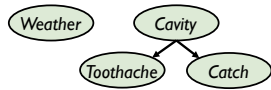


Bayes Nets

AI Class 10 (Ch. 14.1–14.4.2; skim 14.3)



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Bookkeeping

- HW 3 out @ 11:59pm
- Questions about HW 2

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Today's Class

- Bayesian networks
 - Network structure
 - Conditional probability tables
 - Conditional independence
- Inference in Bayesian networks
 - Exact inference
 - Approximate inference

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Review: Independence

What does it mean for A and B to be **independent**?

- $P(A) \perp P(B)$
- A and B do not affect each other's probability
- $P(A \wedge B) = P(A) P(B)$

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Review: Conditioning

What does it mean for A and B to be **conditionally independent given C**?

- A and B don't affect each other **if C is known**
- $P(A \wedge B | C) = P(A | C) P(B | C)$

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Review: Bayes' Rule

What is **Bayes' Rule**?

$$P(H_i | E_j) = \frac{P(E_j | H_i) P(H_i)}{P(E_j)}$$

What's it useful for?

- Diagnosis
- Effect is perceived, want to know (probability of) cause

$$P(\text{cause} | \text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect} | \text{cause}) P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

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Review: Joint Probability

What is the **joint probability** of A and B?

- $P(A,B)$
- The probability of any pair of legal assignments.
 - Generalizing to > 2 , of course
- Booleans: expressed as a matrix/table

	alarm	\neg alarm)	A	B	
	burglary	0.09		0.01	T	T
	\neg burglary	0.1	0.8	T	F	0.1
				F	T	0.01
				F	F	0.8

- Continuous domains: probability functions

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Bayes' Nets: Big Picture

- Problems with full joint distribution tables as our probabilistic models:
 - Joint gets **way** too big to represent explicitly
 - Unless there are only a few variables
 - Hard to learn (estimate) anything empirically about more than a few variables at a time
 - Why?

	A		\neg A	
	E	\neg E	E	\neg E
B	0.01	0.08	0.001	0.009
\neg B	0.01	0.09	0.01	0.79

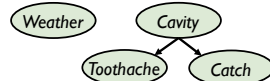
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Bayes' Nets: Big Picture

- **Bayes' nets**: a technique for describing complex joint distributions (models) using simple, local distributions (conditional probabilities)
 - A type of graphical models
- We describe how variables interact **locally**
 - Local interactions chain together to give global, indirect interactions

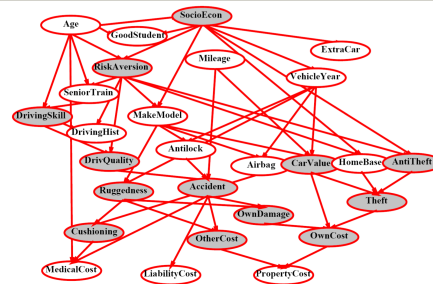


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Example: Insurance

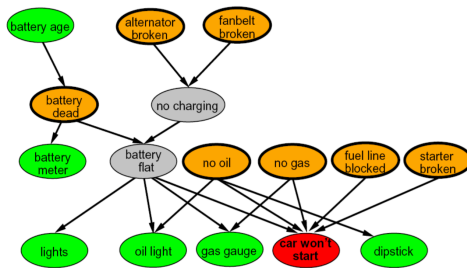


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Example: Car



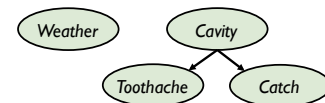
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Example: Toothache

- Random variables:
 - How's the weather?
 - Do you have a toothache?
 - Does the dentist's probe catch when she pokes your tooth?
 - Do you have a cavity?



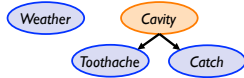
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Graphical Model Notation

- Nodes: variables (with domains)
- Can be assigned (**observed**) or unassigned (**unobserved**)
- Arcs: interactions
 - Indicate “direct influence” between
 - Formally: **encode conditional independence**
 - Toothache and Catch are conditionally independent, given Cavity
- For now: imagine that arrows mean *causation*
 - (in general, they don't!)



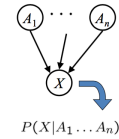
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Bayesian Belief Networks (BNs)

- Let's formalize the semantics of a BN
 - A set of nodes, one per variable X
 - A directed arc between each con-influential node
 - $X \rightarrow Y$ means X has an influence on Y
 - A directed, acyclic graph



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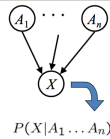
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Bayesian Belief Networks (BNs)

- Each node X has a **conditional probability distribution**:

$$P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

- A collection of distributions over X
- One for each combination of parents' values
- Quantifies the effects of the parents on a node
- CPT: conditional probability table
 - Description of a noisy “causal” process



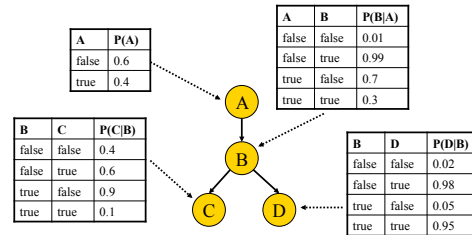
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Conditional Probability Tables

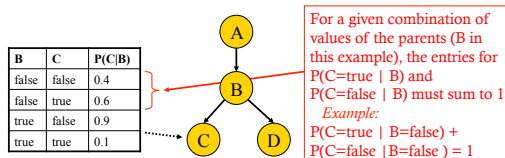
- For X_i , CPD $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$ quantifies effect of parents on X_i
- **Parameters** are probabilities in conditional probability tables (CPTs):



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CPTs cont'd

- Conditional Probability Distribution for C given B
- If you have a Boolean variable with k Boolean parents, this table has 2^{k+1} probabilities



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$$P(x_i | \pi_i)$$

where π_i is the set of all parent nodes of x_i

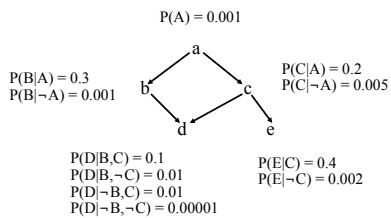
- Root nodes are a special case
 - No parents, so use priors in CPD:

$$\pi_i = \emptyset, \text{ so } P(x_i | \pi_i) = P(x_i)$$

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Example BN



We only specify $P(A)$ etc., not $P(\neg A)$, since they have to sum to one

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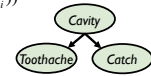
Probabilities in BNs

- Bayes' nets implicitly **encode joint distributions** as a **product of local conditional distributions**.
- To see probability of a **full assignment**, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

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

- Example:

$$P(+\text{cavity}, +\text{catch}, \neg\text{toothache}) = ?$$



- This lets us reconstruct any entry of the full joint

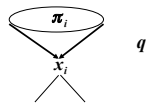
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Conditional Independence and Chaining

- Conditional independence assumption: $P(x_i | \pi_i, q) = P(x_i | \pi_i)$
 - q is any set of variables (nodes) other than x_i and its successors
 - π_i **blocks influence** of other nodes on x_i and its successors
 - That is, q influences x_i only through variables in π_i
- With this assumption, complete joint probability distribution of all variables in the network can be represented by (recovered from) local CPDs by chaining these CPDs:



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

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The Chain Rule

- $P(\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n) = P(\alpha_1) \times P(\alpha_2 | \alpha_1) \times P(\alpha_3 | \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2) \times \dots \times P(\alpha_n | \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{n-1})$
- $$= \prod_{i=1, \dots, n} P(\alpha_i | \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i-1})$$
- $$= P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \pi_i)$$

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The Chain Rule

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

e.g. $P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(x_1)P(x_2 | x_1)P(x_3 | x_1, x_2) \dots$

- Decomposition:

$$P(\text{Traffic, Rain, Umbrella}) = P(\text{Rain}) P(\text{Traffic} | \text{Rain}) P(\text{Umbrella} | \text{Rain, Traffic})$$

- With assumption of conditional independence:

$$P(\text{Traffic, Rain, Umbrella}) = P(\text{Rain}) P(\text{Traffic} | \text{Rain}) P(\text{Umbrella} | \text{Rain})$$

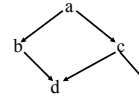
- Bayes' nets express conditional independence assumptions

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Chaining: Example



Computing the joint probability for all variables is easy:

$$\begin{aligned} P(a, b, c, d, e) &= P(e | a, b, c, d) P(a, b, c, d) && \text{by the product rule} \\ &= P(e | c) P(a, b, c, d) && \text{by cond. indep. assumption} \\ &= P(e | c) P(d | a, b, c) P(a, b, c) \\ &= P(e | c) P(d | b, c) P(c | a, b) P(a, b) \\ &= P(e | c) P(d | b, c) P(c | a) P(b | a) P(a) \end{aligned}$$

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Topological Semantics

- A node is **conditionally independent** of its **non-descendants** given its **parents**
- A node is **conditionally independent** of all other nodes in the network given its parents, children, and children's parents (also known as its **Markov blanket**)
- The method called **d-separation** can be applied to decide whether a set of nodes X is independent of another set Y, given a third set Z

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Independence and Causal Chains

- Important question about a BN:
 - Are two nodes independent given certain evidence?
 - If yes, can prove using algebra (tedious in general)
 - If no, can prove with a counter example
- Question: are X and Z necessarily independent?
 - No. (E.g., low pressure causes rain, which causes traffic)
 - X can influence Z, Z can influence X (via Y)
- This configuration is a “causal chain”



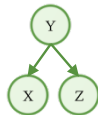
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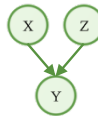
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Two More Main Patterns

- Common Cause:
 - Y cause X and Y causes Z
 - Are X and Z independent?
 - Are X and Z independent given Y?



- Common Effect:
 - Two causes of one effect
 - Are X and Z independent? (yes)
 - Are X and Z independent given Y?



- **No!**
- Observing an effect “activates” influence between possible causes.

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Inference in Bayesian Networks

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Inference Tasks

- **Simple queries:** Compute posterior marginal $P(X_i | E=e)$
 - E.g., $P(\text{NoGas} | \text{Gauge}=\text{empty}, \text{Lights}=\text{on}, \text{Starts}=\text{false})$
- **Conjunctive queries:**
 - $P(X_i, X_j | E=e) = P(X_i | e=e) P(X_j | X_i, E=e)$
- **Optimal decisions:**
 - *Decision networks* include utility information
 - Probabilistic inference gives $P(\text{outcome} | \text{action}, \text{evidence})$
- **Value of information:** Which evidence should we seek next?
- **Sensitivity analysis:** Which probability values are most critical?
- **Explanation:** Why do I need a new starter motor?

Approaches to Inference

- Exact inference
 - **Enumeration**
 - Belief propagation in polytrees
 - **Variable elimination**
 - Clustering / join tree algorithms
- Approximate inference
 - Stochastic simulation / sampling methods
 - Markov chain Monte Carlo methods
 - Genetic algorithms
 - Neural networks
 - Simulated annealing
 - Mean field theory

Direct Inference with BNs

- Instead of computing the joint, suppose we just want the probability for *one* variable
- Exact methods of computation:
 - **Enumeration**
 - **Variable elimination**
 - **Join trees: get the probabilities associated with every query variable**

Inference by Enumeration

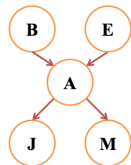
- Add all of the terms (atomic event probabilities) from the full joint distribution
- If **E** are the evidence (observed) variables and **Y** are the other (unobserved) variables, then:

$$P(X | e) = \alpha P(X, E) = \alpha \sum P(X, E, Y)$$
- Each $P(X, E, Y)$ term can be computed using the chain rule
- Computationally expensive!

Example 1: Enumeration

- Recipe:
 - State the marginal probabilities you need
 - Figure out ALL the atomic probabilities you need
 - Calculate and combine them

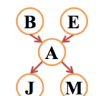
- Example:
 - $P(+b | +j, +m) = \frac{P(+b, +j, +m)}{P(+j, +m)}$



Example 1 cont'd

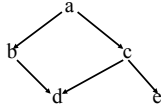
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 & P(+b)P(-e)P(+a|+b, -e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + \\
 & P(+b)P(-e)P(-a|+b, -e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(+m | +b, +e)?$



Example 2: Enumeration

- $P(x_i) = \sum_{\pi_i} P(x_i | \pi_i) P(\pi_i)$
- Suppose we want $P(D=true)$,
- only E is given as true
- $P(d | e) = \alpha \sum_{ABC} P(a, b, c, d, e)$ (where $\alpha = 1/P(e)$)
 $= \alpha \sum_{ABC} P(a) P(b | a) P(c | a) P(d | b, c) P(e | c)$
- With simple iteration, that's a lot of repetition!
 - $P(e | c)$ has to be recomputed every time we iterate over $C=true$



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Variable Elimination

- Basically just enumeration, but with caching of local calculations
- Linear for polytrees (singly connected BNs)
- Potentially exponential for multiply connected BNs
 \Rightarrow **Exact inference in Bayesian networks is NP-hard!**
- Join tree algorithms are an extension of variable elimination methods that compute posterior probabilities for **all** nodes in a BN simultaneously

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Variable Elimination Approach

General idea:

- Write query in the form

$$P(X_n, e) = \sum_{x_k} \dots \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_2} \prod_i P(x_i | pa_i)$$

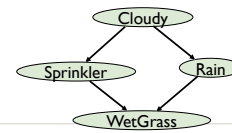
- Note that there is no α term here
- It's a conjunctive probability, not a conditional probability...
- Iteratively
 - Move all irrelevant terms outside of innermost sum
 - Perform innermost sum, getting a new term
 - Insert the new term into the product

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Variable Elimination: Example

$$\begin{aligned} P(w) &= \sum_{r,s,c} P(w | r, s) P(r | c) P(s | c) P(c) \\ &= \sum_{r,s} P(w | r, s) \sum_c P(r | c) P(s | c) P(c) \\ &= \sum_{r,s} P(w | r, s) f_1(r, s) \end{aligned}$$



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Computing Factors

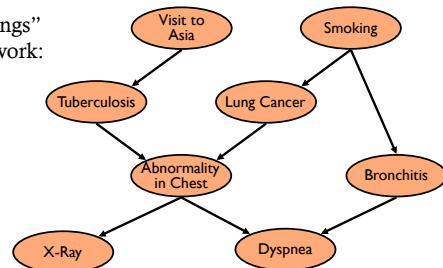
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R	S	$f_1(R,S) = \sum_c P(R S) P(S C) P(C)$
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A More Complex Example

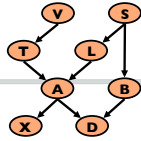
• “Lungs” network:



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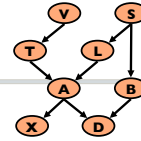


- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: v, s, x, t, l, a, b

Initial factors:

$$P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

Lungs 2



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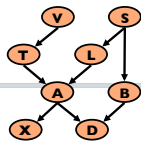
Eliminate: v

$$\text{Compute: } f_v(t) = \sum_v P(v)P(t|v)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

- Note: $f_v(t) = P(t)$
- In general, result of elimination is not necessarily a probability term

Lungs 3



- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: s, x, t, l, a, b

Initial factors:

$$P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

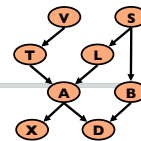
Eliminate: s

$$\text{Compute: } f_s(b,l) = \sum_s P(s)P(b|s)P(l|s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_v(t)} P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

- Summing on s results in a factor with two arguments $f_s(b,l)$
- In general, result of elimination may be a function of several variables

Lungs 4



- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: x, t, l, a, b

Initial factors

$$P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

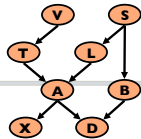
$$\text{Eliminate: } x \Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} \underline{f_s(b,l)} P(a|t,l) \underline{P(x|a)} P(d|a,b)$$

$$\text{Compute: } f_x(a) = \sum_x P(x|a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_x(a)} P(a|t,l)P(d|a,b)$$

Note: $f_x(a) = 1$ for all values of a !!

Lungs 5



- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: t, l, a, b

Initial factors $P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

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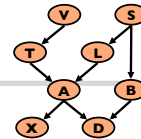
$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_x(a)} P(a|t,l)P(d|a,b)$$

Eliminate: t

$$\text{Compute: } f_t(a,l) = \sum_t \underline{f_v(t)} P(a|t,l)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_x(a)} \underline{f_t(a,l)} P(d|a,b)$$

Lungs 6



- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: l, a, b

Initial factors $P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_v(t)} P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$

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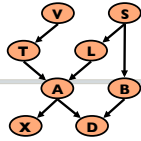
$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_x(a)} \underline{f_t(a,l)} P(d|a,b)$$

Eliminate: l

$$\text{Compute: } f_l(a,b) = \sum_l \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_t(a,l)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_s(b,l)} \underline{f_t(a,l)} P(d|a,b)$$

Lungs Finale



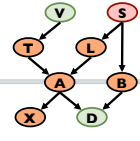
- We want to compute $P(d)$
- Need to eliminate: b

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial factors } & P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b) \\ & \Rightarrow f_v(t)P(s)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b) \\ & \Rightarrow f_s(t)f_b(l)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b) \\ & \Rightarrow f_v(t)f_s(b,l)f_x(a)P(a|t,l)P(d|a,b) \\ & \Rightarrow f_s(b,l)f_x(a)f_d(a,l)P(d|a,b) \\ & \Rightarrow \underline{f_a(a,b)f_x(a)P(d|a,b)} \Rightarrow \underline{f_a(b,d)} \Rightarrow \underline{f_b(d)} \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate: a, b

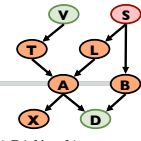
$$\text{Compute: } f_a(b,d) = \sum_a f(a,b)f_x(a)p(d|a,b) \quad f_b(d) = \sum_b f_a(b,d)$$

Dealing with Evidence



- How do we deal with evidence?
 - And what is “evidence?”
 - Variables whose value has been observed
- Suppose we are given evidence: $V = t, S = f, D = t$
- We want to compute $P(L, V = t, S = f, D = t)$

Dealing with Evidence

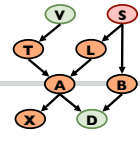


- We start by writing the factors:

$$P(v)P(s)P(t|v)P(l|s)P(b|s)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)P(d|a,b)$$
- Since we know that $V = t$, we don't need to eliminate V
- Instead, we can replace the factors $P(V)$ and $P(T|V)$ with

$$f_{P(V)} = P(V = t) \quad f_{P(T|V)}(T) = P(T|V = t)$$
- These “select” appropriate parts of original factors given evidence
- Note that $f_{P(V)}$ is a constant, so **does not appear** in elimination of other variables

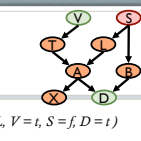
Dealing with Evidence



- So now...
 - Given evidence $V = t, S = f, D = t$
 - Compute $P(L, V = t, S = f, D = t)$
 - Initial factors, after setting evidence:

$$f_{P(v)}f_{P(s)}f_{P(t|v)}(t)f_{P(l|s)}(l)f_{P(b|s)}(b)P(a|t,l)P(x|a)f_{P(d|a,b)}(a,b)$$

Dealing with Evidence



- Given evidence $V = t, S = f, D = t$, we want to compute $P(L, V = t, S = f, D = t)$
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- Eliminating x , we get

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- Eliminating t , we get

$$f_{P(v)}f_{P(s)}f_{P(l|s)}(l)f_{P(b|s)}(b)f_t(a,l)f_x(a)f_{P(d|a,b)}(a,b)$$
- Eliminating a , we get

$$f_{P(v)}f_{P(s)}f_{P(l|s)}(l)f_{P(b|s)}(b)f_a(b,l)$$
- Eliminating b , we get

$$f_{P(v)}f_{P(s)}f_{P(l|s)}(l)f_b(l)$$

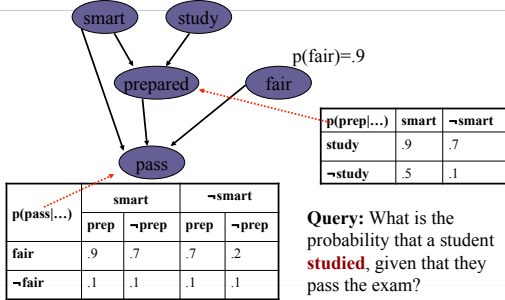
Variable Elimination Algorithm

- Let X_1, \dots, X_m be an ordering on the non-query variables
- For $i = m, \dots, 1$

$$\sum_{X_1} \sum_{X_2} \dots \sum_{X_m} \prod_j P(X_j | \text{Parents}(X_j))$$
 - In the summation for X_i , leave only factors mentioning X_i
 - Multiply the factors, getting a factor that contains a number for each value of the variables mentioned, including X_i
 - Sum out X_i , getting a factor f that contains a number for each value of the variables mentioned, not including X_i
 - Replace the multiplied factor in the summation

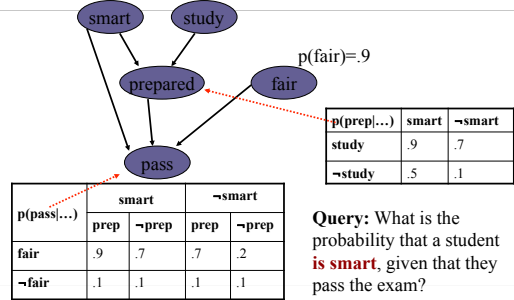
Exercise: Enumeration

$p(\text{smart})=.8$ $p(\text{study})=.6$



Exercise: Variable Elimination

$p(\text{smart})=.8$ $p(\text{study})=.6$



Summary

- **Bayes nets**
 - Structure
 - Parameters
 - Conditional independence
 - Chaining
- **BN inference**
 - Enumeration
 - Variable elimination
 - Sampling methods