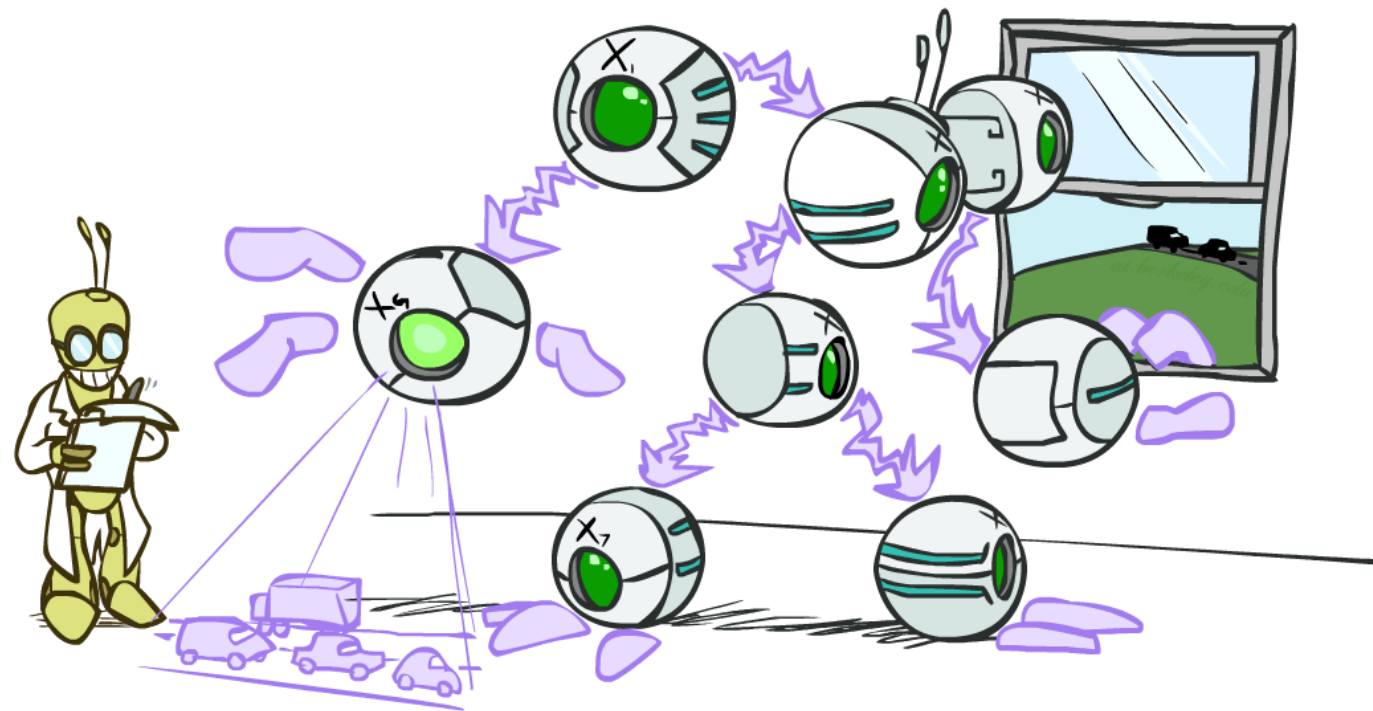


Ve492: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Bayesian Networks: Inference



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Bayes' Nets

✓ Representation

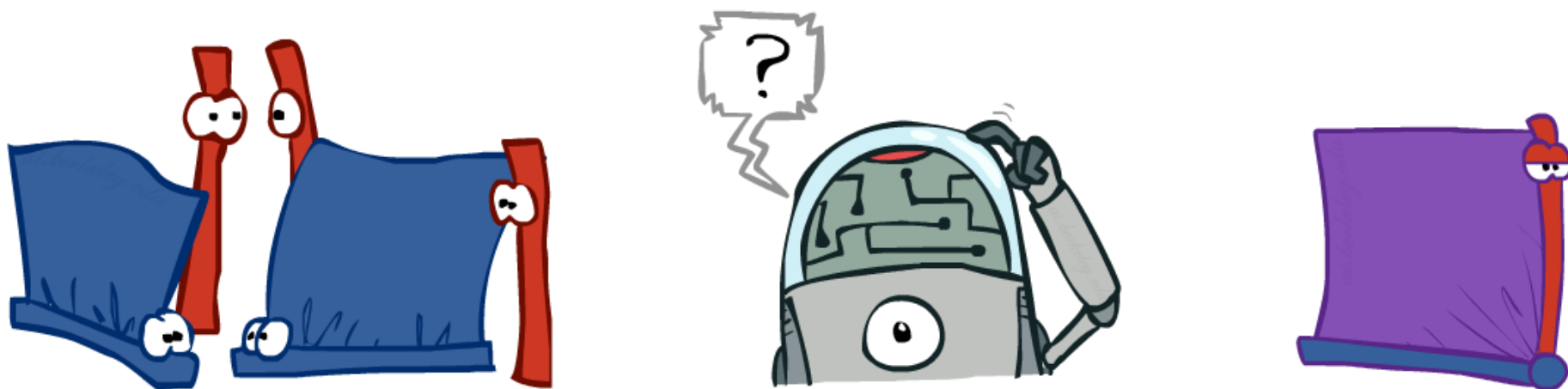
✓ Conditional Independences

❖ Probabilistic Inference

- ❖ Enumeration (exact, exponential complexity)
- ❖ Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)
- ❖ Probabilistic inference is NP-complete
- ❖ Approximate inference (sampling)

Inference

- ❖ Inference: calculating some useful quantity from a joint probability distribution
- ❖ Examples:
 - ❖ Marginal probability $P(Q)$
 - ❖ Posterior probability $P(Q|E = e)$
 - ❖ Most likely explanation $\operatorname{argmax}_q P(Q = q|E = e)$



Inference by Enumeration

❖ General case:

- ❖ Evidence variables: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
 - ❖ Query* variable: Q
 - ❖ Hidden variables: $H_1 \dots H_r$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \\ \text{All variables} \end{array} \right\}$

❖ We have the joint and we want:

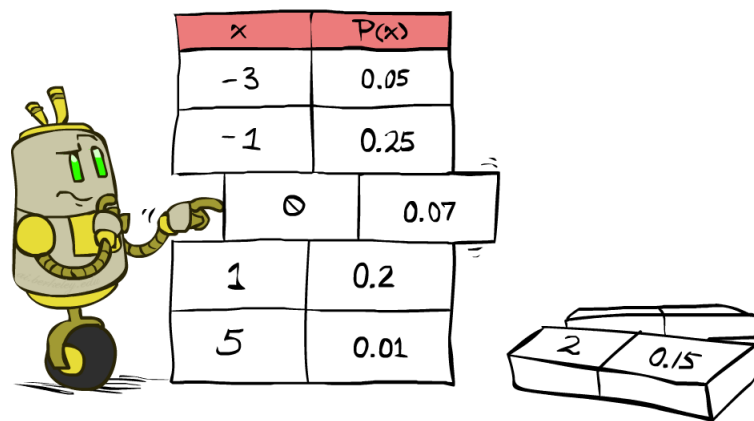
$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

* Works fine with multiple query variables, too

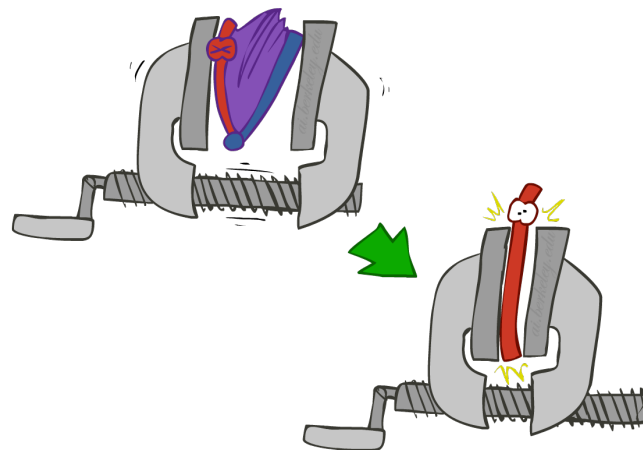
❖ Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence

❖ Step 2: Sum out H_1, \dots, H_r to get the joint of Q and evidence

❖ Step 3: Normalize



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



$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} \underbrace{P(Q, h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k)}_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{Z}$$

$$Z = \sum_q P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

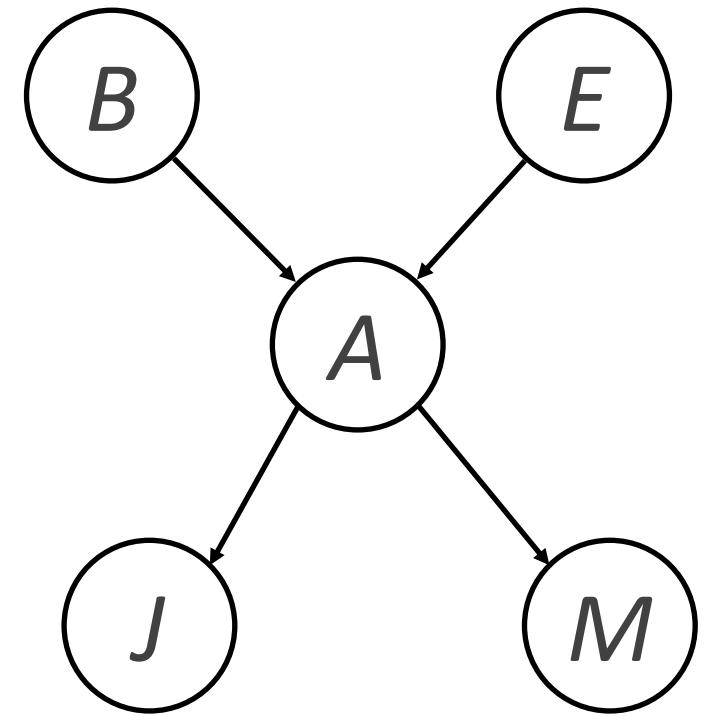
- ❖ Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- ❖ Reminder of inference by enumeration by example:

$$P(B \mid +j, +m) \propto_B P(B, +j, +m)$$

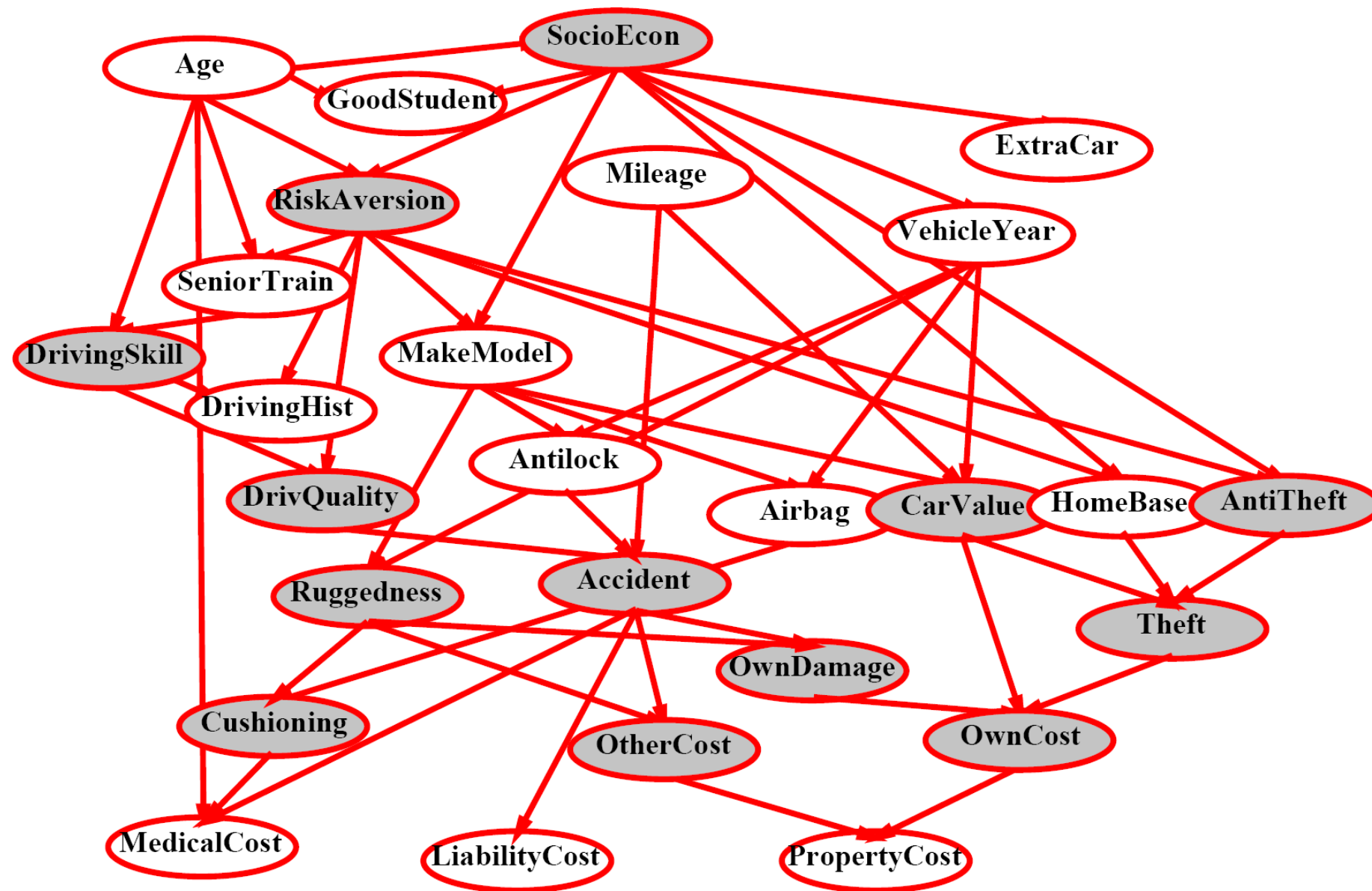
$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B, e, a, +j, +m)$$

$$= \sum_{e,a} P(B)P(e)P(a|B, e)P(+j|a)P(+m|a)$$

$$= P(B)P(+e)P(+a|B, +e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + P(B)P(+e)P(-a|B, +e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a) \\ + P(B)P(-e)P(+a|B, -e)P(+j|+a)P(+m|+a) + P(B)P(-e)P(-a|B, -e)P(+j|-a)P(+m|-a)$$



Inference by Enumeration?

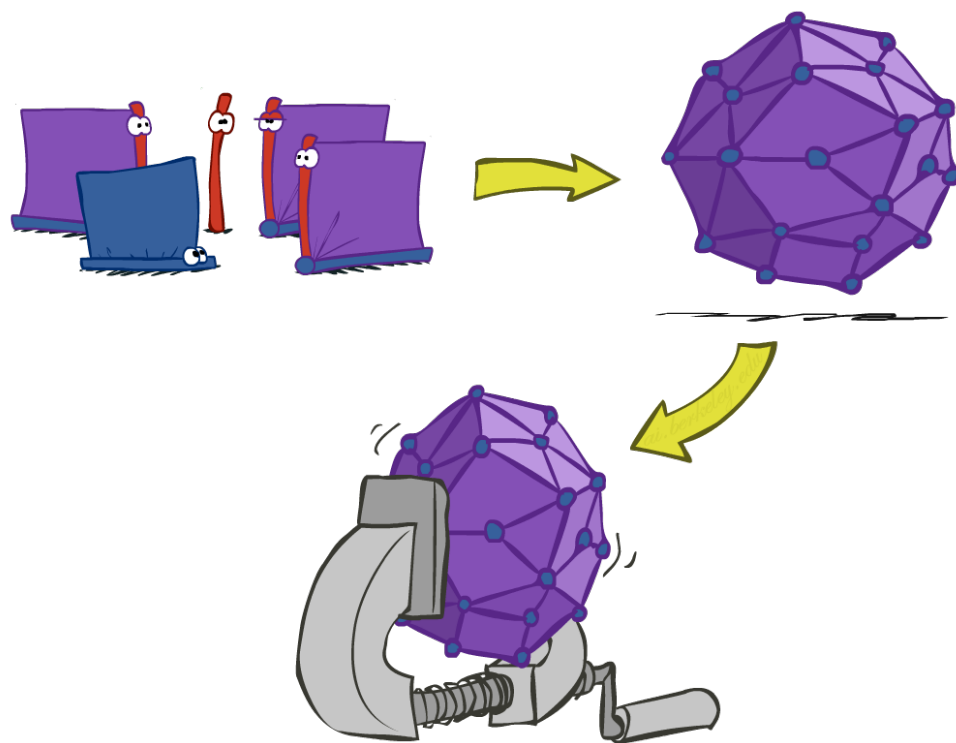


$$P(\text{Antilock} | \text{observed variables}) = ?$$

Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

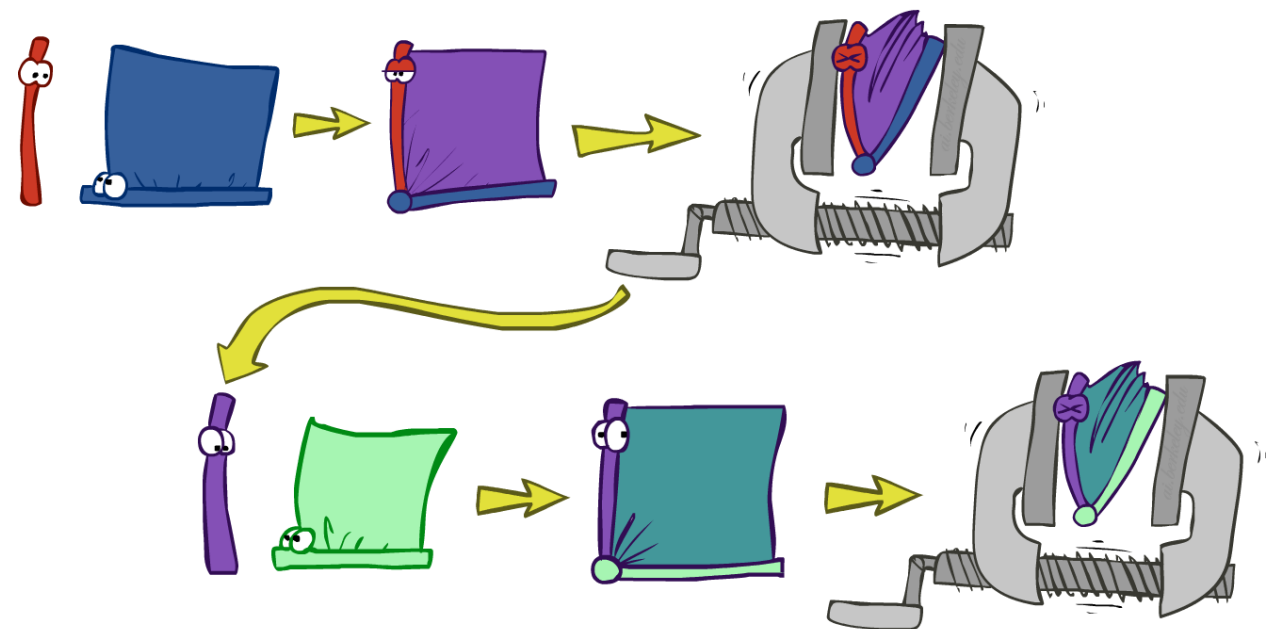
- ❖ Why is inference by enumeration so slow?

- ❖ You join up the whole joint distribution before you sum out the hidden variables



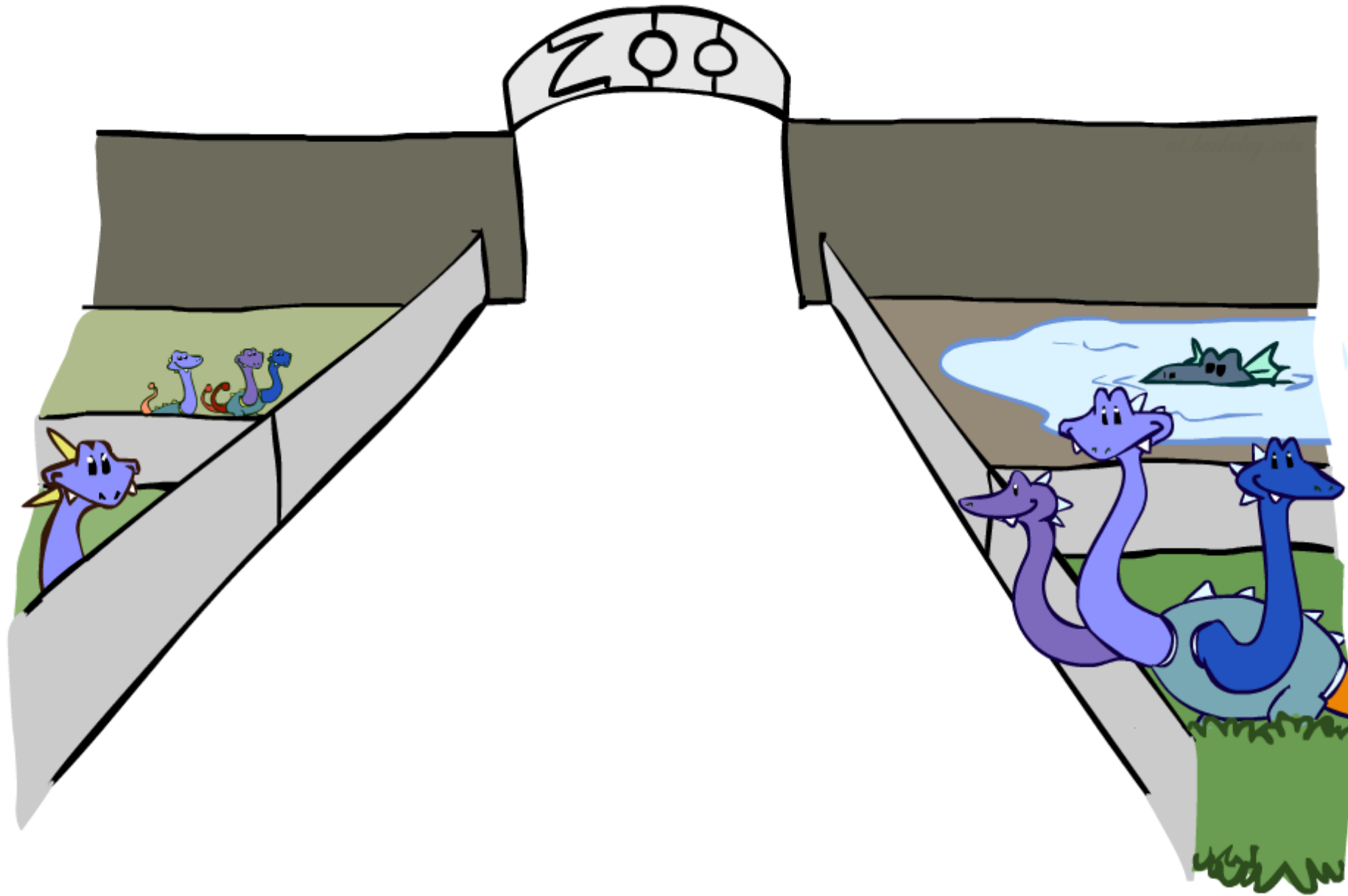
- ❖ Idea: interleave joining and marginalizing!

- ❖ Called “Variable Elimination”
 - ❖ Still NP-hard, but usually much faster than inference by enumeration



- ❖ First we'll need some new notation: factors

Factor Zoo



Factor Zoo I

- ❖ Joint distribution: $P(X,Y)$

- ❖ Entries $P(x,y)$ for all x, y
- ❖ Sums to 1

$P(T, W)$

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

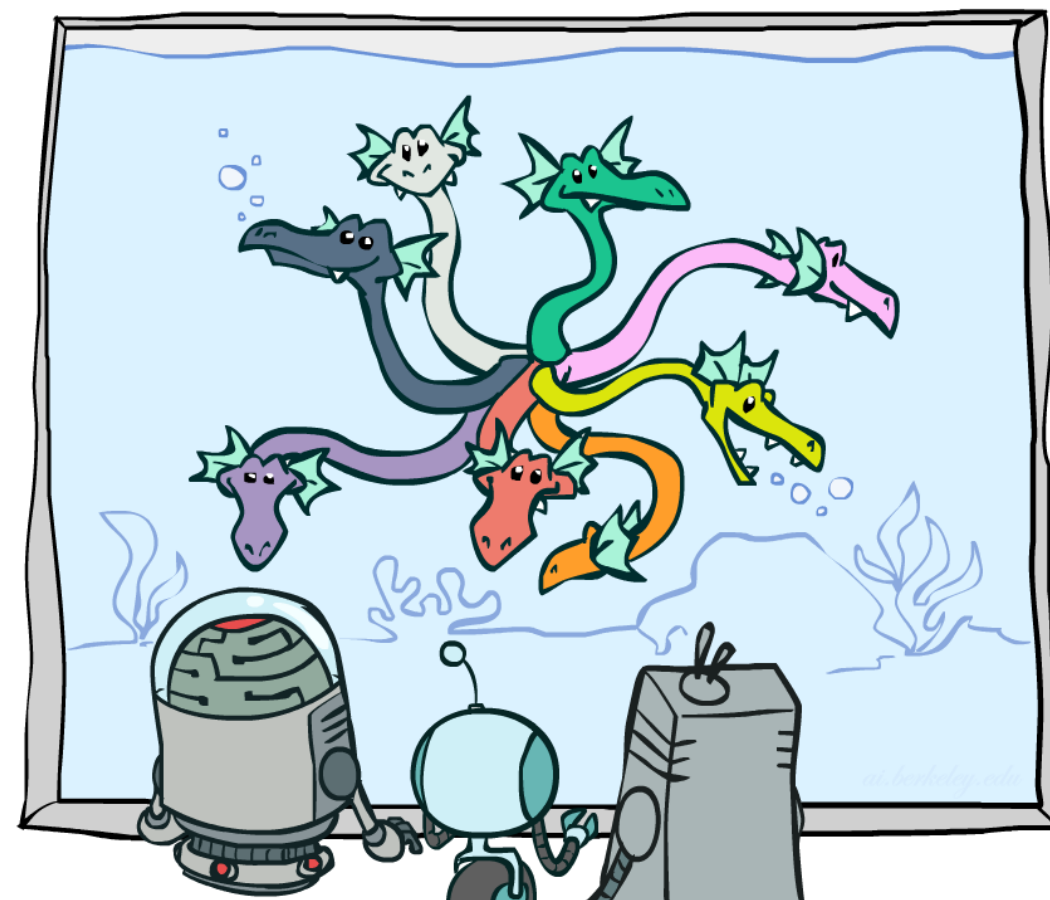
- ❖ Selected joint: $P(x,Y)$

- ❖ A slice of the joint distribution
- ❖ Entries $P(x,y)$ for fixed x , all y
- ❖ Sums to $P(x)$

$P(cold, W)$

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

- ❖ Number of capitals = dimensionality of the table



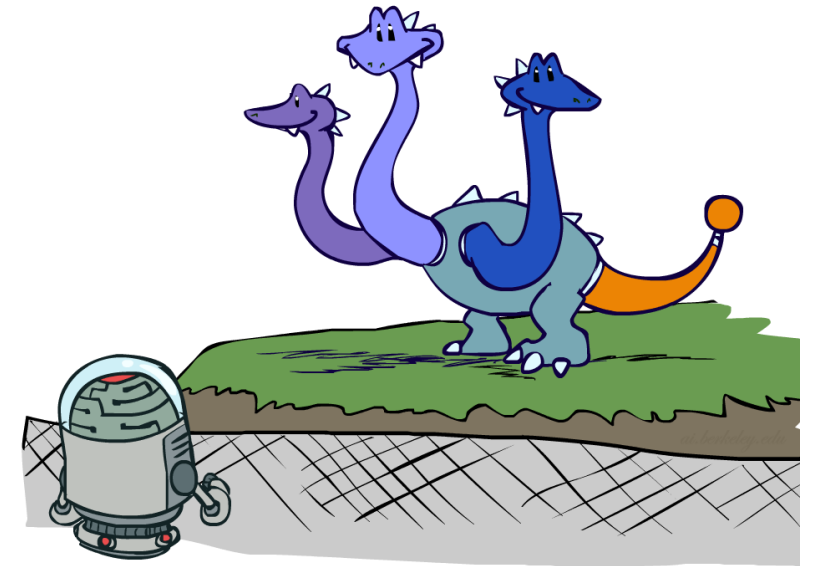
Factor Zoo II

- ❖ Single conditional: $P(Y \mid x)$

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

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

T	W	P
cold	sun	0.4
cold	rain	0.6



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

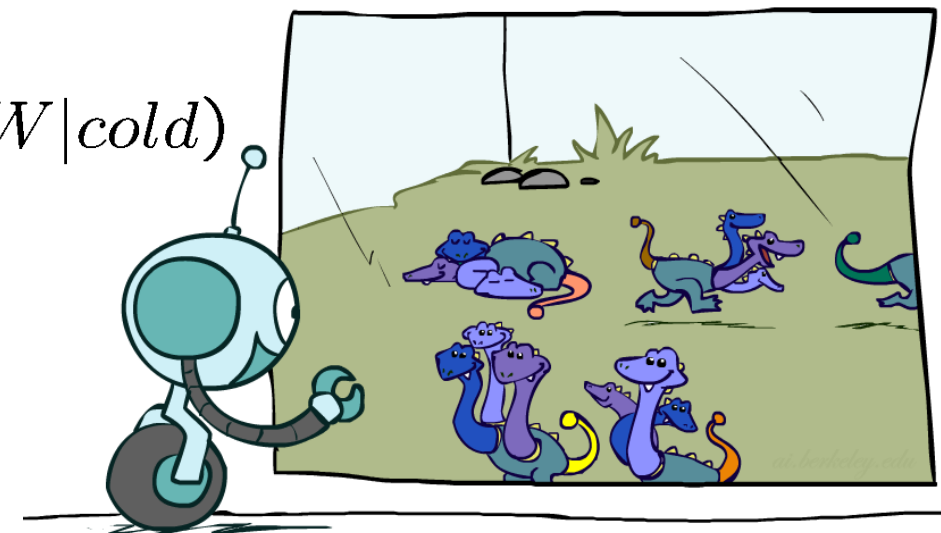
- ❖ Multiple conditionals
- ❖ Entries $P(x \mid y)$ for all x, y
- ❖ Sums to $|Y|$

$$P(W \mid T)$$

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

$$P(W \mid \text{hot})$$

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



Factor Zoo III

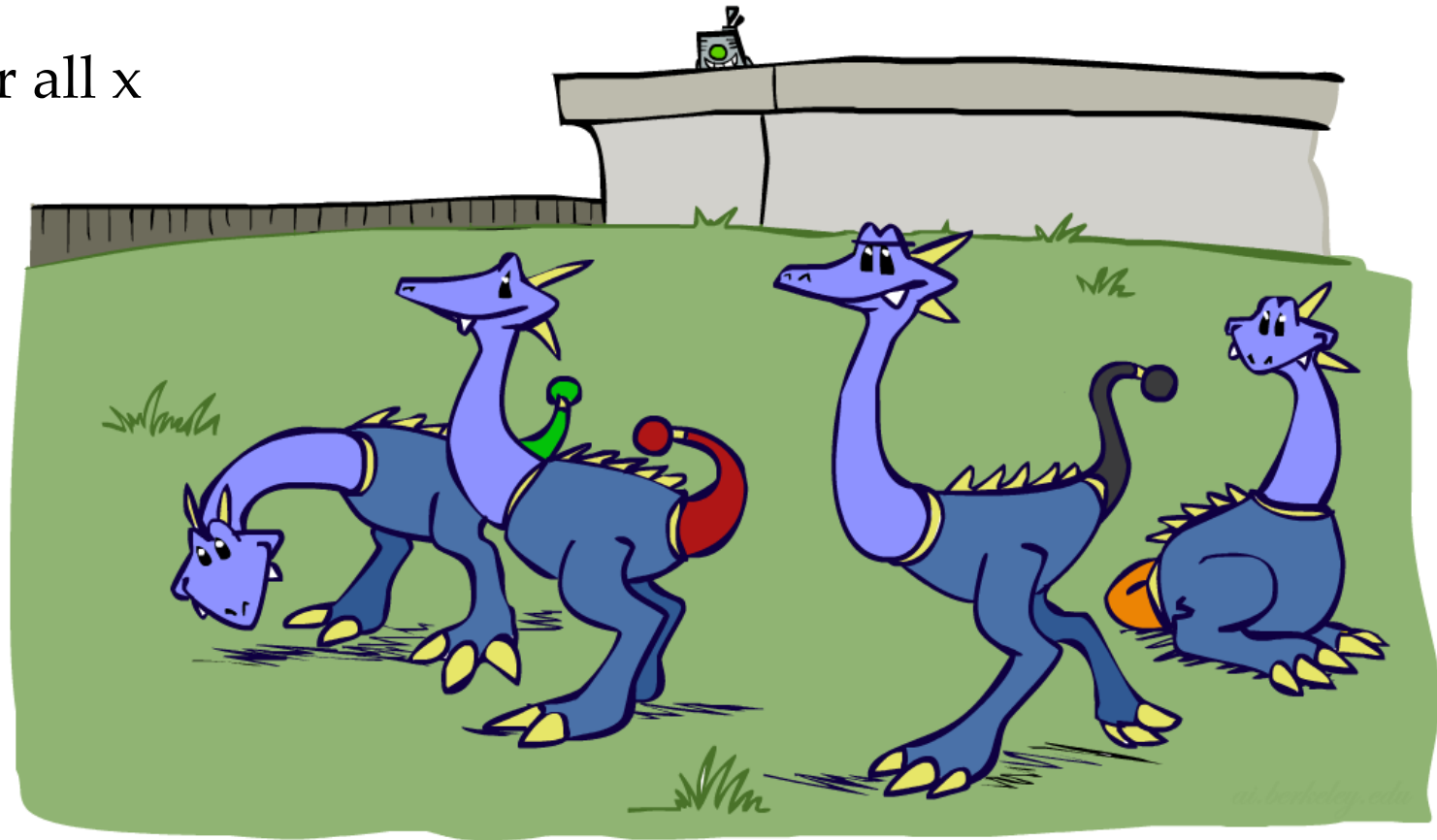
- ❖ Specified family: $P(y \mid X)$
 - ❖ Entries $P(y \mid x)$ for fixed y , but for all x
 - ❖ Sums to ... who knows!

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

T	W	P
hot	rain	0.2
cold	rain	0.6

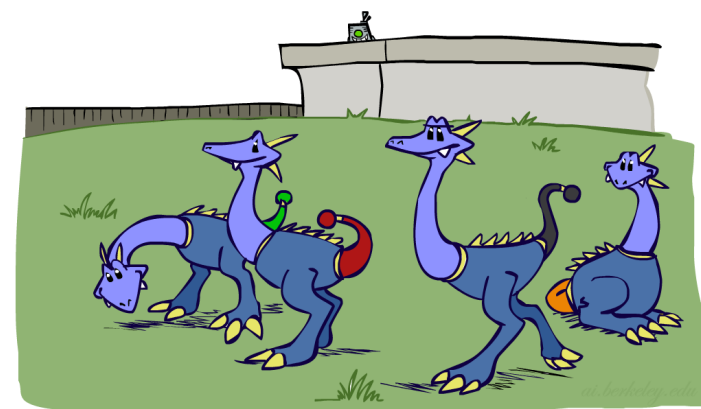
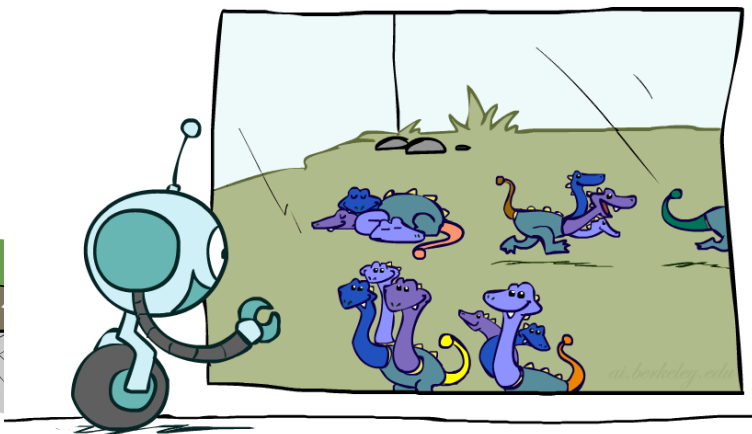
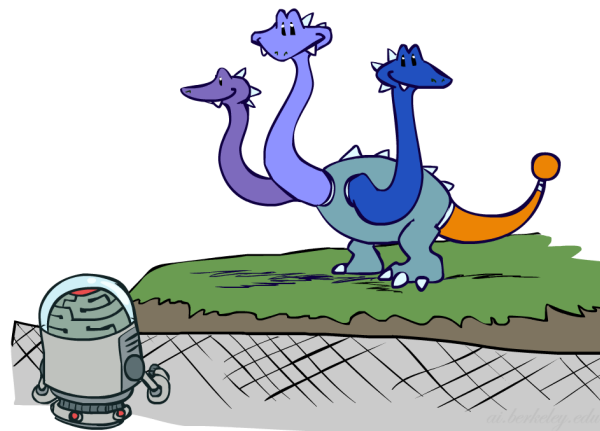
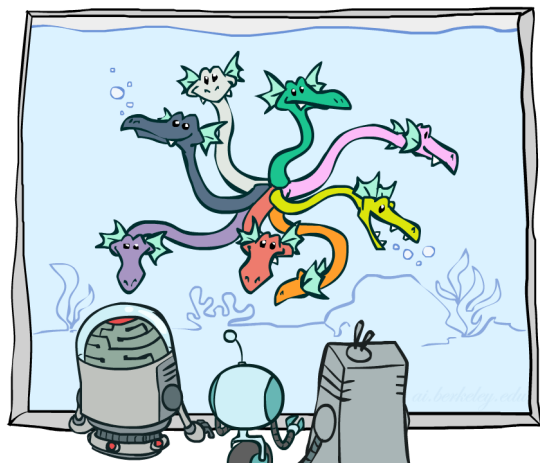
$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{hot})$

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

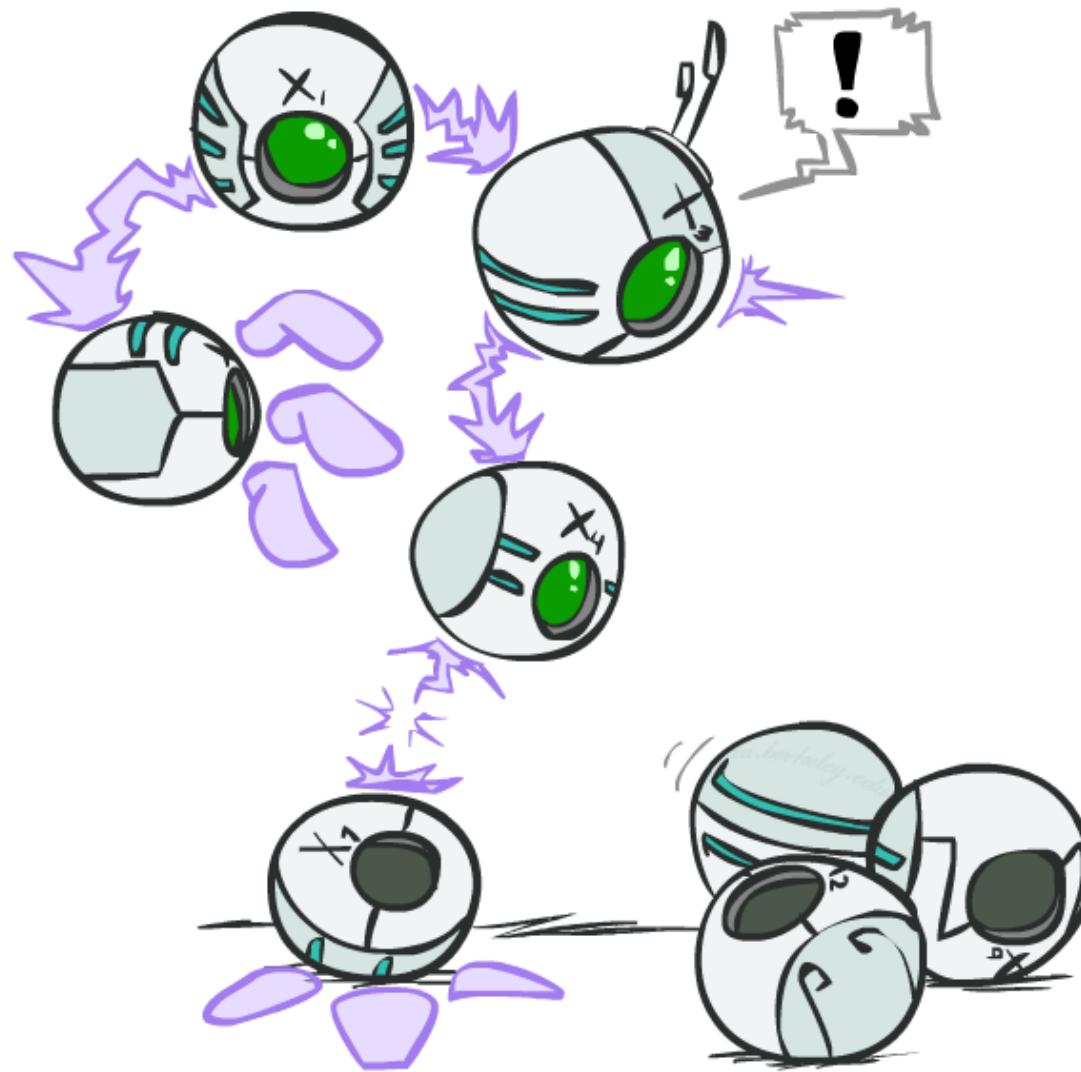


Factor Zoo Summary

- ❖ 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



Variable Elimination (VE)



Example: Traffic Domain

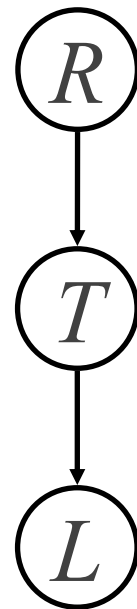
❖ Random Variables

- ❖ R: Raining
- ❖ T: Traffic
- ❖ L: Late for class!

$$P(L) = ?$$

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

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



$$P(R)$$

+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

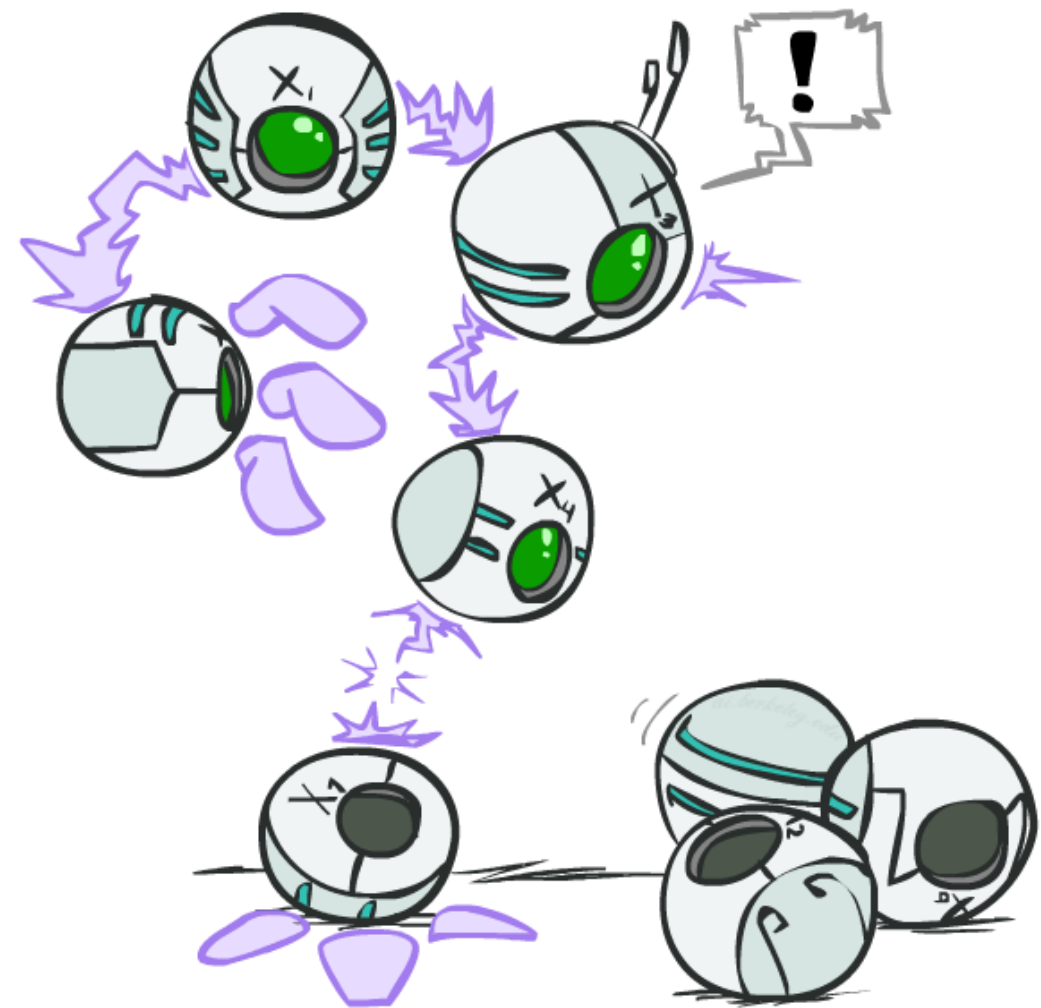
- ❖ Track objects called **factors**
- ❖ Initial factors are local CPTs (one per node)

$P(R)$		$P(T R)$			$P(L T)$		
+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

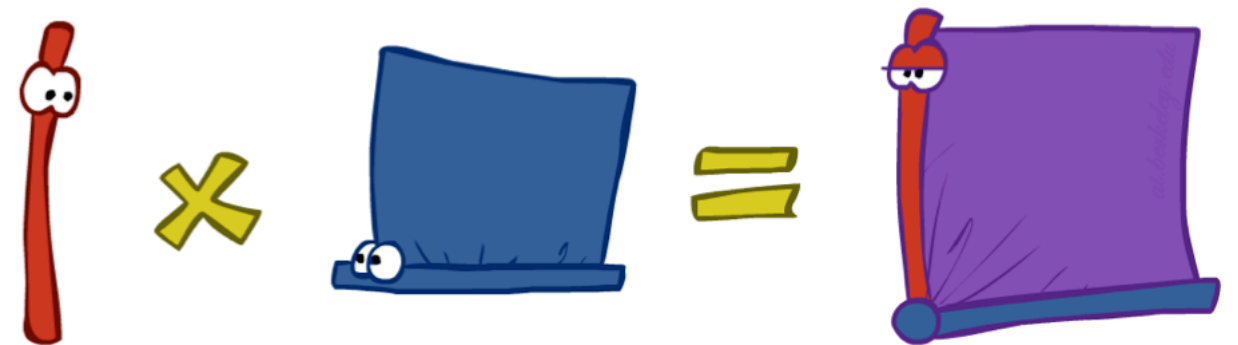
$P(R)$		$P(T R)$			$P(+\ell T)$		
+r	0.1	+r	+t	0.8	+t	+l	0.3
-r	0.9	+r	-t	0.2	-t	+l	0.1
		-r	+t	0.1			
		-r	-t	0.9			

- ❖ Procedure: Join all factors, then eliminate all hidden variables

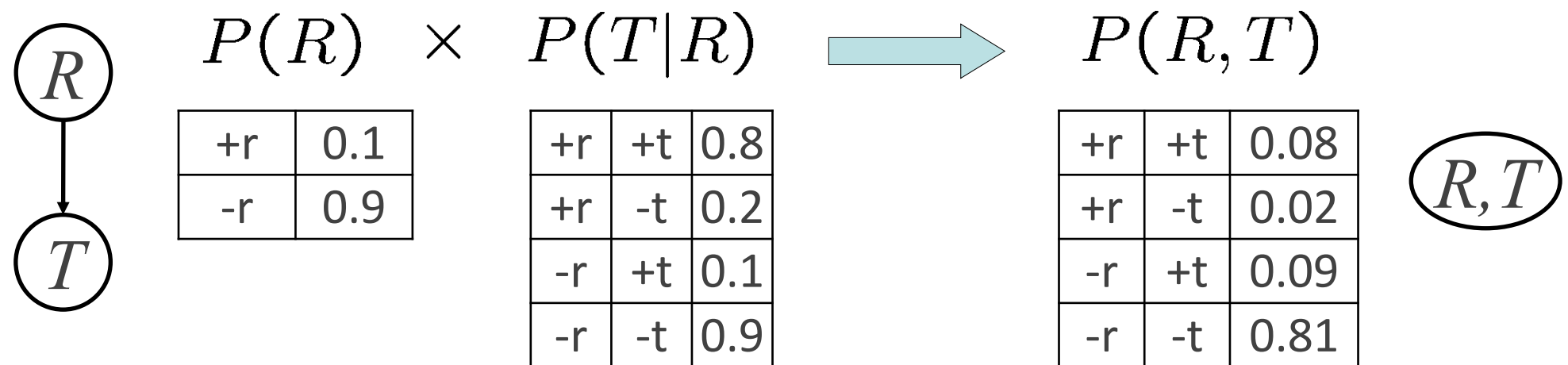


Operation 1: Join Factors

- ❖ First basic operation: **joining factors**
- ❖ Combining factors:
 - ❖ **Just like a database join**
 - ❖ Get all factors over the joining variable
 - ❖ Build a new factor over the union of the variables involved

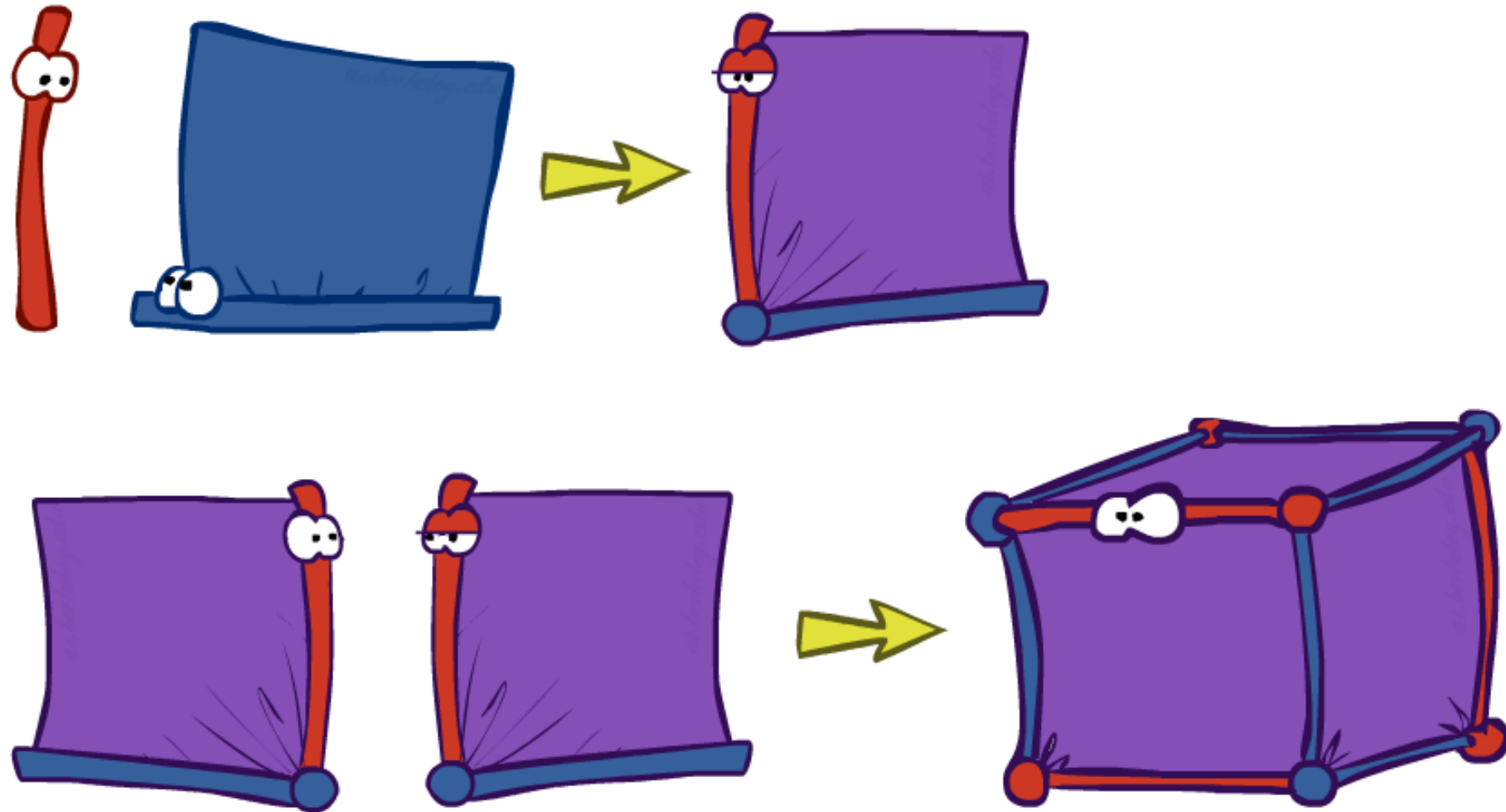


- ❖ Example: Join on R

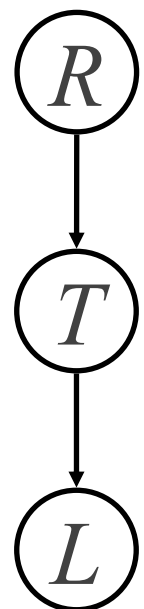


- ❖ Computation for each entry: pointwise products $\forall r, t : P(r, t) = P(r) \cdot P(t|r)$

Example: Multiple Joins



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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

Join R



$P(R, T)$

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

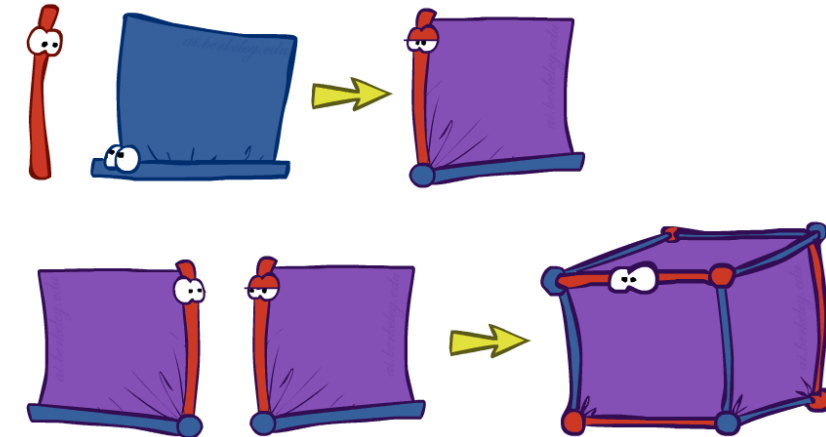
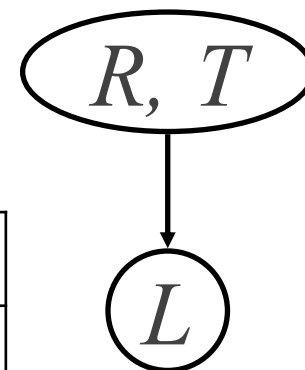
Join T



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



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:

$P(R, T)$

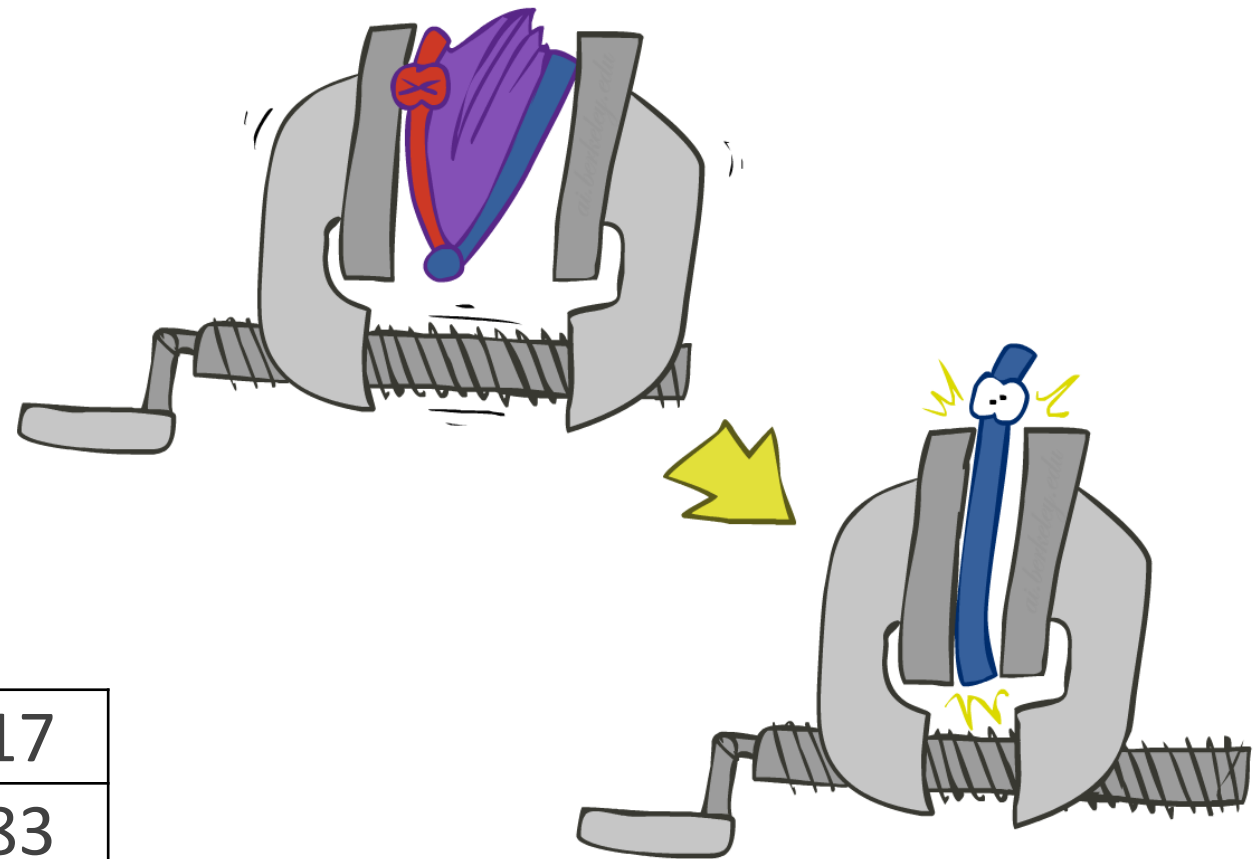
+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

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
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Sum
out R

→

$P(T, L)$

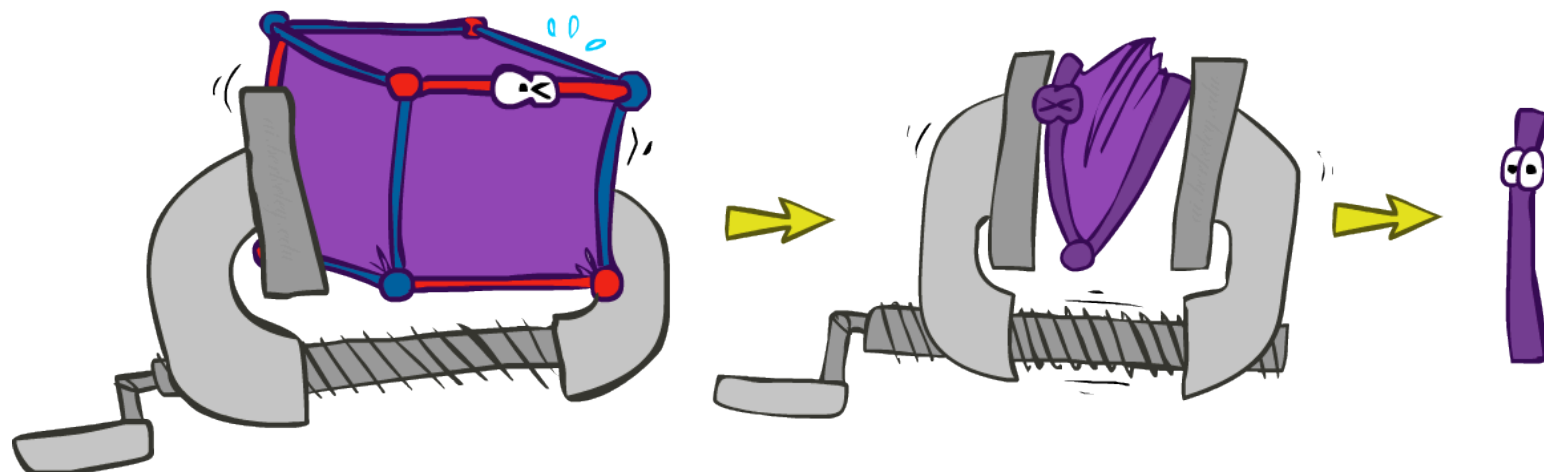
T, L		
+t	+l	0.051
+t	-l	0.119
-t	+l	0.083
-t	-l	0.747

Sum
out T

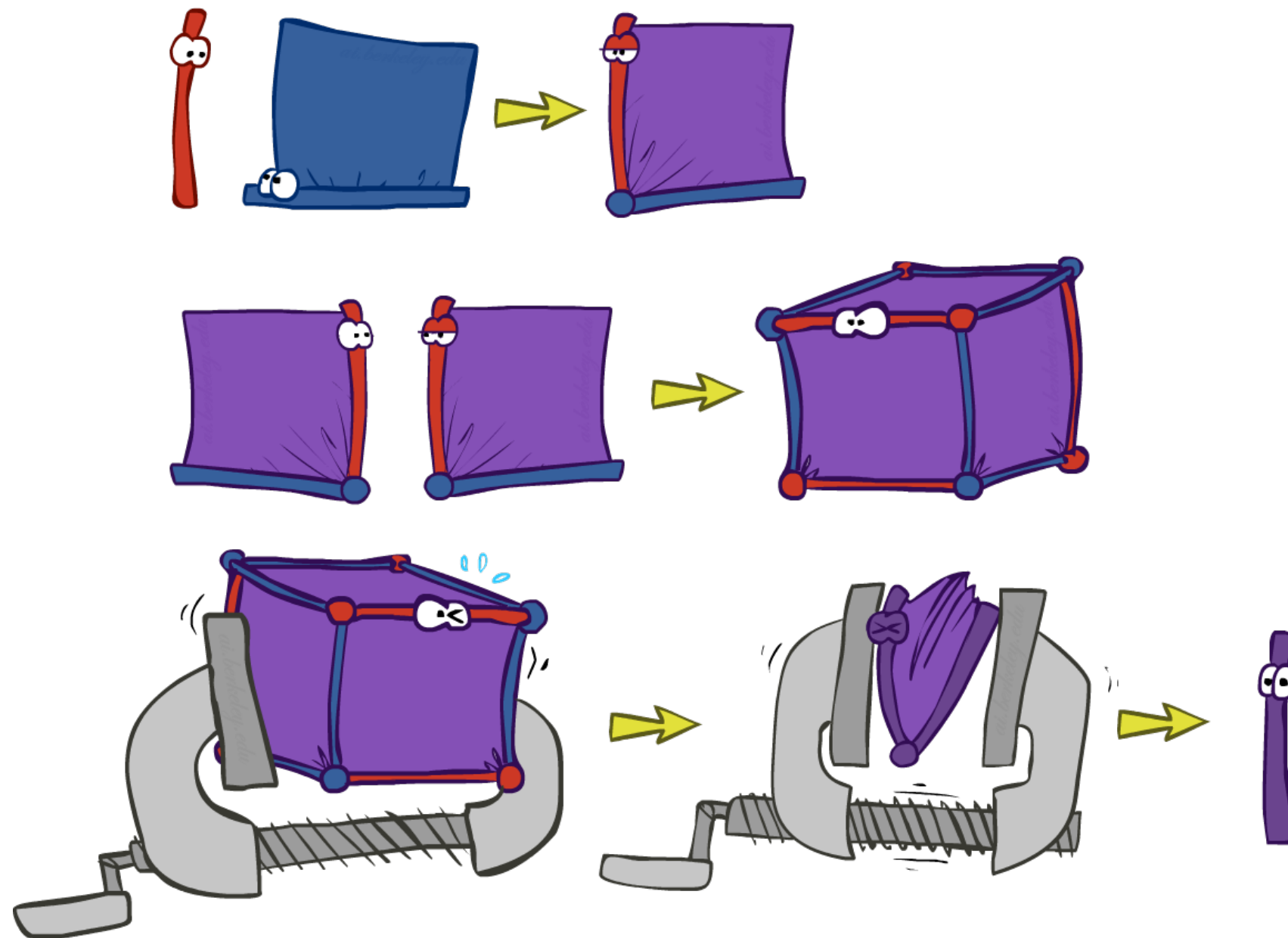
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$P(L)$

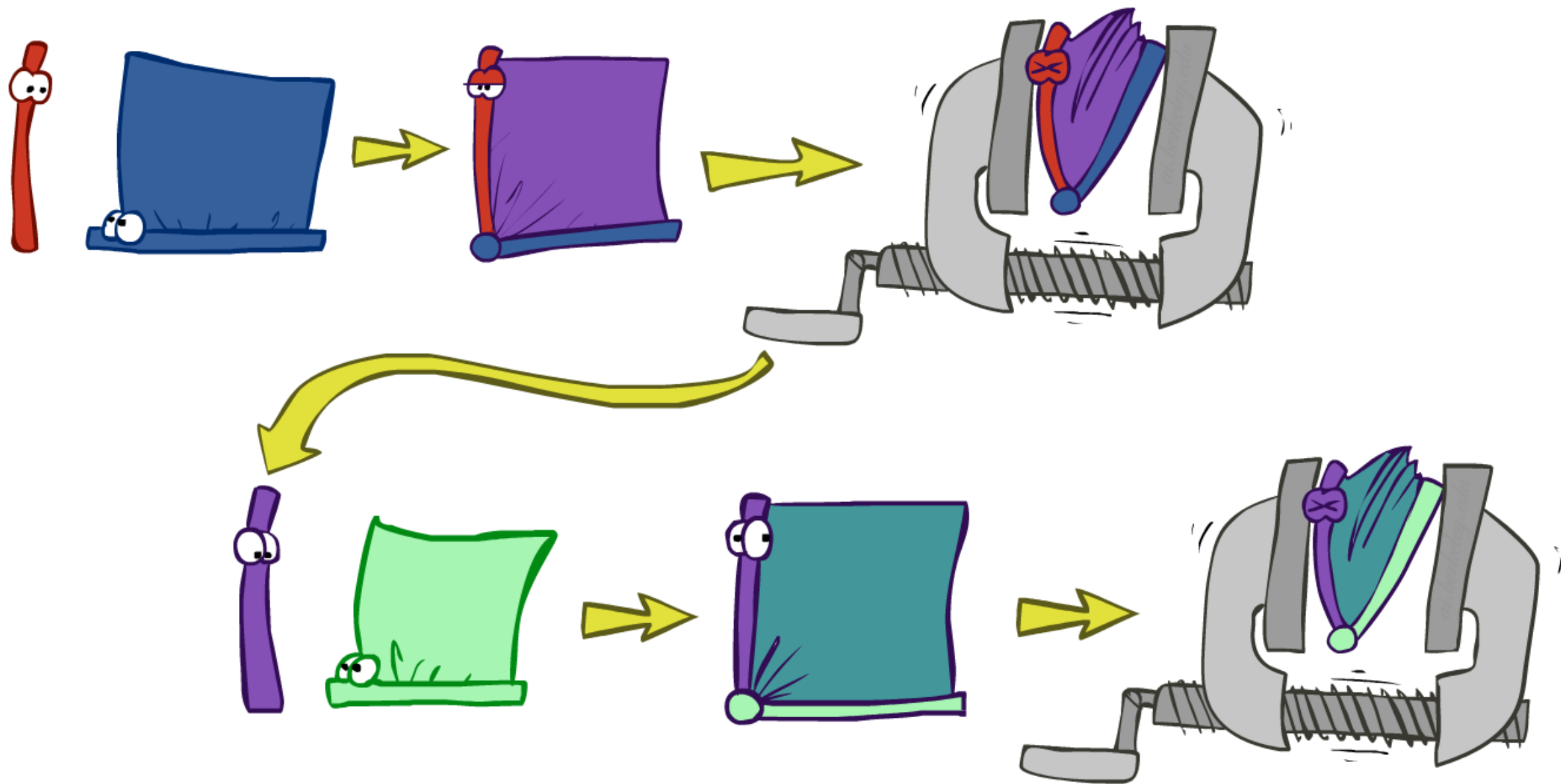
L	
+l	0.134
-l	0.886



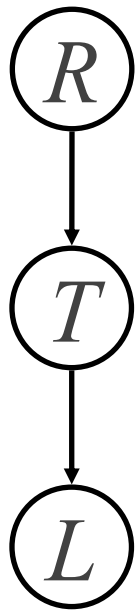
Thus Far: Multiple Join, Multiple Eliminate (= Inference by Enumeration)



Marginalizing Early (= Variable Elimination)



Traffic Domain



$$P(L) = ?$$

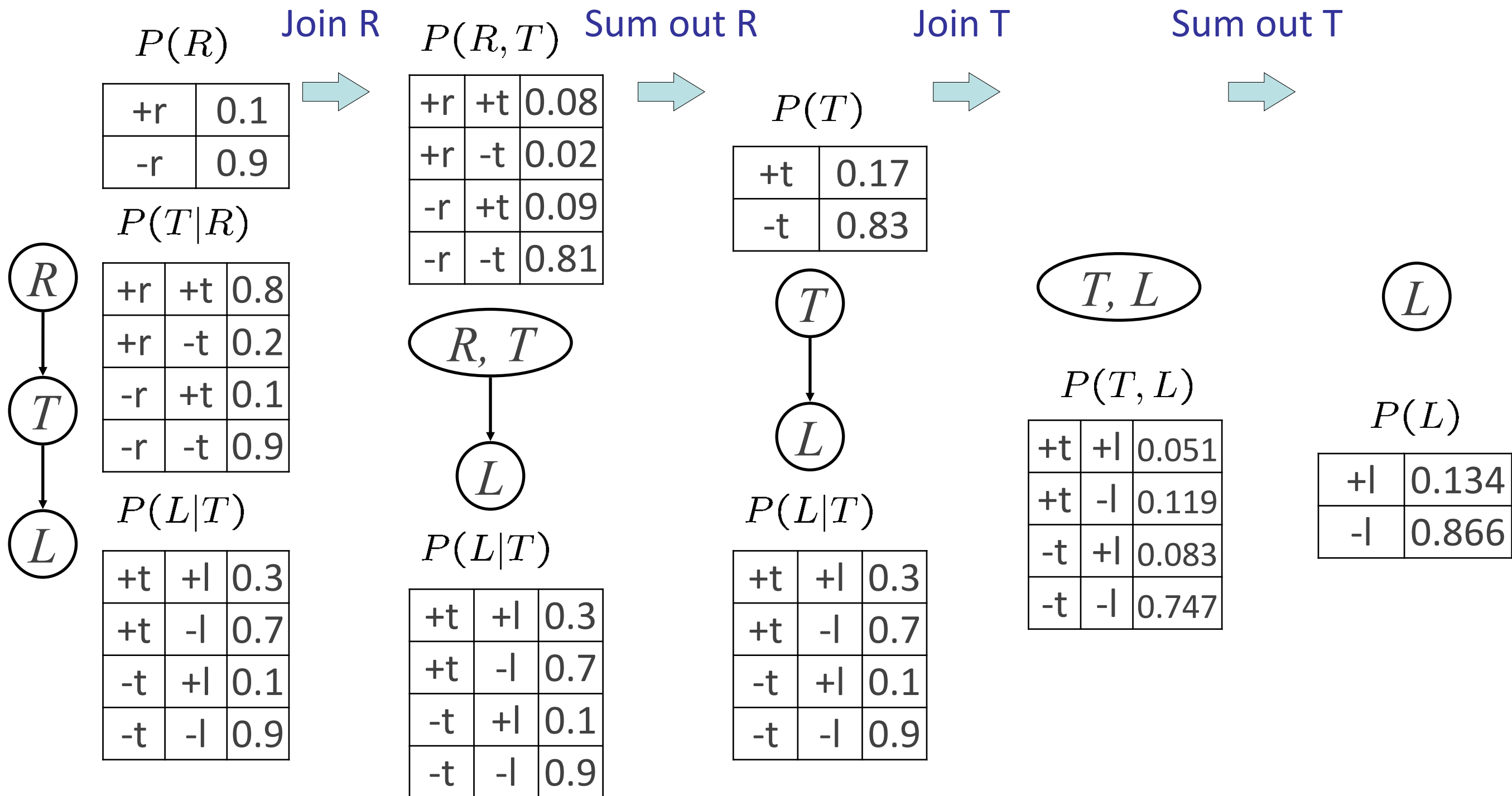
❖ Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r \underbrace{P(L|t) \underbrace{P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}}_{\text{Join on } t} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } r} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } t}$$

❖ Variable Elimination

$$= \sum_t P(L|t) \underbrace{\sum_r \underbrace{P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}}_{\text{Eliminate } r} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Join on } t} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Eliminate } t}$$

Marginalizing Early! (aka VE)



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
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-t	-l	0.9

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

$$P(+r)$$

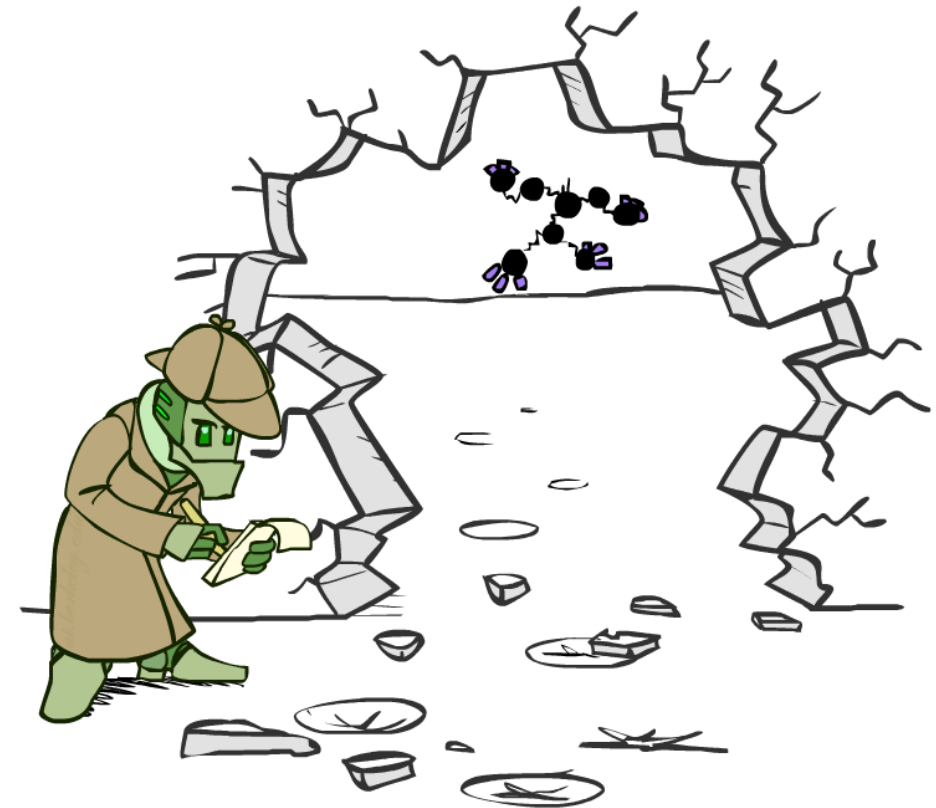
+r	0.1
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$$P(T|+r)$$

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$$P(L|T)$$

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- ❖ We eliminate all vars other than query + evidence

Evidence ctd.

- ❖ 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

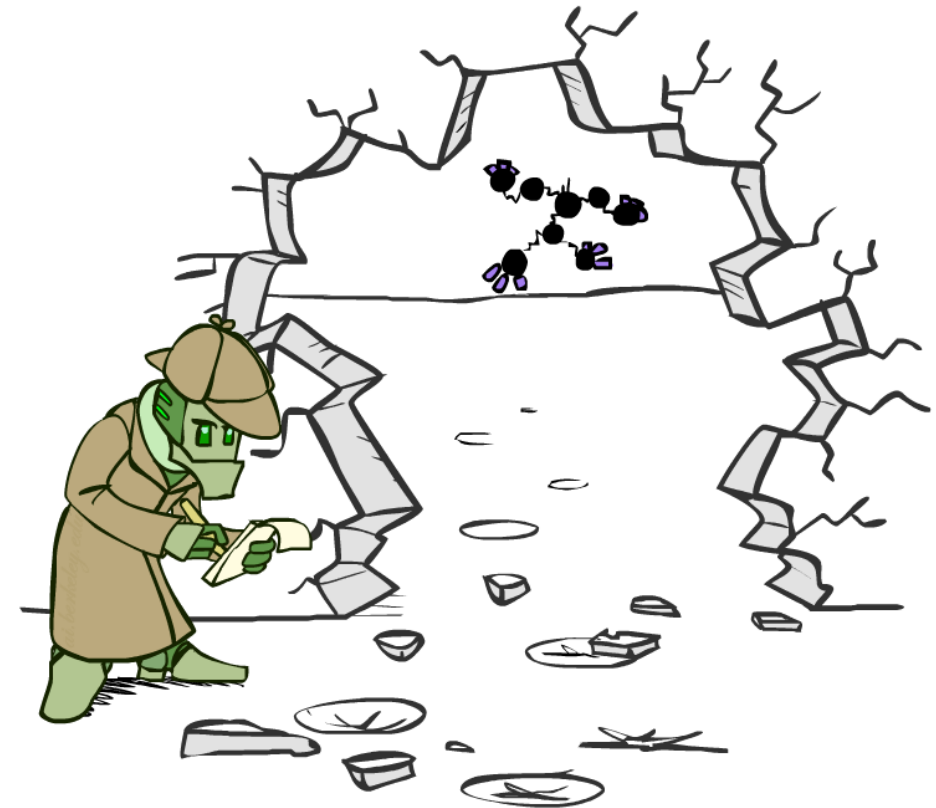
Normalize



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

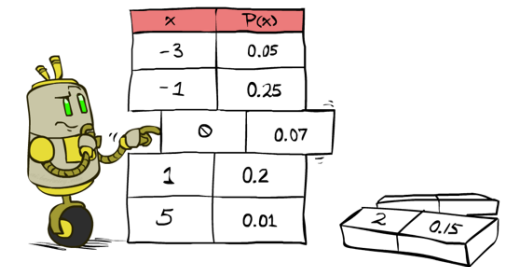
+l	0.26
-l	0.74

- ❖ How to get the answer?
 - ❖ Just normalize this!

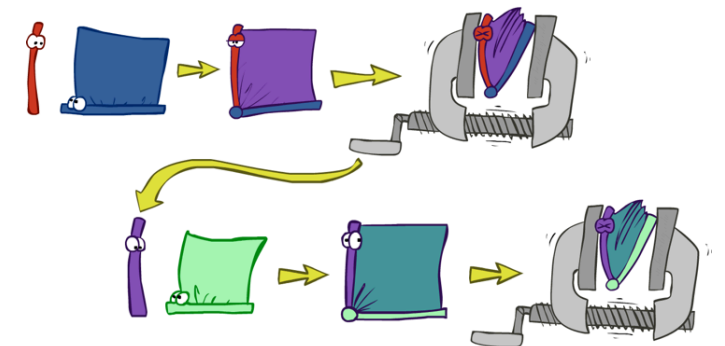


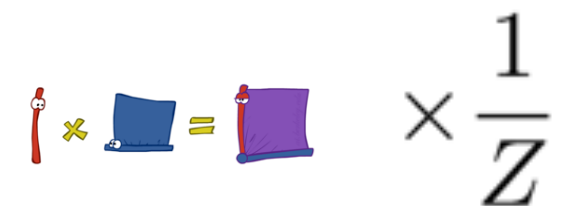
General Variable Elimination

- ❖ 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 depending on H
 - ❖ Eliminate (sum out) H
- ❖ Join all remaining factors and normalize



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




$$\text{red stick} \times \text{blue square} = \text{purple square} \times \frac{1}{Z}$$

Example

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

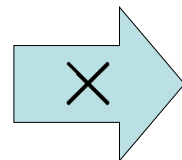
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Choose A

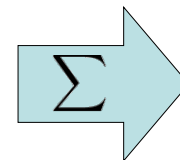
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$$P(j|A)$$

$$P(m|A)$$

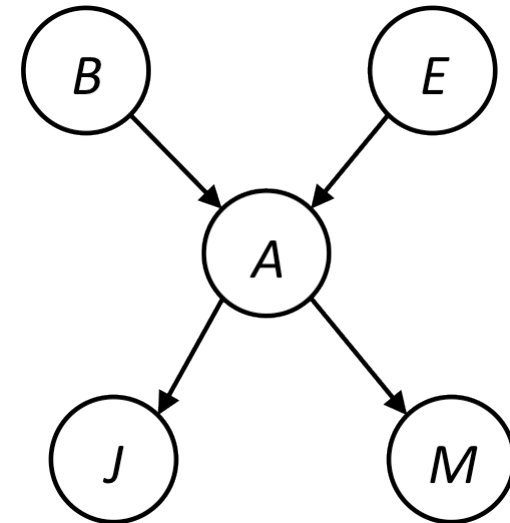


$$P(j, m, A|B, E)$$



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

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

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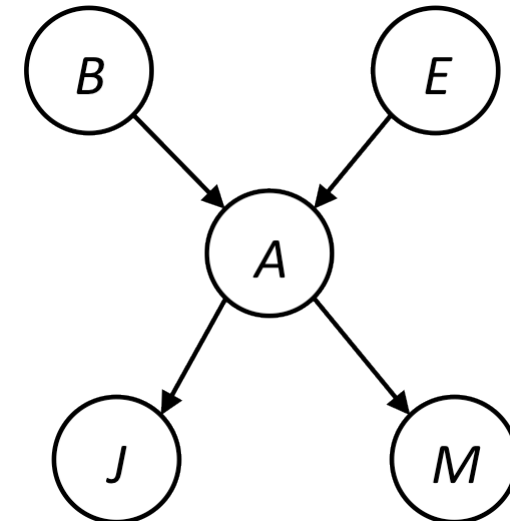
Choose E

$$\begin{array}{c} P(E) \\ P(j, m|B, E) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\times} P(j, m, E|B) \xrightarrow{\Sigma} P(j, m|B)$$

$P(B)$	$P(j, m B)$
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Finish with B

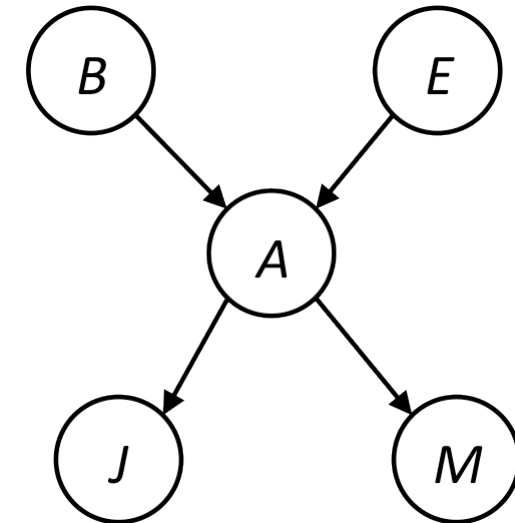
$$\begin{array}{c} P(B) \\ P(j, m|B) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\times} P(j, m, B) \xrightarrow{\text{Normalize}} P(B|j, m)$$



Same Example in Equations

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

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



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

- ❖ marginal can be 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

All we are doing is exploiting $uwy + uwz + uxy + uxz + vwy + vwz + vxy + vxz = (u+v)(w+x)(y+z)$ to improve computational efficiency!

Another Variable Elimination Example

Query: $P(X_3|Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_3 = y_3)$

Start by inserting evidence, which gives the following initial factors:

$$p(Z)p(X_1|Z)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_1|X_1)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$$

Eliminate X_1 , this introduces the factor $f_1(Z, y_1) = \sum_{x_1} p(x_1|Z)p(y_1|x_1)$, and we are left with:

$$p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$$

Eliminate X_2 , this introduces the factor $f_2(Z, y_2) = \sum_{x_2} p(x_2|Z)p(y_2|x_2)$, and we are left with:

$$p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)f_2(Z, y_2)p(X_3|Z)p(y_3|X_3)$$

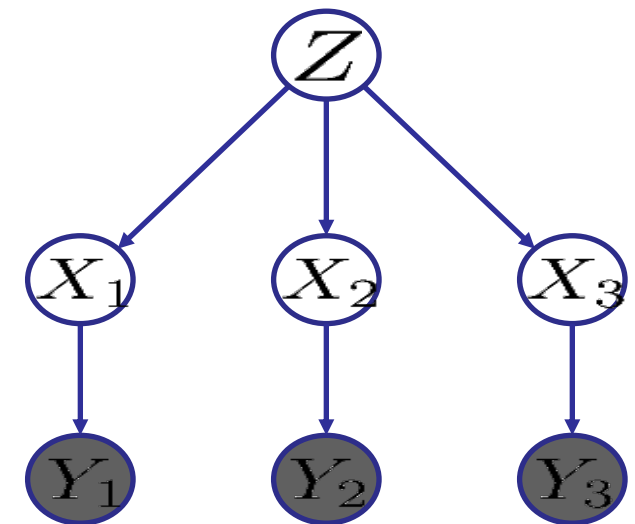
Eliminate Z , this introduces the factor $f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3) = \sum_z p(z)f_1(z, y_1)f_2(z, y_2)p(X_3|z)$, and we are left:

$$p(y_3|X_3), f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3)$$

No hidden variables left. Join the remaining factors to get:

$$f_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, X_3) = P(y_3|X_3)f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3).$$

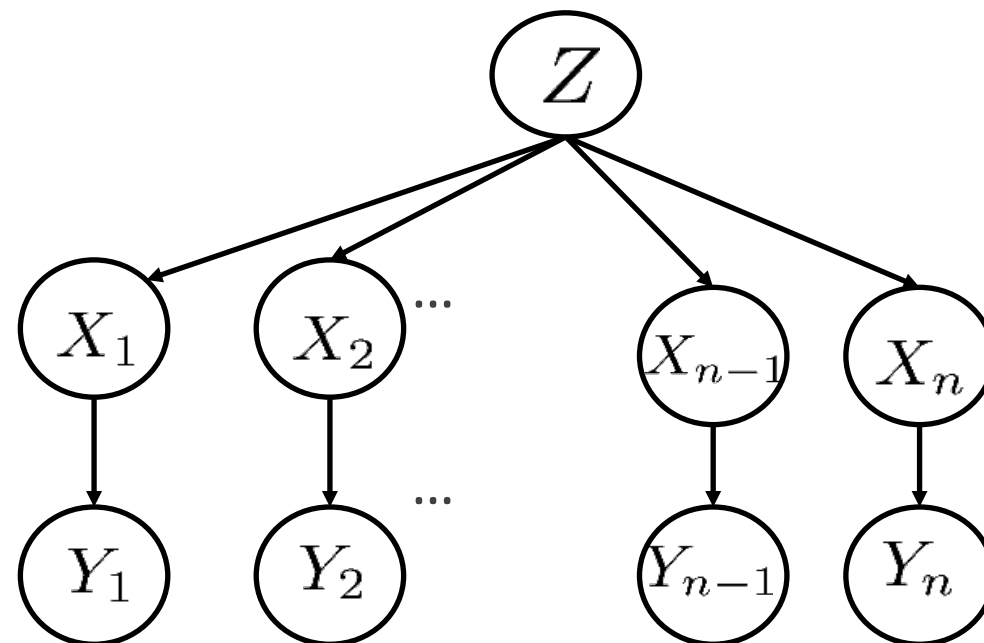
Normalizing over X_3 gives $P(X_3|y_1, y_2, y_3)$.



Computational complexity critically depends on the largest factor being generated in this process. Size of factor = number of entries in table. In example above (assuming binary) all factors generated are of size 2 -- as they all only have one variable (Z , Z , and X_3 resp.).

Quiz: Variable Elimination Ordering

- ❖ Assume all variables are binary.
- ❖ For the query $P(X_n | y_1, \dots, y_n)$ work through the following two different orderings as done in previous slide: Z, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} and X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, Z .



- ❖ What is the size of the maximum factor generated for each of the orderings?
- ❖ In general, the ordering can greatly affect efficiency.

VE: Computational and Space Complexity

- ❖ The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor
- ❖ The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor.
 - ❖ E.g., previous slide's example $O(2^n)$ vs. $O(1)$
- ❖ Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
 - ❖ No!

Worst Case Complexity?

❖ CSP:

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_5 \vee x_7) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_6 \vee \neg x_7) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee \neg x_6 \vee x_7)$$

$$P(X_i = 0) = P(X_i = 1) = 0.5$$

$$Y_1 = X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \neg X_3$$

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$$Y_8 = \neg X_5 \vee X_6 \vee X_7$$

$$Y_{1,2} = Y_1 \wedge Y_2$$

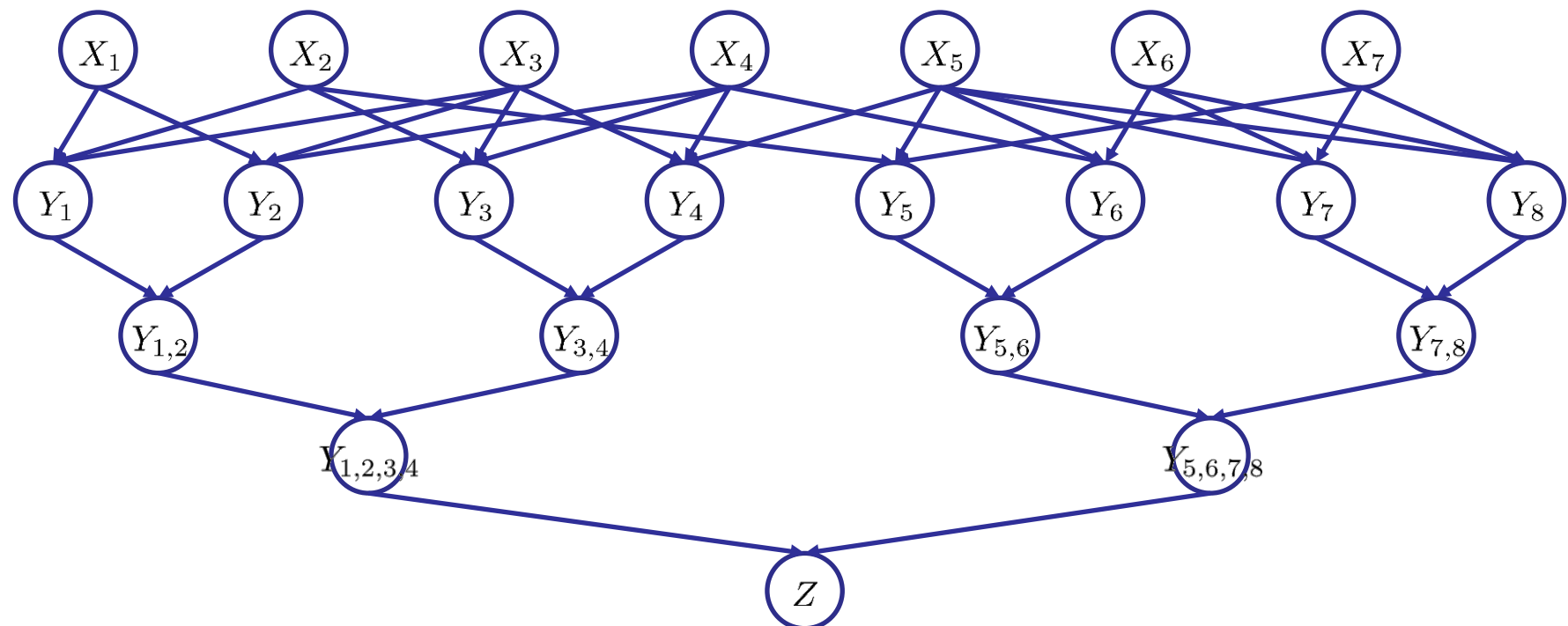
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$$Y_{7,8} = Y_7 \wedge Y_8$$

$$Y_{1,2,3,4} = Y_{1,2} \wedge Y_{3,4}$$

$$Y_{5,6,7,8} = Y_{5,6} \wedge Y_{7,8}$$

$$Z = Y_{1,2,3,4} \wedge Y_{5,6,7,8}$$



- ❖ If we can answer $P(z)$ equal to zero or not, we answered whether the 3-SAT problem has a solution.
- ❖ Hence inference in Bayes' nets is NP-hard. No known efficient probabilistic inference in general.

Polytrees

- ❖ A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- ❖ For polytrees you can always find an ordering that is efficient
 - ❖ Try it!!
- ❖ Cut-set conditioning for Bayes' net inference
 - ❖ Choose set of variables such that if removed only a polytree remains
 - ❖ Exercise: Think about how the specifics would work out!

Bayes' Nets

✓ Representation

✓ Conditional Independences

❖ Probabilistic Inference

✓ Enumeration (exact, exponential complexity)

✓ Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)

✓ Probabilistic inference is NP-complete

❖ Approximate inference (sampling)