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- Add comparison of nhood/glasso for complete data
- Analyses/slides for missingness TBD

Graphical Models

With a focus towards interrimly missing data

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Disclaimers

- Historical coverage is to the best of my ability and time constraint, please correct me with additional information
- Interrupt with any questions, clarification, confusion, etc.
- This is far from a comprehensive treatment, but I attempt to be holistic in my coverage

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Graph Theory Origins [5, 7]

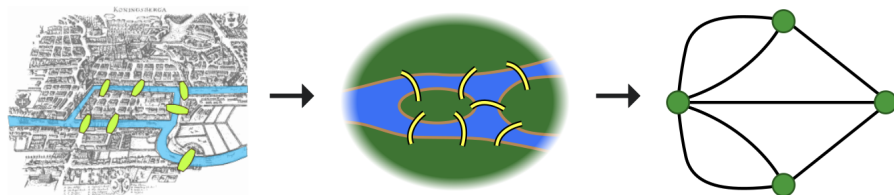


Figure: Euler's Bridges Conceptualization (Recreation)

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¹Image taken from Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seven_Bridges_of_Konigsberg)

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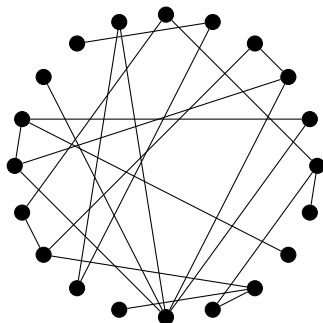
²Early use in physics were probabilistic, but this may be seen as an early "pursue statistics" application 

Graphical Model Motivation

Suppose you have 20 random variables*,
how do you model their interrelationship?

*Consider any of the following:

- General -omic data
- Spatial data
- Computational neuroscience data
- Clinical language (see: EHR LLM^a)
- Time-series data



^aElectronic Healthcare Record Large Language Model

Graphs

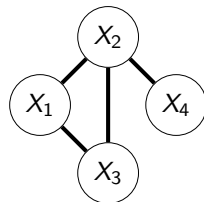
- Graphs are a natural way to represent interrelationships among our data!
- Present nice properties for estimation of joint distributions
 - Can avail existing graphical algorithms
 - Ability to characterize conditional (in)dependencies
- Probabilistic graphical modelling provide a general formalism of many existing methods in statistics (e.g. Bayesian hierarchical modelling, Hidden Markov Models, Kalman filter)
- Wainwright, Jordan "*Graphical Models, Exponential Families, and Variational Inference*" (2007) is an excellent reference for further applications (and theory) behind graphical models [8]³

³See 2.4 specifically for applications

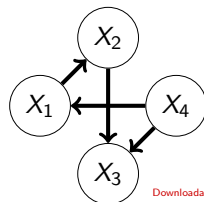
Graphs

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- Can construct a resulting graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$, $V = X, E \subseteq V \times V$
 - Let $\text{ne}(x)$ represent the neighborhood of x , or $\text{ne}(x) = \{b \in V \mid (x, b) \in E\}$
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Undirected Graph



Directed Graph



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Notation/Nomenclature

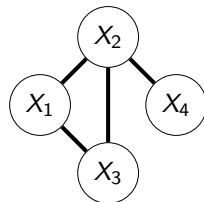
Omitting some philosophical discrepancies

- Directed (Acyclic) Graph \Leftrightarrow Bayesian network
- Undirected graph \Leftrightarrow Markov network / Markov random field

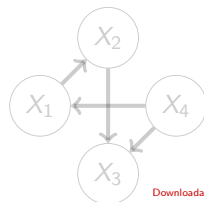
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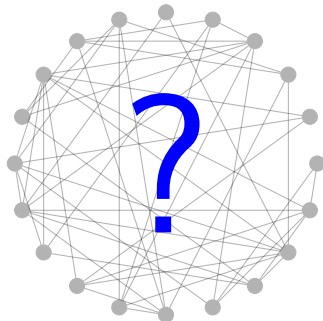


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How do we estimate graph structure?



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Preface

- $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ may or may not contain a "response variable" of interest EDIT do you do anything differently if so?
- Identifying conditional relationships \Leftrightarrow Estimating/Identifying 0's in Σ
- Enforce sparsity for $\hat{\Theta}$ to account for S
- Exhaustive search is quickly infeasible, but can yield solutions with theoretical guarantees
 - Consistency
 - Nice statistical rates

Neighborhood Selection

- Note that $E \setminus \{\text{ne}(X_i)\}$ includes all nodes independent of X_i conditional upon $\text{ne}(X_i)$
- Proposed by Meinshausen & Bühlmann (2006) [6], for $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$ concern yourself only with $(\Theta)_{ij} = 0$, or $(\Theta)_{ij} \neq 0$
- Assume sparsity of Θ and fit d , element-wise lasso models
 - Regress $X_i \stackrel{\text{Lasso}}{\sim} X_1 + \dots X_{i-1} + X_{i+1} + \dots + X_d$ for all $i \in [d]$
 - Take $\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$ from each model
 - Conclude⁴ $(\Theta)_{ij} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta}_{(-i)j} = 0 \wedge \hat{\beta}_{(-j)i} = 0$
- Admits asymptotic consistency for "zero-selection" of Θ

⁴Authors both AND or OR rule for final step with similar performance

Neighborhood Selection

Potential Drawbacks:

- Fitting d regression models is almost assuredly redundant
- Although consistent, does not exactly compute but approximates the joint likelihood over X , and thus does not necessarily produce MLE [1]
- $\hat{\Theta}$ is *not* guaranteed to be positive semi-definite
- *Requires* sparsity assumptions for theoretical guarantees:
 - $\exists \kappa, \max_{a \in V} |\text{ne}(a)| = O(n^\kappa)$
 - For any connected nodes a, b (i.e. $\forall (a, b) \in E$), $\|\theta^{a, \text{ne}(b) \setminus \{a\}}\|_1 \leq \vartheta < \infty$

Graphical Lasso

Natural extension, why not just maximize the log-likelihood?

$$\hat{\Theta}_{MLE} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \{ \log \det \Theta - \operatorname{trace}(S\Theta) \}$$

For $N < d$, we have the empirical covariance matrix $S = n^{-1} \sum X_i X_i^T$ is rank-degenerate, and the MLE does not exist! **Prove, 9.2c in SLS**

Graphical Lasso

So we assume sparsity and apply the ℓ_1 penalty

$$\hat{\Theta}_{\lambda, MLE} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \left\{ \log \det \Theta - \operatorname{trace}(S\Theta) - \lambda \sum_{i \neq j} |\Theta_{ij}| \right\}$$

What does this give us?

- True graph recovery for $N = \Omega(d^2 \log p)$
- Convex program, quickly optimizable

Simulations (Complete Data)

- `glasso` package in R can fit Graphical Lasso as well as neighborhood-selection approximation
- `sklearn` has similar `sklearn.covariance.graphicallasso` command
- `skggm` extends Gaussian Graphical Model methods
- Simulation/data set-up detailed [here](#), banded/AR, block, and ER graph

Simulations (Complete Data)

- Graphs here

Further Notes

- Neighborhood Selection maximizes d conditional likelihoods
- GLasso maximizes an ℓ_1 penalized, joint (Gaussian) likelihood
- (Highly non-trivial) extensions beyond Gaussianity exist:
 - REVIEW/ADD/EDIT be able to speak in some depth
 - Heterogenous graphs (specifically mixture of Gaussian, Exponential, Poisson, Binomial nodes) [2]
 - Non-parametric extensions [4]

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Motivation

- Methods above largely assume complete data⁵
- Networks change, measurement availability (and quality) varies
- Measurement is also often differential between nodes

Visualization [here](#)

⁵In the Gaussian setting, hidden/unobserved nodes or missingness can be mean-imputed, but this is fairly naïve/ad-hoc procedure [Downloadable Slides](#)

Naïve Methods with Missingness

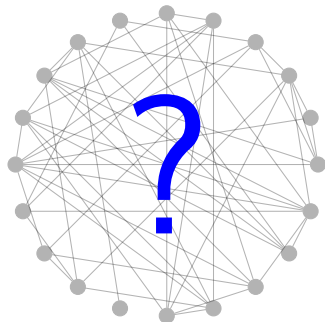
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Graphical Methods for Missingness

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- Cite [9]

Graphs, how and why (revisited)?



————→ Regularized M-estimation(+)

Conclusion

- Graphs are a powerful representation of your multivariate data (intuitively and algorithmically)
- Useful, theoretical extensions may follow more immediately under the graphical model formalism
- These extensions tend⁶ to distill to regularized M-estimation problems, an area with great theoretical contributions and guarantees
- Extensions beyond Gaussianity substantially increase complexity

⁶Under a high-dimensiona/assumed-sparsity regime

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Appendix Slides

Forgoing Sparsity Assumptions

In the above methods, we have almost uniformly assumed some sparsity and applied a penalty (ℓ_1)

- 1 How often is this a viable assumption?
- 2 What do we do (or what happens) if we don't meet this sparsity requirement?

Time-Series Data

- Consider that our repeated observations are time-indexed:
 - $\{X_j(t), t \in \mathcal{T}, j = 1, \dots, N\}, X_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Graphical perspective of vector auto-regressive models
 - $X_d(t) = \varepsilon_d(t) + \sum_{j \neq d} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \alpha_t X_j(t)$
- Can infer "Granger causal" relationships
 - Causal relationships for some time-series using prior data from a *different time series*

See Michael Eichler's "*Granger-causality graphs for multivariate time series*" (2007) and Dahlhaus's and Eichler's (2003) "*Causality and graphical models in time series*" for further discussion

Inference with Debiased Lasso

- The typical lasso estimator $\hat{\beta}_\lambda = \operatorname{argmin}_\beta \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_1$ is biased for true β^*
- Can construct debiased estimator $\hat{\beta}_\lambda^d$ with asymptotic normality
- What inference does this permit in graphical models that use ℓ_1 penalization?

"Nothing new under the sun"

My (likely useless and certainly non-falsifiable) conspiracy theory: Did Euler *really* originate graph theory? For how intuitive graphs seem to understanding interrelationships, this much have existed in some primitive form? Or for how financially relevant this seems, I'm sure some BCE gambler had an idea of "interconnectedness"

For our historical blinders, see Babylonian and Chinese origins of the Pythagorean Theorem

Thoughts, possible leads? Let me know!