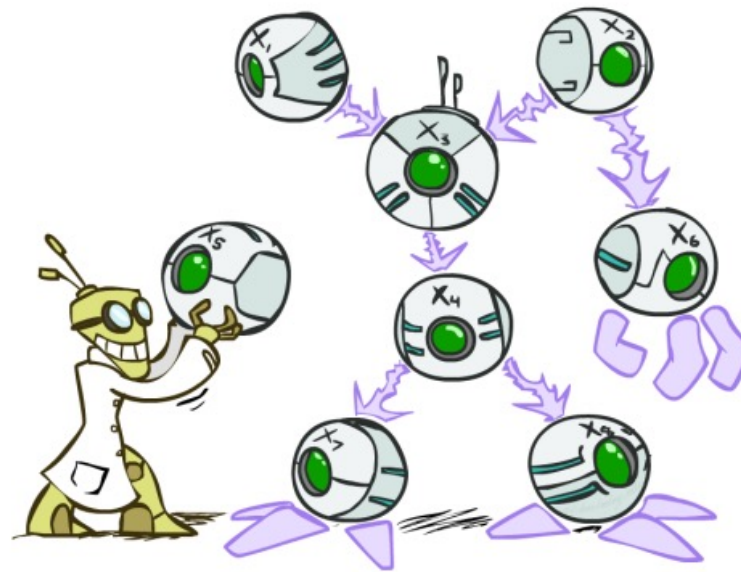


AI: Representation and Problem Solving

Bayes Nets Inference



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Bayes Nets

✓ Part I: Representation and Independence

Part II: Exact inference

- Enumeration (always exponential complexity)
- Variable elimination (worst-case exponential complexity, often better)
- Inference is NP-hard in general

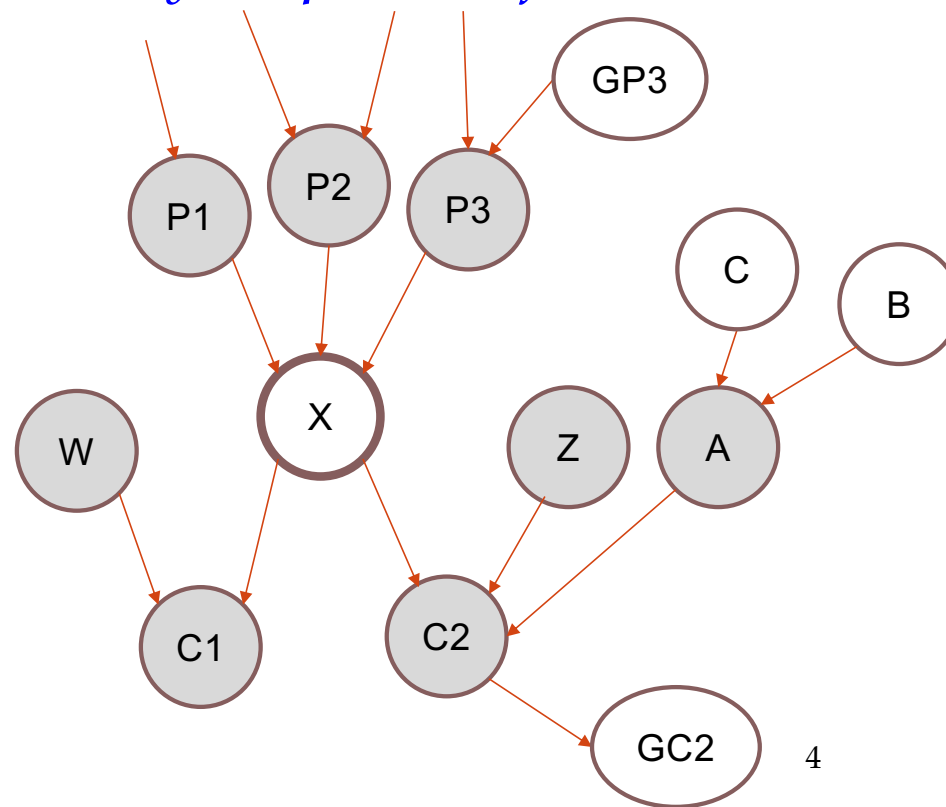
Part III: Approximate Inference

Markov blanket

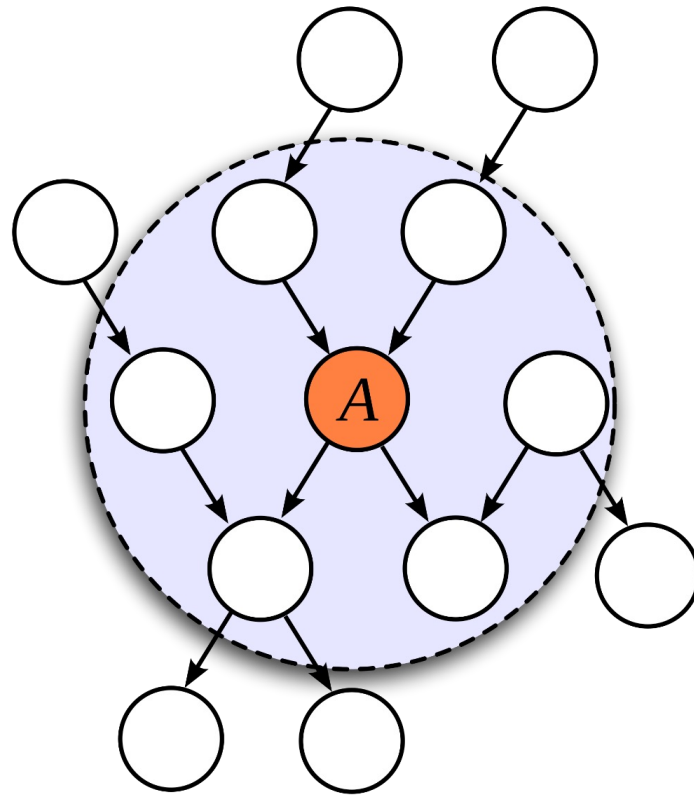
- Markov blanket of X - subset of variables such that all other variables are independent of X conditioned on the blanket

Markov blanket

- A variable's Markov blanket consists of parents, children, children's other parents
- *Every variable is conditionally independent of all other variables given its Markov blanket*



Markov blanket



Queries

- What is the probability of *this* given what I know? $P(q | e)$
- What are the probabilities of all the possible outcomes (given what I know)? $P(Q | e)$
- Which outcome is the most likely outcome (given what I know)?
 $\operatorname{argmax}_{q \in Q} P(q | e)$

Queries

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Normalization

$$P(Q | e) = \frac{\sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} P(Q, h_1, h_2, e)}{P(e)}$$

- Sometimes we don't care about exact probability; and we skip $P(e)$

$$P(Q | e) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} P(Q, h_1, h_2, e)$$

$$P(Q | e) = \alpha \sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} P(Q, h_1, h_2, e)$$

$$P(Q | e) \propto \sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} P(Q, h_1, h_2, e)$$

Bayes Nets in the Wild

Example: Speech Recognition

“artificial

Find most probable next word given “artificial” and the audio for second word.

Bayes Nets in the Wild

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Find most probable next word given “artificial” and the audio for second word.

Which second word gives the highest probability?

Break down problem

n-gram probability * audio probability

$P(\mathbf{limb} \mid \text{artificial, audio})$

$P(\mathbf{limb} \mid \text{artificial}) * P(\text{audio} \mid \mathbf{limb})$

$P(\mathbf{intelligence} \mid \text{artificial, audio})$

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$P(\mathbf{flavoring} \mid \text{artificial, audio})$

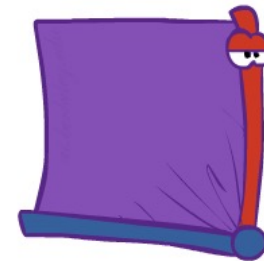
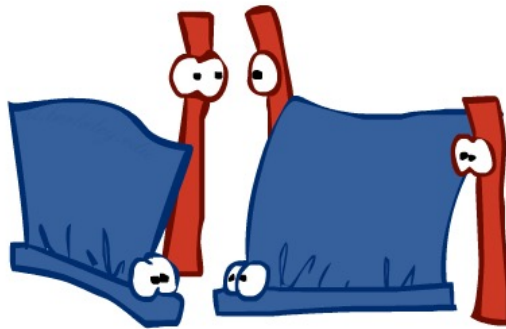
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Bayes Nets in the Wild

$$\begin{aligned} \text{second}^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\mathbf{second} \mid \text{artificial}, \text{audio}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} \frac{P(\mathbf{second}, \text{artificial}, \text{audio})}{P(\text{artificial}, \text{audio})} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\mathbf{second}, \text{artificial}, \text{audio}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{artificial}) P(\mathbf{second} \mid \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} \mid \text{artificial}, \mathbf{second}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{artificial}) P(\mathbf{second} \mid \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} \mid \mathbf{second}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\mathbf{second} \mid \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} \mid \mathbf{second}) \\ &\quad \text{n-gram probability} * \text{audio probability} \end{aligned}$$

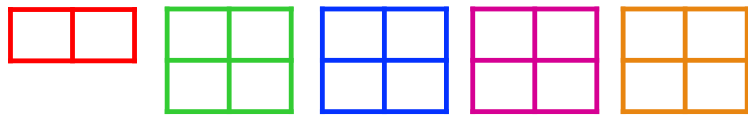
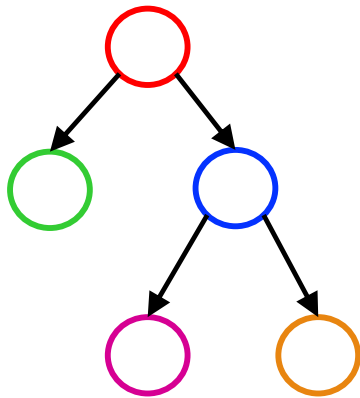
Inference

- **Inference:** calculating some useful quantity from a probability model (joint probability distribution)
- **Examples:**
 - Posterior marginal probability
 - $P(Q | e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - e.g., what disease might I have?
 - Most likely explanation:
 - $\operatorname{argmax}_{q,r,s} P(Q=q, R=r, S=s | e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - e.g., what was just said?



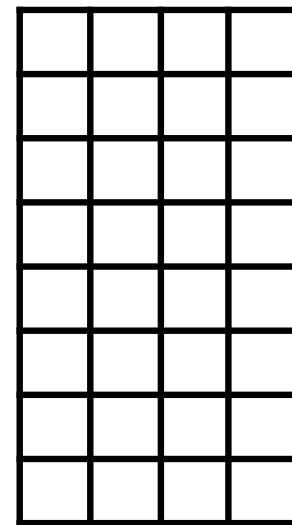
Answer Any Query from Bayes Net

Bayes Net



$P(A)$ $P(B|A)$ $P(C|A)$ $P(D|C)$ $P(E|C)$

Joint

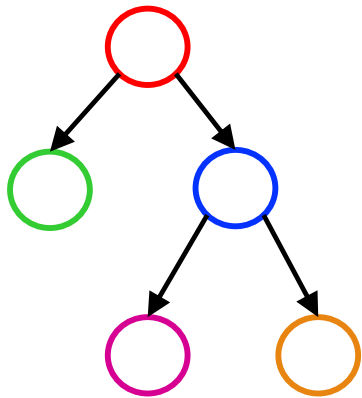


Query

$P(a | e)$

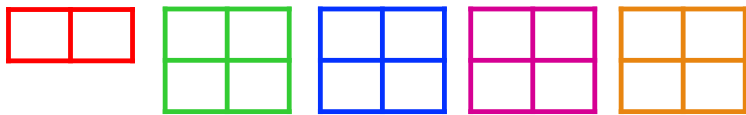
Next: Answer Any Query from Bayes Net

Bayes Net



Query

$$P(a | e)$$

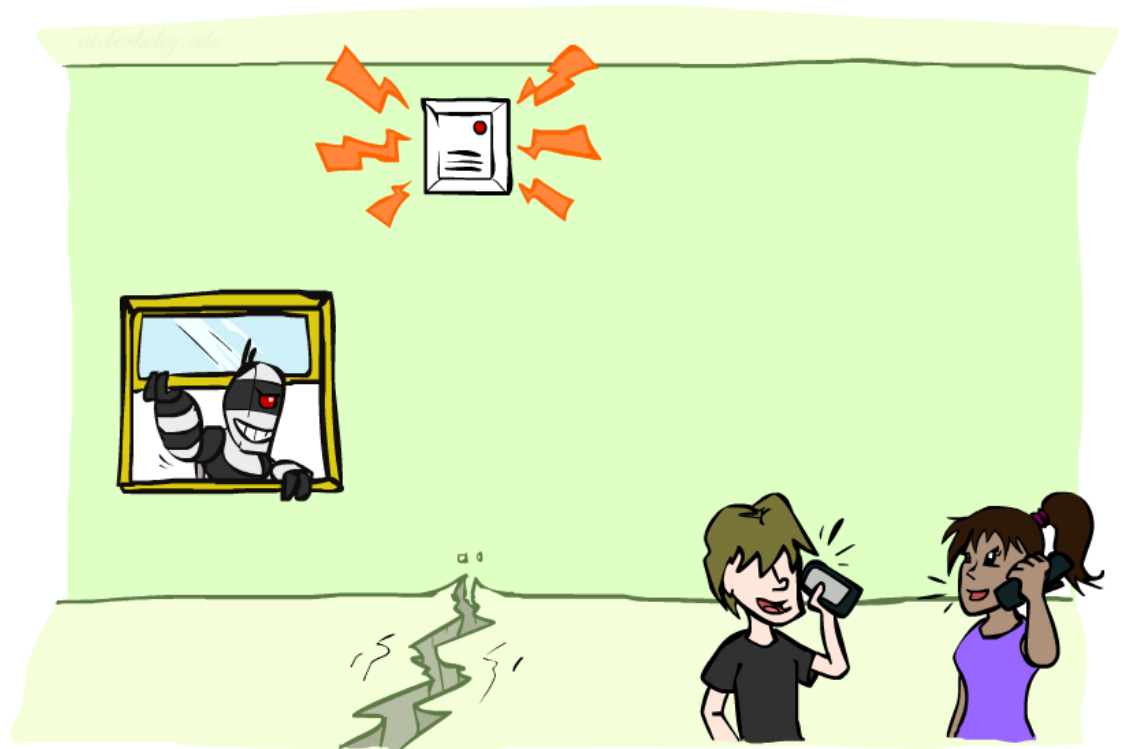


$$P(A) \quad P(B|A) \quad P(C|A) \quad P(D|C) \quad P(E|C)$$

Example: Alarm Network

- Variables

- B: Burglary
- A: Alarm goes off
- M: Mary calls
- J: John calls
- E: Earthquake!



Example: Alarm Network



- Joint distribution factorization example

- Generic chain rule

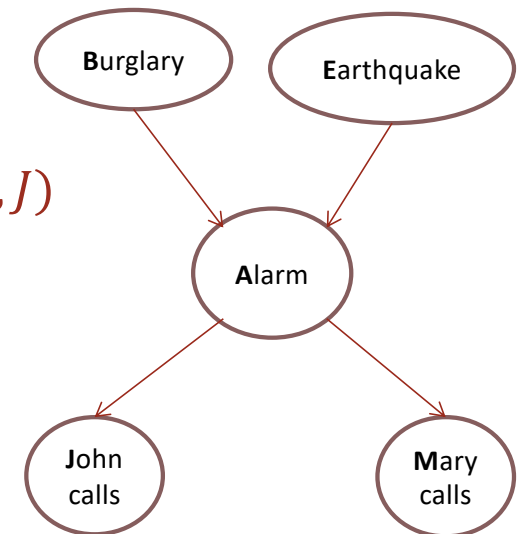
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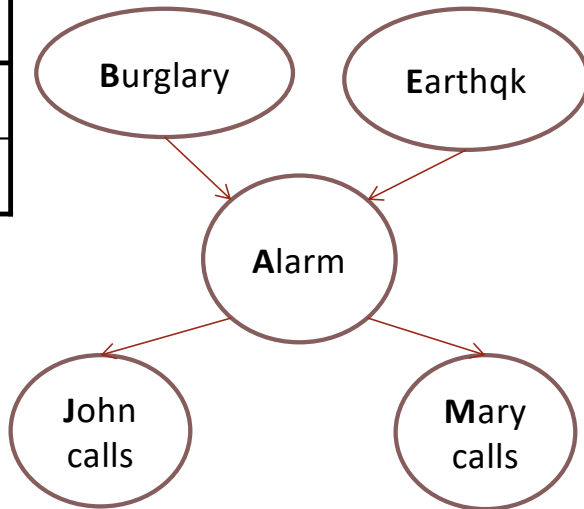
- Bayes nets

- $P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i | Parents(X_i))$



Example: Alarm Network

B	P(B)
+b	0.001
-b	0.999



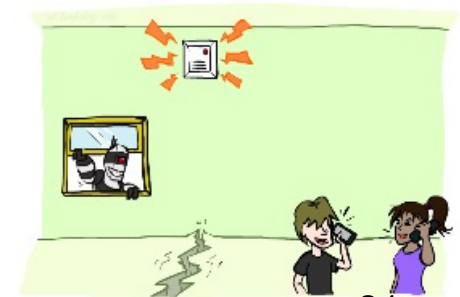
E	P(E)
+e	0.002
-e	0.998

$$P(+b, -e, -a, -j, -m) =$$

A	J	P(J A)
+a	+j	0.9
+a	-j	0.1
-a	+j	0.05
-a	-j	0.95

A	M	P(M A)
+a	+m	0.7
+a	-m	0.3
-a	+m	0.01
-a	-m	0.99

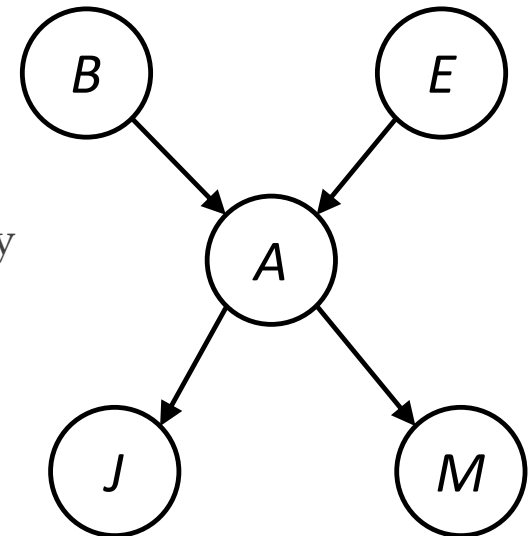
B	E	A	P(A B,E)
+b	+e	+a	0.95
+b	+e	-a	0.05
+b	-e	+a	0.94
+b	-e	-a	0.06
-b	+e	+a	0.29
-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-e	+a	0.001
-b	-e	-a	0.999



Inference by Enumeration in Bayes Net

- Inference by enumeration:
 - Any probability of interest can be computed by summing entries from the joint distribution
 - Entries from the joint distribution can be obtained from a BN by multiplying the corresponding conditional probabilities

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



- So inference in Bayes nets means computing sums of products of numbers: sounds easy!!
- Problem: sums of *exponentially many* products!

Can we do better?

- $P(B | j, m) = \sum_e \sum_a P(B) P(e) P(a | B, e) P(j | a) P(m | a)$

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

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Can we do better?

- Consider

- $x_1y_1z_1 + x_1y_1z_2 + x_1y_2z_1 + x_1y_2z_2 + x_2y_1z_1 + x_2y_1z_2 + x_2y_2z_1 + x_2y_2z_2$
- 16 multiplies, 7 adds
- Lots of repeated sub expressions!

- Rewrite as

- $(x_1 + x_2)(y_1 + y_2)(z_1 + z_2)$

Inference Overview

- Given random variables Q, H, E (query, hidden, evidence)

- We know how to do inference on a joint distribution

$$P(q|e) = \alpha P(q, e)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{h \in \{h_1, h_2\}} P(q, h, e)$$

- We know Bayes nets can break down joint into CPT factors

$$P(q|e) = \alpha \sum_{h \in \{h_1, h_2\}} P(h) P(q|h) P(e|q)$$

$$= \alpha [P(h_1) P(q|h_1) P(e|q) + P(h_2) P(q|h_2) P(e|q)]$$



- But we can be more efficient

$$P(q|e) = \alpha P(e|q) \sum_{h \in \{h_1, h_2\}} P(h) P(q|h)$$

$$= \alpha P(e|q) [P(h_1) P(q|h_1) + P(h_2) P(q|h_2)]$$

$$= \alpha P(e|q) P(q)$$

- Now just extend to larger Bayes nets and a variety of queries

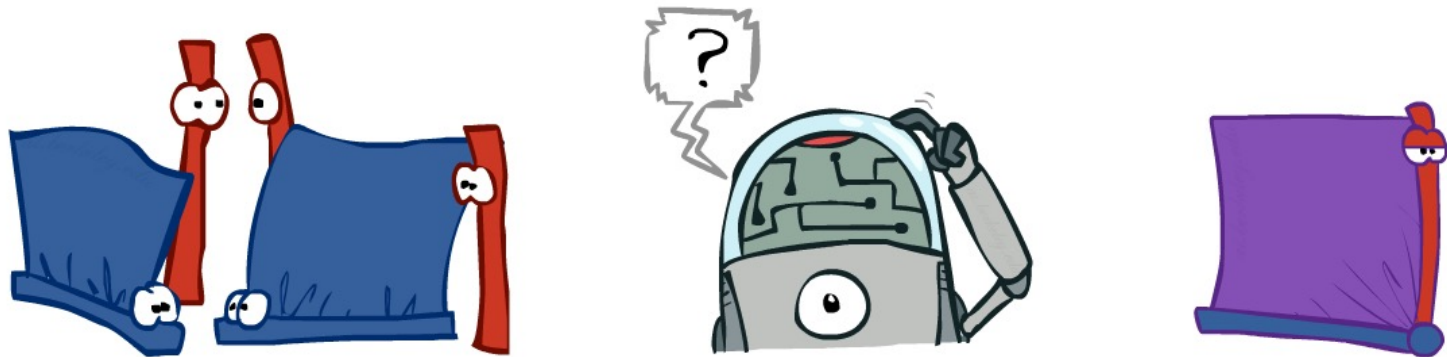
Enumeration

Elimination

Factor Tables

$$\begin{aligned} P(+b, -e, -a, -j, -m) &= P(+b) * P(-e) * P(-a|+b, -e) * P(-j|-a) * P(-m|-a) \\ &= 0.001 * 0.998 * 0.06 * 0.95 * 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

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- Multiplication order can change (commutativity)
- Multiplication pairs don't have to make sense (associativity)

Variable elimination: The basic ideas

- Move summations inwards as far as possible

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

Variable elimination: The basic ideas

- Move summations inwards as far as possible, inner sum is easier to compute

$$P(B | j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(B, e, a, j, m)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(j|a) P(e) P(m|a) P(a|B, e) P(B)$$

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(j|a) P(m|a) P(a|B, e)$$

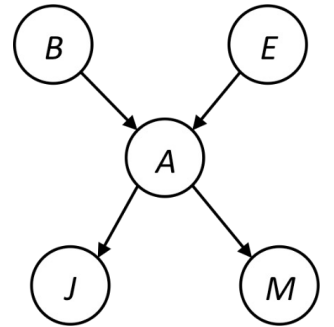
Variable Elimination

- Query: $P(Q_1, \dots, Q_m \mid E_1=e_1, \dots, E_k=e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
 - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q_i or evidence):
 - Pick a hidden variable H
 - **Join** all factors mentioning H
 - **Eliminate** (sum out) H
- Join all remaining factors and normalize

Example

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

$$= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(j|a) P(e) P(m|a) P(a|B, e) P(B)$$



Push summations inwards such that products that do not depend on the variable are pulled out of the sum

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Example

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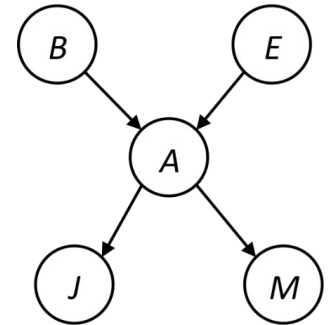
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Choose A (inner most sum)

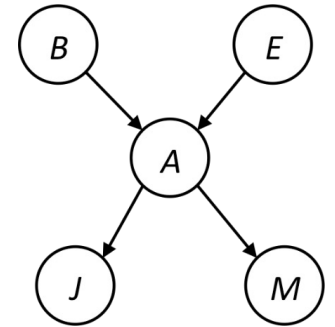
Create a table $t_1 = P(A \mid B, E)P(j \mid A)P(m \mid A)$

How many entries does this table have?

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a t_1(a, B, e, j, m)$$



Example



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

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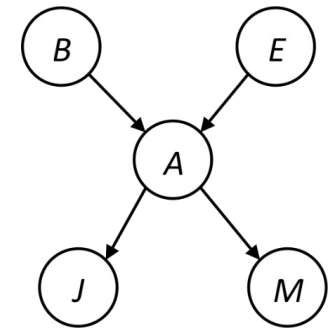
Sum over A in the table to create a factor $f_1 = \sum_a t(a, B, e, j, m)$

How many entries does this new factor table have?

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) f_1(B, e, j, m)$$

Example

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) f_1(B, e, j, m)$$



Choose E (inner most sum)

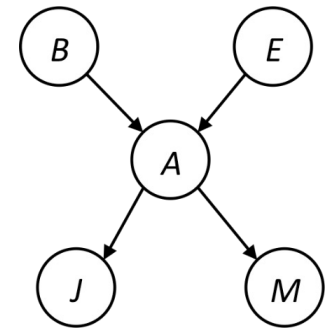
Create a table $t_2 = P(E) f_1(B, E, j, m)$

How many entries does this table have?

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e t_2(B, e, j, m)$$

Example

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_e t_2(B, e, j, m)$$



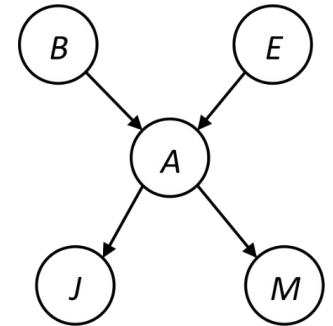
Choose E (inner most sum)

Sum over E in the table to create a factor $f_2 = \sum_e t_2(B, e, j, m)$
How many entries does this new factor table have?

$$= \alpha P(B) f_2(B, j, m)$$

Example

$$= \alpha P(B) f_2(B, j, m)$$



Multiply remaining probability to create joint probability $P(B, j, m)$

How many entries does this probability table have?

Don't forget the normalization to compute the conditional probability!

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{P(j, m)} =$$

$$P(B|j, m) = \alpha P(B, j, m)$$

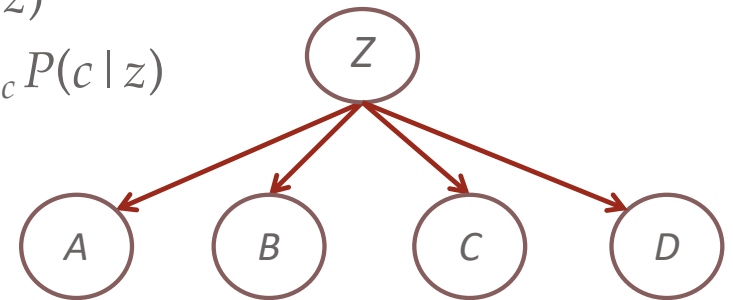
Example summary

- Query $P(B \mid j, m) \propto \sum_e \sum_a P(j \mid a) P(e) P(m \mid a) P(a \mid B, e) P(B)$
- Join A to get table $P(A \mid B, E)P(j \mid A)P(m \mid A)$
- Eliminate A to get factor $f_1(B, E, j, m)$
- Join E to get table $P(E)f_1(B, E, j, m)$
- Eliminate E to get table $P(B)f_2(B, j, m)$
- Join B to get $P(B, j, m)$ and then normalize

Order matters

- Elimination Order: C, B, A, Z

- $P(D) = \alpha \sum_{z,a,b,c} P(D|z) P(z) P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z)$
- $= \alpha \sum_z P(D|z) P(z) \sum_a P(a|z) \sum_b P(b|z) \sum_c P(c|z)$
- Largest factor has 2 variables (D,Z)



- Elimination Order: Z, C, B, A

- $P(D) = \alpha \sum_{a,b,c,z} P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- $= \alpha \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c \sum_z P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- Largest factor has 4 variables (A,B,C,D) (or 5 if you count pre-summation over Z)

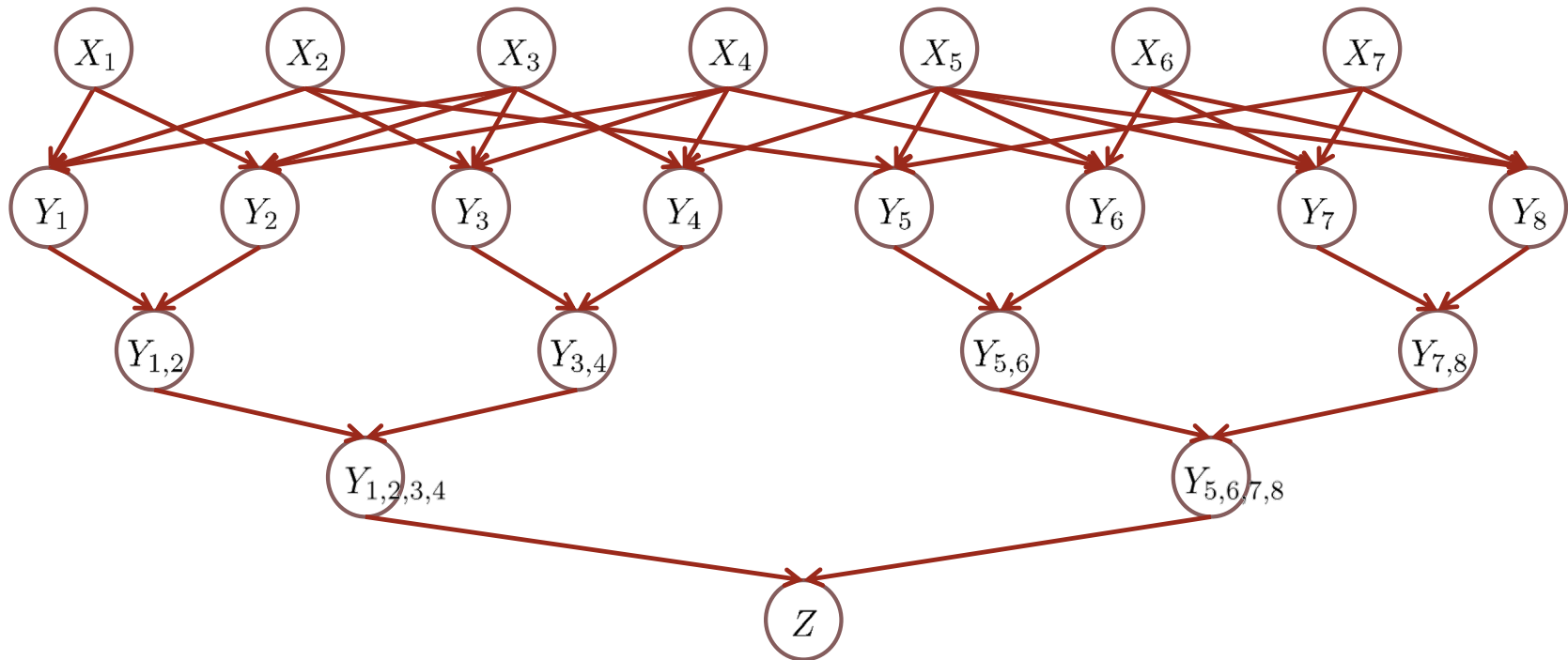
- In general, with n leaves, factor of size 2^n

VE: Computational and Space Complexity

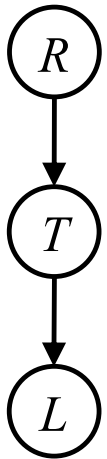
- The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor (and it's space that kills you)
- The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor.
 - E.g., previous slide's example 2^n vs. 2
- Does there always exist an ordering that only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

VE: Computational and Space Complexity

- Inference in Bayes' nets is NP-hard
- No known efficient probabilistic inference in general



Another example



$$P(L) = ?$$

- Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r P(L|t) \underbrace{P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on r}}$$
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Join on t}}$$
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate r}}$$
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate t}}$$

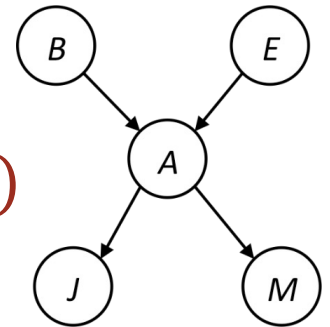
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New Example

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Push summations inwards such that products that do not depend on the variable are pulled out of the sum

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Bayes Nets

✓ Part I: Representation and Independence

✓ Part II: Exact inference

✓ ○ Enumeration (always exponential complexity)

✓ ○ Variable elimination (worst-case exponential complexity, often better)

✓ ○ Inference is NP-hard in general

Part III (next lecture): Approximate Inference

Post-Lecture Poll

- Which one of the following statements is true?
 - a) The variable elimination algorithm is slower than inference by enumeration
 - b) The two algorithms are equally fast
 - c) The variable elimination algorithm is faster than inference by enumeration