## CS440/ECE448 Lecture 20: Bayesian Networks

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## Outline

- Why Bayes nets? The complexity of a true Bayes classifier
- Space complexity
- Time complexity
- Independence and Conditional independence


## Review: Bayesian Classifier

- Class label $Y=y$, drawn from some set of labels
- Observation $X=x$, drawn from some set of features
- Bayesian classifier: choose the class label, $y$, that minimizes your probability of making a mistake:

$$
\hat{y}=\underset{y}{\operatorname{argmin}} P(Y \neq y \mid X=x)
$$

## Minimum Probability of Error = Maximum A Posteriori

- The minimum probability of error (MPE) classifier is the one that minimizes your probability of making a mistake:

$$
\hat{y}=\underset{\sim}{\operatorname{argmin}} P(Y \neq y \mid X=x)
$$

$$
y
$$

- The maximum a posteriori (MAP) classifier is the one that maximizes your probability of being correct:

$$
\hat{y}=\underset{\operatorname{argmax}}{ } P(Y=y \mid X=x)
$$

$y$

- Notice: they're the same! This is called the MPE=MAP rule.


## Today: What if $P(X, Y)$ is complicated?

Very, very common problem: $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})$ is complicated because both X and Y depend on some hidden variable H

$$
P(Y=y \mid X=x)=\frac{\sum_{h} P(X=x, H=h, Y=y)}{\sum_{h, y^{\prime}} P\left(X=x, H=h, Y=y^{\prime}\right)}
$$

Why is this a problem?

1. SPACE COMPLEXITY: $P(X=x, H=h, Y=y)$ requires $|X| \cdot|H|$. $|Y|$ entries

- Example: X has cardinality $1000, \mathrm{H}$ has cardinality $1000, \mathrm{Y}$ has cardinality 1000, then $P(X=x, H=h, Y=y)$ is a probability table with 1 billion entries.

2. TIME COMPLEXITY: The summation requires a lot of time.

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## Bayesian networks: Structure

- Nodes: random variables

- Arcs: interactions
- An arrow from one variable to another indicates direct causal influence of variable \#1 on variable \#2
- Must form a directed, acyclic graph


## Conditional independence and the joint distribution

- Key property: each node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents
- Suppose the nodes $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}$ are sorted in topological order
- To get the joint distribution $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$, use chain rule:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right) & =\prod_{i=1}^{n} P\left(X_{i} \mid X_{1}, \ldots, X_{i-1}\right) \\
& =\prod_{i=1}^{n} P\left(X_{i} \mid \operatorname{Parents}\left(X_{i}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example: Los Angeles Burglar Alarm

- I have a burglar alarm that is sometimes set off by minor earthquakes. My two neighbors, John and Mary, promised to call me at work if they hear the alarm
- Example inference task: suppose Mary calls and John doesn't call. What is the probability of a burglary?
- What are the random variables?
- Burglary, Earthquake, Alarm, John, Mary
- What are the direct influence relationships?
- A burglar can set the alarm off
- An earthquake can set the alarm off
- The alarm can cause Mary to call
- The alarm can cause John to call



## Example: Burglar Alarm



## Space complexity: LA Burglar Alarm

- How much space do we need to store the model without dependencies?
- 5 variables
- Each is binary
- $P(B, E, A, J, M)$ is a table with $2^{5}=32$ entries
- Since they add up to 1 , we could store just $2^{5}-1=31$ entries
- How much space do we need to store the Bayes net parameters?
- $P(B), P(E)$ : two numbers
- $P(A \mid B=b, E=e)$ : one entry for each setting of $b \in\{F, T\}, e \in\{F, T\}$
- $P(J \mid A=a), P(M \mid A=a)$ : two numbers for each setting of $a \in\{F, T\}$
- Total: $1+1+4+2+2=10$ entries


Huang, McMurran, Dhadyalla \& Jones, "Probability-based
Fig. 6 Bayesian diagnostic model for the symptom "no sound"

## Space complexity, Huang et al. "no sound" diagnosis model

- How much space do we need to store the model without dependencies?
- 41 binary variables: table would require $2^{41}-1=2,199,023,255,551$ entries
- How much space do we need to store the Bayes net parameters?
- One binary variable with four binary parents, requires one entry for each of the $2^{4}=16$ values of its parent variables
- Two binary variable with three binary parents, each require 8 entries
- Five binary variables with two binary parents, each require 4 entries
- Twenty binary variables with one binary parent, each require 2 entries
- Thirteen binary variables with no parents, each require 1 entry
- Total: $16+2 \times 8+5 \times 4+20 \times 2+13=105$ entries


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## Classification using probabilities

- Suppose Mary has called to tell you that you had a burglar alarm. Should you call the police?
- Make a decision that maximizes the probability of being correct. This is called a MAP (maximum a posteriori) decision. You decide that you have a burglar in your house if and only if

$$
P(\text { Burglary }=T \mid \text { Mary }=T)>P(\text { Burglary }=F \mid \text { Mary }=T)
$$

Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities

- Notice: we don't know $P(B \mid M)$ ! We have to figure out what it is.
- This is called "inference".
- First step: find the joint probability of $B, M$, and any other variables that are necessary in order to link these two together.
$P(B, E, A, M)=P(B) P(E) P(A \mid B, E) P(M \mid A)$

| $P(B E A M)$ | $M=F$, <br> $A=F$ | $M=F$, <br> $A=T$ | $M=T$, <br> $A=F$ | $M=T$, <br> $A=T$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B=F$, <br> $E=F$ | 0.986045 | $2.99 \times 10^{-4}$ | $9.96 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.98 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $B=F$, <br> $E=T$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.06 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $B=T$, <br> $E=F$ | $5.93 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.81 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.99 \times 10^{-7}$ | $6.57 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $B=T$, <br> $E=T$ | $9.9 \times 10^{-8}$ | $5.7 \times 10^{-7}$ | $10^{-9}$ | $1.33 \times 10^{-6}$ |

Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities
Second step: marginalize (add) to get rid of the variables you don't care about.

$P(B, M)=\sum_{e \in\{F, T\}} \sum_{a \in\{F, T\}} P(B, E=e, A=a, M)$

| $P(B, M)$ | $M=F$ | $M=T$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B=F$ | 0.987922 | 0.011078 |
| $B=T$ | 0.000341 | 0.000659 |

## Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities

Third step: ignore (delete) the column that didn't happen.


| $P(B, M)$ | $M=T$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $B=F$ | 0.011078 |
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Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities
Fourth step: use the definition of conditional probability.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& P(B=T \mid M=T) \\
& =\frac{P(B=T, M=T)}{P(B=T, M=T)+P(B=F, M=T)}
\end{aligned}
$$

| $P(B \mid M)$ | $M=T$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $B=F$ | 0.943883 |
| $B=T$ | 0.056117 |

## Some unexpected conclusions

- Burglary is so unlikely that, if only Mary calls or only John calls, the probability of a burglary is still only about 5\%.
- If both Mary and John call, the probability is $\sim 50 \%$.


## Belief propagation: The general algorithm



Given an arbitrary Bayes net, you want to find the joint probability of two variables, $X$ and $Y$, that are connected by a chain of intermediate variables, $H_{1}$ through $H_{N}$.

## Belief propagation: The general algorithm



Initialize:
Start with $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X})$

## Iterate:

1. PRODUCT: Multiply in the next variable
2. SUM: Marginalize out any variables you no longer need
Terminate:
When you have $P(X, Y)$

## Belief propagation: The general algorithm

## Example:

$$
\begin{gathered}
P\left(X, H_{1}\right)=P(X) P\left(H_{1} \mid X\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{1}, H_{2}\right)=P\left(X, H_{1}\right) P\left(H_{2} \mid H_{1}\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{2}\right)=\sum_{h_{1}} P\left(X, H_{1}=h_{1}, H_{2}\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{2}, H_{3}\right)=P\left(X, H_{2}\right) P\left(H_{3} \mid H_{2}\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{3}\right)=\sum_{h_{2}} P\left(X, H_{2}=h_{2}, H_{3}\right) \\
\vdots
\end{gathered}
$$

## Belief propagation: The general algorithm

## Example:

$$
\begin{gathered}
P\left(X, H_{4}, H_{5}\right)=P\left(X, H_{4}\right) P\left(H_{5} \mid H_{4}\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{5}\right)=\sum_{h_{4}} P\left(X, H_{4}=h_{4}, H_{5}\right) \\
P\left(X, H_{5}, Y\right) \stackrel{=}{=} P\left(X, H_{5}\right) P\left(Y \mid H_{5}\right) \\
P(X, Y)=\sum_{h_{5}} P\left(X, H_{5}=h_{5}, Y\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Belief propagation: Space and time complexity

- If there is just one path from $X$ to $Y$ (as shown in the example), then space and time complexity of belief propagation are each $K^{3}$, where $K$ is the maximum cardinality of any of the random variables.
- Each product operation results in a table of 3 variables, with $K^{3}-1$ entries
- Each summation is over $K$ entries, for each of $K^{2}$ combinations
- If there are multiple paths from $X$ to $Y$, or if there are multiple $X$ variables (many different relevant observations), then belief propagation becomes NP-complete
- It's necessary to create a probability table containing all the variables in all the paths between $X$ and $Y$
- That table has $K^{2 N+1}-1$ entries, where $N$ is the number of different paths that connect X to Y


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- If only Mary calls or only John calls, the probability of a burglary is about 5\% or 6\%.
unless ...
- If you know that there was an earthquake, then it's very likely that the alarm was caused by the earthquake. In that case, the probability you had a burglary is vanishingly small, even if twenty of your neighbors call you.
- This is called the "explaining away" effect. The earthquake "explains away" the burglar alarm.


## The "Explaining Away" Effect

 Probability of a Burglary, given that Mary called, and given a known earthquake:|  |
| ---: | :--- |

## Independence

- By saying that $X_{i}$ and $X_{j}$ are independent, we mean that

$$
\mathrm{P}\left(X_{j}, X_{i}\right)=\mathrm{P}\left(X_{i}\right) \mathrm{P}\left(X_{j}\right)
$$

- $X_{i}$ and $X_{j}$ are independent if and only if they have no common ancestors
- Example: independent coin flips

- Another example: Weather is independent of all other variables in this model.



## Conditional independence

- By saying that $W_{i}$ and $W_{j}$ are conditionally independent given $X$, we mean that

$$
\mathrm{P}\left(W_{i}, W_{j} \mid X\right)=\mathrm{P}\left(W_{i} \mid X\right) \mathrm{P}\left(W_{j} \mid X\right)
$$

- $W_{i}$ and $W_{j}$ are conditionally independent given $X$ if and only if they have no common ancestors other than the ancestors of $X$.
- Example: naïve Bayes model:


Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence
$B$ and $E$ are independent:


$$
P(B \mid E)=P(B)
$$

$B$ and $E$ are not conditionally independent given A :

$$
P(B \mid E, A) \neq P(B \mid E)
$$

Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence
$J$ and M are conditionally independent given A :


$$
\begin{gathered}
P(J \mid A, M)=P(J \mid A) \\
P(M \mid A, J)=P(M \mid A)
\end{gathered}
$$

J and M are not independent!

$$
P(J \mid M) \neq P(J)
$$

Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence
$B$ and $M$ are conditionally independent given A :


$$
P(B \mid A, M)=P(B \mid A)
$$

$$
P(M \mid A, B)=P(M \mid A)
$$

$B$ and $M$ are not independent!

$$
P(B \mid M) \neq P(B)
$$

Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence

- $B$ and $E$ (no common ancestor, common descendant A):
- Independent
- Not conditionally independent given $A$
- J and M (common ancestor A, no common descendant):
- Not independent
- Conditionally independent given A
- $B$ and $M$ ( $B$ is the ancestor of $M$ ):
- Not independent
- Conditionally independent given A


## Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence

- Variables in a Bayes net are independent if they have no common ancestors
- If they have a common ancestor (e.g., J and M), they are not independent
- If one is the ancestor of the other (e.g., $B$ and $M$ ), they are not independent
- Variables in a Bayes net are conditionally independent given knowledge of:
- Their common ancestors, and
- A variable that is a descendant of one, and an ancestor of the other


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