

16 approximate inference in BN

Sampling: ① generating events from a distribution

② $\hat{p} = \frac{\# \text{observed}}{\# \text{total}}$

consistent estimate: becomes exact in the large-scale limit

从父到子, 逐值 (conditional) prob distributions

Rejection Sampling:

- ① generate events from prior distribution
- ② reject those do not agree with evidence
- ③ use remaining to do estimate

pros: simple

cons: 合法的 sample 数 drop exponentially with #evidence variables (reject too much)

Likelihood weighting:

- ① generate events 从父到子
if evidence node:
值已给定, update weights
else:
值由分布定
- ② Compute weighted sum of samples for estimate

e.g. $P(R|+C, +W)$

算 0.45 个正例

生成某一个 sample:

$w = 1.0$

(1) C evidence value = +C $w := w \times 0.5$

(2) S non-evi value = +S

(3) R non-evi value = +R

(4) W evidence value = +W $w := w \times 0.9$

结果: R = +R

$$w = 0.45$$

pro: use every sample

cons: { more evidence \rightarrow lower weight (weights too small)
 affect by the order of evidence

Gibbs Sampling

原理 MCMC, 过程 similar to local search

start: evidence variables 固定, 其它 随机

loop: sample a non-evidence variable

conditioned on the others

Markov Blanket: parents + children + children's parents