

# Bayesian Networks

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# Probabilistic Reasoning

- **Represent** system of interest by a set of random variables

$$(X_1, \dots, X_d).$$

- Suppose by research or machine learning, we get a joint probability distribution

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d).$$

- We'd like to be able to do **inference** on this model – essentially, answer queries:
  - 1 What is the most likely of value  $X_1$ ?
  - 2 What is the most likely of value  $X_1$ , given we've observed  $X_2 = 1$ ?
  - 3 Distribution of  $(X_1, X_2)$  given observation of  $(X_3 = x_3, \dots, X_d = x_d)$ ?

## Example: Medical Diagnosis

- Variables for each **symptom**
  - fever, cough, fast breathing, shaking, nausea, vomiting
- Variables for each **disease**
  - pneumonia, flu, common cold, bronchitis, tuberculosis
- Diagnosis is performed by **inference** in the model:

$$p(\text{pneumonia} = 1 \mid \text{cough} = 1, \text{fever} = 1, \text{vomiting} = 0)$$

- The QMR-DT (Quick Medical Reference - Decision Theoretic) has
  - 600 diseases
  - 4000 symptoms

## Some Notation

- This lecture we'll only be considering **discrete** random variables.
- Capital letters  $X_1, \dots, X_d, Y$ , etc. denote **random variables**.
- Lower case letters  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y$  denote the values taken.
- Probability that  $X_1 = x_1$  and  $X_2 = x_2$  will be denoted

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2).$$

- We'll generally write things in terms of the probability mass function:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) := \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_d = x_d)$$

# Representing Probability Distributions

- Let's consider the case of discrete random variables.
- Conceptually, everything can be represented with probability tables.
- Variables
  - Temperature  $T \in \{\text{hot}, \text{cold}\}$
  - Weather  $W \in \{\text{sun}, \text{rain}\}$

$t$	$p(t)$
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

$w$	$p(w)$
sun	0.6
rain	0.4

- These are the **marginal** probability distributions.
- To do reasoning, we need the **joint probability distribution**.

# Joint Probability Distributions

- A joint probability distribution for  $T$  and  $W$  is given by

$t$	$w$	$p(t, w)$
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

- A valid probability distribution if
  - $\forall t, w: p(t, w) \geq 0$
  - $\sum_{t, w} p(t, w) = 1.$

# Conditional Distributions From the Joint Distribution

- We **observe**  $T = \text{hot}$ . What's the conditional distribution of  $W$ ?

$$p(w \mid T = \text{hot}) = ?$$

- Method:

- Find entries in joint distribution table where  $T = \text{hot}$ .

$t$	$w$	$p(t, w)$
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1

- Renormalize to get conditional probability.

$t$	$w$	$p(t, w)$	$p(w \mid T = \text{hot})$
hot	sun	0.4	$0.4/0.5 = 0.8$
hot	rain	0.1	$0.1/0.5 = 0.2$

# Conditional Distributions From the Joint Distribution

## Definition

The **conditional probability** for  $w$  given  $t$  is

$$p(w | t) = \frac{p(w, t)}{p(t)}.$$

$t$	$w$	$p(t, w)$	$p(w   T = \text{hot})$
hot	sun	0.4	$0.4/0.5 = 0.8$
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# Representing Joint Distributions

- Consider random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_d \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- How many parameters do we need to represent the joint distribution?
- Joint probability table has  $2^d$  rows.
- For QMR-DT, that's  $2^{4600} > 10^{1000}$  rows.
- That's not going to happen.
- Having exponentially many parameters is a problem for
  - storage
  - computation (inference is summing over exponentially many rows)
  - statistical estimation / learning
    - (Estimating  $10^{1000}$  parameters? Nope.)

## How to Restrict the Complexity?

- Restrict the space of probability distributions
- We will make various **independence** assumptions.
- Extreme assumption:  $X_1, \dots, X_d$  are **mutually independent**.

### Definition

Discrete random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_d$  are **mutually independent** if their joint probability mass function (PMF) factorizes as

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = p(x_1)p(x_2) \cdots p(x_d).$$

- Note: We usually just write **independent** for “mutually independent”.
- How many parameters to represent the joint distribution, assuming independence?

## Assume Full Independence

- How many parameters to represent the joint distribution?
- Say  $p(X_i = 1) = \theta_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .
- **Clever representation:** Since  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , we can write

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i) = \theta_i^{x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_i}.$$

- Then by independence,

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_i}$$

- How many parameters?
- $d$  parameters needed to represent the joint.

# Conditional Interpretation of Independence

- Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$p(x | y) = p(x).$$

- Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x | y) &= \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} \\ &= \frac{p(x)p(y)}{p(y)} = p(x). \end{aligned}$$

- With full independence, we have no relationships among variables.
- Information about one variable says nothing about any other variable.
  - Would mean diseases don't have symptoms.

# Conditional Independence

- Consider 3 events:
  - 1  $W = \{\text{The grass is wet}\}$
  - 2  $S = \{\text{The road is slippery}\}$
  - 3  $R = \{\text{It's raining}\}$
- These events are certainly **not** independent.
  - Raining ( $R$ )  $\implies$  Grass is wet AND The road is slippery ( $W \cap S$ )
  - Grass is wet ( $W$ )  $\implies$  More likely that the road is slippery ( $S$ )
- Suppose we know that **it's raining**.
  - Then, we learn that **the grass is wet**.
  - Does this tell us anything new about whether **the road is slippery**?
- Once we know  $R$ , then  $W$  and  $S$  become independent.
- This is called **conditional independence**, and we'll denote it as

$$W \perp S \mid R.$$

# Conditional Independence

## Definition

We say  $W$  and  $S$  are **conditionally independent** given  $R$ , denoted

$$W \perp S \mid R,$$

if the conditional joint factorizes as

$$p(w, s \mid r) = p(w \mid r)p(s \mid r).$$

Also holds when  $W$ ,  $S$ , and  $R$  represent **sets of random variables**.

## Example: Rainy, Slippery, Wet

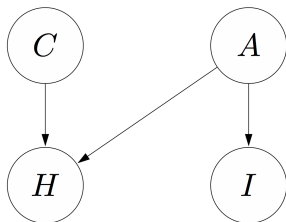
- Consider 3 events:
  - 1  $W = \{\text{The grass is wet}\}$
  - 2  $S = \{\text{The road is slippery}\}$
  - 3  $R = \{\text{It's raining}\}$
- Represent joint distribution as

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(w, s, r) &= p(w, s | r)p(r) && \text{(no assumptions so far)} \\
 &= p(w | r)p(s | r)p(r) && \text{(assuming } W \perp S | R)
 \end{aligned}$$

- How many parameters to specify the joint?
  - $p(w | r)$  requires two parameters: one for  $r = 1$  and one for  $r = 0$ .
  - $p(s | r)$  requires two.
  - $p(r)$  requires one parameter,
- Full joint: 7 parameters. Conditional independence: 5 parameters. Full independence: 3 parameters.

# Bayesian Networks: Introduction

- Bayesian Networks are
  - used to specify joint probability distributions that
  - have a particular factorization.



$$p(c, h, a, i) = p(c)p(a) \times p(h | c, a)p(i | a)$$

- With practice, one can read conditional independence relationships directly from the graph.

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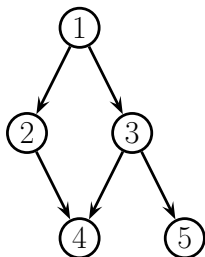
From Percy Liang's "Lecture 14: Bayesian networks II" slides from Stanford's CS221, Autumn 2014.



# Directed Graphs

A **directed graph** is a pair  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ , where

- $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, d\}$  is a set of **nodes** and
- $\mathcal{E} = \{(s, t) \mid s, t \in \mathcal{V}\}$  is a set of **directed edges**.



$$\text{Parents}(5) = \{3\}$$

$$\text{Parents}(4) = \{2, 3\}$$

$$\text{Children}(3) = \{4, 5\}$$

$$\text{Descendants}(1) = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

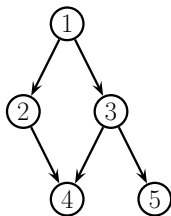
$$\text{NonDescendants}(3) = \{1, 2\}$$

KPM Figure 10.2(a).

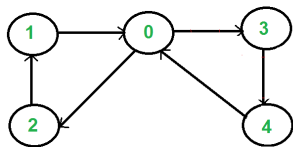
# Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs)

A **DAG** is a directed graph with **no directed cycles**.

DAG



Not a DAG



Every DAG has a **topological ordering**, in which parents have lower numbers than their children.

<http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/wp-content/uploads/SCC1.png> and KPM Figure 10.2(a).

# Bayesian Networks

## Definition

A **Bayesian network** is a

- DAG  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ , where  $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, d\}$ , and
- a corresponding set of random variables  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$

where

- the joint probability distribution over  $X$  factorizes as

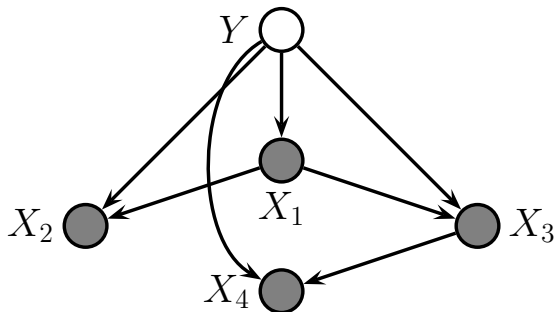
$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i \mid x_{\text{Parents}(i)}).$$

Bayesian networks are also known as

- **directed graphical models**, and
- **belief networks**.

# Bayesian Networks: Example

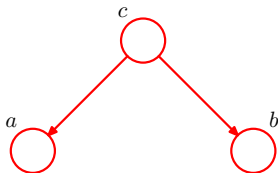
Consider the Bayesian network depicted below:



It implies the following factorization for the joint probability distribution:

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = p(y)p(x_1 | y)p(x_2 | x_1, y)p(x_3 | x_1, y)p(x_4 | x_3, y)$$

# Bayesian Networks: “A Common Cause”



$$p(a, b, c) = p(c)p(a | c)p(b | c)$$

Are  $a$  and  $b$  independent? ( $c$ =Rain,  $a$ =Slippery,  $b$ =Wet?)

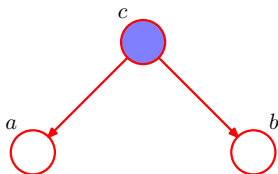
$$p(a, b) = \sum_c p(c)p(a | c)p(b | c),$$

which in general will not be equal to  $p(a)p(b)$ .

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From Bishop's *Pattern recognition and machine learning*, Figure 8.15.

# Bayesian Networks: “A Common Cause”



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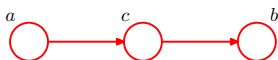
Are  $a$  and  $b$  independent, conditioned on observing  $c$ ? ( $c$ =Rain,  $a$ =Slippery,  $b$ =Wet?)

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b | c) &= p(a, b, c) / p(c) \\ &= p(a | c)p(b | c) \end{aligned}$$

So  $a \perp b | c$ .

From Bishop's *Pattern recognition and machine learning*, Figure 8.16.

# Bayesian Networks: “An Indirect Effect”



$$p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(c | a)p(b | c)$$

Are  $a$  and  $b$  independent? (Note: This is a **Markov chain**)  
(e.g.  $a$ =raining,  $c$ =wet ground,  $b$ =mud on shoes)

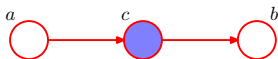
$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b) &= \sum_c p(a, b, c) \\ &= p(a) \sum_c p(c | a)p(b | c) \end{aligned}$$

So doesn't factorize, thus not independent, in general.

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# Bayesian Networks: “An Indirect Effect”



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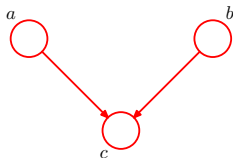
So  $a \perp b | c$ .

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From Bishop's *Pattern recognition and machine learning*, Figure 8.18.



## Bayesian Networks: “A Common Effect”



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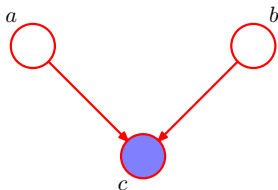
Are  $a$  and  $b$  independent? ( $a$ =course difficulty,  $b$ =knowledge,  $c$ = grade)

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b) &= \sum_c p(a)p(b)p(c | a, b) \\ &= p(a)p(b) \sum_c p(c | a, b) \\ &= p(a)p(b) \end{aligned}$$

So  $a \perp b$ .

From Bishop's *Pattern recognition and machine learning*, Figure 8.19.

## Bayesian Networks: “A Common Effect” or “V-Structure”



$$p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(b)p(c | a, b)$$

Are  $a$  and  $b$  independent, given observation of  $c$ ? ( $a$ =course difficulty,  $b$ =knowledge,  $c$ = grade)

$$p(a, b | c) = p(a)p(b)p(c | a, b)/p(c)$$

which does not factorize into  $p(a | c)p(b | c)$ , in general.

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From Bishop's *Pattern recognition and machine learning*, Figure 8.20.

# Conditional Independence from Graph Structure

- In general, given 3 sets of nodes  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$
- How can we determine whether

$$A \perp B \mid C?$$

- There is a purely graph-theoretic notion of “**d-separation**” that is equivalent to conditional independence.
- Suppose we have observed  $C$  and we want to do inference on  $A$ .
- We could ignore any evidence collected about  $B$ , where  $A \perp B \mid C$ .
- See KPM Section 10.5.1 for details.

# Markov Blanket

- Suppose we have a very large Bayesian network.
- We're interested in a single variable  $A$ , which we cannot observe.
- To get maximal information about  $A$ , do we have to observe all other variables?
- No! We only need to observe the **Markov blanket** of  $A$ :

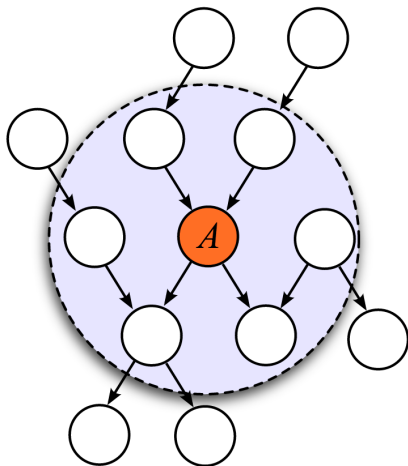
$$p(A \mid \text{all other nodes}) = p(A \mid \text{MarkovBlanket}(A)).$$

- In a Bayesian network, the Markov blanket of  $A$  consists of
  - the parents of  $A$
  - the children of  $A$
  - the “co-parents” of  $A$ , i.e. the parents of the children of  $A$

(See KPM Sec. 10.5.3 for details.)

# Markov Blanket

Markov Blanket of  $A$  in a Bayesian Network:



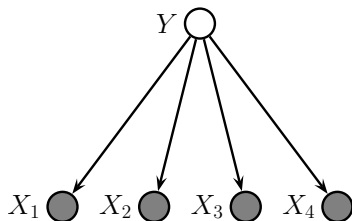
From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markov\\_blanket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markov_blanket): "Diagram of a Markov blanket" by Laughsinthestocks - Licensed under CC0 via Wikimedia Commons

# Bayesian Networks

- Bayesian Networks are great when
  - you know something about the relationships between your variables, or
  - you will routinely need to make inferences with incomplete data.
- Challenges:
  - The naive approach to inference doesn't work beyond small scale.
  - Need more sophisticated algorithm:
    - exact inference
    - approximate inference

# Naive Bayes: A Generative Model for Classification

- $\mathcal{X} = \left\{ (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \in \{0, 1\}^4 \right\}$       $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  be a class label.
- Consider the Bayesian network depicted below:



- BN structure implies joint distribution factors as:

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y) = p(y)p(x_1 | y)p(x_2 | y)p(x_3 | y)p(x_4 | y)$$

- Features  $X_1, \dots, X_4$  are independent given the class label  $Y$ .

# Parameters for Naive Bayes

- Generalize to  $d$  features.
- Knowing the joint distribution means we need to know

$$p(y), p(x_1 | y), \dots, p(x_d | y).$$

- We could parameterize as:

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1) = \theta_y$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 | Y = 1) = \theta_{i1}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 | Y = 0) = \theta_{i0}$$

$\implies 1 + 2d$  parameters to characterize the joint distribution



## Parameterized Expression for Joint

- Parameters:

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1) = \theta_y \quad \mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 | Y = 1) = \theta_{i1} \quad \mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 | Y = 0) = \theta_{i0}$$

- Joint distribution is

$$\begin{aligned} & p(x_1, \dots, x_d, y) \\ = & p(y) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | y) \\ = & (\theta_y)^y (1 - \theta_y)^{1-y} \\ & \times \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta_{i1})^{yx_i} (1 - \theta_{i1})^{y(1-x_i)} (\theta_{i0})^{(1-y)x_i} (1 - \theta_{i0})^{(1-y)(1-x_i)} \end{aligned}$$

# Naive Bayes

- Suppose we know all conditional distributions:

$$p(y), p(x_1 | y), \dots, p(x_d | y)$$

- We observe  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ . What's the prediction for  $Y$ ?
- We have a full probability model

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, x_1, \dots, x_d) &= p(y)p(x_1, \dots, x_d | y) && \text{(no assumptions)} \\ &= p(y) \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | y) && \text{(conditional independence)} \end{aligned}$$

- We can use Bayes rule to compute anything we want...

## Posterior Class Probability

- Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ , and apply Bayes rule:

$$p(y | x) = \frac{p(y, x)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(y) \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | y)}{p(x)}$$

- We know everything except  $p(x)$ .
- We can compute it explicitly:

$$p(x) = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x, y) = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x|y)p(y)$$

- So final predicted probability distribution is

$$p(y | x) = \frac{p(y) \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | y)}{\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x|y)p(y)}$$

## Dropping Normalization Constant

- Consider  $p(y | x)$  as a distribution over  $y$ , for **fixed**  $x$ .

$$p(y | x) = p(y, x) / p(x).$$

- With  $x$  fixed,  $p(x)$  is a constant – let's write it as  $k$  to make it clear:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y | x) &= k^{-1} p(y, x) \\ \implies p(y | x) &\propto p(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

- How to recover value of  $k$ ?  $p(y | x)$  must be a distribution on  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(y | x) &= k^{-1} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(y, x) = 1 \\ \implies k &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

- So we can always recover the normalizing constant whenever we want.
  - Often no need to keep track of it.

# Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression

- Recall the logistic regression prediction function is of the form

$$x \mapsto p(Y = 1 | x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^T x)},$$

for some parameter vector  $w \in \mathbf{R}^d$ .

## Theorem

If  $p(y, x)$  is any Naive Bayes model with binary  $x$  and  $y$ , the prediction function

$$x \mapsto p(Y = 1 | x)$$

corresponds to logistic regression, for some  $w \in \mathbf{R}^d$ .

**Proof:** Homework.

# Naive Bayes vs Logistic Regression

- Naive Bayes is a model for the joint distribution  $p(y, x)$ .
  - We can sample  $(x, y)$  pairs from this distribution.
  - Models of the joint distribution are called **generative models**.
- Logistic regression is directly modeling the conditional distribution

$$p(y | x).$$

- No model for the features  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ .
  - Conditional probability models are called **discriminative models**.
- Logistic regression is a specialist in the conditional distribution.
- Naive Bayes is doing more!

# Naive Bayes vs Logistic Regression

- **Missing data** is no problem for Naive Bayes.
- Suppose we're missing  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  from the input vector.
- Just predict with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(y \mid x_3, \dots, x_d) &\propto p(y, x_3, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \sum_{x_1, x_2 \in \{0,1\}} p(y, x)\end{aligned}$$

- For logistic regression? No natural way to predict with missing features.

## Naive Bayes vs Logistic Regression

- Logistic regression handles binary or continuous features seamlessly.
- For naive Bayes, you need a different family of conditional distributions, e.g.

$$p(x_i | y) = \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_{iy}, \sigma_{iy}^2)$$

- Wasted effort to model all features if you only care about  $p(y | x)$ ?
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- No natural method for missing features with logistic regression.



# Easy Estimators for Naive Bayes

- Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^1, y^1), \dots, (x^n, y^n)\}$ .
- There are obvious “plug-in” estimators for the Naive Bayes model:

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1) \approx \hat{\theta}_y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1(y^i = 1)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 \mid Y = 1) \approx \hat{\theta}_{i1} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n 1(y^j = 1 \text{ and } x_i^j = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^n 1(y^j = 1)}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1 \mid Y = 0) = \hat{\theta}_{i0} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n 1(y^j = 0 \text{ and } x_i^j = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^n 1(y^j = 0)}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Naive Bayes

- Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^1, y^1), \dots, (x^n, y^n)\}$ .
- More principled: find the MLE for the Naive Bayes model.
- The log-likelihood objective function is

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(y^i, x^i),$$

where we found the likelihood for a single point  $(x, y)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, y) &= (\theta_y)^y (1 - \theta_y)^{1-y} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta_{i1})^{yx_i} (1 - \theta_{i1})^{y(1-x_i)} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta_{i0})^{(1-y)x_i} (1 - \theta_{i0})^{(1-y)(1-x_i)} \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem:** MLE is exactly the plug-in estimator.
- **Proof:** Optional Homework.

# Class Prediction

- If we want to predict a single class, we would use

$$y^* = \arg \max_y p(y | x).$$

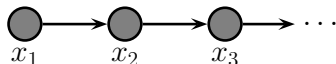
- One approach to this is to write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(Y = 1 | x)}{p(Y = 0 | x)} &= \frac{p(Y = 1, x)/p(x)}{p(Y = 0, x)/p(x)} = \frac{p(Y = 1, x)}{p(Y = 0, x)} \\ &= \frac{p(Y = 1) \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | Y = 1)}{p(Y = 0) \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | Y = 0)} \\ &= \frac{p(Y = 1)}{p(Y = 0)} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{p(x_i | Y = 1)}{p(x_i | Y = 0)} \end{aligned}$$

- Compare ratio to 1 to get prediction.

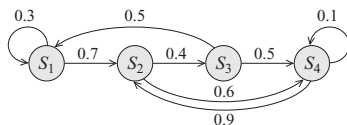
# Markov Chain Model

- A Markov chain model has structure:



$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = p(x_1)p(x_2 | x_1)p(x_3 | x_2)\dots$$

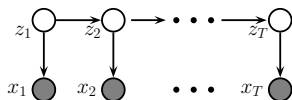
- Conditional distributions  $p(x_i | x_{i-1})$  is called the **transition model**.
- When conditional distribution independent of  $i$ , called **time-homogeneous**.
- 4-state transition model for  $X_i \in \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\}$ :



KPM Figure 10.3(a) and Koller and Friedman's *Probabilistic Graphical Models* Figure 6.04.

# Hidden Markov Model

- A hidden Markov model (HMM) has structure:

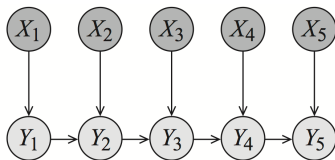


$$p(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots) = \underbrace{p(z_1) \prod_{t=2}^T p(z_t | z_{t-1})}_{\text{Transition Model}} \underbrace{\prod_{t=1}^T p(x_t | z_t)}_{\text{Observation Model}}$$

- At deployment time, we typically only observe  $X_1, \dots, X_T$ .
- Want to infer  $Z_1, \dots, Z_T$ .
- e.g. Want to most likely sequence  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_T)$ . (Use **Viterbi algorithm**.)

# Maximum Entropy Markov Model

- A maximum entropy Markov model (MEMM) has structure:



$$p(y_1, \dots, y_5 | x) = \underbrace{p(y_0) \prod_{t=1}^5 p(y_t | y_{t-1}, x)}_{\text{Conditional Transition Model}}$$

- At deployment time, we only observe  $X_1, \dots, X_T$ .
- This is a **conditional model**. (And not a generative model).

# Maximum Entropy Markov Model

- The MEMM transition model takes the following form:

$$p(y_i|y_{i-1}, x) \propto \exp\left(\sum_k \lambda_k f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i) + \sum_r \mu_r g_r(y_i, x)\right)$$

- The functions  $f_k$  and  $g_r$  are **feature functions**.
- Suppose  $Y$ 's represent parts-of-speech;  $X$ 's represent words.
- Could have

$$g_r(y_i, x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i = \text{"NOUN"} \text{ and } x_i = \text{"apple"} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- For the “transition features”, typical would be

$$f_k(y_{i-1}, y_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (y_{i-1}, y_i) = (\text{ADJ}, \text{NOUN}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$