Probability Models

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- When there are many variables, the sample size is often too small
- When the sample size is too small, the class conditional joint probability cannot be estimated directly
- There must be some assumptions made to allow low order marginals to be combined in some manner to form class conditional joint probabilities to be used in the classification

The Markov Assumption

$$p(y_1 | y_2 \dots y_N) = P(y_1 | y_2)$$

$$p(y_2 | y_3 \dots y_N) = P(y_2 | y_3)$$

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$$P(y_{N-2} | y_{N-1}, y_N) = P(y_{N-2} | y_{N-1})$$

In general,

$$P(y_n | y_{n+1} \dots y_N) = P(y_n | y_{n+1}), n = 1, \dots N - 1$$

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Conditional Probability

Now,

$$P(x_1...x_N) = P(x_1 | x_2...x_N)P(x_2...x_N) = P(x_1 | x_2...x_N)P(x_2 | x_3...x_N)P(x_3...x_N)$$

Repeating the pattern,

$$P(x_1 \dots x_N) = \left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_n | x_{n+1} \dots x_N)\right] P(x_N)$$

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Under the Markov Assumption

$$P(x_n | x_{n+1} \dots x_N) = P(x_n | x_{n+1}), n = 1, \dots N - 1$$

Hence,

$$P(x_1 \dots x_N) = \left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_n | x_{n+1} \dots x_N)\right] P(x_N)$$
$$= \left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_n | x_{n+1})\right] P(x_N)$$

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Assign $(x_1, \ldots x_N)$ to class c^* when

$$P(x_{1}...x_{N} | c^{*}) > P(x_{1}...x_{N} | c), c \neq c^{*}$$
$$\left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_{n} | x_{n+1}, c^{*})\right] P(x_{N} | c^{*}) > \left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_{n} | x_{n+1}, c)\right] P(x_{N} | c)$$

for all other c

Let i_1, \ldots, i_N be a permutation of $1, \ldots, N$. Assign (x_1, \ldots, x_N) to class c^* when

$$P(x_{1} \dots x_{N} | c^{*}) > P(x_{1} \dots x_{N} | c), c \neq c^{*}$$
$$\left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_{i_{n}} | x_{i_{n+1}}, c^{*})\right] P(x_{i_{N}} | c^{*}) > \left[\prod_{n=1}^{N-1} P(x_{i_{n}} | x_{i_{n+1}}, c)\right] P(x_{i_{N}} | c)$$

for all other c

Conditional Independence Assumption

Under the Markov assumption

$$P(x_{i}, x_{i+1}, | x_{i+2}..., x_{N}) = \frac{P(x_{i}, ..., x_{N})}{P(x_{i+2}..., x_{N})}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_{i} | x_{i+1}..., x_{N})P(x_{i+1}..., x_{N})}{P(x_{i+2}..., x_{N})}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_{i} | x_{i+1})P(x_{i+1}..., x_{N})}{P(x_{i+2}..., x_{N})}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_{i} | x_{i+1})P(x_{i+1} | x_{i+2})P(x_{i+2}..., x_{N})}{P(x_{i+2}..., x_{N})}$$

$$= P(x_{i} | x_{i+1})P(x_{i+1} | x_{i+2})$$

The General Markov Classifier

How To Choose the Permutation

- Use the training data to estimate $P(x_i | x_j, c), i \neq j$
- For permutation i_1, \ldots, i_N
- Use the first half of testing data to estimate the expected gain using $P(x_{i_n} | x_{i_{n+1}}, c)$
- Search for the permutation having the largest estimated expected gain
- For the best permutation, get an unbiased estimate of the estimated expected gain using the second half of the testing data

First Order Dependence Trees



 $P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = p(x_1 \mid x_2)P(x_5 \mid x_2)P(x_3 \mid x_1)P(x_4 \mid x_1)P(x_2)$

First Order Dependence Trees

$$1 = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} \sum_{x_5} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$$

$$\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} \sum_{x_5} p(x_1 | x_2) P(x_5 | x_2) P(x_3 | x_1) P(x_4 | x_1) P(x_2)$$

$$\sum_{x_2} P(x_2) \sum_{x_1} P(x_1 | x_2) \sum_{x_5} P(x_5 | x_2) \sum_{x_4} P(x_4 | x_1) \sum_{x_3} P(x_3 | x_1)$$

$$= 1$$

First Order Dependence Trees



Precedence Function

i	j(i)
1	2
5	2
3	1
4	1

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First Order Dependence Tree



$$[N] = \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$M \subset [N] \quad j : M \to N$$

$$G = ([N], E)$$

$$E = \{\{j(m), m\} \mid m \in M\}$$

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_N) = P(x_m : m \in [N] - M) \prod_{m \in M} P(x_m \mid x_{j(m)})$$

The Optimal Dependence Tree

Of all possible dependence trees, is there an optimal one?

- The probabilities we are interested in are all conditional on class
- To save writing longer expression, we omit the class
- The probabilities in our dependence tree are order 2 $P(x_a, x_b)$
- The joint probability formed from the dependence tree product must be an extension of the marginal forming it
- The probability we want the product form to approximate is unknown
- The dependence tree product we seek must be as close to it as possible
- Given the complete set of the order 2 marginals,
 - The closest dependence tree product we can construct must use the marginals with largest entropy

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But finding that out is a combinatorial problem

There are two papers In 1968 Chow and Liu published a major paper *Approximating Discrete Probability Distributions with Dependence Trees* in the IEEE Transactions on Information Theory.

The Lewis paper, published in Information And Control, appeared in 1959 and had the title *Approximating Probability Distributions to Reduce Storage Requirements* proved that

- If we are just given low order marginals
- Whose product is a probability and extension of the marginals
- And we are approximating an unknown joint distribution
- Then the best we can do is a minimum information extension

Dependence Tree Optimization

In 1968 Chow and Liu published a major paper *Approximating Discrete Probability Distributions with Dependence Trees* in the IEEE Transactions on Information Theory. The paper gave the algorithm for forming the maximum mutual information extension.

- For every order two marginal, compute its Mutual Information
 - The Mutual Information between to variables *x* and *y* is defined by

$$I(x,y) = \sum_{x,y} P(x,y) \log \frac{P(x,y)}{P(x)P(y)}$$

- Make a graph whose nodes are labeled by the variable name
- Connect every pair of nodes, say node *x* with node *y*, with an edge
- Weight the edge by I(x, y)
- Use Kruskal's algorithm to find the maximum weighted

Kruskal's Maximal Spanning Tree Algorithm

- Sort the edges by decreasing weight
- Select the first edge as having the largest Mutual Information
- Select the next largest successive edge, that does not form a loop with the edges that have been previously chosen
- Stop when there are N 1 edges where N is the number of nodes

Kruskal proved that when the algorithm stopped, the result was a spanning tree. Further the spanning tree was maximal. $P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)$

- Does this product make a probability function?
- If it does, is the probability function an extension of these conditional probabilities?

Summing

Define,

$$Q(x_1,...,x_6) = P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$$

$$Q(x_2, ..., x_6) = \sum_{x_1} Q(x_1, ..., x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$

$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_4} Q(x_2, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_4} P(x_4 \mid x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 \mid x_6) P(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_5 \mid x_6) P(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) P(x_3)$

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$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_6) = \sum_{x_5} Q(x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_5} P(x_5 \mid x_6) P(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
 $\sum_{x_2, x_3, x_6} Q(x_2, x_3, x_6)$ = $\sum_{x_2, x_3, x_6} P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
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Weak Extension

Define,

$$Q(x_1,...,x_6) = P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)P(x_5 | x_6)$$

$$P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)$$

ls,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} Q(x_1 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) &=& P(x_1 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ Q(x_4 \mid x_2, x_5, x_6) &=& P(x_4 \mid x_2, x_5, x_6) \\ Q(x_5 \mid x_6) &=& P(x_5 \mid x_6) \\ Q(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) &=& P(x_2, x_6 \mid x_3) \\ Q(x_3) &=& P(x_3) \end{array}$$

Strong Extension

Define,

$$Q(x_1,...,x_6) = P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)P(x_5 | x_6)$$

$$P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)$$

ls,

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

$$Q(x_4, x_2, x_5, x_6) = P(x_4, x_2, x_5, x_6)$$

$$Q(x_5, x_6) = P(x_5, x_6)$$

$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_6) = P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$$

$$Q(x_3) = P(x_3)$$

Extension

Define,

$$Q(x_1,...,x_6) = P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$$

$$P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)$$

$$Q(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)}{Q(x_2, x_3, x_4)}$$

Find expressions for $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ and $Q(x_2, x_3, x_4)$

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$

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$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_4) = \sum_{x_1} Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
= $\sum_{x_5} \frac{P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)}{P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)}$
= $\sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6 | x_3)P(x_3)$

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$$Q(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)}{Q(x_2, x_3, x_4)}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)}{\sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)}$$

= $P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)$

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So we have shown a weak extension for one conditional probability.

Definition

Random variables X and Y are conditionally independent given random variable Z if and only if for all values x, y, z in the domain of the respective variables X, Y, Z

$$P(X = x, Y = y | Z = z) = P(X = x | Z = z)P(Y = y | Z = z)$$

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For the sake of compactness, we write

• P(x, y|z) for P(X = x, Y = y | Z = z)

If random variables X and Y are conditionally independent of random variable Z we write

• *X* ⊥ *Y* | *Z*

Let $\{X_1, \ldots, X_N\}$ be a set of random variables. If X_i is conditionally independent of X_j given X_k we write

● *i* ⊥ *j* | *k*

Let $A, B, C \subset \{1, \ldots, N\}$ with

- $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- $A \cap C = \emptyset$
- $B \cap C = \emptyset$

If $\{X_i : i \in A\}$ is conditionally independent of $\{X_j : j \in B\}$ given $\{X_k : k \in C\}$, then we write

• $A \perp B \mid C$

Conditional Independence Characterization Theorem

Theorem

$$P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$$
 if and only if $P(x|y, z) = P(x|z)$

Proof.

Suppose P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z). Consider P(x|y, z)

$$P(x|y,z) = \frac{P(x,y,z)}{P(y,z)} = \frac{P(x,y|z)P(z)}{P(y,z)}$$

= $\frac{P(x|z)P(y|z)P(z)}{P(y,z)} = P(x|z)$

Suppose P(x|y, z) = P(x|z). Consider P(x, y|z).

$$P(x, y|z) = \frac{P(x, y, z)}{P(z)} = \frac{P(x|y, z)P(y, z)}{P(z)}$$

= $\frac{P(x|z)P(y, z)}{P(z)} = P(x|z)P(y|z)$

Can we see if x_5 is conditionally independent of x_2 given x_6 . Is $P(x_5 | x_2, x_6) = P(x_5 | x_6)$?

$$Q(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$
= $P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6)$

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$$Q(x_2, x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_4} Q(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_4} P(x_4 \mid x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 \mid x_6) P(x_2, x_6)$
= $P(x_5 \mid x_6) P(x_2, x_6)$

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$$Q(x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$
= $\sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
= $\sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
= $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_6) = P(x_5, x_6)$

Conditional Independences

$$Q(x_2, x_5, x_6) = P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6)$$

$$Q(x_2, x_6) = \sum_{x_5} Q(x_2, x_5, x_6)$$

$$= \sum_{x_5} P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6)$$

$$= P(x_2, x_6)$$

$$Q(x_5 | x_2, x_6) = \frac{Q(x_2, x_5, x_6)}{Q(x_2, x_6)}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6)}{P(x_2, x_6)} = P(x_5 | x_6)$$

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Conditional Independence

Now,

$$Q(x_5 \mid x_2, x_6) = P(x_5 \mid x_6)$$

But,

$$Q(x_5,x_6)=P(x_5,x_6)$$

Hence,

$$Q(x_5 \mid x_6) = P(x_5 \mid x_6)$$

Therefore,

$$Q(x_5 \mid x_2, x_6) = Q(x_5 \mid x_6)$$

 $x_5 \perp x_2 \mid x_6$

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Conditional Independence

Suppose, $x_5 \perp x_2 \mid x_6$

$$Q(x_5 \mid x_2, x_6) = Q(x_5 \mid x_6)$$

Then,

$$Q(x_5, x_2 | x_6) = Q(x_5 | x_6)Q(x_2 | x_6)$$

$$Q(x_5, x_2 \mid x_6) = \frac{Q(x_2, x_5, x_6)}{Q(x_6)}$$

= $\frac{Q(x_5 \mid x_2, x_6)Q(x_2, x_6)}{Q(x_6)}$
= $\frac{Q(x_5 \mid x_6)Q(x_2, x_6)}{Q(x_6)}$
= $Q(x_5 \mid x_6)Q(x_2 \mid x_6)$
Additional Relationships You Work Out

$$Q(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) = \frac{Q(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6)}{Q(x_2, x_5, x_6)}$$

= $\frac{P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6)}{P(x_5 | x_6)P(x_2, x_6)}$
= $P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$

Additional Relationships You Work Out

$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_6) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_4} \sum_{x_5} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_4} \sum_{x_5} P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6)$
 $P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_6 | x_3) P(x_3)$
= $\sum_{x_4} \sum_{x_5} P(x_4 | x_2, x_5, x_6) P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
= $\sum_{x_5} P(x_5 | x_6) P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$
= $P(x_2, x_3, x_6)$

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Graphical Models associates a graph, called the conditional independence graph, from which the all the conditional independencies can be easily seen.

When the conditional independence graph is triangulated, then the joint probability function can be expressed with a probability product form.

- The product form can be read off the graph
- The product form is a strong extension of the marginal terms of the product

A graph G = (N, E) where N is an index set and E, the edge set, is a collection of subsets of N where each subset has exactly 2 elements of N.

Graphs

Here, G = (N, E) where

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{3, 1\}\}$$



Boundary

Definition

Let G = (N, E) be a graph and $i \in N$. The boundary of *i* is defined by

 $bndry(i) = \{j \in N \mid \{i, j\} \in E\}$



- $bndry(1) = \{2, 3\}$
- $bndry(2) = \{1, 4\}$
- $bndry(3) = \{1, 4\}$
- $bndry(4) = \{2, 3\}$

Conditional Independence Graph: Definition

Definition

A graph (N, E) is called a Conditional Independence Graph of a random variable set $X = \{X_1, ..., X_M\}$ if and only if $N = \{1, ..., M\}$, the index set for the variables in X, and

 $E^{c} = \{\{i, j\} \mid X_{i} \perp X_{j} \mid X - \{X_{i}, X_{j}\}\}$

All graphs we discuss will be conditional independence graphs.

Conditional Independence Graph

Nodes correspond to indexes of variables in the variable set $X = \{X_1, ..., X_6\}$ $\{i, j\}$ not in the edge set means $X_i \perp X_j \mid X - \{X_i, X_j\}$



Conditional Independence Graph

 $\{Y, Z_1\}$ and $\{Y, Z_2\}$ not in edge set means



Block Independence Theorem

Y is conditionally independent of the block $\{Z_1, Z_2\}$ given X

Theorem

Suppose that for any values for any group of joint variables, the joint probability is greater than zero. $Y \perp Z_1, Z_2 \mid X$ if and only if $Y \perp Z_1 \mid X, Z_2$ and $Y \perp Z_2 \mid X, Z_1$.



Reduction Theorem

Theorem

Suppose that for any values for any group of joint variables, the joint probability is greater than zero.

- $Y \perp Z_1, Z_2 \mid X$ if and only if $Y \perp Z_1 \mid X, Z_2$ and $Y \perp Z_2 \mid X, Z_1$.
- $Y \perp Z_1, Z_2 \mid X$ implies $Y \perp Z_1 \mid X$ and $Y \perp Z_2 \mid X$.



- $Y_1 \perp Z_1 \mid X, Y_1 \perp Z_2 \mid X, Y_2 \perp Z_1 \mid X, Y_2 \perp Z_2 \mid X$
- $Y_1, Y_2 \perp Z_1 \mid X, Y_1, Y_2 \perp Z_2 \mid X, Y_1, Y_2 \perp Z_1, Z_2 \mid X$

• $Z_1, Z_2 \perp Y_1 \mid X, Z_1, Z_2 \perp Y_2 \mid X$

Let (G, E) be a graph and $g_1, \ldots, g_N \in G$. $\langle g_1, \ldots, g_N \rangle$ is a path in (G, E) if and only if $\{g_n, g_{n+1}\} \in E$ for every $n \in \{1, \ldots, N-1\}$.

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Let (G, E) be a graph and A, B be subsets of G. A and B are said to be connected if and only if for some $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, there is a path $< a, g_1, \ldots, g_N, b > \text{ in } G$.

Let (G, E) be a graph and A, B, S be non-empty subsets of G. S separates A from B if and only if for every $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, every path in G that begins with a and ends with b has at least one node in S.

Separation Theorem



Separation Theorem

Theorem

Let G = (N, E) be a connected conditional independence graph for a set of random variables whose joint probability is positive. If $A \subset N$ is any node set that separates two nodes *i* and *j*, then *i* $\perp j \mid A$.



Proof.

Let B be the set of nodes that either connect to i directly or through A. Let C be the set of nodes that either connect to j directly or through A. Hence, {A, B, C, {i, j}} form a partition of N. By construction of the conditional independence graph, $i \perp j \mid N - \{i, j\}$ and $i \perp p \mid N - \{i, p\}$. Application of the block independence theorem yields $i \perp j, p \mid N - \{i, j, p\}$. Application of the reduction theorem yields $i \perp j \mid N - \{i, j, p\}$. Repeated application using the remaining nodes of C yields $i \perp j \mid N - \{i, j\} - C$. Similarly for using q. Repeated application yields $i \perp j \mid N - \{i, j\} - B - C$. But $N - \{i, j\} - B - C = A$. Therefore $i \perp j \mid A$.

All conditional independences can be read off the Conditional Independence Graph.

Corollary

Let G = (N, E) be a conditional independence graph and $n \in N$. Define $B = N - \{n\} - bndry(n)$. Then $n \perp B \mid bndry(n)$.

Proof.

The set bndry(n) separates n from B.

Definition

Let G = (N, E) be a conditional independence graph and $n \in N$. The Markov Blanket of node *n* is bndry(n).

Complete Graphs

Definition

A graph G = (N, E) is complete if and only if

$$E = \{\{i, j\} \mid i, j \in N, i \neq j\}$$



Figure: The Complete Graph on 4 Nodes

Let G = (N, E) be a graph and $A \subset N$. The graph of *G* restricted to *A*, $G |_A$, is defined by

$$G|_{A}=(A, E|_{A})$$

where

$$E \mid_{\mathcal{A}} = \{\{i, j\} \in E \mid i, j \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

Let G = (N, E) be a graph. Let a subset of nodes $A \subset N$ be given. We say A is complete if and only if $G|_A$ is a complete graph.



A subset of nodes $A \subset N$ is maximally complete if and only if

- G |_A is complete
- $B \supset A$ and $G \mid_B$ complete implies B = A

Let G = (N, E) be a graph. A maximally complete subset $A \subset N$ is called a clique of G.

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Chordal Graphs

Definition

A graph is chordal (triangulated, decomposable) if and only if every cycle of length 4 or more has a chord.



Figure: Non-chordal

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A Graph G = (N, E) is Decomposable if and only if

- G is chordal
- The cliques of *G* can be put in running intersection order C_1, \ldots, C_K with separators $S_2, \ldots S_K$ where

$$S_k = C_k \bigcap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i \right), k = 2, \dots, K-1$$

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such that S_k is complete.





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Let *I* be an index subset. If $I = \{1, 3, 7\}$, then

$$P(x_i : i \in I) = P(x_1, x_3, x_7)$$

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Decomposable Graph





$$P(x_i : i \in I) = \frac{P(x_i : i \in C_1)P(x_i : i \in C_2)P(x_i : i \in C_3)}{P(x_i : i \in S_2)P(x_i : i \in S_3)}$$

= $P(x_i : i \in C_1)P(x_i : i \in C_2 - S_2 | S_2)P(x_i : i \in C_3 - S_3 | S_3)$

Theorem

If G is a decomposable graph with cliques in running intersection order C_1, \ldots, C_K and separators S_2, \ldots, S_K then

$$P(x_1,...,x_N) = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k)}{\prod_{m=2}^{K} P(x_j : j \in S_m)}$$

= $P(x_i : i \in C_1) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k - S_k | S_k)$





Cliques in running intersection order: $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{5, 6\}$ Separators: $\{2, 3, 4\}, \{5\}$

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_6) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)P(x_5, x_6)}{P(x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_5)}$$

= $P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_5 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_6 | x_5)$
= $P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)P(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4)P(x_6 | x_5)$

The product form

$$Q(x_1,\ldots,x_6) = P(x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_5 \mid x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_6 \mid x_5)$$

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- is an extension of the marginals
 - $P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$
 - $P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$
 - $P(x_5, x_6)$

Product Form

$$Q(x_1,\ldots,x_6) = P(x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_5 \mid x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_6 \mid x_5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6) \\ &= \sum_{x_5} \sum_{x_6} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_6 \mid x_5) \\ &= P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_5} P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_6} P(x_6 \mid x_5) \\ &= P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_5} P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ &= P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(x_1,\ldots,x_6) = P(x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_5 \mid x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_6 \mid x_5)$$

$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_6} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_6 \mid x_5)$$

= $P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \sum_{x_6} P(x_6 \mid x_5)$
= $P(x_5 \mid x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_2, x_3, x_4) = P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$

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Product Form

$$Q(x_1,\ldots,x_6) = P(x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_5 \mid x_2,x_3,x_4)P(x_6 \mid x_5)$$

$$Q(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_1} Q(x_1, \dots, x_6)$$

= $\sum_{x_1} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_5 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_6 | x_5)$
= $P(x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_5 | x_2, x_3, x_4) P(x_6 | x_5)$
= $P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) P(x_6 | x_5)$
 $Q(x_5, x_6) = \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} P(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) P(x_6 | x_5)$
= $P(x_5) P(x_6 | x_5) = P(x_5, x_6)$

Decomposable Graphs

$$S_{k} = C_{k} \bigcap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_{i}), k = 2, ..., K$$
$$P(x_{1}, ..., x_{N}) = P(x_{i} : i \in C_{1}) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_{i} : i \in C_{k} - S_{k} | S_{k})$$

Proposition

$$(C_k - S_k) \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i) = \emptyset$$

Proof.

$$(C_k - S_k) \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i) = (C_k - (C_k \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i)) \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i))$$

= $(C_k - (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i)) \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i)$
= \emptyset

Decomposable Graphs: Summability

$$S_{k} = C_{k} \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_{i}), k = 2, \dots, K$$
$$P(x_{1}, \dots, x_{N}) = P(x_{i} : i \in C_{1}) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_{i} : i \in C_{k} - S_{k} | S_{k})$$
$$(C_{k} - S_{k}) \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_{i}) = \emptyset$$

Proposition

$$\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \cdots \sum_{x_N} P(x_i : i \in C_1) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k - S_k \mid S_k) = 1$$

Proof.

$$S = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \cdots \sum_{x_N} P(x_i : i \in C_1) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k - S_k | S_k)$$

=
$$\sum_{C_1} \sum_{C_2 - S_2} \cdots \sum_{C_K - S_K} P(x_i : i \in C_1) \prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k - S_k | S_k)$$

=
$$\sum_{C_1} P(x_i : i \in C_1) \sum_{C_2 - S_2} P(x_i : i \in C_2 - S_2 | S_2) \cdots \sum_{C_K - S_K} P(x_i : i \in C_K - S_K | S_K)$$

= 1
Summability Example



 $S = \sum_{x_1} \cdots \sum_{x_9} P(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5) P(x_4 | x_2 x_3 x_5) P(x_6 | x_1 x_5) P(x_7 | x_5 x_6) P(x_9 | x_6 x_7)$

 $= \sum_{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5} P(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5) \sum_{x_4} P(x_4 | x_2 x_3 x_5) \sum_{x_6} P(x_6 | x_1 x_5) \sum_{x_7} P(x_7 | x_5 x_6) \sum_{x_8 x_9} P(x_8 x_9 | x_6 x_7)$

Definition

Let G = (V, E) be a connected graph. A non-empty subset $S \subset V$ is called a Separator of *G* if and only if $G(V - S, E|_{V-S})$ is not connected. Let *A*, *B*, and *S* be disjoint non-empty subsets of *V*. *S* is a Separator of *A* from *B* in graph *G* if and only if in the restricted graph $G|_{V-S}$, there exists no $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such that $\{a, b\} \in E|_{V-S}$. A separator *S* is called a Minimal Separator if and only if *T* a

separator with $T \subset S$ implies T = S.

Theorem

A graph is triangulated if and only if each minimal separator is maximally complete.

Theorem

G is a triangulated graph if and only if the vertices of G can be partitioned into three nonempty subsets A, S, and B, such that

- $G|_{A\cup S}$ and $G|_{B\cup S}$ are triangulated subgraphs of G
- S separates A from B

This is one of the reasons that triangulated graphs are called decomposable graphs.

Definition

Let G(V, E) be a graph and $\{A, B, S\}$ be a non-trivial partition of V. (A, B, S) is called a Decomposition of G into $G_{A\cup S}$ and $G_{B\cup S}$ if and only if

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- S separates A from B in G
- *G_S* is a complete graph
- $G_{A\cup S}$ and $G_{B\cup S}$ are each triangulated

Theorem

A graph is decomposable if and only if either G is complete or there exists a decomposition (A, B, S) of G into $G_{A\cup S}$ and $G_{B\cup S}$.

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Definition

A Perfect Elimination Ordering in a graph is an ordering of the vertices of the graph such that, for each vertex v, v and the neighbors of v that occur after v in the ordering form a maximally complete graph.

Theorem

A graph is triangulated if and only if it has a perfect elimination ordering.

Theorem

A graph is triangulated if and only if its cliques can be put in running intersection order.

A triangulated graph can have only linearly many cliques, while non-chordal graphs may have exponentially many. Therefore clique finding in triangulated graphs can be done in polynomial time.

Theorem

If a graph G is triangulated graph and C_1, \ldots, C_K are the cliques of G put in running intersection order with separators S_2, \ldots, S_K ,

$$S_k = C_k \bigcap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} C_i \right), k = 2, \dots, K$$

then

$$P(x_1,\ldots,x_N) = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{K} P(x_i : i \in C_k)}{\prod_{k=2}^{K} P(x_i : i \in S_k)}$$

Conditional Independence Graphs

Theorem

Let $P(x_1,...,x_N) > 0$ and G be the conditional independence graph of P. If $\{A, B, S\}$ is a non-trivial partition of $\{1,...,N\}$ and S is a separator of A from B in G, then $A \perp B \mid S$

 $P(x_i: i \in A \cup B | x_j: j \in S) = P(x_i: i \in A | x_j: j \in S) P(x_i: i \in B | x_j: j \in S)$

What happens if the conditional independence graph is not triangulated? Can the joint probability distribution be written in a product form?

Generalized Products

Theorem

Let f be a probability distribution. Then X is Conditionally Independent of Y given Z if and only if

$$f(x, y, z) = g(x, z)h(y, z)$$

Proof.

By definition of conditional independence, X is conditionally independent of Y given Z if and only if

$$f(x, y|z) = f(x|z)f(y|z)$$

Hence X is conditionally independent of Y given Z if and only if

$$f(x, y, z) = f(x|z)f(y|z)f(z) = [f(x|z)][f(y|z)f(z)] = [f(x|z)][f(y, z)]$$

Take g(x, z) = f(x|z) and h(y, z) = f(y, z)

Definition

Let B_1, \ldots, B_K be index subsets of $\{1, \ldots, N\}$. The product form $\prod_{k=1}^{K} a_k(x_i : i \in B_k)$ is called a *generalized product form* if and only if for some probability function $P(x_1, \ldots, x_N)$

- $P(x_1,...,x_N) = \prod_{k=1}^{K} a_k(x_i : i \in B_k)$
- $P(x_1,...,x_N)$ is an extension of $P(x_i : i \in B_k), k = 1,...,K$

Let B_1, \ldots, B_K be index subsets of $\{1, \ldots, N\}$. Given marginal probability functions $P(x_i : i \in B_k), k = 1, \ldots, K$ find functions $a_k(x_i : i \in B_k)$ such that

•
$$P(x_1,\ldots,x_N) = \prod_{k=1}^K a_k(x_i : i \in B_k)$$

• $P(x_1,...,x_N)$ is an extension of $P(x_i : i \in B_k), k = 1,...,K$

Decomposable Graph





$$P(x_i : i \in I) = \frac{P(x_i : i \in C_1)P(x_i : i \in C_2)P(x_i : i \in C_3)}{P(x_i : i \in S_2)P(x_i : i \in S_3)}$$

= $P(x_i : i \in C_1)P(x_i : i \in C_2 - S_2 | S_2)P(x_i : i \in C_3 - S_3 | S_3)$

Decomposable Graph

In the conditional independence graph, there is no edge between node *i* and *j* if and only if X_i and X_j are conditionally independent given the rest of the variables.



$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

= $P_{15}(x_1, x_5)P_{2|15}(x_2 | x_1, x_5)P_{3|25}(x_3 | x_2, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 | x_3, x_5)$

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$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

= $P_{15}(x_1, x_5)P_{2|15}(x_2 \mid x_1, x_5)P_{3|25}(x_3 \mid x_2, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 \mid x_3, x_5)$



Figure: 1:System H

{235 : 25}, {345 : 35}

 $P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$

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 $P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)$ $P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)$ $P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{1|25}(x_1 \mid x_2, x_5)P_{3|25}(x_3 \mid x_2, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 \mid x_3, x_5)$ =

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Figure: 1:System G ・ロト ・ 同ト ・ ヨト ・ ヨト

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$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

= $P_{12}(x_1, x_2)P_{5|12}(x_5 | x_1, x_2)P_{3|25}(x_3 | x_2, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 | x_3, x_5)$



Figure: 1:System I

 $\{125:25\}, \{235:35\}$ $P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$ $= P_{1|25}(x_1 \mid x_2, x_5)P_{2|35}(x_2 \mid x_3, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 \mid x_3, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)$



Figure: 2: System E

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 $\{125:25\}, \{235:35\}$

$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

= $P_{1125}(x_1 \mid x_2, x_5)P_{2135}(x_2 \mid x_3, x_5)P_{3145}(x_3 \mid x_4, x_5)P_{45}(x_4, x_5)$



Figure: 2:System L

 $\{125:25\},\{235:35\}$

 $P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$

 $= \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$ = $P_{1|25}(x_1 | x_2, x_5)P_{2|35}(x_2 | x_3, x_5)P_{5|34}(x_5 | x_3, x_4)P_{34}(x_3, x_4)$



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Figure: 3:System E

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 $\{125:25\}, \{345:35\}$ $P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$ $= P_{1|25}(x_1 | x_2, x_5)P_{4|35}(x_4 | x_3, x_5)P_{3|25}(x_3 | x_2, x_5)P_{25}(x_2, x_5)$



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Feed Forward System Conditional Independences

$$\begin{aligned} P^{A}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{45}(x_{4}, x_{5})P_{3|45}(x_{3}|x_{4}, x_{5})P_{1|25}(x_{1}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{2|35}(x_{2}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{E}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{35}(x_{3}, x_{5})P_{4|35}(x_{4}|x_{3}, x_{5})P_{1|25}(x_{1}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{2|35}(x_{2}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{G}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{25}(x_{2}, x_{5})P_{3|25}(x_{3}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{1|25}(x_{1}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{4|35}(x_{4}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{H}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{15}(x_{1}, x_{5})P_{2|15}(x_{2}|x_{1}, x_{5})P_{3|25}(x_{3}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{4|35}(x_{4}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{H}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{12}(x_{1}, x_{2})P_{5|12}(x_{5}|x_{1}, x_{2})P_{3|25}(x_{3}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{4|35}(x_{4}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{J}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{23}(x_{2}, x_{3})P_{1|25}(x_{1}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{5|23}(x_{5}|x_{2}, x_{3})P_{4|35}(x_{4}|x_{3}, x_{5}) \\ P^{J}_{12345}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}) &= P_{34}(x_{3}, x_{4})P_{1|25}(x_{1}|x_{2}, x_{5})P_{2|35}(x_{2}|x_{3}, x_{5})P_{5|34}(x_{5}|x_{3}, x_{4}) \end{aligned}$$

These decompositions correspond to the same Decomposable Graphical Model

$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_4, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

Feedforward Systems: Bayesian Networks







Causal Structure



$$J_1 = (3,4,5)$$

$$J_1 = (4,5)$$

$$O_1 = (3)$$

$$J_2 = (1,2,5)$$

$$J_2 = (2,5)$$

$$O_2 = (1)$$

$$J_3 = (2,3,5)$$

$$J_3 = (3,5)$$

$$O_3 = (2)$$

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Causal Structure



 X_4, X_5 is the direct cause of X_3 X_2, X_5 is the direct cause of X_1 X_3, X_5 is the direct cause of X_2 X_4 is an indirect cause of X_1 X_1 has no causal influence on X_3 : $X_1 \rightarrow X_3$ X_3 has causal influence on X_1 : $X_3 \rightarrow X_1$ Given X_2, X_5, X_3 has no causal influence on X_1 : $X_3 \rightarrow X_1 | X_2, X_5$ Given X_2, X_5, X_3 is conditionally independent of X_1 : $X_3 \perp X_1 | X_2, X_5$

Conditional Independence Structure



X₄, X₅ is the direct cause of X₃
X₂, X₅ is the direct cause of X₁
X₃, X₅ is the direct cause of X₂
X₄ is an indirect cause of X₁
Given its parents, each variable is conditionally independent of its non-descendants
Given X₃ and X₅, X₂ is conditionally independent X₄: X₂, µ X₄ | X₃, X₅

Conditional Independence Structure

$$P_{12345}(x_1, x_2, x_4, x_4, x_5) = \frac{P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5)P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5)P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

$$P_{24|35}(x_2, x_4 \mid x_3, x_5) = \sum_{x_1} \frac{P_{125}(x_1, x_2, x_5) P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5) P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5) P_{35}(x_3, x_5) P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

$$= \frac{P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5) P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{25}(x_2, x_5) P_{35}(x_3, x_5) P_{35}(x_3, x_5)} P_{25}(x_2, x_5)$$

$$= \frac{P_{235}(x_2, x_3, x_5) P_{345}(x_3, x_4, x_5)}{P_{35}(x_3, x_5) P_{35}(x_3, x_5)}$$

$$= P_{2|35}(x_2 \mid x_3, x_5) P_{3|35}(x_4 \mid x_3, x_5)$$

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Possible Causal System Structure

Let us consider all the possibilities where each subsystem has exactly one output variable and no two different subsystems produce the same output variables.

System	subsystem	output	subsystem	output	subsystem	output
A	345	3	235	2	125	1
В	345	3	235	2	125	5
С	345	3	235	5	125	1
D	345	3	235	5	125	2
E	345	4	235	2	125	1
F	345	4	235	2	125	5
G	345	4	235	3	125	1
Н	345	4	235	3	125	2
I	345	4	235	3	125	5
J	345	4	235	5	125	1
K	345	4	235	5	125	2
L	345	5	235	2	125	1
М	345	5	235	3	125	1
N	345	5	235	3	125	2



(a) System A: Feedfoward



(c) System C: Feedback



(b) System B: Feedback



(d) System D: Feedback



(e) System E: Feedfoward



(g) System G: Feedfoward



(f) System F: Feedback



(h) System H: Feedfoward

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