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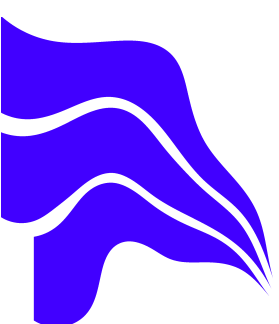
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# Motivation

## Screening for Cervical Cancer:

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) in uterine cervix has shown causative effect on developing cervical cancer, i.e. an important factor when screening for cervical cancer.

For 106 women HPV in uterine cervix detected by 4 screening methods:

- ▶ smear analysed in microscopy
- ▶ biopsy analysed in microscopy
- ▶ smear analysed by DNA
- ▶ biopsy analysed in DNA

Which method is best to screen for cervical cancer?

Problems:

- ▶ True class unknown
- ▶ Two levels of uncertainty
- ▶ Test results dependent



Solution:

Bayesian approach to a two stage latent structure model / directed graphical model

# Directed Graphical Models

## Directed Graphical Model:

Defined by

- Directed Acyclic Graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ 
  - $V$ : set of vertices
  - $E$ : set of directed edges
- joint distribution of  $V$  is directed Markov wrt. to  $\mathcal{G}$

Recursive factorization:

$$p(V) = \prod_{v \in V} p(v | \text{pa}(v))$$

Directed local Markov property:

$$v \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{nd}(v) \mid \text{pa}(v)$$

Lauritzen(1996)

Terminology:

Vertices

$$V = X \cup Y \cup \Theta$$

where

$X$ : observed data

$Y$ : unobserved data and/or latent variables

$\Theta$ : parameters

Inference about  $\Theta$

## — Bayesian Inference by MCMC Methods —

**Bayesian Inference:** all quantities random

Prior  $p(\theta)$

Posterior  $p(\theta|x) = \int p(\mathbf{y}, \theta|x) d\mathbf{y}$  intractable integral

**Gibbs Sampling:**

Successively simulate values from the **full conditionals**

$$p(v|V \setminus v) \propto p(v|pa(v)) \prod_{w:v \in pa(w)} p(w|pa(w)), \quad v \in Y \cup \Theta$$

Converges to a Markov chain with **stationary distribution**  $p(\mathbf{y}, \theta|x)$

- **Marginalize** by considering only parts of simulated values
- **Inference** is based on summary statistics of simulated values

Spiegelhalter(1998)

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# — Bayesian Inference by MCMC Methods —

Software:

- BUGS (Bayesian inference Using Gibbs Sampling)  
Spiegelhalter et al (1996)
- CODA (Convergence Diagnostics and Output Analysis)  
Best et al (1996)

Prior: a prerequisite

- information - a strength
- no/little information - a prior with large variance chosen almost per default

Influence of prior? → Prior sensitivity analysis by likelihood inference

# — Likelihood Inference by MCMC Methods —

## Likelihood Inference:

Likelihood in  $\theta_0$  (specific parameter value)

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta_0|x) &= \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta_0) d\mathbf{y} && \text{intractable integral} \\ &= \iint p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta_0) p(\theta) d\mathbf{y} d\theta && (\int p(\theta) d\theta = 1) \\ &= \iint \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta_0)}{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta)} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta) p(\theta) d\mathbf{y} d\theta \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}) \iint \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta_0)}{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta)} p(\mathbf{y}, \theta|x) d\mathbf{y} d\theta && (p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta) p(\theta) = p(\mathbf{y}, \theta|x) p(\mathbf{x})) \end{aligned}$$

Likelihood Approximation by Gibbs Sampling:

Sample  $(\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \theta^{(1)}), (\mathbf{y}^{(2)}, \theta^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{y}^{(N)}, \theta^{(N)})$  from  $p(\mathbf{y}, \theta|x)$  [BUGS]

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}(\theta_0|x) &\propto \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}|\theta_0)}{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}|\theta^{(j)})} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \prod_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{ch}(\Theta)} \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|p_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}, \theta_0) p(\mathbf{y}^{(j)}|p_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}, \theta_0)}{p(\mathbf{x}|p_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}, \theta^{(j)}) p(\mathbf{y}^{(j)}|p_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}, \theta^{(j)})} \end{aligned}$$

# — Likelihood Inference by MCMC Methods —

Profile Log-likelihood:

$$\log \hat{L}(\theta_i | \mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\Theta \setminus i} \log L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x})$$

Profile Log-likelihood Approximation by Gibbs Sampling:

1. Compute  $\log \tilde{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 | \mathbf{x})$  in grid formed by quantiles of Gibbs output  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(1)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(2)}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(N)}$
2. Maximize over the grid to approximate profile log-likelihood

Profile Log-likelihood Approximation of Function of Parameters:

1. Compute function value of each grid point and pair this with corresponding log-likelihood approximation
2. Bin pairs wrt. function value
3. Maximize wrt. log-likelihood value over bin to approximate profile log-likelihood of function

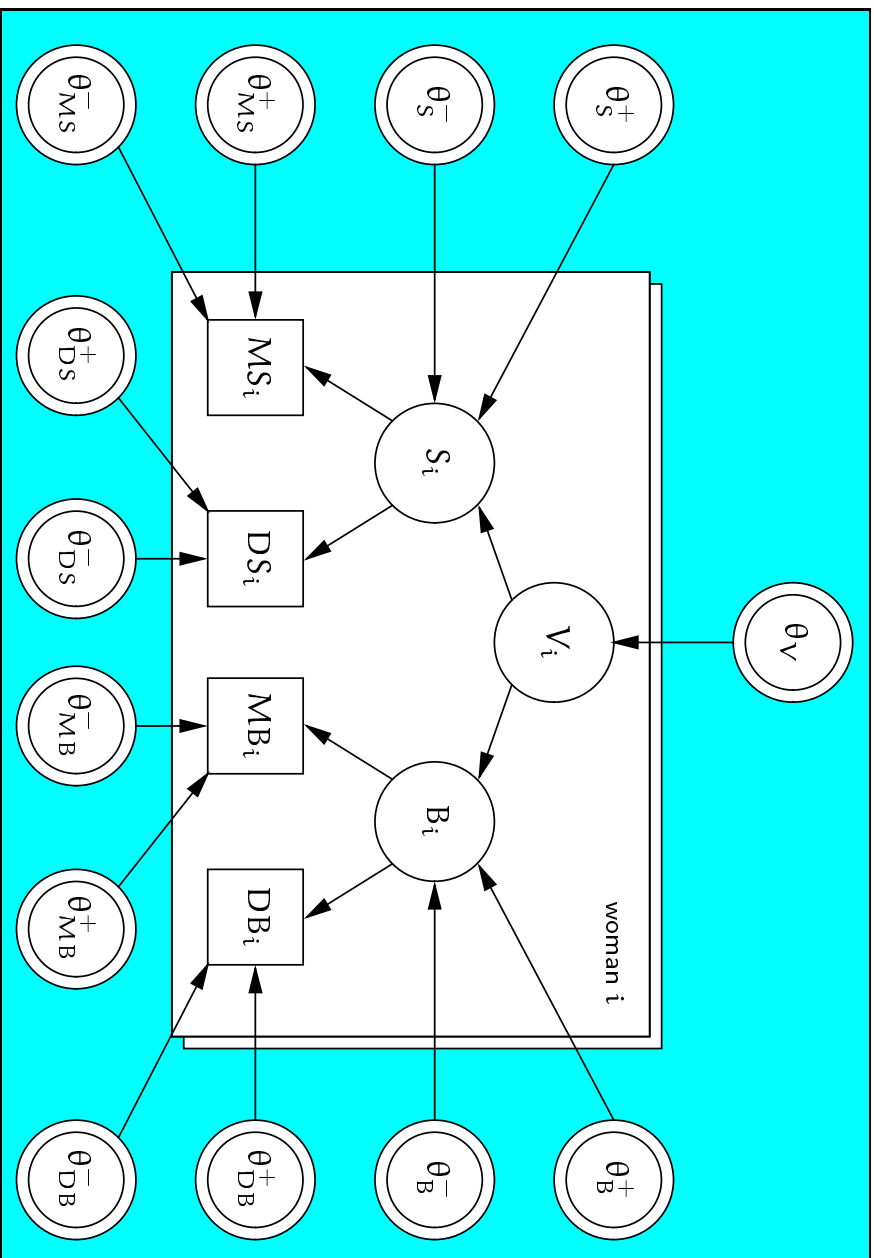
Højbjerg (2002)

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# — Screening for Cervical Cancer —

## Directed Graphical Model:



Højbjerg (2001)

# Screening for Cervical Cancer

For woman  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 106$

$$V_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in uterine cervix} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in uterine cervix} \end{cases}$$

$$S_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in smear} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in smear} \end{cases}$$

$$B_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in biopsy} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in biopsy} \end{cases}$$

$$MS_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in smear by microscopy} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in smear by microscopy} \end{cases}$$

$$DS_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in smear by DNA} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in smear by DNA} \end{cases}$$

$$MB_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in biopsy by microscopy} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in biopsy by microscopy} \end{cases}$$

$$DB_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if HPV in biopsy by DNA} \\ 0 & \text{if HPV not in biopsy by DNA} \end{cases}$$

$$\theta_V = P(V_i = 1)$$

$$V_i | \theta_V \sim \text{Bern}(\theta_V)$$

$$\theta_S^+ = P(S_i = 1 | V_i = 1)$$

$$\theta_S^- = P(S_i = 1 | V_i = 0) \quad S_i | V_i, \theta_S^+, \theta_S^- \sim \text{Bern}(\theta_S^+ V_i + \theta_S^- (1 - V_i))$$

$$\theta_{MS}^+ = P(MS_i = 1 | S_i = 1)$$

$$\theta_{MS}^- = P(MS_i = 1 | S_i = 0) \quad MS_i | S_i, \theta_{MS}^+, \theta_{MS}^- \sim \text{Bern}(\theta_{MS}^+ S_i + \theta_{MS}^- (1 - S_i))$$

# — Screening for Cervical Cancer —

Quantities of interest:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{sen}_{MS} &= P(MS_i = 1 | V_i = 1) \\
 &= \theta_{MS}^- + \theta_S^+ (\theta_{MS}^+ - \theta_{MS}^-) \\
 \text{spe}_{MS} &= P(MS_i = 0 | V_i = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \theta_{MS}^- - \theta_S^- (\theta_{MS}^+ - \theta_{MS}^-) \\
 \text{sends} &= P(DS_i = 1 | V_i = 1) \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

Compare for all methods:

- ▶ sensitivity
- ▶ specificity

Prior:

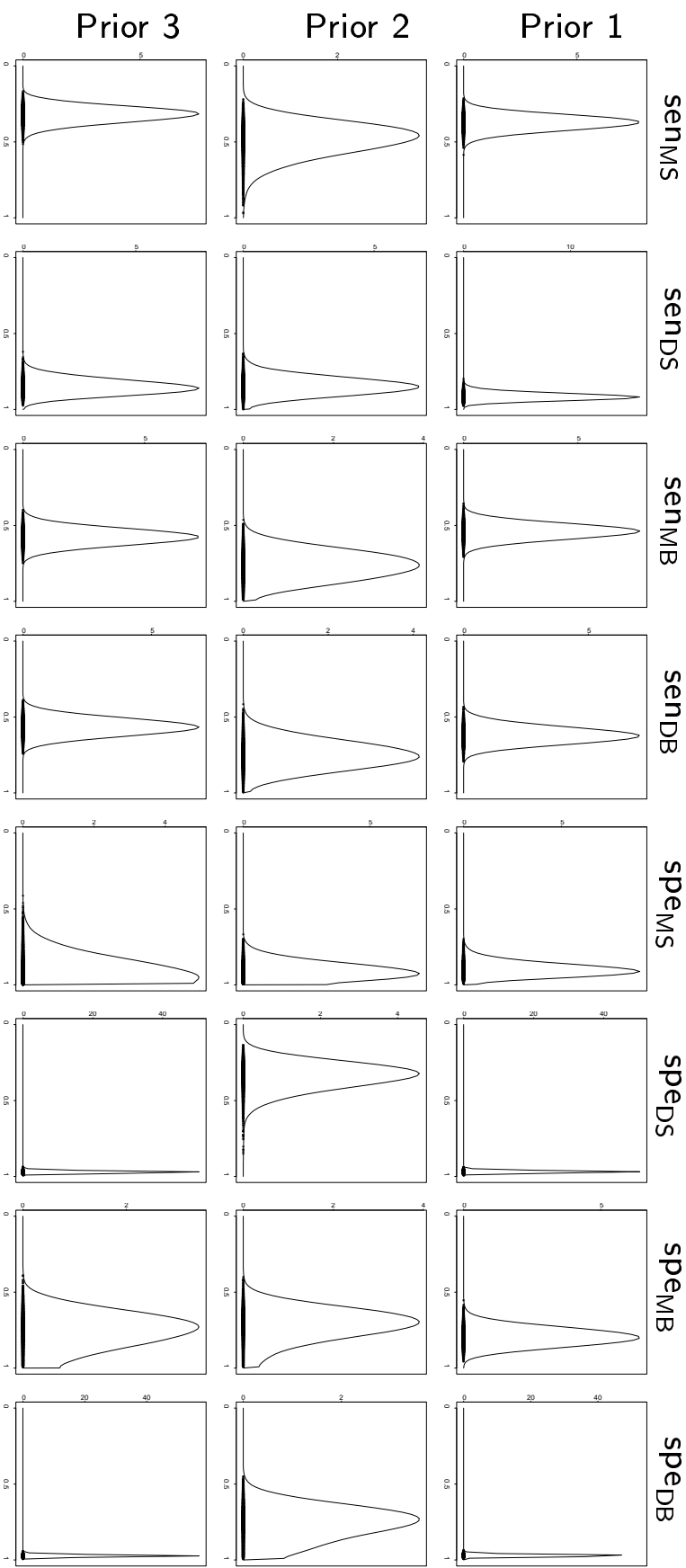
	Prior 1	Prior 2	Prior 3
$\theta_V$	Be(6, 14)	Be(1, 1)	Be(1, 1)
$\theta_S^+$	Be(112, 6)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_S^-$	Be(9, 581)	Be(9, 581)	Be(9, 581)
$\theta_B^+$	Be(3.0, 1.3)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_B^-$	Be(9, 581)	Be(9, 581)	Be(9, 581)
$\theta_{MS}^+$	Be(13.8, 9.2)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_{MS}^-$	Be(3.5, 31.5)	Be(1, 2)	Be(1, 2)
$\theta_{DS}^+$	Be(69.6, 2.2)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_{DS}^-$	Be(9, 581)	Be(1, 2)	Be(9, 581)
$\theta_{MB}^+$	Be(13.8, 9.2)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_{MB}^-$	Be(3.5, 31.5)	Be(1, 2)	Be(1, 2)
$\theta_{DB}^+$	Be(54.4, 4.7)	Be(2, 1)	Be(2, 1)
$\theta_{DB}^-$	Be(9, 581)	Be(1, 2)	Be(9, 581)

$\theta \sim \text{Be}(9, 581)$ :  $\mathbb{E}(\theta) = 0.015$   $2\sqrt{\mathbb{V}(\theta)} = 0.01$   
 Specifies that HPV not in smear or biopsy, if not in cervix and  
 DNA has few false positives

# — Screening for Cervical Cancer —

## Bayesian Analysis:

Posterior:

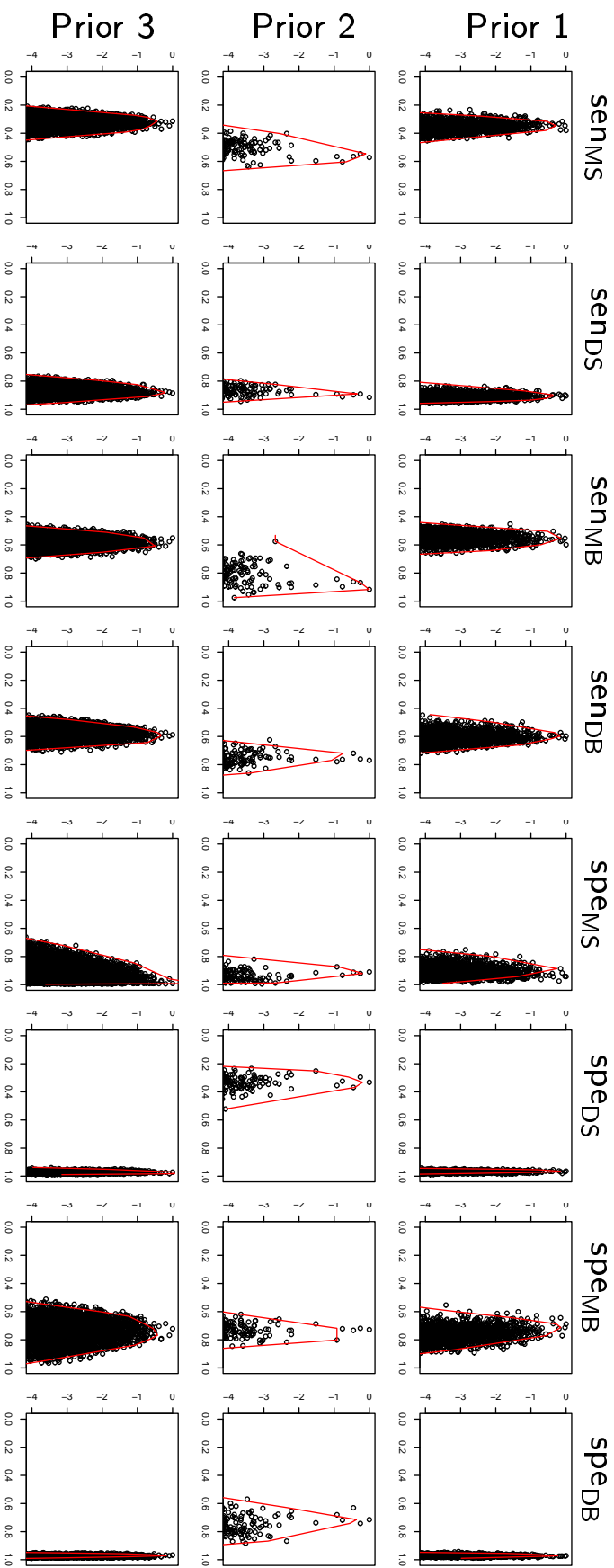


- Prior great influence
- Prior 2 (large variance) contradicts the well-known fact that DNA has few false positives
- ↪ prior sensitivity analysis by approximating profile log-likelihood

# — Screening for Cervical Cancer —

## Likelihood Analysis:

Projected log-likelihood:



DNA has a few false positives

- Conclusions very dependent on prior
- Likelihood analysis reveals problems with default prior

# Screening for Cervical Cancer

## Summary: (Prior 1 and Prior 3)

Parameter	Posterior mean	95% Cred. interval	MLE	95% Conf. interval
sen <sub>MS</sub>	0.32	0.23 – 0.42	0.31	0.26 – 0.40
sen <sub>DS</sub>	0.85	0.76 – 0.93	0.89	0.80 – 0.93
sen <sub>MB</sub>	0.57	0.48 – 0.67	0.55	0.51 – 0.68
sen <sub>DB</sub>	0.58	0.46 – 0.67	0.59	0.50 – 0.67
spe <sub>MS</sub>	0.88	0.68 – 0.99	0.97	0.82 – 0.99
spe <sub>DS</sub>	0.97	0.96 – 0.98	0.97	0.94 – 0.99
spe <sub>MB</sub>	0.75	0.55 – 0.96	0.72	0.60 – 0.87
spe <sub>DB</sub>	0.97	0.96 – 0.98	0.97	0.95 – 0.99

- ▶ Smear analysed by DNA is most sensitive and most specific - based on prior information that DNA has no false positives

### Discussion:

- ▶ Prior sensitivity analysis is possible by MCMC likelihood inference
- ▶ Likelihood analysis reveals problems with default priors - a supplement to the Bayesian analysis
- ▶ Analysis forms basis for a general method to compare discrete measurements where true class unknown

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