

# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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# Today Oct 6

- **R&R systems in Stochastic environments**
  - Bayesian Networks Representation
  - Bayesian Networks Exact Inference
  - Bayesian Networks Approx. Inference



# R&Rsys we'll cover in this course

## Environment

Deterministic

Stochastic

Problem

Static

Constraint Satisfaction

Query

<p>Arc Consistency</p> <p>SLS</p> <p><i>Vars + Constraints</i></p> <p>Search</p>	
<p>Logics</p> <p>Propositional</p> <p>First Order</p> <p>Search</p>	<p>Belief Nets</p> <p>Var. Elimination</p> <p>Approx. Inference</p> <p>Temporal. Inference</p>
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Sequential

Planning

Representation

Reasoning  
Technique

# Key points Recap

- We model the environment as a set of random vars

$$X_1 \dots X_n \quad \text{JPD} \quad P(X_1 \dots X_n)$$

- Why the joint is not an adequate representation ?

“Representation, reasoning and learning” are  
“exponential” in the number of variables

**Solution:** Exploit marginal & conditional independence

$$P(x|Y) = P(x) \quad P(x|YZ) = P(x|Z)$$

But how does independence allow us to simplify the joint?

CHAIN RULE!

# Belief Nets: Burglary Example

There might be a **burglar** in my house

B

The **anti-burglar alarm** in my house may go off

A

I have an agreement with two of my neighbors, **John** and **Mary**, that they **call** me if they hear the alarm go off when I am at work

M

J

**Minor earthquakes** may occur and sometimes they set off the alarm.

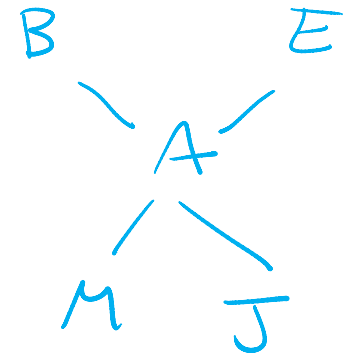
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Variables: B A M J E  $n = 5$

Joint has  $2^5 - 1$  entries/probs  $2^n - 1$

# Belief Nets: Simplify the joint

- Typically order vars to reflect causal knowledge (i.e., causes *before* effects)
  - A burglar (B) can set the alarm (A) off
  - An earthquake (E) can set the alarm (A) off
  - The alarm can cause Mary to call (M)
  - The alarm can cause John to call (J)



$$P(B, E, A, M, J)$$

- Apply Chain Rule *marginal indep.*

$$\underbrace{P(B)} \quad \underbrace{P(E|B)} \quad \underbrace{P(A|B,E)} \quad \underbrace{P(M|A,E,B)} \quad \underbrace{P(J|A,E,B)}$$

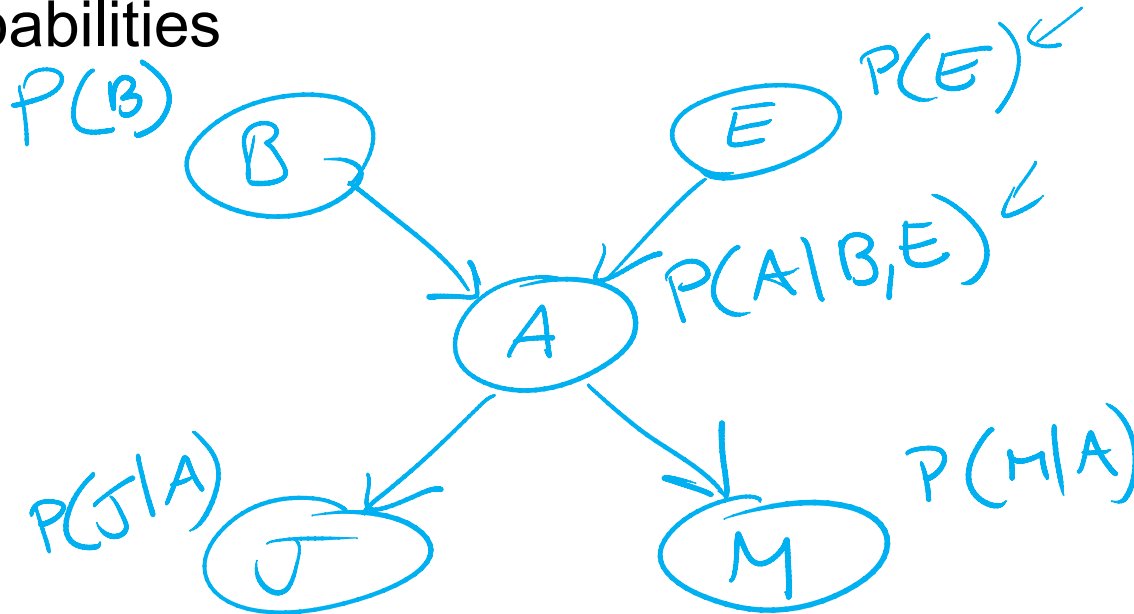
*conditional indep.*

- Simplify according to marginal & conditional independence

# Belief Nets: Structure + Probs

$$P(B) * P(E) * P(A|B,E) * P(\underline{M}|\underline{A}) * P(J|A)$$

- Express remaining dependencies as a network
  - Each var is a node
  - For each var, the conditioning vars are its parents
  - Associate to each node corresponding conditional probabilities



- Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

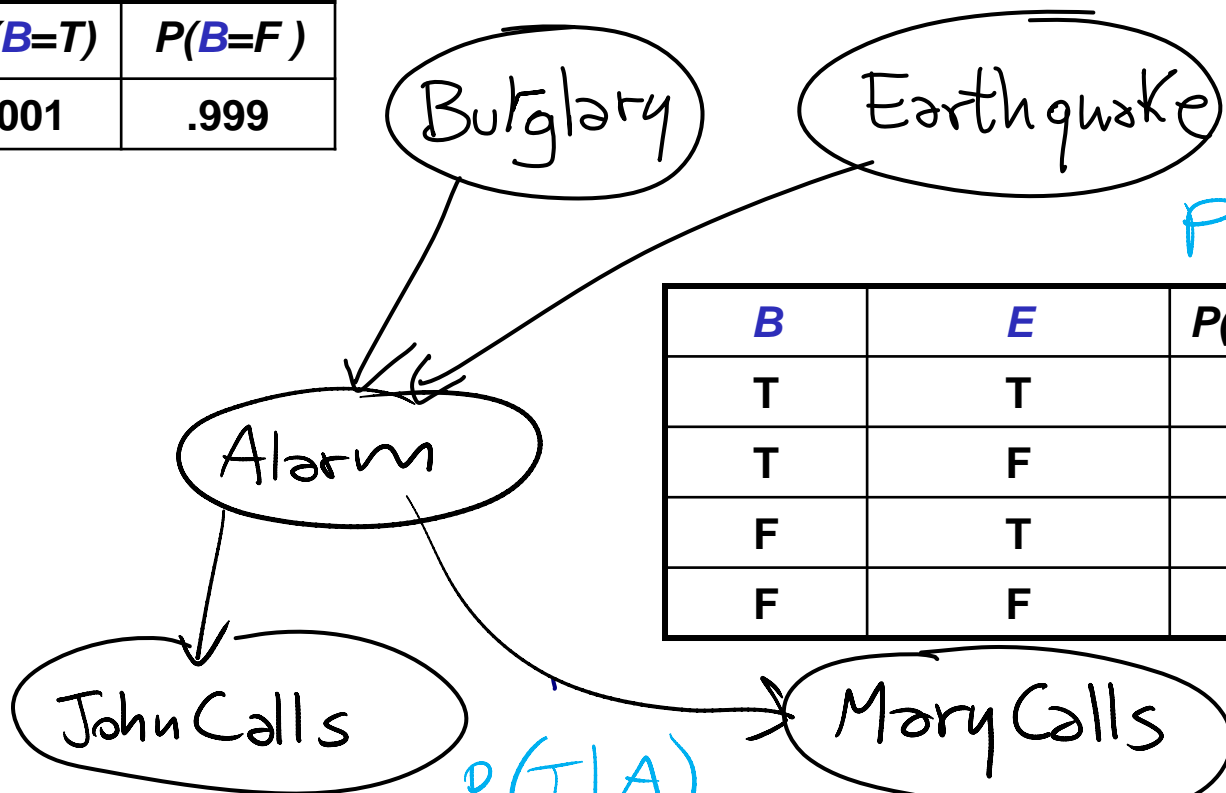
$P(B) \leftarrow$

# Burglary: complete BN

$P(E) \leftarrow$

$P(B=T)$	$P(B=F)$
.001	.999

$P(E=T)$	$P(E=F)$
.002	.998



$P(A|B,E)$

$B$	$E$	$P(A=T   B,E)$	$P(A=F   B,E)$
T	T	.95	.05
T	F	.94	.06
F	T	.29	.71
F	F	.001	.999

$P(J|A)$

$A$	$P(J=T   A)$	$P(J=F   A)$
T	.90	.10
F	.05	.95

$P(M|A)$

$A$	$P(M=T   A)$	$P(M=F   A)$
T	.70	.30
F	.01	.99

call for any other reasons

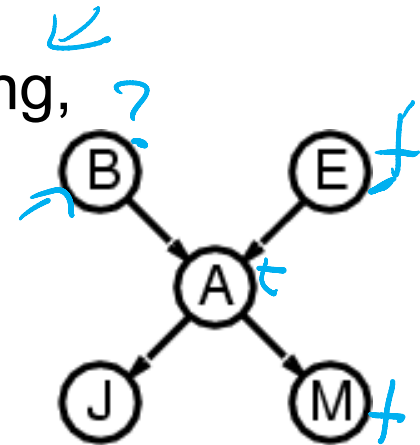


# Burglary Example: Bnets inference

Our BN can answer any probabilistic query that can be answered by processing the joint!

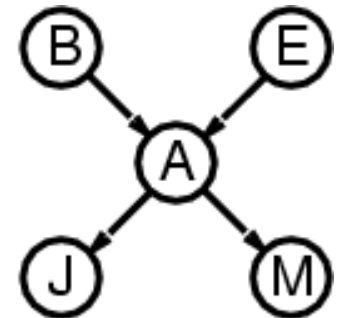
(Ex1) I'm at work,

- neighbor John calls to say my alarm is ringing,
- neighbor Mary doesn't call.
- No news of any earthquakes.
- Is there a burglar?



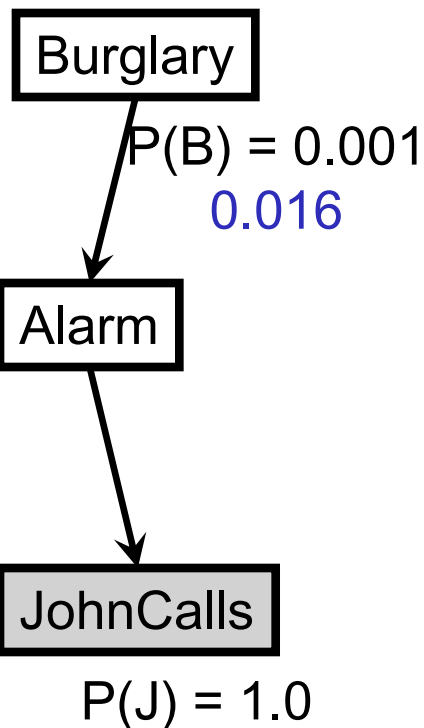
(Ex2) I'm at work,

- Receive message that neighbor John called ,
- News of minor earthquakes.
- Is there a burglar?

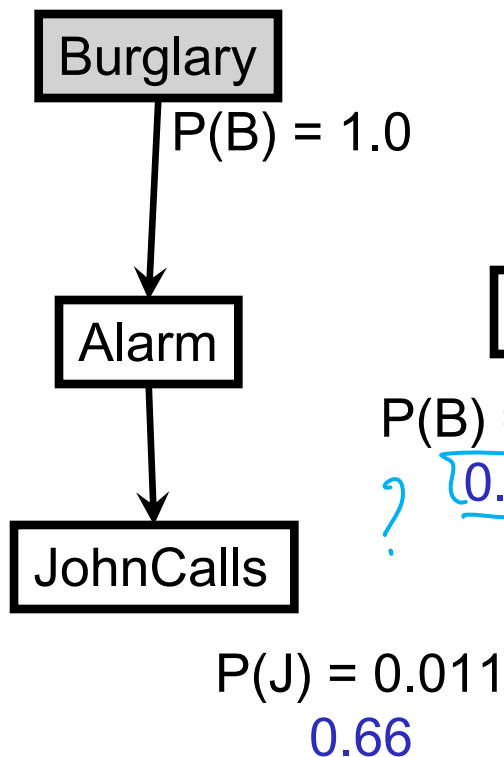


# Bayesian Networks – Inference Types

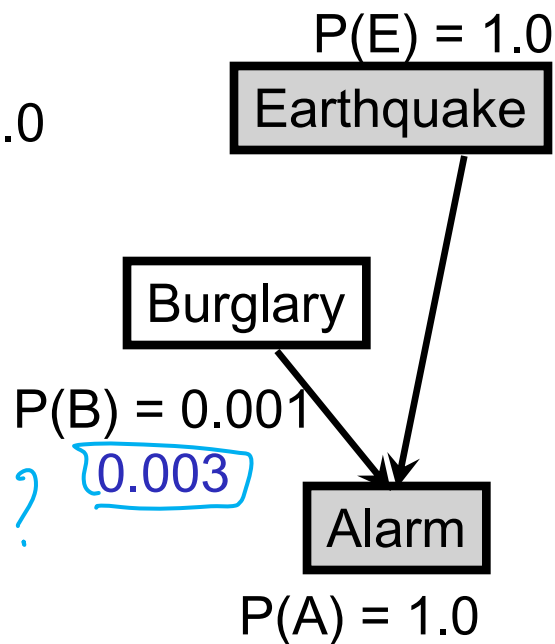
## Diagnostic



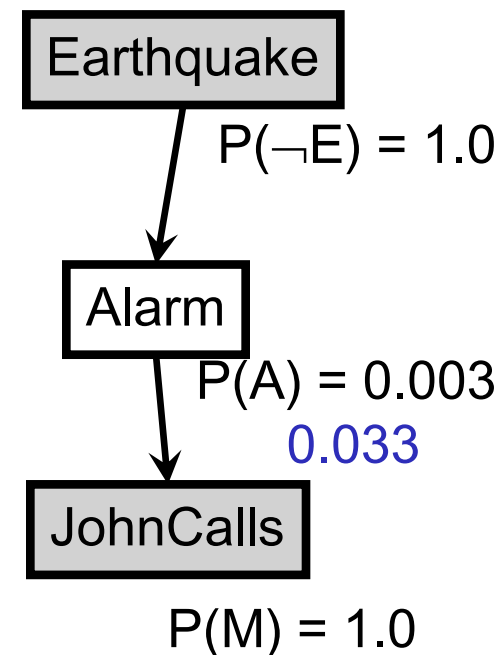
## Predictive



## Intercausal



## Mixed



Revised probability

# BNnets: Compactness

$P(B=T)$	$P(B=F)$
.001	.999

1

Burglary

Earthquake

$P(E=T)$	$P(E=F)$
.002	.998

1

B	E	$P(A=T   B,E)$	$P(A=F   B,E)$
T	T	.95	.05
T	F	.94	.06
F	T	.29	.71
F	F	.001	.999

$2^2 = 4$

Alarm

John Calls

Mary Calls

A	$P(J=T   A)$	$P(J=F   A)$
T	.90	.10
F	.05	.95

2

A	$P(M=T   A)$	$P(M=F   A)$
T	.70	.30
F	.01	.99

2

BNet

$2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 = 10$

$|JPD| = 2^5 - 1$

# BNets: Compactness

Conditional  
Probability  
Table



**In General:**

A **CPT** for boolean  $X_i$  with  $k$  boolean parents has  $2^k$  rows for the combinations of parent values

Each row requires one number  $p_i$  for  $X_i = \text{true}$  (the number for  $X_i = \text{false}$  is just  $1-p_i$ )

If each on the  $n$  variable has no more than  $k$  parents, the complete network requires  $O(n 2^k)$  numbers

For  $k \ll n$ , this is a substantial improvement,

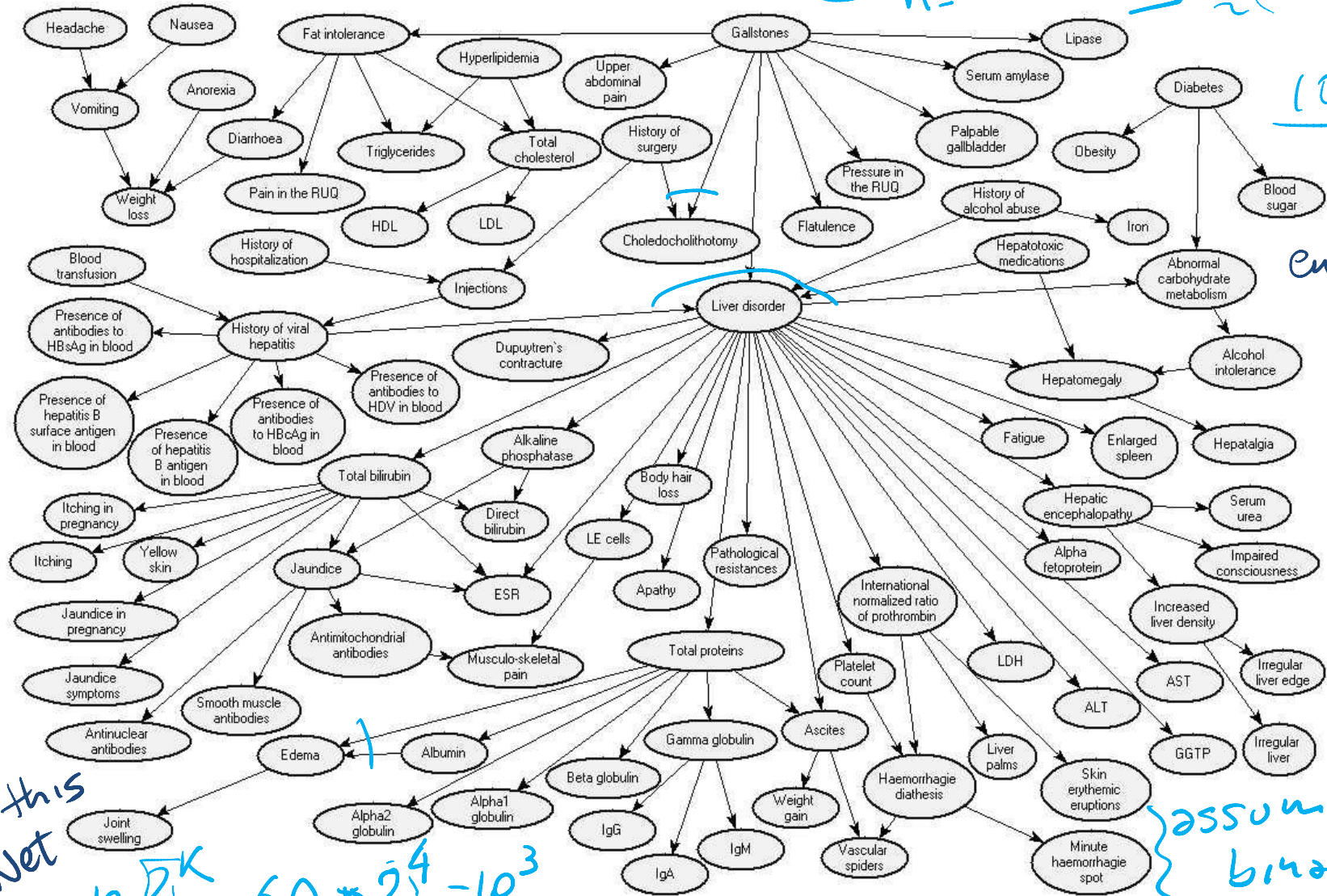
- the numbers required grow linearly with  $n$ , vs.  $O(2^n)$  for the full joint distribution

# Realistic BNet: Liver Diagnosis

~60 nodes

Source: Onisko et al., 1999

JPD  
 $n \approx 60 \sim 2^{60} \approx (2^{10})^6$   
 $10^{18}$   
 Entries



for this BNet

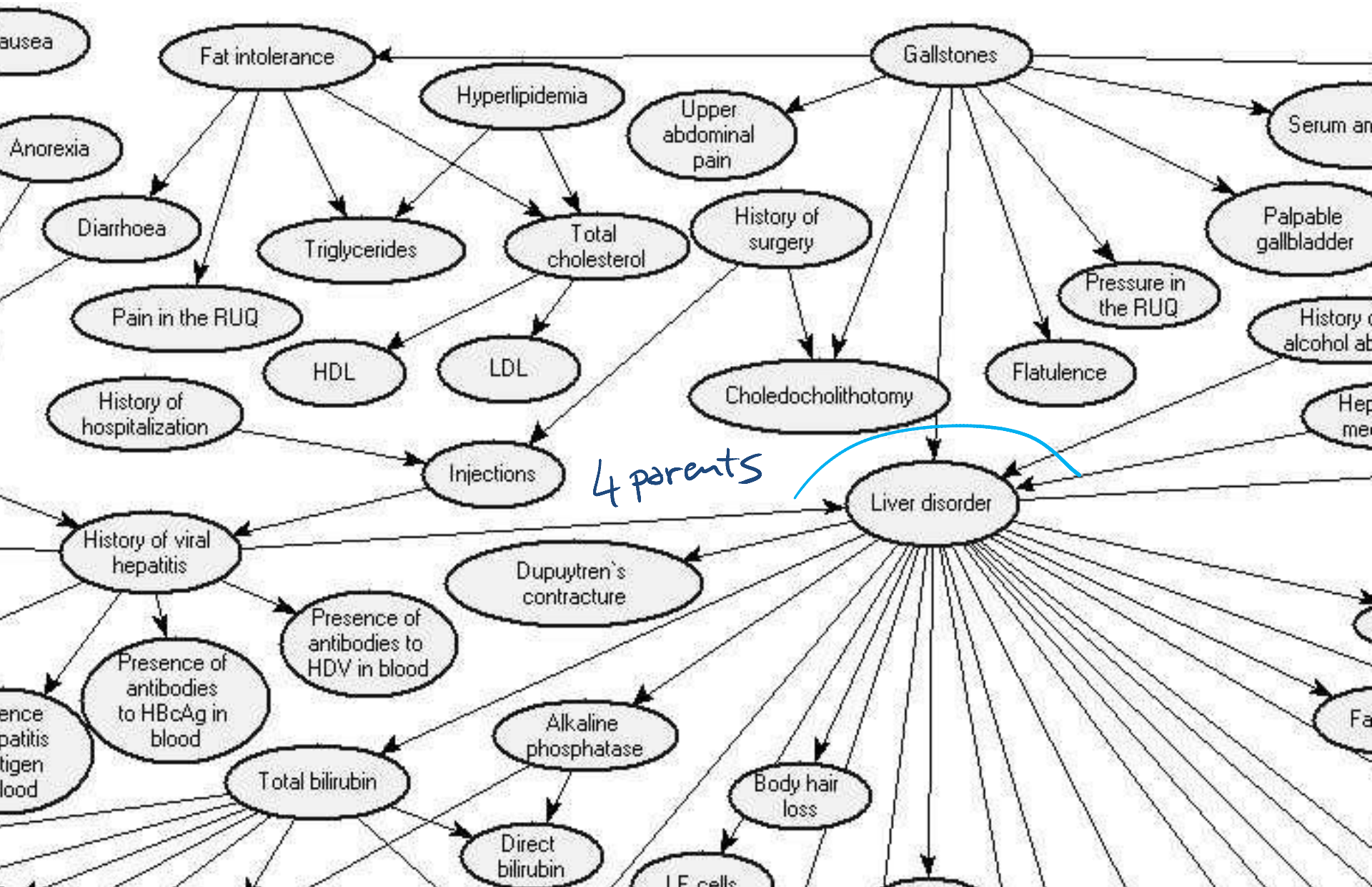
$n \sum^k$

$60 * 2^4 = 10^3$

assuming binary

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# BNets: Construction General Semantics

The full joint distribution can be defined as the product of conditional distributions:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) \text{ (chain rule)}$$

Simplify according to **marginal&conditional independence**

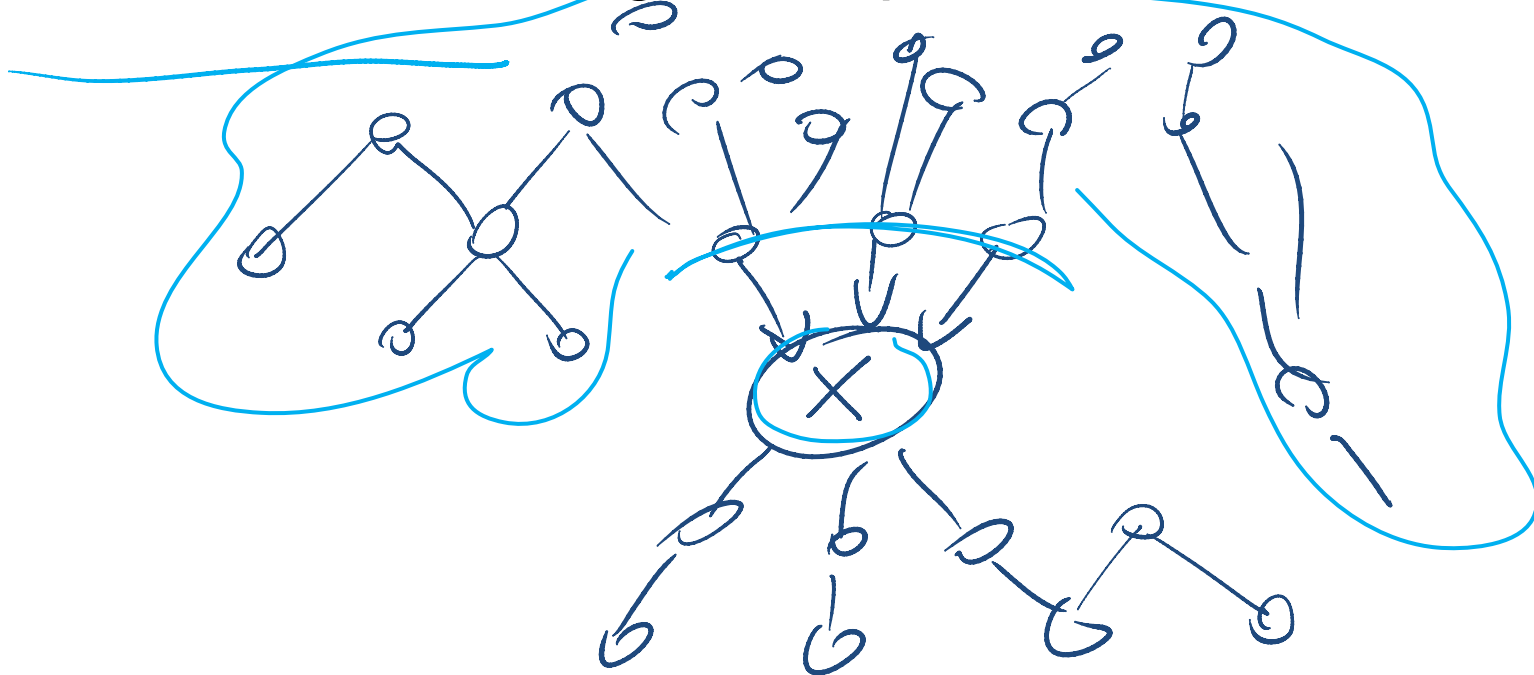
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$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

# BNets: Construction General Semantics (cont')

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

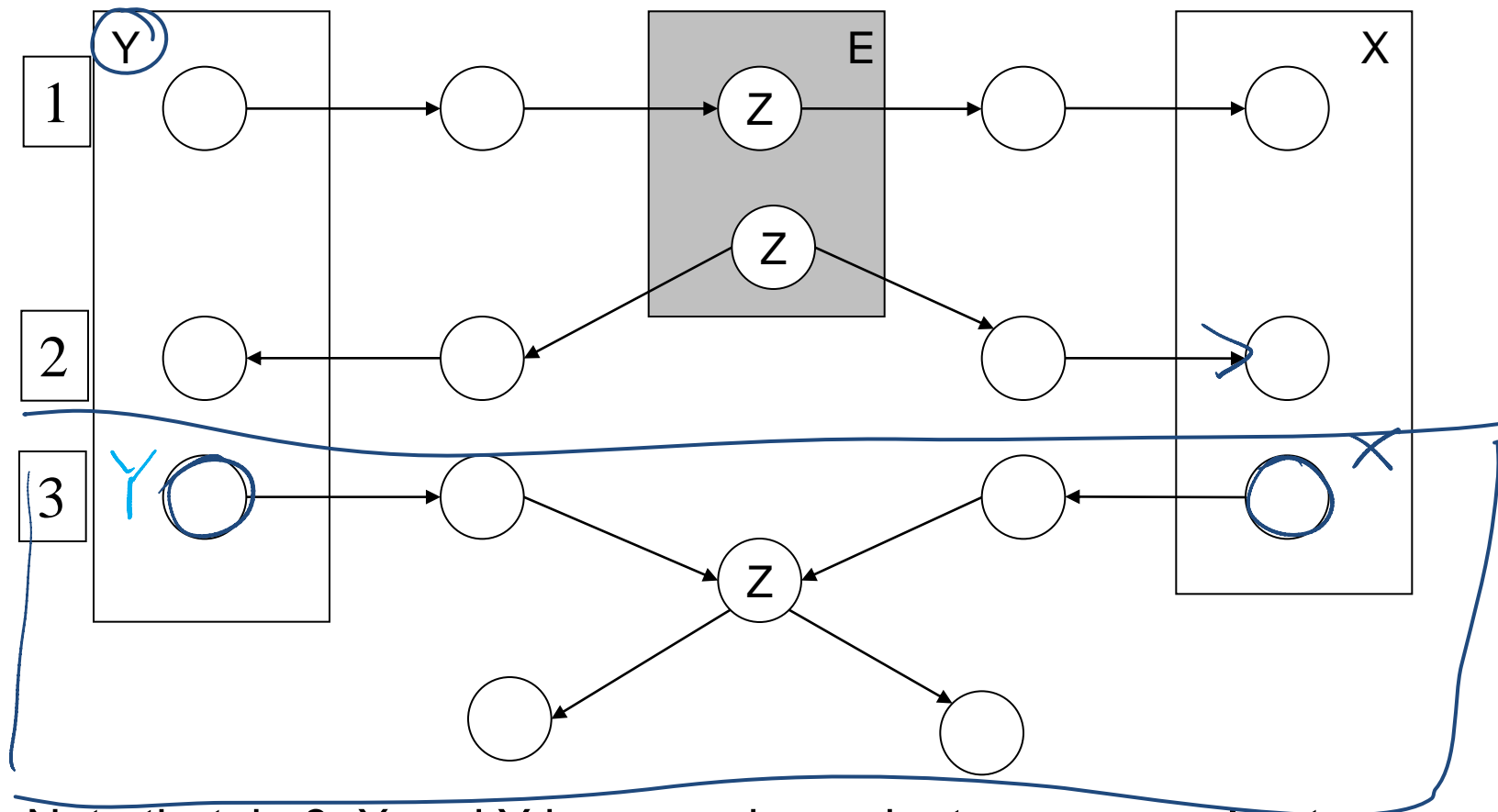
- **By construction:** Every node is independent from its non-descendants given its parents





# Additional Conditional Independencies

Or, blocking paths for probability propagation. Three ways in which a path between X to Y can be blocked, (1 and 2 given evidence E )



Note that, in 3, X and Y become dependent as soon as I get evidence on Z or on *any of its descendants*



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# Bnet Inference: General

- Suppose the variables of the belief network are  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .
- $Z$  is the query variable
- $Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j$  are the observed variables (with their values)
- $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$  are the remaining variables

• What we want to compute:  $P(Z | Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)$

• We can actually compute:  $P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)$

$$P(Z | Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j) = \frac{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)}{P(Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)} = \frac{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)}{\sum_Z P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)}$$

# What do we need to compute?

Remember conditioning and marginalization...

$$P(L | S=t, R=f) = \frac{P(L, S=t, R=f) \leftarrow \textcircled{1}}{P(S=t, R=f) \textcircled{2}}$$

L	S	R	P(L, S=t, R=f)
t	t	f	.3
f	t	f	.2

*Do they have to sum up to one?*  
no



$$\textcircled{2} = .5$$



L	S	R	P(L   S=t, R=f)
t	t	f	.6
f	t	f	.4

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# Variable Elimination Intro

- Suppose the variables of the belief network are  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .
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- $Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j$  are the observed variables (with their values)
- $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$  are the remaining variables

• What we want to compute:  $P(Z \mid Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)$

• We just showed before that what we actually need to compute is

$$P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)$$

This can be computed in terms of **operations between factors** (that satisfy the semantics of probability)

# Factors

- A **factor** is a representation of a function from a tuple of random variables into a number.  $[0, 1]$
- We will write factor  $f$  on variables  $X_1, \dots, X_j$  as  $f(X_1 \dots X_j)$
- A factor denotes one or more (possibly partial) distributions over the given tuple of variables

• e.g.,  $P(X_1, X_2)$  is a factor  $f(X_1, X_2)$  *Distribution*

• e.g.,  $P(X_1, X_2, X_3 = v_3)$  is a factor *Partial distribution*  
 $f(X_1, X_2)_{X_3 = v_3}$

• e.g.,  $P(Z | X, Y)$  is a factor *Set of Distributions*  
 $f(Z, X, Y)$

• e.g.,  $P(X_1, X_3 = v_3 | X_2)$  is a factor *Set of partial Distributions*  
 $f(X_1, X_2)_{X_3 = v_3}$

$$P(Z | X, Y)$$

X	Y	Z	val
t	t	t	0.1
t	t	f	0.9
t	f	t	0.2
t	f	f	0.8
f	t	t	0.4
f	t	f	0.6
f	f	t	0.3
f	f	f	0.7

# Manipulating Factors:

We can make new factors out of an existing factor

- **Our first operation:** we can *assign* some or all of the variables of a factor.

$f(X, Y, Z):$

X	Y	Z	val
t	t	t	0.1
t	t	f	0.9
t	f	t	0.2
t	f	f	0.8
<del>f</del>	<del>t</del>	<del>t</del>	<del>0.4</del>
<del>f</del>	<del>t</del>	<del>f</del>	<del>0.6</del>
<del>f</del>	<del>f</del>	<del>t</del>	<del>0.3</del>
<del>f</del>	<del>f</del>	<del>f</del>	<del>0.7</del>

*What is the result of  
assigning  $X=t$  ?*

$f(X=t, Y, Z)$

$f(X, Y, Z)_{X=t}$



# Summing out a variable example

Our second operation: we can *sum out* a variable, say  $X_1$  with domain  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ , from factor  $f(X_1, \dots, X_j)$ , resulting in a factor on  $X_2, \dots, X_j$  defined by:

	B	A	C	val
→	t	t	t	0.03
	t	t	f	0.07
→	f	t	t	0.54
	f	t	f	0.36
$f_3(B,A,C):$	t	f	t	0.06
	t	f	f	0.14
	f	f	t	0.48
	f	f	f	0.32

	A	C	val
$\sum_B f_3(A,C):$	t	t	.57
	t	f	.43
	f	t	
	f	f	

$$\left( \sum_{X_1} f \right) (X_2, \dots, X_j) = f(X_1 = v_1, X_2, \dots, X_j) + \dots + f(X_1 = v_k, X_2, \dots, X_j)$$

# Multiplying factors

- Our third operation: factors can be *multiplied* together.

$f_1(A,B)$ :

A	B	Val
t	t	0.1
t	f	0.9
f	t	0.2
f	f	0.8

$f_2(B,C)$ :

B	C	Val
t	t	0.3
t	f	0.7
f	t	0.6
f	f	0.4

$f_1(A,B) \times f_2(B,C)$ :

A	B	C	val
t	t	t	.03
t	t	f	.07
t	f	t	.054
t	f	f	
f	t	t	
f	t	f	
f	f	t	
f	f	f	

# Factors Summary

- A factor is a representation of a function from a tuple of random variables into a number.
  - $f(X_1, \dots, X_j)$ .
- We have defined three operations on factors:
  1. Assigning one or more variables
    - $f(X_1=v_1, X_2, \dots, X_j)$  is a factor on  $X_2, \dots, X_j$ , also written as  $f(X_1, \dots, X_j)_{X_1=v_1}$
  2. Summing out variables
    - $(\sum_{X_1} f)(X_2, \dots, X_j) = f(X_1=v_1, X_2, \dots, X_j) + \dots + f(X_1=v_k, X_2, \dots, X_j)$
  3. Multiplying factors
    - $f_1(A, B) f_2(B, C) = (f_1 \times f_2)(A, B, C)$

# Variable Elimination Intro

- If we express the joint as a factor,



- We can compute  $P(Z, Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j)$  by ??
  - assigning  $Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j$
  - and summing out the variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$

$$P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j) = \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} f(Z, Y_1, \dots, Y_j, Z_1, \dots, Z_k)_{Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j}$$

Are we done? NO this is the joint TOO BIG!

# Variable Elimination Intro (1)

$$\underline{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)} = \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} \boxed{f(Z, Y_1, \dots, Y_j, Z_1, \dots, Z_k)}_{Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j}$$

• Using the chain rule and the definition of a Bnet, we can write  $\underline{P(X_1, \dots, X_n)}$  as  $\prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | pX_i)$

• We can express the joint factor as a product of factors

$$f(Z, Y_1, \dots, Y_j, Z_1, \dots, Z_j) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i, pX_i)$$

$$\underline{P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j)} = \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i, pX_i)}_{Y_1=v_1, \dots, Y_j=v_j}$$

# Variable Elimination Intro (2)

Inference in belief networks thus reduces to computing “the sums of products....”

$$P(Z, Y_1 = v_1, \dots, Y_j = v_j) = \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} \prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i, pX_i)$$

The equation is annotated with circled numbers: (1) is above the function  $f$ , (2) is to the right of the product, (3) is above the index  $i$ , and (4) is above the first summation variable  $Z_k$ . A blue arrow points from the text above to the circled (3). The entire equation is enclosed in a blue box.

1. Construct a factor for each conditional probability.
2. In each factor **assign** the observed variables to their observed values.
3. Multiply the factors
4. For each of the other variables  $Z_i \in \{Z_1, \dots, Z_k\}$ , **sum out**  $Z_i$

# Key Simplification Step

$$P(G, D=t) = \sum_{A,B,C} f(A, G) f(B, A) f(C, G) f(B, C)$$

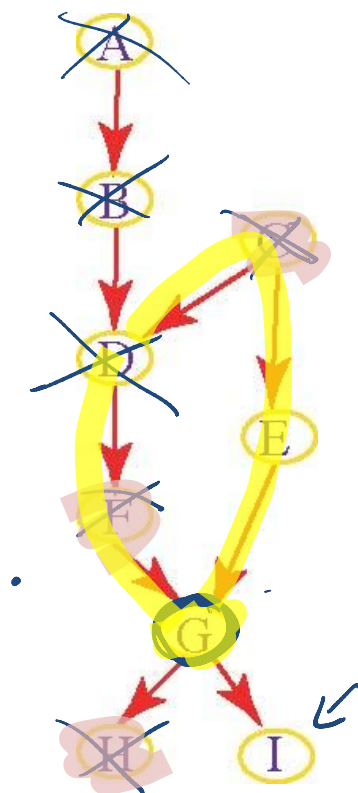
$$P(G, D=t) = \underbrace{\sum_A f(A, G)}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\sum_B f(B, A)}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\sum_C f(C, G) f(B, C)}_{\rightarrow f(B, G)}$$

I will add to the online slides a complete example of VE

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# Another Simplification before starting VE

- All the variables from which the query is conditional independent given the observations can be pruned from the Bnet



both paths  
from G  
to D are  
blocked

e.g.,  $P(G | H=v_1, F=v_2, C=v_3)$ .



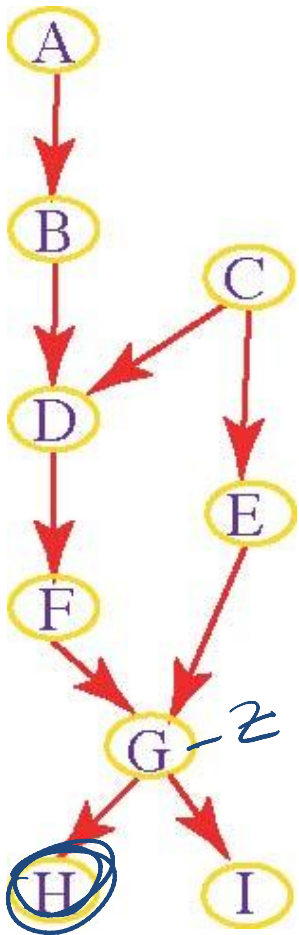
G is conditionally  
independent from  $\overline{ABD}$  given  
the observed vars  
H, F, C



# Variable elimination example

Compute  $P(\underline{G} \mid \underline{H}=h_1)$ .

- $\underline{P(G,H)} = \sum_{\underline{A,B,C,D,E,F,I}} P(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)$



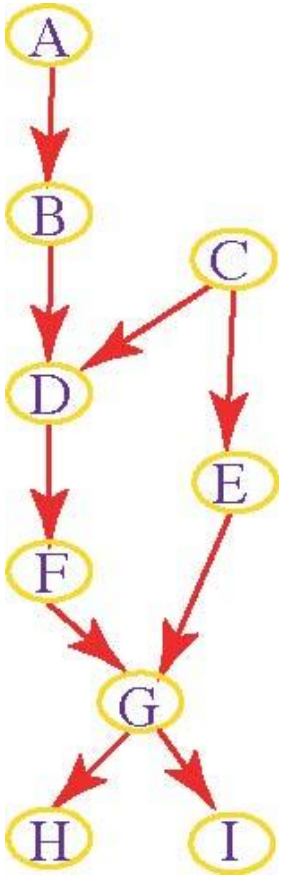
# Variable elimination example

Compute  $P(G \mid H=h_1)$ .

- $P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} \underline{P(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)}$

Chain Rule + Conditional Independence:

$\nearrow P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} \underline{P(A)} \underline{P(B|A)} \underline{P(C)} \underline{P(D|B,C)} \underline{P(E|C)} \underline{P(F|D)} \underline{P(G|F,E)} \underline{P(H|G)} \underline{P(I|G)}$



# Variable elimination example (step1)

Compute  $P(G \mid H=h_1)$ .

•  $P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} P(A)P(B|A)P(C)P(D|B,C)P(E|C)P(F|D)P(G|F,E)P(H|G)P(I|G)$

Factorized Representation:

$$P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F, D) f_6(G,F,E) f_7(H,G) f_8(I,G)$$

•  $f_0(A)$

•  $f_1(B,A)$

•  $f_2(C)$

•  $f_3(D,B,C)$

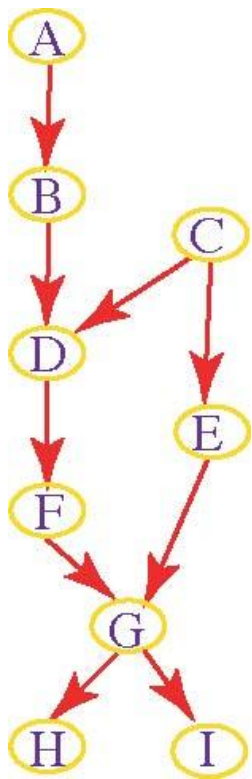
•  $f_4(E,C)$

•  $f_5(F, D)$

•  $f_6(G,F,E)$

•  $f_7(H,G)$

•  $f_8(I,G)$



# Variable elimination example (step 2)

Compute  $P(G \mid H=h_1)$ .

Previous state:

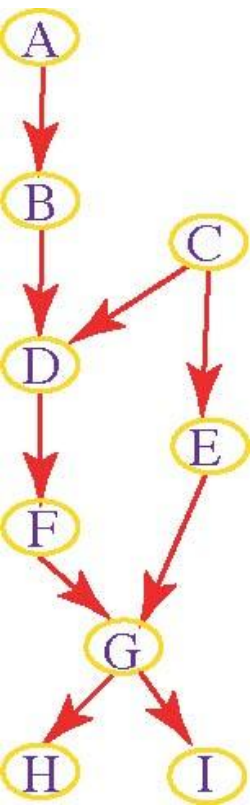
$$P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F,D) f_6(G,F,E) \underline{f_7(H,G)} f_8(I,G)$$

Observe H :

$$P(G,H=h_1) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F,D) f_6(G,F,E) \underline{f_9(G)} f_8(I,G)$$

New factor

- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B,A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D,B,C)$
- $f_4(E,C)$
- $f_5(F,D)$
- $f_6(G,F,E)$
- $f_7(H,G)$
- $f_8(I,G)$
- $f_9(G)$



# Variable elimination example (steps 3-4)

Compute  $P(G \mid H=h_1)$ .

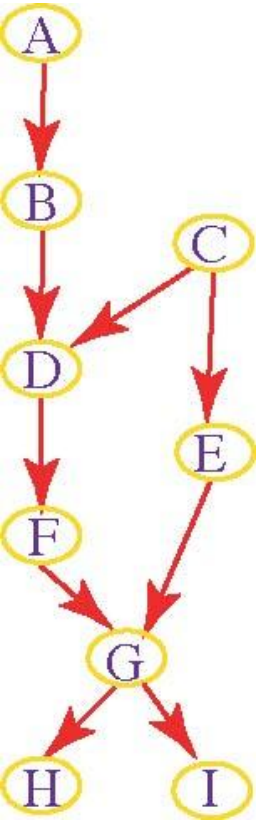
Previous state:

$$P(G,H) = \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F, D) f_6(G,F,E) f_9(G) f_8(I,G)$$

Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ :

$$P(G,H=h_1) = \underbrace{f_9(G)} \underbrace{\sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D)} \underbrace{\sum_B \sum_I f_8(I, G)} \underbrace{\sum_E f_6(G,F,E)} \underbrace{\sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C)} \underbrace{\sum_A f_0(A) f_1(B,A)}$$

- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B,A)$
- $f_2(C)$
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- $f_4(E,C)$
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- $f_7(H,G)$
- $f_8(I,G)$
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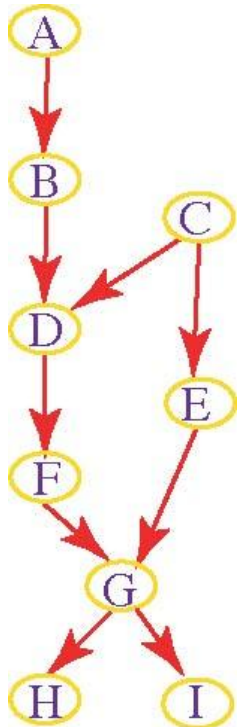
Previous state:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B \sum_I f_8(I, G) \sum_E f_6(G, F, E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D, B, C) f_4(E, C) \sum_A \boxed{f_0(A) f_1(B, A)}$$

Eliminate A:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B \underline{f_{10}(B)} \sum_I f_8(I, G) \sum_E f_6(G, F, E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D, B, C) f_4(E, C)$$

- $f_0(A)$
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- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
- $f_6(G, F, E)$
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- $f_9(G)$
- $f_{10}(B)$



# Variable elimination example(steps 3-4)

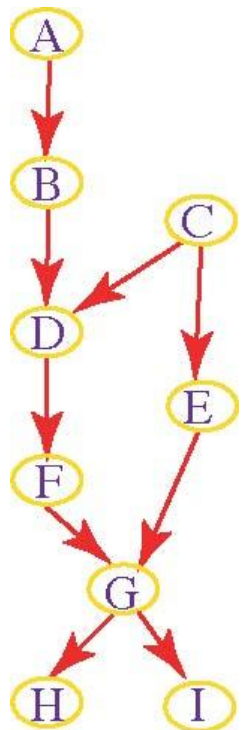
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Previous state:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I, G) \sum_E f_6(G, F, E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D, B, C) f_4(E, C)$$

Eliminate C:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I, G) \sum_E \underbrace{f_6(G, F, E) f_{12}(B, D, E)}$$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
- $f_6(G, F, E)$
- $f_7(H, G)$
- $f_8(I, G)$
- $f_9(G)$
- $f_{10}(B)$
- $f_{12}(B, D, E)$

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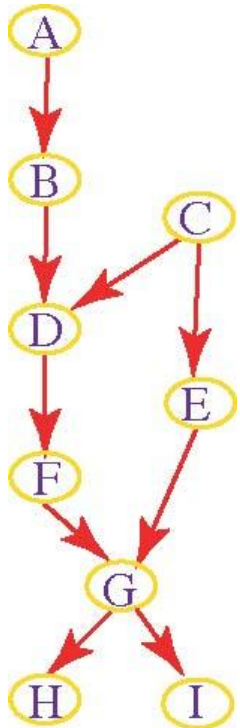
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$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I, G) \sum_E f_6(G, F, E) f_{12}(B, D, E)$$

Eliminate E:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \underline{f_{13}(B, D, F, G)} \underline{\sum_I f_8(I, G)}$$

- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
- $f_6(G, F, E)$
- $f_7(H, G)$
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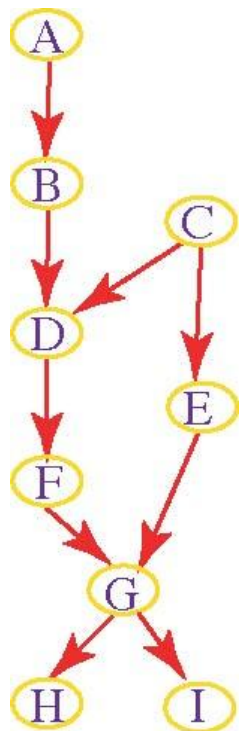
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Compute  $P(G / H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:  $P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{13}(B, D, F, G) \sum_I f_8(I, G)$

Eliminate I:

$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{13}(B, D, F, G)$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
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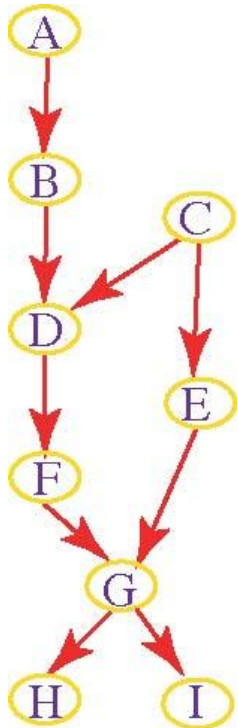
# Variable elimination example(steps 3-4)

Compute  $P(G / H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:  $P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{13}(B, D, F, G)$

Eliminate B:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) f_{15}(D, F, G)$$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
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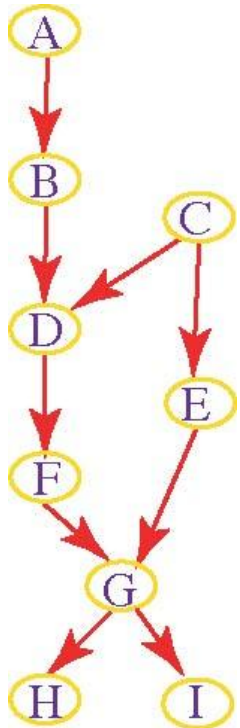
# Variable elimination example(steps 3-4)

Compute  $P(G / H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:  $P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) f_{15}(D, F, G)$

Eliminate D:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F f_{16}(F, G)$$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
- $f_6(G, F, E)$
- $f_7(H, G)$
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- $f_{10}(B)$
- $f_{12}(B, D, E)$
- $f_{13}(B, D, F, G)$
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- $f_{15}(D, F, G)$
- $f_{16}(F, G)$

# Variable elimination example(steps 3-4)

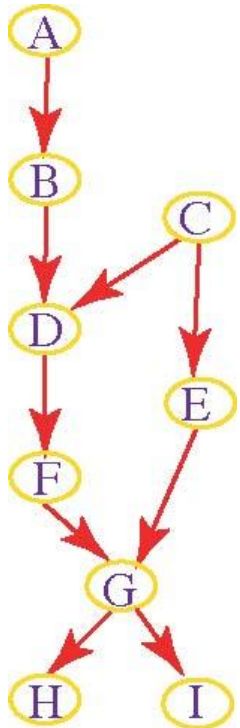
Compute  $P(G / H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:  $P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) \sum_F f_{16}(F, G)$

Eliminate F:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) f_{17}(G)$$

- $f_9(G)$
  - $f_{10}(B)$
  - $f_{12}(B, D, E)$
  - $f_{13}(B, D, F, G)$
  - $f_{14}(G)$
  - $f_{15}(D, F, G)$
  - $f_{16}(F, G)$
  - $f_{17}(G)$
- $f_0(A)$
  - $f_1(B, A)$
  - $f_2(C)$
  - $f_3(D, B, C)$
  - $f_4(E, C)$
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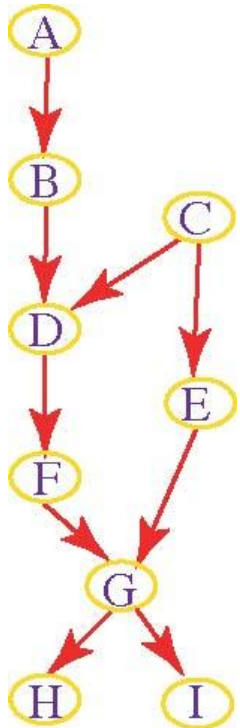
# Variable elimination example (step 5)

Compute  $P(G / H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:  $P(G, H=h_1) = f_9(G) f_{14}(G) f_{17}(G)$

Multiply remaining factors:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_{18}(G)$$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
- $f_5(F, D)$
- $f_6(G, F, E)$
- $f_7(H, G)$
- $f_8(I, G)$
- $f_9(G)$
- $f_{10}(B)$
- $f_{12}(B, D, E)$
- $f_{13}(B, D, F, G)$
- $f_{14}(G)$
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- $f_{17}(G)$
- $f_{18}(G)$

# Variable elimination example (step 6)

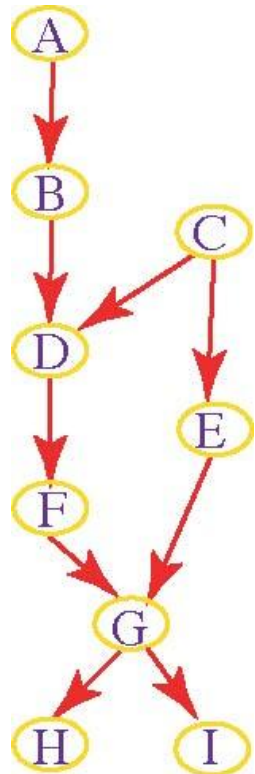
Compute  $P(G | H=h_1)$ . Elimination ordering  $A, C, E, I, B, D, F$ .

Previous state:

$$P(G, H=h_1) = f_{18}(G)$$

Normalize:

$$P(G | H=h_1) = f_{18}(G) / \sum_{g \in \text{dom}(G)} f_{18}(G)$$



- $f_0(A)$
- $f_1(B, A)$
- $f_2(C)$
- $f_3(D, B, C)$
- $f_4(E, C)$
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- $f_{18}(G)$

# Today Oct 6

- **R&R systems in Stochastic environments**
  - Bayesian Networks Representation
  - Bayesian Networks Exact Inference
  - **Bayesian Networks Approx. Inference**

# Approximate Inference

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- Basic idea:
  - Draw  $N$  samples from a sampling distribution  $S$
  - Compute an approximate posterior probability
  - Show this converges to the true probability  $P$
- Why sample?
  - Inference: getting a sample is faster than computing the right answer (e.g. with variable elimination)



# Prior Sampling

$$P(C)$$

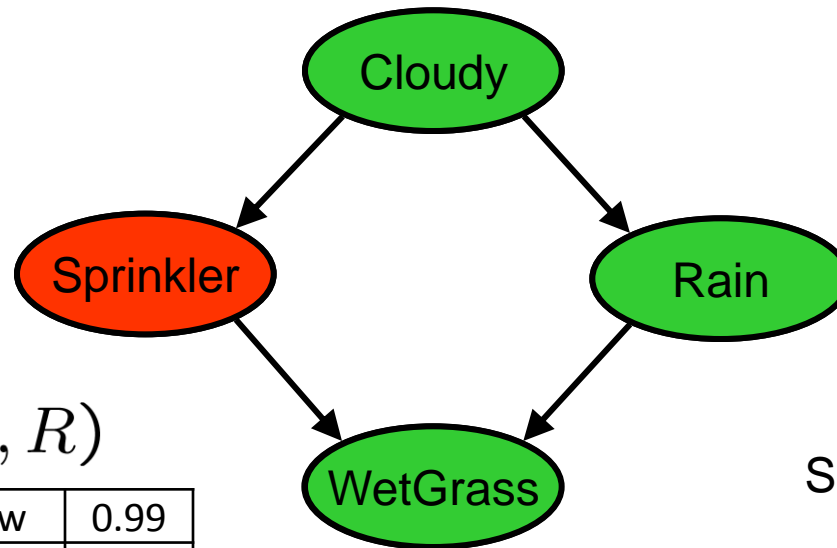
+c	0.5
-c	0.5

$$P(S|C)$$

+c	+s	0.1
	-s	0.9
-c	+s	0.5
	-s	0.5

$$P(R|C)$$

+c	+r	0.8
	-r	0.2
-c	+r	0.2
	-r	0.8



$$P(W|S, R)$$

+s	+r	+w	0.99
		-w	0.01
+s	-r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
-s	+r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
-s	-r	+w	0.01
		-w	0.99

Samples:

+c, -s, +r, +w

-c, +s, -r, +w

...

# Example

- We'll get a bunch of samples from the BN:

+C, -S, +r, +W

+C, +S, +r, +W

-C, +S, +r, -W

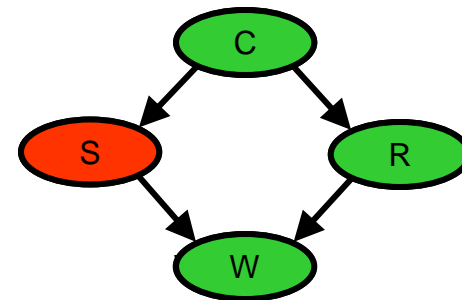
+C, -S, +r, +W

-C, -S, -r, +W

- If we want to know  $P(W)$

- We have counts  $\langle +w:4, -w:1 \rangle$
- Normalize to get  $P(W) = \langle +w:0.8, -w:0.2 \rangle$
- This will get closer to the true distribution with more samples
- Can estimate anything else, too
- What about  $P(C | +w)$ ?  $P(C | +r, +w)$ ?  $P(C | -r, -w)$ ?

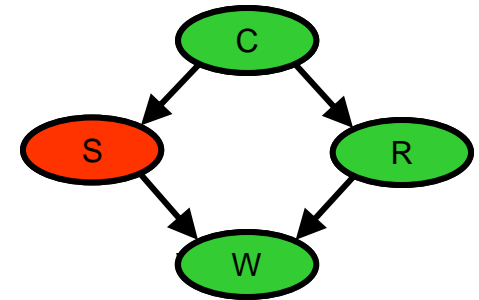
what's the drawback? Can use fewer samples ?



# Rejection Sampling

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- Let's say we want  $P(C)$ 
  - No point keeping all samples around
  - Just tally counts of  $C$  as we go
- Let's say we want  $P(C | +s)$ 
  - Same thing: tally  $C$  outcomes, but ignore (reject) samples which don't have  $S=+s$
  - This is called rejection sampling
  - It is also consistent for conditional probabilities (i.e., correct in the limit)

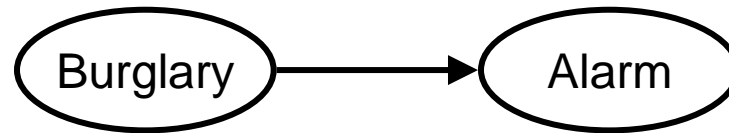


+C, -S, +r, +W  
+C, +S, +r, +W  
-C, +S, +r, -W  
+C, -S, +r, +W  
-C, -S, -r, +W

# Likelihood Weighting

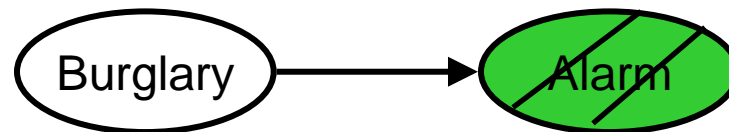
- Problem with rejection sampling:

- If evidence is unlikely, you reject a lot of samples
- You don't exploit your evidence as you sample
- Consider  $P(B|+a)$



-b, -a  
 -b, -a  
 -b, -a  
 -b, -a  
 +b, +a

- Idea: fix evidence variables and sample the rest



-b +a  
 -b, +a  
 -b, +a  
 -b, +a  
 +b, +a

- Problem: sample distribution not consistent!
- Solution: weight by probability of evidence given parents

# Likelihood Weighting

$$P(C)$$

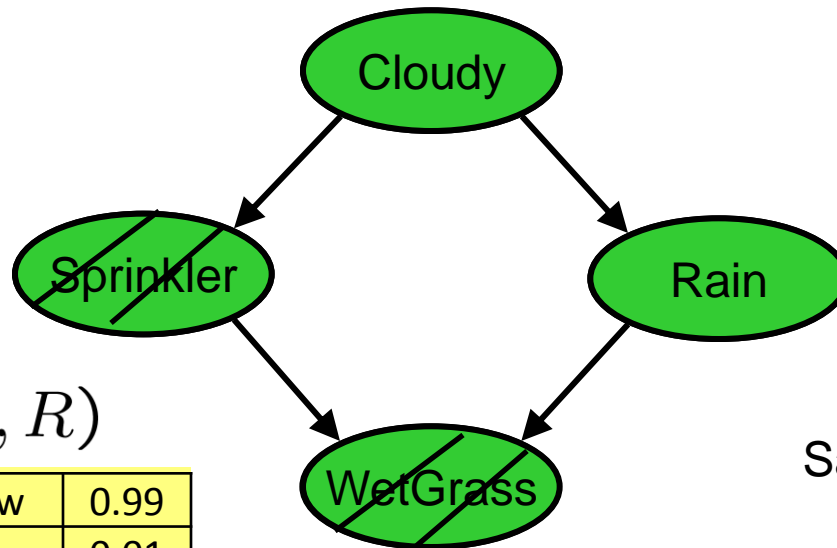
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$$P(R|C)$$

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	-r	0.2
-c	+r	0.2
	-r	0.8



$$P(W|S, R)$$

+s	+r	+w	0.99
		-w	0.01
-s	-r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
	+r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
-r	+w	0.01	
	-w	0.99	

Samples:

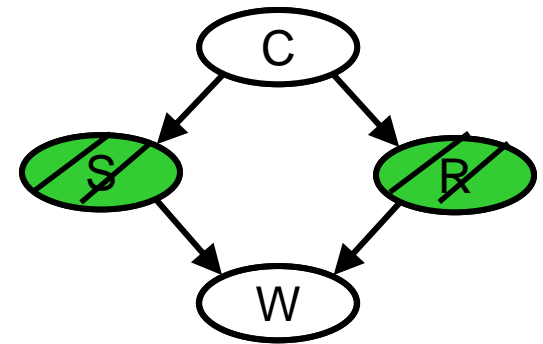
+c, +s, +r, +w

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$$w = 1.0 \times 0.1 \times 0.99$$

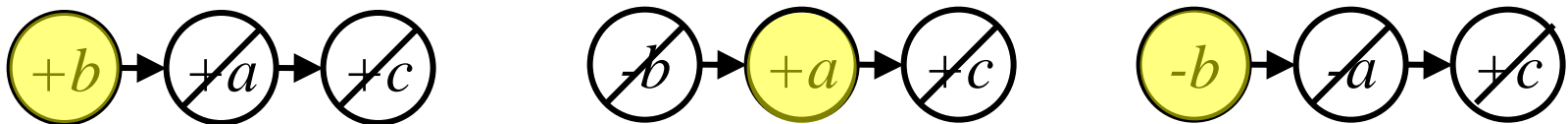
# Likelihood Weighting

- Likelihood weighting is good
  - We have taken evidence into account as we generate the sample
  - E.g. here,  $W$ 's value will get picked based on the evidence values of  $S$ ,  $R$
  - More of our samples will reflect the state of the world suggested by the evidence
- Likelihood weighting doesn't solve all our problems
  - Evidence influences the choice of downstream variables, but not upstream ones ( $C$  isn't more likely to get a value matching the evidence)
- We would like to consider evidence when we sample *every* variable



# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- *Idea*: instead of sampling from scratch, create samples that are each like the last one.
- *Procedure*: resample one variable at a time, conditioned on all the rest, but keep **evidence** fixed. E.g., for  $P(b|+c)$ :



- *Properties*: Now samples are not independent (in fact they're nearly identical), but sample averages are still consistent estimators! And **can be computed efficiently**
- *What's the point*: both upstream and downstream variables condition on evidence.

# TODO for this Tue

**Finish Reading Chp 6 of textbook**

(Skip 6.4.2.5 Importance Sampling 6.4.2.6 Particle Filtering, we have covered instead likelihood weighting and MCMC methods)

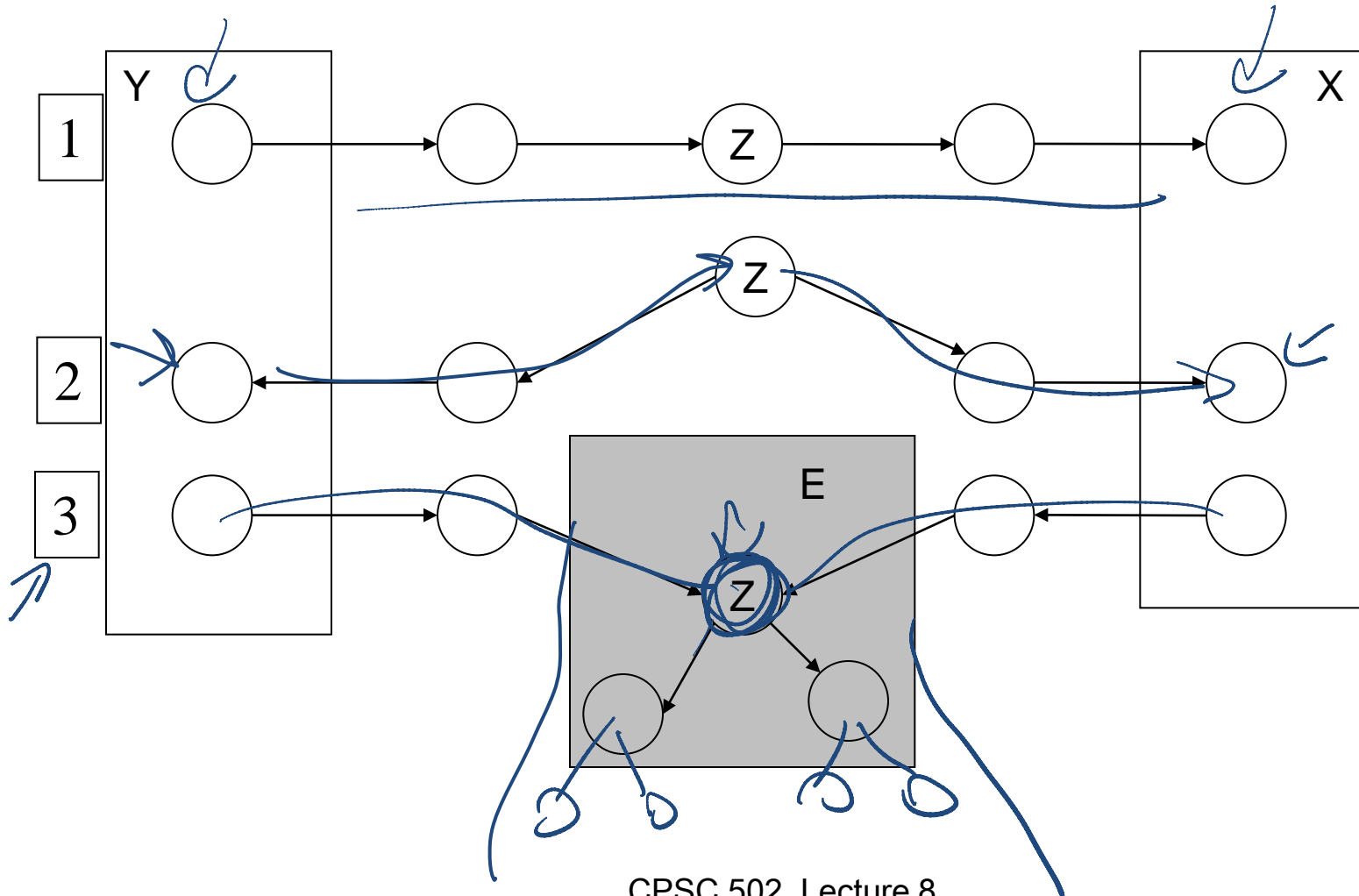
**Also Do exercises 6.E**

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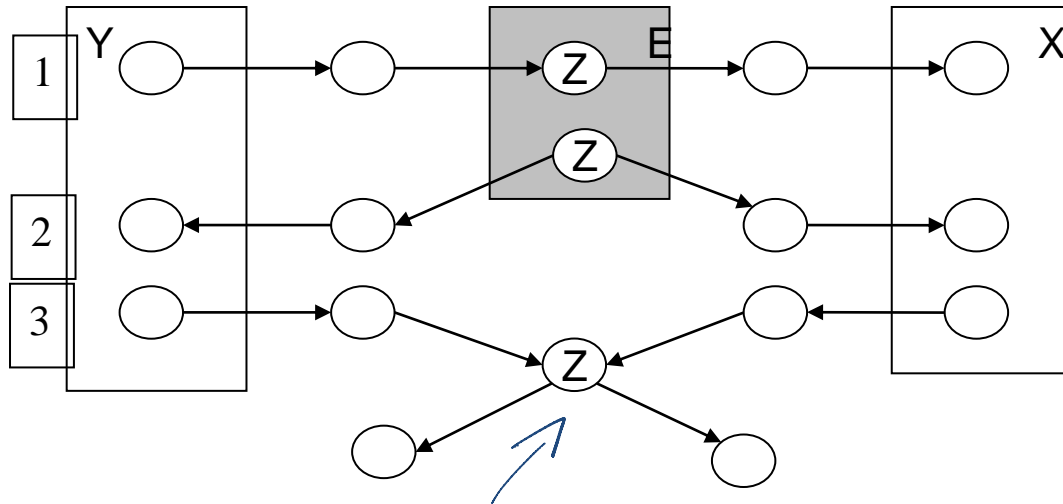


# Or .... Conditional Dependencies

In 1,2,3 X Y are dependent

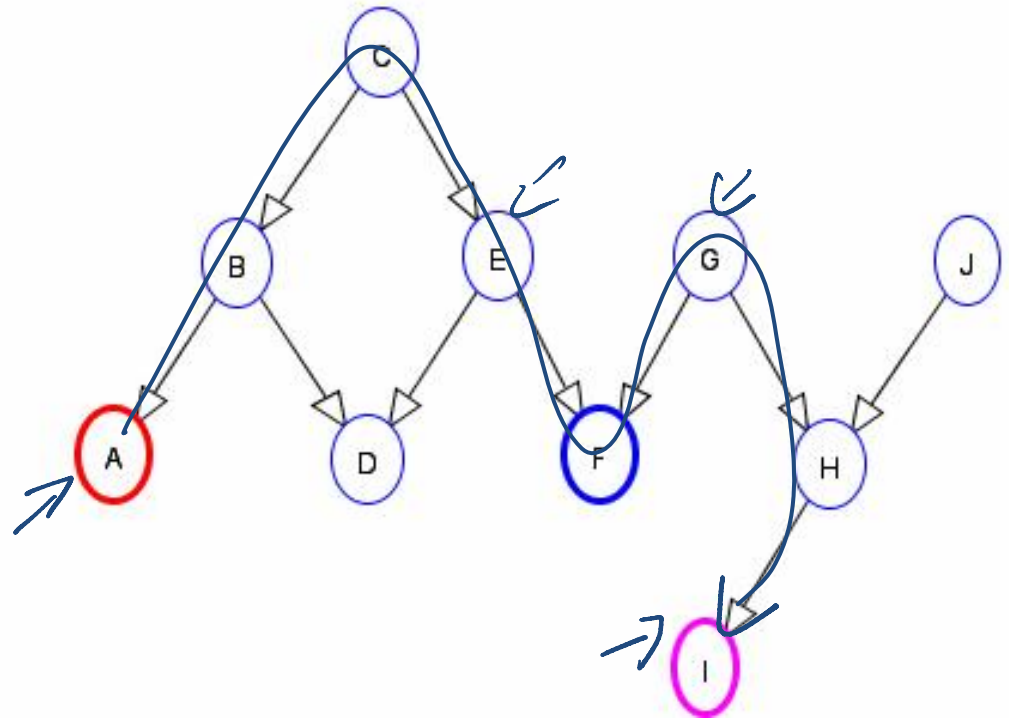


# In/Dependencies in a Bnet : Example 1

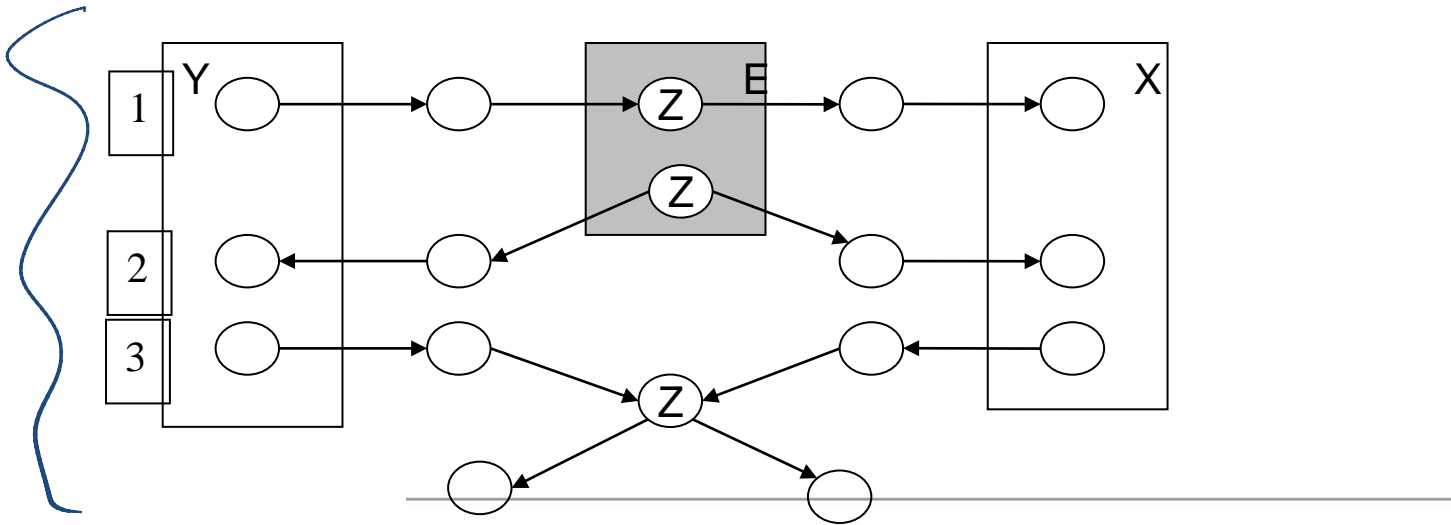


Is A conditionally independent of I given F?

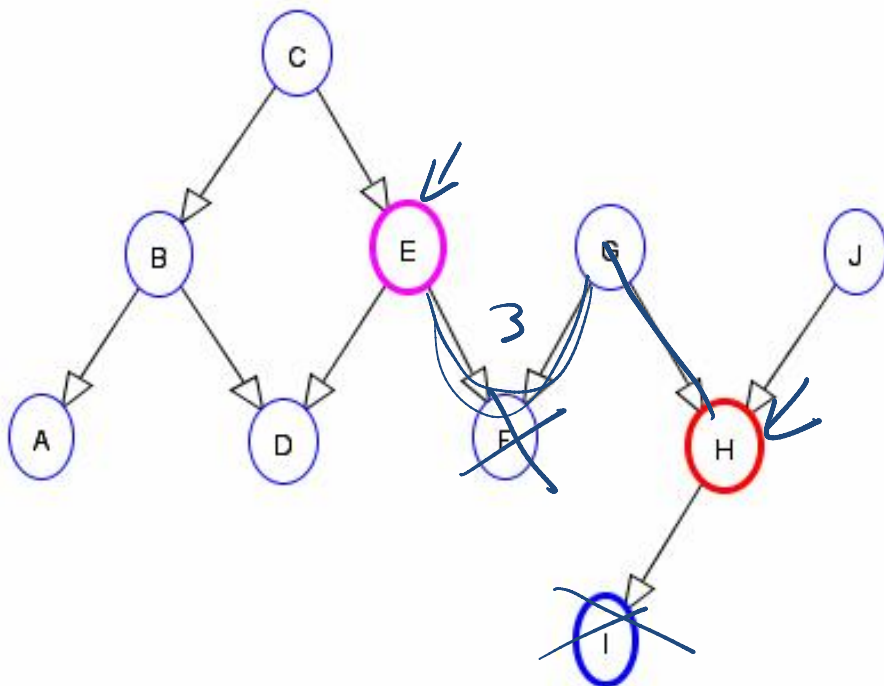
*false*



# In/Dependencies in a Bnet : Example 2



Is H conditionally independent of E given I?  
*true*

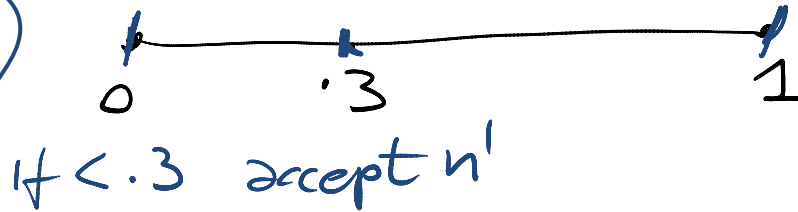


# Sampling a discrete probability distribution

e.g. Sim. Annealing. Select  $n'$  with probability  $P$

$P = .3$

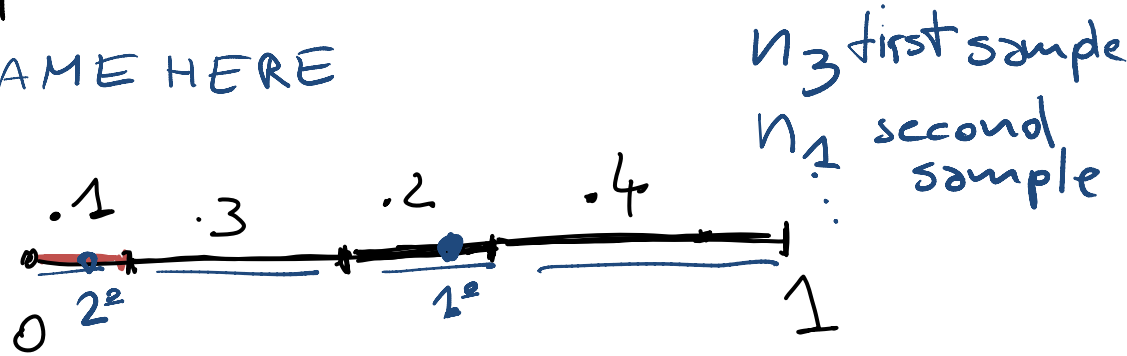
generate random number in  $[0, 1]$



e.g. Beam Search: Select  $K$  individuals. Probability of selection proportional to their value

SAME HERE

- $\rightarrow n_1$   $P_1 = .1$
- $\rightarrow n_2$   $P_2 = .3$
- $\rightarrow n_3$   $P_3 = .2$
- $\rightarrow n_4$   $P_4 = .4$



# Problem and Solution Plan

- We model the environment as a set of random vars

$$x_1 \dots x_n \quad \text{JPD} \quad P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

- Why the joint is not an adequate representation ?

“Representation, reasoning and learning” are  
“exponential” in the number of variables

**Solution:** Exploit marginal & conditional independence

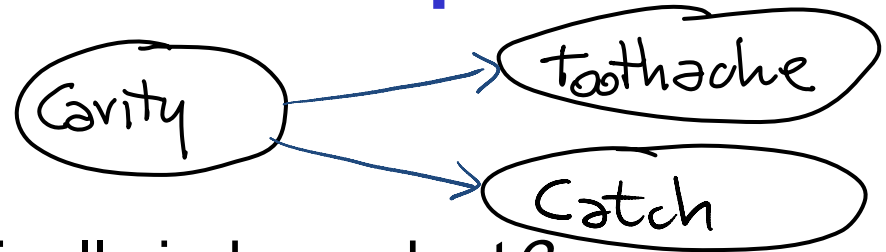
$$P(x|Y) = P(x) \quad P(x|YZ) = P(x|Z)$$

But how does independence allow us to simplify the joint?

CHAIN RULE!

# Look for weaker form of independence

$P(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Catch})$



Are *Toothache* and *Catch* marginally independent?

$$P(\downarrow \mid \downarrow) = P(\textit{Toothache}) ?$$

BUT If I have a cavity, does the probability that the probe catches depend on whether I have a toothache?

$$(1) P(\textit{catch} \mid \textit{toothache}, \textit{cavity}) = P(\textit{catch} \mid \textit{cavity})$$

What if I haven't got a cavity?

$$(2) P(\textit{catch} \mid \textit{toothache}, \neg \textit{cavity}) = P(\textit{catch} \mid \neg \textit{cavity})$$

- *Each is directly caused by the cavity, but neither has a direct effect on the other*

# Conditional independence

In general, *Catch* is conditionally independent of *Toothache* given *Cavity*.

①  $P(\text{Catch} / \text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Catch} / \text{Cavity})$

Equivalent statements:

②  $P(\text{Toothache} / \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} / \text{Cavity})$

③  $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch} / \text{Cavity}) = \frac{P(\text{Toothache} / \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Catch} / \text{Cavity})}{P(\text{Cavity})}$

$$P(x, y | z) = P(x | z) P(y | z)$$

# Proof of equivalent statements

①

if

$$P(X|YZ) = P(X|Z) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{A} \frac{P(X, Y, Z)}{P(Y, Z)} = \frac{P(X, Z)}{P(Z)} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X, Y, Z)}{P(X, Z)} = \frac{P(Y, Z)}{P(Z)} \Rightarrow P(Y|X, Z) = P(Y|Z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} P(X, Y|Z) &= \frac{P(X, Y, Z)}{P(Z)} \stackrel{\text{from A}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{P(Y, Z) P(X, Z)}{P(Z)} \cdot \frac{1}{P(Z)} \\ &= \frac{P(Y, Z)}{P(Z)} \cdot \frac{P(X, Z)}{P(Z)} = P(Y|Z) \cdot P(X|Z) \end{aligned}$$



# Conditional Independence: Formal Def.

Sometimes, two variables might not be marginally independent. However, they *become* independent after we observe some third variable

**DEF.** Random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  is **conditionally independent** of random variable  $\mathbf{Y}$  given random variable  $\mathbf{Z}$  if, for all  $x_i \in \text{dom}(X)$ ,  $y_k \in \text{dom}(Y)$ ,  $z_m \in \text{dom}(Z)$

$$P( X= x_i \mid Y= y_k , Z= z_m ) = P( X= x_i \mid Z= z_m )$$

That is, knowledge of  $\mathbf{Y}$ 's value doesn't affect your belief in the value of  $\mathbf{X}$ , given a value of  $\mathbf{Z}$

# Conditional independence: Use

Write out full joint distribution using **chain rule**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P(Cavity, Catch, Toothache)} \\ &= \mathbf{P(Toothache \mid Catch, Cavity) P(Catch \mid Cavity) P(Cavity)} \\ &= \mathbf{P(Toothache \mid Cavity) P(Catch \mid Cavity) P(Cavity)} \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten annotations: A blue box surrounds the first equation. A blue arrow points from the box to the second equation. A blue bracket under the second equation spans the first two terms, with a '2' below it. Another blue bracket under the second equation spans the last two terms, with a '2' below it. A '1' is written below the last term. A blue arrow points from the '2' under the first bracket to the expression  $2^3 - 1 = 7$ . Another blue arrow points from the '2' under the second bracket to the expression  $2 + 2 + 1 = 5$ .

how many probabilities?  $2^3 - 1 = 7$

$$2 + 2 + 1 = 5$$

The use of conditional independence often **reduces the size** of the representation of the joint distribution from **exponential in  $n$**  to **linear in  $n$** .  $n$  is the number of vars

**Conditional independence** is our **most basic** and **robust** form of **knowledge** about **uncertain environments**.

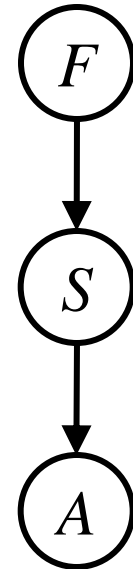
# Approximate Inference

Sampling / Simulating / Observing

Sampling is a hot topic in machine learning,  
and it's really simple

Basic idea:

- Draw  $N$  samples from a sampling distribution  $S$
- Compute an approximate posterior probability
- Show this converges to the true probability  $P$



Why sample?

- Learning: get samples from a distribution you don't know
- Inference: getting a sample is faster than computing the right answer (e.g. with variable elimination)