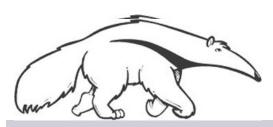
# Structure Learning in Bayes Nets

Learning in Graphical Models

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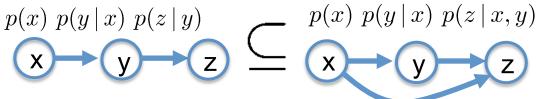




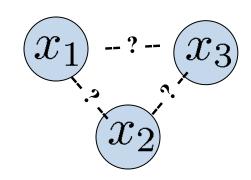
## Structure learning

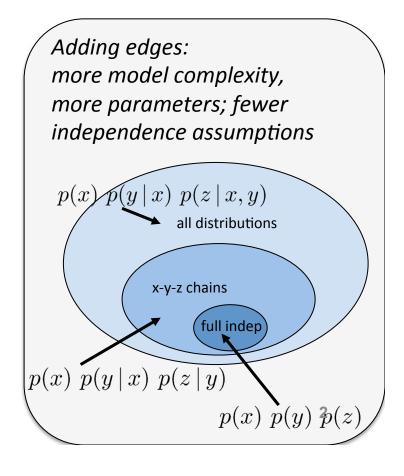
Unknown structure: Select by ML also?

$$\max_{G} \max_{\theta_{G}} \log p(\lbrace x^{(i)} \rbrace ; G, \theta_{G})$$



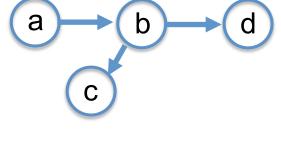
- Nested models
- ML structure is the complete graph
  - # parameters? Overfitting?
- Options:
  - Compare equal complexity (best tree...)
  - Use hold-out data
  - Use complexity penalty (BIC, ...)
  - Use prior & MAP parameters

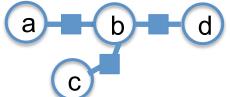




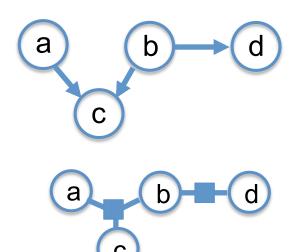
## Tree-structured Bayes Nets

- Trees
  - No undirected cycles; single root node
    - ⇒ Only pairwise interactions





- Poly-trees
  - No undirected cycles; multiple roots
    - ⇒ Non-pairwise interactions



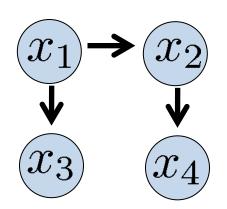
#### Generalizing to trees

- Suppose
  - Known structure, exp family
  - Fully observed data
- Then,
  - ML estimate given as before (fit each term)
  - Conditional probabilities equal their empirical estimates

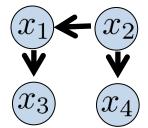
$$\max_{\theta} \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i} \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_2^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_3^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_4^i | x_2^i) \right]$$

#### Score different structures

#### Why x₁ centric view?



$$\max_{\theta_{G_1}} \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i} \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_2^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_3^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_4^i | x_2^i) \right]$$



$$\max_{\theta} \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i} \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_2^i) \, \hat{p}(x_1^i | x_2^i) \, \dots \right]$$

Exactly the same

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \\ \hline x_3 \\ \hline x_4 \\ \end{array}$$

$$\max_{\theta_{G_2}} \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i} \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_2^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_3^i | x_1^i) \, \hat{p}(x_4^i | x_1^i) \right]$$

Choose structure G with highest likelihood

## A more symmetric view

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \hline x_1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} p(x_1^i) \, p(x_2^i | x_1^i) = p(x_2^i) \, p(x_1^i | x_2^i) = p(x_1^i) \, p(x_2^i) \, \frac{p(x_1^i, x_2^i)}{p(x_1^i) \, p(x_2^i)} \\ \hline \\ x_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Then, \\ \hline \\ x_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x_4 \\ \mathcal{L}^* = \sum_i \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_1^i) \hat{p}(x_2^i) \hat{p}(x_3^i) \hat{p}(x_4^i) \right] + \sum_i \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_1^i, x_2^i)}{\hat{p}(x_1^i) \hat{p}(x_2^i)} + \sum_i \dots \end{array}$$

Present in all models
Present in models with an edge (1,2)

Now, reorganize sum over data samples by their value:

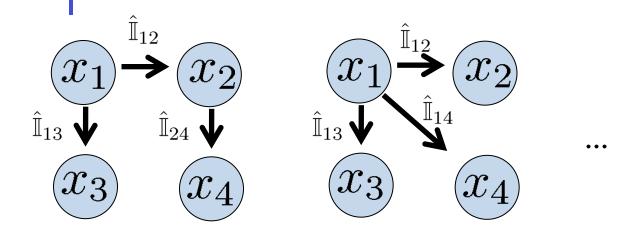
$$\sum_{i} \log \left[ \hat{p}(x_{1}^{i}) \right] = m \sum_{x_{1}} \hat{p}(x_{1}) \log \hat{p}(x_{1}) = m \hat{\mathbb{H}}(x_{1})$$

$$\sum_{i} \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_{1}^{i}, x_{2}^{i})}{\hat{p}(x_{1}^{i})\hat{p}(x_{2}^{i})} = m \sum_{x_{1}, x_{2}} \hat{p}(x_{1}, x_{2}) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_{1}, x_{2})}{\hat{p}(x_{1})\hat{p}(x_{2})} = m \hat{\mathbb{I}}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

#### Score different structures

**Chow & Liu, 1968** 

 $\hat{\mathbb{I}}(x_1, x_2) = \mathbb{E}_D \left[ \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_1, x_2)}{\hat{p}(x_1)\hat{p}(x_2)} \right]$ 



- Compute scores  $I_{ij}$  for all pairs (ij)
- Maximize the sum of terms in the tree
- Max-weight spanning tree problem
  - Find largest weight that connects two disconnected components
- $I_{ij}$  is the mutual information of the empirical model \hat p
  - KL-divergence from the independent model

## **BIC-penalized scores**

- BIC: Bayesian Information Criterion
- Penalize log-likelihood score by complexity, k:

BIC = 
$$\mathcal{L}^* - \frac{k}{2} \log m = \left( \max_{\theta} \log p(\{x^{(j)}\}; \theta) \right) - \frac{k}{2} \log m$$

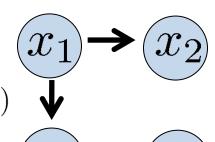
AIC: Aikike Information Criterion

AIC = 
$$\mathcal{L}^* - k$$
 AICc =  $\mathcal{L}^* - k - \frac{k(k+1)}{m-k-1}$ 

Ex: BIC-penalized Chow-Liu

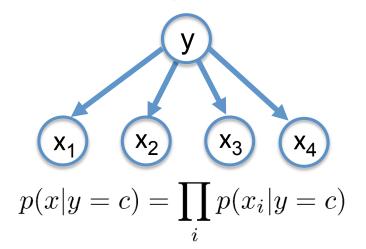
- Score by 
$$\hat{\mathbb{I}}(x_1,x_2) - \frac{\log m}{2m}(d_1d_2 - d_1 - d_2 + 1)$$

- Note: score can be negative  $\Rightarrow$  select forest

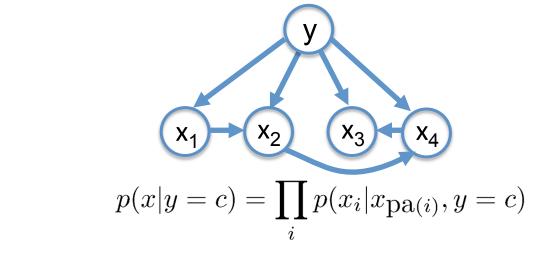


#### Tree-augmented Naïve Bayes

#### Naïve Bayes



TAN Bayes (Friedman et al. 1997)

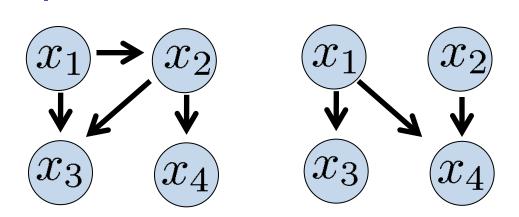


- Naïve Bayes: model features independently given class
- Correlated features: can overcount evidence (e.g.,  $x_1=x_2$ )
- TAN Bayes: account for simple model over x

- Score 
$$\hat{\mathbb{I}}(x_1, x_2|y) = \sum_{x_1, x_2, y} \hat{p}(x_1, x_2, y) \left[\log \frac{\hat{p}(x_1, x_2|y)}{\hat{p}(x_1|y)\hat{p}(x_2|y)}\right]$$

Also easy to make graph G depend on y

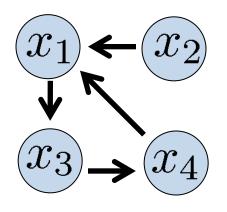
## Learning Bayes net structures



For any BN structure & fully observed data, still easy to

- 1. Compute ML estimates
- 2. Score a structure (e.g., penalized ML)

So?



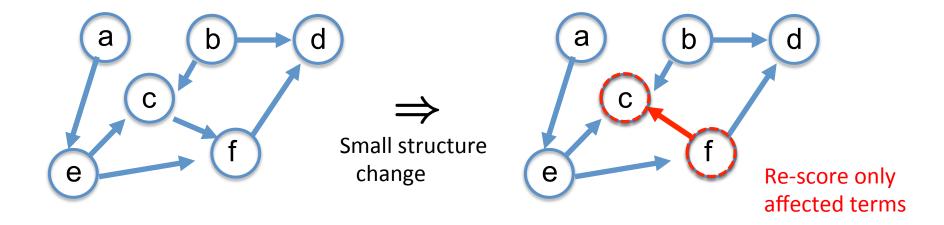
Not consistent with any variable order (i.e., no conditional decomposition)

Ordering and parent "constraints" are hard to describe compactly, and hard to search over

#### Local search over structures

Many scores (e.g. penalized likelihood) decompose on G

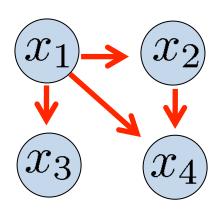
$$S(\lbrace x^{(j)}\rbrace; G) = \sum_{i} S(\lbrace x_{i}^{(j)}, x_{\text{pa(i)}}^{(j)}\rbrace; G)$$



- Search locally over structures
  - Hill-climbing, stochastic search, MCMC, ...
- Works even with fairly general priors on G, etc.

#### Exhaustive search over structures

Suppose we have ordering 1,2,3,4



Just try all the possible parent sets

(Easy to restrict by model complexity, e.g. all parent sets of size < 3, etc.)

- (1) Has no parents (no earlier variables...)
- (2) Score  $p(x_2)$  vs  $p(x_2 | x_1)$  with penalized likelihood
- (3) Score  $p(x_3)$  vs  $p(x_3 | x_1)$  vs  $p(x_3 | x_2)$  vs  $p(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$  ...
- (4) Score  $p(x_4)$  vs ...
- Now, just enumerate over all possible orders

#### Linear program over structures

Score all possible (conditional probability) factors

- Our model score is the sum of the terms we include
  - But some terms are incompatible with others...
- Set this up as an integer linear program
  - Maximize sum of included terms, subject to (lots of structure restrictions)
- Cutting plane methods:
  - Solve with few constraints
  - Check if any cycles exist
  - If so, add those constraints and re-solve