



10-708 Probabilistic Graphical Models

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Directed Graphical Models

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ROADMAP

Roadmap by Contrasts

- **Model:**
 - locally normalized *vs.* globally normalized
 - generative *vs.* discriminative
 - treewidth: high *vs.* low
 - cyclic *vs.* acyclic graphical models
 - exponential family *vs.* neural
 - deep *vs.* shallow (when viewed as neural network)
- **Inference:**
 - exact *vs.* approximate (and which models admit which)
 - dynamic programming *vs.* sampling *vs.* optimization
- **Inference problems:**
 - MAP *vs.* marginal *vs.* partition function
- **Learning:**
 - fully-supervised *vs.* partially-supervised (latent variable models) *vs.* unsupervised
 - partially-supervised *vs.* semi-supervised (missing some variable values *vs.* missing labels for entire instances)
 - loss-aware *vs.* not
 - probabilistic *vs.* non-probabilistic
 - frequentist *vs.* Bayesian

Roadmap by Example

Whiteboard:

- Starting point: fully supervised HMM
- modifications to the model, inference, and learning
- corresponding technical terms of the result

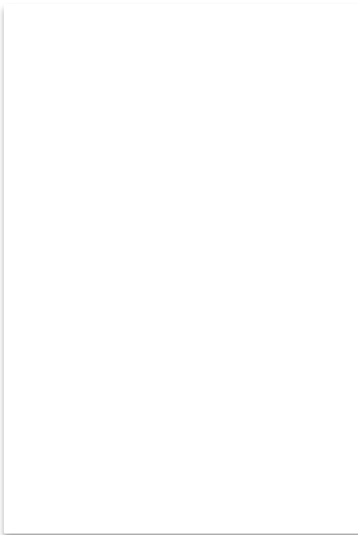
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DIRECTED GRAPHICAL MODELS

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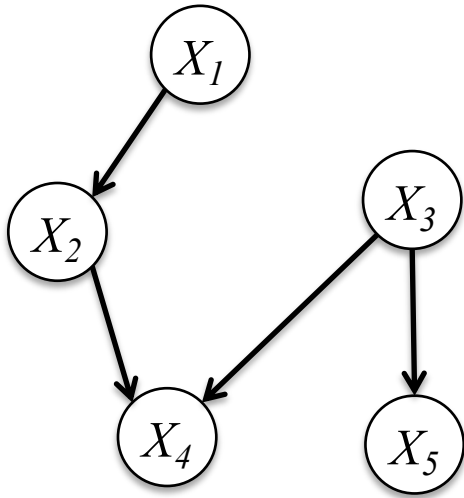


Directed Graphical Models (Bayes Nets)

Whiteboard

- Example: Ryan Reynolds' Voicemail
- Writing Joint Distributions
 - Idea #1: Giant Table
 - Idea #2: Rewrite using chain rule
 - Idea #3: Assume full independence
 - Idea #4: Drop variables from RHS of conditionals
- Definition: Bayesian Network

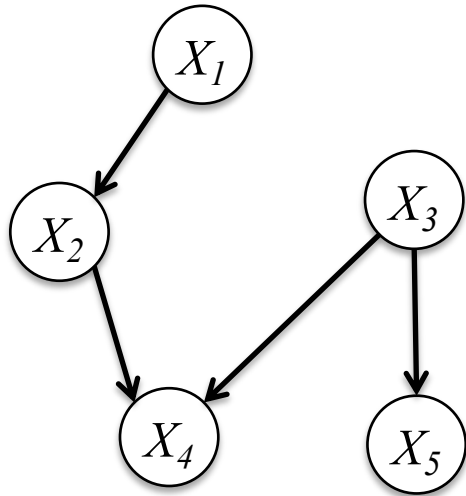
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Bayesian Network

Definition:



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

- A Bayesian Network is a **directed graphical model**
- It consists of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) **G** and the conditional probabilities **P**
- These two parts fully specify the distribution:
 - Qualitative Specification: **G**
 - Quantitative Specification: **P**

Bayesian Networks & DAGs

Suppose we have an arbitrary directed graph G over T variables X_i and define the following product:

$$P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^T P(X_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

- **Proposition:** The function $P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X})$ is a valid joint distribution when G is a DAG
- **Proof:** Let X_s be a leaf node. By our factorization we have that,
$$P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X}) = P(X_s | \text{parents}(X_s)) P_{\text{fact}}(\text{parents}(X_s))$$
By induction, if $P_{\text{fact}}(\text{parents}(X_s))$ is a valid joint distribution then $P_{\text{fact}}(\mathbf{X})$ is a valid joint distribution.

Qualitative Specification

- Where does the qualitative specification come from?
 - Prior knowledge of causal relationships
 - Prior knowledge of modular relationships
 - Assessment from experts
 - Learning from data (i.e. structure learning)
 - We simply prefer a certain architecture (e.g. a layered graph)
 - ...

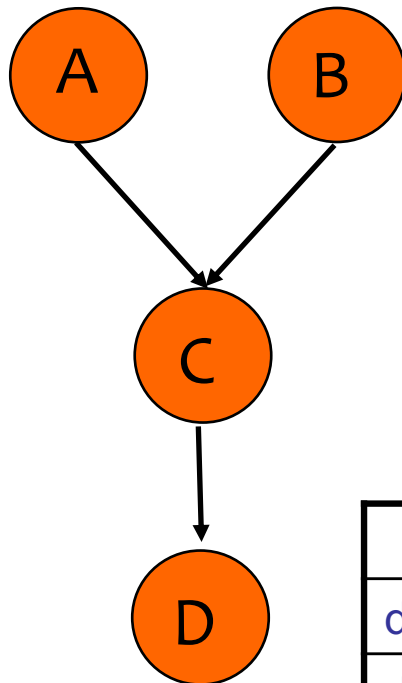
Quantitative Specification

Example: Conditional probability tables (CPTs)
for discrete random variables

a^0	0.75
a^1	0.25

b^0	0.33
b^1	0.67

$$P(a,b,c,d) = P(a)P(b)P(c|a,b)P(d|c)$$



	a^0b^0	a^0b^1	a^1b^0	a^1b^1
c^0	0.45	1	0.9	0.7
c^1	0.55	0	0.1	0.3

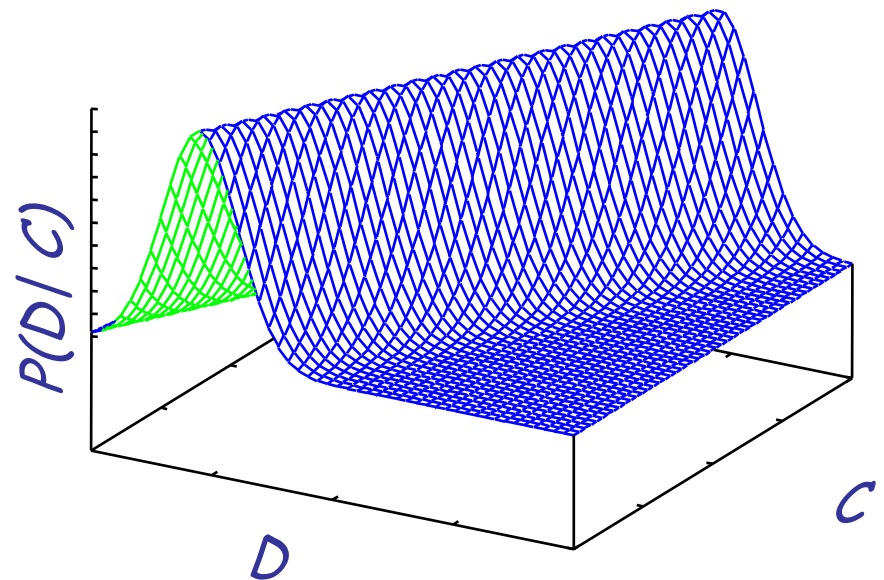
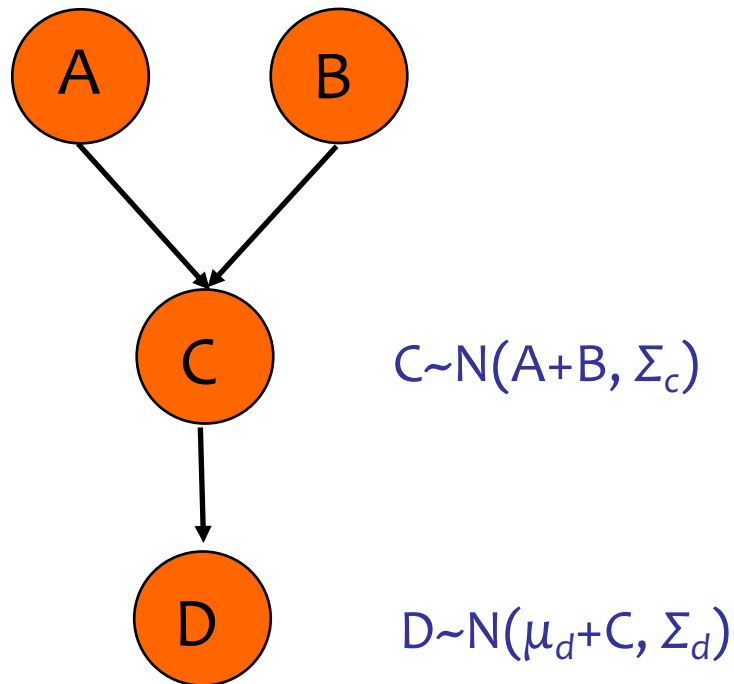
	c^0	c^1
d^0	0.3	0.5
d^1	0.7	0.5

Quantitative Specification

Example: Conditional probability density functions (CPDs)
for continuous random variables

$$A \sim N(\mu_a, \Sigma_a) \quad B \sim N(\mu_b, \Sigma_b)$$

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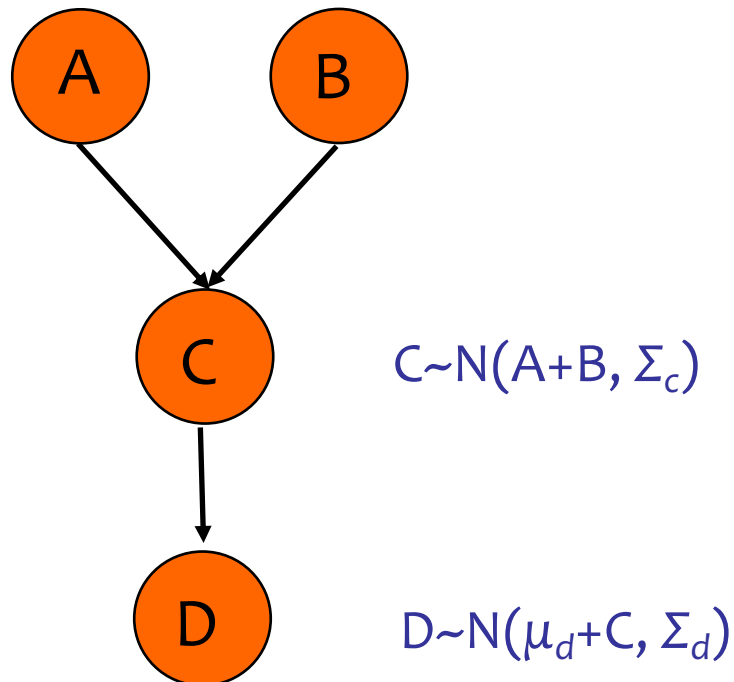
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Example: Combination of CPTs and CPDs
for a mix of discrete and continuous variables

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Compactness of a BayesNet

Consider random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T
where $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$, where $|\mathcal{X}| = R$

- To represent an arbitrary distribution $P(\mathbf{X})$ via a single joint probability table requires $R^T - 1$ values
- If the distribution factors according to a graph G and $\max_{X_i} |\text{parents}(X_i)| \leq D$



Exponential
in T

then each $P(X_i \mid \text{parents}(X_i))$ needs
only $R^D(R - 1)$ values for a total of only
 $T(R^D(R - 1))$ values



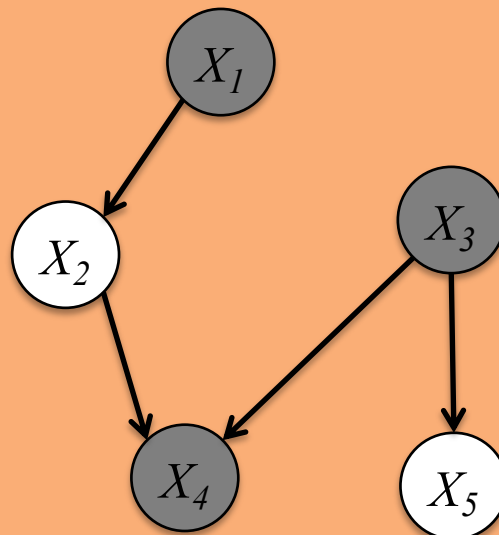
Linear in T

Observed Variables

- In a graphical model, **shaded nodes** are “**observed**”, i.e. their values are given

Example:

$$P(X_2, X_5 \mid X_1 = 0, X_3 = 1, X_4 = 1)$$



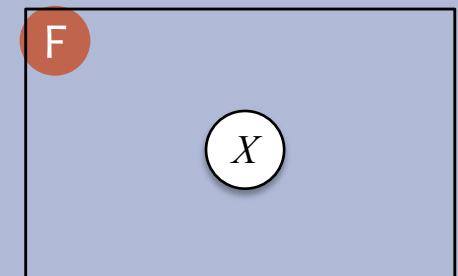
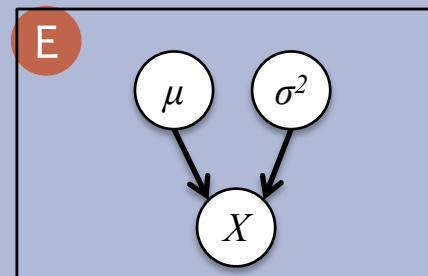
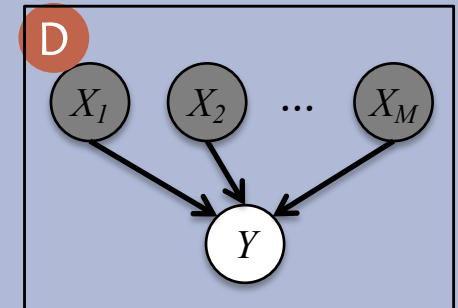
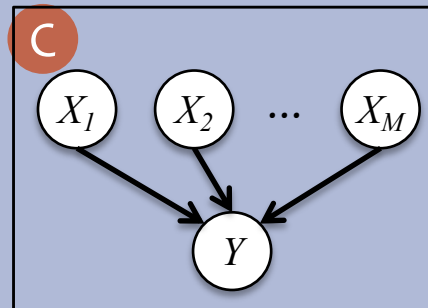
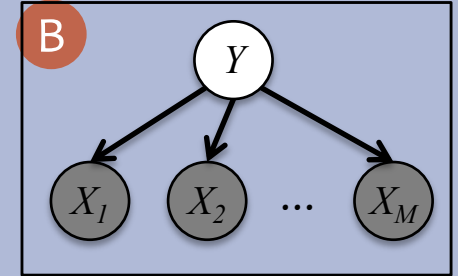
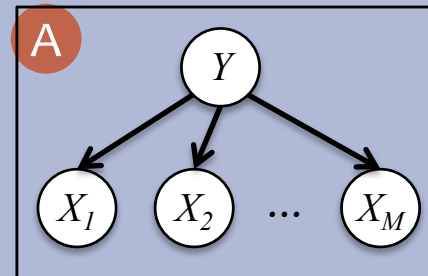
Familiar Models as Bayesian Networks

Question:

Match the model name to the corresponding Bayesian Network

1. Logistic Regression
2. Linear Regression
3. Bernoulli Naïve Bayes
4. Gaussian Naïve Bayes
5. 1D Gaussian

Answer:



GRAPHICAL MODELS: DETERMINING CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCIES

What Independencies does a Bayes Net Model?

- In order for a Bayesian network to model a probability distribution, the following must be true:

Each variable is conditionally independent of all its non-descendants in the graph given the value of all its parents.

- This follows from

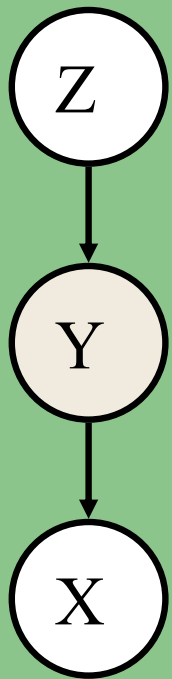
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- But what else does it imply?

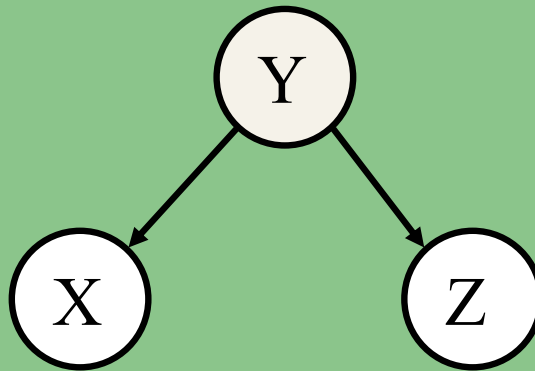
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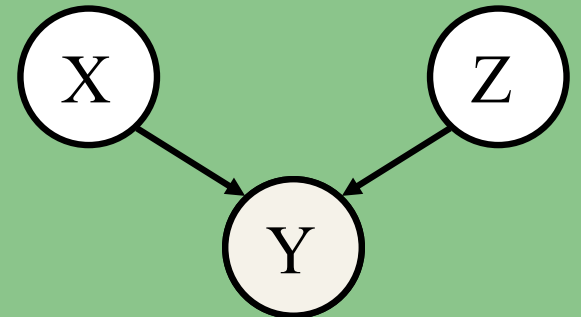
Cascade



Common Parent



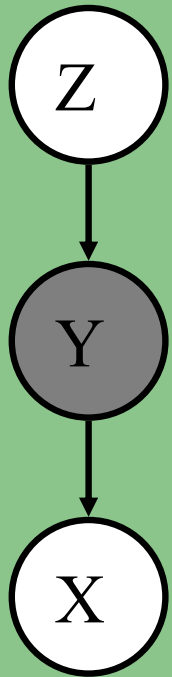
V-Structure



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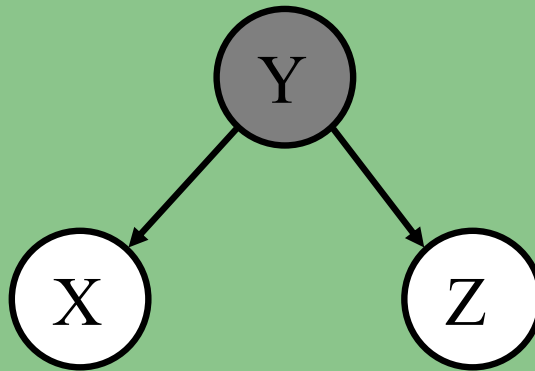
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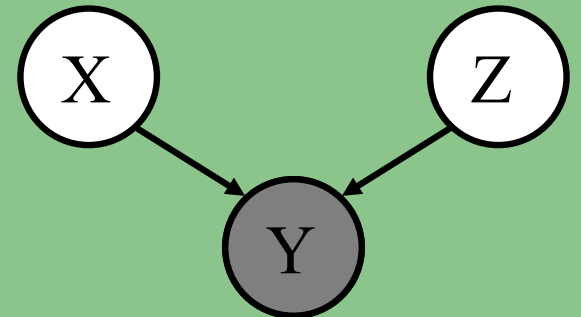
$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid Y$$

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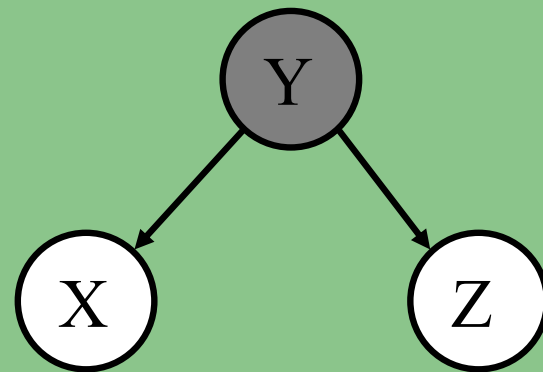
$$X \not\perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid Y$$

Knowing Y
decouples X and Z

Knowing Y
couples X and Z

Whiteboard

Proof of
conditional
independence

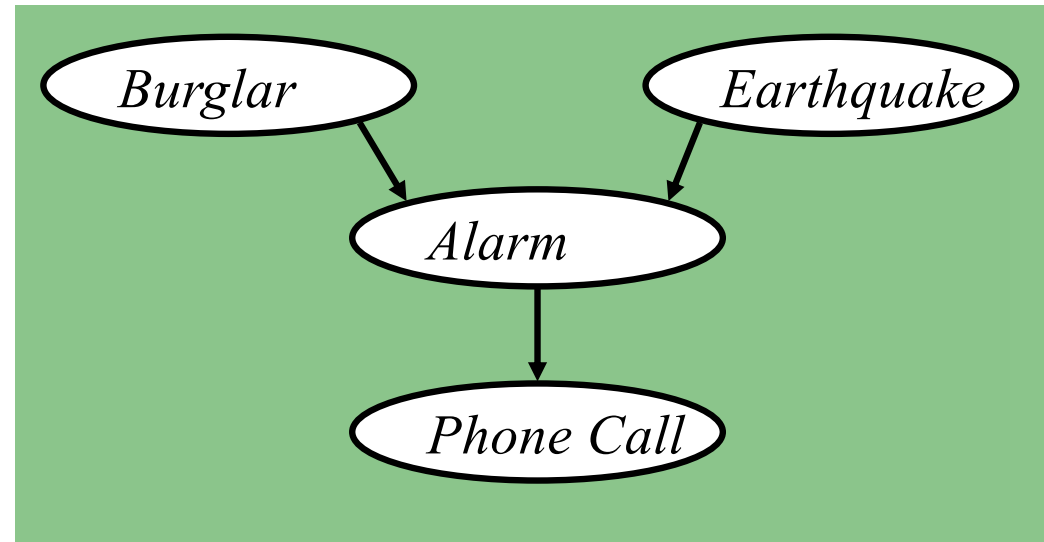


$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid Y$$

(The other two cases can be shown just as easily.)

The “Burglar Alarm” example

- Your house has a twitchy burglar alarm that is also sometimes triggered by earthquakes.
- Earth arguably doesn’t care whether your house is currently being burgled
- While you are on vacation, one of your neighbors calls and tells you your home’s burglar alarm is ringing. Uh oh!



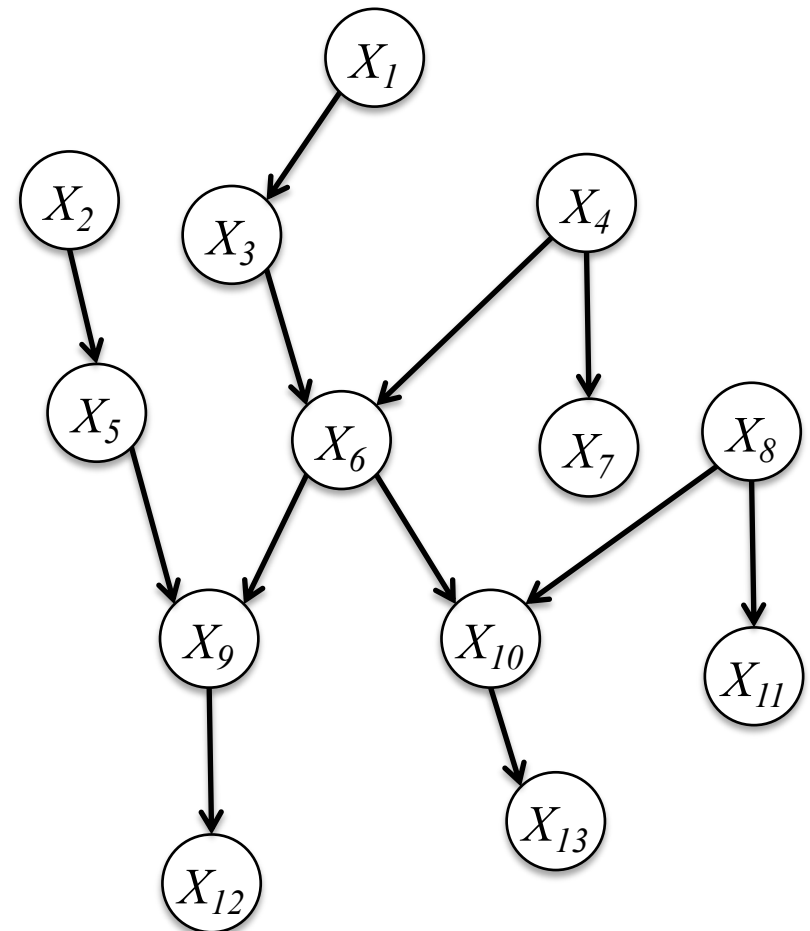
Quiz: True or False?

$Burglar \perp\!\!\!\perp Earthquake \mid PhoneCall$

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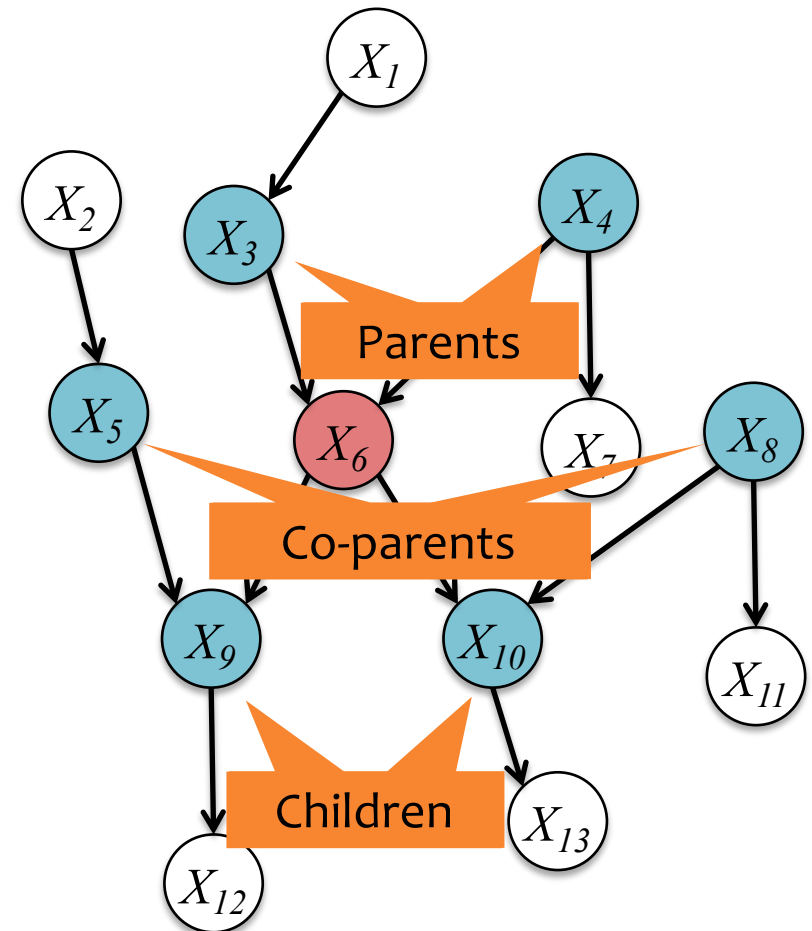


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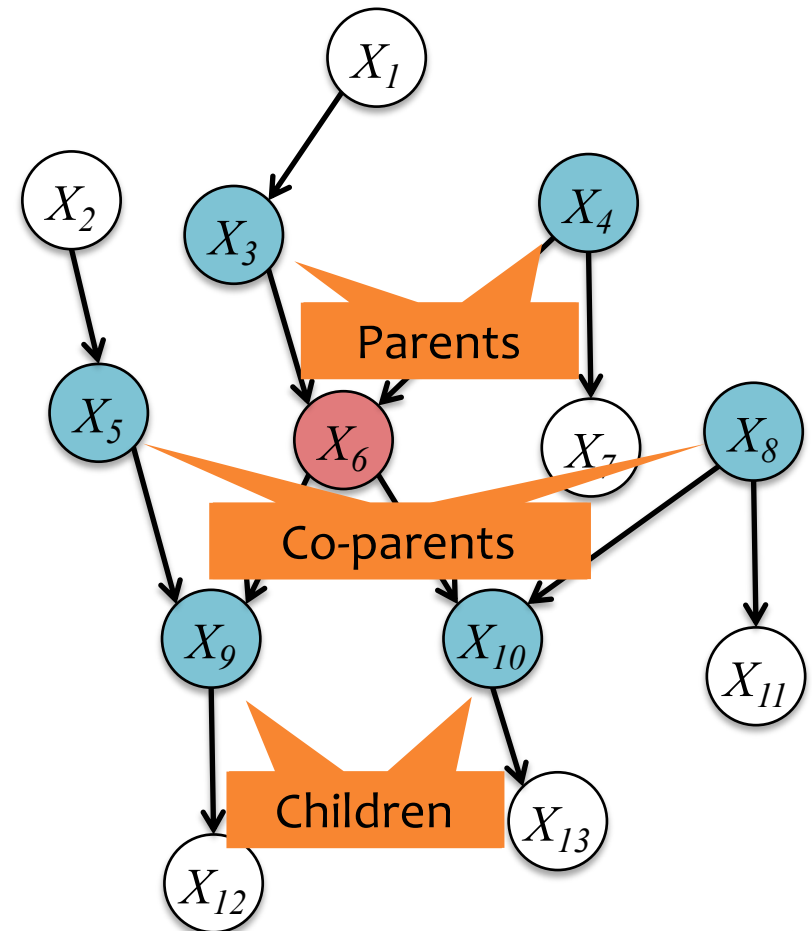
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Theorem: a node is **conditionally independent** of every other node in the graph given its **Markov blanket**

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D-Separation

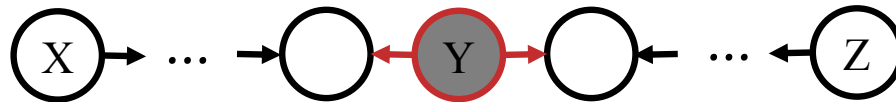
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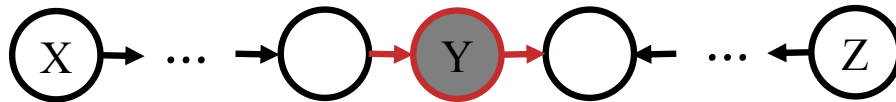
Variables X and Z are **d-separated** given a **set** of evidence variables E iff every path from X to Z is “blocked”.

A path is “blocked” whenever:

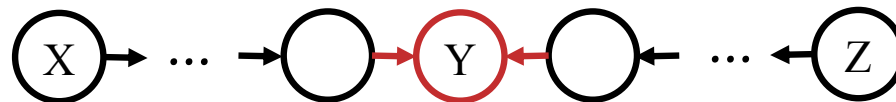
1. $\exists Y$ on path s.t. $Y \in E$ and Y is a “common parent”



2. $\exists Y$ on path s.t. $Y \in E$ and Y is in a “cascade”



3. $\exists Y$ on path s.t. $\{Y, \text{descendants}(Y)\} \notin E$ and Y is in a “v-structure”



D-Separation

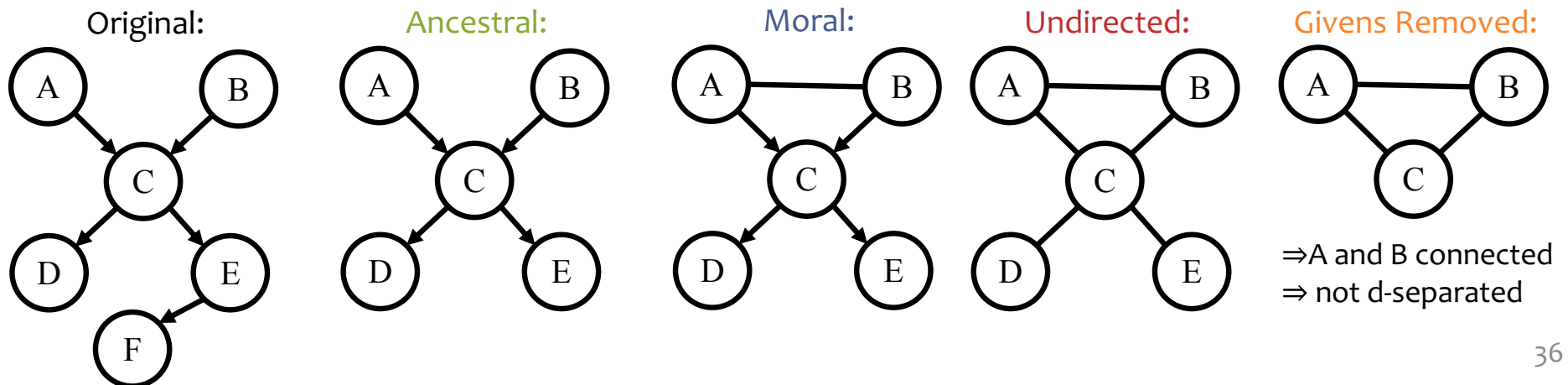
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Definition #2:

Variables X and Z are **d-separated** given a **set** of evidence variables E iff there does **not** exist a path in the **undirected ancestral moral** graph **with E removed**.

1. **Ancestral graph**: keep only X, Z, E and their ancestors
2. **Moral graph**: add undirected edge between all pairs of each node's parents
3. **Undirected graph**: convert all directed edges to undirected
4. **Givens Removed**: delete any nodes in E

Example Query: $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \mid \{D, E\}$



SUPERVISED LEARNING FOR BAYES NETS

Recipe for Closed-form MLE

1. Assume data was generated i.i.d. from some model
(i.e. write the generative story)
$$x^{(i)} \sim p(x|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$
2. Write log-likelihood
$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(x^{(1)}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \dots + \log p(x^{(N)}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$
3. Compute partial derivatives (i.e. gradient)
$$\begin{aligned}\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_1 &= \dots \\ \partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_2 &= \dots \\ &\dots \\ \partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_M &= \dots\end{aligned}$$
4. Set derivatives to zero and solve for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
$$\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_m = 0 \text{ for all } m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = \text{solution to system of } M \text{ equations and } M \text{ variables}$$
5. Compute the second derivative and check that $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is concave down at $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$

Machine Learning

The **data** inspires
the structures
we want to
predict



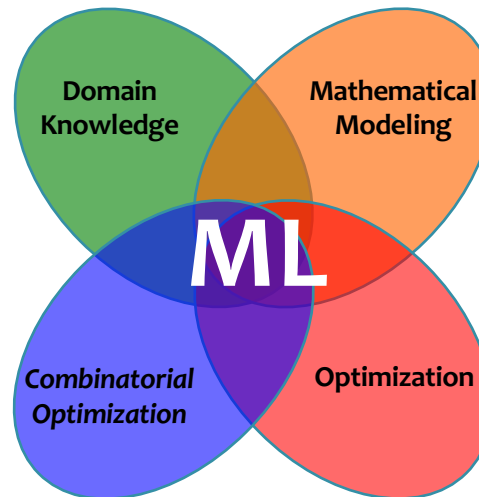
Our **model**
defines a score
for each structure

It also tells us
what to optimize



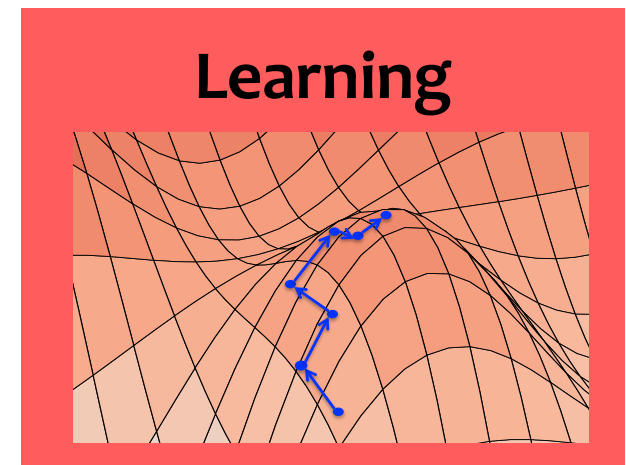
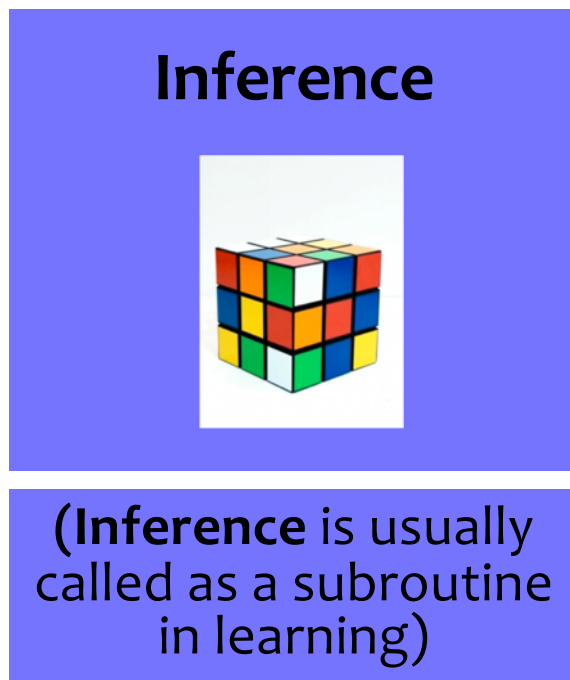
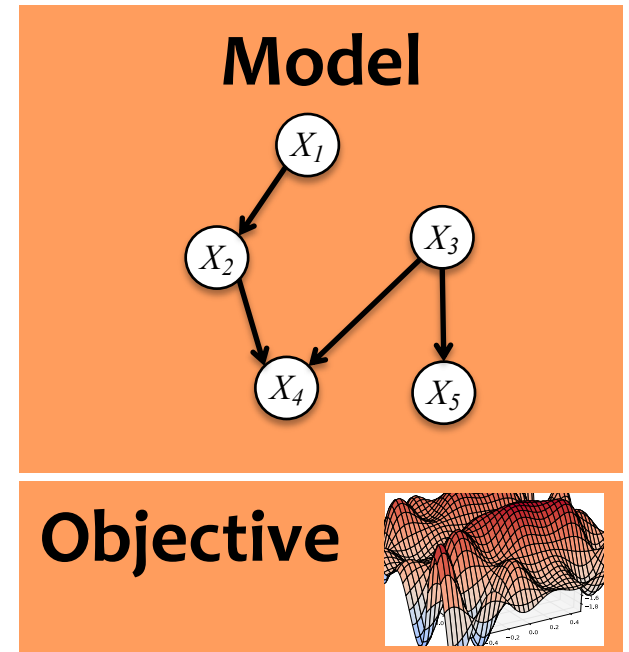
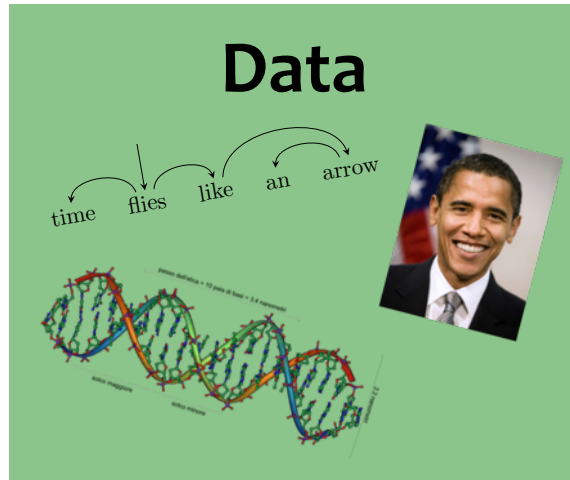
Inference finds
{best structure, marginals,
partition function} for a
new observation

(**Inference** is usually
called as a subroutine
in learning)

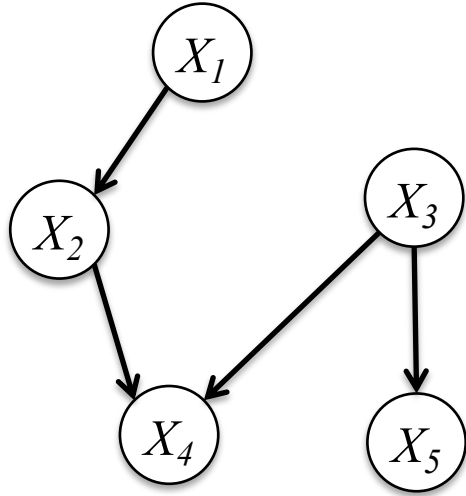


Learning tunes the
parameters of the
model

Machine Learning

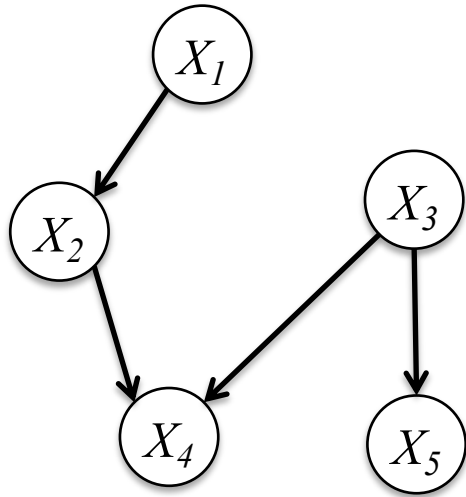


Learning Fully Observed BNs



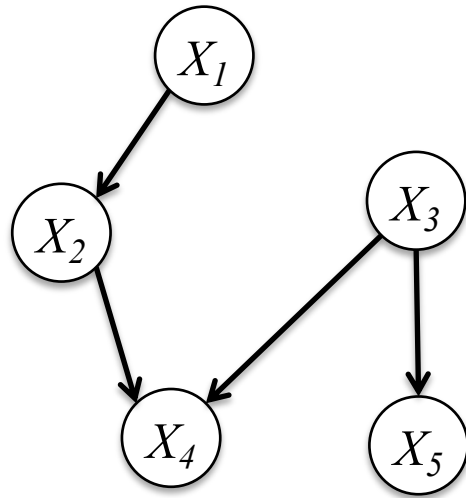
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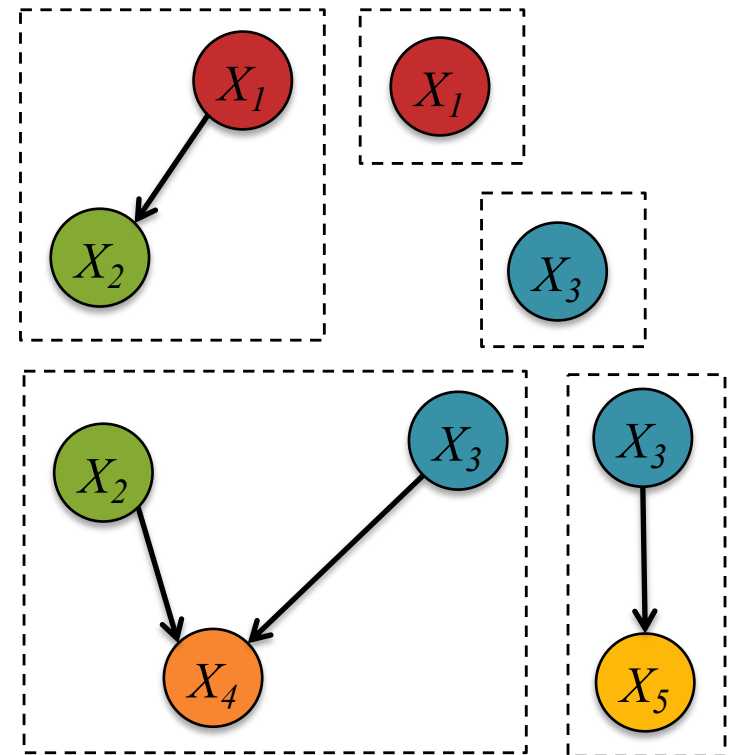
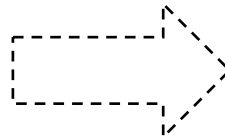
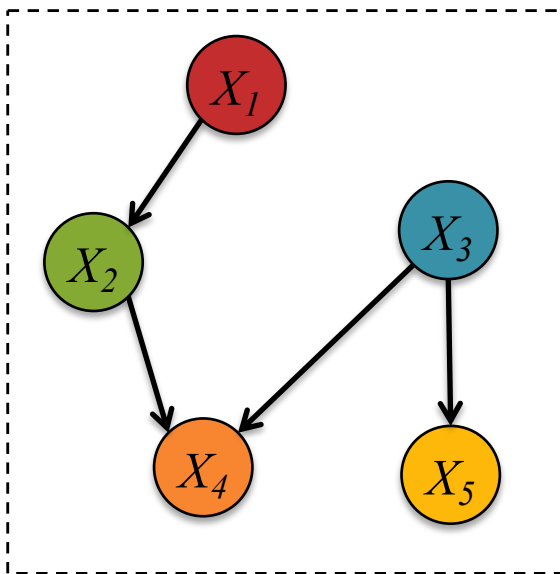
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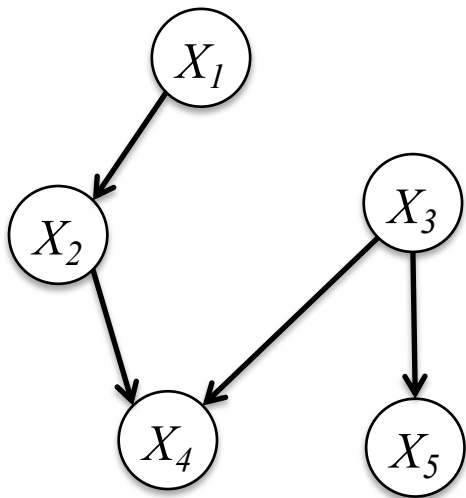
Learning this fully observed Bayesian Network is **equivalent** to learning five (small / simple) independent networks from the same data

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Learning Fully Observed BNs

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distributions for a Bayes Net?



$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(X_5|X_3, \theta_5) + \log p(X_4|X_2, X_3, \theta_4) \\ &\quad + \log p(X_3|\theta_3) + \log p(X_2|X_1, \theta_2) \\ &\quad + \log p(X_1|\theta_1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_1^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta_1} \log p(X_1|\theta_1)$$

$$\theta_2^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta_2} \log p(X_2|X_1, \theta_2)$$

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Example: Tornado Alarms



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Hacking Attack Woke Up Dallas With Emergency Sirens, Officials Say

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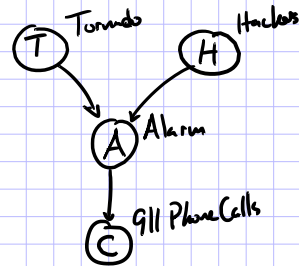


Warning sirens in Dallas, meant to alert the public to emergencies like severe weather, started sounding around 11:40 p.m. Friday, and were not shut off until 1:20 a.m. Rex C. Curry for The New York Times

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Learning Fully Observed BNs

Ex: Tornado Alarms



$$\begin{aligned}
 H &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\eta) \\
 T &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\tau) \\
 A &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha_{H,T}) \\
 C &\sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, 63\}) + A * \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, 63\})
 \end{aligned}$$

Annotations:
 - $\eta, \tau, \alpha_{H,T}$ are parameters (indicated by red arrows).
 - $\{1, \dots, 63\}$ are integers (indicated by a green arrow).
 - The second Uniform distribution has no parameters (indicated by a red arrow).

Dataset

i	T	H	A	C
1	0	0	0	2
2	0	0	0	6
3	0	0	0	4
...	1	0	0	3
...	1	0	0	1
...	1	0	1	10
...	1	0	1	7
...	0	1	0	2
...	0	1	1	12
...	0	1	0	5
...	1	1	1	10
12	1	0	0	2

MLEs in Closed Form

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\eta, \tau, \alpha) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N p(t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, a^{(i)}, c^{(i)} | \eta, \tau, \alpha) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(t^{(i)} | \tau) + \log p(h^{(i)} | \eta) \\
 &\quad + \log p(a^{(i)} | t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, \alpha) + \log p(c^{(i)} | a^{(i)})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\eta}, \hat{\tau}, \hat{\alpha} = \arg \max_{\eta, \tau, \alpha} l(\eta, \tau, \alpha)$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \arg \max_{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(h^{(i)} | \eta) = \#(H=1) / N$$

$$\hat{\tau} = \arg \max_{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(t^{(i)} | \tau) = \#(T=1) / N$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(a^{(i)} | t^{(i)}, h^{(i)}, \alpha)$$

What are the MLEs?

$$\hat{\eta} = 1/3$$

$$\hat{\tau} = 1/2$$

$$\hat{\alpha} =$$

	H=0	H=1
T=0	0	1/3
T=1	2/3	1

$$\hat{\alpha}_{t,h} = \frac{\#(A=1, T=t, H=h)}{\#(T=t, H=h)}$$

INFERENCE FOR BAYESIAN NETWORKS

A Few Problems for Bayes Nets

Suppose we already have the parameters of a Bayesian Network...

1. How do we compute the probability of a specific assignment to the variables?
 $P(T=t, H=h, A=a, C=c)$
2. How do we draw a sample from the joint distribution?
 $t,h,a,c \sim P(T, H, A, C)$
3. How do we compute marginal probabilities?
 $P(A) = \dots$
4. How do we draw samples from a conditional distribution?
 $t,h,a \sim P(T, H, A \mid C = c)$
5. How do we compute conditional marginal probabilities?
 $P(H \mid C = c) = \dots$

Learning Objectives

Bayesian Networks

You should be able to...

1. Identify the conditional independence assumptions given by a generative story or a specification of a joint distribution
2. Draw a Bayesian network given a set of conditional independence assumptions
3. Define the joint distribution specified by a Bayesian network
4. Use domain knowledge to construct a (simple) Bayesian network for a real-world modeling problem
5. Depict familiar models as Bayesian networks
6. Use d-separation to prove the existence of conditional independencies in a Bayesian network
7. Employ a Markov blanket to identify conditional independence assumptions of a graphical model
8. Develop a supervised learning algorithm for a Bayesian network