



Table Representation

model a data with 8 binary features

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	x_7	x_8	p
enumerate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
all possible combinations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

problems:

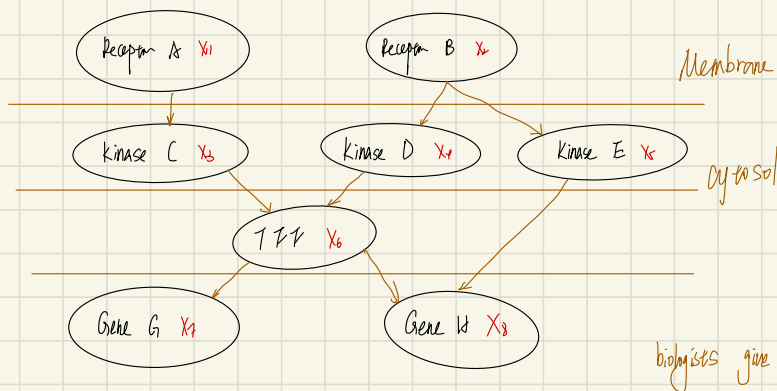
storing the table

filling the table

compute any quantity out of this table

Multivariate Distribution in High-dim space

eg. Cellular signal transduction



biologists give you a causal model

combine domain-knowledge into a mathematical framework : Graphical Model

nodes: random variables

edge: relationship (how to define)

Pearson's Correlation

Normalized covariance $\rho(x, y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x)\text{Var}(y)}}$

captures linear dependency

linear regression from X to Y gives $\beta = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}$

$x \perp y \rightarrow \rho(x, y) = 0$

$\rho(x, y) = 0 \nrightarrow x \perp y$

eg $x \sim \text{uniform}(-1, 1)$ $y = x^2$

(non-linear dependencies)

x, y has 0 Pearson correlation

Cannot capture non-linear dependency

One way to construct measure of dependence

$$P(X,Y) \xleftrightarrow{\text{distance}} P(X)P(Y)$$

distance = 0 iff $X \perp Y$

• KL - divergence

$$KL(P \parallel Q) = \int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx$$

Mutual information: $I(X,Y) = KL(P_{X,Y} \parallel P_X P_Y)$

$I(X,Y) = 0$ iff $X \perp Y$

Hard to compute it

eg.

X = height of kid
 Y = weight of kid
 Z = age of kid

Marginal correlation



• Partial Correlation

partial correlation given a random vector Z

correlation measured between X and Y after eliminating linear effects of Z

i.e. correlation between residual from regression from Z to X and Z to Y

$$\rho(X,Y|Z) = \rho(e_X, e_Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(e_X, e_Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(e_X) \text{Var}(e_Y)}}$$

$$e_X = X - (W_X^T Z + b_X)$$

$$e_Y = Y - (W_Y^T Z + b_Y)$$

(Z is the cause)

$$X \perp Y \mid Z \rightarrow \rho(X,Y|Z) = 0$$

$$\rho(X,Y|Z) = 0 \rightarrow X \perp Y \mid Z$$

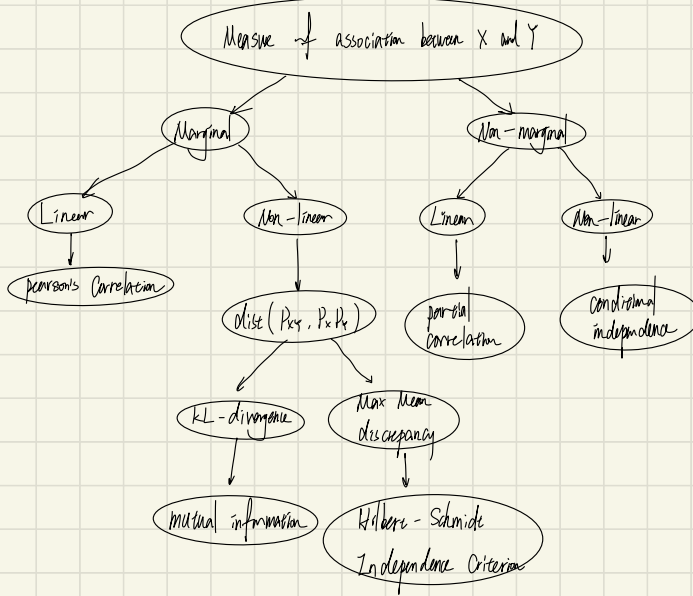
$$R_{ij} = \rho(X_i, X_j \mid X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

if each variable is marginally a Gaussian,

then $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

the partial correlation matrix R can be computed through inverse of covariance matrix

$$R_{ij} = - \frac{\Sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\Sigma_{ii} \Sigma_{jj}}}$$



PGM = multivariate statistics + structure

GM = multivariate objective function + structure