

# Bayesian Networks

Machine Learning 10-601B

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# Learning of Bayes Nets

- Four categories of learning problems
  - Graph structure may be **known/unknown**
  - Variable values may be **fully observed/partially unobserved**
- Easy case: learn parameters, when **graph structure is *known*, and data is *fully observed***
- Interesting case: **graph *known*, data *partially known***
- Gruesome case: **graph structure *unknown*, data *partially unobserved***

# **LEARNING BAYESIAN NETWORK PARAMETERS WITH KNOWN STRUCTURE**

# Learning CPTs from Fully Observed Data

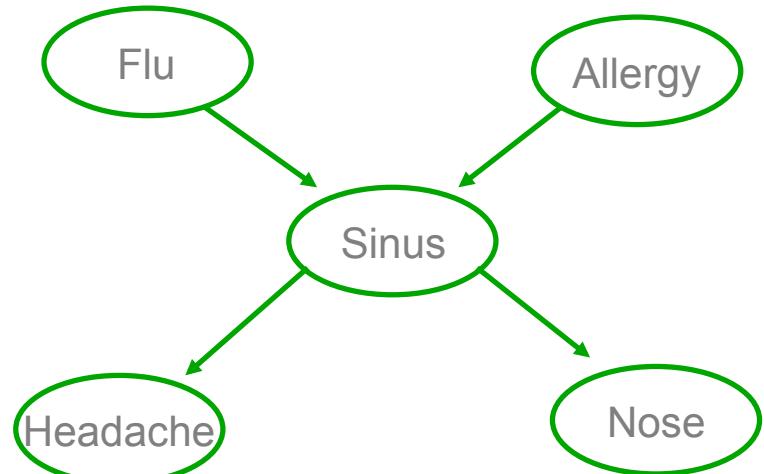
- Example: Consider learning the parameter

$$\theta_{s|ij} \equiv P(S = 1 | F = i, A = j)$$

- MLE (Max Likelihood Estimate) is

$$\theta_{s|ij} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j, s_k = 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j)}$$

$k^{\text{th}}$  training example



- Remember why?

# MLE estimate of $\theta_{s|ij}$ from fully observed data

- Maximum likelihood estimate

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} \log P(\text{data}|\theta)$$

- Our case:

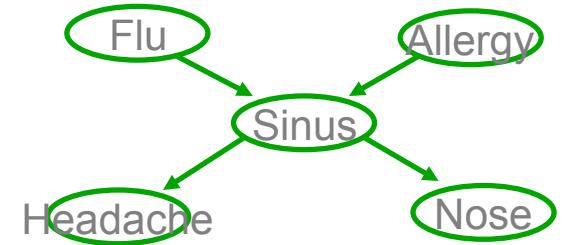
$$P(\text{data}|\theta) = \prod_{k=1}^K P(f_k, a_k, s_k, h_k, n_k)$$

$$P(\text{data}|\theta) = \prod_{k=1}^K P(f_k)P(a_k)P(s_k|f_k a_k)P(h_k|s_k)P(n_k|s_k)$$

$$\log P(\text{data}|\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K \log P(f_k) + \log P(a_k) + \log P(s_k|f_k a_k) + \log P(h_k|s_k) + \log P(n_k|s_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log P(\text{data}|\theta)}{\partial \theta_{s|ij}} = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\partial \log P(s_k|f_k a_k)}{\partial \theta_{s|ij}}$$

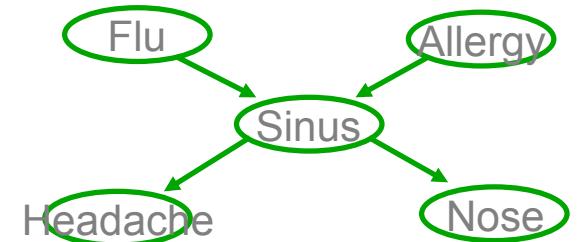
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# Estimate $\theta$ from partially observed data

- What if FAHN observed, but not S?
- Can't calculate MLE

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} \log \prod_k P(f_k, a_k, s_k, h_k, n_k | \theta)$$

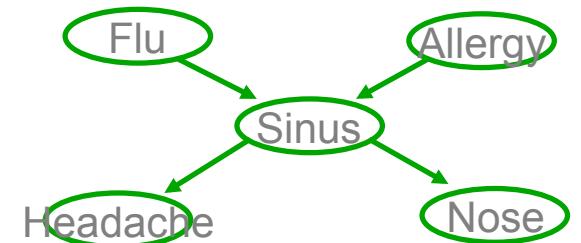


WHAT TO DO?

# Estimate $\theta$ from partially observed data

- Let  $X$  be all observed variable values (over all samples)
- Let  $Z$  be all unobserved variable values
- Can't calculate MLE:

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} \log P(X, Z | \theta)$$



- EM seeks to estimate:

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} E_{Z|X,\theta} [\log P(X, Z | \theta)]$$

- EM guaranteed to find local maximum

# EM with Partially Observed Data

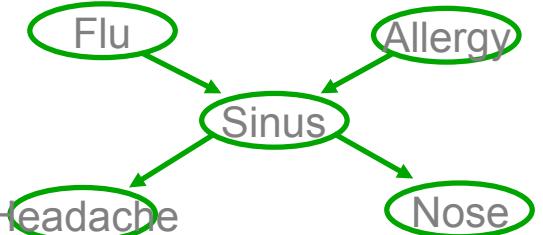
- EM seeks to estimate:

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta} E_{Z|X,\theta} [\log P(X, Z|\theta)]$$

- here, observed  $X=\{F, A, H, N\}$ , unobserved  $Z=\{S\}$ ,  $K$  samples

$$\log P(X, Z|\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K [\log P(f_k) + \log P(a_k) + \log P(s_k|f_k a_k) + \log P(h_k|s_k) + \log P(n_k|s_k)]$$

$$E_{P(Z|X,\theta)} \log P(X, Z|\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=0}^1 P(s_k = i | f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k) [\log P(f_k) + \log P(a_k) + \log P(s_k|f_k a_k) + \log P(h_k|s_k) + \log P(n_k|s_k)]$$



# EM Algorithm

- EM is a general procedure for learning from partially observed data
- Given observed variables  $X$ , unobserved  $Z$  ( $X=\{F,A,H,N\}$ ,  $Z=\{S\}$ ), define

$$Q(\theta'|\theta) = E_{P(Z|X,\theta)}[\log P(X, Z|\theta')]$$

Iterate until convergence:

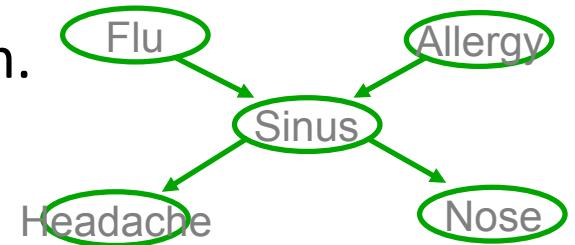
- E Step: Use  $X$  and current  $\theta$  to calculate  $P(Z|X,\theta)$
- M Step: Replace current  $\theta$  by

$$\theta \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta'} Q(\theta'|\theta)$$

- Guaranteed to find local maximum.
- Each iteration increases  $E_{P(Z|X,\theta)}[\log P(X, Z|\theta')]$

## E Step: Use $X, \theta$ , to Calculate $P(Z|X, \theta)$

- observed  $X = \{F, A, H, N\}$ , unobserved  $Z = \{S\}$
- How? Bayesian network inference problem.



$$P(S_k = 1 | f_k a_k h_k n_k, \theta) =$$

$$\frac{P(S_k = 1, f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k)}{P(f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k)} = \frac{P(S_k = 1, f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k)}{P(S_k = 1, f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k) + P(S_k = 0, f_k, a_k, h_k, n_k)}$$

$$P(S_k = 1 | f_k a_k h_k n_k, \theta) = \frac{P(S_k = 1, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta)}{P(S_k = 1, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta) + P(S_k = 0, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta)}$$

# EM and estimating $\theta_{s|ij}$

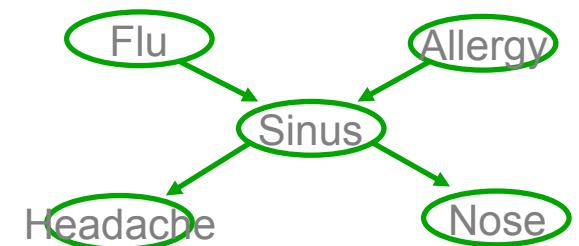
- observed  $X = \{F, A, H, N\}$ , unobserved  $Z = \{S\}$

E step: Calculate  $P(Z_k|X_k; \theta)$  for each training example,  $k$

$$P(S_k = 1|f_k a_k h_k n_k, \theta) = E[s_k] = \frac{P(S_k = 1, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta)}{P(S_k = 1, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta) + P(S_k = 0, f_k a_k h_k n_k | \theta)}$$

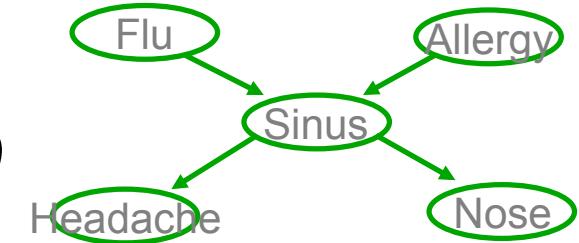
M step: update all relevant parameters. For example:

$$\theta_{s|ij} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j) E[s_k]}{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j)}$$



Recall MLE was:  $\theta_{s|ij} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j, s_k = 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \delta(f_k = i, a_k = j)}$

# EM and estimating $\theta$



- More generally, given observed set  $X$ , unobserved set  $Z$  of boolean values

E step: Calculate for each training example

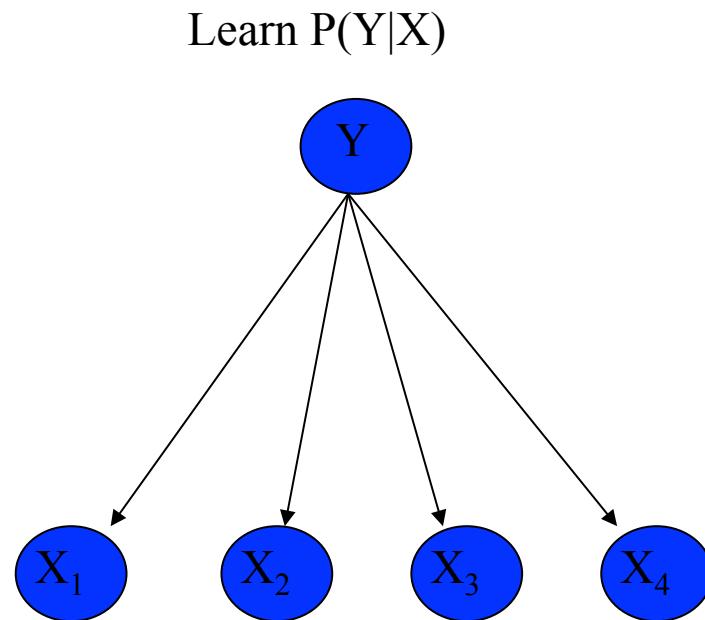
the expected value of each unobserved variable  
**inference algorithm!**

M step:

Calculate estimates similar to MLE, but  
replacing each count by its expected count

$$\delta(Y = 1) \rightarrow E_{Z|X,\theta}[Y] \quad \delta(Y = 0) \rightarrow (1 - E_{Z|X,\theta}[Y])$$

# Using Unlabeled Data to Help Train Naïve Bayes Classifier



Y	X1	X2	X3	X4
1	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
?	0	1	1	0
?	0	1	0	1

# **LEARNING BAYESIAN NETWORK STRUCTURE**

# Learning Bayesian Network Structure

- Learning a Bayesian network structure: **open problem in general!**
  - can require lots of data (else high risk of overfitting)
  - Can constrain the search space to improve computational efficiency

# Learning Bayesian Network Structure

- Learning a Bayesian network structure
  - Tree structure
    - Restrictive model structure
    - Efficient learning and inference algorithms
  - A general directed acyclic graph structure
    - Very large search space of candidate BN structures
    - Inexact method: heuristic search, efficient
    - Exact method: dynamic programming, exponential time complexity

# Learning a Tree-structured Bayesian Network

- A key result: Chow-Liu algorithm finds “best” tree-structured network
  - suppose  $P(\mathbf{X})$  is true distribution,  $T(\mathbf{X})$  is our tree-structured network, where  $\mathbf{X} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$
  - Chow-Liu minimizes Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$KL(P(\mathbf{X}) \parallel T(\mathbf{X})) \equiv \sum_k P(\mathbf{X} = k) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{X} = k)}{T(\mathbf{X} = k)}$$

# Chow-Liu Algorithm

- Key result: To minimize  $KL(P \parallel T)$ , it suffices to find the tree network  $T$  that maximizes the sum of mutual information over its edges
- Mutual information for an edge between variable A and B:

$$I(A, B) = \sum_a \sum_b P(a, b) \log \frac{P(a, b)}{P(a)P(b)}$$

- This works because for tree networks with nodes  $\mathbf{X} \equiv \langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} KL(P(\mathbf{X}) \parallel T(\mathbf{X})) &\equiv \sum_k P(\mathbf{X} = k) \log \frac{P(\mathbf{X} = k)}{T(\mathbf{X} = k)} \\ &= - \sum_i I(X_i, Pa(X_i)) + \sum_i H(X_i) - H(X_1 \dots X_n) \end{aligned}$$

# Chow-Liu Algorithm

Step 1: For each pair of variables A,B, use data to estimate  $P(A,B)$ ,  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$

Step 2: For each pair of variables A,B, calculate mutual information

$$I(A, B) = \sum_a \sum_b P(a, b) \log \frac{P(a, b)}{P(a)P(b)}$$

Step 3: Calculate the maximum spanning tree over the set of variables, using edge weights  $I(A,B)$  (given  $N$  variables, this costs only  $O(N^2)$  time)

Step 4: Add arrows to edges to form a directed-acyclic graph by picking an arbitrary node as root and directing edges outward from the root

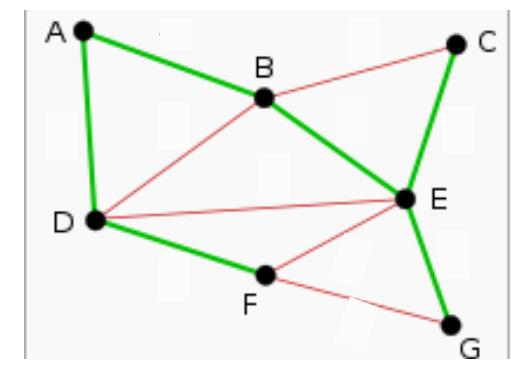
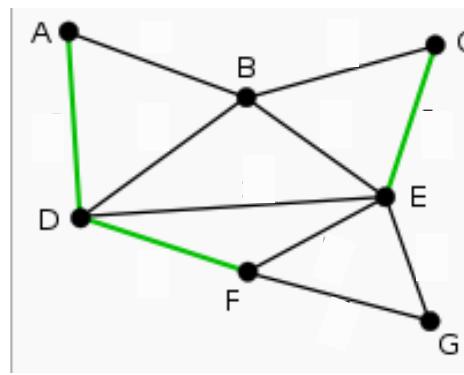
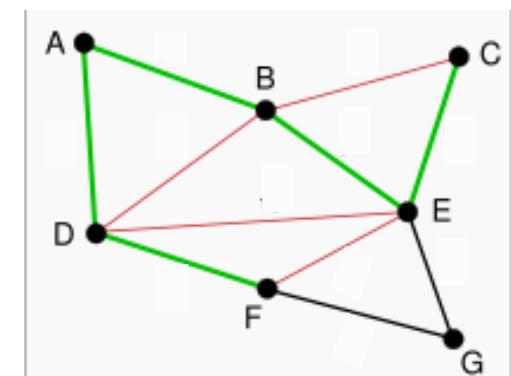
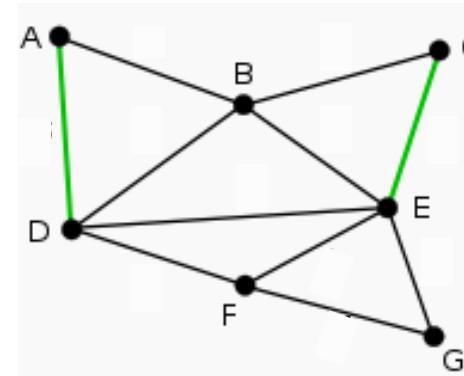
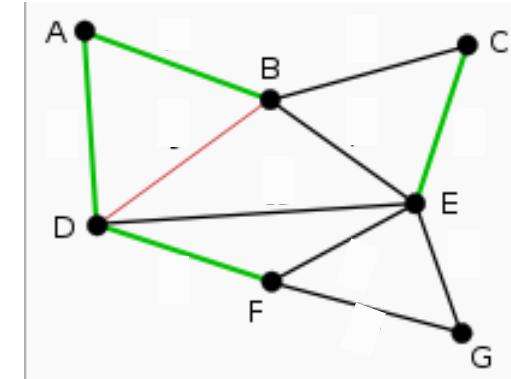
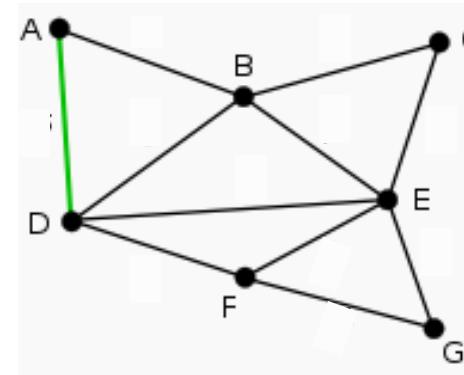
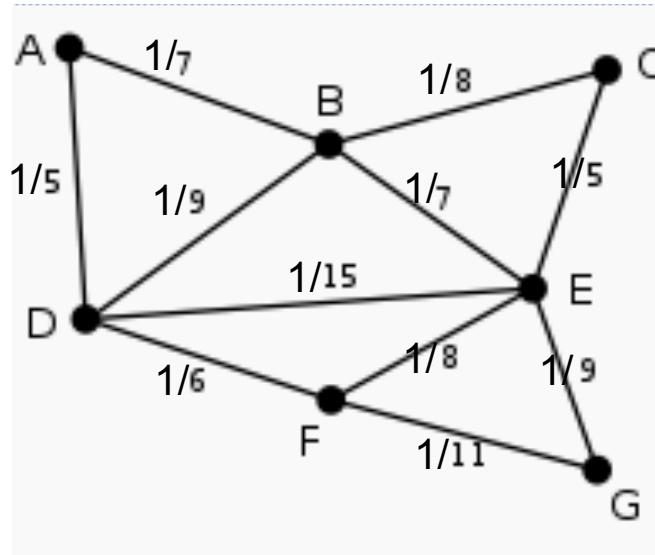
Step 5: Learn the CPD's for this graph

# Maximum Spanning Tree Algorithm

- Kruskal's Algorithm
  - Start with the empty graph and add edges one by one
  - As the next edge to add, choose one that
    - Is not in graph yet
    - Does not introduce a cycle. Has the maximum weight

# Chow-Liu algorithm example

## Greedy Algorithm to find Max-Spanning Tree



[courtesy A. Singh, C. Guestrin]

# General Bayesian Network Structure Learning

- A naïve approach: exhaustive search
  - Compute the score of every structure and pick the one with the highest score
  - Exponentially large search space
  - Maintaining DAG constraint is challenging
- Heuristic search

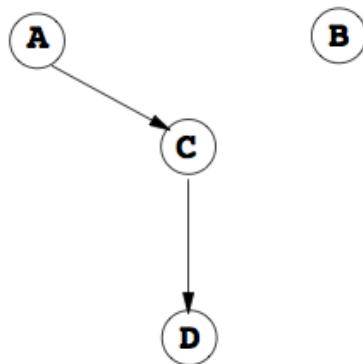
# Hill Climbing Algorithm

- Start with an initial structure
- Repeat until termination:
  - Generate a set of structures by modifying the current structure.
  - Compute their scores.
  - Pick the one with the highest score and use it as the current model in the next step.
  - Terminate when model score cannot be improved.
- Return the best network.

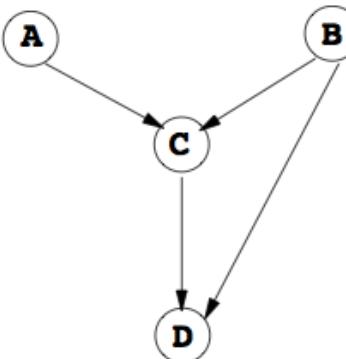
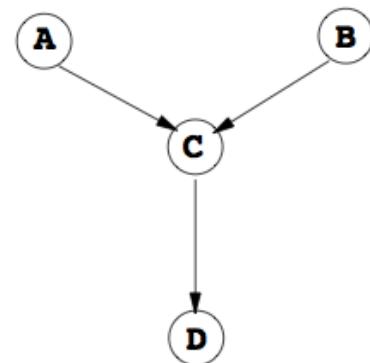
# Search Operators

- Search operators for modifying a structure:
  - Add an arc
  - Delete an arc
  - Reverse an arc
- Note:
  - The add-arc and reverse-arc not permitted if results in directed cycles

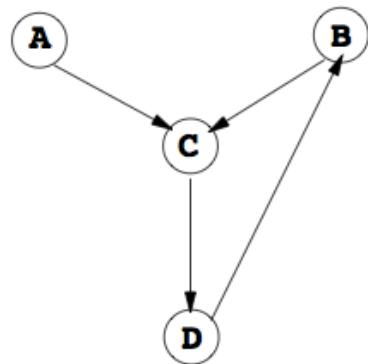
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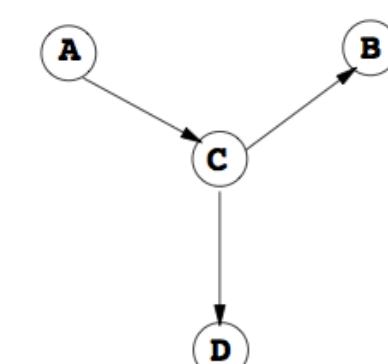
**Delete B->C**



**Add B->D**



**Add D->B, illegal**



**Reverse B->C**

# Evaluating Candidate Models

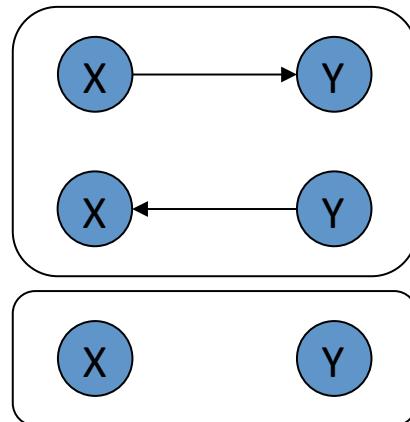
- Suppose there are  $n$  variables
- The number of candidate models at each iteration:  $O(n^2)$
- We need to compute the score of each of the candidate models
  - This is the most time-consuming step
  - Structures of scoring functions can be exploited to simplify the computation

# Problems with Hill Climbing

- Local maxima:  
All one-edge changes reduced the score, but not optimal yet
- Plateaus:  
Neighbors have the same score
- Solutions:
  - Random restart
  - TABU-search:
    - Keep a list of  $K$  most recently visited structures and avoid them
    - Avoid plateau
  - Simulated annealing

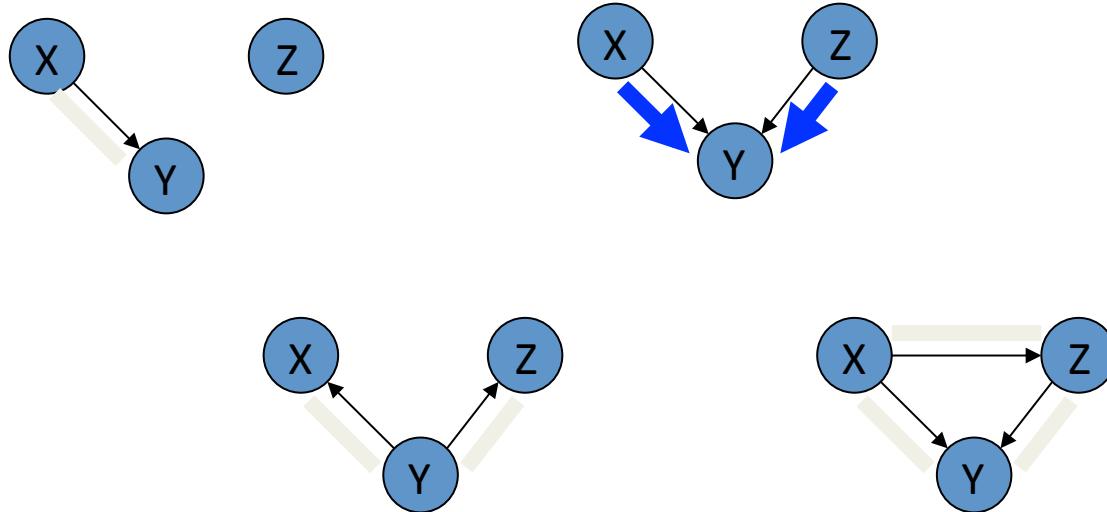
# Equivalence Classes

- Bayesian networks with network structures in the same equivalence class are not distinguishable
- Two network structures are equivalent if
  - They have the same skeleton, ignoring edge directions
  - They have the same set of collider nodes



# Theorem 1 (Verma & Pearl 1990)

- Two DAGs are equivalent if and only if they have the same **skeletons** and the same **v-structures**



# Overfitting and Structure Learning

- As the network has more edges, the complexity of model increases and the model is more likely to overfit training data
- How to fight overfitting?
  - Assume a simpler network structure e.g., tree
  - Cross validation
  - Minimum description length

# Cross Validation

- Holdout validation:
  - Split data into training set and validation set
  - Parameter estimation based on training set
  - Model score: likelihood based on validation set
- Cross validation:
  - Split data into  $k$  subsets
  - Use each subset as validation set and the rest as training set, and obtains a score
  - Total model score: average of the scores for all the cases

# Minimum Description Length

- Machine learning is about finding regularities in data
- Regularities should allow us to describe the data concisely
- Find model to minimize

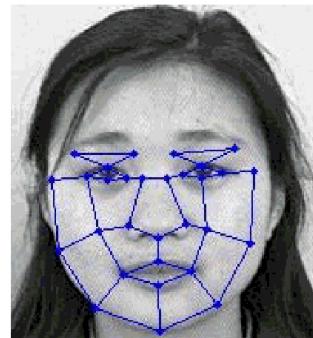
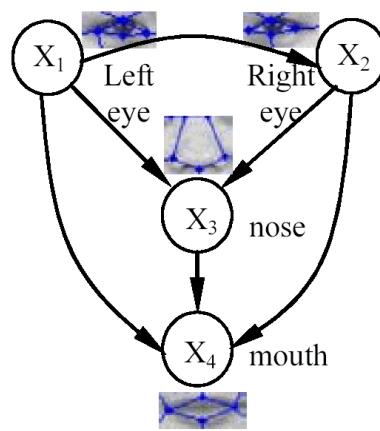
Description length of model + Description length of data

$$\frac{d}{2} \log N$$

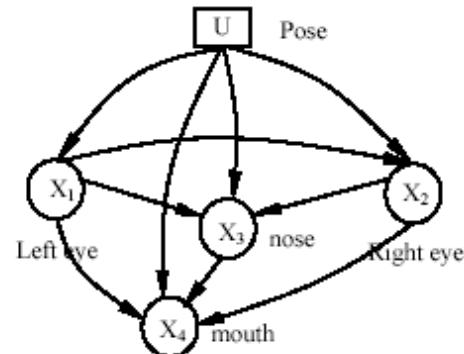
Negative data log likelihood

# Face Modeling/Recognition Using Bayesian Networks

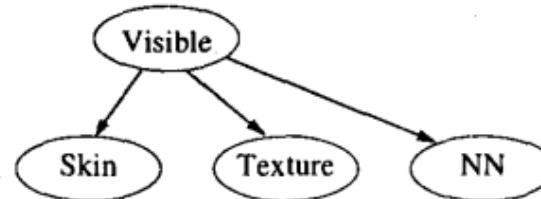
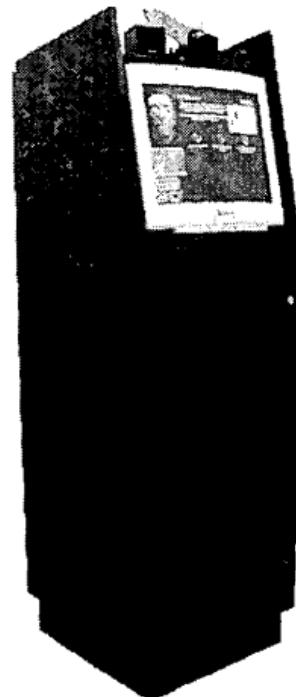
Face feature finder (separate)



Add Pose switching variable

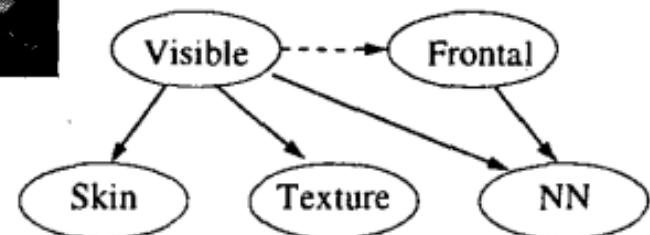


# Speaker Detection with Bayesian Networks

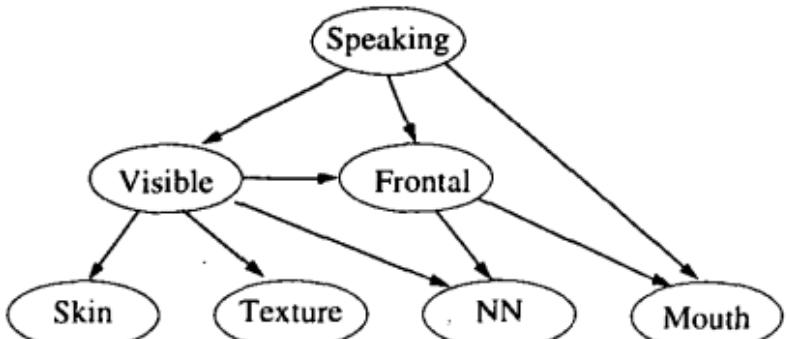


Naïve Bayes

- Visible: Is there a speaker?
- Frontal: 0 for non-frontal, 1 for frontal faces
- Speaking: Is the person speaking?
- Skin, Texture, NN: face features



Modeling pose with polytree structure



Full speaker-detection system

# Bayes Nets – What You Should Know

- Representation
  - Bayes nets represent joint distribution as a DAG + Conditional Distributions
  - D-separation lets us decode conditional independence assumptions
- Inference
  - NP-hard in general
  - For some graphs, closed form inference is feasible
  - Variable elimination, stochastic methods
- Learning
  - Easy for known graph, fully observed data (MLE's, MAP est.)
  - EM for partly observed data, known graph
  - Learning graph structure: Chow-Liu for tree-structured networks
  - Hardest when graph unknown, data incompletely observed