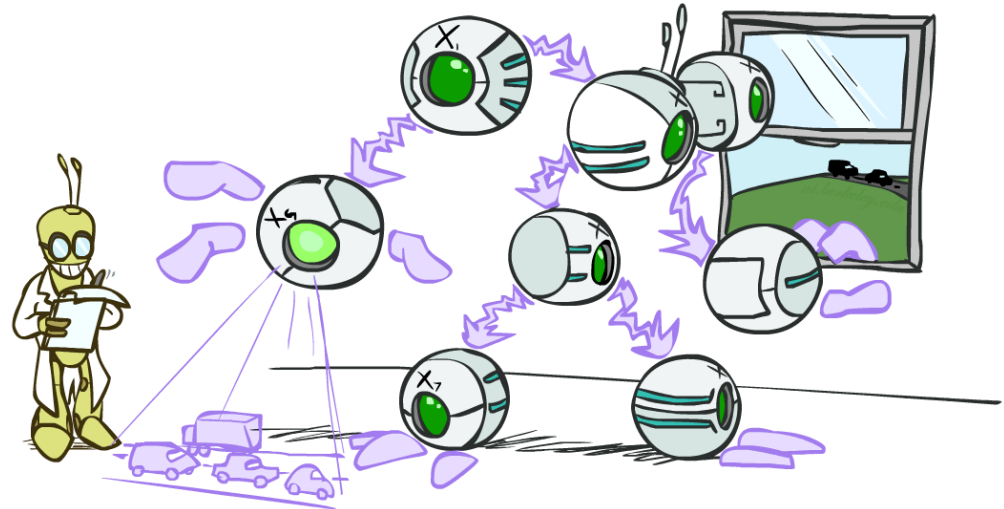


Artificial Intelligence - INFOF311

Bayes nets, exact inference

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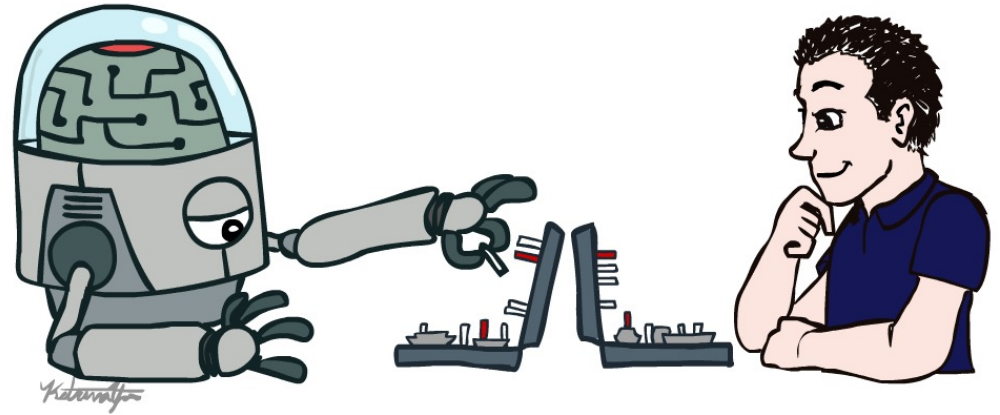


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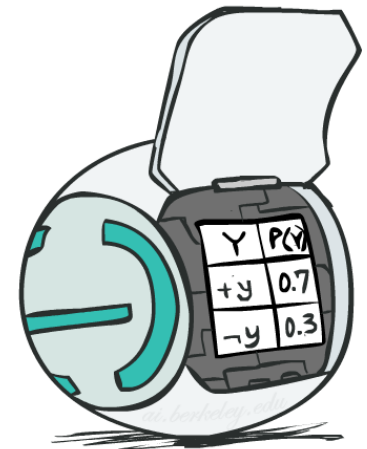
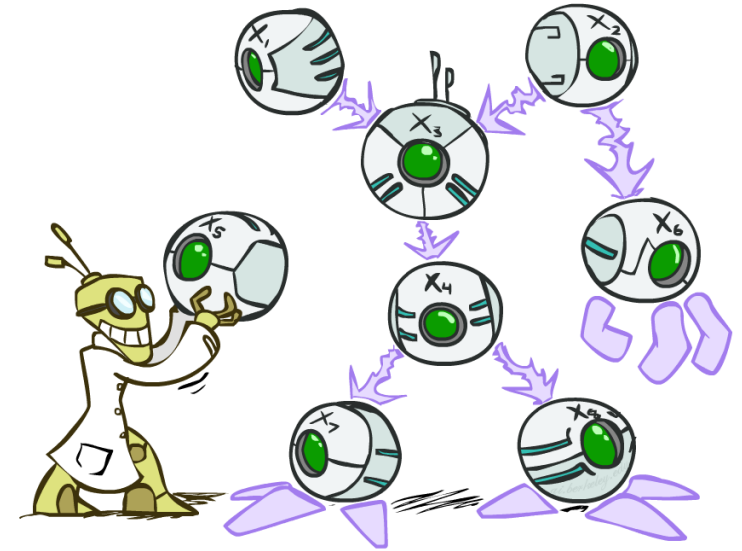
Bayes Net Semantics

- A Bayes net is an efficient encoding of a probabilistic model of a domain
- A directed, acyclic graph, one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
 - A collection of distributions over X , one for each combination of parents' values

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

- 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:

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



Size of a Bayes Net

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

$$2^N$$

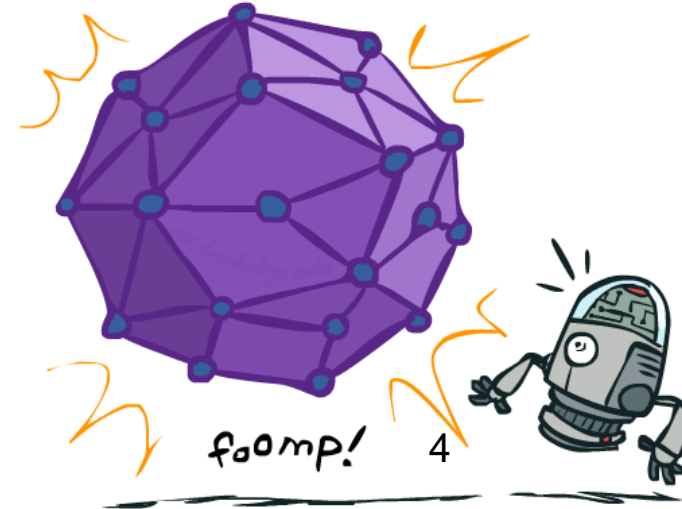
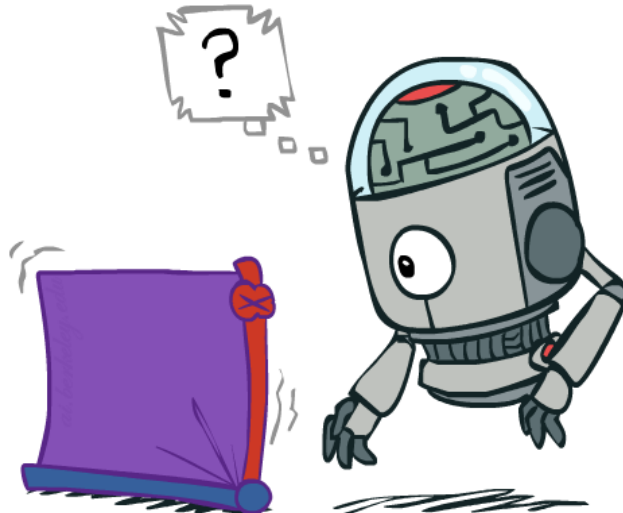
- How big is an N -node net if nodes have up to k parents?

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

- 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 (this lecture!)

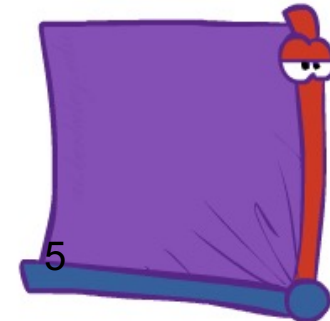
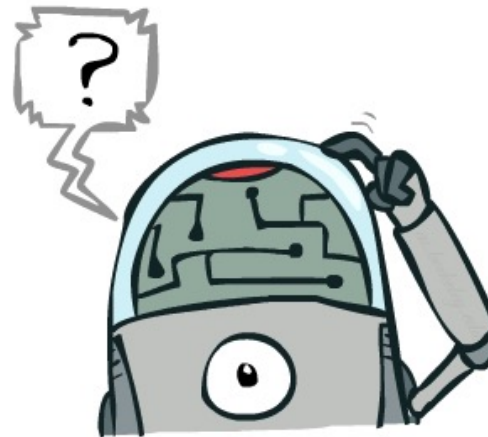
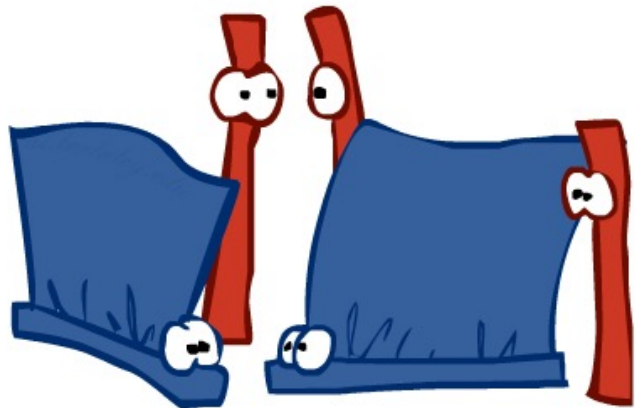


Inference

- Inference: calculating some useful quantity from a probability model (joint probability distribution)

- Examples:

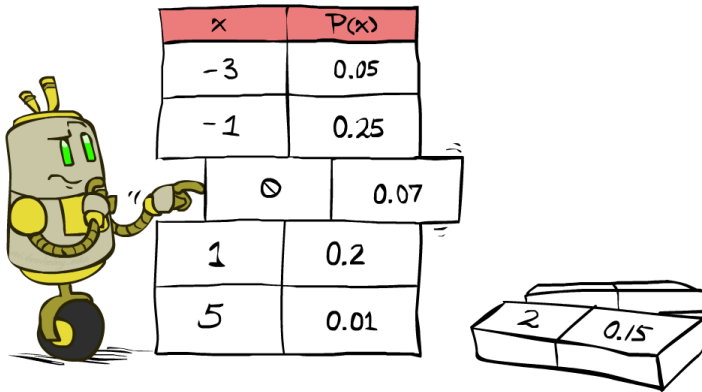
- Posterior marginal probability
 - $P(Q|e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - E.g., what disease might I have?
- Most likely explanation:
 - $\operatorname{argmax}_{q,r,s} P(Q=q, R=r, S=s | e_1, \dots, e_k)$
 - E.g., what did they say?



Inference by Enumeration

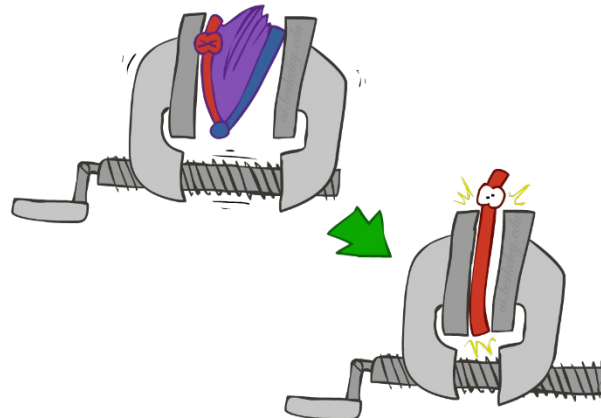
- Probability model $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is given
 - Partition the variables X_1, \dots, X_n into sets as follows:
 - Evidence variables: $E = e$
 - Query variables: Q
 - Hidden variables: H
- We want: $P(Q \mid e)$

- Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence



- Step 2: Sum out H from model to get joint of query and evidence

$$P(Q, e) = \sum_h \underbrace{P(Q, h, e)}_{X_1, \dots, X_n}$$

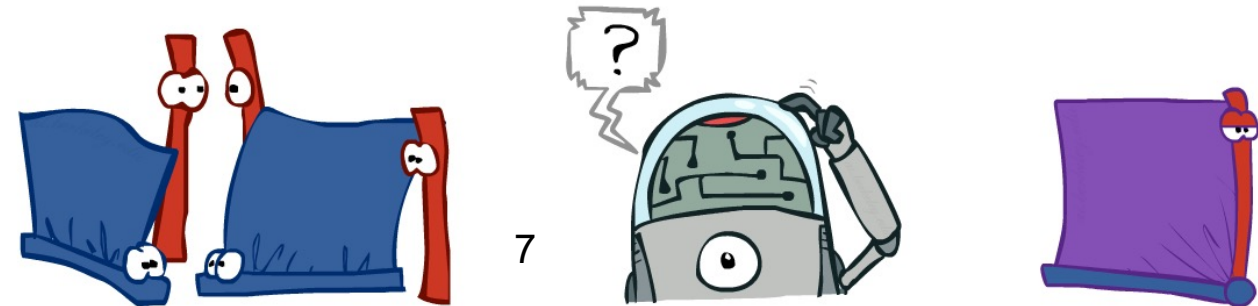
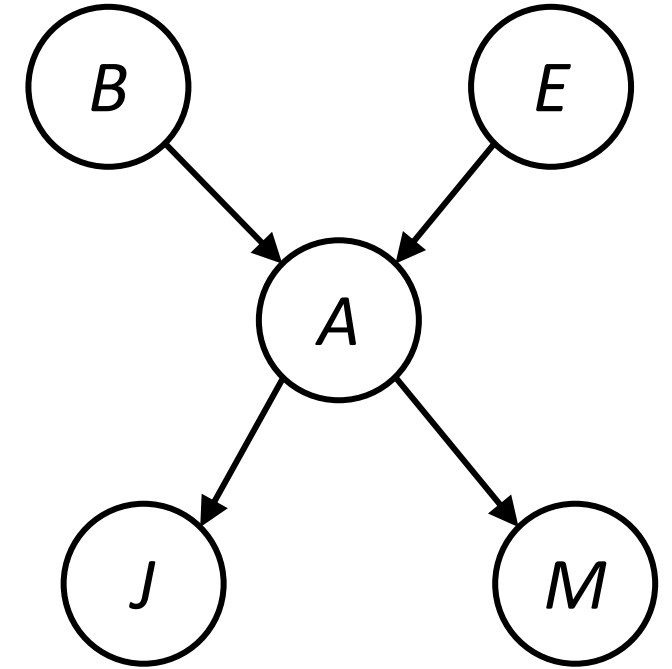


- Step 3: Normalize

$$P(Q \mid e) = \alpha P(Q, e)$$

Inference by Enumeration in Bayes Net

- Reminder of inference by enumeration:
 - Any probability of interest can be computed by summing entries from the joint distribution: $P(\mathbf{Q} \mid \mathbf{e}) = \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{e})$
 - Entries from the joint distribution can be obtained from a BN by multiplying the corresponding conditional probabilities
- $P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, j, m)$
- $= \alpha \sum_{e,a} P(B) P(e) P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a)$
- So, inference in Bayes nets means computing sums of products of numbers. Sounds easy!!
- Problem: sums of **exponentially many** products!



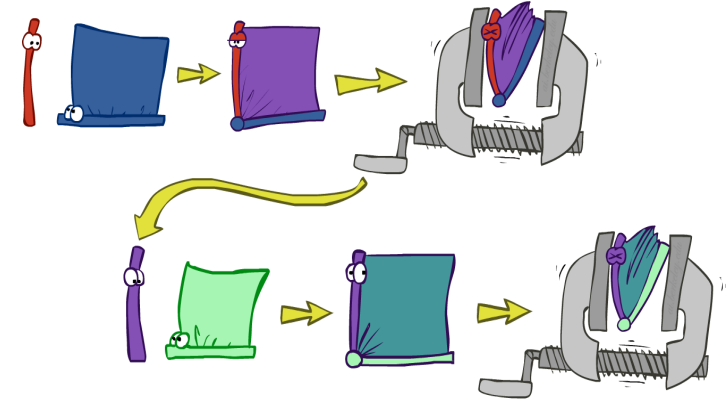
Can we do better?

- Consider $uwy + uwz + uxy + uxz + vwy + vwz + vxy + vxz$
 - 16 multiplies, 7 adds
 - Lots of repeated sub-expressions!
- Rewrite as $(u+v)(w+x)(y+z)$
 - 2 multiplies, 3 adds
- $\sum_{e,a} P(B) P(e) P(a|B,e) P(j|a) P(m|a)$
- $= P(B)P(e)P(a|B,e)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(B)P(\neg e)P(a|B,\neg e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$
 $+ P(B)P(e)P(\neg a|B,e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a) + P(B)P(\neg e)P(\neg a|B,\neg e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a)$

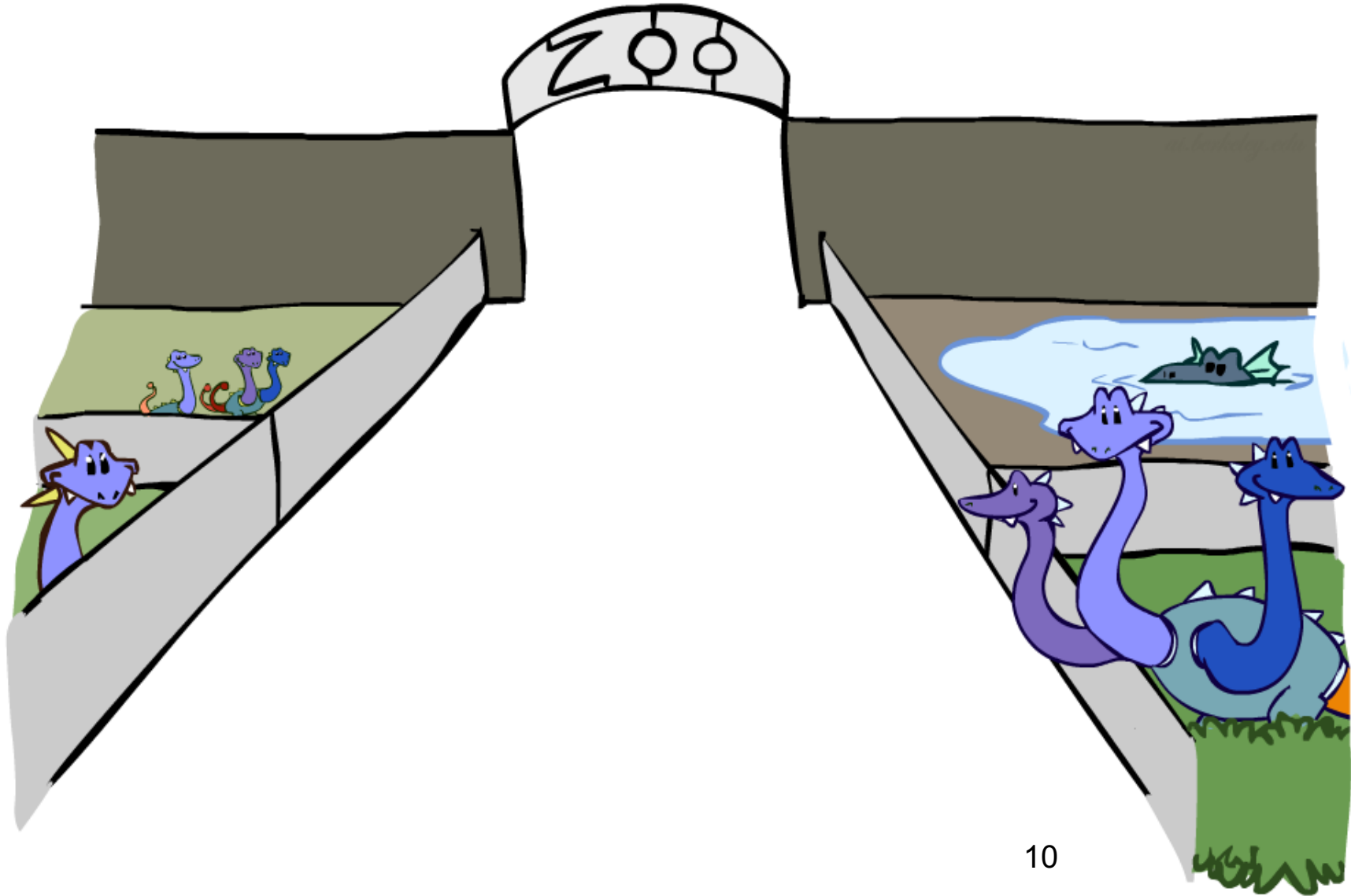
Lots of repeated sub-expressions!

Variable elimination: The basic ideas

- Move summations inwards as far as possible
 - $P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \sum_{e,a} P(B) P(e) P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a)$
 - $= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a \mid B, e) P(j \mid a) P(m \mid a)$
- Do the calculation from the inside out
 - I.e., sum over a first, then sum over e
 - Challenge: $P(a \mid B, e)$ isn't a single number, it's a table of different numbers (depending on the values of B and e)
 - Solution: use arrays of numbers with appropriate operations on them; these are called **factors**



Factor Zoo



Factor Zoo I

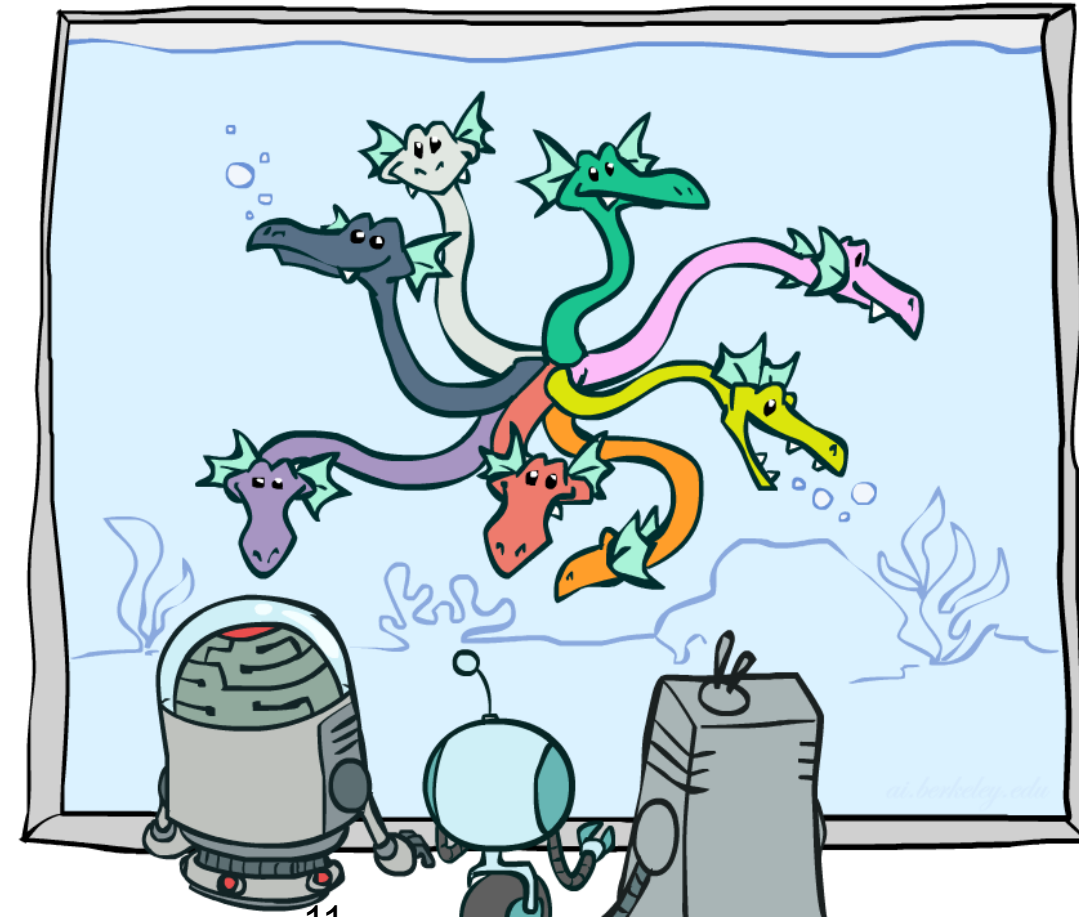
- Joint distribution: $P(X,Y)$
 - Entries $P(x,y)$ for all x, y
 - Sums to 1
- Selected joint: $P(x,Y)$
 - A slice of the joint distribution
 - Entries $P(x,y)$ for fixed x , all y
 - Sums to $P(x)$
- Number of capitals = dimensionality of the table

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

$P(\text{cold}, W)$

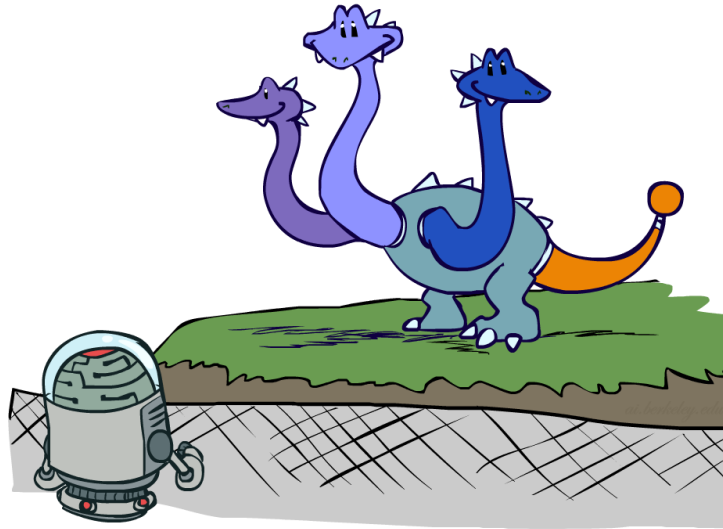
T	W	P
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3



Factor Zoo II

- Single conditional: $P(Y \mid x)$

- Entries $P(y \mid x)$ for fixed x , all
- Sums to 1

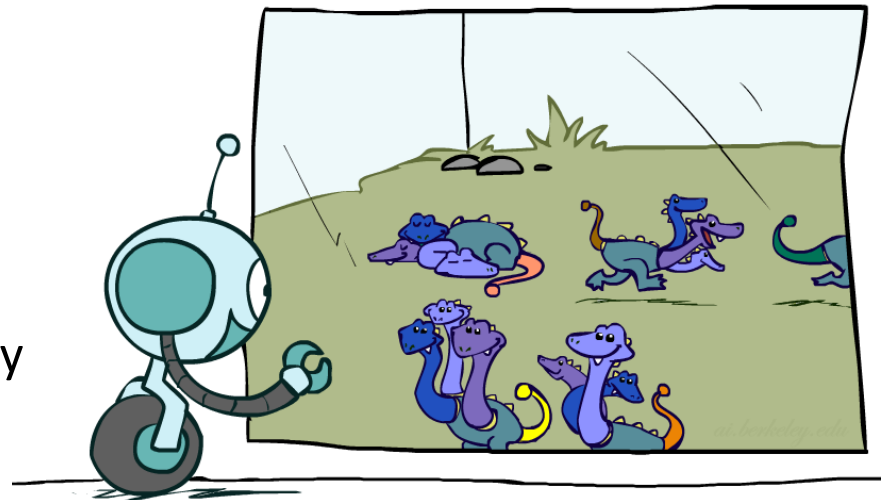


$$P(W \mid cold)$$

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

- Family of conditionals:
 $P(Y \mid X)$

- Multiple conditionals
- Entries $P(y \mid x)$ for all x, y
- Sums to $|X|$



$$P(W \mid T)$$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.8
hot	rain	0.2
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6

$$P(W \mid hot)$$

$$P(W \mid cold)$$

Factor Zoo III

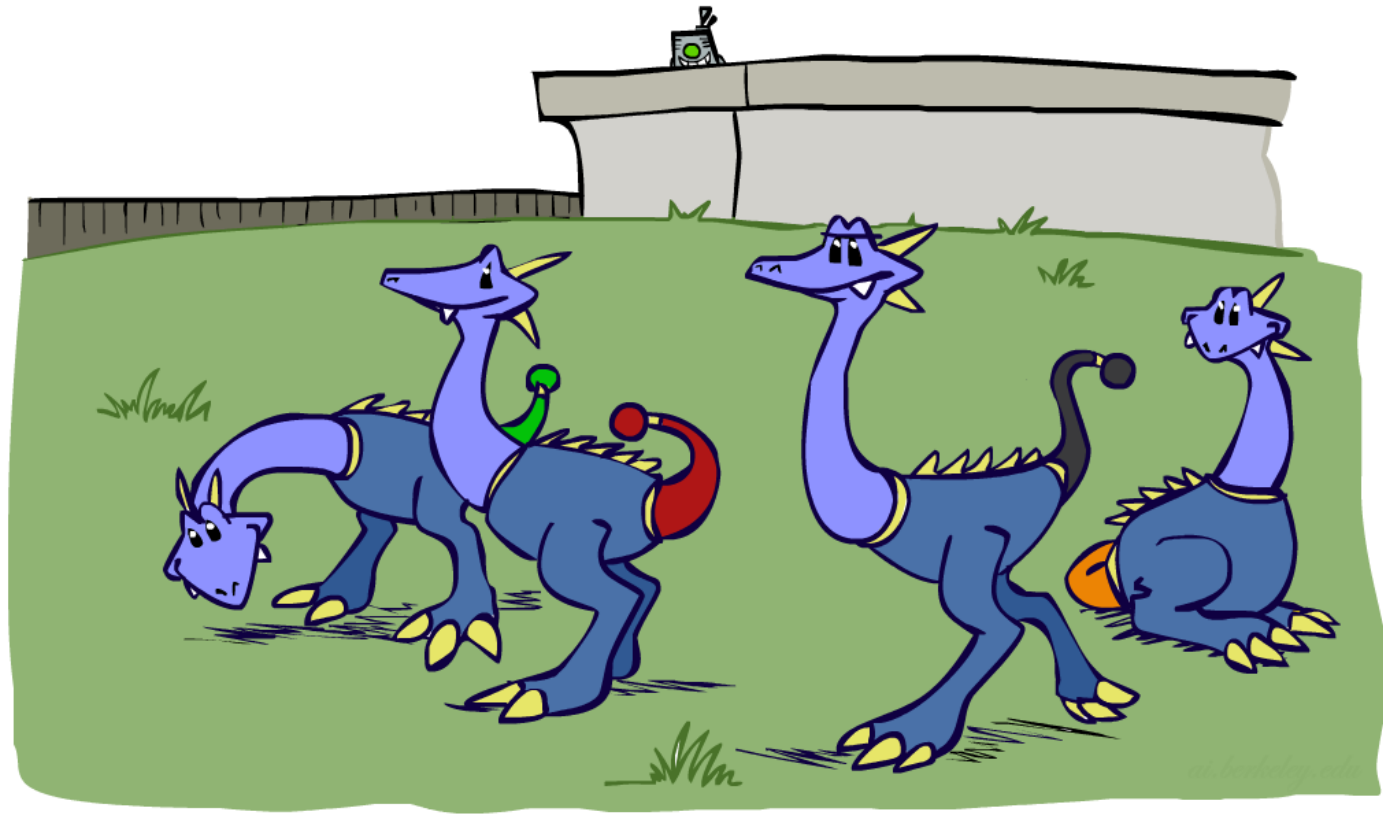
- Specified family: $P(y \mid X)$

- Entries $P(y \mid x)$ for fixed y , but for all x
- Sums to ... who knows!

$$P(\text{rain} \mid T)$$

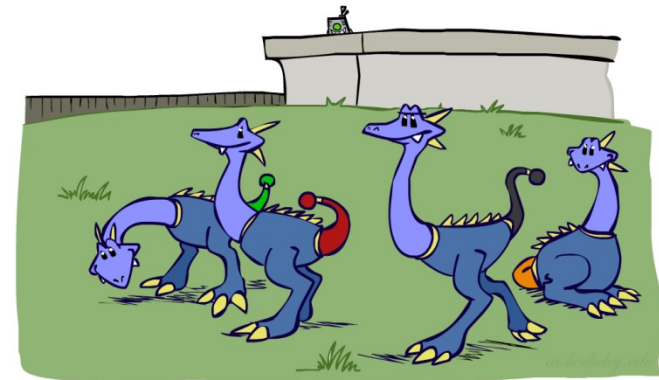
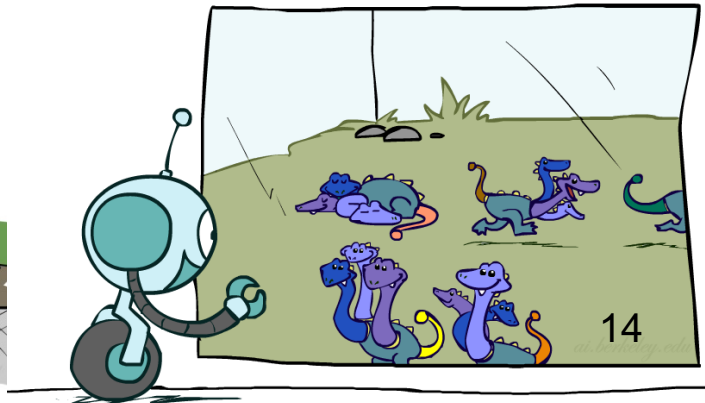
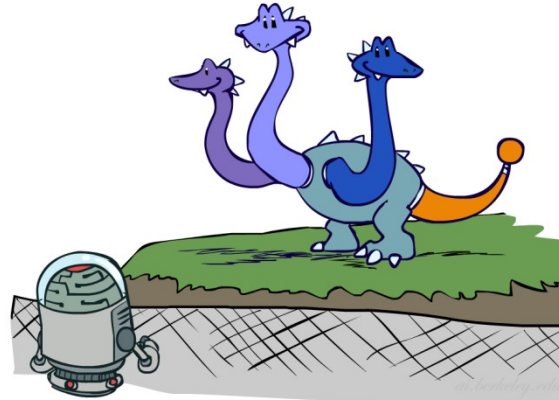
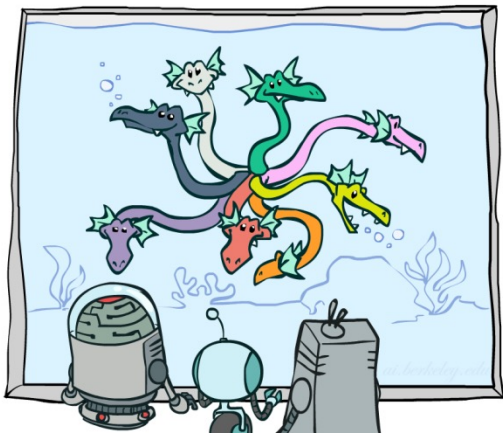
T	W	P
hot	rain	0.2
cold	rain	0.6

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(\text{rain} \mid \text{hot}) \\ P(\text{rain} \mid \text{cold}) \end{array} \right\}$$



Factor Zoo Summary

- In general, when we write $P(Y_1 \dots Y_N \mid X_1 \dots X_M)$
 - It is a “factor,” a multi-dimensional array
 - Its values are $P(y_1 \dots y_N \mid x_1 \dots x_M)$
 - Any assigned (=lower-case) X or Y is a dimension missing (selected) from the array



Example: Traffic Domain

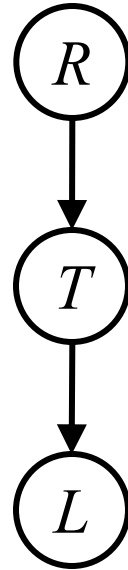
■ Random Variables

- R: Raining
- T: Traffic
- L: Late!

$$P(L) = ?$$

$$= \sum_{r,t} P(r, t, L)$$

$$= \sum_{r,t} P(r)P(t|r)P(L|t)$$



$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$$P(T|R)$$

+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

$$P(L|T)$$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9

Inference by Enumeration: Procedural Outline

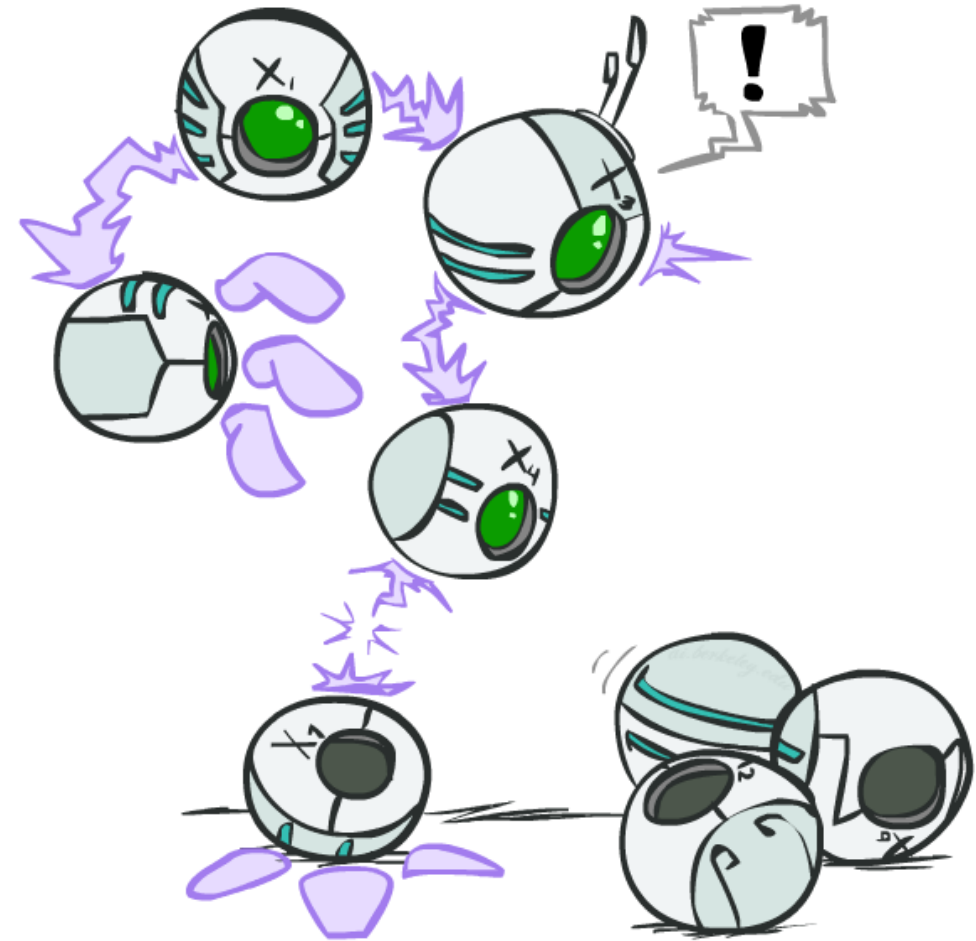
- Track objects called **factors**
- Initial factors are local CPTs (one per node)

$P(R)$		$P(T R)$			$P(L T)$		
+r	0.1	+r	+t	0.8	+t	+l	0.3
-r	0.9	+r	-t	0.2	+t	-l	0.7
		-r	+t	0.1	-t	+l	0.1
		-r	-t	0.9	-t	-l	0.9

- Any known values are selected
 - E.g. if we know $L = +\ell$, the initial factors are

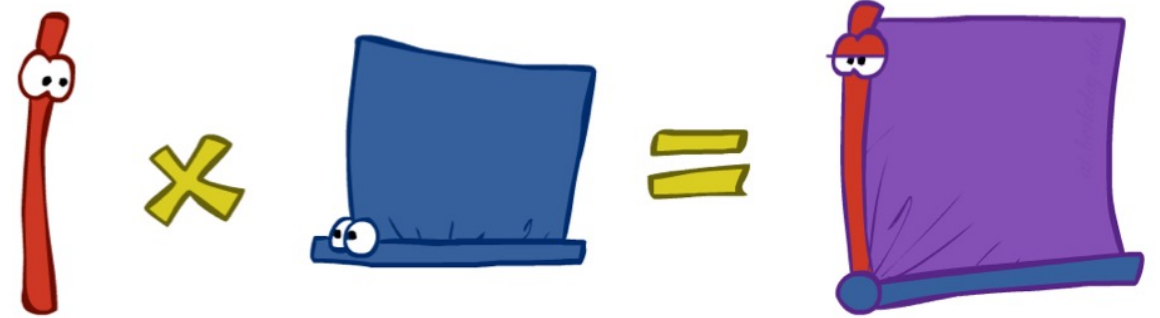
$P(R)$		$P(T R)$			$P(+\ell T)$		
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-r	0.9	+r	-t	0.2	-t	+l	0.1
		-r	+t	0.1			
		-r	-t	0.9			

- Procedure: Join all factors, eliminate all hidden variables¹⁶, normalize

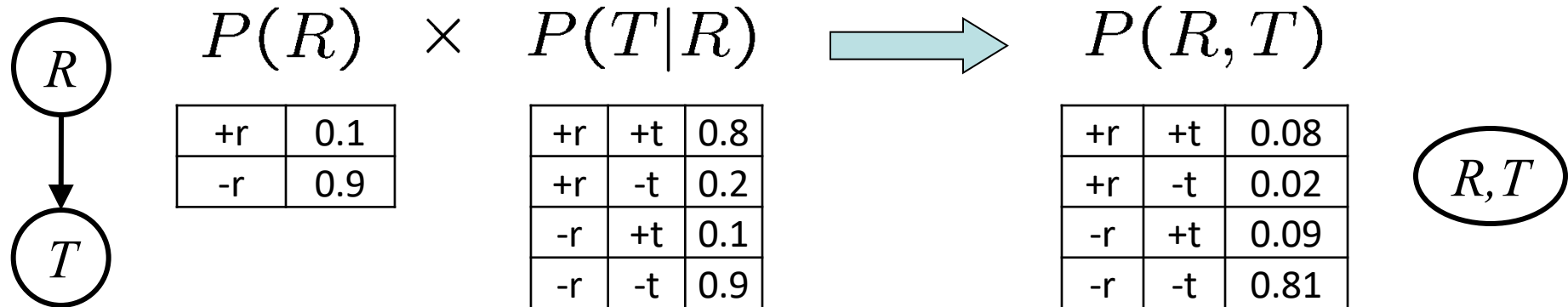


Operation 1: Join Factors

- First basic operation: **joining factors**
 - Just like a database join
 - Get all factors over the joining variable
 - Build a new factor over the union of the variables involved
 - Each entry is the product of the corresponding entries



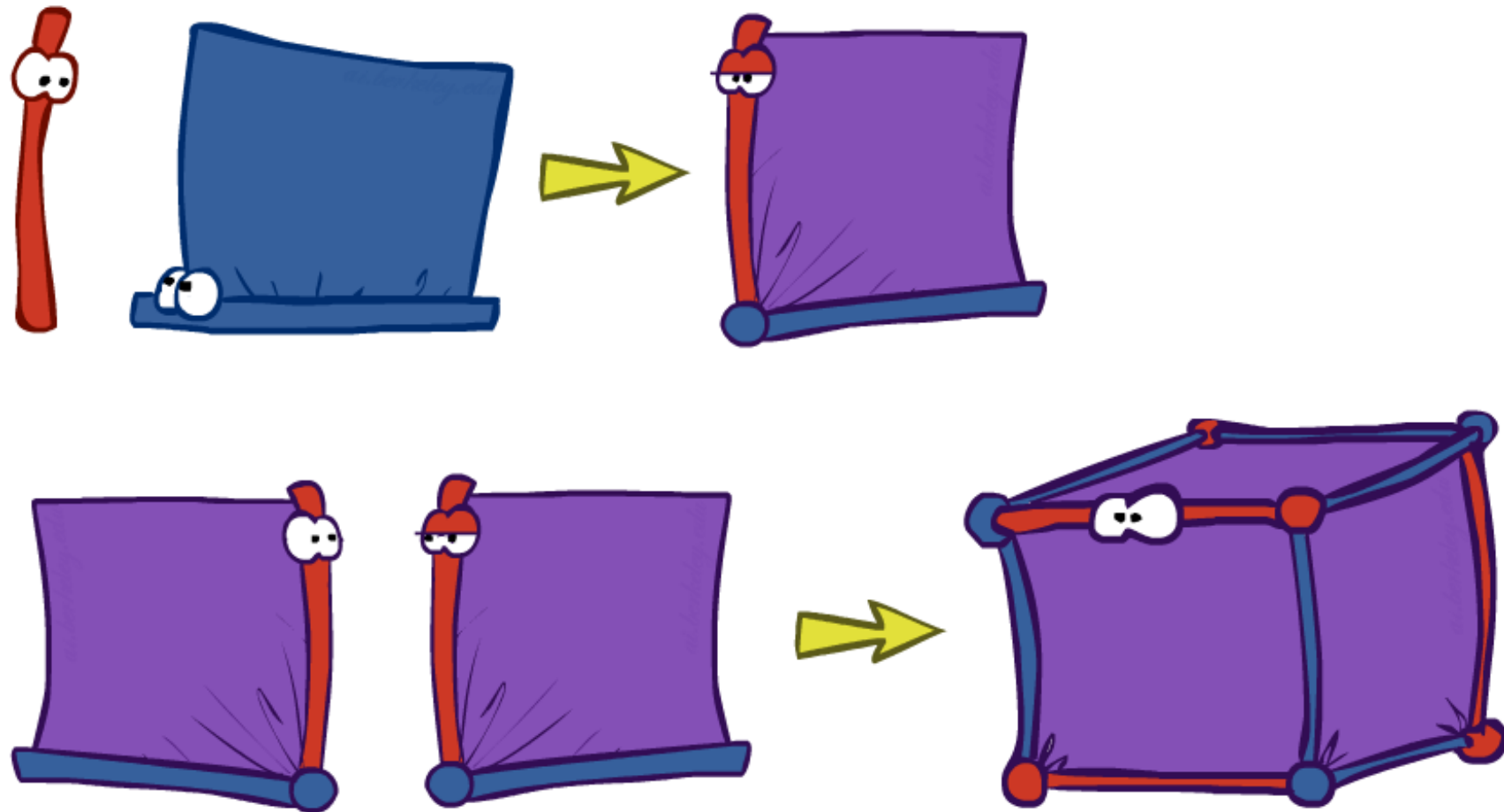
- Example: Join on R



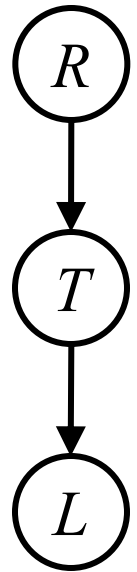
$$\forall r, t : P(r, t) \neq P(r) \cdot P(t|r)$$

- Computation for each entry: **pointwise** products

Example: Multiple Joins



Example: Multiple Joins



$P(R)$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$P(T|R)$

+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
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-t	-l	0.9

Join R

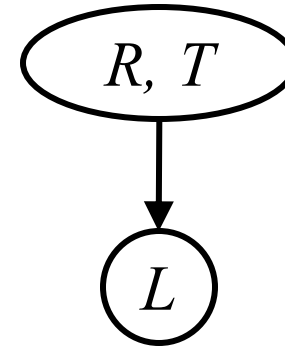


$P(R, T)$

+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9



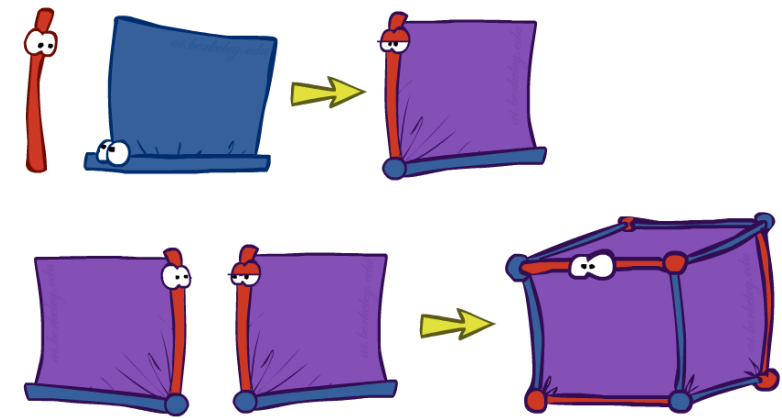
Join T



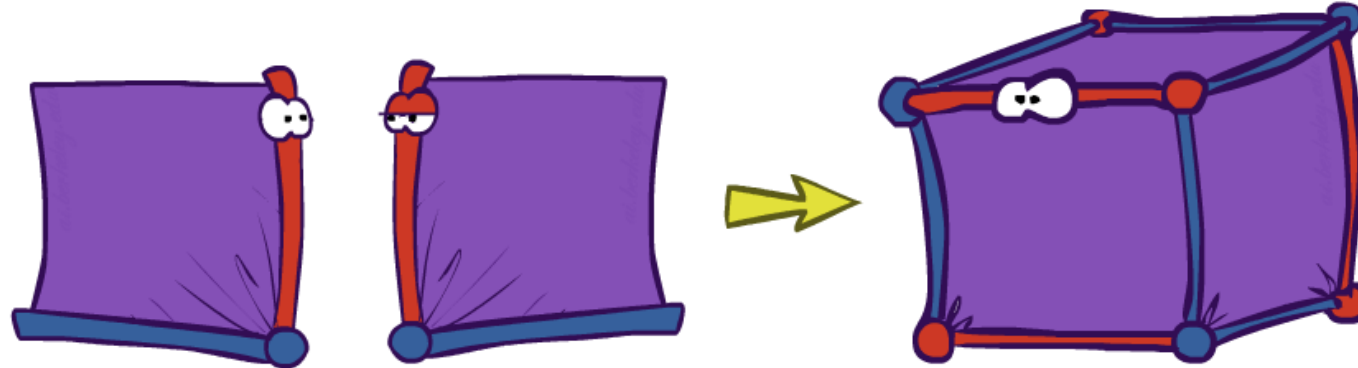
R, T, L

$P(R, T, L)$

+r	+t	+l	0.024
+r	+t	-l	0.056
+r	-t	+l	0.002
+r	-t	-l	0.018
-r	+t	+l	0.027
-r	+t	-l	0.063
-r	-t	+l	0.081
-r	-t	-l	0.729



Example: Making larger factors



- Example: $P(U,V) \times P(V,W) \times P(W,X) = P(U,V,W,X)$
- Sizes: $[10,10] \times [10,10] \times [10,10] = [10,10,10,10]$
- I.e., 300 numbers blows up to 10,000 numbers!
- Factor blowup can make VE very expensive

Operation 2: Eliminate

- Second basic operation: **marginalization**
- Take a factor and sum out a variable
 - Shrinks a factor to a smaller one
 - A **projection** operation
- Example:

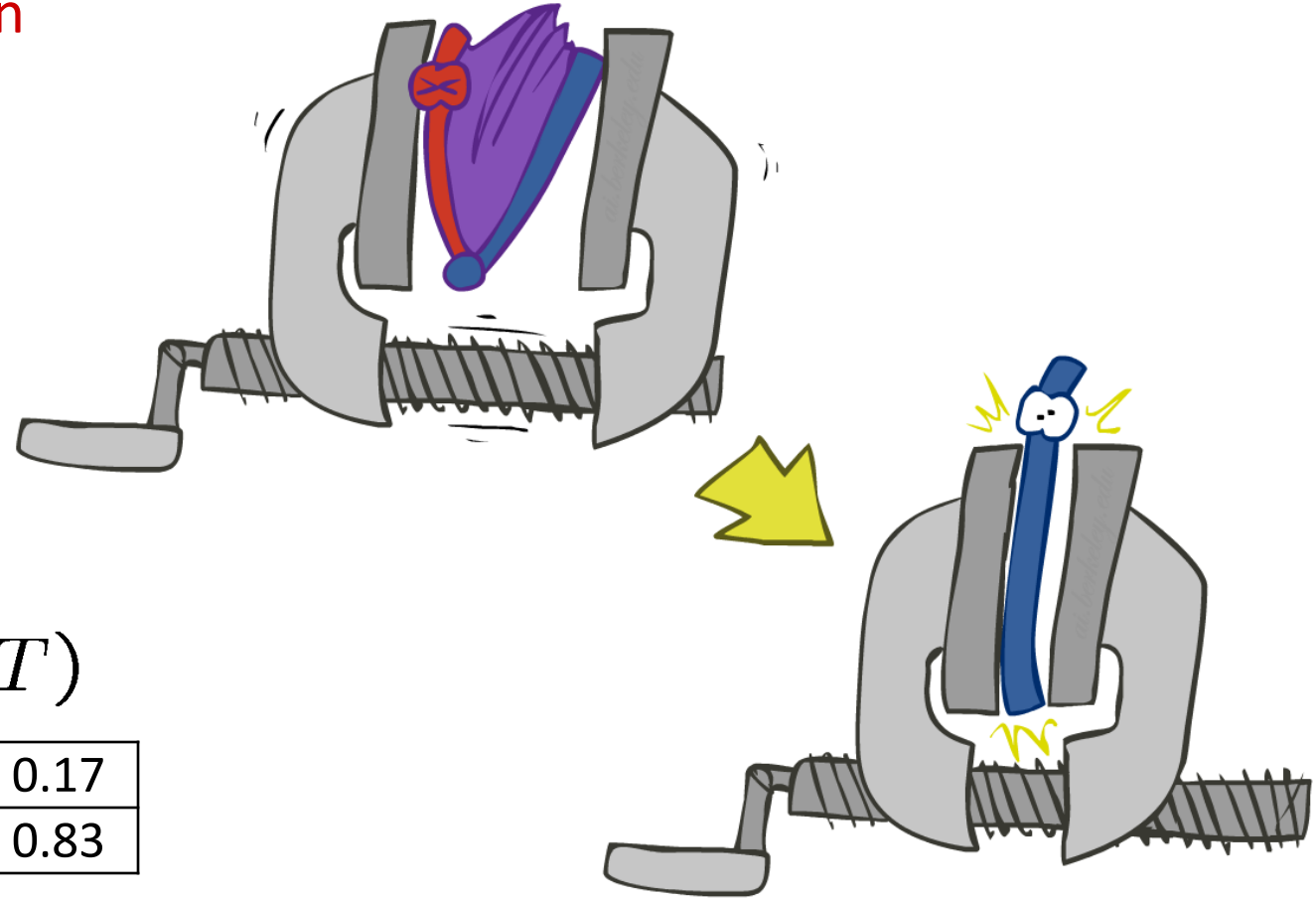
$$P(R, T)$$

+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

sum R


$$P(T)$$

+t	0.17
-t	0.83



Multiple Elimination

$P(R, T, L)$

R, T, L			
+r	+t	+l	0.024
+r	+t	-l	0.056
+r	-t	+l	0.002
+r	-t	-l	0.018
-r	+t	+l	0.027
-r	+t	-l	0.063
-r	-t	+l	0.081
-r	-t	-l	0.729

Sum
out R

→

$P(T, L)$

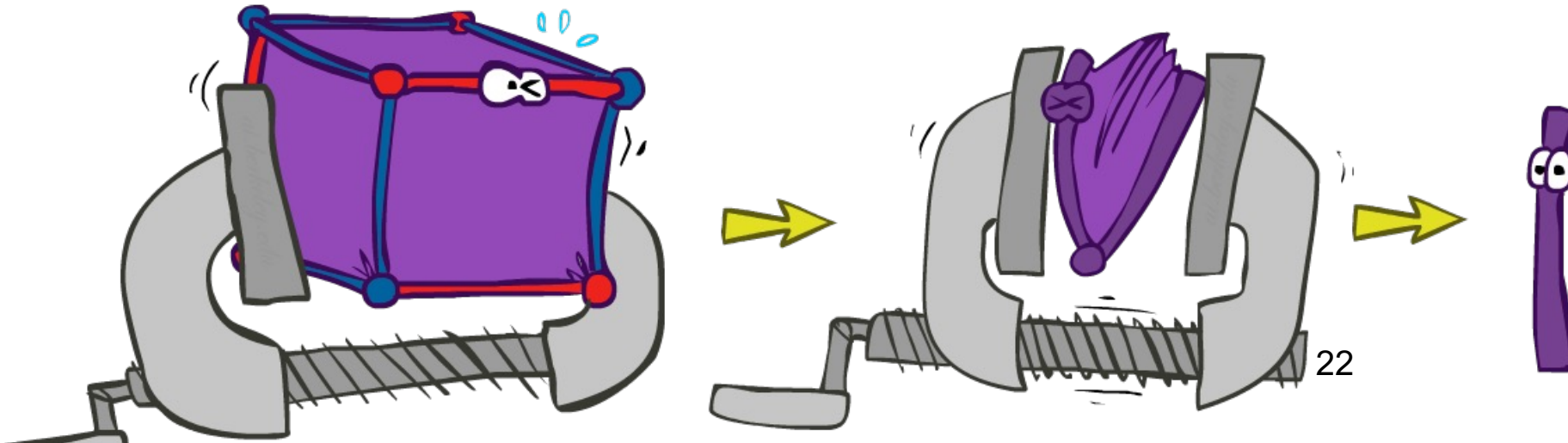
T, L		
+t	+l	0.051
+t	-l	0.119
-t	+l	0.083
-t	-l	0.747

Sum
out T

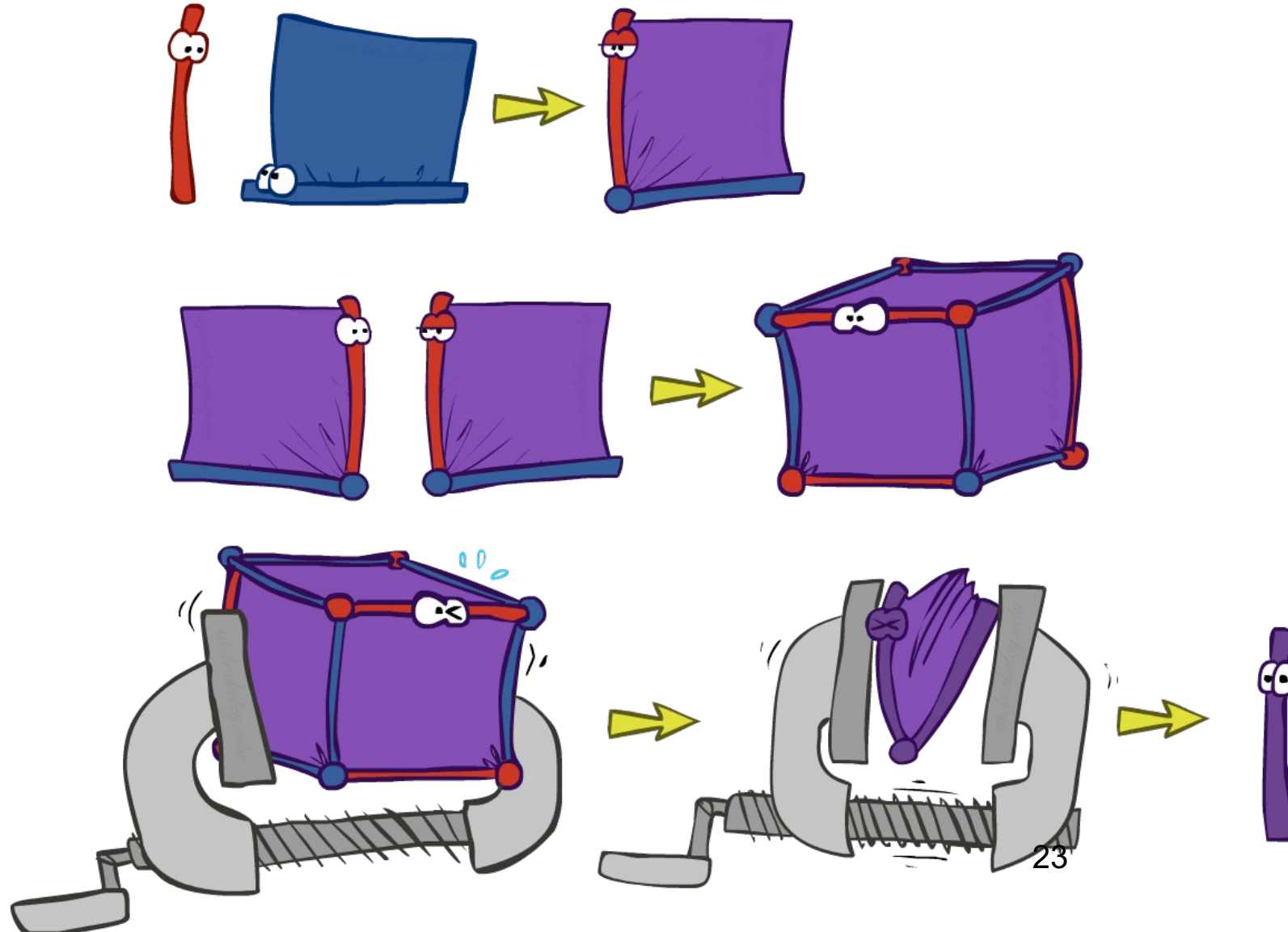
→

$P(L)$

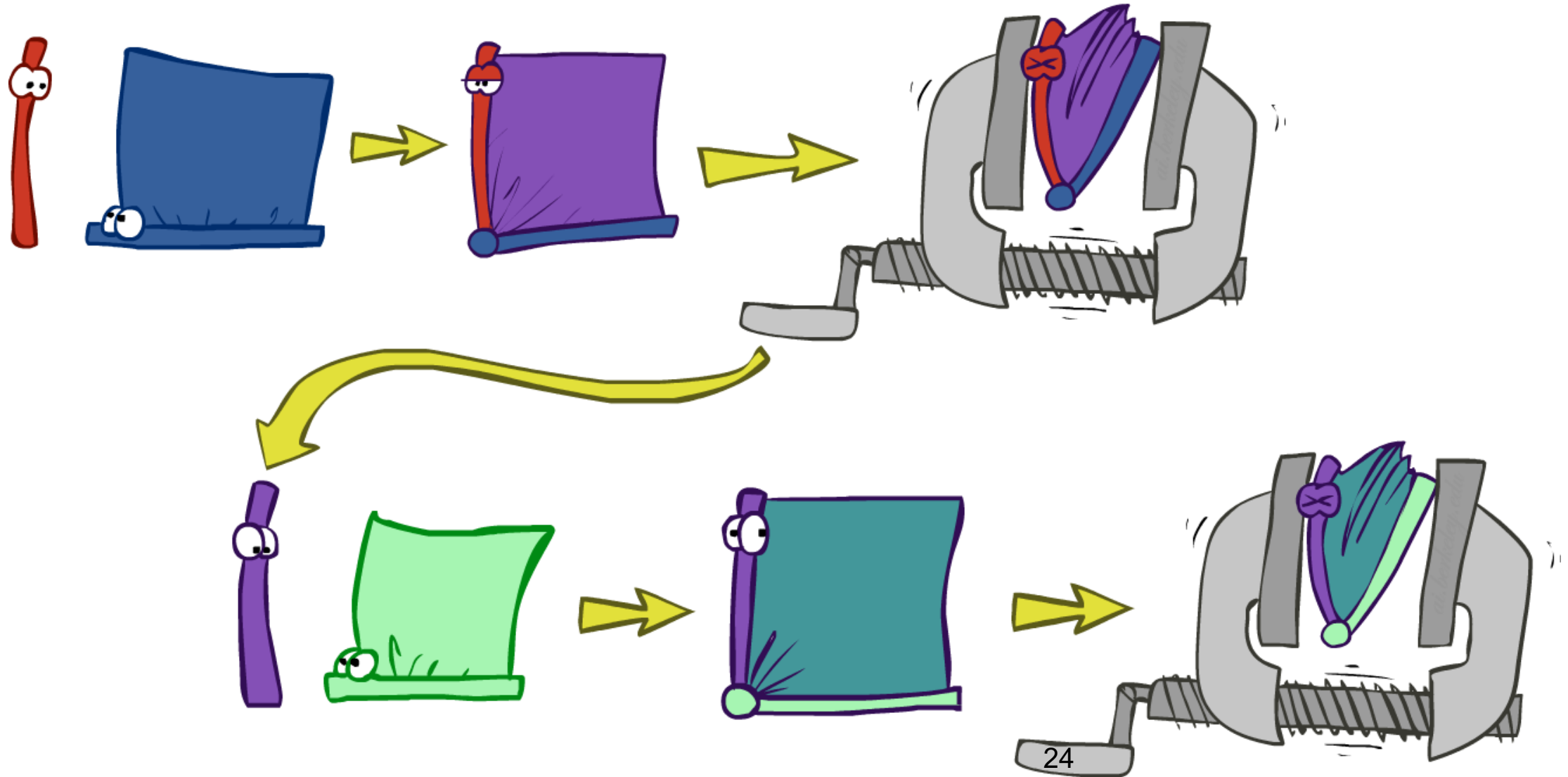
L	
+l	0.134
-l	0.886



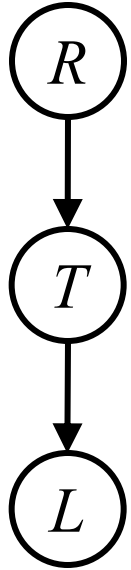
Thus Far: Multiple Join, Multiple Eliminate (= Inference by Enumeration)



Variable Elimination



Traffic Domain



$$P(L) = ?$$

■ Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r \underbrace{P(L|t)P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Join on } t}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } r}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } t}$$

■ Variable Elimination

$$= \sum_t P(L|t) \underbrace{\sum_r P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } r}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Join on } t}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } t}$$

Evidence

- If evidence, start with factors that select that evidence

- No evidence uses these initial factors:

$$P(R)$$

+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$$P(T|R)$$

+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

$$P(L|T)$$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
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-t	-l	0.9

- Computing $P(L|+r)$ the initial factors become:

$$P(+r)$$

+r	0.1
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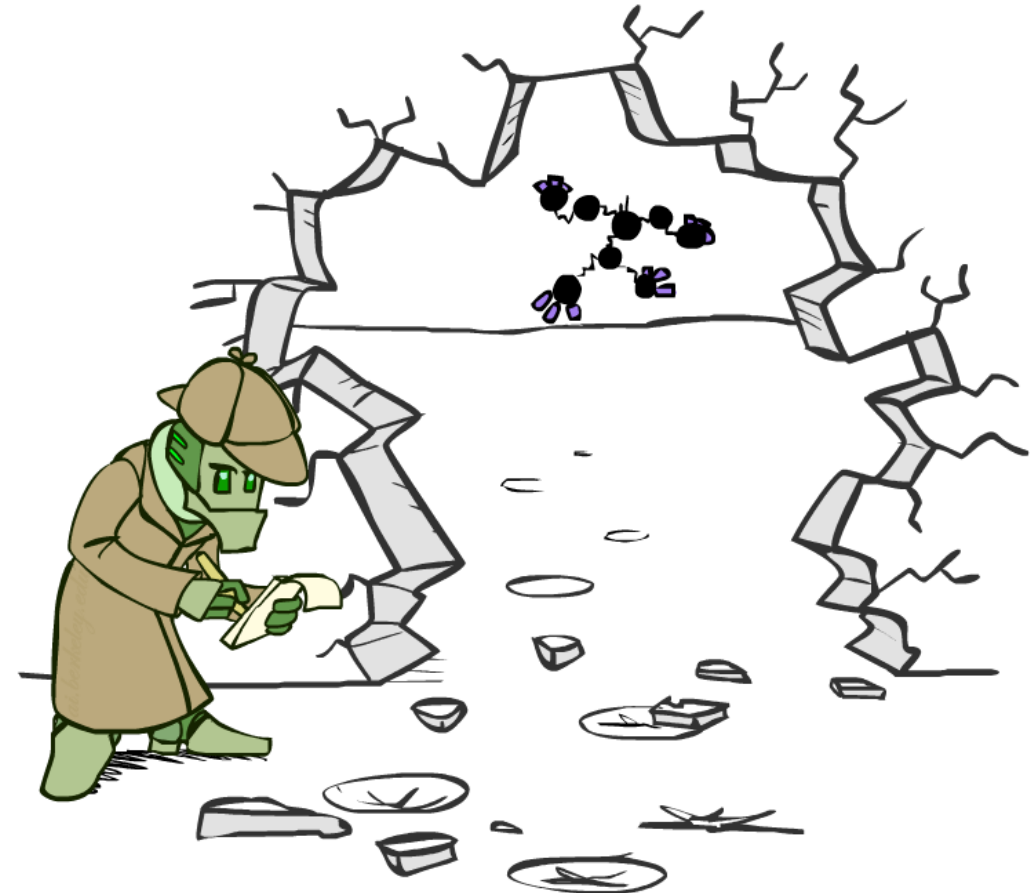
$$P(T|+r)$$

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$$P(L|T)$$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9

- We eliminate all vars other than query + evidence



Evidence II

- Result will be a selected joint of query and evidence
 - E.g. for $P(L \mid +r)$, we would end up with:

$$P(+r, L)$$

+r	+l	0.026
+r	-l	0.074

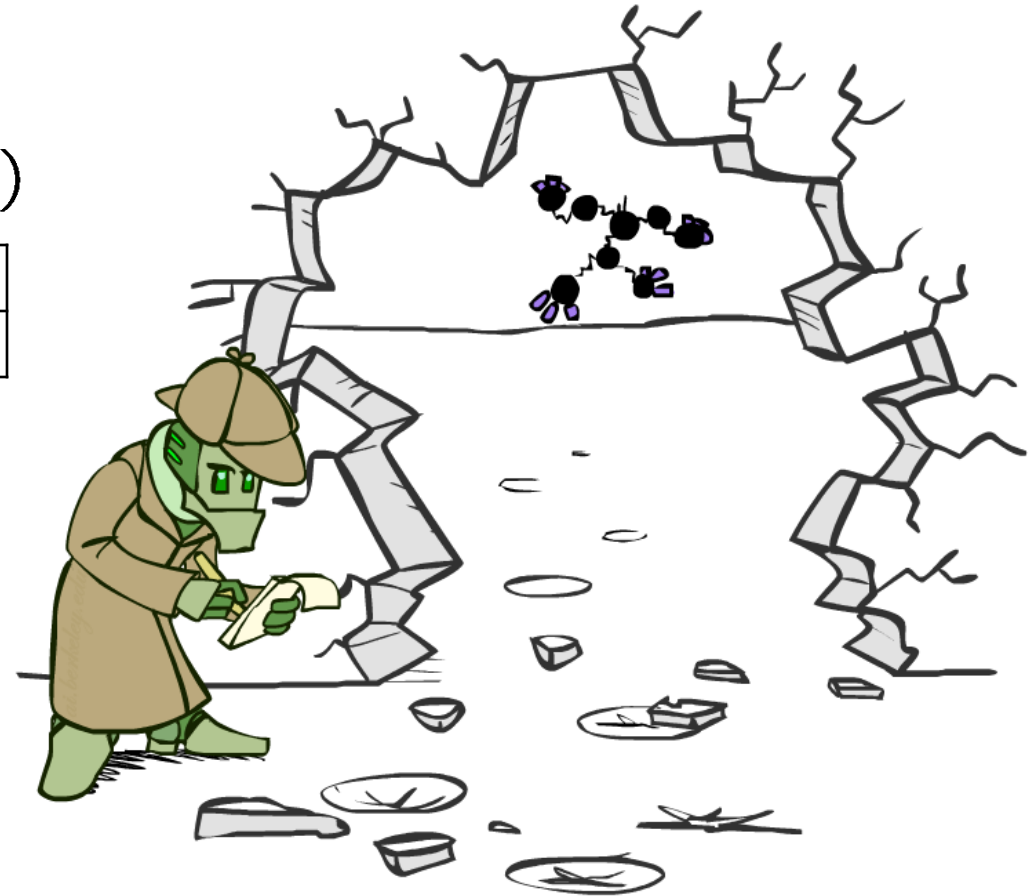
Normalize



$$P(L \mid +r)$$

+l	0.26
-l	0.74

- To get our answer, just normalize this!
- That's it!


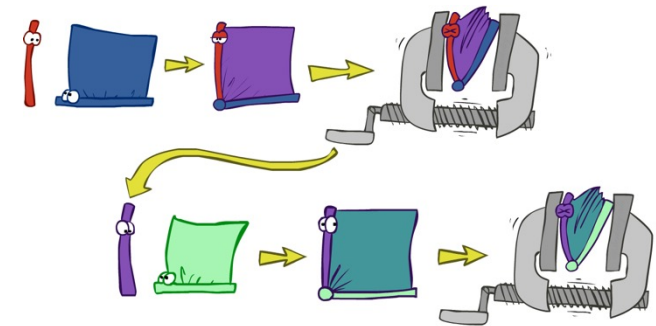


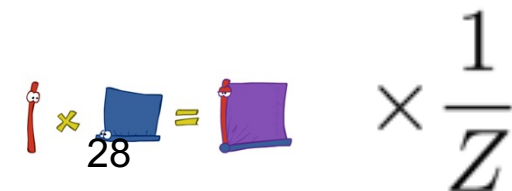
General Variable Elimination

- Query: $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
 - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):
 - Pick a hidden variable H
 - Join all factors mentioning H
 - Eliminate (sum out) H
- Join all remaining factors and normalize



x	P(x)
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01

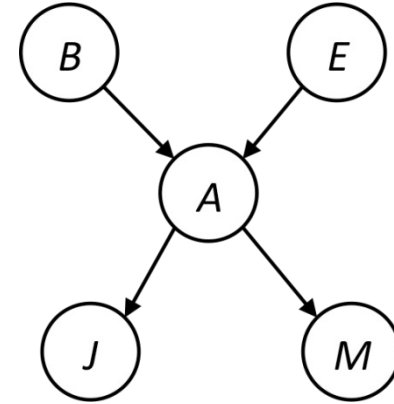


$$\text{Red Stick Figure} \times 28 = \text{Purple Square} \times \frac{1}{Z}$$

Example

$$P(B|j, m) \propto P(B, j, m)$$

$P(B)$	$P(E)$	$P(A B, E)$	$P(j A)$	$P(m A)$
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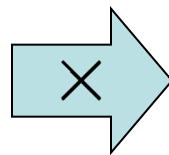


Choose A

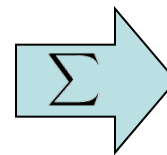
$$P(A|B, E)$$

$$P(j|A)$$

$$P(m|A)$$



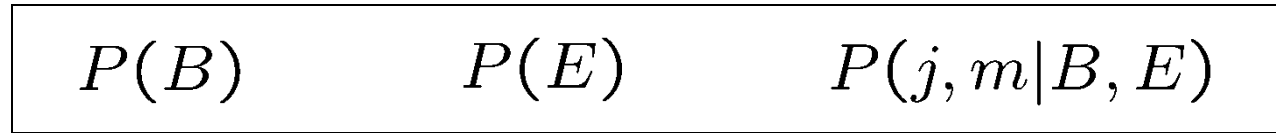
$$P(j, m, A|B, E)$$



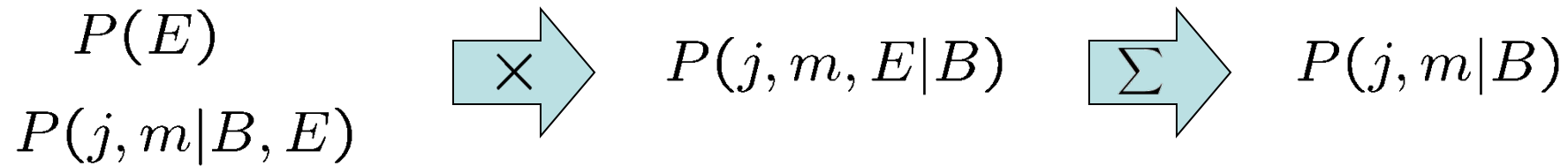
$$P(j, m|B, E)$$

$P(B)$	$P(E)$	$P(j, m B, E)$
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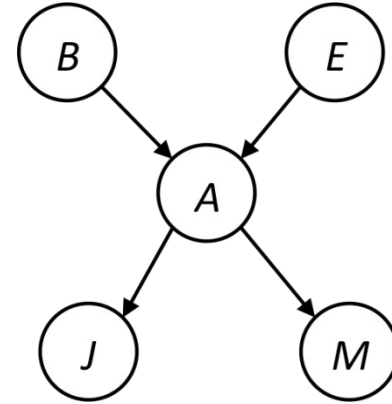
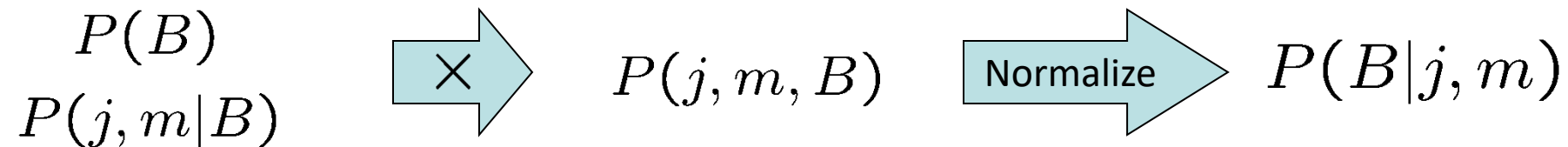
Example



Choose E



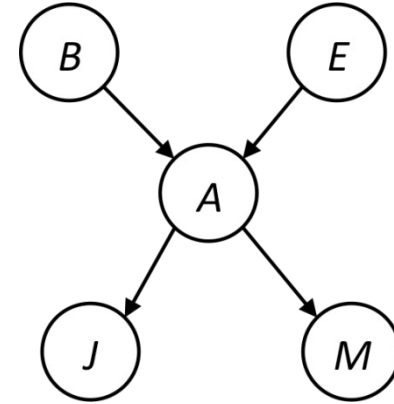
Finish with B



Same Example in Equations

$$P(B|j, m) \propto P(B, j, m)$$

$P(B)$	$P(E)$	$P(A B, E)$	$P(j A)$	$P(m A)$
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B|j, m) &\propto P(B, j, m) \\
 &= \sum_{e, a} P(B, j, m, e, a) \\
 &= \sum_{e, a} P(B)P(e)P(a|B, e)P(j|a)P(m|a) \\
 &= \sum_e P(B)P(e) \sum_a P(a|B, e)P(j|a)P(m|a) \\
 &= \sum_e P(B)P(e)f_1(B, e, j, m) \\
 &= P(B) \sum_e P(e)f_1(B, e, j, m) \\
 &= P(B)f_2(B, j, m)
 \end{aligned}$$

marginal obtained from joint by summing out

use Bayes' net joint distribution expression

use $x^*(y+z) = xy + xz$

joining on a, and then summing out gives f_1

use $x^*(y+z) = xy + xz$

joining on e, and then summing out gives f_2

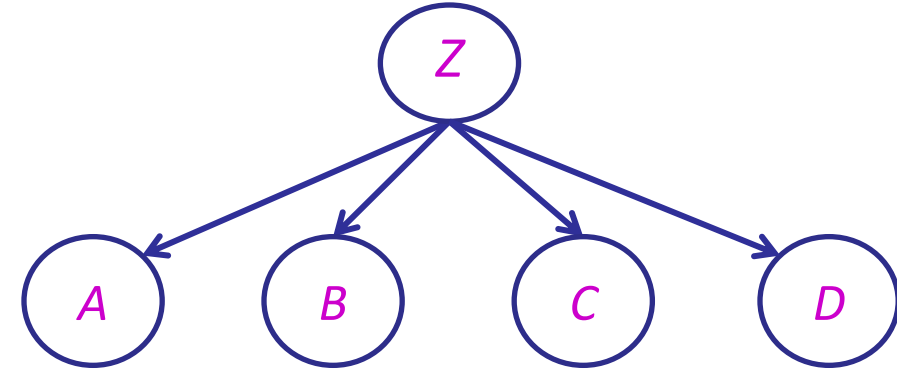
Order matters

- Order the terms Z, A, B C, D

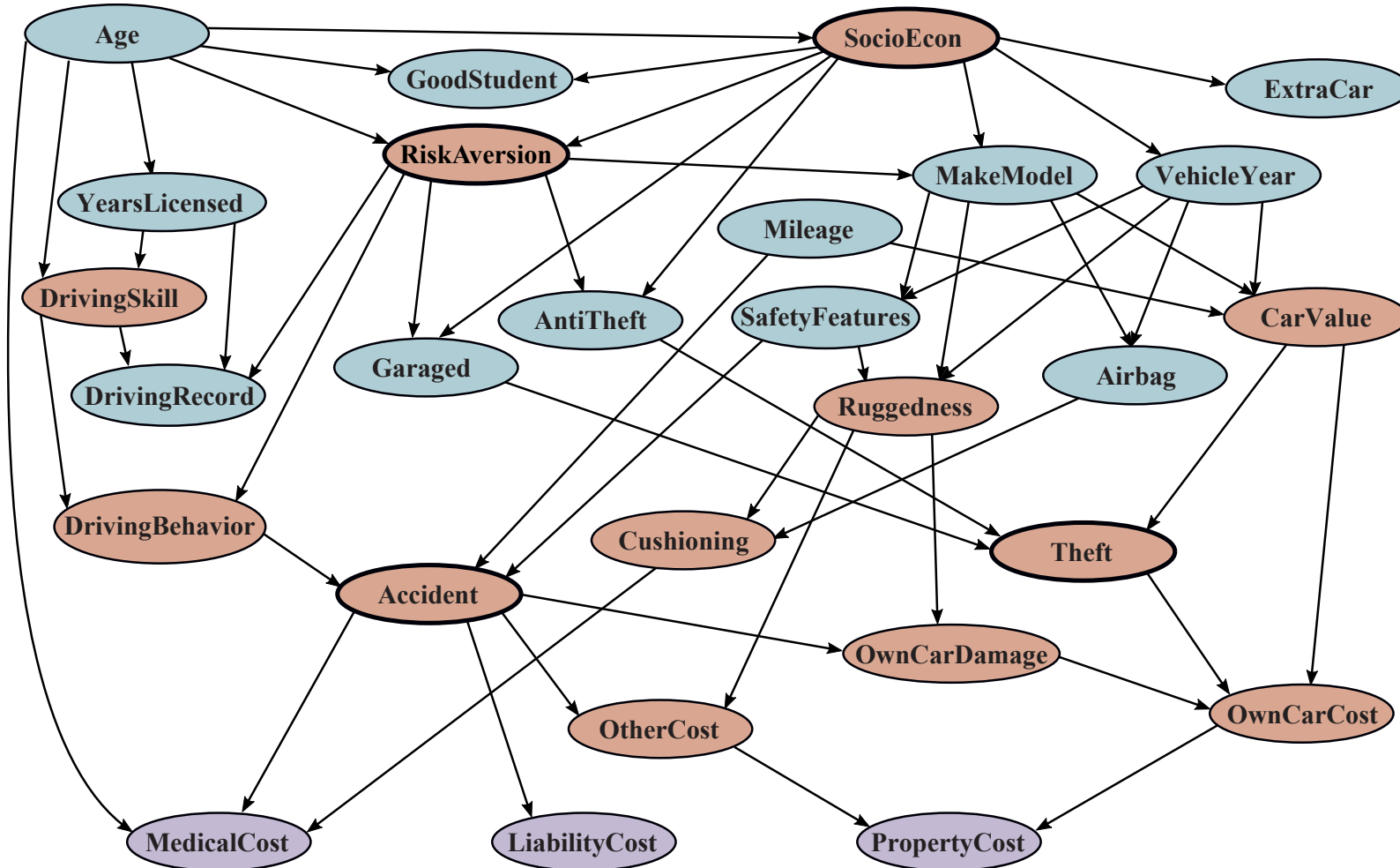
- $P(D) = \alpha \sum_{z,a,b,c} P(z) P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z)$
- $= \alpha \sum_z P(z) \sum_a P(a|z) \sum_b P(b|z) \sum_c P(c|z) P(D|z)$
- Largest factor has 2 variables (D,Z)

- Order the terms A, B C, D, Z

- $P(D) = \alpha \sum_{a,b,c,z} P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- $= \alpha \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c \sum_z P(a|z) P(b|z) P(c|z) P(D|z) P(z)$
- Largest factor has 4 variables (A,B,C,D)
- In general, with n leaves, factor of size 2^n



Example Bayes' Net: Car Insurance



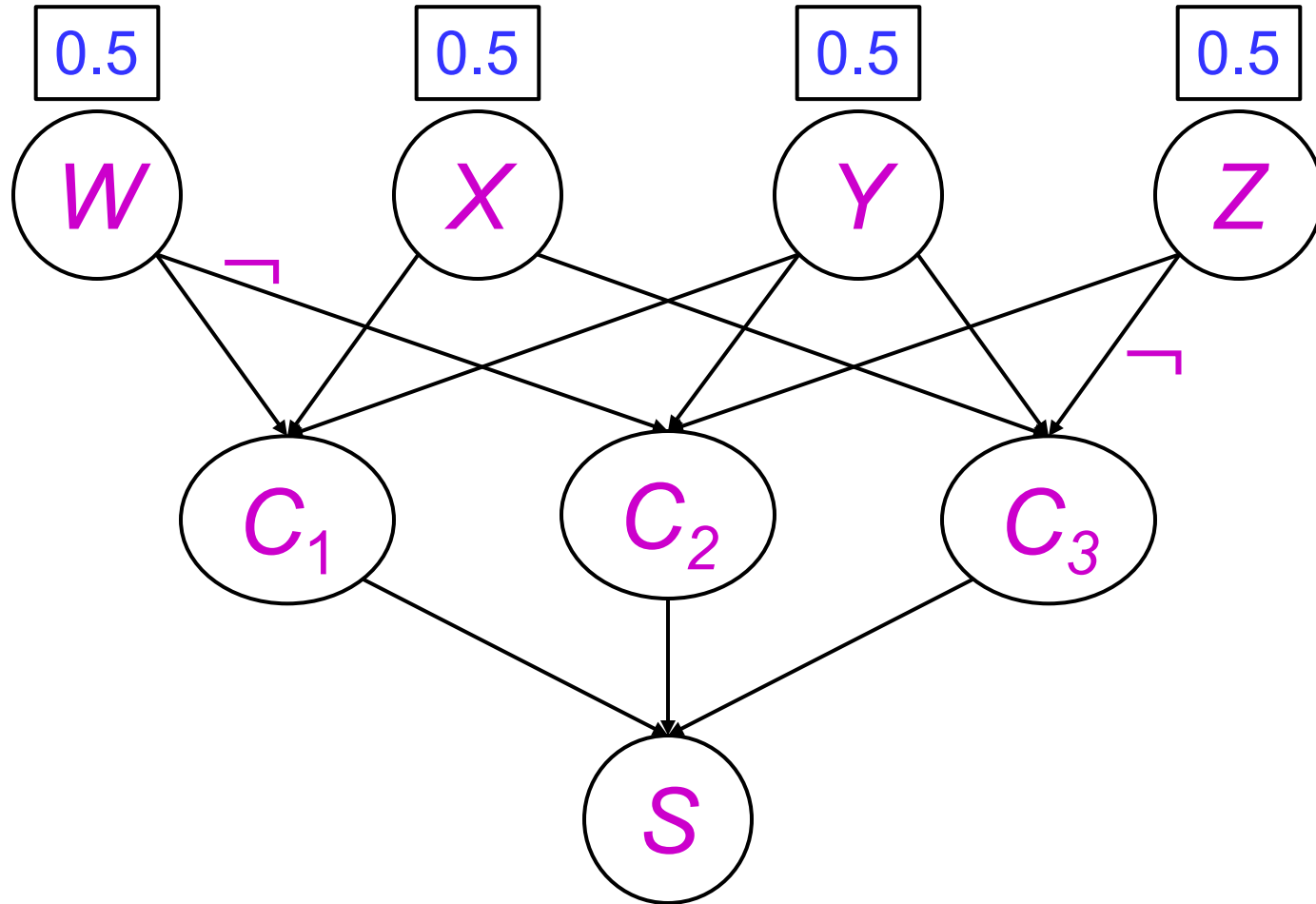
Enumeration: **227M** operations

Elimination: **221K** operations

VE: Computational and Space Complexity

- The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor (and it's space that kills you)
- The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor.
 - E.g., previous slide's example 2^n vs. 2
- Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
 - No!

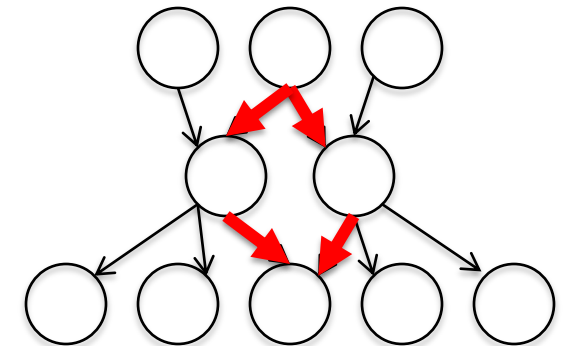
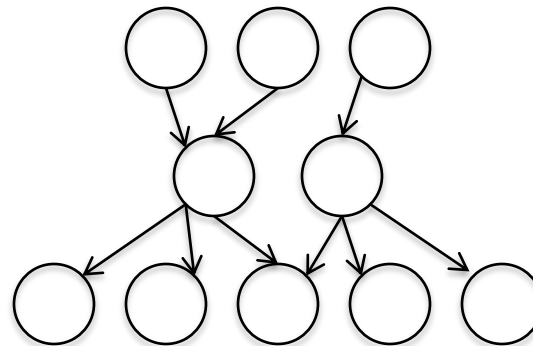
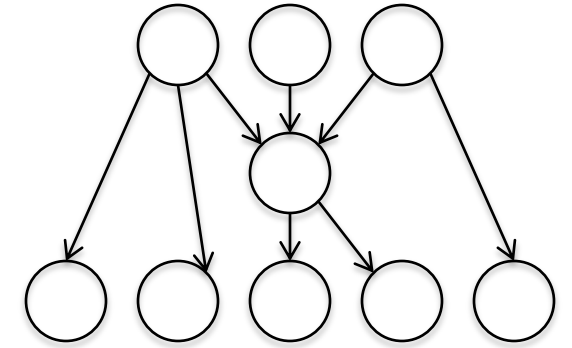
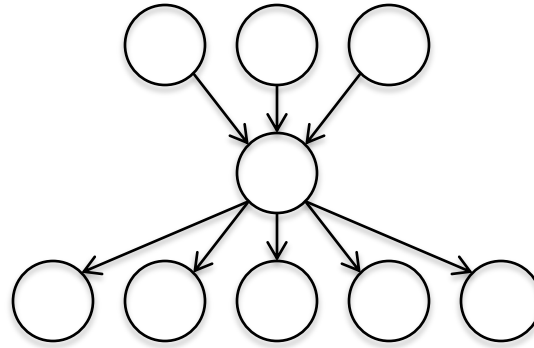
Worst Case Complexity? Reduction from SAT



- Variables: W, X, Y, Z
- CNF clauses:
 1. $C_1 = W \vee X \vee Y$
 2. $C_2 = Y \vee Z \vee \neg W$
 3. $C_3 = X \vee Y \vee \neg Z$
- Sentence $S = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3$
- $P(S) > 0$ iff S is satisfiable
 - \Rightarrow **NP-hard**
- $P(S) = K \times 0.5^n$ where K is the number of satisfying assignments for clauses
 - \Rightarrow **#P-hard**

Polytrees

- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For poly-trees the complexity of variable elimination is **linear in the network size** if you eliminate from the leaf towards the roots



Summary

- Exact inference = sums of products of conditional probabilities from the network
- Enumeration is always exponential
- Variable elimination reduces this by avoiding the recomputation of repeated subexpressions
 - Massive speedups in practice
 - Linear time for polytrees
- Exact inference is #P-hard
- Next: approximate inference

