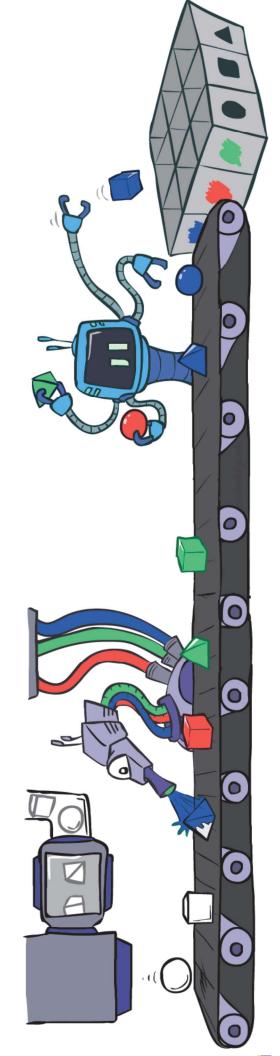


- For i = 1, 2, ..., n
- Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid Parents(X_i))$
- Return $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$



This process generates samples with probability:

$$S_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) = P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

...i.e. the BN's joint probability

• Let the number of samples of an event $N_{PS}(x_1...x_n)$

Then
$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \hat{P}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lim_{N \to \infty} N_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n)/N$$

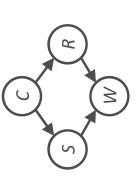
$$= S_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

I.e., the sampling procedure is consistent

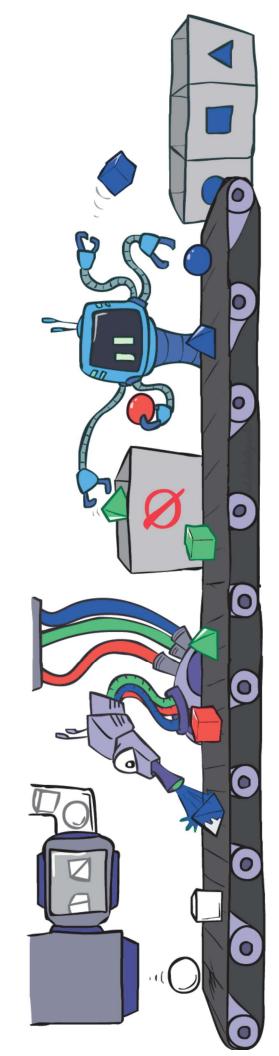
Example

• We'll get a bunch of samples from the BN:



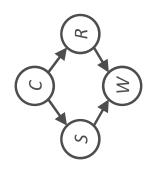
- If we want to know P(W)
- We have counts <+w:4, -w:1>
- Normalize to get P(W) = <+w:0.8, -w:0.2>
- This will get closer to the true distribution with more samples
- Can estimate anything else, too
- What about P(C | +w)? P(C | +r, +w)? P(C | -r, -w)?
- Fast: can use fewer samples if less time (what's the drawback?)

Rejection Sampling



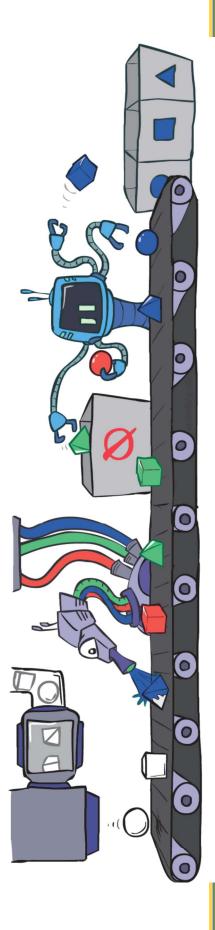
Rejection Sampling

- Let's say we want P(C)
- No point keeping all samples around
- Just tally counts of C as we go
- Let's say we want P(C | +s)
- Same thing: tally C outcomes, but ignore (reject) samples which don't have S=+s
- This is called rejection sampling
- It is also consistent for conditional probabilities (i.e., correct in the limit)

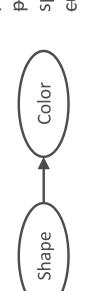


Rejection Sampling

- Input: evidence instantiation
- For i = 1, 2, ..., n
- Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid Parents(X_i))$
- ullet If x_i not consistent with evidence
- Reject: return no sample is generated in this cycle
- Return $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$



- Problem with rejection sampling:
- If evidence is unlikely, rejects lots of samples
- Evidence not exploited as you sample
- Consider P(Shape | blue)



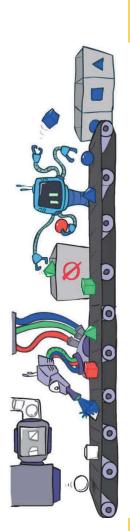
pyramid, green
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sphere, green

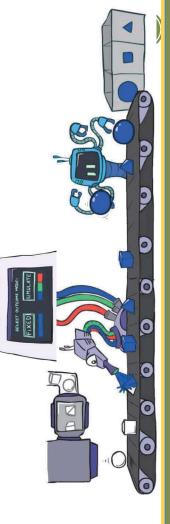
Idea: fix evidence variables and sample the rest

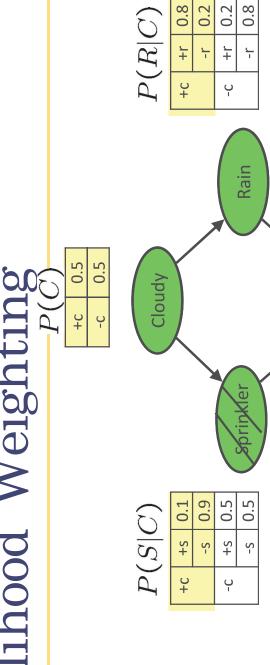
- Problem: sample distribution not consistent!
- Solution: weight by probability of evidence given parents



pyramid, blue pyramid, blue sphere, blue cube, blue sphere, blue







0.2 Samples:

+c, +s, +r, +w

0.90 0.10

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0.01

0.99

+8

P(W|S,R)

 $w = 1.0 {\times} 0.1 {\times} 0.99$

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Input: evidence instantiation

• w = 1.0

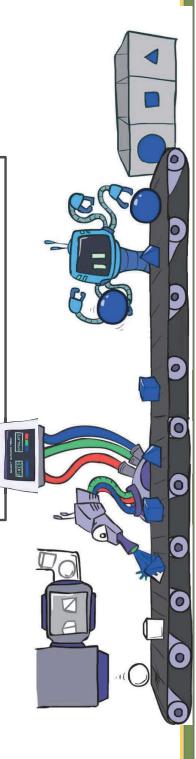
• for $i=1,\,2,\,\ldots,\,n$ • if X_i is an evidence variable

- $X_i = observation \ x_i \ for \ X_i$

- Set $w = w * P(x_i \mid Parents(X_i))$

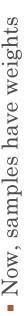
 \blacksquare Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid Parents(X_i))$

• return $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n), w$

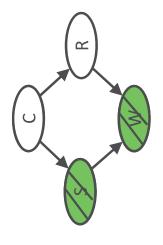


- Sampling distribution if z sampled and e fixed evidence

$$S_{WS}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} P(z_i | \mathsf{Parents}(Z_i))$$



$$w(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(e_i | \text{Parents}(E_i))$$



• Together, weighted sampling distribution is consistent
$$S_{\text{WS}}(z,e) \cdot w(z,e) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} P(z_i | \text{Parents}(z_i)) \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(e_i | \text{Parents}(e_i))$$

$$= P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e})$$