Inference and Representation

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Announcements

- There will be lecture next week (no guest lecture).
- Midterm 10/30: Lectures 1 through 4 (including today), PS1, PS2 and PS3.
- PS4 released tomorrow.

Gibbs Sampling

- Gibbs Sampling is an iterative algorithm that produces samples from undirected models.

- Suppose the model contains variables $x_1 \ldots x_n$
- Initialize starting values (e.g from uniform distribution)

- Do until (convergence):
  - Pick an ordering of the variables
  - For each x_i,
    - Sample $p(x_i \mid X_j = x_j)\,,\ j \neq i\ .$
    - update x_i

- Recall that we only need to condition on the Markov Blanket.

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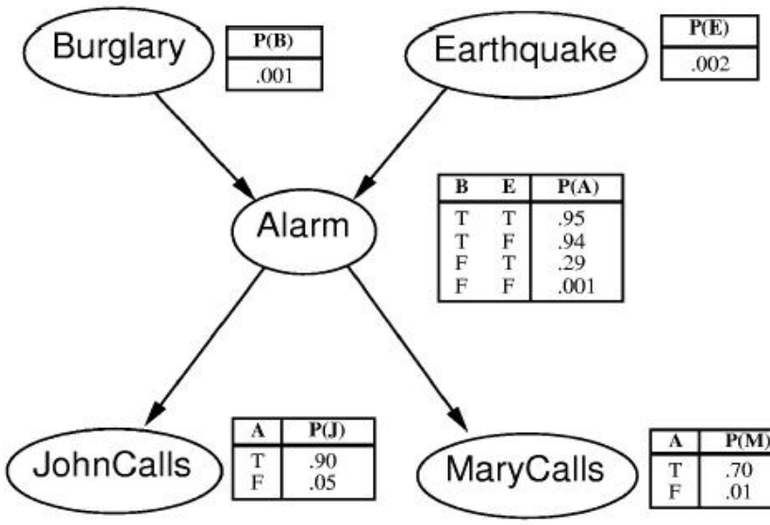

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- Consider the alarm network
  - Assume we sample variables in the order B,E,A,J,M
  - Initialize all variables at t = 0 to False

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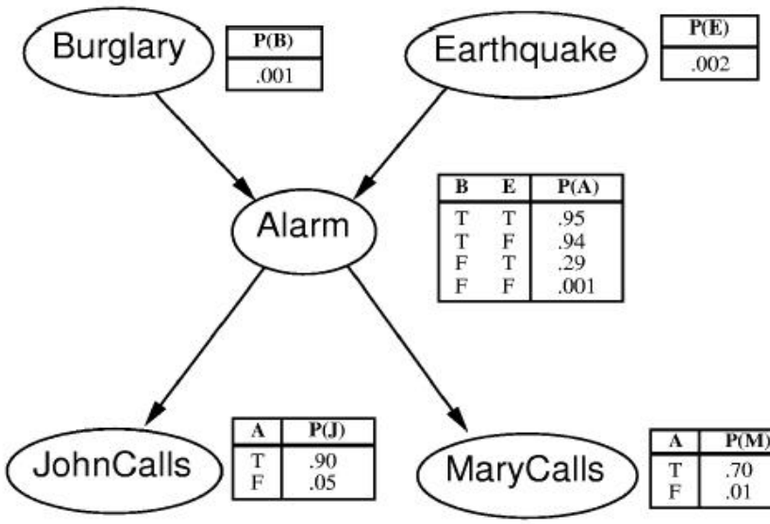

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- Sampling P(B|A,E) at t = 1: Using Bayes Rule,

$$P(B \mid A, E) \propto P(A \mid B, E)P(B)$$

- A=false, E=false, so we compute:

$$P(B = T \mid A = F, E = F) \propto (0.06)(0.01) = 0.0006$$

$$P(B = F \mid A = F, E = F) \propto (0.999)(0.999) = 0.9980$$

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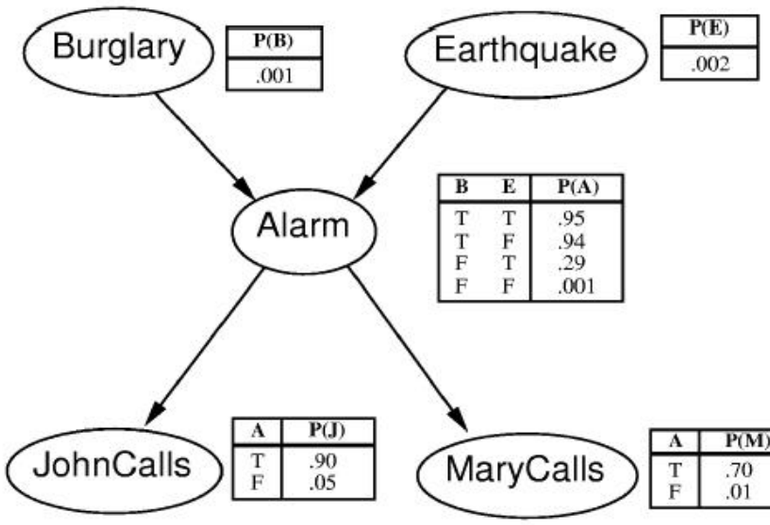

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- (A,B) = (F,F), so we compute the following,

$$P(E = T \mid A = F, B = F) \propto (0.71)(0.02) = 0.0142$$

$$P(E = F \mid A = F, B = F) \propto (0.999)(0.998) = 0.9970$$

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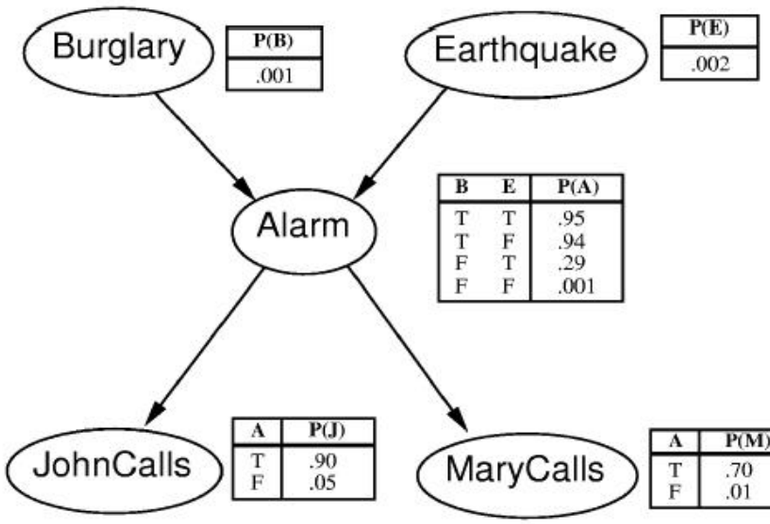

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$$P(A \mid B, E, J, M) \propto P(J \mid A)P(M \mid A)P(A \mid B, E)$$

- (B,E,J,M) = (F,T,F,F), so we compute:

$$P(A = T \mid B = F, E = T, J = F, M = F) \propto (0.1)(0.3)(0.29) = 0.0087$$

$$P(A = F \mid B = F, E = T, J = F, M = F) \propto (0.95)(0.99)(0.71) = 0.6678$$

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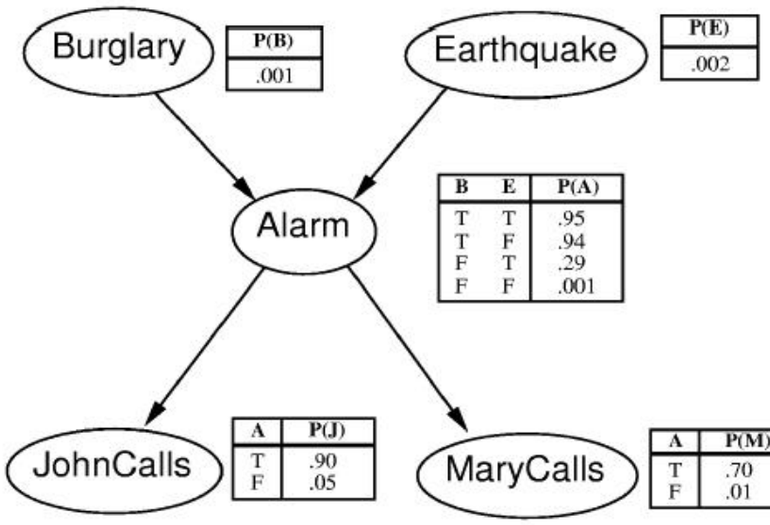

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- Sampling P(J|A): No need to apply Bayes Rule

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$$P(J = T \mid A = F) \propto 0.05$$

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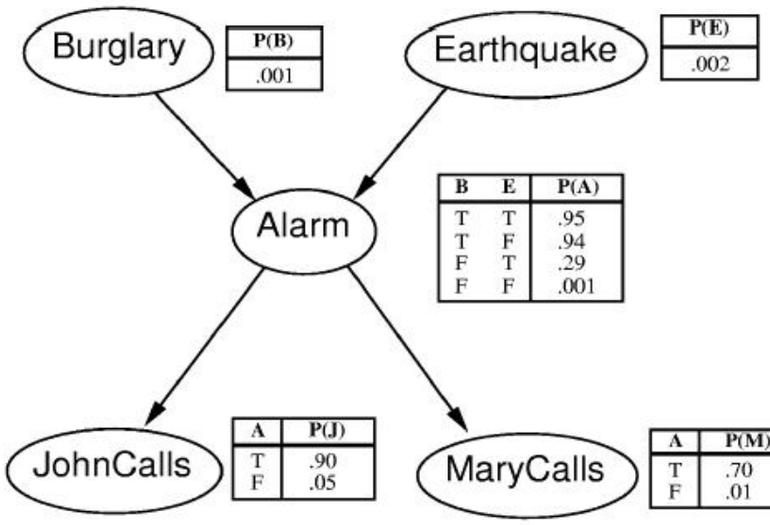

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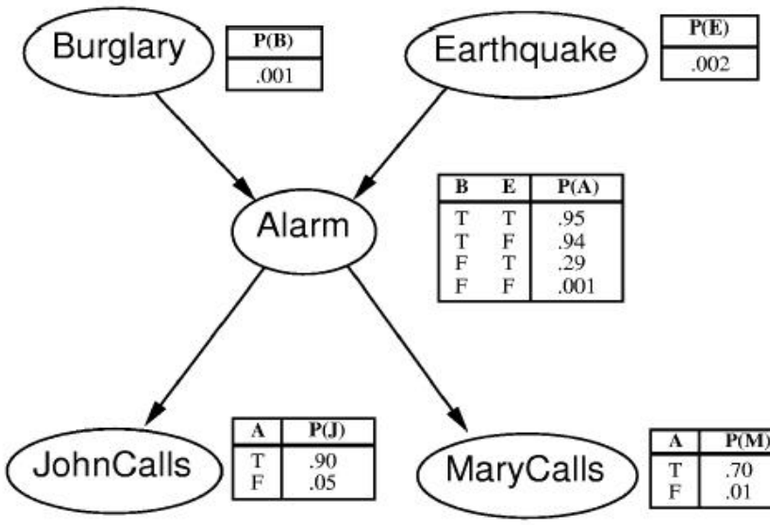

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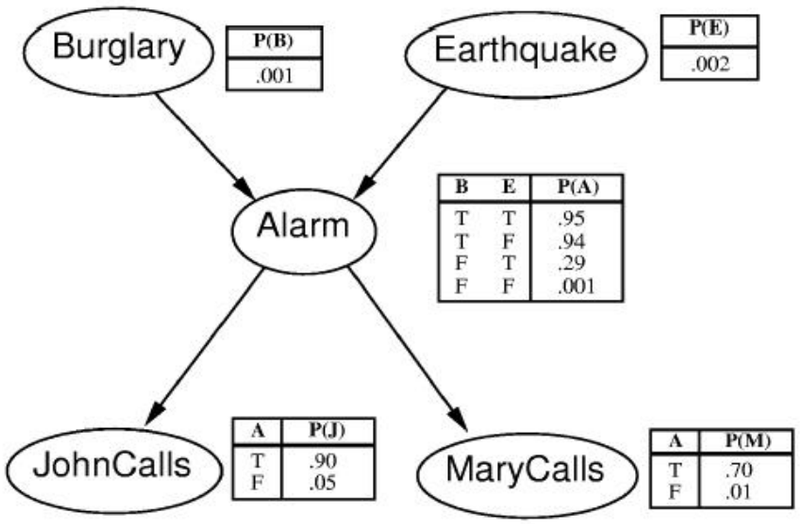

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- And similarly for t = 3, 4, etc.

Gibbs Sampling and Markov Chains

- This algorithm is an instance of a broad family of tools: MCMC
- We will study in future lecture the main properties and uses of general MCMC methods.

Lecture 5 Objectives

- Modeling Survey Data

- Factor Analysis
  - Principal Component Analysis
  - Independent Component Analysis

- Gaussian Mixture Models

- The Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm

Survey Data

- How are these statements inferred?

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The Mythology Of Trump's 'Working Class' Support

His voters are better off economically compared with most Americans.

By Matt Silver

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What Trump Supporters Were Doing Before Trump

By Dan Hopkins

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More 'warmth' for Trump among GOP voters concerned by immigrants, diversity

BY BRADLEY JONES AND JOCELYN KILEY | 10 COMMENTS

Survey Data

- We typically see these sort of data

How the GOP candidates' supporters differed on issues

POSITION	YEAR	STANCE OF SUPPORTERS: TRUMP	CRUZ	RUBIO
Raise taxes on rich	2007	0.25	0.24	0.27
Pro-gay marriage	2007	0.31	0.20	0.28
Conservative ideology	2007	0.64	0.76	0.67
Pro-choice	2007	0.63	0.39	0.42
Stay in Iraq	2007	0.62	0.81	0.67
Hawk (vs. dove)	2006	0.68	0.67	0.52
No special help for blacks	2012	0.86	0.82	0.80
Obama rating	2012	0.21	0.17	0.20
Anti-Obamacare	2012	0.76	0.82	0.80
Very critical of system	2012	0.70	0.64	0.62
Pro-government spending	2012	0.20	0.15	0.15
Create pathway to citizenship	2012	0.21	0.29	0.37
Anti-Hispanic prejudice	2012	0.53	0.50	0.49
Anti-black prejudice	2012	0.58	0.54	0.55
Pro-NAFTA	2012	0.40	0.50	0.52

Stance on a position ranges from 0-1, with 0 being totally against and 1 being totally in agreement with

SOURCE: HOPKINS/MUTZ

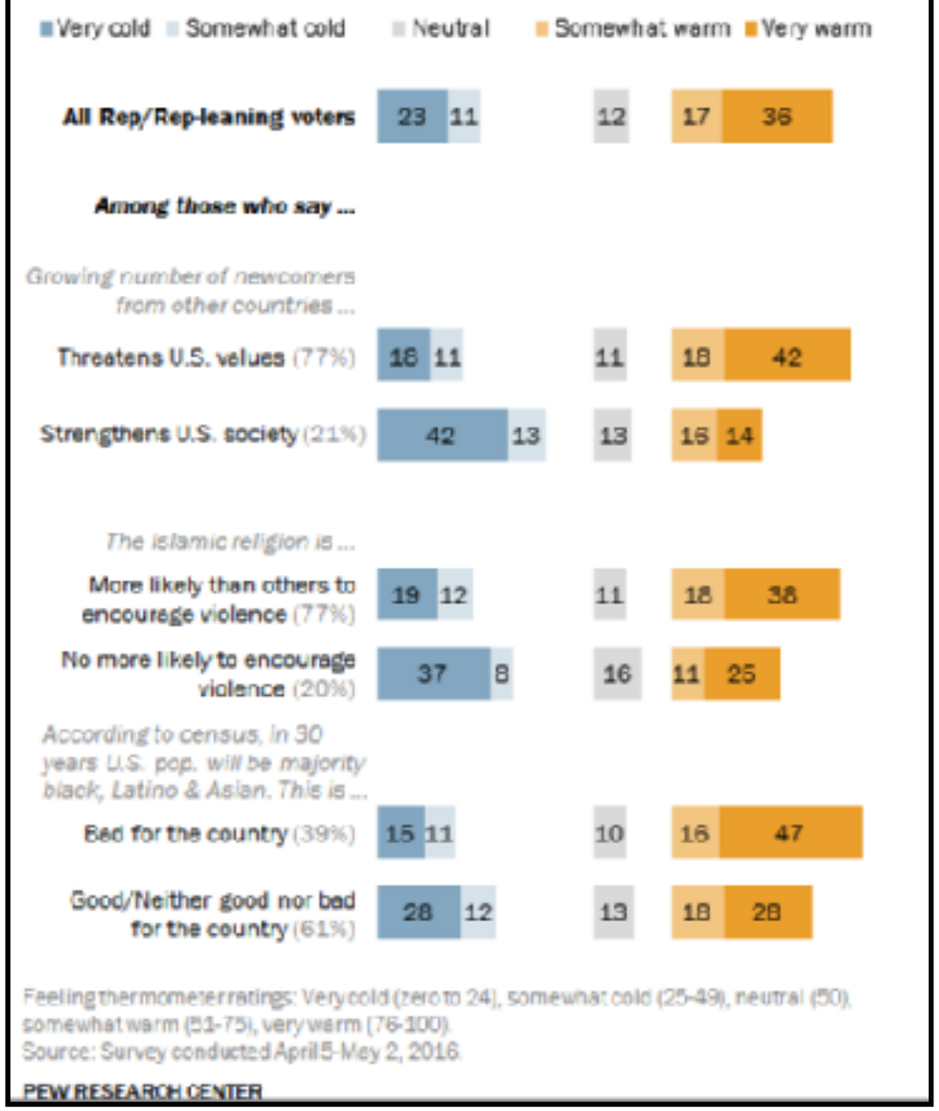
Share of Republican electorate with household income below $50,000

STATE	2012	2016
Alabama	37%	41%
Florida	34	33
Georgia	24	26
Illinois	28	23
Maryland	19	19
Massachusetts	24	20
Michigan	35	37
Mississippi	36	37
New Hampshire	26	27
Ohio	32	30
Oklahoma	41	30
South Carolina	36	27
Tennessee	35	33
Vermont	37	30
Virginia	25	19
Wisconsin	32	28
Average	31	29

SOURCE: EDISON RESEARCH EXIT POLLS

Within GOP, views of immigration, Islam, diversity strongly associated with ratings of Trump

% of Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters who rate Trump on a 'feeling thermometer' from 0 (coldest rating) to 100 (warmest rating) ...



Feeling thermometer ratings: Very cold (zero to 24), somewhat cold (25-49), neutral (50), somewhat warm (51-75), very warm (76-100).
Source: Survey conducted April 5-May 2, 2016.

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Survey Data: other prime example

- Medical surveys
- Financial Markets
- EEG recordings

- Children's Depression Inventory [3]
  - 27 items scored 0,1,2 assessing aspects of depressive symptoms for children and adolescents
  - 1 total scale
    - sum of the 27 items after reverse coding 13 of them
    - higher scores indicate higher depressive symptom levels
  - 5 subscales measuring different aspects of depressive symptoms
    - negative mood, interpretation problems, ineffectiveness, anhedonia, and negative self-esteem
    - the total scale equals the sum of the subscales
  - total scale used in practice rather than subscales

(credit: G. Knafl, ohsu)

Factor Analysis for Survey Data

- **Goal**: extract interpretable, summary information out of a series of correlated survey responses.

- Factor Analysis refers to a series of statistical techniques to achieve that.

- That is, given answers $x_1, \ldots x_L$ to L questions, infer latent variables (=factors) that explain the underlying phenomena under study.

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$$Y_i, Y_j \text{ independent} \Leftrightarrow Y_i, Y_j \text{ decorrelated.}$$

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- In our previous model, if $A_{l,j} = \alpha_{l,j}$, we have $X = AY$.
- Hence $\Sigma_X = A\Sigma_Y A^T$
- Q: How to find A such that $A^{-1}\Sigma_X A^{-T}$ defines an uncorrelated random vector?

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If $\min_i \lambda_i > 0$, it results that $\tilde{U} = U S^{-1}$ satisfies $\tilde{U}^T \Sigma_X \tilde{U} = \mathbf{1}$.

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- Remarks
  - The decomposition is not unique: Any orthogonal transformation of Y also satisfies the same property.
  - PCA provides linear compression: if $J < \mathbf{rank}(\Sigma_X)$, what is the best linear approximation of X with J independent components?

$$\min_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times J}} \mathbb{E}(\|X - AX\|^2) \ .$$

$$A = \{ \text{ eigenvectors of } \Sigma_X \text{ corresponding to } J \text{ largest eigenvalues.} \}$$

(again, A is determined up to an orthogonal transformation)

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- Resulting computational gains:

from $O(NLk)$ to $O(NL\log(k))$ for k ppal components.

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- Lack of unicity: given an $L \times L$ orthogonal matrix R, we also have

$$X = \mu + AR^T RY = \mu + \tilde{A}\tilde{Y} \ ,$$

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with Y_j uncorrelated, unit variance.

- Lack of unicity: given an $L \times L$ orthogonal matrix R, we also have

$$X = \mu + AR^T RY = \mu + \tilde{A}\tilde{Y} \ ,$$

where $\tilde{Y}_j$ are also uncorrelated and unit variance.

- Also, an underlying assumption is that data has *low-rank,* i.e. covariance directly reveals dependencies in data.

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- Interpretation:
  - Latent variables Y_j are common factors of variability.
  - Latent variables ϵ_i explain the remaining individual variability, uncorrelated from the rest.
- Example:
  - Factor analysis on the topics of your final project.

Factor Analysis

- Gaussian joint likelihood model:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, AA^T + \mathrm{diag}(\beta))$$

  - with $\beta_i = \mathbf{Var}(\epsilon_i)$.
  - Parameter Estimation? The covariance is a sufficient statistic:

$$\Sigma_X = AA^T + \mathrm{diag}(\beta) \ .$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{low rank}$$

  - SVD is still useful, but does not automatically yield the solution.
  - We will soon see an alternative estimation algorithm.

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- But, as it turns out, it is the exception. The model becomes uniquely identifiable if

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- It is a form of "inverse" Central Limit Theorem method.

- Q: How to measure/estimate statistical independence?

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- **Fact:** $I(Y) = 0$ iff Y_i and Y_j are mutually independent.
- **Fact:** If A is unitary and $Y = A^T X$, then $H(Y) = H(X)$.

Independent Component Analysis

- So ICA attempts to solve the following problem:

$$\arg \min_{A^T A = \mathbf{1}} \sum_{i \leq L} H(\langle A_i, X \rangle) - H(X) = \arg \min_{A^T A = \mathbf{1}} \sum_{i \leq L} H(\langle A_i, X \rangle) .$$

- Ex from ESLL:

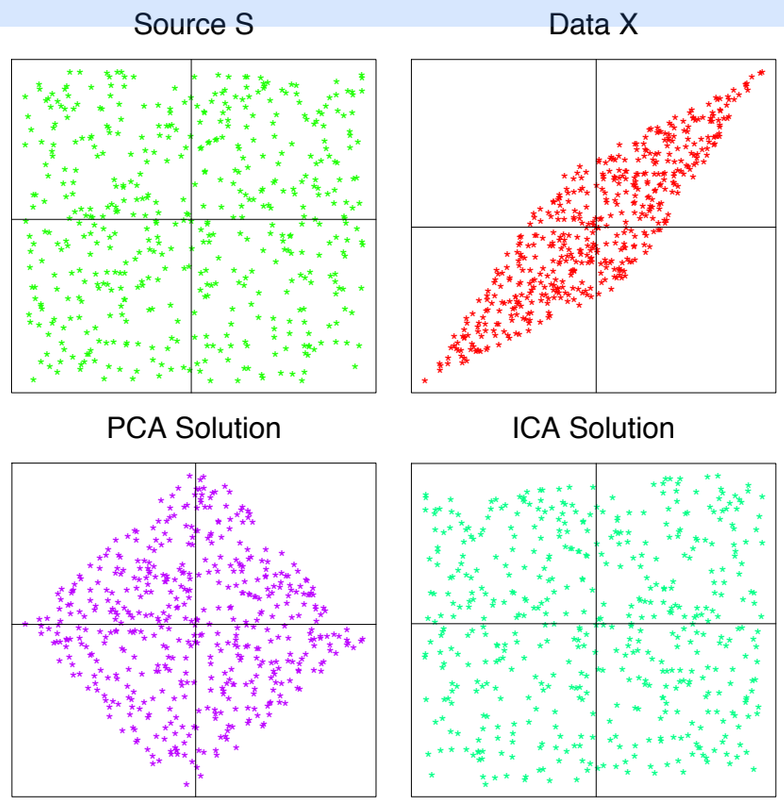

FIGURE 14.38. *Mixtures of independent uniform random variables. The upper left panel shows* 500 *realizations from the two independent uniform sources, the upper right panel their mixed versions. The lower two panels show the PCA and ICA solutions, respectively.*

- Challenge: computing entropy requires estimating the density: exposed to curse of dimensionality!