

Technology

STATISTICAL METHODS IN CS, CH 10

Lecture 5

REPRESENTING AND WORKING WITH DISTRIBUTIONS

- ★ For all but the smallest n, the explicit representation of the joint distribution is unmanageable from every perspective.
- * Computationally, it is very *expensive to manipulate* and generally *too large to store* in memory.
- * Cognitively, it is *impossible to acquire so many numbers* from a human expert; moreover, the numbers are very small and *do not correspond to events that people can reasonably contemplate.*
- * Statistically, if we want to learn the distribution from data, we would need ridiculously large amounts of data to estimate this many parameters robustly.
- * These problems were the *main barrier* to the adoption of probabilistic methods for expert systems *until the development of the methodologies we now will consider.*



















INFERENCE – THE CHAIN RULE

 $p(\overbrace{\boldsymbol{x}_{[V]}}_{\boldsymbol{x}_1,\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}_V}) = p(\boldsymbol{x}_1)p(\boldsymbol{x}_2|\boldsymbol{x}_1)p(\boldsymbol{x}_3|\boldsymbol{x}_1,\boldsymbol{x}_2)\cdots p(\boldsymbol{x}_V|\boldsymbol{x}_{[V-1]})$

- * Assuming binary r.v., $p(X_V | X_{[V-1]})$ has 2^{V-1} parameters
- * Total # parameters $\sum_{1 \le i \le V} 2^{i-1} = 2^{V-1}$



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★Assume first order Markov property $oldsymbol{x}_t \perp oldsymbol{x}_{[t-2]} | oldsymbol{x}_{t-1}$

i.e., if time ordered, future independent of past given present

*Then $p(x_{[V]}) = p(x_1) \prod_{t=1}^{V-1} p(x_{t+1}|x_t)$

FACTORIZATION OVER

$$p(x_1,\ldots,x_N) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n | \boldsymbol{x}_{\mathrm{pa}(x_n)})$$

p can be factorized over G if it can be expressed as above













$$p(\boldsymbol{X}_m | \boldsymbol{x}_e, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{X}_m, \boldsymbol{x}_e | \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\boldsymbol{x}_e | \boldsymbol{\theta})} = \frac{\sum_{\boldsymbol{x}_{V \setminus \{m \cup e\}}} p(\boldsymbol{X}_m, \boldsymbol{x}_e | \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\sum_{\boldsymbol{x}_{V \setminus e}} p(\boldsymbol{x}_e | \boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

- The denominator contains a marginal likelihood
- Summing out V binary hidden variables O(2^V)
- K values O(K^V)

















TERMINOLOGY

- \star Degree (in and out)
- \star Cycle (directed or not)
- ★ Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- \star Topological order (parents < child)
- \star Path (directed or not)
- ★ Ancestors



TERMINOLOGY

★ Tree

★ Polytree – directed tree with multiple parents for some vertices

- ★ Forest
- ★ Subgraph
- ★ Clique
- \star Maximal clique



ORDERED MARKOV PROPERTY

 \star The directed local Markov property.

 $oldsymbol{x}_t \perp oldsymbol{x}_{V \setminus ext{desc}(t)} | oldsymbol{x}_{ ext{pa}(t)}$

 \star In this case

 $\begin{aligned} p(\boldsymbol{x}_{[5]}) &= p(\boldsymbol{x}_1) p(\boldsymbol{x}_2 | \boldsymbol{x}_1) p(\boldsymbol{x}_3 | \boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2) \\ &= p(\boldsymbol{x}_4 | \boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \boldsymbol{x}_3) p(\boldsymbol{x}_5 | \boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \boldsymbol{x}_3, \boldsymbol{x}_4) \\ &= p(\boldsymbol{x}_1) p(\boldsymbol{x}_2 | \boldsymbol{x}_1) p(\boldsymbol{x}_3 | \boldsymbol{x}_1) \\ &= p(\boldsymbol{x}_4 | \boldsymbol{x}_2, \boldsymbol{x}_3) p(\boldsymbol{x}_5 | \boldsymbol{x}_3) \end{aligned}$





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SOUNDNESS AND COMPLETENESS

- ★ Theorem If a distribution P factorizes according to G, then $I(G) \subseteq I(P)$
- * Theorem

If X and Y are not d-separated given Z in G, then X and Y are dependent given Z in some distribution P that factorize over G.

We cannot have all. Ex. clique and independent distribution



THE END

SKELETON AND EQUIVALENCE

- The skeleton is the underlying undirected graph
- Immorality is a pair of unmarried parents
- Theorem

Let G_1 and G_2 be two graphs over X. Then G_1 and G_2 have the same skeleton and the same set of immoralities if and only if $I(G_1){=}I(G_2)$