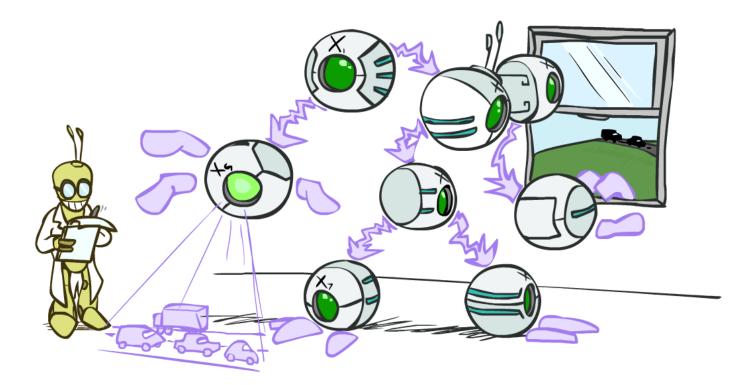
#### CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

#### Bayes' Nets: Inference



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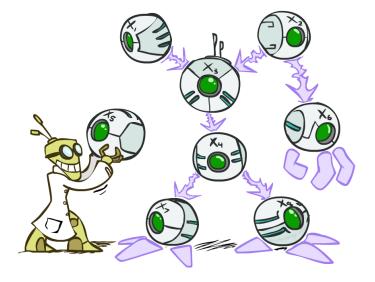
#### Bayes' Net Representation

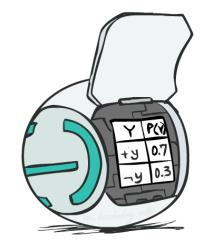
- A directed, acyclic graph, one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
  - A collection of distributions over X, one for each combination of parents' values

 $P(X|a_1\ldots a_n)$ 

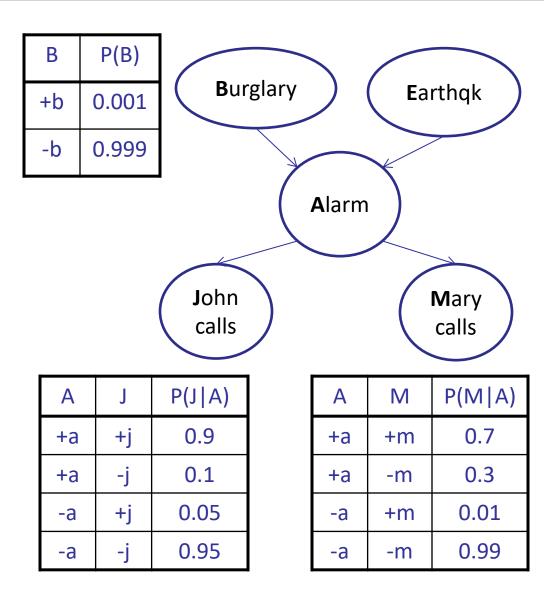
- Bayes' nets implicitly encode joint distributions
  - As a product of local conditional distributions
  - To see what probability a BN gives to a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

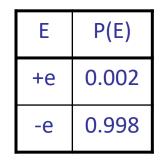
$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | parents(X_i))$$

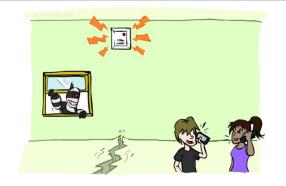




#### Example: Alarm Network



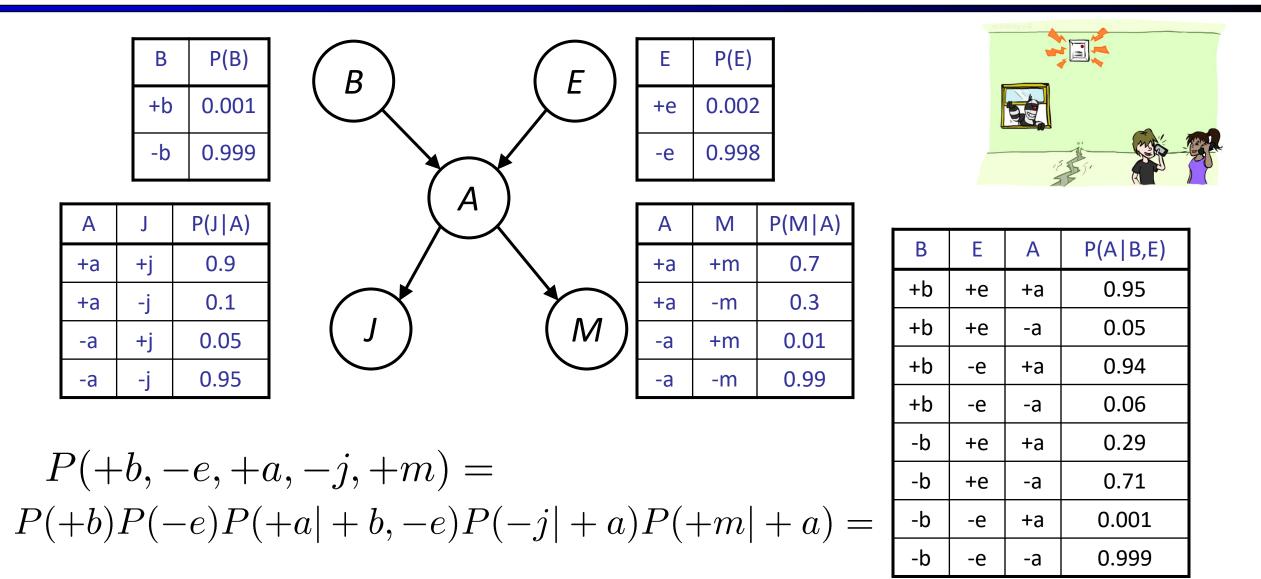




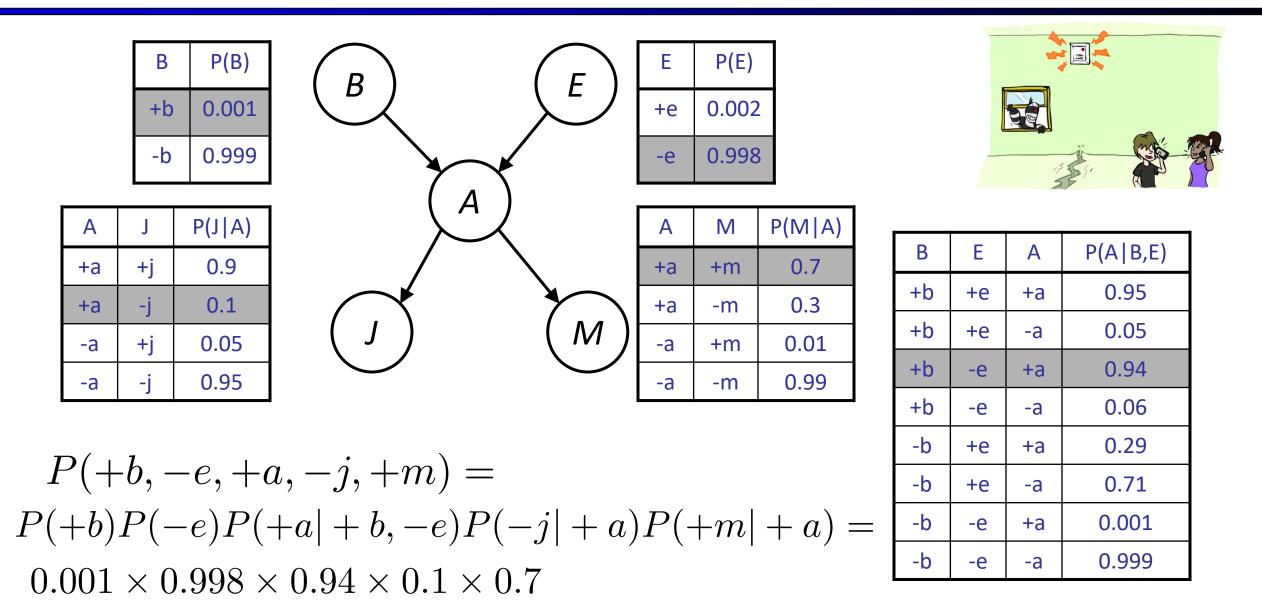
В	E	Α	P(A B,E)
+b	+e	+a	0.95
+b	+e	-a	0.05
+b	-е	+a	0.94
+b	-е	-a	0.06
-b	+e	+a	0.29
-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-е	+a	0.001
-b	-е	-a	0.999

[Demo: BN Applet]

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#### Bayes' Nets

#### Representation

- Conditional Independences
- Probabilistic Inference
  - Enumeration (exact, exponential complexity)
  - Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)
  - Inference is NP-complete
  - Sampling (approximate)
- Learning Bayes' Nets from Data

## Inference

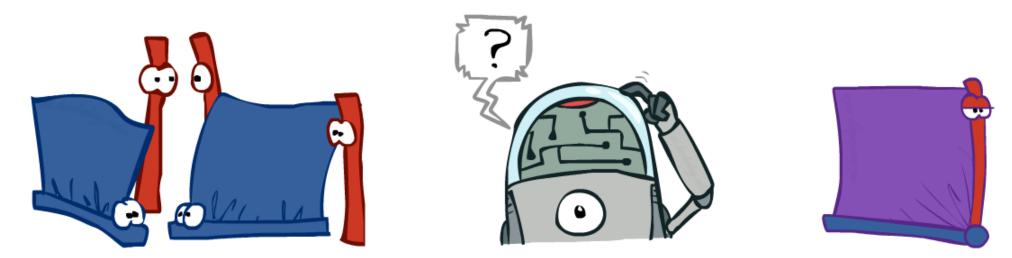
 Inference: calculating some useful quantity from a joint probability distribution

#### • Examples:

Posterior probability

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

- Most likely explanation:
  - $\operatorname{argmax}_q P(Q = q | E_1 = e_1 \dots)$



## Inference by Enumeration

- General case:
  - Evidence variables:
  - Query\* variable:
  - Hidden variables:
- $\begin{bmatrix} E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k \\ Q \\ H_1 \dots H_r \end{bmatrix} X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$ All variables
- We want:

\* Works fine with multiple query variables, too

 $P(Q|e_1\ldots e_k)$ 

 Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence

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0.05

0.25

0.2

0.01

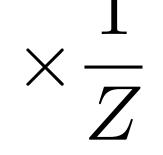
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 $P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(\underbrace{Q, h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k}_{X_1, X_2, \dots X_n})$ 

Step 3: Normalize



 $Z = \sum_{q} P(Q, e_1 \cdots e_k)$  $P(Q|e_1 \cdots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \cdots e_k)$ 

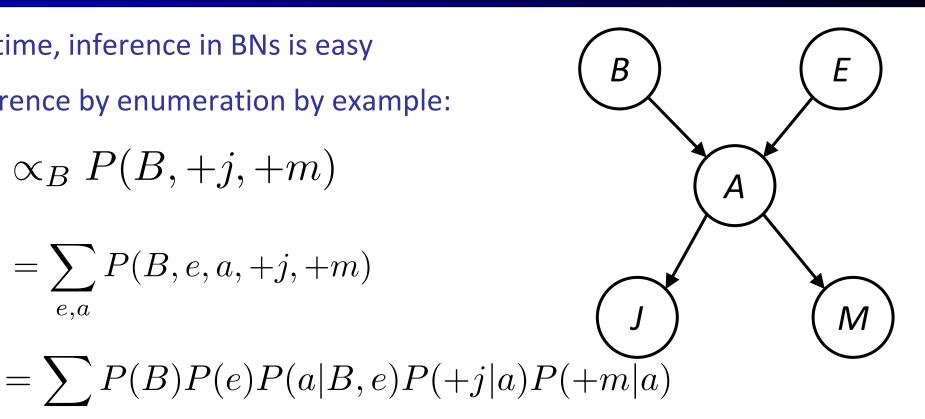
#### Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

- Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- Reminder of inference by enumeration by example:

 $P(B \mid +j,+m) \propto_B P(B,+j,+m)$ 

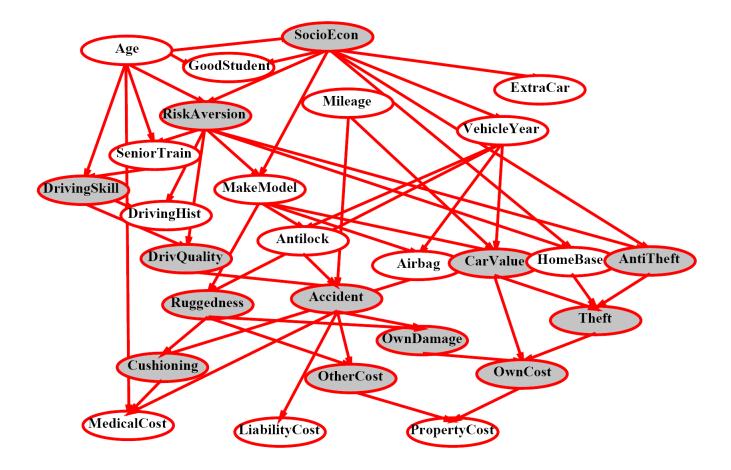
e,a

$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, +j, +m)$$



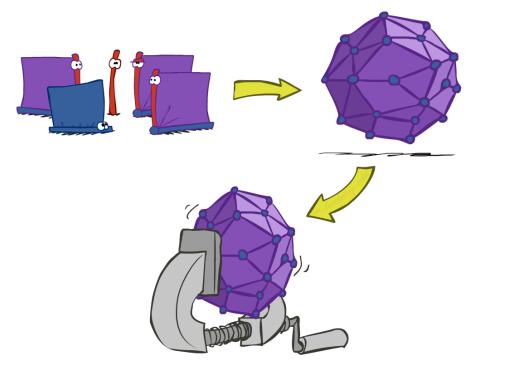
= P(B)P(+e)P(+a|B,+e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + P(B)P(+e)P(-a|B,+e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)P(+m|-a)PP(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(+m|-a)P(-a|B,-e)P(+j|-a)P(-a|B,-e)P(+j|-a)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,-e)P(-a|B,

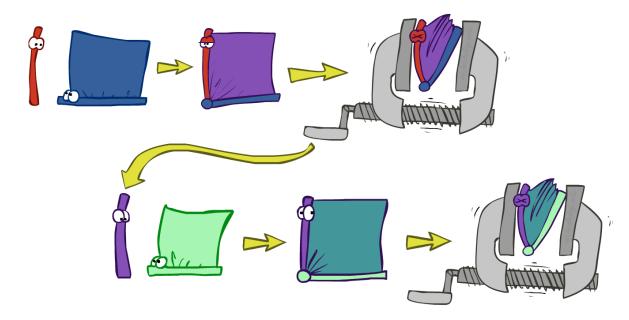
#### **Inference by Enumeration?**



# Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

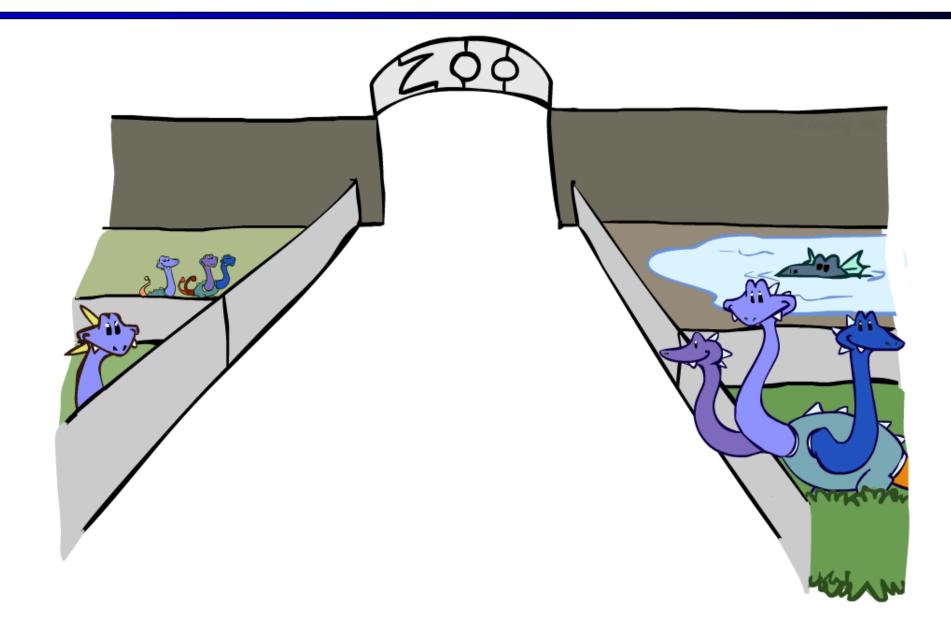
- Why is inference by enumeration so slow?
  - You join up the whole joint distribution before you sum out the hidden variables
- Idea: interleave joining and marginalizing!
  - Called "Variable Elimination"
  - Still NP-hard, but usually much faster than inference by enumeration





First we'll need some new notation: factors

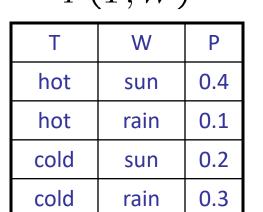
#### Factor Zoo

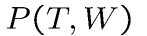


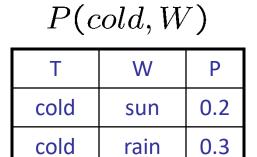
## Factor Zoo I

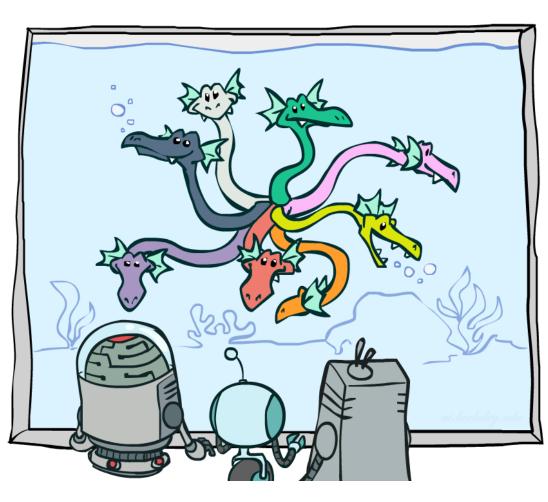
- Joint distribution: P(X,Y)
  - Entries P(x,y) for all x, y
  - Sums to 1

- Selected joint: P(x,Y)
  - A slice of the joint distribution
  - Entries P(x,y) for fixed x, all y
  - Sums to P(x)
- Number of capitals = dimensionality of the table



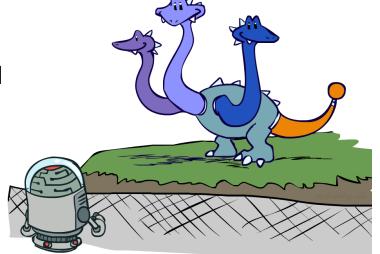






#### Factor Zoo II

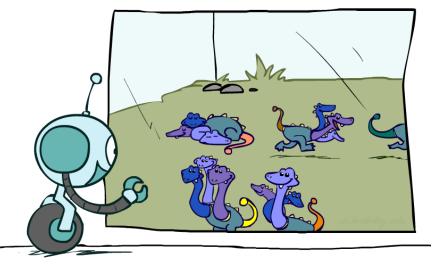
- Single conditional: P(Y | x)
  - Entries P(y | x) for fixed x, all
  - Sums to 1



P(W|cold)

Т	W	Р
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

- Family of conditionals:  $P(Y \mid X)$ 
  - Multiple conditionals
  - Entries P(y | x) for all x, y
  - Sums to |X|



P(	(W T)	)	
Т	W	Ρ	
hot	sun	0.8	$\begin{bmatrix} D(W h, t) \end{bmatrix}$
hot	rain	0.2	P(W hot)
cold	sun	0.4	
cold	rain	0.6	P(W cold)

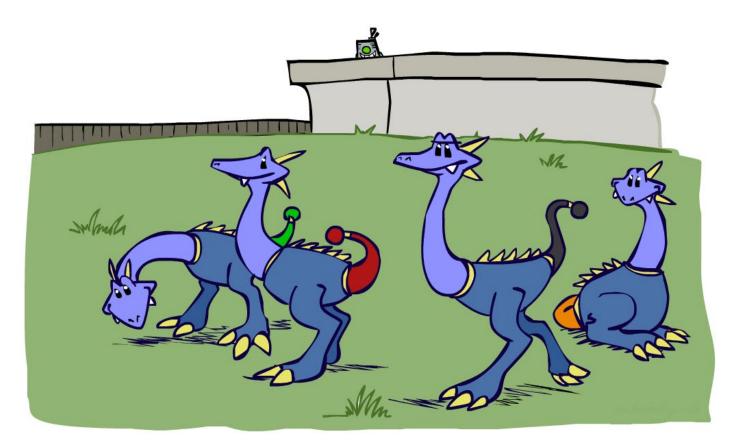
P(W|hot)

#### Factor Zoo III

- Specified family: P(y | X)
  - Entries P(y | x) for fixed y, but for all x
  - Sums to ... who knows!

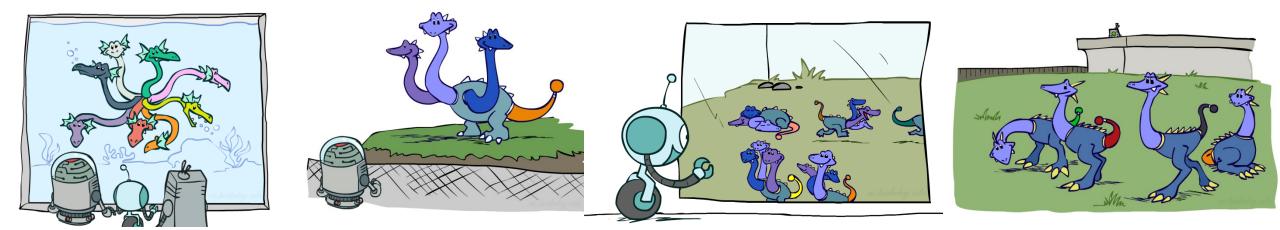
P	(rain	T)
		- /

Т	W	Р	
hot	rain	0.2	P(rain hot)
cold	rain	0.6	P(rain cold)



#### Factor Zoo Summary

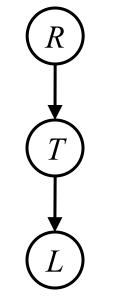
- In general, when we write  $P(Y_1 \dots Y_N | X_1 \dots X_M)$ 
  - It is a "factor," a multi-dimensional array
  - Its values are  $P(y_1 \dots y_N | x_1 \dots x_M)$
  - Any assigned (=lower-case) X or Y is a dimension missing (selected) from the array



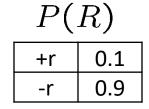
#### **Example: Traffic Domain**

- Random Variables
  - R: Raining
  - T: Traffic
  - L: Late for class!

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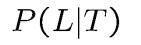


$$(L) = ?$$
  
=  $\sum_{r,t} P(r,t,L)$   
=  $\sum_{r,t} P(r)P(t|r)P(L|t)$ 





+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

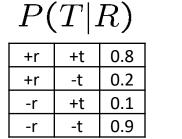


+t	+	0.3
+t	-	0.7
-t	+	0.1
-t	-	0.9

# Inference by Enumeration: Procedural Outline

- Track objects called factors
- Initial factors are local CPTs (one per node)

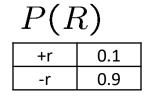
P(R)			
0.1			
0.9			

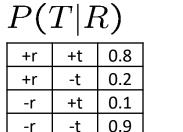


P(L T)					
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+t	-	0.7			
-t	+	0.1			
-t	-	0.9			

D(T|T)

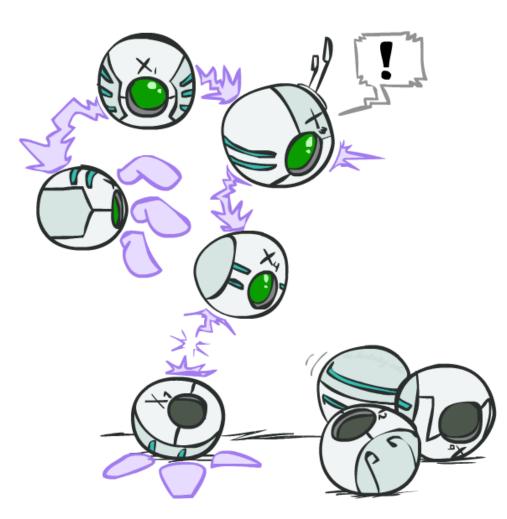
- Any known values are selected
  - E.g. if we know  $L = +\ell$ , the initial factors are





1	-)(-	$+\ell $	T)
	+t	+	0.3
	-t	+	0.1

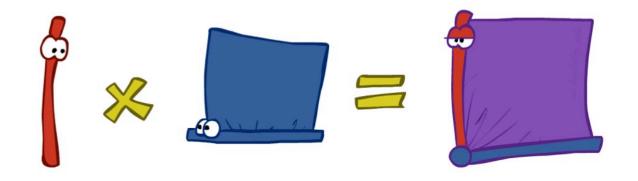
 $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{T})$ 



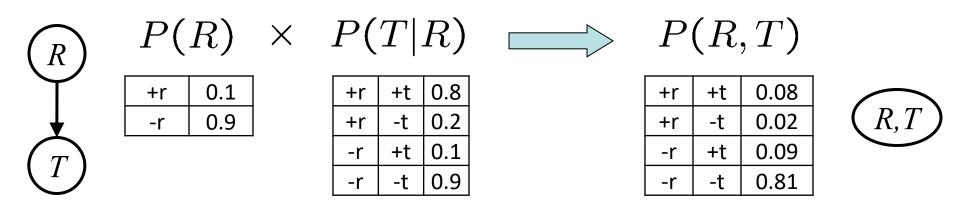
Procedure: Join all factors, eliminate all hidden variables, normalize

#### **Operation 1: Join Factors**

- First basic operation: joining factors
- Combining factors:
  - Just like a database join
  - Get all factors over the joining variable
  - Build a new factor over the union of the variables involved



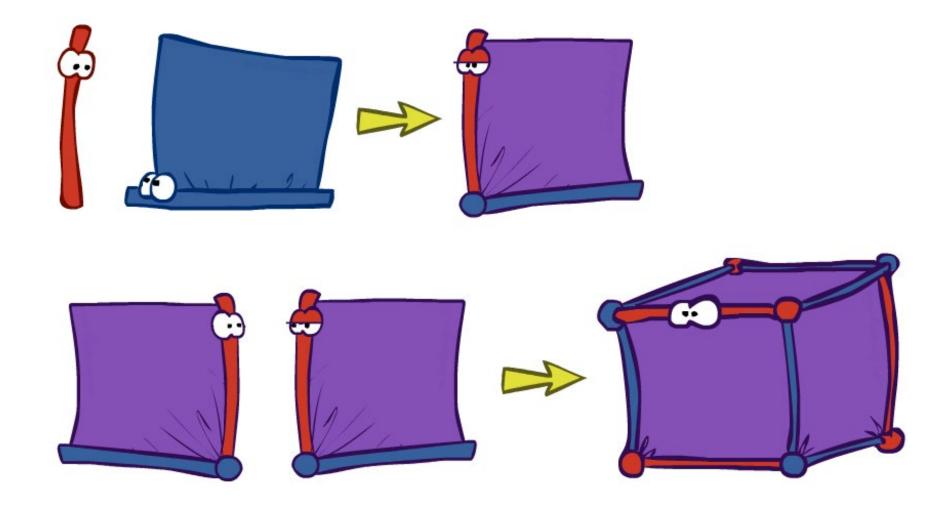
Example: Join on R

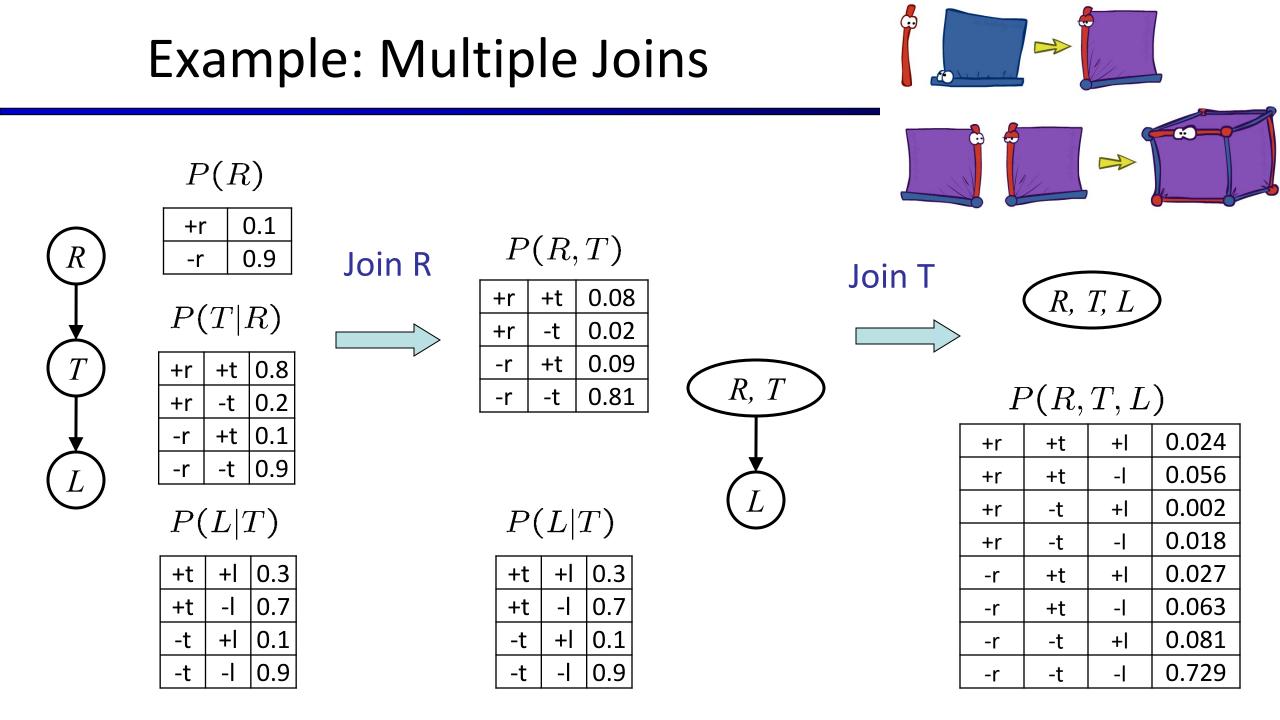


Computation for each entry: pointwise products

 $\forall r, t : P(r, t) = P(r) \cdot P(t|r)$ 

## Example: Multiple Joins





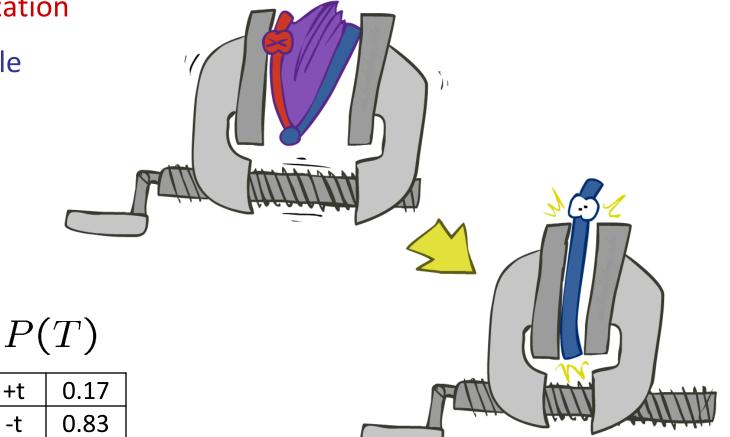
#### **Operation 2: Eliminate**

+t

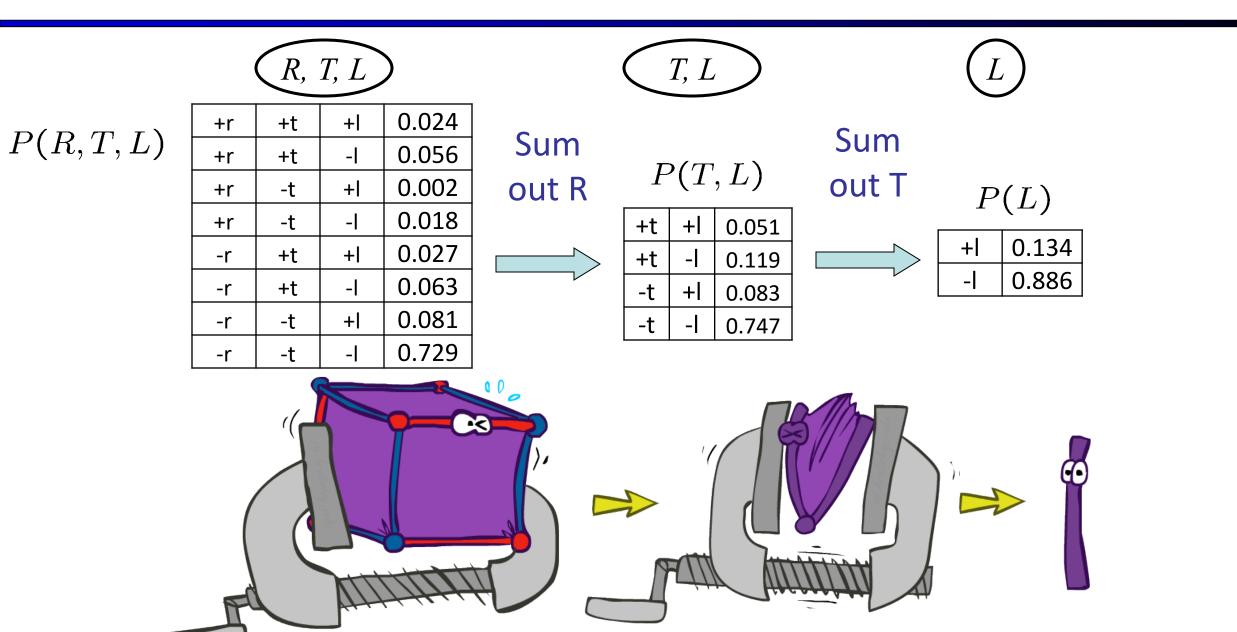
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- Second basic operation: marginalization
- Take a factor and sum out a variable
  - Shrinks a factor to a smaller one
  - A projection operation
- Example:

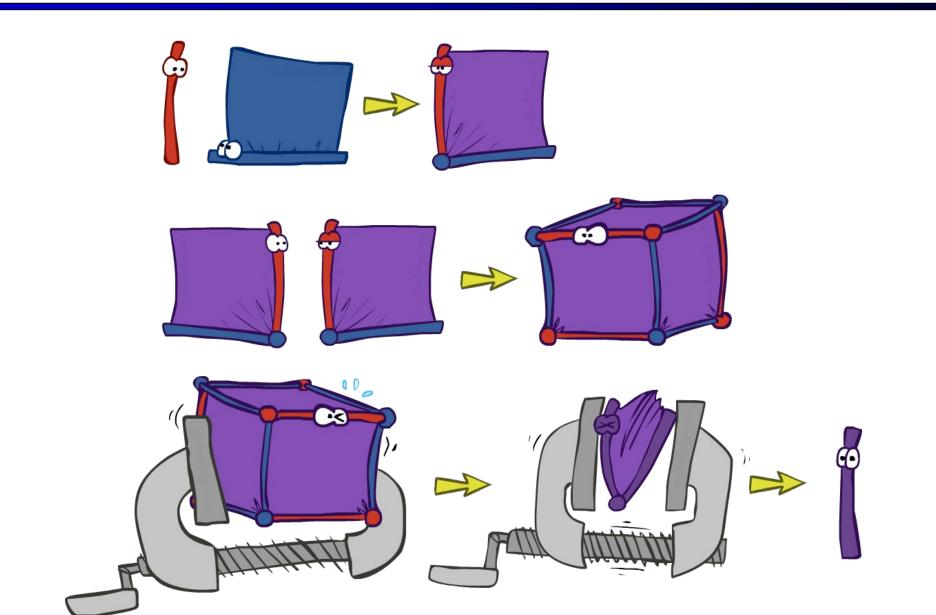




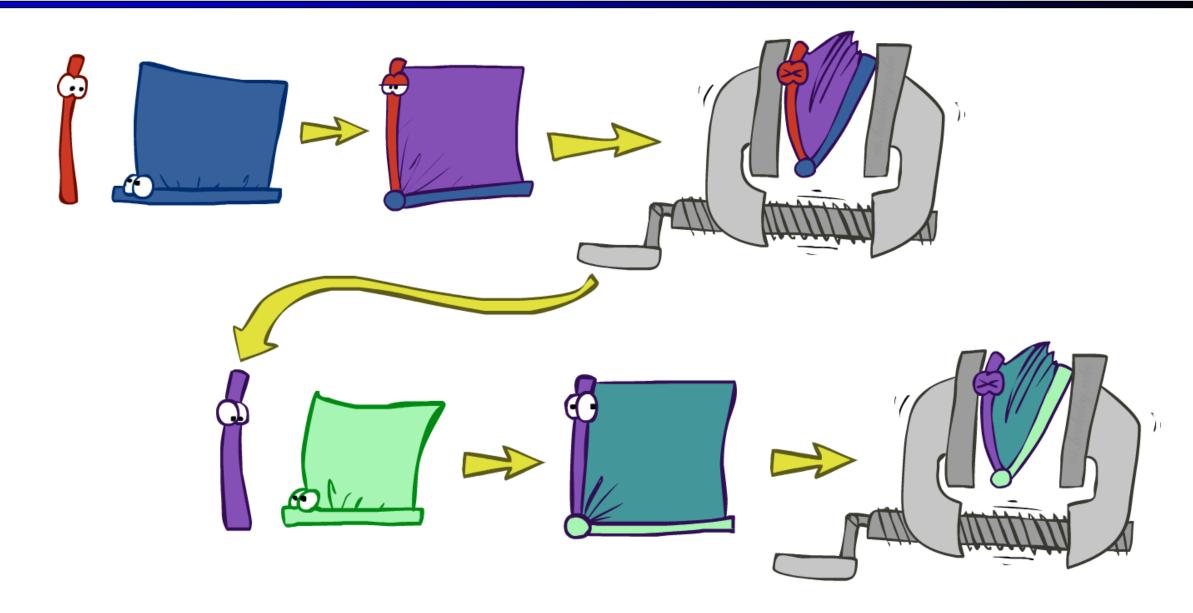
#### **Multiple Elimination**



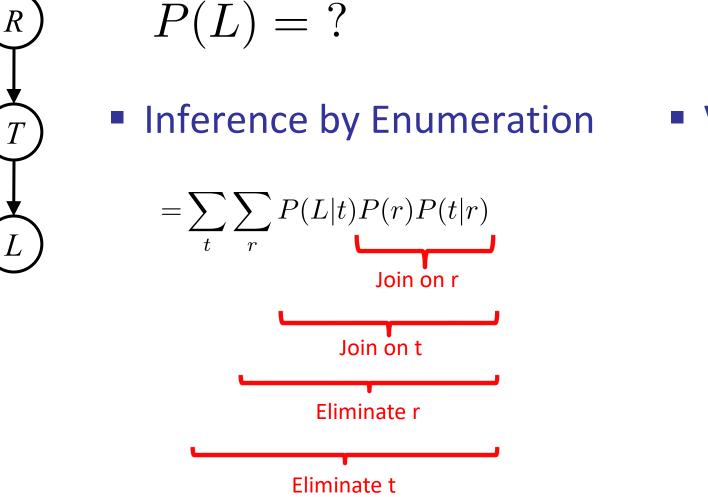
#### Thus Far: Multiple Join, Multiple Eliminate (= Inference by Enumeration)



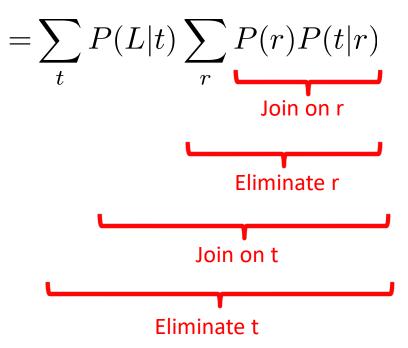
#### Marginalizing Early (= Variable Elimination)



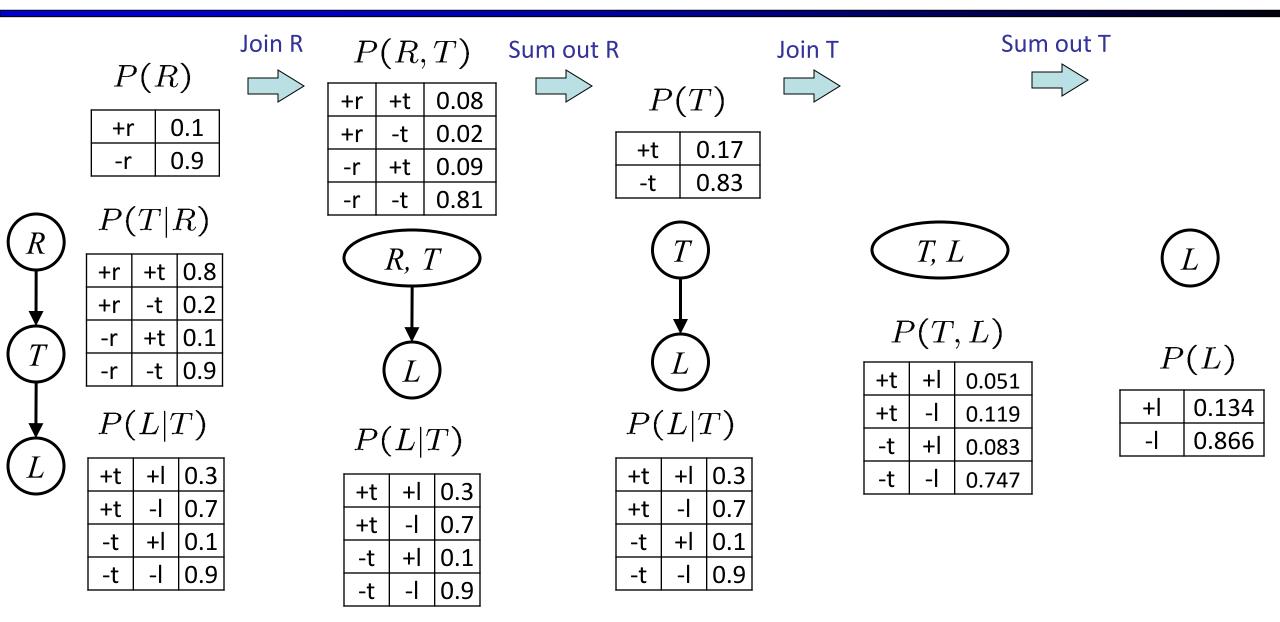
#### **Traffic Domain**



Variable Elimination

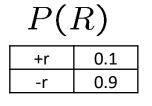


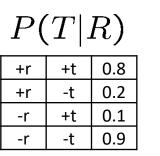
#### Marginalizing Early! (aka VE)



#### Evidence

- If evidence, start with factors that select that evidence
  - No evidence uses these initial factors:

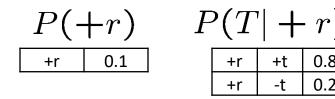


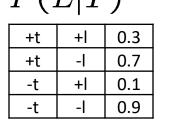


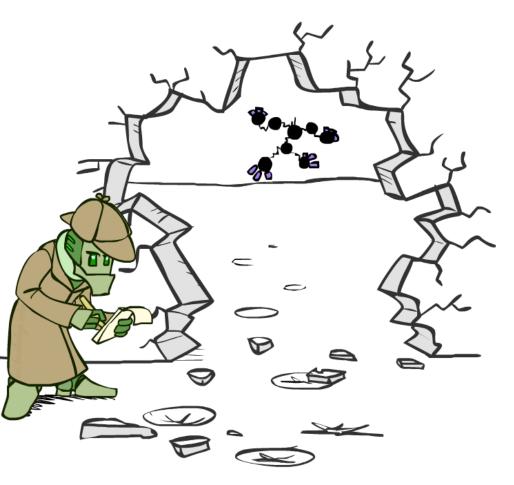
$\Gamma(L I)$					
	+t	+	0.3		
	+t	-	0.7		
	-t	+	0.1		
	-t	-	0.9		

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• Computing P(L| + r) the initial factors become:



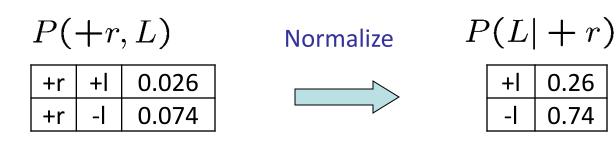




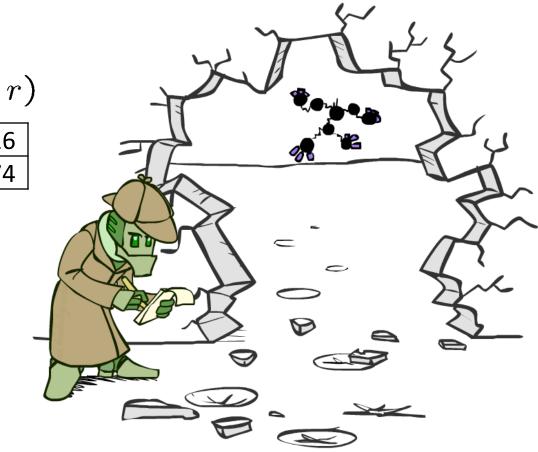
We eliminate all vars other than query + evidence

## Evidence II

- Result will be a selected joint of query and evidence
  - E.g. for P(L | +r), we would end up with:

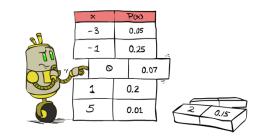


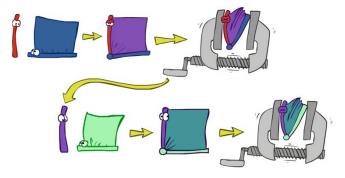
- To get our answer, just normalize this!
- That's it!



#### **General Variable Elimination**

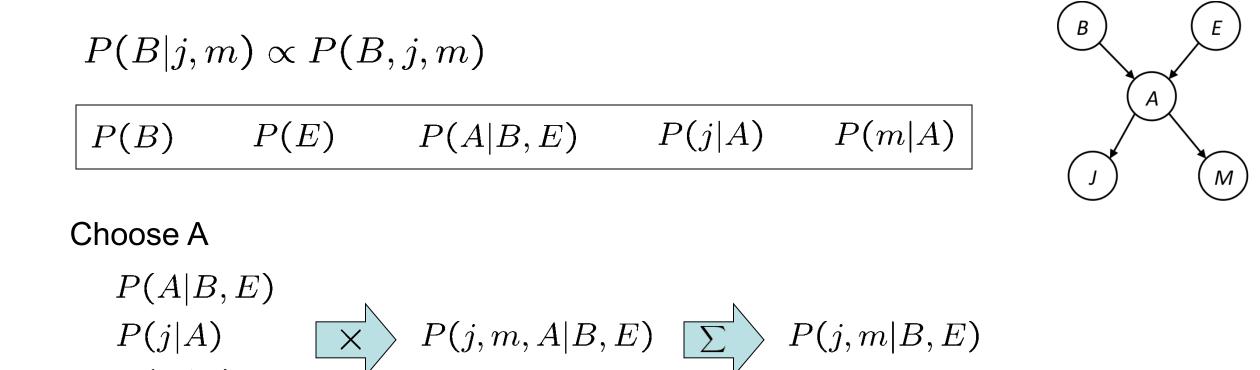
- Query:  $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots E_k = e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
  - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):
  - Pick a hidden variable H
  - Join all factors mentioning H
  - Eliminate (sum out) H
- Join all remaining factors and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







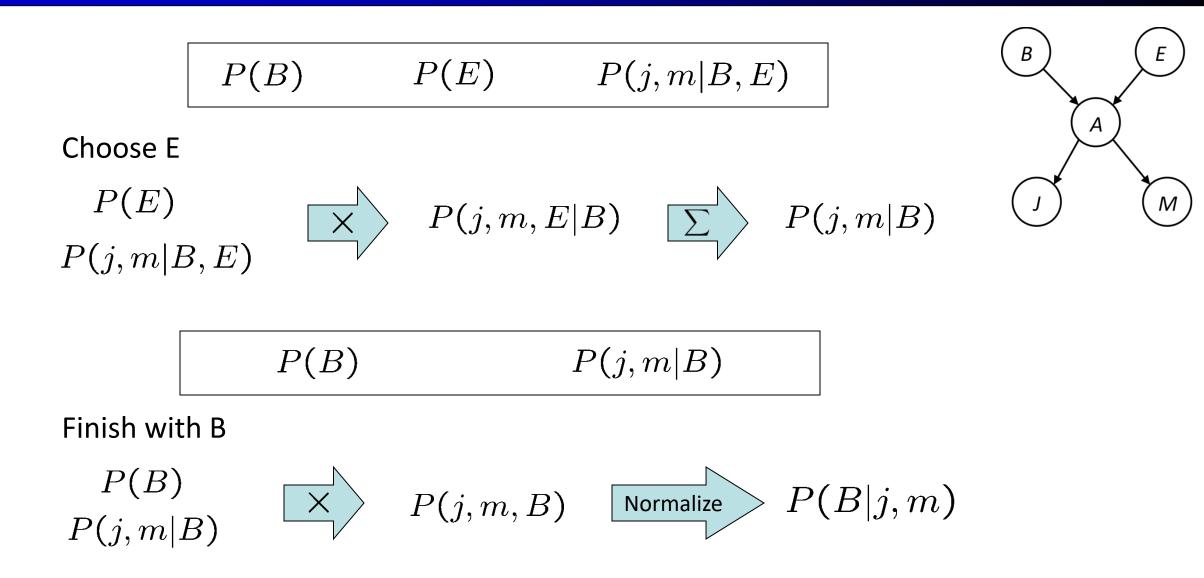
#### Example



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

P(m|A)

#### Example



#### Same Example in Equations

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

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

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

$$=\sum_{e,a}P(B,j,m,e,a)$$

$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B)P(e)P(a|B,e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$$

$$= \sum_{e} P(B)P(e) \sum_{a} P(a|B,e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$$

$$= \sum_{e} P(B)P(e)f_1(B, e, j, m)$$

$$= P(B) \sum_{e} P(e) f_1(B, e, j, m)$$

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

marginal obtained from joint by summing out use Bayes' net joint distribution expression use  $x^*(y+z) = xy + xz$ 

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joining on a, and then summing out gives  $f_1$ 

use  $x^*(y+z) = xy + xz$ 

joining on e, and then summing out gives f<sub>2</sub>

#### All we are doing is exploiting uwy + uwz + uxy + uxz + vwy + vwz + vxy +vxz = (u+v)(w+x)(y+z) to improve computational efficiency!

#### Another Variable Elimination Example

Query:  $P(X_3|Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_3 = y_3)$ 

Start by inserting evidence, which gives the following initial factors:

 $p(Z)p(X_1|Z)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_1|X_1)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$ 

Eliminate  $X_1$ , this introduces the factor  $f_1(Z, y_1) = \sum_{x_1} p(x_1|Z)p(y_1|x_1)$ , and we are left with:

 $p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$ 

Eliminate  $X_2$ , this introduces the factor  $f_2(Z, y_2) = \sum_{x_2} p(x_2|Z)p(y_2|x_2)$ , and we are left with:

 $p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)f_2(Z, y_2)p(X_3|Z)p(y_3|X_3)$ 

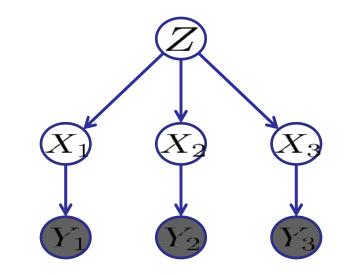
Eliminate Z, this introduces the factor  $f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3) = \sum_z p(z) f_1(z, y_1) f_2(z, y_2) p(X_3|z)$ , and we are left:

 $p(y_3|X_3), f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3)$ 

No hidden variables left. Join the remaining factors to get:

 $f_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, X_3) = P(y_3|X_3)f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3).$ 

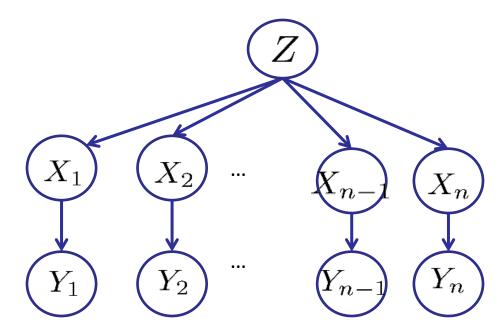
Normalizing over  $X_3$  gives  $P(X_3|y_1, y_2, y_3)$ .



Computational complexity critically depends on the largest factor being generated in this process. Size of factor = number of entries in table. In example above (assuming binary) all factors generated are of size 2 --- as they all only have one variable (Z, Z, and X<sub>3</sub> respectively).

#### Variable Elimination Ordering

For the query P(X<sub>n</sub>|y<sub>1</sub>,...,y<sub>n</sub>) work through the following two different orderings as done in previous slide: Z, X<sub>1</sub>, ..., X<sub>n-1</sub> and X<sub>1</sub>, ..., X<sub>n-1</sub>, Z. What is the size of the maximum factor generated for each of the orderings?



- Answer: 2<sup>n+1</sup> versus 2<sup>2</sup> (assuming binary)
- In general: the ordering can greatly affect efficiency.

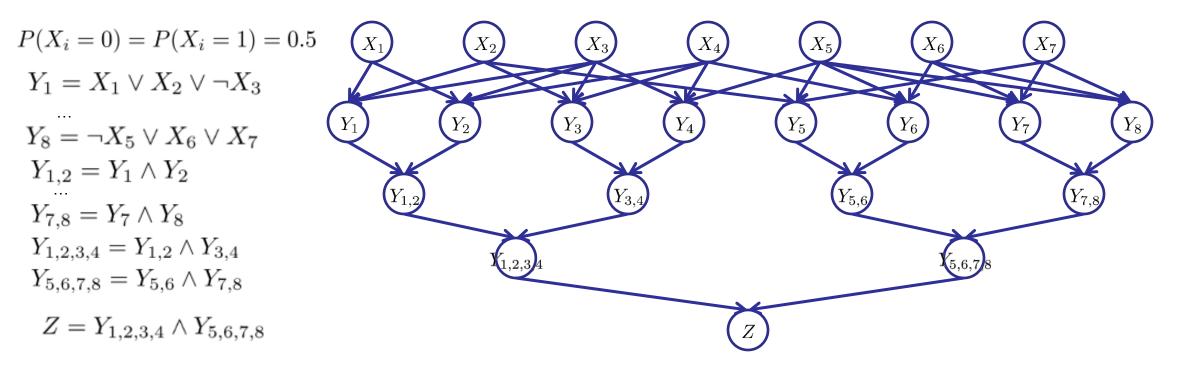
#### VE: Computational and Space Complexity

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

#### Worst Case Complexity?

#### CSP:

 $(x_1 \lor x_2 \lor \neg x_3) \land (\neg x_1 \lor x_3 \lor \neg x_4) \land (x_2 \lor \neg x_2 \lor x_4) \land (\neg x_3 \lor \neg x_4 \lor \neg x_5) \land (x_2 \lor x_5 \lor x_7) \land (x_4 \lor x_5 \lor x_6) \land (\neg x_5 \lor x_6 \lor \neg x_7) \land (\neg x_5 \lor \neg x_6 \lor x_7) \land (\neg x_5 \lor \neg x_6 \lor x_7) \land (\neg x_5 \lor \neg x_6 \lor \neg x_7) \land (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_7) \land (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor x_7) \land (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor \neg x_7) \land (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor x_7) \land (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor (\neg x_6 \lor \neg x_6 \lor$ 



- If we can answer P(z) equal to zero or not, we answered whether the 3-SAT problem has a solution.
- Hence inference in Bayes' nets is NP-hard. No known efficient probabilistic inference in general.

#### Polytrees

- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For poly-trees you can always find an ordering that is efficient
  - Try it!!
- Cut-set conditioning for Bayes' net inference
  - Choose set of variables such that if removed only a polytree remains
  - Exercise: Think about how the specifics would work out!

#### Bayes' Nets

- Representation
- Conditional Independences
- Probabilistic Inference
  - Enumeration (exact, exponential complexity)
  - ✓ Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)
  - ✓ Inference is NP-complete
  - Sampling (approximate)
- Learning Bayes' Nets from Data