
CS 471/571 (Fall 2023): Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 22: Bayes Nets – Sampling

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Reminders

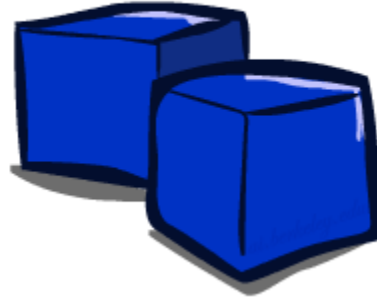
- Programming project 3
 - Deadline: November 20th, 2023
- Written assignment 4:
 - Deadline: November 29th, 2023

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

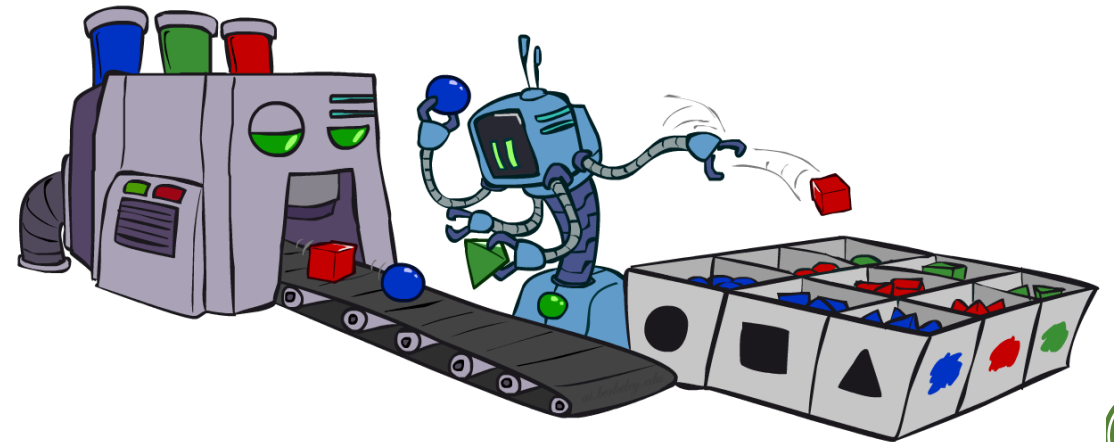


Approximate Inference: Sampling



Sampling

- Sampling is a lot like repeated simulation
 - Predicting the weather, basketball games, ...
- Basic idea
 - Draw N samples from a sampling distribution S
 - Compute an approximate posterior probability
 - Show this converges to the true probability P
- Why sample?
 - Learning: get samples from a distribution you don't know
 - Inference: getting a sample is faster than computing the right answer (e.g. with variable elimination)



Sampling

- Sampling from given distribution

- Step 1: Get sample u from uniform distribution over $[0, 1)$
 - E.g. `random()` in python
- Step 2: Convert this sample u into an outcome for the given distribution
 - Each target outcome is associated with a sub-interval of $[0,1)$
 - Sub-interval size is equal to probability of the outcome.

- Example

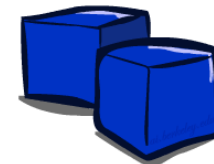
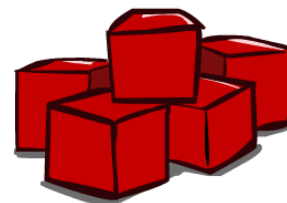
C	P(C)
red	0.6
green	0.1
blue	0.3

$$0 \leq u < 0.6, \rightarrow C = \text{red}$$

$$0.6 \leq u < 0.7, \rightarrow C = \text{green}$$

$$0.7 \leq u < 1, \rightarrow C = \text{blue}$$

- If `random()` returns $u = 0.83$, then our sample is $C = \text{blue}$
- E.g, after sampling 8 times:

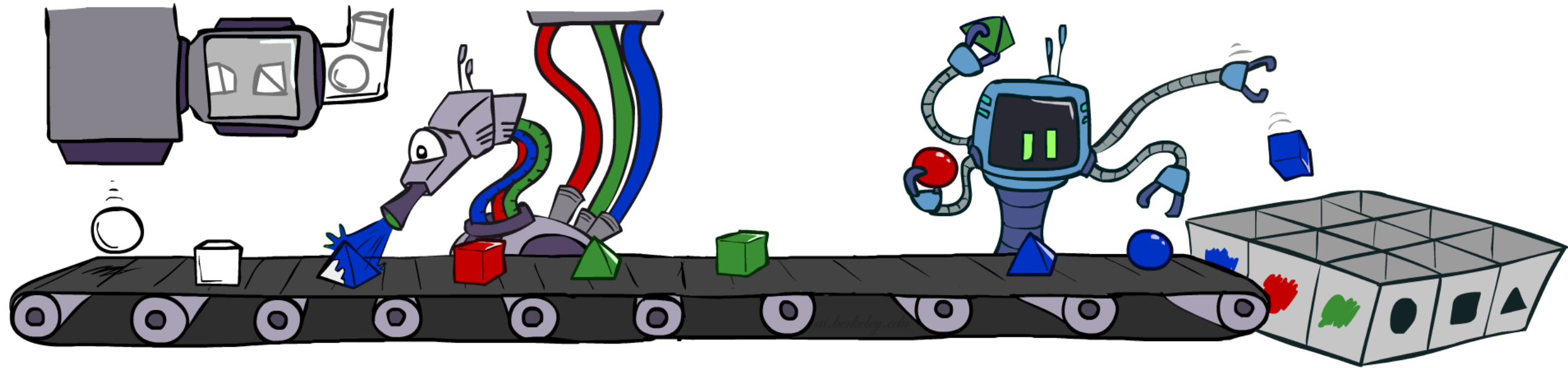


Sampling in Bayes' Nets

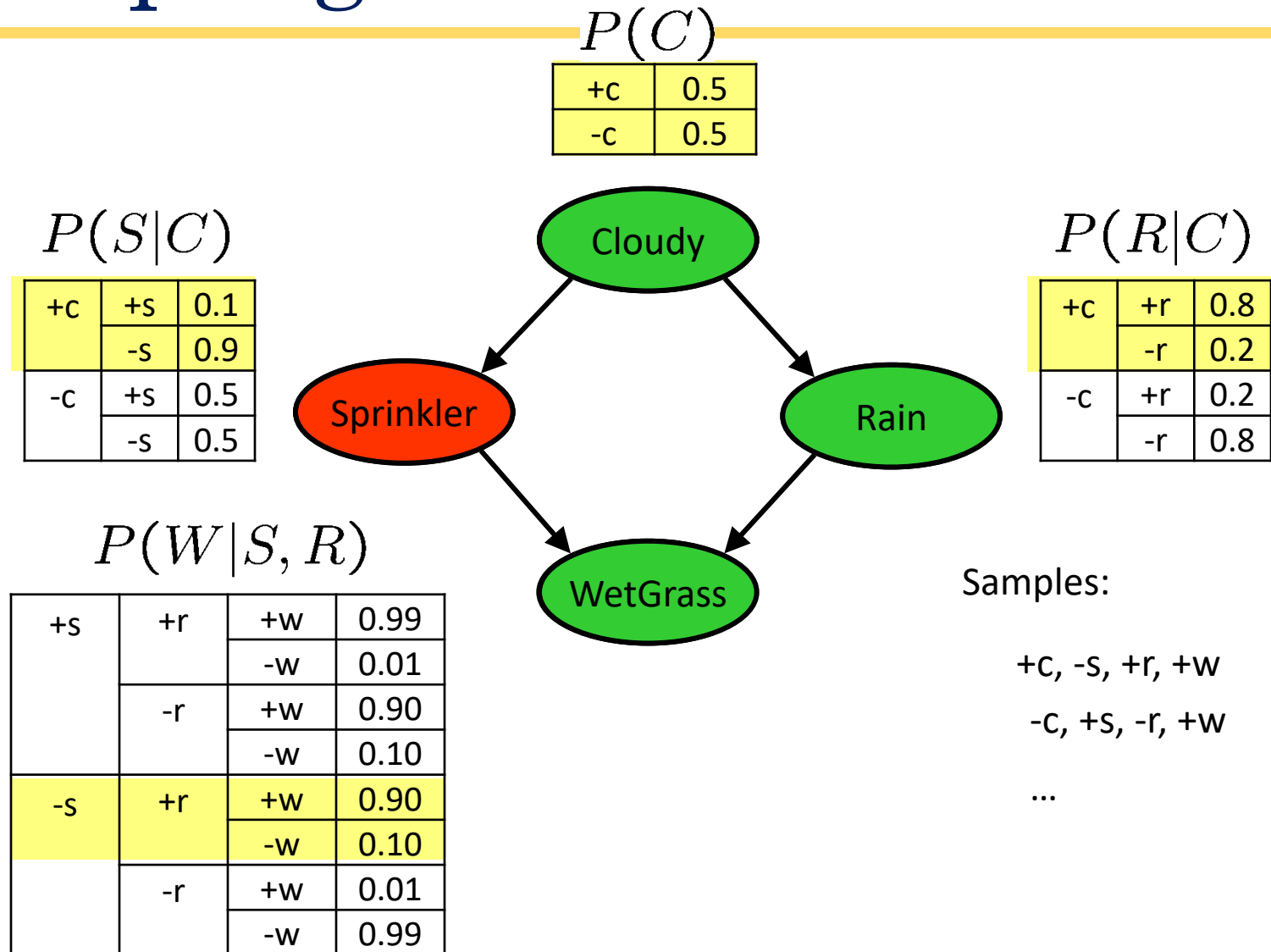
- Prior Sampling
- Rejection Sampling
- Likelihood Weighting
- Gibbs Sampling



Prior Sampling

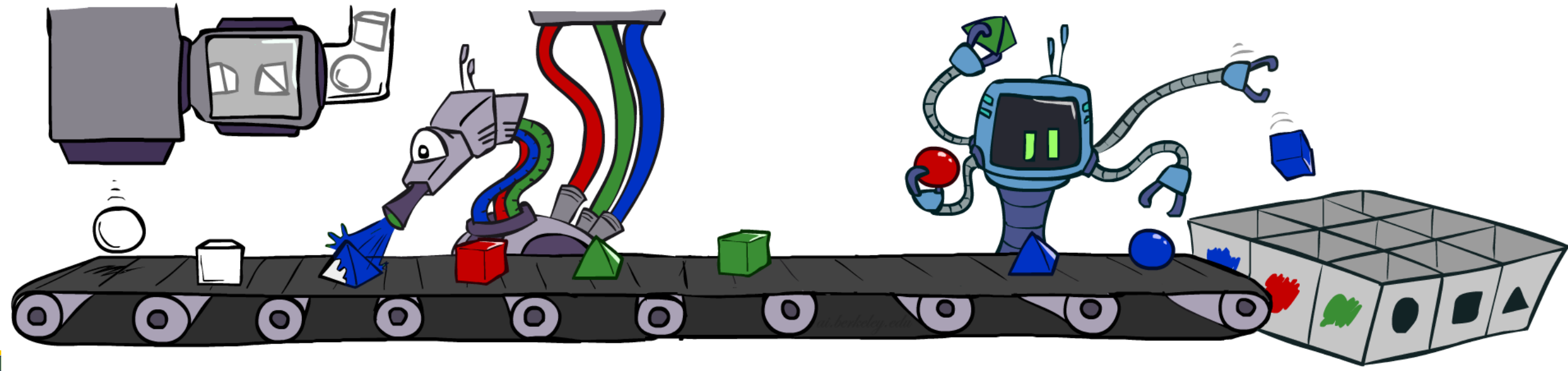


Prior Sampling



Prior Sampling

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



Prior Sampling

- 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 $N_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{▪ Then } \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{P}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n) / N \\ &= S_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= P(x_1 \dots x_n) \end{aligned}$$

- I.e., the sampling procedure is **consistent**



Example

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

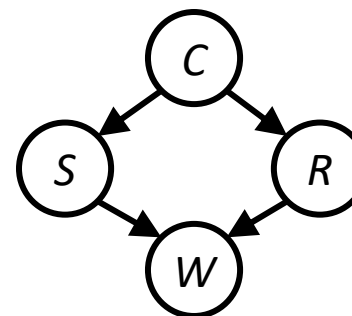
+c, -s, +r, +w

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-c, +s, +r, -w

+c, -s, +r, +w

-c, -s, -r, +w



- If we want to know $P(W)$

- We have counts $\langle +w:4, -w:1 \rangle$

- Normalize to get $P(W) = \langle +w:0.8, -w:0.2 \rangle$

- This will get closer to the true distribution with more samples

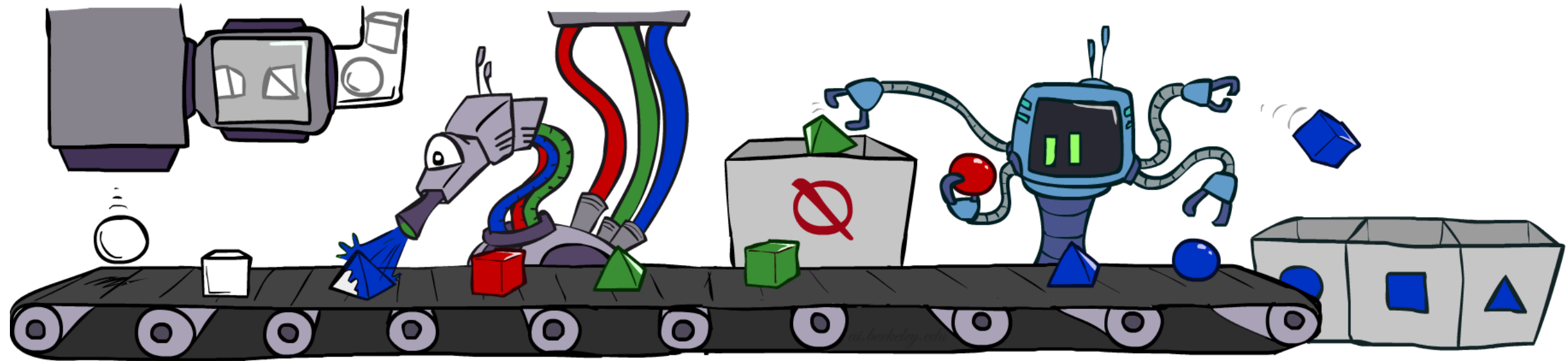
- Can estimate anything else, too

- What about $P(C \mid +w)$? $P(C \mid +r, +w)$? $P(C \mid -r, -w)$?

- Fast: can use fewer samples if less time (what's the drawback?)

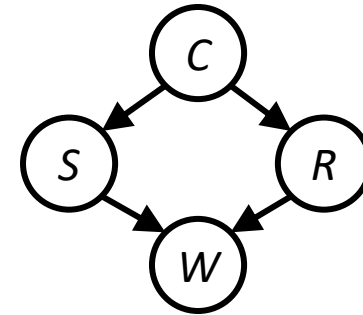


Rejection Sampling



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 $P(C \mid +s)$
 - 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)

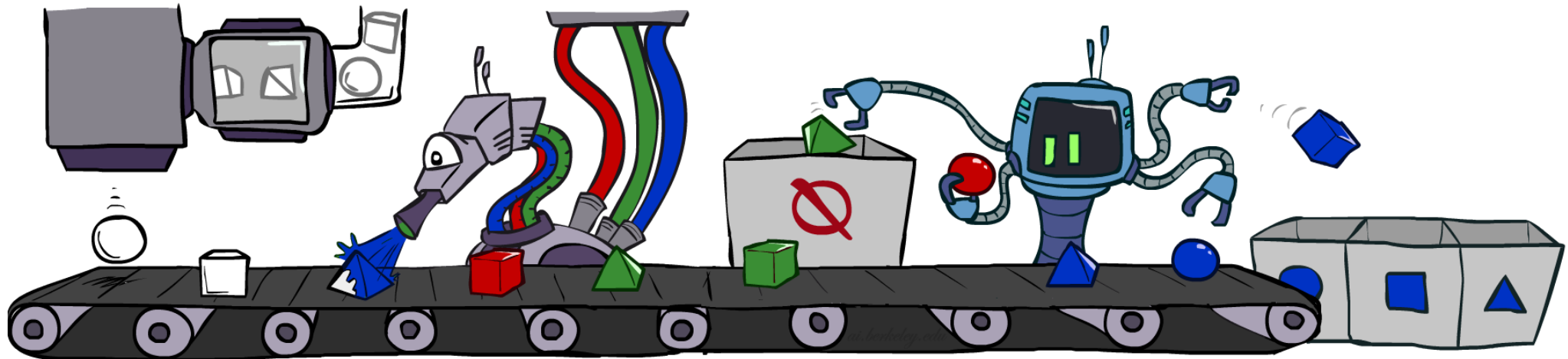


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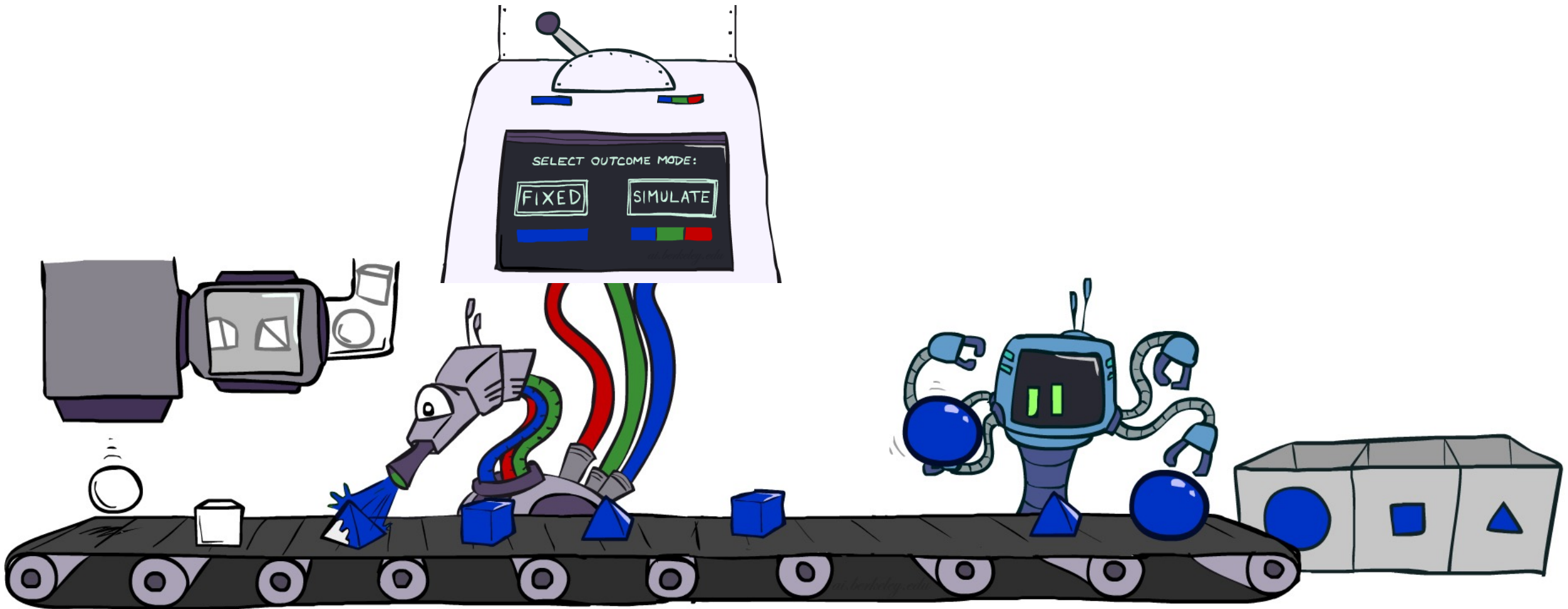


Rejection Sampling

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

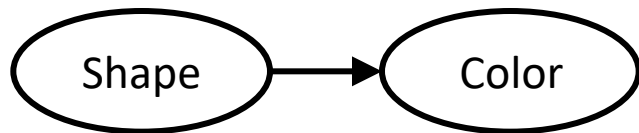


Likelihood Weighting

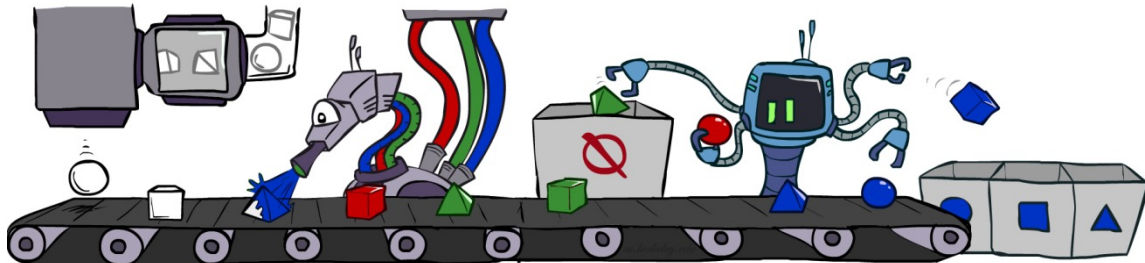


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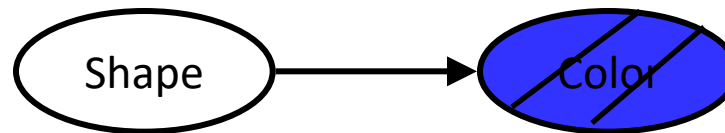
- Problem with rejection sampling:
 - If evidence is unlikely, rejects lots of samples
 - Evidence not exploited as you sample
 - Consider $P(\text{Shape} \mid \text{blue})$



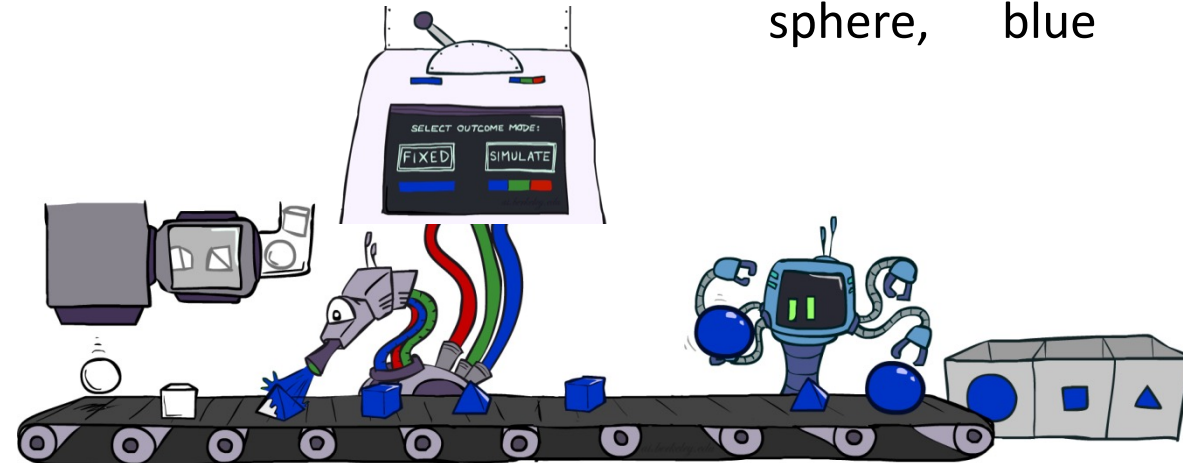
pyramid, green
pyramid, red
sphere, blue
cube, red
~~sphere, green~~



- 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



Likelihood Weighting

$$P(C)$$

+c	0.5
-c	0.5

$$P(S|C)$$

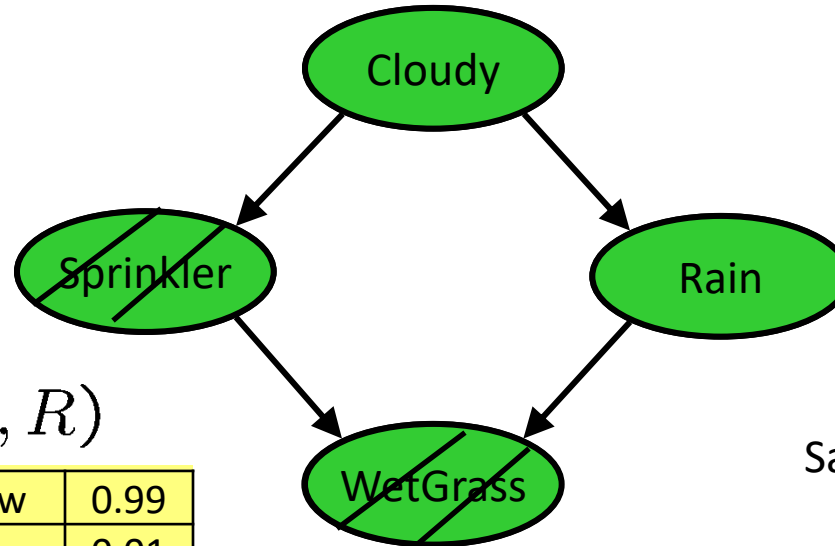
+c	+s	0.1
	-s	0.9
-c	+s	0.5
	-s	0.5

$$P(R|C)$$

+c	+r	0.8
	-r	0.2
-c	+r	0.2
	-r	0.8

$$P(W|S, R)$$

+s	+r	+w	0.99
		-w	0.01
	-r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
	+r	+w	0.90
		-w	0.10
-s	-r	+w	0.01
		-w	0.99



Samples:

+c, +s, +r, +w

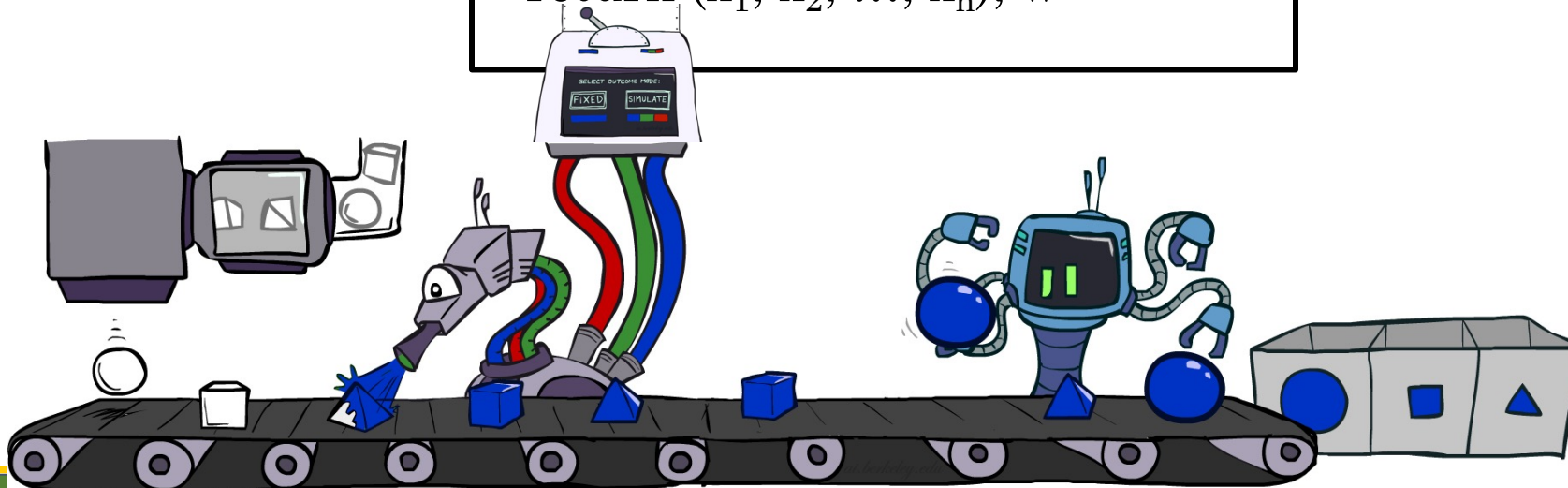
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$$w = 1.0 \times 0.1 \times 0.99$$



Likelihood Weighting

- Input: evidence instantiation
- $w = 1.0$
- for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 - if X_i is an evidence variable
 - $X_i = \text{observation } x_i \text{ for } X_i$
 - Set $w = w * P(x_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
 - else
 - Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- return $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), w$



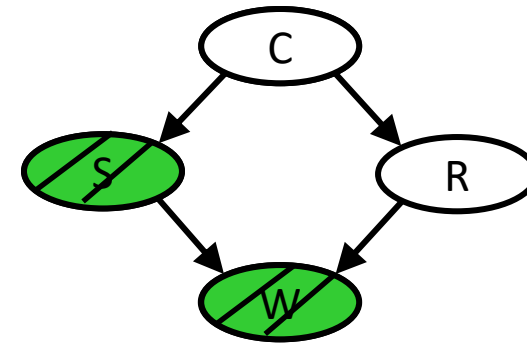
Likelihood Weighting

- Sampling distribution if z sampled and e fixed evidence

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

- Now, samples have weights

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



- Together, weighted sampling distribution is consistent

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WS}(z, e) \cdot w(z, e) &= \prod_{i=1}^l P(z_i | \text{Parents}(z_i)) \prod_{i=1}^m P(e_i | \text{Parents}(e_i)) \\ &= P(z, e) \end{aligned}$$

