

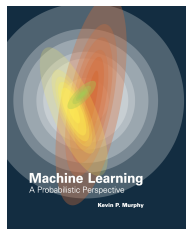
# Graphical Models

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# Section 1

## Introduction



## Reference document

The lecture closely follows and largely borrows material from “Machine Learning: A Probabilistic Perspective” (MLAPP) from Kevin P. Murphy, chapters:

- Chapter 10: Directed graphical models (Bayes nets)
- Chapter 19: Undirected graphical models (Markov random fields)
- Chapter 20: Exact inference for graphical models
- Chapter 26: Graphical model structure learning

## Evaluation

The project will be evaluated through of a project in R or Python (realized by 2 or 3 student). Each project will be different and rated on the basis of

- a code (1/3)
- a presentation (15 minutes) (1/3)
- a report (1/3)

A: apprenticeship, C: Classical Formation

- 1 Simulation and estimation of Strauss model parameters (A)
- 2 Programming of Graphical Lasso (C)
- 3 Program you own Boltzmann Machine for prediction, explain and illustrate (C)
- 4 Compare Naive Bayes Classifier with Tree Augmented Bayes Classifier  
C
- 5 Explain and test a gaussian mixture of trees for learning a Gaussian graph structure (A, see saturnin R package from Schwaller)
- 6 Program a greedy hill climbing for college plan dataset (C, page 919 of MLAPP)

# What is a graphical model ?

A graphical model is a probability distribution in a factorized form

There are two main types of representation of the factorization:

- directed graphical model
- undirected graphical model

## Why the term graph ?

Conditionnal independences between variables are well modeled via Graphs

# What is it usefull for ?

- reduce the number of parameters
  - may be used for supervised or unsupervised approaches
- allow exploratory data analysis by providing a simple graphical representation
  - “approach causality”

# What problems does it raise ?

- learning the parameters of a given factorized form
- learning the structure of the graphical model (factorized form)



## Section 2

# Directed Graphical Models (Chapter 10 MLAPP)

# Joint distribution

## Observation

Suppose we observe multiple correlated variables, such as words in a document, pixels in an image, or genes in a microarray.

## Joint distribution

How can we compactly represent the joint distribution  $p(x|\theta)$ ?

# Chain Rule

By the chain rule of probability, we can always represent a joint distribution as follows, using any ordering of the variables:

$$p(x_{1:V}) = p(x_1)p(x_2|x_1)p(x_3|x_2, x_1)p(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3)\dots p(x_V|x_{1:V-1})$$

The problem of the number of parameters

$O(K) + O(K^2) + O(K^3) + \dots$  There are  $O(K^V)$  parameters in the system

# Conditional independence

The key to efficiently representing large joint distributions is to make some assumptions about conditional independence (CI).

$$X \perp Y|Z \Leftrightarrow p(X, Y|Z) = p(X|Z)p(Y|Z)$$

$X$  is conditionally independent of  $Y$  knowing  $Z$  if once you know  $Z$  knowing  $Y$  does not help you to guess  $X$

# Conditional independence: an example

Setting: picking a card at random in a traditional set of cards

- 1 if full set of color and values then  $color \perp value$
- 2 if all diamond faces ( $\blacklozenge$ ) are discarded from the set then  $color \not\perp value$   
but still  $color \perp value | Facecard$

$$P(King | Facecard) = 1/3 = P(\clubsuit | Facecard)$$

$$P(King \clubsuit | Facecard) = 1/9 = P(King | Facecard)P(\clubsuit | Facecard)$$

# Simplification of chain rule

## Simplification of chain rule factorization

Let assume that  $x_{t+1} \perp x_{1:t-1} | x_t$ , first order Markov assumption.

$$p(x_{1:V}) = p(x_1) \prod_{t=2}^V p(x_t | x_{t-1})$$

$K - 1 + K^2$  parameters

A graphical model (GM) is a way to represent a joint distribution by making Conditional Independence (CI) assumptions.

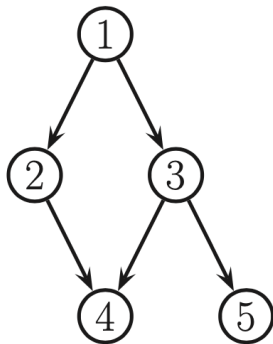
- the nodes in the graph represent random variables,
- and the (lack of) edges represent CI assumptions.

A better name for these models would in fact be “independence diagrams”

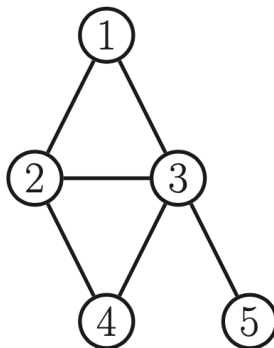
There are several kinds of graphical model, depending on whether

- the graph is directed,
- undirected,
- or some combination of directed and undirected.

# Example of directed and undirected graphical model



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A graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of

- a set of nodes or vertices,  $V = \{1, \dots, V\}$ , and
- a set of edges,  $E = \{(s, t) : s, t \in V\}$ .

## Adjacency matrix

We can represent the graph by its adjacency matrix, in which we write  $G(s, t) = 1$  to denote  $(s, t) \in E$ , that is, if  $s \rightarrow t$  is an edge in the graph. If  $G(s, t) = 1$  iff  $G(t, s) = 1$ , we say the graph is undirected, otherwise it is directed.

We usually assume  $G(s, s) = 0$ , which means there are no self loops.

# Graph terminology

- **Parent:** For a directed graph, the parents of a node is the set of all nodes that feed into it:  $pa(s) \triangleq \{t : G(t, s) = 1\}$ .
- **Child:** For a directed graph, the children of a node is the set of all nodes that feed out of it:  $ch(s) \triangleq \{t : G(s, t) = 1\}$ .
- **Family:** For a directed graph, the family of a node is the node and its parents,  $fam(s) = s \cup pa(s)$ .
- **Root:** For a directed graph, a root is a node with no parents.
- **Leaf:** For a directed graph, a leaf is a node with no children.
- **Ancestors:** For a directed graph, the ancestors are the parents, grand-parents, etc of a node. That is, the ancestors of  $t$  is the set of nodes that connect to  $t$  via a trail:  $anc(t) \triangleq \{s : s \rightsquigarrow t\}$ .
- **Descendants:** For a directed graph, the descendants are the children, grand-children, etc of a node. That is, the descendants of  $s$  is the set of nodes that can be reached via trails from  $s$ :  $desc(s) \triangleq \{t : s \rightsquigarrow t\}$ .

# Graph terminology

- **Clique:** For an undirected graph, a clique is a set of nodes that are all neighbors of each other.
- **A maximal clique** is a clique which cannot be made any larger without losing the clique property.
- **Neighbors** For any graph, we define the neighbors of a node as the set of all immediately connected nodes,  
 $nbr(s) \triangleq \{t : G(s, t) = 1 \vee G(t, s) = 1\}$ . For an undirected graph, we write  $s \sim t$  to indicate that  $s$  and  $t$  are neighbors.
- **Degree:** The degree of a node is the number of neighbors. For directed graphs, we speak of the in-degree and out-degree, which count the number of parents and children.
- **Cycle or loop:** For any graph, we define a cycle or loop to be a series of nodes such that we can get back to where we started by following edges
- **DAG** A directed acyclic graph or DAG is a directed graph with no directed cycles.

- A directed graphical model or DGM is a GM whose graph is a DAG.
- These are more commonly known as **Bayesian networks**
- These models are also called **belief networks**
- Finally, these models are sometimes called **causal networks**, because the directed arrows are sometimes interpreted as representing causal relations.

# Topological ordering of DAGs

- nodes can be ordered such that parents come before children
- it can be constructed from any DAG

## The ordered Markov property

a node only depends on its immediate parents

$$X_s \perp X_{pred(s) \setminus pa(s)} | X_{pa(s)}$$

where  $pa(s)$  are the parents of node  $s$ , and  $pred(s)$  are the predecessors of node  $s$  in the ordering.

$$p(x_{1:V}) = \prod_{t=1}^V p(x_t | x_{pa(t)})$$

if the Conditional Independence assumptions encoded in DAG  $G$  are correct

## Section 3

### Examples

$$p(y, x) = p(y) \prod_j p(x_j | y)$$

The naive Bayes assumption is rather naive, since it assumes the features are conditionally independent.



# Markov and hidden Markov models

## Markov chain

$$p(x_{1:T}) = p(x_1)p(x_2|x_1)p(x_3|x_2)\dots = p(x_1) \prod_{t=2}^T p(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

## Hidden Markov Model

The hidden variables often represent quantities of interest, such as the identity of the word that someone is currently speaking. The observed variables are what we measure, such as the acoustic waveform.

# Directed Gaussian graphical models

Consider a DGM where all the variables are real-valued, and all the Conditional Proba. Distributions have the following form:

$$p(x_t | x_{pa(t)}) = \mathcal{N}(x_t | \mu_t + \mathbf{w}_t^T x_{pa(t)}, \sigma_t^2)$$

Directed GGM (Gaussian Bayes net)

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

# Directed GGM (Gaussian Bayes net)

For convenience let rewrite the CPDs

$$x_t = \mu_t + \sum_{s \in pa(t)} w_{ts}(x_s - \mu_s) + \sigma_t z_t$$

where  $z_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma_t$  is the conditional standard deviation of  $x_t$  given its parents,  $w_{ts}$  is the strength of the  $s \rightarrow t$  edge, and  $\mu_t$  is the local mean.

## Mean

The global mean is just the concatenation of the local means

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_D)^t.$$

## Covariance matrix

$$(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = W(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + S\mathbf{z}$$

where  $S \triangleq \text{diag}(S)$  Let consider  $\mathbf{e} \triangleq S\mathbf{z} = (I - W)(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$

We have

$$\Sigma = \text{cov}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \text{cov}((I - W)^{-1}\mathbf{e}) = \text{cov}(US\mathbf{z}) = US^2U^t$$

where  $U = (I - W)^{-1}$

Two extreme cases

- Isolated vertices : Naive Bayes where  $\Sigma = S$ ,  $p$  vertices, no edges
- Fully connected Graph:  $p$  vertices,  $p(p-1)/2$  directed edges

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## Section 4

### Learning

# Learning from complete data (with known graph structure)

If all the variables are fully observed in each case, so there is no missing data and there are no hidden variables, we say the data is complete.

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{t \in V} p(x_{it}|x_{i,pa(t)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_t)$$

The likelihood decomposes according to the **graph structure**

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## Discrete distribution

$$N_{tck} \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(x_{i,t} = k, x_{i,pa(t)} = c)$$

and thus  $\hat{p}(x_t = k, x_{pa(t)} = c) = \frac{N_{tck}}{\sum_{k'} N_{tck'}}$  Of course, the MLE suffers from the zero-count

## Section 5

# Conditional independence properties of DGMs



# Diverging edges (fork)

With the DAG

$$A \leftarrow C \rightarrow B$$

with have

$$A \not\perp B$$

but

$$A \perp B|C$$

Exercise

Show it

# Chain (Head - tail)

With the DAG

$$A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$$

with have

$$A \not\perp B$$

but

$$A \perp B|C$$

Exercise

Show it

# Converging edges (V) and collider

With the DAG

$$A \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$$

with have

$$A \perp B$$

but

$$A \not\perp B | C$$

## Exercise

Show it

## Independence map

a directed graph  $G$  is an I-map (independence map) for  $p$ , or that  $p$  is Markov wrt  $G$ ,

- iff  $I(G) \subseteq I(p)$ , where  $I(p)$  is the set of all CI statements that hold for distribution  $p$ .

This allows us to use the graph as a safe proxy for  $p$

- The “d” in d-separation and d-connection stands for dependence.
- d-separation is related the ideas of active path and active vertex on a path
- a path is active if it carries information, or dependence.
- Thus, when the conditioning set is empty, only paths that correspond to “causal connection” are active (creating dependence).

When a vertex is in the conditioning set, its status with respect to being active or inactive **flip-flops**

Are variables A and B d-separated by C (in boldface).

- ①  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$  **Inactive**
- ②  $A \leftarrow C \leftarrow B$  **Inactive**
- ③  $A \leftarrow C \rightarrow B$  **Inactive**
- ④  $A \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$  C is a collider and thus inactive when the conditioning set is empty, so is now **Active** (produce independence)

## d-separation: example of Pearl (1988)

two independent causes of your car refusing to start: having no gas and having a dead battery.

dead battery  $\rightarrow$  car won't start  $\leftarrow$  no gas

- Telling you that the battery is charged tells you nothing about whether there is gas,
- Telling you that the battery is charged after I have told you that the car won't start tells me that the gas tank must be empty.

So independent causes are made dependent by conditioning on a common effect, which in the directed graph representing the causal structure is the same as conditioning on a collider.

# Formulation d-separation definition

an undirected path  $P$  is d-separated by a set of nodes  $E$  iff at least one of the following conditions hold:

- $P$  contains a chain,  $s \rightarrow m \rightarrow t$  or  $s \leftarrow m \leftarrow t$  where  $m \in E$
- $P$  contains a fork,  $s \leftarrow m \rightarrow t$  where  $m \in E$
- $P$  contains a collider,  $s \rightarrow m \leftarrow t$  where  $m \notin E$  and nor is any descendant of  $m$ .

## Alternative formulation of d-connection:

If  $G$  is a directed graph in which  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $E$  are disjoint sets of vertices, then  $X$  and  $Y$  are d-connected by  $E$  in  $G$  if and only if there exists an undirected path  $P$  between some vertex in  $X$  and some vertex in  $Y$  such that

- for every collider  $C$  on  $P$ , either  $C$  or a descendent of  $C$  is in  $E$  (active path),
- and no non-collider on  $P$  is in  $E$  (no inactive path).

$X$  and  $Y$  are d-separated by  $E$  in  $G$  if and only if they are not d-connected by  $E$  in  $G$  (all path are inactives. . . )

see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDs\\_q6jKHb0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDs_q6jKHb0) for examples

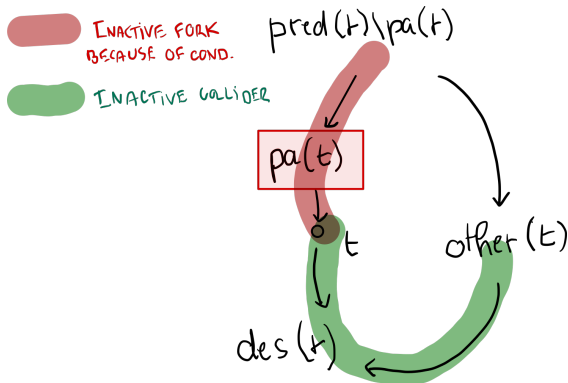


# d-separation versus conditional independence

a set of nodes  $A$  is d-separated from a different set of nodes  $B$  given a third observed set  $E$  iff each undirected path from every node  $a \in A$  to every node  $b \in B$  is d-separated by  $E$ :

$$x_A \perp_G x_B | x_E \Leftrightarrow A \text{ is d-separated from } B \text{ given } E$$

# Consequences of d-separation



## Directed local Markov property

From the d-separation criterion, one can conclude that

$t \perp nd(t) \setminus pa(t) | pa(t)$  where the non-descendants of a node  $nd(t)$  are all the nodes except for its descendants

## Ordered Markov property

A special case of directed local Markov property is when we only look at predecessors of a node according to some topological ordering. We have  $t \perp \text{pred}(t) \setminus \text{pa}(t) \mid \text{pa}(t)$

The set of nodes that renders a node  $t$  conditionally independent of all the other nodes in the graph is called  $t$ 's Markov blanket

$$mb(t) \triangleq pa(t) \cup ch(t) \cup copa(t)$$

The Markov blanket of a node in a DGM is equal to the parents, the children, and the co-parents.

To understand the Markov blanket, one could start with the local Markov property which block the dependence to non-descendant by conditioning on the parents.

To further block the path the the descendants of  $t$  one has to

- Condition on the children of  $t$ .
- But **conditioning on the children** open the path to the coparents.
- Thus one needs conditioning **on the coparents** to block all path.

## Section 6

# Graphical Model Learning Structure (chapter 26 MLAPP)

Two main applications of structure learning:

- 1 knowledge discovery (requires a graph topology)
- 2 density estimation (requires a fully specified model).

## main obstacle

the number of possible graphs is exponential in the number of nodes: a simple upper bound is  $O(2^{V(V-1)/2})$ .

A relevance network is a way of visualizing the pairwise mutual information between multiple random variables:

- we simply choose a threshold  $\alpha$
- draw an edge from node  $i$  to node  $j$  if  $\mathbb{I}(X_i; X_j) > \alpha$

## Major problem

- the graphs are usually very dense,
- most variables are dependent on most other variables, even after thresholding the MIs.



In the Gaussian case,  $\mathbb{I}(X_i; X_j) = -1/2 \log(1 - \rho_{ij}^2)$  where  $\rho_{ij}$  is the correlation coefficient so we are essentially visualizing  $\Sigma$ ;

this is known as the covariance graph.

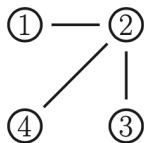
**Exercice : Gaussian mutual information**

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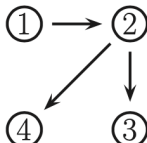
- A simple and efficient way to learn a graphical model structure is to independently fit  $D$  sparse full-conditional distributions  $p(x_t | x_{-t})$
- any kind of sparse regression or classification method to fit each CPD
  - (Heckerman et al. 2000) uses classification/regression trees,
  - (Meinshausen and Buhlmann 2006) use  $\ell_1$ -regularized linear regression,
  - (Wainwright et al. 2006) use  $\ell_1$ -regularized logistic regression (see `depnetFit` for some code),
  - (Dobra 2009) uses Bayesian variable selection

# Learning tree structures

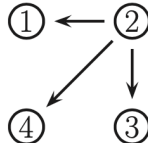
Since the problem of structure learning for general graphs is NP-hard (Chickering 1996), we start by considering the special case of trees. Trees are special because we can learn their structure efficiently



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An undirected tree and two equivalent directed trees.

# Joint Distribution associated to a directed tree

A directed tree, with a single root node  $r$ , defines a joint distribution as follows

$$p(x|T) = \prod_{t \in V} p(x_t | x_{pa(t)})$$

The distribution is a product over the edges and the choice of root does not matter

## Symetrization

To make the model more symmetric, it is preferable to use an undirected tree:

$$p(x|T) = \prod_{t \in V} p(x_t) \prod_{(s,t) \in E} \frac{p(x_s, x_t)}{p(x_s)p(x_t)}$$

# Chow-Liu algorithm for finding the ML tree structure (1968)

**Goal:** Chow Liu algorithm constructs tree distribution approximation that has the minimum Kullback–Leibler divergence to the actual distribution (that maximizes the data likelihood)

## Principle

- 1 Compute weight  $I(s, t)$  of each (possible) edge  $(s, t)$
- 2 Find a maximum weight spanning tree (MST)
- 3 Give directions to edges in MST by choosing a root node

# Chow-Liu algorithm for finding the ML tree structure (1968)

## log-likelihood

$$\log P(\theta | \mathcal{D}, T) = \sum_{tk} N_{tk} \log p(x_t = k) + \sum_{st} \sum_{jk} N_{stjk} \log \frac{p(x_s = j, x_t = k)}{p(x_s = j)p(x_t = k)}$$

$$\text{thus } \hat{p}(x_t = k) = \frac{N_{tk}}{N} \text{ and } \hat{p}(x_s = j, x_t = k) = \frac{N_{stjk}}{N}.$$

## Mutual information of a pair of variables

$$I(s, t) = \sum_{jk} \hat{p}(x_s = j, x_t = k) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_s = j, x_t = k)}{\hat{p}(x_s = j)\hat{p}(x_t = k)}$$

## The Kullback–Leibler divergence

$$\frac{\log P(\hat{\theta}_{ML} | \mathcal{D}, T)}{N} = \sum_{tk} \hat{p}(x_t = k) \log \hat{p}(x_t = k) + \sum_{st} I(s, t)$$

There are several algorithms for finding a max spanning tree (MST). The two best known are - Prim's algorithm and - Kruskal's algorithm.

Both can be implemented to run in  $O(E \log V)$  time, where  $E = V^2$  is the number of edges and  $V$  is the number of nodes.

# Exercice Gaussian Chow-Liu

- 1 Show that in the Gaussian case,  $I(s, t) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho_{st}^2)$ , where  $\rho_{st}$  is the correlation coefficient (see Exercise 2.13, Murphy)
- 2 Given a realisation of  $n$  gaussian vector of size  $p$  find the ML tree structured covariance matrix using Chow-Liu algorithm.



# TAN: Tree-Augmented Naive Bayes

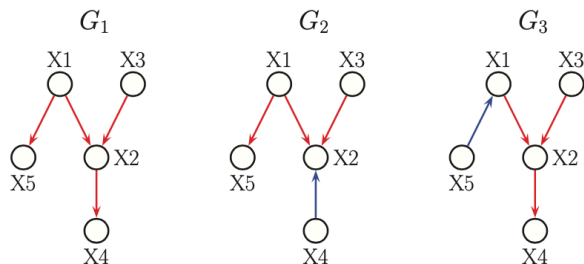
- Naive Bayes with Chow-Liu

- A single tree is rather limited in its expressive power.
- learning a mixture of trees (Meila and Jordan 2000), where each mixture component may have a different tree topology is an alternative

Integrating out over all possible trees.

This can be done in  $V^3$  time using the matrix tree theorem.

# Learning DAG structures



Three DAGs.  $G_1$  and  $G_3$  are Markov equivalent,  $G_2$  is not.

Graphs are Markov equivalent

if they encode the same set of CI assumptions

## An ill posed problem

when we learn the DAG structure from data, we will not be able to uniquely identify all of the edge directions

we can learn DAG structure “up to Markov equivalence”.

Do not read too much into the meaning of particular edge orientations, since we can often change them without changing the model in any observable way.

# Exact structural inference

Exact structural inference is based on the computation of exact posterior over graphs,  $p(G|D)$ .

It requires:

- the computation of the likelihood  $p(D|G)$
- the computation of the prior  $p(G)$

This solution allows to compared different graph in terms of posterior and eventually find the MAP if the search space is small

# Exact structural inference (categorical case)

Consider  $x_{it} \in \{1, \dots, K_t\}$  be the value of node  $t$  in case  $i$ , where

- $K_t$  is the number of states for node  $t$ .
- $\theta_{tck} \triangleq p(x_t = k | x_{pa(t)} = c)$ , for  $k = 1 : K_t$ , and  $c = 1 : C_t$ , where  $C_t$  is the number of parent combinations (possible conditioning cases).

Let  $d_t = \dim(pa(t))$  be the degree or fan-in of node  $t$ , so that  $C_t = K^{d_t}$ .

# Exact structural inference (categorical case)

## Prior

$$p(\theta) = \prod_{t=1}^V p(\theta_t) = \prod_{t=1}^V \prod_{c=1}^{C_t} p(\theta_{tc})$$

where  $C_t$  is the number of parent combinations (possible conditioning cases)

## Likelihood

$$p(D|G, \theta) = \prod_{t=1}^V \prod_{c=1}^{C_t} \prod_{k=1}^{K_t} \theta_{tck}^{N_{tck}}$$

where  $N_{tck}$  is the number of time node  $t$  is in state  $k$  and its parent in state  $c$ .

# Exact structural inference (categorical case)

Choosing a Dirichlet prior  $p(\theta_{tc}) = \text{Dir}(\theta_{tc} | \alpha_{tc})$  allows to compute the posterior

$$p(D|G) = \prod_{t=1}^V \prod_{c=1}^{C_t} \frac{B(N_{tc} + \alpha_{tc})}{B(\alpha_{tc})}$$

where  $N_{tc} = \sum_k N_{tck}$ , and  $\alpha_{tc} = \sum_k \alpha_{tck}$ .

## Local scoring

For node  $t$  and its parents

$$\text{score}(N_{t,pa(t)}) \triangleq \prod_{c=1}^{C_t} \frac{B(N_{tc} + \alpha_{tc})}{B(\alpha_{tc})}$$

Marginal likelihood factorizes according to the graph structure.



# Setting the prior

How should we set the hyper-parameters  $\alpha_{tck}$  ?

- Jeffreys prior of the form  $\alpha_{tck} = 1/2$  violates a property called likelihood equivalence
- This property says that if G1 and G2 are Markov equivalent , they should have the same marginal likelihood

## BDe prior

- Geiger and Heckerman (1997) proved that, for complete graphs, the only prior that satisfies likelihood equivalence and parameter independence is the Dirichlet prior, where the pseudo counts have the form

$$\alpha_{tck} = \alpha p_0(x_t = k, x_{pa(t)} = c)$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is called the equivalent sample size, and  $p_0$  is some prior joint probability distribution. This is called the BDe prior (Bayesian Dirichlet likelihood equivalent).

# Example of Exact structural inference (Neapolitan 2003, p.438)

$X_1$	$X_2$
1	1
1	2
1	1
2	2
1	1
2	1
1	1
2	2

Suppose we are interested in two possible graphs:  $G_1$  is  $X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and  $G_2$  is the disconnected graph. The empirical counts for node 1 in  $G_1$  are  $\mathbf{N}_1 = (5, 3)$  and for node 2 are

	$X_2 = 1$	$X_2 = 2$
$X_1 = 1$	4	1
$X_1 = 2$	1	2

The BDeu prior for  $G_1$  is  $\alpha_1 = (\alpha/2, \alpha/2)$ ,  $\alpha_{2|x_1=1} = (\alpha/4, \alpha/4)$  and  $\alpha_{2|x_1=2} = (\alpha/4, \alpha/4)$ . For  $G_2$ , the prior for  $\theta_1$  is the same, and for  $\theta_2$  it is  $\alpha_{2|x_1=1} = (\alpha/2, \alpha/2)$  and  $\alpha_{2|x_1=2} = (\alpha/2, \alpha/2)$ . If we set  $\alpha = 4$ , and use the BDeu prior, we find  $p(\mathcal{D}|G_1) = 7.2150 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $p(\mathcal{D}|G_2) = 6.7465 \times 10^{-6}$ . Hence the posterior probabilities, under a uniform graph prior, are  $p(G_1|\mathcal{D}) = 0.51678$  and  $p(G_2|\mathcal{D}) = 0.48322$ .

# Scaling up to larger graphs

The main challenge in computing the posterior over DAGs is that there are so many possible graphs.

Consequently, we must settle for finding a locally optimal MAP DAG.

## Popular solution: Greedy hill climbing

- at each step, the algorithm proposes small changes to the current graph, such as adding, deleting or reversing a single edge;
- it then moves to the neighboring graph which most increases the posterior.
- The method stops when it reaches a local maximum.

## Causal models

- predict the effects of interventions to, or manipulations of, a system.
- Causal claims are inherently stronger, yet more useful, than purely associative claims

## Causal interpretation of DAGs

- $A \rightarrow B$  in a DAG to mean that “A directly causes B” so if we manipulate A, then B will change.
- Known as the causal Markov assumption.

## Perfect intervention

- represents the act of setting a variable to some known value
- A real world example of such a perfect intervention is a gene knockout experiment

## do calculus notation

$do(X_i = x_i)$  to denote the event that we set  $X_i$  to  $x_i$

- A causal model makes inferences of the form  $p(x|do(X_i = x_i))$ ,
- Different from making inferences of the form  $p(x|X_i = x_i)$ .

# Observing versus doing

Consider a 2 node DGM  $S \rightarrow Y$

- $S = 1$  if you smoke
- $S = 0$  otherwise,
- $Y = 1$  if you have yellow-stained fingers
- $Y = 0$  otherwise.

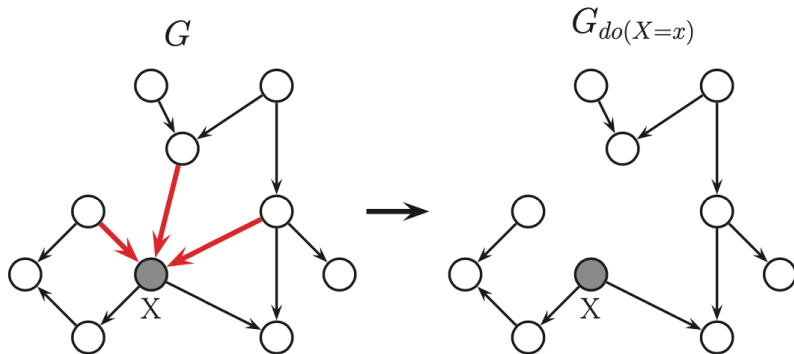
If I observe you have yellow fingers, I am licensed to infer that you are probably a smoker (since nicotine causes yellow stains):

$$p(S = 1|Y = 1) > p(S = 1)$$

If I intervene and paint your fingers yellow, I am no longer licensed to infer this, since I have disrupted the normal causal mechanism. Thus

$$p(S = 1|do(Y = 1)) = p(S = 1)$$

# Graph surgery



One way to model perfect interventions is to use graph surgery: - represent the joint distribution by a DGM, - cut the arcs coming into any nodes that were set by intervention.

## Section 7

### Exercices on Directed Graphical Models



# Exercice Gaussian Bayesian Network

## Data

Let consider the following graph  $x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3$  where -  $\mathbb{E}[x_1] = b_1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[x_2] = b_2$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[x_3] = b_3$  -  $x_1 = b_1 + z_1$  -  $x_2 = b_2 + (x_1 - b_1) + z_2$  -  $x_3 = b_3 + 1/2(x_2 - b_2) + z_3$  -  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 1$ ,

## Problem

- Write the Adajcency matrix with topological ordering
- Derive the mean vector and covariance matrix of the random vector
- Simulate Gaussian data
- Estimtate the parameters from your simulation
- What improvment could you suggest ?

# Exercise Directed GGM

- $\mu^T = (0, 1, 2)$
- $\text{diag}(S) = (1, 1, 1)$
- $W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

## Exercise Directed GGM

We can observe that the precision matrix has the same support as  $W$

```
n=1000
mu=c(0,1,2)
sigma=c(1,1,1)
W=matrix(c(0,1,0,0,0,1/2,0,0,0),3,3)
U=solve(diag(rep(1,3))-W)
S=diag(sigma)
Sigma=U%*%S^2%*%t(U)
solve(Sigma)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    2 -1.00  0.0
## [2,]   -1  1.25 -0.5
## [3,]    0 -0.50  1.0
```

# Exercise Directed GGM

## First solution (direct)

```
library(mvtnorm)
Xprime=rmvnorm(n,mean=c(0,1,2),sigma=Sigma)
```

## Second solution (constructive)

```
X=matrix(0,n,3)
Z=matrix(rnorm(n*3),n,3)
for (i in 1:n)
  for (j in 1:3)
    X[i,j]=mu[j]+sigma[j]*Z[i,j] + sum(W[j,]*(X[i,]-mu))
```

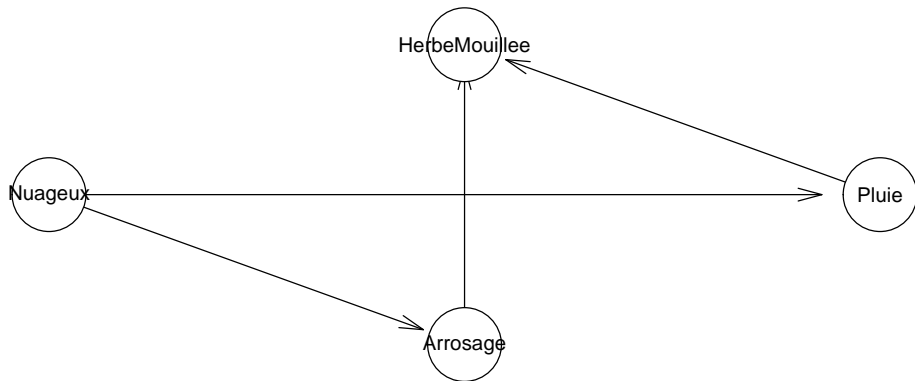
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Let us define the structure of the network

```
library(bnlearn)
library(visNetwork)
variables<-c("Nuageux","Arrosage","Pluie","HerbeMouillee")
net<-empty.graph(variables)
adj = matrix(0L, ncol = 4, nrow = 4, dimnames=list(variables,
adj["Nuageux","Arrosage"]<-1
adj["Nuageux","Pluie"]<-1
adj["Arrosage","HerbeMouillee"]<-1
adj["Pluie","HerbeMouillee"]<-1
amat(net)=adj
```

# Sprinkler Exercise

```
#plot.network(net) # for a nice html plot  
plot(net)
```



# Sprinkler Exercice

Simulate a sample according the model

# Basic Simulation with using conditional probability tables

Function for one event (one line of dataframe)

```
NAPHM1<-function(n){  
  N<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 1/2)  
  if (N==1) {A<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.1)} else {A<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.1)}  
  if (N==1) {P<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.8)} else {P<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.8)}  
  if (A+P==0) HM<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.1) else if  
  (A+P==1) HM<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.9) else  
  HM<-rbinom(1,size = 1,prob = 0.99)  
  X<-as.logical(c(N,A,P,HM))  
}
```



# Basic Simulation with using conditional probability tables

```
n<-1000
X<-data.frame(t(sapply(1:n,NAPHM1)))
names(X)<-c("Nuageux","Arrosage","Pluie","HerbeMouillee")
head(X)
```

##	Nuageux	Arrosage	Pluie	HerbeMouillee
## 1	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
## 2	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
## 3	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
## 4	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
## 5	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
## 6	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE

# Learning the parameters

```
mean(X$Nuageux) -> pNuageux  
lapply(sousTableauxNuageux<-split(X,X$Nuageux),  
       function(XsousTableau){mean(XsousTableau$Arrosage)})  
lapply(sousTableauxNuageux<-split(X,X$Nuageux),  
       function(XsousTableau){mean(XsousTableau$Pluie)})  
lapply(sousTableauxNuageux<-split(X,X$Arrosage + X$Pluie),  
       function(XsousTableau){mean(XsousTableau$HerbeMouillee)})
```

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## Joint distribution and graphical decomposition (Bishop 8.3)

The joint distribution over three binary variables

$a$	$b$	$c$	$p(a, b, c)$
0	0	0	0.192
0	0	1	0.144
0	1	0	0.048
0	1	1	0.216
1	0	0	0.192
1	0	1	0.064
1	1	0	0.048
1	1	1	0.096

### Bishop 8.3

Consider three binary variables  $a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}$  having the joint distribution given in Table above. Show by direct evaluation that this distribution has the property that  $a$  and  $b$  are marginally dependent, so that  $p(a, b) \neq p(a)p(b)$ , but that they become independent when conditioned on  $c$ , so that  $p(a, b \mid c) = p(a \mid c)p(b \mid c)$  for both  $c = 0$  and  $c = 1$ .

## Bishop 8.4

Show by direct evaluation that  $p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(c | a)p(b | c)$ . Draw the corresponding directed graph.

## directed local Markov property

$t \perp nd(t) \setminus pa(t) | pa(t)$  where the non-descendants of a node  $nd(t)$  are all the nodes except for its descendants

We the topological ordering we have

$$p(x_t | x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}) = p(x_t | x_{nd(t)}) = p(x_t | x_{pa(t)})$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_t, x_{nd(t) \setminus pa(t)} | x_{pa(t)}) &= p(x_{nd(t) \setminus pa(t)} | x_{pa(t)}) p(x_t | x_{pa(t)}, x_{nd(t) \setminus pa(t)}) \\ &= p(x_{nd(t)} | x_{pa(t)}) p(x_t | x_{pa(t)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$I(s, t) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \frac{p(x_s, x_t)}{p(x_s)p(x_t)} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|\Sigma|}{|\text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2)|} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ z^t \Sigma^{-1} z - z^t \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix} z \right] \quad (2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2) - 1/2 \text{trace}(E[zz^t](\Sigma^{-1} - \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix})) \quad (3)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2) - \text{trace}(I - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sigma_{12}\sigma_2^2 \\ \sigma_{12}\sigma_1^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}) \quad (4)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2) \quad (5)$$

where  $z = \begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ x_t \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_s \\ \mu_t \end{bmatrix}$  and  $E[zz^t] = \Sigma$

Maximizing log-likelihood is equivalent to minimizing KL-divergence