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Probabilistic Graphical Models From Decision Making under uncertainty to MCMC

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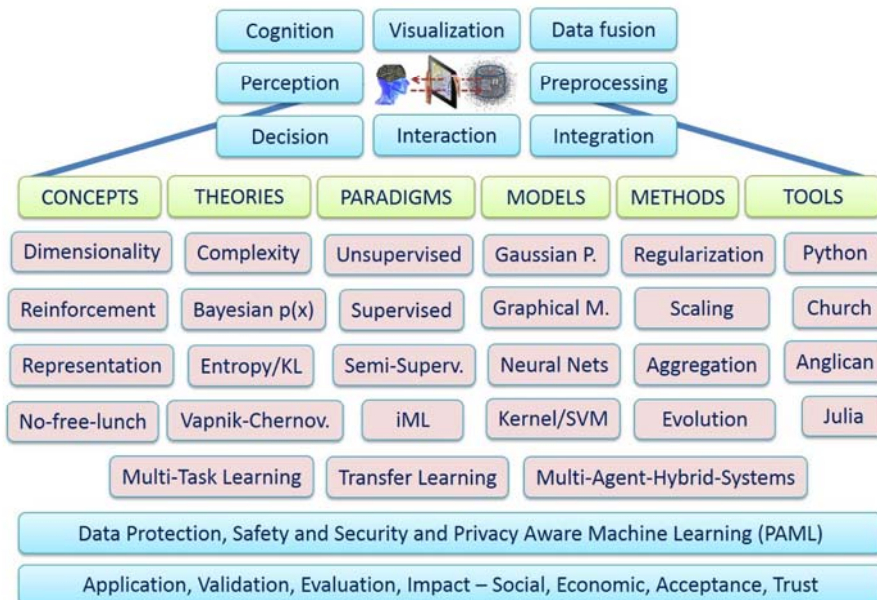


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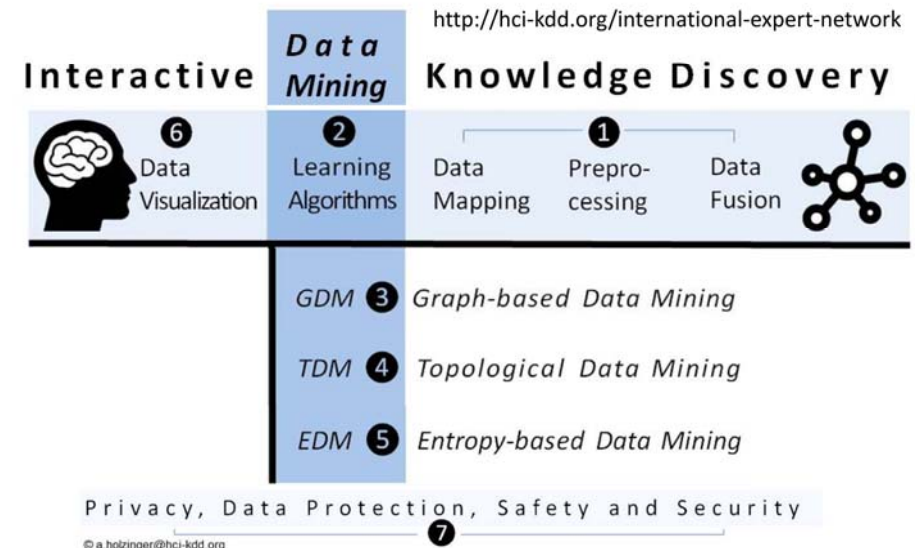


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Red thread through the lecture today



- 01 Decision Making under uncertainty
- 02 Graphs – Networks
- 03 Example Medical Knowledge Representation
- 04 Graphical Models and Decision Making
- 05 Bayes Networks
- 06 Graphical Model Learning
- 07 Probabilistic Programming
- 08 Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- 09 Metropolis Hastings Algorithm

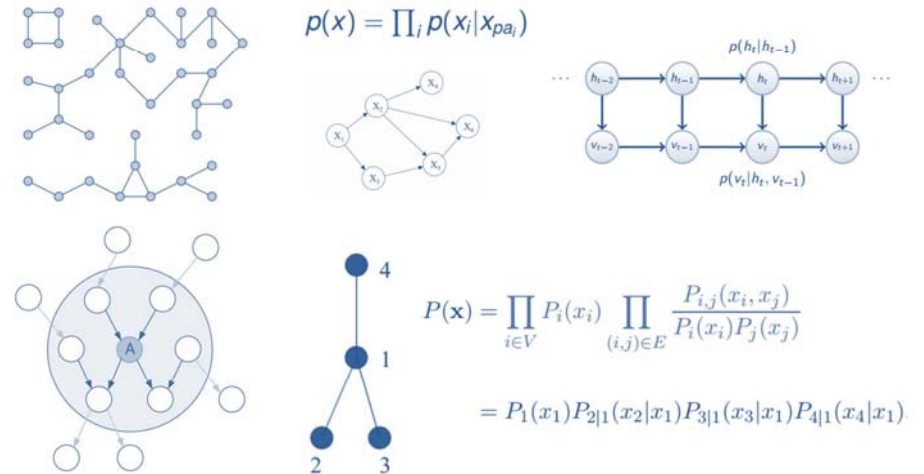


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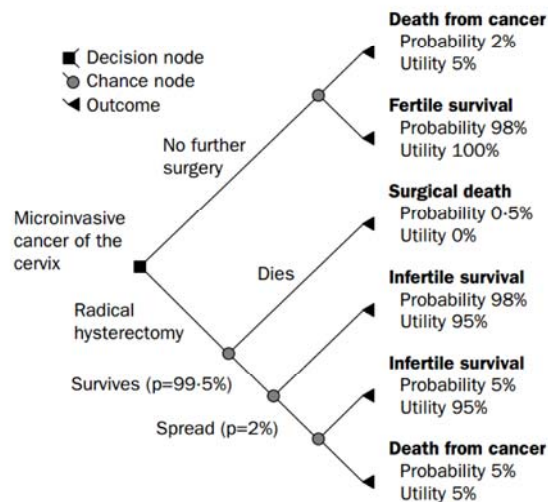
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01 Reflection



Graphical models are graphs where the nodes represent random variables and the links represent statistical dependencies between variables; This provides us with a tool for **reasoning under uncertainty**



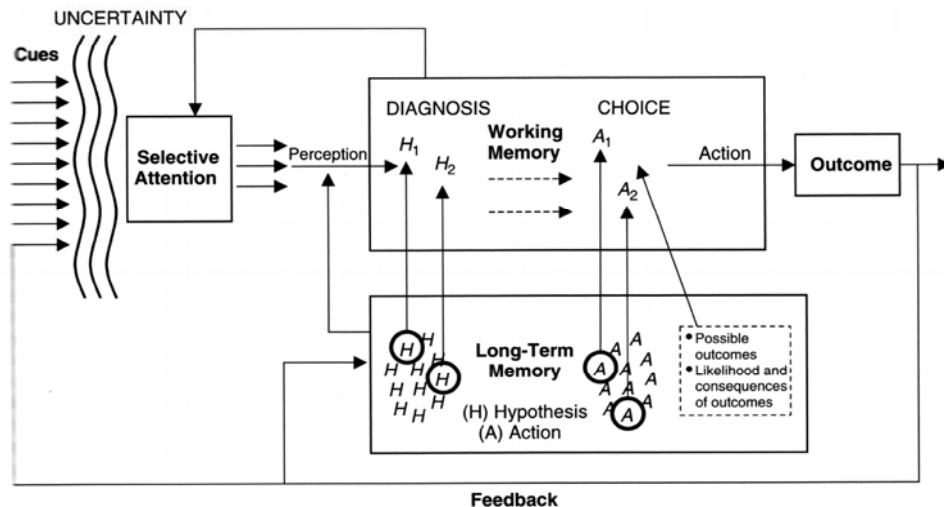
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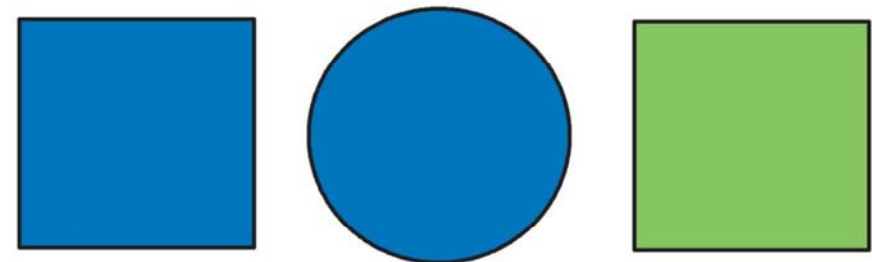


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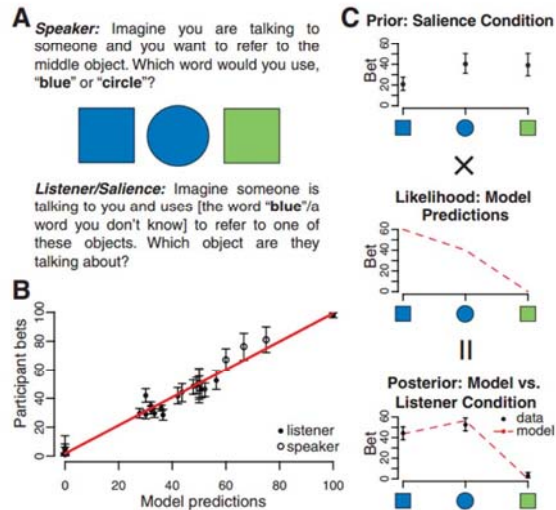
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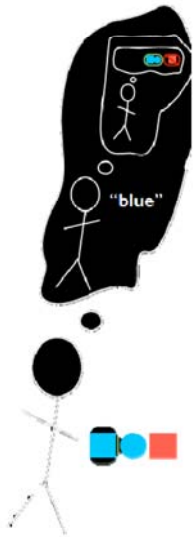


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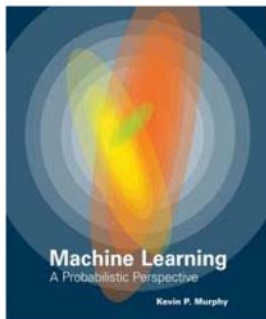
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    condition(object[property])
    return object
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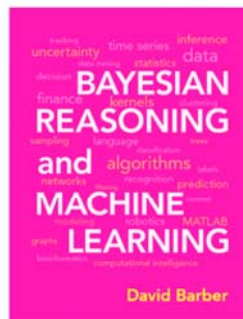
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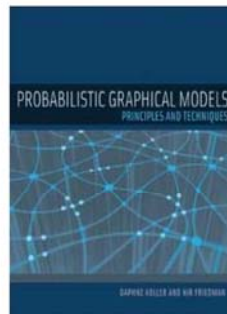
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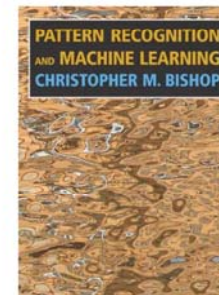
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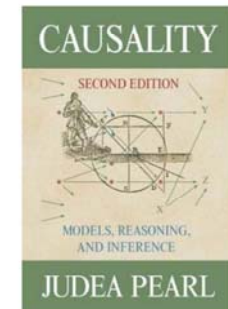
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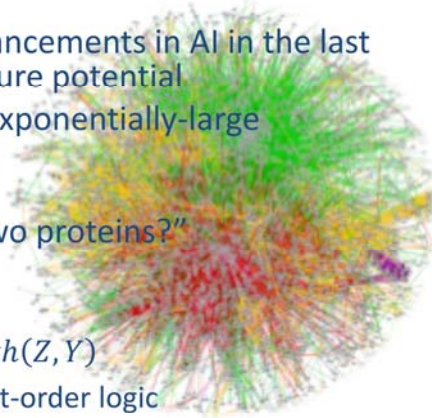
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- PGM can be seen as a combination between
- Graph Theory + Probability Theory + Machine Learning**
- One of the most exciting advancements in AI in the last decades – with enormous future potential
- Compact representation for exponentially-large probability distributions
- Example Question:
“Is there a path connecting two proteins?”
- $Path(X, Y) := edge(X, Y)$
- $Path(X, Y) := edge(X, Y), path(Z, Y)$
- This can NOT be expressed in first-order logic
- Need a Turing-complete fully-fledged language



02 Graphs=Networks

- Medicine is an extremely complex application domain – dealing most of the time with uncertainties -> **probable information!**
- Key: Structure learning and prediction in large-scale biomedical networks with probabilistic graphical models
- Causality and Probabilistic Inference
- Uncertainties are present at all levels in health related systems
- Data sets from which ML learns are noisy, mislabeled, atypical, etc. etc.
- Even with data of high quality, gauging and combining a multitude of data sources and constraints in usually imperfect models of the world requires us to represent and process **uncertain knowledge** in order to make **viable decisions in context and within reasonable time!**
- In the increasingly complicated settings of modern science, model structure or causal relationships may not be known a-priori [1].
- Approximating probabilistic inference in Bayesian belief networks is NP-hard [2] -> here we need the “human-in-the-loop” [3]

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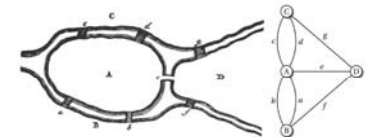
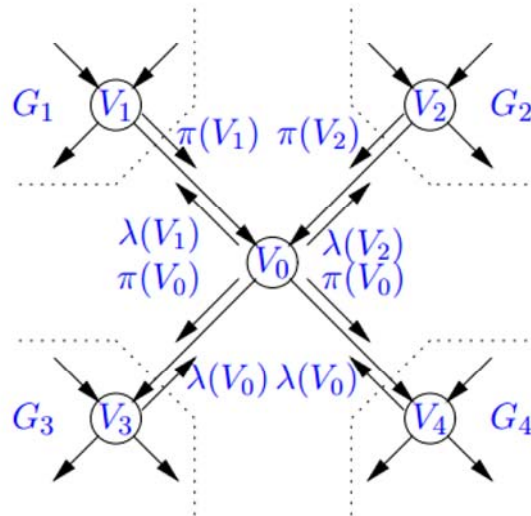


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Scientific Background on the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013

DEVELOPMENT OF MULTISCALE MODELS FOR
COMPLEX CHEMICAL SYSTEMS



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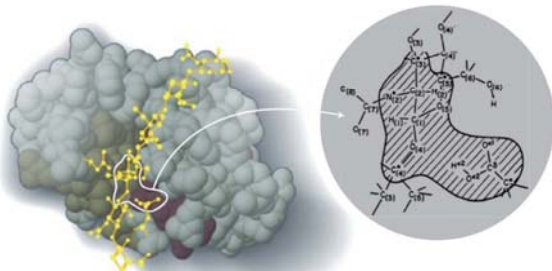


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http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2013/10/nobel_prize_awarded_2013/

- Graphs as models for networks
- given as direct input (point cloud data sets)
- Given as properties of a structure
- Given as a representation of information (e.g. Facebook data, viral marketing, etc., ...)
- Graphs as nonparametric basis
- we learn the structure from samples and infer
- flat vector data, e.g. similarity graphs
- encoding structural properties (e.g. smoothness, independence, ...)

We skip this interesting chapter for now ...

03 Network challenges

NGC 5139 Omega Centauri by Edmund Halley in 1677, ESO, Atacama, Chile

Time
e.g. Entropy

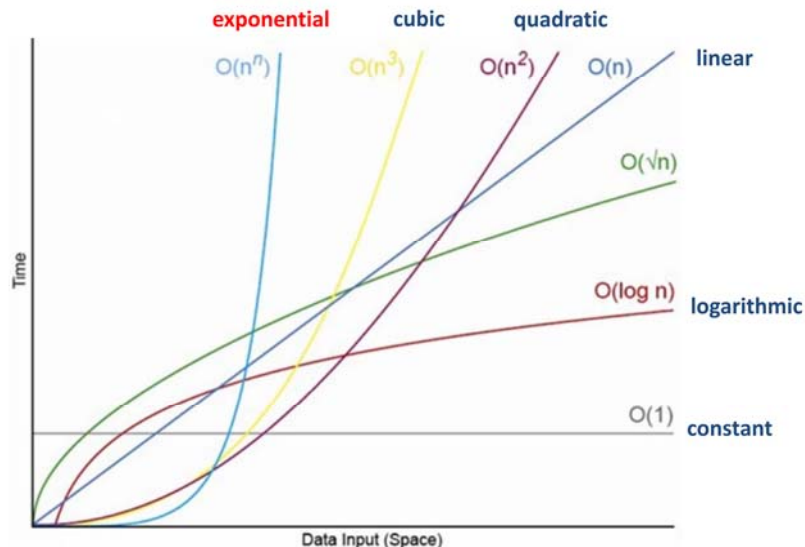


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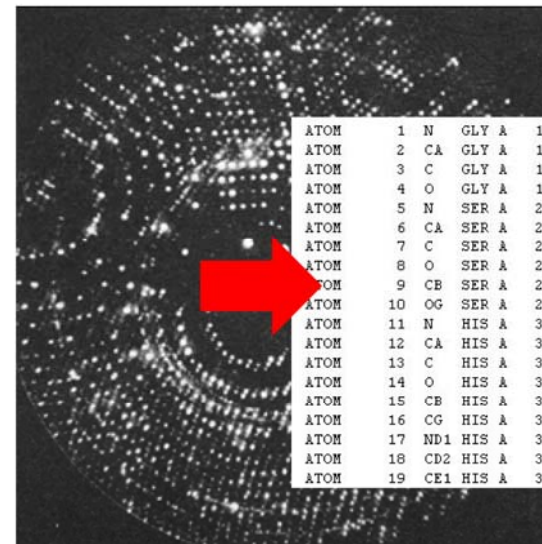
Space
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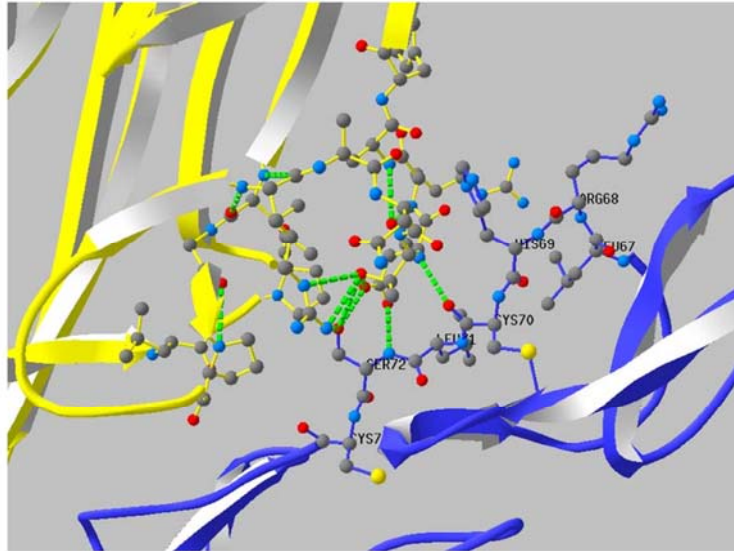
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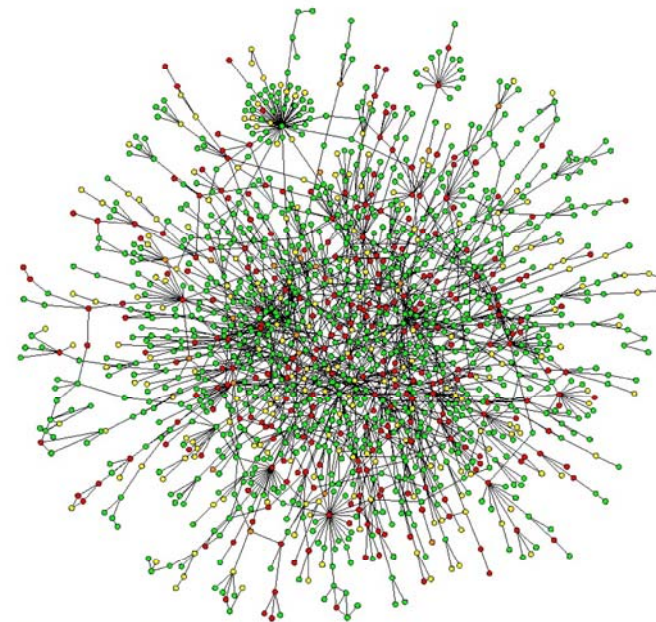
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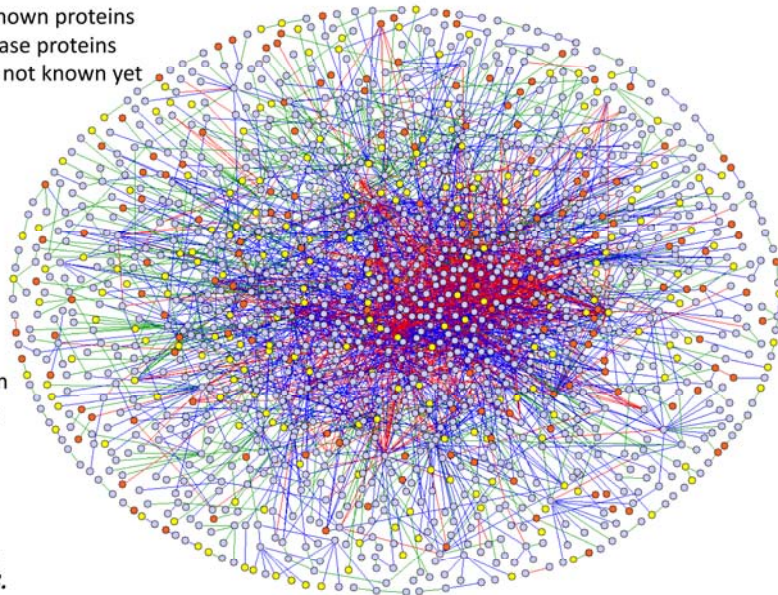
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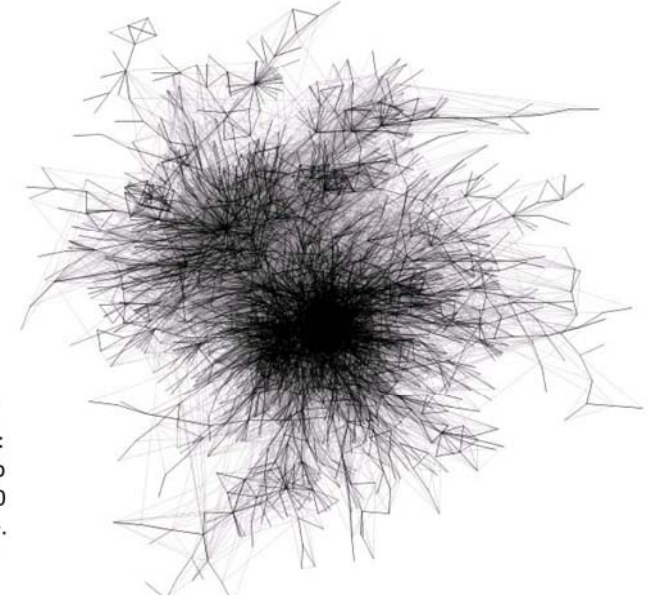
Nodes = proteins
Links = physical interactions (bindings)
Red Nodes = lethal
Green Nodes = non-lethal
Orange = slow growth
Yellow = not known

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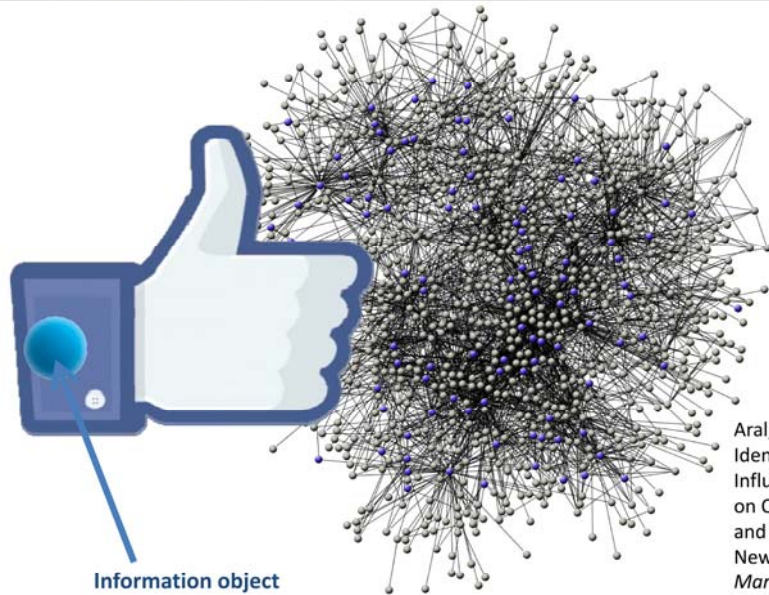
Light blue = known proteins
Orange = disease proteins
Yellow ones = not known yet



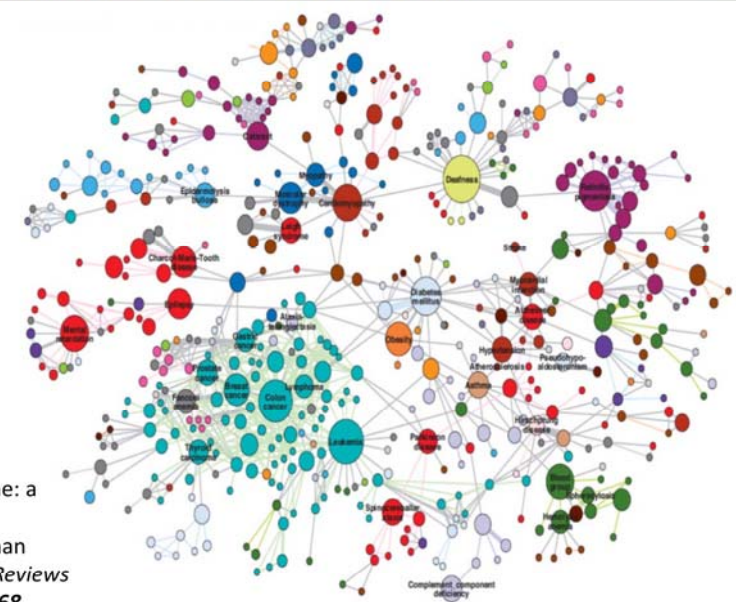
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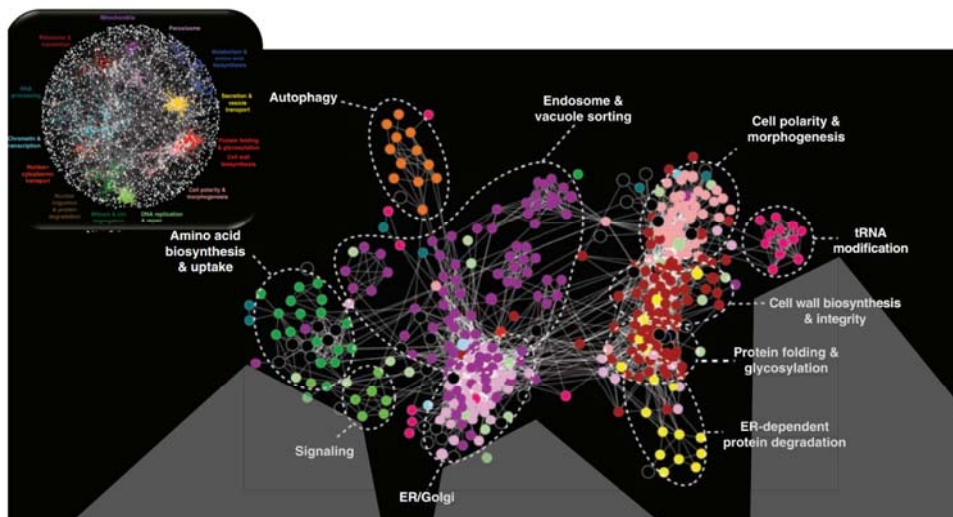
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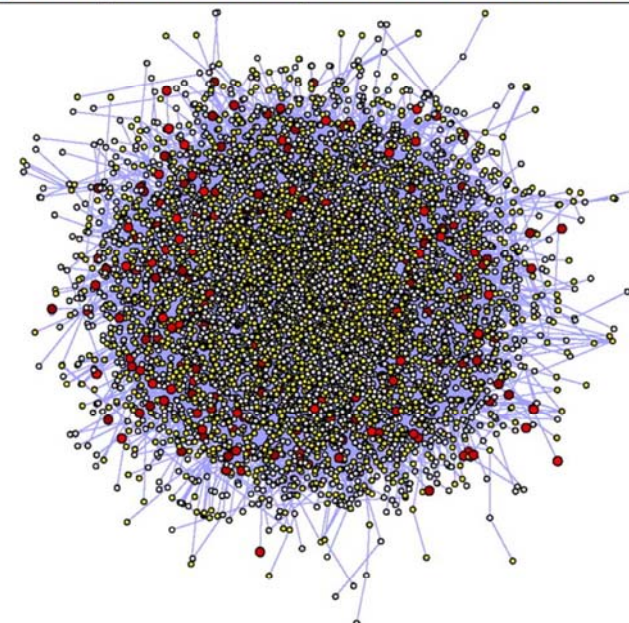
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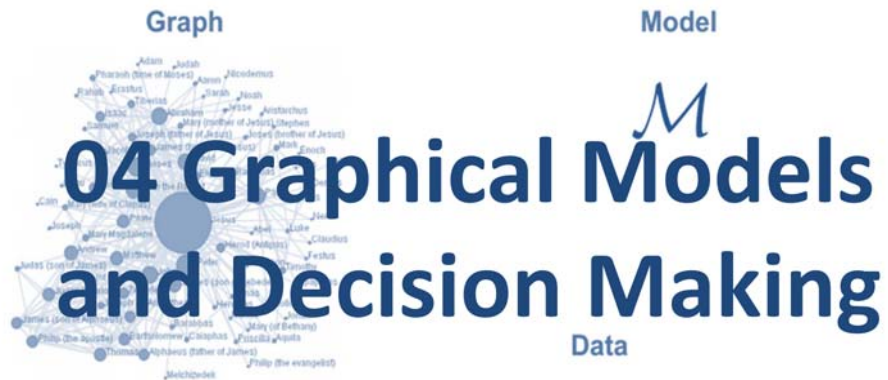
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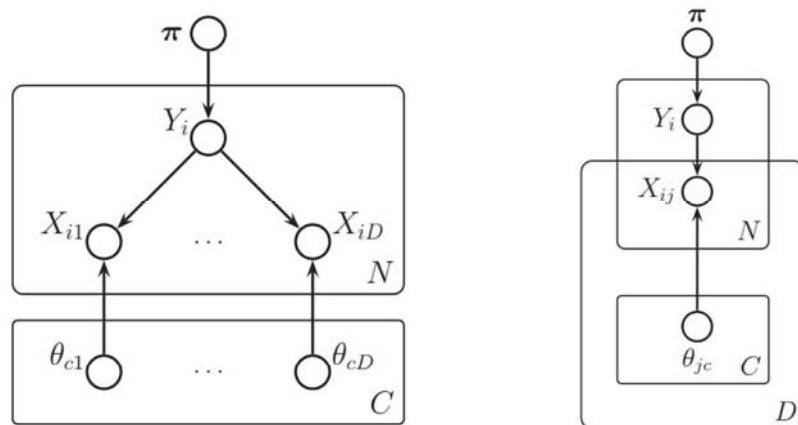
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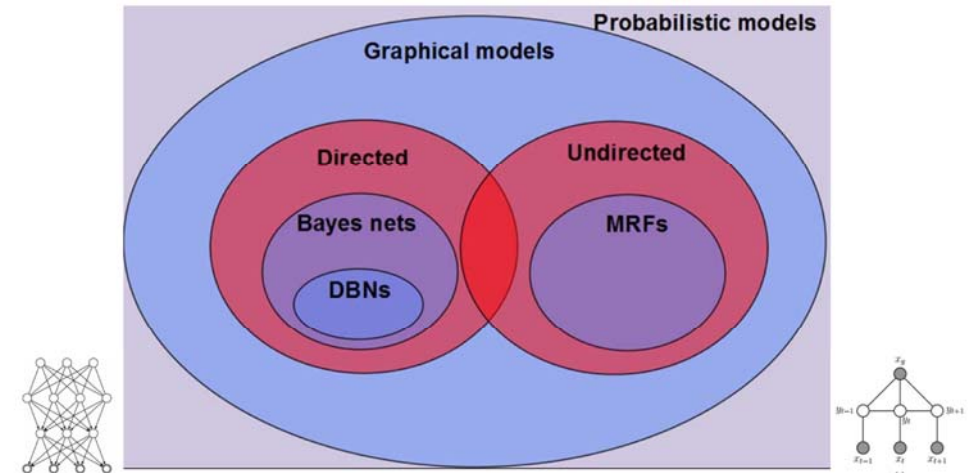
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$$\mathcal{D} \equiv \{X_1^{(i)}, X_2^{(i)}, \dots, X_m^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$



π ... multinomial parameter vector, Stationary distribution of Markov chain



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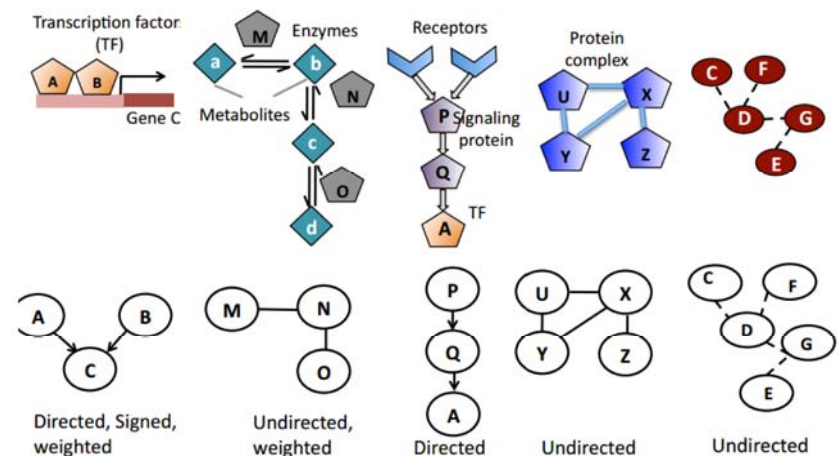
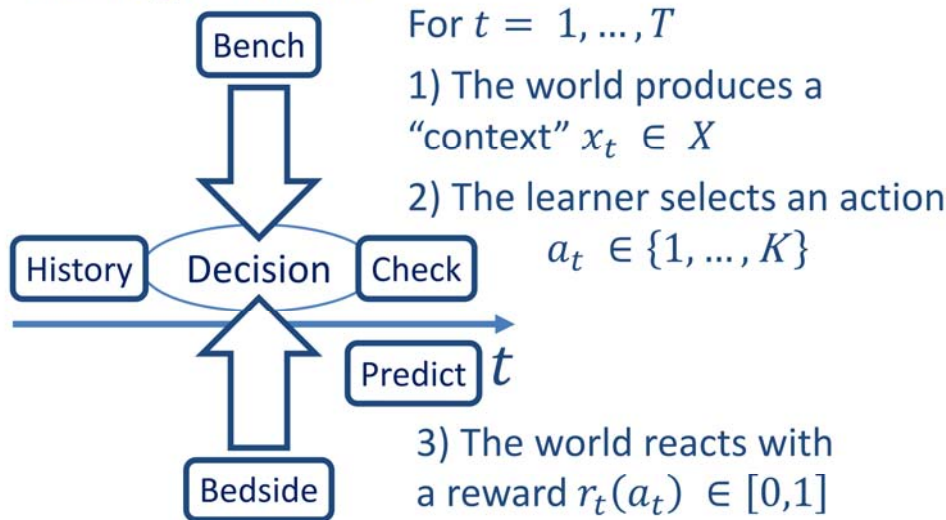


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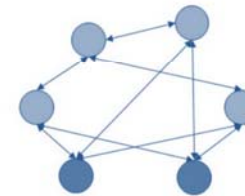
Goal: Learn an **optimal policy** for selecting best actions within a given **context**



- Key Idea: Conditional independence assumptions are very useful – however: Naïve Bayes is extreme!
- X is *conditionally independent* of Y , given Z , if the $P(X)$ governing X is independent of value Y , given value of Z :

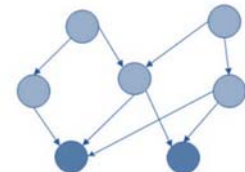
$$(\forall i, j, k) P(X = x_i | Y = y_j, Z = z_k) = P(X = x_i | Z = z_k)$$
 can be abbr. with $P(X|Y, Z) = P(X|Z)$
- Graphical models express sets of conditional independence assumptions via graph structure
- The graph structure plus associated parameters define joint probability distribution over the set of variables

- Medicine is an extremely complex application domain – dealing most of the time with uncertainties -> **probable information!**
- When we have big data but little knowledge automatic ML can help to gain insight:
- **Structure learning and prediction in large-scale biomedical networks with probabilistic graphical models**
- If we have little data and deal with NP-hard problems we still need the human-in-the-loop



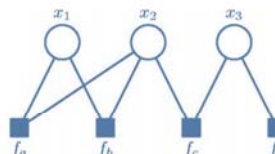
Undirected: Markov random fields, useful e.g. for computer vision (Details: Murphy 19)

$$P(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(\sum_{ij} W_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i x_i b_i \right)$$



Directed: Bayes Nets, useful for designing models (Details: Murphy 10)

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k | \text{pa}_k)$$



Factored: useful for inference/learning

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_s f_s(\mathbf{x}_s)$$

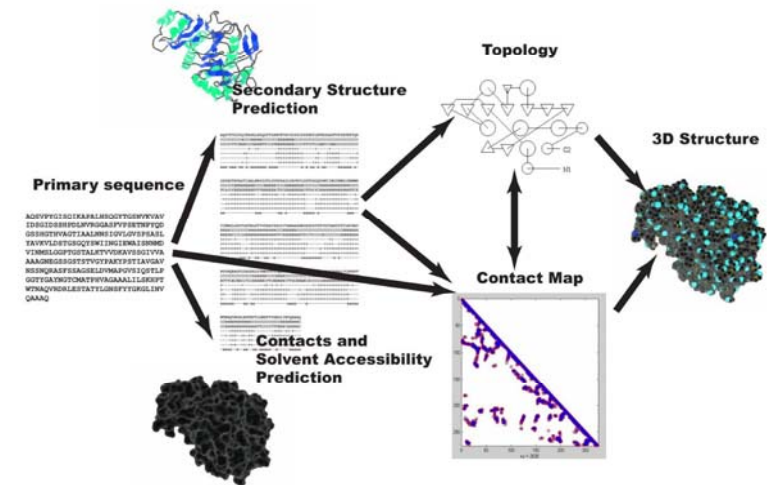
What is the advantage of factor graphs?

	Dependency	Efficient Inference	Usage
Bayesian Networks	Yes	Somewhat	Ancestral Generative Process
Markov Networks	Yes	No	Local Couplings and Potentials
Factor Graphs	No	Yes	Efficient, distributed inference

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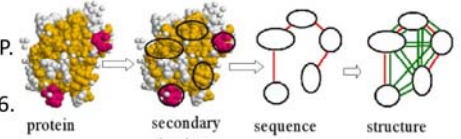
- Hypothesis: most biological functions involve the interactions between many proteins, and the complexity of living systems arises as a result of such interactions.
- In this context, the problem of inferring a global protein network for a given organism,
 - using all (genomic) data of the organism,
- is one of the main challenges in computational biology

Yamanishi, Y., Vert, J.-P. & Kanehisa, M. 2004. Protein network inference from multiple genomic data: a supervised approach. *Bioinformatics*, 20, (suppl 1), i363-i370.



Baldi, P. & Pollastri, G. 2003. The principled design of large-scale recursive neural network architectures--dag-rnns and the protein structure prediction problem. *The Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 4, 575-602.

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- Important for health informatics: Discovering relationships between biological components
- Unsolved problem in computer science:
- Can the graph isomorphism problem be solved in polynomial time?
 - So far, no polynomial time algorithm is known.
 - It is also not known if it is NP-complete
 - We know that subgraph-isomorphism is NP-complete

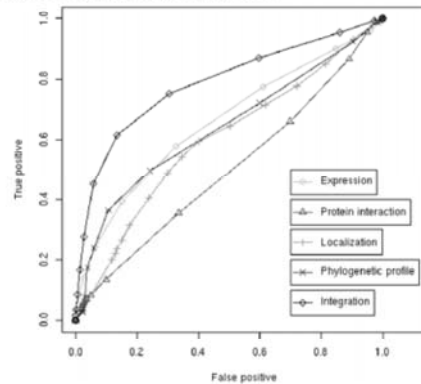


Protein network inference from multiple genomic data: a supervised approach

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K_{exp} (Expression)
 K_{ppi} (Protein interaction)
 K_{loc} (Localization)
 K_{phy} (Phylogenetic profile)
 $K_{\text{exp}} + K_{\text{ppi}} + K_{\text{loc}} + K_{\text{phy}}$
 (Integration)



05 Bayesian Networks “Bayes’ Nets”

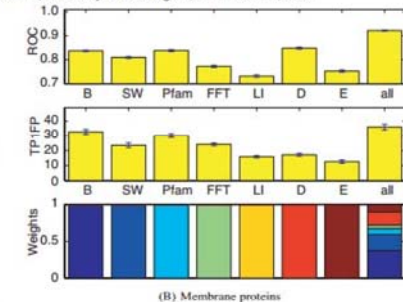


A statistical framework for genomic data fusion

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Kernel	Data	Similarity measure
K_{SW}	protein sequences	Smith-Waterman
K_{B}	protein sequences	BLAST
K_{Plam}	protein sequences	Plam HMM
K_{FFT}	hydropathy profile	FFT
K_{LI}	protein interactions	linear kernel
K_{D}	protein interactions	diffusion kernel
K_{E}	gene expression	radial basis kernel
K_{RND}	random numbers	linear kernel



Lanckriet, G. R., De Bie, T., Cristianini, N., Jordan, M. I. & Noble, W. S. 2004. A statistical framework for genomic data fusion. *Bioinformatics*, 20, (16), 2626-2635.

- is a **probabilistic model**, consisting of two parts:
- 1) a dependency structure and
- 2) local probability models.

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | Pa(x_i))$$

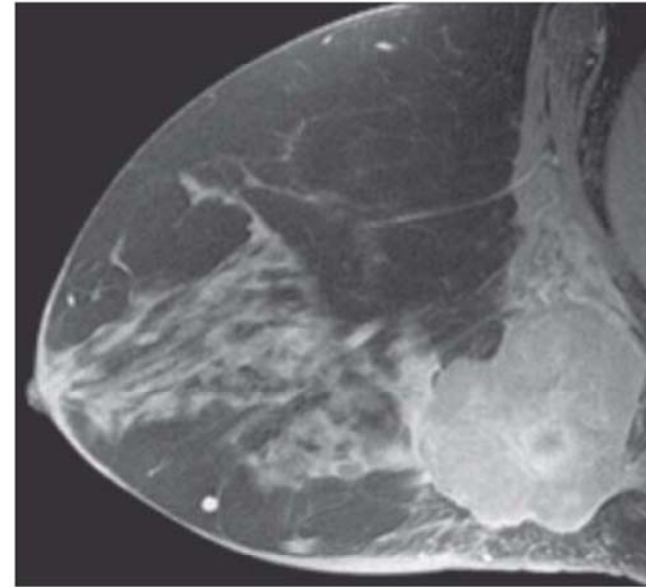
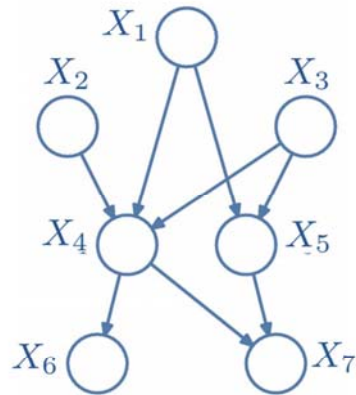
Where $Pa(x_i)$ are the parents of x_i

BN inherently model the **uncertainty in the data**. They are a successful marriage between probability theory and graph theory; allow to model a multidimensional probability distribution in a sparse way by searching independency relations in the data. Furthermore this model allows different strategies to integrate two data sources.

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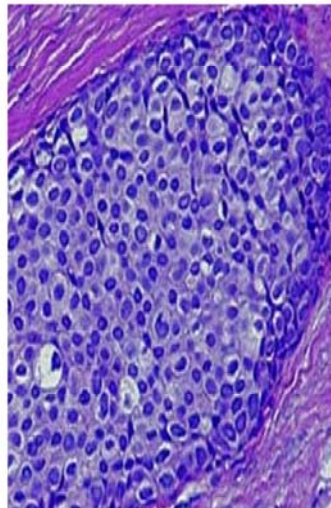
$$p(X_1, \dots, X_7) =$$

$$p(X_1)p(X_2)p(X_3)p(X_4|X_1, X_2, X_3) \cdot \\ p(X_5|X_1, X_3)p(X_6|X_4)p(X_7|X_4, X_5)$$

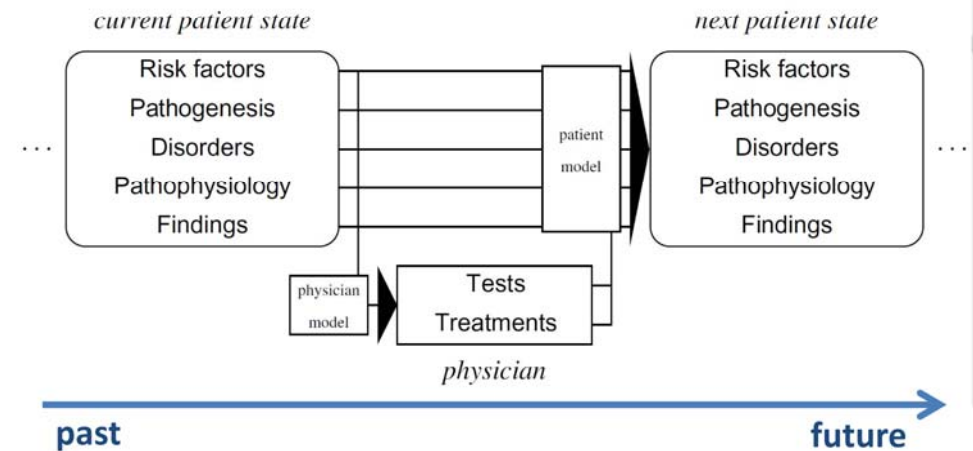


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- = the prediction of the future course of a disease conditional on the patient's history and a projected treatment strategy
- Danger: probable Information !
- Therefore valid prognostic models can be of great benefit for clinical decision making and of great value to the patient, e.g., for notification and quality of-life decisions



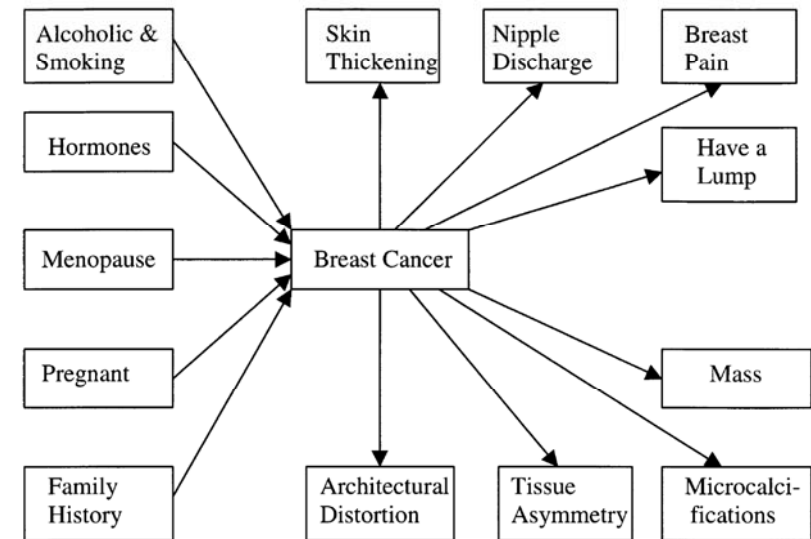
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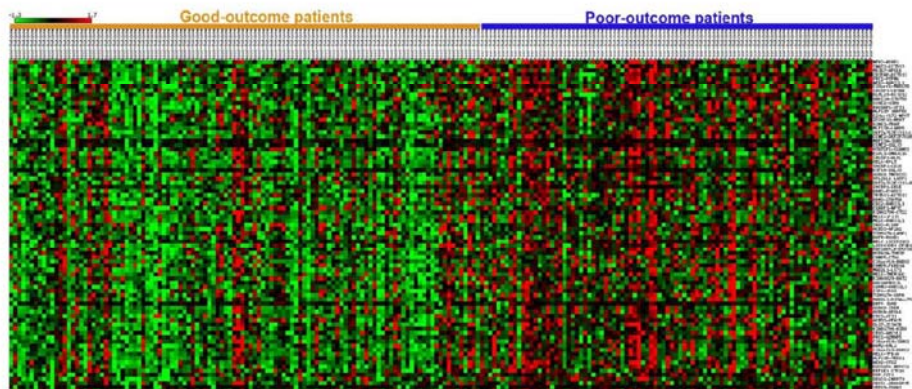
Category	Node description	State description
Diagnosis	Breast cancer	Present, absent.
Clinical history	Habit of drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking	Yes, no.
	Taking female hormones	Yes, no.
	Have gone through menopause	Yes, no.
	Have ever been pregnant	Yes, no.
	Family member has breast cancer	Yes, no.
Physical findings	Nipple discharge	Yes, no.
	Skin thickening	Yes, no.
	Breast pain	Yes, no.
	Have a lump(s)	Yes, no.
Mammographic findings	Architectural distortion	Present, absent.
	Mass	Score from one to three, score from four to five, absent
	Microcalcification cluster	Score from one to three, score from four to five, absent
	Asymmetry	Present, absent.

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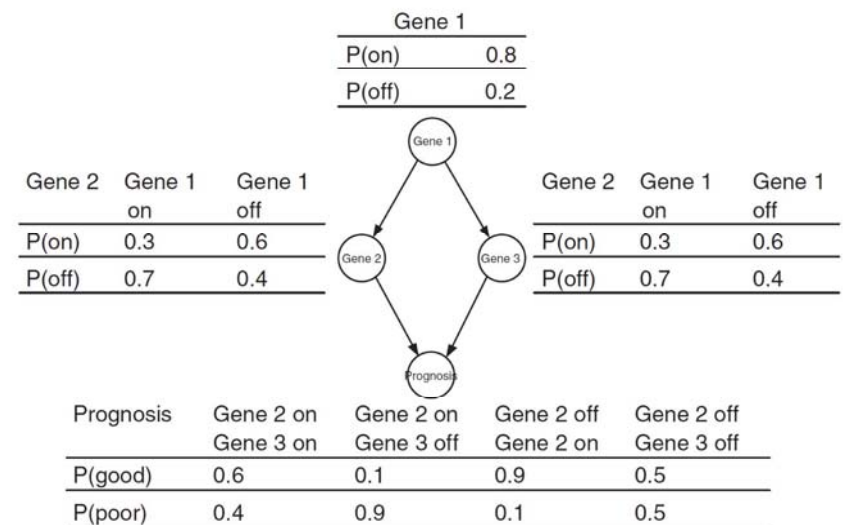


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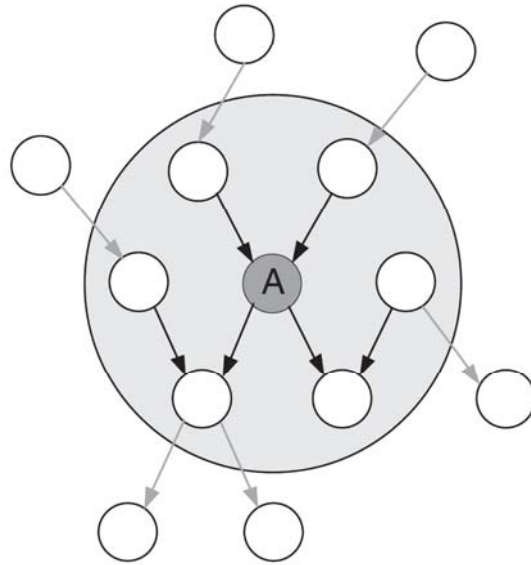
- Integrating microarray data from multiple studies to increase sample size;
- = approach to the development of more robust prognostic tests



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Dependency Structure – first step (2/2)

- Next, N_{ij} is calculated by summing over all states of a variable:
- $N_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_i} N_{ijk} \cdot N'_{ijk}$ and N'_{ijk} have similar meanings but refer to prior knowledge for the parameters.
- When no knowledge is available they are estimated using $N_{ijk} = N / (r_i q_i)$
- with N the equivalent sample size,
- r_i the number of states of variable i and
- q_i the number of instantiations of the parents of variable i .
- $\Gamma(\cdot)$ corresponds to the gamma distribution.
- Finally $p(S)$ is the prior probability of the structure.
- $p(S)$ is calculated by:
- $p(S) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{l_i=1}^{p_i} p(l_i \rightarrow x_i) \prod_{m_i=1}^{o_i} p(m_i x_i)$
- with p_i the number of parents of variable x_i and o_i all the variables that are not a parent of x_i .
- Next, $p(a \rightarrow b)$ is the probability that there is an edge from a to b while $p(ab)$ is the inverse, i.e. the probability that there is no edge from a to b

Dependency Structure -> first step (1/2)

- First the structure is learned using a search strategy.
- Since the number of possible structures increases super exponentially with the number of variables,
- the well-known greedy search algorithm K2 can be used in combination with the Bayesian Dirichlet (BD) scoring metric:

$$p(S|D) \propto p(S) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} \left[\frac{\Gamma(N'_{ij})}{\Gamma(N'_{ij} + N_{ij})} \prod_{k=1}^{r_i} \frac{\Gamma(N'_{ijk} + N_{ijk})}{\Gamma(N'_{ijk})} \right]$$

N_{ijk} ... number of cases in the data set D

having variable i in state k associated with the j -th instantiation of its parents in current structure S .

n is the total number of variables.

Parameter learning -> second step

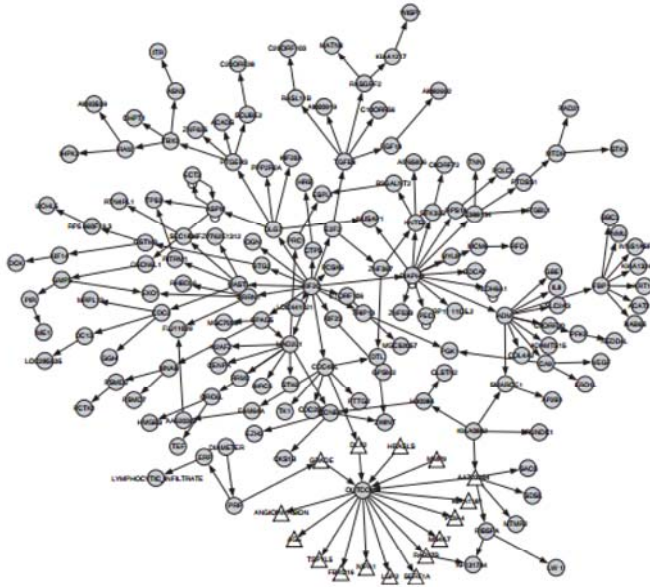
- Estimating the parameters of the local probability models corresponding with the dependency structure.
- CPTs are used to model these local probability models.
- For each variable and instantiation of its parents there exists a CPT that consists of a set of parameters.
- Each set of parameters was given a uniform Dirichlet prior:

$$p(\theta_{ij}|S) = \text{Dir}(\theta_{ij}|N'_{ij1}, \dots, N'_{ijk}, \dots, N'_{ijr_i})$$

Note: With θ_{ij} a parameter set where i refers to the variable and j to the j -th instantiation of the parents in the current structure. θ_{ij} contains a probability for every value of the variable x_i given the current instantiation of the parents. Dir corresponds to the Dirichlet distribution with $(N'_{ij1}, \dots, N'_{ijr_i})$ as parameters of this Dirichlet distribution. Parameter learning then consists of updating these Dirichlet priors with data. This is straightforward because the multinomial distribution that is used to model the data, and the Dirichlet distribution that models the prior, are conjugate distributions. This results in a Dirichlet posterior over the parameter set:

$$p(\theta_{ij}|D, S) = \text{Dir}(\theta_{ij}|N'_{ij1} + N_{ij1}, \dots, N'_{ijk} + N_{ijk}, \dots, N'_{ijr_i} + N_{ijr_i})$$

with N_{ijk} defined as before.



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Often it is better to
have a good solution
within time – than an
perfect solution
(much) later ...

- For certain cases it is tractable if:
 - Just one variable is unobserved
 - We have singly connected graphs (no undirected loops -> belief propagation)
 - Assigning probability to fully observed set of variables
- Possibility: Monte Carlo Methods (generate many samples according to the Bayes Net distribution and then count the results)
- Otherwise: approximate solutions, NOTE:

Sometimes it is better to have an approximate solution to a complex problem – than a perfect solution to a simplified problem

06 Graphical Model Learning

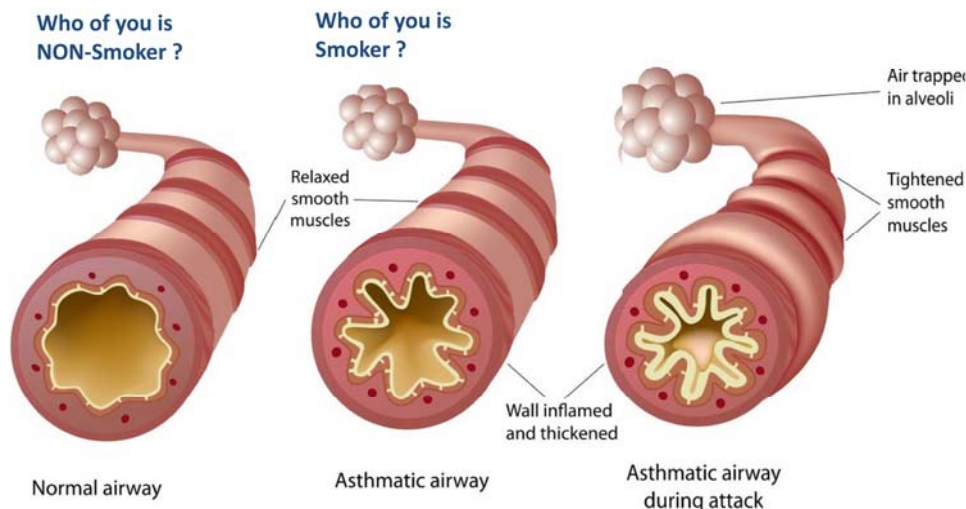
- Remember: GM are a marriage between probability theory and graph theory and provide a tool for dealing with our two grand challenges in the biomedical domain:

Uncertainty and complexity

- The learning task is two-fold:
 - 1) Learning unknown probabilities
 - 2) Learning unknown structures

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A Question

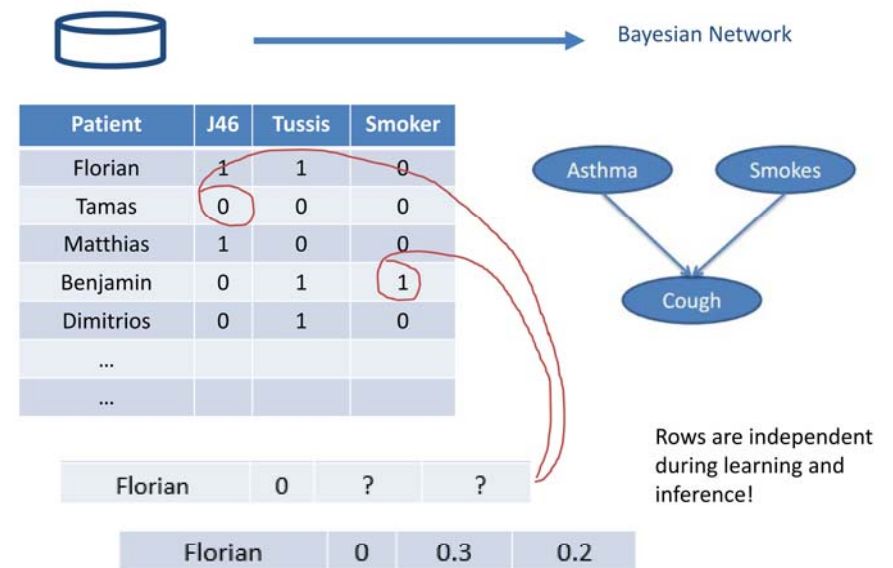


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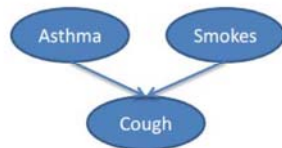
- 1) Test if a distribution is decomposable with regard to a given graph.
 - This is the most direct approach. It is not bound to a graphical representation,
 - It can be carried out w.r.t. other representations of the set of subspaces to be used to compute the (candidate) decomposition of a given distribution.
- 2) Find a suitable graph by measuring the strength of dependences.
 - This is a heuristic, but often highly successful approach, which is based on the frequently valid assumption that in a conditional independence graph an attribute is more strongly dependent on adjacent attributes than on attributes that are not directly connected to them.
- 3) Find an independence map by conditional independence tests.
 - This approach exploits the theorems that connect conditional independence graphs and graphs that represent decompositions.
 - It has the advantage that a single conditional independence test, if it fails, can exclude several candidate graphs. Beware, because wrong test results can thus have severe consequences.

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Example for Graphical Model Learning



- Asthma can be hereditary
- Friends may have similar smoking habits
- Augmenting graphical model with relations between the entities – Markov Logic



2.1 Asthma \Rightarrow Cough

3.5 Smokes \Rightarrow Cough

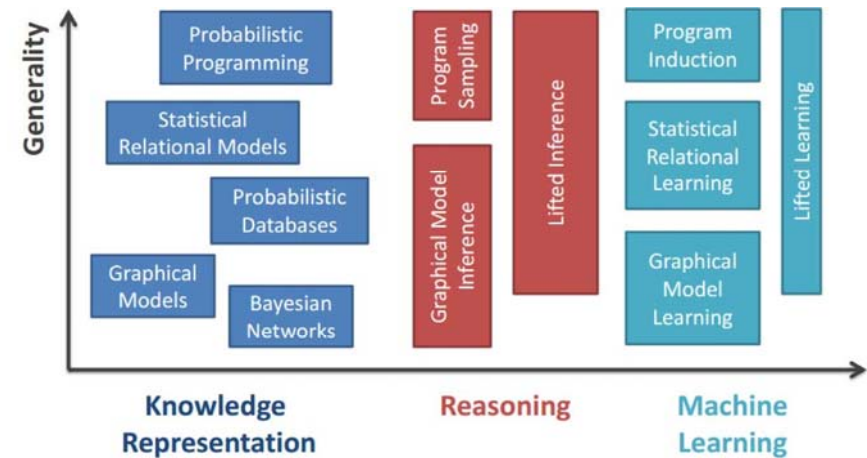
2.1 Asthma(x) \Rightarrow Cough(x)

3.5 Smokes(x) \Rightarrow Cough(x)

1.9 Smokes(x) \wedge Friends(x,y)
 \Rightarrow Smokes(y)

1.5 Asthma (x) \wedge Family(x,y)
 \Rightarrow Asthma (y)

07 Probabilistic Programming



Example for probabilistic rule learning, in which probabilistic rules are learned from probabilistic examples: The ProbFOIL+ Algorithm solves this problem by combining the principles of the rule learner FOIL with the probabilistic Prolog called ProbLog, see: De Raedt, L., Dries, A., Thon, I., Van Den Broeck, G. & Verbeke, M. 2015. Inducing probabilistic relational rules from probabilistic examples. International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI).

- C \rightarrow Probabilistic-C
- Scala \rightarrow Figaro
- Scheme \rightarrow Church
- Excel \rightarrow Tabular
- Prolog \rightarrow Problog
- Javascript \rightarrow webPP
- \rightarrow Venture
- Python \rightarrow PyMC



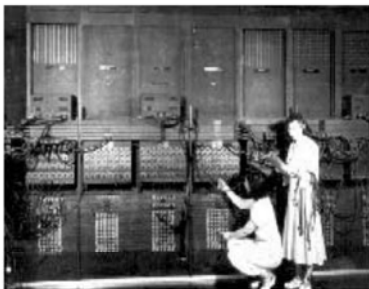
PyMC Pythonic Markov chain Monte Carlo

- often we want to calculate characteristics of a **high-dimensional** probability distribution ... $p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$

$$p(h|d) \propto p(\mathcal{D}|\theta) * p(h)$$

Posterior integration problem: (almost) all statistical inference can be deduced from the posterior distribution by calculating the appropriate sums, which involves an integration:

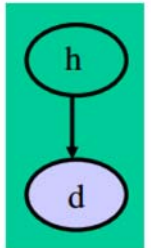
$$J = \int f(\theta) * p(\theta|\mathcal{D})d\theta$$



- Statistical physics:** computing the partition function – this is evaluating the posterior probability of a hypothesis and this requires summing over all hypotheses ... remember:

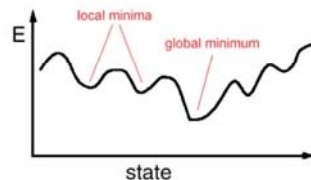
$$\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n\} \quad \forall(h, d)$$

$$P(h|d) = \frac{P(d|h) * P(h)}{\sum_{h' \in \mathcal{H}} P(d|h')P(h')}$$



- Class of algorithms that rely on **repeated random sampling**
- Basic idea: using **randomness** to solve problems with high uncertainty (Laplace, 1781)
- For solving **multidimensional integrals** which would otherwise intractable
- For simulation of systems with **many dof**
- e.g. fluids, gases, particle collectives, **cellular structures** - see our last tutorial on Tumor growth simulation!

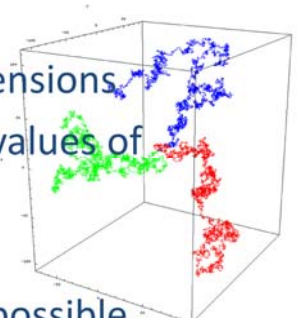
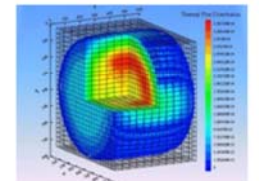
- Solving intractable integrals
- Bayesian statistics: **normalizing** constants, expectations, marginalization
- Stochastic Optimization
- Generalization of simulated annealing
- Monte Carlo expectation maximization (EM)



- for solving problems of probabilistic inference involved in developing computational models
- as a source of hypotheses about how the human mind might solve problems of inference
- For a function $f(x)$ and distribution $P(x)$, the expectation of f with respect to P is generally the average of f , when x is drawn from the probability distribution $P(x)$

$$\mathbb{E}_{p(x)}(f(x)) = \sum_X f(x)P(x)dx$$

- Physical simulation
- estimating neutron diffusion time
- Computing expected utilities and best responses toward Nash equilibria
- Computing volumes in high-dimensions
- Computing eigen-functions and values of operators (e.g. Schrödinger)
- Statistical physics
- Counting many things as fast as possible



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THE MONTE CARLO METHOD

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We shall present here the motivation and a general description of a method dealing with a class of problems in mathematical physics. The method is, essentially, a statistical approach to the study of differential equations, or more generally, of integro-differential equations that occur in various branches of the natural sciences.

ALREADY in the nineteenth century a sharp distinction began to appear between two different mathematical methods of treating physical phenomena. Problems involving only a few particles were studied in classical mechanics, through the study of systems of ordinary differential equations. For the description of systems with very many particles, an entirely different technique was used, namely, the method of statistical mechanics. In this latter approach, one does not concentrate on the individual particles but studies the properties of sets of particles. In pure mathematics an intensive study of the properties of sets of points was the subject of a new field. This is the so-called theory of sets, the basic theory of integration, and the twentieth century development of the theory of probabilities prepared the formal apparatus for the use of such models in theoretical physics, i.e., description of properties of aggregates of points rather than of individual points and



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Monte Carlo sampling methods using Markov chains and their applications

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SUMMARY

A generalization of the sampling method introduced by Metropolis *et al.* (1953) is presented along with an exposition of the relevant theory, techniques of application and methods and difficulties of assessing the error in Monte Carlo estimates. Examples of the methods, including the generation of random orthogonal matrices and potential applications of the methods to numerical problems arising in statistics, are discussed.

1. INTRODUCTION

For numerical problems in a large number of dimensions, Monte Carlo methods are often more efficient than conventional numerical methods. However, implementation of the Monte Carlo methods requires sampling from high dimensional probability distributions and this may be very difficult and expensive in analysis and computer time. General methods for sampling from, or estimating expectations with respect to, such distributions are as follows.

- (i) If possible, factorize the distribution into the product of one-dimensional conditional distributions from which samples may be obtained.
- (ii) Use importance sampling, which may also be used for variance reduction. That is, in order to evaluate the integral

$$J = \int f(x) p(x) dx = E_p(f),$$

where $p(x)$ is a probability density function, instead of obtaining independent samples x_1, \dots, x_N from $p(x)$ and using the estimate $\hat{J} = \Sigma f(x_i)/N$, we instead obtain the sample from

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Equation of State Calculations by Fast Computing Machines

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A general method, suitable for fast computing machines, for investigating such properties as equations of state for substances consisting of interacting individual molecules is described. The method consists of a modified Monte Carlo integration over configuration space. Results for the two-dimensional rigid-sphere system have been obtained on the Los Alamos MANIAC and are presented here. These results are compared to the free volume equation of state and to a four-term virial coefficient expansion.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE purpose of this paper is to describe a general method, suitable for fast electronic computing machines, of calculating the properties of any substance which may be considered as composed of interacting individual molecules. Classical statistics is assumed, only two-body forces are considered, and the potential field of a molecule is assumed spherically symmetric. These are the usual assumptions made in theories of liquids. Subject to the above assumptions, the method is not restricted to any range of temperature or density. This paper will also present results of a preliminary two-dimensional calculation for the rigid-sphere system. Work on the two-dimensional case with a Lennard-Jones potential is in progress and will be reported in a later paper. Also, the problem in three dimensions is being investigated.

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II. THE GENERAL METHOD FOR AN ARBITRARY POTENTIAL BETWEEN THE PARTICLES

In order to reduce the problem to a feasible size for numerical work, we can, of course, consider only a finite number of particles. This number N may be as high as several hundred. Our system consists of a square containing N particles. In order to minimize the surface effects we suppose the complete substance to be periodic, consisting of many such squares, each square containing N particles in the same configuration. Thus we define d_{AB} , the minimum distance between particles A and B , as the shortest distance between A and any of the particles B , of which there is one in each of the squares which comprise the complete substance. If we have a potential which falls off rapidly with distance, there will be at most one of the distances AB which can make a substantial contribution; hence we need consider only the minimum distance d_{AB} .

† We will use the two-dimensional nomenclature here since it is easier to visualize. The extension to three dimensions is obvious.

Metropolis, N., Rosenbluth, A. W., Rosenbluth, M. N., Teller, A. H. & Teller, E. 1953. Equation of State Calculations by Fast Computing Machines. The Journal of Chemical Physics, 21, (6), 1087-1092, doi:10.1063/1.1699114.

- Expectation of a function $f(x, y)$ with respect to a random variable x is denoted by $\mathbb{E}_x [f(x, y)]$
- In situations where there is no ambiguity as to which variable is being averaged over, this will be simplified by omitting the suffix, for instance $\mathbb{E}x$.
- If the distribution of x is conditioned on another variable z , then the corresponding conditional expectation will be written $Ex[f(x)|z]$
- Similarly, the variance is denoted $var[f(x)]$, and for vector variables the covariance is written $cov[x, y]$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_x f(x)$$

Normalization: $p(x|y) = \frac{p(y|x) * p(x)}{\int_X p(y|x) * p(x) dx}$

Marginalization: $p(x) = \int_Z p(x, z) dz$

Expectation: $\mathbb{E}_{p(x)}(f(x)) = \int_X f(x) p(x) dx$

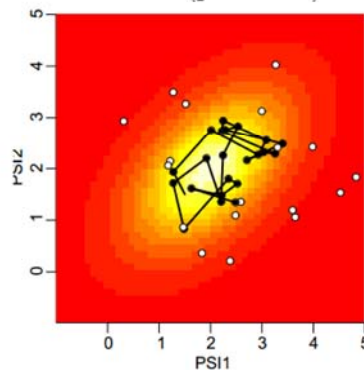
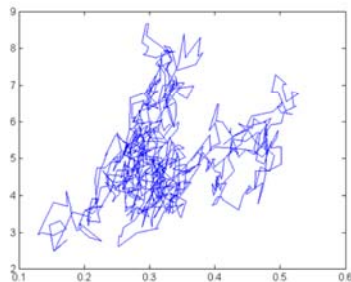


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09 Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm

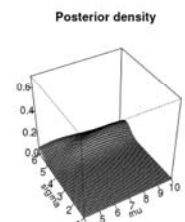
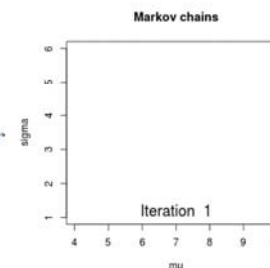
- 1 Initialize x^0 ;
- 2 **for** $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ **do**
- 3 Define $x = x^s$;
- 4 Sample $x' \sim q(x'|x)$;
- 5 Compute acceptance probability
- 6 Compute $r = \min(1, \alpha)$;
- 7 Sample $u \sim U(0, 1)$;
- 7 Set new sample to

$$\alpha = \frac{\bar{p}(x')q(x|x')}{\bar{p}(x)q(x'|x)}$$

$$x^{s+1} = \begin{cases} x' & \text{if } u < r \\ x^s & \text{if } u \geq r \end{cases}$$

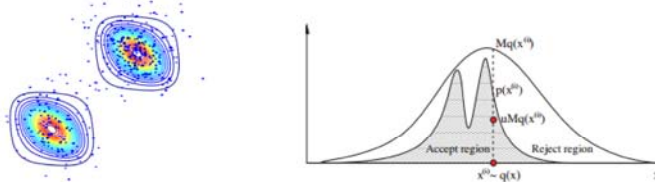
$$p(h|d) \propto p(\mathcal{D}|\theta) * p(h)$$

$$J = \int f(\theta) * p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) d\theta$$



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1: Choose a starting point  $x^1$ .
2: for  $i = 2$  to  $L$  do
3:   Draw a candidate sample  $x^{cand}$  from the proposal  $\tilde{q}(x'|x^{i-1})$ .
4:   Let  $a = \frac{\tilde{q}(x^{i-1}|x^{cand})p(x^{cand})}{\tilde{q}(x^{cand}|x^{i-1})p(x^{i-1})}$ 
5:   if  $a \geq 1$  then  $x^i = x^{cand}$ 
6:   else
7:     draw a random value  $u$  uniformly from the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ .
8:     if  $u < a$  then  $x^i = x^{cand}$ 
9:     else
10:       $x^i = x^{i-1}$ 
11:     end if
12:   end if
13: end for
  
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- The Gibbs Sampler is an interesting special case of MH:

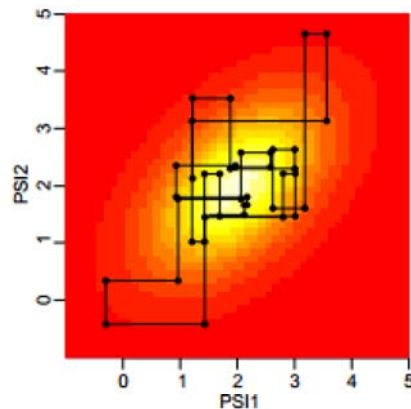
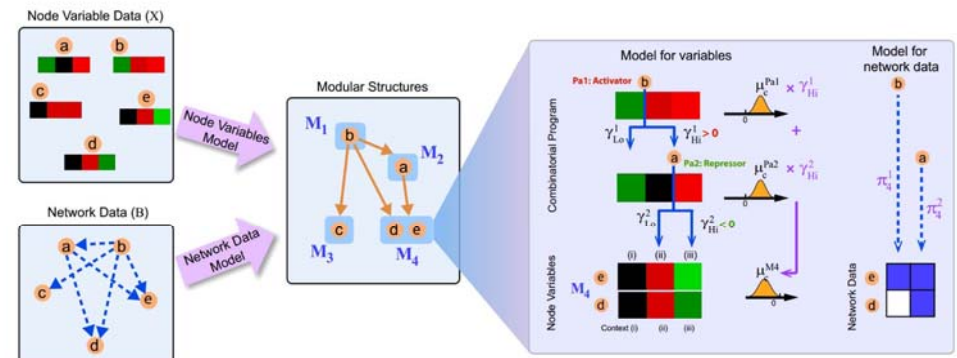
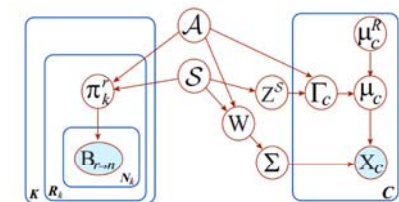


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- Importance sampling is a technique to approximate averages with respect to an intractable distribution $p(x)$.
- The term 'sampling' is arguably a misnomer since the method does not attempt to draw samples from $p(x)$.
- Rather the method draws samples from a simpler importance distribution $q(x)$ and then reweights them
- such that averages with respect to $p(x)$ can be approximated using the samples from $q(x)$.

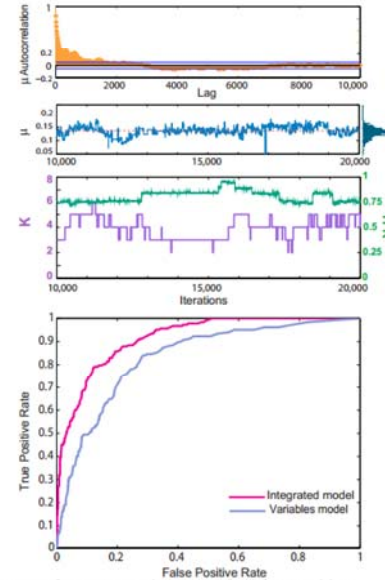


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Algorithm 1 RJMCMC for sampling parameters

Inputs:
Node Variables Data X
Network Data B
for iterations $j = 1$ **to** J **do**
 Sample $\mathcal{A}^{(j+1)}$ given $\mathcal{A}^{(j)}$ using Alg 2 in (Azizi et al., 2014)
 Sample $\mathcal{S}^{(j+1)}$ given $\mathcal{S}^{(j)}$ using Alg 3 in (Azizi et al., 2014)
 for modules $k = 1$ **to** $K^{(j)}$ **do**
 Propose $w_k^{(j+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(w_k^{(j)}, I)$
 Accept with probability P_{mh} ; update $\Sigma^{(j+1)}$
 for parents $r = 1$ **to** R_k **do**
 Propose $z_k^{r(j+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(z_k^{r(j)}, I)$; accept with P_{mh}
 Propose $\pi_k^{r(j+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\pi_k^{r(j)}, I)$; accept with P_{mh}
 end for
 end for
 for condition $c = 1$ **to** C **do**
 Propose $\mu_c^{R(j+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_c^{R(j)}, I)$; accept with P_{mh}
 Propose $\gamma_c^{R(j+1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\gamma_c^{R(j)}, I)$; accept with P_{mh}
 end for
end for



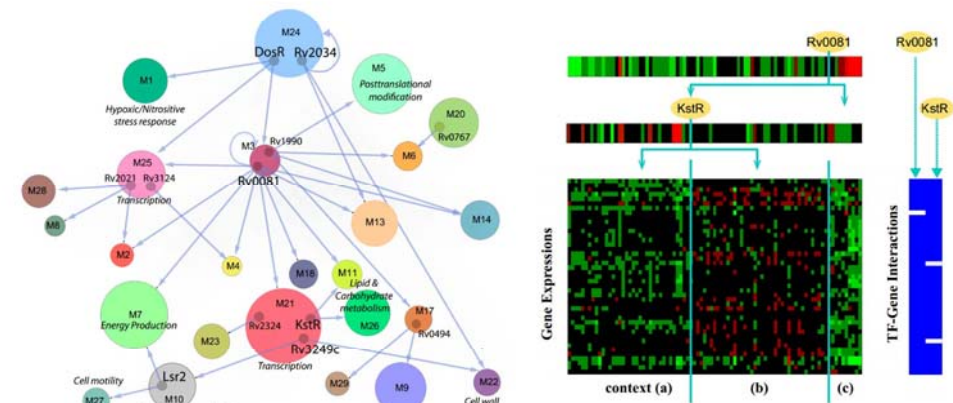
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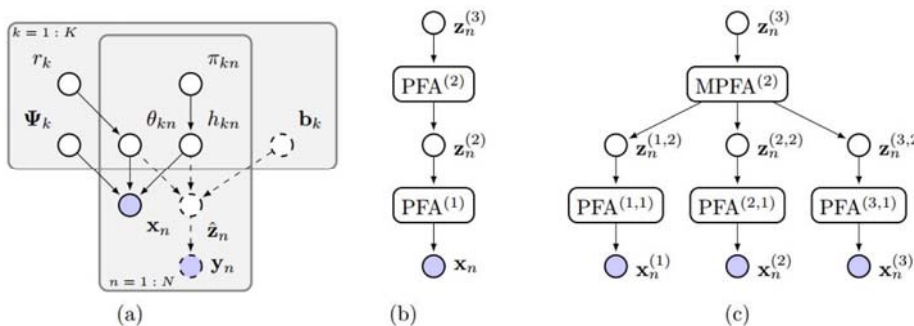


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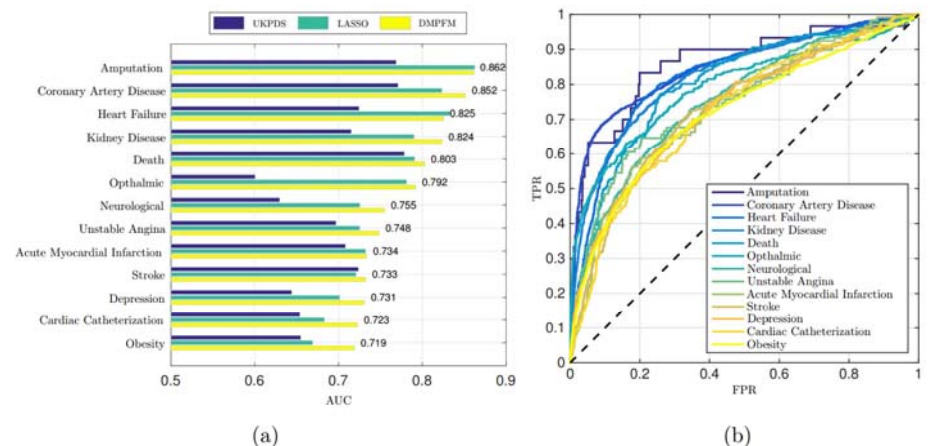
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**Still ... there are a lot of
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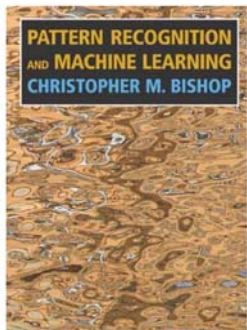
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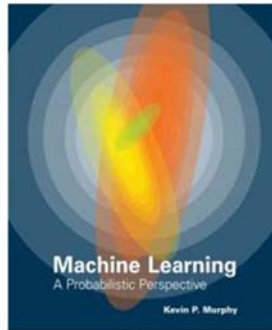
Thank you!

- What is the main difference between the ideas of Pierre Simon de Laplace and Lady Lovelace?
- What is medical action consisting most of the time?
- How does a human make a decision - as far as we know?
- What is the main idea of a probabilistic programming language?
- Why did Judea Pearl receive the Turing Award (Noble Prize in Computer Science)?
- What fields are coming together in PGM?
- What are the challenges in network structures?
- Give a classification of Graphical Models!
- What are plates and nested plates?
- Provide corresponding examples of metabolic networks!

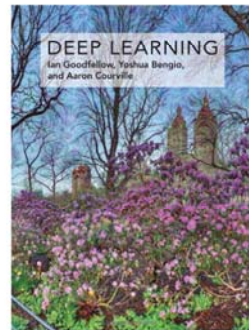
- What is a factored graph?
- Describe the protein structure prediction problem! Why is it hard?
- Why are protein-protein interactions so important?
- Describe the problem of graph-isomorphism!
- How does a Bayes Net work?
- Why is predicting important in clinical medicine?
- What is a Markov-Blankett?
- Which two tasks do we have in Graphical Model Learning?
- Why would we need probabilistic programming languages?
- Describe the main idea of MCMC!
- What is the main problem in marginalization?
- What is the benefit of the MH Algorithm?



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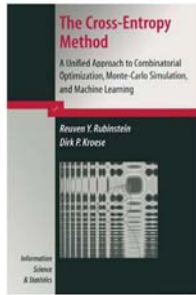
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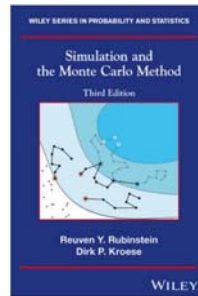
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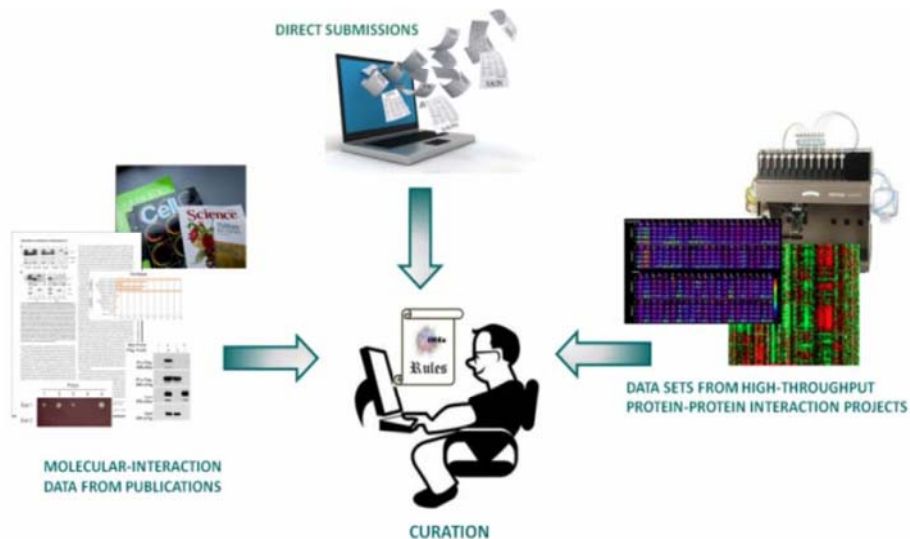


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