

Readings:  
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  $|\text{Val}(X_i)| = k$
- 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

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

BN w. no edges



- How many independent parameters now?

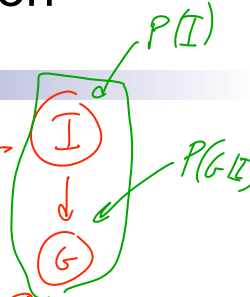
$n \cdot (k-1)$

$X_1 X_3 \perp X_7 X_{14}$

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

# Conditional parameterization – two nodes

- Grade is determined by Intelligence



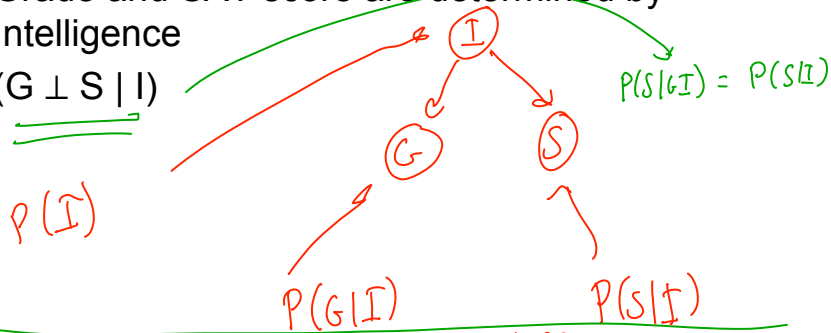
$$P(I) = \begin{array}{c|c} & \text{VH} & \text{H} \\ \hline & .85 & .15 \end{array}$$

$$P(G|I) = \begin{array}{c|cc} & \text{VH} & \text{H} \\ \hline \text{A} & .9 & .5 \\ \hline \text{B} & .1 & .5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(I=VH, G=B) &= P(I=VH) P(G=B|I=VH) \\ &= .85 \times .1 \\ &= \underline{0.085} \end{aligned}$$

## Conditional parameterization – three nodes

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



$$P(I, G, S) = P(I) \cdot P(G|I) P(S|I) \quad \text{why??}$$


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chain rule  $P(I, G, S) = P(I) P(G|I) \cdot P(S|G, I)$

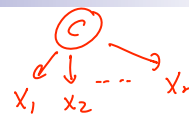
$$= P(I) P(G|I) P(S|I) \quad \text{same because of } (G \perp S \mid I)$$

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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  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$



$$P(C, X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(C) \prod_i P(X_i | C) \quad \leftarrow \text{why??}$$

$$P(C, X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(C) P(X_1 | C) \cdot P(X_2 | C, X_1) \dots P(X_n | C, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \quad \leftarrow \text{no assumptions}$$

$$P(X_2 | C, X_1) = P(X_2 | C)$$

$$X_1 \perp X_2 \mid C$$

$$\rightarrow P(X_n | C, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) = P(X_n | C)$$

$$\hookrightarrow X_n \perp X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} \mid C$$

becomes Naïve Bayes model

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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

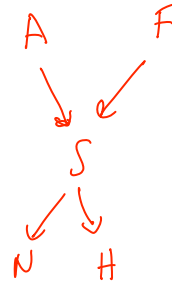
- We've heard of Bayes nets, we've played with Bayes nets, we've even used them in your research
- This class, we'll learn the semantics of BNs, relate them to independence assumptions encoded by the graph

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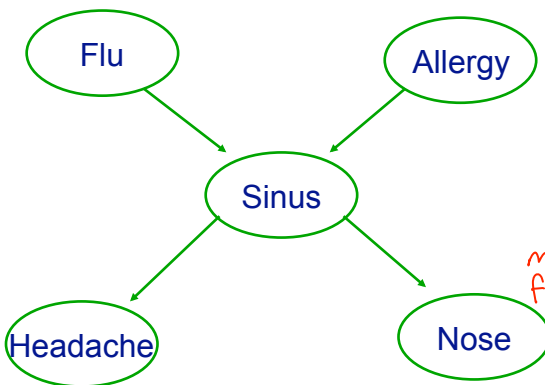
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# Causal structure

- 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?

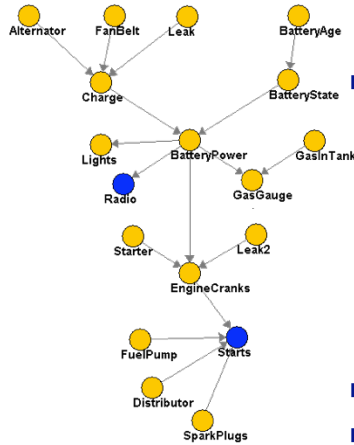


# Possible queries



- Inference *Probabilistic*  $H=t, N=f$  }
  - $P(A=t | H=t, N=f)$
- Most probable explanation
- Active data collection
  - $\max_{f,a,s} P(F=f, A=a, S=s | H=t, N=f)$
  - ↳ what's next best test? variable to observe

# Car starts BN



- 18 binary attributes

- Inference

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

- $= \sum_{\text{Alt}} \sum_{\text{FanBelt}} \sum_{\text{Leak}} \dots P(A, F, L, \dots)$
    - $\uparrow 2^{16}$

marginalize all variables except for BatteryAge, Starts

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

- Not impressed?

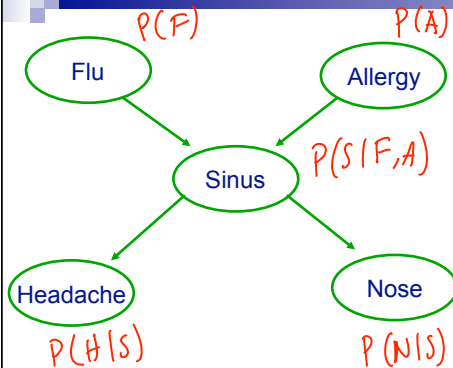
- HailFinder BN – more than  $3^{54} =$

58149737003040059690390169 terms

sparse structure!

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# Factored joint distribution - Preview



$$P(F, A, S, H, N) = P(F) \cdot P(A) \cdot P(S|F, A) \cdot P(H|S) \cdot P(N|S)$$

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# Number of parameters

binary vars

$P(F) \in 1$        $P(A) \in 1$        $P(F, A, S, H, N)$   
 explicitly  
 $2^5 - 1 = 31$

$P(S|F, A) \in 4$

S	F	A	t	f	t	f
t	.9	.7	.8	.2		
f	.1	.3	.2	.8		

parameters  
 $1+1+1+1 = 4$

$P(H|S) \in 2$

$P(N|S) \in 2$

with  
 BN: 10

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# Key: Independence assumptions

$\neg H \perp N$

$H \perp N | S$

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$\neg A \perp N$

$A \perp N | S$

Knowing sinus separates the symptom variables from each other

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# (Marginal) Independence

- Flu and Allergy are (marginally) independent

$F \perp A$

$$P(F, A) = P(F) \cdot P(A)$$

Flu = t	0.1
Flu = f	0.9

- More Generally:

$\forall$  subsets of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

$X \perp Y$

$X \subseteq X_1, \dots, X_n$   
 $Y \subseteq X_1, \dots, X_n$

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i)$$

Allergy = t	.3
Allergy = f	.7

	Flu = t	Flu = f
Allergy = t	$.1 \times .3 = 0.03$	$.3 \times .9$
Allergy = f	$.1 \times .7$	$.9 \times .7$

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# Conditional independence

- Flu and Headache are not (marginally) independent

- Flu and Headache are independent given Sinus infection



$\neg F \perp H$   $P(F|H) \neq P(F)$

$$P(F, H) \neq P(F) \cdot P(H)$$

$F \perp H | S$

$$P(F, H | S) = P(F | S) P(H | S)$$

$$P(F | H, S) = P(F | S)$$

- More Generally:

$$X_1 \perp X_2, \dots, X_n | C \Leftrightarrow \text{OR } P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | C) = P(X_1 | C) \cdot P(X_2, \dots, X_n | C)$$

$$P(X_1 | C, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1 | C)$$

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# The independence assumption

Before new edge  $H \perp \{A, F, N\} | S$

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

Flu:  $\text{Pa}_{\text{Flu}} = \emptyset$   
 Non Descendants Flu =  $\{A\}$   
 $F \perp A$

Nose:  $\text{Pa}_{\text{Nose}} = \{S\}$   
 Non Descendants Nose =  $\{F, A, H\}$   
 $N \perp \{F, A, H\} | S$

Sinus:  $\text{Pa}_{\text{Sinus}} = \{F, A\}$   
 Non Descendants Sinus =  $\emptyset$   
 NO ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT  $S \perp ?? | F, A$

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# Explaining away

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

XOR  
 $P(A=t) = 0.5$   
 $P(F=t) = 0.5$   
 $S = \text{FXOR } A$   
 $S=t, A=t \Rightarrow F=f$   
 $P(F=t | S=t, A=t) = 0$

$P(F=t) = 0.2$   
 $P(F=t | S=t) = 0.5$   
 Now  $S=t, A=f$   
 $P(F=t | S=t, A=f) = 0.3$

$P(F=t) \leq P(F=t | S=t, A=f) = P(F=t | S=f)$   
 could be  $P(F=t | S=t, A=f) \geq P(F=t | S=f)$   
 depends on  $P(S | F, A)$

$F \perp A$   
 $S$  is not a parent!  
 $\neg F \perp A | S$   
 not implied by Local Markov assumption

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