

Warm-up as you walk in

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Announcements

Midterm:

- Scores should be out tonight

Assignments

- HW10
 - Plan: Out tonight, due Tue 4/16
- P5
 - Plan: Out after Carnival, due 4/25

Carnival

- See Piazza post for details (no recitation, OH by appointment)

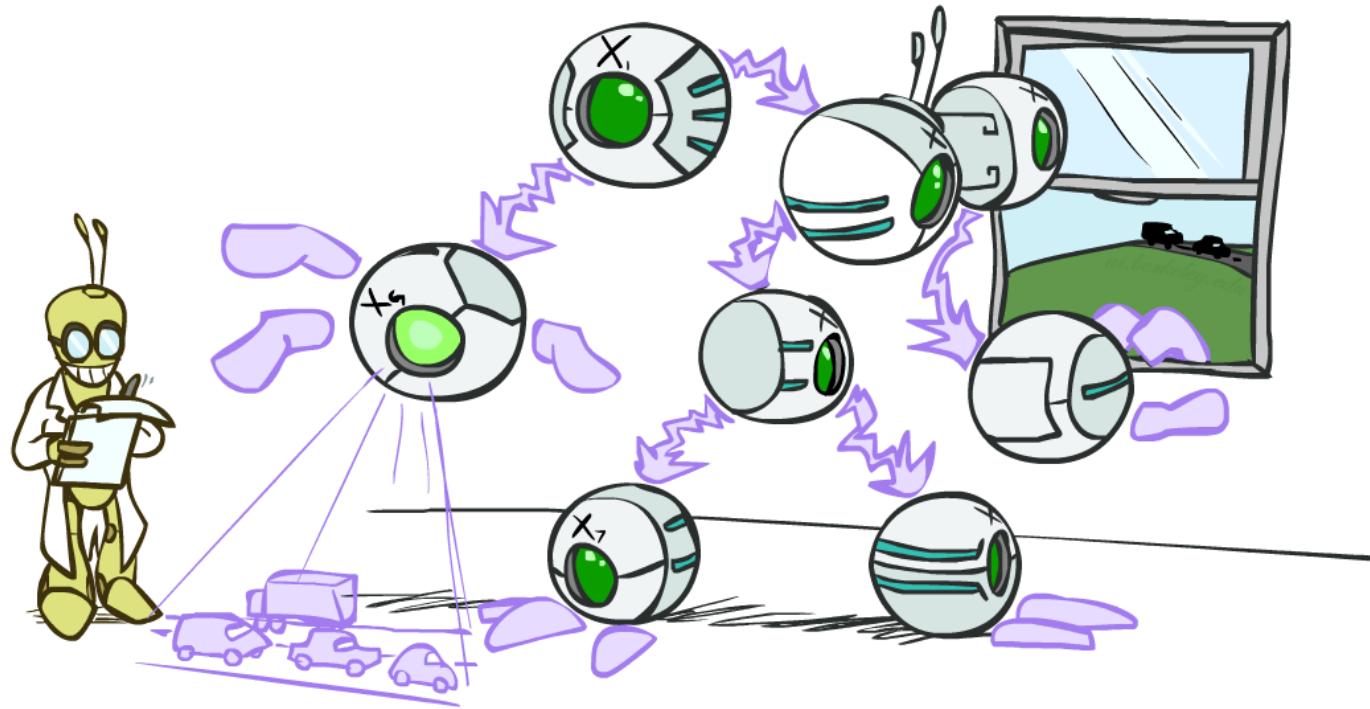
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In-class Polls

$$\frac{\# \text{ answered}}{\# \text{ polls}} \geq 80\% \\ \underline{5\%}$$

AI: Representation and Problem Solving

Bayes Nets Inference



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$$\sum_q P(q, e) \rightarrow P(e)$$

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$$P(q_1 | e) = \frac{P(q_1, e)}{P(e)}$$

$$P(q_2 | e) = \frac{P(q_2, e)}{P(e)}$$

- Q can take on 2 different values
- H_1 can take on 4 different values
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Normalization

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

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

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

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

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

Bayes Nets in the Wild

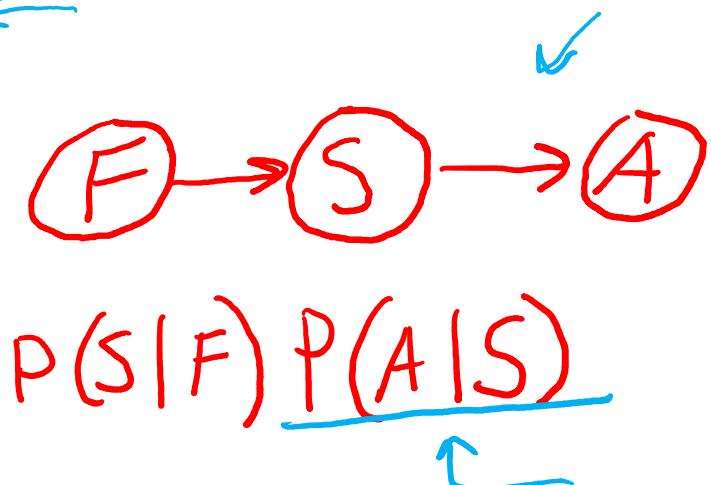
Example: Speech Recognition

“artificial”

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

$$P(F, S, A) = P(F) P(S|F) \underline{P(A|F, S)} \leftarrow$$

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$$P(F) P(S|F) \underline{P(A|S)}$$

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Which second word gives the highest probability?

Break down problem

n-gram probability * audio probability

$$P(\text{limb} | \text{artificial, audio}) \propto$$

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

$$P(\text{intelligence} | \text{artificial, audio}) \propto P(\text{intelligence} | \text{artificial}) * P(\text{audio} | \text{intelligence})$$

$$P(\text{flavoring} | \text{artificial, audio}) \propto$$

$$P(\text{flavoring} | \text{artificial}) * P(\text{audio} | \text{flavoring})$$

Bayes Nets in the Wild



$$\begin{aligned} \text{second}^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{second} | \text{artificial}, \text{audio}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} \frac{P(\text{second}, \text{artificial}, \text{audio})}{P(\text{artificial}, \text{audio})} \quad \text{Definition of cond. prob.} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{second}, \text{artificial}, \text{audio}) \quad \text{Denominator doesn't affect argmax} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{artificial}) P(\text{second} | \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} | \text{artificial}, \text{second}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{artificial}) P(\text{second} | \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} | \text{second}) \quad \text{Bayes} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\text{second}} P(\text{second} | \text{artificial}) P(\text{audio} | \text{second}) \quad \text{Net} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{n-gram probability * audio probability} \quad \text{First factor} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{doesn't affect} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{argmax} \end{aligned}$$

Inference

Inference: calculating some useful quantity from a probability model (joint probability distribution)

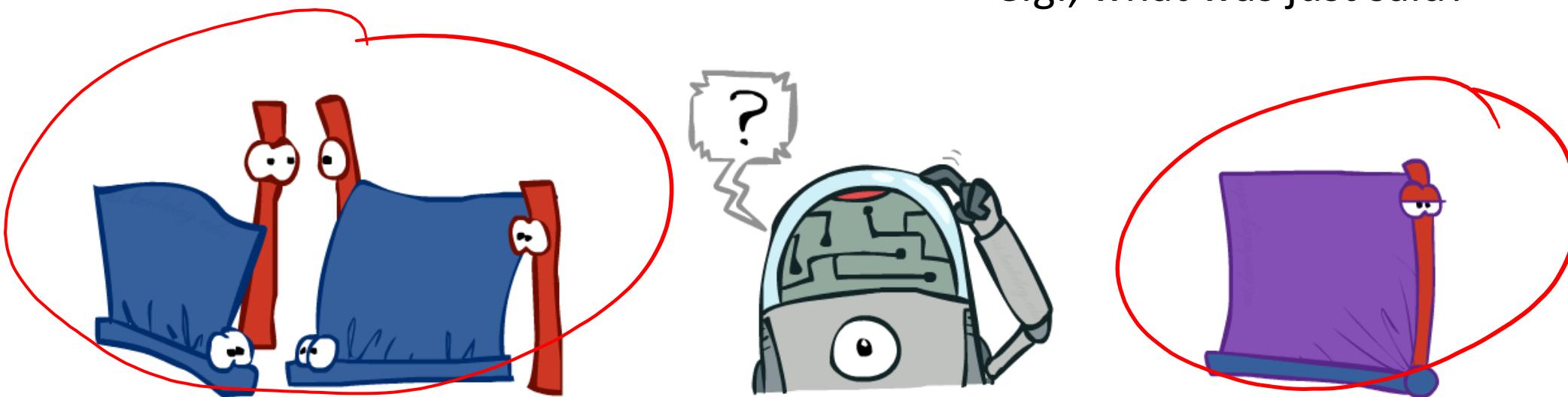
- Examples:

- Posterior marginal probability

- ■ $P(Q|e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - e.g., what disease might I have?

- Most likely explanation:

- ■ $\text{argmax}_{q,r,s} P(Q=q, R=r, S=s | e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - e.g., what was just said?



Inference Overview

- joint $q \& e$
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Given random variables Q, H, E (query, hidden, evidence)

We know how to do inference on a joint distribution

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

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

We know Bayes nets can break down joint in to CPT factors

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

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

Variable
Elimination

But we can be more efficient

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

Never actually compute
joint

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

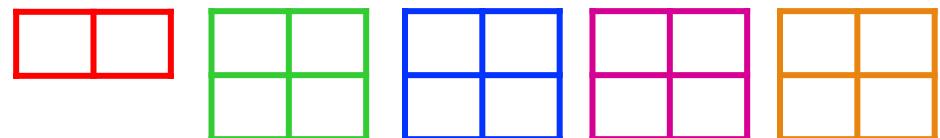
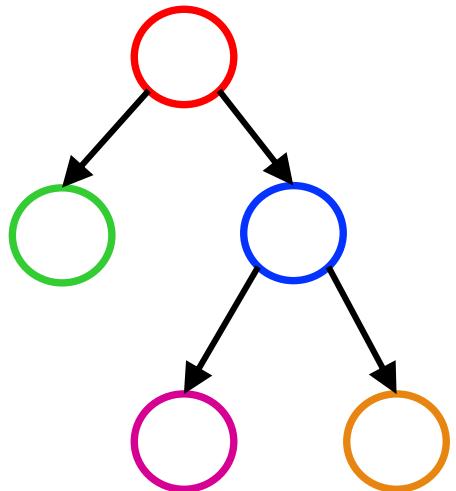
$$= \alpha P(e|q) P(q)$$



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

Answer Any Query from Condition Probability Tables

Bayes Net



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

Joint

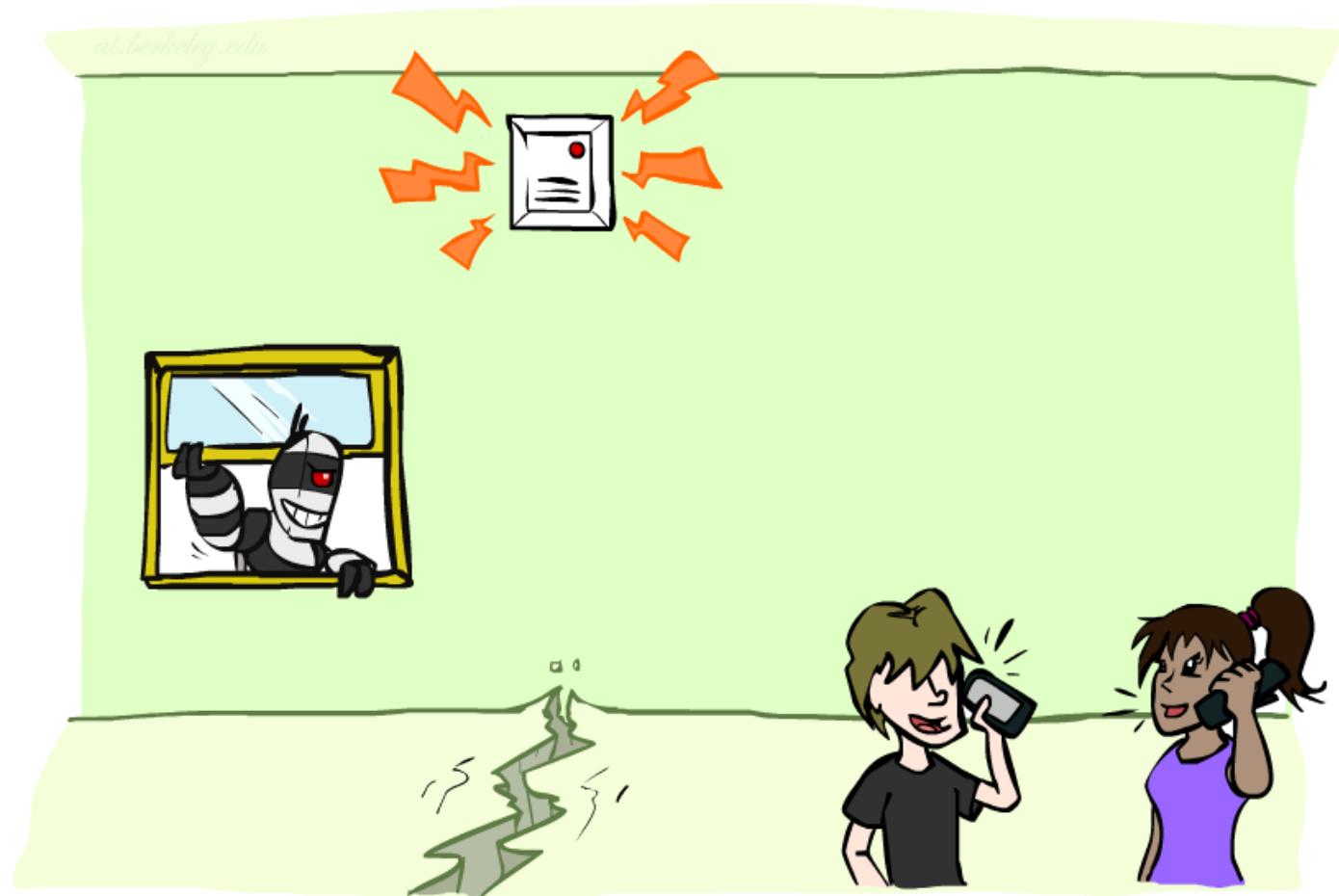
Query

$P(a | e)$

Example: Alarm Network

Variables

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





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Joint distribution factorization example

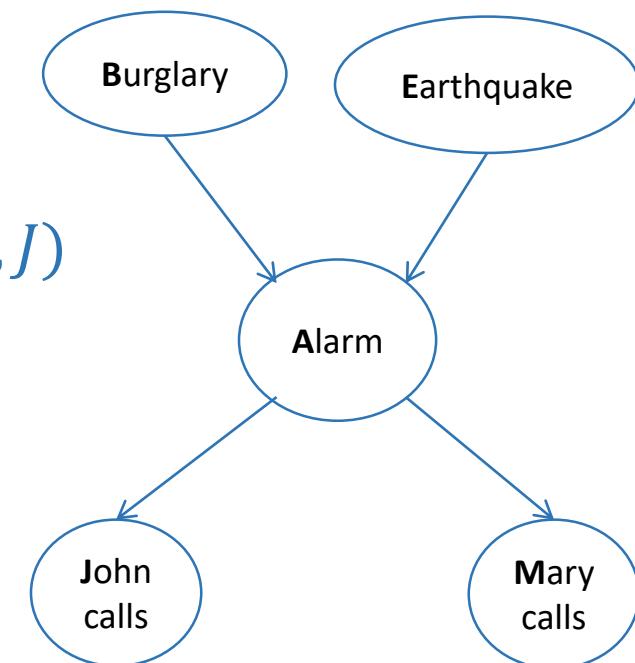
Generic chain rule

- $P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_i P(\underline{X_i} | X_1 \dots X_{i-1})$

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



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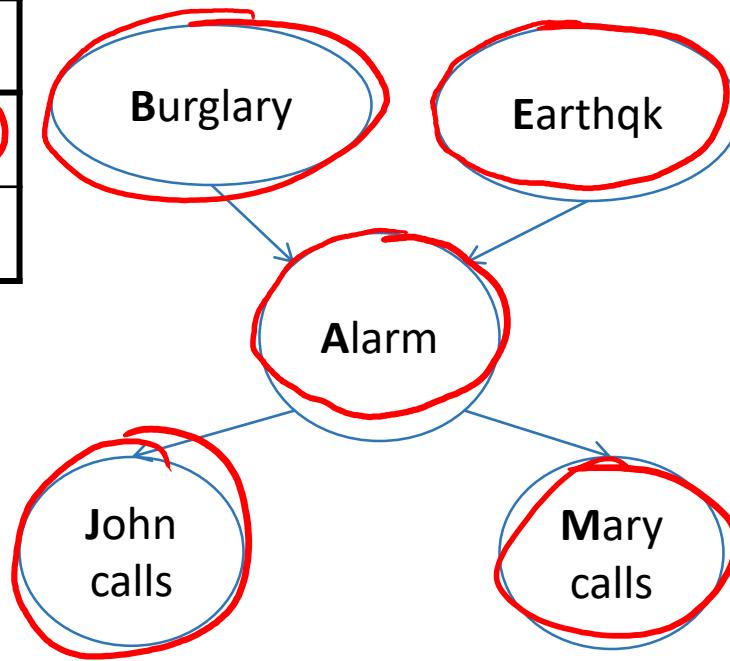


Bayes nets

- $P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_i P(\underline{X_i} | \text{Parents}(X_i))$

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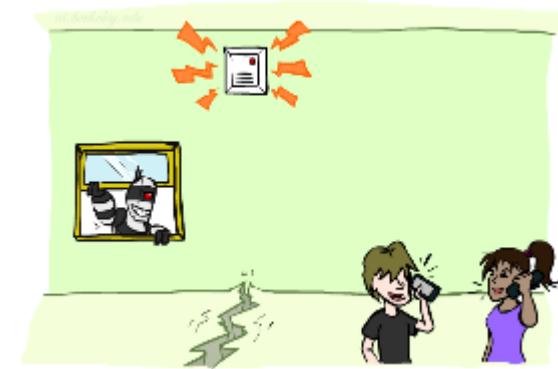
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+a	+m	0.7
+a	-m	0.3
-a	+m	0.01
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E	P(E)
+e	0.002
-e	0.998

B	E	A	P(A B,E)
+b	+e	+a	0.95
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+b	-e	+a	0.94
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-b	+e	+a	0.29
-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-e	+a	0.001
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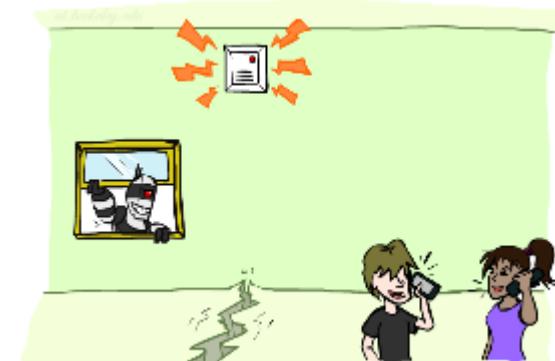
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P(+b) P(-j|-a)

0.00095



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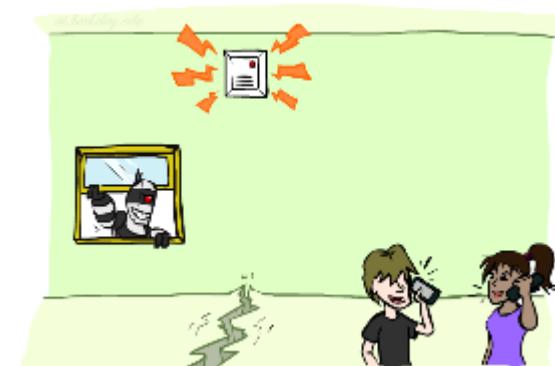
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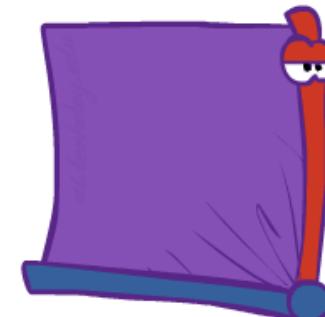
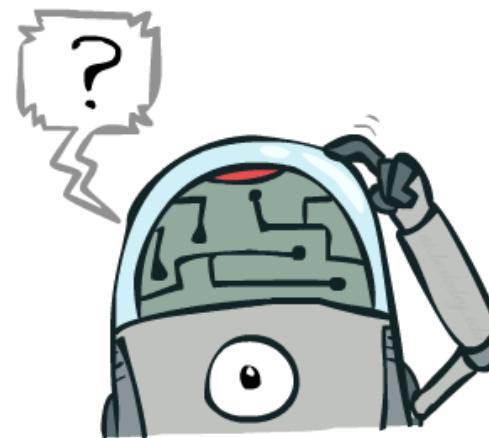
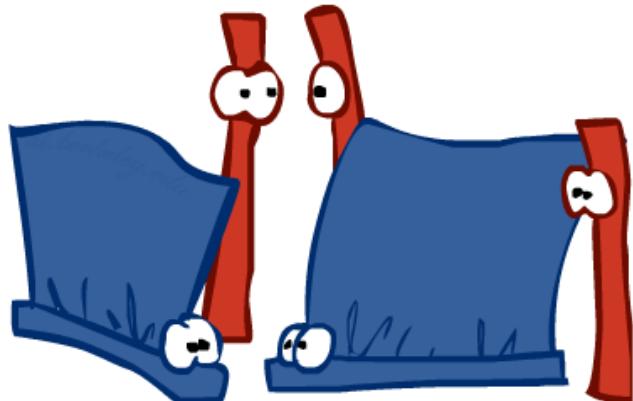
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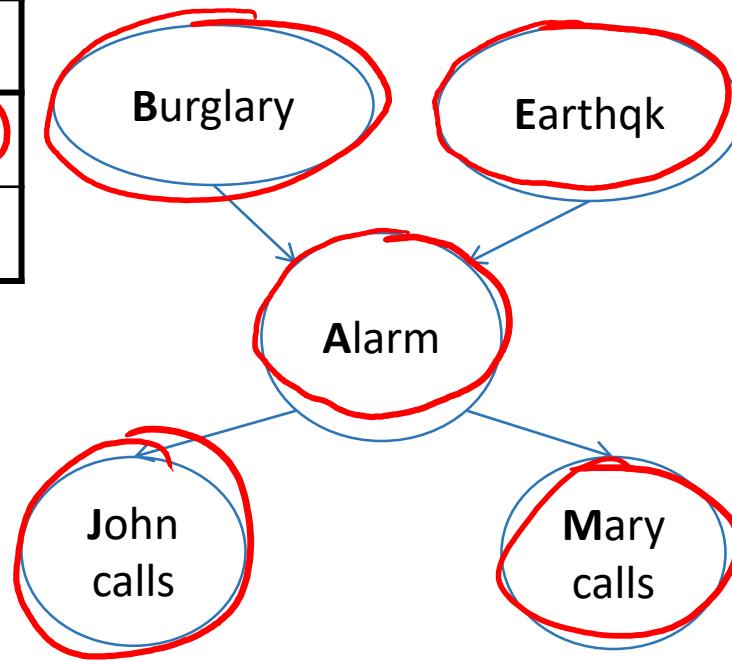
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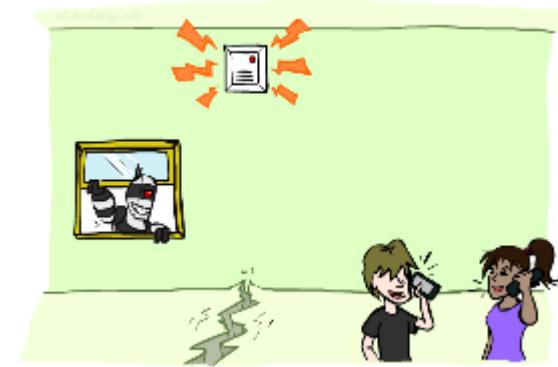
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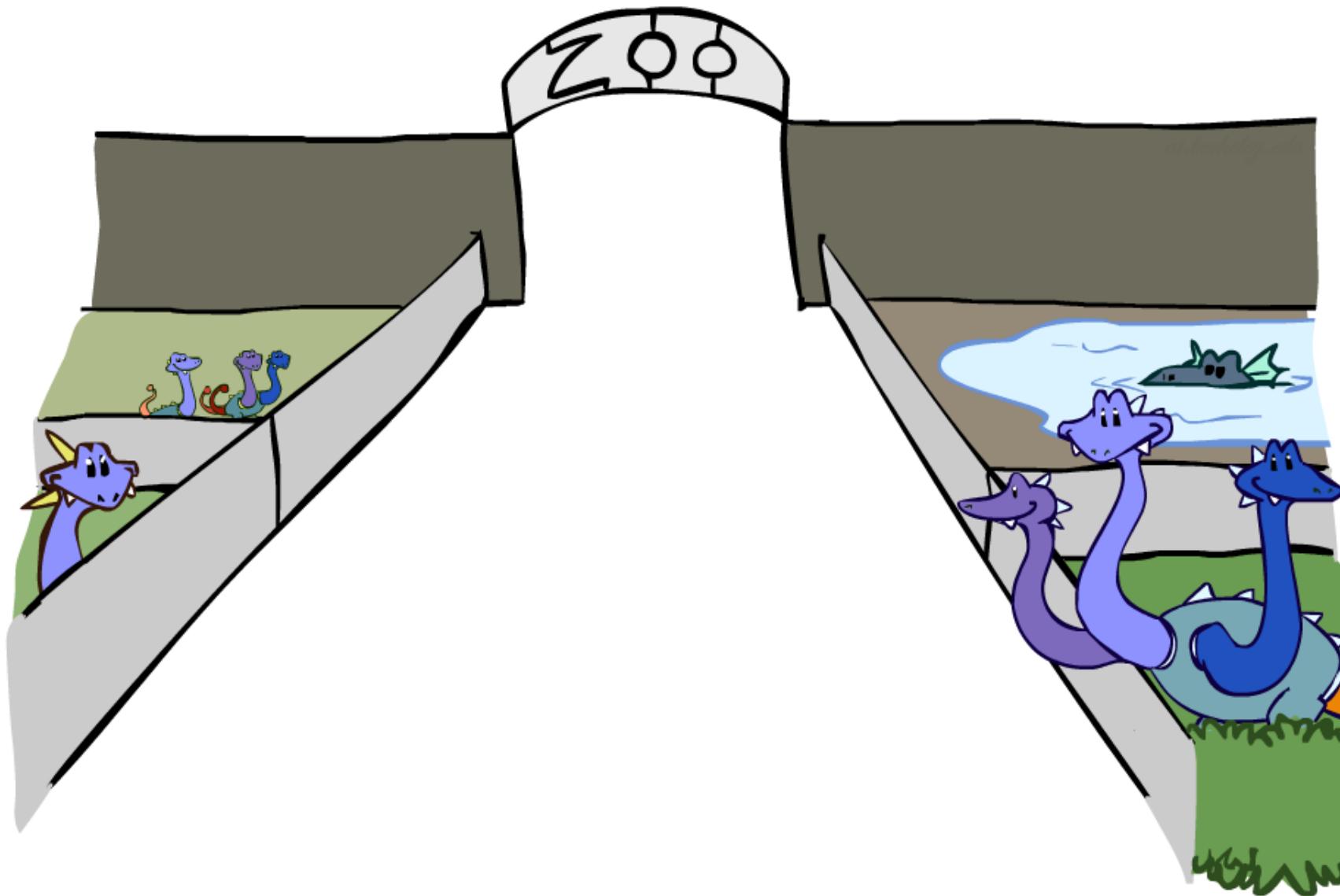
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- Compute each entry in the output table, one at a time
- Multiplication order can change (commutativity)
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Factor Zoo



Factor Zoo I

Joint distribution: $P(X,Y)$

- Entries $P(x,y)$ for all x, y
- $|X| \times |Y|$ matrix
- Sums to 1

$P(A,J)$

A \ J	true	false
true	0.09	0.01
false	0.045	0.855

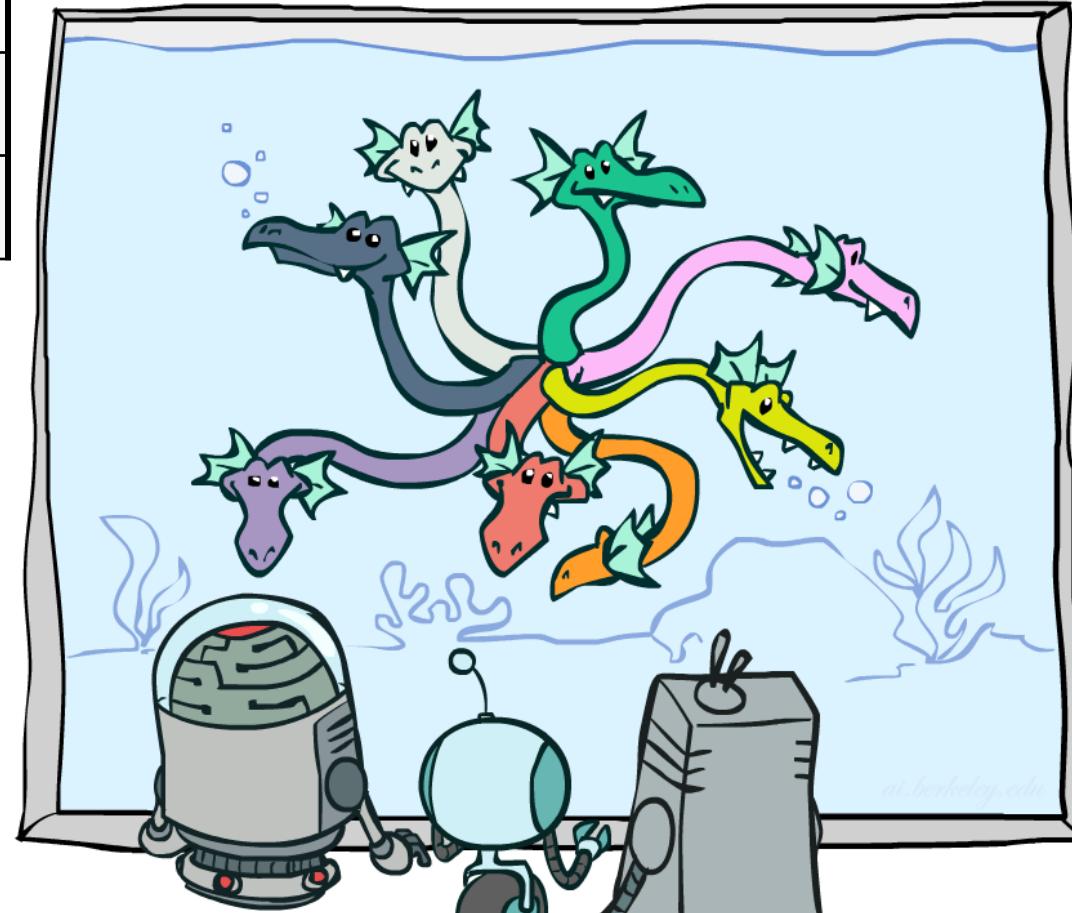
Projected joint: $P(x,Y)$

- A slice of the joint distribution
- Entries $P(x,y)$ for one x , all y
- $|Y|$ -element vector
- Sums to $P(x)$

$P(a,J)$

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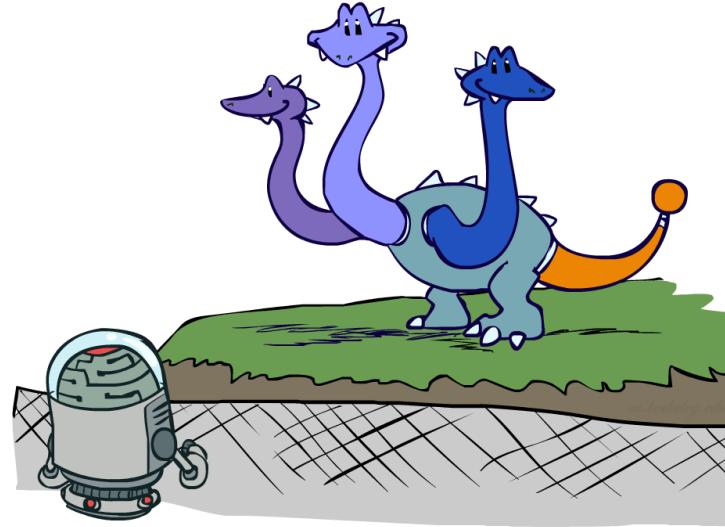
Number of variables (capitals) = dimensionality of the table



Factor Zoo II

Single conditional: $P(Y | x)$

- Entries $P(y | x)$ for fixed x , all y
- Sums to 1



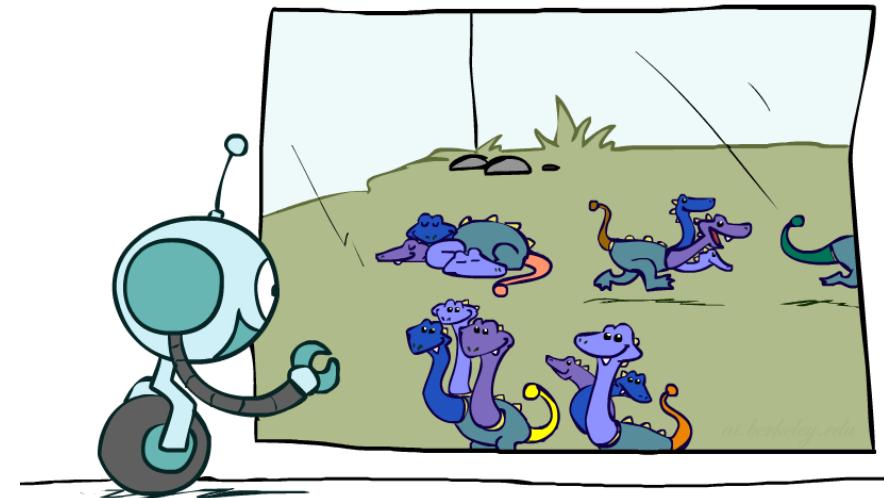
$P(J|a)$

$A \setminus J$	true	false
true	0.9	0.1
false		

Family of conditionals:

$P(X | Y)$

- Multiple conditionals
- Entries $P(x | y)$ for all x, y
- Sums to $|Y|$



$P(J|A)$

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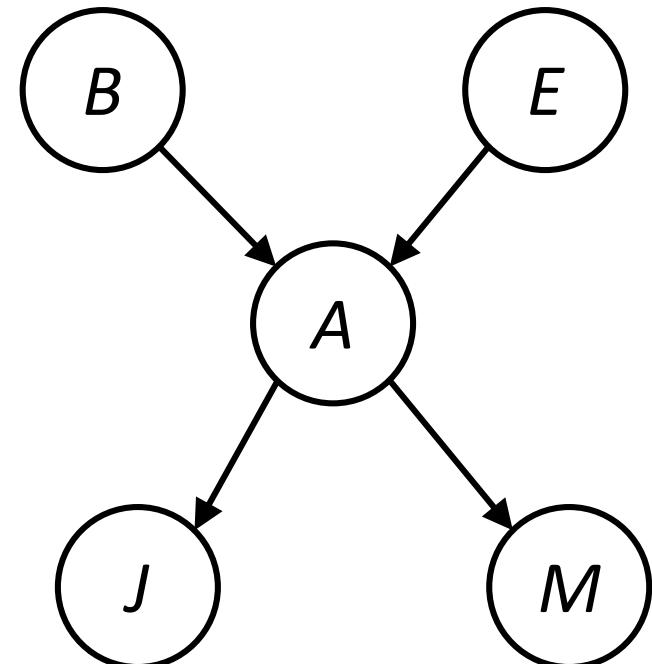
$\} - P(J|a)$
 $\} - P(J|\neg a)$

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
- Entries from the joint distribution can be obtained from a BN by multiplying the corresponding conditional probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} P(B \mid j, m) &= \alpha \underbrace{P(B, j, m)}_{\text{joint distribution}} \\ &= \alpha \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, j, m) \\ &= \alpha \sum_{e,a} \underbrace{P(B) P(e) P(a|B,e) P(j|a) P(m|a)}_{\text{conditional probabilities}} \end{aligned}$$



So inference in Bayes nets means computing sums of products of numbers: sounds easy!!

Problem: sums of **exponentially many** products!

Can we do better?

Consider

- $x_1y_1z_1 + \underline{x_1y_1}z_2 + x_1y_2z_1 + x_1y_2z_2 + x_2y_1z_1 + x_2y_1z_2 + x_2y_2z_1 + x_2y_2z_2$
- 16 multiplies, 7 adds
- Lots of repeated subexpressions!

Rewrite as

- $(x_1 + x_2)(y_1 + y_2)(z_1 + z_2)$
- 2 multiplies, 3 adds

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

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Variable elimination: The basic ideas

Move summations inwards as far as possible

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

Variable elimination: The basic ideas

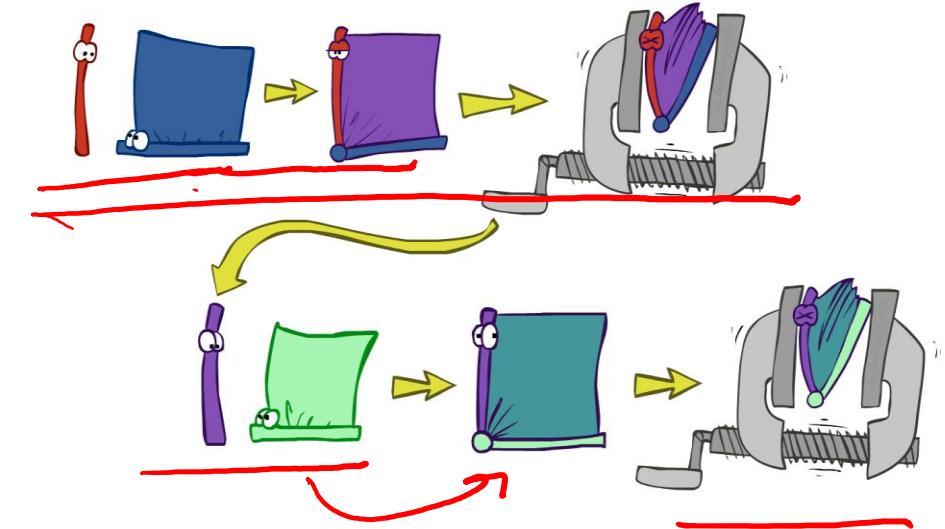
Move summations inwards as far as possible

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

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Do the calculation from the inside out

- I.e., sum over a first, then sum over e
- Problem: $P(a \mid B, e)$ isn't a single number, it's a bunch of different numbers depending on the values of B and e
- Solution: use arrays of numbers (of various dimensions) with appropriate operations on them; these are called **factors**

Operation 1: Pointwise product

First basic operation: 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

Example: $\cancel{P(A)} \times \cancel{P(J|A)} = \cancel{P(A,J)}$

$$A \boxed{\quad} A \boxed{\quad \quad} = A \boxed{\quad \quad}$$

$P(A)$

true	0.1
false	0.9

$P(J|A)$

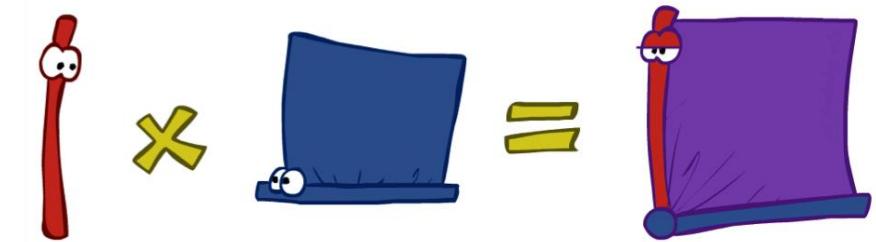
$A \setminus J$	true	false
true	0.9	0.1
false	0.05	0.95

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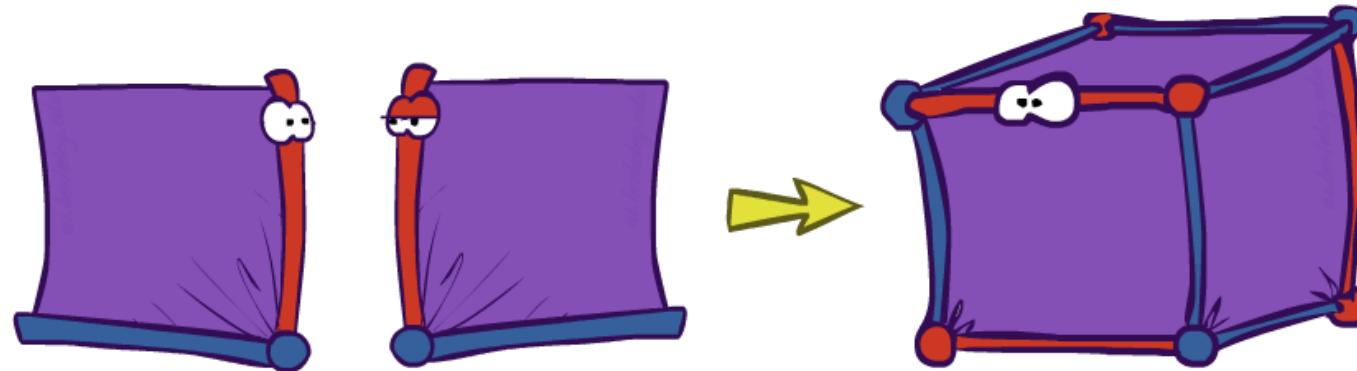
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$P(A,J)$

$A \setminus J$	true	false
true	0.09	0.01
false	0.045	0.955



Example: Making larger factors



$$\text{Example: } P(J/A) \times P(M/A) = P(J,M/A)$$

$P(J/A)$

$A \setminus J$	true	false
true	0.99	0.01
false	0.145	0.855

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$P(M/A)$

$A \setminus M$	true	false
true	0.97	0.03
false	0.019	0.891

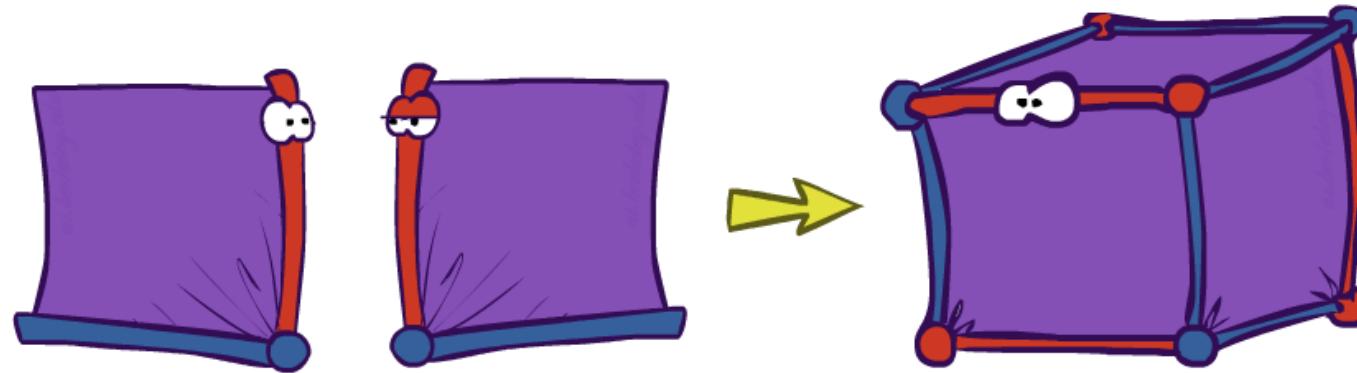
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$P(J,M/A)$

$J \setminus M$	true	false
true		
false		

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A=false
A=true

Example: Making larger factors



Example: $f_1(U,V) \times f_2(V,W) \times f_3(W,X) = f_4(U,V,W,X)$

Sizes: $[10,10] \times [10,10] \times [10,10] = [10,10,10,10]$

i.e., 300 numbers blows up to 10,000 numbers!

Factor blowup can make VE very expensive

Operation 2: Summing out a variable

Second basic operation: **summing out** (or eliminating) a variable from a factor

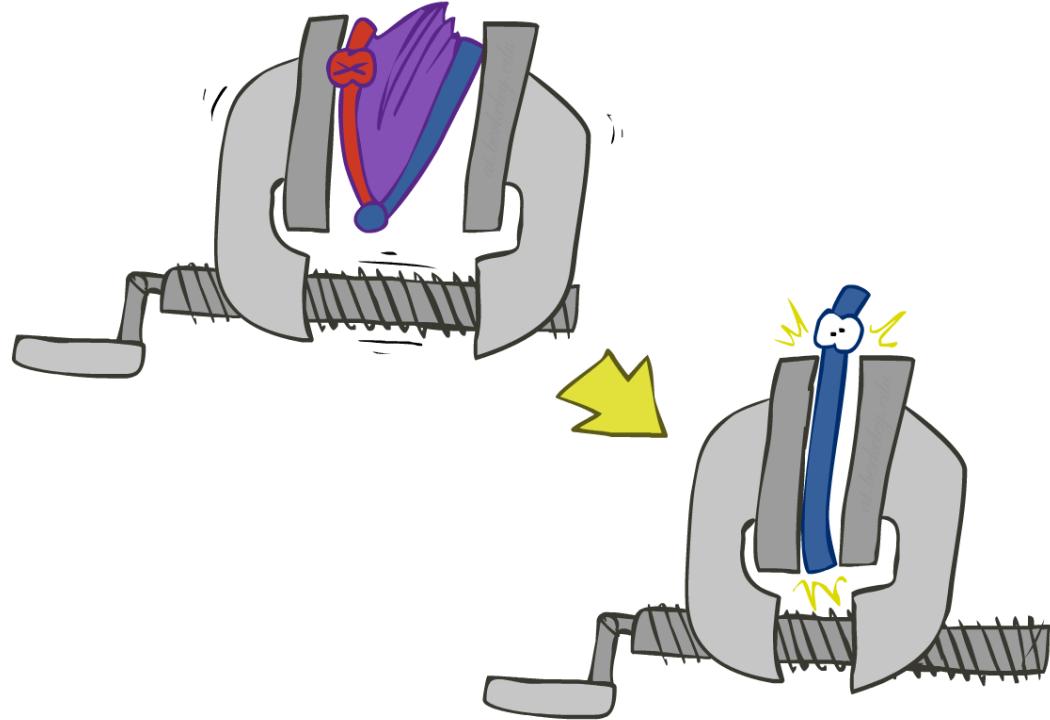
- Shrinks a factor to a smaller one

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

Sum out J

$P(A)$	
true	0.1
false	0.9



Summing out from a product of factors

Project the factors each way first, then sum the products

- Example: $\sum_a P(a|B,e) P(j|a) P(m|a)$

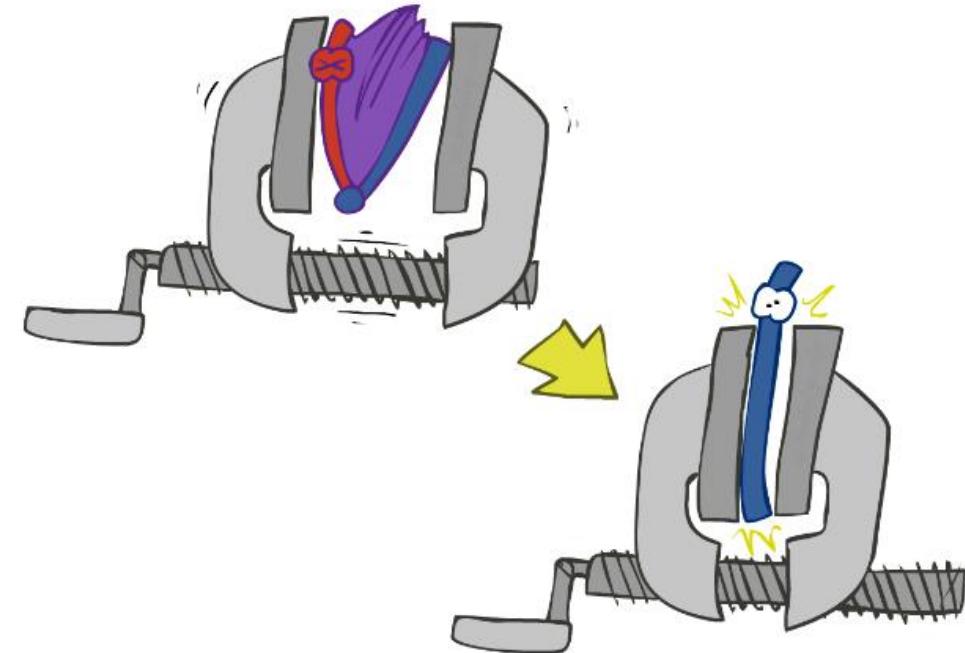
$$= \underbrace{P(a|B,e)}_{\text{constant}} \underbrace{P(j|a)}_{\text{constant}} \underbrace{P(m|a)}_{\text{constant}} + \underbrace{P(\neg a|B,e)}_{\text{constant}} \underbrace{P(j|\neg a)}_{\text{constant}} \underbrace{P(m|\neg a)}_{\text{constant}}$$

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

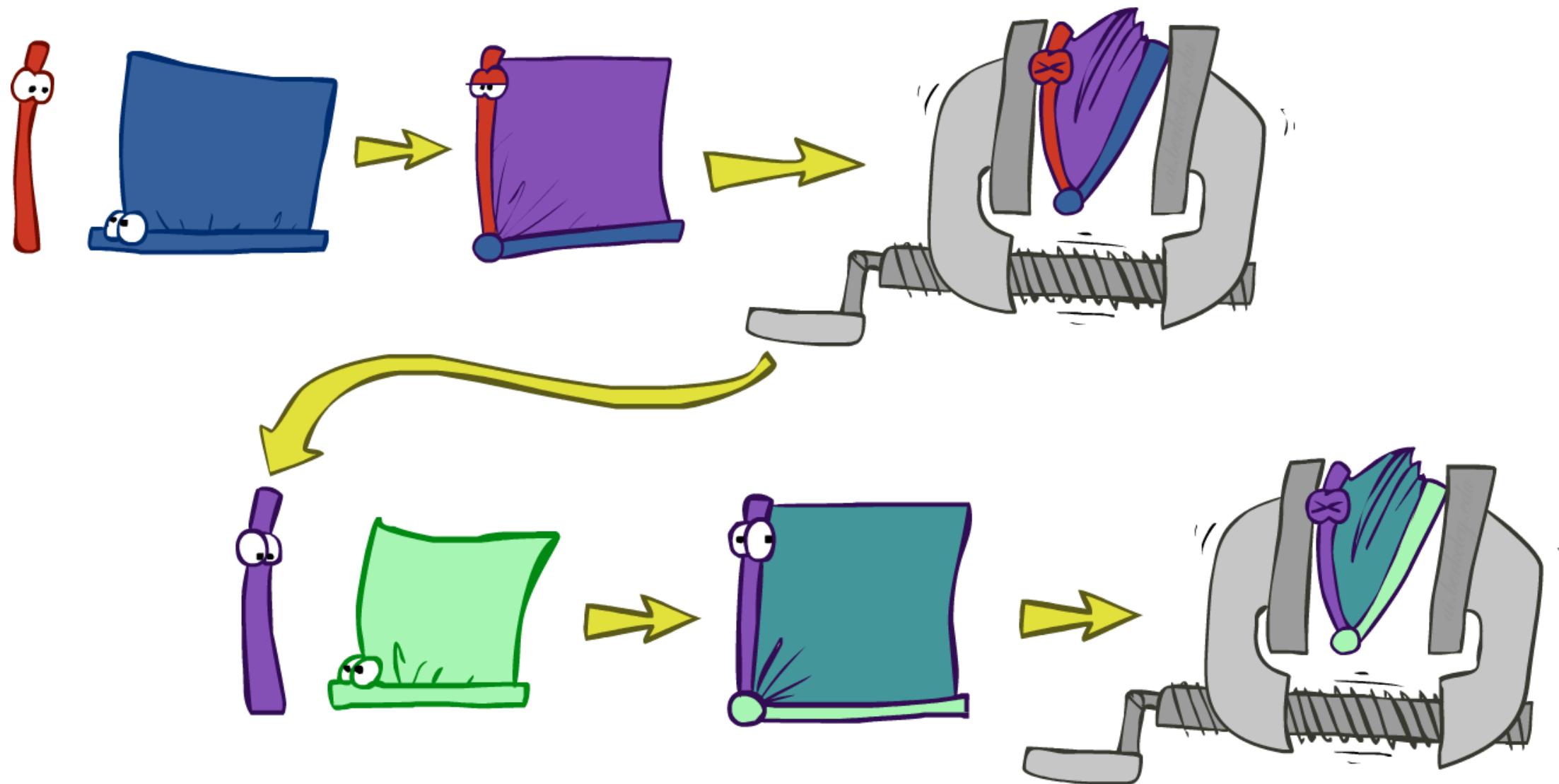
$$= P(j,m|B,e)$$

$$P(B \sum_e P(e) \sum_a)$$

$$P(B|j,m)$$



Variable Elimination

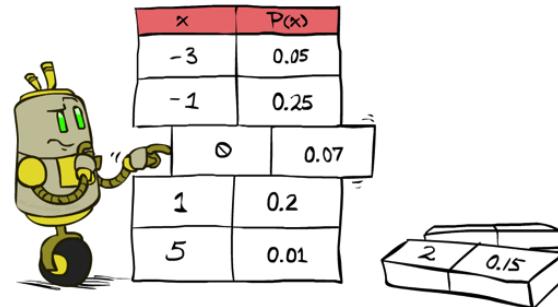


Variable Elimination

- Query: $P(Q|E_1=e_1, \dots, E_k=e_k)$

Start with initial factors:

- Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)



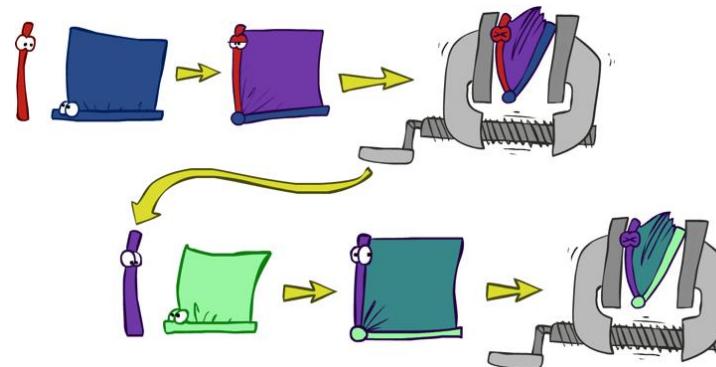
x	P(x)
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01

A small cartoon character with a yellow head and a black body is holding a clipboard with the above table. To the right of the character is a separate box containing the values 2 and 0.15.

While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):

- Pick a hidden variable H
- Join all factors mentioning H
- Eliminate (sum out) H

Join all remaining factors and normalize



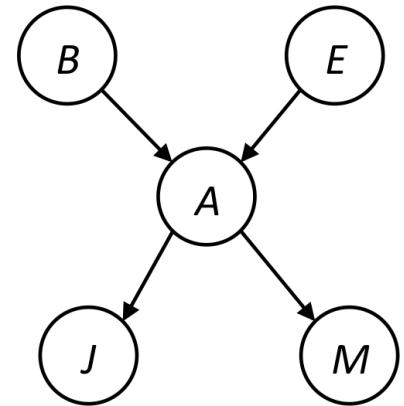
$$f \times \text{blue} = \text{purple} \times \frac{1}{Z}$$

Variable Elimination

```
function VariableElimination( $Q$  ,  $e$ ,  $bn$ ) returns a distribution over  $Q$ 
factors  $\leftarrow$  [ ] 
for each var in ORDER( $bn.vars$ ) do
    factors  $\leftarrow$  [MAKE-FACTOR(var,  $e$ ) | factors]
    if var is a hidden variable then
        factors  $\leftarrow$  SUM-OUT(var,factors)
return NORMALIZE(POINTWISE-PRODUCT(factors))
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Example

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



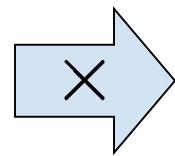
$P(B)$ $P(E)$ $P(A \mid B, E)$ $P(j \mid A)$ $P(m \mid A)$

Choose A

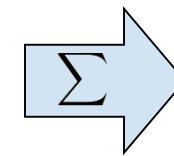
$P(A \mid B, E)$

$P(j \mid A)$

$P(m \mid A)$



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



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

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Example

$$P(B) \quad P(E) \quad P(j,m | B,E)$$

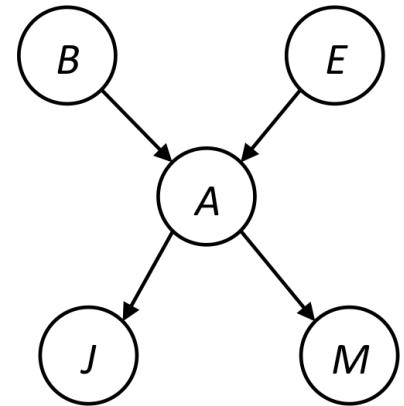
Choose E

$$\begin{matrix} P(E) \\ P(j,m | B,E) \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\times} P(E,j,m | B) \xrightarrow{\sum} P(j,m | B)$$

$$P(B) \quad P(j,m | B)$$

Finish with B

$$\begin{matrix} P(B) \\ P(j,m | B) \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\times} P(j,m,B) \xrightarrow{\text{Normalize}} P(B | j,m)$$



Order matters

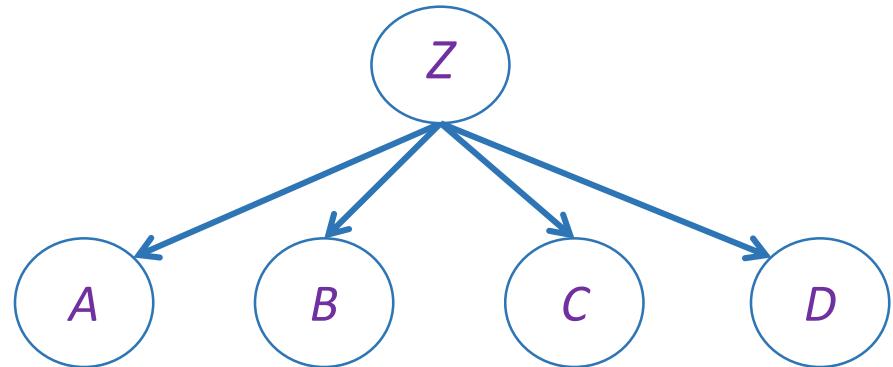
- Order the terms D, Z, A, B C

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

- Order the terms A, B C, D, Z

- $P(D) = \alpha \sum_{a,b,c,z} P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- $= \alpha \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c \sum_z P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- Largest factor has 4 variables (A,B,C,D)

- 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!

Bayes Nets

✓ Part I: Representation

✓ 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