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Representing Multivariate Distribution



 Representation: what is the joint probability dist. on multiple variables?

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8,)$$

- How many state configurations in total? --- 28
- Are they all needed to be represented?
- Do we get any scientific/medical insight?



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Factored representation: the chain-rule

$$\begin{split} &P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8) \\ &= P(X_1)P(X_2 \mid X_1)P(X_3 \mid X_1, X_2)P(X_4 \mid X_1, X_2, X_3)P(X_5 \mid X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)P(X_6 \mid X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) \\ &P(X_7 \mid X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)P(X_8 \mid X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7) \end{split}$$

- This factorization is true for any distribution and any variable ordering
- Do we save any parameterization cost?
- If X_i 's are independent: $(P(X_i|\cdot) = P(X_i))$

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\begin{split} &P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8) \\ &= P(X_1) P(X_2) P(X_3) P(X_4) P(X_5) P(X_6) P(X_7) P(X_8) = \prod P(X_i) \end{split}
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What do we gain?What do we lose?

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- Even in the simplest case where these variables are binary-valued, a joint distribution requires the specification of 2ⁿ numbers the probabilities of the 2ⁿ different assignments of values x₁, . . . , x_n
- Today's lecture is about ...
 - how independence properties in the distribution can be used to represent such high-dimensional distributions much more compactly.
 - how a combinatorial data structure a directed acyclic graph can provide us with a general-purpose modeling language for exploiting this type of structure in our representation.

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Two types of GMs



 Directed edges give causality relationships (Bayesian Network or Directed Graphical Model):

$$\begin{split} &P(X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3}, X_{4}, X_{5}, X_{6}, X_{7}, X_{8}) \\ &= P(X_{1}) P(X_{2}) P(X_{3} | X_{1}) P(X_{4} | X_{2}) P(X_{5} | X_{2}) \\ &P(X_{6} | X_{3}, X_{4}) P(X_{7} | X_{6}) P(X_{8} | X_{5}, X_{6}) \end{split}$$



 Undirected edges simply give correlations between variables (Markov Random Field or Undirected Graphical model):

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\begin{split} &P(X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3}, X_{4}, X_{5}, X_{6}, X_{7}, X_{8}) \\ &= \frac{1/Z}{E} \exp\{E(X_{1}) + E(X_{2}) + E(X_{3}, X_{1}) + E(X_{4}, X_{2}) + E(X_{5}, X_{2}) \\ &+ E(X_{6}, X_{3}, X_{4}) + E(X_{7}, X_{6}) + E(X_{8}, X_{5}, X_{6})\} \end{split}
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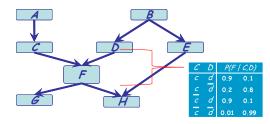


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Specification of a directed GM



- There are two components to any GM:
 - the *qualitative* specification
 - the quantitative specification



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Bayesian Network:



- A BN is a directed graph whose nodes represent the random variables and whose edges represent direct influence of one variable on another.
- It is a data structure that provides the skeleton for representing a
 joint distribution compactly in a factorized way;
- It offers a compact representation for a set of conditional independence assumptions about a distribution;

We can view the graph as encoding a generative sampling process
 executed by nature, where the value for each variable is selected by
 nature using a distribution that depends only on its parents. In other
 words, each variable is a stochastic function of its parents.

Bayesian Network: Factorization Theorem

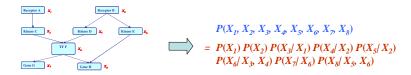


• Theorem:

Given a DAG, The most general form of the probability distribution that is consistent with the graph factors according to "node given its parents":

$$P(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1:d} P(X_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{\pi_i})$$

where X_{π_i} is the set of parents of X_i , d is the number of nodes (variables) in the graph.



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Qualitative Specification



- Where does the qualitative specification come from?
 - Prior knowledge of causal relationships
 - Prior knowledge of modular relationships
 - Assessment from experts
 - Learning from data
 - We simply link a certain architecture (e.g. a layered graph)
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Local Structures & Independencies



- Common parent
 - Fixing B decouples A and C
 "given the level of gene B, the levels of A and C are independent"





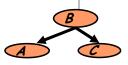
- Knowing B decouples A and C
 "given the level of gene B, the level gene A provides no extra prediction value for the level of gene C"
- V-structure
 - Knowing C couples A and B
 because A can "explain away" B w.r.t. C
 "If A correlates to C, then chance for B to also correlate to B will decrease"
- The language is compact, the concepts are rich!

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A simple justification



ALC/B.



$$\frac{P(A,C|B)}{P(A,B,C)} = \frac{P(B) \cdot x P(A|B) \times P(C|B)}{P(B)}$$

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

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I-maps



• **Defn (3.2.2):** Let P be a distribution over X. We define L(P) to be the set of independence assertions of the form $(X \perp Y \mid Z)$ that hold in P (however how we set the parameter values).

 Defn (3.2.3): Let K be any graph object associated with a set of independencies I(K). We say that K is an *I-map* for a set of independencies I, I(K) ⊆ I.

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• We now say that G is an I-map for P if G is an I-map for I(P), where we use I(G) as the set of independencies associated.

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Facts about I-map



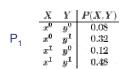
 For G to be an I-map of P, it is necessary that G does not mislead us regarding independencies in P:

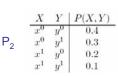
any independence that G asserts must also hold in P. Conversely, P may have additional dependencies that are not reflected in G

• Example:









$$P(\chi) = \begin{cases} 0.4 & \nu \\ \nu.6 & \rho \end{cases}$$

$$P(\eta) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & \nu \end{cases}$$

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What is in I(G) --local Markov assumptions of BN



A Bayesian network structure G is a directed acyclic graph whose nodes represent random variables X_1, \ldots, X_n .

local Markov assumptions

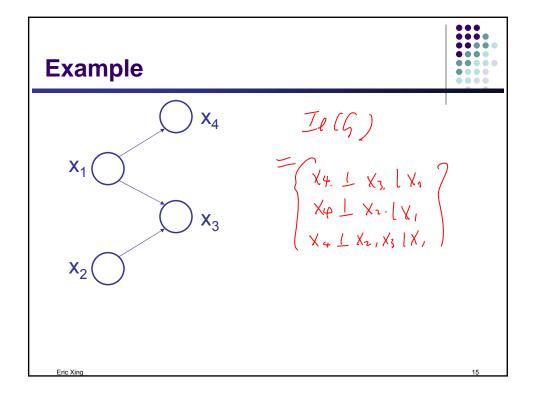
• Defn (3.2.1):

Let Pa_{xi} denote the parents of X_i in G, and $NonDescendants_{xi}$ denote the variables in the graph that are not descendants of X_i . Then G encodes the following set of *local conditional independence assumptions* $I_x(G)$:

$$I_{s}(G)$$
: $\{X_{i} \perp NonDescendants_{v_{i}} \mid Pa_{v_{i}} : \forall i\}$,

In other words, each node X_i is independent of its nondescendants given its parents.

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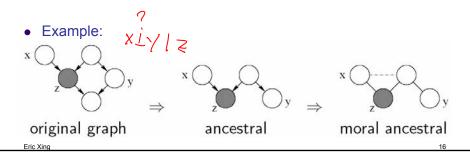


Graph separation criterion



 D-separation criterion for Bayesian networks (D for Directed edges):

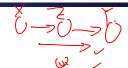
Defn: variables x and y are *D-separated* (conditionally independent) given z if they are separated in the *moralized* ancestral graph



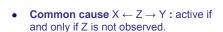
Active trail



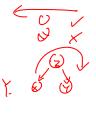
Causal trail $X \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y$: active if and only if Z is not observed.



 Evidential trail X ← Z ← Y : active if and only if Z is not observed.



 Common effect X → Z ← Y : active if and only if either Z or one of Z's descendants is observed



Definition (3.3.2): Let X, Y, Z be three **sets** of nodes in G. We say that X and Y are *d-separated given* Z, denoted *d-sep*_{\mathcal{C}} $(X;Y \mid Z)$, if there is **no** active trail between any node $X \in X$ and $Y \in Y$ given Z.

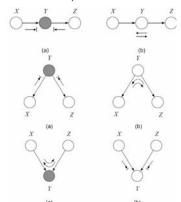
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What is in I(G) --Global Markov properties of BN



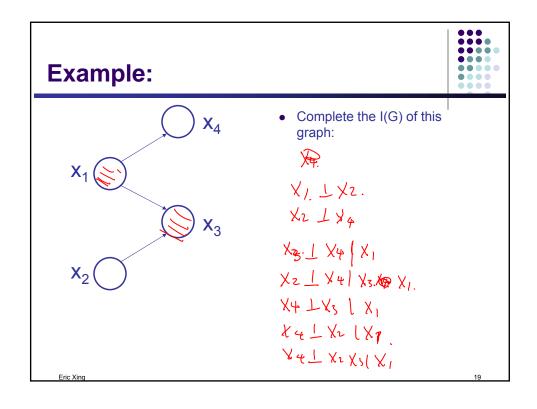
 X is d-separated (directed-separated) from Z given Y if we can't send a ball from any node in X to any node in Z using the "Bayesball" algorithm illustrated bellow (and plus some boundary conditions):

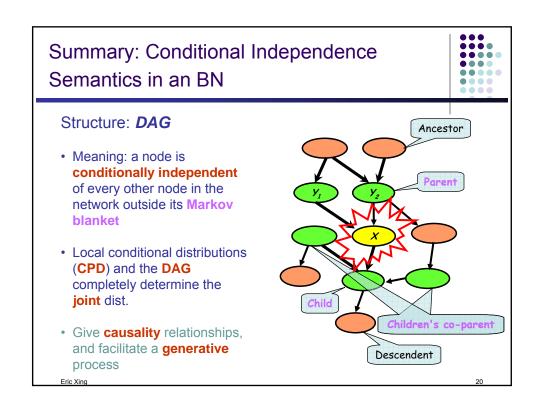


 Defn: I(G)=all independence properties that correspond to dseparation:

$$I(G) = \left\{ X \perp Z \middle| Y : dsep_G(X; Z \middle| Y) \right\}$$

 D-separation is sound and complete (more details later)





Toward quantitative specification of probability distribution



- Separation properties in the graph imply independence properties about the associated variables
- The Equivalence Theorem

For a graph G,

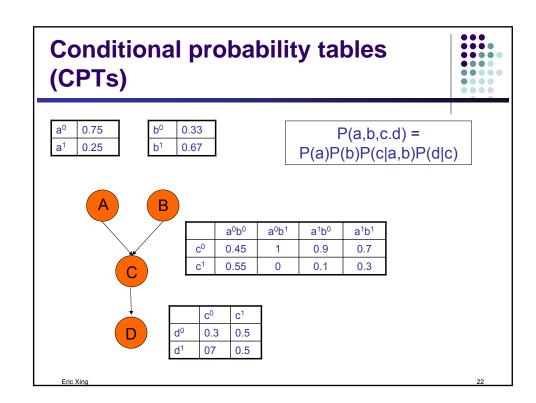
Let \mathcal{D}_1 denote the family of **all distributions** that satisfy I(G), Let \mathcal{D}_2 denote the family of **all distributions** that factor according to G.

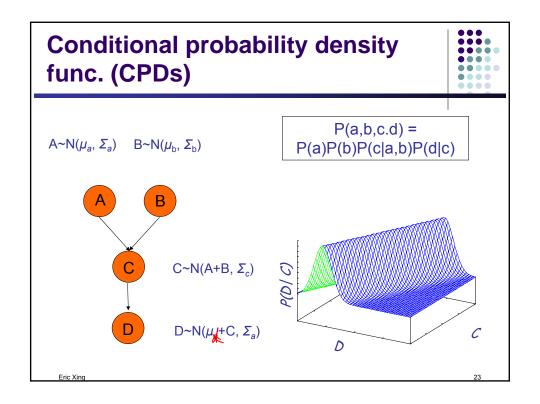
$$P(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1:d} P(X_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{\pi_i})$$

Then $\mathfrak{D}_1 \equiv \mathfrak{D}_2$.

 For the graph to be useful, any conditional independence properties we can derive from the graph should hold for the probability distribution that the graph represents

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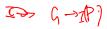


Summary of BN semantics



- **Defn (3.2.5):** A *Bayesian network* is a pair (G, P) where P factorizes over G, and where P is specified as set of CPDs associated with G's nodes.
 - Conditional independencies imply factorization
 - Factorization according to G implies the associated conditional independencies.
 - Are there other independences that hold for every distribution P that factorizes over G?

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Soundness and completeness

D-separation is sound and "complete" w.r.t. BN fastorization law

Soundness:

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Theorem: If a distribution P factorizes according to G, then $I(G) \subseteq I(P)$.

"Completeness":

"Claim": For any distribution P that factorizes over G, if $(X \perp Y \mid Z) \in I(P)$ then $d\text{-}sep_G(X; Y \mid Z)$.

Contrapositive of the completeness statement

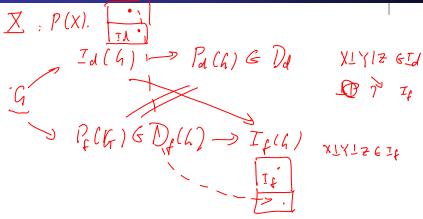
- "If *X* and *Y* are **not** *d*-separated given *Z* in G, then *X* and *Y* are dependent in all distributions P that factorize over G."
- Is this true?



- Wednesday 6-7 pm
- Thursday: 6-7pm
- Friday: 5-6pm
- Questions:

Distributional equivalence and I-equivalence





- All independence in I_d(G) will be captured in I_f(G), is the reverse true?
- Are "not-independence" from G all honored in P_f?

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Soundness and completeness



- Contrapositive of the completeness statement
 - "If X and Y are not d-separated given Z in G, then X and Y are dependent in all distributions P that factorize over G."
 - Is this true?



- No. Even if a distribution factorizes over G, it can still contain additional independencies that are not reflected in the structure
 - Example: graph A->B, for actually independent A and B
 (the independence can be captured by some subtle way
 of parameterization)

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
A & b^0 & b^1 \\
\hline
a^0 & 0.4 & 0.6 \\
a^1 & 0.4 & 0.6
\end{array}$$

P(A,B) = P(A)P(BlA)

• **Thm**: Let G be a BN graph. If X and Y are not d-separated given Z in G, then X and Y are dependent in **some** distribution P that factorizes over G.

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 Theorem 3.3.6: For almost all distributions P that factorize over G, i.e., for all distributions except for a set of "measure zero" in the space of CPD parameterizations, we have that I(P) = I(G)

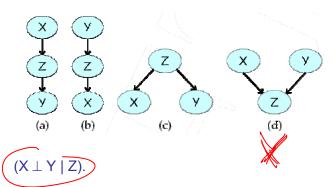
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Uniqueness of BN



 Very different BN graphs can actually be equivalent, in that they encode precisely the same set of conditional independence assertions.



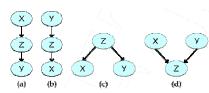
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I-equivalence



- **Defn (3.3.9):** Two BN graphs G1 and G2 over *X* are *l*-equivalent if I(G1) = I(G2).
 - The set of all graphs over *X* is partitioned into a set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive *I-equivalence classes*, which are the set of equivalence classes induced by the *I-equivalence* relation.





- Any distribution P that can be factorized over one of these graphs can be factorized over the other.
- Furthermore, there is no intrinsic property of P that would allow us associate it with one graph rather than an equivalent one.
- This observation has important implications with respect to our ability to determine the directionality of influence.

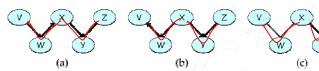
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Detecting I-equivalence



• **Defn (3.3.10):** The *skeleton* of a Bayesian network graph G over *V* is an undirected graph over *V* that contains an edge {*X*, *Y*} for every edge (*X*, *Y*) in G.



- Thm (3.3.11): Let G_1 and G_2 be two graphs over V. If G_1 and G_2 have the same skeleton and the same set of v-structures then they are I-equivalent.
 - graph equivalence
 - Same trail
 - But not necessarily active

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Minimum I-MAP





- Complete graph is a (trivial) I-map for any distribution, yet it does not reveal any of the independence structure in the distribution.
 - Meaning that the graph dependence is arbitrary, thus by careful parameterization an dependencies can be captured
 - We want a graph that has the maximum possible I(G), yet still $\subseteq I(P)$
- **Defn 3.4.1:** A graph object G is a *minimal I-map* for a set of independencies I if it is an I-map for I, and if the removal of even a single edge from G renders it not an I-map.

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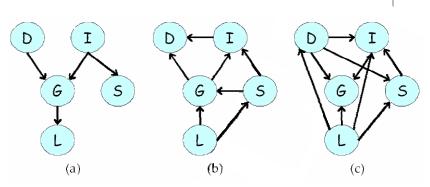
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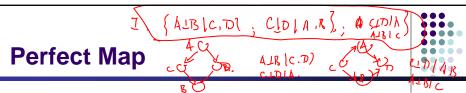
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Minimum I-MAP is not unique





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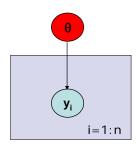
- **Defn (3.4.3):** We say that a graph object G is a *perfect map* (*P-map*) for a set of independencies I if we have that I(G) = I. We say that G is a perfect map for P if I(G) = I(P).
 - The fact that G is a minimal I-map for P is far from a guarantee that G captures the independence structure in P
 - Not all P has a perfect map as DAG!
 - The P-map of a distribution *is* unique up to I-equivalence between networks. That is, a distribution P can have many P-maps, but all of them are I-equivalent.

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Conditionally Independent Observations Model parameters Life Xing Model parameters Bric Xing

"Plate" Notation





Model parameters

Data =
$$\{y_1, ..., y_n\}$$

Plate = rectangle in graphical model

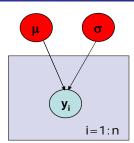
variables within a plate are replicated in a conditionally independent manner

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Example: Gaussian Model



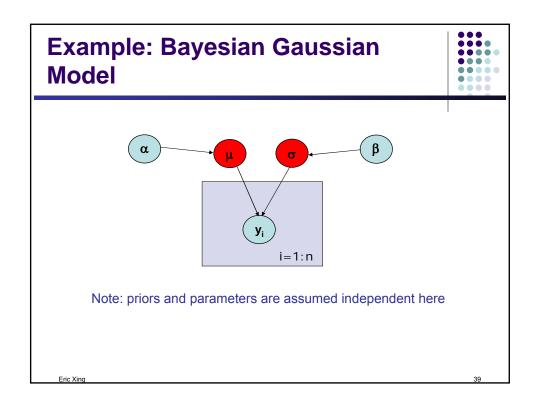


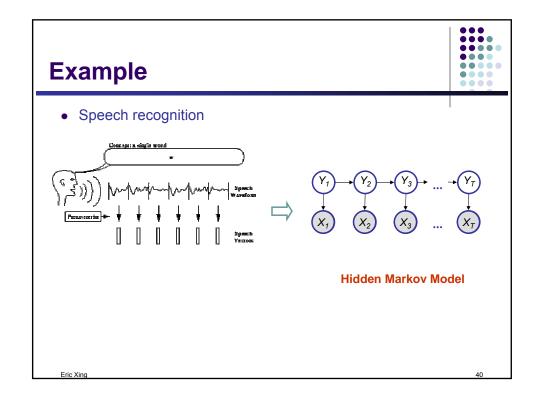
Generative model:

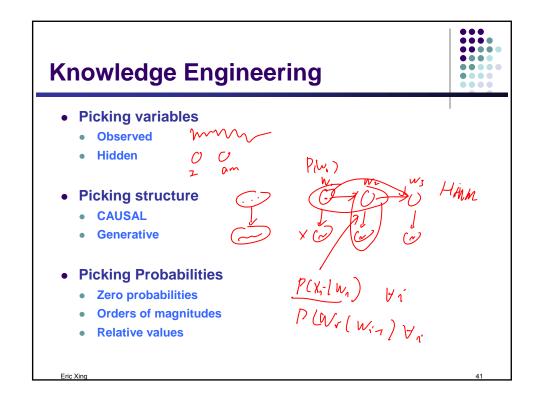
$$\begin{split} p(y_1, \dots y_n \mid \mu, \, \sigma) &= \prod_i p(y_i \mid \mu, \, \sigma) \\ &= p(\text{data} \mid \text{parameters}) \\ &= p(D \mid \theta) \\ \text{where } \theta = \{\mu, \, \sigma\} \end{split}$$

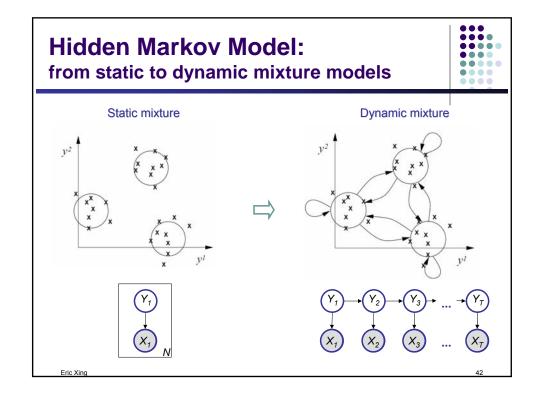
- Likelihood = p(data | parameters)= p(D | θ)= L (θ)
- Likelihood tells us how likely the observed data are conditioned on a particular setting of the parameters
 - Often easier to work with log L (θ)

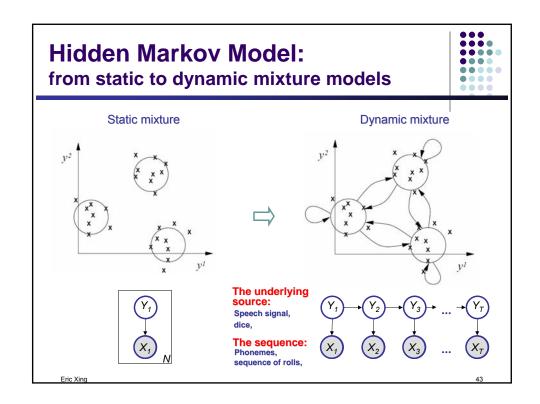
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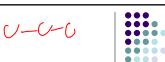








The Dishonest Casino



A casino has two dice:

- Fair die
 - P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6
- Loaded die

$$P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(5) = 1/10$$

 $P(6) = 1/2$

Casino player switches back-&-forth between fair and loaded die once every 20 turns

Game:

- 1. You bet \$1
- 2. You roll (always with a fair die)
- 3. Casino player rolls (maybe with fair die, maybe with loaded die)
- 4. Highest number wins \$2

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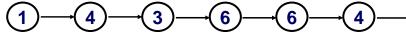


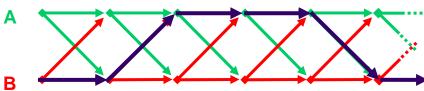


A stochastic generative model



• Observed sequence:





• Hidden sequence (a parse or segmentation):



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Definition (of HMM)



Observation space

Alphabetic set: $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\}$ Euclidean space: R^d

Index set of hidden states

$$I = \{1, 2, \cdots, M\}$$

Transition probabilities between any two states

$$p(y_t^j = 1 | y_{t-1}^i = 1) = a_{i,j},$$

or $p(y_t | y_{t-1}^i = 1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(a_{i,1}, a_{i,1}, ..., a_{i,M}), \forall i \in I.$

• Start probabilities $p(y_1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_M)$.

• Emission probabilities associated with each state

$$p(x_t \mid y_t^i = 1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(b_{i,1}, b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,K}), \forall i \in I.$$

or in general:

$$p(x_t | y_t^i = 1) \sim f(\cdot | \theta_i), \forall i \in I.$$

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Puzzles regarding the dishonest casino



GIVEN: A sequence of rolls by the casino player

1245526462146146136136661664661636616366163616515615115146123562344

QUESTION

- How likely is this sequence, given our model of how the casino works?
 - This is the **EVALUATION** problem in HMMs
- What portion of the sequence was generated with the fair die, and what portion with the loaded die?
 - This is the **DECODING** question in HMMs
- How "loaded" is the loaded die? How "fair" is the fair die? How often does the casino player change from fair to loaded, and back?
 - This is the **LEARNING** question in HMMs

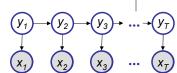
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Probability of a parse



- Given a sequence x = x₁.....x_T
 and a parse y = y₁,, y_T
- To find how likely is the parse: (given our HMM and the sequence)

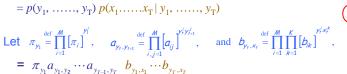


$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = p(x_1, \dots, x_T, y_1, \dots, y_T)$$
 (Joint probability)

$$= p(y_1) p(x_1 | y_1) p(y_2 | y_1) p(x_2 | y_2) \dots p(y_T | y_{T-1}) p(x_T | y_T)$$

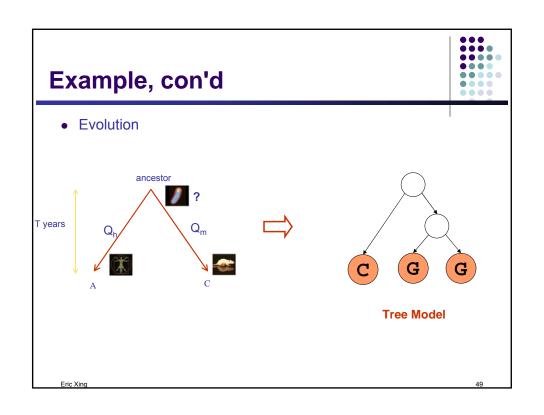
$$= p(y_1) P(y_2 | y_1) \dots p(y_T | y_{T-1}) \times p(x_1 | y_1) p(x_2 | y_2) \dots p(x_T | y_T)$$

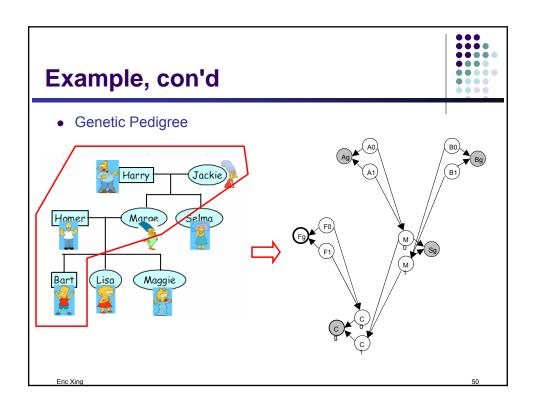
$$= p(y_1, \dots, y_T) p(x_1, \dots, x_T | y_1, \dots, y_T)$$



- Marginal probability: $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{y_1} \sum_{y_2} \cdots \sum_{y_N} \pi_{y_1} \prod_{t=1}^{T} a_{y_{t-1}, y_t} \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(x_t \mid y_t)$
- Posterior probability: $p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) / p(\mathbf{x})$

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Summary of BN semantics



• **Defn (3.2.5):** A *Bayesian network* is a pair (G, P) where P factorizes over G, and where P is specified as set of CPDs associated with G's nodes.

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