

pomegranate

fast and flexible probabilistic modelling in python

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Overview

pomegranate is **more flexible** than other packages, **faster**, is **intuitive to use**, and can do it all **in parallel**



Overview: supported models

Six Main Models:

1. Probability Distributions
2. General Mixture Models
3. Markov Chains
4. Hidden Markov Models
5. Bayes Classifiers / Naive Bayes
6. Bayesian Networks

Two Helper Models:

1. k-means++/kmeans||
2. Factor Graphs



pomegranate supports many distributions

Univariate Distributions

1. UniformDistribution
2. BernoulliDistribution
3. NormalDistribution
4. LogNormalDistribution
5. ExponentialDistribution
6. BetaDistribution
7. GammaDistribution
8. DiscreteDistribution
9. PoissonDistribution

Kernel Densities

1. GaussianKernelDensity
2. UniformKernelDensity
3. TriangleKernelDensity

Multivariate Distributions

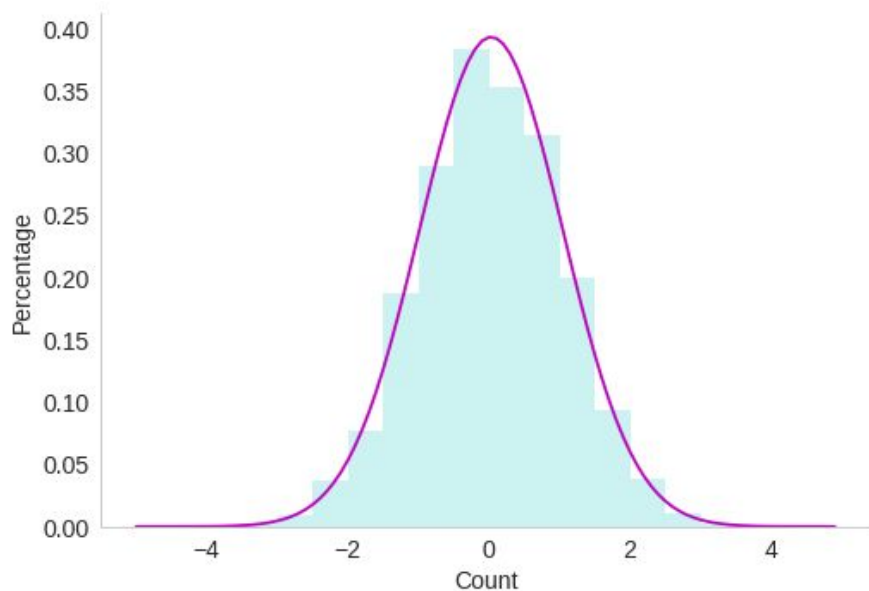
1. IndependentComponentsDistribution
2. MultivariateGaussianDistribution
3. DirichletDistribution
4. ConditionalProbabilityTable
5. JointProbabilityTable



Models can be made in two ways...

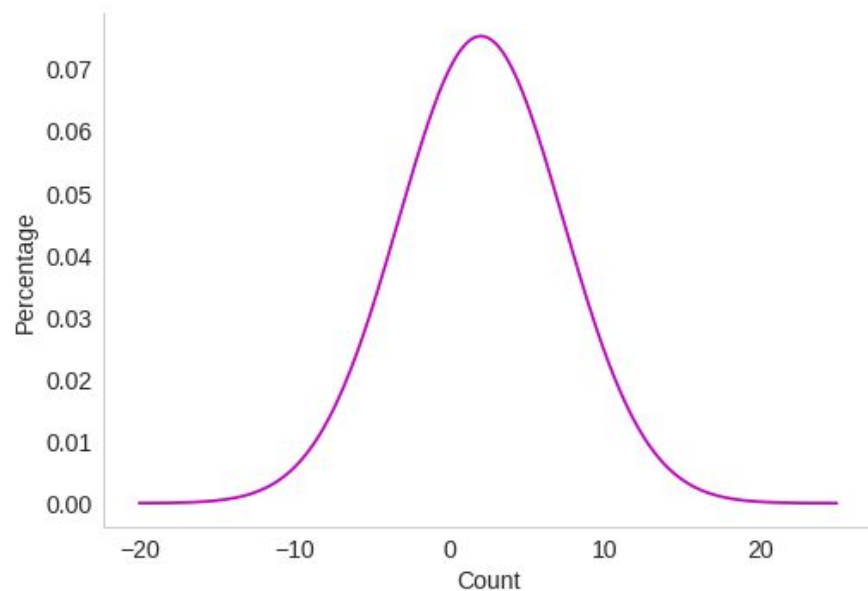
...from data

```
d = NormalDistribution.from_samples(X)
```



...from known values

```
d = NormalDistribution(5, 2.3)
```

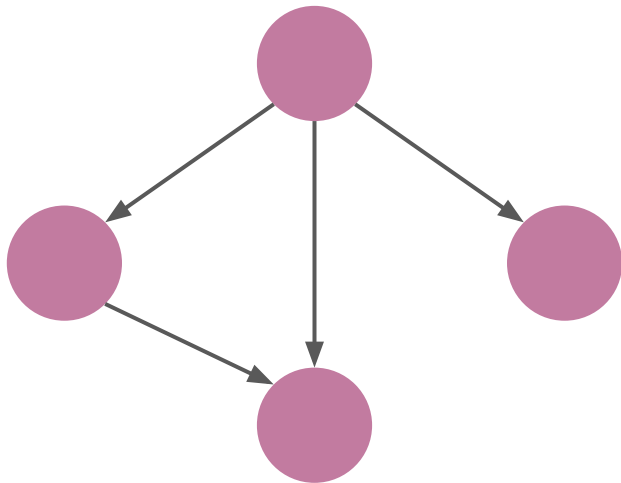




Models can be made in two ways...

...from data

```
d = BayesianNetwork.from_samples(X)
```



...from known values

```
n1 = Node(...)  
n2 = Node(...)  
model = BayesianNetwork()  
model.add_nodes(n1, n2...)  
model.add_edges(...)
```



The API is common to all models

`model.log_probability(X) / model.probability(X)`

`model.sample()`

`model.fit(X, weights, inertia)`

All models have these methods!

`model.summarize(X, weights)`

`model.from_summaries(inertia)`

`Model.from_samples(X, weights)`

`model.predict(X)`

`model.predict_proba(X)`

`model.predict_log_proba(X)`

All models composed of distributions (like GMM, HMM...) have these methods too!



Overview: model stacking in pomegranate

```
GeneralMixtureModel.from_samples(NormalDistribution, n_components=3, X=X)
```

```
GeneralMixtureModel.from_samples(ExponentialDistribution, n_components=3,  
X=X)
```

```
BayesClassifier.from_samples(MultivariateGaussianDistribution, X, y)
```

```
d1 = GeneralMixtureModel.from_samples...
```

```
d2 = GeneralMixtureModel.from_samples...
```

```
model = BayesClassifier([d1, d2])
```



pomegranate can be faster than numpy

Fitting Multivariate Gaussian to 10,000,000 samples of 10 dimensions

```
data = numpy.random.randn(10000000, 10)

print "numpy time:"
%timeit -n 10 data.mean(axis=0), numpy.cov(data, rowvar=False, bias=True)
print "\n" "pomegranate time:"
%timeit -n 10 MultivariateGaussianDistribution.from_samples(data)
```

numpy time:
10 loops, best of 3: 3.52 s per loop

pomegranate time:
10 loops, best of 3: 2.87 s per loop



pomegranate uses additive summarization

pomegranate reduces data to sufficient statistics for updates and so only has to go datasets once (for all models).

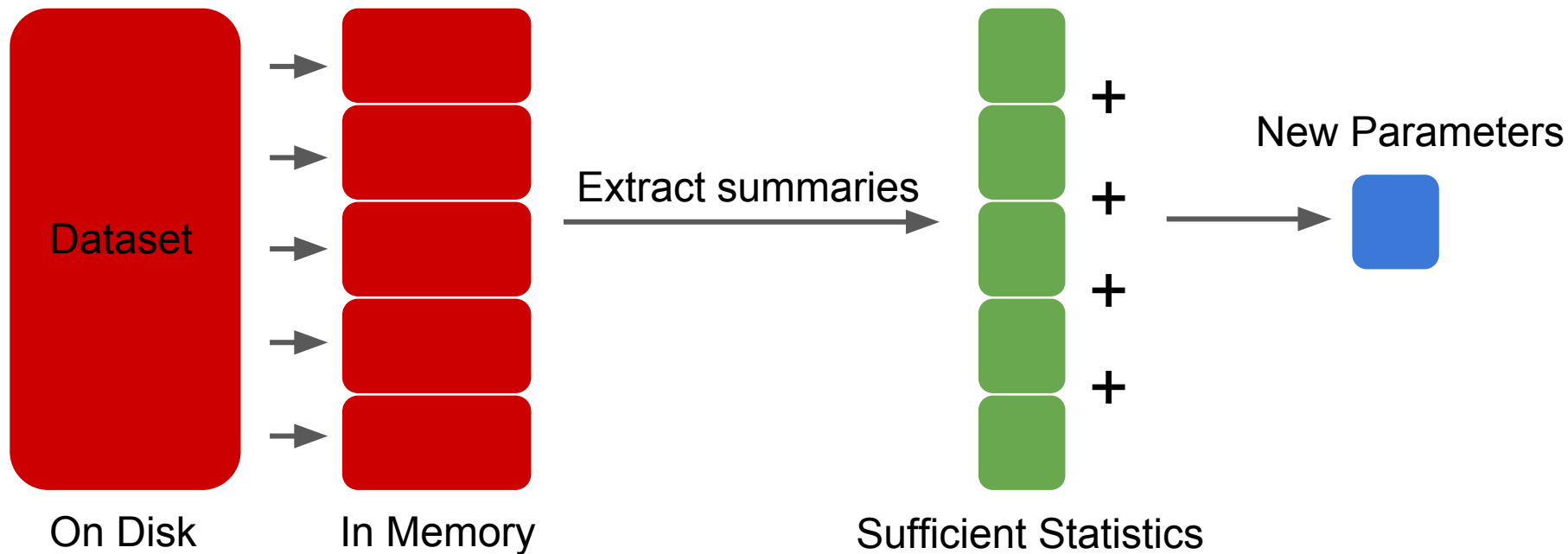
Here is an example of the Normal Distribution sufficient statistics

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mu &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i} \\ \sigma^2 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i} - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \right)^2} \end{aligned}$$



pomegranate supports out-of-core learning

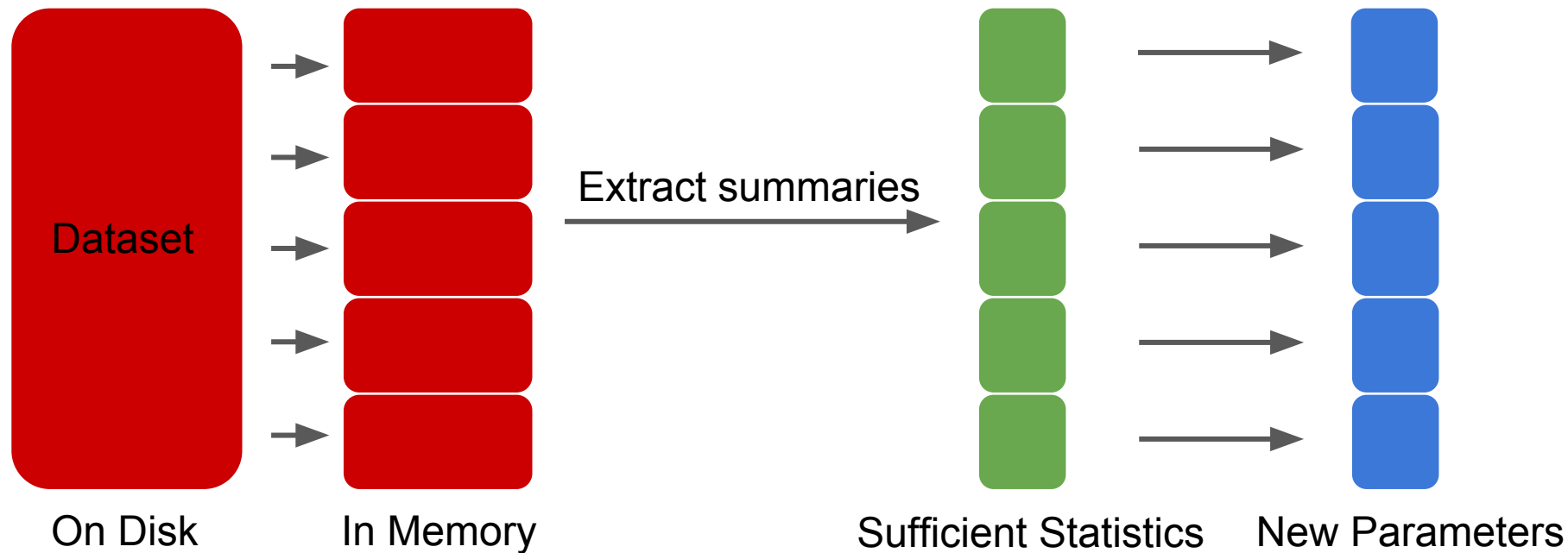
Batches from a dataset can be reduced to additive summary statistics, enabling exact updates from data that can't fit in memory.





pomegranate supports mini-batching

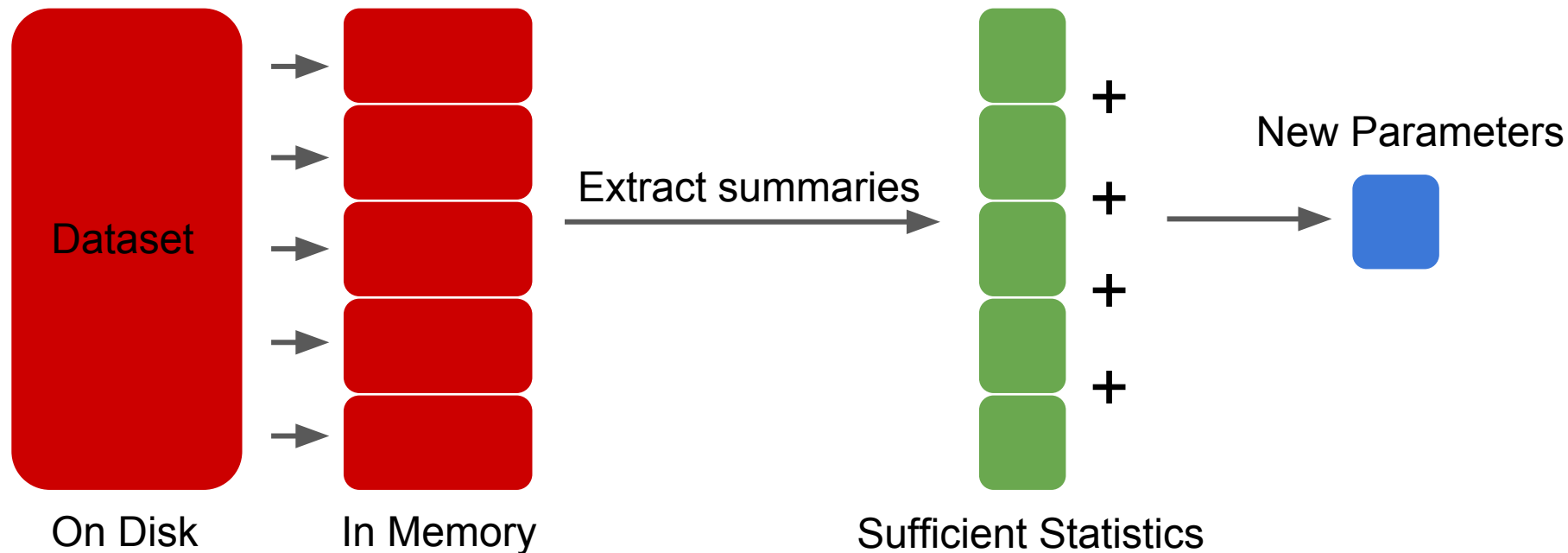
Instead of going through the full dataset before updating parameters, one could update parameters at each step.





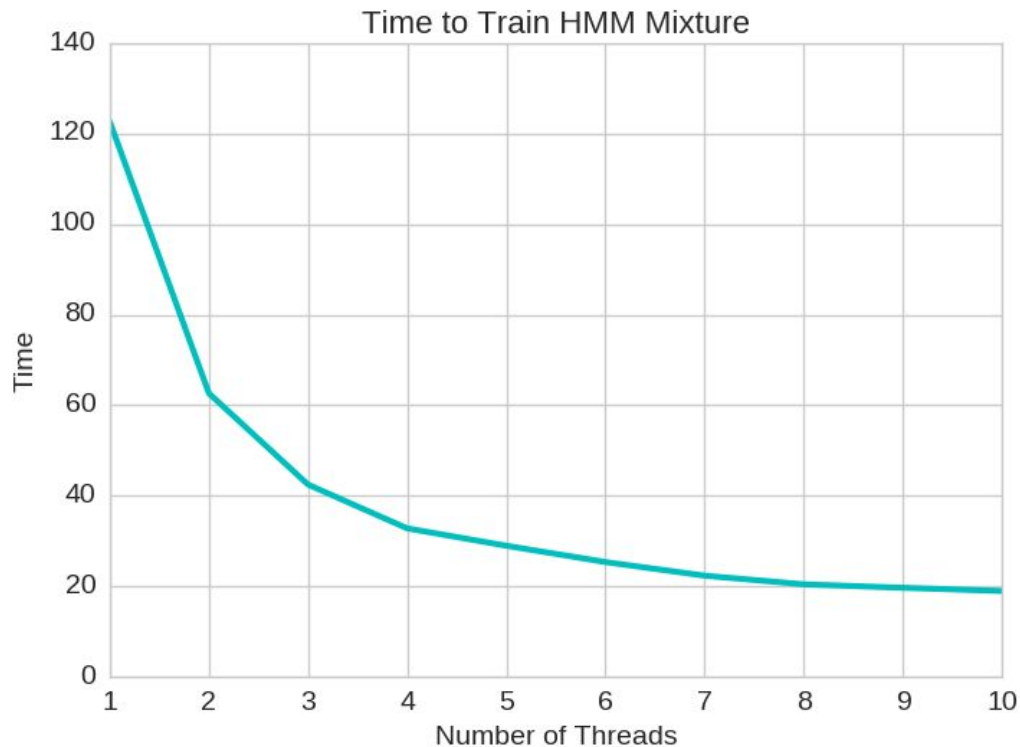
pomegranate supports parallelization

Multiple batches can be loaded at the same time and processed by different threads using `n_jobs` in either fitting or prediction methods





Training a mixture of HMMs in parallel

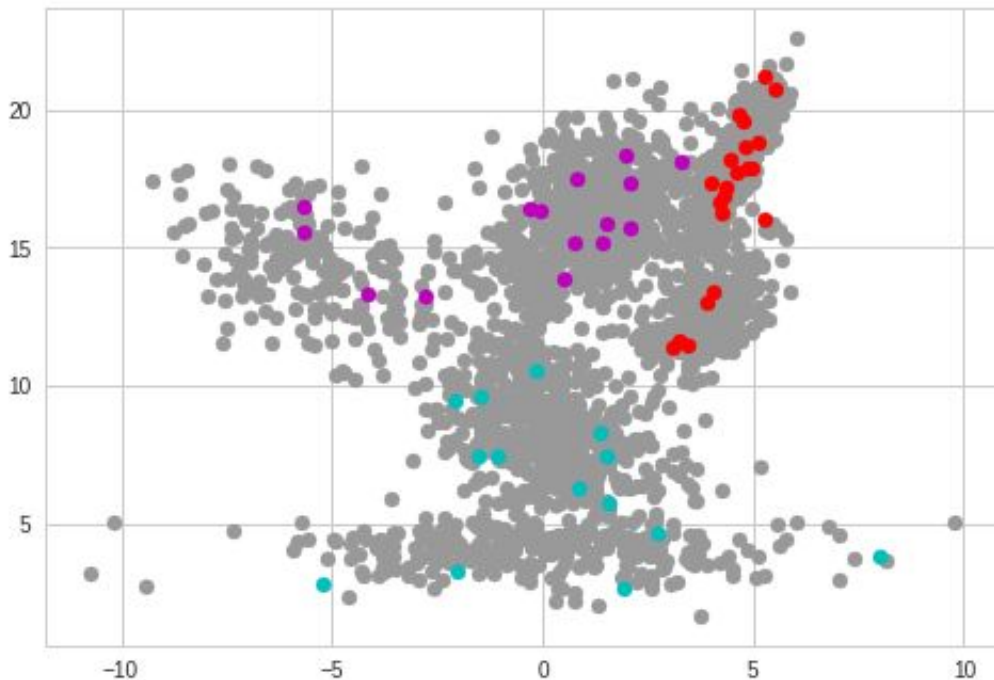


`model.fit(X, n_jobs=n)`



pomegranate supports semisupervised learning

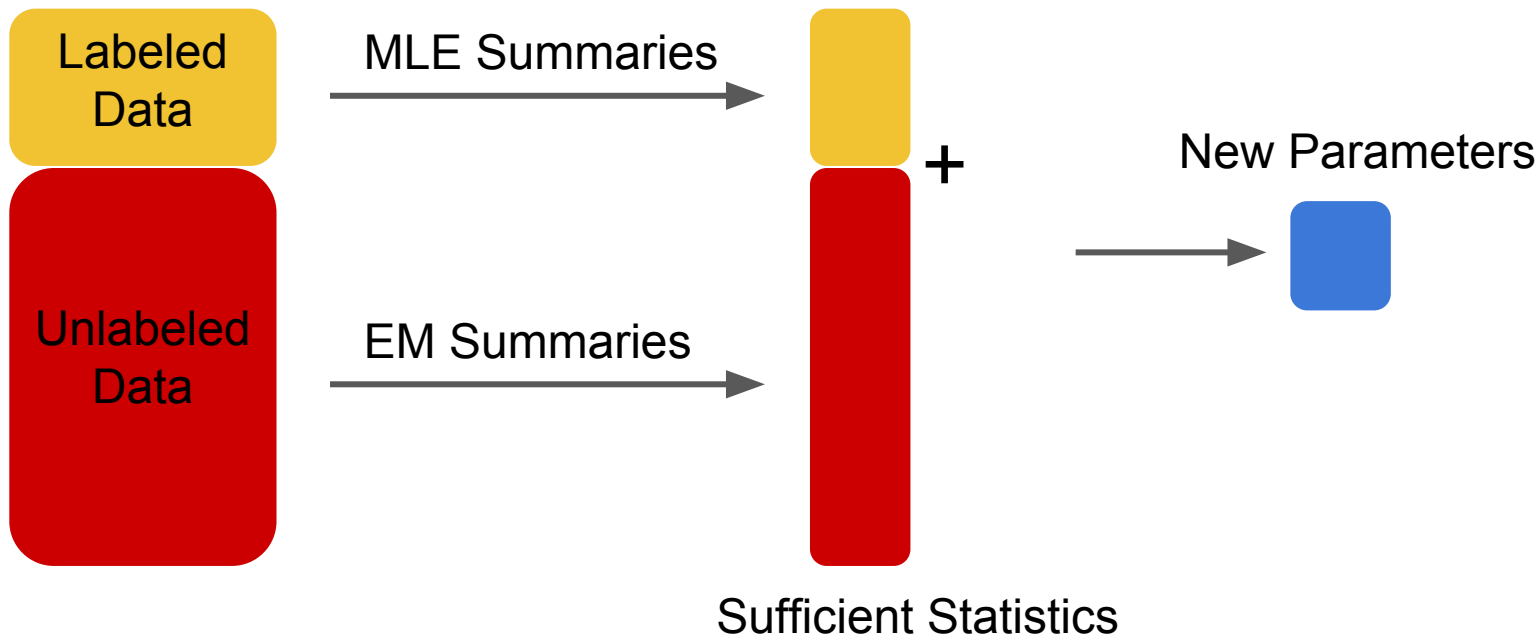
For many tasks, there is limited labeled data but a deluge of unlabeled data, and one wants to utilize both.





pomegranate supports semisupervised learning

Summaries from MLE on the labeled data can be added to summaries from EM on the unlabeled data

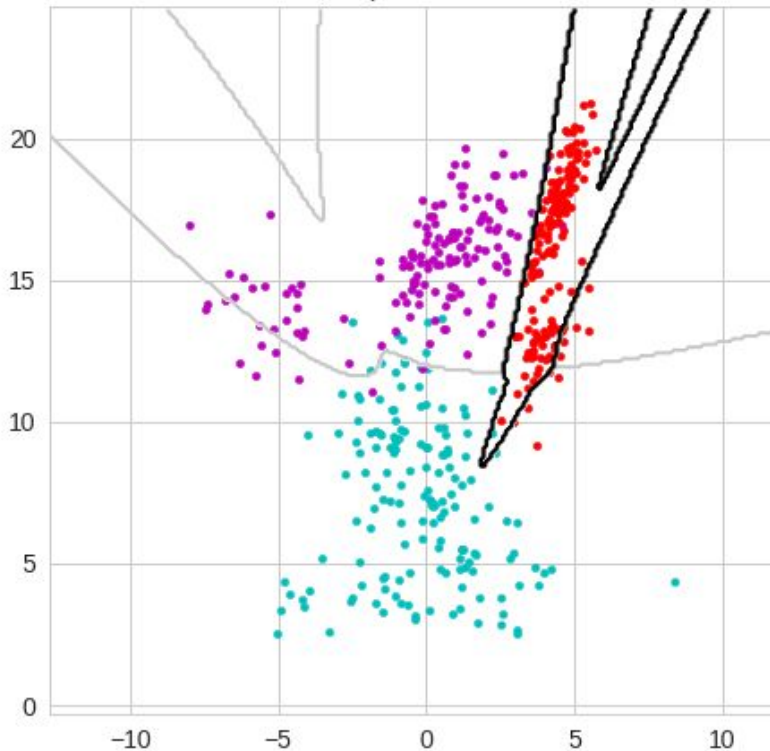




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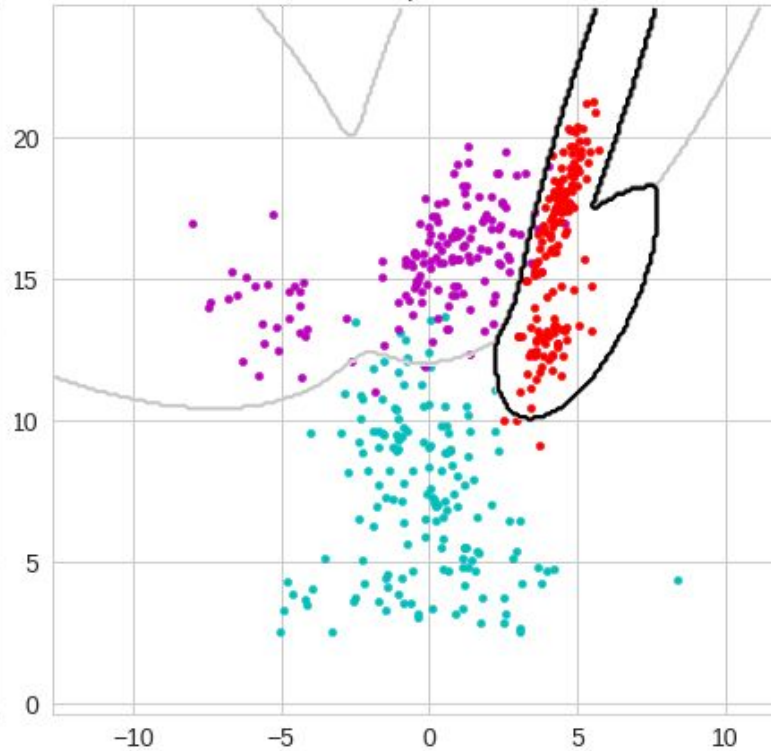
Supervised Accuracy: 0.93

Test Data, Supervised Boundaries



Semisupervised Accuracy: 0.96

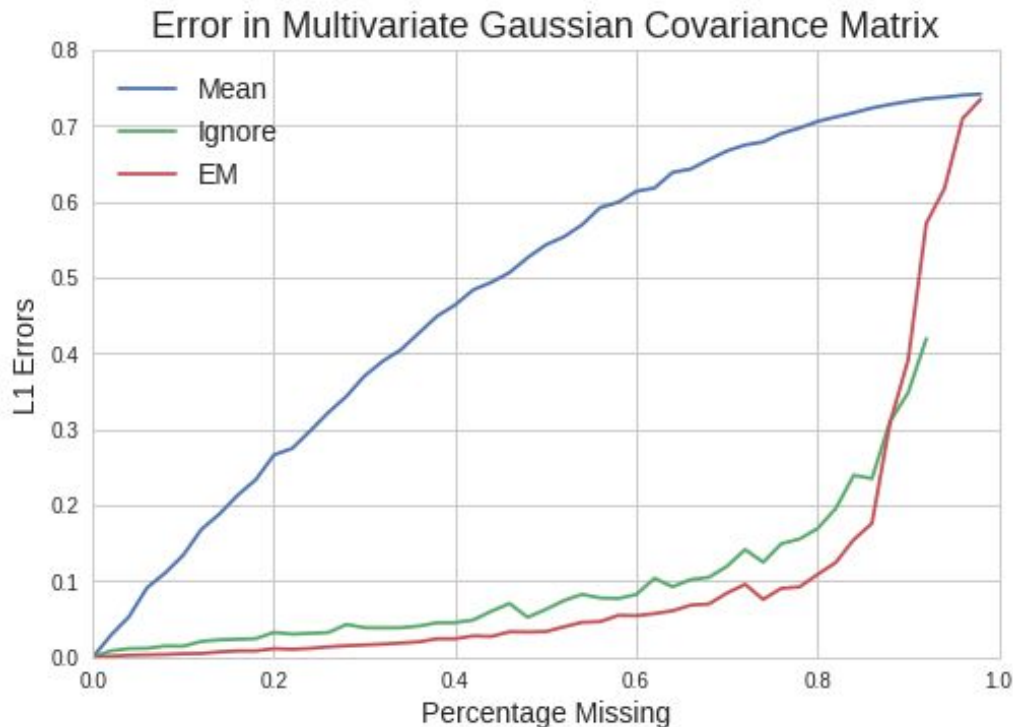
Test Data, Semi-supervised Boundaries





pomegranate will soon support missing data

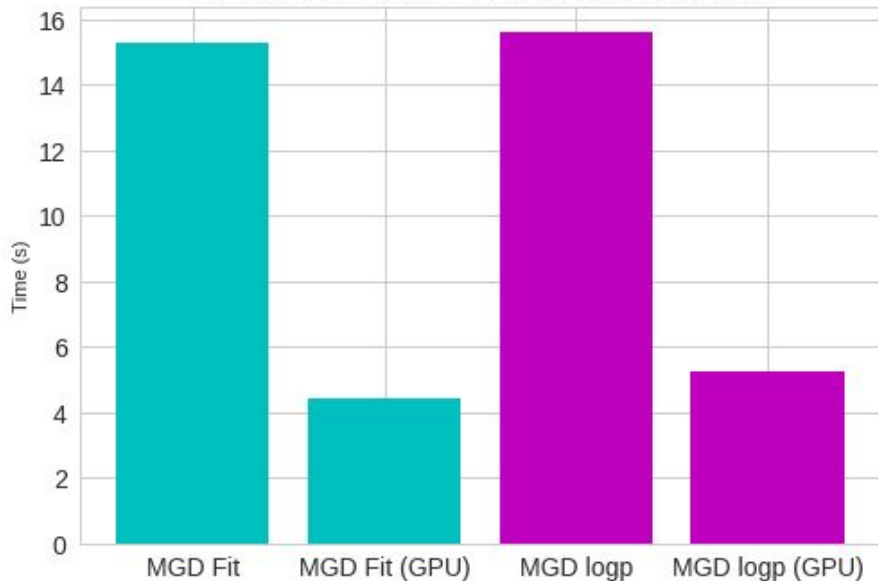
Many real world tasks involve data sets with missing data. The next version of pomegranate will include handling for all models by ignoring missing data, mean imputation, and EM imputation.



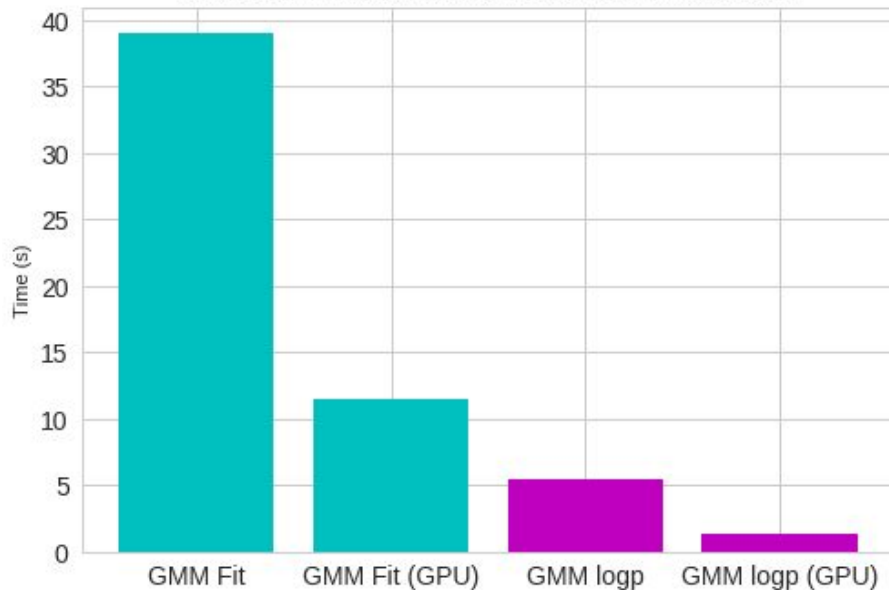


pomegranate uses Cupy for GPU support

Multivariate Gaussian with GPU Acceleration



Gaussian Mixture Model with GPU Acceleration





pomegranate can be faster than scipy

```
mu, cov = numpy.random.randn(2000), numpy.eye(2000)
d = MultivariateGaussianDistribution(mu, cov)
X = numpy.random.randn(2000, 2000)
print "scipy time: ",
%timeit multivariate_normal.logpdf(X, mu, cov)
print "pomegranate time: ",
%timeit MultivariateGaussianDistribution(mu, cov).log_probability(X)
print "pomegranate time (w/ precreated object): ",
%timeit d.log_probability(X)
```

```
scipy time: 1 loop, best of 3: 1.67 s per loop
pomegranate time: 1 loop, best of 3: 801 ms per loop
pomegranate time (w/ precreated object): 1 loop, best of 3: 216 ms per loop
```



pomegranate uses aggressive caching

$$P(X|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\log P(X|\mu, \sigma) = -\log(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) - \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\log P(X|\mu, \sigma) = \alpha - \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{\beta}$$





Example 'blast' from Gossip Girl

Spotted: Lonely Boy. Can't believe the love of his life has returned. If only she knew who he was. But everyone knows Serena. And everyone is talking. Wonder what Blair Waldorf thinks. Sure, they're BFF's, but we always thought Blair's boyfriend Nate had a thing for Serena.



Example 'blast' from Gossip Girl

Why'd she leave? Why'd she return? Send me all the deets.
And who am I? That's the secret I'll never tell. The only one.
—XOXO. Gossip Girl.



How do we encode these 'blasts'?

Better lock it down with Nate, B. Clock's ticking.

+1 Nate

-1 Blair



How do we encode these 'blasts'?

This just in: S and B committing a crime of fashion. Who doesn't love a five-finger discount. Especially if it's the middle one.

-1 Blair

-1 Serena

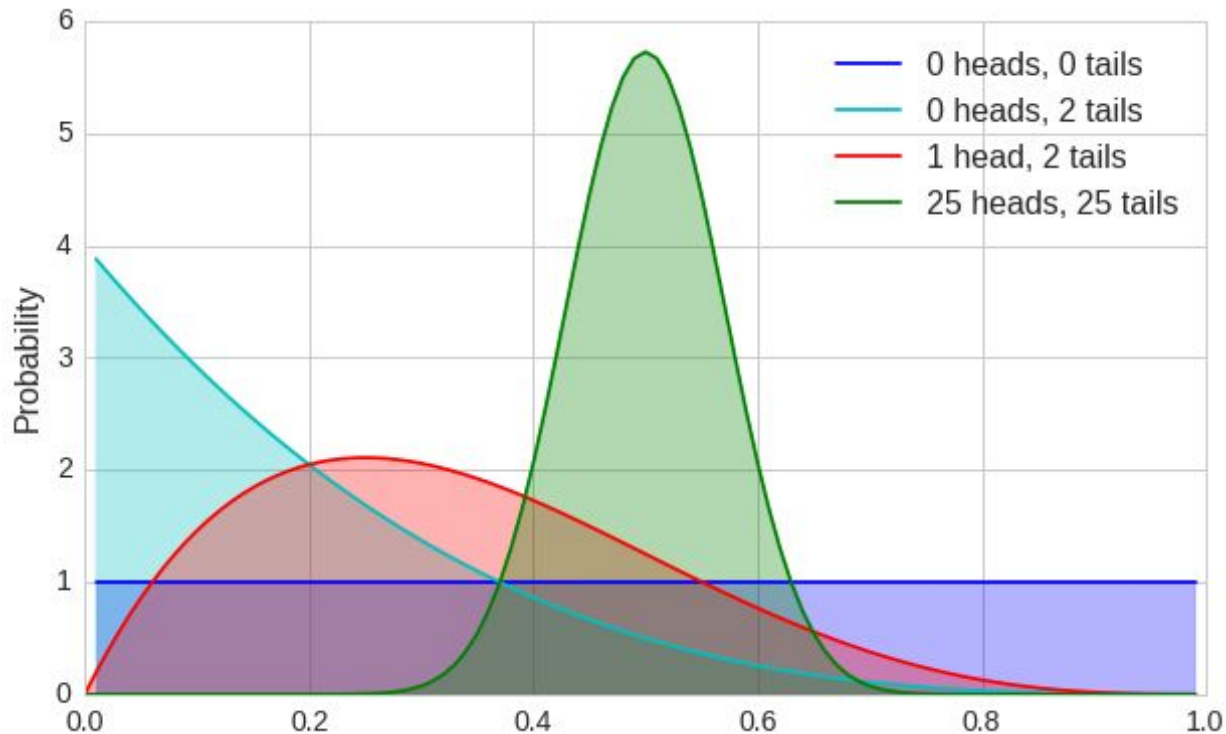


Simple summations don't work well



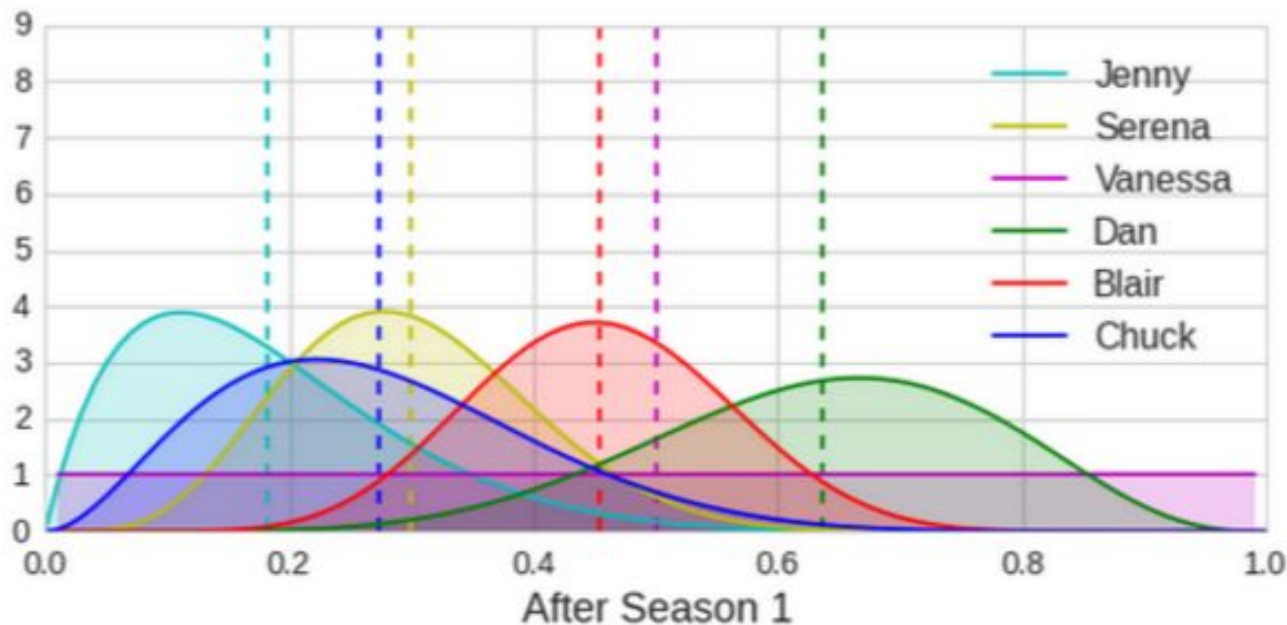


Beta distributions can model uncertainty



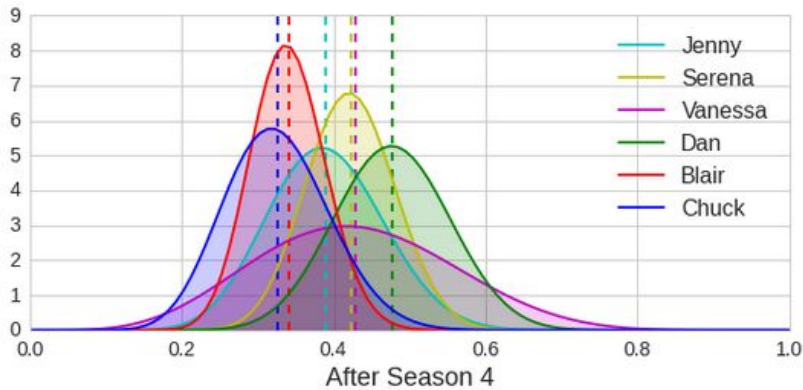
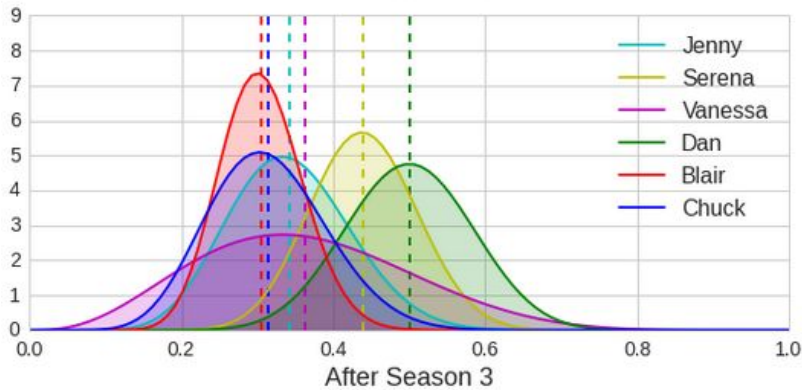
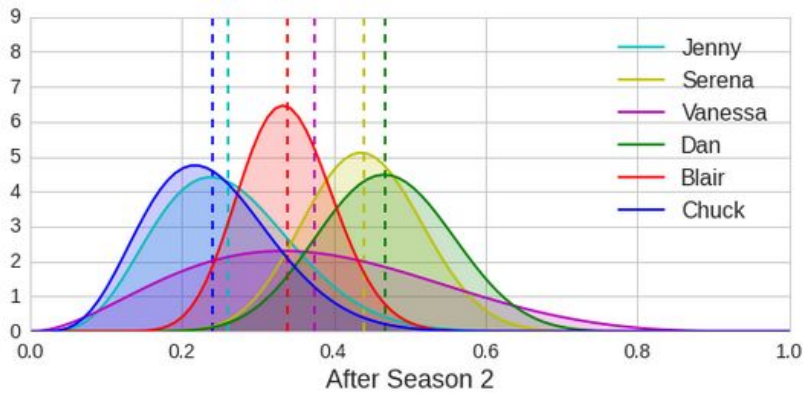
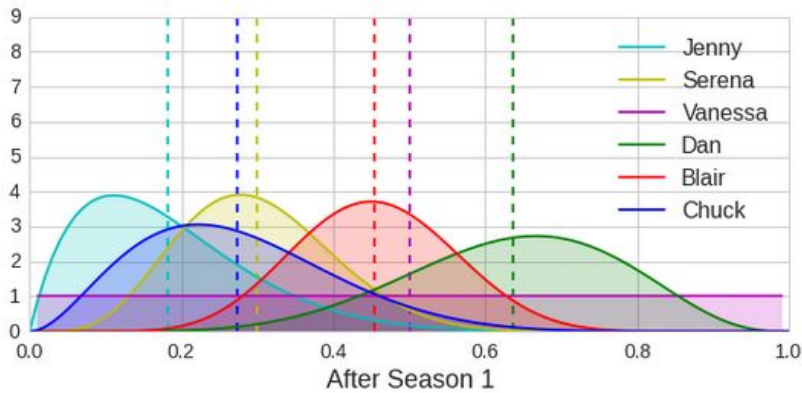


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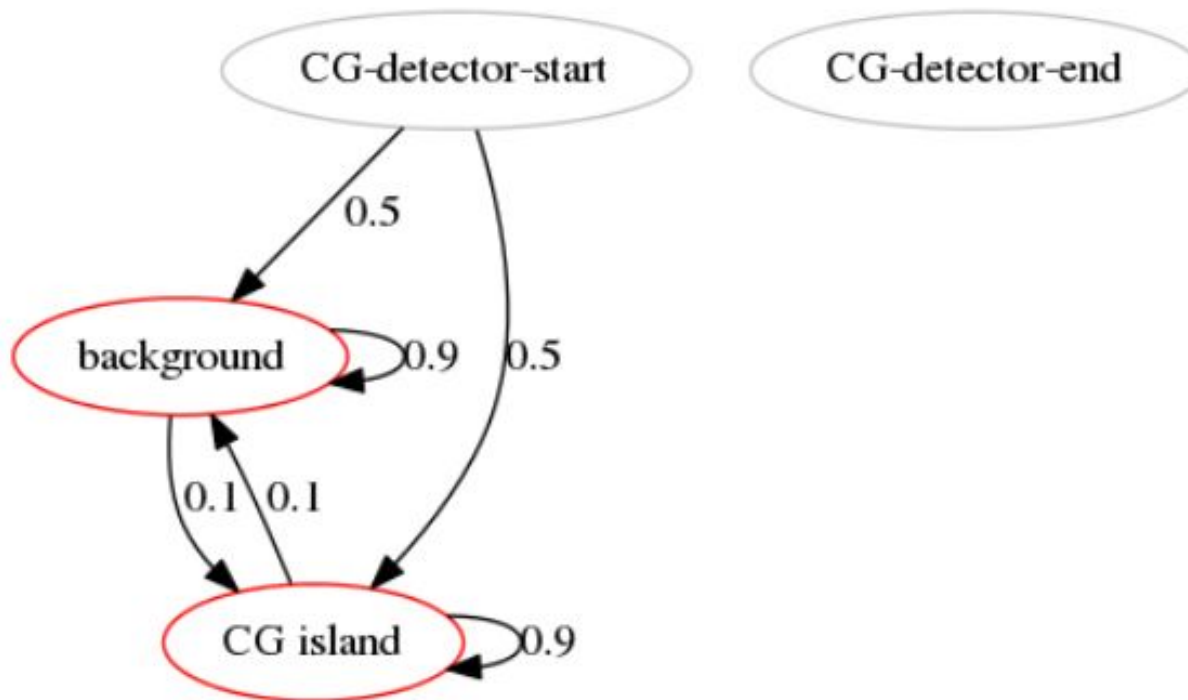
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CG enrichment detection HMM

GACTACGACT**CGCGCTCGCACGTCGCTCG**ACATCATCGACA





CG enrichment detection HMM

GACTACGACTCGCGCTCGCACGTCGCTCGACATCATCGACA

```
d1 = DiscreteDistribution({'A': 0.25, 'C': 0.25, 'G': 0.25, 'T': 0.25})
d2 = DiscreteDistribution({'A': 0.10, 'C': 0.40, 'G': 0.40, 'T': 0.10})

s1 = State(d1, name="background")
s2 = State(d2, name="CG island")

hmm = HiddenMarkovModel("CG-detector")
hmm.add_states(s1, s2)
hmm.add_transition(hmm.start, s1, 0.5)
hmm.add_transition(hmm.start, s2, 0.5)
hmm.add_transition(s1, s1, 0.9)
hmm.add_transition(s1, s2, 0.1)
hmm.add_transition(s2, s1, 0.1)
hmm.add_transition(s2, s2, 0.9)
hmm.bake()
```



pomegranate HMMs are feature rich

Feature	pomegranate	hmmlearn
Graph Structure		
Silent States	✓	
Optional Explicit End State	✓	
Sparse Implementation	✓	
Arbitrary Emissions Allowed on States	✓	
Discrete/Gaussian/GMM Emissions	✓	✓
Large Library of Other Emissions	✓	
Build Model from Matrices	✓	✓
Build Model Node-by-Node	✓	
Serialize to JSON	✓	
Serialize using Pickle/Joblib	✓	✓

Algorithms		
Priors		✓
Sampling	✓	✓
Log Probability Scoring	✓	✓
Forward-Backward Emissions	✓	✓
Forward-Backward Transitions	✓	
Viterbi Decoding	✓	✓
MAP Decoding	✓	✓
Baum-Welch Training	✓	✓
Viterbi Training	✓	
Labeled Training	✓	
Tied Emissions	✓	
Tied Transitions	✓	
Emission Inertia	✓	
Transition Inertia	✓	
Emission Freezing	✓	✓
Transition Freezing	✓	✓
Multi-threaded Training	✓	



GMM-HMM easy to define

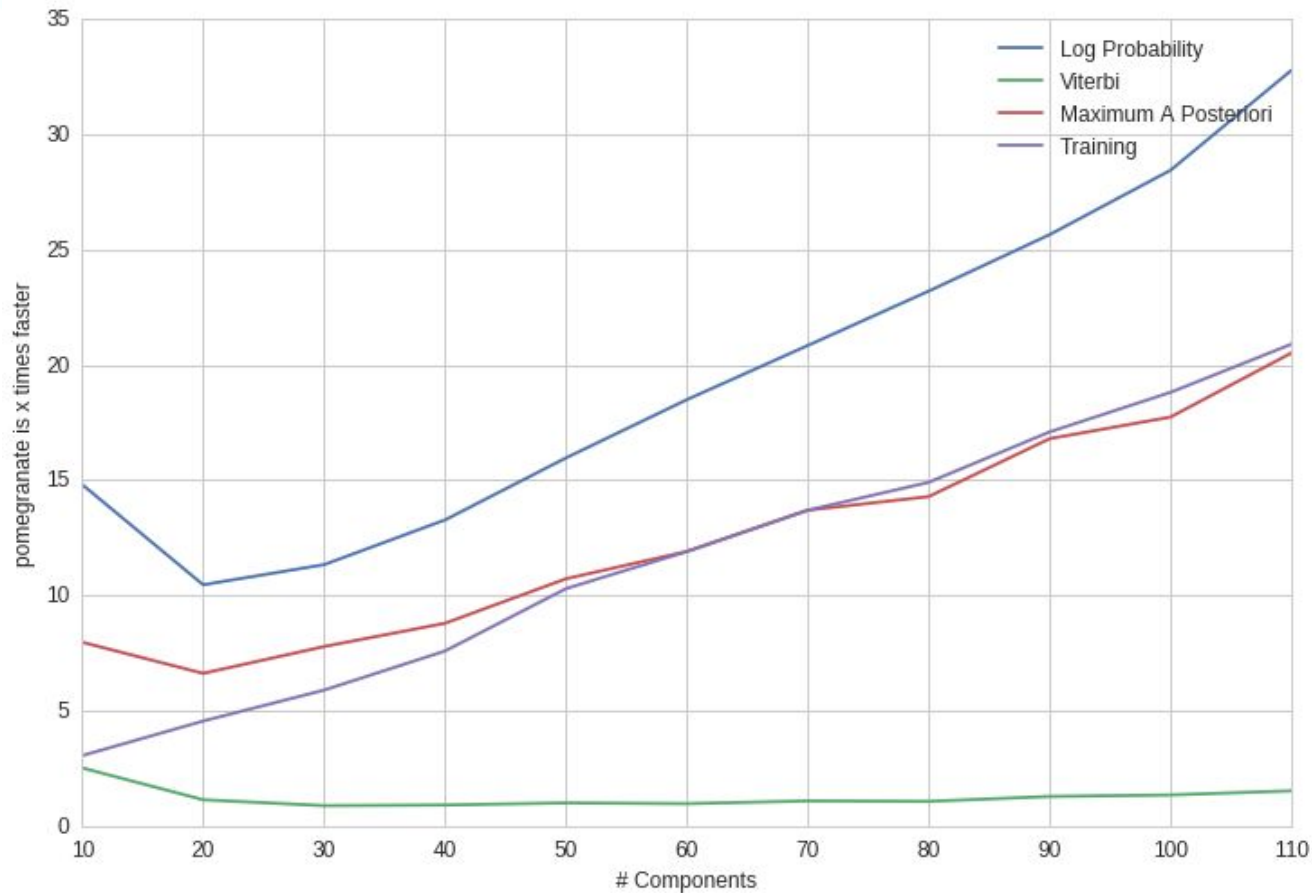
```
d1 = GeneralMixtureModel([NormalDistribution(5, 2), NormalDistribution(5, 4)])
d2 = GeneralMixtureModel([NormalDistribution(15, 1), NormalDistribution(15, 5)])

s1 = State(d1, name="GMM1")
s2 = State(d2, name="GMM2")

model = HiddenMarkovModel()
model.add_states(s1, s2)
model.add_transition(model.start, s1, 0.75)
model.add_transition(model.start, s2, 0.25)
model.add_transition(s1, s1, 0.85)
model.add_transition(s1, s2, 0.15)
model.add_transition(s2, s2, 0.90)
model.add_transition(s2, s1, 0.10)
model.bake()
```



HMMs are faster than hmmlearn





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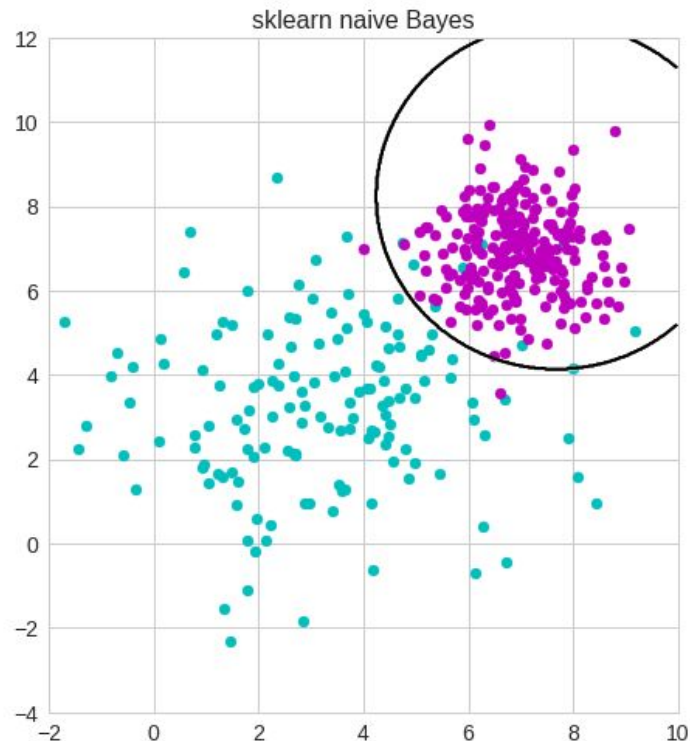
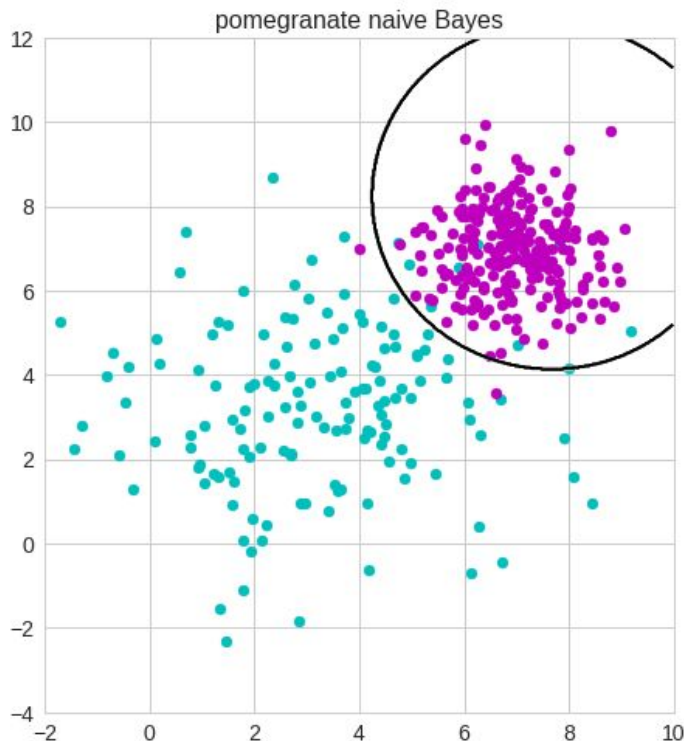
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Naive Bayes produces ellipsoid boundaries



```
model = NaiveBayes.from_samples(NormalDistribution, X, y)
```




Naive Bayes assumes independent features

$$\textit{Posterior} = \frac{\textit{Likelihood} * \textit{Prior}}{\textit{Normalization}}$$

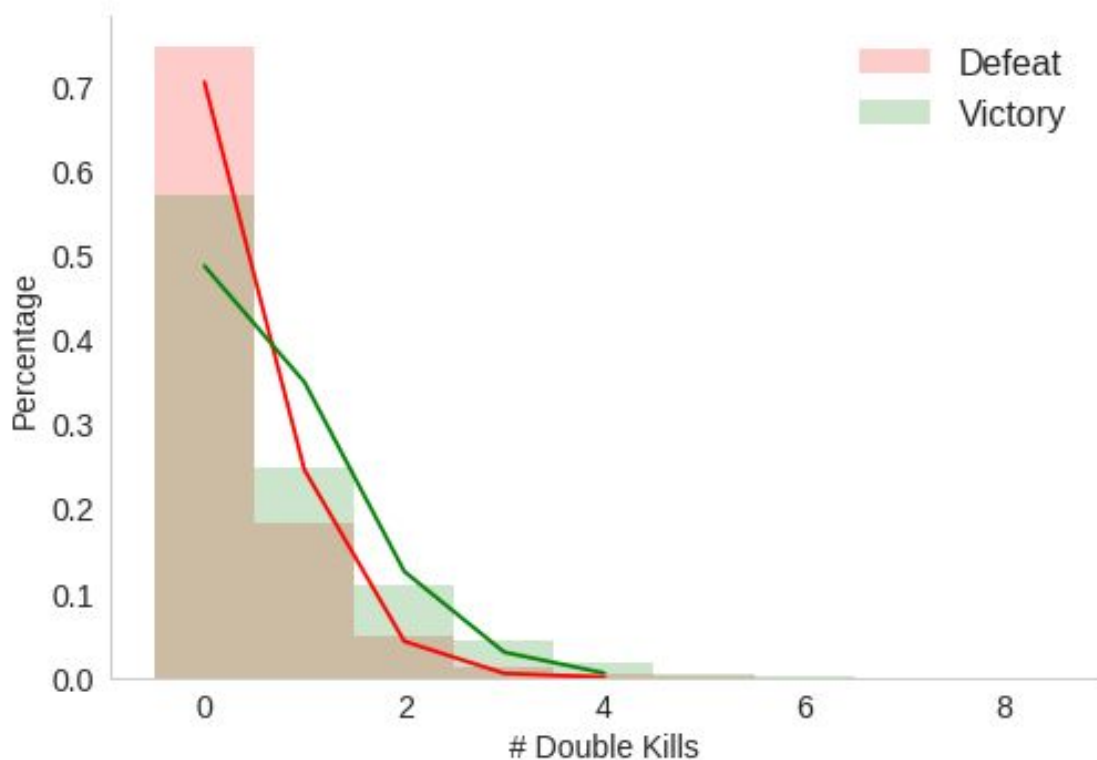
$$P(M|D) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d P(D_i|M)P(M)}{\sum_M \prod_{i=1}^d P(D_i|M)P(M)}$$

The background of the image is a detailed illustration of a fantasy landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, jagged rock formations and some green pine trees on the left. In the middle ground, there are several stone statues and ruins, some of which are glowing with a bright blue light. In the background, there are more ruins and a large, ornate stone structure that looks like a temple or a castle. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is that of a high-quality video game background.

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS®

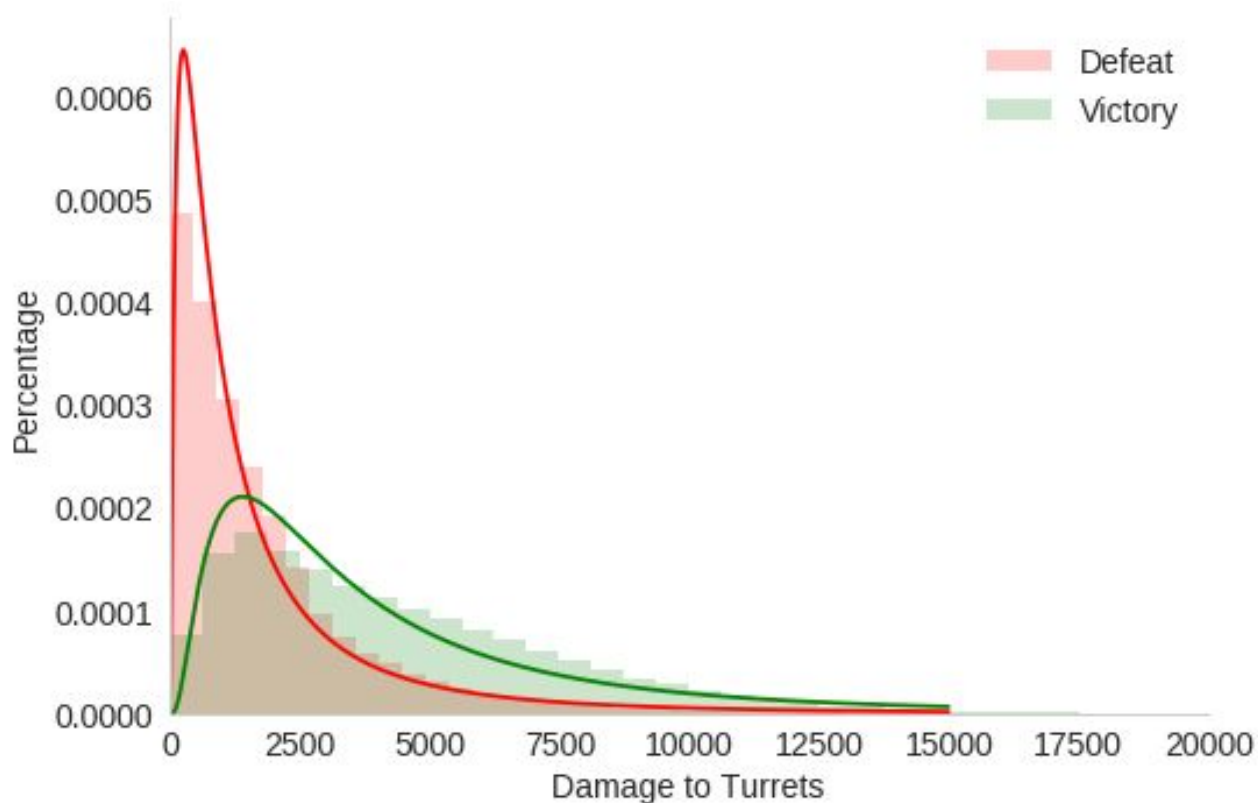


Data can fall under different distributions



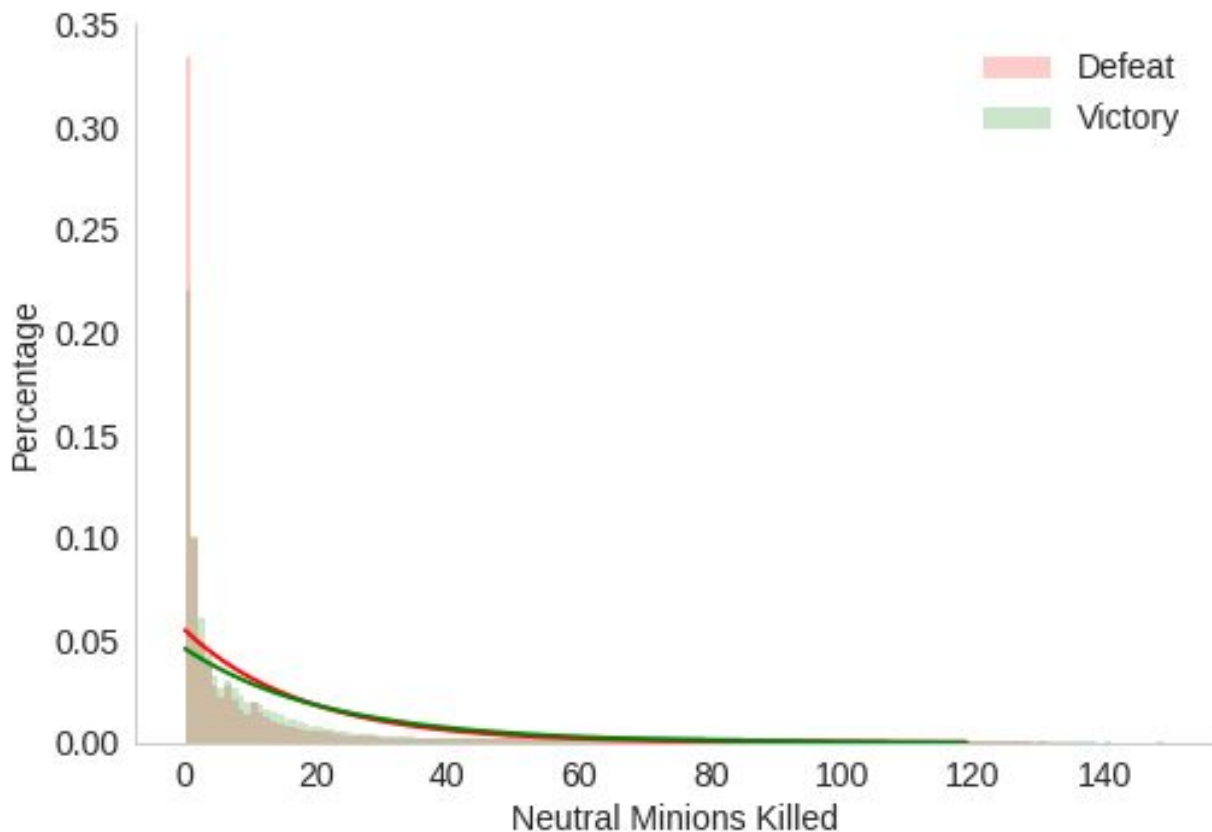


Data can fall under different distributions





Data can fall under different distributions





Using appropriate distributions is better

```
dists = [LogNormalDistribution, PoissonDistribution,  
ExponentialDistribution, PoissonDistribution]
```

```
model1 = NaiveBayes.from_samples(NormalDistribution, X, y)  
model2 = NaiveBayes.from_samples(dists, X, y)  
model3 = GaussianNB().fit(X, y)
```

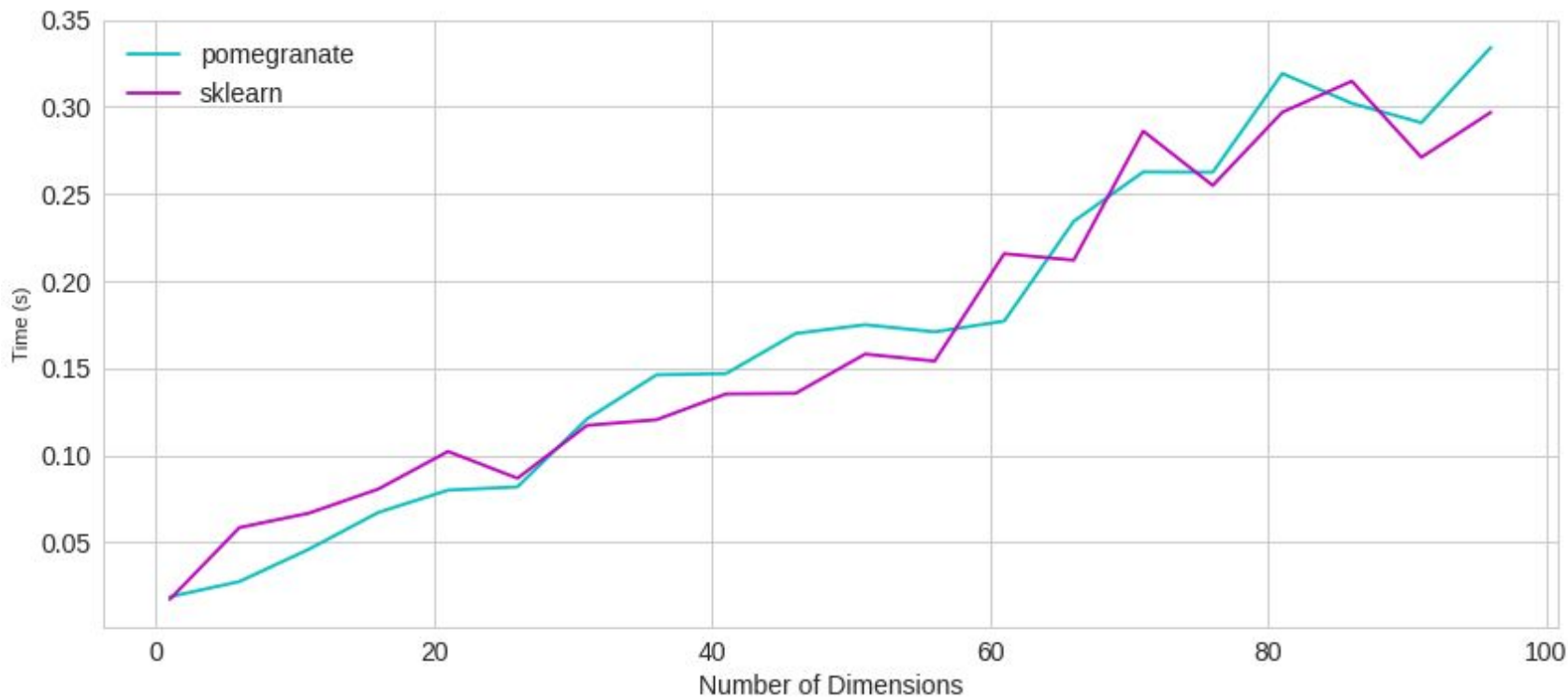
Gaussian Naive Bayes: 0.711

sklearn Gaussian Naive Bayes: 0.711

Heterogeneous Naive Bayes: 0.726



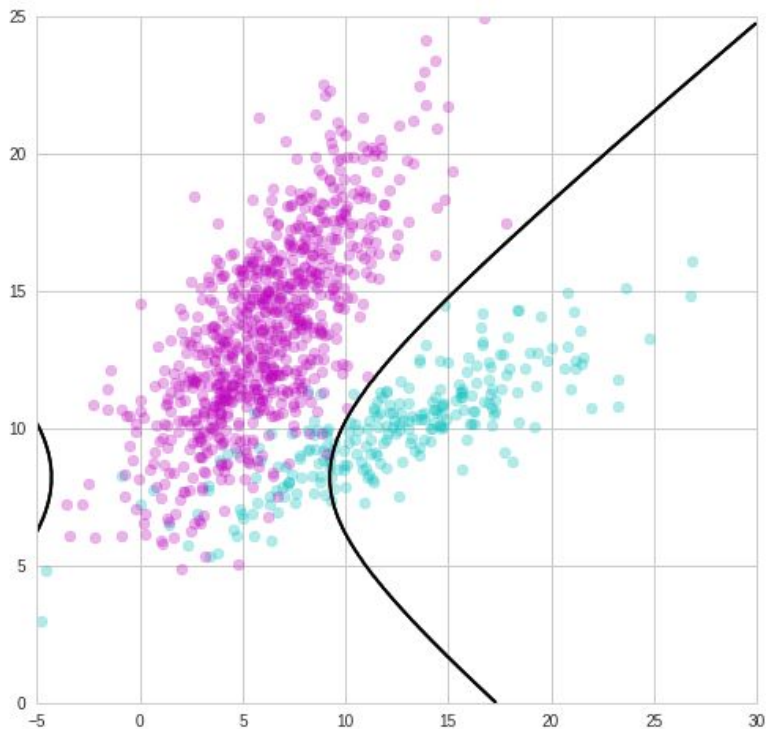
This additional flexibility is just as fast



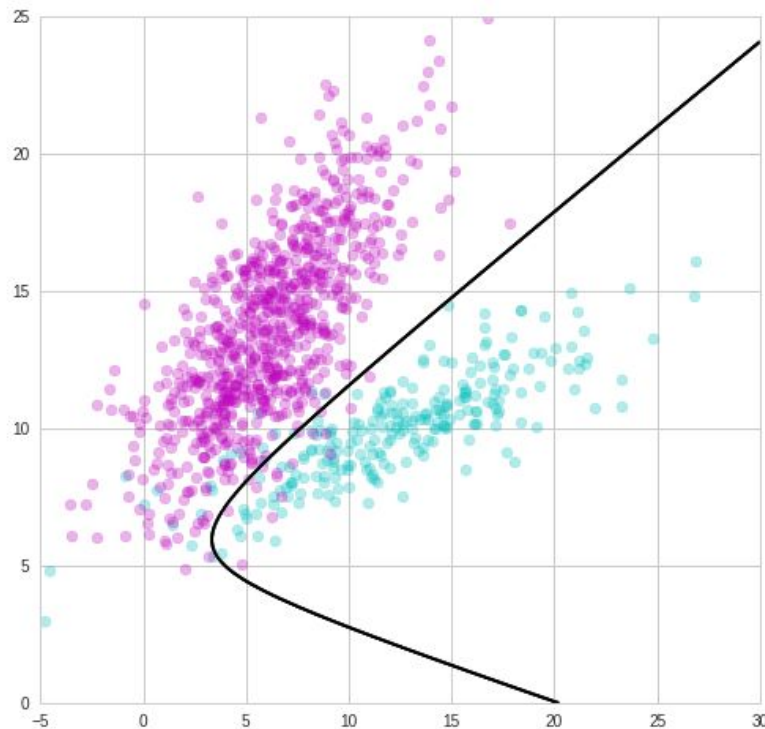


Bayes classifiers don't require independence

naive accuracy: 0.929

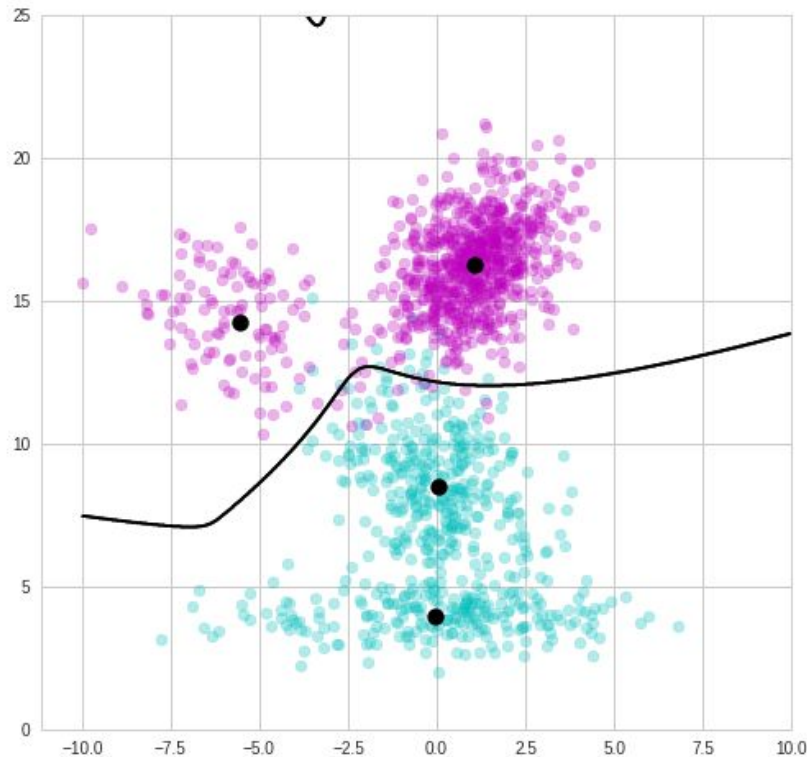
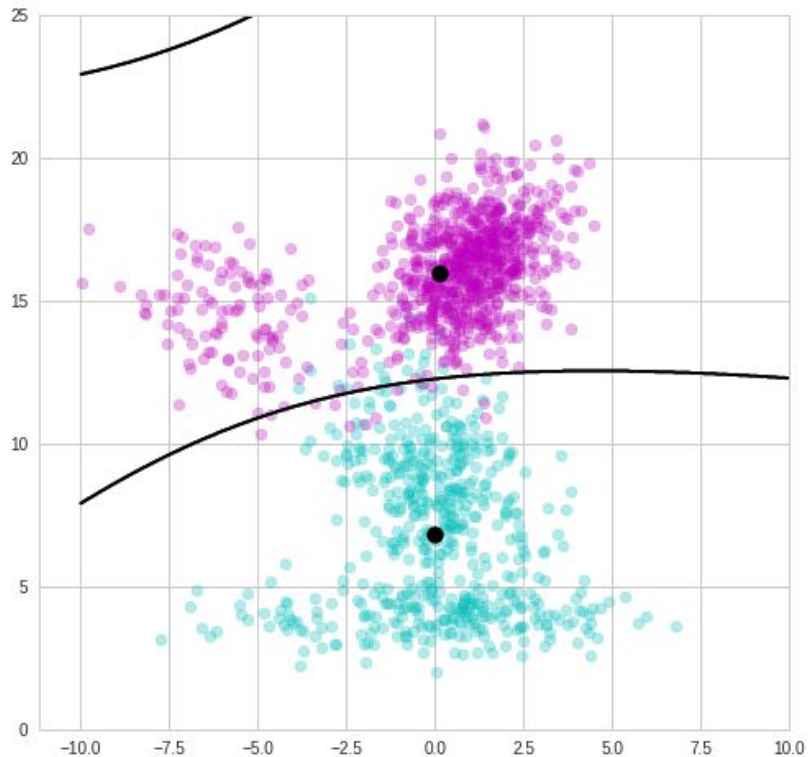


bayes classifier accuracy: 0.966





Gaussian mixture model Bayes classifier





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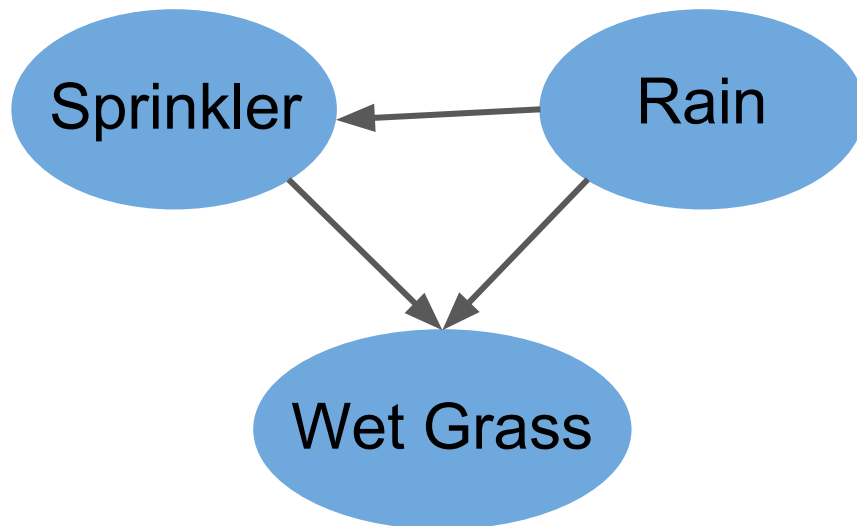
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Bayesian networks

Bayesian networks are powerful inference tools which define a dependency structure between variables.

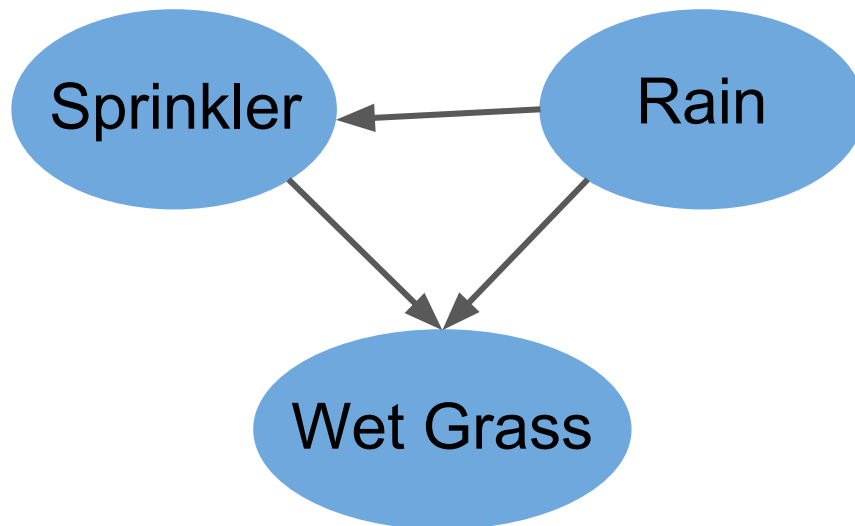




Bayesian networks

Two main difficult tasks:

- (1) Inference given incomplete information
- (2) Learning the dependency structure from data





Bayesian network structure learning

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Three primary ways:

- “Search and score” / Exact
- “Constraint Learning” / PC
- Heuristics



Bayesian network structure learning

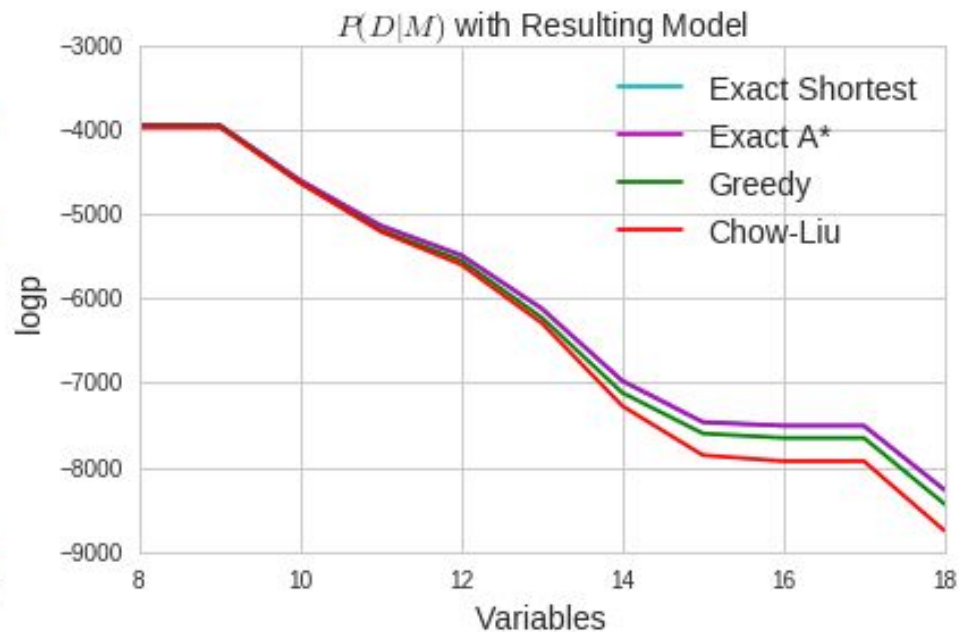
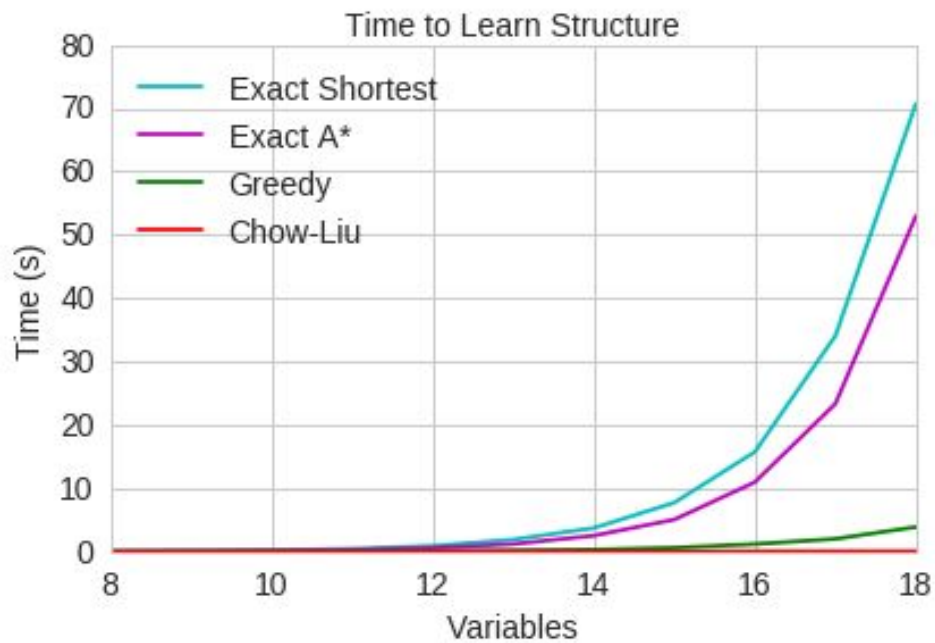
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pomegranate supports:

- “Search and score” / Exact
- “Constraint Learning” / PC
- Heuristics



pomegranate supports four algorithms





BNSL is hard due to acyclicity requirement

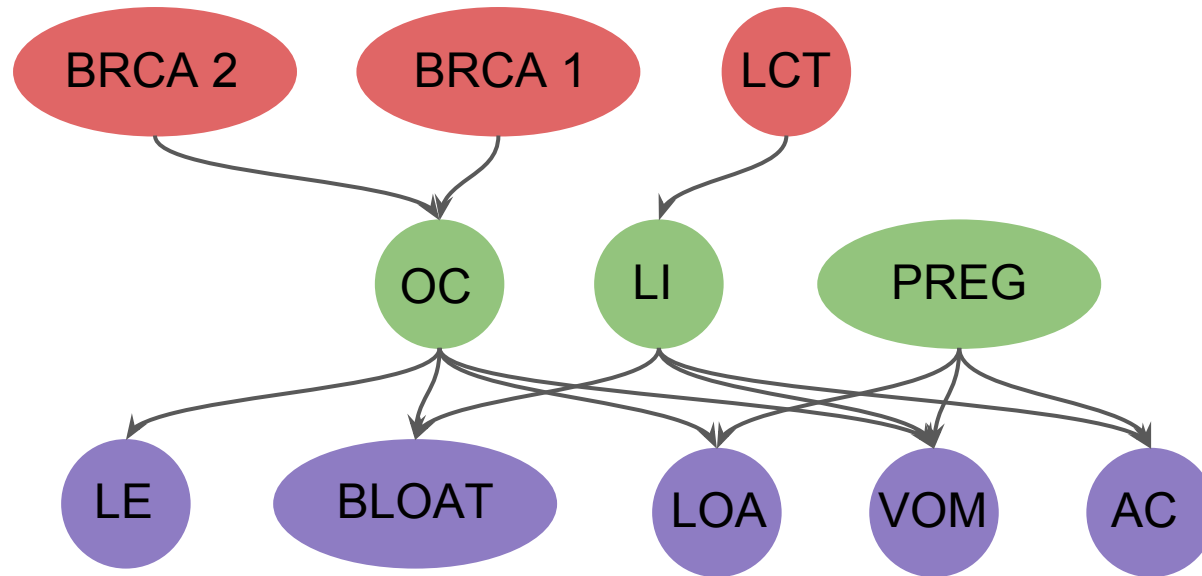
Easy! Tractable!

Global Parameter Independence: The parents of some variable A are independent of the parents of some variable B given that they don't form a cycle in the resulting graph

Hard! Exponential Time!

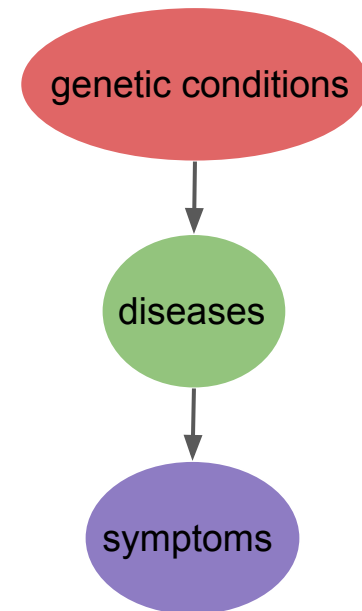
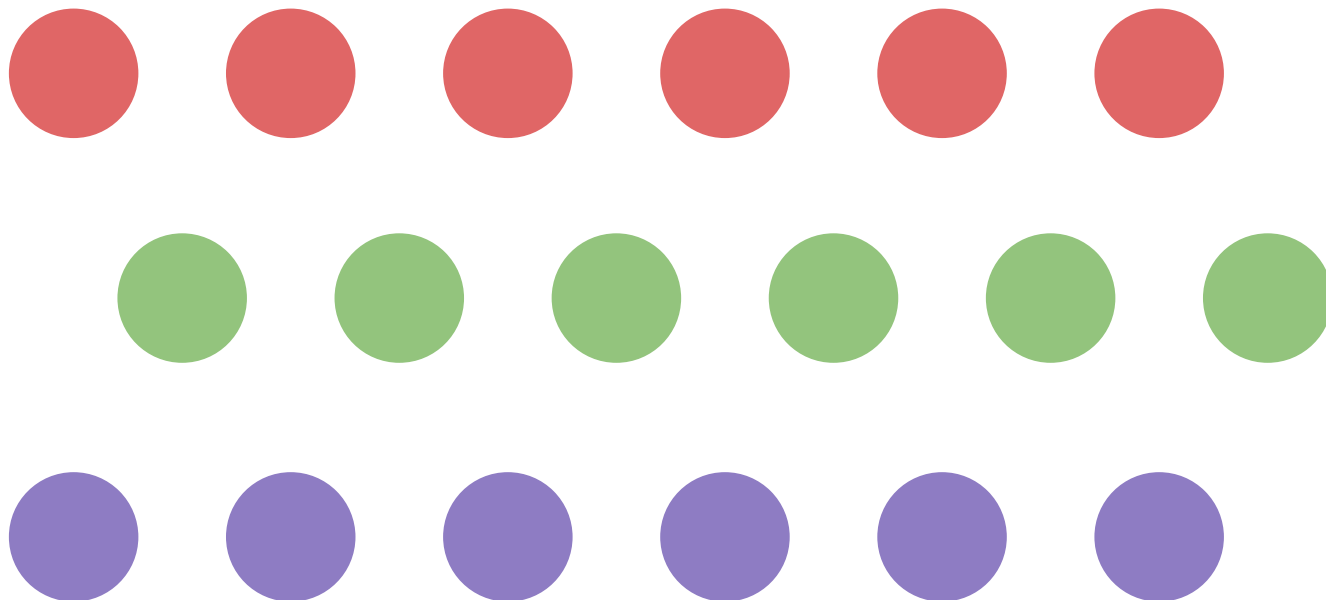


Medical diagnosis Bayesian network





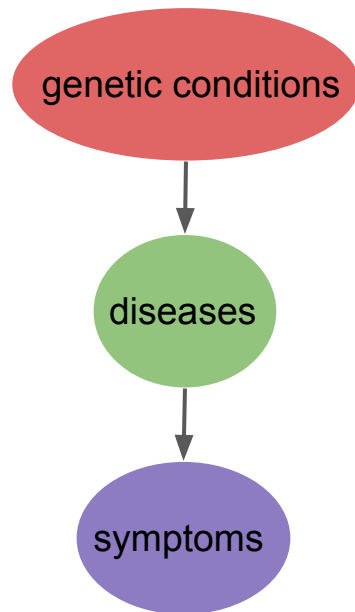
Constraint graphs merge data + knowledge





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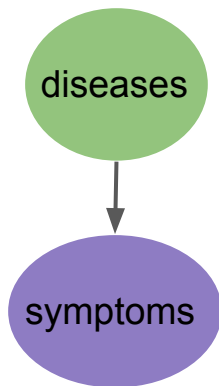




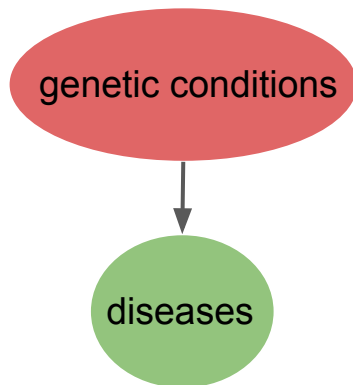
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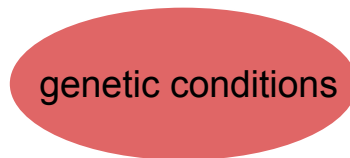
Task #1



Task #2

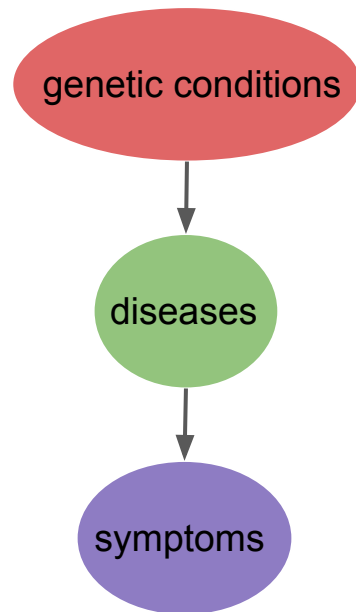
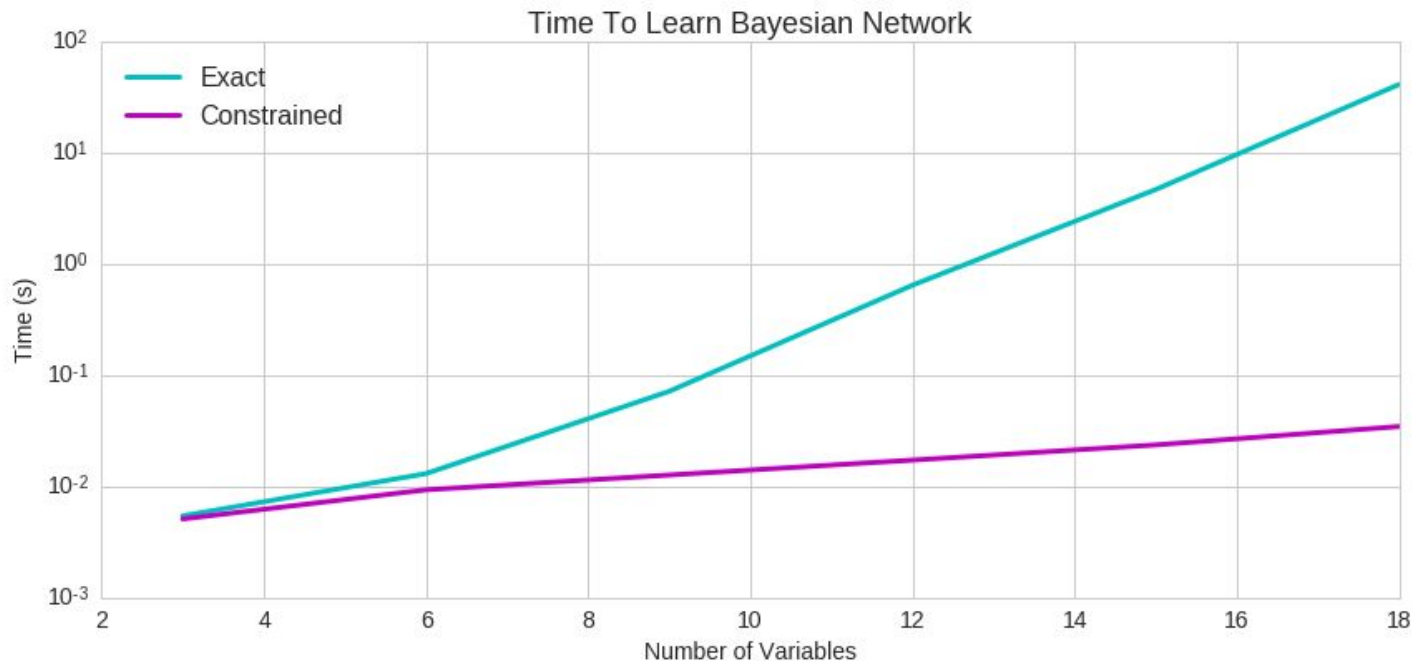


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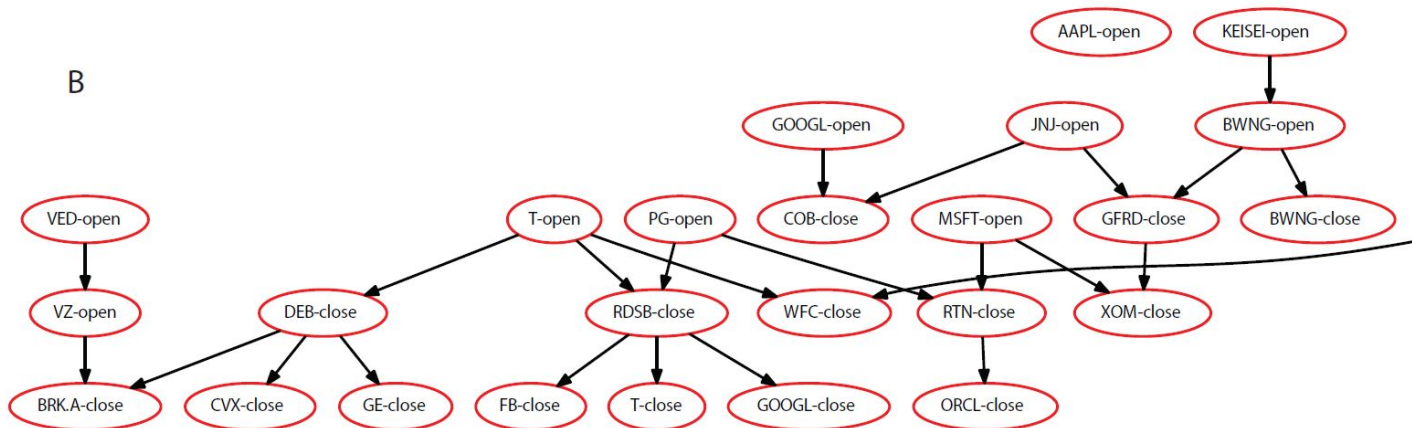
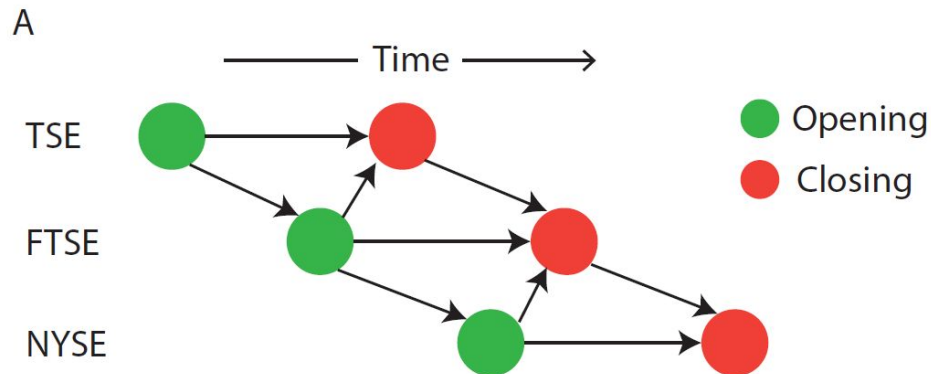


Constraint graphs merge data + knowledge





Modeling the global stock market





Finding the optimal Bayesian network given a constraint graph

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ABSTRACT

Despite recent algorithmic improvements, learning the optimal structure of a Bayesian network from data is typically infeasible past a few dozen variables. Fortunately, domain knowledge can frequently be exploited to achieve dramatic computational savings, and in many cases domain knowledge can even make structure learning tractable. Several methods have previously been described for representing this type of structural prior



Overview

pomegranate is **more flexible** than other packages, **faster**, is **intuitive to use**, and can do it all **in parallel**



What's next?

Missing value support

Conversion from Cython to numba

Linear Gaussian Bayesian networks

Research in ancestral constraints for Bayesian network structure learning



Paper preprint available on arxiv!

pomegranate: fast and flexible probabilistic modeling in python

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Abstract

We present pomegranate, an open source machine learning package for probabilistic modeling in Python. Probabilistic modeling encompasses a wide range of methods that explicitly describe uncertainty using probability distributions. Three widely used probabilistic models implemented in pomegranate are general mixture models, hidden Markov models, and Bayesian networks. A primary focus of pomegranate is to abstract away the complexities of training models from their definition. This allows users to focus on specifying the correct model for their



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pomegranate is a Python module for fast and flexible probabilistic modeling inspired by the design of scikit-learn. A primary focus of pomegranate is to abstract away the intricacies of a model from its definition, allowing users to easily prototype with complex models and training strategies. Its modular implementation allows for probability distributions to be swapped in or out for each other with ease and for models to be stacked within each other, yielding such delights as a mixture of Bayesian networks or a Gaussian mixture model Bayes classifier.

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The next level up are probabilistic models which use the simple distributions in more complex ways. A markov chain can extend a simple probability distribution to say that the probability of a certain word depends on the word(s) which have been said previously. A hidden Markov model may say that the probability of a certain words depends on the latent/hidden state of the previous word,

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PyMC3, Edward, PyStan?

Pomegranate implements probabilistic models that do not require samplers perform inference with, whereas these packages focus on the implementation of efficient samplers

Model hyperparameters in pomegranate are numbers, whereas they are typically distributions in these other packages. This allows uncertainty in model parameters to be explicitly captured.

Pomegranate focuses on discrete latent state (but discrete/continuous observed state) whereas these focus on continuous latent state