

Artificial Intelligence

13. Bayesian Networks

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Reminder: Elementary Probability

- Basic laws: $0 \leq P(\omega) \leq 1$ $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = 1$
- Events: subsets of Ω : $P(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} P(\omega)$
- Random variable $X(\omega)$ has a value in each ω
 - Distribution $P(X)$ gives probability for each possible value x
 - Joint distribution $P(X,Y)$ gives total probability for each combination x,y
- Summing out/marginalization: $P(X=x) = \sum_y P(X=x,Y=y)$
- Conditional probability: $P(X|Y) = P(X,Y)/P(Y)$
- Product rule: $P(X|Y)P(Y) = P(X,Y) = P(Y|X)P(X)$
 - Generalize to chain rule: $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$

Bayes' Rule

- The product rule both ways: $P(a | b) P(b) = P(a, b) = P(b | a) P(a)$
- Dividing left and right expressions, we get the Bayes' Rule

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(b | a) P(a)}{P(b)}$$



- Why is this at all helpful?
 - Lets us build one conditional from its reverse
 - Often one conditional is tricky but the other one is simple
 - Describes an “update” step from prior $P(a)$ to posterior $P(a | b)$
 - Foundation of many AI systems
- In the running for the most important AI equation!

Inference with Bayes' Rule

- Diagnostic probability from causal probability or likelihood

$$P(\text{cause} \mid \text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect} \mid \text{cause}) P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

- Example:

- M: meningitis
- S: stiff neck

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(s \mid m) = 0.8 \\ P(s \mid \neg m) = 0.01 \\ P(m) = 0.0001 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Example} \\ \text{gives} \end{array}$$

$$P(m \mid s) = \frac{P(s \mid m) P(m)}{P(s)} \simeq \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.01}$$

- Posterior probability of meningitis still very small: **0.008**
 - You should still get stiff necks checked out! Why?

Independence

- Two variables X and Y are (absolutely) **independent** if

$$\forall x, y \quad P(x, y) = P(x) P(y)$$

- The joint distribution **factors** into a product of two simpler distributions
- Equivalently, via the product rule $P(x, y) = P(x|y) P(y)$,

$$P(x | y) = P(x) \quad \text{or} \quad P(y | x) = P(y)$$



Independence

- Example: two dice rolls Roll_1 and Roll_2
 - $P(\text{Roll}_1=5, \text{Roll}_2=3) = P(\text{Roll}_1=5) P(\text{Roll}_2=3) = 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/36$
 - $P(\text{Roll}_2=3 \mid \text{Roll}_1=5) = P(\text{Roll}_2=3)$



Conditional Independence

- **Conditional independence** is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.
- **X is conditionally independent of Y given Z if and only if:**

$$\forall x, y, z \quad P(x \mid y, z) = P(x \mid z)$$

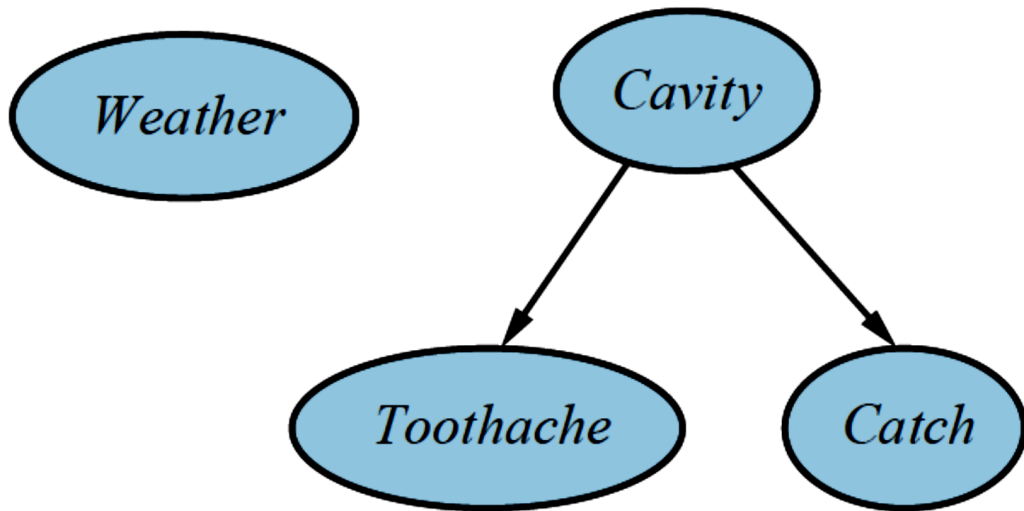
$$P(y \mid x, z) = P(y \mid z)$$

or, equivalently, if and only if

$$\forall x, y, z \quad P(x, y \mid z) = P(x \mid z) P(y \mid z)$$

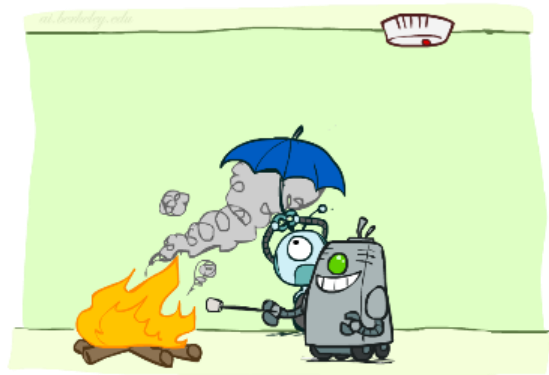
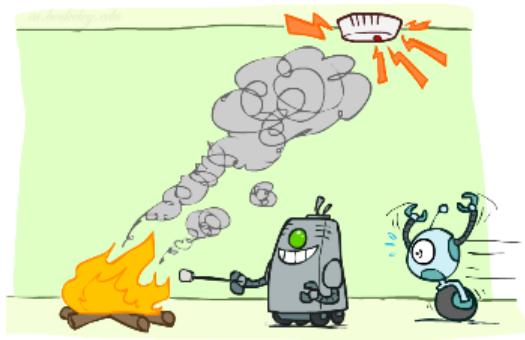
Conditional Independence

- Example
 - Cavity
 - Toothache
 - Catch
 - Weather



Conditional Independence

- What about this domain?
 - Fire
 - Smoke
 - Alarm



Bayesian Networks

Bayes Net Syntax and Semantics



Bayesian Networks (Bayes Nets)



- Full joint probability distribution can answer any query but at the cost of exponentially large joint probability tables
- Absolute and conditional independence among variables can greatly reduce the number of probabilities that need to be specified for defining the full joint distribution
- **Bayes nets**, also called **belief networks**, is a data structure used to represent dependencies among variables
- A Bayes Net is a directed graph where each node is annotated with **conditional probability distributions**
 - A subset of the general class of **probabilistic graphical models**



Bayes Net Syntax

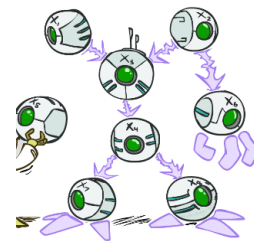
- A set of nodes, one per random variable X_i
 - Can be discrete or continuous
 - Can be assigned (observed) or unassigned (unobserved)
- Directed arrows connect node pairs in a Parent-Child relationship
 - Indicates “direct influence” between variables
 - Absence of arc encodes conditional independence (more later)
 - The resulting graph is a DAG

Weather



Bayes Net Syntax

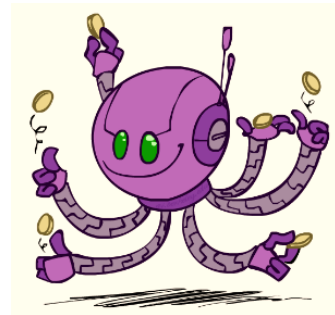
- Each node has associated conditional probability distribution that quantifies the effects of its parents
- Local causality and conditional independence leads to compact representation of the joint distribution
 - Each variable interacting locally with a few others



Bayes net = Topology (graph) + Local Conditional Probabilities

Example: Coin Flips

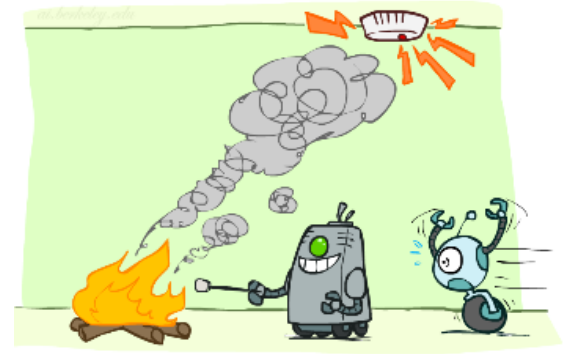
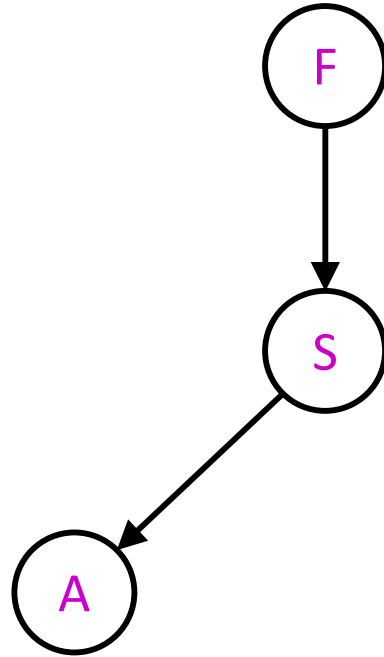
- N independent coin flips



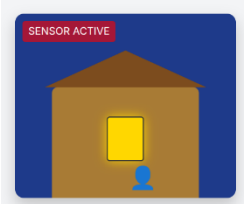
- No interactions between variables: **absolute independence**

Example: Smoke alarm

- Variables:
 - F: There is fire
 - S: There is smoke
 - A: Alarm sounds



Example: IoT Network

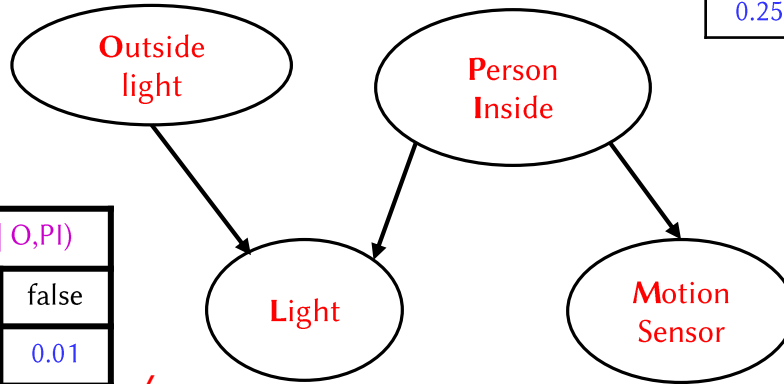


	P(O)	
dark	dim	bright
0.4	0.3	0.3

2

P(PI)	
yes	no
0.25	0.75

1



O	PI	P(L O, PI)	
		true	false
dark	yes	0.99	0.01
dim	yes	0.80	0.20
bright	yes	0.10	0.90
*	no	0.01	0.99

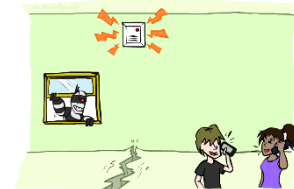
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PI	P(MS PI)	
	true	false
true	0.95	0.05
false	0.01	0.99

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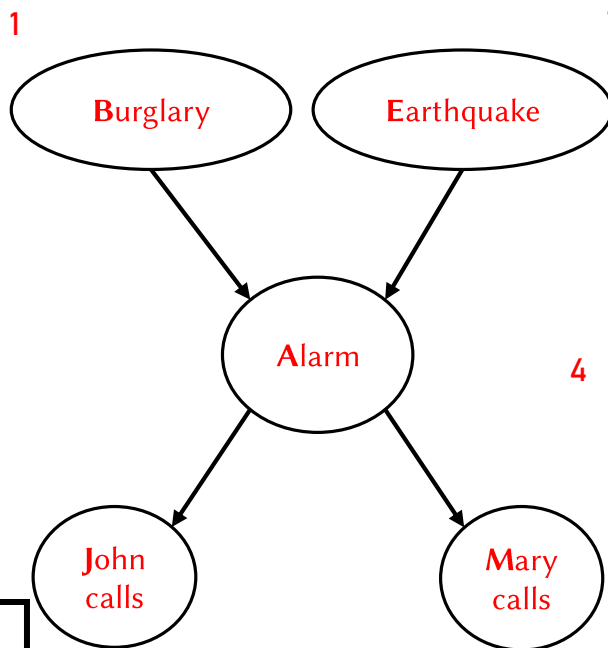
Show: $P(L) = \langle 0.1815, 0.8185 \rangle$
 $P(PI | MS = y) = \langle 0.8333, 0.1667 \rangle$
 $P(L | MS = y, O = \text{dark}) = \langle 0.8287, 0.1733 \rangle$

Example: Alarm Network



1

P(B)	
true	false
0.001	0.999



1

P(E)	
true	false
0.002	0.998

4

B	E	P(A B,E)	
		true	false
true	true	0.95	0.05
true	false	0.94	0.06
false	true	0.29	0.71
false	false	0.001	0.999

2

A	P(J A)	
	true	false
true	0.9	0.1
false	0.05	0.95

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A	P(M A)	
	true	false
true	0.7	0.3
false	0.01	0.99

Number of **free parameters** in each CPT:

1. Parent range sizes $d_1, \dots, d_k$
2. Child range size d
3. Each row must sum to 1

$$(d-1) \prod_i d_i$$

Sparse Bayes Nets

- Suppose
 - n variables
 - Maximum domain size is d
 - Maximum number of parents is k
- Then, full joint distribution has size $O(d^n)$
- But Bayes Net has size $O(n \cdot d^k)$
 - Linear scaling with n as long as causal structure is local
 - Called **sparse networks**

Bayes Net global semantics



- Bayes nets encode joint distributions as product of conditional distributions on each variable

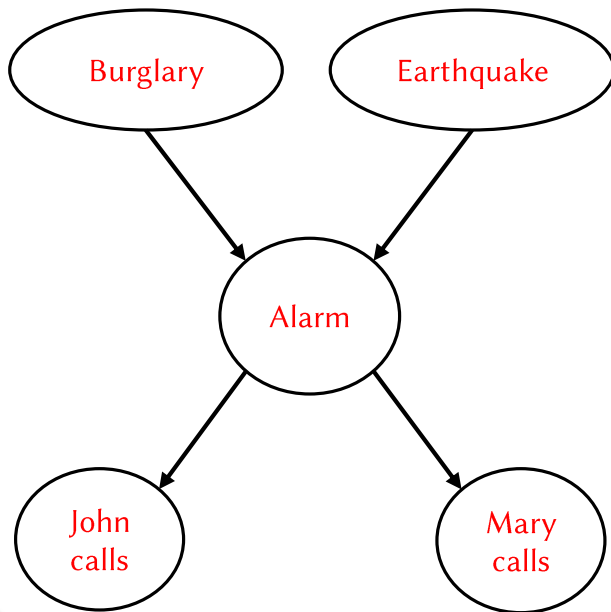
$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

Example

$$P(b, \neg e, a, \neg j, \neg m) = P(b) P(\neg e) P(a|b, \neg e) P(\neg j|a) P(\neg m|a)$$

$$=.001 \times .998 \times .94 \times .1 \times .3 = .000028$$

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Conditional independence in BNs



- Let $X_1, \dots, X_n$ be sorted in **topological order** according to the graph, i.e., parents before children, so

$$\text{Parents}(X_i) \subseteq X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}$$

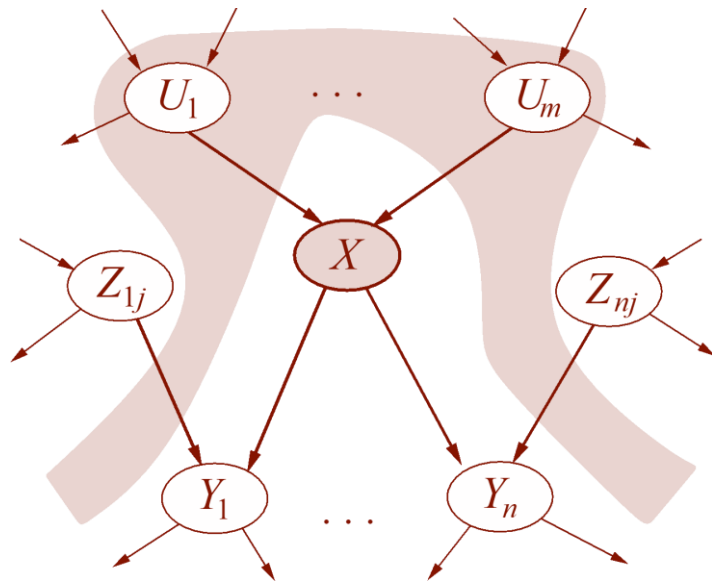
- So the Bayes net asserts conditional independences

$$P(X_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) = P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

- To ensure these are valid, choose parents for node X_i that “shield” it from other predecessors
- $P(M \mid J, A, E, B) = P(M \mid A)$

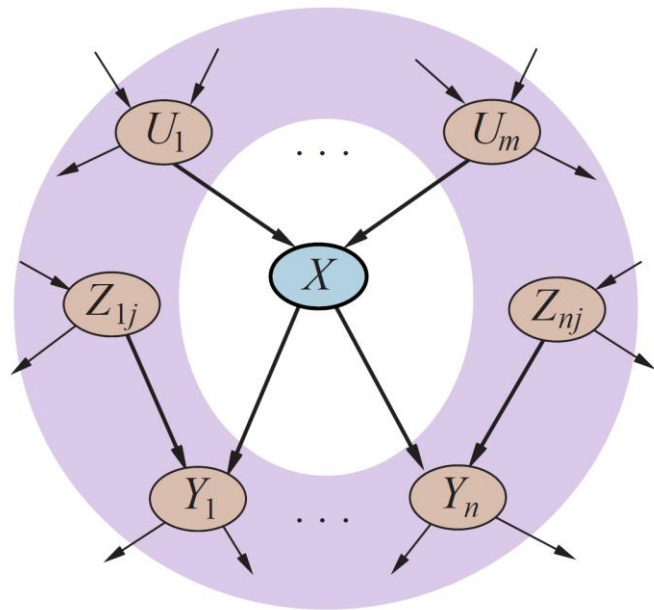
Conditional independence semantics

- Every variable is conditionally independent of its
 - Other predecessors given its parents
 - Non-descendants given its parents



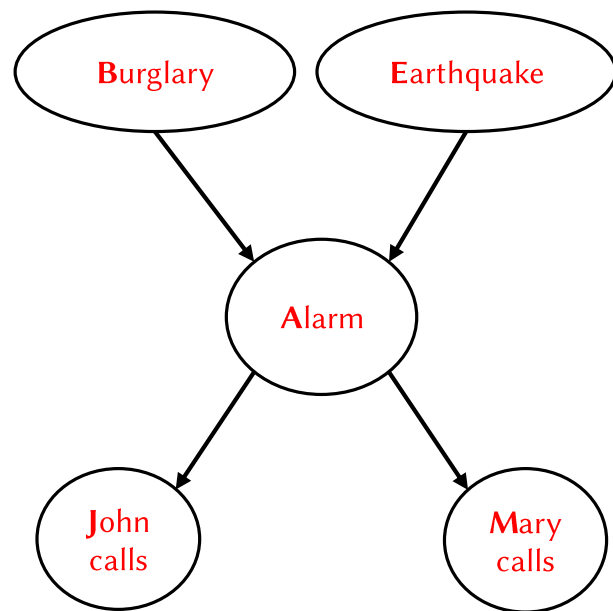
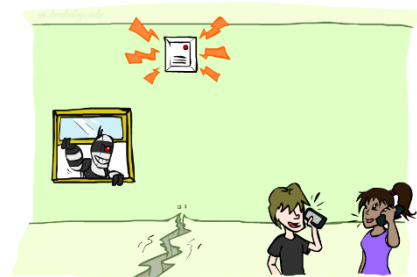
Conditional independence semantics

- **Markov blanket** of a node: parents, children and children's parents
- Every variable is conditionally independent of all other nodes given its Markov blanket
- **d-Separation** is yet another test
 - Moralize the graph
 - Test whether Z blocks all paths from X to Y . If yes, $X \perp Y \mid Z$



Example: Burglary

- $J \perp M \mid A$
 - Markov blanket of J includes A only
- B is not independent of E given A
- $B \perp J, M \mid A, E$



Quiz

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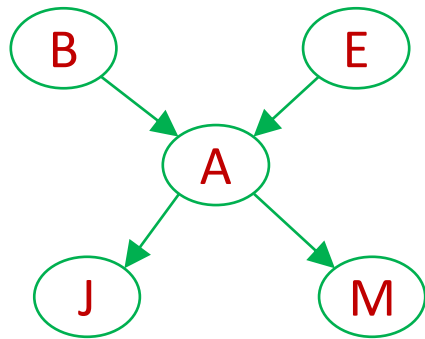
1. How is the joint probability distribution of all variables in a Bayesian network computed?
 - A. By summing the probabilities of each node
 - B. By multiplying probabilities along the longest path
 - C. By multiplying the conditional probabilities of each node given its parents
 - D. By dividing the total probability equally among all nodes

Inference by Enumeration in Bayes Net

- Reminder of inference by enumeration
 - Any probability of interest can be computed by summing entries from the joint distribution:
 - $P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{e})$
 - Entries from the joint distribution can be obtained from a BN by multiplying the corresponding conditional probabilities

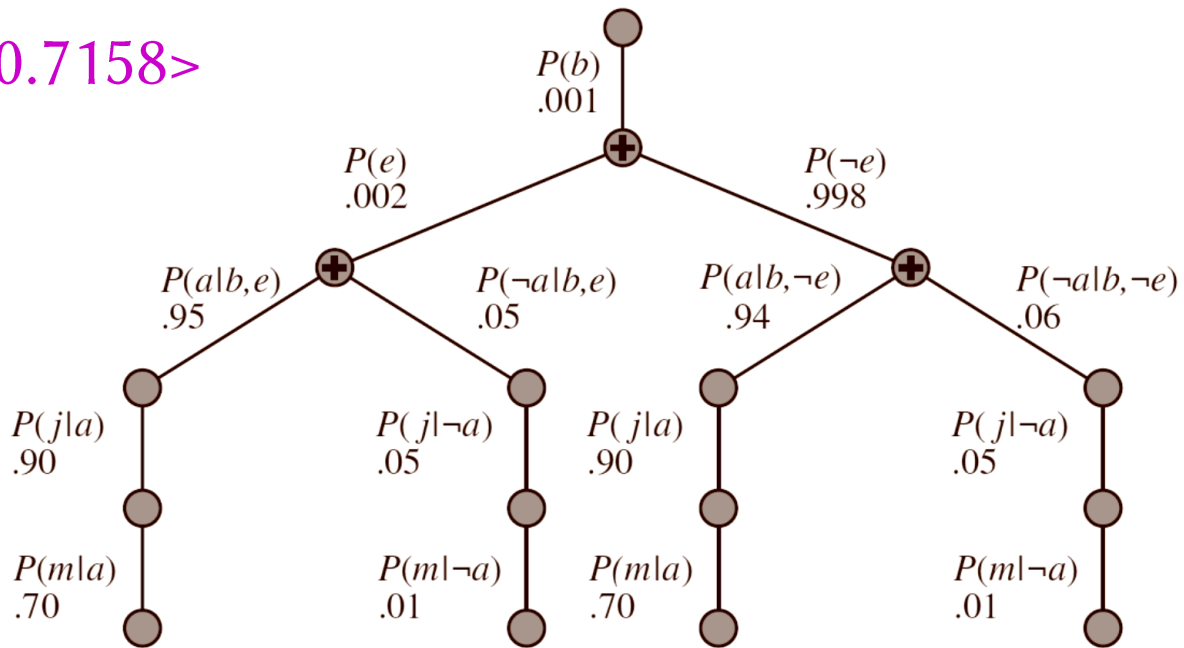
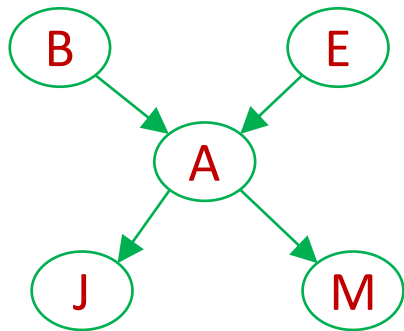
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- $P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(B, e, a, j, m)$
 $= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(B) P(e) P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a)$
- So inference in Bayes nets means computing sums of products of numbers: sounds easy!!
- Problem: sums of **exponentially many** products!



Inference by Enumeration in Bayes Net

- $P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha P(B) \sum_{e,a} P(e) P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a)$
- $P(b \mid j, m) = \alpha * 0.00059224, P(\neg b \mid j, m) = \alpha * 0.0014919$
- $P(B \mid j, m) = \langle 0.2842, 0.7158 \rangle$



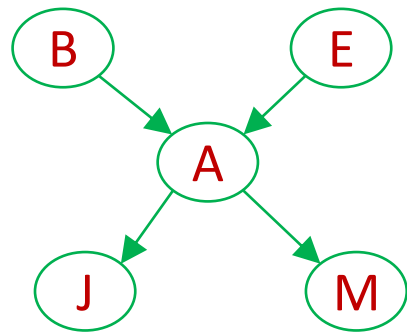
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- Note: $P(B \mid j) = \langle 0.0163, 0.9873 \rangle$

BUT

$$P(B \mid j, \neg m) = \langle 0.0051, 0.9949 \rangle !!$$

- Homework.
 - Show that
 - $P(B \mid \neg j, m) = \langle 0.0069, 0.9931 \rangle$
 - $P(A) = \langle 0.0025, 0.9975 \rangle$
 - $P(A \mid j, m) = \langle 0.7607, 0.2393 \rangle$



Can we do better?

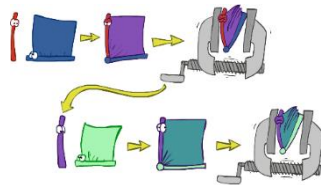
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Lots of repeated subexpressions!

Can we do better?

- Consider $uwy + uwz + uxy + uxz + vwy + vwz + vxy + vxz$
 - 16 multiplies, 7 adds
 - Lots of repeated subexpressions!
- Rewrite as $(u+v)(w+x)(y+z)$
 - 2 multiplies, 3 adds

Variable elimination



- Store calculations to eliminate repeated evaluations
- Move summations inwards as far as possible

$$\begin{aligned} P(B \mid j, m) &= \alpha \sum_{e,a} P(B) P(e) P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a) \\ &= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a) \end{aligned}$$

- Do the calculation from right to left (inside out)
 - Sum over a first, then sum over e

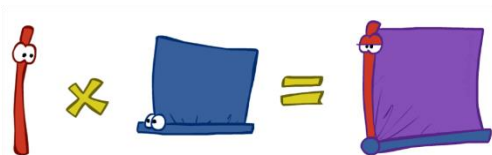
Operation 1: Pointwise product

- In **pointwise product of factors** (similar to a database join, not matrix multiply!)
 - New factor has union of variables of the two original factors
 - Each entry is the product of the corresponding entries from the original factors

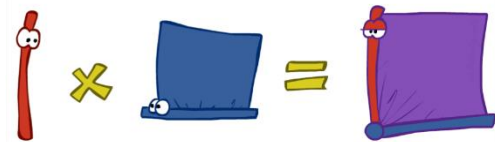
$$P(J|A) \times P(A) = P(A,J)$$

- Example:

$P(A)$		$P(J A)$		$P(A,J)$	
true	0.1	A \ J	true	false	
false	0.9	true	0.9	0.1	
		false	0.05	0.95	



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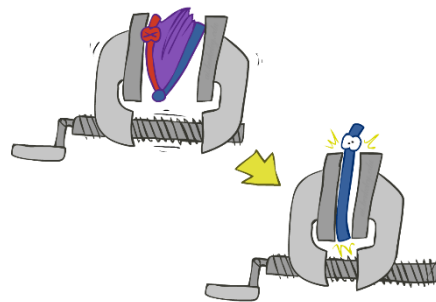
- Another example:

X	Y	$\mathbf{f}(X,Y)$	Y	Z	$\mathbf{g}(Y,Z)$	X	Y	Z	$\mathbf{h}(X,Y,Z)$
t	t	.3	t	t	.2	t	t	t	$.3 \times .2 = .06$
t	f	.7	t	f	.8	t	t	f	$.3 \times .8 = .24$
f	t	.9	f	t	.6	t	f	t	$.7 \times .6 = .42$
f	f	.1	f	f	.4	t	f	f	$.7 \times .4 = .28$
						f	t	t	$.9 \times .2 = .18$
						f	t	f	$.9 \times .8 = .72$
						f	f	t	$.1 \times .6 = .06$
						f	f	f	$.1 \times .4 = .04$

Figure 13.12 Illustrating pointwise multiplication: $\mathbf{f}(X,Y) \times \mathbf{g}(Y,Z) = \mathbf{h}(X,Y,Z)$.

Operation 2: Summing out a variable

- **Summing out** or **Marginalizing** a variable from a factor shrinks a factor to a smaller one
- **Example:** $\sum_j P(A,J) = P(A,j) + P(A,\neg j) = P(A)$



$P(A,J)$

A, J	true	false
true	0.09	0.01
false	0.045	0.855

Marginalize J



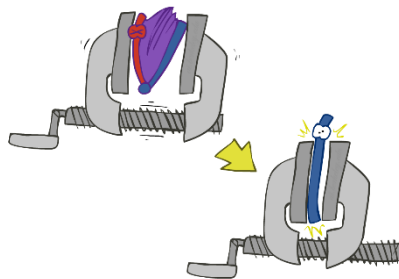
$P(A)$

	true	false
true	0.1	
false	0.9	

Summing out from a product of factors

- Project the factors each way first, then sum the products

Example:

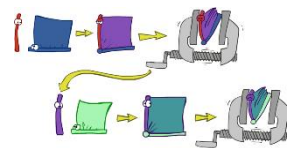


$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_a P(a|B,e) \times P(j|a) \times P(m|a) \\ &= P(a|B,e) \times P(j|a) \times P(m|a) \\ &+ P(\neg a|B,e) \times P(j|\neg a) \times P(m|\neg a) \end{aligned}$$

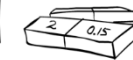
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_2(Y,Z) &= \sum_x \mathbf{h}(X,Y,Z) = \mathbf{h}(x,Y,Z) + \mathbf{h}(\neg x,Y,Z) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} .06 & .24 \\ .42 & .28 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} .18 & .72 \\ .06 & .04 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} .24 & .96 \\ .48 & .32 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Variable Elimination

- Query: $P(Q \mid E_1=e_1, \dots, E_k=e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
 - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):
 - Pick a hidden variable H_j
 - Eliminate (marginalize) H_j from the product of all factors mentioning H_j
- Join all remaining factors and normalize



x	P(x)
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01



$$\text{factor} \times \text{factor} = \text{factor} \times \alpha$$

Example

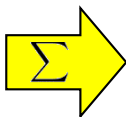
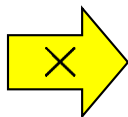
Query $P(B \mid j, m)$

$$P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \mathbf{f}_1(B) \times \sum_e \mathbf{f}_2(E) \times \sum_a \mathbf{f}_3(A, B, E) \times \mathbf{f}_4(A) \times \mathbf{f}_5(A)$$

$P(B)$	$P(E)$	$P(A \mid B, E)$	$P(j \mid A)$	$P(m \mid A)$
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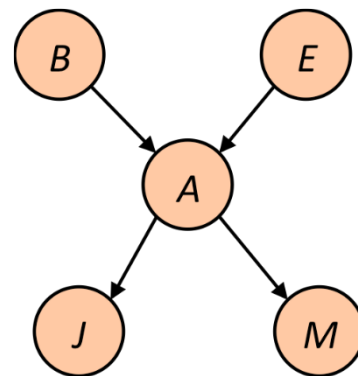
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$P(j, m \mid B, E)$

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Example

Query $P(B \mid j, m)$

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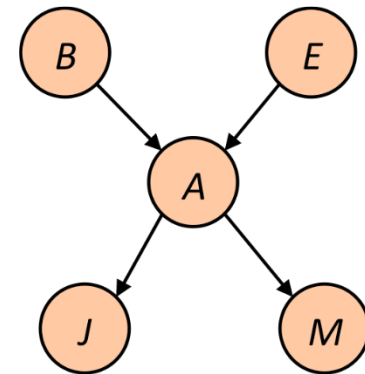
Choose E

$P(E)$
 $P(j, m \mid B, E)$ $\times$ $\rightarrow$ Σ $P(j, m \mid B)$

$P(B)$	$P(j, m \mid B)$
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Finish with B

$P(B)$
 $P(j, m \mid B)$ $\times$ $\rightarrow$ $P(j, m, B)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Normalize}}$ $P(B \mid j, m)$

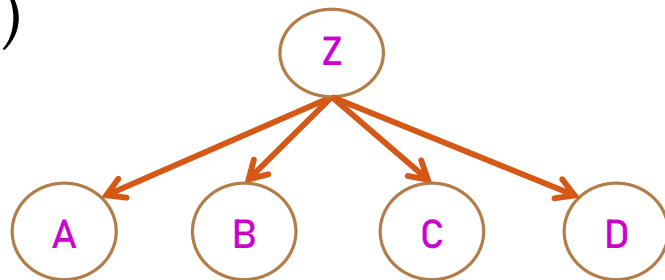


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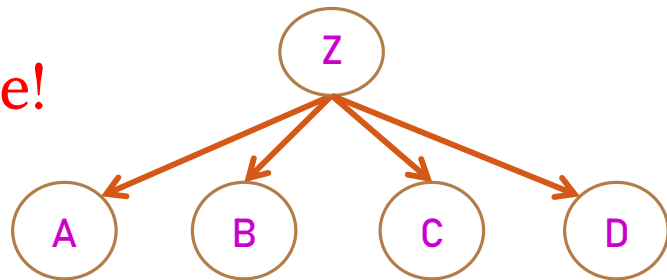


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- Largest factor has 4 variables (A,B,C,D)
- In general, with n leaves, factor of size 2^n
- Finding optimal ordering is intractable!



Quiz

- Order the terms for $P(J \mid b)$

Quiz

- $P(J \mid b) = \alpha P(b) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a \mid b, e) P(J \mid a) \sum_m P(m \mid a)$
- Every variable that is not an ancestor of query or evidence does not matter - M in this example

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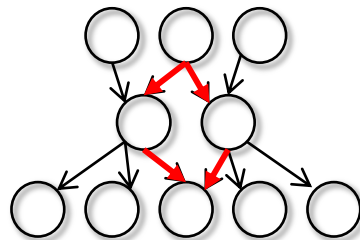
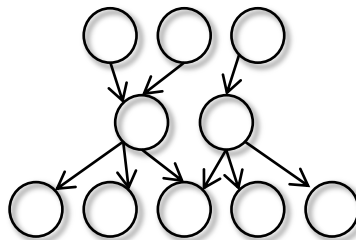
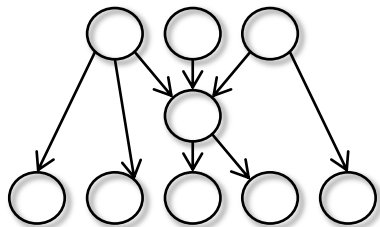
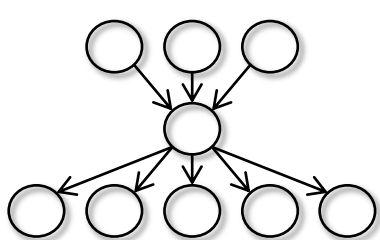
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VE: Computational and Space Complexity

- The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor (and it's space that kills you)
- The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor.
 - E.g., previous slide's example 2^n vs. 2
- Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
 - No!

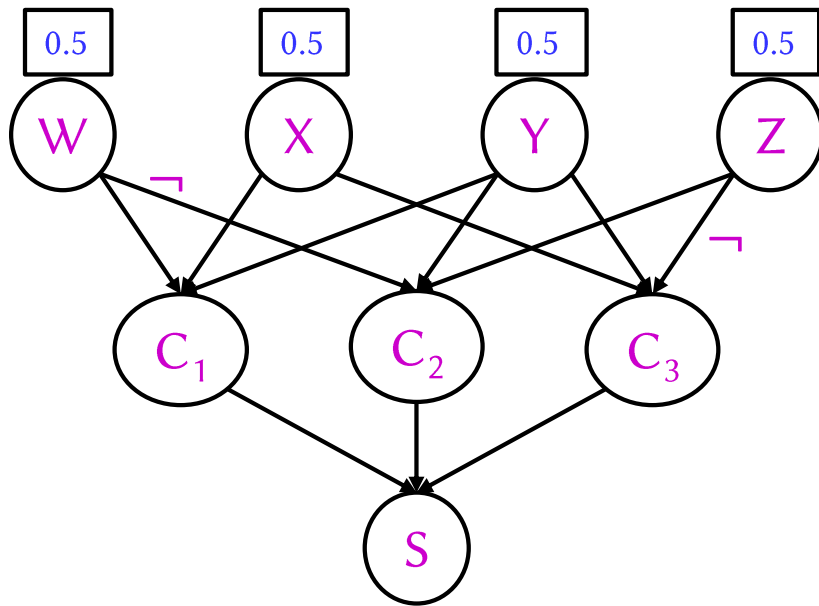
Polytrees

- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For polytrees the complexity of variable elimination **is linear in the network size (number of CPT entries)** if you eliminate from the leaf towards the roots



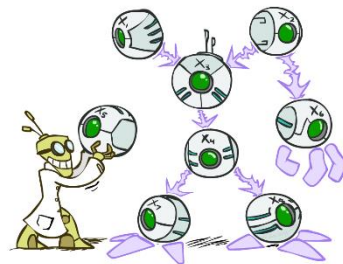
Worst Case Complexity - Reduction from SAT

- Variables: W, X, Y, Z
- CNF clauses:
 1. $C_1 = W \vee X \vee Y$
 2. $C_2 = Y \vee Z \vee \neg W$
 3. $C_3 = X \vee Y \vee \neg Z$
- Sentence $S = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3$
- $P(S) > 0$ iff S is satisfiable
 $\Rightarrow$ **NP-hard**
- $P(S) = K \times 0.5^n$ where K is the number of satisfying assignments for clauses
 $\Rightarrow$ **#P-hard**



Summary

- Independence and conditional independence are important forms of probabilistic knowledge
- Bayes nets encode joint distributions efficiently by taking advantage of conditional independence
 - Global joint probability = product of local conditionals
- Exact inference = sums of products of conditional probabilities from the network



- **Reading:** Chapter 13
- **Assignments:** PS 7
- Next:
 - Chapter 14 - Markov Models