

Sampling from Bayes Nets

## Paper reviews

- · Should be useful feedback for the authors
- · A critique of the paper
- No paper is perfect!
   if you don't understand it, state it
- Technically sound vs. convinced
- Give explicit examples, the more the better
- cite sections, paragraphs, tables, figures, equations, etc.
- Make different sections clear
   many conference reviews will have a similar format

# Asking questions about distributions

- We want to be able to ask questions about these probability distributions
- Given *n* variables, a query splits the variables into three sets:
  - query variable(s)
  - known/evidence variables
  - unknown/hidden variables
- P(query | evidence)
  - if we had no hidden variables, we could just multiply all the values in the different CPTs
  - to answer this, we need to sum over the hiden variables!





# **Bayesian Network Inference**

- But...inference is still tractable in some cases.
- · Special case: trees (each node has one parent)
- · VE is LINEAR in this case







- Recall when we wanted to find out the underlying distribution (of say a coin or die) we used sampling to estimate it
- · Basic Idea:
  - Draw N samples from the distribution
  - Compute an approximate probability P
  - Eventually, for large samples sizes this converges to the true probability P















# Calculating probabilities

• If we do this a number of times, then we can approximate answers to queries

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What is the probability of rain?

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Rejection sampling
<ul> <li>What if we want to know the probability conditioned on some evidence?</li> <li>– p(rain   wet_grass)</li> </ul>
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## Likelihood weighting

- The problem with rejection sampling is that we may have to generate a lot of samples
  - low probability/rare events
  - large networks
- Likelihood weighting
  - rather than randomly sampling over all of the variables, only randomly pick values for the query variables and hidden variables
  - for those, the evidence variables weight the examples based on the likelihood of obtaining their fixed value

















Problem with likelihood weighting?

### Problems with likelihood weighting

- As number of variables increased, weights will be very small
  - similar to rejection sampling, will only be a small number of higher probability ones that will actually effect the outcome
- If evidence variables are late in the ordering (BN), simulations will be not be influenced by evidence and so samples will not look much like reality



# MCMC Sampling

- Start in some valid configuration of the variables
- Repeat the following steps:
  - pick a non-evidence variable
  - randomly sample given its markov blanket
  - · count this new state as a sample
- If the process visits 20 states where Rain is true and 60 states where Rain is false,
  - Then the answer to the query is <20/80, 60/80> = <0.25, 0.75>



## Document classification

- Naïve Bayes classifier works surprisingly well for its simplicity
- We can do better!



(Big Boy models)



# "Generating" a document

- The *generative story* of a model describes how the model would generate a sample (document)
- It can help understand the independences and how the model works
- As before, we can generate a random sample from the BN

















# Bag of words representation

- Notice that there is no ordering in the model
   "I ate a banana" is viewed as the same as "ate I banana a"
- Called the "bag of words" representation



# NB model

- A word either occurs or doesn't occur

   no frequency information
- Word occurrences are independent, given the class

when we sample, the only thing we condition on is the class



















#### Multinomial model

- Called a multinomial model because the word frequencies drawn for a document of length m, follow a multinomial distribution
  - sampling with replacement from a fixed distribution
- Word occurrences are still independent!
   doesn't matter what other words we've drawn
- Although technically the position is specified, doesn't really give us positional information
- · Still a naïve Bayes model!





# Plate notation

- It can be tedious to write out all of the children in a BN
- When they're all the same type, we can use "plate" notation
  - A plate represents a set of variables
  - We specify repetition by putting a number in the lower right corner
  - edges crossing plate boundaries are considered to be multiple edges







## DCM

- Key problem with NB multinomial: words tend to be "bursty"
  - if a word occurs once, it's likely to occur again
    particularly content words, e.g. Bush
- DCM model allows us to model burstiness by picking multinomials for a given document that have a higher probability of ocurring

# For those that like math ©

 $p(\mathbf{x} \mid \alpha) = \int_{\theta} \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_{w}!} \left(\prod_{w=1}^{W} \theta_{w}^{x_{w}}\right) \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W} \alpha_{w}\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} \Gamma\left(\alpha_{w}\right)} \prod_{w=1}^{W} \theta_{w}^{\alpha_{w}-1} d\theta$  $= \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_{w}!} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W} \alpha_{w}\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} \Gamma\left(\alpha_{w}\right)} \int_{\theta} \prod_{w=1}^{W} \theta_{w}^{\alpha_{w}+x_{w}-1} d\theta$  $= \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_{w}!} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W} \alpha_{w}\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} \Gamma\left(\alpha_{w}\right)} \prod_{w=1}^{W} \frac{\Gamma\left(x_{w} + \alpha_{w}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\alpha_{w}\right)}$ 

CM vs. Multinomial				
	Industry	20 Newsgroups		
Multinomial	0.600	0.853		
DCM	0.806	0.890		
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## Topic models

- Often a document isn't just about one idea/topic
- Topic models view documents as a blend of "topics"











### Midterm

- Open book
- still only 75 min, so don't rely on it too much
- Anything we've talked about in class or read about is fair game
- · Written questions are a good place to start

- Intro to AI
  - what is Al
  - goalschallenges
  - problem areas

#### Review

#### Uninformed search

- reasoning through search
- agent paradigm (sensors, actuators, environment, etc.)
- setting up problems as search
- state space (starting state, next state function, goal state)
- actions
- · costs
- problem characteristics
  - · observability
  - determinism
  - known/unknown state space
- techniques
  - BFS
  - DFS
  - · uniform cost search
  - · depth limited search
  - · Iterative deepening

#### Review

- Uninformed search cont.
  - things to know about search algorithms
  - time
  - space
  - completeness optimality
  - · when to use them
  - graph search vs. tree search

#### · Informed search

- heuristic function
  - admissibility
  - · combining functions
  - dominance methods
  - greedy best-first search
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#### Review

- Adversarial search
  - game playing through search
    - ply
    - · depth
    - branching factor
    - state space sizes
    - · optimal play
  - game characteristics
    - observability
    - # of players
    - discrete vs. continuous
    - · real-time vs. turn-based
    - determinism

- · Adversarial search cont
  - minimax algorithm
  - alpha-beta pruning
  - · optimality, etc.
  - evalution functions (heuristics)
  - horizon effect
  - improvements
    - transposition table
    - history/end-game tables
  - dealing with chance/non-determinism
    - · expected minimax
  - dealing with partially observable games

#### Review

#### Local search

- when to use/what types of problems
- general formulation
- hill-climbing
- greedy
  - random restarts
  - randomness
- simulated annealing
- local beam search
- · taboo list
- genetic algorithms

### Review

- CSPs
  - problem formulation
  - variables
  - domain
  - constraints
  - why CSPs? applications?
  - constraint graph
  - CSP as search
    - backtracking algorithm
    - · forward checking
    - · arc consistency
  - heuristics
  - · most constrained variable · least constrained value
  - ...

### Review

- Basic probability
  - why probability (vs. say logic)?
  - vocabulary
     experiment

    - sample • event
    - random variable
    - · probability distribution
  - unconditional/prior probability
  - joint distribution
  - conditional probability
  - Bayes rule

  - estimating probabilities

- · Bayes nets
  - representation
  - dependencies/independencies
    - d-separation
    - Markov blanket
  - reasoning/querying
    - exact:
    - enumeration
    - variable elimination
    - sampling
    - basic
    - variable elimination
    - MCMC

- Bayesian classification
  - problem formulation, argmax, etc.NB model

  - Other models
  - multinomial, DCM, LDA - training, testing, evaluation
  - plate notation