# Bayesian Network Tutorial Introduction 

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## Overview

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## Cancer Test

Suppose there is a $8 \%$ chance that a person has cancer. If they do have cancer there is a $90 \%$ the cancer test will be positive. While if they do not have cancer there is $91 \%$ chance the test will be negative.

Now suppose someone is told the test for cancer is positive. What is the chance they have cancer?




## Cancer Test Network



## Belief Bars



## Adding Evidence



## Inference

Computed using Bayes' Theorem


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## Bayes' Theorem

Rev. Thomas Bayes


Pierre-Simon, (1749-1827)
$p($ Cancer $\mid$ Test +$)=\frac{\text { \# People with Cancer } \& \text { Test }+}{\# \text { People with Test }+}$
$\#$ People with Cancer $=\#$ People $\times p($ Cancer $)$
\# People without Cancer $=\#$ People $\times p(\neg$ Cancer $)$
\# People with Cancer \& Test $+=$ \# People with Cancer $\times p($ Test $+\mid$ Cancer $)$
\# People without Cancer \& Test $+=\#$ People without Cancer $\times p($ Test $+\mid \neg$ Cancer $)$


$$
=\frac{p(\text { Cancer }) \times p(\text { Test }+\mid \text { Cancer })}{p(\text { Cancer }) \times p(\text { Test }+\mid \text { Cancer })+p(\neg \text { Cancer }) \times p(\text { Test }+\mid \neg \text { Cancer })}
$$




## Bayesian Networks



Judea Pearl

- Has nodes and directed edges between nodes.
- Nodes represent features.
- Each feature can have multiple values
- Discrete or continuous
- Each node has a table that represent the chance of the value of the feature occurring, given the values of the parent nodes.
- No cycles are allowed.


## Multiple paths ok but not cycles



## Judea Pearl's Alarm Network



## Causal Chains

$$
\text { Burglary } \longrightarrow \text { Alarm } \longrightarrow \text { John Calls }
$$

- If your belief in a Burglary occurring changes, then your belief in Alarm going off and consequently your belief that John will Call will change.
- If your belief that John will Call changes, then so does your belief in the Alarm going off and your belief that a Burglary has occurred.


## Conditional Independence

Burglary $\qquad$ Alarm John Calls

- If you know that the Alarm has gone off, then changes in belief of a Burglary occuring does not effect your belief in John Calls, and visaversa.
- Burglary is independent of John Calls given you know whether Alarm has gone off.


## Common Causes



- If your belief in a John Calls changes then your belief in Alarm going off, and consequently your belief that Mary Calls changes.
- Also visa-versa.


## Conditional Independence



- If you know whether Alarm has gone off, then your beliefs in John Calls and Mary Calls are independent, i.e., changing one does not change the other.


## Common Effects



- If you don't know whether Alarm has gone off or not, then your beliefs in Burglary and Earthquake are independent, i.e., changing one does not change the other.


## Conditional Dependence



- If you do know whether Alarm has occurred, then your beliefs of Burglary and Earthquake are dependent, i.e., changing one does change the other.
- Known as explaining away.



## Types of Inference

- Diagnostic
- Casual
- Intercasual
- Mixed




## Types of Evidence

- Specific evidence
- A definite finding that a node has a particular value.
- Negative evidence
- A definite finding that a node has not got a particular value.
- Likelihood (virtual evidence)
- Uncertain information about the values of a node.


## Benefits of Bayesian Networks

- A visual representation of the relationships between attributes.
- Compact Representation of the joint probability distribution.
- Allows efficient belief updating.
- Correct probabilistic reasoning.


## Extensions

- Dynamic Networks
- Used to model beliefs changing over time
- Hidden Markov Models and Kalman Filters are special cases.
- Decision Networks (Influence Diagrams)
- Used for decision making
- Object-oriented Bayesian networks
- Used to model large, complex hierarchical systems


## Dynamic Bayesian Networks


(a) mainModel

(c) actionModel

(b) indepModel

(d) locationModel


## Object Oriented Bayesian Network



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