The VE Algorithm

Given a Bayes Net with CPTs F, query variable Q, evidence variables **E** (observed to have values e), and remaining variables **Z**. Compute Pr(Q|**E**)

1. Replace each factor $f \in F$ that mentions a variable(s) in **E** with its restriction $f_{\mathbf{E}=e}$ (this might yield a "constant" factor)
2. For each Z_j– in the order given –eliminate $Z_j \in \mathbf{Z}$ as follows:
   1. Let $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$ be the factors in F that include Z_j
   2. Compute new factor $g_j = \sum_{Z_j} f_1 \times f_2 \times \ldots \times f_k$
   3. Remove the factors f_i from F and add new factor g_j to F
3. The remaining factors refer only to the query variable Q. Take their product and normalize to produce Pr(Q|**E**).