

# Bayesian Belief Networks

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# Overview

- Short review in Elementary Probabilities
- Bayes Theorem
- Down falls of Naive Bayes Classifier
- Bayesian belief networks (BBN)
- BBN and Variable Dependence
- BBN Classic Example
- BBN Representation
- BBN Learning
- BBN Creation
- BBN and NLP

# Introduction

- Bayesian Belief Networks are directed acyclic graphs that combine prior knowledge with observed data.
- They allow for probabilistic dependencies and probabilistic conditional independence
- This makes them more powerful than most previous models such as Naive Bayes Model
- These characteristics make it useful for NLP

# Probabilities Axioms

- A and B are Boolean variables that represent the occurrence of an event.
- If an event is certain to occur then the probability is 1
- If an event is certain to not occur then the probability is 0.
- If the probability of the event is uncertain then the probability is between 0 and 1.

$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(\text{True}) = 1$$

$$P(\text{False}) = 0$$

$$P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$$

$$P(\neg A) = 1 - P(A)$$

# Probabilistic Inference

- Suppose you are one of the 1/10 people that have a headache (H)
- Suppose 1/40 of people have the flu (F).
- Suppose that half the people that have the flu also have a headache.
- Given the fact that you have a headache what are the chances that you have the flu?

$$P(H) = 1/10$$

$$P(F) = 1/40$$

$$P(H|F) = 1/2$$

$$P(F|H) = ?$$

# Bayes Theorem

$$P(h|x) = \frac{(P(x|h) P(h))}{(P(x))}$$

- $P(h)$  = prior probability of hypothesis  $h$
- $P(x)$  = prior probability that examples is observed
- $P(h|x)$  = posterior probability of  $h$  given  $x$
- $P(x|h)$  = conditional probability of  $x$  given  $h$  (often called likelihood of  $x$  given  $h$ )

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$$P(F|H) = \frac{(P(H|F) P(F))}{(P(H))}$$

$$P(F|H) = \frac{(0.5 * 0.025)}{0.1}$$

$$P(F|H) = 0.125$$

# Conditional Probability and The Chain Rule

- The probability that A and B occur.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(B)}$$

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$$P(H \wedge F) = P(H|F)P(F)$$

$$P(H \wedge F) = 0.5 * 0.025$$

$$P(H \wedge F) = 0.0125$$

# Joint Probability Distribution

Headache	Flu	Probability
0	0	?
0	1	?
1	0	?
1	1	?

- How can we find these probabilities?

What we have so far:

$$P(F)=0.025 \quad P(\neg F)=0.975$$

$$P(H)=0.1 \quad P(\neg H)=0.9$$

$$P(H|F)=0.5 \quad P(\neg H|F)=0.5$$

$$P(F|H)=0.125 \quad P(\neg F|H)=0.875$$

$$P(H \wedge F)=0.0125$$

# Joint Probability Distribution

Headache	Flu	Probability
0	0	0.888
0	1	0.125
1	0	0.088
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- We can use Bayes Theorem and Chain Rule to generate the joint probability distribution table for headache

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We can now find:

$$P(\neg H \wedge \neg F)=P(\neg H|\neg F)P(\neg F)=0.909*0.975=0.886$$

$$P(\neg H \wedge F)=P(\neg H|F)P(F)=0.5*0.025=0.0125$$

$$P(H \wedge \neg F)=P(H|\neg F)P(\neg F)=\frac{(P(\neg F|H)P(H))}{(P(\neg F))}P(\neg F)$$

$$P(H \wedge \neg F)=(P(\neg F|H)P(H))=0.875*0.1=0.088$$

# Maximum a Posteriori Hypothesis

$$P(h|x) = \frac{(P(x|h) P(h))}{(P(x))}$$

- Imagine we need to find the most probable hypothesis  $h$  from a set of examples.
- We can find it using a method called Maximum a Posteriori Hypothesis.

$$h_{MAP}(X) = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(h|x) = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{(P(x|h) P(h))}{(P(x))} = \underset{h \in H}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(x|h) P(h)$$

# Naive Bayes Classifier

- Naive Bayes classifier is naive because it assumes that values of the attributes are conditionally independent given a hypothesis

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | c_j) = \prod_i P(x_i | c_j)$$

$$c_{nb} = \underset{c_j \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(c_j) P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | c_j) = \underset{c_j \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(c_j) \prod_i P(x_i | c_j)$$

# Probability Estimation

- We can estimate the unknown values to  $c_j$  and  $a_i$  given  $c_j$  as follows:

$$P(c_j) = \frac{(\# \text{ of training examples of class } c_j)}{(\# \text{ of training examples})}$$

$$P(x_i|c_j) = \frac{(\# \text{ of training examples of class } c_j \text{ with } x_i \text{ for } A_i)}{(\# \text{ number of training examples of class } c_j)}$$

# Naive Bayes Algorithm (Learning from examples)

For each class  $c_j$

$$P(c_j) \leftarrow \text{estimate } P(C_j)$$

For each attribute for which  $x_i$  is a value

$$P(x_i|c_j) \leftarrow \text{estimate } P(x_i|c_j)$$

Classify new instance  $x$

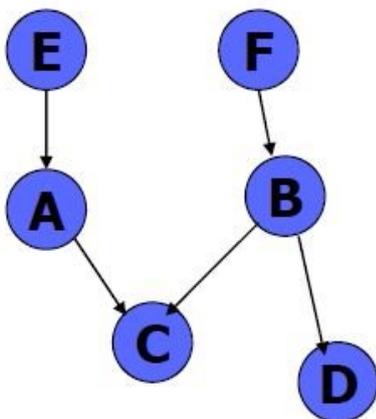
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# A Problem with Naive Bayes Classification

- The assumption that all class attributes are independent results in a loss of accuracy
  - Recall the example about headaches and flu shown before. Clearly there is a dependencies between attributes which a naive classifier would not be able to model.
- The solution?
  - Bayesian Belief Networks

# Bayesian Belief Networks (BBN)

- ▶ A *directed acyclic graph*: represents dependency among variables (attributes)



- **Nodes**: variables (including class attribute)
- **Links**: dependencies (e.g., A depends on E)
- **Parents**: immediate predecessors. E.g., A,B are the parents of C. B is the parent of D
- **Descendent**: X is a descendent of Y if there is a direct path from Y to X.
- **Conditional Independency**:
  - Assume: each variable is conditionally independent of its nondescendants given its parents.
  - Definition: X is conditionally independent of Y given Z iff  $P(X|Y,Z)=P(X|Z)$
  - E.g.: C is conditional independent of D given A and B. Thus,  $P(C|A, B, D)=P(C|A, B)$
- **Acyclic**: has no loops or cycles

- ▶ A *conditional probability table* (CPT) for each variable X: specifies the conditional probability distribution  $P(X|Parents(X))$ .

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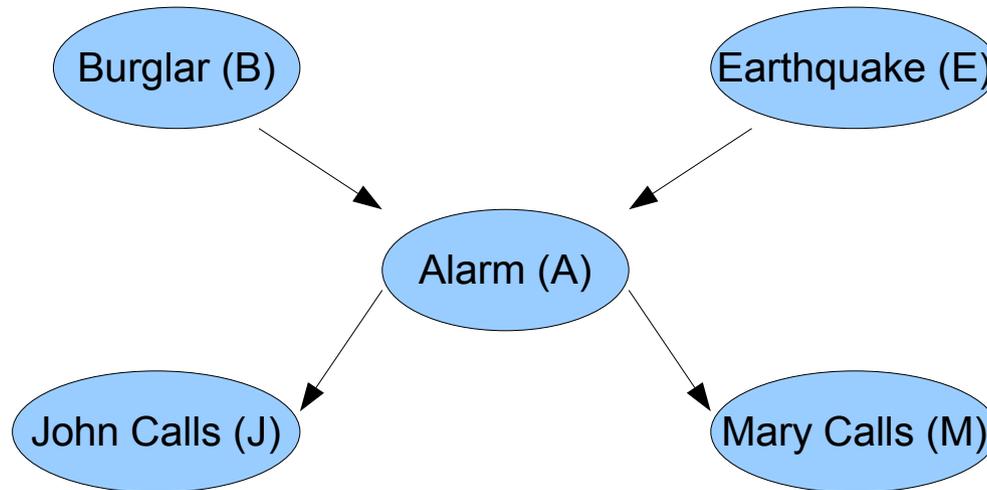
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# Dependence and Independence of Bayesian Belief Networks

- In other words BBN allow for dependency among variables but allow independence among subsets of variables
- Each variable is conditionally independent of all its non descendant in the graph given the value of all its parents.

$$P(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{x_i \in X} P(x_i | \text{parents}(x_i))$$

# The Classic Example



- You go on vacation. You have a new burglar alarm setup that detects burglary well but has a chance of responding to earthquakes.
- In case the alarm goes your two neighbors John and Mary can call you to inform you of the situation. Unfortunately,
- John has a tendency to confuse the alarm with the phone ringing
- Mary is slightly deaf.

# Classic Example: Chain Rule

$$P(B, E, A, J, M) = P(B)P(E|B)P(A|B, E)P(J|A, B, E)P(M|J, A, B, E)$$

- Recall benefits of Bayesian Networks.

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# Classic Example: Conditional Probability Tables (CPT)

B	P(B)	B	E	A	P(A B,E)
T	0.001	T	T	T	0.95
F	0.999	T	T	F	0.05
		T	F	T	0.94
		T	F	F	0.06
		F	T	T	0.29
		F	T	F	0.71
		F	F	T	0.001
		F	F	F	0.999

E	P(E)
T	0.002
F	0.998

A	J	P(J A)
T	T	0.90
T	F	0.10
F	T	0.05
F	F	0.95

A	M	P(M A)
T	T	0.70
T	F	0.30
F	T	0.01
F	F	0.99

- Recall benefits of Bayesian Networks.

# Classic Example: Inference

- Lets infer the probability that the burglar is not in the house given that John heard the alarm

Calculate  $P(B=F, J=T)$ :

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

$$P(B=F, J=T) = \sum_{E, A, M} P(B=F)P(E)P(A \vee B=F, E)P(J=T \vee A)P(M \vee A)$$

$$P(B=F, J=T) = P(B=F)P(E=T)P(A=T \vee B=F, E=T)P(J=T \vee A=T)P(M=T \vee A=T)$$

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$$P(B=F, J=T) = 0.999 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.29 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.7$$

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$$P(B=F, J=T) = 5.12899587 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

# Representational Power of BBN

- BBN can represent other models such as fully joint distribution, fully independent model, naive bayes model, and HMM model.

# Learning Bayesian Networks

- If the structure of the Bayesian Network is known then simply just learn the CPTs for each variable in the network by estimating the conditional probabilities from a training set. (Similar to naive Bayes classifier)
- What if the structure is unknown?

# Building Bayesian Networks

- Problem: Find the most probable Bayes network structure given a database
- Bayesian Networks can be built using the K2 algorithm
- The algorithm heuristically searches for the most probable belief network structure given a dataset of cases.
- Input:  $n$  number of nodes, an ordering of the nodes, and upper bound  $u$  on the number of parents a node may have, and a data set  $D$  containing  $m$  cases.
- Output: The set of root parent nodes.

# Building Bayesian Networks

- Structures are ranked by their posterior probabilities using the following:

$$g(i, \pi_i) = \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} \frac{(r_i - 1)!}{(N_{ij} + r_i - 1)!} \prod_{k=1}^{r_i} N_{ijk}!$$

- For more details see: “A Bayesian Method for the Induction of Probabilistic Networks from Data”, Gregory F. Cooper and Edward Herskovits, Machine Learning 9, 1992

# BBN and NLP

- So how does BBN relate to NLP?
  - Word recognition for the English Language (kinda like the monkey problem)
  - We need a data set (English: books, articles, etc)
  - We feed the data set in to the BBN structure creator (the structure is already present for us in the words it self)
  - We the generate the conditional probabilities based on the data set.
- But BBN can be even more powerful

# BBN and NLP continued

- Consider the following paper:
  - X. Jin, A. Xu, R. Bie, X. Shen, M. Yin. Spam Email Filtering with Bayesian Belief Network: using Relevant Words, *IEEE International Conference on Granular Computing, 2006*
    - In the paper the authors attempt to classify whether an email is spam or non spam.
    - Classification was based on the contents of the email itself

# BBN and NLP continued

- The authors used 3 different criteria for relevant word selection

- Information Gain

$$\text{InfoGain} = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m - \left( \frac{N_{c_k}}{N} \right) \log \left( \frac{N_{c_k}}{N} \right) \right] \\ - \left[ \sum_{v=1}^V \left( \frac{N^{(v)}}{N} \right) \sum_{k=1}^m - \left( \frac{N_{c_k}^{(v)}}{N^{(v)}} \right) \log \left( \frac{N_{c_k}^{(v)}}{N^{(v)}} \right) \right]$$

- Gain Ratio

$$\text{GainRatio} = \text{InfoGain} / \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m - \left( \frac{N_{c_k}}{N} \right) \log \left( \frac{N_{c_k}}{N} \right) \right]$$

- Chi Squared

$$\text{ChiSquared} = \chi^2 = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{v=1}^V \frac{(N_{c_k}^{(v)} - \tilde{N}_{c_k}^{(v)})^2}{\tilde{N}_{c_k}^{(v)}}$$

# BBN and NLP continued

- Using the word selection algorithms the authors found a “good” subset of words to use as a learning data set
- The authors used BBN classifiers/model among others (such as Naive Bayes Classifier) to filter emails as spam and none spam.
- They found that BBN out perform all other models for email filtering with a 97.6% accuracy.
- The authors attribute this outcome due to BBN ability to learn dependencies.

# Conclusion

- Bayesian Belief Networks combine prior knowledge with observed data
- They allow for both dependencies and conditional independencies
- They have a flexible structure and can represent other probabilistic models
- These features make them powerful for modeling probabilities

Questions?