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Review:

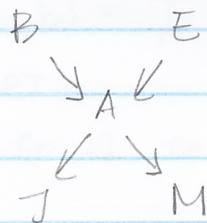
B = burglar

E = earthquake

A = alarm

J = John calls

M = Mary calls



\* Belief network (BN)

= directed acyclic graph (DAG)

+ conditional probability tables (CPTs)

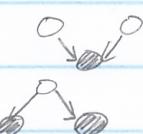
\* conditional independence

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) &= P(X_1) P(X_2 | X_1) \cdots P(X_n | X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) && \text{product rule} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i)) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i)) \text{ where } \text{pa}(X_i) = \end{aligned}$$

parents of  $X_i$  is subset  
of  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}\}$

\* Types of reasoning

1. competing explanations of observed event



2. multiple events with common explanation



3. intervening events



\* Representing CPTs

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  Assume  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

$y \in \{0, 1\}$

How to represent CPT  $P(y=1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ ?

Option #1: look up table  $O(2^k)$  can store arbitrary CPT

$x_1$	$x_2$	...	$x_k$	$P(y=1   x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$
2 <sup>k</sup> rows {	0	0	...	0.6
	1	0	...	0.3
	:	:	...	:
	1	1	...	0.8

But what if  $k$  is very large?

Option #2 - "deterministic" node

$$\text{"AND"} \quad P(Y=1 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k X_i$$

$$\text{"OR"} \quad P(Y=0 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k (1-X_i)$$

Option #3: noisy-OR CPT

Use  $k$  numbers  $p_i \in [0, 1]$  to parameterize  $O(2^k)$  elements of CPT:

$$P(Y=0 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k (1-p_i)^{x_i} \quad \text{where } x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$P(Y=1 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k (1-p_i)^{x_i}$$

Why call "noisy-OR"?

- Look at all parents are off

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=1 | \underbrace{X_1=0, X_2=0, \dots, X_k=0}_{\text{all parents are off}}) &= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k (1-p_i)^0 \\ &= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

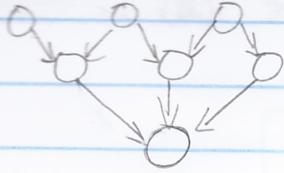
If  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , then  $Y=0$ , recovers behavior of "OR".

- Look at

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=1 | X_1=0, X_2=0, \dots, X_{i-1}=0, \underbrace{X_i=1}_{\text{on}}, X_{i+1}=0, \dots, X_k=0) \\ &= 1 - \prod_{j=1}^k (1-p_j)^{x_j} \\ &= 1 - (1-p_i)^1 \prod_{j \neq i} (1-p_j)^0 \\ &= 1 - (1-p_i) \\ &= p_i \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively,  $p_i$  represents the probability that  $X_i=1$  by itself triggers  $Y=1$ .

## Conditional independence



A node is conditionally independent of its non-parent ancestors given its parents.

$$P(x_i | \text{pa}(x_i)) = P(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

\* More generally:

Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $E$  refer to disjoint sets of nodes.

When is  $X$  conditionally independent of  $Y$  given evidence  $E$ ?

When is  $P(X|E, Y) = P(X|E)$ ?

$$P(Y|E, X) = P(Y|E) ?$$

$$P(X, Y|E) = P(X|E) P(Y|E) ?$$

We've done already the special case:

$$X = \{x_i\}$$

$$E = \{\text{pa}(x_i)\}$$

$$Y = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}\} - \{\text{pa}(x_i)\}$$

ancestors - parents

$$P(X|E) = P(X|E, Y)$$

\* d-separation

"direction-dependent" separation

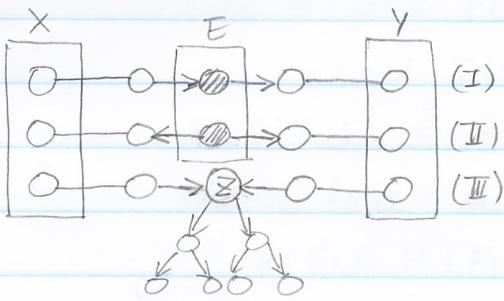
Relates conditional independence to graph-theoretic properties.

\* Thm:  $P(X, Y|E) = P(X|E) P(Y|E)$  if and only if every undirected path from a node in  $X$  to a node in  $Y$  is "d-separated" by  $E$   
(blocked)

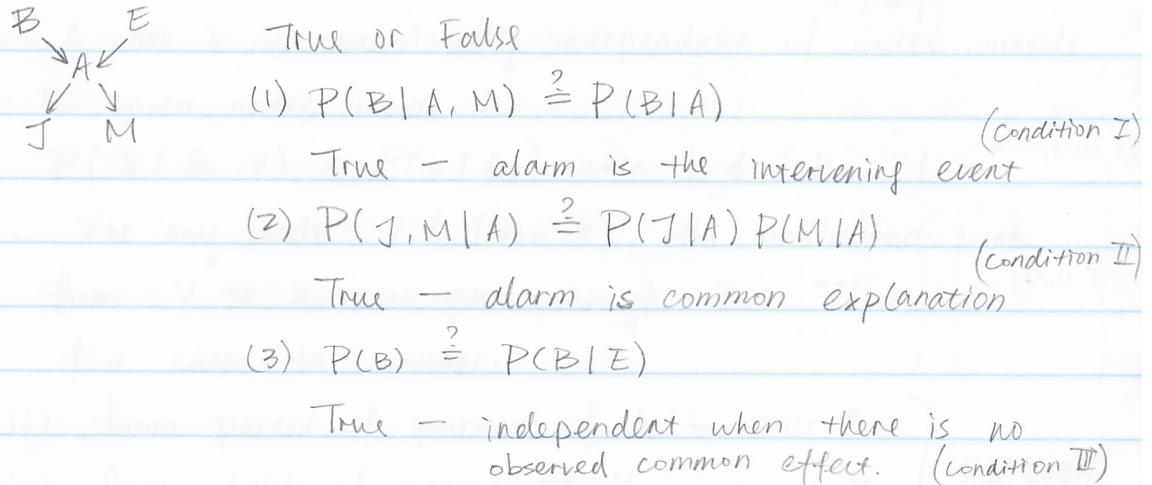
\* Def. a path  $\pi$  is d-separated if there exists a node  $Z \in \pi$  for which one of 3 conditions hold:

(I)  $Z \in E$  with  $\rightarrow \circlearrowleft \rightarrow$  is an "intervening" event  
 $\leftarrow \circlearrowright \leftarrow$  in a causal chain.

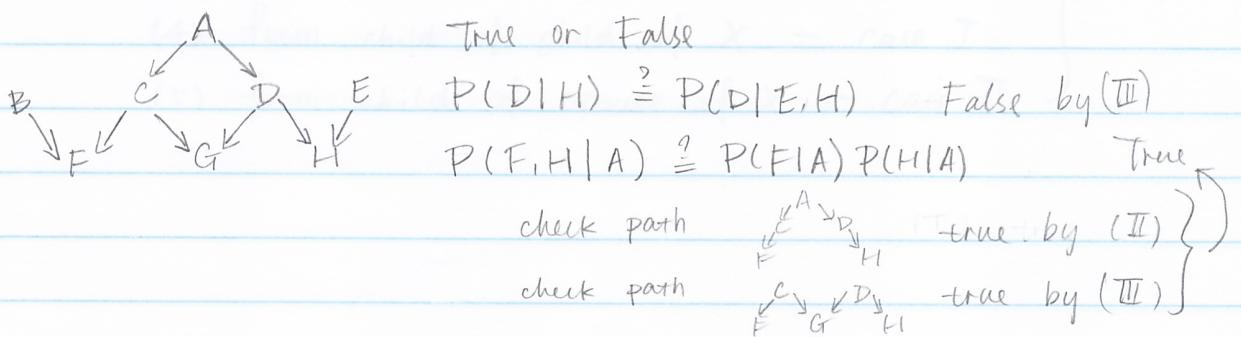
- (I)  $z \in E$  with  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  is a "common explanation"
- (II)  $z \notin E$  descendants( $z$ )  $\not\subseteq E$  with  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ .  
no observed "common effects"



- \* Proof that d-separation  $\iff$  conditional independence is beyond course
- \* Efficient algorithms exist for testing d-separation.
- \* Alarm BN example



- \* Loopy BN example



$$P(F, G, H | A) \stackrel{?}{=} P(F|A) P(G|A) P(H|A)$$

$$\text{Product rule } P(F|A) P(G|A, F) P(H|A, F, G) \stackrel{?}{=} P(F|A) P(G|A) P(H|A)$$

$$\text{Need to check } P(G|A, F) \stackrel{?}{=} P(G|A)$$

$$\text{and } P(H|A, F, G) \stackrel{?}{=} P(H|A)$$

$$P(G|A, F) \stackrel{?}{=} P(G|A) \quad \text{False}$$

One is false, then

$$P(F, G, H | A) \stackrel{?}{=} P(F|A) P(G|A) P(H|A) \quad \text{False.}$$

\* Def = Markov blanket  $B_x$  of individual node  $X$  consists of parents of  $X$ , children of  $X$ , and spouses of  $X$

↓ parents of children  
of  $X$ , not including  
 $X$  itself.

\* Thm: A node  $X$  is conditionally independent of nodes outside  $B_x$  given nodes inside  $B_x$

$$P(X | B_x, Y) = P(X | B_x) \text{ when } Y \notin \{B_x, X\}$$

Proof: For any node  $Y \notin \{B_x, X\}$ , the undirected path from  $Y$  to  $X$  must pass through  $B_x$ . There are five cases to consider:

- (1) from parent of parent of  $X$  - case I
  - (2) from child of parent of  $X$  - case II
  - (3) from parent of spouse of  $X$  - case I
  - (4) from child of child of  $X$  - case I
  - (5) from child of spouse of  $X$  - case II
- All paths are  
disjointed

## Inference

\* Problem

$E$  = set of evidence nodes

$Q$  = set of query nodes

How to compute posterior probabilities  $P(Q|E)$ ?

\* Question: When can we perform this efficiently?  
(polynomial time in size of DAG and CPTs)?

Answer: Polytrees.

\* Def: polytree = singly connected network;  
at most one undirected path between  
any two nodes, no loops.

Goal: Compute  $P(X|E)$

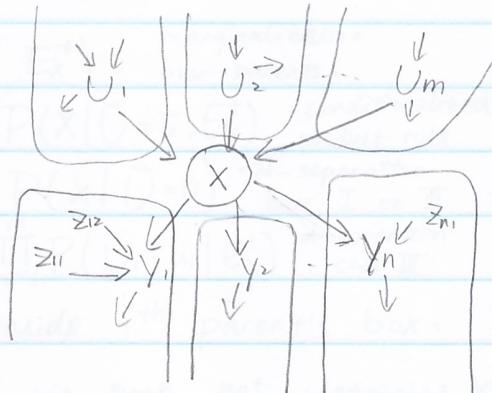
Claim: Boxes don't overlap! No loops!

Polytree = Node  $X$

Parents  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m$

Children  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$

Spouse:  $\sum_{jk} (k^{\text{th}} \text{ parent of } j^{\text{th}} \text{ child})$



Type of evidence:

$E_x^+$  = evidence connected to  $X$  thru its parents.

$E_x^-$  = evidence connected to  $X$  thru its children

$E = E_x^+ \cup E_x^-$

Assume  $X \notin E$ , otherwise inference is trivial.

### \* Inference in polytree

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X|E) &= P(X|E_x^-, E_x^+) \\
 &= \frac{P(x, E_x^- | E_x^+)}{P(E_x^- | E_x^+)} && \text{conditionalized product rule} \\
 &= \frac{P(x, E_x^- | E_x^+)}{\sum_x P(x=x, E_x^- | E_x^+)} && \text{conditionalized marginalization}
 \end{aligned}$$

Denominator is just numerator summed over  $x$ .

Focus on numerator.

### \* Numerator:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x, E_x^- | E_x^+) &= P(x | E_x^+) P(E_x^- | x, E_x^+) && \text{conditionalized product rule} \\
 &= P(x | E_x^+) P(E_x^- | x) && \text{conditional independent (case I)} \\
 \text{goal: } &\quad \text{"upstream" recursion} \quad \text{"downstream" recursion}
 \end{aligned}$$

### \* "Upstream" recursion

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x | E_x^+) &= \sum_{\bar{U}} P(x, \bar{U} = \bar{u} | E_x^+) && \text{marginalization over parents} \\
 &= \sum_{\bar{u}} P(\bar{U} = \bar{u} | E_x^+) P(x | \bar{U} = \bar{u}, E_x^+) && \text{conditionalized product rule} \\
 &= \sum_{\bar{u}} P(\bar{U} = \bar{u} | E_x^+) P(x | \bar{U} = \bar{u}) && \text{d-separation case I or II} \\
 &= \sum_{\bar{u}} P(x | \bar{U} = \bar{u}) \prod_{i=1}^m P(U_i = u_i | E_x^+) && \text{d-separation case III}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $E_{U_i \setminus X}$  denote evidence inside  $i^{th}$  parent's box:

evidence connected to  $U_i$  via path not containing  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x | E_x^+) &= \sum_{\bar{u}} P(x | \bar{U} = \bar{u}) \prod_{i=1}^m P(U_i = u_i | E_x^+) \\
 &= \sum_{\bar{u}} \underbrace{P(x | \bar{U} = \bar{u})}_{\text{CPT at node } X} \prod_{i=1}^m \underbrace{P(U_i = u_i | E_{U_i \setminus X})}_{\text{recursive instance of original problem}} && \text{d-separation case III}
 \end{aligned}$$

### \* "Downstream" recursion

How to compute  $P(E_x^- | x)$ ?

Possible but somewhat more complicated.

### \* Termination conditions:

- root node (no parents)
- leaf node (no child)
- evidence node (trivial)

} algorithm terminates b/c polytree has no loops.

## \* Running Time

- linear in # nodes of network

- linear in size of CPTs (b/c we must sum over the parent values)

$$\sum_{\vec{u}} P(x_1 | \vec{U} = \vec{u}) \dots$$

## Loopy BNs - how to perform inference

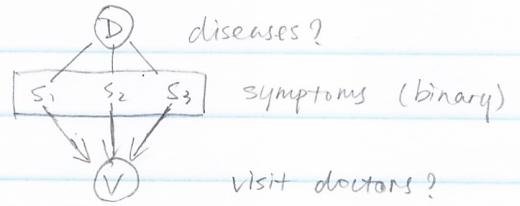
Ex: Medical Diagnosis

2-layer network



Ex: Simpler Example

How to do  
inference?



Turn loopy BN into  
polytree by clustering nodes.



Merge nodes to form polytree.

- Merge  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  into some  
mega-node  $S$

-  $S$  takes on  $2^3$  possible values

- Merge CPTs  $P(S_1 | D), P(S_2 | D), P(S_3 | D)$  into  $P(S | D)$

- Apply polytree algorithm.

$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S$
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	2
0	1	0	3
0	0	1	4
:	:	:	5

$$P(S=2 | D)$$

$$= P(S_1=1, S_2=0, S_3=0 | D)$$

$$P(V | S=2) = P(V | S_1=1, S_2=0, S_3=0)$$

\* Polytree algorithm

linear in size of CPTs

But CPT size grows exponentially with # nodes that are clustered.

How to choose optimal clustering?

Computationally hard results