

#### CS 760: Machine Learning Graphical Models - II

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#### Announcements

- •Homework 5 due today; homework 6 due Nov 21.
- •No class on Tuesday, Nov 21.

### Outline

#### Bayesian Networks Review

• Definition, examples, inference, learning

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•Let's construct a Bayes Network to help us understand a pandemic.

#### • Consider the following 5 binary random variables:

- *B* = a burglary occurs at the house
- *E* = an earthquake occurs at the house
- A = the alarm goes off
- J = John calls to report the alarm
- *M* = Mary calls to report the alarm

• Suppose the Burglary or Earthquake can trigger Alarm, and Alarm can trigger John's call or Mary's call

•Now we want to answer queries like what is  $P(B \mid M, J)$ ?













### Bayesian Networks: Definition

- A BN consists of a **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG**) and a set of **conditional probability distribution**s (CPD)
- The DAG:
  - each node denotes a random variable
  - each edge from X to Y typically represents a causal link from X to Y
  - formally: each variable X is independent of its non-descendants given its parents
  - Each CPD: represents P(X | Parents(X))

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \prod_{v \in V} p(x_v | x_{\operatorname{pa}(v)})$$



### Bayesian Networks: Parameter Counting

- Parameter reduction: standard representation of the joint distribution for Alarm example has 2<sup>5</sup>-1 = 31 parameters
- the BN representation of this distribution has 10 parameters



### Inference in Bayesian Networks

- **Given**: values for some variables in the network (*evidence*), and a set of *query* variables
- **Inference**: compute the posterior distribution over the query variables
- Variables that are neither evidence variables nor query variables are *hidden* variables
- •The BN representation is flexible enough that any set can be the evidence variables and any set can be the query variables

### Inference by Enumeration

- •Let *a* denote A=true, and  $\neg a$  denote A=false
- •Suppose we're given the query:  $P(b \mid j, m)$

"probability the house is being burglarized given that John and Mary both called"

• From the graph structure, first compute the joint probability:



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•Next do equivalent calculation for  $P(\neg b, j, m)$ and determine  $P(b \mid j, m)$ 

$$P(b \mid j, m) = \frac{P(b, j, m)}{P(j, m)} = \frac{P(b, j, m)}{P(b, j, m) + P(\neg b, j, m)}$$

So: exact method, but can be intractably hard.

- Efficient for small BNs
- Approximate inference sometimes available.
  - Example: Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approaches.

### Learning Bayes Nets

• Problem 1 (parameter learning): given a set of training instances and the graph structure of a Bayes Net.



•Goal: infer the parameters of the CPDs

### Learning Bayes Nets

• Problem 2 (structure learning): given a set of training instances



•Goal: infer the graph structure (and then possibly also the parameters of the CPDs)

#### **Parameter Learning:** MLE

- •Goal: infer the parameters of the CPDs
- •As usual, can use maximum likelihood estimation.



#### Parameter Learning: MLE Example

- •Goal: infer the parameters of the CPDs
- •Consider estimating the CPD parameters for B and J in the alarm network given the following data set



$$B$$
 $E$  $A$  $J$  $M$ ffftfffffffffftfffftffttfffttffftttfftttfftttfftttffttt

$$P(b) = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$
$$P(\neg b) = \frac{7}{8} = 0.875$$
$$P(j \mid a) = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$
$$P(\neg j \mid a) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$
$$P(j \mid \neg a) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$
$$P(\neg j \mid \neg a) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

#### Parameter Learning: MLE Example

- •Goal: infer the parameters of the CPDs
- Consider estimating the CPD parameters for *B* and *J* in the alarm network given the following data set





$$P(b) = \frac{0}{8} = 0$$

$$P(\neg b) = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

do we really want to set this to 0?

### Parameter Learning: Laplace Smoothing

- Instead of estimating parameters strictly from the data, we could start with some prior belief for each
- For example, we could use *Laplace estimates*



where  $n_v$  represents the number of occurrences of value v•Recall: we did this for Naïve Bayes



#### **Break & Quiz**

#### Quiz

Can the Naïve Bayes' model be represented as a Bayesian network?

If no, explain why. If yes, draw the network.

Ans: Yes

### **Undirected** Graphical Models

- •Still want to encode conditional independence, but not in a causal way (ie, no parents, direction)
  - Why? Allows for modeling other distributions that Bayes nets can't, allows for other algorithms
- •Graph directly encodes a type of conditional independence. If nodes i, j are not neighbors,

$$X_i \perp X_j | X_{V \setminus \{i,j\}}|$$

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### **Structure Learning**

- •Generally a hard problem, many approaches.
  - Exponentially (or worse) many structures in # variables
  - Can either use heuristics or restrict to some tractable subset of networks. Ex: trees
- •Chow-Liu Algorithm
  - Learns a BN with a <u>tree structure</u> that maximizes the likelihood of the training data
    - 1. Compute weight  $I(X_i, X_j)$  of each possible edge  $(X_i, X_j)$
    - 2. Find maximum weight spanning tree (MST)

## **Chow-Liu: Computing weights**

• Use mutual information to calculate edge weights

$$I(X,Y) = \sum_{x \in \text{values}(X)} \sum_{y \in \text{values}(Y)} P(x,y) \log_2 \frac{P(x,y)}{P(x)P(y)}$$

- •The probabilities are calculated empirically using data.
  - •Recall decision trees: how much information does knowing Y give us about the value of X.

## **Chow-Liu: Finding MST**

- Many algorithms for calculating MST (e.g Kruskal's, Prim's)
- Kruskal's algorithm

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given: graph with vertices V and edges E
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\begin{split} E_{new} \leftarrow \{ \} \\ \text{for each } (u, v) \text{ in } E \text{ ordered by weight (from high to low)} \\ \{ \\ \text{remove } (u, v) \text{ from } E \\ \text{if adding } (u, v) \text{ to } E_{new} \text{ does not create a cycle} \\ \text{add } (u, v) \text{ to } E_{new} \\ \} \\ \text{return } V \text{ and } E_{new} \text{ which represent an MST} \end{split}
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### **Chow-Liu: Example**

- First, calculate empirical mutual information for each pair and calculate edge weights.
  - Graph is usually fully connected (using a non-complete graph for clarity)



### Chow-Liu: Example (cont'd)







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### Chow-Liu: Example (cont'd)





### **Chow-Liu Algorithm**

- 1. Finding tree structures is a 'second order' approximation
  - First order: product of marginals
  - $P(X_1,\ldots,X_n) = \prod^n P(X_i)$ • Second order: allow conditioning on one variable

$$P(X_1,\ldots,X_n)=P(X_1)\prod_{i=2}^n P(X_i|X_{i-1})$$

2. To assign directions in a Bayes' network, pick a root and making everything directed from root (may require domain expertise)



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- Which of the following are true?
  - 1. J ⊥ M
  - 2. J 1 M | A
  - 3. B ⊥ J
  - 4. B ⊥ J | A
  - 5. B ⊥ E
  - 6. B III E | A

•Still want to encode conditional independence, but not in a,



- Which of the following are true?
  1. J ⊥ M (False)
  2. J ⊥ M | A (True)
  3. B ⊥ J (False)
  4. B ⊥ J | A (True)
  - 5. B ⊥ E **(True)**
  - 6. B ⊥ E | A (False)

- •D-separation: A formal way to answer questions of conditional independence:
  - E.g.  $J \perp M \mid A$ ,  $J \perp E \mid B$ , M etc.
- Triples: Any 3 connected vertices
- We say that a triple is active if
  - (Causal chain):  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  (Y is unobserved)
  - (Common cause):  $X \leftarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  (Y is unobserved)
  - (Common effect): X → Y ← Z (Y or any descendent of Y is observed)

•An (undirected) path is active if all of it's triples are active.



- •Goal: Answer queries of the form:  $A \perp B \mid \{C, D, ...\}$
- D-separation Algorithm:
  - For all (undirected) paths from A to B
    - Check if path is active (i.e all triples are active)
      - Return "A L B | {C, D, ...} is **not** guaranteed"
  - If all paths are inactive:
    - Return "A II B | {C, D, ...} is true"

#### **D-separation Examples**



- 1. B ⊥ M 2. B III M | A<sub>3</sub> 3. E ⊥ B 4. E ⊥ B | A<sub>1</sub> 5. E **L** B | A<sub>2</sub> 6. E II B | J 7.  $A_1 \perp A_2$ 8. A<sub>1</sub> **L** A<sub>2</sub> | E 9. A<sub>2</sub> **L** A<sub>3</sub> | B 10. J ⊥ M 11. J 🏼 M | A<sub>3</sub>
- Are the following conditional independences guaranteed?

#### **D-separation Examples**



• Are the following conditional independences guaranteed? 1.  $B \perp M$  (False) 2. B ⊥ M | A<sub>3</sub> (True) 3. E ⊥ B **(True)** 4. E ⊥ B | A<sub>1</sub> (False) 5.  $E \perp B \mid A_2$  (True) 6. E **I** B | J (False) 7.  $A_1 \perp A_2$  (False) 8.  $A_1 \perp A_2 \mid E$  (False) 9.  $A_2 \perp A_3 \mid B$  (True) 10. J ⊥ M (False) 11. J ⊥ M | A<sub>3</sub> (True)



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# Quiz

#### True or False:

Bayesian networks can be used for unsupervised learning only. They cannot be used for supervised learning. **Ans: False** 



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