

Learning Bayesian Networks for Relational Databases

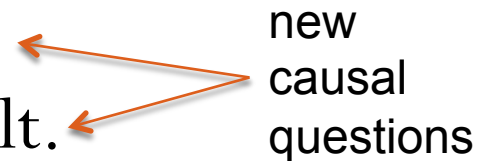
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Outline

- Review of relational databases.
- Example Bayesian networks.
- Relational classification with Bayesian networks.
- Fundamental Learning Challenges.
 - Defining model selection scores.
 - Computing sufficient statistics.
- Work in Progress.
 - Anomaly Detection.
 - Homophily vs. social influence.
 - Player contribution to team result.

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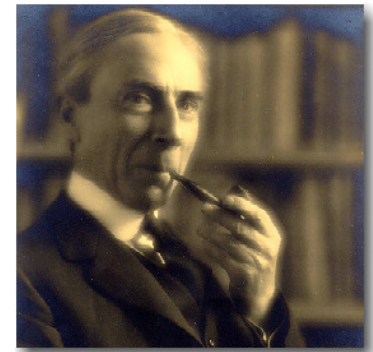
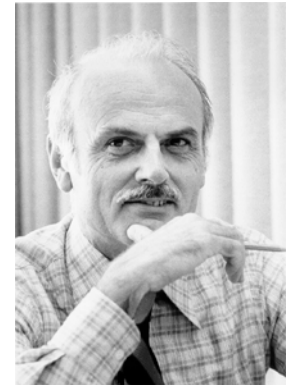
Relational Databases

Relational Databases

- 1970s: Computers are spreading. Many organizations use them to store their data.
- Ad hoc formats
 - ⇒ hard to build general data management systems.
 - ⇒ lots of duplicated effort.
- The Standardization Dilemma:
 - Too restrictive: doesn't fit users' needs.
 - Too loose: back to ad-hoc solutions.

The Relational Format

- Codd (IBM Research 1970)
- The fundamental question: *What kinds of information do users need to represent?*
- Answered by first-order predicate logic! (Russell, Tarski).
- The world consists of
 - Individuals/entities.
 - Relationships/links among them.



Tabular Representation

A database is a finite model for an *arbitrary* first-order logic vocabulary.

Students S		
<u>Name</u>	intelligence(S)	ranking(S)
Jack	3	1
Kim	2	1
Paul	1	2

Professor P		
<u>Name</u>	popularity(P)	teaching Ability(P)
Oliver	3	1
David	2	1

Registration(S,C)			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	grade	satisfaction
Jack	101	A	1
Jack	102	B	2
Kim	102	A	1
Kim	103	A	1
Paul	101	B	1
Paul	102	C	2

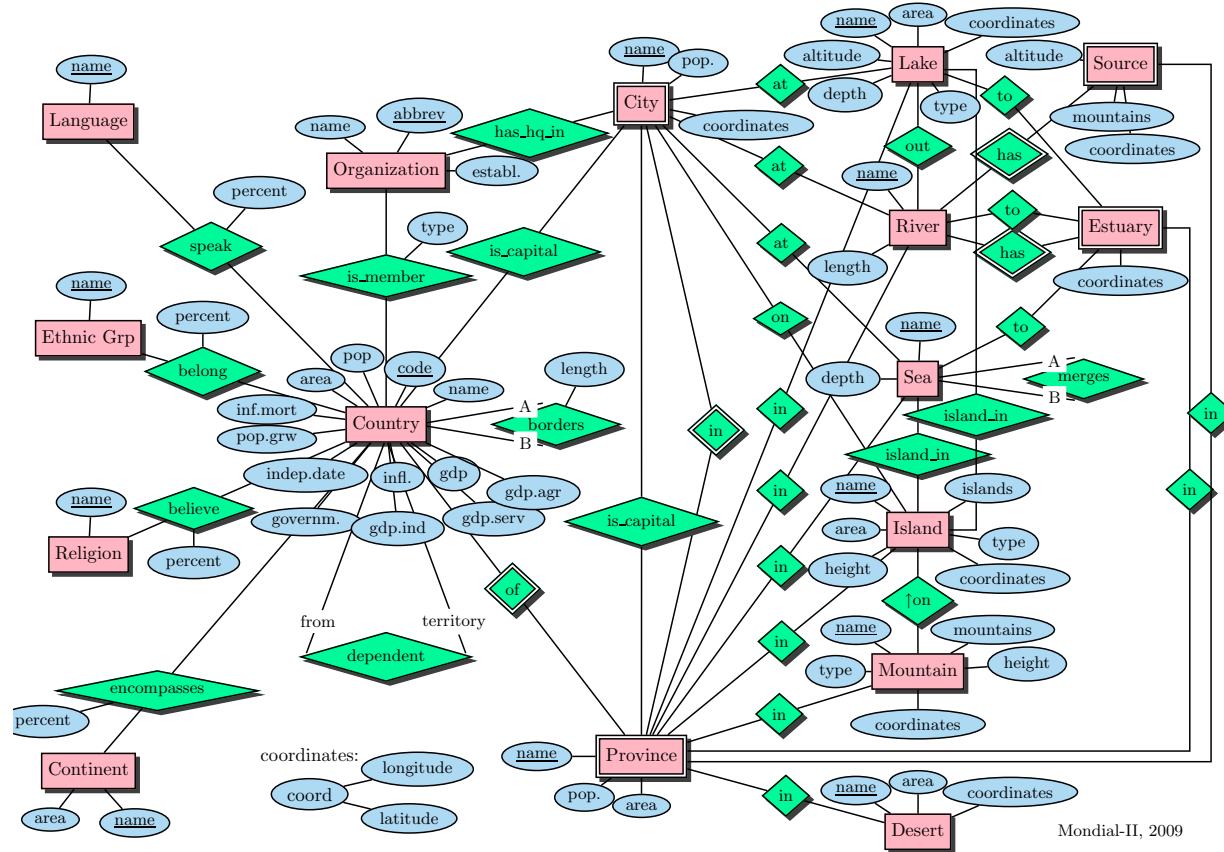
Course C			
<u>Number</u>	Prof(C)	rating(C)	difficulty(C)
101	Oliver	3	1
102	David	2	2
103	Oliver	3	2

Key fields are underlined.

Nonkey fields are deterministic **functions of key fields**.

Data Format Is Complex

ER-Diagram of the Mondial Database



Database Management Systems

- Maintain data in linked tables.
- Structured Query Language (SQL) allows fast *data retrieval*.
 - E.g., find all CMU students who are statistics majors with $\text{gpa} > 3.0$.
- Multi-billion dollar industry, \$15+ bill in 2006.
- IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, SAP.
- Much interest in analysis (data mining, business intelligence, predictive analytics, OLAP...)

Relationship to Single Data Table

- Single data table = finite model for *monadic* first-order predicates.
- Single population.

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Jack



3 1

Kim



3 2

Paul

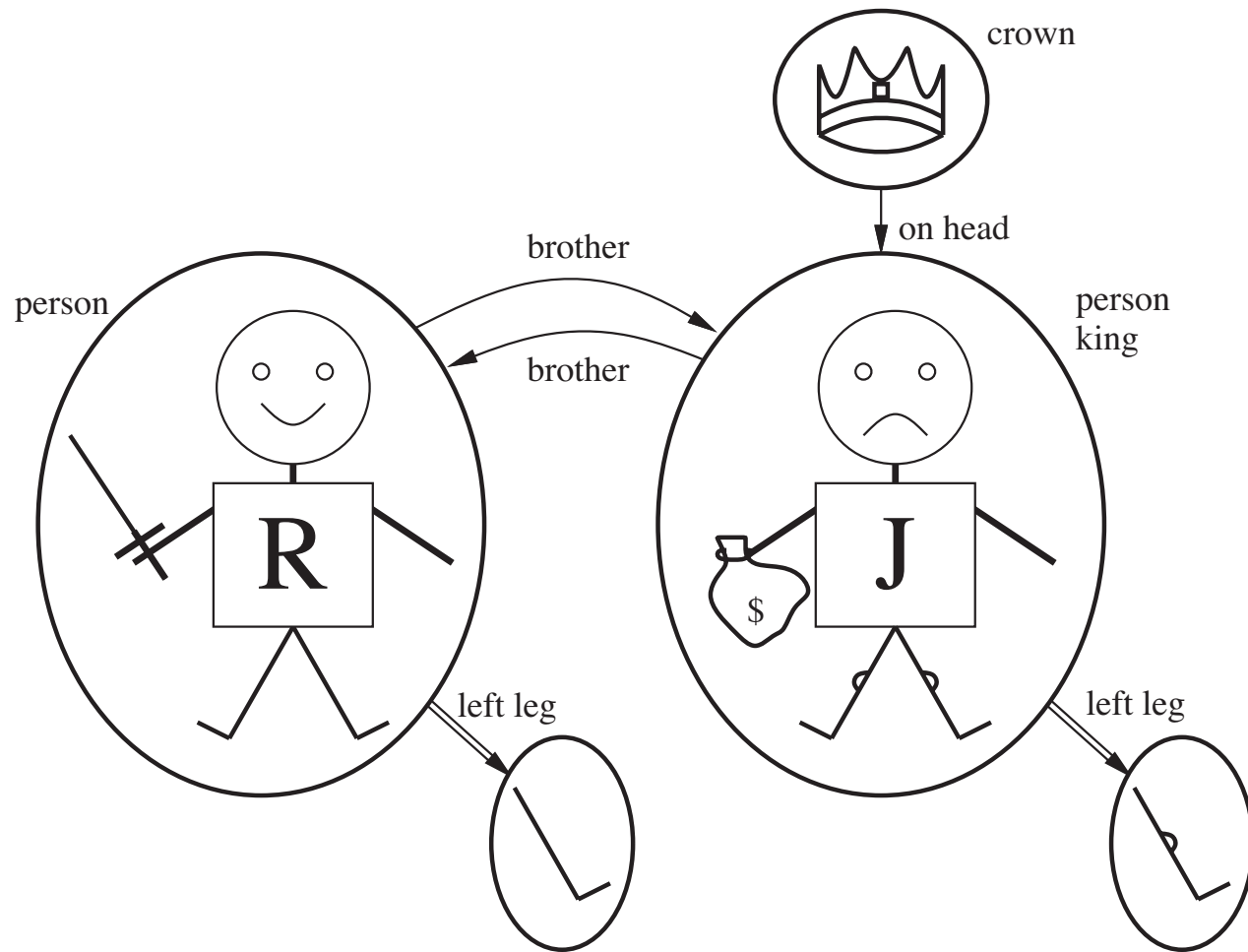


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Relationship to Network Analysis

- A single-relation social network = finite model for single binary predicate (“Friend(X, Y)”).
- General network allows:
 - Different types of nodes (“actors”).
 - Labels on nodes.
 - Different types of (hyper)edges.
 - Labels on edges.
 - See Newman (2003).
- **Observation** A relational database is equivalent to a general network as described.

Example: First-order model as a network



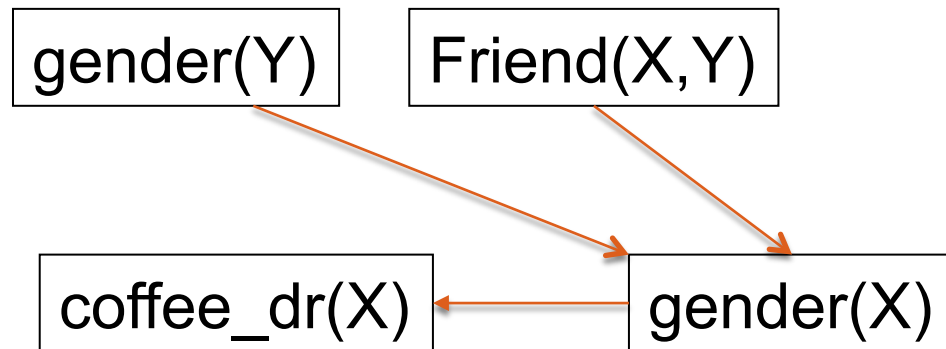
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Random Selection Semantics for Bayes Nets



$P(\text{gender}(X) = \text{male}, \text{gender}(Y) = \text{male}, \text{Friend}(X, Y) = \text{true}, \text{coffee_dr}(X) = \text{true}) = 30\%$

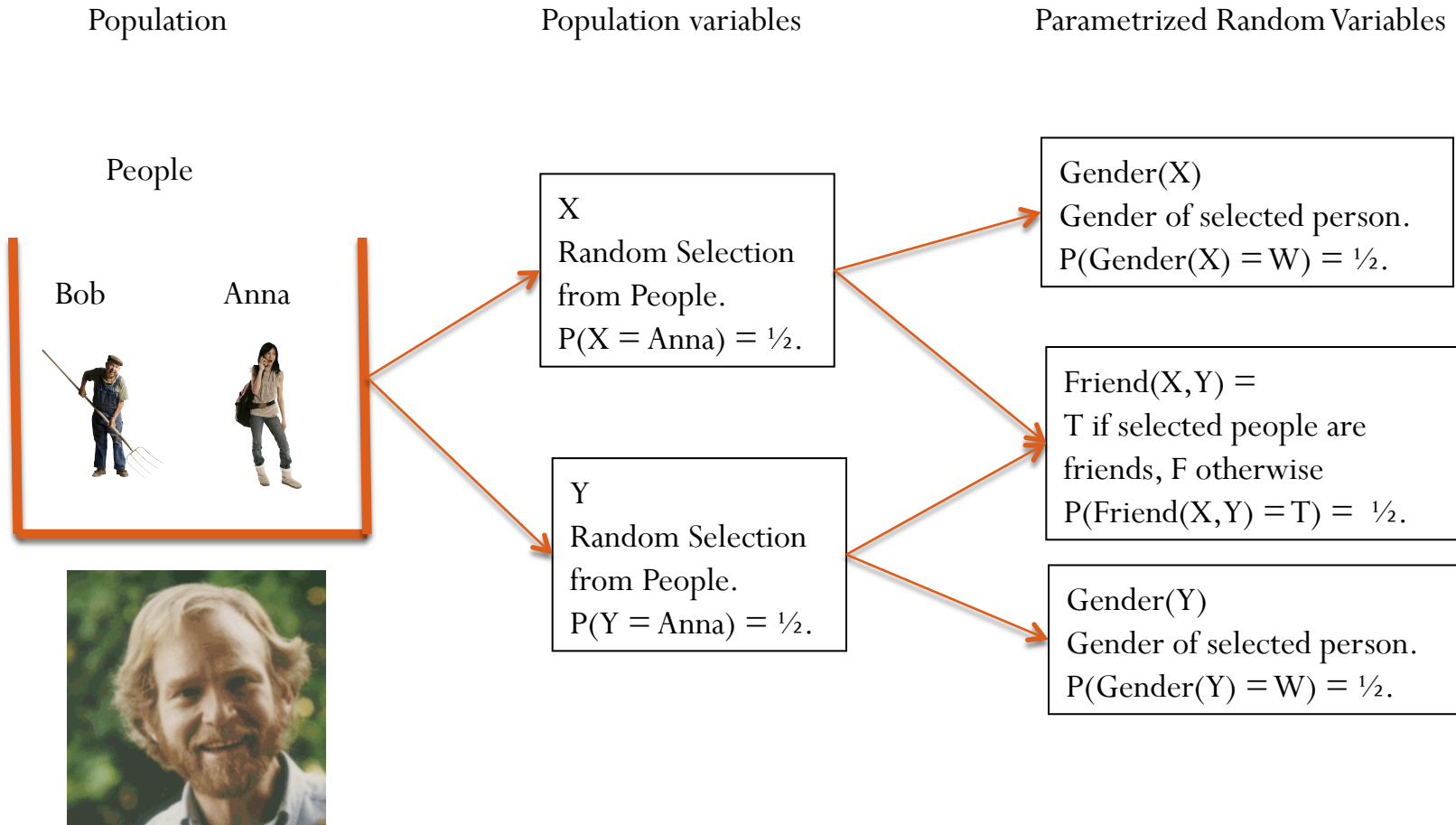
means

“if we randomly select a user X and a user Y , the probability that both are male and that X drinks coffee is 30%.

Bayesian Network Examples

- Mondial Network
- University Network

Random Selection Semantics for Random Variables

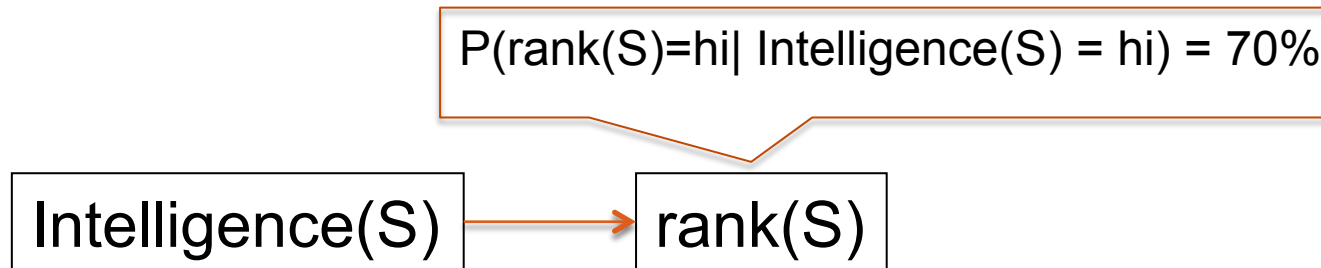


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Inference: Relational Classification

Independent Individuals and Direct Inference



- Query: What is $P(\text{rank}(\text{bob}) = hi \mid \text{intelligence}(\text{bob}) = hi)$?
- Answer: 70%.



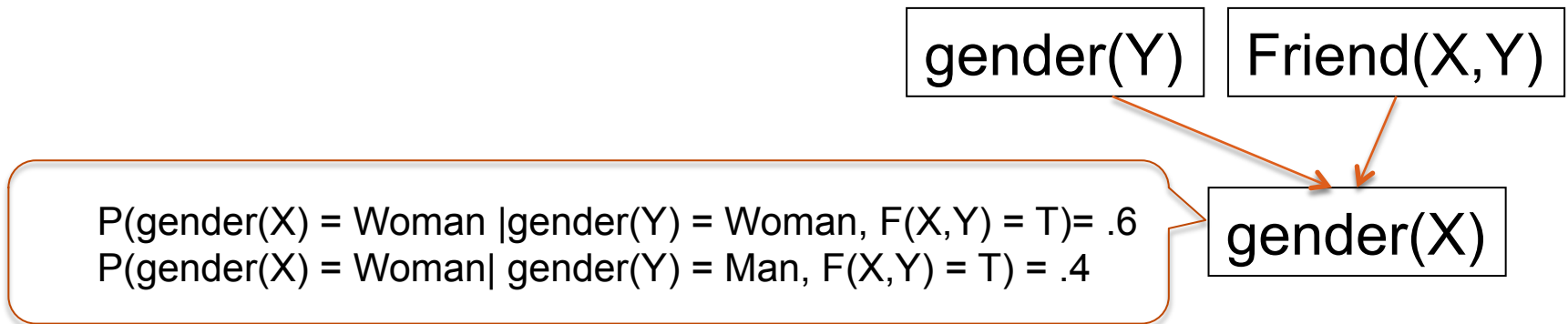
intelligence = hi.
rank = ?

The *direct inference principle*

$$P(\phi(X) = p) \rightarrow P(\phi(a)) = p$$

where ϕ is a first-order formula with free variable X ,
 a is a constant.

Direct Inference is insufficient for related individuals



- Suppose that Sam has friends Alice, John, Kim, Bob,...
- Direct inference specifies

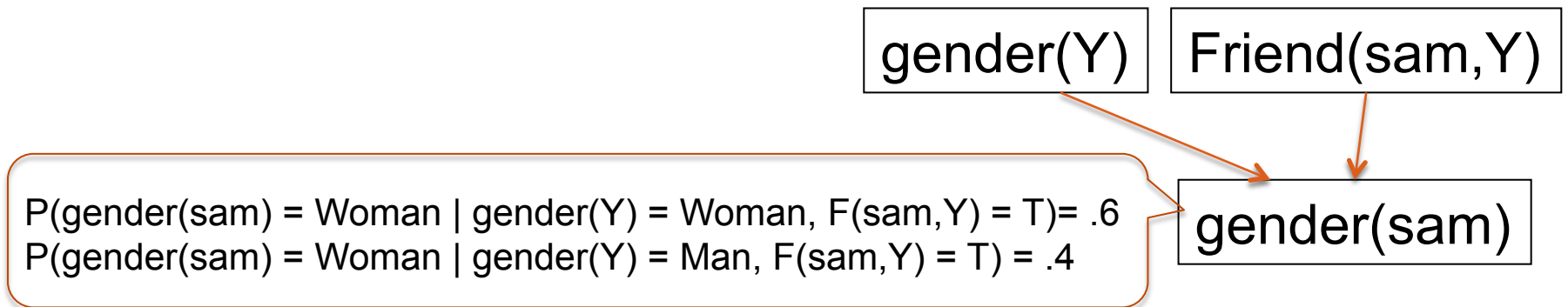
$$P(\text{gender}(\text{sam}) = \text{Man} \mid \text{gender}(\text{alice}) = \text{Woman}) = .6$$

but not

$$P(\text{gender}(\text{sam}) = \text{Man} \mid \text{gender}(\text{alice}), \text{gender}(\text{john}), \text{gender}(\text{kim}), \text{gender}(\text{bob}) \dots).$$

Random Selection Classification

- Basic idea: log-conditional probability \rightarrow **expected** log-conditional probability wrt random instantiation of free first-order variables.
- Good predictive accuracy (Schulte et al. 2012, Schulte et al. 2014).



gender(Y)	ln(CP)	proportion	product
female	$\ln(0.6) = -0.51$	40%	$-0.51 \times 0.4 = -0.204$
male	$\ln(0.4) = -0.92$	60%	$-0.92 \times 0.6 = -0.552$
score	gender(sam) = Woman		$-0.204 - 0.552 = -0.756$
score	gender(sam) = Man		$= -0.67$

Defining Joint Probabilities

- Knowledge-based Model Construction: Instantiate graph with first-order nodes to obtain graph with instance nodes.
- Fundamental problem: DAGs are not closed under instantiation.
- Alternative: **relational dependency networks.**

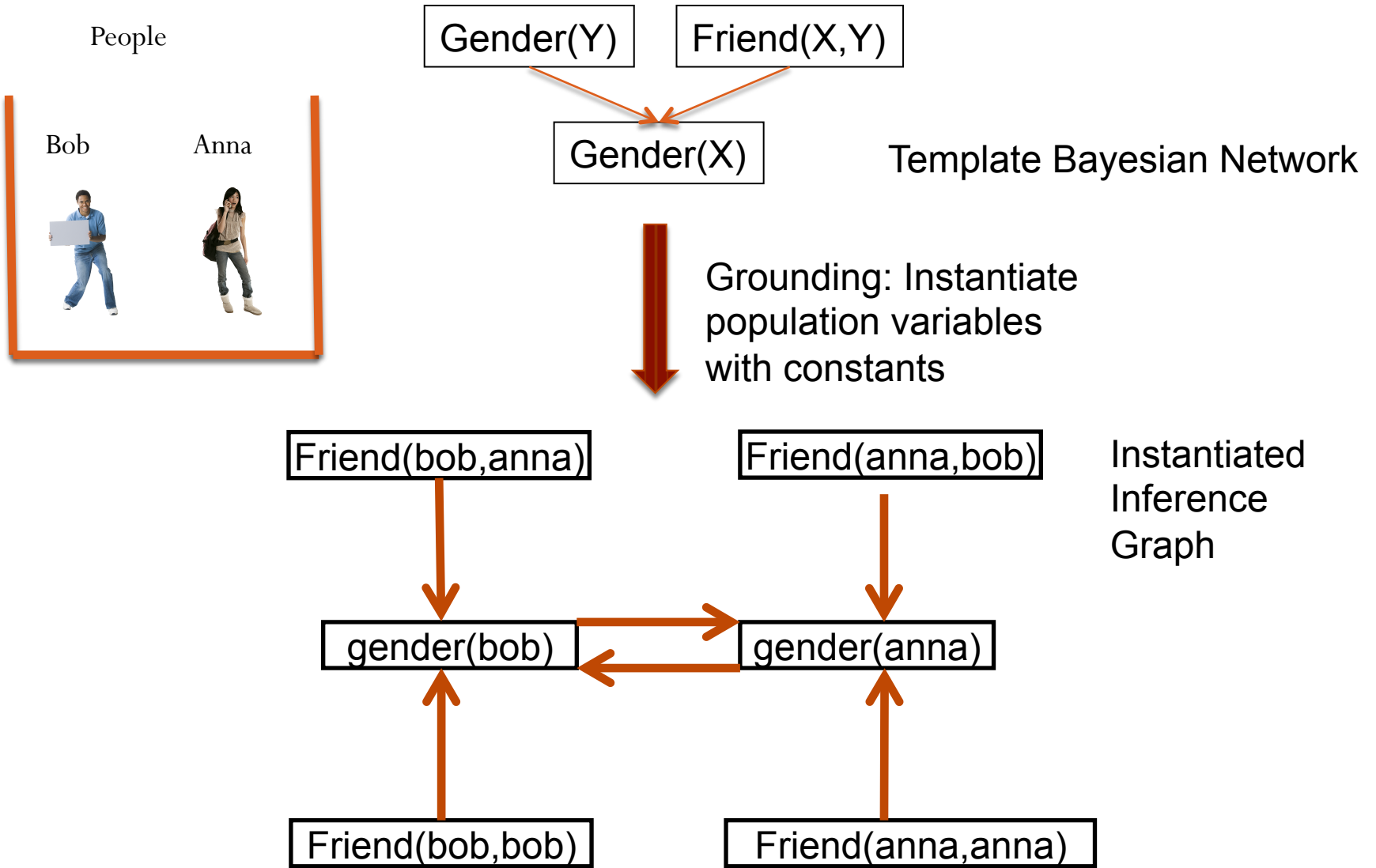
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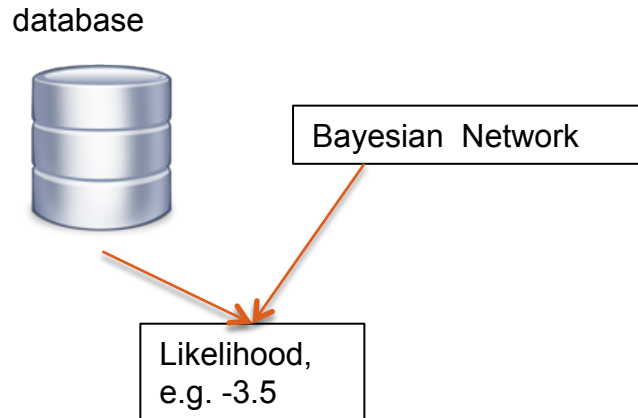
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The Cyclicity Problem



Likelihood-Based Learning

Wanted: a likelihood function



Problems

- Multiple Tables.
- Dependent data points
- Products are not normalized
- Pseudo-likelihood

Users

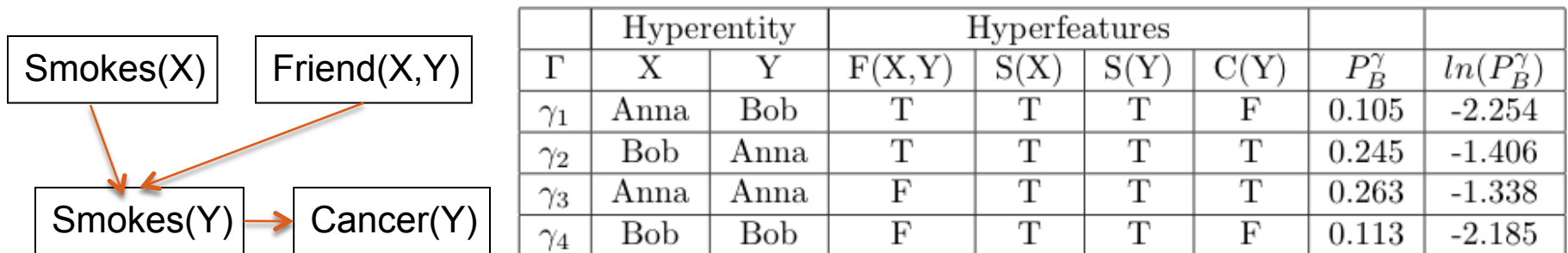
<u>Name</u>	Smokes	Cancer
Anna	T	T
Bob	T	F

Friend

<u>Name1</u>	<u>Name2</u>
Anna	Bob
Bob	Anna

The Random Selection Log-Likelihood

1. Randomly select instances $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n$ for each first-order variable in BN.
2. Look up their properties, relationships in database.
3. Compute log-likelihood for the BN assignment obtained from the instances.
4. $L^R =$ expected log-likelihood over uniform random selection of instances.



$$L^R = -(2.254 + 1.406 + 1.338 + 2.185) / 4 \approx -1.8$$

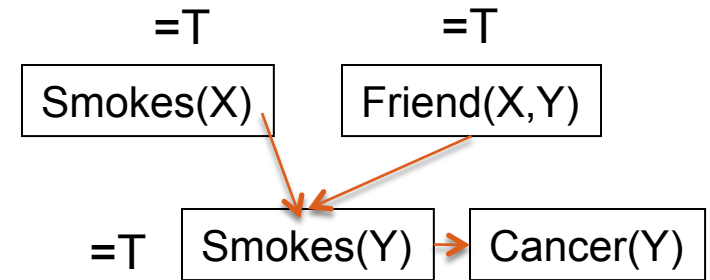
Equivalent Closed-Form

For each node, find the *expected log-conditional probability*, then sum.

$$\ln P^*(D|B) = \sum_{\text{nodes } i} \sum_{\text{values } k} \sum_{\text{parent-states } j} P_D(v_i = k, pa_i = j) \ln P_B(v_i = k | pa_i = j)$$

Database D
frequency of co-occurrences of child node value and parent state

Parameter of Bayes net



Users

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Anna	T	T
Bob	T	F

Friend

<u>Name1</u>	<u>Name2</u>
Anna	Bob
Bob	Anna

Pseudo-likelihood Maximization

Proposition For a given database D , the parameter values that maximize the pseudo likelihood are the empirical conditional frequencies in the database.

The Bad News

- Sufficient Statistics are harder to compute than for i.i.d. data.
 - e.g. find the number of (X, Y) such that **not** *Friend* (X, Y) and neither X nor Y has cancer.
- Scoring models is computationally more expensive than generating candidate models.

The Fast Moebius Transform Finds Negated Relationship Counts

$$\text{Reg}(S,C) = R_1$$

$$\text{RA}(S,P) = R_2$$

Initial table with no false relationships

J.P. = joint probability

table with joint probabilities

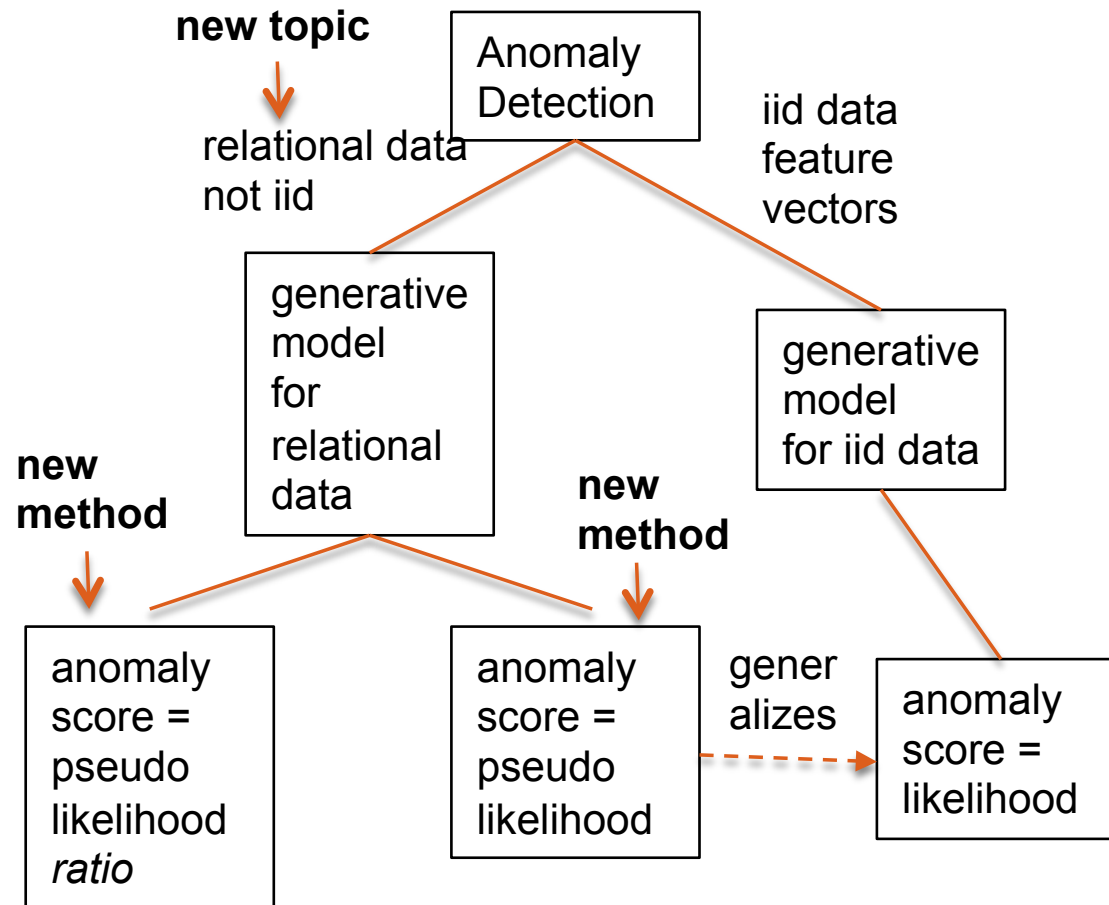
R_1	R_2	J.P.		R_1	R_2	J.P.		R_1	R_2	J.P.
T	T	0.2	-	T	T	0.2	-	T	T	0.2
*	T	0.3	+	F	T	0.1	-	F	T	0.1
T	*	0.4	-	T	*	0.4	+	T	F	0.2
*	*	1	+	F	*	0.6	-	F	F	0.5

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Anomaly Detection

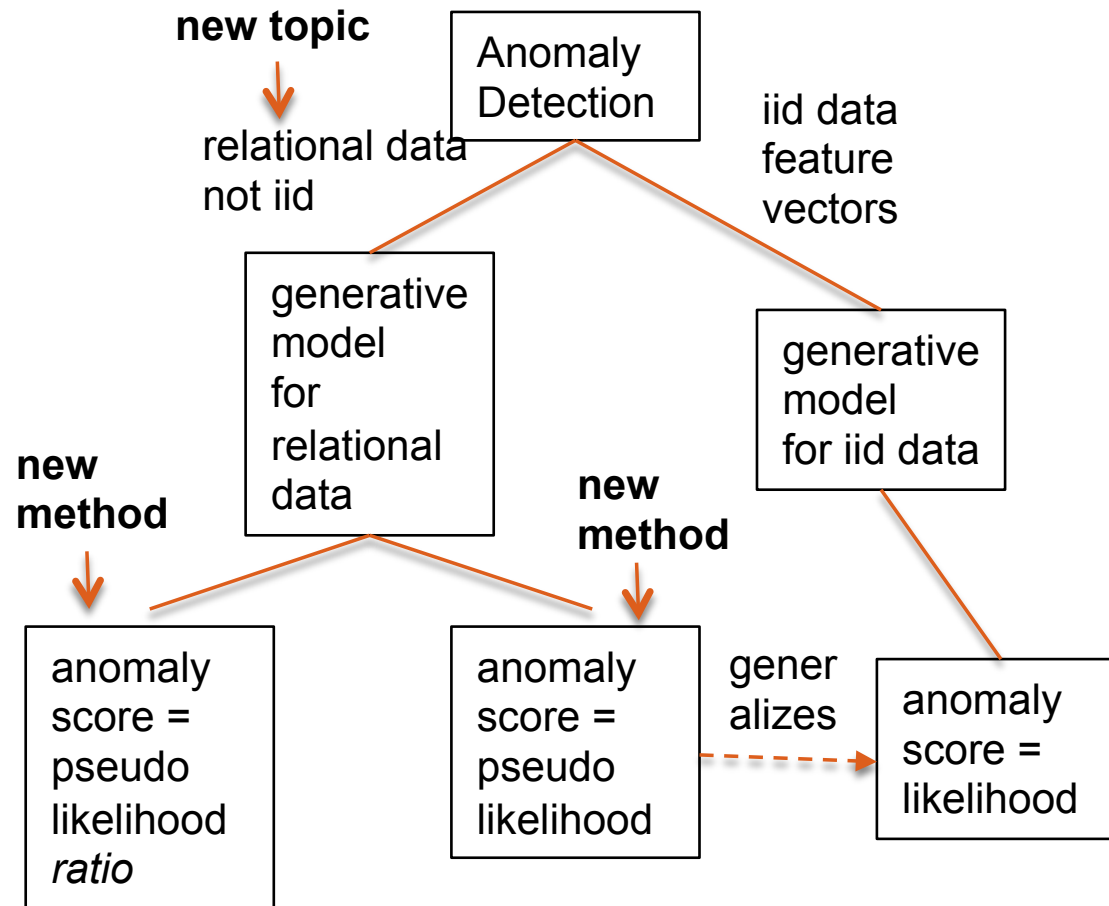
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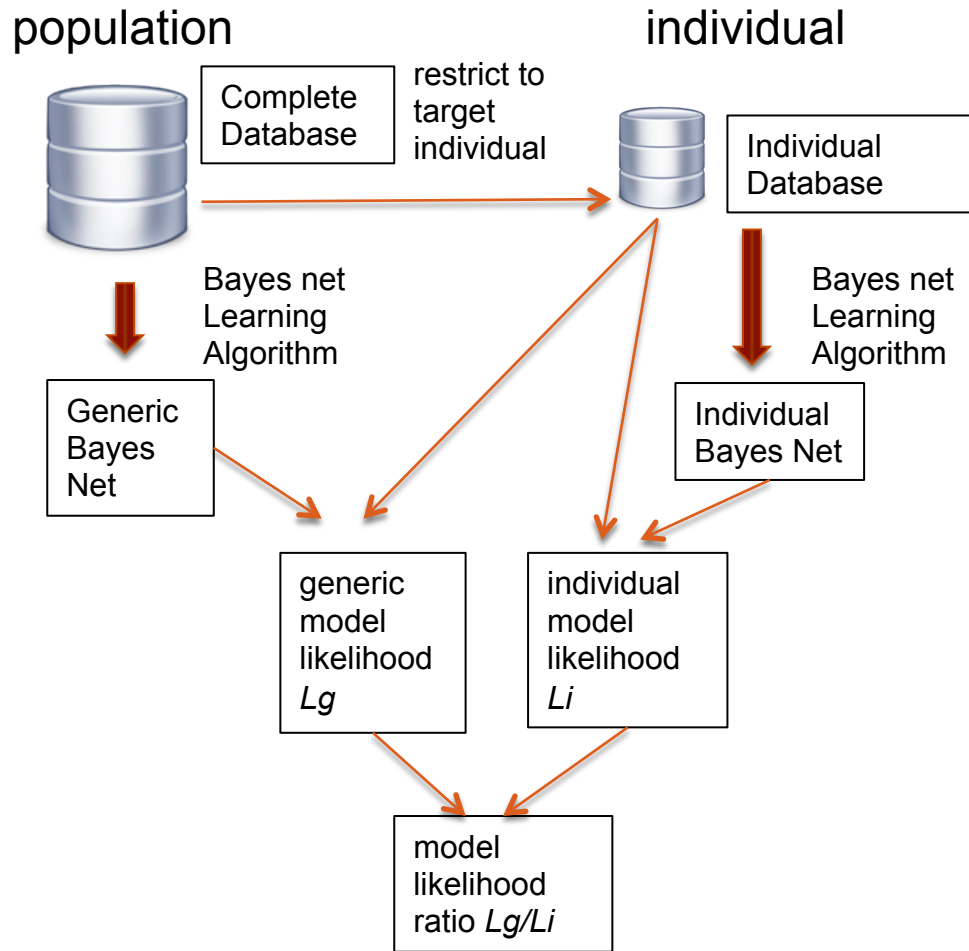
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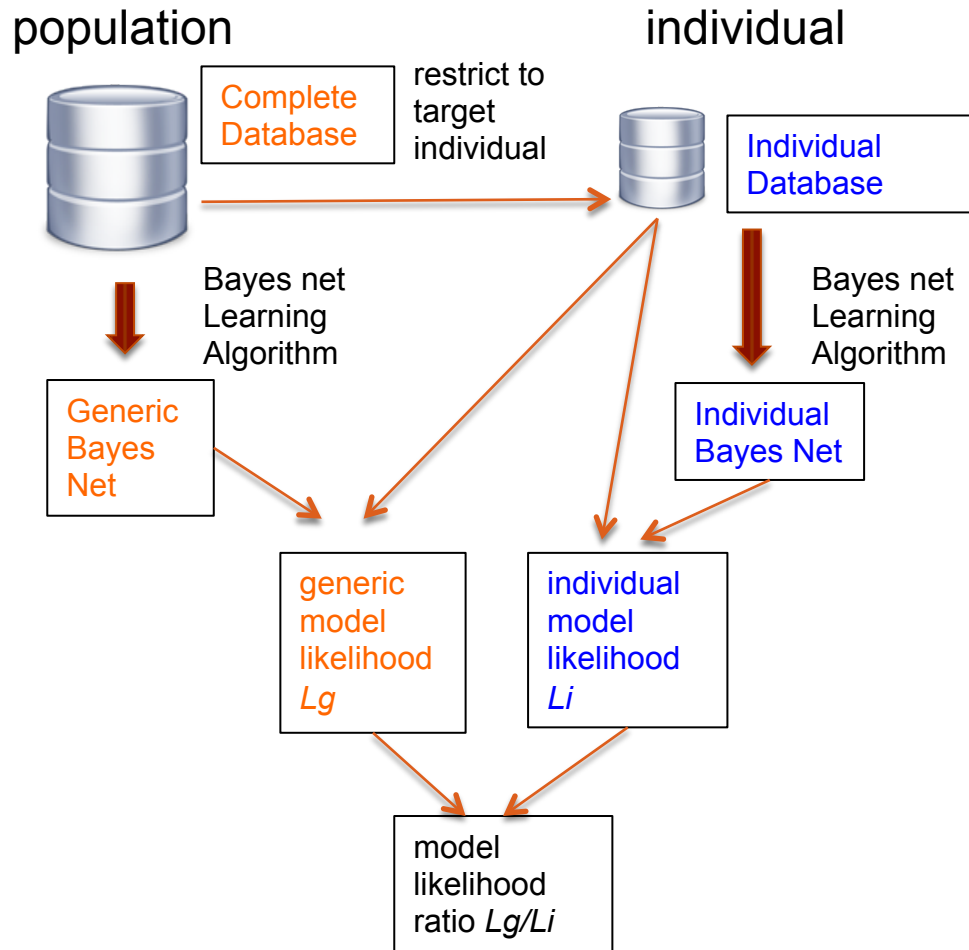
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New Anomaly Measure



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Anomaly Metric Correlates With Success

Unusual Teams have worse standing. N = 20.

	ρ (Likelihood-ratio , Standing)
Top Teams	0.62
Bottom Teams	0.41

Unusual Movies have higher ratings. N = 3060.

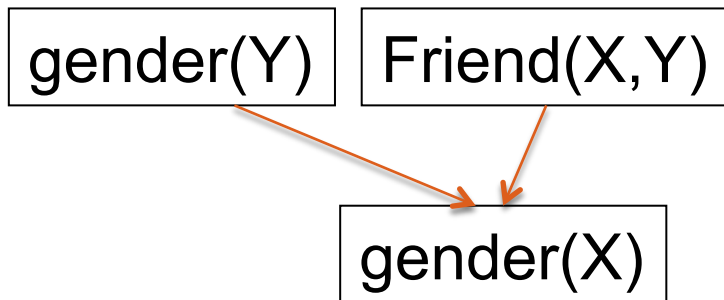
Genre	ρ (Likelihood-ratio , avg-rating)
Film-Noir	0.49
Action	0.42
Sci-Fi	0.35
Adventure	0.34
Drama	0.28

Causal Questions

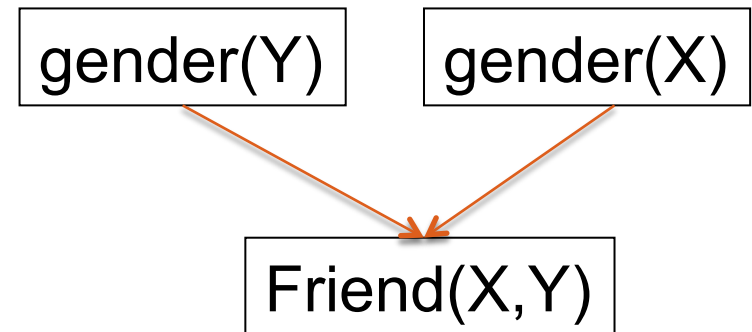
Relationships vs. Attributes

- Do relationships cause attributes? E.g., Homophily.
- Do attributes cause relationships? E.g., social influence.
- Can we tell?

Social Influence



Homophily

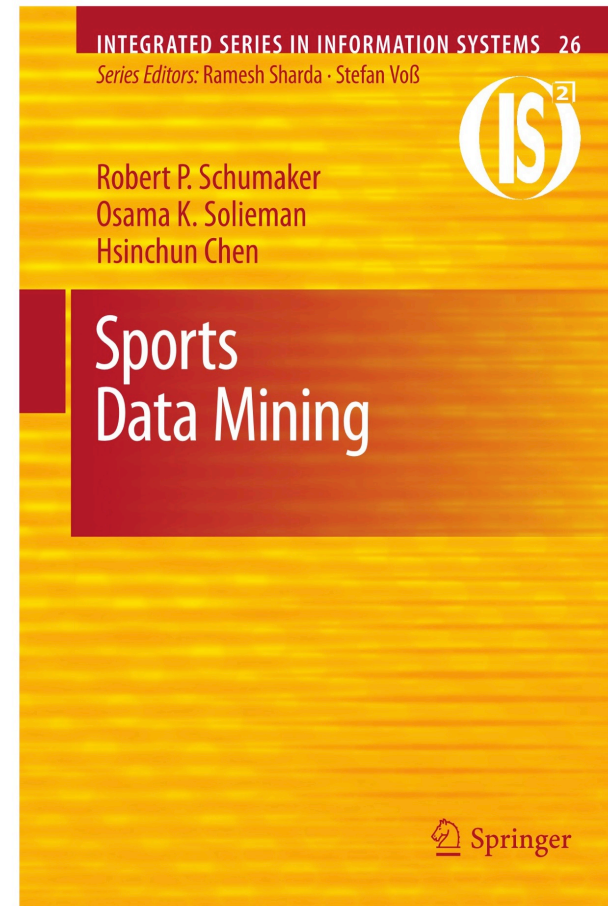


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Individual Causal Contributions to Group Results

- Important Problem in Sports Statistics: How much did a player contribute to a match result?
- Sabermetrics.
- Actual Causation.



Player-Based Approaches: Ice Hockey

- Basic question: what difference does the *presence of a player* make? Examples:
 - Logistic regression of which team scored given a presence indicator variable for each player (Grammacy et al. 2013).
 - Log-linear model of goal-scoring rate given a presence indicator variable for each player (Thomas et al. 2013).
- Major problem: distinguish players from same line.



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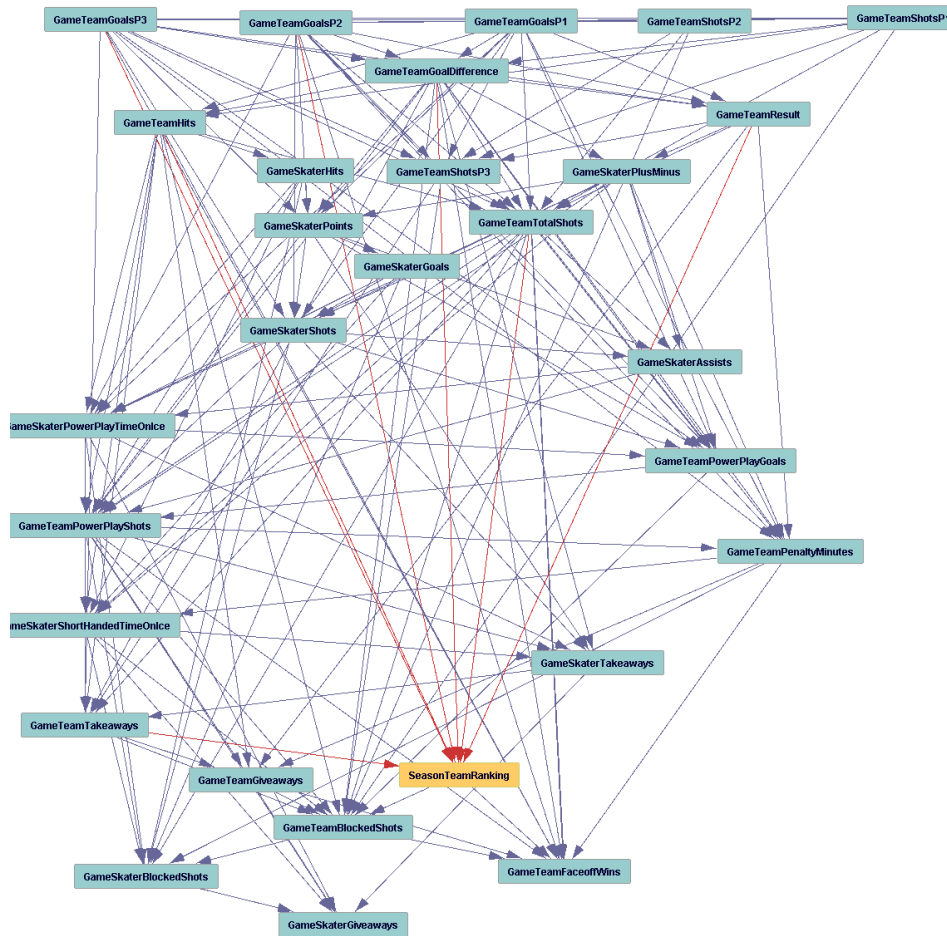
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Action-Based Approaches

- Basic question: What difference does an *action* make?
- Model causal effect of action on goal.
- Player contribution = sum of scores of player's actions.
 - Schuckers and Curro (2013), McHall and Scarf (2005; soccer).
- Can action effect models be improved with causal graphs?
 - Model Selection.
 - Model causal chains.

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Run Tetrad on NHL data (preliminary)



Summary

- Relational data: common and complex.
- Random selection semantics for logic answers fundamental statistical questions in a principled way.
 - inference.
 - (pseudo)-likelihood function.
- Computing sufficient statistics is hard.
 - Fast Moebius transform helps.
- Anomaly detection as an application in progress.
- New Causal Questions:
 - do attributes cause relationships or vice versa?
 - how much does an individual contribute to a group result (e.g., a goal in sports).

Collaborators

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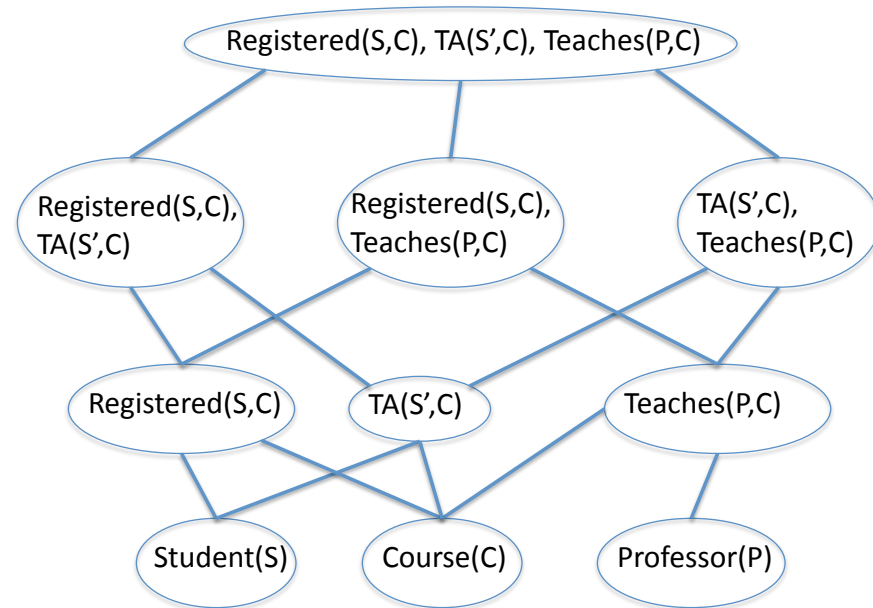
The End

- Any questions?



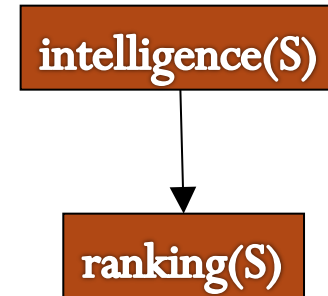
Structure Learning

- In principle, just replace single-table likelihood by pseudo likelihood.
- Efficient new algorithm (Khosravi, Schulte et al. AAI 2010). Key ideas:
 - Use single-table BN learner as black box **module**.
 - **Level-wise search** through table join lattice. Results from shorter paths are propagated to longer paths.

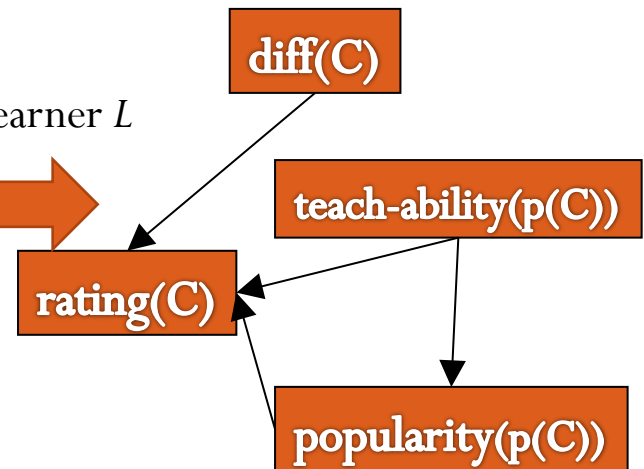
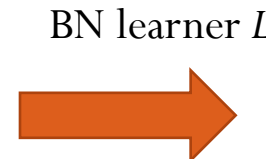


Phase 1: Entity tables

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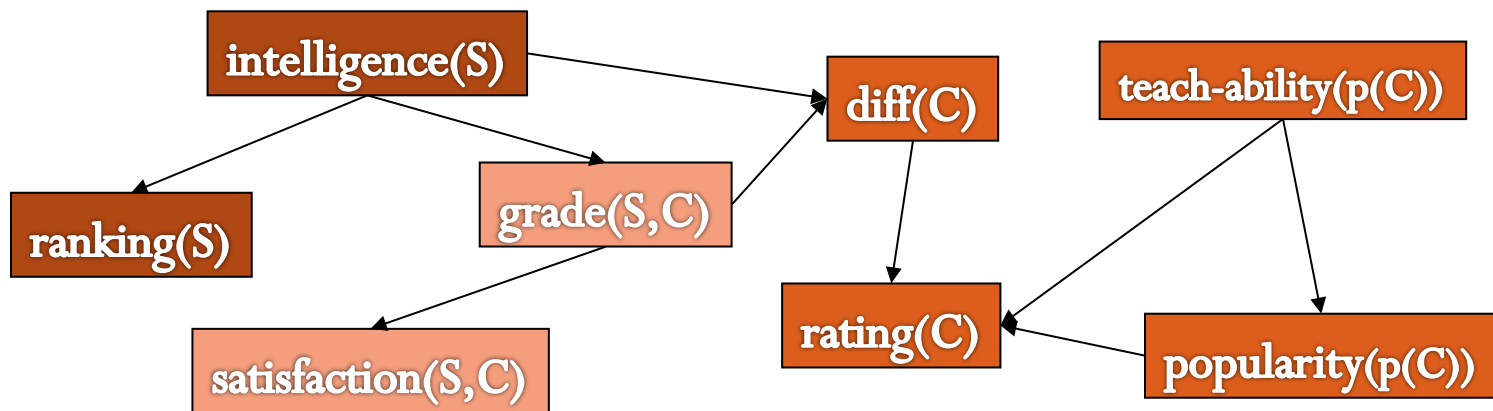
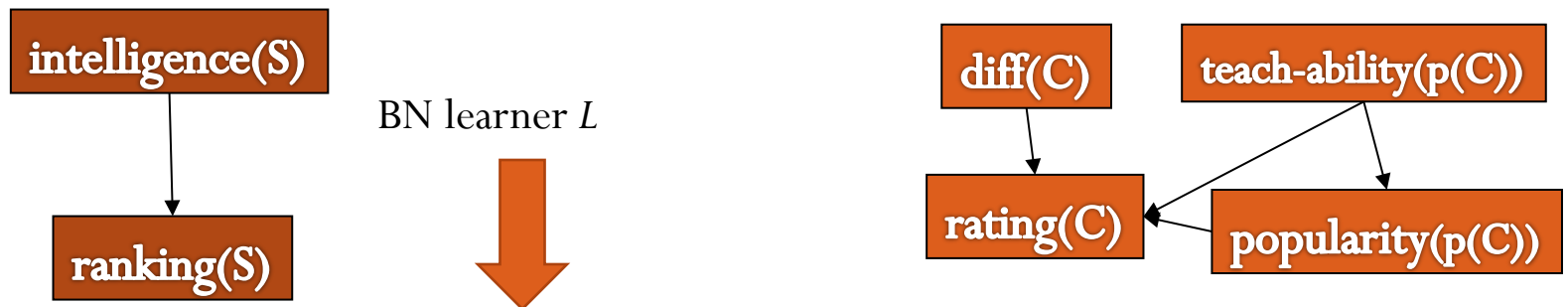


Course				
<u>Number</u>	rating	difficulty	Prof-popularity	Prof-teachability
101	3	1	1	2
102	2	2	2	2
103	3	2	1	1



Phase 2: relationship tables

Registration				Student		Course			
<u>S.Name</u>	<u>C.number</u>	grade	satisfaction	intelligence	ranking	rating	difficulty	Popularity	Teach-ability
Jack	101	A	1	3	1	3	1	1	2
...



Phase 3: add Boolean relationship indicator variables

