

Reasoning with Uncertainty



Bayes Net: Representation

Review: Probability Recap

- Conditional probability

$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(x, y)}{P(y)}$$

- Product rule

$$P(x, y) = P(x|y)P(y) \quad \checkmark$$

- Bayes rule

$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(y|x)}{P(y)}P(x)$$

- X, Y independent if and only if:




$$\forall x, y : P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$


Review: Conditional Independence

- X is conditionally independent of Y given Z $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$

if and only if:

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x, y | z) = P(x | z)P(y | z)$$


or, equivalently, if and only if

$$\forall x, y, z : P(x | z, y) = P(x | z)$$


Review: The Chain Rule

- More generally, can always write any joint distribution as an incremental product of conditional distributions

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1)P(x_2|x_1)P(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i|x_1 \dots x_{i-1})$$

Review: Inference by Enumeration

• P(W)?

Q → weather $\begin{cases} \text{sun} & 0.3 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.15 = 0.65 \\ \text{rain} & = 1 - 0.65 = 0.35 \end{cases}$

E → None

H → S, T

• P(W | winter)?

" ≤ 0.5

r 0.5

$$\frac{0.25}{0.5} = 0.5$$

• P(W | winter, hot)?

$$s | w, h = \frac{0.1}{0.15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$r | w, h = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{0.05}{0.15} = \frac{1}{3}$$

S	T	W	P
summer	hot	sun	0.30
summer	hot	rain	0.05
summer	cold	sun	0.10
summer	cold	rain	0.05
winter	hot	sun	0.10
winter	hot	rain	0.05
winter	cold	sun	0.15
winter	cold	rain	0.20

Review: Inference using Bayes' Rule

$$P(A|B) \leftrightarrow P(B|A)$$

- Given:

$P(W)$

R	P
sun	0.8
rain	0.2

$P(D|W)$

D	W	P
wet	sun	0.1
dry	sun	0.9
wet	rain	0.7
dry	rain	0.3

✓ $\times 0.8$

✓ $\times 0.2$

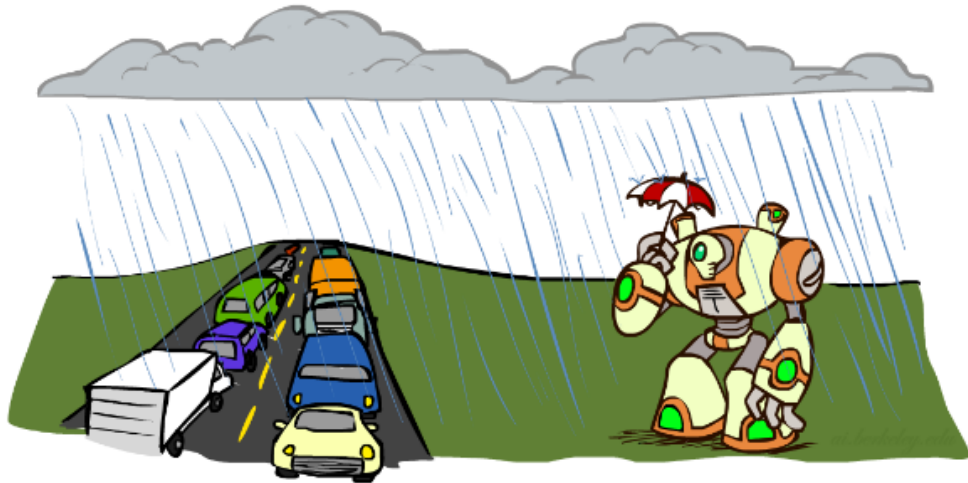
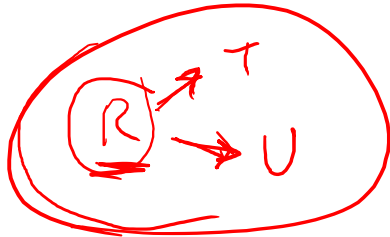
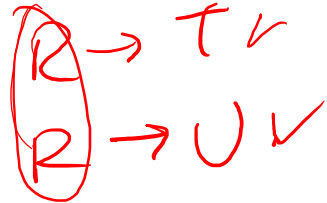
- What is $P(W | \text{dry})$?

$P(W=s | \text{dry}) = \frac{P(\text{dry} | \text{sun}) \cdot P(\text{sun})}{P(\text{dry})} = \frac{0.9 \cdot 0.8}{0.72 + 0.06} \rightarrow$

$P(W=r | \text{dry}) = \frac{P(\text{dry} | \text{rain}) \cdot P(\text{rain})}{P(\text{dry})} = \frac{0.3 \cdot 0.2}{0.78} \rightarrow$

Review: Conditional Independence

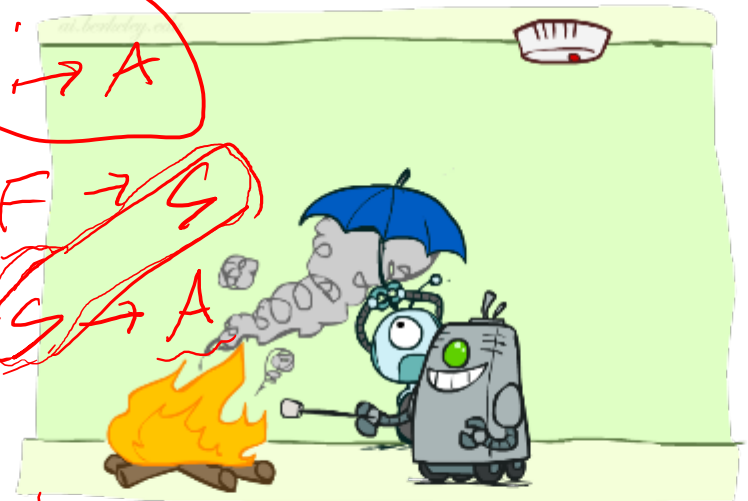
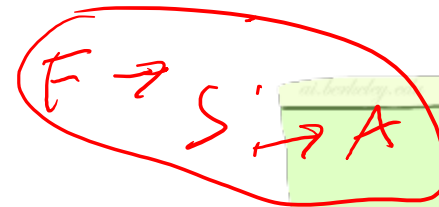
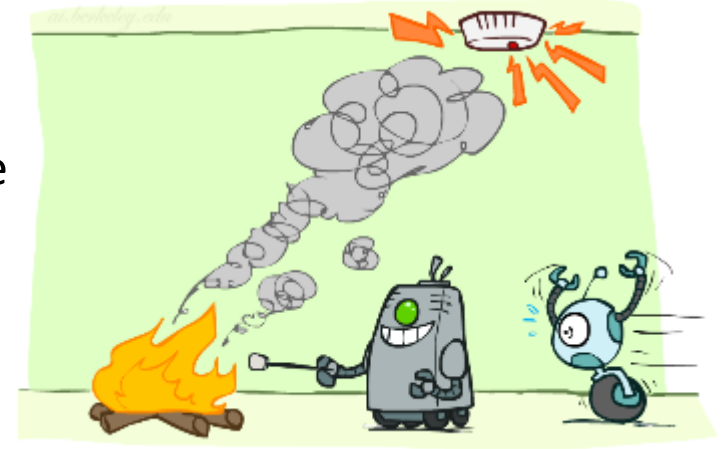
- Traffic
- Umbrella
- Raining



$$F \rightarrow S \rightarrow A$$

2)

- Fire
- Smoke
- Alarm



Conditional Independence and the Chain Rule

- Chain rule:

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1)P(X_2|X_1)P(X_3|X_1, X_2) \dots$$

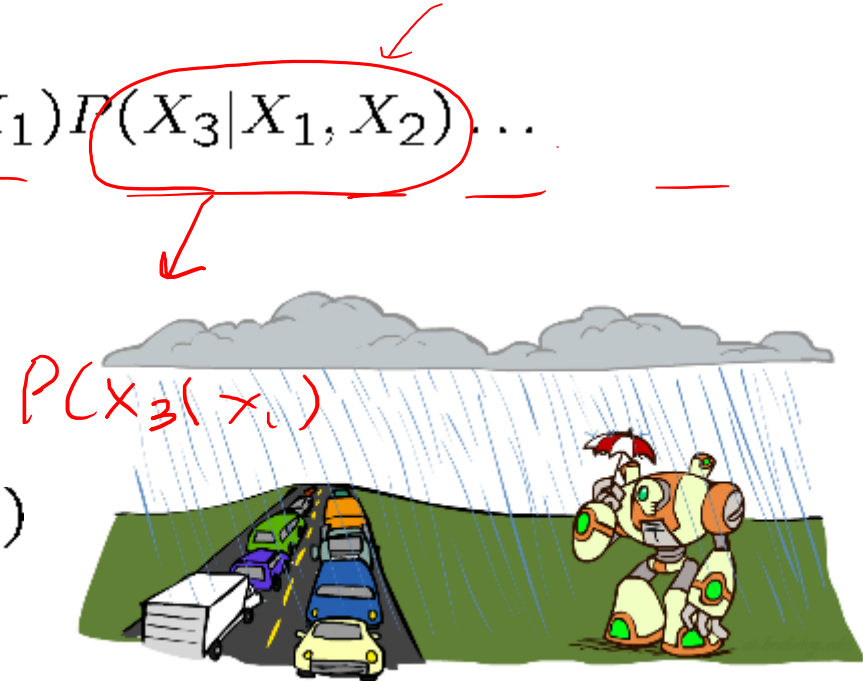
- Trivial decomposition:

$$P(\text{Traffic}, \text{Rain}, \text{Umbrella}) = P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain}, \text{Traffic})$$

- With assumption of conditional independence:

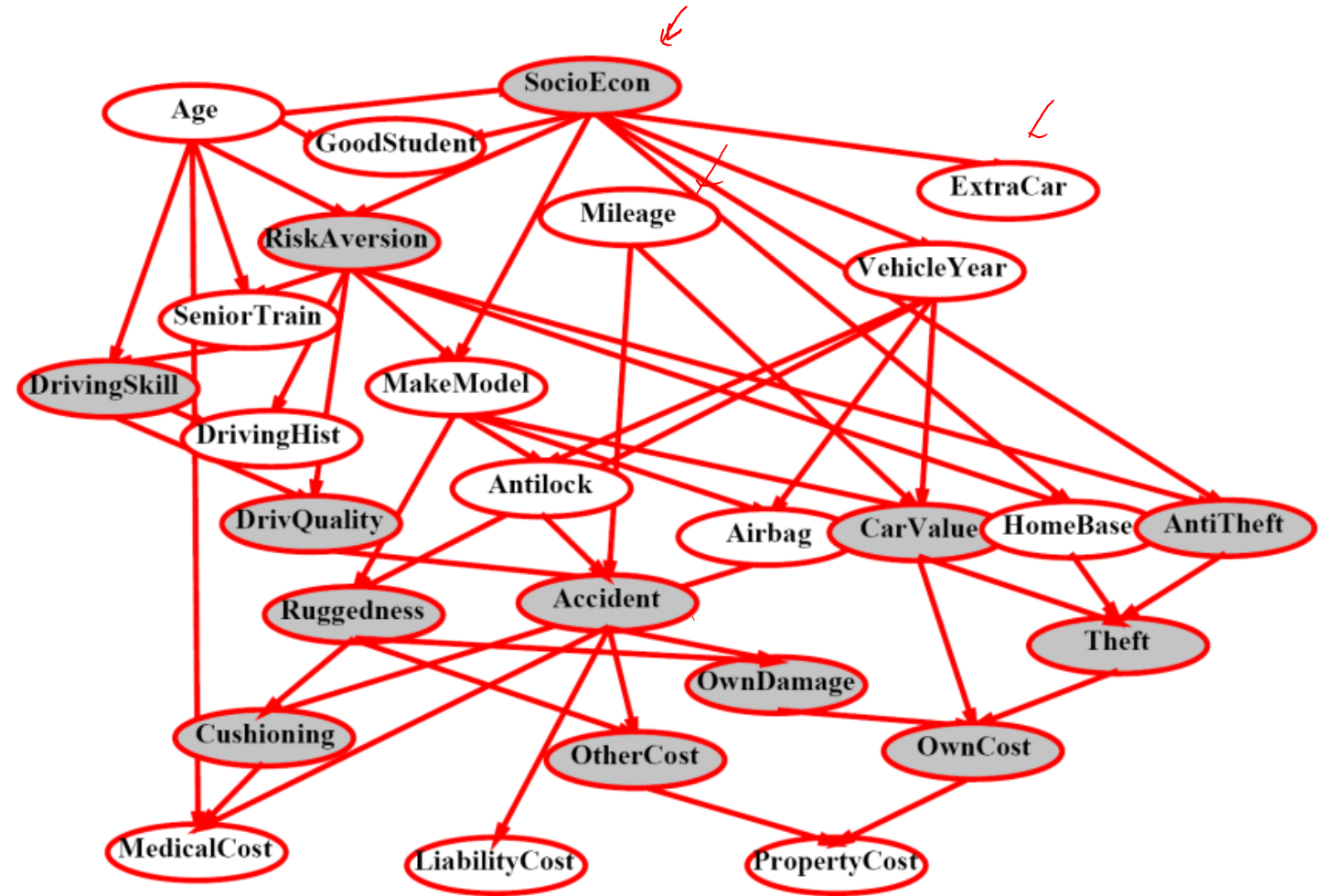
$$P(\text{Traffic}, \text{Rain}, \text{Umbrella}) = P(\text{Rain})P(\text{Traffic}|\text{Rain})P(\text{Umbrella}|\text{Rain})$$

- Bayes' nets / graphical models help us express conditional independence assumptions



Bayes' Nets

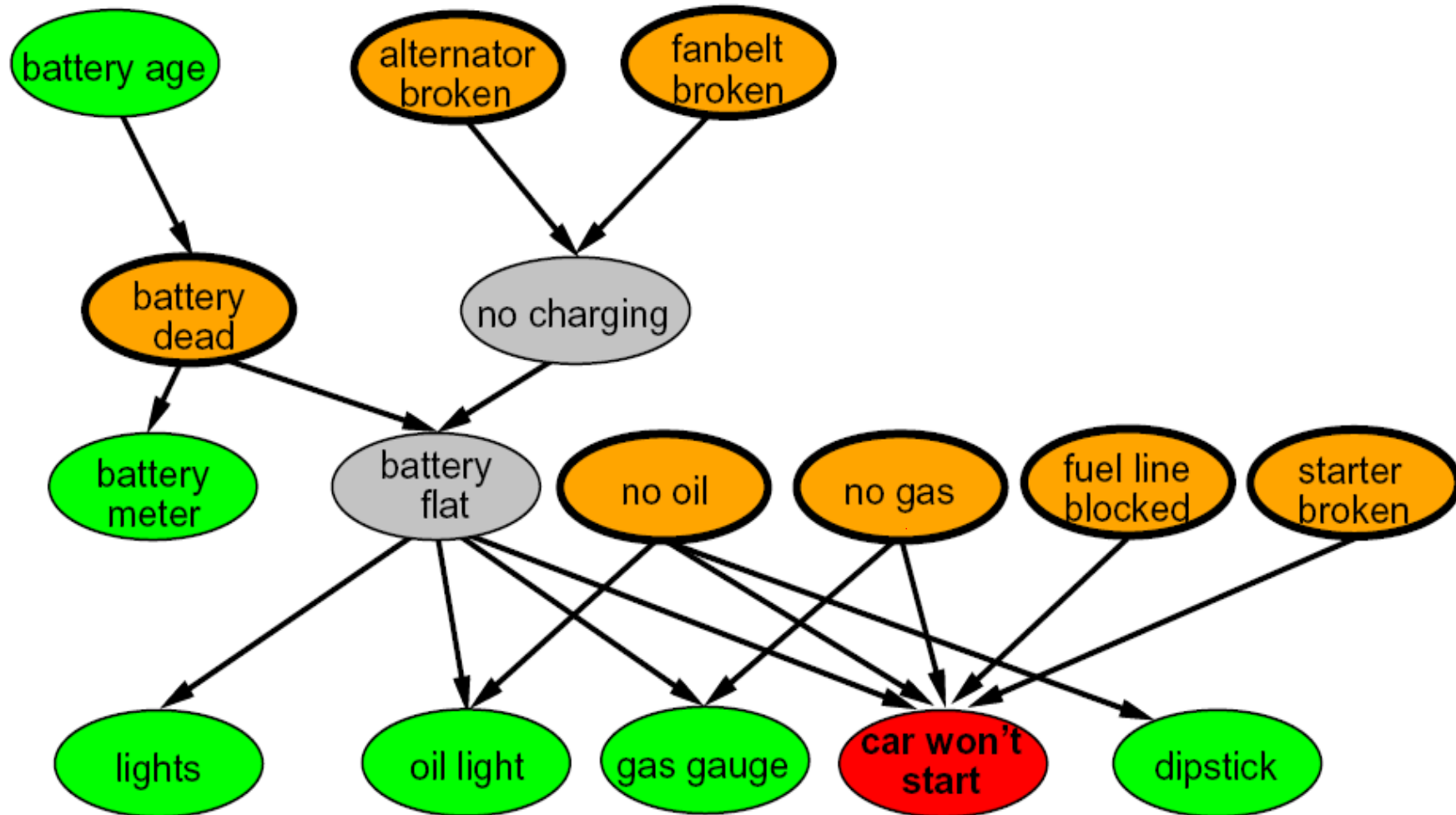
- A **Bayes' net** is an efficient encoding of a probabilistic model of a domain



Bayes' Nets: Big Picture

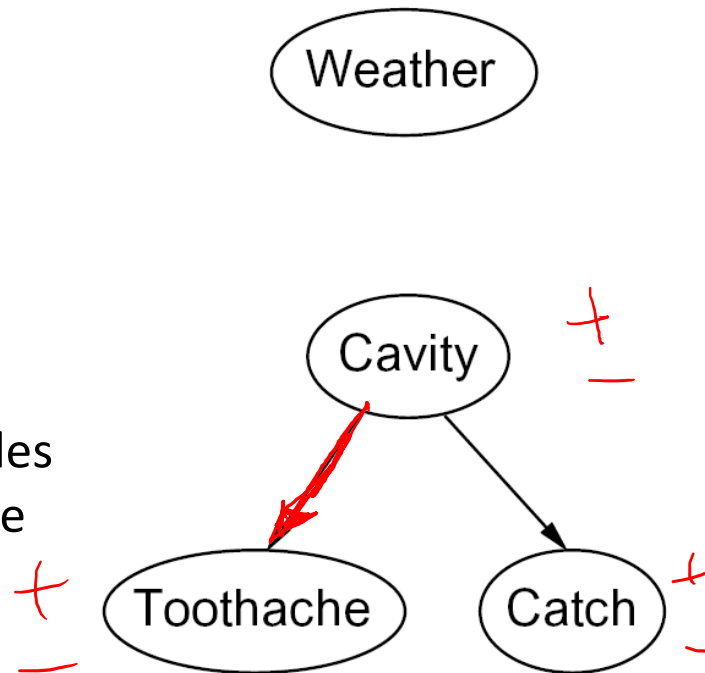
- Two problems with using full joint distribution tables as our probabilistic models:
 - Unless there are only a few variables, the joint is WAY too big to represent explicitly
 - Hard to learn (estimate) anything empirically about more than a few variables at a time
- **Bayes' nets:** a technique for describing complex joint distributions (models) using simple, local distributions (conditional probabilities)
 - More properly called **graphical models**
 - We describe how variables locally interact
 - Local interactions chain together to give global, indirect interactions
 - For about 10 min, we'll be vague about how these interactions are specified

Example Bayes' Net: Car



Graphical Model Notation

- Nodes: variables (with domains)
 - Can be assigned (observed) or unassigned (unobserved)
- Arcs: interactions
 - Similar to CSP constraints
 - Indicate “direct influence” between variables
 - Formally: encode conditional independence (more later)
- For now: imagine that arrows mean direct causation (in general, they don't!)



Example: Coin Flips

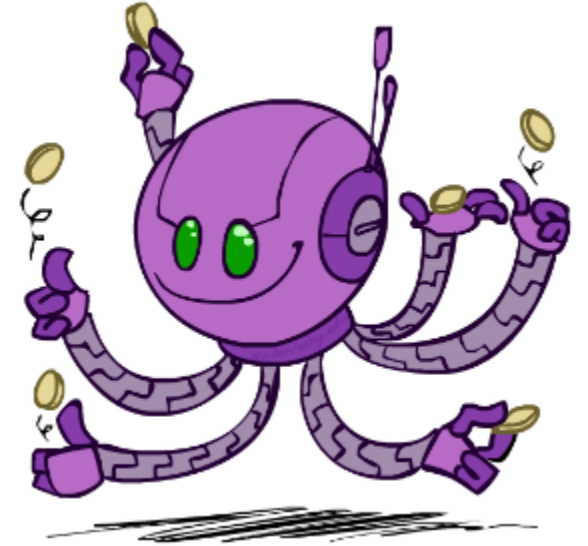
- N independent coin flips

X_1

X_2

...

X_n



- No interactions between variables: **absolute independence**

Example: Traffic

- Variables:
 - R: It rains
 - T: There is traffic



- Model 1: independence
- Model 2: rain causes traffic



Example: Traffic II

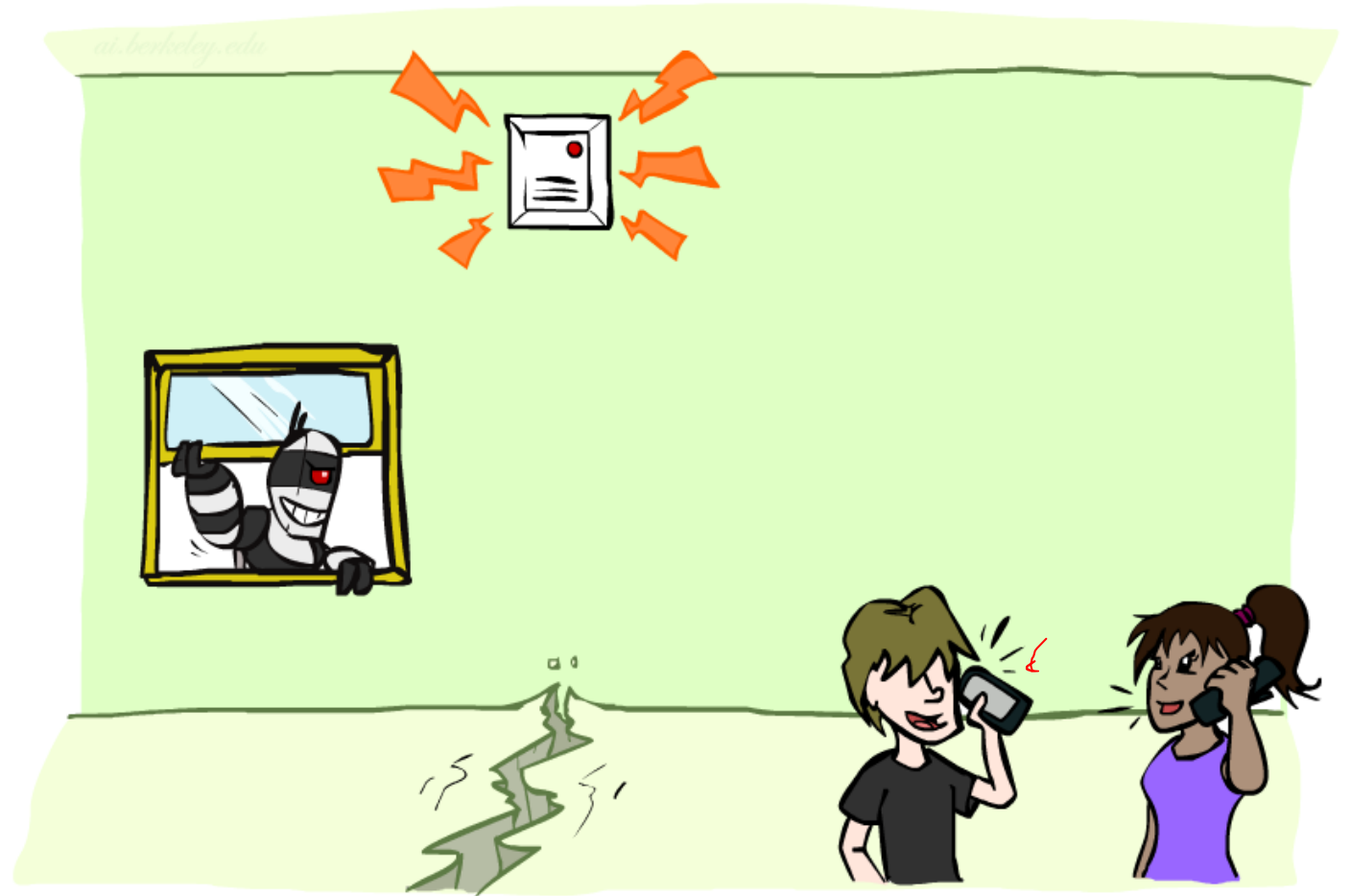
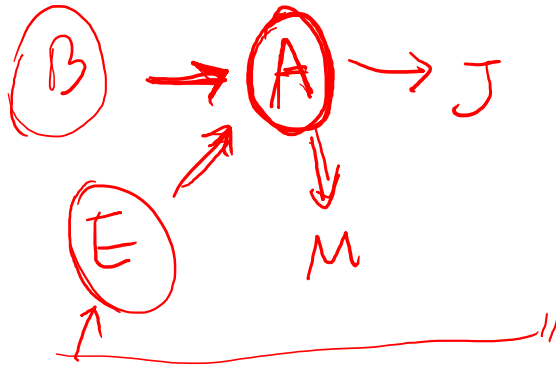
- Let's build a causal graphical model!
- Variables
 - T: Traffic
 - R: It rains
 - L: Low pressure
 - D: Roof drips
 - B: Ballgame
 - C: Cavity



Example: Alarm Network

- Variables

- B: Burglary
- A: Alarm goes off
- M: Mary calls
- J: John calls
- E: Earthquake!



Bayes' Net Semantics



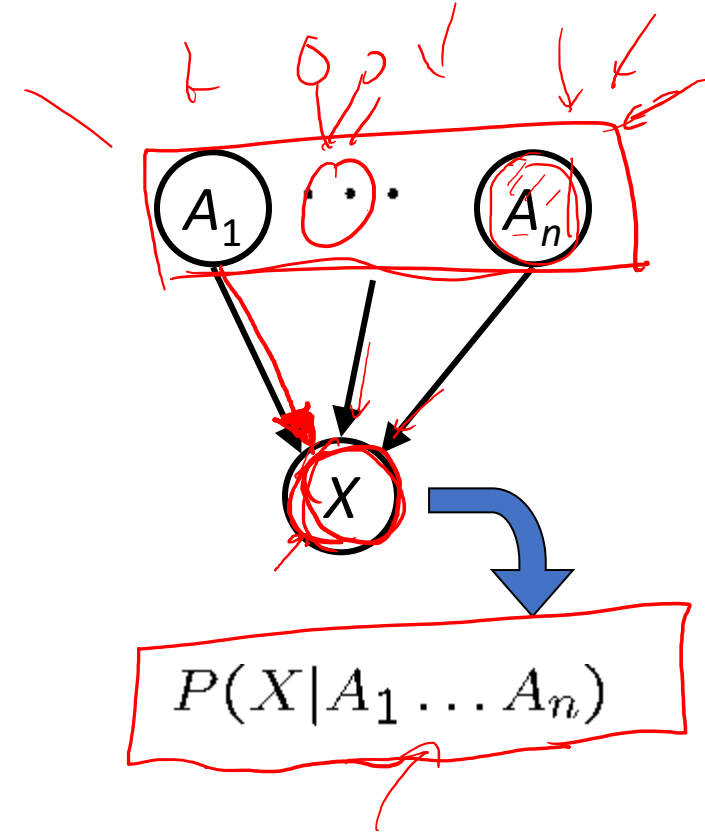
Bayes' Net Semantics



- A set of nodes, one per variable X
- A directed, acyclic graph
- A conditional distribution for each node
 - A collection of distributions over X , one for each combination of parents' values

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

- CPT: conditional probability table
- Description of a noisy “causal” process



A Bayes net = Topology (graph) + Local Conditional Probabilities

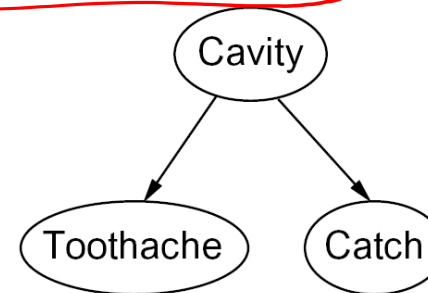
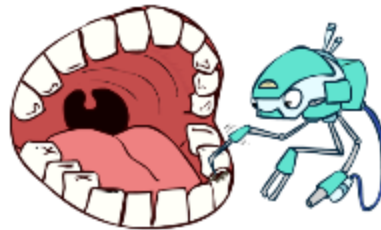
Probabilities in BNs

$$\underline{P(X_1 \dots X_n) =}$$

- 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:



$$P(+cavity, +catch, -toothache)$$

Probabilities in BNs

- Why are we guaranteed that setting results in a proper joint distribution?

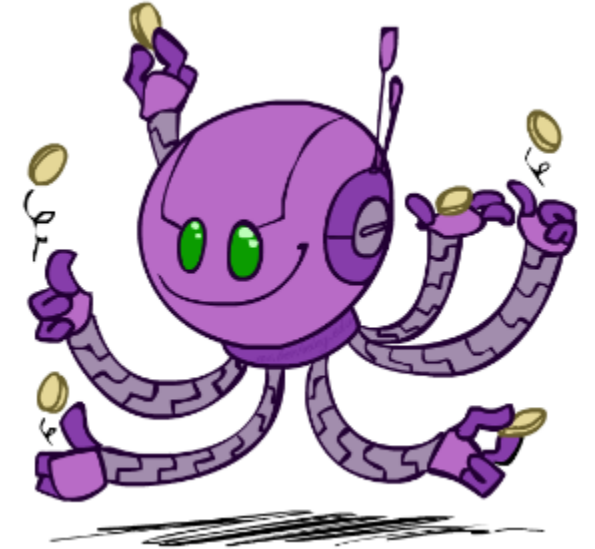
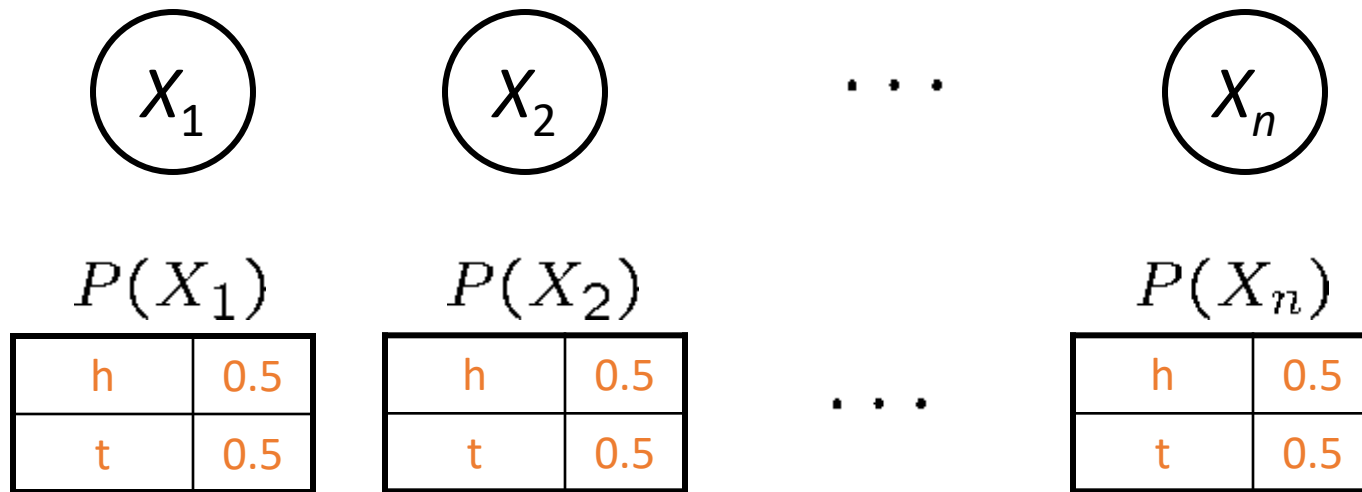
$$\underline{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \underline{P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))}$$

- Chain rule (valid for all distributions): $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | x_1 \dots x_{i-1})$
- Assume conditional independences: $P(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}) = P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$

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

- Not every BN can represent every joint distribution
 - The topology enforces certain conditional independencies

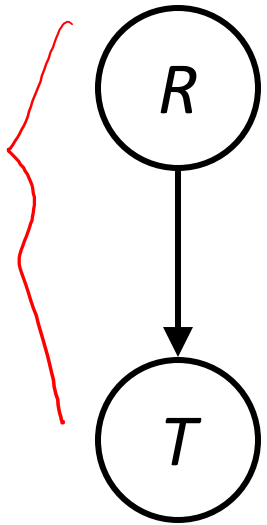
Example: Coin Flips



$$P(h, h, t, h) = p(h) p(h) p(t) p(h)$$

Only distributions whose variables are absolutely independent can be represented by a Bayes' net with no arcs.

Example: Traffic



$P(R)$	
$+r$	$1/4$
$-r$	$3/4$

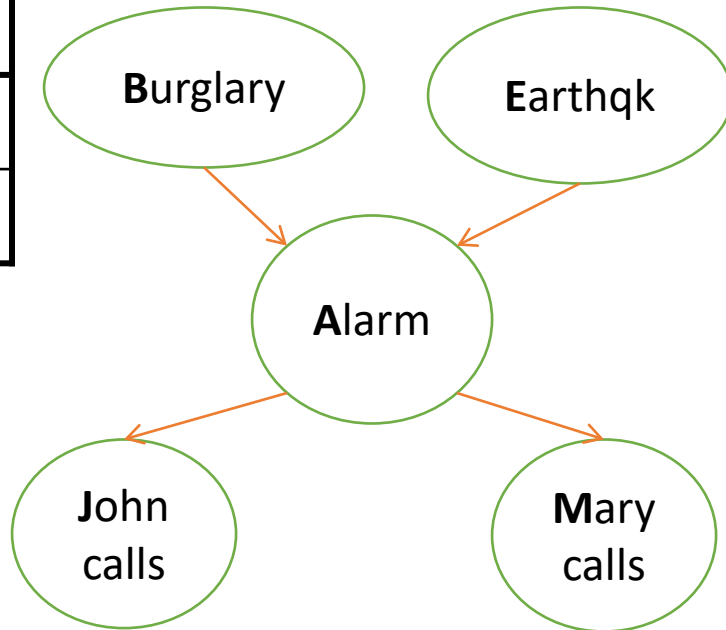
$P(T R)$					
$+r$	<table><tr><td>$+t$</td><td>$3/4$</td></tr><tr><td>$-t$</td><td>$1/4$</td></tr></table>	$+t$	$3/4$	$-t$	$1/4$
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$$P(+r, -t) = \frac{P(+r)}{1/4} \cdot \frac{P(-t|+r)}{1/2} = \frac{1}{8}$$



Example: Alarm Network

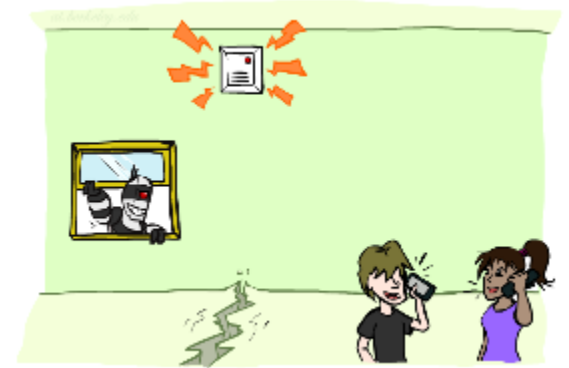
B	P(B)
+b	0.001
-b	0.999



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	P(E)
+e	0.002
-e	0.998

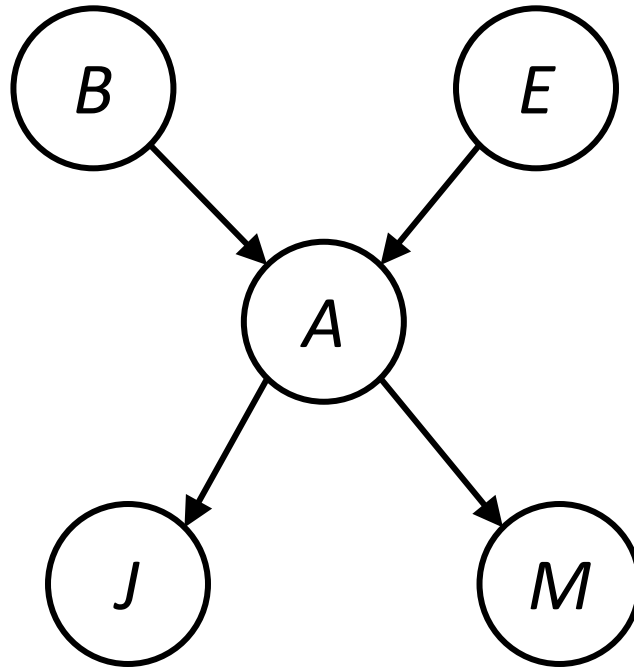


B	E	A	P(A B,E)
+b	+e	+a	0.95
+b	+e	-a	0.05
+b	-e	+a	0.94
+b	-e	-a	0.06
-b	+e	+a	0.29
-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-e	+a	0.001
-b	-e	-a	0.999

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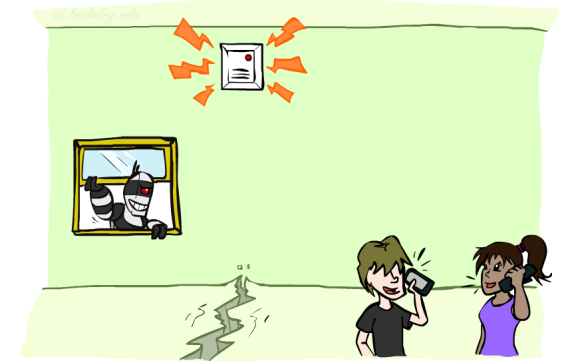
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-e	0.998

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



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+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

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

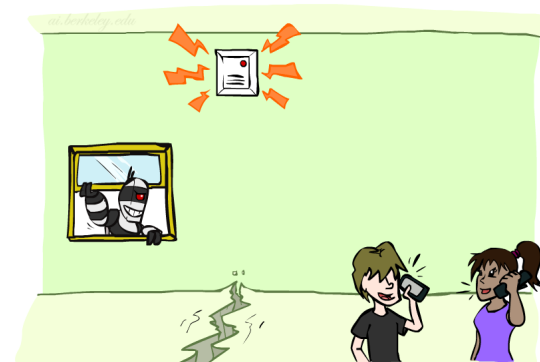
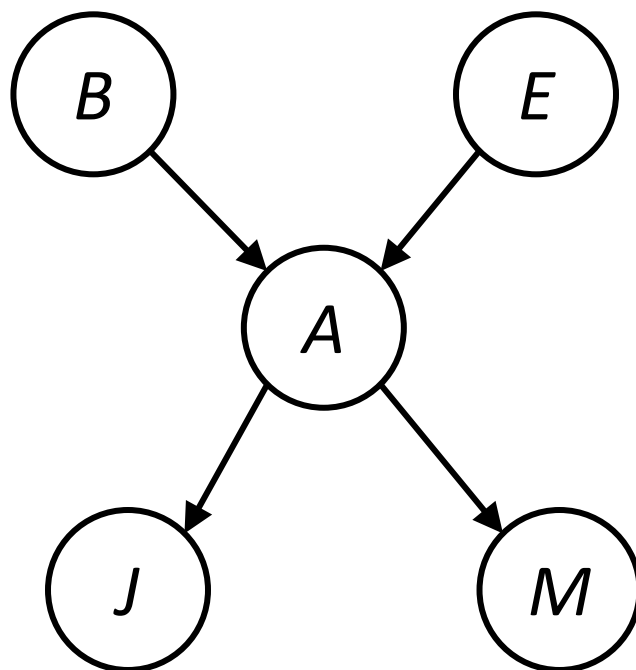
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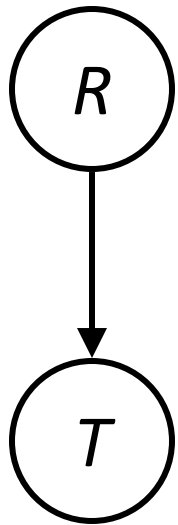


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 0.001 \times 0.998 \times 0.94 \times 0.1 \times 0.7 &
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Traffic

- Causal direction



$P(R)$

+r	1/4
-r	3/4

$P(T|R)$

+r	+t	3/4
	-t	1/4

-r	+t	1/2
	-t	1/2

$$\underline{P(T, R)} = P(T|R) \cdot P(R)$$

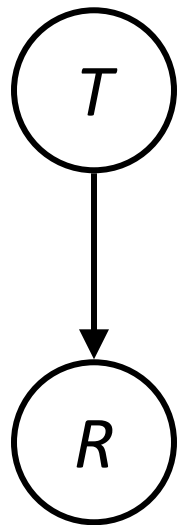
+r	+t	3/16
+r	-t	1/16
-r	+t	6/16
-r	-t	6/16



Example: Reverse Traffic

- Reverse causality?

$T \rightarrow R$



$P(T)$

+t	9/16
-t	7/16

$P(R|T)$

+t	+r	1/3
	-r	2/3

-t	+r	1/7
	-r	6/7

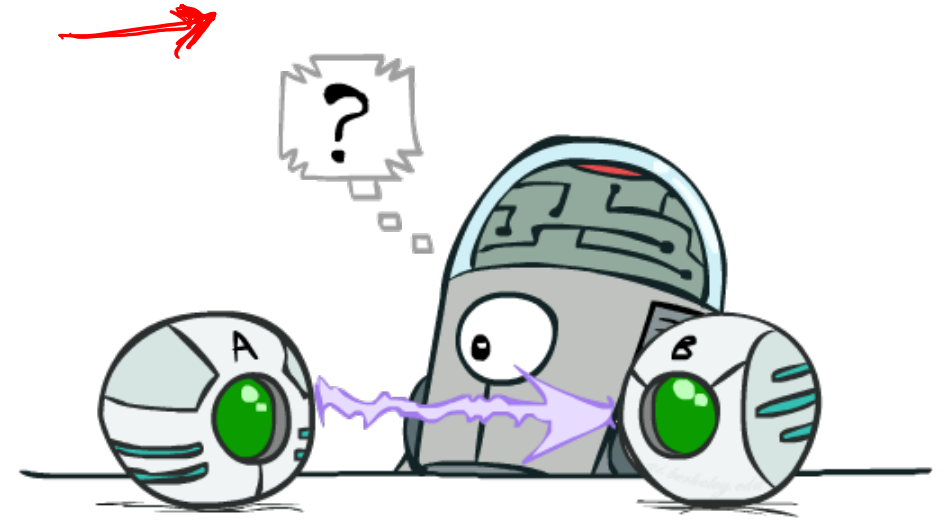


$P(T, R)$

+r	+t	3/16
+r	-t	1/16
-r	+t	6/16
-r	-t	6/16

Causality?

- When Bayes' nets reflect the true causal patterns:
 - Often simpler (nodes have fewer parents)
 - Often easier to think about
 - Often easier to elicit from experts
- BNs need not actually be causal
 - Sometimes no causal net exists over the domain (especially if variables are missing)
 - E.g. consider the variables *Traffic* and *Drips*
 - End up with arrows that reflect correlation, not causation
- What do the arrows really mean?
 - Topology may happen to encode causal structure
 - Topology really encodes conditional independence



$$P(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}) = P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

Size of a Bayes' Net

- How big is a joint distribution over N Boolean variables? (table)

$$2^N$$

- How big is an N -node net if nodes have up to k parents? ~~$k \ll N$~~

$$O(N * 2^{k+1})$$

- Both give you the power to calculate

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

- BNs: Huge space savings!
- Also easier to elicit local CPTs
- Also faster to answer queries (coming)

