## Bayesian networks



## Example

- Topology of network encodes conditional independence assertions:

- Weather is independent of the other variables
- Toothache and Catch are conditionally independent given Cavity


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- In the opinion of many Al researchers, Bayesian networks are the most significant contribution in Al in the last 10 years
- They are used in many applications eg. spam filtering, speech recognition, robotics, diagnostic systems and even syndromic surveillance


## Example



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- I'm at work, neighbor John calls to say my alarm is ringing, but neighbor Mary doesn't call. Sometimes it's set off by minor earthquakes. Is there a burglar?
- Variables: Burglary, Earthquake, Alarm, JohnCalls, MaryCalls
- Network topology reflects "causal" knowledge:
- A burglar can set the alarm off
- An earthquake can set the alarm off
- The alarm can cause Mary to call
- The alarm can cause John to call


## Example contd.



## Compactness

- A CPT for Boolean $X_{i}$ with $k$ Boolean parents has $2^{k}$ rows for the combinations of parent values
- Each row requires one number $p$ for $X_{i}=$ true (the number for $X_{i}=$ false is just 1- $p$ )

- If each variable has no more than $k$ parents, the complete network requires $O$ ( $n$. $2^{\text {k }}$ ) numbers
- I.e., grows linearly with $n$, vs. $O\left(2^{n}\right)$ for the full joint distribution
- For burglary net, $1+1+4+2+2=10$ numbers (vs. $2^{5}-1=31$ )


## Semantics

The full joint distribution is defined as the product of the local conditional distributions:

$$
\boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right)=\pi_{i=1} \boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { e.g., } \boldsymbol{P}(j \wedge m \wedge a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg e) \\
& \qquad=\boldsymbol{P}(j \mid a) \boldsymbol{P}(m \mid a) \boldsymbol{P}(a \mid \neg b, \rightarrow e) \boldsymbol{P}(\neg b) \boldsymbol{P}(\neg e)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing Bayesian networks

- 1. Choose an ordering of variables $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}$
- 2. For $i=1$ to $n$
- add $X_{i}$ to the network
- select parents from $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}$ such that

$$
\boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)=\boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1}, \ldots X_{i-1}\right)
$$

This choice of parents ${ }^{n}$ guarantees:
$n$
$\boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right) \quad=\pi_{i=1} \mathbf{P}\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}\right)$
(chain rule)

$$
=\pi_{i=1} \boldsymbol{P}\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
$$

(by construction)

## Example

- Suppose we choose the ordering $M, J, A, B, E$ -


JohnCalls
$\boldsymbol{P}(J \mid M)=\boldsymbol{P}(J) ?$

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No
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## Example

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Burglary
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$\boldsymbol{P}(J \mid M)=\boldsymbol{P}(J)$ ?
No
$\boldsymbol{P}(A \mid J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(A \mid J) \boldsymbol{P}(A \mid J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(A)$ ? No $\boldsymbol{P}(B \mid A, J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(B \mid A) ?$
$\boldsymbol{P}(B \mid A, J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(B)$ ?

## Example

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$\boldsymbol{P}(J \mid M)=\boldsymbol{P}(J)$ ?

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$\boldsymbol{P}(B \mid A, J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(B \mid A)$ ? Yes
$P(B \mid A, J, M)=P(B)$ ? No
$\boldsymbol{P}(E \mid B, A, J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(E \mid A)$ ?
$\boldsymbol{P}(E \mid B, A, J, M)=\boldsymbol{P}(E \mid A, B)$ ?


## Example

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## Probability Primer: Random Variables

- A random variable is the basic element of probability
- Refers to an event and there is some degree of uncertainty as to the outcome of the event
- For example, the random variable $A$ could be the event of getting a heads on a coin flip


## Boolean Random Variables

- We will start with the simplest type of random variables - Boolean ones
- Take the values true or false
- Think of the event as occurring or not occurring
- Examples (Let $A$ be a Boolean random variable):
$A=$ Getting heads on a coin flip
$A=$ It will rain today
$A=$ The Cubs win the World Series in 2007


## Probabilities

We will write $P(A=$ true $)$ to mean the probability that $A=$ true .
What is probability? It is the relative frequency with which an outcome would be obtained if the process were repeated a large number of times under similar conditions*

The sum of the red and blue areas is 1
*Ahem...there's also the Bayesian definition which says probability is your
 degree of belief in an outcome

## Conditional Probability

- $\mathrm{P}(A=$ true $\mid B=$ true $)=$ Out of all the outcomes in which $B$ is true, how many also have $A$ equal to true
- Read this as: "Probability of $A$ conditioned on $B$ " or "Probability of $A$ given $B$ "

$H=$ "Have a headache"
$F=$ "Coming down with Flu"
$P(H=$ true $)=1 / 10$
$P(F=$ true $)=1 / 40$
$P(H=$ true $\mid F=$ true $)=1 / 2$
"Headaches are rare and flu is rarer, but if you're coming down with flu there's a 5050 chance you'll have a headache."


## The Joint Probability Distribution

- We will write $P(A=$ true, $B=$ true $)$ to mean "the probability of $A=$ true and $B=$ true"
- Notice that:


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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{P}(H=\text { true } \mid F=\text { true }) \\
= & \frac{\text { Area of "H and F" region }}{\text { Area of " } \mathrm{F} \text { " region }} \\
= & \frac{P(H=\text { true, } F=\text { true })}{P(F=\text { true })}
\end{aligned}
$$

In general, $P(X \mid Y)=P(X, Y) / P(Y)$

## The Joint Probability Distribution

- Joint probabilities can be between any number of variables eg. $P(A=$ true, $B=$ true, $C=$ true $)$
- For each combination of variables, we need to say how probable that combination is
- The probabilities of these combinations need to sum to 1

| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | false | 0.1 |
| false | false | true | 0.2 |
| false | true | false | 0.05 |
| false | true | true | 0.05 |
| true | false | false | 0.3 |
| true | false | true | 0.1 |
| true | true | false | 0.05 |
| true | true | true | 0.15 |

Sums to 1

## The Joint Probability Distribution

- Once you have the joint probability distribution, you can calculate any probability involving $A, B$, and $C$
- Note: May need to use marginalization and Bayes rule, (both of which are not discussed in these slides)
Examples of things you can compute:

| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | false | 0.1 |
| false | false | true | 0.2 |
| false | true | false | 0.05 |
| false | true | true | 0.05 |
| true | false | false | 0.3 |
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| true | true | true | 0.15 |

- $P(A=$ true $)=$ sum of $P(A, B, C)$ in rows with $A=$ true
- $P(A=$ true,$B=$ true $\mid C=$ true $)=$

$$
P(A=\text { true, } B=\text { true, } C=\text { true }) / P(C=\text { true })
$$

## The Problem with the Joint Distribution

- Lots of entries in the table to fill up!
- For $k$ Boolean random variables, you need a table of size $2^{k}$
- How do we use fewer numbers? Need the concept of independence

| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | false | 0.1 |
| false | false | true | 0.2 |
| false | true | false | 0.05 |
| false | true | true | 0.05 |
| true | false | false | 0.3 |
| true | false | true | 0.1 |
| true | true | false | 0.05 |
| true | true | true | 0.15 |

## Independence

Variables $A$ and $B$ are independent if any of the following hold:

- $P(A, B)=P(A) P(B)$
- $P(A \mid B)=P(A)$
- $P(B \mid A)=P(B)$

This says that knowing the outcome of $A$ does not tell me anything new about the outcome of $B$.

## Independence

How is independence useful?

- Suppose you have $n$ coin flips and you want to calculate the joint distribution $\boldsymbol{P}\left(C_{1}, \ldots, C_{n}\right)$
- If the coin flips are not independent, you need $2^{n}$ values in the table
- If the coin flips are independent, then

$$
P\left(C_{1}, \ldots, C_{n}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n} P\left(C_{i}\right)
$$

Each $P\left(C_{i}\right)$ table has 2 entries and there are $n$ of them for a total of $2 n$ values

## Conditional Independence

## Variables $A$ and $B$ are conditionally

 independent given $C$ if any of the following hold:- $P(A, B \mid C)=P(A \mid C) P(B \mid C)$
- $P(A \mid B, C)=P(A \mid C)$
- $P(B \mid A, C)=P(B \mid C)$

Knowing $C$ tells me everything about $B$. I don't gain anything by knowing $A$ (either because $A$ doesn't influence $B$ or because knowing $C$ provides all the information knowing $A$ would give)

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## A Bayesian Network

A Bayesian network is made up of:

1. A Directed Acyclic Graph

2. A set of tables for each node in the graph

| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A})$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| false | 0.6 |
| true | 0.4 |


| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | 0.01 |
| false | true | 0.99 |
| true | false | 0.7 |
| true | true | 0.3 |


| $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{D} \mid \mathbf{B})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | 0.02 |
| false | true | 0.98 |
| true | false | 0.05 |
| true | true | 0.95 |


| $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} \mid \mathbf{B})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| false | false | 0.4 |
| false | true | 0.6 |
| true | false | 0.9 |
| true | true | 0.1 |

## Shotgun proteomics



PSM = peptide-spectrum match

## Peptide sequence influences peak height





## Bayesian network

- We model peptide fragmentation using a Bayesian network.
- Nodes represent random variables, and edges represent conditional dependencies.
- Each node stores a conditional probability table (CPT) giving $\operatorname{Pr}($ node |parents).

intensity > 50\% intensity < 50\%

| b-ion observed | 0.25 | 0.75 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| no b-ion observed | 0.00 | 1.00 |

## Ion series modeled in a Markov chain


~ PepHMM (Han et al., 2005).

## A more realistic model



## Ion series modeled in a Markov chain



$$
L O R_{b}=\log \frac{\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{b}-\text { ions, peptiddmodel })}{\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{b}-\text { ions, peptiddnull model })}
$$

