#### Learning systems of concepts with an Infinite Relational Model

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#### Dominance relations at this conference



#### Predicate Invention



- a(1). a(6). a(4). b(8). b(2). b(3). b(5). c(9). c(7).
- $r(X,Y) \leftarrow a(X),a(Y). \quad (0.0)$  $r(X,Y) \leftarrow a(X),b(Y). \quad (0.9)$  $r(X,Y) \leftarrow a(X),c(Y). \quad (1.0)$

# Outline

1) Discovering concepts with an Infinite Relational Model (IRM)

2) Discovering the *kind* of relational system that best explains a data set



## An Infinite Relational Model (IRM)



 $\mathbf{R} \qquad R_{ij} \mid z, \eta \; \sim \mathrm{Bernoulli}(\eta_{z_i z_j})$ 

• Goal: find z that maximizes P(z|R)

# An Infinite Relational Model (IRM)

• Goal: find z that maximizes  $P(\mathbf{z}|R) \propto P(R|\mathbf{z})P(\mathbf{z})$ 

$$P(R|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{ab} \frac{B(m_{ab} + \alpha, \bar{m}_{ab} + \beta)}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$$

where  $m_{ab}$  is the number of 1-edges between classes *a* and *b*  $\bar{m}_{ab}$  is the number of 0-edges between classes *a* and *b*  $B(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the Beta function

$$P(z_i = a | z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n_a}{i-1+\gamma} & n_a > 0\\ \frac{\gamma}{i-1+\gamma} & a \text{ is a new class} \end{cases}$$

where  $n_a$  is the number of entities in class a

## The IRM



# Related Work

- Relational models
  - Sociology:
    - Wang and Wong (1987); Nowicki and Snijders (2001)
  - Machine learning:
    - Taskar, Segal and Koller (2001)
    - Wolfe and Jensen (2004)
    - Wang, Mohanty and McCallum (2005)
- Nonparametric Bayesian models
  - Ferguson (1973); Neal (1991)
- Nonparametric Bayesian relational models
  - Carbonetto, Kisynski, de Freitas and Poole (2005)
  - Xu, Tresp, Yu, Kriegel (2006)

# Clustering arbitrary relational systems



- 14 countries
- 54 binary relations representing interactions between countries (eg. exports to, protests against)
- 90 country features

(Rummel, 1965)

# Relation clusters (Rummel, 1965)



joint membership of IGOs



joint membership of NGOs



- 4. Egypt India Israel
- 5. China Cuba Poland USSR



#### negative communications



accusations



protests



#### Feature clusters (Rummel, 1965)

govt domestic violence ntervening militar nilitary personne some censorship no free elections lliteracy govt education \$ seaborne goods communist bloc nigh censorship religious books exports/GNP noncommunist assassinations govt revolution JN delinquent constitutional num religions free elections vestern bloc purges far from US communists neutral bloc otalitarian govt crisis rainfall elitist

Brazil Netherlands UK USA Burma Indonesia Jordan Egypt India Israel China Cuba Poland

# **Towards Richer Representations**





a(1). a(6). a(4). b(8). b(2). b(3). b(5). c(9). c(7).

- $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}) \leftarrow \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{Y}). \quad (0.0)$
- $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}) \leftarrow \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{Y}). \quad (0.9)$
- $r(X,Y) \leftarrow a(X), c(Y).$  (1.0)

- The concepts discovered by the IRM can serve as primitives in complex logical theories
  - cf. Craven and Slattery (2001); Popescul and Ungar (2004)

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#### Structural forms











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 $z \mid \gamma \quad \sim \operatorname{CRP}(\gamma)$  $P(S|z,F) \propto 1$  if S consistent with z and F



**R**  $R_{ij} | z, \eta \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\eta_{z_i z_j})$ 

• Goal: find S that maximizes P(S|R,F)

#### Learning structural forms





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S

R

• We place a uniform prior over the set of forms and search for the S and F that maximize P(S,F|R)



# Friendship groups (MacRae, Gagnon)





#### Bush Cabinet







#### Conclusions

1) The IRM discovers concepts (unary predicates) and relationships between these concepts.

2) An extended version of the IRM can discover abstract structural properties of a relational system.