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

## Lecture 20: Bayes Nets – Inference

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# Announcement & Reminder

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- Written assignment 4: Bayes Nets
  - Will be posted tomorrow
  - Deadline: Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Extended)
- Programming project 3
  - Deadline: Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

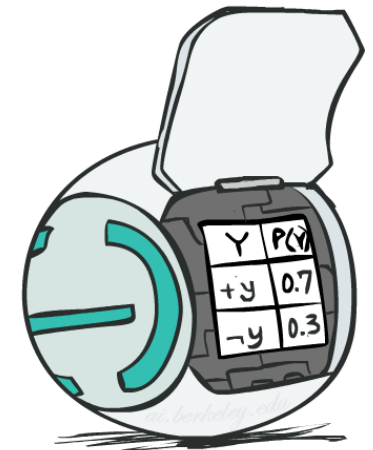
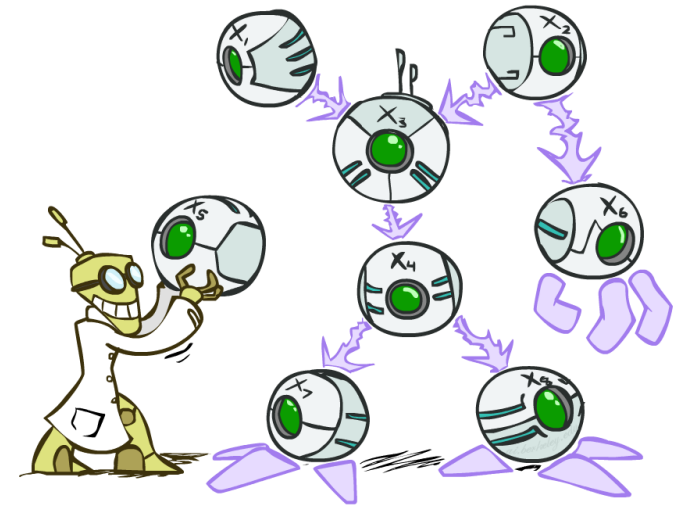
# Bayes' Net Representation

- 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

$$P(X|a_1 \dots a_n)$$

- 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:

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



# Bayes' Nets

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✓ 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

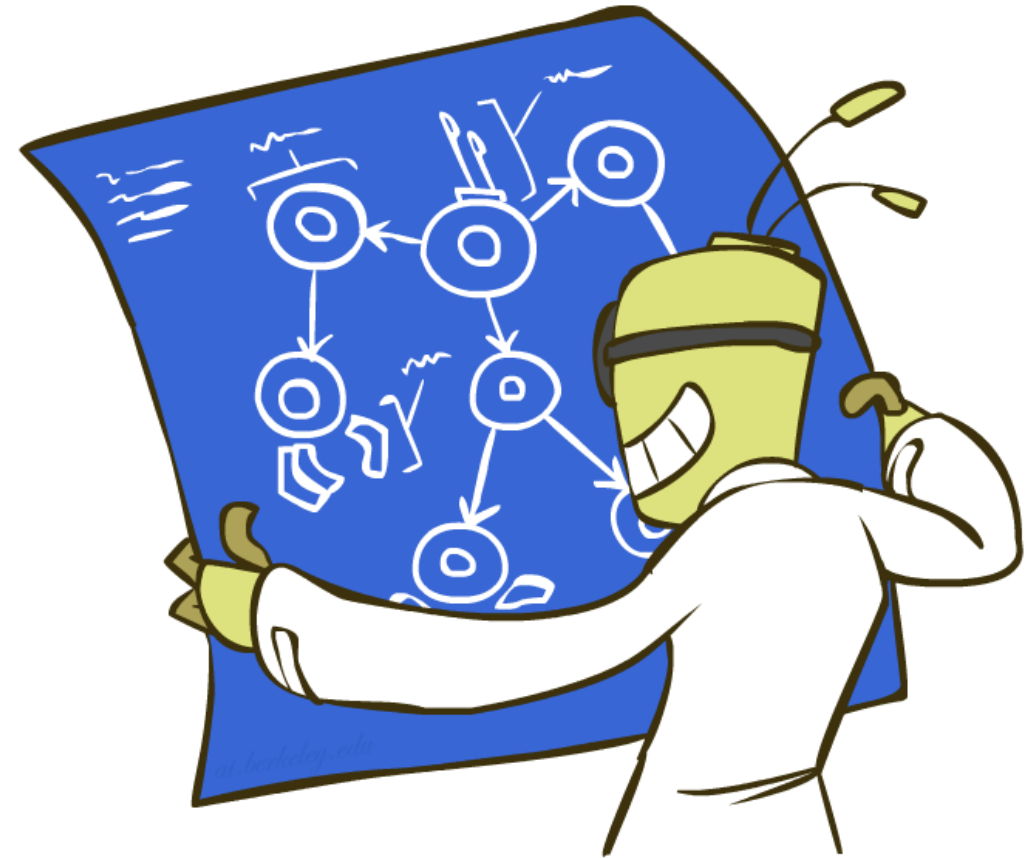


# Structure Implications

- Given a Bayes net structure, can run d-separation algorithm to build a complete list of conditional independences that are necessarily true of the form

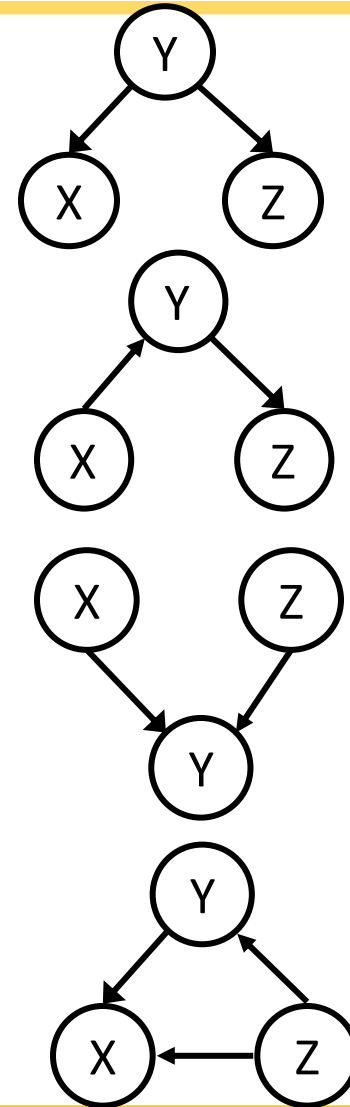
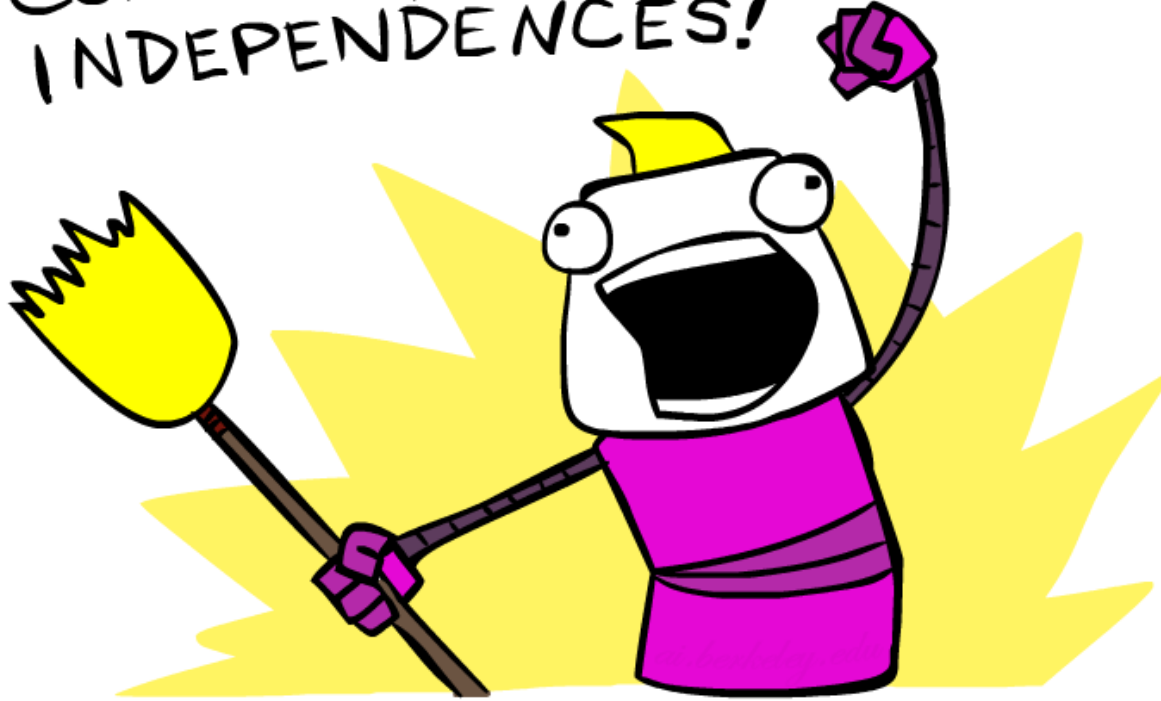
$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$$

- This list determines the set of probability distributions that can be represented



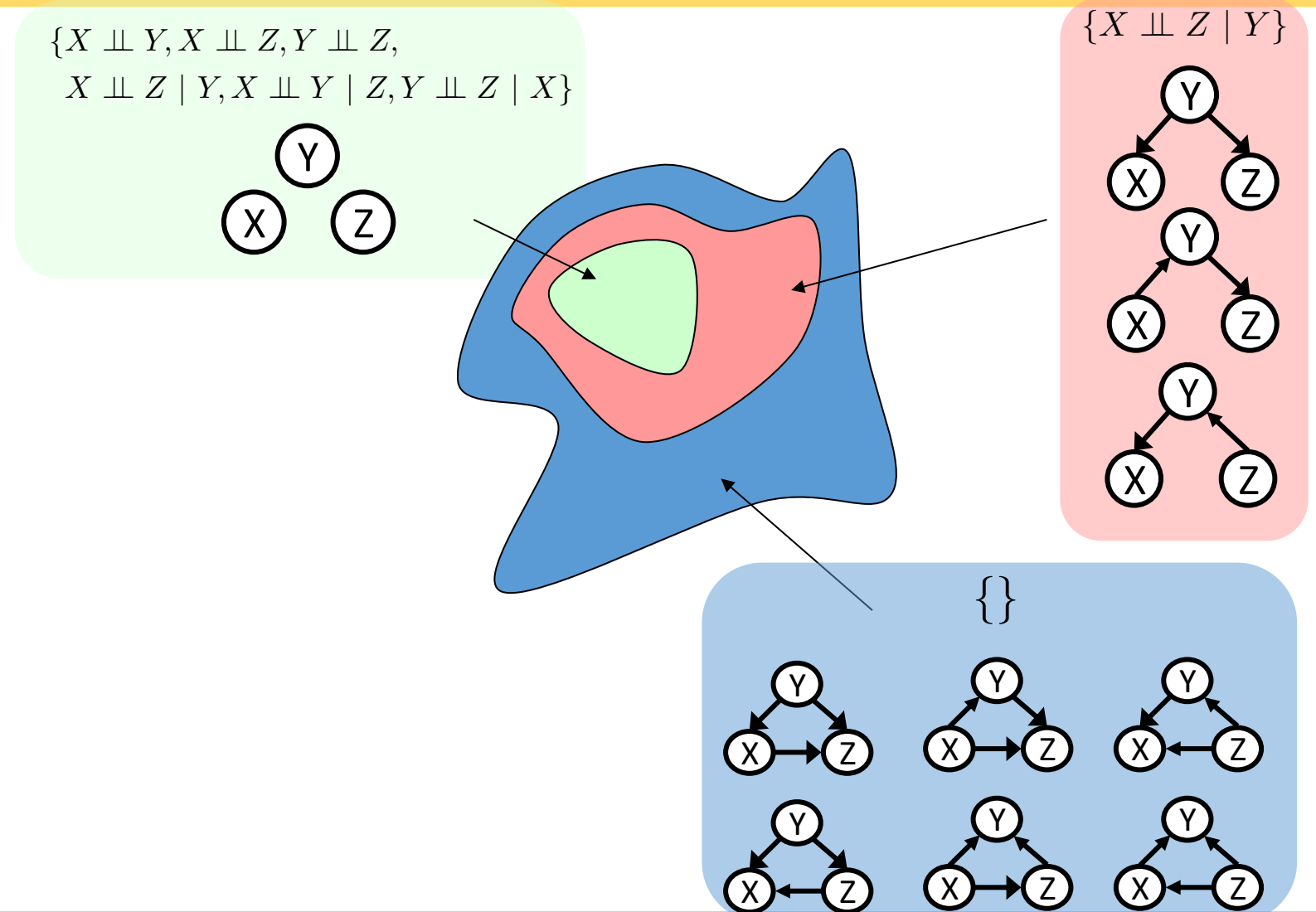
# Computing All Independences

COMPUTE ALL THE  
INDEPENDENCES!



# Topology Limits Distributions

- Given some graph topology  $G$ , only certain joint distributions can be encoded
- The graph structure guarantees certain (conditional) independences
- (There might be more independence)
- Adding arcs increases the set of distributions, but has several costs
- Full conditioning can encode any distribution



# Bayes Nets Representation Summary

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- Bayes nets compactly encode joint distributions
- Guaranteed independencies of distributions can be deduced from BN graph structure
- D-separation gives precise conditional independence guarantees from graph alone
- A Bayes' net's joint distribution may have further (conditional) independence that is not detectable until you inspect its specific distribution





# Inference

- Inference: calculating some useful quantity from a joint probability distribution

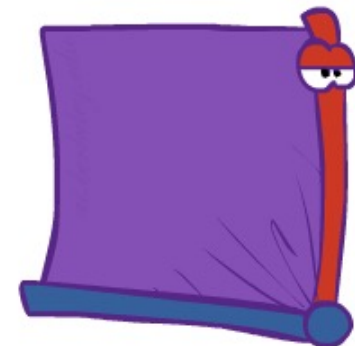
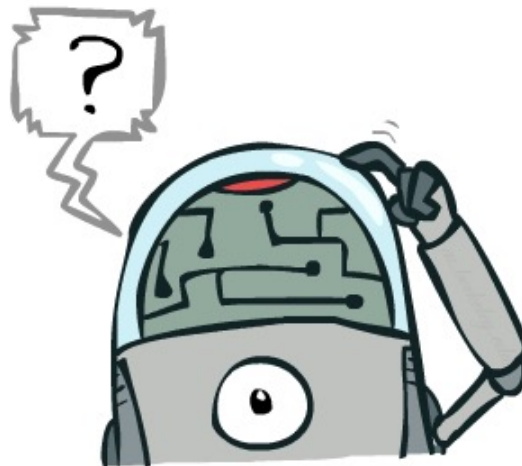
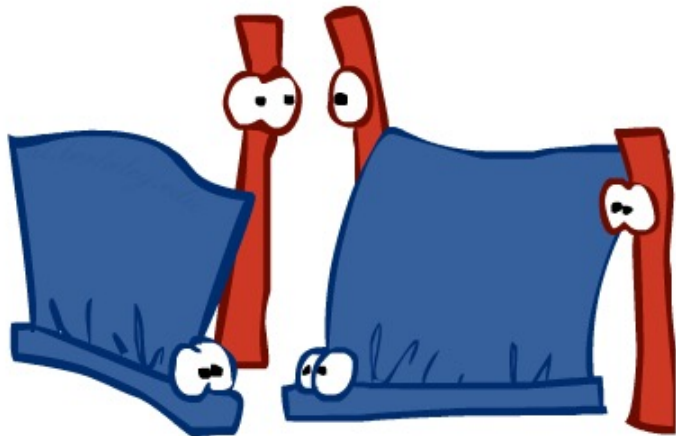
- **Examples:**

- 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:  $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
  - Query\* variable:  $Q$
  - Hidden variables:  $H_1 \dots H_r$
- $$\left. \begin{array}{l} E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k \\ Q \\ H_1 \dots H_r \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} X_1, X_2, \dots X_n \\ \text{All variables} \end{array}$$

- We want:

*\* Works fine with multiple query variables, too*

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

- Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence

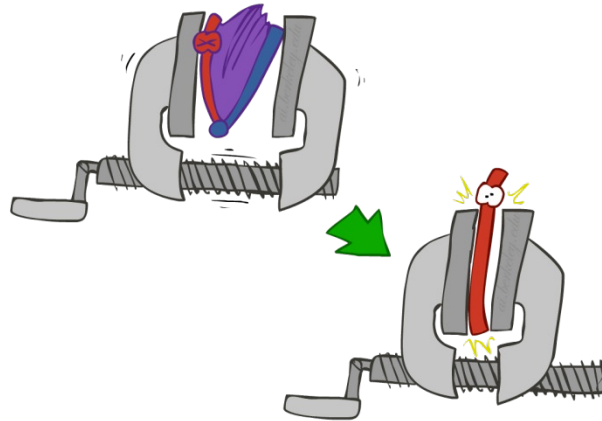


$x$	$P(x)$
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01

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0.15

- Step 2: Sum out H to get joint of Query and evidence



- Step 3: Normalize

$$\times \frac{1}{Z}$$

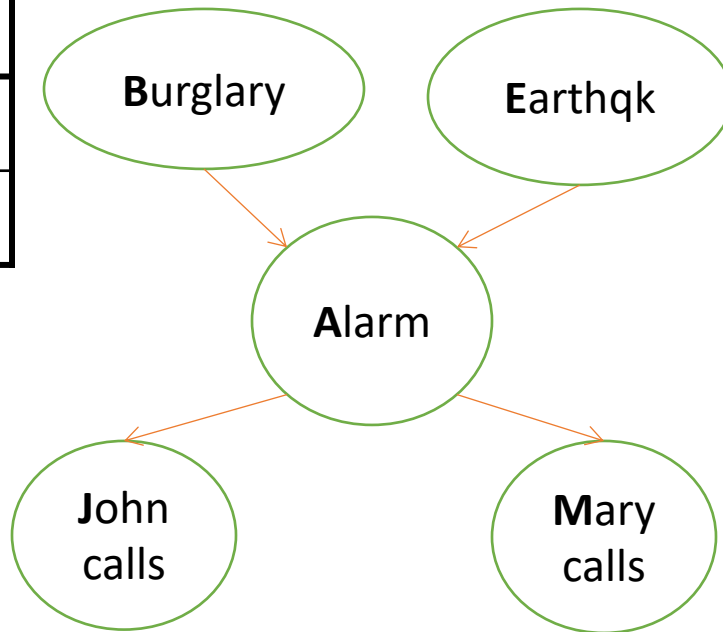
$$Z = \sum_q P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

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

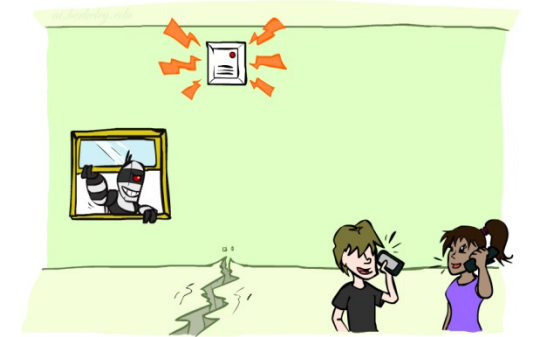
$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(Q, \underbrace{h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k}_{X_1, X_2, \dots X_n})$$

# Example: Alarm Network

B	P(B)
+b	0.001
-b	0.999



E	P(E)
+e	0.002
-e	0.998



A	J	P(J A)
+a	+j	0.9
+a	-j	0.1
-a	+j	0.05
-a	-j	0.95

A	M	P(M A)
+a	+m	0.7
+a	-m	0.3
-a	+m	0.01
-a	-m	0.99

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



# Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

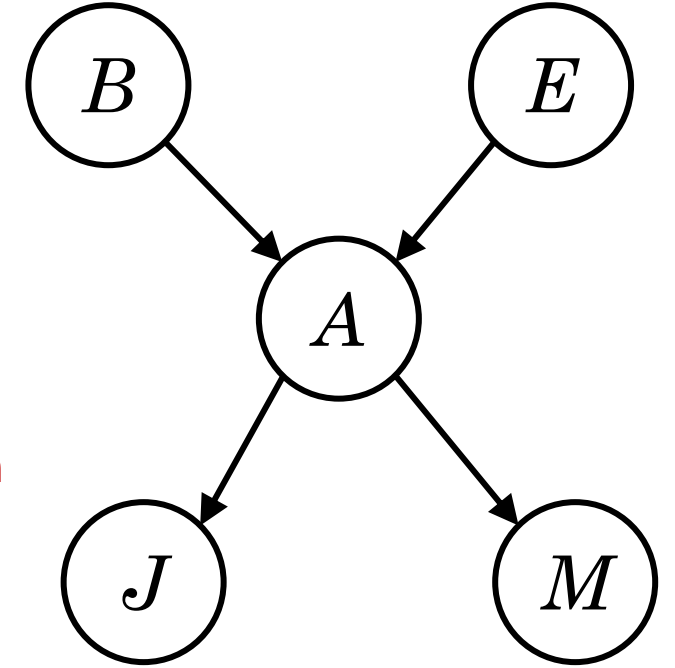
- Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- Reminder of inference by enumeration by example:

$$P(B \mid +j, +m) \propto_B P(B, +j, +m) \quad \text{normalization}$$

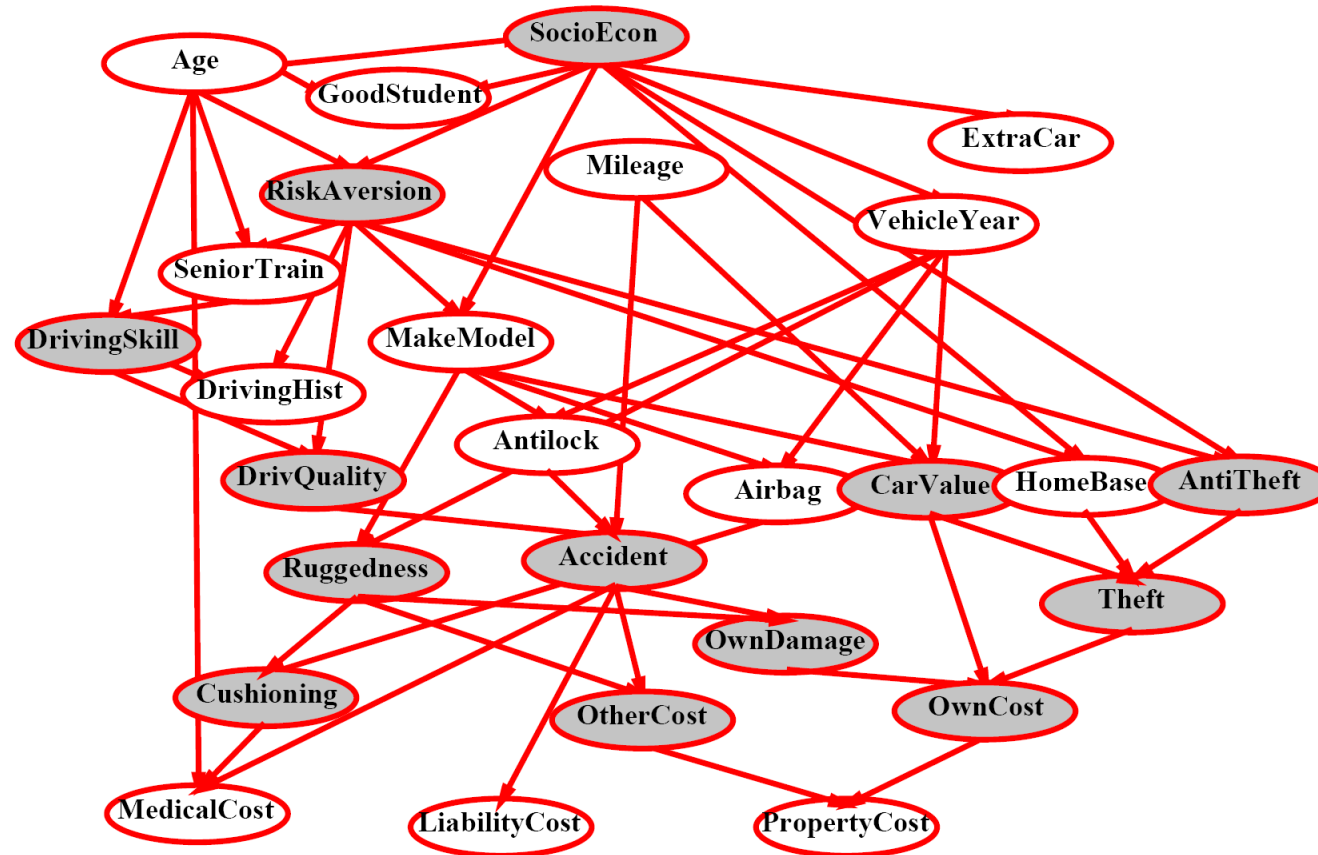
$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, +j, +m) \quad \text{Sum-out hidden variables}$$

$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B)P(e)P(a|B, e)P(+j|a)P(+m|a) \quad \text{Select entries consistent with evidences}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(B)P(+e)P(+a|B, +e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + P(B)P(+e)P(-a|B, +e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a) \\ &\quad P(B)P(-e)P(+a|B, -e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + P(B)P(-e)P(-a|B, -e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a) \end{aligned}$$

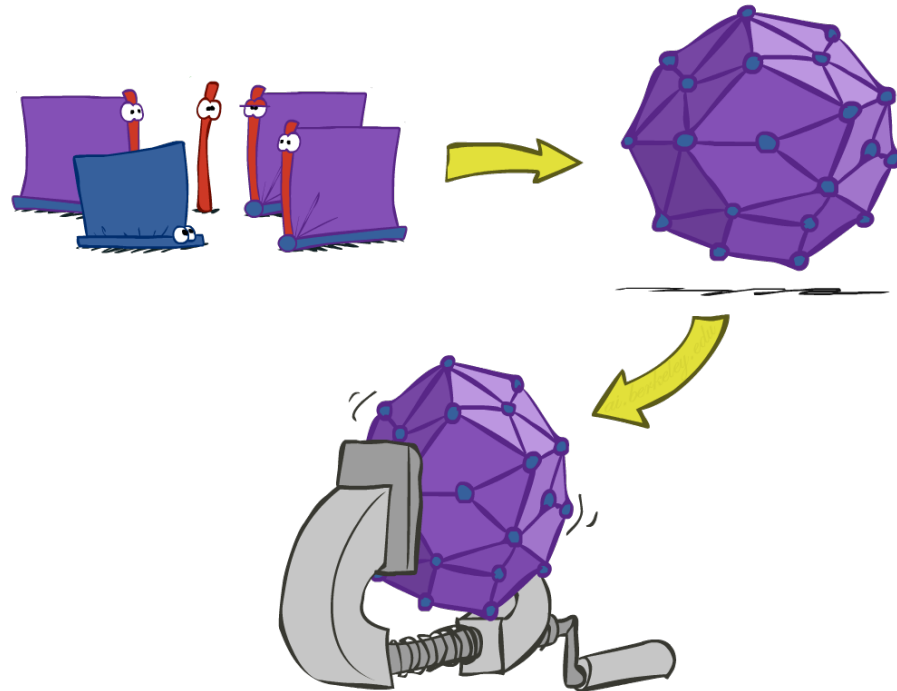


# Inference by Enumeration?

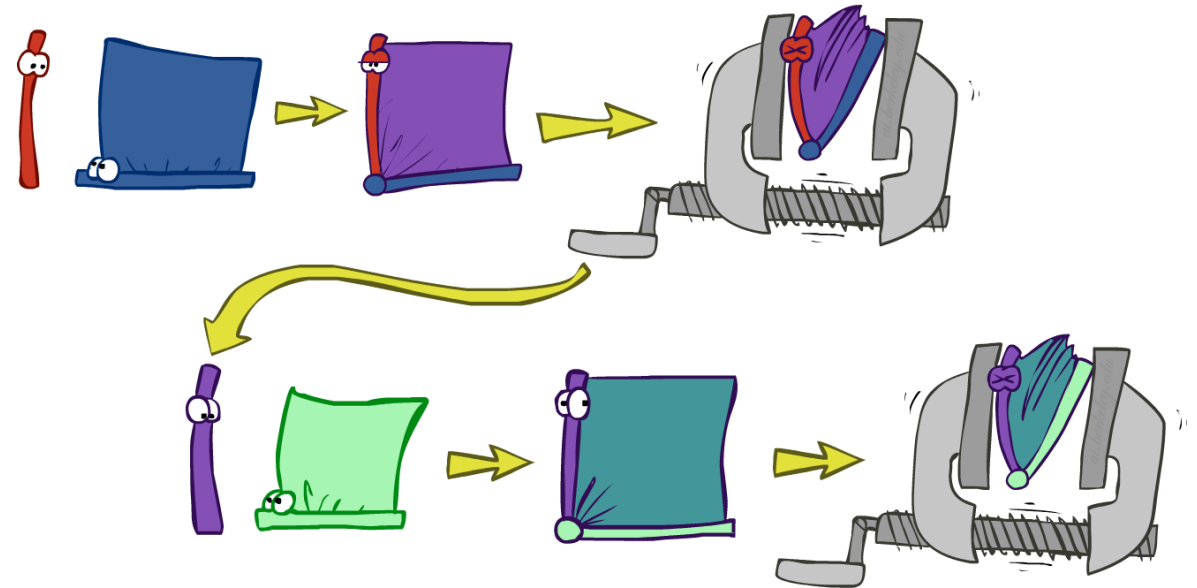


# Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

- 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

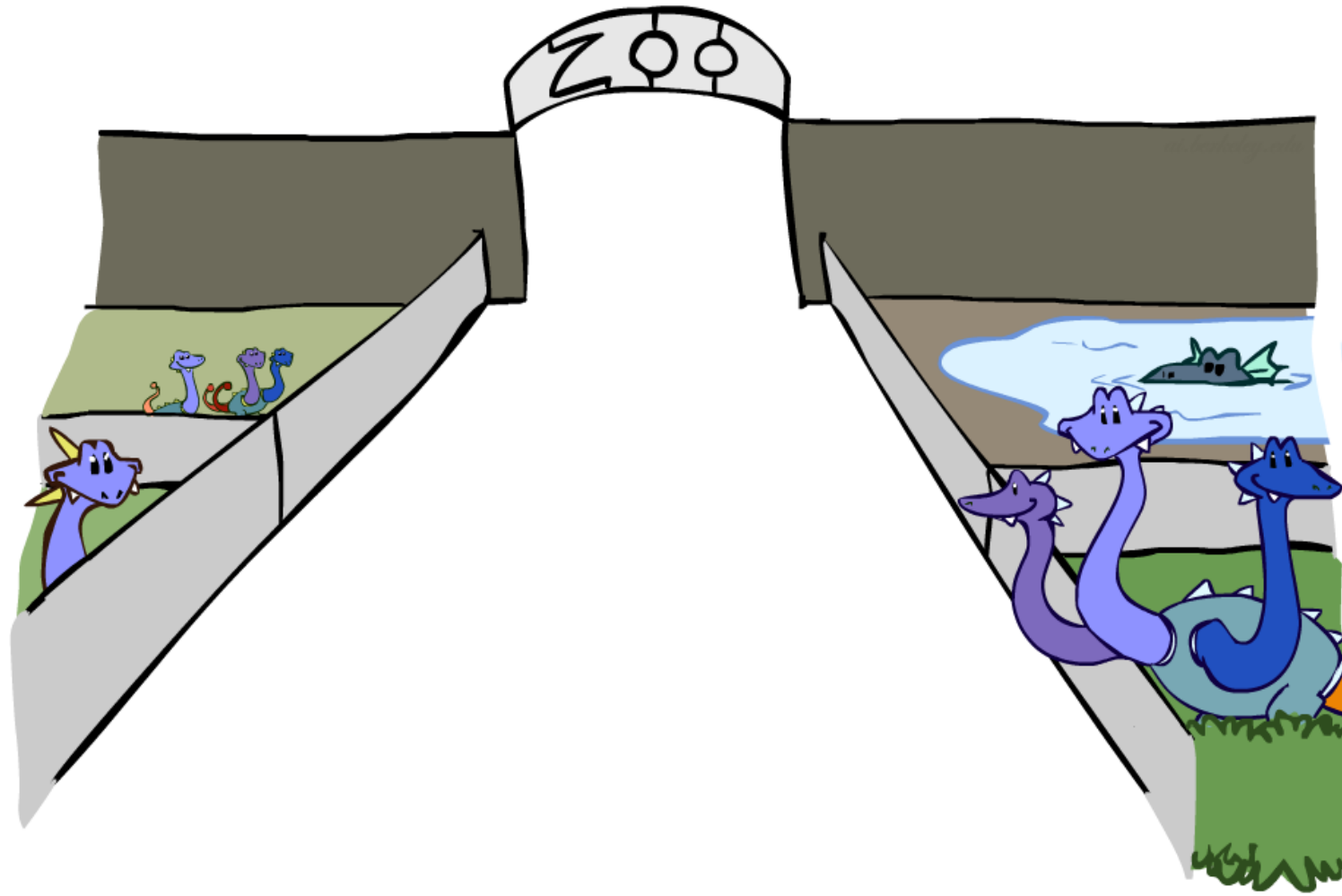


- First we'll need some new notation: factors



# Factor Zoo

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# Factor Zoo I

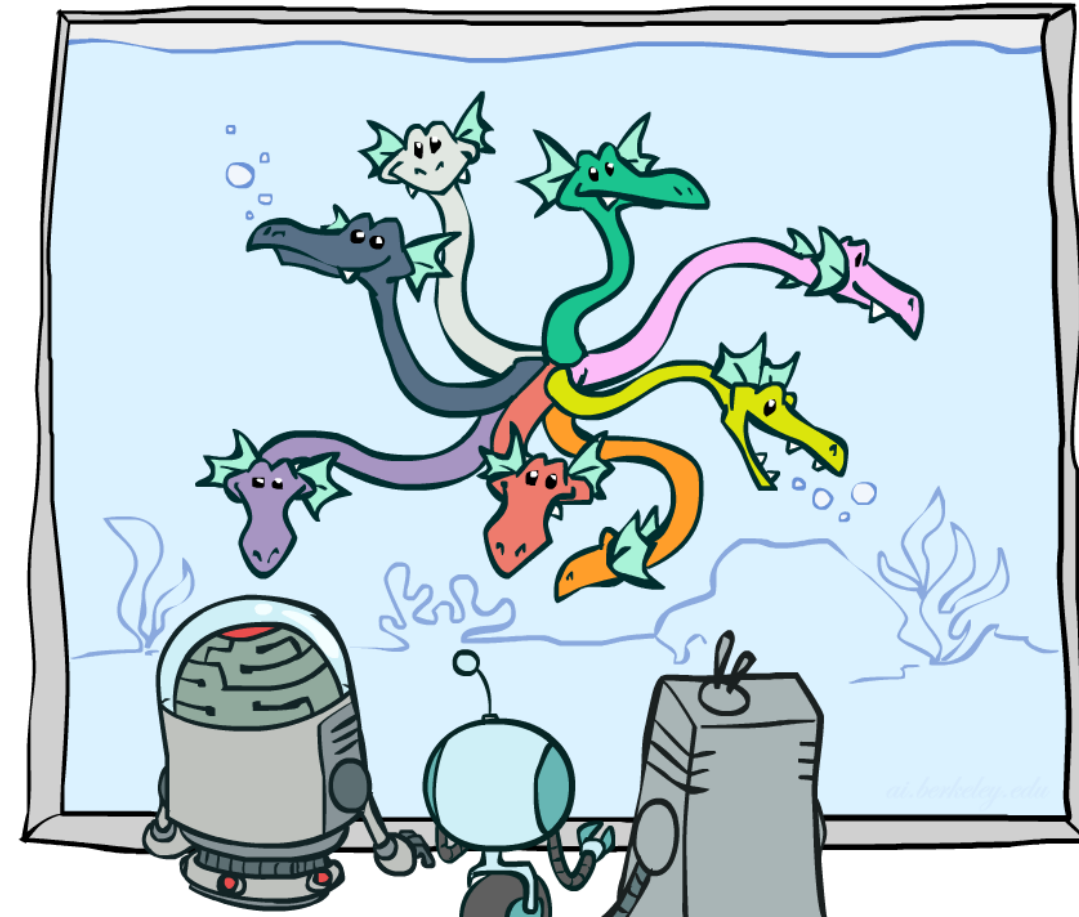
- Joint distribution:  $P(X,Y)$ 
  - Entries  $P(x,y)$  for all  $x, y$
  - Sums to 1
- Selected joint:  $P(x,Y)$ 
  - A slice of the joint distribution
  - Entries  $P(x,y)$  for fixed  $x$ , all  $y$
  - Sums to  $P(x)$
- Number of capitals = dimensionality of the table

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

$P(\text{cold}, W)$

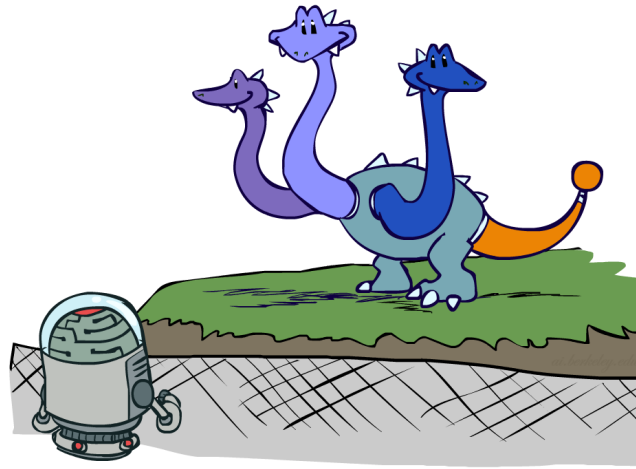
T	W	P
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3





# Factor Zoo II

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



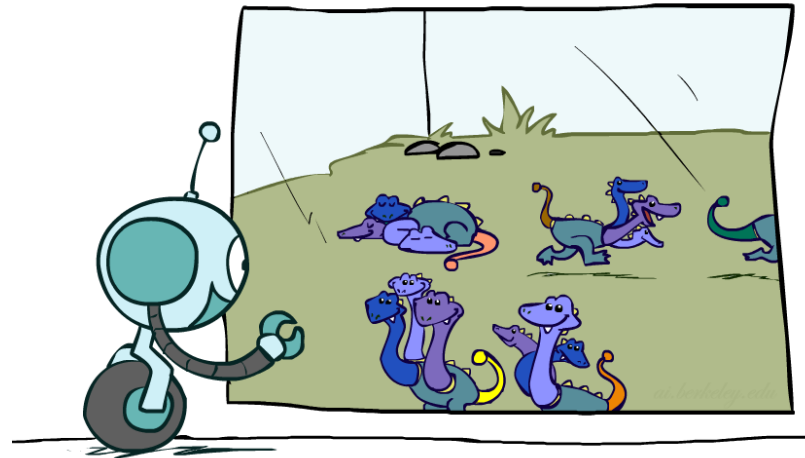
$$P(W \mid cold)$$

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

- Family of conditionals:

$$P(Y \mid X)$$

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



$$P(W \mid T)$$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.8
hot	rain	0.2
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

$$P(W \mid hot)$$

$$P(W \mid cold)$$



# Factor Zoo III

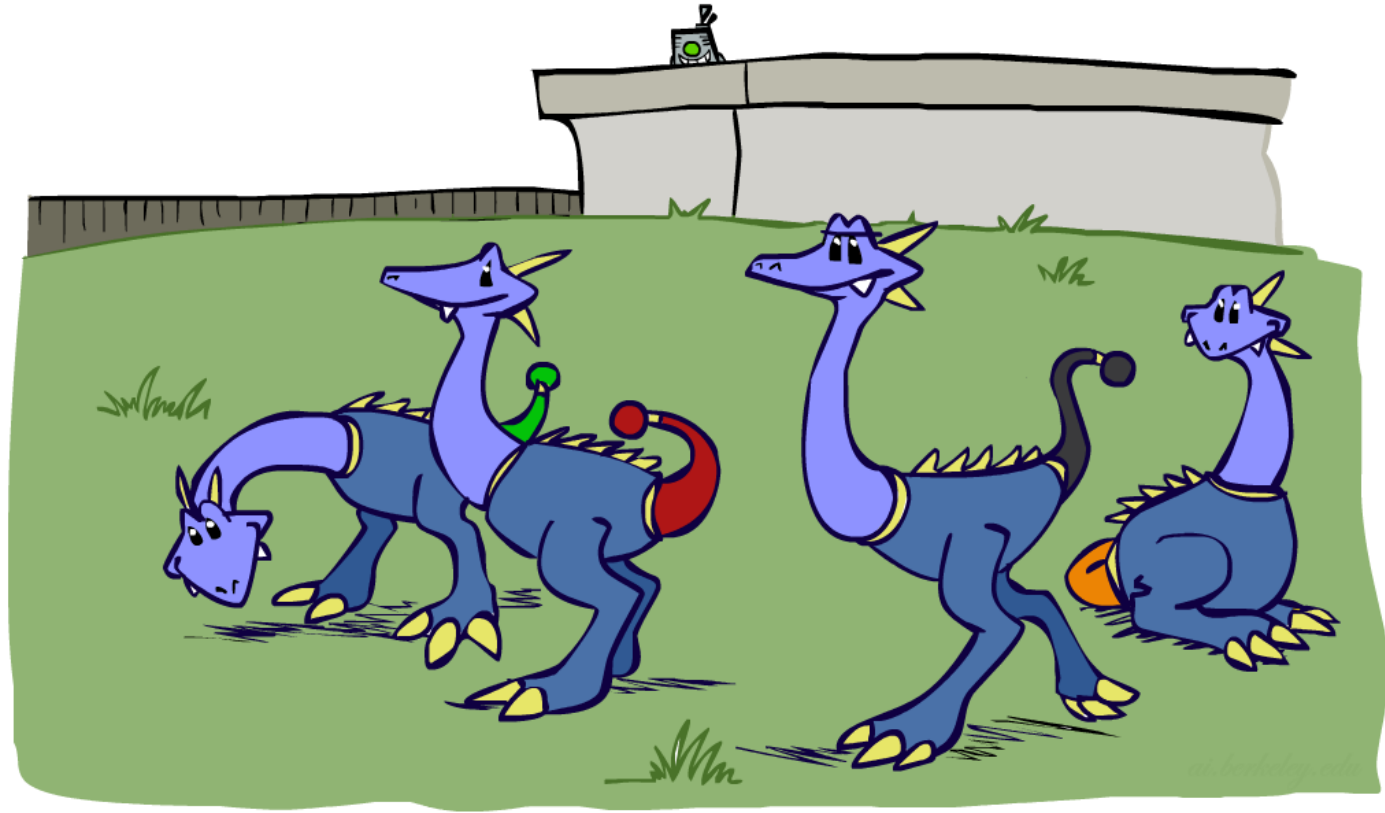
- Specified family:  $P(y \mid X)$ 
  - Entries  $P(y \mid x)$  for fixed  $y$ , but for all  $x$
  - Sums to ... who knows!

$$P(\text{rain} \mid T)$$

T	W	P
hot	rain	0.2
cold	rain	0.6

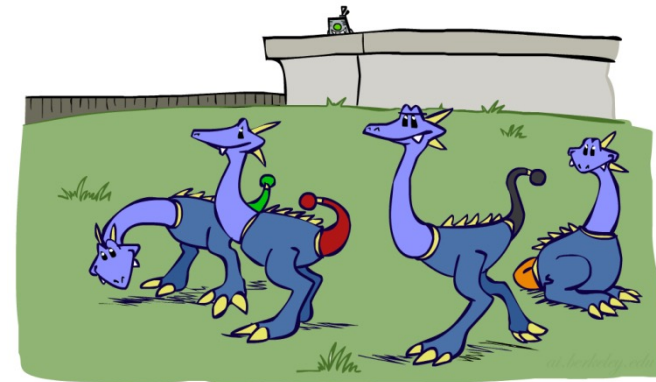
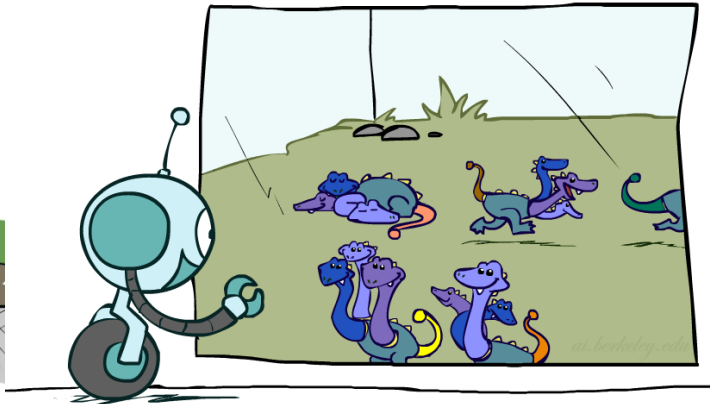
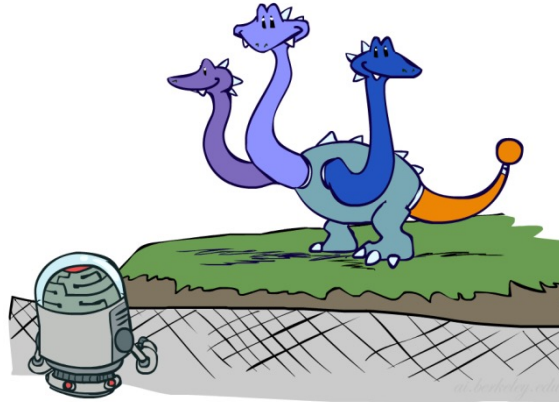
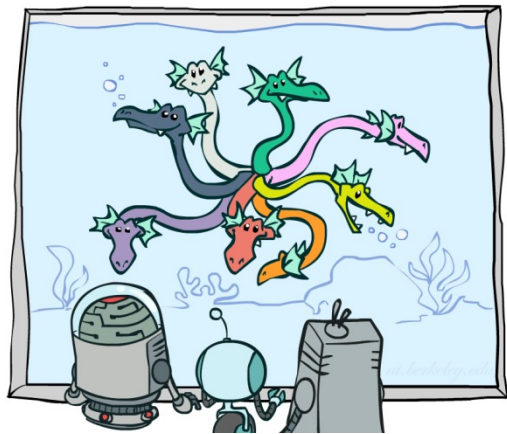
$$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{hot})$$

$$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{cold})$$



# Factor Zoo Summary

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



# Example: Traffic Domain

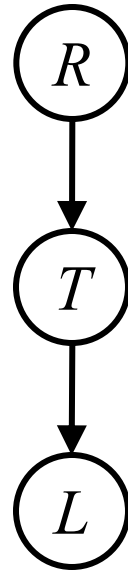
- Random Variables

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

$$P(L) = ?$$

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

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



$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$$P(T|R)$$

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

$$P(L|T)$$

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



# Inference by Enumeration: Procedural Outline

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

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$$P(L|T)$$

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

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

$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

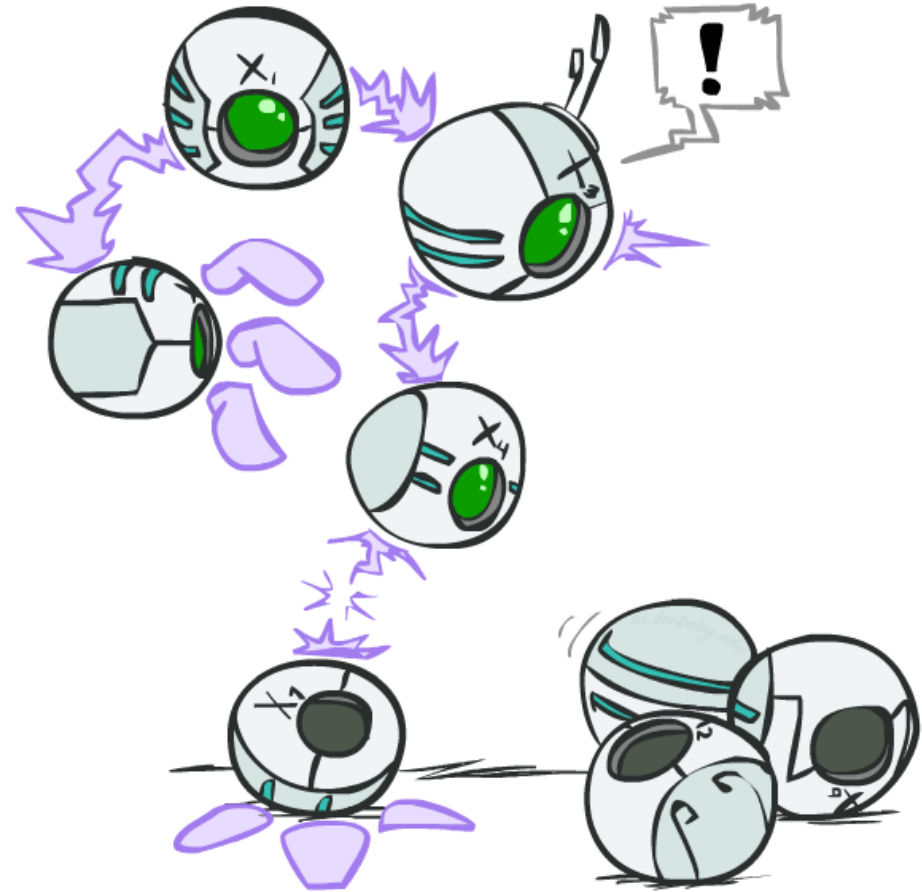
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$$P(+\ell|T)$$

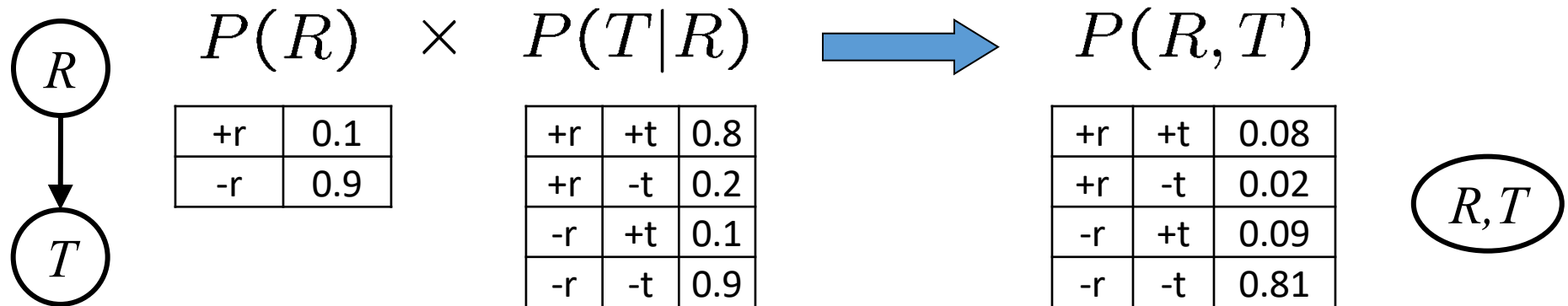
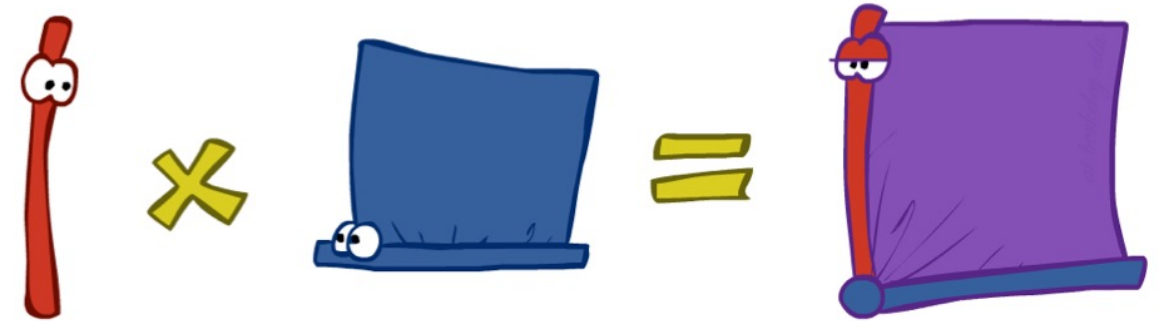
+t	+l	0.3
-t	+l	0.1

- 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

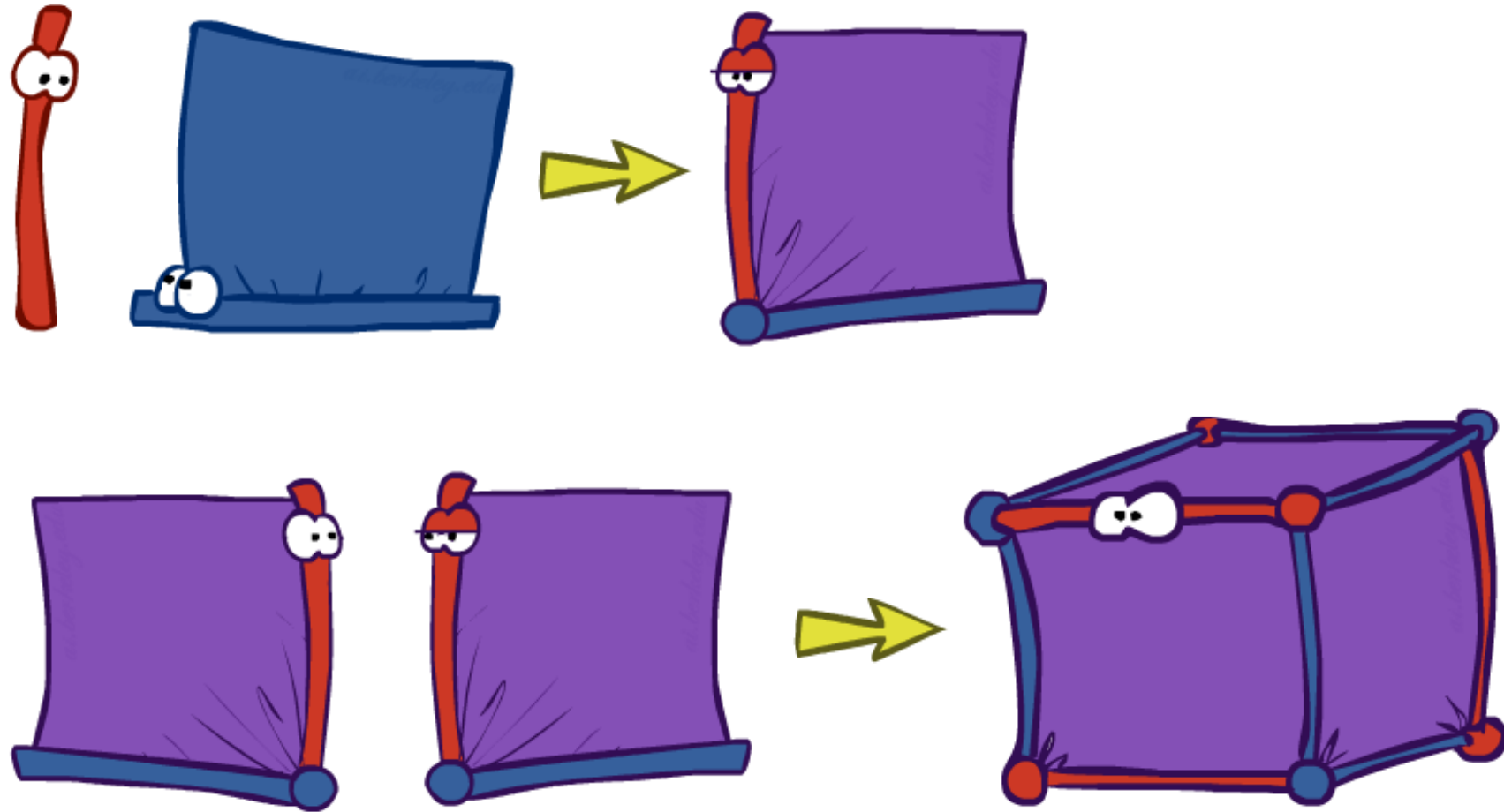


- Computation for each entry: pointwise products  $\forall r, t : P(r, t) = P(r) \cdot P(t|r)$

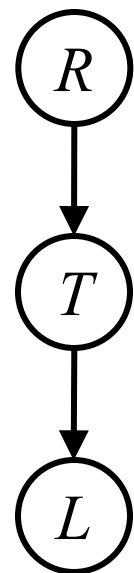


# Example: Multiple Joins

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# Example: Multiple Joins



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$P(T|R)$

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-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
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Join R

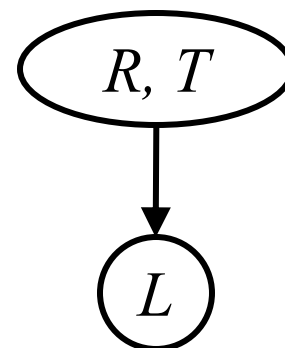


$P(R, T)$

+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

$P(L|T)$

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



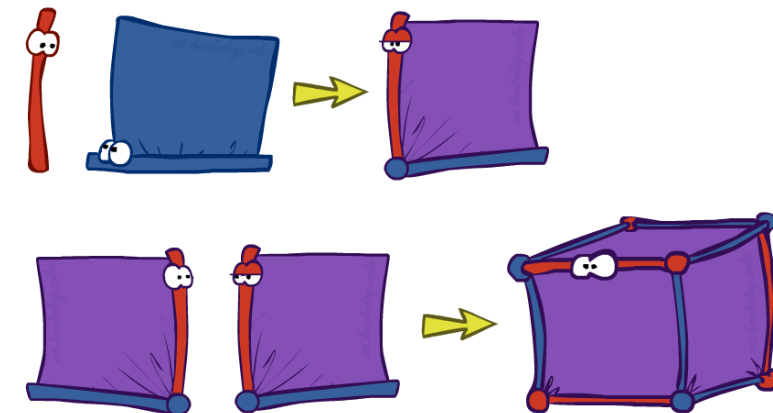
Join T



$R, T, L$

$P(R, T, L)$

+r	+t	+l	0.024
+r	+t	-l	0.056
+r	-t	+l	0.002
+r	-t	-l	0.018
-r	+t	+l	0.027
-r	+t	-l	0.063
-r	-t	+l	0.081
-r	-t	-l	0.729





# Operation 2: Eliminate

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

$P(R, T)$

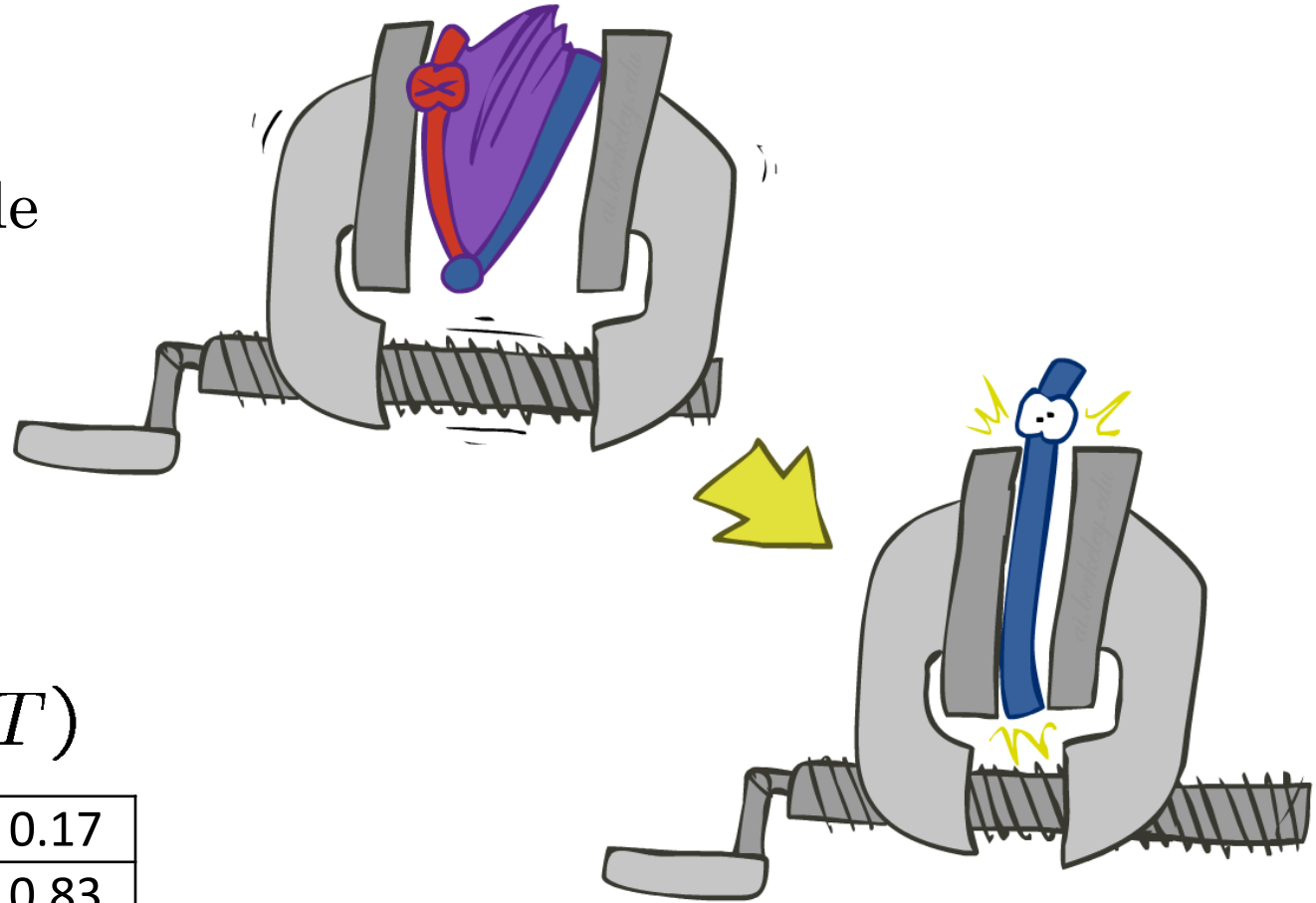
+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

sum  $R$



$P(T)$

+t	0.17
-t	0.83



# Multiple Elimination

$P(R, T, L)$

$R, T, L$			
+r	+t	+l	0.024
+r	+t	-l	0.056
+r	-t	+l	0.002
+r	-t	-l	0.018
-r	+t	+l	0.027
-r	+t	-l	0.063
-r	-t	+l	0.081
-r	-t	-l	0.729

Sum  
out R

→

$P(T, L)$

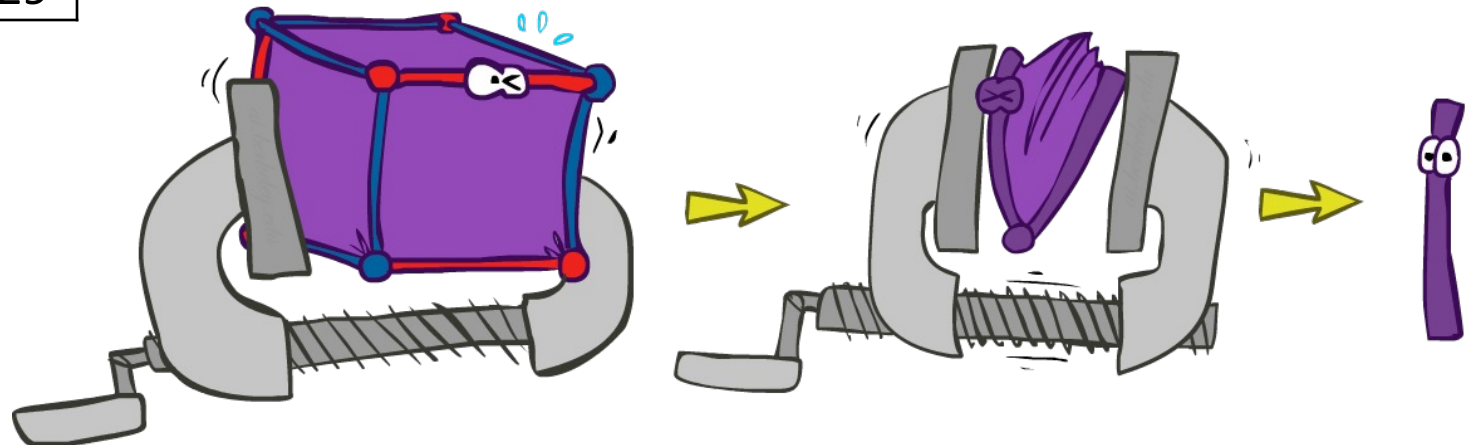
+t	+l	0.051
+t	-l	0.119
-t	+l	0.083
-t	-l	0.747

Sum  
out T

→

$P(L)$

+l	0.134
-l	0.886



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

