

# *Presentation*

*Probabilistic Graphical Models*

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## About me

- ▶ Lecturer at UB
- ▶ Previously at UPV-EHU, AEPIA, IIIA-CSIC
- ▶ PhD in Machine Learning (University of the Basque Country, 2015)  
Learning PGMs for weakly supervised classification
- ▶ Research lines:
  - ▶ Weakly supervised learning  
(Crowd learning)
  - ▶ PGMs (Bayesian networks) for classification
  - ▶ Approximate inference in PGMs
  - ▶ Applied research: embryo selection, software defect, citizen science, etc.

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you will be able to...

- ▶ apply the studied algorithms to problems of your interest
- ▶ translate PGMs and algorithms into code

# Content

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Representation
  - ▶ Markov networks (Undirected)
  - ▶ Bayesian networks (Directed)
  - ▶ Temporal and plate models
- ▶ Inference
  - ▶ Exact (Variable elimination)
  - ▶ Approximate (Belief propagation / Sampling / Variational)
- ▶ Learning
  - ▶ Parametric learning
  - ▶ Structural learning
  - ▶ (In)complete data
- ▶ Real-world examples

# *Evaluation*

30 % Participation

Dairy work, Problem/Programming assignments, Forums\*\*

30 % Presentation

40 % Test

\*\*You need to initiate at least 1 debate; you need to engage in at least 2 debates initiated by your classmates

# *Test*

**What:** Show the acquisition of the subject's contents

**How:** Development/multiple-choice questions

**When:** May 19th

# Presentation

**What:** (i) Present a state-of-the-art work

A paper of your choice from PGM conference:

<https://dblp.org/db/conf/pgm/>

(ii) carry out your own work with PGMs

Some practical work using some of the techniques seen in class

(iii) explain in depth a PGM topic

- How:**
- ▶ Choose a classmate and prepare a presentation for your colleagues (~ 15 min.)
  - ▶ Notify in the forum's thread your choice before May 17th!
  - ▶ No topic-paper-work can be presented more than once

**When:** May 26th



## Examples of topics (iii) for your presentation

- ▶ Explain, in terms of PGMs, a classical model such a GMMs, HMMs, Kalman Filters, ...
- ▶ Log-linear models
- ▶ Conditional Random Fields
- ▶ Learning Markov Networks
- ▶ Structural learning based on conditional independence tests
- ▶ Structural learning with the K2 algorithm
- ▶ k-dependence Bayesian classifier
- ▶ Causality

# Calendar

Apr. 5 <i>Intro</i>	Apr. 7	May 3	May 5
Apr. 12 No class	Apr. 14 No class	May 10	May 12
Apr. 19	Apr. 21	May 17	May 19 Test
Apr. 26	Apr. 28	May 24	May 26 Presentations

## *Bibliography*

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- ▶ Murphy, K.P. (2012). Machine Learning. A Probabilistic Perspective. The MIT press.
- ▶ Castillo, E., Gutiérrez, J.M., and Hadi, A.S. (1997). Expert Systems and Probabilistic Network Models. Monographs in Computer Science, Springer.

- ▶ Daphne Köller (Stanford University) teaches a PGM course in Coursera
- ▶ Specialization (3 courses)  
(Video lectures, Questions, Programming assignments)  
<https://www.coursera.org/specializations/probabilistic-graphical-models>
- ▶ A lot of her material is used in these lessons
- ▶ You might be interested in enrolling (partially free)

Strongly recommended

## *About you*

Please, answer this survey:

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