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## A Hierarchy of Independence Assumptions for Multi-Relational Bayes Net Classifiers

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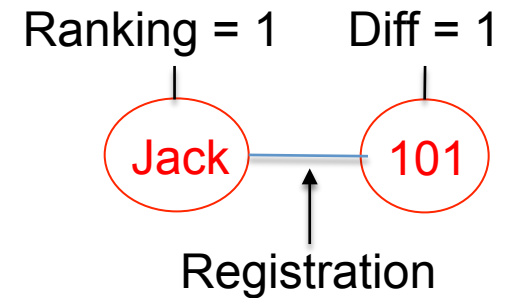


# Outline

- Multi-Relational Classifiers
- Multi-Relational Independence Assumptions
- Classification Formulas
- Bayes Nets
- Evaluation

# Database Tables

- Tables for Entities, Relationships
- Can visualize as network



Course		
<u>c-id</u>	Rating	Difficulty
101	3	1
102	2	2

Student		
<u>s-id</u>	Intelligence	Ranking
Jack	???	1
Kim	2	1
Paul	1	2

Professor		
<u>p-id</u>	Popularity	Teaching-a
Oliver	3	1
Jim	2	1

Registration			
<u>s-id</u>	<u>c-id</u>	Grade	Satisfaction
Jack	101	A	1
Jack	102	B	2
Kim	102	A	1
Paul	101	B	1

Link-based Classification

*Target table:* Student

*Target entity:* Jack

*Target attribute (class):* Intelligence

# Extended Database Tables

Registration			
<u>s-id</u>	<u>c.id</u>	Grade	Satisfaction
Jack	101	A	1
Jack	102	B	2
Kim	102	A	1
Paul	101	B	1

Student		
<u>s-id</u>	Intelligence	Ranking
Jack	???	1
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Paul	1	2

Course		
<u>c-id</u>	Rating	Difficulty
101	3	1
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<u>s-id</u>	<u>c.id</u>	Grade	Satisfaction	Intelligence	Ranking	Rating	Difficulty
Jack	101	A	1	???	1	3	1
Jack	102	B	2	???	1	2	2
Kim	102	A	1	2	1	2	2
Paul	101	B	1	1	2	3	1

# Multi-Relational Classifiers

Count relational features

Aggregate relational features

## Log-Linear Models

Example:

1. use number of A,s number of Bs,...
2.  $\ln(P(\text{class})) = \sum x_i w_i - Z$

Disadvantage: slow learning

## Propositionalization

Example: use average grade

Disadvantages:

- loses information
- slow to learn (up to several CPU days)



+ Independence Assumptions

## Log-Linear Models With Independencies

+ Fast to learn

-Independence Assumptions may be only approximately true

# Independence Assumptions

# Independence Assumptions: Naïve Bayes

<u>s-id</u>	<u>c.id</u>	Grade	Satisfaction	Intelligence	Ranking	Rating	Difficulty
Jack	101	A	1	???	1	3	1
Jack	102	B	2	???	1	2	2
Kim	102	A	1	2	1	2	2
Paul	101	B	1	1	2	3	1

## Naive Bayes:

non-class attributes are independent of each other, given the target class label.

Legend: Given the blue information, the yellow columns are independent.

# Path Independence

<u>s.id</u>	<u>c.id</u>	Grade	Satisfaction	Intelligence	Ranking	Rating	Difficulty
Jack	101	A	1	???	1	3	1
Jack	102	B	2	???	1	2	2
Kim	102	A	1	2	1	2	2
Paul	101	B	1	1	2	3	1

## Naive Bayes:

non-class attributes are independent of each other, given the target class label.

Legend: Given the blue information, the yellow rows are independent.

## Path Independence:

Links/paths are independent of each other, given the attributes of the linked entities.



# Influence Independence

s-id	c.id	Grade	Satisfaction	Intelligence	Ranking	Rating	Difficulty
Jack	101	A	1	???	1	3	1
Jack	102	B	2	???	1	2	2
Kim	102	A	1	2	1	2	2
Paul	101	B	1	1	2	3	1

Legend: Given the blue information,  
the yellow columns  
are independent from  
the orange columns

## Naive Bayes:

non-class attributes are independent of each other, given the target class label.

## Path Independence:

Links/paths are independent of each other, given the attributes of the linked entities.

## Influence Independence:

Attributes of the target entity are independent of attributes of related entities, given the target class label.

## Path-Class Independence:

the existence of a link/path is independent of the class label.

# Classification Formulas

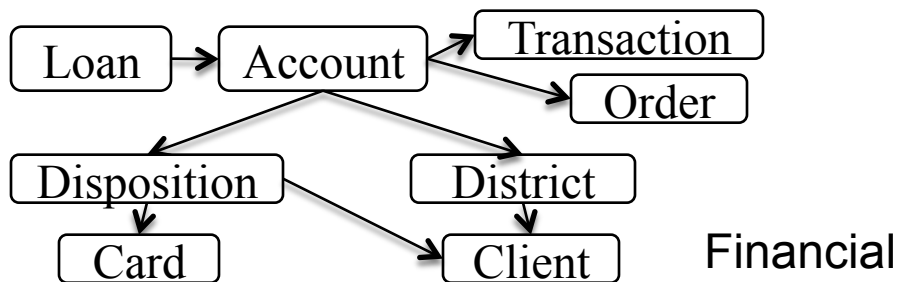
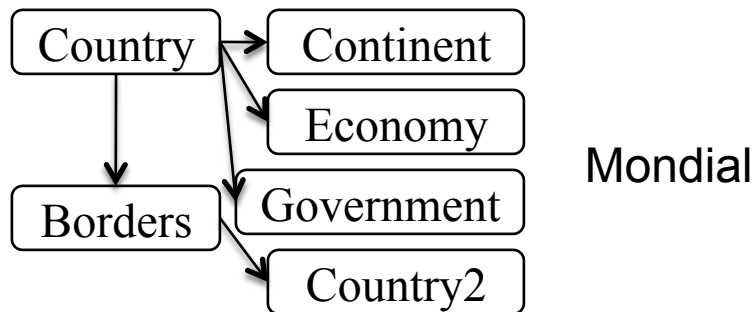
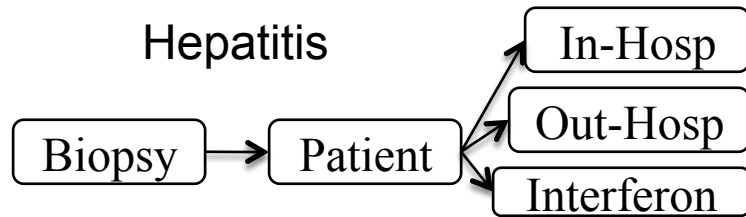
- Can *rigorously derive log-linear prediction formulas from independence assumptions.*
- Path Independence:  
predict max class for:  $\log(P(\text{class} \mid \text{target attributes})) +$   
sum over each table, each row:  
 $[\log(P(\text{class} \mid \text{information in row})) - \log(P(\text{class} \mid \text{target atts}))]$
- PI + Influence Independence:  
predict max class for:  $\log(P(\text{class} \mid \text{target attributes})) +$   
sum over each table, each row:  
 $[\log(P(\text{class} \mid \text{information in row})) - \log(\text{prior } P(\text{class}))]$

# Relationship to Previous Formulas

Assumption	Previous Work with Classification Formula
Path Independence	none; our new model.
PI + Influence Independence	Heterogeneous Naive Bayes Classifier Manjunath et al. ICPR 2010.
PI + II + Naive Bayes	Exists + Naive Bayes (single relation only) Getoor, Segal, Taskar, Koller 2001
PI + II + NB + Path-Class	Multi-relational Bayesian Classifier Chen, Han et al. Decision Support Systems 2009

# Evaluation

# Data Sets and Base Classifier



- **Standard Databases**  
KDD Cup, UC Irvine
- MovieLens not shown.

## Classifier

- Can plug in any single-table probabilistic *base classifier* with classification formula .
- We use **Bayes nets**.

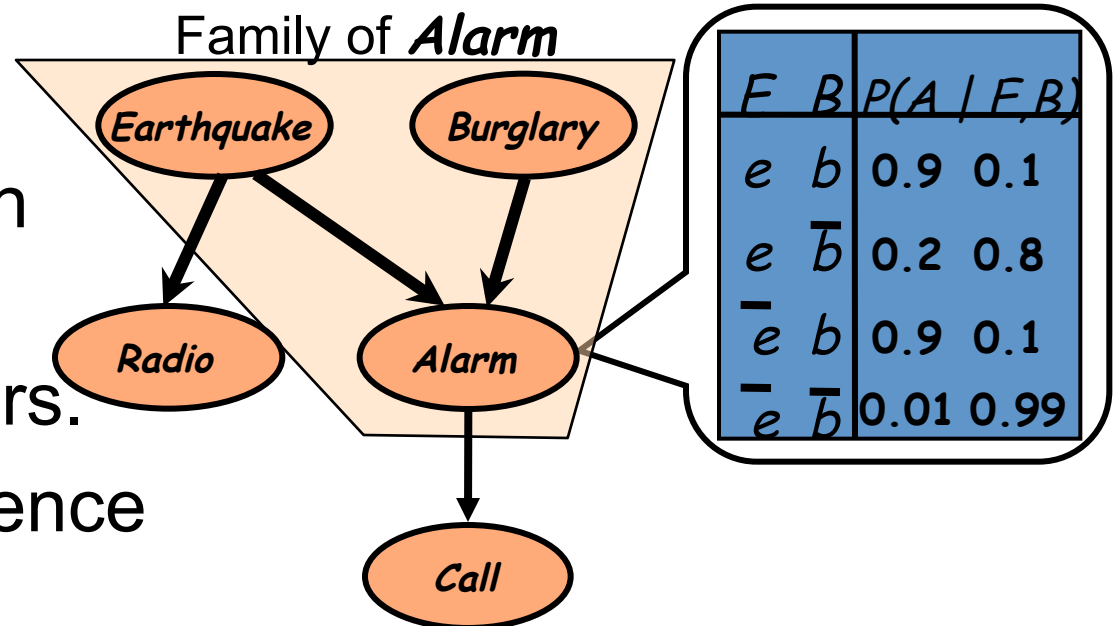
# What is a Bayes net?

**Compact representation of joint probability distributions via conditional independence**

## Qualitative part:

Directed acyclic graph (DAG)

- Nodes - random vars.
- Edges - direct influence



## Together:

Define a unique distribution in a factored form

## Quantitative part:

Set of conditional probability distributions

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

# Independence-Based Learning is Fast

weakest  
assumption

strongest  
assumption



Dataset	Bayes Net Classifiers				Other Methods	
	PIC	HNBC	E-NB	MRNBC	MLN	Tilde
Hepatitis	7.43	7.01	<b>2.07</b>	<b>2.07</b>	3902	853
Financial	28.31	23.21	<b>15.01</b>	<b>15.01</b>	NT	2429
MovieLens	25.32	17.67	<b>5.31</b>	<b>5.31</b>	960	1100
Mondial	5.41	5.08	1.89	1.89	5.44	<b>0.3</b>

Training Time in seconds

# Independence-Based Models are Accurate

weakest  
assumption

strongest  
assumption



<b>Accuracy</b>	Bayes Net Classifiers				Reference Methods	
Dataset	PIC	HNBC	E-NB	MRNBC	MLN	Tilde
Hepatitis	<b>0.80</b>	0.78	0.78	0.74	0.77	0.61
Financial	<b>0.91</b>	0.90	0.89	0.81	NT	0.89
MovieLens	<b>0.66</b>	0.57	0.53	0.50	0.484	0.48
Mondial	<b>0.85</b>	0.82	0.78	0.82	0.76	0.71

- Similar results for F-measure, Area Under Curve



# Conclusion

- Several plausible independence assumptions/ classification formulas investigated in previous work.
  - Organized in *unifying hierarchy*.
- New assumption: multi-relational path independence.
  - *most general*, implicit in other models.
- Big advantage: Fast scalable simple learning.
  - Plug in single-table probabilistic classifier.
- Limitation: no pruning or weighting of different tables.  
Can use logistic regression to learn weights (Bina, Schulte et al. 2013).

# Thank you!

- Any questions?

