CS 2750 Machine Learning Lecture 13

Bayesian belief networks

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Midterm exam

When: Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Midterm is:

- In-class (75 minutes)
- closed book
- material covered during the semester including lecture today

Project proposals

Due: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

1 page long

Proposal

- Written proposal:
 - 1. Outline of a learning problem, type of data you have available. Why is the problem important?
 - 2. Learning methods you plan to try and implement for the problem. References to previous work.
 - 3. How do you plan to test, compare learning approaches
 - 4. Schedule of work (approximate timeline of work)

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Bayesian belief networks (BBNs)

Bayesian belief networks.

- Represent the full joint distribution over the variables more compactly with a **smaller number of parameters**.
- Take advantage of **conditional and marginal independences** among random variables
- A and B are independent

$$P(A,B) = P(A)P(B)$$

• A and B are conditionally independent given C

$$P(A, B | C) = P(A | C)P(B | C)$$

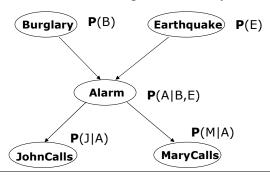
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Bayesian belief network

1. Directed acyclic graph

- **Nodes** = random variables Burglary, Earthquake, Alarm, Mary calls and John calls
- Links = direct (causal) dependencies between variables.

 The chance of Alarm being is influenced by Earthquake,
 The chance of John calling is affected by the Alarm

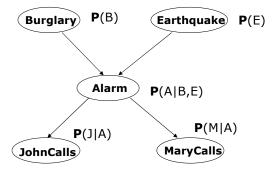


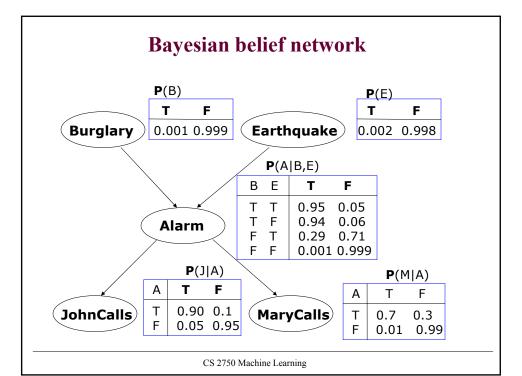
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2. Local conditional distributions

• relate variables and their parents





Full joint distribution is defined in terms of local conditional distributions (obtained via the chain rule):

$$\mathbf{P}(X_{1}, X_{2}, ..., X_{n}) = \prod_{i=1...n} \mathbf{P}(X_{i} \mid pa(X_{i}))$$

Example:

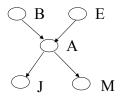
Assume the following assignment of values to random variables

$$B=T, E=T, A=T, J=T, M=F$$

Then its probability is:

$$P(B = T, E = T, A = T, J = T, M = F) =$$

$$P(B = T)P(E = T)P(A = T \mid B = T, E = T)P(J = T \mid A = T)P(M = F \mid A = T)$$



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- Represent the full joint distribution over the variables more compactly using the product of local conditionals.
- But how did we get to local parameterizations?

Answer:

- Graphical structure encodes conditional and marginal independences among random variables
- A and B are independent P(A,B) = P(A)P(B)
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$$P(A \mid C, B) = P(A \mid C)$$

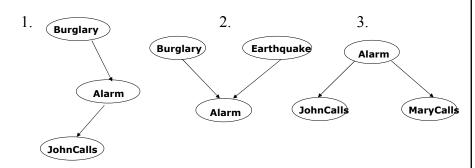
$$P(A, B \mid C) = P(A \mid C)P(B \mid C)$$

The graph structure implies the decomposition !!!

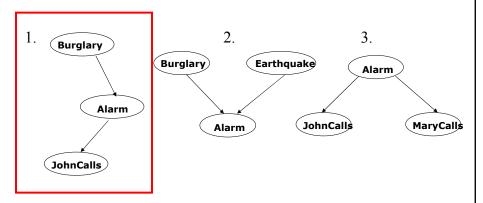
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Independences in BBNs

3 basic independence structures:



Independences in BBNs



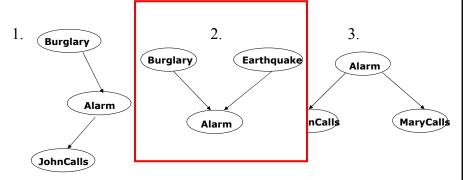
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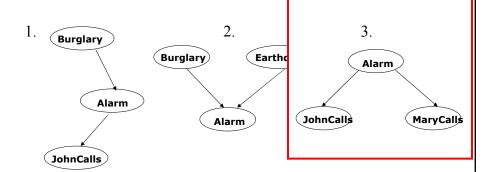
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2. Burglary **is independent** of Earthquake (not knowing Alarm) Burglary and Earthquake **become dependent** given Alarm!!

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3. MaryCalls is independent of JohnCalls given Alarm

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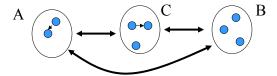
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Independence in BBN

- BBN distribution models many conditional independence relations relating distant variables and sets
- These are defined in terms of the graphical criterion called dseparation
- D-separation in the graph
 - Let X,Y and Z be three sets of nodes
 - If X and Y are d-separated by Z then X and Y are conditionally independent given Z
- D-separation:
 - A is d-separated from B given C if every undirected path between them is blocked
- Path blocking
 - 3 cases that expand on three basic independence structures

Undirected path blocking

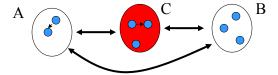
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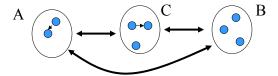
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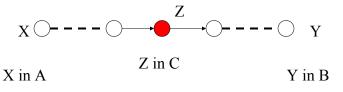


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• 1. Path blocking with a linear substructure

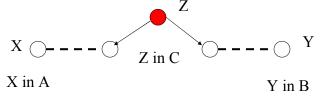


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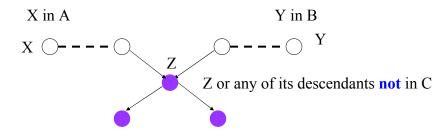
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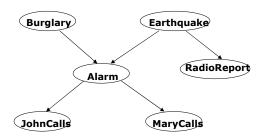
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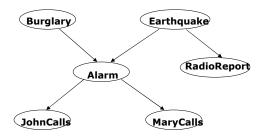
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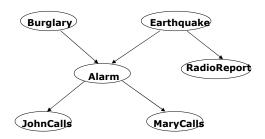
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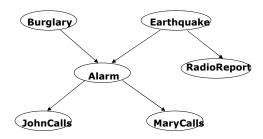


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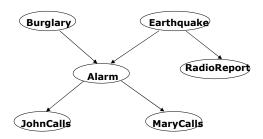
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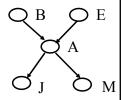
• The decomposition is implied by the set of independences encoded in the belief network.

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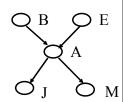
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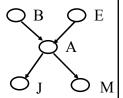
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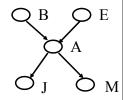
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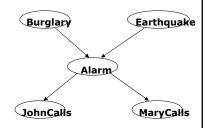
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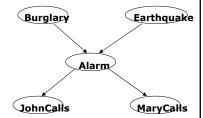
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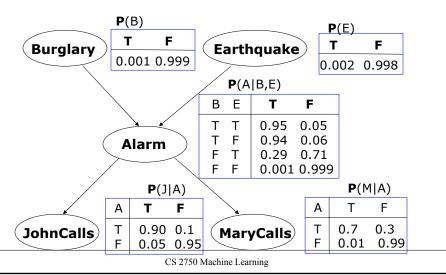
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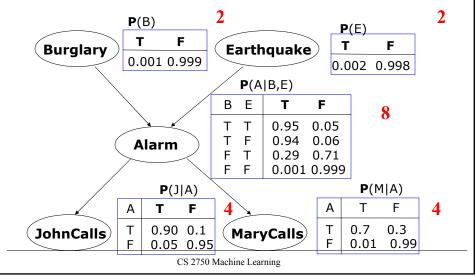
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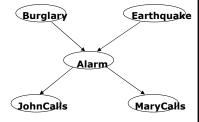
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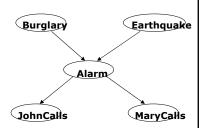
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One parameter in every conditional is for free:

$$2^2 + 2(2) + 2(1) = 10$$

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Model acquisition problem

The structure of the BBN typically reflects causal relations

- BBNs are also sometime referred to as causal networks
- Causal structure is very intuitive in many applications domain and it is relatively easy to obtain from the domain expert

Probability parameters of BBN correspond to conditional distributions relating a random variable and its parents only

- Their complexity much smaller than the full joint
- Easier to come up (estimate) the probabilities from expert or automatically by learning from data

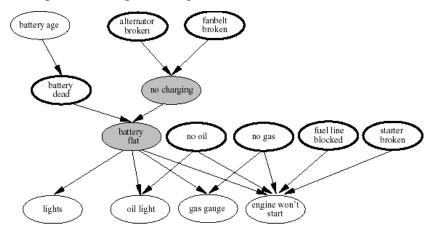
BBNs built in practice

- In various areas:
 - Intelligent user interfaces (Microsoft)
 - Troubleshooting, diagnosis of a technical device
 - Medical diagnosis:
 - Pathfinder (Intellipath)
 - CPSC
 - Munin
 - QMR-DT
 - Collaborative filtering
 - Military applications
 - Insurance, credit applications

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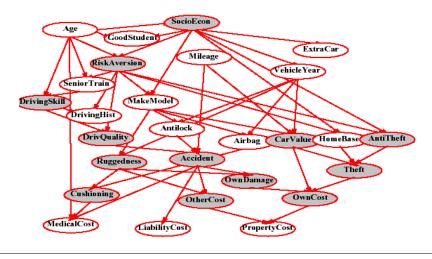
Diagnosis of car engine

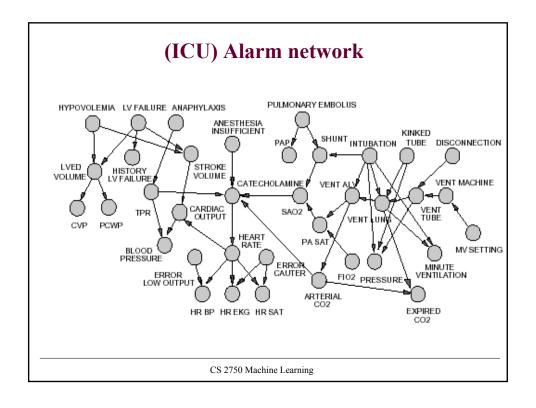
• Diagnose the engine start problem



Car insurance example

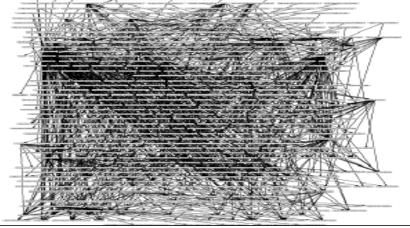
• Predict claim costs (medical, liability) based on application data





CPCS

- Computer-based Patient Case Simulation system (CPCS-PM) developed by Parker and Miller (at University of Pittsburgh)
- 422 nodes and 867 arcs

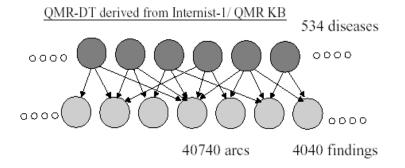


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QMR-DT

• Medical diagnosis in internal medicine

Bipartite network of disease/findings relations



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- BBN models compactly the full joint distribution by taking advantage of existing independences between variables
- Simplifies the acquisition of a probabilistic model
- But we are interested in solving various **inference tasks**:
 - Diagnostic task. (from effect to cause)

 $\mathbf{P}(Burglary \mid JohnCalls = T)$

- Prediction task. (from cause to effect)

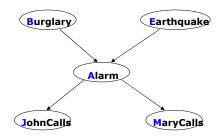
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- Other probabilistic queries (queries on joint distributions).
 P(Alarm)
- Main issue: Can we take advantage of independences to construct special algorithms and speeding up the inference?

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Inference in Bayesian network

- Bad news:
 - Exact inference problem in BBNs is NP-hard (Cooper)
 - Approximate inference is NP-hard (Dagum, Luby)
- But very often we can achieve significant improvements
- Assume our Alarm network



• Assume we want to compute: P(J = T)

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Computing: P(J = T)

Approach 1. Blind approach.

- Sum out all un-instantiated variables from the full joint,
- express the joint distribution as a product of conditionals

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Number of products: 16*4=64

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Inference in Bayesian networks

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Number of additions: 1+2*[1+1+2*1]=9Number of products: 2*[2+2*(1+2*1)]=?

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Inference in Bayesian networks

Approach 2. Interleave sums and products

• Combines sums and product in a smart way (multiplications by constants can be taken out of the sum)

$$P(J=T)=$$

$$= \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{m \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(M = m \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

$$= \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{m \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(M = m \mid A = a) P(B = b) [\sum_{e \in T, F} P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(E = e)]$$

$$= \sum_{a \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) \left[\sum_{m \in T, F} P(M = m \mid A = a) \right] \left[\sum_{b \in T, F} P(B = b) \left[\sum_{e \in T, F} P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(E = e) \right] \right]$$

Computational cost:

Number of additions: 1+2*[1+1+2*1]=9 Number of products: 2*[2+2*(1+2*1)]=16

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- When cashing of results becomes handy?
- What if we want to compute a diagnostic query:

$$P(B = T \mid J = T) = \frac{P(B = T, J = T)}{P(J = T)}$$

- Exactly probabilities we have just compared!!
- There are other queries when cashing and ordering of sums and products can be shared and saves computation

$$\mathbf{P}(B \mid J = T) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(B, J = T)}{P(J = T)} = \alpha \mathbf{P}(B, J = T)$$

• General technique: Recursive decomposition

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Variable elimination

- Recursive decomposition:
 - Interleave sum and products before inference
- Variable elimination:
 - Similar idea but interleave sum and products one variable at the time during inference
 - E.g. Query P(J = T) requires to eliminate A,B,E,M and this can be done in different order

$$P(J = T) = \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{m \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(M = m \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

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Variable elimination

Assume order: M, E, B,A to calculate P(J = T)

$$= \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{m \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(M = m \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

$$= \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{e \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{m \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(M = m \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

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$$= \sum_{b \in T, F} \sum_{e \in T, F} \sum_{a \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

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$$= \sum_{b \in T} \sum_{F} \sum_{a \in T} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(B = b) P(E = e)$$

$$= \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{b \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(B = b) \left[\sum_{e \in T, F} P(A = a \mid B = b, E = e) P(E = e) \right]$$

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$$= \sum_{a \in T, F} \sum_{b \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) P(B = b) \tau_1(A = a, B = b)$$

$$= \sum_{a \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) \left[\sum_{e \in T, F} P(B = b) \tau_1(A = a, B = b) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{a \in T, F} P(J = T \mid A = a) \quad \tau_2(A = a)$$

Inference in Bayesian network

- Exact inference algorithms:

- Variable elimination

- Book
- Recursive decomposition (Cooper, Darwiche)
- Symbolic inference (D'Ambrosio)
- Belief propagation algorithm (Pearl)
- Book
- Clustering and joint tree approach (Lauritzen, Spiegelhalter)
- Arc reversal (Olmsted, Schachter)
- **Approximate inference algorithms:**
- Monte Carlo methods:
 - Forward sampling, Likelihood sampling
- Variational methods

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Learning of BBN

Learning.

- Learning of parameters of conditional probabilities
- Learning of the network structure

Variables:

- **Observable** values present in every data sample
- Hidden they values are never observed in data
- **Missing values** values sometimes present, sometimes not

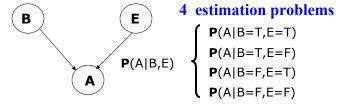
Next:

- Learning of parameters of BBN
- All variables are observable

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Estimation of parameters of BBN

- Idea: decompose the estimation problem for the full joint over a large number of variables to a set of smaller estimation problems corresponding to local parent-variable conditionals.
- Example: Assume A,E,B are binary with *True*, *False* values



• Assumption that enables the decomposition: parameters of conditional distributions are independent

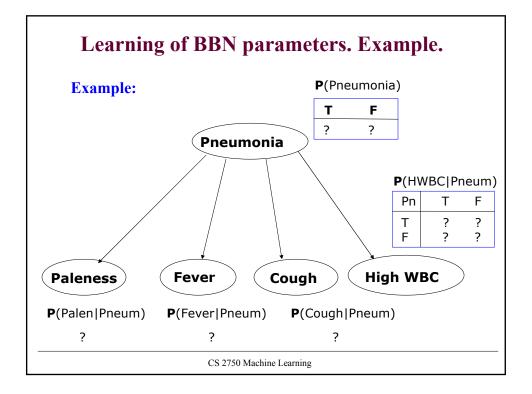
Estimates of parameters of BBN

- Two assumptions that permit the decomposition:
 - Sample independence

$$P(D \mid \mathbf{\Theta}, \xi) = \prod_{u=1}^{N} P(D_u \mid \mathbf{\Theta}, \xi)$$

- Parameter independence # of nodes $p(\mathbf{\Theta} \mid D, \xi) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} p(\theta_{ij} \mid D, \xi)$

Parameters of **each conditional** (one for every assignment of values to parent variables) can be learned independently



Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

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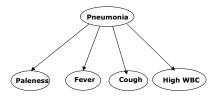
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Estimates of parameters of BBN

- Much like multiple coin toss or roll of a dice problems.
- A "smaller" learning problem corresponds to the learning of exactly one conditional distribution
- Example:

T

$$\mathbf{P}(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$$

• **Problem:** How to pick the data to learn?

Estimates of parameters of BBN

Much like multiple coin toss or roll of a dice problems.

• A "smaller" learning problem corresponds to the learning of exactly one conditional distribution

Example:

 $\mathbf{P}(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$

Problem: How to pick the data to learn?

Answer:

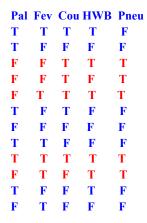
- Select data points with Pneumonia=T (ignore the rest)
- 2. Focus on (select) only values of the random variable defining the distribution (Fever)
- 3. Learn the parameters of the conditional the same way as we learned the parameters for a coin or a dice

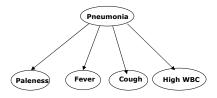
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Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

Learn: $P(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$

Step 1: Select data points with Pneumonia=T





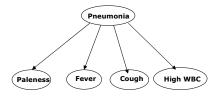
Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

Learn: $P(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$

Step 1: Ignore the rest

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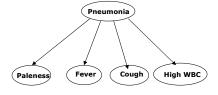
Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

Learn: $P(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$

Step 2: Select values of the random variable defining the distribution of Fever

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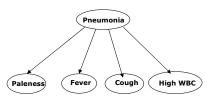


Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

Learn: $P(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$

Step 2: Ignore the rest

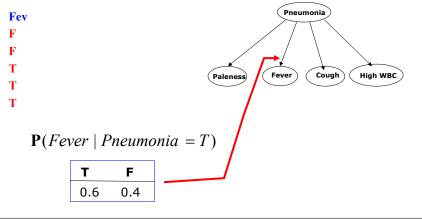




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Learning of BBN parameters. Example.

Learn: $P(Fever \mid Pneumonia = T)$ **Step 3a:** Learning the ML estimate





Step 3b: Learning the Bayesian estimate

Assume the prior

