

# ParaGnosis Tool Demo

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ParaGnosis is a C++ weighted model counting toolset for Linux. Its implementation is based on [\[1,2,3,4\]](#). We have also added a significant number of Bayesian networks to play with (under `./data/net`). This demo will first introduce the user to the toolset and the input formats. Then we will demonstrate three ways to use the tool:

- Compile a Bayesian network to a knowledge base in different target languages.
- Compare the results of the compilation process for different target languages.
- Visualize the compilation result using dot
- Perform various inference queries on the compiled knowledge base:
  - marginalization,
  - conditional probabilities, and
  - posteriors.
- Compare marginalization results on different target languages.

The tool consists of the following command-line tools:

- `bn-to-cnf` : a c++ tool to create Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF) encodings from a Bayesian network.
- `bnc` : a c/c++ **B**ayesian **N**etwork **C**ompiler for multiple target representations.
- `bnmc` : a c++ **B**ayesian **N**etwork **M**odel **C**ounter.
- `pg` : a **ParaGnosis** user friendly interface to the tools above, written in Python.

The currently supported target languages are:

- Weighted Positive Binary Decision Diagrams (WPBDD)
- Weighted Positive Multi-Valued Decision Diagrams (WPMDD)
- Tree-driven Weighted Positive Multi-valued Decision Diagrams (TD-WPMDD)

## The demo

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The `pg` script is installed system wide, and directly available from the command-line by opening a terminal. A shortcut to open a terminal is `ctrl-alt-t`.

## Encoding

### Show a list of available Bayesian networks

The toolset comes with a comprehensive list of Bayesian networks to play with. To get a list of available networks, type:

```
> pg --list

3nt
4sp
6hj
6nt
aggregate
alarm
...
```

Any of the shown names can be used as input for the `pg` script. You can also provide a locally stored Bayesian network filename with `.net` extension (HUGIN format).

### Show encoding statistics for the *asia* network

```
> pg encode asia

...

Variables      : 8
Probabilities  : 36
Deterministic  : 8
Unsatisfiable  : 4
Literals       : 16
Clauses        : 52
Literal/clauses : 2.23
Clause sizes   : 1-3
```

## Compiling a network

### Compile *asia* to a TD-WPMDD

```
> pg compile asia

...

FINAL RESULT:

Spanning tree      : 0.011ms
Compilation        : 0.015ms
Total Or #nodes    : 23
Total And #nodes   : 6
Total time         : 0.000s
Total time         : 0.026ms

Total #nodes       : 29
Total #edges       : 58
Total #operators   : 144
```

### Compile *asia* to a WPBDD

```
> pg compile asia --method wpbdd

...

FINAL RESULT:

Compiled CPTs in   : 0.000s
Conjoined CPTs in  : 0.000s
Total time         : 0.000s
Total time         : 0.244ms

Total #nodes       : 45
Total #edges       : 90
Total #operators   : 124
```

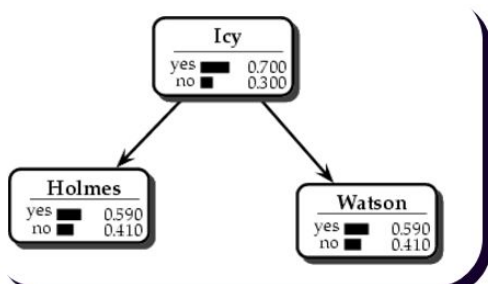
### Compare compilation between WPBDD, a WPMDD, and a TD-WPMDD

```
> pg compile asia --method wpbdd mg tdmg
```

...

nr	type	seconds	milliseconds	speed-down	operators	nodes	edges
0	TDMG	0.000	0.031	1.000	144	29	58
1	MG	0.000	0.089	2.871	132	22	44
2	WPBDD	0.000	0.155	5.000	124	45	90

The following is the *icy roads* Bayesian network that we want to compile



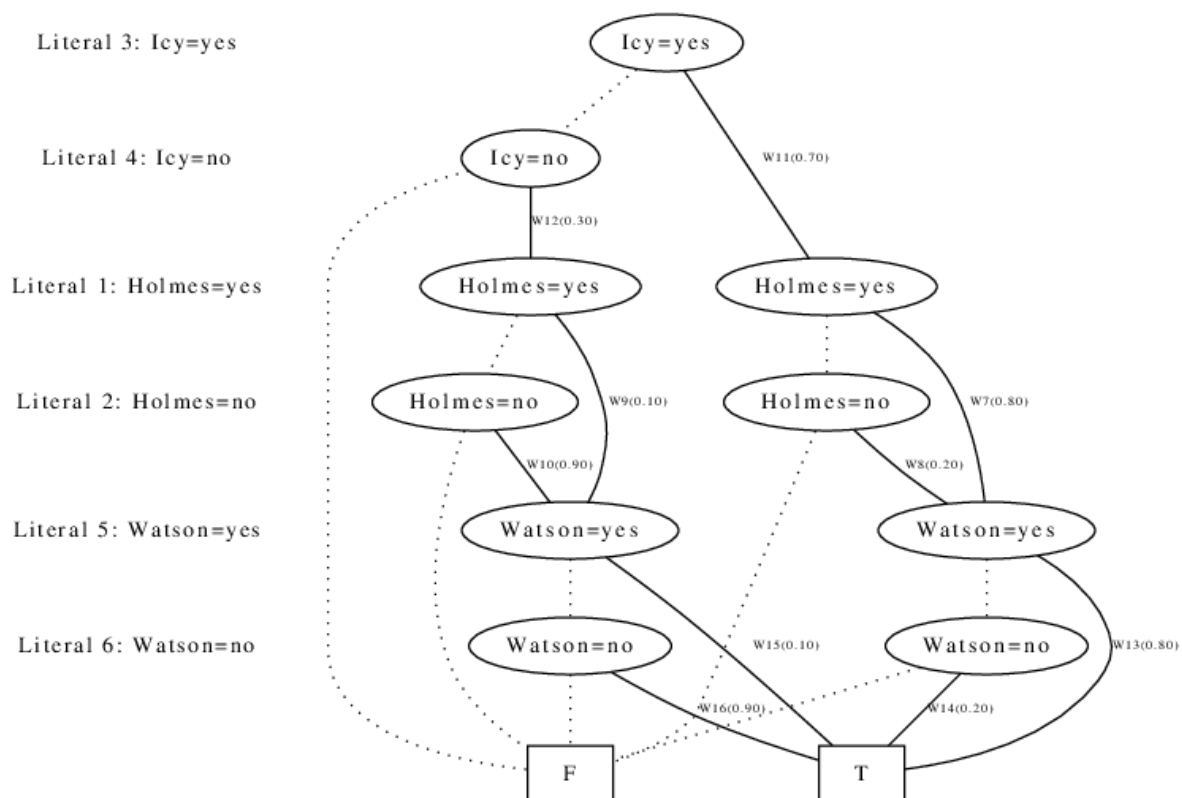
$P(X_{Icy})$ :  
 yes 0.7  
 no 0.3

$P(X_{Holmes}|X_{Icy})$ :  
 yes no  
 yes 0.8 0.2  
 no 0.1 0.9

$P(X_{Watson}|X_{Icy})$ :  
 yes no  
 yes 0.8 0.2  
 no 0.1 0.9

Directly visualize the WPBDD for the *icy\_roads* network

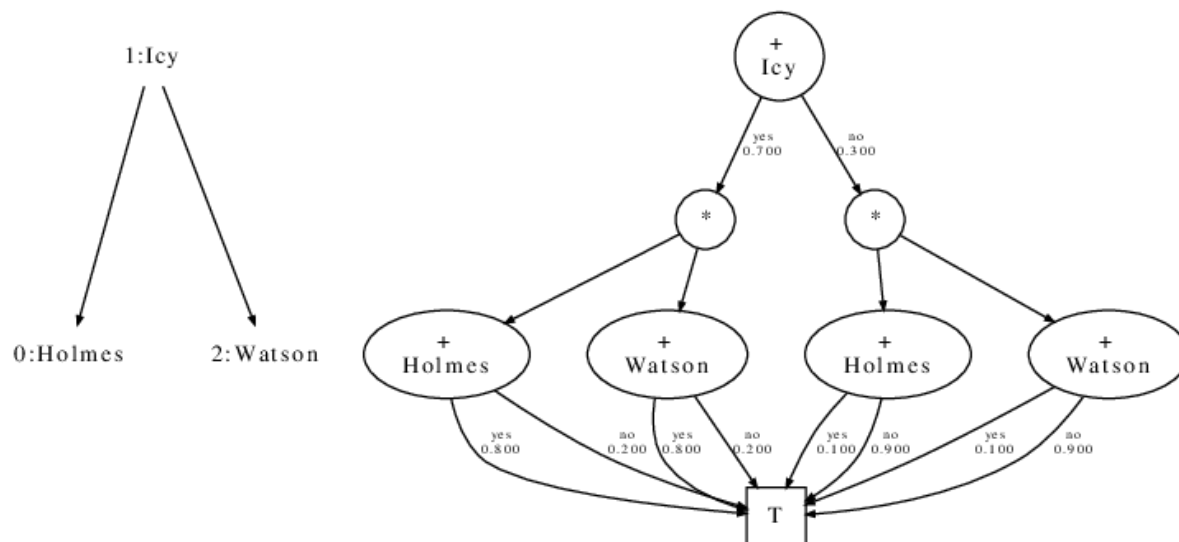
```
> pg compile icy_roads --method wpbdd --dot
```



## Directly visualize the TD-WPMDD

```
> pg compile icy_roads --method tdmg --dot
```

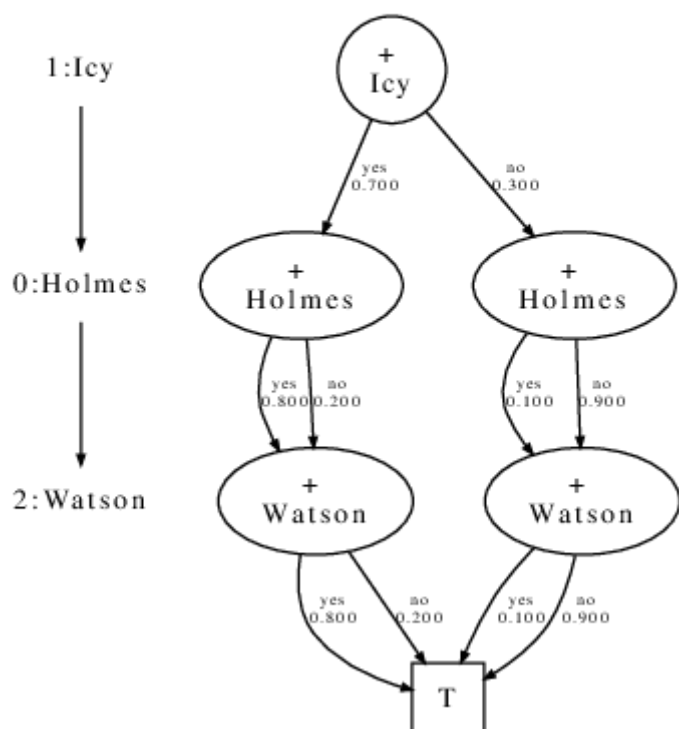
### Ordering



## Directly visualize the WPMDD

```
> pg compile icy_roads --method mg --dot
```

### Ordering



## Perform Inference

Verify *icy roads* posteriors, previously shown

```
> pg inference --posteriors="" icy_roads

...

Holmes=yes: 0.590000
Holmes=no: 0.410000
Icy=yes: 0.700000
Icy=no: 0.300000
Watson=yes: 0.590000
Watson=no: 0.410000
```

Run every possible marginalization on a network using TD-WPMDD (press ctrl-c to stop)

```
> pg inference asia

...

  nr |      type | cores |      queries | milliseconds |      ms/q
----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----
  0 | TDMULTIGRAPH |    1 |      18360 |      8.7516 |    0.0005
```

Compare WPBDD inference speed with TD-WPBDD

```
> pg inference asia --method wpbdd tdmg --compare

...

  nr |      type | cores |      queries | milliseconds |      ms/q | speed-down
----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----
  0 | WPBDD      |    1 |      18360 |      5.7327 |    0.0003 |      1.00
  1 | TDMULTIGRAPH |    1 |      18360 |     10.5697 |    0.0006 |      1.84
```

Compute conditional probability  $P(\text{tub} \mid \text{bronc} = \text{yes}, \text{smoke} = \text{yes})$  for the *asia* network

```
> pg inference asia --evidence='bronc=yes,smoke=yes' --posteriors='tub'

...

tub=yes: 0.010400
tub=no: 0.989600
```

Compute posteriors of `lung` and `xray` for evidence `bronc = yes`, and `smoke = yes`

```
> pg inference asia --evidence='bronc=yes,smoke=yes' --posteriors='lung,xray'

...

lung=yes: 0.100000
lung=no: 0.900000
xray=yes: 0.151705
xray=no: 0.848295
```

Compute posteriors all non-observed variables, for evidence `bronc = yes`, and `smoke = yes`.

```
> pg inference asia --evidence='bronc=yes,smoke=yes'

...

asia=yes: 0.010000
asia=no: 0.990000
dysp=yes: 0.810936
dysp=no: 0.189064
either=yes: 0.109360
either=no: 0.890640
lung=yes: 0.100000
lung=no: 0.900000
tub=yes: 0.010400
tub=no: 0.989600
xray=yes: 0.151705
xray=no: 0.848295
```

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