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K&F: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3

# BN Semantics 1

Graphical Models – 10708

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## Let's start on BNs...

- Consider  $P(X_i)$ 
  - Assign probability to each  $x_i \in \text{Val}(X_i)$
  - Independent parameters  $|\text{Val}(X_i)| = k$   
 $k-1$
- Consider  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ 
  - How many independent parameters if  $|\text{Val}(X_i)| = k$ ?  
 $k^n - 1$   
Same thing w. fewer params } BN

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## What if variables are independent?

### What if variables are independent?

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

### Can write

□  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i)$

BN w. no edges



### How many independent parameters now?

$n \cdot (k-1)$

$X_1 X_3 \perp X_7 X_{14}$

$X_1 X_{14} \perp X_3 X_2 X_5$

## Conditional parameterization – two nodes

### Grade is determined by Intelligence



$P(I) =$

	VH	H
	0.85	0.15

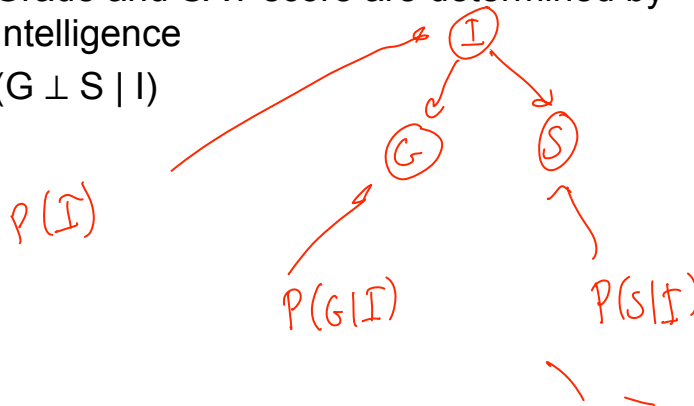
$P(G|I) =$

	VH	H
A	0.9	0.5
B	0.1	0.5

$P(I=VH, G=B)$   
 $= P(I=VH) P(G=B|I=VH)$   
 $= 0.85 \times 0.1$   
 $= 0.085$

## Conditional parameterization – three nodes

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



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## The naïve Bayes model – Your first real Bayes Net

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

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## What you need to know (From last class)

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

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## 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

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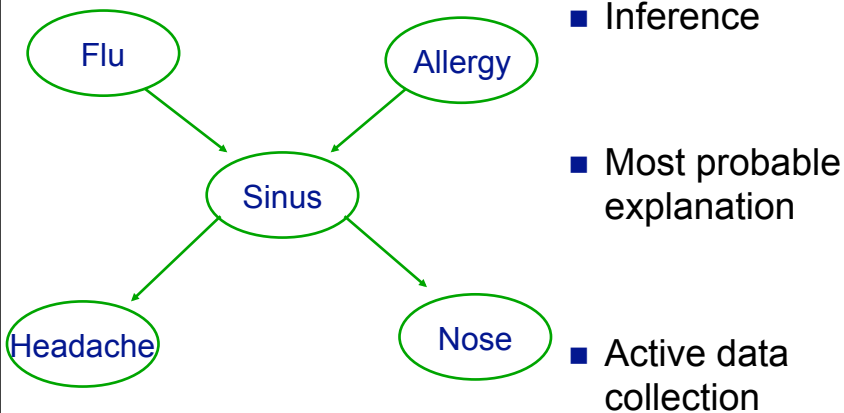
# Causal structure

- 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?

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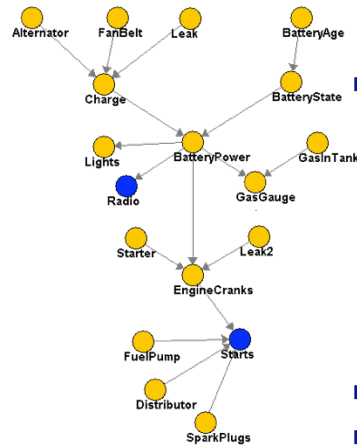
# Possible queries



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# Car starts BN



- 18 binary attributes

- Inference

□  $P(\text{BatteryAge} | \text{Starts}=f)$

- $2^{18}$  terms, why so fast?

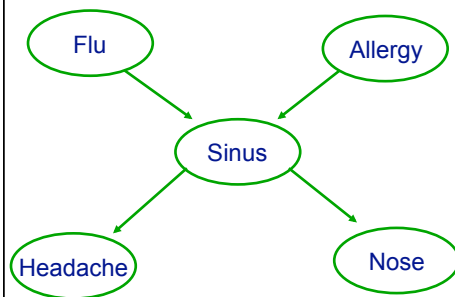
- Not impressed?

□ HailFinder BN – more than  $3^{54} =$

58149737003040059690390169 terms

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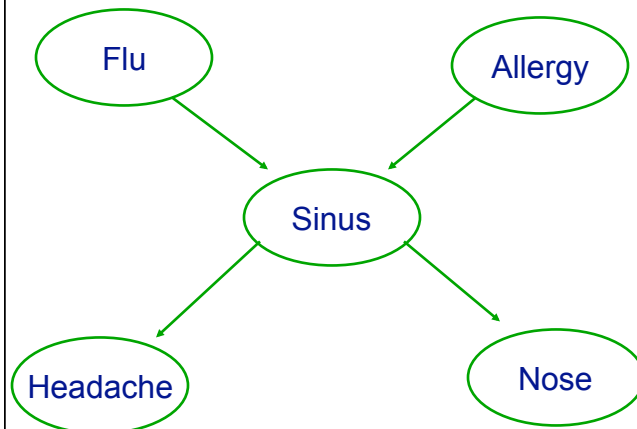
# Factored joint distribution - Preview



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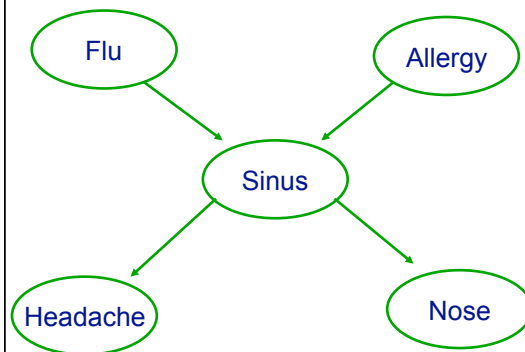
## Number of parameters



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## Key: Independence assumptions



Knowing sinus separates the symptom variables from each other

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## (Marginal) Independence

- Flu and Allergy are (marginally) independent

Flu = t	
Flu = f	

- More Generally:

Allergy = t	
Allergy = f	

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Allergy = t		
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## Conditional independence

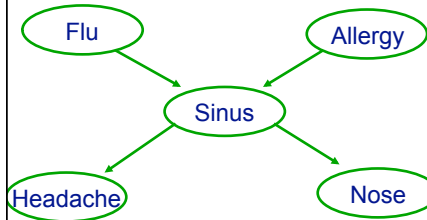
- Flu and Headache are not (marginally) independent
- Flu and Headache are independent given Sinus infection
- More Generally:

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# The independence assumption

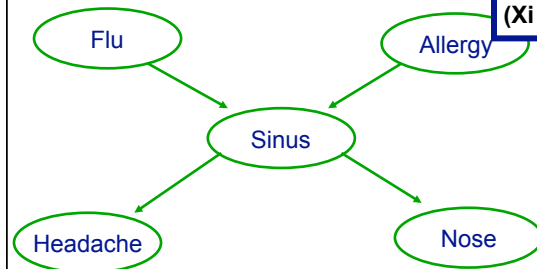


**Local Markov Assumption:**  
A variable  $X$  is independent of its non-descendants given its parents and only its parents ( $X_i \perp \text{NonDescendants}_{X_i} \mid \text{Pa}_{X_i}$ )

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# Explaining away

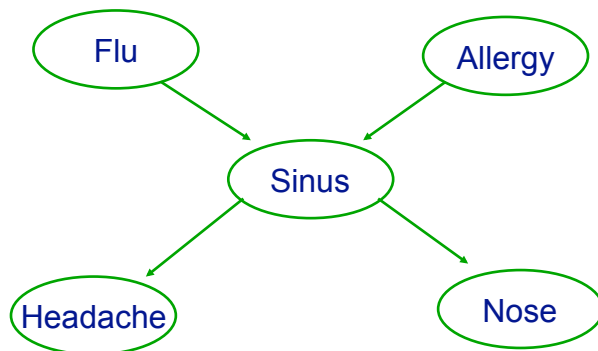


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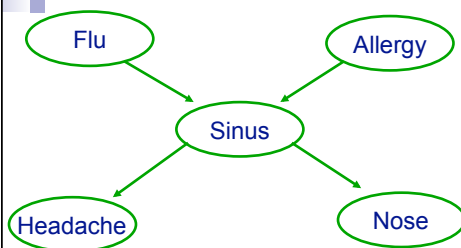
## What about probabilities? Conditional probability tables (CPTs)



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## Joint distribution



**Why can we decompose? Local Markov Assumption!**

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## A general Bayes net

- Set of random variables

- Directed acyclic graph

- CPTs

- Joint distribution:

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

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## Announcements

- Homework 1:

- ☐ Out wednesday
- ☐ Due in 2 weeks – **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

- Audit policy

- ☐ No sitting in, official auditors only, see course website

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## Questions????

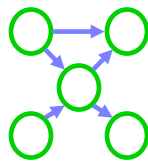
- What distributions can be represented by a BN?
- What BNs can represent a distribution?
- What are the independence assumptions encoded in a BN?
  - in addition to the local Markov assumption

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## 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**

**Joint probability distribution:**

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \mid \text{Pa}_{X_i})$$

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**Obtain** 

**Then conditional independencies in BN are subset of conditional independencies in  $P$**

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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:
  - $P(C, X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(C) \prod_i P(X_i | C)$
- Use chain rule!

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

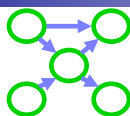
- Let's assume that  $P$  factorizes according to the BN:
  - $P(C, X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(C) \prod_i P(X_i | C)$
- Prove the independence assumptions:
  - $X_i$  independent given  $C$
  - Actually,  $(\mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y} \mid C), \forall \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$  subsets of  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

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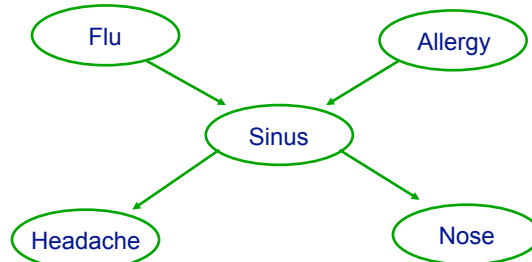
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## Local Markov assumption & I-maps

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



### Local Markov Assumption:

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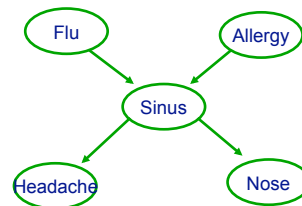
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## Factorized distributions

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

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \mid \text{Pa}_{X_i})$$



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## BN Representation Theorem – I-map to factorization

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

Obtain

Joint probability  
distribution:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{Pa}_{X_i})$$

**$G$  is an I-map of  $P$**

**$P$  factorizes  
according to  $G$**

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## BN Representation Theorem – I-map to factorization: **Proof**

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Obtain

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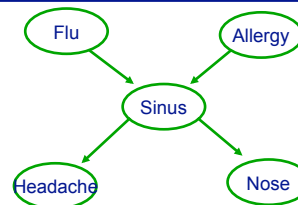
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### ALL YOU NEED:

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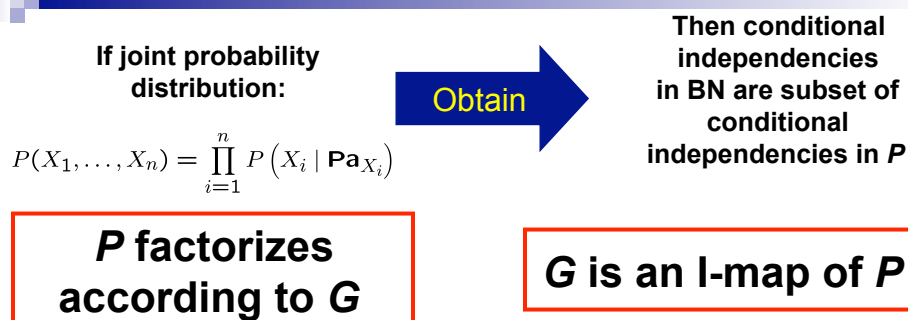
## Defining a BN

- Given a set of variables and conditional independence assertions of  $P$
- Choose an ordering on variables, e.g.,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$
- 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  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}\}$  such that local Markov assumption holds –  $X_i$  independent of rest of  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}\}$ , given parents  $\mathbf{Pa}_{X_i}$
  - Define/learn CPT –  $P(X_i | \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i})$

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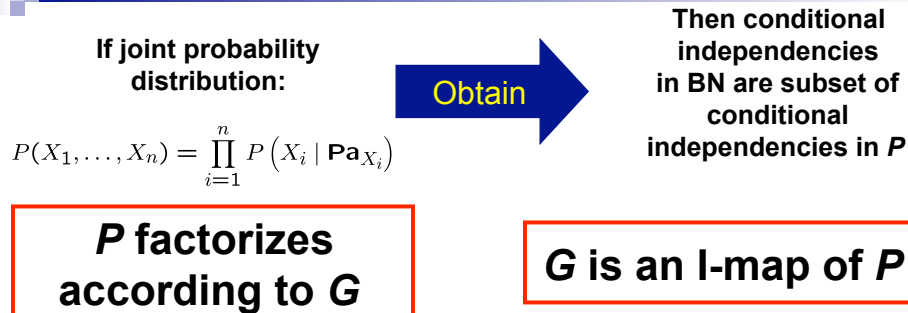
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## BN Representation Theorem – Factorization to I-map: **Proof**

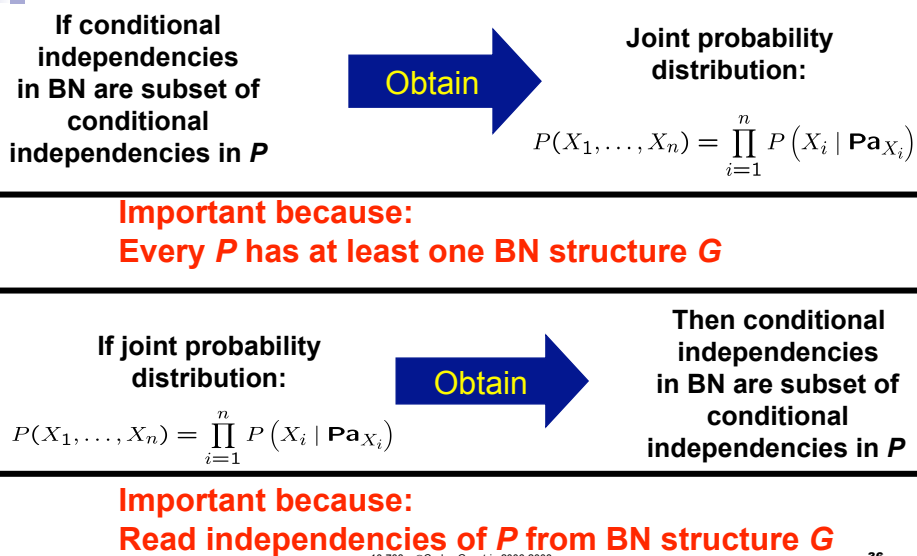


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## The BN Representation Theorem



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