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

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# Reminder

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- Homework 4: Bayes Nets
  - Deadline: Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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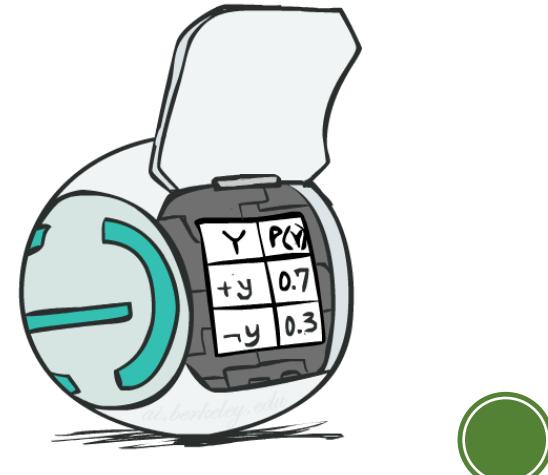
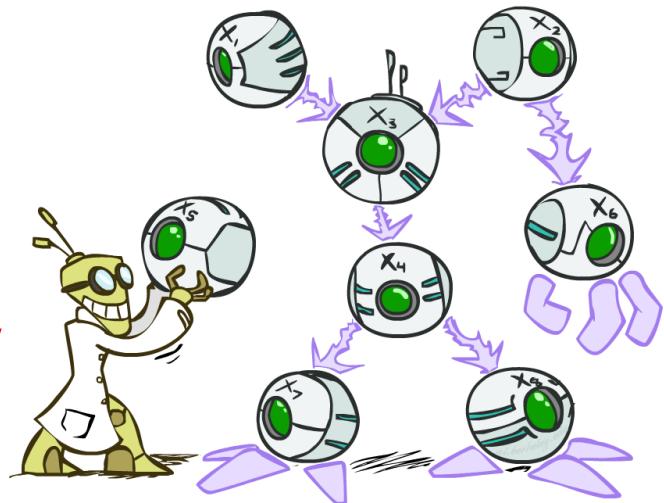
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# Bayes' Net Representation

- A directed, acyclic graph, one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
  - A collection of distributions over parents' values
- 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:

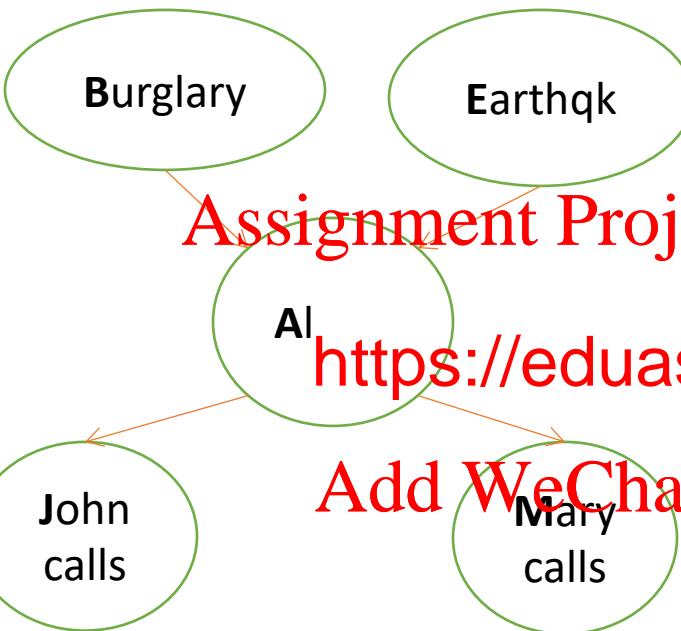
$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

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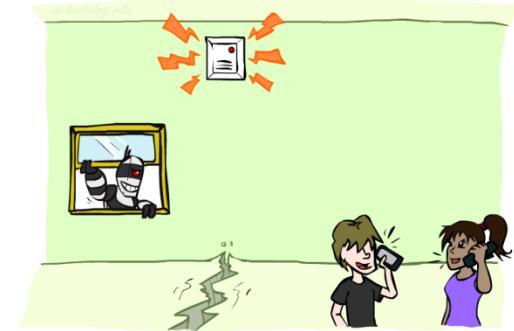


# Example: Alarm Network

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

	E	A	P(A B,E)
	e	+a	0.95
	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

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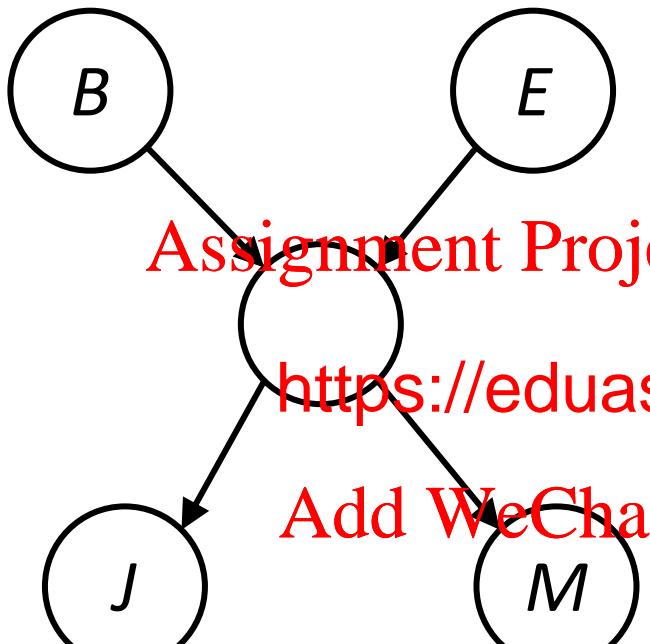
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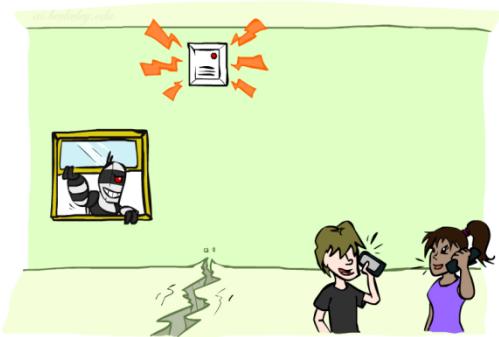
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$$P(+b, -e, +a, -j, +m) =$$

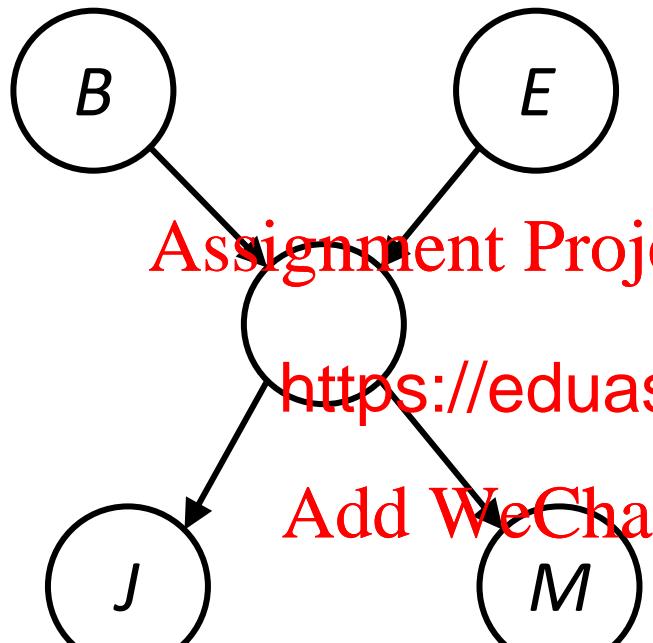
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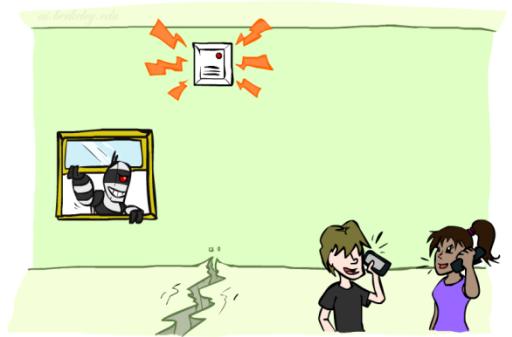
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E	P(E)
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-e	0.998

		(M A)	
		.7	.3
A	J	-a	+m
		0.01	0.99
A	J	-a	-m
		0.95	0.05



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

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

$$0.001 \times 0.998 \times 0.94 \times 0.1 \times 0.7$$

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+b	+e	+a	0.95
+b	+e	-a	0.05
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-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-e	+a	0.001
-b	-e	-a	0.999



# Bayes' Nets

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✓ Representation

✓ Conditional Independences

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- Variable elimination ( $O(n^{\frac{d}{2}})$ )  
exponential complexity

- Inference is NP-complete

- Sampling (approximate)

- Learning Bayes' Nets from Data



# Inference

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

- Examples:

- Posterior probability

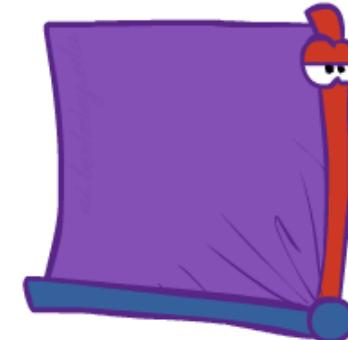
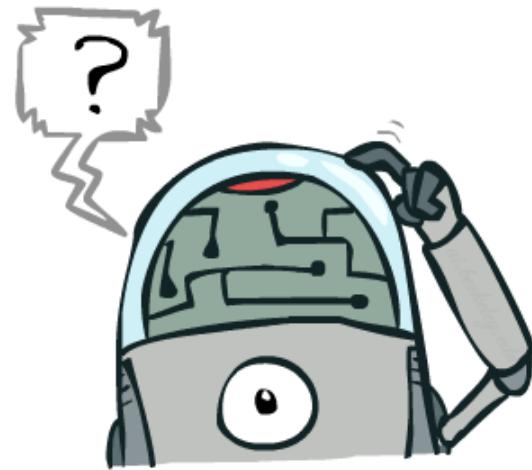
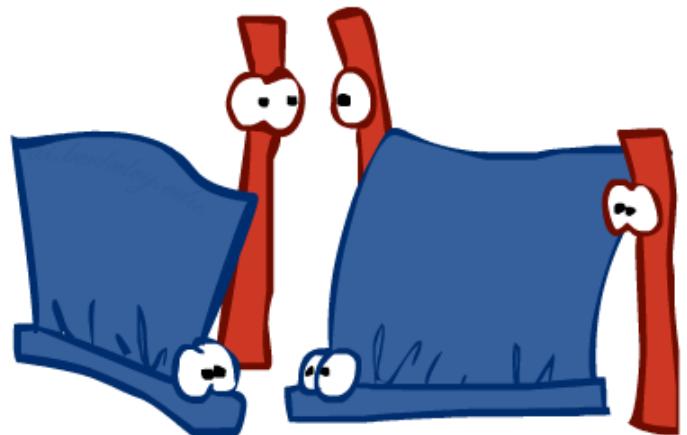
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$$P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$$

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most likely explanation:

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# Inference by Enumeration

- General case:

- Evidence variables:  $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
- Query\* variable:  $Q$
- Hidden variables:  $H_1 \dots H_r$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k \\ Q \\ H_1 \dots H_r \end{array} \right\} X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$$

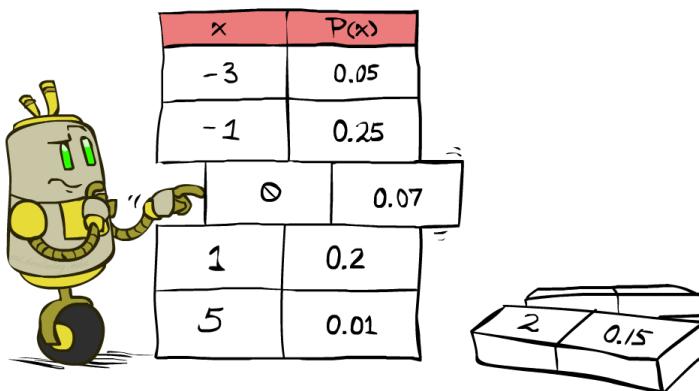
*All variables*

- 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



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

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

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

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

# Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

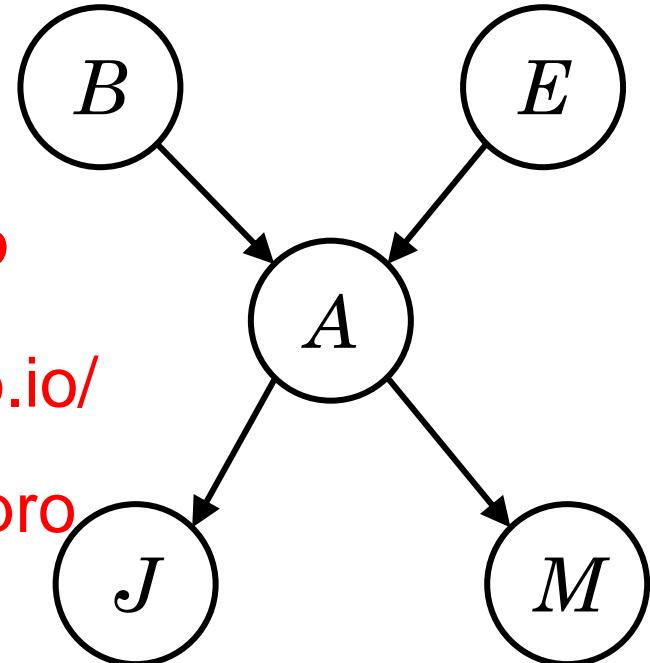
- Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- Reminder of inference by enumeration by example:

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

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

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



# Inference by Enumeration?

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# Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

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- 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

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- First we'll need some new notation: factors



# Factor Zoo

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# Factor Zoo I

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- 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
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3
hot	sun	0.5
hot	rain	0.1

$P(cold, W)$

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

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# Factor Zoo II

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

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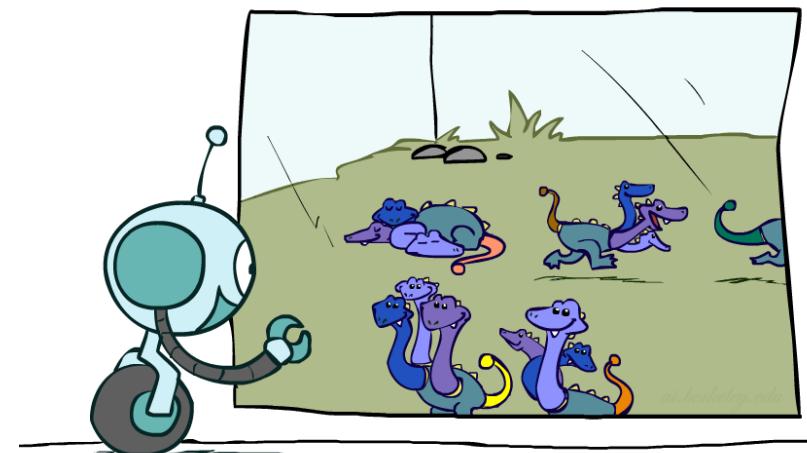
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- Family of conditionals:

$P(Y | X)$

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



$P(W|cold)$

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

$P(W|T)$

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

$P(W|hot)$

$P(W|cold)$

# Factor Zoo III

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

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T	W	P
hot	rain	0.2
cold	rain	0.6

$$P(rain|hot)$$

$$P(rain|cold)$$



# Factor Zoo Summary

- In general, when we write  $P(Y_1 \dots Y_N | X_1 \dots X_M)$

- It is a “factor,” a multi-dimensional array

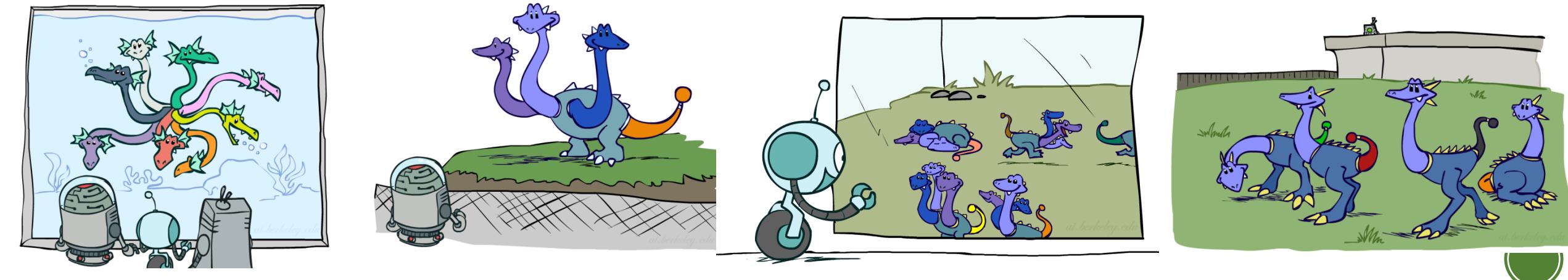
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- Its values are  $P(y_1 \dots y_N |$

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- Any assigned (=lower-case) sing (selected) from the array

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# Example: Traffic Domain

- Random Variables

- R: Raining

- T: Traffic **Assignment Project Exam Help**

- L: Late for cla

$P(L) = ?$

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

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



$$P(R)$$

+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)

$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$$P(T|R)$$

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-t	-l	0.

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

$$P(R)$$

+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

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

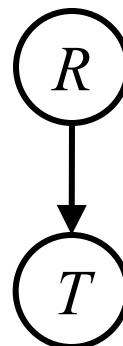
+t	+l	0.3
-t	+l	0.1

- 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 variables involved
- Example: Join on R



$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

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

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



- 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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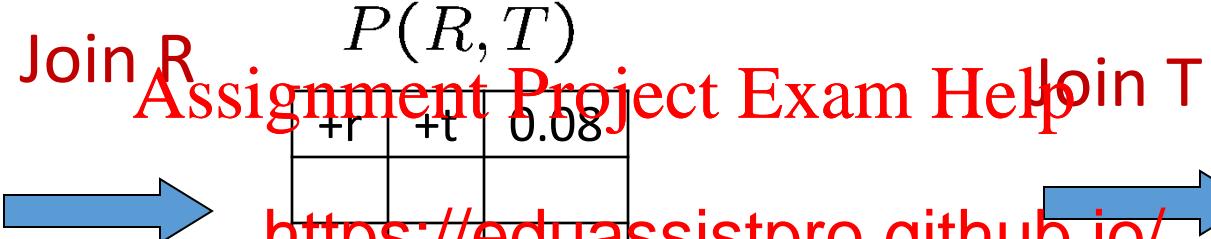
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	-r	0.9

	$P(T R)$		
$T$	+r	+t	0.8
	+r	-t	0.2
	-r	+t	0.1
	-r	-t	0.9

	$P(L T)$		
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	-t	+l	0.1
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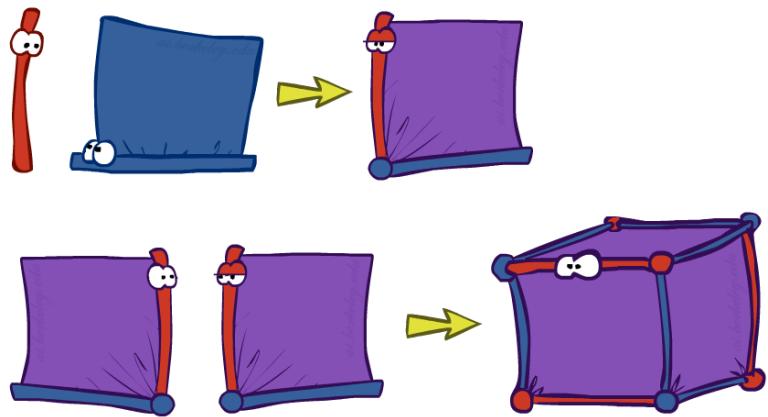


$P(R, T)$

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+r	-t	
-r	+t	
-r	-t	0.81

$P(L|T)$

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



$R, T, L$

$P(R, T, L)$

+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

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# Operation 2: Eliminate

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- Second basic operation:  
marginalization
- Take a factor and sum Assignment Project Exam Help  
Assignment variable
  - Shrinks a factor to a smaller
  - 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

$P(R, T, L)$

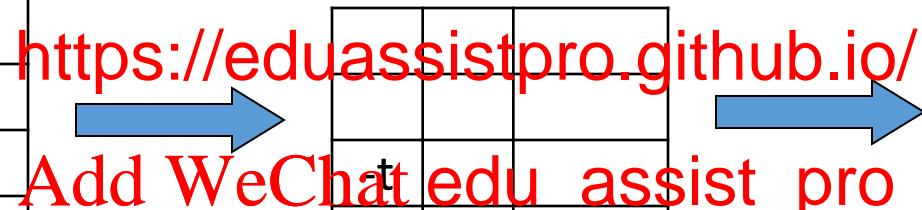
$+r$	$+t$	$+l$	$P(R, T, L)$
$+r$	$+t$	$+l$	0.024
$+r$	$+t$	$-l$	0.056
$+r$	$-t$	$+l$	0.002
$+r$	$-t$	$-l$	0.018
$-r$	$+t$	$+l$	0.027
$-r$	$+t$	$-l$	0.063
$-r$	$-t$	$+l$	0.081
$-r$	$-t$	$-l$	0.729

$R, T, L$

$T, L$

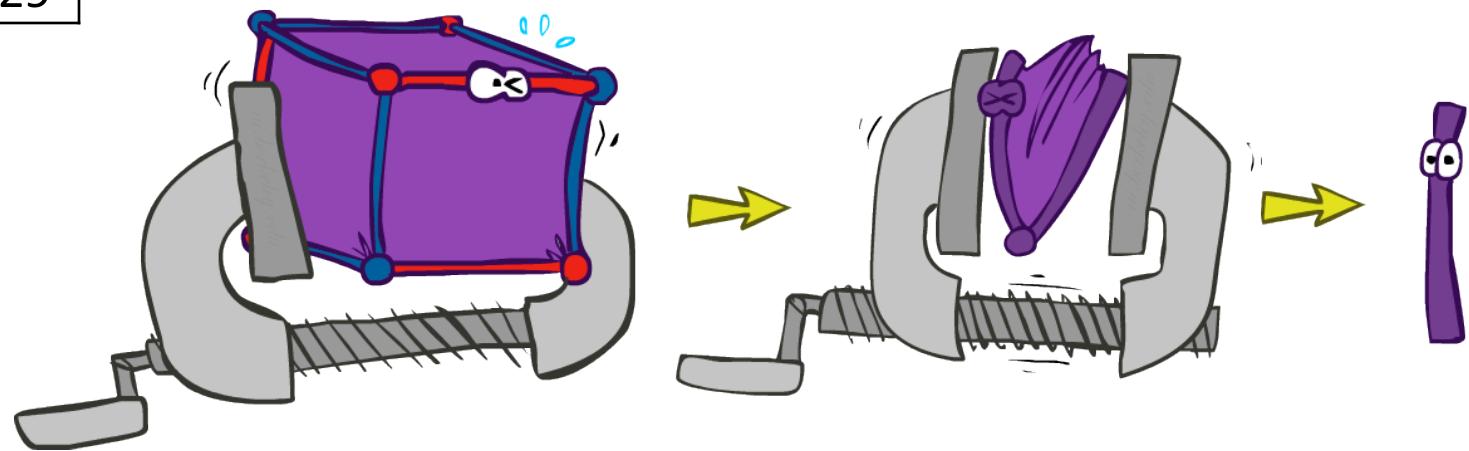
$L$

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Sum out T



$P(L)$

$+l$	0.134
$-l$	0.886



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

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# Marginalizing Early (= Variable Elimination)

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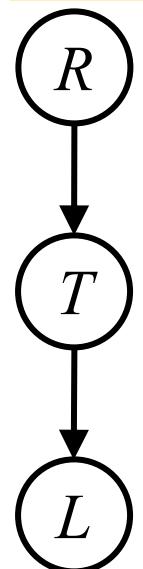
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# Traffic Domain



$$P(L) = ?$$

- Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r P(L|t)P(r)P(t|r)$$

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Join on r      Join on r

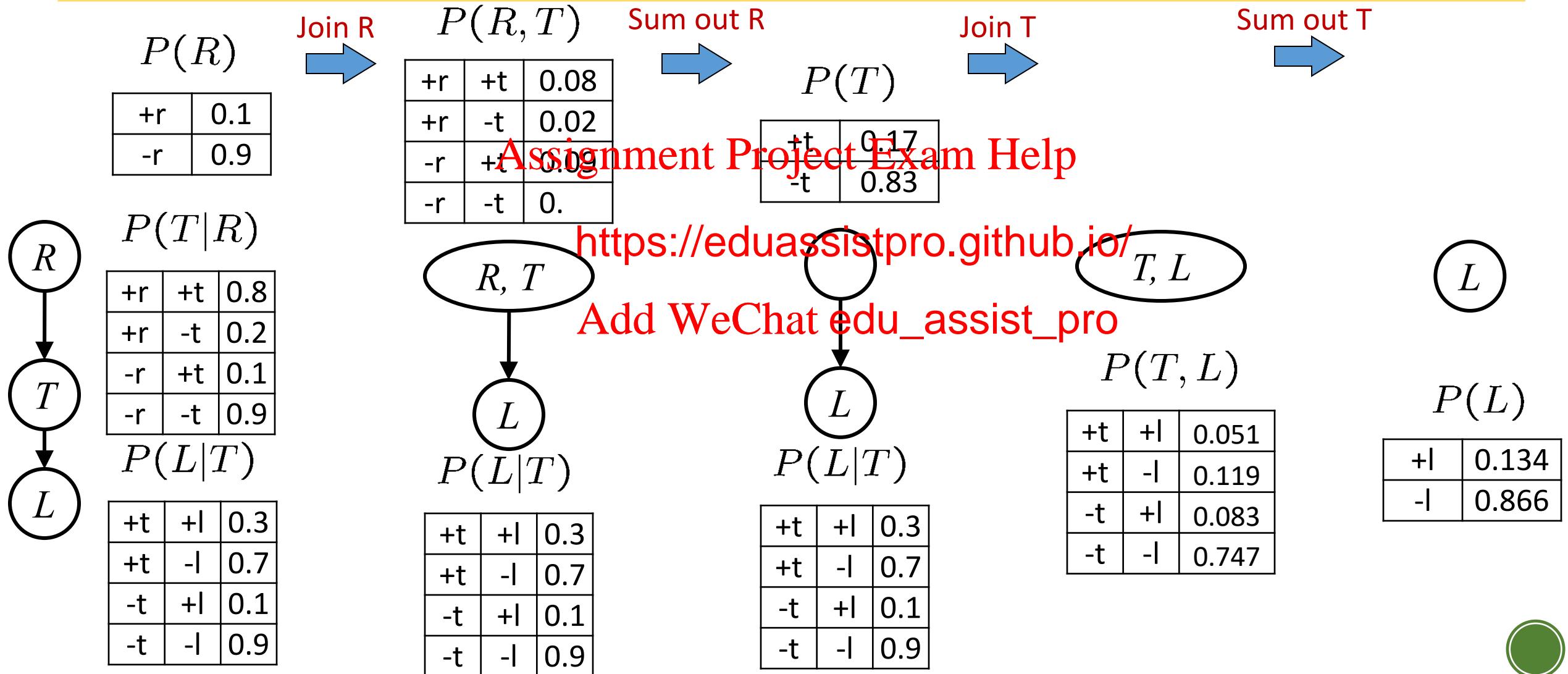
Join on t      Join on t

Eliminate r      Eliminate r

Eliminate t      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
-r	+t	0
-r	-t	0

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

$P(+r)$	
+r	0.1

$P(T +r)$		
+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

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



# General Variable Elimination

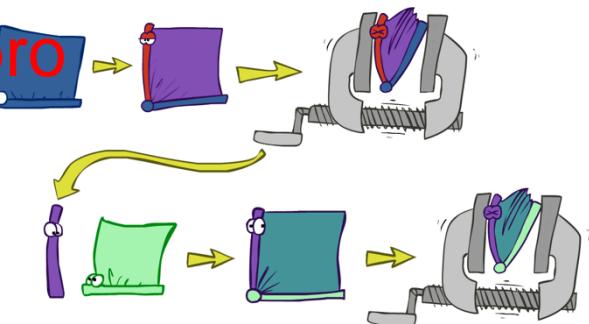
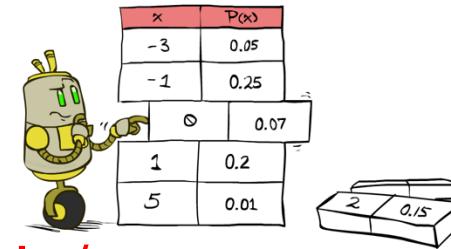
- Query:  $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$

- Start with initial factors:  
▪ Local CPTs (but instantiate

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- 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

$$\left( \text{ } \times \text{ } \frac{1}{Z} \right)$$



# Example

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

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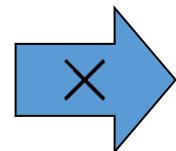
Choose A

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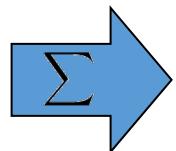
$$P(A|B, E)$$

$$P(j|A)$$

$$P(m|A)$$

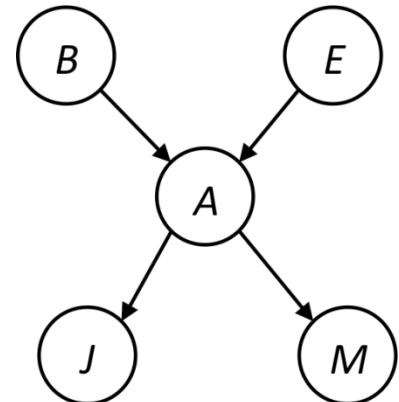


$$P(j, m, A|B, E)$$



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

$P(B)$	$P(E)$	$P(j, m B, E)$
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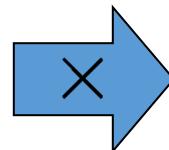
# Example

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

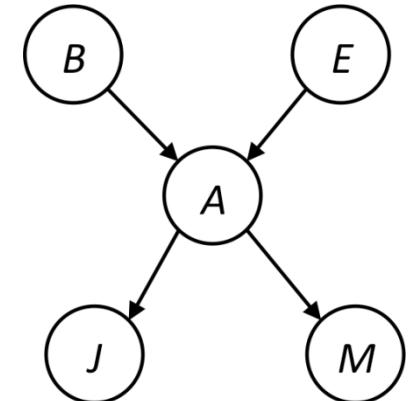
$$\begin{aligned} P(E) \\ P(j, m|B, E) \end{aligned}$$

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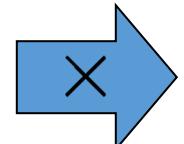
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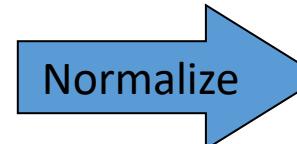
$P(B)$	$P(j, m B)$
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Finish with B

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) \\ P(j, m|B) \end{aligned}$$



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



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



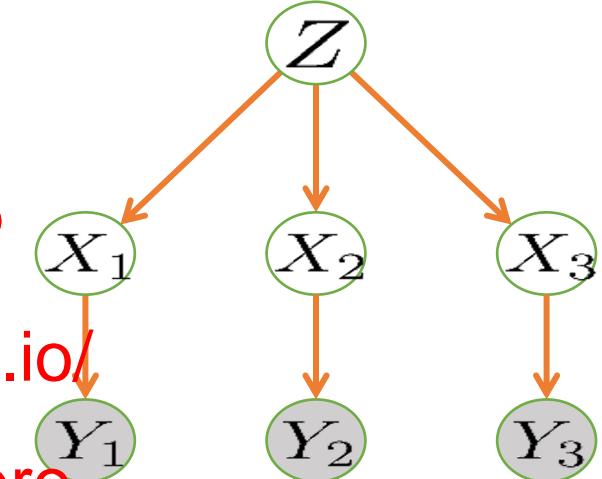
# Another Variable Elimination Example

Query:  $P(X_3|Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_3 = y_3)$

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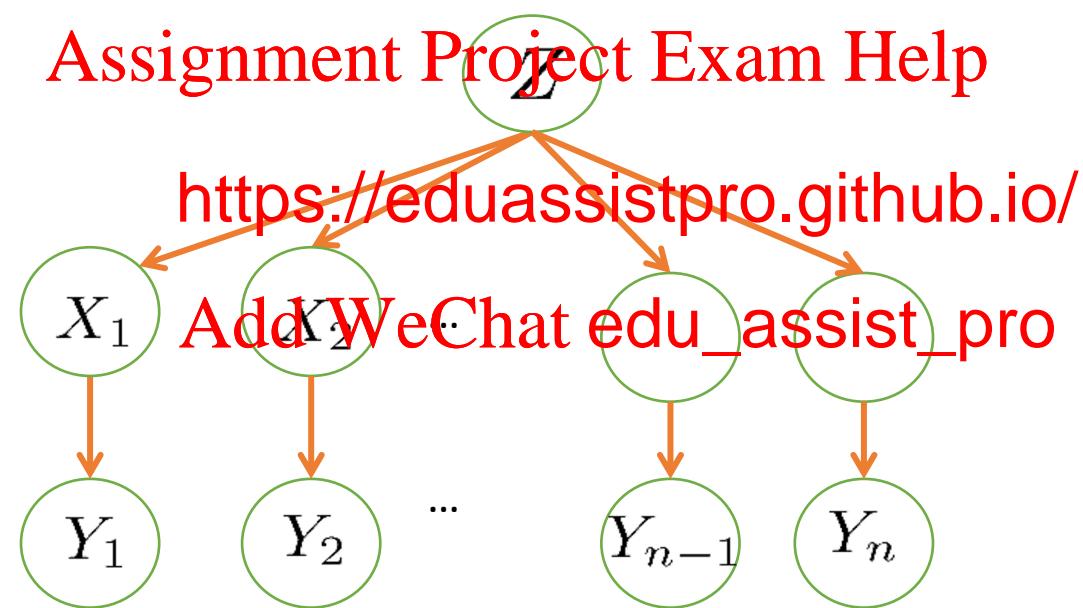


Computational complexity critically depends on the largest factor being generated in this process. Size of factor = number of entries in table. In example above (assuming binary) all factors generated are of size 2 --- as they all only have one variable (Z, Z, and  $X_3$  respectively).



# 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

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- The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor

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- The elimination order determines the size of the largest factor.  
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  - E.g., previous slide's example  $2^n$  vs.  $2$   
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- Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
  - No!



# Worst Case Complexity?

- CSP:

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

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

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

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

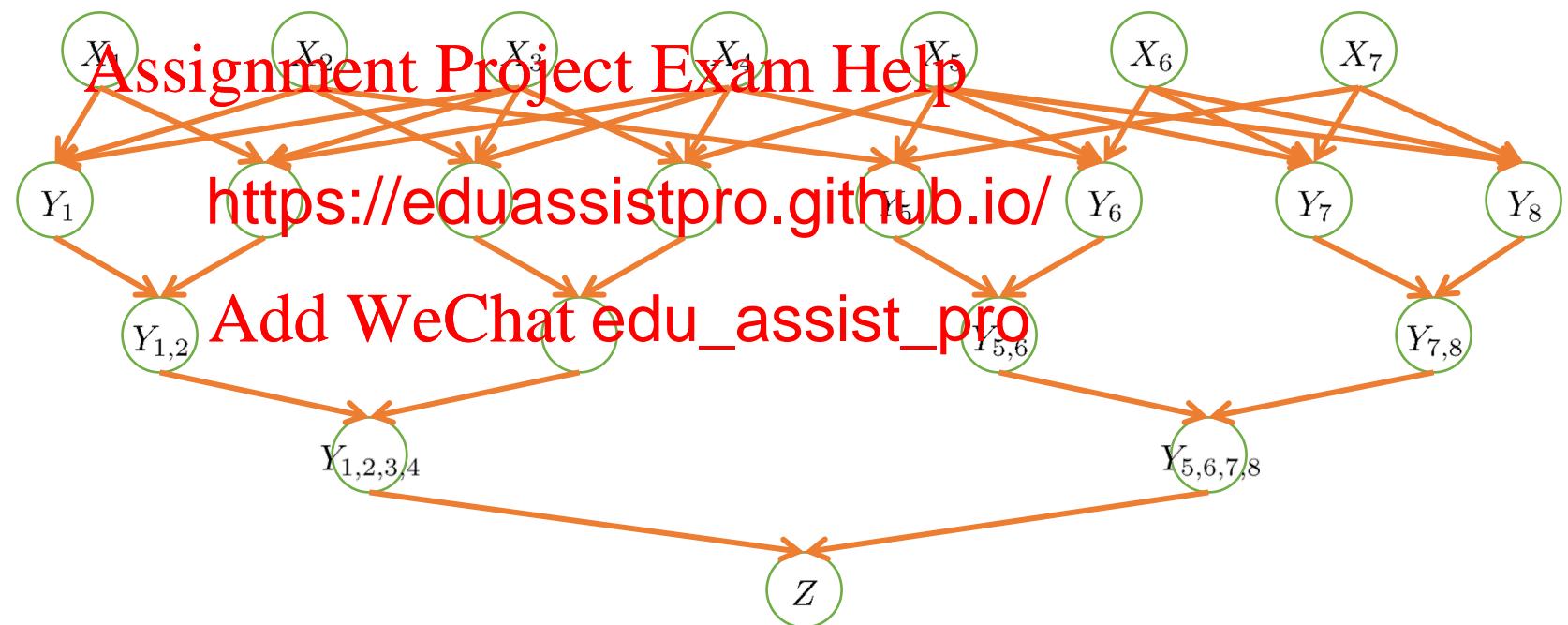
$$Y_{1,2} = Y_1 \wedge Y_2$$

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

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

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

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



- 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

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- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For poly-trees you can always find an ordering that is efficient
  - Try it!! <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
- Cut-set conditioning for Bayes' net i
  - Choose set of variables such that if removed only a polytree remains
  - Exercise: Think about how the specifics would work out!



# Bayes' Nets

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- ✓ Representation
- ✓ Conditional Independences  
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Variable elimination (<sup>ase</sup>  
exponential complexity <sub>r</sub>)
  - ✓ Inference is NP-complete
    - Sampling (approximate)
- Learning Bayes' Nets from Data

