Markov Networks: Representation

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Markov networks: Undirected Graphical models

Model the following distribution using a Bayesian network

- ► *I*(*A*, {*B*, *D*}, *C*)
- ▶ $I(B, \{A, C\}, D)$

Here, we are trying to model how both good and bad information spreads between four mutual friends: Anna (A), Bob (B), Charles (C) and Debbie (D). Anna and Charles used to date each other and the relationship ended badly. Bob and Debbie were married. Unfortunately, they got divorced recently and are not in speaking terms.

Attempted Bayesian networks



(b) says that A is independent of C given $\{B, D\}$. However, it also implies that B and D are independent given only A but dependent given both A and C.

Markov networks: Undirected Graphical models

Definition:

• An undirected graph G

• A set of factors or functions, denoted by ϕ associated with maximal cliques of G Example of a factor $\phi(A, B)$

а	b	30
а	$\neg b$	5
$\neg a$	Ь	1
$\neg a$	$\neg b$	10

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Distribution represented by a Markov network



- Normalized product of all factors (called the Gibbs distribution).
- ► $\Pr(a, b, c, d) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi(a, b) \times \phi(a, c) \times \phi(b, d) \times \phi(c, d)$
- Z is a normalizing constant, often called the partition function

$$\blacktriangleright \ Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} \phi(a,b) \times \phi(a,c) \times \phi(b,d) \times \phi(c,d)$$

- They are not conditional probability distributions. Why? The interactions are not directed.
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Assignment		UnNormalized	Normalized		
a^0	b^0	c^0	d^0	300K	0.04
a^0	<i>b</i> ⁰	c^0	d^1	300K	0.04
a^0	<i>b</i> ⁰	c^1	d^0	300K	0.04
a^0	<i>b</i> ⁰	c^1	d^1	30	4.1E-06
a^0	b^1	c^0	d^0	500	6.9E-05
a^0	b^1	c^0	d^1	500	6.9E-05
a^0	b^1	c^1	d^0	5M	0.69
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a^1	b^0	c^0	d^0	100	1.4E-05
a^1	<i>b</i> ⁰	c^0	d^1	1M	0.14
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a^1	<i>b</i> ⁰	c^1	d^1	100	1.4E-05
a^1	b^1	c^0	d^0	10	1.4E-05
a^1	b^1	c^0	d^1	100K	0.014
a^1	b^1	c^1	d^0	100K	0.014
a^1	b^1	c^1	d^1	100K	0.014

The Partition Function vs Local Factors

Compare:

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larginal over A, B is:				
	a^0	b^0	.13	
	a^0	b^1	.69	
	a^1	b^0	.14	
	a^1	b^1	.04	



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- ► The most likely tuple in φ(A, B) is the first one. The most likely tuple in the marginal is the second one.
- Strength of other factors is much stronger than that of $\phi(A, B)$ and therefore the influence of the latter is overwhelmed.

• Graph separation: I(X, Z, Y) only if X and Y are disconnected after removing Z



- What are the independencies represented by this network?
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- If Pr is a Gibbs distribution of an undirected graph G, then G is an I-map of Pr.
- \blacktriangleright If G is an I-map of a positive distribution Pr, then Pr is a Gibbs distribution.

Theorem (Hammersley-Clifford Theorem)

Let Pr be a positive distribution, then Pr is a Gibbs distribution of a Markov network G if and only if G is an I-map of Pr.

- Remember Bayesian networks. We had local independencies (Markov) and global independencies (d-separation).
- Analogously, we can define local independencies via Markov blanket (neighbors of node).

 $I(X, Neighbors(X), Non_Neighbors(X))$

► Global independencies via Graph separation follow from these local independencies

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- Building minimal I-maps
 - 1. For each node X find a minimal set of nodes MB(X) such that the local independence property is satisfied.
 - 2. Connect X with MB(X)

Bayesian vs Markov Networks

Property	Bayesian networks	Markov networks
Functions	CPTs	Factors/Potentials
Distribution	Product of CPTs	normalized product
Cycles	Not Allowed	Allowed
Partition function	Z = 1	Z =?
Independencies Check	D-separation	Graph-separation
Compact models	Class-BN	Class-MN

• Class-BN \neq Class-MN

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- Markov network? Clique over X, Y and Z
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Converting Markov to Bayesian networks

- Non-trivial and hard!
- ▶ Requires triangulating the Markov network.
- ► Example: Convert the following to a Bayesian network



Converting Markov to Bayesian networks

Equivalent Bayesian network that is a minimal I-map of the Markov network.



Loss of independence assumptions: I(C, {A, F}, D) does not hold in the Bayesian network.

Classes of Compact models



Factor Graphs

A Markov network does not reveal its Gibbs distribution. We need to know the parameters! Example:



- Are the factors $\phi(A, B)$, $\phi(A, C)$, $\phi(B, C)$ or is there a single factor $\phi(A, B, C)$?
- ▶ Factor graph is a fine grained factorization. It is a bi-partite graph.

Factor Graphs



Quiz: How to convert a Markov network to a factor graph?

Log-linear models

- Convert each tuple in a function to a formula.
- ▶ If the formula is True then weight equals log of the function value and 0 otherwise.

$$\mathsf{Pr}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{f_i} w_i \times I_{\mathbf{x}}(f_i)\right)$$

 $I_{\mathbf{x}}(f_i) = 1$ if **x** satisfies f_i and 0 otherwise.

Var 1	Var 2	ϕ	Formula	Weight
A	В	30	$A \wedge B$	log(30)
A	$\neg B$	5	$A \wedge \neg B$	$\log(5)$
$\neg A$	В	1	$\neg A \wedge B$	$\log(1)$
$\neg A$	$\neg B$	30	$\neg A \land \neg B$	$\log(30)$

Log-linear models: Mapping logic to Probabilities

If two formulas have the same weight, we can merge the two:

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A	$\neg B$	5	$A \wedge \neg B$	$\log(5)$
$\neg A$	В	1	$\neg A \wedge B$	$\log(1)$
$\neg A$	$\neg B$	30	$\neg A \land \neg B$	$\log(30)$

Merging first and fourth formula, we have a new [formula, weight] pair: $[(A \land B) \lor (\neg A \land \neg B), \log(30)]$. Significant compaction can be achieved in some cases.

Building Graphical models by hand: Skills

- Identify relevant variables and their possible values.
- Build the network structure (a Bayesian network or a factor graph) [Issues: CPTs/Factors can be large]
- Define the specific numbers in CPTs or factors [Issues: How significant are the numbers? Will a 0.1 instead of 0.01 matter?]
- Identify the specific queries that needs to be answered (application dependent)

Types of Queries

- Probability of evidence
- Prior vs Posterior marginals
- Most probable explanation
- Maximum a posteriori hypothesis (MAP)

