
CIS 471/571 (Winter 2020): Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 15: Bayes Nets – Inference

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Reminder

- Homework 4: Bayes Nets
 - Deadline: March 06th, 2020

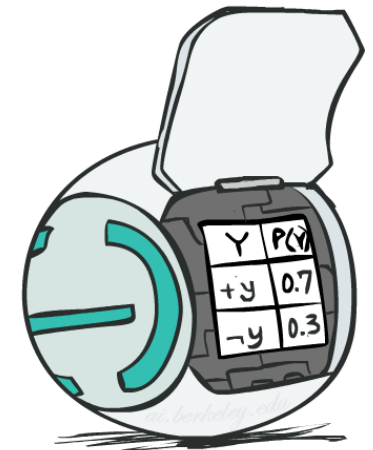
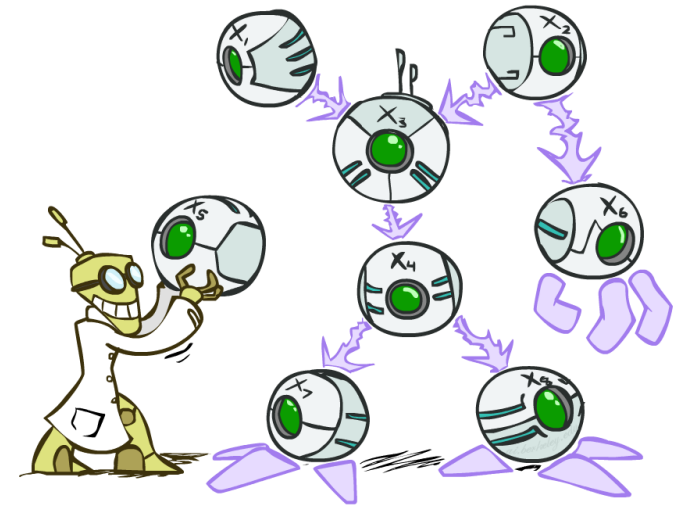
Bayes' Net Representation

- 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

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

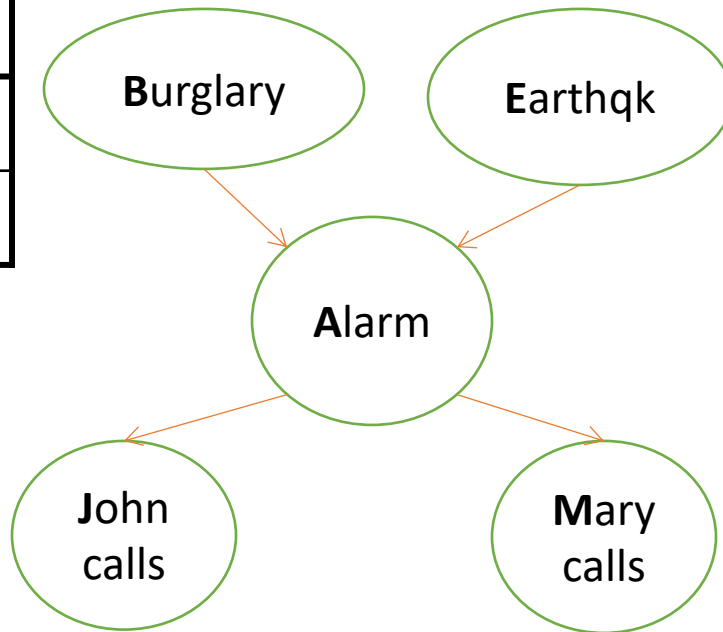
- Bayes' nets implicitly encode joint distributions
 - As a product of local conditional distributions
 - To see what probability a BN gives to a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

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

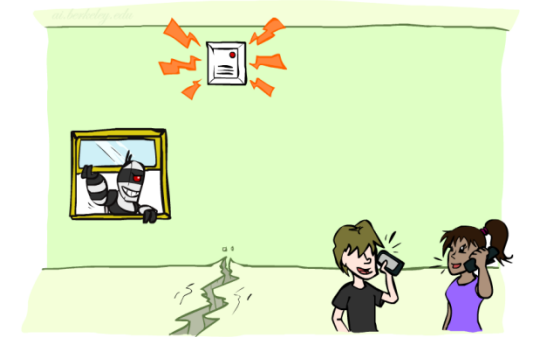


Example: Alarm Network

| B | P(B) |
|----|-------|
| +b | 0.001 |
| -b | 0.999 |



| E | P(E) |
|----|-------|
| +e | 0.002 |
| -e | 0.998 |



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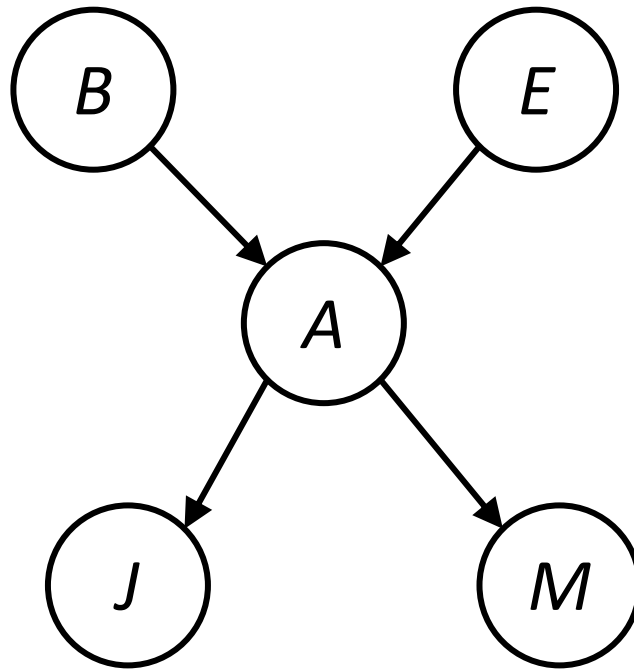
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|----|----|--------|
| +a | +m | 0.7 |
| +a | -m | 0.3 |
| -a | +m | 0.01 |
| -a | -m | 0.99 |

| B | E | A | P(A B,E) |
|----|----|----|----------|
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| +b | -e | +a | 0.94 |
| +b | -e | -a | 0.06 |
| -b | +e | +a | 0.29 |
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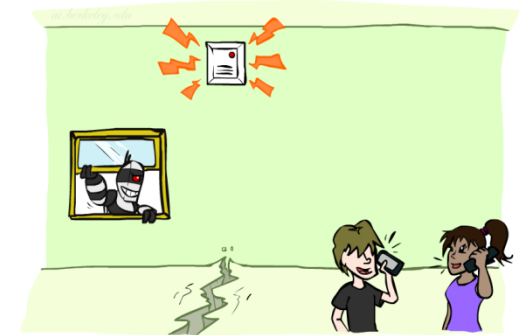
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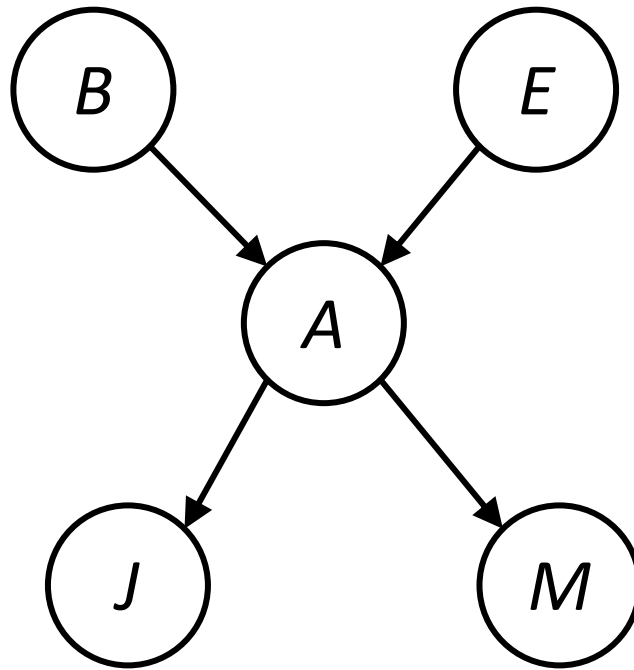
$$P(+b, -e, +a, -j, +m) =$$

$$P(+b)P(-e)P(+a|+b, -e)P(-j|+a)P(+m|+a) =$$



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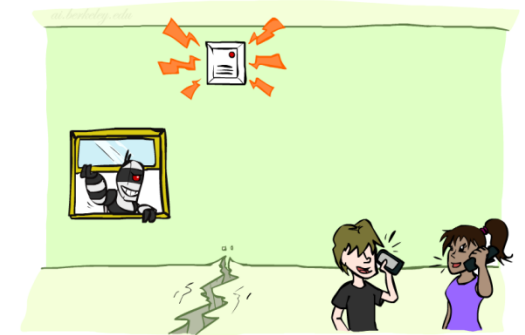
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P(+b, -e, +a, -j, +m) &= \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



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

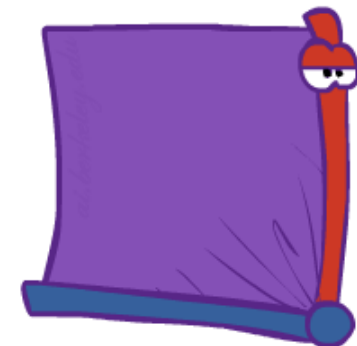
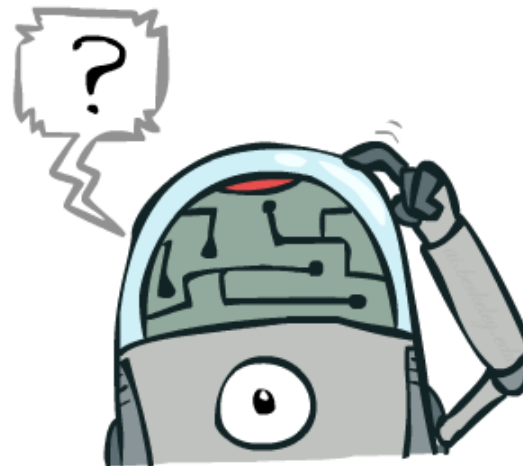
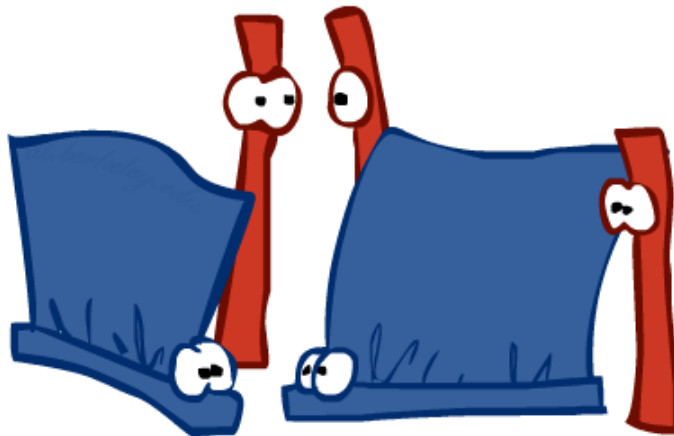
- **Examples:**

- 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: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
 - 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

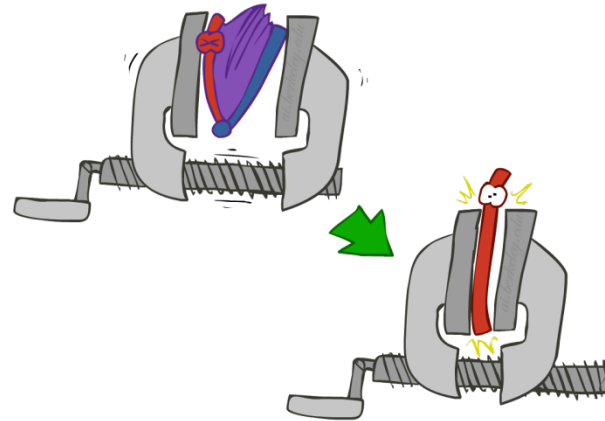


| x | $P(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| -3 | 0.05 |
| -1 | 0.25 |
| 0 | 0.07 |
| 1 | 0.2 |
| 5 | 0.01 |

2

0.15

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



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

- Step 3: Normalize

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

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

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

Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

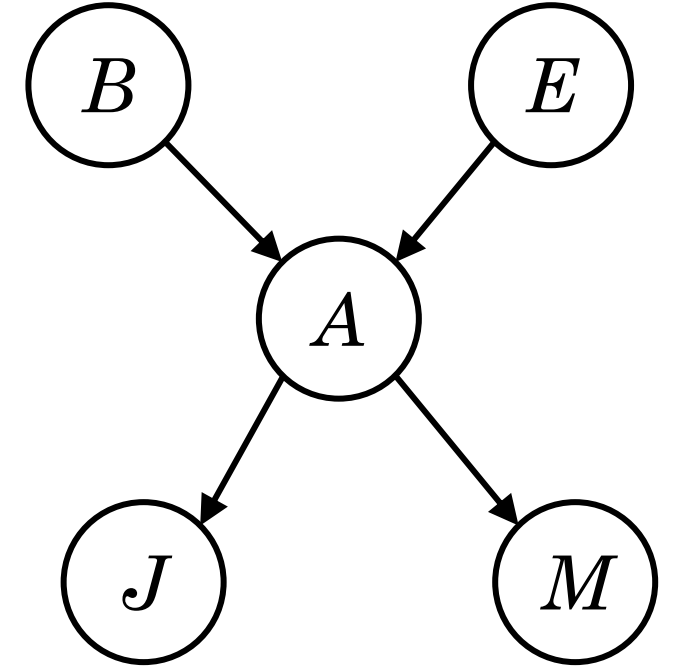
- Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- Reminder of inference by enumeration by example:

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

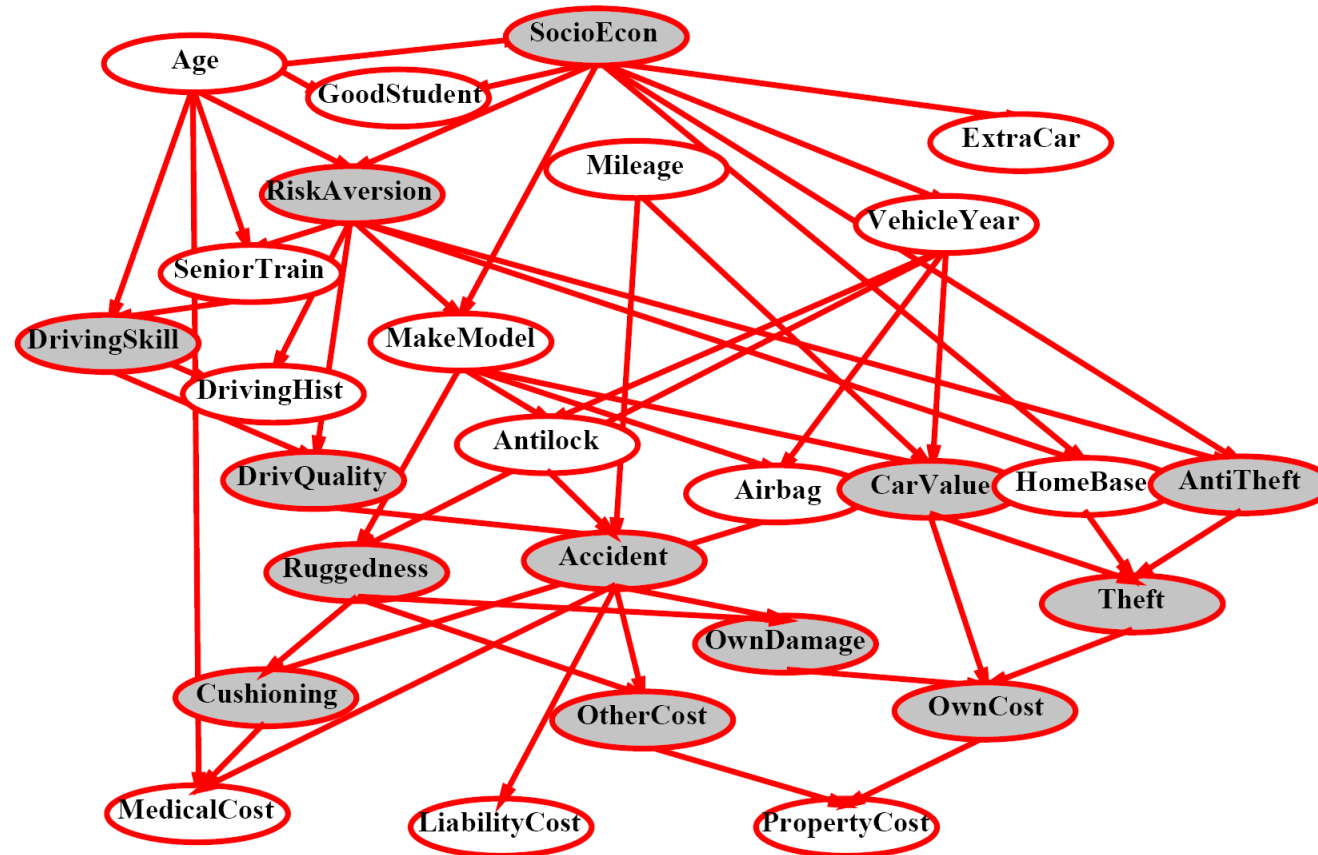
$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, +j, +m)$$

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

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

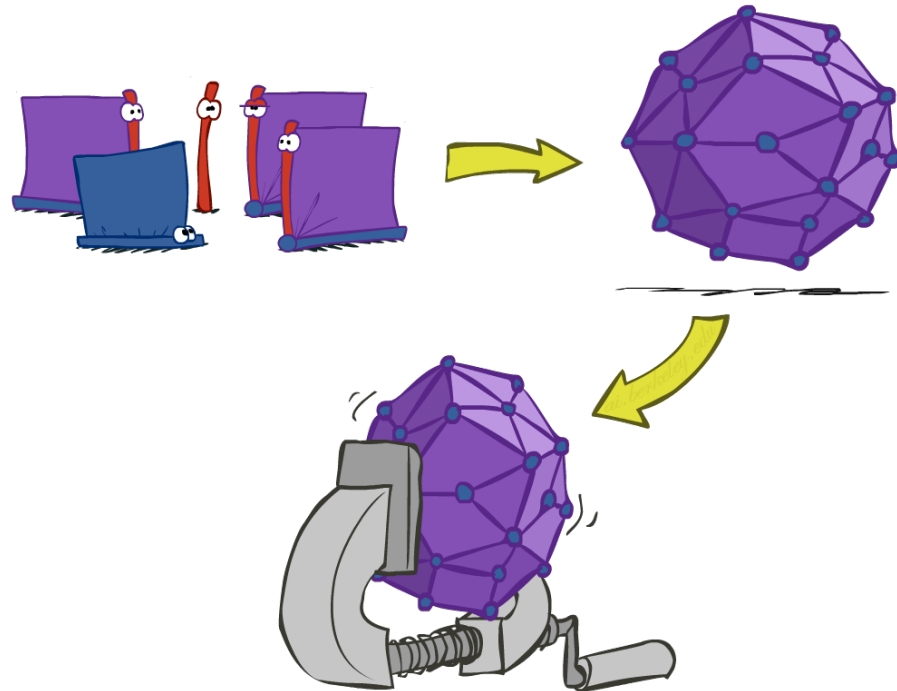


Inference by Enumeration?

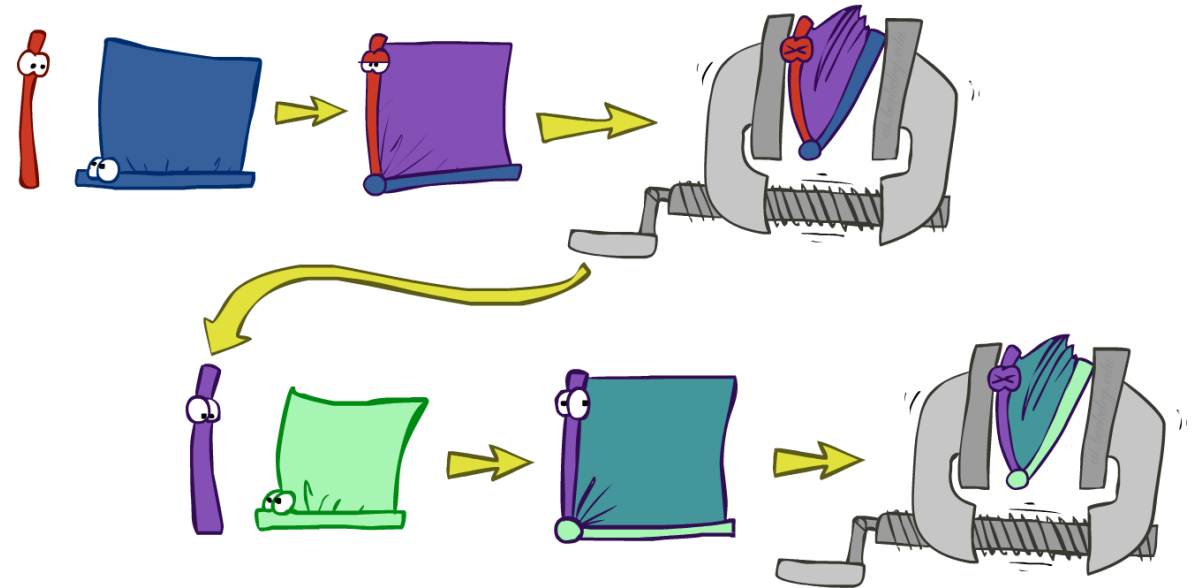


Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

- Why is inference by enumeration so slow?
 - You join up the whole joint distribution before you sum out the hidden variables



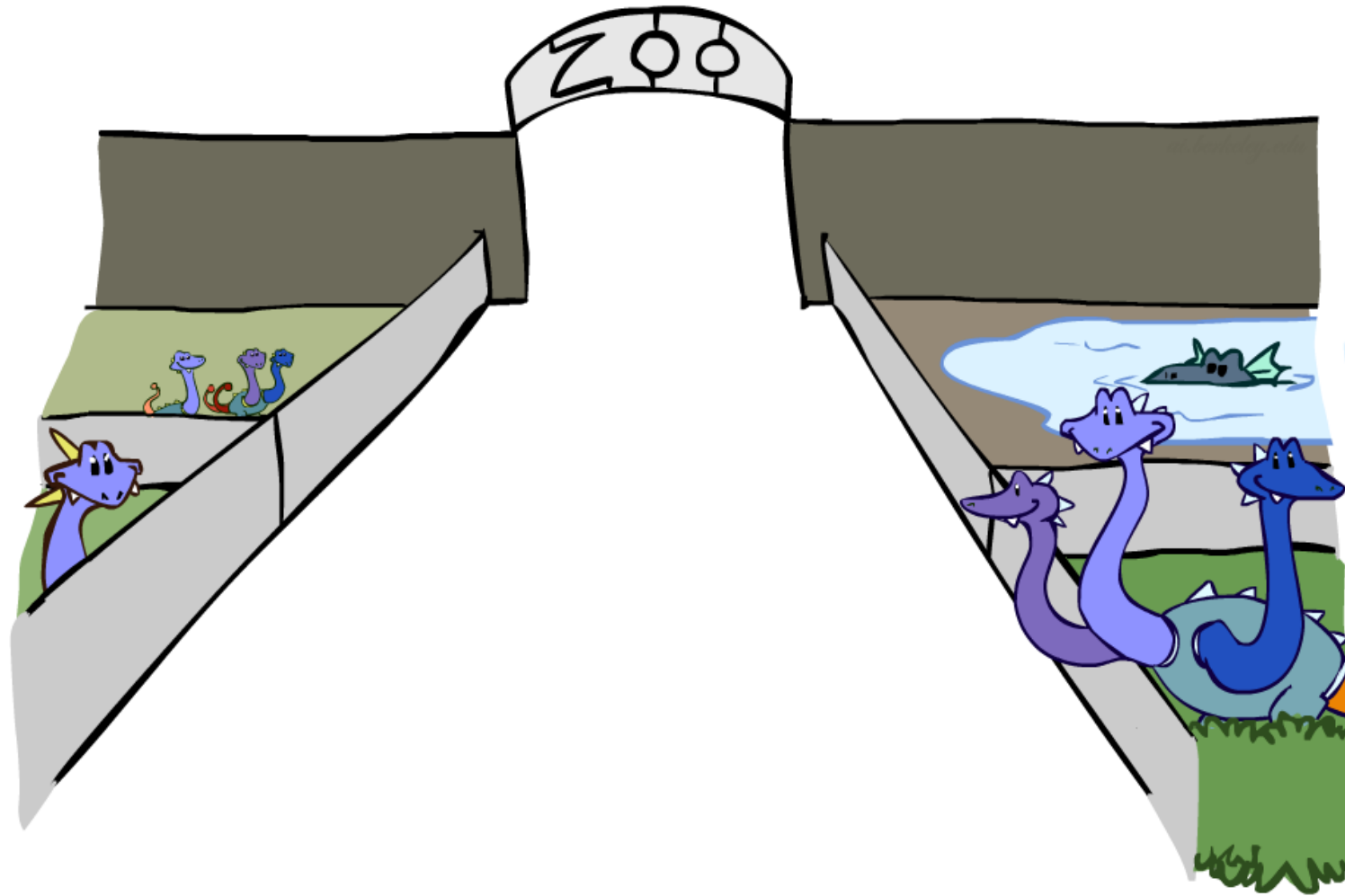
- **Idea: interleave joining and marginalizing!**
 - Called “Variable Elimination”
 - Still NP-hard, but usually much faster than inference by enumeration



- First we'll need some new notation: factors



Factor Zoo



Factor Zoo I

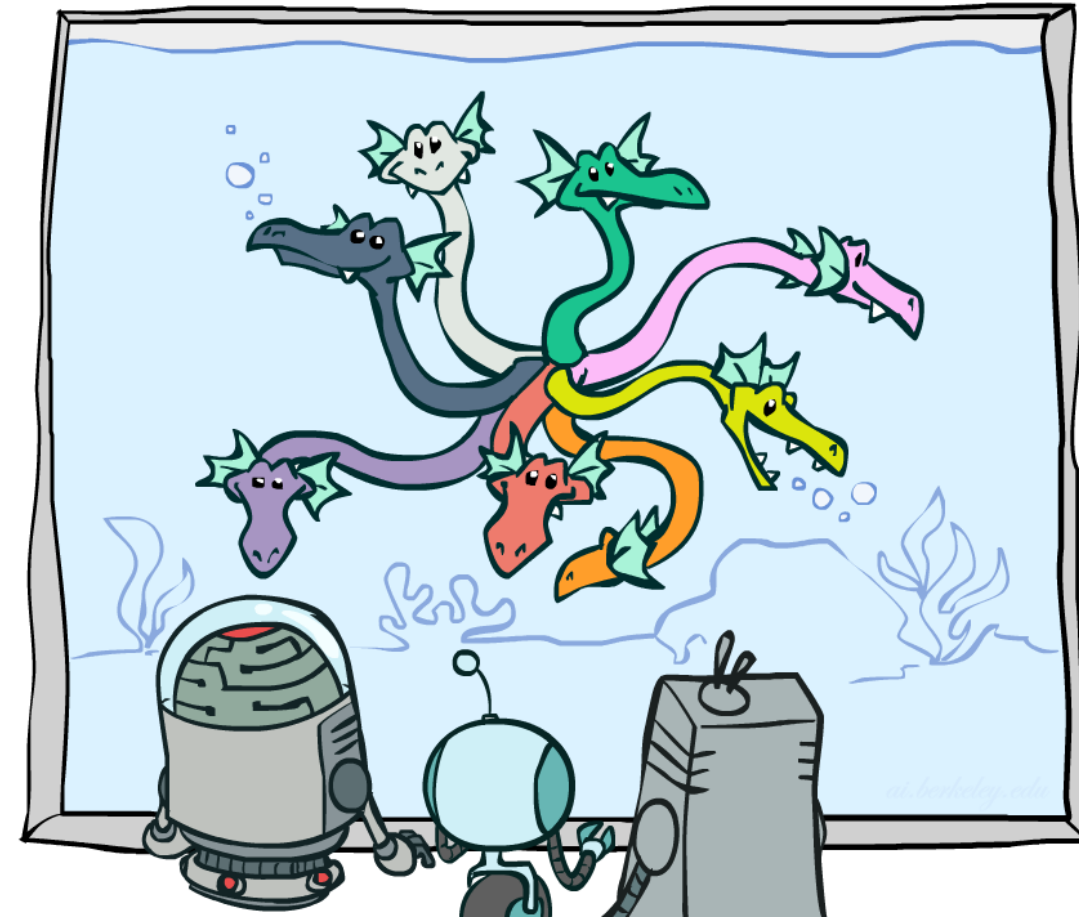
- Joint distribution: $P(X,Y)$
 - Entries $P(x,y)$ for all x, y
 - Sums to 1
- Selected joint: $P(x,Y)$
 - A slice of the joint distribution
 - Entries $P(x,y)$ for fixed x , all y
 - Sums to $P(x)$
- Number of capitals = dimensionality of the table

$P(T, W)$

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

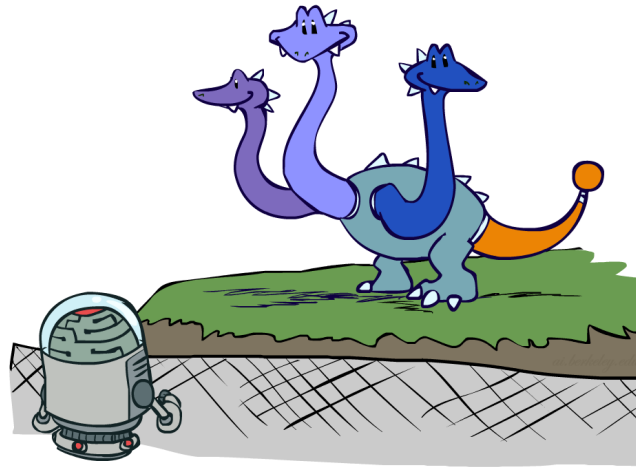
$P(\text{cold}, W)$

| 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



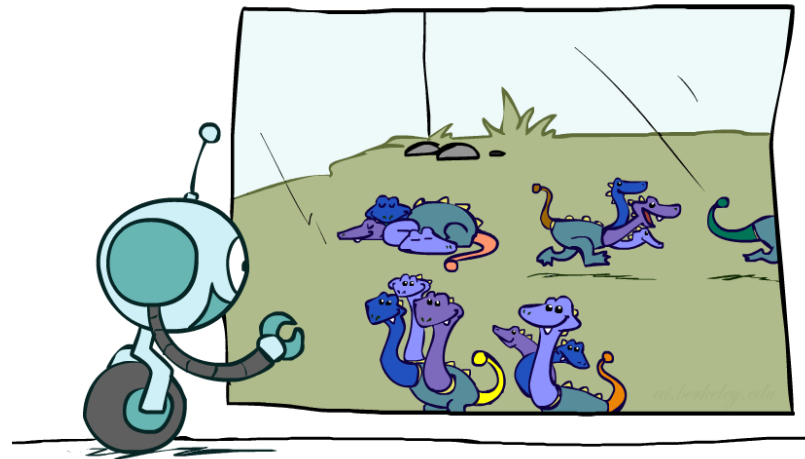
$$P(W \mid cold)$$

| 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

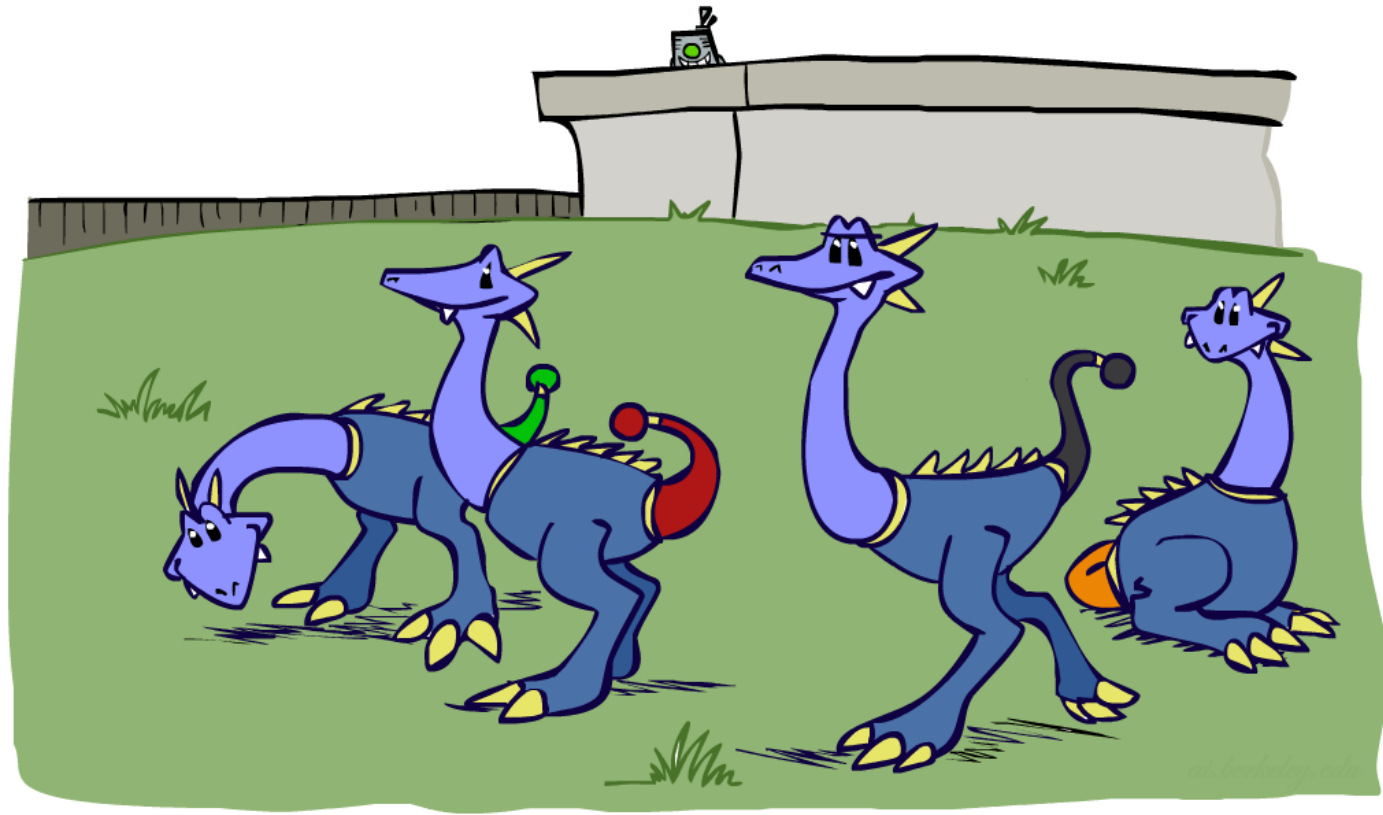
- Specified family: $P(y \mid X)$
 - Entries $P(y \mid x)$ for fixed y , but for all x
 - Sums to ... who knows!

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

| T | W | P |
|------|------|-----|
| hot | rain | 0.2 |
| cold | rain | 0.6 |

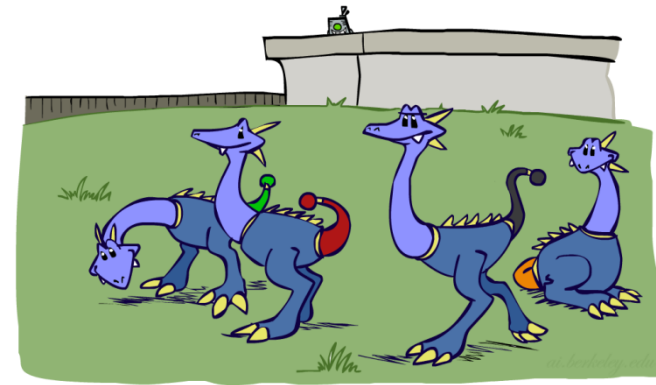
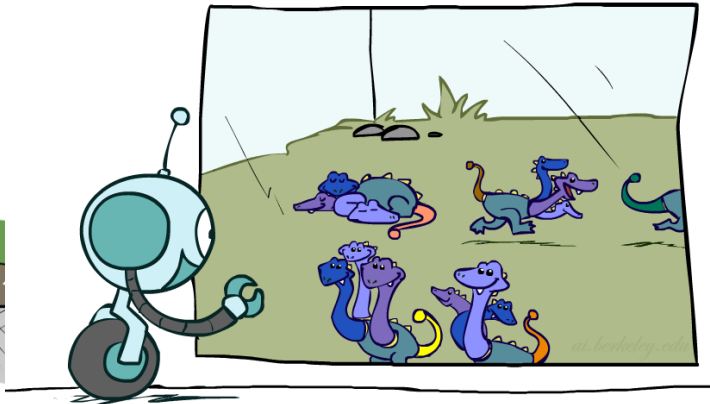
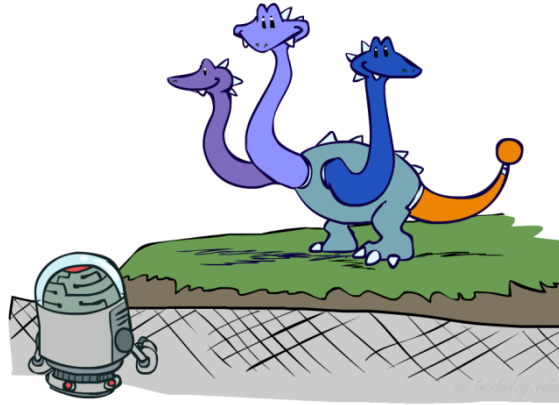
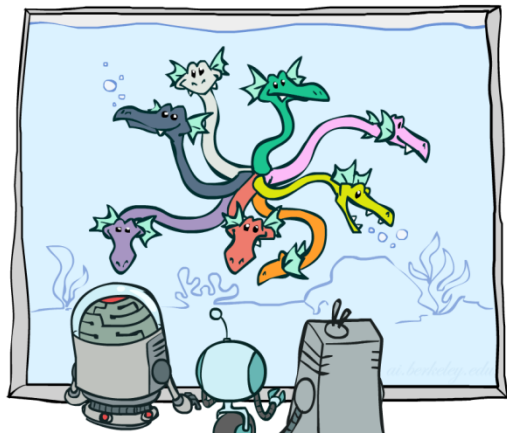
$$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{hot})$$

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



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

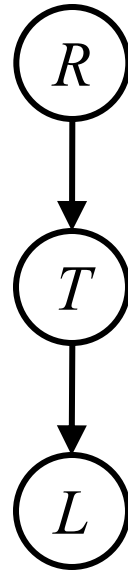
- Random Variables

- 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 |
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$$P(L|T)$$

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Inference by Enumeration: Procedural Outline

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

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

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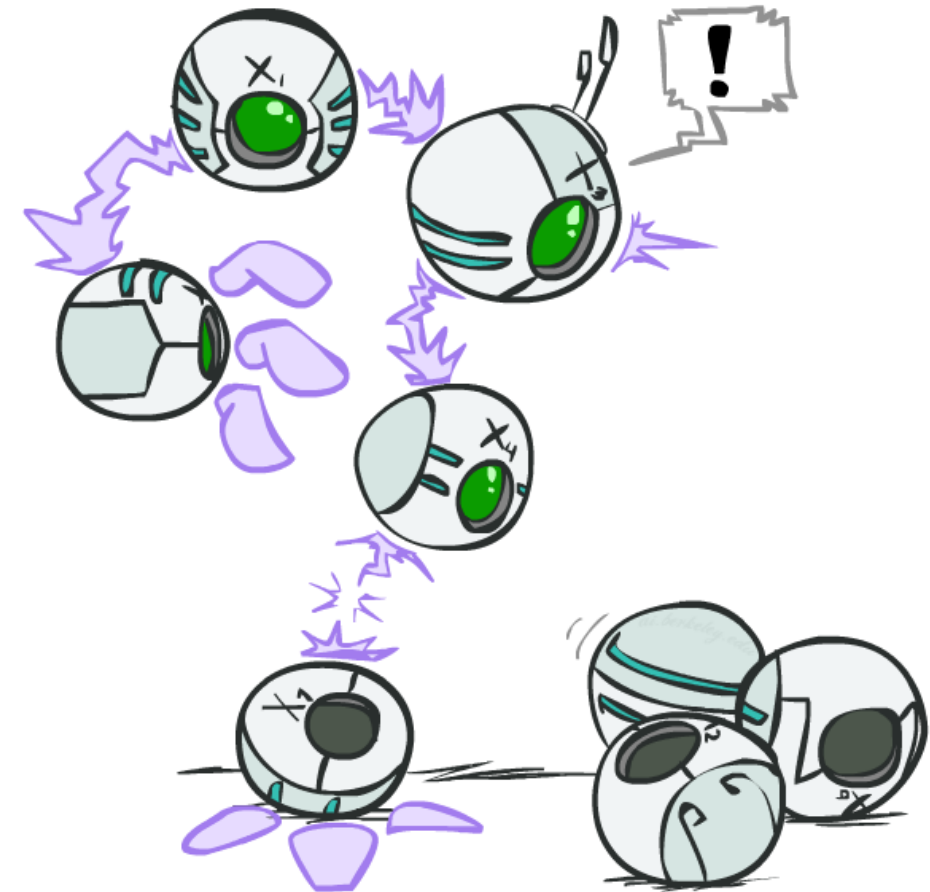
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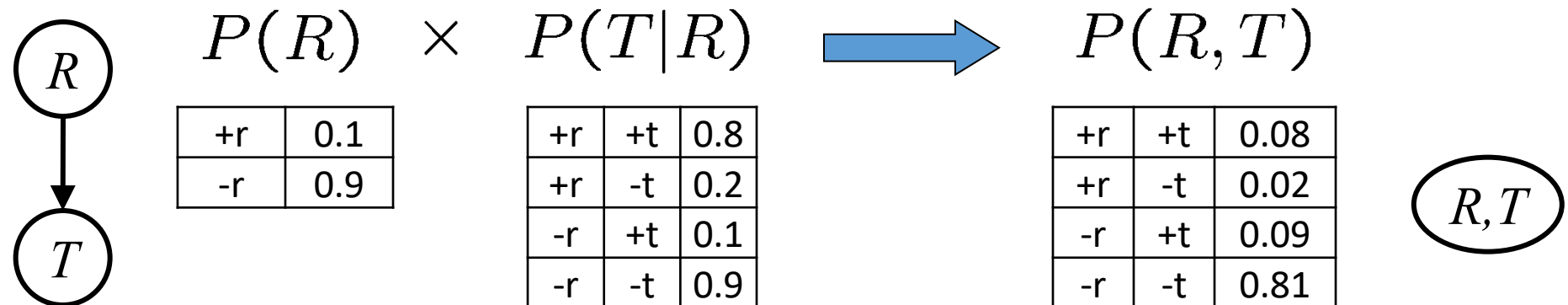
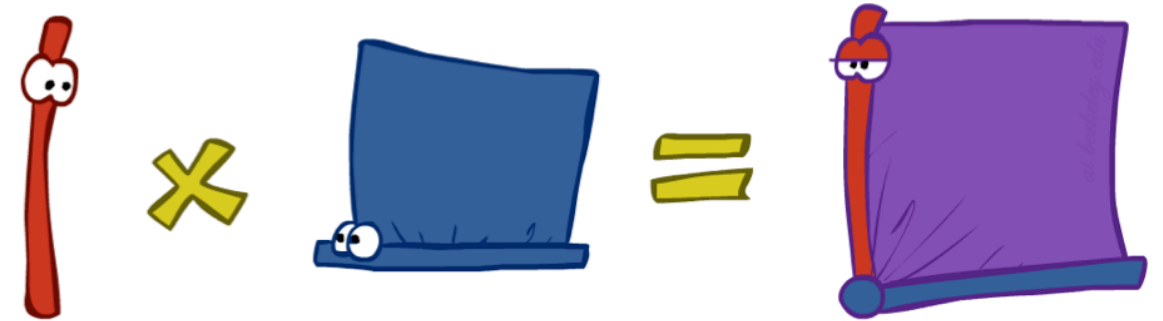
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- Procedure: Join all factors, eliminate all hidden variables, normalize



Operation 1: Join Factors

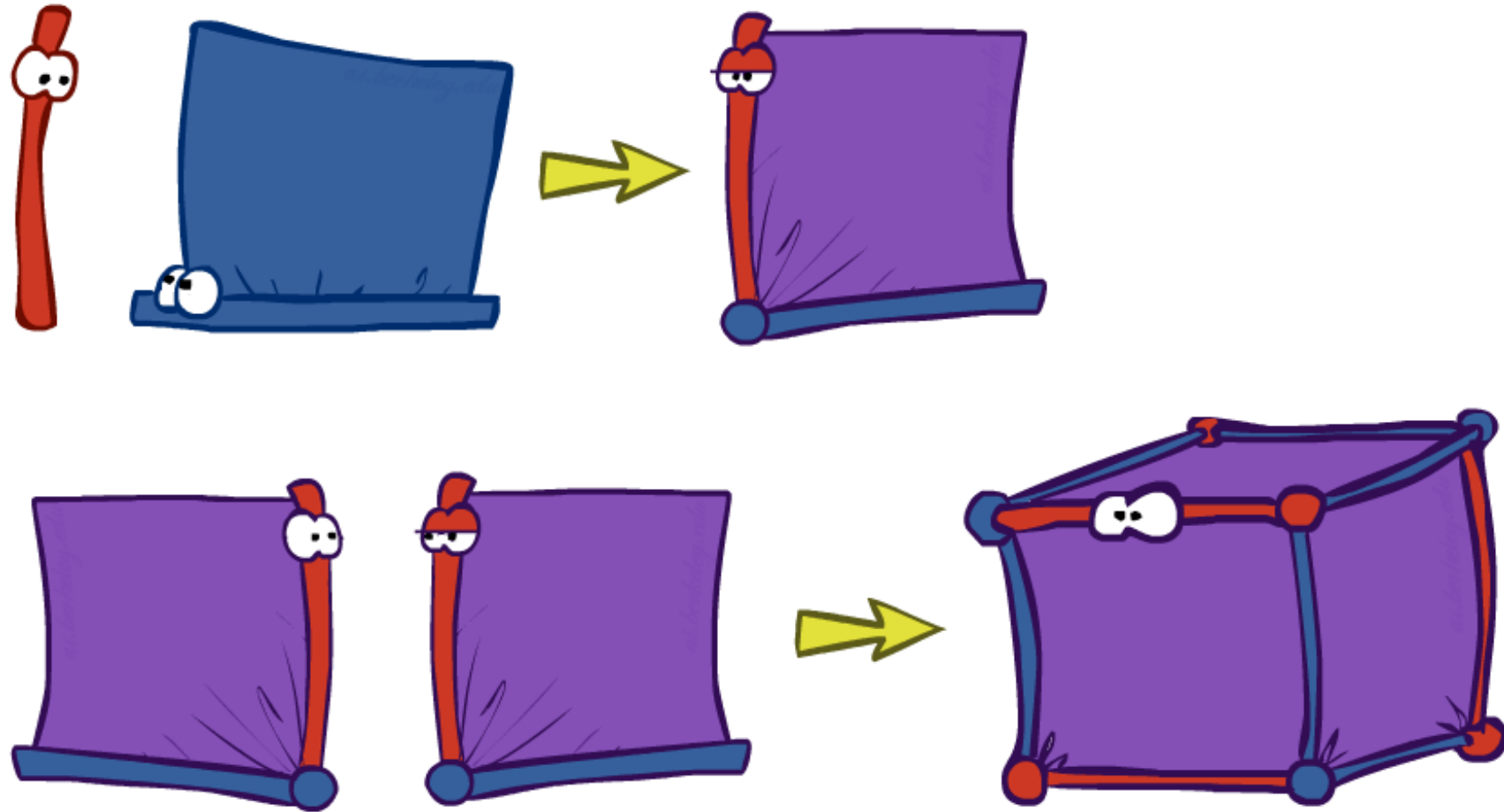
- First basic operation: **joining factors**
- Combining factors:
 - Just like a database join**
 - Get all factors over the joining variable
 - Build a new factor over the union of the variables involved
- Example: Join on R



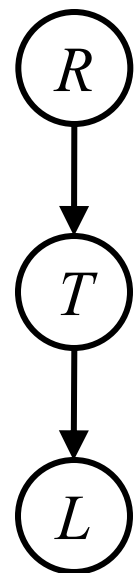
- Computation for each entry: pointwise products $\forall r, t : P(r, t) = P(r) \cdot P(t|r)$



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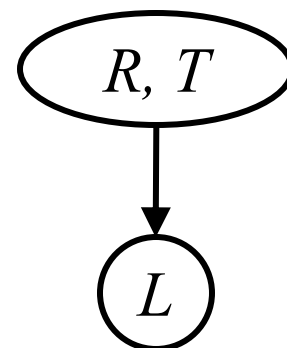


$P(R, T)$

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

$P(L|T)$

| | | |
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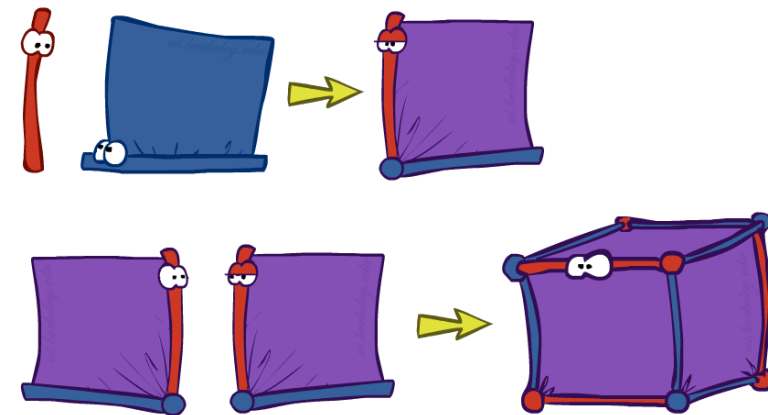
Join T



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:

$P(R, T)$

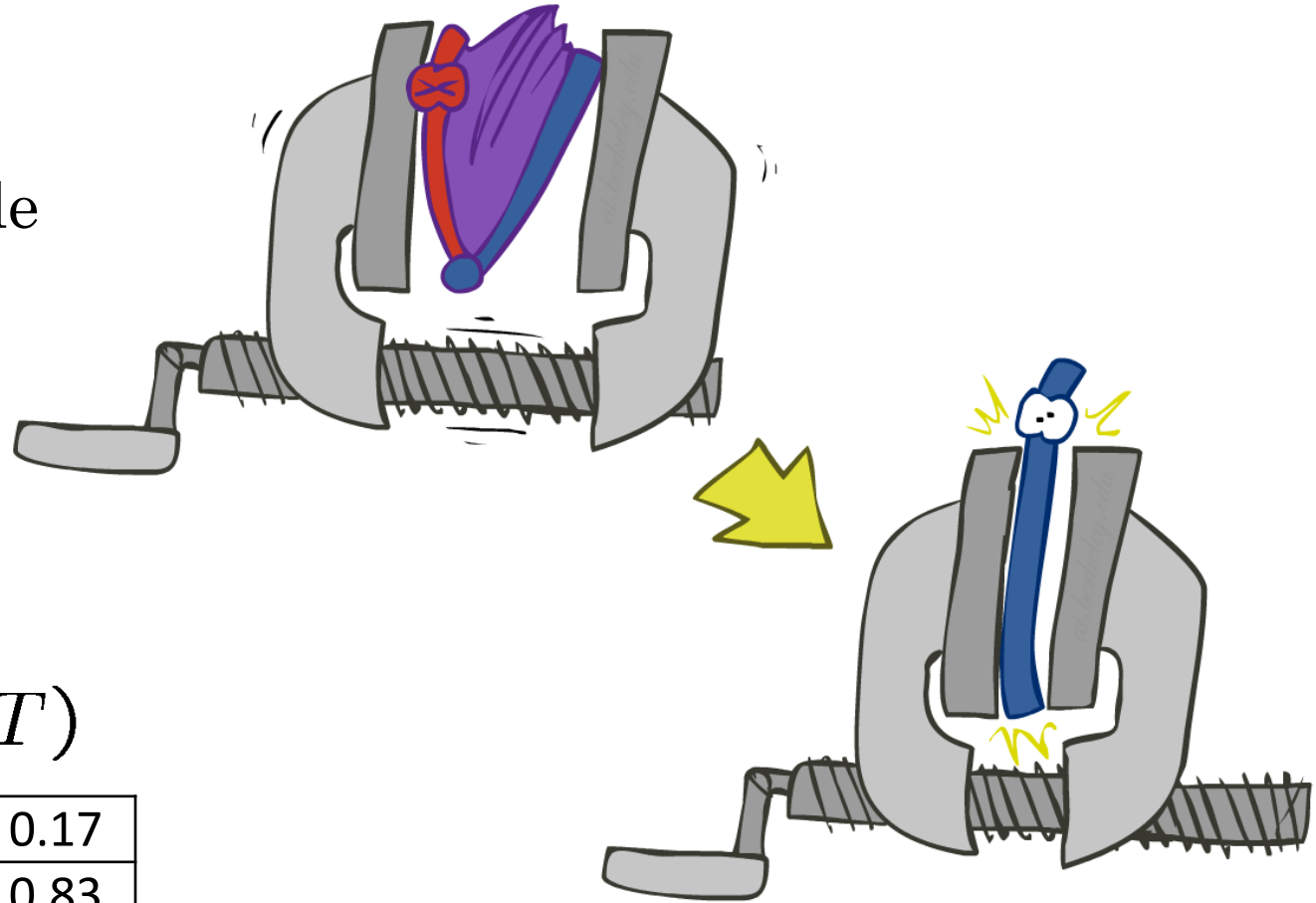
| | | |
|----|----|------|
| +r | +t | 0.08 |
| +r | -t | 0.02 |
| -r | +t | 0.09 |
| -r | -t | 0.81 |

sum R



$P(T)$

| | |
|----|------|
| +t | 0.17 |
| -t | 0.83 |



Multiple Elimination

$P(R, T, L)$

| R, T, L | | | |
|-----------|----|----|-------|
| +r | +t | +l | 0.024 |
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Sum
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→

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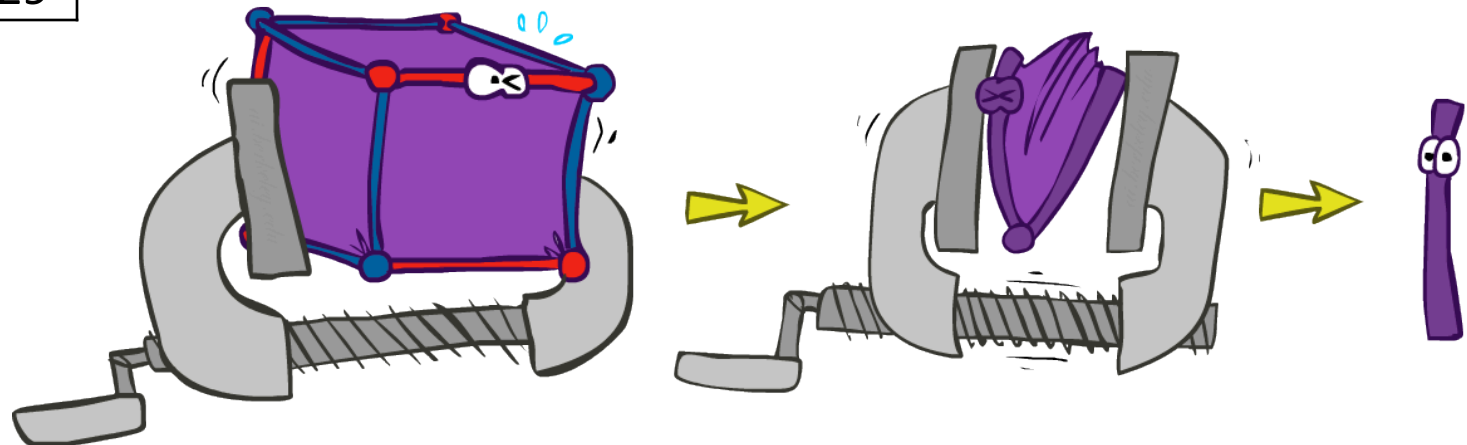
| T, L | | |
|--------|----|-------|
| +t | +l | 0.051 |
| +t | -l | 0.119 |
| -t | +l | 0.083 |
| -t | -l | 0.747 |

Sum
out T

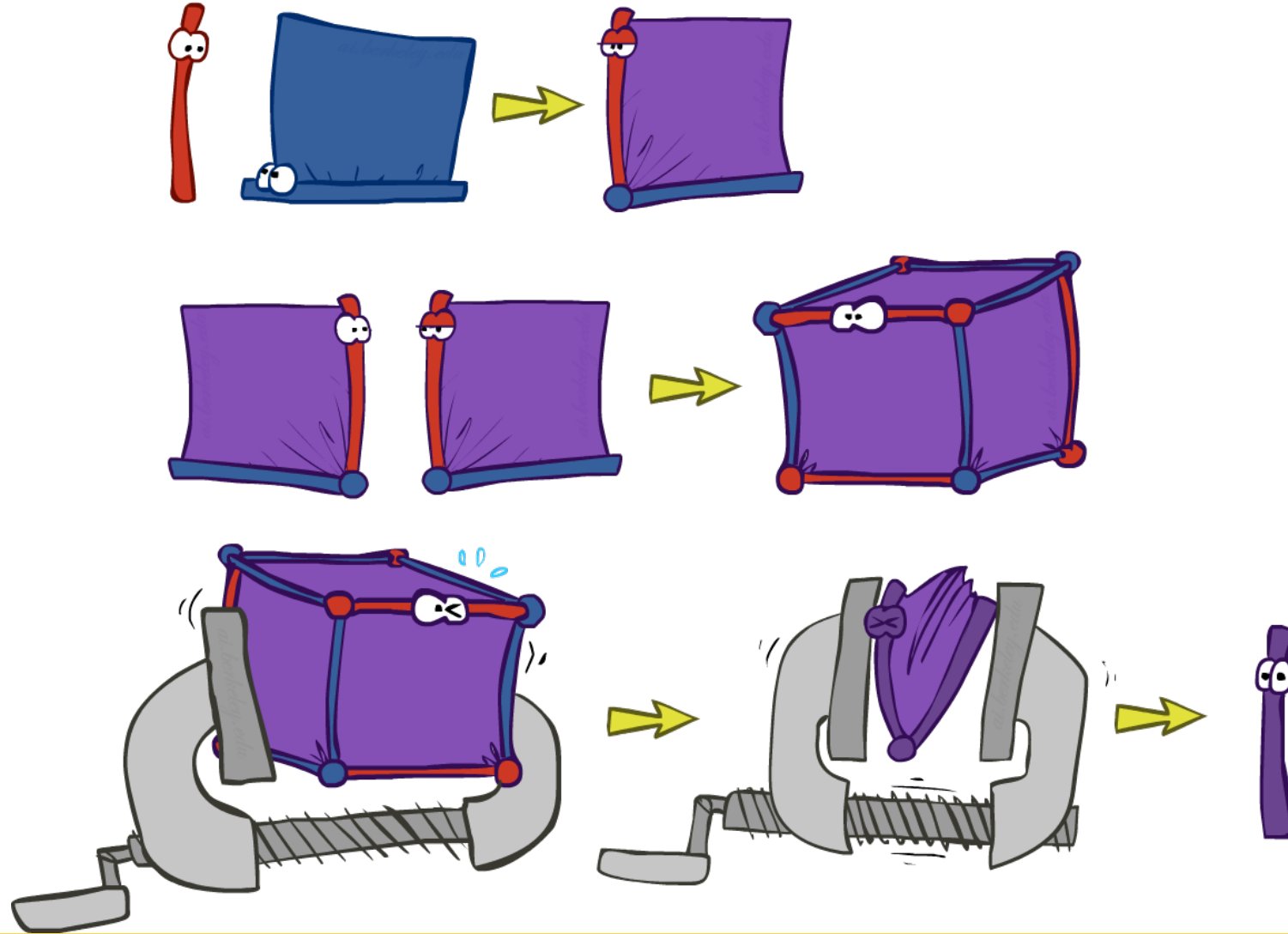
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$P(L)$

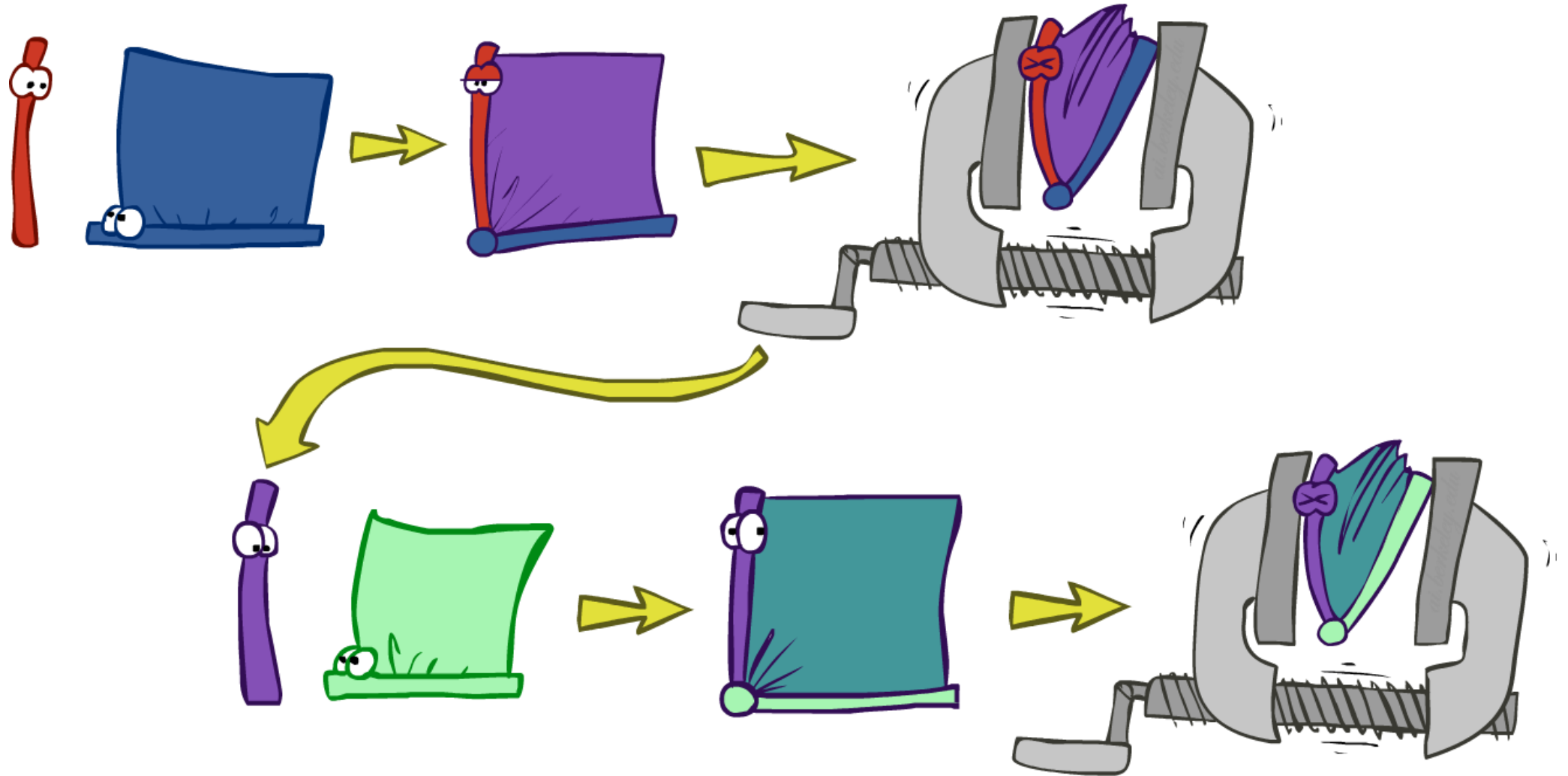
| L | |
|-----|-------|
| +l | 0.134 |
| -l | 0.886 |



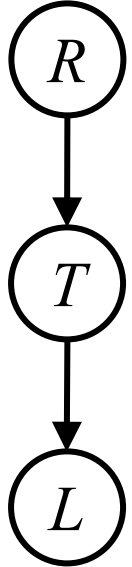
Thus Far: Multiple Join, Multiple Eliminate (= Inference by Enumeration)



Marginalizing Early (= Variable Elimination)



Traffic Domain



$$P(L) = ?$$

■ Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r \underbrace{P(L|t)P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}$$

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Join on t

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Eliminate r

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Eliminate t

■ Variable Elimination

$$= \sum_t P(L|t) \sum_r \underbrace{P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}$$

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Eliminate r

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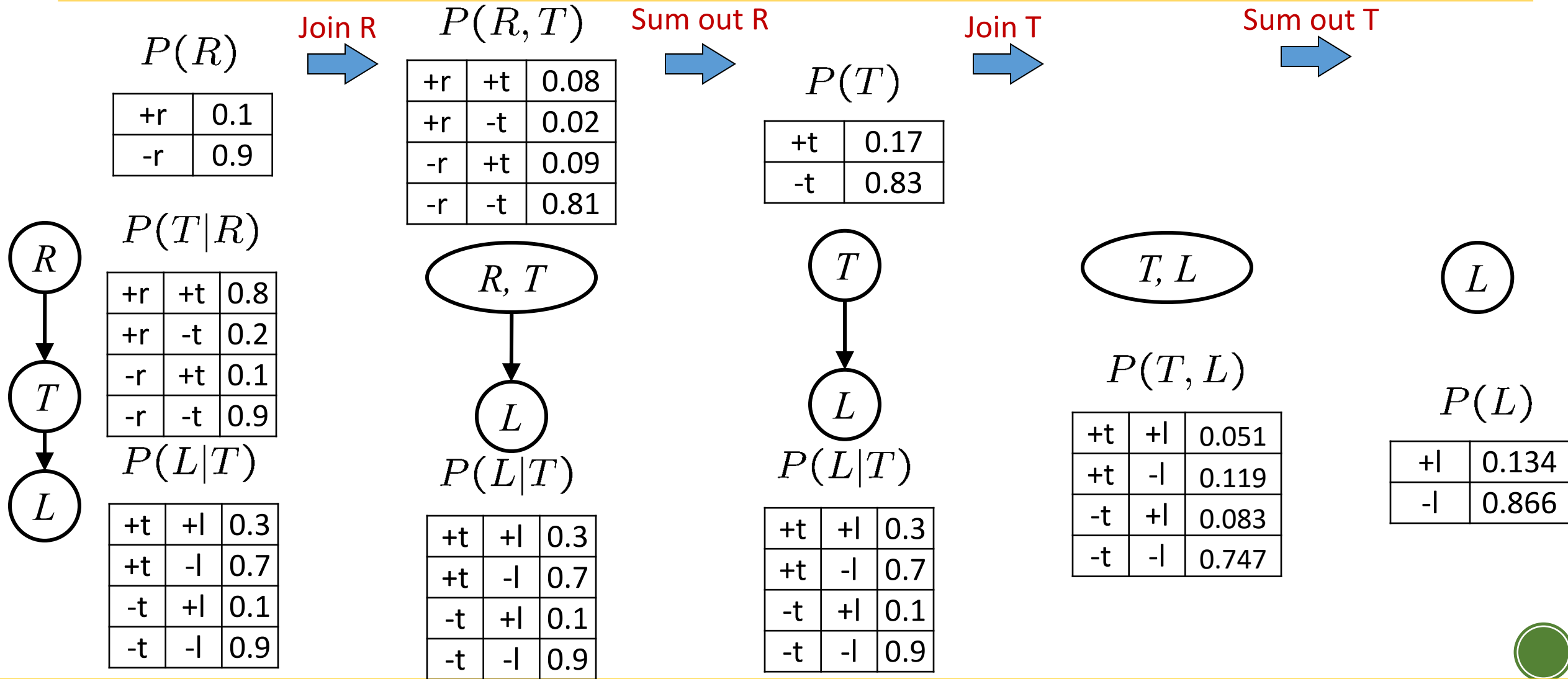
Join on t

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Eliminate t



Marginalizing Early! (aka VE)



Evidence

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

$$P(R)$$

| | |
|----|-----|
| +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 |

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

$$P(+r)$$

| | |
|----|-----|
| +r | 0.1 |
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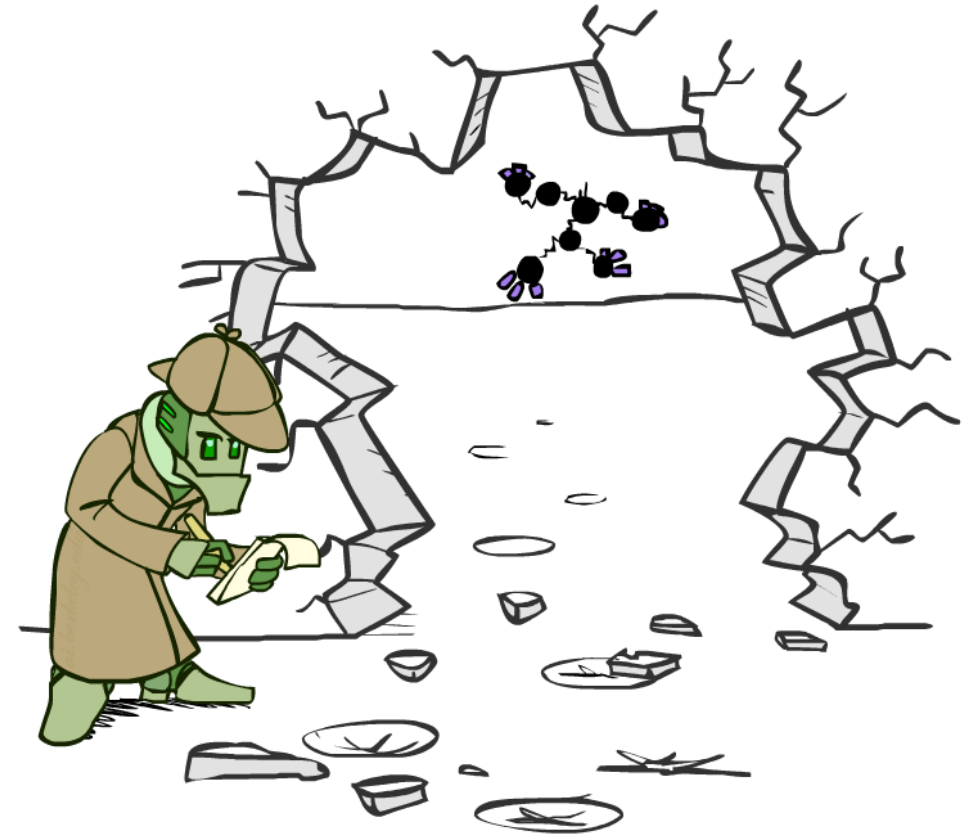
$$P(T|+r)$$

| | | |
|----|----|-----|
| +r | +t | 0.8 |
| +r | -t | 0.2 |

$$P(L|T)$$

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

- We eliminate all vars other than query + evidence



Evidence II

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

$$P(+r, L)$$

| | | |
|----|----|-------|
| +r | +l | 0.026 |
| +r | -l | 0.074 |

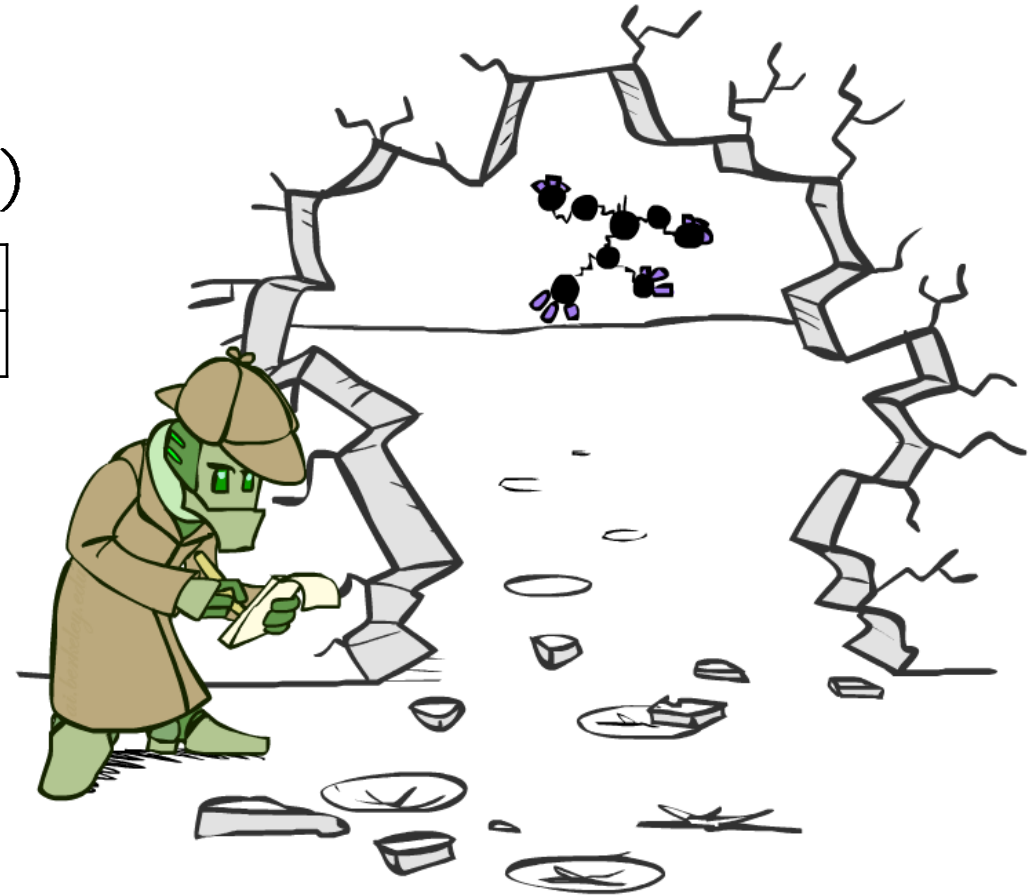
Normalize



$$P(L \mid +r)$$

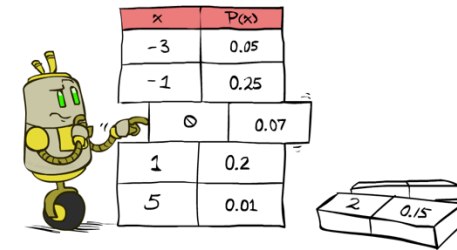
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| +l | 0.26 |
| -l | 0.74 |

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



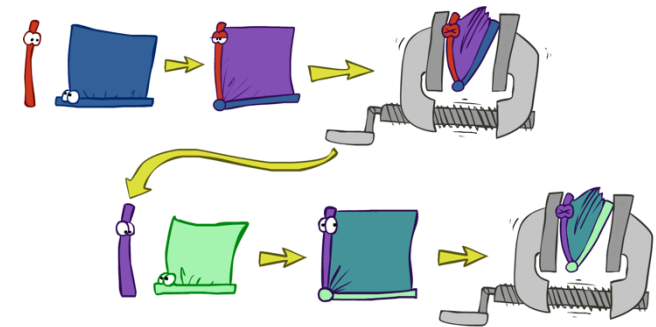
General Variable Elimination

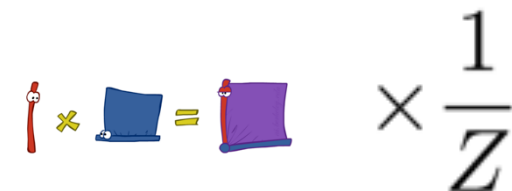
- Query: $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
 - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):
 - Pick a hidden variable H
 - Join all factors mentioning H
 - Eliminate (sum out) H
- Join all remaining factors and normalize



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

2 0.15





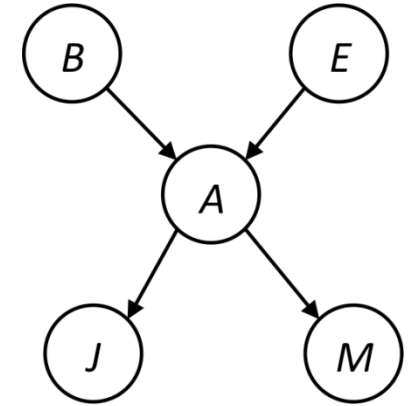
The diagram illustrates the final step of the algorithm: joining all remaining factors and normalizing. It shows a red stick figure (representing a factor) multiplied by a blue square (representing a factor) to form a purple square (representing the joined factor). This purple square is then multiplied by the reciprocal of the sum of all values, $\frac{1}{Z}$, to produce the final result.



Example

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

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

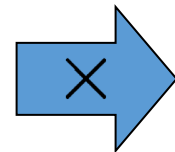


Choose A

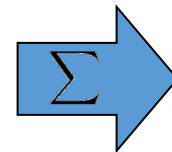
$$P(A|B, E)$$

$$P(j|A)$$

$$P(m|A)$$



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



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

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

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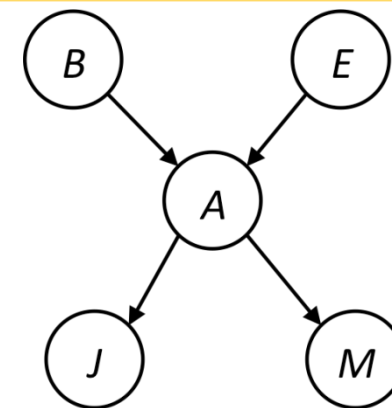
Choose E

$$\begin{array}{c} P(E) \\ P(j, m|B, E) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\times} P(j, m, E|B) \xrightarrow{\Sigma} P(j, m|B)$$

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

Finish with B

$$\begin{array}{c} P(B) \\ P(j, m|B) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\times} P(j, m, B) \xrightarrow{\text{Normalize}} P(B|j, m)$$



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:

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

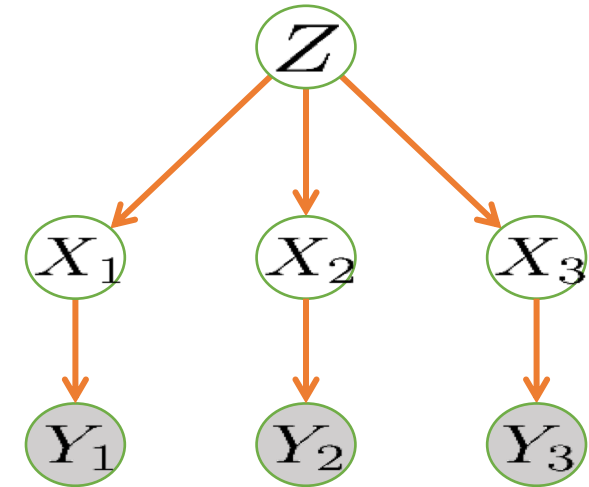
Eliminate Z , this introduces the factor $f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3) = \sum_z p(z)f_1(z, y_1)f_2(z, y_2)p(X_3|z)$, and we are left:

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

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

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

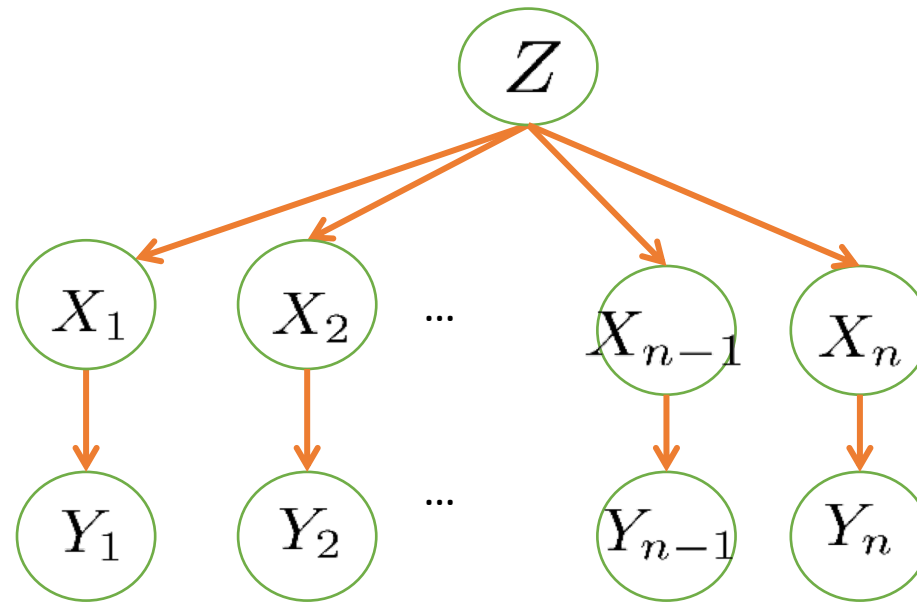
Normalizing over X_3 gives $P(X_3|y_1, y_2, y_3)$.



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_3 respectively).

Variable Elimination Ordering

- For the query $P(X_n | y_1, \dots, y_n)$ work through the following two different orderings as done in previous slide: Z, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} and X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, Z . What is the size of the maximum factor generated for each of the orderings?



- Answer: 2^{n+1} versus 2^2 (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^n vs. 2
- Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
 - No!



Worst Case Complexity?

- CSP:

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_5 \vee x_7) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_6 \vee \neg x_7) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee \neg x_6 \vee x_7)$$

$$P(X_i = 0) = P(X_i = 1) = 0.5$$

$$Y_1 = X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \neg X_3$$

...

$$Y_8 = \neg X_5 \vee X_6 \vee X_7$$

$$Y_{1,2} = Y_1 \wedge Y_2$$

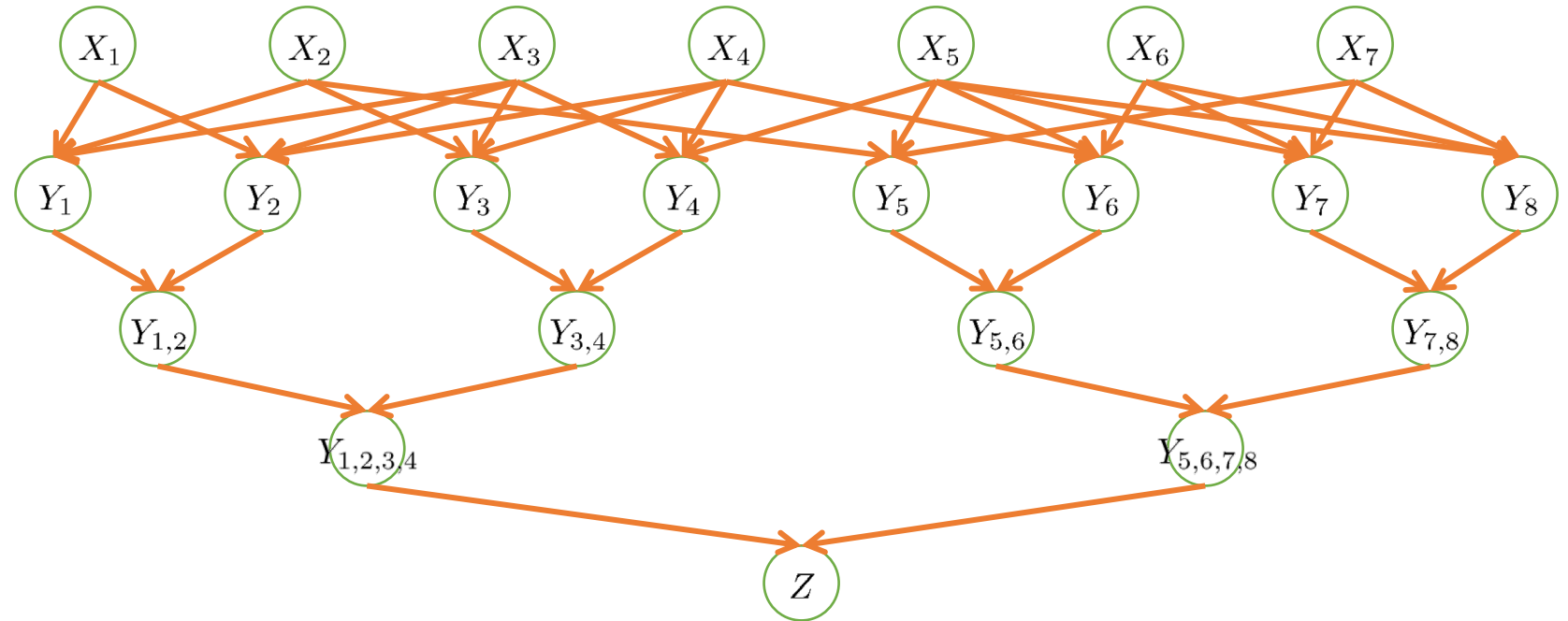
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$$Y_{7,8} = Y_7 \wedge Y_8$$

$$Y_{1,2,3,4} = Y_{1,2} \wedge Y_{3,4}$$

$$Y_{5,6,7,8} = Y_{5,6} \wedge Y_{7,8}$$

$$Z = Y_{1,2,3,4} \wedge Y_{5,6,7,8}$$



- 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

