Readings:
K&F: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3

BN Semantics 1

Graphical Models – 10708
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Let's start on BNs…

- Consider $P(X_i)$ ← k-1 parms.
  - Assign probability to each $x_i \in Val(X_i)$
  - k- Independent parameters

- Consider $P(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$
  - How many independent parameters if $|Val(X_i)|=k$?

$k^n - 1$ parameters

What if variables are independent?

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  - $(X_i \perp X_j)$, $\forall$ i,j $(\{X_1, X_3\} \perp \{X_7, X_9\})$
  - Not enough!!! (See homework 1 ☺)
  - Must assume that $(\mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y})$, $\forall$ **X**,**Y** subsets of $\{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$

- Can write
  - $P(X_1,\ldots,X_n) = \prod_{i=1\ldots n} P(X_i)$

- How many independent parameters now?

$n \cdot (K-1)$ params

Conditional parameterization – two nodes

- Grade is determined by Intelligence

Conditional parameterization – three nodes

- Grade and SAT score are determined by Intelligence
- $(G \perp S \mid I)$

The naïve Bayes model – Your first real Bayes Net

- Class variable: C
- Evidence variables: $X_1,\ldots,X_n$
- assume that $(\mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y} \mid C)$, $\forall$ $\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}$ subsets of $\{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$

What you need to know (From last class)

- Basic definitions of probabilities
- Independence
- Conditional independence
- The chain rule
- Bayes rule
- Naïve Bayes

Announcements

- Homework 1:
  - Out yesterday
  - Due September 27th – **beginning of class!**
  - It's hard – start early, ask questions
- Collaboration policy
  - OK to discuss in groups
  - Tell us on your paper who you talked with
  - Each person must write their **own unique paper**
  - No searching the web, papers, etc. for answers, we trust you want to learn
- Upcoming recitation
  - Monday 5:30-7pm in Wean 4615A – Matlab Tutorial
- Don't forget to register to the mailing list at:
  - https://mailman.srv.cs.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/10708-announce

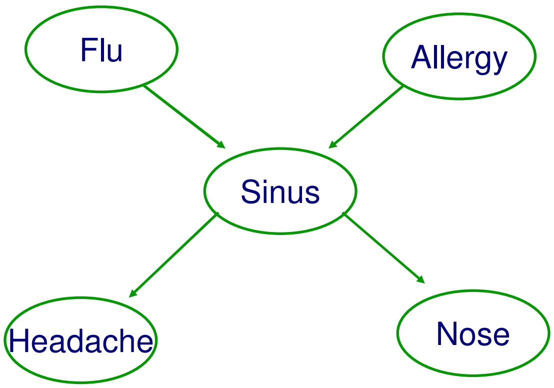
This class

- We've heard of Bayes nets, we've played with Bayes nets, we've even used them in your research
- This class, we'll learn the semantics of BNs, relate them to independence assumptions encoded by the graph

Causal structure

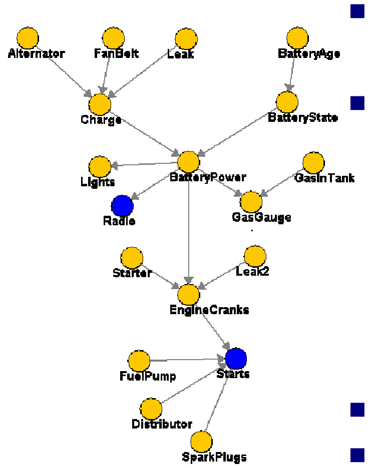
- Suppose we know the following:
  - The flu causes sinus inflammation
  - Allergies cause sinus inflammation
  - Sinus inflammation causes a runny nose
  - Sinus inflammation causes headaches
- How are these connected?

Possible queries



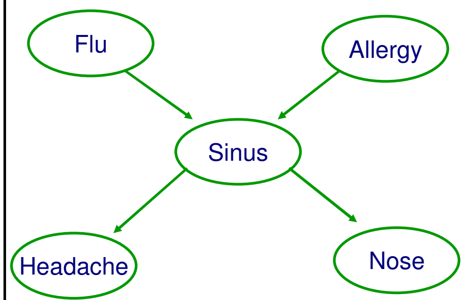
- Inference
- Most probable explanation
- Active data collection

Car starts BN

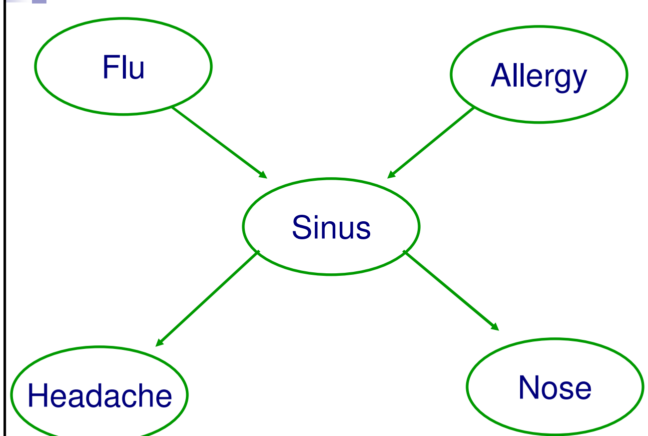


- 18 binary attributes
- Inference
  - P(BatteryAge|Starts=f)
- 2^{18} terms, why so fast?
- Not impressed?
  - HailFinder BN – more than 3^{54} = 58149737003040059690390169 terms

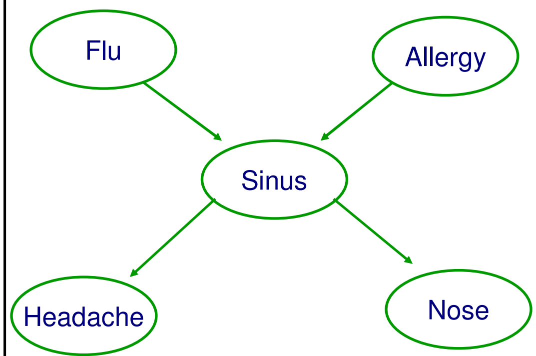
Factored joint distribution - Preview



Number of parameters



Key: Independence assumptions



Knowing sinus separates the variables from each other

(Marginal) Independence

- Flu and Allergy are (marginally) independent

Flu = t	
Flu = f	

Allergy = t	
Allergy = f	

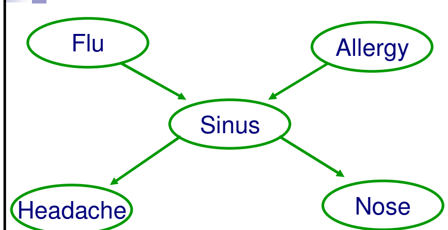
- More Generally:

	Flu = t	Flu = f
Allergy = t		
Allergy = f		

Conditional independence

- Flu and Headache are not (marginally) independent
- Flu and Headache are independent given Sinus infection
- More Generally:

The independence assumption



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$(X_i \perp NonDescendants_{X_i} \mid Pa_{X_i})$

Explaining away

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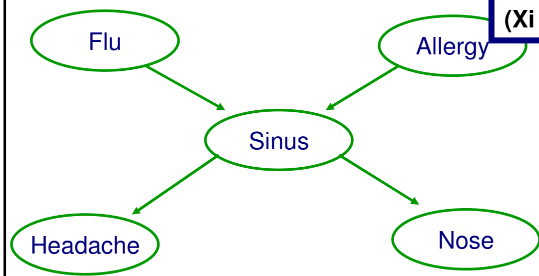
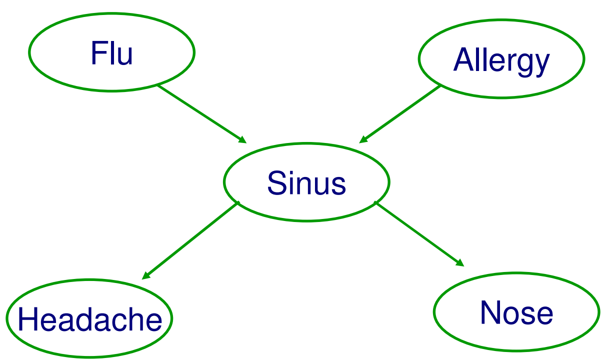
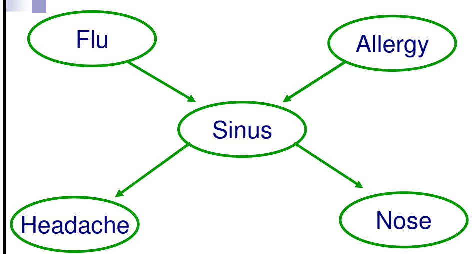


What about probabilities? Conditional probability tables (CPTs)



Joint distribution



Why can we decompose? Markov Assumption!

A general Bayes net

- Set of random variables
- Directed acyclic graph
- CPTs
- Joint distribution:

$$P(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P\left(X_i \mid \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i}\right)$$

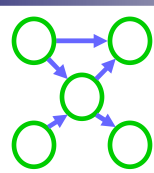
- **Local Markov Assumption:**
  - A variable X is independent of its non-descendants given its parents – **(Xi ⊥ NonDescendantsXi | PaXi)**

Questions????

- What distributions can be represented by a BN?
- What BNs can represent a distribution?
- What are the independence assumptions encoded in a BN?
  - in addition to the local Markov assumption

Today: The Representation Theorem – Joint Distribution to BN

BN:



Encodes independence assumptions

If conditional independencies in BN are subset of conditional independencies in *P*

Obtain

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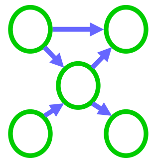
BN:  **Encodes independence assumptions**

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Let's start proving it for naïve Bayes – From joint distribution to BN

- Independence assumptions:
  - X_i independent given C
- Let's assume that *P* satisfies independencies must prove that *P* factorizes according to BN:
  - $P(C,X_1,\ldots,X_n) = P(C) \prod_i P(X_i|C)$
- Use chain rule!

Let's start proving it for naïve Bayes – From BN to joint distribution 1

- Let's assume that *P* factorizes according to the BN:
  - $P(C,X_1,\ldots,X_n) = P(C) \prod_i P(X_i|C)$
- Prove the independence assumptions:
  - X_i independent given C
  - Actually, $(\mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y} \mid C)$, $\forall$ $\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}$ subsets of $\{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$

Let's start proving it for naïve Bayes – From BN to joint distribution 2

- Let's consider a simpler case
  - Grade and SAT score are determined by Intelligence
  - $P(\mathbf{I},G,S) = P(\mathbf{I})P(G|\mathbf{I})P(S|\mathbf{I})$
  - Prove that $P(G,S|\mathbf{I}) = P(G|\mathbf{I})\ P(S|\mathbf{I})$

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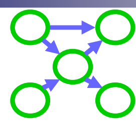

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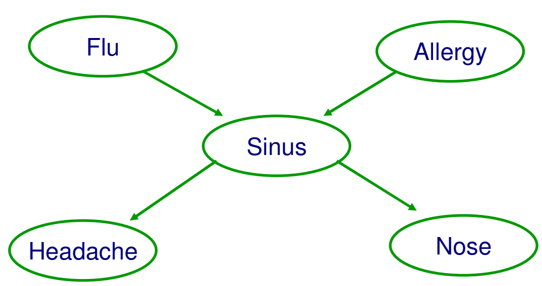
Local Markov assumption & I-maps

- Local independence assumptions in BN structure G:
- Independence assertions of *P*:
- BN structure G is an ***I-map*** (independence map) if:



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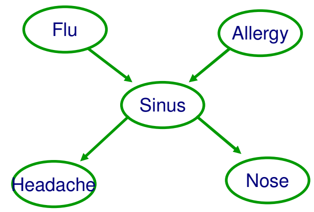
Factorized distributions

- Given
  - Random vars $X_1,\ldots,X_n$
  - *P* distribution over vars
  - BN structure *G* over same vars
- *P* factorizes according to *G* if



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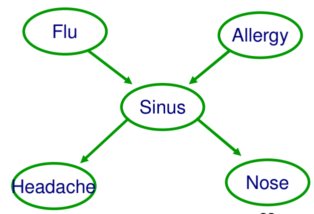

Defining a BN

- Given a set of variables and conditional independence assertions of P
- Choose an ordering on variables, e.g., $X_1, \ldots, X_n$
- For i = 1 to n
  - Add X_i to the network
  - Define parents of X_i, $\mathbf{Pa}_{X_i}$, in graph as the minimal subset of $\{X_1,\ldots,X_{i-1}\}$ such that local Markov assumption holds – X_i independent of rest of $\{X_1,\ldots,X_{i-1}\}$, given parents $\mathbf{Pa}_{X_i}$
  - Define/learn CPT – $P(X_i \mid \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i})$

BN Representation Theorem – Factorization to I-map

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Homework 1!!!! ☺

The BN Representation Theorem

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Important because:
Every *P* has at least one BN structure *G*

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Important because:
Read independencies of *P* from BN structure *G*

Independencies encoded in BN

- We said: All you need is the local Markov assumption
  - $(X_i \perp \text{NonDescendants}_{Xi} \mid \mathbf{Pa}_{Xi})$
- But then we talked about other (in)dependencies
  - e.g., explaining away
- What are the independencies encoded by a BN?
  - Only assumption is local Markov
  - But many others can be derived using the algebra of conditional independencies!!!

Understanding independencies in BNs – BNs with 3 nodes

Local Markov Assumption:
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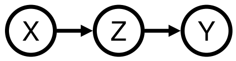
Indirect causal effect:



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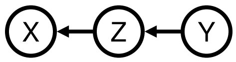
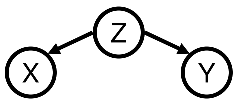


Common cause:



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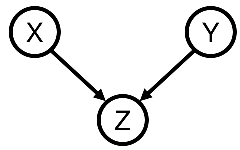
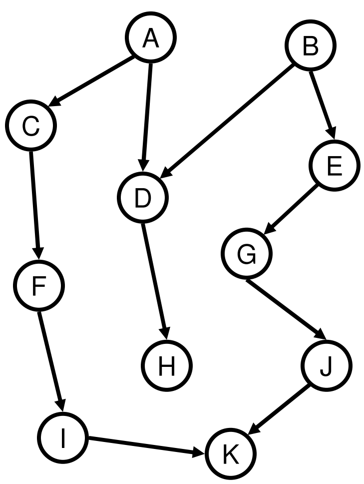


Understanding independencies in BNs – Some examples



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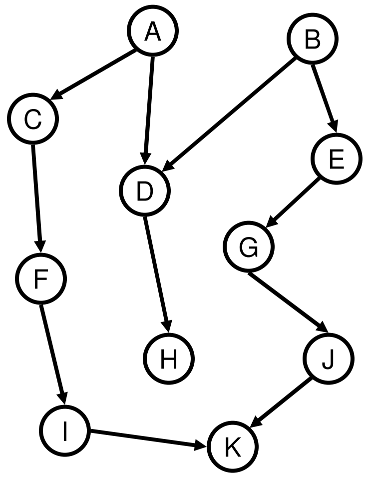
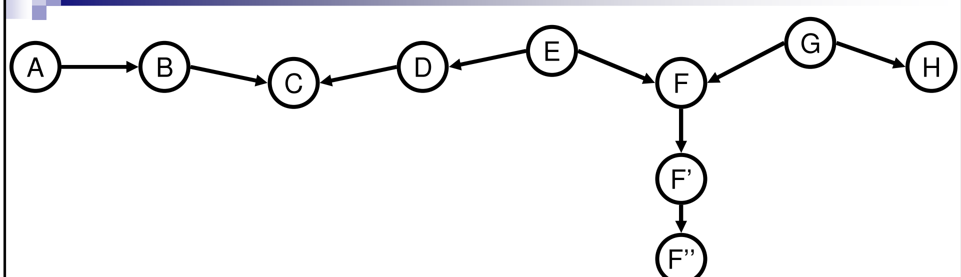


An active trail – Example



When are A and H independent?

Active trails formalized

- A trail $X_1 - X_2 - \cdots - X_k$ is an **active trail** when variables $\boldsymbol{O} \subseteq \{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$ are observed if for each consecutive triplet in the trail:
  - $X_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$, and X_i is **not observed** ($X_i \notin \boldsymbol{O}$)
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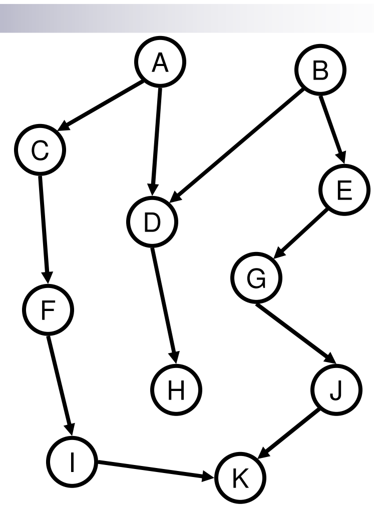
  - $X_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i \leftarrow X_{i+1}$, and X_i **is observed** ($X_i \in \boldsymbol{O}$), or **one of its descendents**

Active trails and independence?

- **Theorem**: Variables $\mathbf{X_i}$ **and** $\mathbf{X_j}$ **are independent given** $\boldsymbol{Z} \subseteq \{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$ if the is **no active trail** between X_i and X_j when variables $\boldsymbol{Z} \subseteq \{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}$ are observed

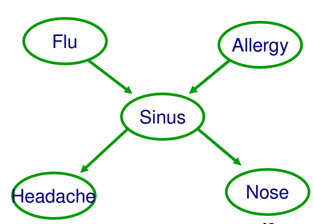


More generally: Soundness of d-separation

- Given BN structure G
- Set of independence assertions obtained by d-separation:
  - $\mathrm{I}(G) = \{(\mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{Z}) : \text{d-sep}_G(\mathbf{X};\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{Z})\}$
- **Theorem: Soundness of d-separation**
  - If P factorizes over G then $\mathrm{I}(G) \subseteq \mathrm{I}(P)$
- **Interpretation:** d-separation only captures true independencies
- Proof discussed when we talk about undirected models

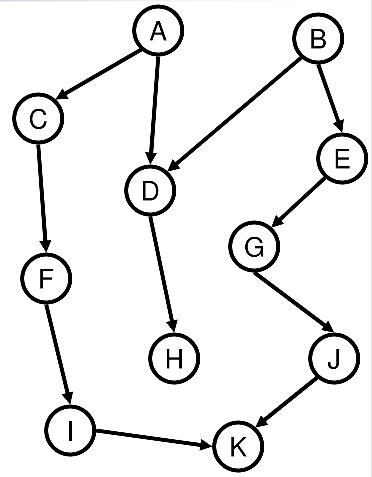
Adding edges doesn't hurt

- **Theorem**: Let **G** be an I-map for ***P***, any DAG **G**' that includes the same directed edges as **G** is also an I-map for ***P***.
- **Proof sketch**:



Existence of dependency when not d-separated

- **Theorem:** If X and Y are not d-separated given **Z**, then X and Y are dependent given **Z** under some *P* that factorizes over *G*
- **Proof sketch**:
  - Choose an active trail between X and Y given **Z**
  - Make this trail dependent
  - Make all else uniform (independent) to avoid "canceling" out influence



More generally: Completeness of d-separation

- **Theorem: Completeness of d-separation**
  - For "almost all" distributions that *P* factorize over to *G*, we have that I(*G*) = I(*P*)
  - *"almost all" distributions*: except for a set of measure zero of parameterizations of the CPTs (assuming no finite set of parameterizations has positive measure)
- **Proof sketch:**

Interpretation of completeness

- **Theorem: Completeness of d-separation**
  - For "almost all" distributions that P factorize over to G, we have that $I(G) = I(P)$
- BN graph is usually sufficient to capture all independence properties of the distribution!!!!
- But only for complete independence:
  - $P \models (\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{Y}=\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{z}),\ \forall\ \mathbf{x} \in Val(\mathbf{X}),\ \mathbf{y} \in Val(\mathbf{Y}),\ \mathbf{z} \in Val(\mathbf{Z})$
- Often we have context-specific independence (CSI)
  - $\exists\ \mathbf{x} \in Val(\mathbf{X}),\ \mathbf{y} \in Val(\mathbf{Y}),\ \mathbf{z} \in Val(\mathbf{Z}):\ P \models (\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{Y}=\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{z})$
  - Many factors may affect your grade
  - But if you are a frequentist, all other factors are irrelevant ☺

What you need to know

- Independence & conditional independence
- Definition of a BN
- The representation theorems
  - Statement
  - Interpretation
- d-separation and independence
  - soundness
  - existence
  - completeness

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- JavaBayes applet
  - http://www.pmr.poli.usp.br/ltd/Software/javabayes/Home/index.html