# CS 440/ECE448 Lecture 19: Bayes Net Inference

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#### Bayes Network Inference & Learning

Bayes net is a **memory-efficient model** of dependencies among:

- Query variables: X
- Evidence (observed) variables and their values: E = e
- Unobserved variables: Y

**Inference problem**: answer questions about the query variables given the evidence variables

- This can be done using the posterior distribution P(X | E = e)
- The posterior can be derived from the full joint P(X, E, Y)
- How do we make this **computationally efficient?**

**Learning problem**: given some training examples, how do we learn the parameters of the model?

• Parameters = p(variable | parents), for each variable in the net

# Outline

- Inference Examples
- Inference Algorithms
  - Trees: Sum-product algorithm
  - Poly-trees: Junction tree algorithm
  - Graphs: No polynomial-time algorithm
- Parameter Learning

#### Practice example 1

• Variables: Cloudy, Sprinkler, Rain, Wet Grass



#### Practice example 1

• Given that the grass is wet, what is the probability that it has rained?



#### Practice Example #2

- Suppose you have an observation, for example, "Jack called" (J=1)
- You want to know: was there a burglary?
- You need

$$P(B = 1|J = 1) = \frac{P(B, J = 1)}{\sum_{b} P(B = b, J = 1)}$$

 So you need to compute the table P(B,J) for all possible settings of (B,J) Bayes Net Inference: The Hard Way



- 1. P(B,E,A,J,M)=P(B)P(E)P(A|B,E)P(J|A)P(M|A)
- 2.  $P(B,J) = \sum_{E} \sum_{A} \sum_{M} P(B,E,A,J,M)$

Exponential complexity (#P-hard, actually): N variables, each of which has K possible values  $\Rightarrow O\{K^N\}$  time complexity

Is there an easier way?

- Tree-structured Bayes nets: the sum-product algorithm
  - Quadratic complexity,  $O\{NK^3\}$
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#### 1. Tree-Structured Bayes Nets



- Suppose these are all binary variables.
- We observe E=1
- We want to find P(H=1|E=1)
- Means that we need to find both P(H=0,E=1) and P(H=1,E=1) because

$$P(H = 1|E = 1) = \frac{P(H = 1, E = 1)}{\sum_{h} P(H = h, E = 1)}$$

# The Sum-Product Algorithm (Belief Propagation)



- Find the only undirected path from the evidence variable to the query variable (EDBFGIH)
- Find the directed root of this path P(F)
- Find the joint probabilities of root and evidence: P(F=0,E=1) and P(F=1,E=1)
- Find the joint probabilities of query and evidence: P(H=0,E=1) and P(H=1,E=1)
- Find the conditional probability P(H=1|E=1)

# The Sum-Product Algorithm (Belief Propagation)



Starting with the root P(F), we find P(F,E) by alternating product steps and sum steps:

- 1. Product: P(B,D,F)=P(F)P(B|F)P(D|B)
- 2. Sum:  $P(D,F) = \sum_{B=0}^{1} P(B,D,F)$
- 3. Product: P(D,E,F)=P(D,F)P(E|D)
- 4. Sum:  $P(E,F) = \sum_{D=0}^{1} P(D,E,F)$

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- 3. Product: P(E,G,I)=P(E,G)P(I|G)
- 4. Sum:  $P(E, I) = \sum_{G=0}^{1} P(E, G, I)$
- 5. Product: P(E,H,I)=P(E,I)P(I|G)
- 6. Sum:  $P(E, H) = \sum_{I=0}^{1} P(E, H, I)$

# Time Complexity of Belief Propagation



- Each product step generates a table with 3 variables
- Each sum step reduces that to a table with 2 variables
- If each variable has K values, and if there are O{N} variables on the path from evidence to query, then time complexity is O{NK<sup>3</sup>}

# Time Complexity of Bayes Net Inference

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# 2. The Junction Tree Algorithm

- a. Moralize the graph (identify each variable's Markov blanket)
- b. Triangulate the graph (eliminate undirected cycles)
- c. Create the junction tree (form cliques)
- d. Run the sum-product algorithm on the junction tree

- Suppose there is a Bayes net with variables A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H
- The "Markov blanket" of variable F is D,E,G if
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- How can we prove that?
- P(A,...,H) = P(A)P(B|A) ...
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- Only these two:

P(F|D) and P(G|E,F)



The Markov Blanket of variable F includes only its immediate family members:

- Its parent, D
- Its child, G
- The other parent of its child, E

Because P(F|A,B,C,D,E,G,H) = P(F|D,E,G)



# 2.a. Moralization

"Moralization" =

- 1. If two variables have a child together, force them to get married.
- 2. Get rid of the arrows (not necessary any more).

Result: Markov blanket = the set of variables to which a variable is connected.



# 2.b. Triangulation

Triangulation = draw edges so that there is no unbroken cycle of length > 3.

There are usually many different ways to do this. For example, here's one:



# 2.c. Form Cliques

Clique = a group of variables, all of whom are members of each other's immediate family.

Junction Tree = a tree in which

- Each node is a clique from the original graph,
- Each edge is an "intersection set," naming the variables that overlap between the two cliques.



## 2.d. Sum-Product

Suppose we need P(B,G):

- 1. Product: P(B,C,D,F)=P(B)P(C|B)P(D|B)P(F|D)
- 2. Sum:  $P(B,C,F) = \sum_D P(B,C,D,F)$
- 3. Product: P(B,C,E,F)=P(B,C,F)P(E|C)
- 4. Sum:  $P(B, E, F) = \sum_{C} P(B, C, E, F)$
- 5. Product: P(B,E,F,G) = P(B,E,F)P(G|E,F)
- 6. Sum:  $P(B,G) = \sum_{E} \sum_{F} P(B,E,F,G)$

Complexity:  $O\{NK^M\}$ , where N=# cliques, K = # values for each variable, M = 1 + # variables in the largest clique



#### Junction Tree: Sample Test Question



Consider the burglar alarm example.

- a. Moralize this graph
- b. Is it already triangulated? If not, triangulate it.
- c. Draw the junction tree

# Solution



a. Moralize this graph

## Solution



b. Is it already triangulated?

Answer: yes. There is no unbroken cycle of length > 3.

## Solution



c. Draw the junction tree

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  - Decision problem: is P(Y) > 0?

 $Y = (U_1 \vee U_2 \vee U_3) \wedge (\neg U_1 \vee \neg U_2 \vee U_3) \wedge (U_2 \vee \neg U_3 \vee U_4)$ 

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 $P(U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4, C_1, C_2, C_3, D_1, D_2, Y) =$   $P(U_1)P(U_2)P(U_3)P(U_4)$   $P(C_1 | U_1, U_2, U_3)P(C_2 | U_1, U_2, U_3)P(C_3 | U_2, U_3, U_4)$   $P(D_1 | C_1)P(D_2 | D_1, C_2)P(Y | D_2, C_3)$ 



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Answer: after we moralize and triangulate, the size of the largest clique (u2u3c1c2c3) is  $M \approx N$ , same order of magnitude as the original problem

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## Parameter learning

- Inference problem: given values of evidence variables
  E = e, answer questions about query variables X using the posterior P(X | E = e)
- Learning problem: estimate the parameters of the probabilistic model P(X | E) given a *training sample* {(x<sub>1</sub>,e<sub>1</sub>), ..., (x<sub>n</sub>,e<sub>n</sub>)}

#### Parameter learning: complete data

 Suppose we know the network structure (but not the parameters), and have a training set of *complete* observations



#### Training set

Sample	С	S	R	W
1	Т	F	Т	Т
2	F	Т	F	Т
3	Т	F	F	F
4	Т	Т	Т	Т
5	F	Т	F	Т
6	Т	F	Т	F
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#### Parameter learning

- Suppose we know the network structure (but not the parameters), and have a training set of *complete* observations
- Example:

$$P(S = T | C = T) = \frac{\text{#samples with } S = T, C = T}{\text{# samples with } C = T} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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#### Parameter learning

- Suppose we know the network structure (but not the parameters), and have a training set of *complete* observations
  - P(X | Parents(X)) is given by the observed frequencies of the different values of X for each combination of parent values

Parameter learning: missing data

 Suppose we know the network structure (but not the parameters), and have a training set, but the training set is *missing some observations*.



Training set

Sample	С	S	R	W
1	?	F	Т	Т
2	?	Т	F	Т
3	?	F	F	F
4	?	Т	Т	Т
5	?	Т	F	Т
6	?	F	Т	F

- The EM algorithm starts ("Expectation Maximization") starts with an initial guess for each parameter value.
- We try to improve the initial guess, using the algorithm on the next two slides:
  - E-step
  - M-step



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• E-Step (Expectation): Given the model parameters, replace each of the missing numbers with a probability (a number between 0 and 1) using P(C = 1, C, P, W)

$$P(C = 1|S, R, W) = \frac{P(C = 1, S, R, W)}{P(C = 1, S, R, W) + P(C = 0, S, R, W)}$$



Training set

R

Т

F

F

Т

F

Т

....

W

Т

Т

F

Т

Т

F

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M-Step (Maximization): Given the missing data estimates, replace each of the missing model parameters using
 E[# times Variable = T, Parents = value]

 $P(Variable = T|Parents = value) = \frac{L}{L}$ 

*E*[#times Parents = value]

Training set



• Iterate back and forth between E-step and M-step until the model converges.



## Summary: Bayesian networks

- Structure
- Parameters
- Inference
- Learning