Machine Learning 10-701

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Today:

- Graphical models
- Bayes Nets:
  - Representing distributions
  - Conditional independencies
  - Simple inference

Readings:

- Bishop chapter 8, through 8.2

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Bishop-PRML-sample.pdf

Graphical Models

- Key Idea:
  - Conditional independence assumptions useful
  - but Naïve Bayes is extreme!
  - Graphical models express sets of conditional independence assumptions via graph structure
  - Graph structure plus associated parameters define *joint probability distribution over set of variables*

our focus

- Two types of graphical models:
  - Directed graphs (aka Bayesian Networks)
  - Undirected graphs (aka Markov Random Fields)

Graphical Models – Why Care?

- Unify statistics, probability, machine learning
- Graphical models allow combining:
  - Prior knowledge in form of dependencies/independencies
  - Prior knowledge in form of priors over parameters
  - Observed training data
- Principled and ~general methods for
  - Probabilistic inference, Learning
- Useful in practice
  - Diagnosis, help systems, text analysis, time series models, ...
- Increasingly, deep networks are probabilistic models

Conditional Independence

Definition: X is conditionally independent of Y given Z, if the probability distribution governing X is independent of the value of Y, given the value of Z

$$(\forall i, j, k) P(X = x_i | Y = y_j, Z = z_k) = P(X = x_i | Z = z_k)$$

Which we often write $P(X|Y,Z) = P(X|Z)$

E.g., $P(Thunder|Rain, Lightning) = P(Thunder|Lightning)$

Marginal Independence

Definition: X is marginally independent of Y if

$$(\forall i, j) P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = P(X = x_i) P(Y = y_j)$$

Equivalently, if

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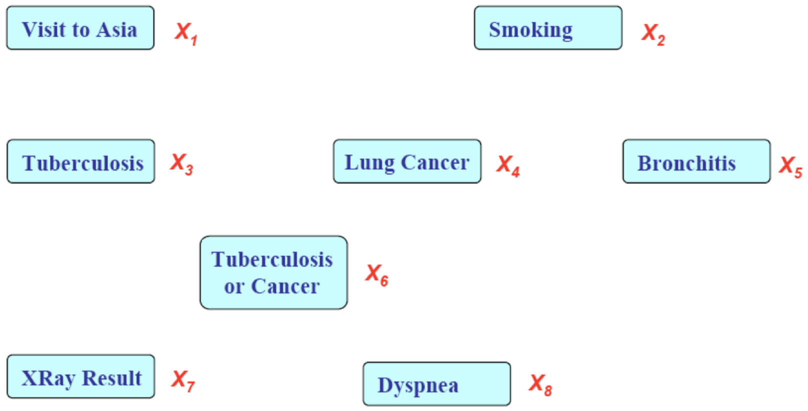
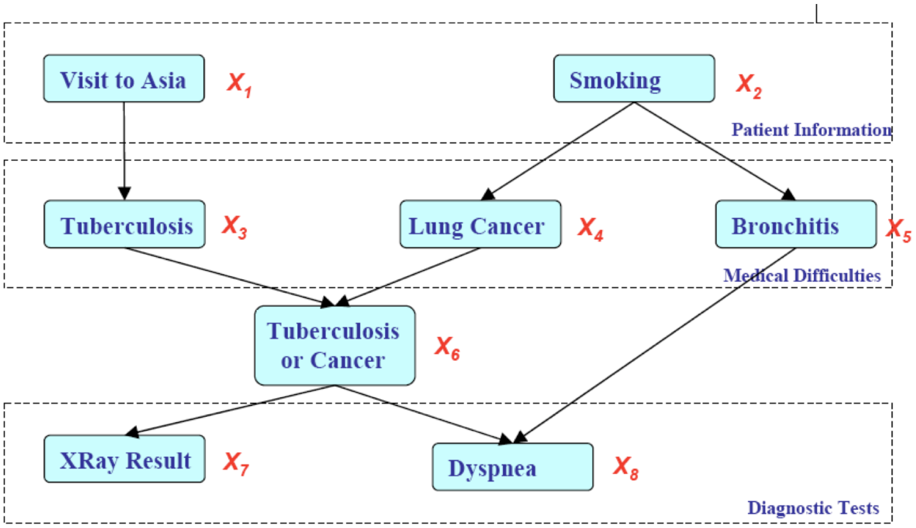
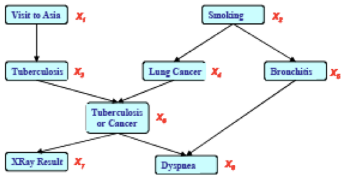
Represent Joint Probability Distribution over Variables



Describe network of dependencies



Bayes Nets define Joint Probability Distribution in terms of this graph, plus parameters

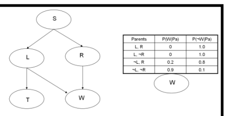


$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$$
$$= P(X_1)\, P(X_2)\, P(X_3 | X_1)\, P(X_4 | X_2)\, P(X_5 | X_2)\, P(X_6 | X_3, X_4)\, P(X_7 | X_6)\, P(X_8 | X_5, X_6)$$

Benefits of Bayes Nets:

- Represent the full joint distribution in fewer parameters, using prior knowledge about dependencies
- Algorithms for inference and learning

Bayesian Networks Definition



A Bayes network represents the joint probability distribution over a collection of random variables

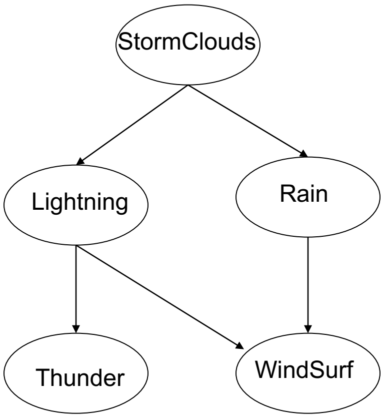
A Bayes network is a directed acyclic graph and a set of conditional probability distributions (CPD's)

- Each node denotes a random variable
- Edges denote dependencies
- For each node X_i its CPD defines $P(X_i \mid Pa(X_i))$
- The joint distribution over all variables is defined to be

$$P(X_1 \ldots X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i | Pa(X_i))$$

Pa(X) = immediate parents of X in the graph

Bayesian Network



Nodes = random variables

A conditional probability distribution (CPD) is associated with each node N, defining P(N | Parents(N))

Parents	P(W|Pa)	P(¬W|Pa)
L, R	0	1.0
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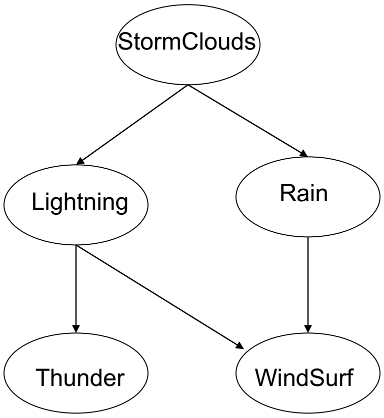

What can we say about conditional independencies in a Bayes Net?

One thing is this:

Each node is conditionally independent of its non-descendents, given only its immediate parents.

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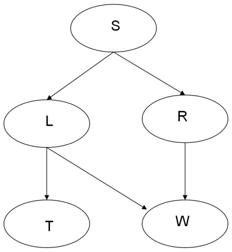
Some helpful terminology

Parents = Pa(X) = immediate parents

Antecedents = parents, parents of parents, ...

Children = immediate children

Descendents = children, children of children, ...



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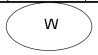
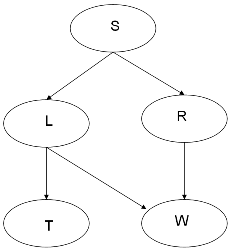


Bayesian Networks

- CPD for each node X_i describes $P(X_i \mid Pa(X_i))$



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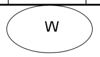
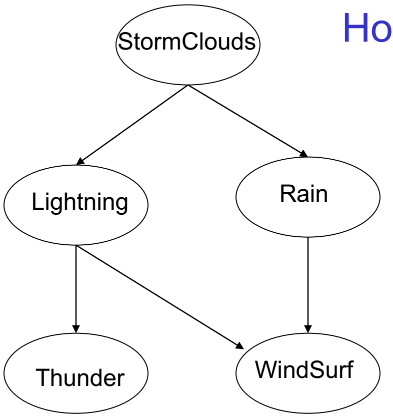


Chain rule of probability says that in general:

$$P(S,L,R,T,W) = P(S)P(L|S)P(R|S,L)P(T|S,L,R)P(W|S,L,R,T)$$

But in a Bayes net: $P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i|Pa(X_i))$

How Many Parameters?



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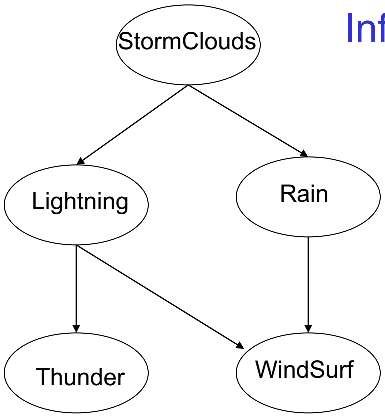
To define joint distribution in general?

To define joint distribution for this Bayes Net?

Inference in Bayes Nets



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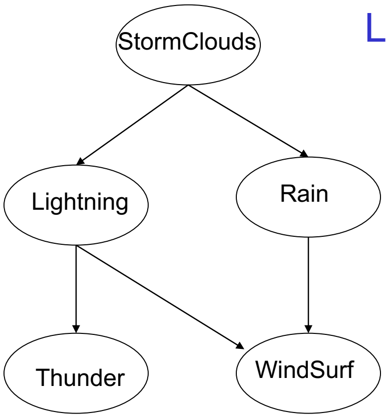
P(S=1, L=0, R=1, T=0, W=1) =

Learning a Bayes Net



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Consider learning when graph structure is given, and data = { <s,l,r,t,w> }

What is the MLE solution? MAP?

Algorithm for Constructing Bayes Network

- Choose an ordering over variables, e.g., $X_1, X_2, \ldots X_n$
- For i=1 to n
  - Add X_i to the network
  - Select parents $Pa(X_i)$ as minimal subset of $X_1 \ldots X_{i-1}$ such that

$$P(X_i|Pa(X_i)) = P(X_i|X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1})$$

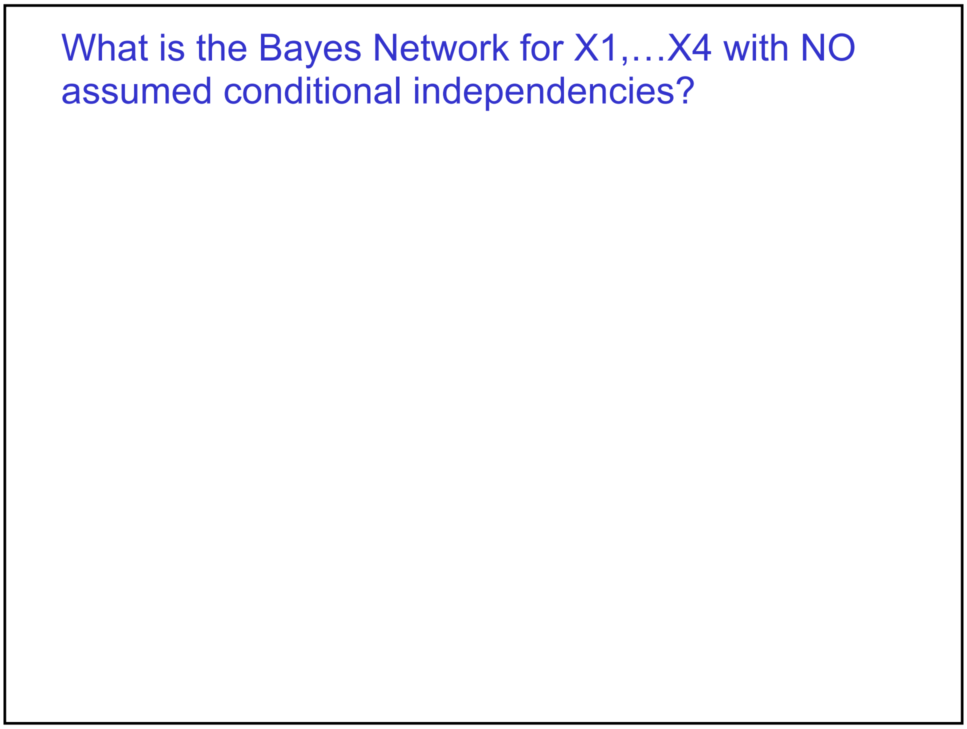
Notice this choice of parents assures

$$P(X_1 \ldots X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i|X_1 \ldots X_{i-1}) \quad \text{(by chain rule)}$$

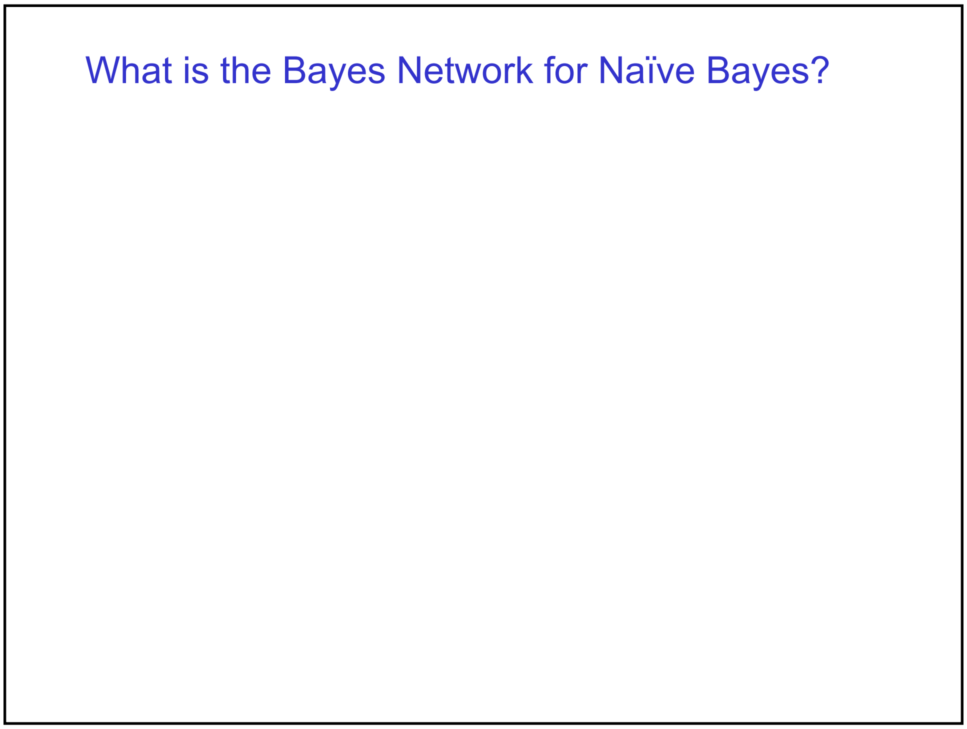
$$= \prod_i P(X_i|Pa(X_i)) \quad \text{(by construction)}$$

Example

- Bird flu and Allegies both cause Nasal problems
- Nasal problems cause Sneezes and Headaches

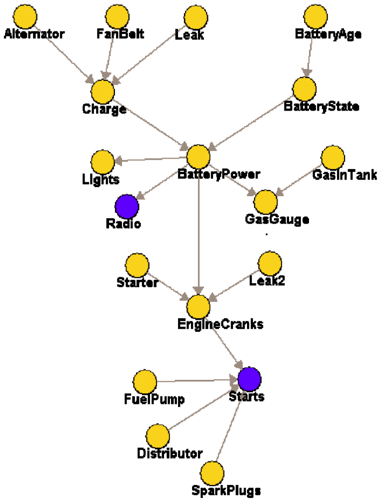


What is the Bayes Network for X1,…X4 with NO assumed conditional independencies?



What is the Bayes Network for Naïve Bayes?

What do we do if variables are mix of discrete and real valued?



What You Should Know

- Bayes nets are convenient representation for encoding dependencies / conditional independence
- BN = Graph plus parameters of CPD’s
  - Defines joint distribution over variables
  - Can calculate everything else from that
  - Though inference may be intractable
- Reading conditional independence relations from the graph
  - Each node is cond indep of non-descendents, given only its parents
  - ‘Explaining away’