Exercises Bayesian Networks: Solutions

Exercise 1

(a) Factorization:

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\begin{aligned}
P(X) &= \prod_{i=1}^{9} P(X_i \mid X_{pa(i)}) \\
&= P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3|X_1,X_2)P(X_4)P(X_5|X_2)P(X_6|X_3) \\
&\quad P(X_7|X_3,X_4)P(X_8|X_6,X_7)P(X_9|X_5,X_7)
\end{aligned}
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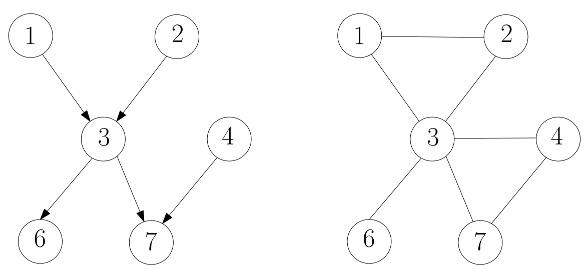
(b) $6 \perp\!\!\!\perp 7$
To verify $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$, take the directed independence graph on $\text{an}^+(X \cup Y \cup Z)$ and moralize this graph. Then you can verify the independence property in the resulting undirected graph using separation.

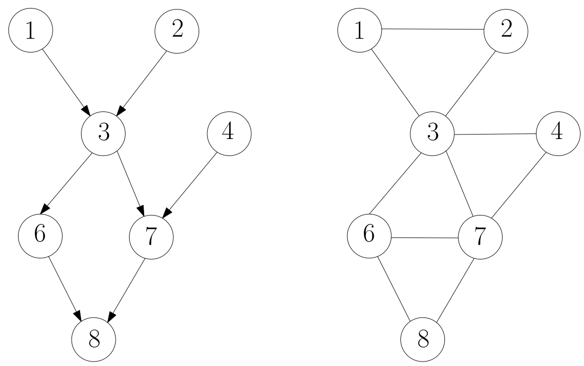
The directed independence graph on $\text{an}^+(\{6,7\})$ is given left, the corresponding moral graph is given right:



Since 6 and 7 are not separated by the empty set (there is a path between 6 and 7), they are not marginally independent.

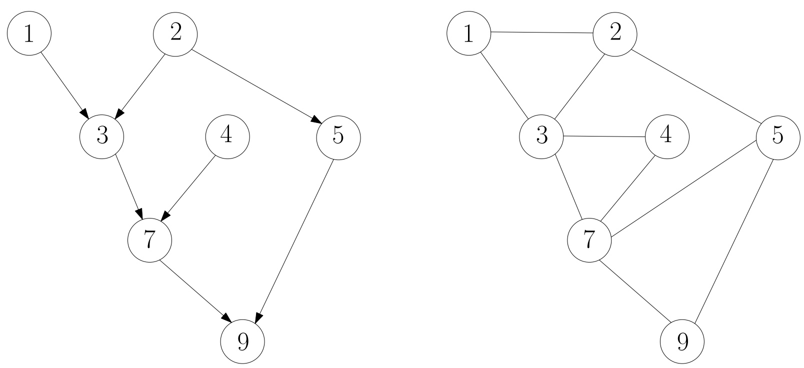
(c) $6 \perp\!\!\!\perp 7 \mid 3$
For the graphs, see (b). Yes, every path between 6 and 7 must pass through 3.

(d) $6 \perp\!\!\!\perp 7 \mid 8$
The directed independence graph on $\text{an}^+(\{6,7,8\})$ is given left, the corresponding moral graph is given right:



No, 8 does not separate 6 and 7 in the moral graph.

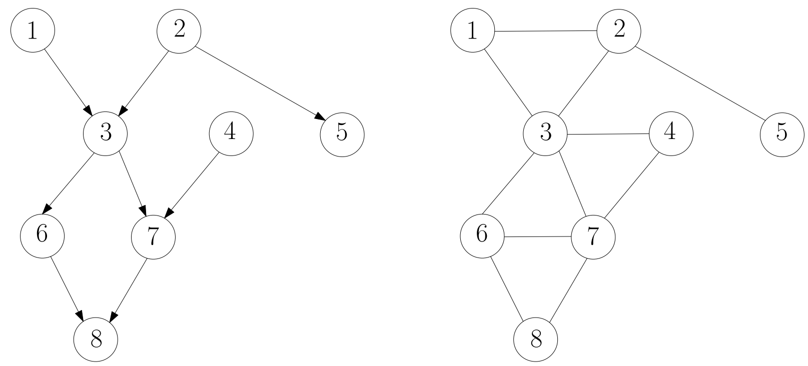
(e) $2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 9 \mid \{5, 7\}$
The directed independence graph on $\mathrm{an}^{+}(\{2, 5, 7, 9\})$ is given left, the corresponding moral graph is given right:



Yes: {5,7} separates 2 from 9, that is, every path from 2 to 9 must pass through a node in the set {5,7}.

(f) $2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 9 \mid \{3, 5\}$
For the graphs, see (e). Yes: {3,5} separates 2 from 9.

(g) $5 \perp\!\!\!\perp 8$
The directed independence graph on $\mathrm{an}^{+}(\{5, 8\})$ is given left, the corresponding moral graph is given right:



No, there is a path between 5 and 8.

(h) $5 \perp\!\!\!\perp 8 \mid 3$
For the graphs, see (g). Yes, 3 separates 5 from 8 in the moral graph.

Exercise 2

(a) The maximum likelihood estimates are:

$$\hat{p}_1(0) = \frac{n_1(0)}{n} = \frac{5}{10} \qquad \hat{p}_1(1) = \frac{n_1(1)}{n} = \frac{5}{10}$$
$$\hat{p}_2(0) = \frac{n_2(0)}{n} = \frac{6}{10} \qquad \hat{p}_2(1) = \frac{n_2(1)}{n} = \frac{4}{10}$$
$$\hat{p}_3(0) = \frac{n_3(0)}{n} = \frac{5}{10} \qquad \hat{p}_3(1) = \frac{n_3(1)}{n} = \frac{5}{10}$$

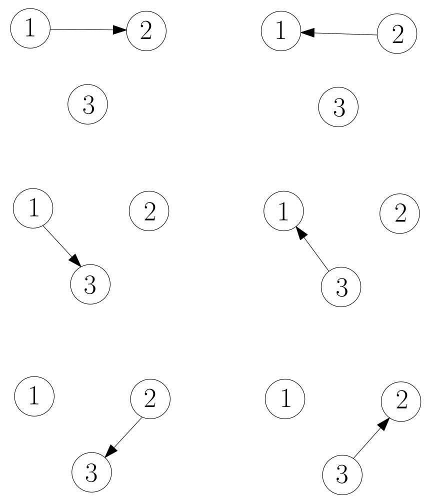
(b) The contribution of each node (variable) to the loglikelihood score is:

Node 1: $5 \log \frac{5}{10} + 5 \log \frac{5}{10}$.
Node 2: $6 \log \frac{6}{10} + 4 \log \frac{4}{10}$.
Node 3: $5 \log \frac{5}{10} + 5 \log \frac{5}{10}$.

Hence, the total loglikelihood score is:

$$\mathcal{L} = 5 \log \frac{5}{10} + 5 \log \frac{5}{10} + 6 \log \frac{6}{10} + 4 \log \frac{4}{10}$$
$$+ 5 \log \frac{5}{10} + 5 \log \frac{5}{10} \approx -20.59$$

(c) The neighbors are:



Pairs of models in the same row are equivalent, because moralisation does not require marrying parents, and the resulting undirected graphs are the same.

(d) No, X_1 and X_2 are independent in the data, that is, for all values x_1 of X_1 and x_2 of X_2: $\hat{P}(x_2) = \hat{P}(x_2|x_1)$. This means that adding an edge from X_1 to X_2 does not improve the loglikelihood score. The BIC-score will go down because of the extra parameter.

(e) We compute

$$\hat{p}_{3|1}(0 \mid 0) = \frac{1}{5} \quad \hat{p}_{3|1}(1 \mid 0) = \frac{4}{5} \quad \hat{p}_{3|1}(0 \mid 1) = \frac{4}{5}, \quad \hat{p}_{3|1}(1 \mid 1) = \frac{1}{5}$$

where $\hat{p}_{3|1}(0 \mid 0)$ is shorthand for $\hat{p}(x_3 = 0 \mid x_1 = 0)$. Hence, the new contribution of node 3 to the loglikelihood score is:

$$\log\frac{1}{5} + 4\log\frac{4}{5} + 4\log\frac{4}{5} + \log\frac{1}{5}$$

The new loglikelihood score therefore becomes

$$\mathcal{L} = 5\log\frac{5}{10} + 5\log\frac{5}{10} + 6\log\frac{6}{10} + 4\log\frac{4}{10} + \log\frac{1}{5} + 4\log\frac{4}{5} + 4\log\frac{4}{5} + \log\frac{1}{5} \approx -18.66$$

The loglikelihood score improves by $-18.66 + 20.59 = 1.93$. This is at the cost of one extra parameter that costs $0.5\log 10 = 1.15$. All in all adding an edge from X_1 to X_3 improves the BIC score by $1.93 - 1.15 = 0.78$.

Exercise 3

(a) The maximum likelihood estimates are:

$$\hat{p}_1(0) = \frac{n_1(0)}{n} = \frac{4}{10} \qquad \hat{p}_1(1) = \frac{n_1(1)}{n} = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$\hat{p}_2(0) = \frac{n_2(0)}{n} = \frac{5}{10} \qquad \hat{p}_2(1) = \frac{n_2(1)}{n} = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$\hat{p}_{3|12}(0|0,0) = \frac{n_{123}(0,0,0)}{n_{12}(0,0)} = \frac{0}{2} = 0 \qquad \hat{p}_{3|12}(1|0,0) = \frac{n_{123}(0,0,1)}{n_{12}(0,0)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

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$$\hat{p}_{3|12}(0|1,1) = \frac{n_{123}(1,1,0)}{n_{12}(1,1)} = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \hat{p}_{3|12}(1|1,1) = \frac{n_{123}(1,1,1)}{n_{12}(1,1)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\hat{p}_{4|3}(0|0) = \frac{n_{34}(0,0)}{n_3(0)} = \frac{2}{5} \qquad \hat{p}_{4|3}(1|0) = \frac{n_{34}(0,1)}{n_3(0)} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\hat{p}_{4|3}(0|1) = \frac{n_{34}(1,0)}{n_3(1)} = \frac{4}{5} \qquad \hat{p}_{4|3}(1|1) = \frac{n_{34}(1,1)}{n_3(1)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

(b) The loglikelihood score is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} &= 4\log\frac{4}{10} + 6\log\frac{6}{10} + 5\log\frac{5}{10} + 5\log\frac{5}{10} \\
&+ 0\log 0 + 2\log 1 + \log\frac{1}{2} + \log\frac{1}{2} \\
&+ 3\log 1 + 0\log 0 + \log\frac{1}{3} + 2\log\frac{2}{3} \\
&+ \boxed{2\log\tfrac{2}{5} + 3\log\tfrac{3}{5} + 4\log\tfrac{4}{5} + \log\tfrac{1}{5}} \\
&= -22.82450
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Count the number of parameters per node (variable) as follows. Suppose a node has k different parent configurations (possible value assignments to its parents), and it can take on m different values itself. Then the number of parameters associated with that node is $k(m-1)$ because you have to estimate k different conditional distributions, and each conditional distribution requires the estimation of $m-1$ probabilities. If a node doesn't have any parents, then the number of parameters associated with it is $m-1$. Specified per node, the number of parameters is therefore:

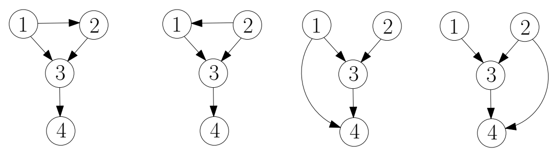
- Node 1: 1.
- Node 2: 1.

- Node 3: $4 \times 1 = 4$.
- Node 4: $2 \times 1 = 2$.

Hence, the BIC score is:

$$-22.82450 - 1.15\,(1 + 1 + 4 + 2) = -32.02450$$

(d) Adding an arc:



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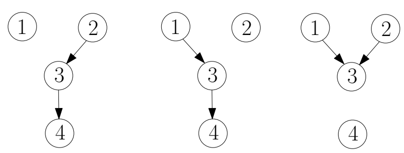
A and B are equivalent.

Removing an arc:



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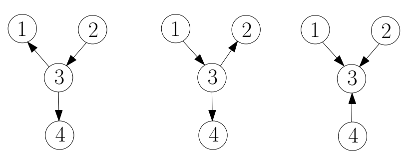
Reversing an arc:



H I J

H and I are equivalent.

(e) The parent set of X_4 changes so we have to recompute the part of the score corresponding to this node. The boxed part of the loglikelihood under (b) is replaced by

$$2 \log \frac{2}{4} + 2 \log \frac{2}{4} + \log \frac{1}{2} + \log \frac{1}{2} \approx -4.16,$$

where we left out all the terms that evaluate to zero. The boxed part under (b) evaluates to -5.86 so the loglikelihood increases by 1.7. This is however at the cost of two extra parameters, that cost 1.15 each, so all in all addition of an arc from X_1 to X_4 decreases the BIC score. Hence it is not preferred to the current model.

(f) The smoothed estimate is

$$p^s_{3|12}(0|0,0) = \frac{n_{12}(0,0) \times \hat{p}_{3|12}(0|0,0) + m \times p^0_{3|12}(0|0,0)}{n_{12}(0,0) + m} = \frac{2 \times 0 + 1 \times 5/10}{2+1} = \frac{1}{6},$$

since

$$p^0_{3|12}(0|0,0) = \hat{p}_3(0) = \frac{5}{10}.$$