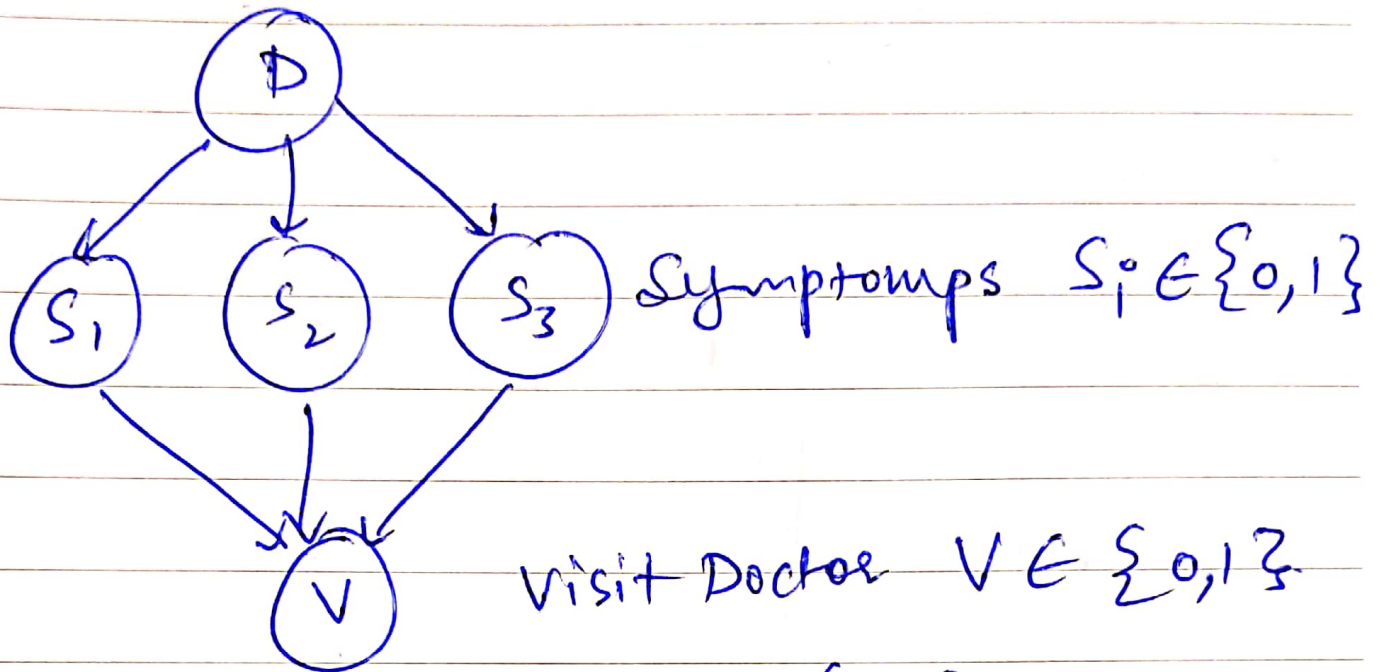


## Review (Polytree)

- Singly connected, no loops, at most one path between two nodes
- Efficient algorithms for exact inference

Ex. Simplex (1-loop)

Disease  $D \in \{0, 1\}$ .



How to compute  $P(V=1)$ ?

Exact inference in loopy BNs.

How to turn a loopy BN into a polytree?

1. Node Clustering

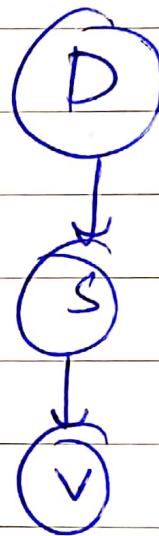
— Merge Nodes to form polytree.

ex. Cluster  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  into mega-node.

merge CPTs

ex. merge  $P(S_1|D)$ ,  $P(S_2|D)$ ,  $P(S_3|D)$   
into  $P(S|D)$

$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S.$
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	2
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
1	1	1	7



$D$	$P(S=0 D)$	$P(S=1 D)$	...	$P(S=7 D)$
0				
1				

eg.  $P(S=1|D=1) = P(S_1=1, S_2=0, S_3=0|D=1)$   
 $= P(S_1=1|D=1) P(S_2=0|D=1) \times$   
 $P(S_3=0|D=1)$

$$\text{old CPT} : P(V=1 \mid S_1, S_2, S_3)$$

$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S$	$P(V=1 \mid S)$
0	0	0	0	
<del>0</del>	0	0	1	
0	1	0	2	
			3	
			$\vdots$	
			$\vdots$	
1	1	1	7	

Apply polytree Algorithm to clustered BNs.

(No free lunch)

\* there's hidden complexity

- Tradeoff:

\* Polytree Algorithm is linear in size of CPTs.

CPT size grows exponentially with clustering

Size of mega-node -  $2^3$

Size of CPT -  $2^4$





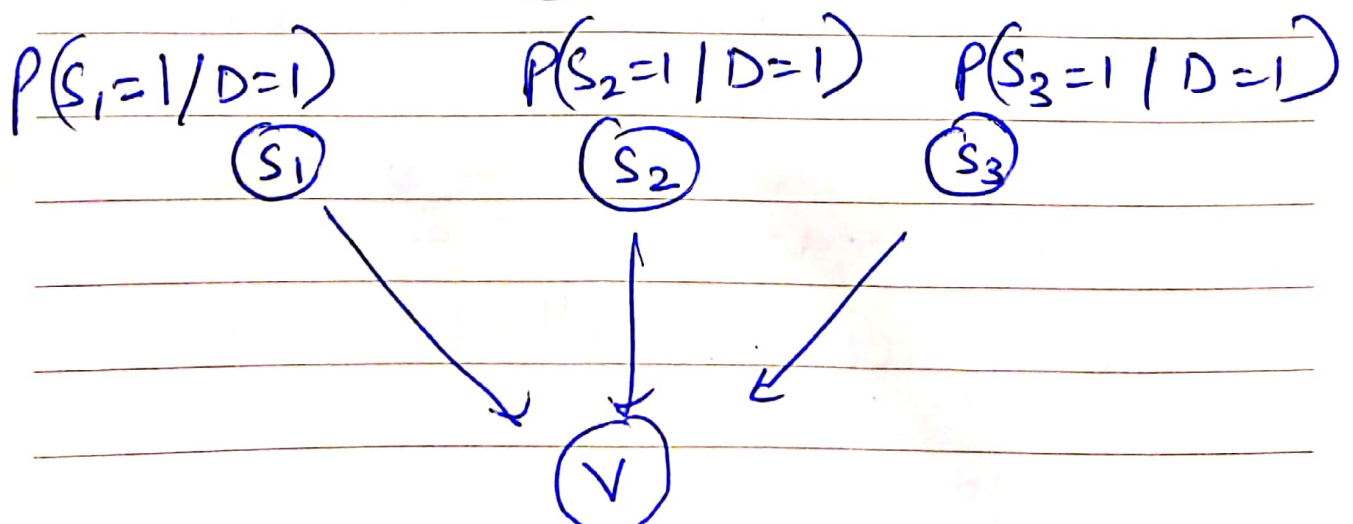
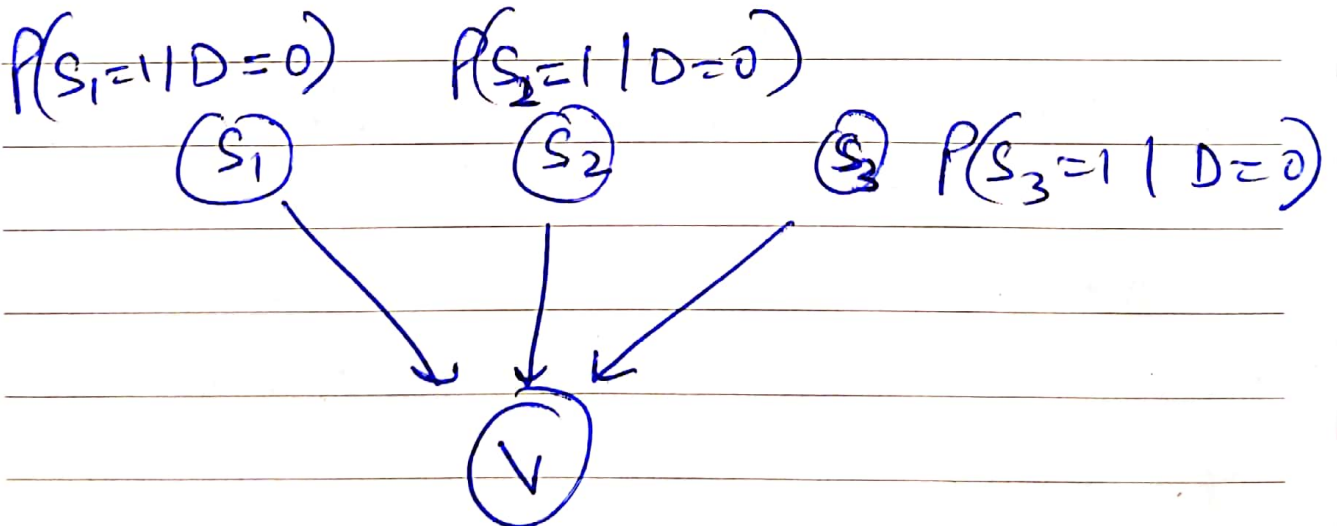
\* How to choose optimal clustering of nodes (for maximally efficient inference)? — HARD problem

## 2. Cutset Conditioning

— Instantiate nodes.

So that the remaining nodes form a polytree

ex. instantiate  $D=0$  or  $D=1$



- Apply polytree algorithm. to  
 Compute  $\begin{cases} P(V=1 | D=0) & \text{in left BN} \\ P(V=1 | D=1) & \text{in right BN} \end{cases}$

- Then combine

$$P(V=1) = \sum_d P(D=d, V=1) \quad (\text{marginalization})$$

$$= \sum_d P(D=d) P(V=1 | D=d)$$

$\downarrow$   
 original BN  
 CPT

$\downarrow$   
 (prod. rule)  
 results of  
 polytree  
 algorithm

- Set of instantiated nodes is  
"cut-set".

- tradeoff: # of terms to combine  
 grows exponentially with. size of

cutset.

How to choose optimal cutset  
for maximally efficient inference

## Approximate inference in loopy BNs.

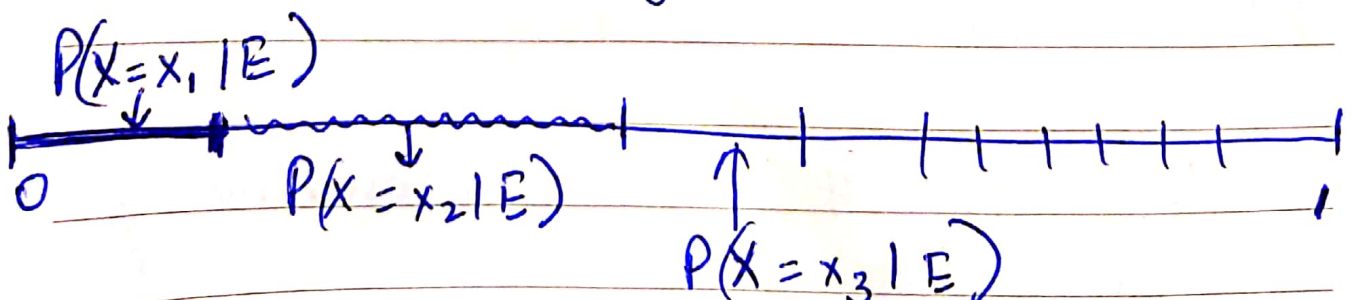
Exact inference is NP-hard

Approx methods often best choice in  
large loopy BNs.

## Basics of stochastic sampling

Given discrete random Variable  $X$ ,  
the probs.  $P(X=x_i | E)$  for all values  
of  $x_i$ , and access to uniform  
random # generator  $z \in [0,1]$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  how to sample  $X \sim P(X|E)$ ?

Intuitively,  $P(X=x_i | E)$  defines a  
portion of unity





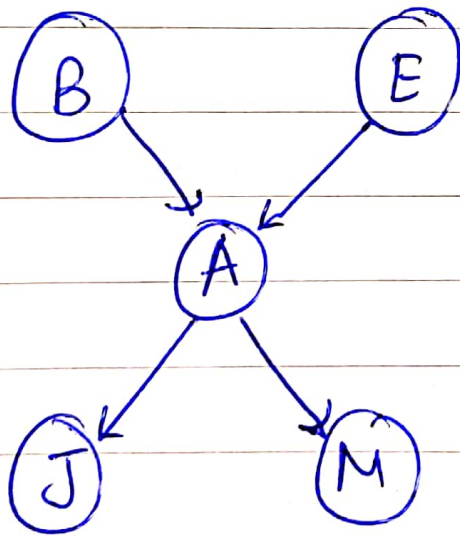
Partition maps random number  $z \in [0, 1]$  into discrete value of  $X$ .

## Stochastic Sampling in BNs | RN 14.5

\* "Belief Network" defines "generative model"

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i | Pa(x_i))$$

\* Easy to draw samples from joint distribution.



Repeat  $N$  times:

$$b_i \sim P(B)$$

$$e_i \sim P(E)$$

$$a_i \sim P(A | B=b_i, E=e_i)$$

$$(i = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad j_i \sim P(J | A=a_i)$$

$$m_i \sim P(M | A=a_i)$$

⇒ Sample  $\{(b_i, e_i, a_i, j_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^N$



\* Statistics of large sample

$$\frac{\text{Count}(B=b, E=e, A=a, J=j, M=m)}{N}$$

Converges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  to  $P(B=b, E=e, A=a, J=j, M=m)$

\* But hard (in general) to draw samples from posterior distributions  
(eg.  $P(B=1 | M=1)$ )

\* How to estimate (or approximate)  $P(Q=q | E=e)$ ?

$E$  = evidence node(s)

$Q$  = query node(s)

1) Rejection Sampling in BNs:

To estimate  $P(Q=q | E=e)$

Generate  $N$  samples from joint distribution.

So we have  $N$  tuples of all variables in the BN.

- Generate  $N$  samples from joint dist<sup>n</sup>
- Count the # samples  $N(q, e)$

$$N(q, e) = \text{count}(Q=q, E=e)$$

where  $Q=q$  and  $E=e$

- Count the # samples  $N(e)$

$$N(e) = \text{count}(E=e)$$

where  $E=e$

$$\text{Estimate } P(Q=q | E=e) \approx \frac{N(q, e)}{N(e)}$$

$$\text{with } N(q, e) \leq N(e) \leq N$$

Converges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  to correct answer

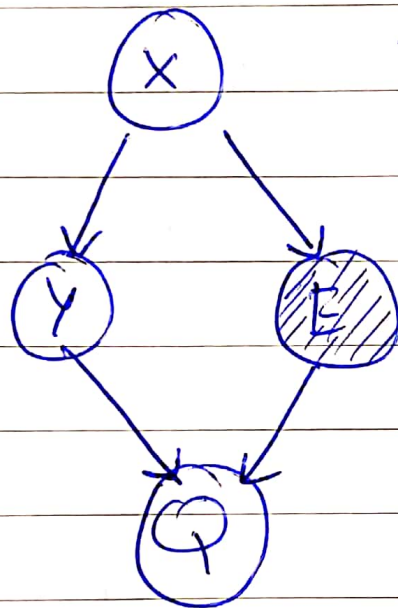
Inefficient!

- Discards all samples without  $E=e$
- Takes many samples to converge when evidence is rare

## 2) Likelihood Weighting

- Instantiate evidence nodes instead of sampling them.
- Weight each sample using CPTs at evidence nodes.

ex.



To estimate  $P(Q=q_i | E=e)$ , draw samples  $\{x_i, y_i, q_i\}$   $i=1$  to  $N$

Do  $N$  times:

Sample  $x_i \sim P(X)$

Sample  $y_i \sim P(Y | X=x_i)$

fix  $E=e$

sample  $q_i \sim P(Q | Y=y_i, E=e)$

Define indicator function

$$I(q, q') = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q = q' \\ 0 & \text{if } q \neq q' \end{cases}$$



Likelihood weight.

$$\text{Estimate } P(Q=q | E=e) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N I(q, q_i) \underbrace{P(E=e_i | X=x_i)}_{\text{Likelihood weight}}}{\sum_{i=1}^N P(E=e_i | X=x_i)}$$

Converges.

Compare to rejection sampling

Do  $N$  times:

$$x_i \sim P(X)$$

$$y_i \sim P(Y | X=x_i)$$

$$e_i \sim P(E | X=x_i)$$

$$q_i \sim P(Q | X=x_i, E=e_i)$$

$$\text{estimate. } P(Q=q | E=e) = \frac{N(q, e)}{N(e)}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N I(q, q_i) \underbrace{I(e, e_i)}_{\text{Likelihood weight}}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{I(e, e_i)}_{\text{Likelihood weight}}}$$

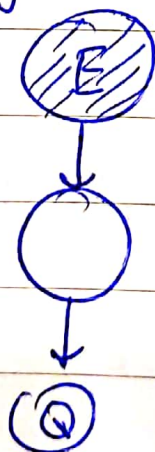


\* Note: In larger BNs, with multiple evidence nodes, the likelihood weights multiply in both numerator and denominator of ratio.

\* LW much faster than rejection sampling.

- Uses all samples to improve estimates
- But still slow for rare evidence (especially when evidence is descended from query nodes)

Good  
case  
LW



Bad  
case  
LW

