# Directed Graphical Models: → Bayesian Networks

Probabilistic Graphical Models

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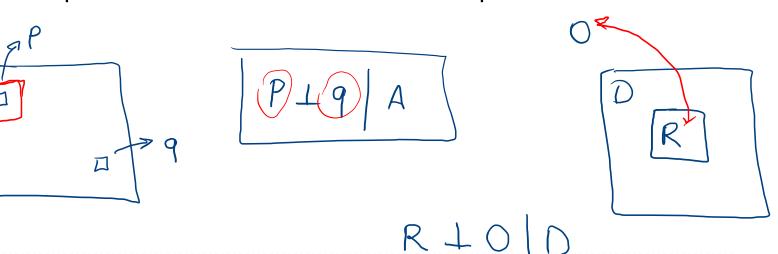
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#### **Basics**

Multivariate distributions with large number of variables



- Independency assumptions are useful
  - □ Independence and conditional independence relationships simplify representation and alleviate inference complexities



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### Conditional and marginal independence

▶ *X* and *Y* are **conditionally independent** given *Z* if:

$$P(X,Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z) \longleftrightarrow P(X|Y,Z) = P(X|Z)$$

P(Y|X,Z) = P(Y|Z)

▶ X and Y are marginal independent if:

$$X \perp Y | \emptyset \qquad P(X,Y) = P(X)P(Y) \iff P(X|Y) = P(X)$$

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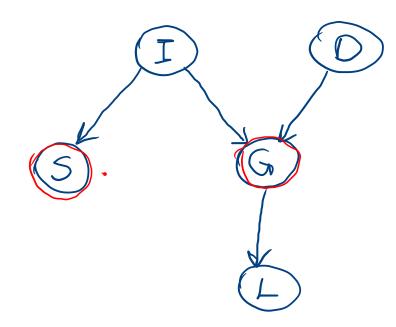


#### Example

#### ▶ Random variables:

- Course difficulty
  - Quality of recommendation letter
  - Intelligence
  - Grade
    - SAT score







## Discovery

## Example

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

P(I=t)	
0.55	

Intelligence

Difficulty

 $\frac{P(D=t)}{0.65}$ 

SAT

I	P(S=1 I)		
f	0.1		
t	0.7		

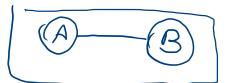
Grade

Letter

7	D	P(G I,D)		
		G = 1	G=2	G=3
f	f	0.3	0.4	0.3
f	t	0.05	0.25	0.7
t	f	0.9	0.08	0.02
t	t	0.5	0.3	0.2

G	P(L=t G)
1	0.9
2	0.5
3	0.05

## (A) (B)



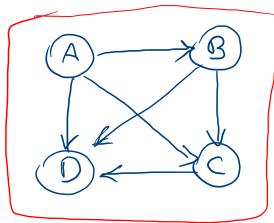
#### Missing edges

Chain Rule

$$P(A,B,C,P) = P(A) P(B|A) P(C|B,A) P(D|A,B,C)$$

$$= P(B) P(C|B) P(A|B,C) P(D|A,B,C)$$

Missing edges imply conditional independencies.



The more the sparse DAG, the more conditional independencies.









#### Compact representation

A BN for a Boolean variables with k Boolean parents

$$P(X_1,...,X_n) = \frac{n}{11} \left( P(X_i | Po(X_i)) \right)$$

$$i \geq 1$$

$$n(2^k)$$

$$k \ll n$$

#### Factorization & independence

Let G be a graph over  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , distribution P factorizes over G if:

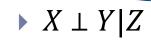
$$P(X_1, ..., X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | Pa(X_i))$$

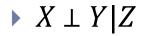
$$I(P) = \{AIB|C, A, D|H, \dots\}$$

$$I(G) \subseteq I(P)$$

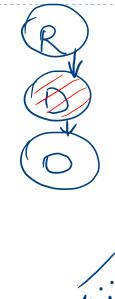
## D-Separation

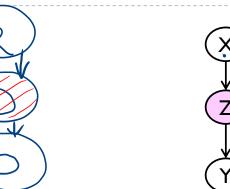
#### Basic structures

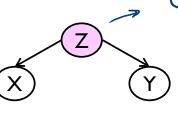


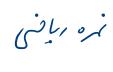


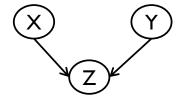
 $X \perp Y$ 







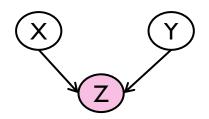




Explaining away

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▶ When we condition on Z are X and Y are independent?



$$P(X,Y,Z) = P(X)P(Y)P(Z|X,Y)$$

- ► X and Y are marginally independent but given Z they are conditionally dependent
- This is called explaining away
- Two coins example

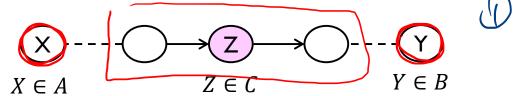
#### D-separation

Let A, B, C denote three disjoint sets of nodes, A is **d-separated** from B by C then  $A \perp B \mid C$ 

▶ A is **d-separated** from B by C if all undirected paths between A and B are **blocked** by C

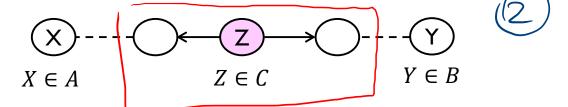
#### Undirected path blocking

▶ Head-to-tail at a node  $Z \in C$ 

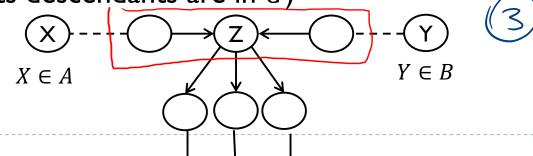


▶ Tail-to-tail at a node  $Z \in C$ 

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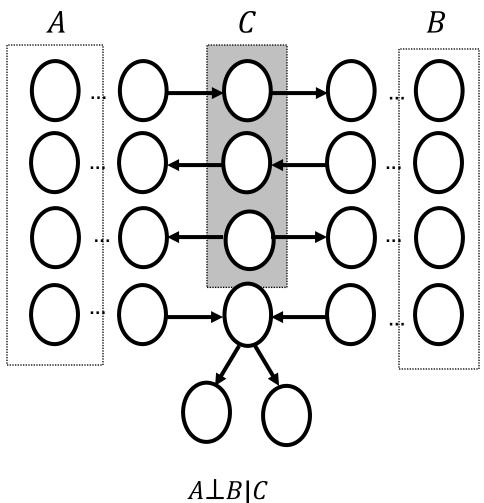
▶ Head-to-head (i.e., v-structure) at a node Z ( $Z \notin C$  & none of its descendants are in C)



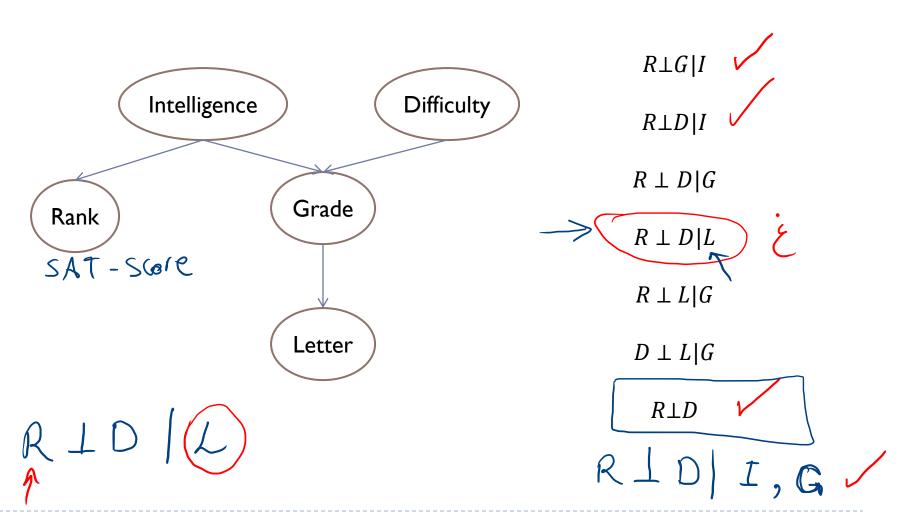
## Undirected path blocking

In all trails (undirected paths) between A and B:

- A node in the path is in C and the path at the node do not meet head-to-head.
- Or a head-to-head node in the path, and neither the node, nor any of its descendants, is in C



### D-separation: example



### Markov Blanket in Bayesian Network

- A variable is <u>conditionally independent of all other</u> <u>variables given its Markov blanket</u>
- Markov blanket of a node:
  - All parents
  - Children
  - Co-parents of children

#### D-Separation: soundness & completeness

- **Soundness**: Any conditional independence properties that we can derive from G should hold for the probability distribution that factorize over G
  - **Theorem**: If P factorizes over G, and d-sep<sub>G</sub>(X,Y|Z) then P satisfies  $X \perp Y|Z$   $I(G) \subseteq I(P)$

#### Weak completeness:

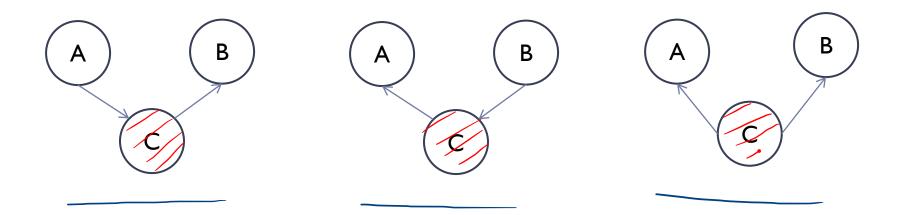
- For almost all distributions P that factorize over G, if  $X \perp Y | Z$  in P then X and Y are d-separated given Z in the graph G
  - There can be independencies in P that are not found by conditional independence properties of G

 $I(G_0) = \Gamma(\rho)$ 

## P: ALB C

#### I-equivalence

▶ Definition: Two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  over a set of variables are I-equivalent if  $I(G_1) = I(G_2)$ 



Most graphs have many I-equivalent variants

#### I-map

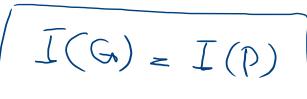
 $I(G) = \{(X \perp Y|Z) : d\text{-sepG}(X,Y|Z)\}$ 

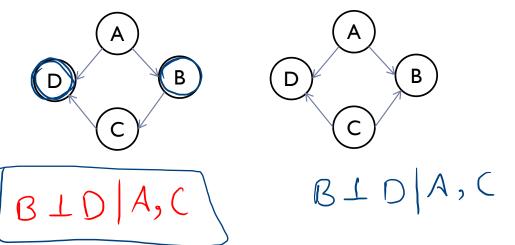
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#### Perfect map

- ▶ Theorem: not every distribution has a perfect map as a DAG.
  - A distribution *P* with the independencies

$$I(P) = \{A \perp C | \{B, D\}, B \perp D | \{A, C\}\}\}$$
cannot be represented by any Bayesian network.





### Bayesian networks: summary

- ▶ Bayesian network is a pair (G, CPDs) where G is a DAG and CPDs can be used to find a joint distribution P that factorizes over G
  - ▶ Each CPD is the conditional distribution  $P(X_i|Pa(X_i))$  associated to the graph node  $X_i$ .
- We can show "causality", "generative schemes", "asymmetric influences", etc., between variables via a Bayesian network
- We can find conditional independencies from the graph structure via d-separation criteria.

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