

Q2 Bayesian Networks

i) $A \perp\!\!\!\perp C \mid B, D$.

This is **False** because even when B, D are observed there's still an active path b/w A and C as the path $B \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$ becomes unblock. In this case B and D are head to head.

Mathematically.

$$\frac{P(A, B, C, D)}{P(B, D)} = \frac{P(A) P(C) P(D|A, C) P(B|A, C)}{P(B|A, C) P(D|A, C)}$$

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• $B \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid A, C$

When conditioned on $A \not\perp\!\!\!\perp C$ all the path b/w B and D remain blocked and are therefore inactive.

Hence, this statement is **True**

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$$\frac{P(A, B, C, D)}{P(A, C)} = \frac{P(A) P(C) P(B|A, C) P(D|A, C)}{P(A) P(C)}$$

$$= P(B|A, C) P(D|A, C)$$

$\therefore B \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid A, C$ is True