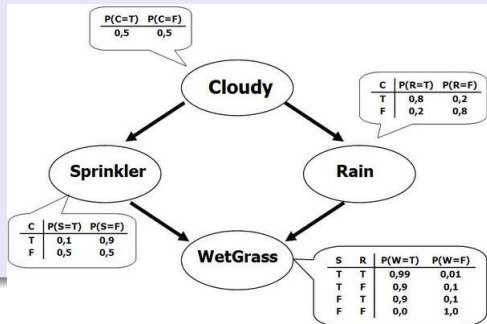
Examples

- Diagnosis and Decision Support: Aid in medical and system fault diagnosis.
- Prediction and Forecasting: Predict outcomes like weather, stock market trends.
- Risk Analysis: Assess risks in business, insurance, and operations.

Bayesian networks

A **Bayesian network** is a probabilistic, graphical model which represents a set of variables and their conditional dependencies using a directed acyclic graph.

It is also called a Bayes network, belief network, decision network, or Bayesian model.



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- Real world applications are probabilistic in nature, and to represent the relationship between multiple events, we need a Bayesian network.
- It can also be used in various tasks including prediction, anomaly detection, diagnostics, automated insight, reasoning, time series prediction, and decision making under uncertainty.
- Bayesian Network can be used for building models from data and experts opinions.

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- Directed Acyclic Graph
- Conditional Probabilities Tables (CPT).

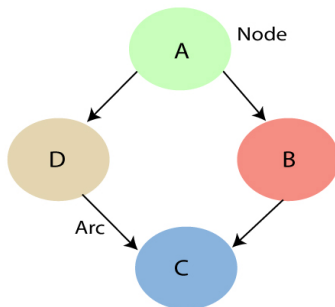
Directed Acyclic Graph

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Each node corresponds to the random variables

Arcs or directed arrows represent the causal relationship or conditional probabilities between random variables.

These links represent that one node directly influence the other node, and if there is no directed link that means that nodes are independent with each other.

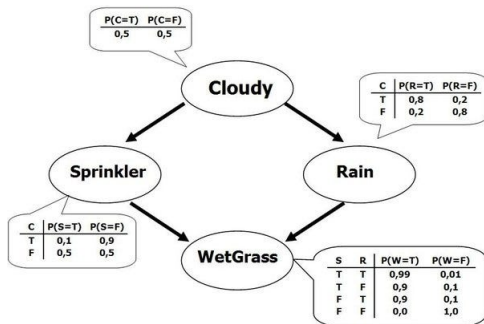


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Each node in the Bayesian network has condition probability distribution $P(X_i | \text{Parent}(X_i))$, which determines the effect of the parent on that node.

This probability distribution is presented in the CPT associated to each node



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Example

I have a burglar alarm that is sometimes set off by minor earthquakes. My two neighbors, John and Mary, promised to call me at work if they hear the alarm.

- *Inference task: suppose Mary calls and John doesn't call. What is the probability of a burglary.*

What are the random variables?

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- *Burglary (B)*
- *Earthquake(E)*
- *Alarm(A)*
- *John Calls(J)*
- *Mary calls(S)*

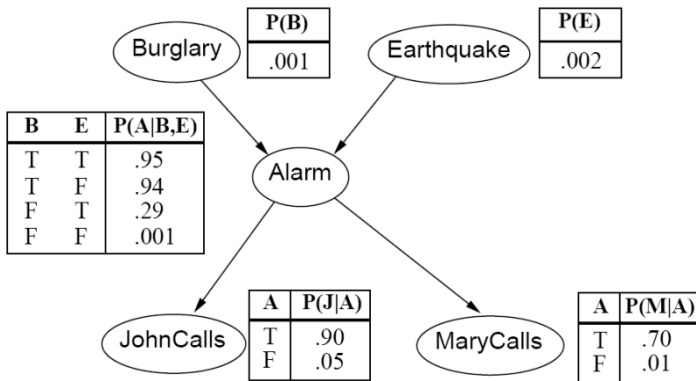
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- *A burglar can set the alarm on*
- *An earthquake can set the alarm on*
- *The alarm can cause Mary to call*
- *The alarm can cause John to call*

Example: Burglar Alarm



What to take into account?

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- Key property: **each node is conditionally independent** of its non-descendants given its parents
- Suppose the nodes X_1, \dots, X_n are sorted in topological order
- To get the joint distribution $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i)) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional independence?

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- The conditional independence describes a situation where two events are independent of each other given the knowledge of a third event.
- Knowing whether B occurs does not provide further information about A once C is known.
- $P(A, B|C) = P(A|C) \cdot P(B|C)$

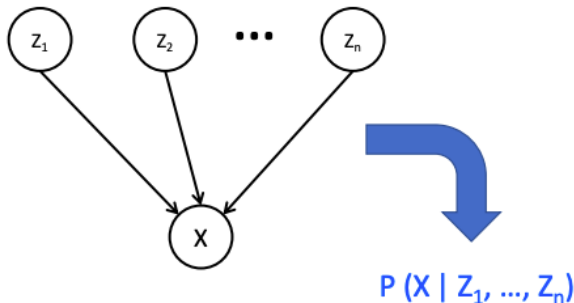
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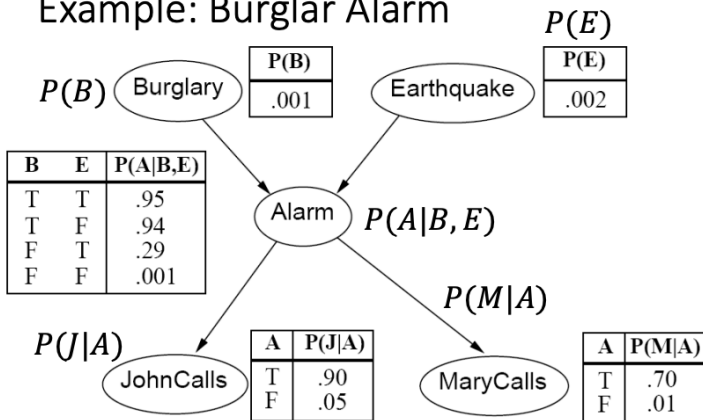
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Solution

- We need to specify the full joint distribution.
- Therefore, we need to specify a conditional distribution for each node given its parents: $P(X | \text{Parents}(X))$



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What do we have here?

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Solution

- *That a model is a complete specification of the dependencies.*
- *The conditional probability tables are the model parameters.*

How do we estimate posteriori probabilities?

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Solution

Inference Task: *suppose Mary calls and John doesn't call. What is the probability of a burglary.*

- *We find the joint probability of B (and $\neg B$) and M (and $\neg M$) and any other variables that are necessary in order to link these two together.*
- $P(B, E, A, M) = P(B) \cdot P(E) \cdot P(A|B, E) \cdot P(M|A)$

How do we do that?

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How do we do that?

Solution

$P(BEAM)$	$\neg M, \neg A$	$\neg M, A$	$M, \neg A$	M, A
$\neg B, \neg E$	0.986045	2.99×10^{-4}	9.96×10^{-3}	6.98×10^{-4}
$\neg B, E$	1.4×10^{-3}	1.7×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-5}	4.06×10^{-4}
$B, \neg E$	5.93×10^{-5}	2.81×10^{-4}	5.99×10^{-7}	6.57×10^{-4}
B, E	9.9×10^{-8}	5.7×10^{-7}	10^{-9}	1.33×10^{-6}

What is the following step?

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Solution

- We marginalize (add) to get rid of the variables we don't care about.
- $P(B, M) = \sum_{E, \neg E} \sum_{A, \neg A} P(B, E, A, M)$

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Solution

$P(B, M)$	$\neg M$	M
$\neg B$	0.987922	0.011078
B	0.000341	0.000659

What next?

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Solution

- *We ignore the column that didn't happen.*

And we get

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Solution

$P(B, M)$	M
$\neg B$	0.011078
B	0.000659

And last?

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Solution

- *We use the definition of conditional probability.*

- $$P(B|M) = \frac{P(B, M)}{P(B, M) + P(B, \neg M)}$$

And we get

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Solution

$P(B M)$	M
$\neg B$	0.943883
B	0.056117

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- *A burglary is so unlikely that, if only Mary calls or only John calls, the probability of a burglary is still only about 5 %.*

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Exercise

Implement a bayesian network in a Jupyter notebook for the first example and upload it to intu.