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Bayesian Networks and Markov Networks

We have now seen two types of graphical models for representing joint probability distributions:

Bayesian Networks

Markov Networks





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Can we convert from one type to the other?









BNs to MNs

- To convert a Bayesian Network *B* to a Markov Network *H*, we can think of *B* as a Gibbs distribution with:
- Each factor φ_{Xi} in *H* corresponds to each conditional probability table P(Xi | Parents(Xi)) in B

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- The scope of factor ϕ_{X_i} is $X_i \cup Parents(X_i)$
- The partition function Z = 1

BNs to MNs

How do we create an undirected graph that is an I-map for the distribution P_B represented by the BN?

Need to moralize each factor:

- Add an edge between X_i and its parents
- Add an edge between all the parents of X_i

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BNs to MNs

Let *G* be any Bayesian network graph. The moralized graph M[G] is a minimal I-map for *G*.

[See proof of Proposition 4.8 in textbook]

BNs to MNs
The addition of the moralizing edges to the MN *H* leads to the loss of independence information implied by the graph structure



BNs to MNs

- If the directed graph *G* is moral, then its moralized graph *M*[*G*] is a perfect map of *G*.
- Unfortunately, very few directed graphs are moral



MNs to BNs

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- Much harder (conceptually and computationally) to find a Bayesian network that is a minimal I-map for a Markov network
- Resulting Bayesian network might have (many) more edges than the Markov network







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MNs to BNs

- Let $X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$ be a loop in a graph
- A chord in the loop is an edge connecting *X_i* and *X_i* for two nonconsecutive nodes *X_i*, *X_j*.
- An undirected graph *H* is said to be chordal if any loop X₁—X₂—...—X_k—X₁ for K ≥ 4 has a chord



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Any nontriangulated loop of length at least 4 in a Bayesian network graph necessarily contains an immorality.

Corollary 4.3: Let H be a Markov network structure, and let G be any minimal I-map for H. Then G is necessarily chordal.

MNs to BNs

- Turning a MN to a BN requires triangulation: adding enough edges to a graph to make it chordal.
- · Leads to the loss of independence information
- When converting from BN→MN, the (moralizing) edges added are in some sense implicitly there (ie. each factor in the BN involves a node and its parents)
- When converting from MN→BN, we can introduce a large number of edges (via triangulation) which results in very large cliques

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Chordal Graphs

Let *H* be a chordal Markov network. Then there is a Bayesian network *G* which is a perfect map for *H* ie. I(H) = I(G)

We will introduce concepts to help us sketch out a proof for this.

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Chordal Graphs

Basic idea:

- Show that any connected chordal Markov network *H* can be decomposed into a clique tree (to be defined)
- The clique tree encodes independencies in *H*
- These independencies can be represented in a Bayesian network *G*









