

# Reasoning Under Uncertainty: Variable Elimination for Bayes Nets

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# Announcements (1)

- Assignment 4 due Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Final exam
  - Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 11am in PHRM 1101
  - Same general format as midterm (~60% short questions)
    - List of short questions will be on Connect
  - Practice final to be provided
  - More emphasis on material after midterm
  - How to study?
    - Practice exercises, assignments, short questions, lecture notes, text, problems in text, ...
    - Use TA and my office hours (extra office hours TBA if needed)
    - Review sessions: last class plus more TBA if needed
    - Submit topics you want reviewed on Connect

# Announcements (2)

- Teaching Evaluations are online
  - You should have received a message about them
  - Secure, confidential, mobile access
- Your feedback is important!
  - Allows us to assess and improve the course material
  - I use it to assess and improve my teaching methods
  - The department as a whole uses it to shape the curriculum
  - Teaching evaluation results are important for instructors
    - Appointment, reappointment, tenure, promotion and merit, salary
  - UBC takes them very seriously (now)
  - Evaluations close at 11:59PM on April 9, 2013.
    - Before exam, but instructors can't see results until *after* we submit grades
  - Please do it!
- Take a few minutes and visit <https://eval.olt.ubc.ca/science>

# Lecture Overview



## Recap Observations and Inference

- Inference in General Bayesian Networks
  - Factors:
    - Assigning Variables
    - Summing out Variables
    - Multiplication of Factors
  - The variable elimination algorithm
  - Example trace of variable elimination

# Learning Goals For Previous Class

- Build a Bayesian Network for a given domain
- Understand basics of Markov Chains and Hidden Markov Models
- Classify the types of inference:
  - Diagnostic, Predictive, Mixed, Intercausal

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Assignment 4: Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 NOW.

Q5: variable elimination (VE) this class.

# Inference in Bayesian Networks

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- A subset of its variables  $Y$  that is queried

Compute: The conditional probability  $P(Y|E=e)$

How: Run the Variable Elimination (VE) algorithm

N.B. We can already do all this: See lecture “Uncertainty2”  
Inference by Enumeration topic.

The BN represents the JPD. Could just multiply out the BN to get full JPD and then do Inference by Enumeration BUT that's extremely inefficient - does not scale.

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# Factors

- A factor is a function from a tuple of random variables to the real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$
- We write a factor on variables  $X_1, \dots, X_j$  as  $f(X_1, \dots, X_j)$

- $P(Z|X, Y)$  is a factor  $f(X, Y, Z)$ 
  - Factors do not have to sum to one
  - $P(Z|X, Y)$  is a set of probability distributions: one for each combination of values of  $X$  and  $Y$
- $P(Z=f|X, Y)$  is a factor  $f(X, Y)_{Z=f}$



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

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

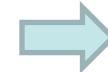
# Operation 1: assigning a variable

- 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.

X	Y	Z	val
t	t	t	0.1
t	t	f	0.9
t	f	t	0.2
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*What is the result of  
assigning X= t ?*

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



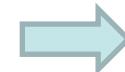
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Factor of Y,Z

# More examples of assignment

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$f(X, Y, Z):$



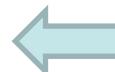
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$f(X=t, Y, Z=f):$

$f(X=t, Y=f, Z=f):$       0.8



Number

Y	val
t	0.9
f	0.8

Factor of Y

# Operation 2: Summing out a variable

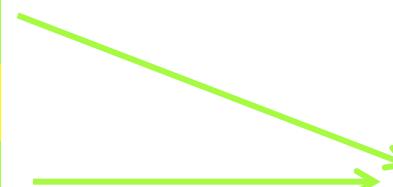
- Our second operation on factors:  
we can **marginalize out** (or **sum out**) a variable
  - Exactly as before. Only difference: factors don't have to sum to 1
  - Marginalizing out a variable  $X$  from a factor  $f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  yields a new factor defined on  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \setminus \{X\}$

$$\left( \sum_{X_1} f \right)(X_2, \dots, X_j) = \sum_{x \in \text{dom}(X_1)} f(X_1 = x, X_2, \dots, X_j)$$

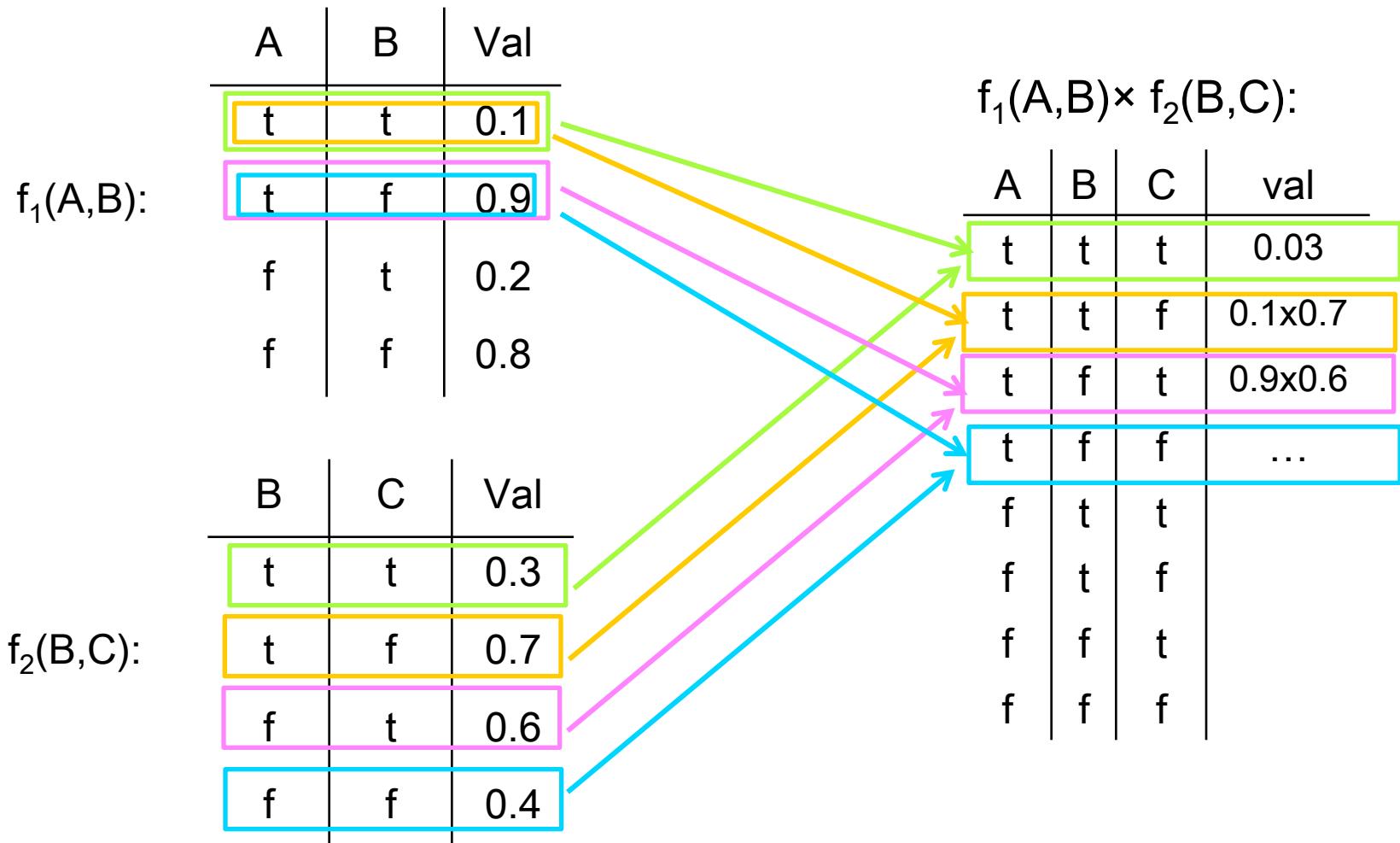
B	A	C	val	
t	t	t	0.03	
t	t	f	0.07	
f	t	t	0.54	
f	t	f	0.36	
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$f_3 =$	t	f	t	0.06
	t	f	f	0.14
	f	f	t	0.48
	f	f	f	0.32

$(\sum_B f_3)(A, C)$

A	C	val
t	t	0.57
t	f	0.43
f	t	0.54
f	f	0.46



# Operation 3: multiplying factors



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- The **product** of factor  $f_1(A, B)$  and  $f_2(B, C)$ , where  $B$  is the variable in common, is the factor  $(f_1 \times f_2)(A, B, C)$  defined by

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

- Note: A, B, and C can be **sets** of variables
  - The domain of  $f_1 \times f_2$  is  $A \cup B \cup C$

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# General Inference in Bayesian Networks

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Compute the conditional probability  $P(Y=y|E=e)$

$$P(Y = y | E = e) = \frac{P(Y = y, E = e)}{P(E = e)} = \frac{P(Y = y, E = e)}{\sum_{y' \in \text{dom}(Y)} P(Y = y', E = e)}$$

Definition of conditional probability

Marginalization over  $Y$ :  
 $P(E=e) = \sum_{y' \in \text{dom}(Y)} P(E=e, Y=y')$

All we need to compute is the joint probability of the query variable(s) and the evidence!

# Variable Elimination: Intro (1)

- We can express the joint probability as a factor

Query      Observed      Other variables not involved in the query

$$- f(Y, \underbrace{E_1, \dots, E_j}_{\text{Observed}}, \underbrace{Z_1, \dots, Z_k}_{\text{Other variables not involved in the query}})$$

- We can compute  $P(Y, E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j)$  by

- Assigning  $E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j$
- Marginalizing out variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$ , one at a time
  - the order in which we do this is called our **elimination ordering**

$$P(Y, E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j) = \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} f(Y, E_1, \dots, E_j, Z_1, \dots, Z_k)_{E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j}$$

- Are we done?
  - No. This would still represent the whole JPD (as a single factor)
  - We need to exploit the compactness of Bayesian networks

# Variable Elimination: Intro (2)

- Recall the joint probability distribution of a Bayesian network
  - $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$   
 $= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i))$
- We will have a **factor  $f_i$**  for each conditional probability:
  - For each variable  $X_i$ , there is a factor  $f_i$  with domain  $\{X_i\} \cup \text{pa}(X_i)$ :  
 $f_i(\{X_i\} \cup \text{pa}(X_i)) = P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i))$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y, E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j) &= \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} f(Y, E_1, \dots, E_j, Z_1, \dots, Z_k)_{E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j} \\ &= \sum_{Z_k} \cdots \sum_{Z_1} \prod_{i=1}^n (f_i)_{E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_j = e_j} \end{aligned}$$

# Computing sums of products

- Inference in Bayesian networks thus reduces to computing the **sums of products**
  - Example: it takes 9 multiplications to evaluate the expression  $ab + ac + ad + aeh + afh + agh$ .
  - How can this expression be evaluated more efficiently?
    - Factor out the  $a$  and then the  $h$  giving  $a(b + c + d + h(e + f + g))$
    - This takes only 2 multiplications (same number of additions as above)
- Similarly, how can we compute  $\sum_{Z_k} \prod_{i=1}^n f_i$  efficiently?
  - Factor out those terms that don't involve  $Z_k$ , e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{Z_k} f_1(Z_k) f_2(Y) f_3(Z_k, Y) f_4(X, Y) \\ &= f_2(Y) f_4(X, Y) \left( \sum_{Z_k} f_1(Z_k) f_3(Z_k, Y) \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Summing out a variable efficiently

- To sum out a variable  $Z$  from a product  $f_1 \times \dots \times f_k$  of factors:

- Partition the factors into

- those that don't contain  $Z$  say  $f_1 \times \dots \times f_i$
  - those that contain  $Z$  say  $f_{i+1} \times \dots \times f_k$

- We know:

$$\sum_Z f_1 \times \dots \times f_k = f_1 \times \dots \times f_i \times \left( \sum_Z f_{i+1} \times \dots \times f_k \right)$$

New factor! Let's call it  $f'$

- We thus have

$$\sum_Z f_1 \times \dots \times f_k = f_1 \times \dots \times f_i \times f'$$

- Store  $f'$  explicitly, and discard  $f_{i+1} \dots f_k$
- Now we've summed out  $Z$

# The variable elimination algorithm

To compute  $P(Y=y|E=e)$ :

1. Construct a factor for each conditional probability
2. Assign the observed variables  $E$  to their observed values
3. Decompose the sum
4. Sum out all variables  $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$  not involved in the query
5. Multiply the remaining factors (which only involve  $Y$ )
6. Normalize by dividing the resulting factor  $f(Y)$  by  
 $\sum_{y \in \text{dom}(Y)} f(Y)$

See the algorithm VE\_BN in the P&M text, Section 6.4.1, Figure 6.8, p. 254.

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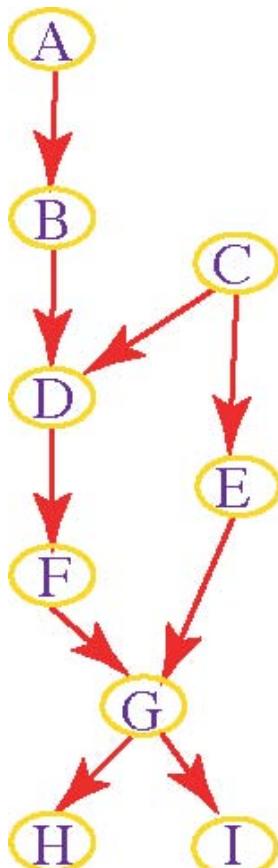
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Step 1: construct a factor for each cond. probability

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

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

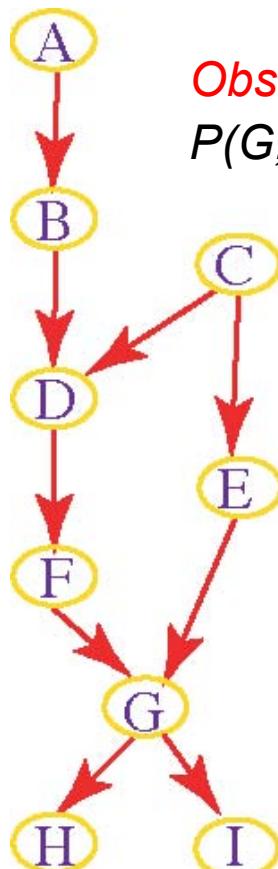
$$= \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F, D) f_6(G,F,E) f_7(H,G) f_8(I,G)$$



# Variable elimination example: compute $P(G|H=h_1)$

## Step 2: assign observed variables their observed value

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



*Observe  $H=h_1$ :*

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

*Assigning the variable  $H=h_1$ :*

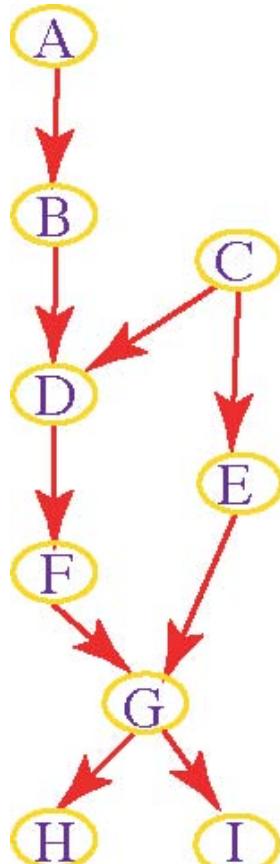
$$f_7(H,G)_{H=h_1} = f_9(G)$$

# Variable elimination example: compute $P(G|H=h_1)$

## Step 3: decompose sum

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

$$= \Sigma_F \Sigma_D \quad \Sigma_B \Sigma_I \quad \Sigma_E \quad \Sigma_C \quad \Sigma_A$$

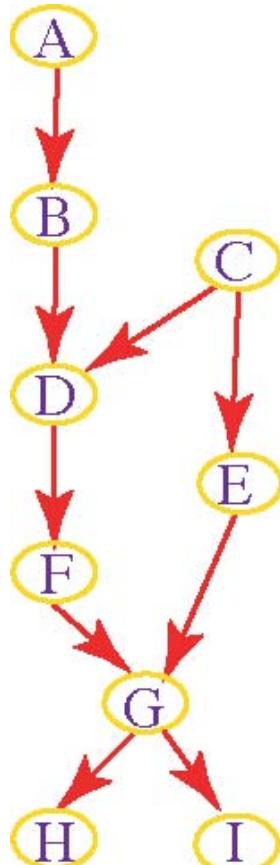


Elimination ordering: A, C, E, I, B, D, F

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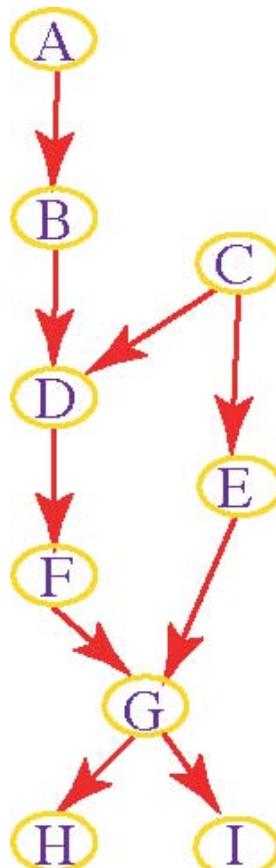


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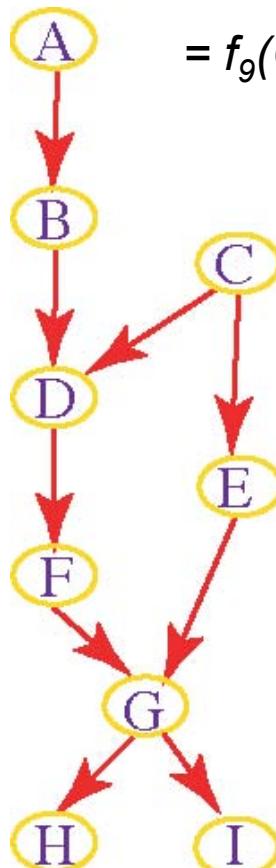
Summing out A:  $\sum_A f_0(A) f_1(B,A) = f_{10}(B)$   
This new factor does not depend on C, E, or I,  
so we can push it outside of those sums.

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$$= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) \color{red}{f_{11}(D,B,E)}$$

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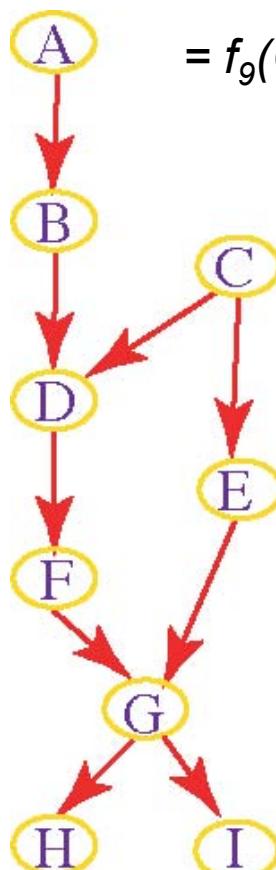
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$$= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G)$$

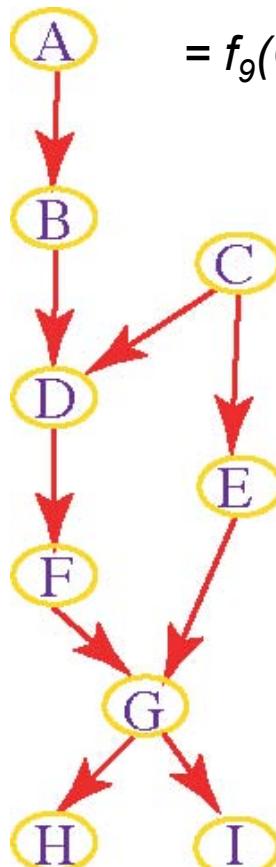
Note the increase in dimensionality:  
 $f_{12}(G,F,D,B)$  is defined over 4 variables

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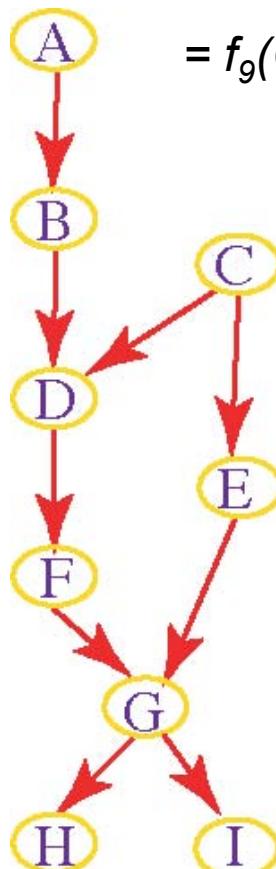
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 \end{aligned}$$

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

# Variable elimination example: compute $P(G|H=h_1)$

## Step 4: sum out non- query variables (one at a time)

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 &= 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 f_0(A) f_1(B,A) \\
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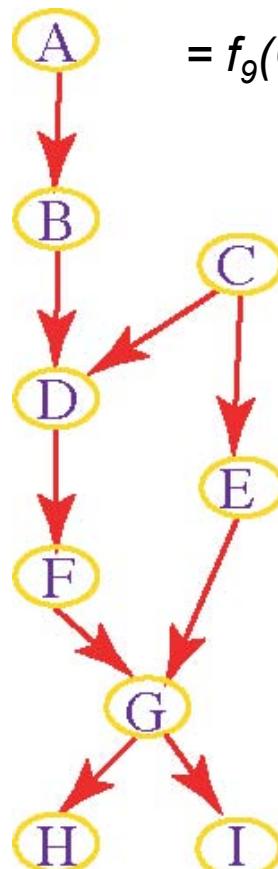
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 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \textcolor{red}{\sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B)} \\
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 &= f_9(G) \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 f_0(A) f_1(B,A) \\
 &= 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)
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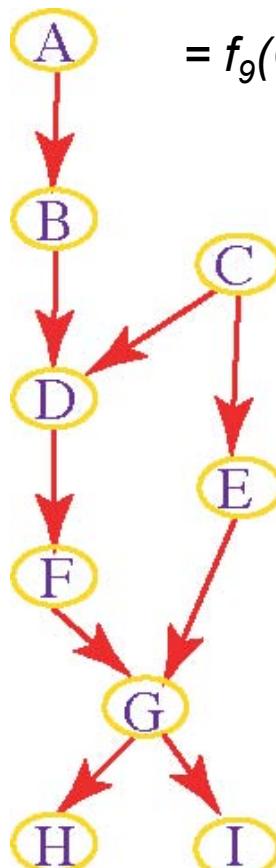
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 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \cancel{\sum_D} f_5(F, D) f_{14}(G,F,D) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F f_{15}(G,F)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &= 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 f_0(A) f_1(B,A) \\
 &= 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)
 \end{aligned}$$



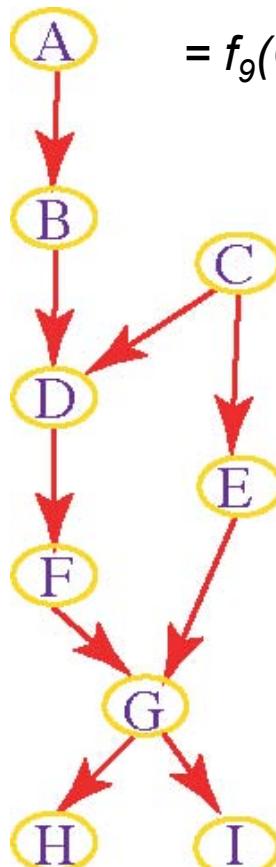
$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) f_{14}(G,F,D) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F f_{15}(G,F) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \textcolor{red}{f_{16}(G)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

# Variable elimination example: compute $P(G|H=h_1)$

## Step 5: multiply the remaining factors

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(G, H=h_1) &= \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F, D) f_6(G,F,E) f_9(G) f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) \sum_A f_0(A) f_1(B,A) \\
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C)
 \end{aligned}$$



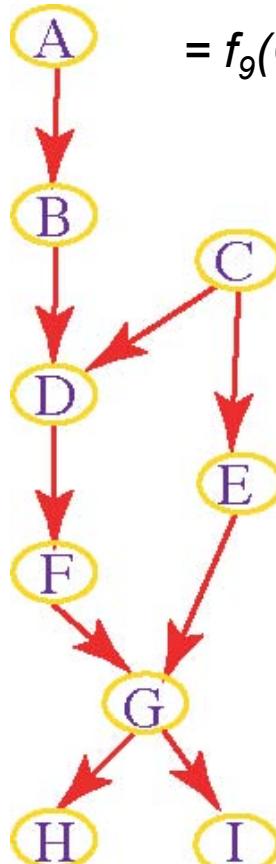
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) f_{11}(D,B,E) \\
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) f_{14}(G,F,D) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F f_{15}(G,F) \\
 &= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) f_{16}(G) \\
 &= f_{17}(G)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

# Variable elimination example: compute $P(G|H=h_1)$

## Step 6: normalize

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(G, H=h_1) &= \sum_{A,B,C,D,E,F,I} f_0(A) f_1(B,A) f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) f_5(F, D) f_6(G,F,E) f_9(G) f_8(I,G) \\
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C) \sum_A f_0(A) f_1(B,A) \\
 &= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) \sum_C f_2(C) f_3(D,B,C) f_4(E,C)
 \end{aligned}$$



$$= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) \sum_I f_8(I,G) \sum_E f_6(G,F,E) f_{11}(D,B,E)$$

$$= f_9(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B) \sum_I f_8(I,G)$$

$$= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) \sum_B f_{10}(B) f_{12}(G,F,D,B)$$

$$= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F \sum_D f_5(F, D) f_{14}(G,F,D)$$

$$= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) \sum_F f_{15}(G,F)$$

$$= f_9(G) f_{13}(G) f_{16}(G)$$

$$= f_{17}(G)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(G = g | H = h_1) &= \frac{P(G = g, H = h_1)}{P(H = h_1)} \\
 &= \frac{P(G = g, H = h_1)}{\sum_{g' \in \text{dom}(G)} P(G = g', H = h_1)} = \frac{f_{17}(g)}{\sum_{g' \in \text{dom}(G)} f_{17}(g')}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Learning Goals For Today's Class

- Variable elimination
  - Carry out variable elimination by using factor representation and using the factor operations
  - Use techniques to simplify variable elimination
- Practice Exercises
  - Reminder: they are helpful for staying on top of the material, and for studying for the exam
  - Exercise 10 is on conditional independence.
  - Exercise 11 is on variable elimination
- Assignment 4 is due on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - You should now be able to solve all questions: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5