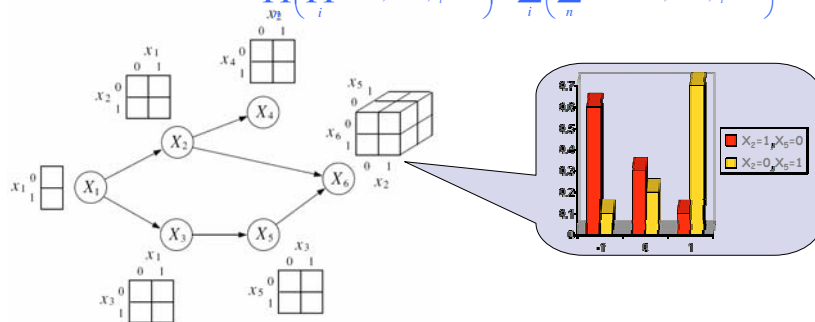


MLE for general BNs

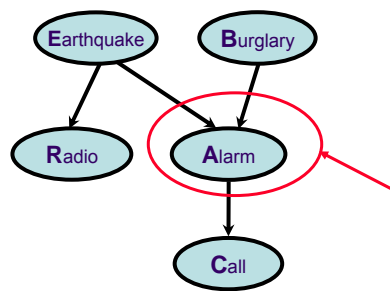
- If we assume the parameters for each CPD are globally independent, and all nodes are fully observed, then the log-likelihood function decomposes into a sum of local terms, one per node:

$$\ell(\theta; D) = \log p(D | \theta) = \log \prod_i \left(\prod_j p(x_{n,j} | \mathbf{x}_{n,\pi_i}, \theta_i) \right) = \sum_i \left(\sum_j \log p(x_{n,j} | \mathbf{x}_{n,\pi_i}, \theta_i) \right)$$



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How to define parameter prior?



Factorization: $p(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i})$

Local Distributions defined by, e.g., multinomial parameters:

$$p(x_i^k | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}^j) = \theta_{x_i^k | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}^j}$$

$p(\theta | G) ?$

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Global & Local Parameter Independence

- Global Parameter Independence

For every DAG model:

$$p(\theta | G) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(\theta_i | G)$$

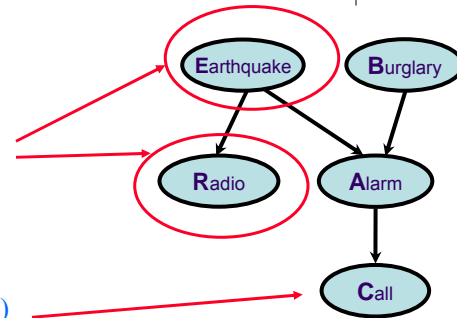
- Local Parameter Independence

For every node:

$$p(\theta_i | G) = \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} p(\theta_{x_i^k | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}^j} | G)$$

- The Bayesian posterior

$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta | D, G) &\propto P(D | \theta) P(\theta | G) \\ &= \prod_{i,j} p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}^j, \theta_{i,j}) P(\theta_{i,j} | G) \end{aligned}$$



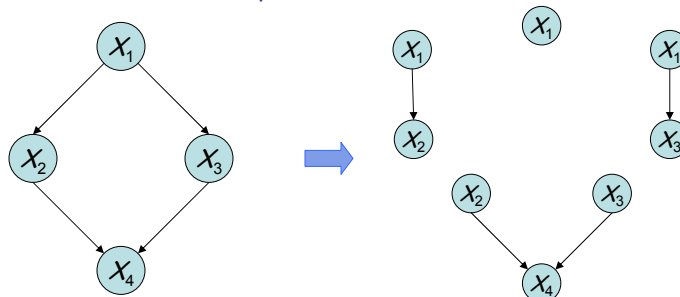
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Example: decomposable likelihood of a directed model

- Consider the distribution defined by the directed acyclic GM:

$$p(x | \theta) = p(x_1 | \theta_1) p(x_2 | x_1, \theta_1) p(x_3 | x_1, \theta_3) p(x_4 | x_2, x_3, \theta_1)$$

- This is exactly like learning four separate small BNs, each of which consists of a node and its parents.



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MLE for BNs with tabular CPDs

- Assume each CPD is represented as a table (multinomial) where

$$\theta_{ijk} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p(X_i = j \mid X_{\pi_i} = k)$$

- Note that in case of multiple parents, \mathbf{X}_{π_i} will have a composite state, and the CPD will be a high-dimensional table
- The sufficient statistics are counts of family configurations

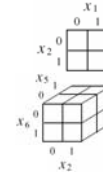
$$n_{ijk} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_n x_{n,i}^j x_{n,\pi_i}^k$$

- The log-likelihood is

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; D) = \log \prod_{i,j,k} \theta_{ijk}^{n_{ijk}} = \sum_{i,j,k} n_{ijk} \log \theta_{ijk}$$

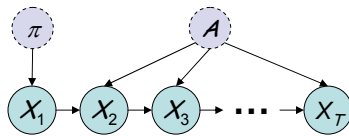
- Using a Lagrange multiplier to enforce $\sum_j \theta_{ijk} = 1$, we get:

$$\theta_{ijk}^{ML} = \frac{n_{ijk}}{\sum_{i,j',k} n_{ij'k}}$$



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Parameter sharing



- Consider a time-invariant (stationary) 1st-order Markov model

- Initial state probability vector: $\pi_k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p(X_1^k = 1)$
- State transition probability matrix: $A_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p(X_i^j = 1 \mid X_{i-1}^i = 1)$

- The joint: $p(X_{1:T} \mid \theta) = p(x_1 \mid \pi) \prod_{t=2}^T p(X_t \mid X_{t-1})$

- The log-likelihood: $\mathcal{L}(\theta; D) = \sum_n \log p(x_{n,1} \mid \pi) + \sum_n \sum_{t=2}^T \log p(x_{n,t} \mid x_{n,t-1}, A)$

- Again, we optimize each parameter separately
 - π is a multinomial frequency vector, and we've seen it before
 - What about A ?

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Learning a Markov chain transition matrix



- A is a stochastic matrix: $\sum_j A_{ij} = 1$
- Each row of A is multinomial distribution.
- So **MLE** of A_{ij} is the fraction of transitions from i to j

$$A_{ij}^{ML} = \frac{\#(i \rightarrow j)}{\#(i \rightarrow \bullet)} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_{t=2}^T x_{n,t-1}^i x_{n,t}^j}{\sum_n \sum_{t=2}^T x_{n,t-1}^i}$$

- Application:
 - if the states X_t represent words, this is called a *bigram language model*
- Sparse data problem:
 - If $i \rightarrow j$ did not occur in data, we will have $A_{ij} = 0$, then any further sequence with word pair $i \rightarrow j$ will have zero probability.
 - A standard hack: *backoff smoothing* or *deleted interpolation*

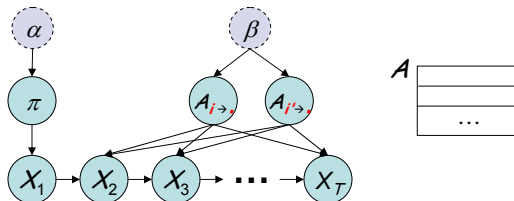
$$\tilde{A}_{i \rightarrow \bullet} = \lambda \eta_i + (1 - \lambda) A_{i \rightarrow \bullet}^{ML}$$

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Bayesian language model



- Global and local parameter independence



- The posterior of $A_{i \rightarrow \bullet}$ and $A_{i' \rightarrow \bullet}$ is factorized despite v-structure on X_t , because X_{t-1} acts like a **multiplexer**
- Assign a Dirichlet prior β_i to each row of the transition matrix:

$$A_{ij}^{Bayes} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p(j | i, D, \beta_i) = \frac{\#(i \rightarrow j) + \beta_{i,k}}{\#(i \rightarrow \bullet) + |\beta_i|} = \lambda_i \beta_{i,k} + (1 - \lambda_i) A_{ij}^{ML}, \text{ where } \lambda_i = \frac{|\beta_i|}{|\beta_i| + \#(i \rightarrow \bullet)}$$

- We could consider more realistic priors, e.g., mixtures of Dirichlets to account for types of words (adjectives, verbs, etc.)

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Example: HMM: two scenarios

- **Supervised learning:** estimation when the “right answer” is known
 - **Examples:**
 - GIVEN:** a genomic region $x = x_1 \dots x_{1,000,000}$ where we have good (experimental) annotations of the CpG islands
 - GIVEN:** the casino player allows us to observe him one evening, as he changes dice and produces 10,000 rolls
- **Unsupervised learning:** estimation when the “right answer” is unknown
 - **Examples:**
 - GIVEN:** the porcupine genome; we don't know how frequent are the CpG islands there, neither do we know their composition
 - GIVEN:** 10,000 rolls of the casino player, but we don't see when he changes dice
- **QUESTION:** Update the parameters θ of the model to maximize $P(x|\theta)$ -
-- Maximal likelihood (ML) estimation

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Recall definition of HMM

- Transition probabilities between any two states

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

or
$$p(y_t \mid y_{t-1} = 1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, \dots, a_{i,M}), \forall i \in I.$$

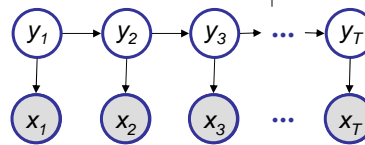
- Start probabilities

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

- Emission probabilities associated with each state

$$p(x_t \mid y_t^i = 1) \sim \text{Multinomial}(b_{i,1}, b_{i,2}, \dots, b_{i,K}), \forall i \in I.$$

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



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Supervised ML estimation

- Given $x = x_1 \dots x_N$ for which the true state path $y = y_1 \dots y_N$ is known,

- Define:

A_{ij} = # times state transition $i \rightarrow j$ occurs in y
 B_{ik} = # times state i in y emits k in x

- We can show that the maximum likelihood parameters θ are:

$$a_{ij}^{ML} = \frac{\#(i \rightarrow j)}{\#(i \rightarrow \bullet)} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_{t=2}^T y_{n,t-1}^i y_{n,t}^j}{\sum_n \sum_{t=2}^T y_{n,t-1}^i} = \frac{A_{ij}}{\sum_{j'} A_{ij'}}$$

$$b_{ik}^{ML} = \frac{\#(i \rightarrow k)}{\#(i \rightarrow \bullet)} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_{t=1}^T y_{n,t}^i x_{n,t}^k}{\sum_n \sum_{t=1}^T y_{n,t}^i} = \frac{B_{ik}}{\sum_{k'} B_{ik'}}$$

- What if x is continuous? We can treat $\{(x_{n,t}, y_{n,t}) : t = 1:T, n = 1:N\}$ as $N \times T$ observations of, e.g., a Gaussian, and apply learning rules for Gaussian ...

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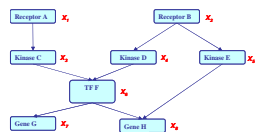
Learning BN Structure

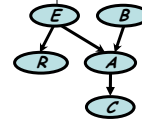
Probabilistic Graphical Models (10-708)

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Reading: KF-Chap. 16





ML Structural Learning for completely observed GMs



$(x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(1)})$
 $(x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_n^{(2)})$
...
 $(x_1^{(M)}, \dots, x_n^{(M)})$

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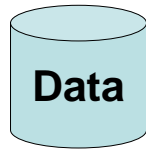


Where are we now on the map?

- Graphical models
 - Bayesian networks
 - Undirected models
 - Conditional independence statements + factorization law of joint dist.
- Exact inference in GMs
 - Variable elimination \Leftrightarrow Graph elimination
 - Sum-product on tree, factor tree, clique tree
 - Very fast for models with low tree-width
- Learning GMs
 - Given structure, estimate parameters
 - Maximum likelihood estimation (just counts for BNs)
 - Bayesian learning
 - MAP for Bayesian learning
- What about learning structure?

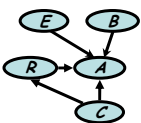
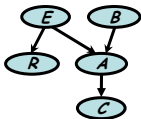
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Learning the structure of a BN



$(x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(1)})$
 $(x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_n^{(2)})$
 \dots
 $(x_1^{(M)}, \dots, x_n^{(M)})$

Possible structures



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Learn parameters

Maximum likelihood

Bayesian

Conditional likelihood

Margin

...

Score struc/param

10^{-5}

10^{-3}

10^{-15}

...

Constraints

$I(G_1) \in I(P)$

$I(G_2) \in I(P)$

$I(G_2) \in I(P)$

...

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Learning the structure of a BN



• Constraint-based approach

- BN encodes conditional independencies
- Test conditional independencies in data
- Find an I-map

• Score-based approach

- Finding a structure and parameters is a density estimation task
- Evaluate model as we evaluated parameters
- Maximum likelihood
- Bayesian
- etc.

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Recall P-Map



- **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 $I(G) = I(P)$.
 - 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.
 - The P -DAG algorithm
- Constraint-based approach:
 - Key question: Independence test

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Constraint-based approach: Independence tests



- Statistically difficult task!
- Intuitive approach:
 - Mutual information
$$I(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{x_i, x_j} \log P(x_i, x_j) \frac{P(x_i, x_j)}{P(x_i)P(x_j)}$$
 - Mutual information and independence:
 - X_i and X_j are independent if and only if $I(X_i, X_j) = 0$
- Conditional mutual information:

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Empirical independence tests



- Using the data D
 - Empirical distribution:

$$\hat{P}(x_i, x_j) = \frac{\text{count}(x_i, x_j)}{M}$$

- Mutual information:

$$\hat{I}(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{x_i, x_j} \log \hat{P}(x_i, x_j) \frac{\hat{P}(x_i, x_j)}{\hat{P}(x_i) \hat{P}(x_j)}$$

- Similarly for conditional MI
- More generally, use learning PDAG algorithm:
 - When algorithm asks: $(X \perp Y | U)$?
 - Must check if statistically-significant
 - Choosing t
 - See reading...

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Score-based approach:



- Desirable properties of a scoring function
 - **Consistency:** i.e., if the data is generated by G^* , then G and all I-equivalent models maximize the score.
 - Decomposability:

$$\text{Score}(G | D) = \sum_i \text{FamScore}(D(X_i | X_{\pi_i}))$$

which makes it cheap to compare score of G and G' if they only differ in a small number of families.

- Bayesian score (evidence), likelihood, and penalized likelihood (BIC) are all decomposable and consistent.

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Maximizing the score



- Consider the family of DAGs G_d with maximum fan-in (number of parents) equal to d .
- Thm:** It is NP-hard to find

$$G^* = \arg \max_{G \in G_d} \text{Score}(G | D)$$

for any $d \geq 2$.

- In general, we need to use heuristic local search
 - For $d \leq 1$ (i.e., trees), we can solve the problem in $O(n^2)$ time using max spanning tree (forthcoming)
 - If we know the ordering of the nodes, we can solve the problem in $O(d \binom{n}{d})$ time

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Information Theoretic Interpretation of ML



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log p(D | \theta_G, G) \\
 &= \log \prod_n \left(\prod_i p(x_{n,i} | \mathbf{x}_{n,\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)}) \right) \\
 &= \sum_i \left(\sum_n \log p(x_{n,i} | \mathbf{x}_{n,\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)}) \right) \\
 &= M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}} \frac{\text{count}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)})}{M} \log p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)}) \right) \\
 &= M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}} \hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) \log p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)}) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

From sum over data points to sum over count of variable states

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Information Theoretic Interpretation of ML (con'd)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log \hat{p}(D | \theta_G, G) \\
 &= M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}} \hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) \log \hat{p}(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)}) \right) \\
 &= M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}} \hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)})}{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)})} \frac{\hat{p}(x_i)}{\hat{p}(x_i)} \right) \\
 &= M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}} \hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}, \theta_{i|\pi_i(G)})}{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) \hat{p}(x_i)} \right) - M \sum_i \left(\sum_{x_i} \hat{p}(x_i) \log p(x_i) \right) \\
 &= M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) - M \sum_i \hat{H}(x_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomposable score and a function of the graph structure

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Decomposable Score



- Log data likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log \hat{p}(D | \theta_G, G) \\
 &= M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) - M \sum_i \hat{H}(x_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Decomposable score:
 - Decomposes over families in BN (node and its parents)
 - Will lead to significant computational efficiency!!!
 - The score function:

$$\text{Score}(G | D) = \sum_i \text{FamScore}(D(X_i | X_{\pi_i}))$$

- Search space:

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Structural Search



- How many graphs over n nodes? $O(2^{n^2})$
- How many trees over n nodes? $O(2^{n \log n})$
- But it turns out that we can find exact solution of an optimal tree (under MLE)!
 - Trick: in a tree each node has only one parent!
 - Chow-liu algorithm

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Scoring a tree 1: equivalent trees



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Scoring a tree 2: similar trees



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Chow-Liu tree learning algorithm



- Objective function:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log \hat{p}(D | \theta_G, G) \\ &= M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) - M \sum_i \hat{H}(x_i) \Rightarrow C(G) = M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)})\end{aligned}$$

- Chow-Liu:

- For each pair of variable x_i and x_j
 - Compute empirical distribution: $\hat{p}(X_i, X_j) = \frac{\text{count}(x_i, x_j)}{M}$
 - Compute mutual information: $\hat{I}(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{x_i, x_j} \hat{p}(x_i, x_j) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_i, x_j)}{\hat{p}(x_i) \hat{p}(x_j)}$
- Define a graph with node x_1, \dots, x_n
 - Edge (i, j) gets weight $\hat{I}(X_i, X_j)$

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Chow-Liu algorithm (con'd)

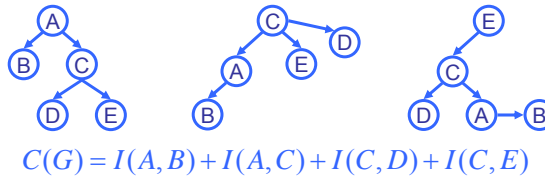
- Objection function:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log \hat{p}(D | \theta_G, G) \\ &= M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) - M \sum_i \hat{H}(x_i) \Rightarrow C(G) = M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)})\end{aligned}$$

- Chow-Liu:

Optimal tree BN

- Compute maximum weight spanning tree
- Direction in BN: pick any node as root, do breadth-first-search to define directions
- I-equivalence:



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Extensions of Chow-Liu

- Tree augmented naïve Bayes (TAN) [Friedman et al. '97]
 - Naïve Bayes model overcounts, because correlation between features not considered
 - Tree-augmented feature list

- Same as Chow-Liu, but score edges w

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}(X_i, X_j | C) &= \frac{\text{count}(x_i, x_j | C)}{M} \\ \hat{I}(X_i, X_j) &= \sum_{x_i, x_j} \hat{p}(x_i, x_j | C) \log \frac{\hat{p}(x_i, x_j | C)}{\hat{p}(x_i | C) \hat{p}(x_j | C)}\end{aligned}$$

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Structure Learning for general graphs



- Theorem:
 - The problem of learning a BN structure with at most d parents is NP-hard for any (fixed) $d \geq 2$
- Most structure learning approaches use heuristics
 - Exploit score decomposition
 - Two heuristics that exploit decomposition in different ways
 - Greedy search through space of node-orders
 - Local search of graph structures

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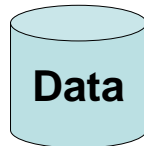
Known order (K2 algorithm)



- Suppose we have a total ordering of the nodes $X_1 \prec X_2 \prec \dots \prec X_n$ and want to find a DAG consistent with this with maximum score.
 - The choice of parents for X_i , from $\text{Pa}_i \{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}\}$, is independent of the choice for X_j : since we obey the ordering, we cannot create a cycle.
 - Hence we can pick the best set of parents for each node independently.
 - For X_i , we need to search all $\binom{i-1}{d}$ subsets of size up to d for the set which maximizes FamScore.
 - We can use greedy techniques for this, c.f., learning a decision tree.
- What if order isn't known
 - Search in the space of orderings, then conditioned on , pick best graph using K2
 - Search in the space of DAGs.

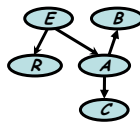
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Learn BN structure using local search



$(x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(1)})$
 $(x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_n^{(2)})$
 \dots
 $(x_1^{(M)}, \dots, x_n^{(M)})$

Starting from Chow-Liu tree



Local search

Select using favorite score

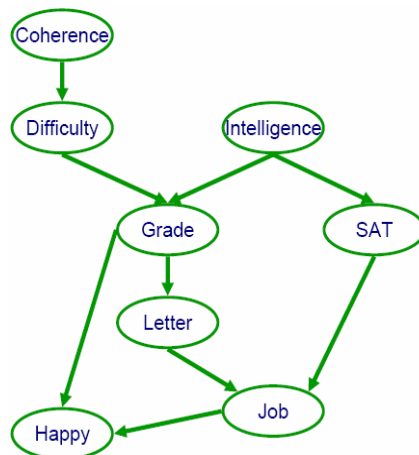
Possible moves:
Only if acyclic!!!

- Add edge
- Delete edge
- Invert edge

10^{-5}
 10^{-3}
 10^{-15}
 \dots

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Exploit score decomposition in local search



- Add edge and delete edge
 - Only rescore one family
- Reverse edge
 - Rescore only two families
- Simplest search algorithm: greedy hill climbing.

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Local maxima



- Greedy hill climbing will stop when it reaches a local maximum or a plateau (a set of neighboring networks that have the same score).
- Unfortunately, plateaus are common, since equivalence classes form contiguous regions of search space (thm 14.4.4), and such classes can be exponentially large.
- Solutions:
 - Random restarts
 - TABU search (prevent the algorithm from undoing an operator applied in the last L steps, thereby forcing it to explore new terrain).
 - Data perturbation (dynamic local search): reweight the data and take step.
 - Simulated annealing: if $\Delta(o) > 0$, take move, else accept with probability $e^{\Delta(o)/t}$, where t is the temperature. Slow!

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Order search versus graph search



- Order search advantages
 - For fixed order, optimal BN –more “global” optimization
 - Space of orders much smaller than space of graphs
- Graph search advantages
 - Not restricted to k parents
 - Especially if exploiting CPD structure, such as CSI
 - Cheaper per iteration
 - Finer moves within a graph

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Identifiability



- DAGs are I-equivalent if they encode the same set of conditional independencies
 - e.g., $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ and $X \leftarrow Y \leftarrow Z$ are indistinguishable given just observational data.
- However, $X \rightarrow Y \leftarrow Z$ has a v-structure, which has a unique statistical signature. Hence some arc directions can be inferred from passive observation.
- The set of I-equivalent DAGs can be represented by a PDAG (partially directed acyclic graph).
- Distinguishing between members of an equivalence class requires interventions/ experiments.

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ML score overfits!

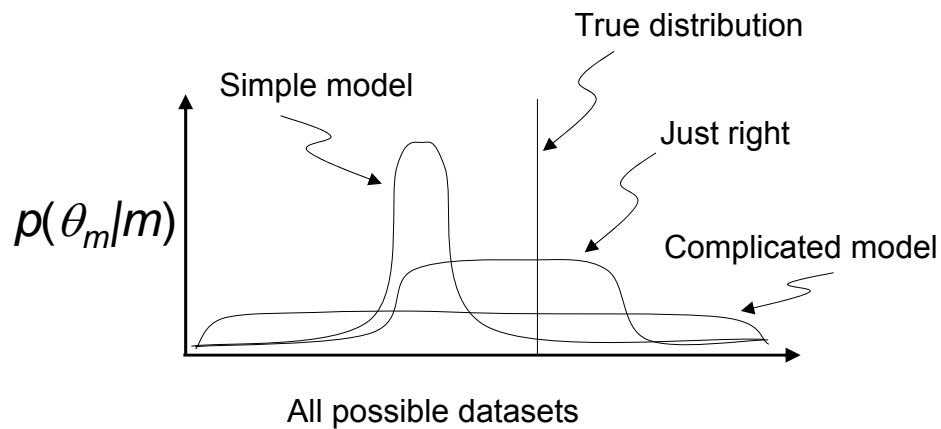


$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\theta_G, G; D) &= \log \hat{p}(D | \theta_G, G) \\ &= M \sum_i \hat{I}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i(G)}) - M \sum_i \hat{H}(x_i)\end{aligned}$$

- Information never hurts
- Adding a parent always increases your score!

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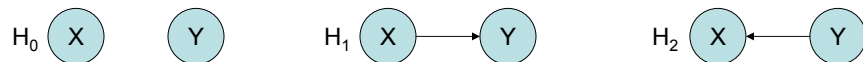
Occam's Razor



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Model selection

- Three hypotheses



- $P(X=1)=0.5$ and $P(Y=1|X=0)=0.5-\epsilon$, $P(Y=1|X=1)=0.5+\epsilon$
- As we increase ϵ , we increase the dependence of Y on X
- $X \leftarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Y$ are I-equivalent (have the same likelihood)

- Suppose we use a uniform Dirichlet prior for each node in each graph, with equivalent pseudo-counts (K2-prior):

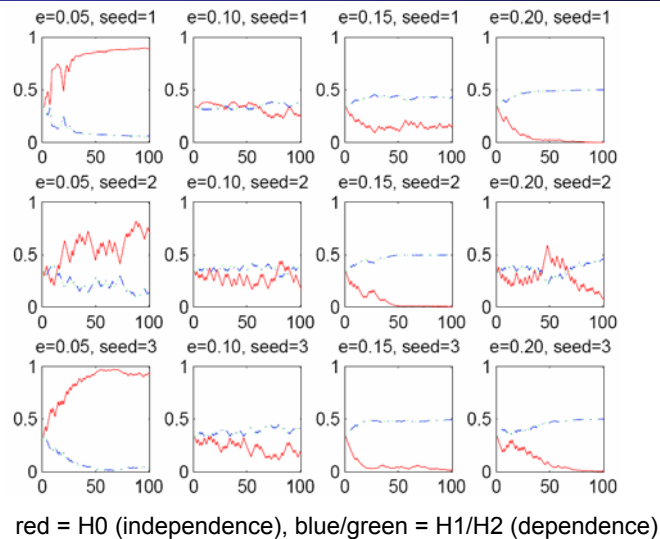
$$P(\theta_X | H_1) = \text{Dir}(\alpha, \alpha) \quad P(\theta_{X|Y=i} | H_2) = \text{Dir}(\alpha, \alpha)$$

- In H_1 , the equivalent sample size for X is 2, but in H_2 it is 4 (since two conditioning contexts). Hence the posterior probabilities are different.

- Under which H the $P(H|D)$ is higher?

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Model selection (model posterior)



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Bayesian model selection

- Why is $P(H_0|D)$ higher when the dependence on X and Y is weak (small)?
 - It is not because the prior $P(H_i)$ explicitly favors simpler models (although this is possible).
 - It is because the evidence $P(D) = \int dw P(D|w)P(w)$ automatically penalizes complex models.
- "Occam's razor" says "If two models are equally predictive, prefer the simpler one".
 - This is an automatic consequence of using Bayesian model selection.
 - Maximum likelihood would always pick the most complex model, since it has more parameters, and hence can fit the training data better.
- Good test for a learning algorithm: feed it random noise, see if it "discovers" structure!

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Global & Local Parameter Independence

- Global Parameter Independence

For every DAG model:

$$p(\theta | G) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(\theta_i | G)$$

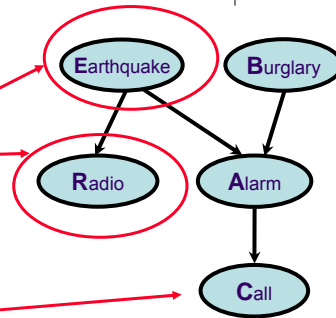
- Local Parameter Independence

For every node:

$$p(\theta_i | G) = \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} p(\theta_{x_i^k | x_{\pi_i}^j} | G)$$

- The Bayesian score

$$\begin{aligned} \log P(G|D) &= \log P(G) + \log \int_{\theta} P(D|\theta)P(\theta|G)d\theta + C \\ &= \log P(G) + \sum_{i,j} \int_{\theta_{i,j}} p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}, \theta_{i,j}) P(\theta_{i,j} | G) d\theta_{i,j} + C \\ &= \log P(G) + C + \sum_i \text{score}(x_i, \mathbf{x}_{\pi_i}) \end{aligned}$$



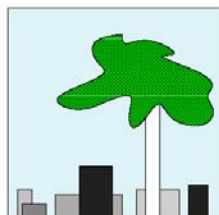
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Selection criteria

- BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion):

$$\log P(D) \approx \log P(D | \hat{\theta}_{ML}) - \frac{d}{2} \log N$$

- Quiz: How many boxes behind the tree?



- Other criteria:

- AIC (Akaike Information Criterion):
- Minimum description length

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Consistency of BIC and Bayesian scores



- A scoring function is **consistent** if, for true model G^* , as $m \rightarrow \infty$, with probability 1
 - G^* maximizes the score
 - All structures **not I-equivalent** to G^* have strictly lower score
- **Theorem**: BIC score is consistent
- **Corollary**: the Bayesian score is consistent
- What about maximum likelihood score?

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Choice of Priors



- For finite datasets, prior is important!
 - Prior over structure satisfying prior modularity
- What about prior over parameters, how do we represent it?
 - $K2$ prior: fix an α , $P(\theta_{ij} | \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i}) = \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha, \dots, \alpha)$
 - $K2$ is “inconsistent”

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BDe prior



- Dirichlet parameters analogous to “fictitious samples”
- Pick a fictitious sample size m'
 - For each possible family, define a prior distribution $P(X_i, \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i})$
 - Represent with a BN
 - Usually independent (product of marginals)
- **BDe prior:**
 - Has “consistency property”