

Artificial Intelligence

CS4365 --- Fall 2022

Final Exam Review

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Final Exam

- Location: CR 1.202
- Time: 5:00PM - 7:45PM, Tuesday, Dec 13
- Topics:
 - State-space search
 - Propositional logic
 - First-order logic
 - Bayes Net

State-space Search

- Breadth first search
- Depth first search
- Greedy best-first search
- A* search

Generic Tree-Search Algorithm

Add **initial state** to the **frontier**

Loop

node = **remove-frontier**() -- and save in order to return as part of
path to **goal**

 if **goal-test**(**node**) = **true** return path to **goal**

S = **successors**(**node**)

 Add **S** to **frontier**

until **frontier** is empty

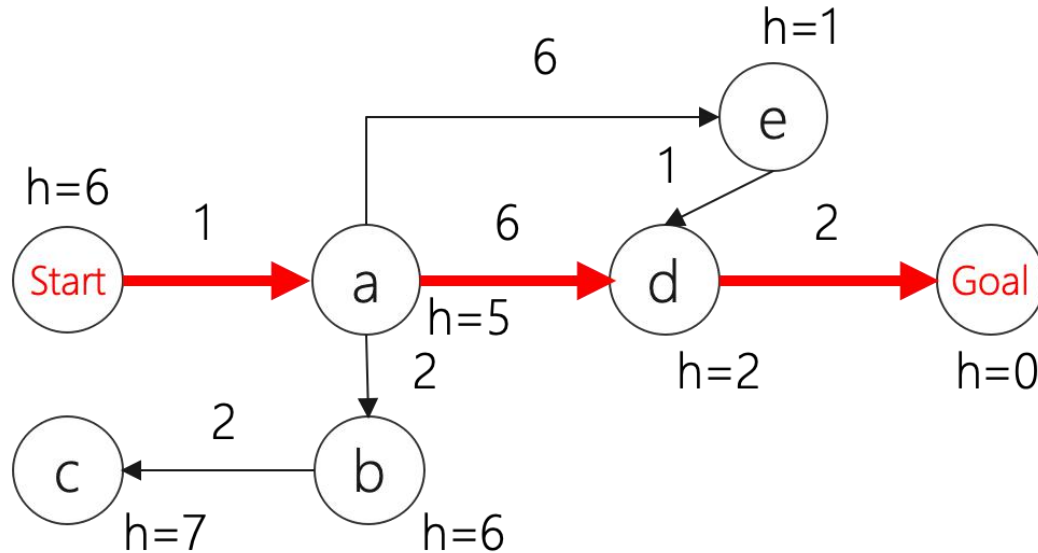
return **failure**

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- Informed search
 - Greedy Best-First Search
 - Expands the node that is “closest” to the goal as measured by $h(n)$
 - A* search
 - Combining Uniform-Cost Search and Greedy Best-First Search
 - $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$
 - $g(n)$: the path cost from the start node to node n
 - $h(n)$: the estimated cost of the cheapest path from node n to the goal node

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A* Search



- **Uniform-cost** orders by path cost $g(n)$
- **Greedy best first search** orders by estimated goal proximity $h(n)$
- **A* search** combines $g(n)$ and $h(n)$

Logic

- Logic:
 - defines a formal language for **logical reasoning**
- It gives us a tool that helps us to understand how to **construct a valid argument**
- Logic Defines:
 - the meaning of statements
 - the rules of logical inference

Logic as a Knowledge Representation

Model: a truth assignment to every propositional symbol

Logic entailment:

A sentence follows logically from another sentence:

$$\alpha \models \beta$$

In every model in which α is true, β is also true.

KR Language: Propositional Logic

- Literal: an atomic formula or its negation
 - Positive literal: P, Q
 - Negative literal: $\neg P, \neg Q$
- Syntax: build sentences from atomic propositions, using connectives:
 - \wedge : and
 - \vee : or
 - \neg : not
 - \Rightarrow : implies
 - \Leftrightarrow : equivalence (biconditional)

KR Language: Propositional Logic

Syntax: build **sentences** from atomic propositions, using connectives \wedge , \vee , \neg , \Rightarrow , \Leftrightarrow

(and / or / not / implies / equivalence (biconditional))

E.g.: $\neg P$

$Q \wedge R$

$(\neg P \vee (Q \wedge R)) \Rightarrow S$

KR Language: Propositional Logic

- Clause: a disjunction of literals

E.g.: $Q \vee R$

- Conjunctive normal form (CNF): a conjunction of clauses

E.g.: $(Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee R)$

- Every formula can be equivalently written as a formula in conjunctive normal form

$$(Q \wedge R) \vee P \rightarrow (Q \vee P) \wedge (R \vee P)$$

Semantics

Semantics specifies what something means.

In propositional logic, the semantics (i.e., meaning) of a sentence is the set of interpretations (i.e., **truth assignments**) in which the sentence evaluates to True.

Example:

The semantics of the sentence $P \vee Q \Rightarrow R$ is

- P is True, Q is True, R is True
- P is True , Q is False, R is True
- P is False , Q is True , R is True
- P is False , Q is False , R is True
- P is False , Q is False , R is False

Evaluating a sentence under interpretation I

We can evaluate a sentence using a **truth table**

| P | Q | $\neg P$ | $P \wedge Q$ | $P \vee Q$ | $P \Rightarrow Q$ | $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>false</i> | <i>false</i> | <i>true</i> | <i>false</i> | <i>false</i> | <i>true</i> | <i>true</i> |
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Note: \Rightarrow is somewhat counterintuitive

What's the true value of “5 is even implies Sam is smart”

If P is True, then I claim Q is True

Three Important Concepts

- Logic Equivalence
- Validity
- Satisfiability

Logic Equivalence

- Two sentences are **equivalent** if they are true in the same set of models.
- We write this as $\alpha \equiv \beta$. $\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$

For example:

- I. If Lisa is in Denmark, then she is in Europe
- II. If Lisa is not in Europe, then she is not in Denmark

Logic Equivalence

- $(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha)$ commutativity of \wedge
- $(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha)$ commutativity of \vee
- $((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma))$ associativity of \wedge
- $((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma))$ associativity of \vee
- $\neg(\neg \alpha) = \alpha$ double-negation
- $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg \beta \Rightarrow \neg \alpha)$ contraposition
- $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg \alpha \vee \beta)$ implication elimination
- $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$ biconditional elimination

Logic Equivalence

- $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$ De Morgan
- $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta)$ De Morgan
- $(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$ distributivity of \wedge over \vee
- $(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))$ distributivity of \vee over \wedge

These equivalences play much the same role in logic as arithmetic identities do in ordinary mathematics.

Validity

- Some sentences are very true! For example

1) True

$$2) P \Rightarrow P$$

$$3) (P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow Q$$

A valid sentence is one whose meaning includes **every** possible interpretation.

$$((P \vee H) \wedge (\neg H)) \Rightarrow P$$

| P | H | $P \vee H$ | $(P \vee H) \wedge \neg H$ | $((P \vee H) \wedge \neg H) \Rightarrow P$ |
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The truth table shows that $((P \vee H) \wedge (\neg H)) \Rightarrow P$ is valid

We write $\models ((P \vee H) \wedge (\neg H)) \Rightarrow P$

Satisfiability

- An unsatisfiable sentence is one whose meaning has **no interpretation** (e.g., $P \wedge \neg P$)
- A satisfiable sentence is one whose meaning has **at least** one interpretation.
- A sentence must be either **satisfiable** or **unsatisfiable** but it can't be both.
- If a sentence is valid then it's satisfiable.
- If a sentence is satisfiable then it may or may not be valid.

Convert to CNF

- Convert $(B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ into CNF
- $((B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ (biconditional)
- $((\neg B_{1,1} \vee (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ (Implication elimination)
- $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ (De Morgan)
- $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ (Distri.)

The Resolution Rule (clausal form)

From $\alpha \vee p$ and $\neg p \vee \beta$, we can derive:

$\alpha \vee \beta$ (α and β are **disjunctions of literals**, where a literal is a propositional variable or its negation).

- Reason:
 - If p is true, β must be true
 - If p is false, α must be true
 - So β or α holds

The Resolution Rule (clausal form)

From $\alpha \vee p$ and $\neg p \vee \beta$, we can derive:

$$\alpha \vee \beta \text{ (resolvent)}$$

(α and β are **disjunctions of literals**, where a literal is a propositional variable or its negation).

Note: $\neg\alpha \Rightarrow p$ and $p \Rightarrow \beta$ gives $\neg\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$

It is a “chaining rule”.

General Resolution Rule

If $(L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \dots L_k)$ is True,
and $(\neg L_k \vee L_{k+1} \vee \dots L_m)$ True,

then we can conclude that

$(L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \dots L_{k-1} \vee L_{k+1} \vee \dots \vee L_m)$ is True.

A **resolution-based theorem prover** can, for any sentences α and β in propositional logic, decide whether $\alpha \models \beta$

General Resolution Rule

- We can derive the **empty clause** via resolution iff the set of clauses is **inconsistent**. ($\neg p \wedge p$)
- Method relies on property III. It's **refutation complete**. Note that method does not generate theorems from scratch

Algorithm: Resolution Proof

- **Negate the theorem** to be proved, and add the result to the list of sentences in the KB. We show that $(KB \wedge \neg\alpha)$ is **unsatisfiable**
- Put the list of sentences into **conjunctive normal form**.
- Until there is **no resolvable pair of clauses**,
 - Find **resolvable clauses** and resolve them.
 - Add the results of resolution to the list of clauses.
 - If NIL (empty clause) is produced, stop and report that the (original) theorem is true. (empty clause represents contradiction)
- Report that the (original) theorem is false

Example

- 1) ARM-OK
- 2) \neg MOVES
- 3) $\text{ARM-OK} \wedge \text{LIFTABLE} \Rightarrow \text{MOVES}$
- 4) $\neg\text{ARM-OK} \vee \neg\text{LIFTABLE} \vee \text{MOVES}$

Prove: $\neg\text{LIFTABLE}$

- 5) LIFTABLE (assert)
- 6) $\neg\text{ARM-OK} \vee \text{MOVES}$ (resolving 5 and 4)
- 7) $\neg\text{ARM-OK}$ (from 6 and 2)
- 8) Nil (empty clause / contradiction, from 7 and 1).

Predicate Logic

- **Predicate logic (or first-order logic)** is an extension of propositional logic that permits **concisely** reasoning about whole classes of **entities** and **relations**.
- **Propositional logic** treats simple propositions (sentences) as atomic entities
- In contrast, **predicate logic** distinguishes the **subject** of a sentence from its **predicate**.

Predicate Logic

- Plato is a philosopher
- Socrates is a philosopher
- **Propositional logic:**
 - P: Plato is a philosopher
 - Q: Socrates is a philosopher
- **Predicate logic:**
 - Variable: a
 - Predicate: “is a philosopher”

Quantifier Expressions

- **Quantifiers** provide a notation that allows us to quantify (count) how many objects in the u.d. satisfy a given predicate.

- “ \forall ” is the **FOR ALL** or **universal quantifier**.

$\forall x P(x)$ means for all x in the u.d., P holds

- “ \exists ” is the **EXISTS** or **existential quantifier**.

$\exists x P(x)$ means there exists an x in the u.d. (that is, 1 or more) such that $P(x)$ is true.

The Universal Quantifier \forall

- Example:

Let the u.d. of x be parking spaces at UTD.

Let $P(x)$ be the predicate “ x is full”.

Then the **universal quantification** of $P(x)$, $\forall x P(x)$, is the proposition:

- “All parking spaces at UTD are full”
- i.e., “Every parking space at UTD is full.”
- i.e., “For each parking space at UTD, that space is full.”

The Universal Quantifier \forall

- Example
 - All kings are persons
 - $\forall x \text{ King}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$
- Extended interpretation:
 - $x \rightarrow$ Richard the Lionheart
 - $x \rightarrow$ King John
 - $x \rightarrow$ Richard's left leg
 - $x \rightarrow$ John's left leg,
 - $x \rightarrow$ the crown.

The Universal Quantifier \forall

- $\forall x \text{ King}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$ is true if the sentence $\text{King}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$ is true under each of the **five extended interpretations**
- Richard the Lionheart is a king \Rightarrow Richard the Lionheart is a person
- **King John is a king \Rightarrow King John is a person.**
- Richard's left leg is a king \Rightarrow Richard's left leg is a person.
- John's left leg is a king \Rightarrow John's left leg is a person
- The crown is a king \Rightarrow the crown is a person

The Universal Quantifier \forall

- A common mistake using \forall
 - $\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Person}(x)$
- “Richard the Lionheart is a king \wedge Richard the Lionheart is a person”
- “King John is a king \wedge King John is a person”
- “Richard’s left leg is a king \wedge Richard’s left leg is a person”
- ...

The Existential Quantifier \exists

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Then the **existential quantification** of $P(x)$, $\exists x P(x)$, is the proposition:

- “Some parking spaces at UTD are full”
- i.e., “There is a parking space at UTD is full.”
- i.e., “At least one parking space at UTD is full.”

The Existential Quantifier \exists

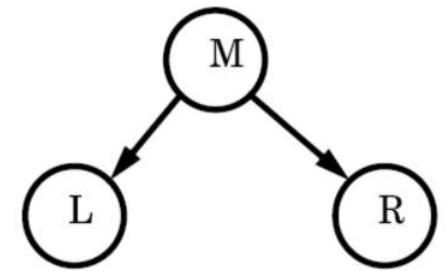
- Example
 - King John has a crown on his head
 - $\exists x \text{ Crown}(x) \wedge \text{OnHead}(x, \text{John})$
- At least one of the following is true:
 - Richard the Lionheart is a crown \wedge Richard the Lionheart is on John's head;
 - King John is a crown \wedge King John is on John's head
 - Richard's left leg is a crown \wedge Richard's left leg is on John's head;
 - John's left leg is a crown \wedge John's left leg is on John's head;
 - The crown is a crown \wedge the crown is on John's head.

Quantifier Exercise

- If $R(x, y)$ = “ x relies upon y ”, express the following in unambiguous English:
- $\forall x(\exists y R(x, y))$:
 - Everyone has someone to rely on
- $\exists y(\forall x R(x, y))$:
 - There’s a poor overburdened soul whom everyone relies upon (including himself)!
- $\exists x(\forall y R(x, y))$:
 - There’s some needy person who relies upon everybody (including himself).
- $\forall y(\exists x R(x, y))$:
 - Everyone has someone who relies upon them.
- $\forall x(\forall y R(x, y))$:
 - Everyone relies upon everybody, (including themselves)!

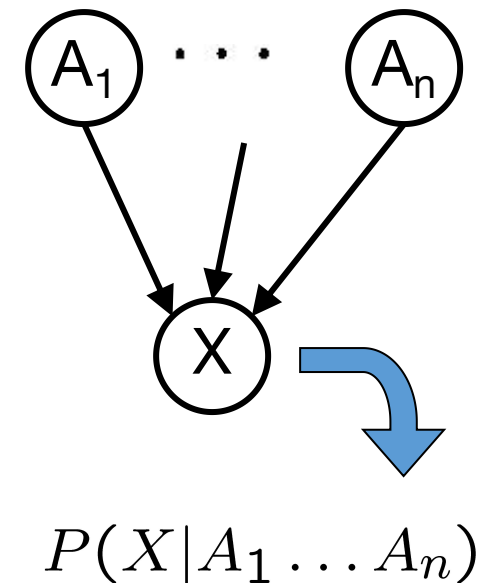
A Bayes Net

- Represents a set of **variables** and their **conditional dependencies** via a **directed acyclic graph**
- **Nodes** represent **variables**,
 - Can be assigned (**observed**) or unassigned (**unobserved**)
- **Edges** represent **conditional dependencies**
 - Similar to CSP constraints
- Nodes that are not connected represent variables that are **conditionally independent** of each other
- For example, a Bayes network could represent the probabilistic relationships between diseases and symptoms



Bayes' Net Semantics

- **Variables:** a set of nodes, one per variable X
- A directed, acyclic graph
- A **conditional distribution** for each node
 - A collection of distributions over X , one for each combination of parents' values
 - CPT: conditional probability table
 - Description of a noisy “causal” process

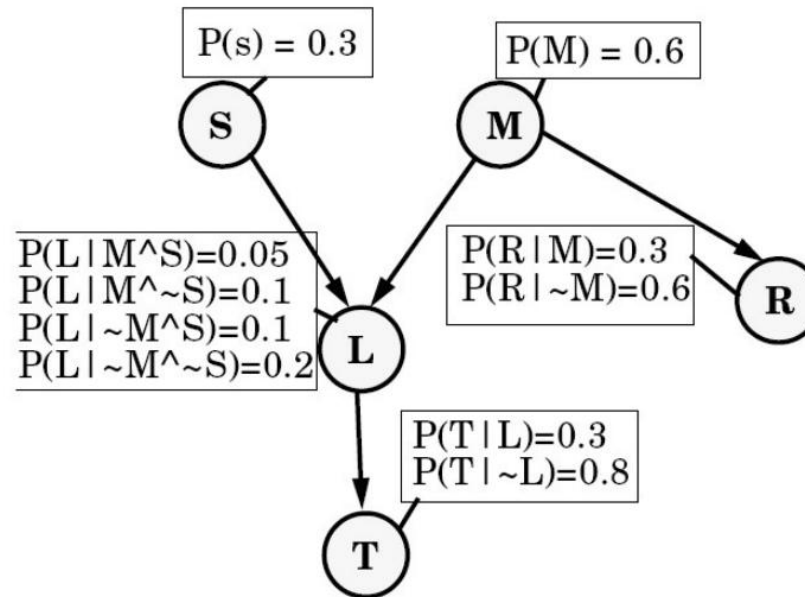


- *A Bayes net = Topology (graph) + Local Conditional Probabilities*

What you should know

- Compute joint distribution
- Compute marginal distribution
- Compute conditional distribution
- D-seperation

Computing with a Bayes Net



- The first thing we might want to do is compute an entry in a **joint probability table**
- Given an assignment of truth values to our variables, what is the probability?
E.g., What is $P(S, \sim M, L, \sim R, T)$?

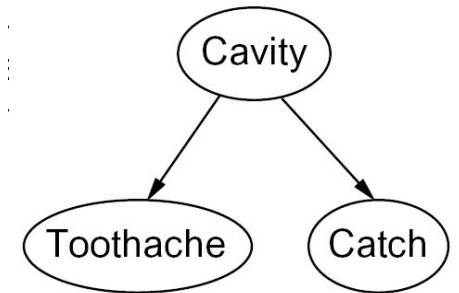
Probabilities in BNs

- 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:

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

- Example:

$$P(+cavity, +catch, -toothache)$$



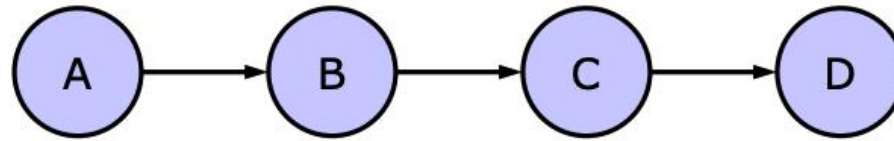
Compute Marginal Distribution

- To answer any query involving a conjunction of variables, sum over the variables not involved in the query

- Marginalization:

$$P(y) = \sum_{ABC} P(a,b,c,y),$$

Marginal distribution



- $P(d) = \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C P(a, b, c, d)$
 $= \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C P(d|c)P(c|b)P(b|a)P(a)$
 $= \sum_C P(d|c) \sum_B P(c|b) \sum_A P(b|a)P(a)$

Inference by Enumeration

- General case:
 - Evidence variables: $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
 - Query* variable: Q
 - Hidden variables: $H_1 \dots H_r$

- We want:

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

Inference by Enumeration

- Step 1:
 - Select the entries **consistent** with the evidence

- Step 2:
 - Sum out H to get joint of **Query** and **evidence**

$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(Q, h_1 \dots h_r, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

- Step 3:
 - Normalize

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

Inference

- Given a Bayesian network, what **questions** might we want to ask?
- **Conditional probability query:** $P(X = x \mid \mathbf{e})$
 - Given instantiations for some of the variables (we'll use \mathbf{e} here to stand for the values of all the instantiated variables; it doesn't have to be just one), what is the probability that node X has a particular value x ?
- **Maximum a posteriori probability:** $\operatorname{argmax}_q P(Q = q \mid E_1 = e_1 \dots)$
- **General question:** What's the whole probability distribution over variable X given evidence \mathbf{e} , $P(X \mid \mathbf{e})$?

Compute Conditional Distribution

- To answer any query involving a conjunction of variables, sum over the variables not involved in the query
- $P(y|x) = P(x,y) / P(x)$
 $= \sum_{ABC} P(a,b,c,x,y) / \sum_{ABCY} P(a,b,c,x,y)$

Inference by Enumeration in Bayes' Net

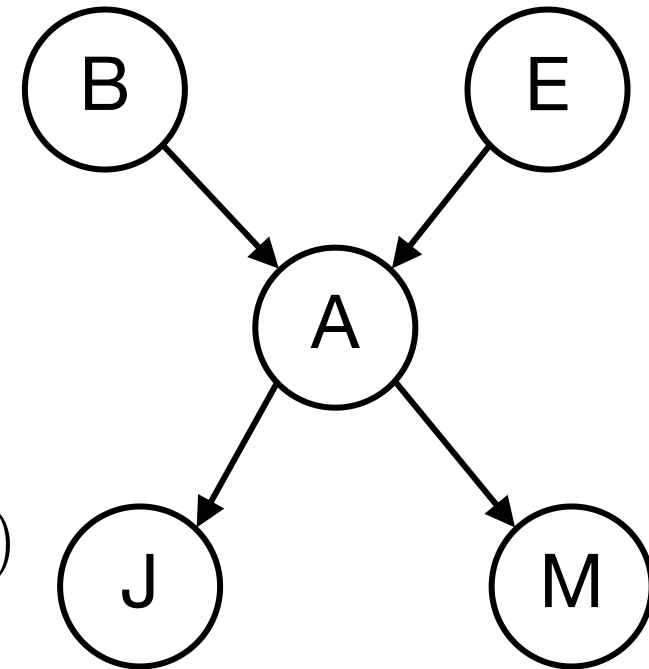
- Given unlimited time, inference in BNs is easy
- Inference by enumeration:

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

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

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

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



D-Separation

- Query: $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$
- Check all (undirected!) paths between X_i and X_j
 - If one or more **active**, then **independence** not guaranteed

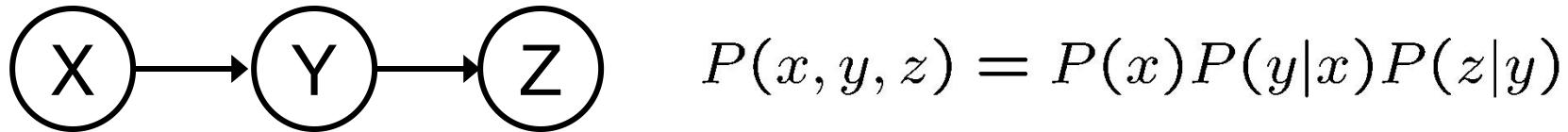
$$X_i \not\perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$$

- Otherwise (i.e. if all paths are **inactive**),
then independence is guaranteed

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$$

Causal Chains

- This configuration is a “causal chain”



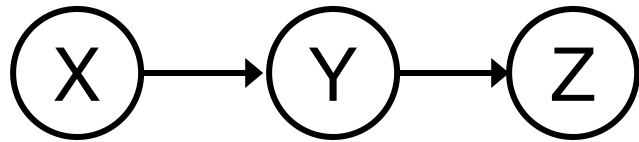
X: Exam easy Y: Get A Z: Get recommended

$$P(x, y, z) = P(x)P(y|x)P(z|y)$$

- Guaranteed X independent of Z ? *No!*
 - One example set of CPTs for which X is not independent of Z is sufficient to show this independence is not guaranteed.
 - Example:
 - Exam easy causes Get A causes Get recommended.
 - In numbers:
$$P(+y \mid +x) = 1, P(-y \mid -x) = 1,$$
$$P(+z \mid +y) = 1, P(-z \mid -y) = 1$$

Causal Chains

- This configuration is a “causal chain”



$$P(x, y, z) = P(x)P(y|x)P(z|y)$$

X: Exam easy Y: Get A Z: Get recommended

- Guaranteed X independent of Z given Y?

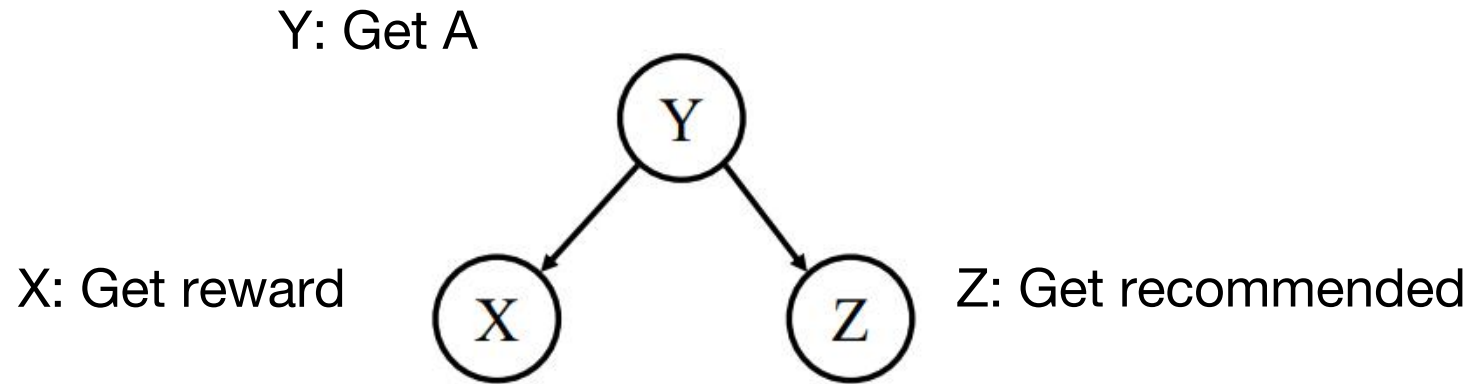
$$\begin{aligned} P(z|x, y) &= \frac{P(x, y, z)}{P(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{P(x)P(y|x)P(z|y)}{P(x)P(y|x)} \\ &= P(z|y) \end{aligned}$$

Yes!

Evidence along the chain “blocks” the influence

Common Cause

- This configuration is a “common cause”

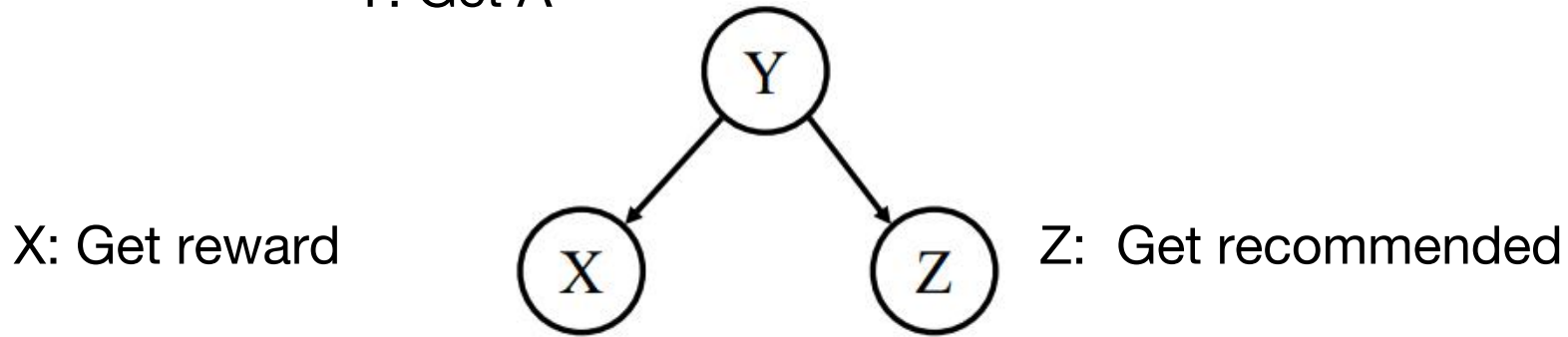


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 - Example:
 - **Get A** causes both **Get reward** and **Get recommended**
 - In numbers:
 - $P(+x | +y) = 1, P(-x | -y) = 1,$
 - $P(+z | +y) = 1, P(-z | -y) = 1$

Common Cause

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Y: Get A



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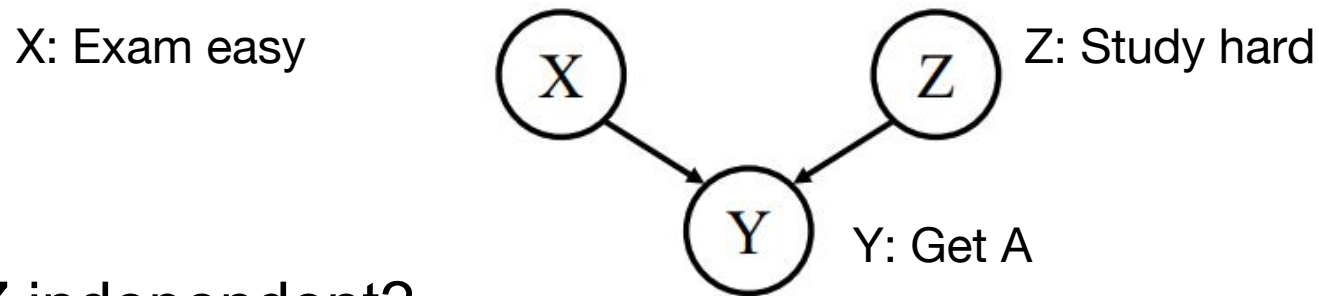
- Guaranteed X and Z independent **given Y**?

$$P(z|x, y) = \frac{P(x, y, z)}{P(x, y)} = \frac{P(y)P(x|y)P(z|y)}{P(y)P(x|y)} = P(z|y)$$

- **Observing the cause blocks influence between effects.**

Common Effect

- Last configuration: two causes of one effect (v-structures)



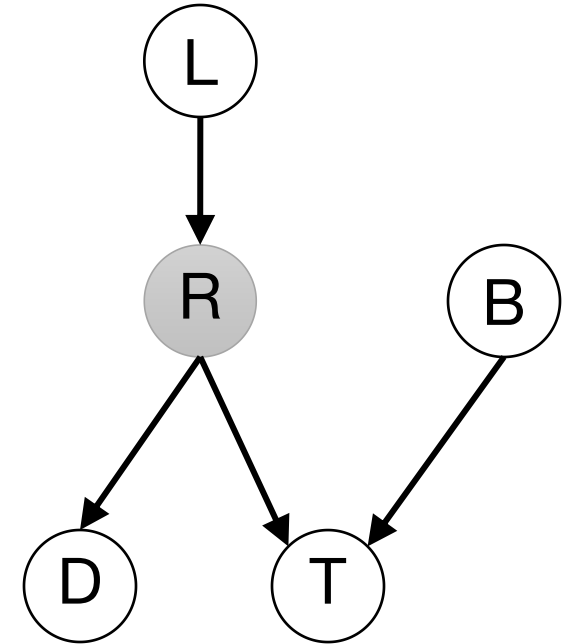
- Are X and Z independent?
 - **Yes**: Exam easy and Study hard cause Get A, but they are not correlated
- Are X and Z independent given Y?
 - **No**: seeing Get A puts Exam easy and Study hard in competition as explanation.
- **This is backwards from the other cases**
 - Observing an effect **activates** influence between possible causes.

The General Case

- General question: in a given BN, are two variables independent (given evidence)?
- Solution: analyze the graph
- Any complex example can be broken into repetitions of the three canonical cases

Reachability

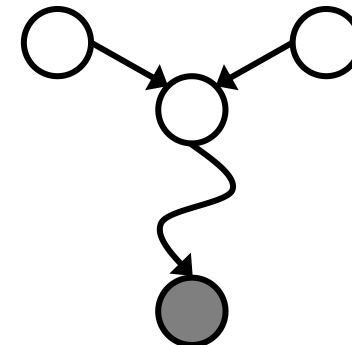
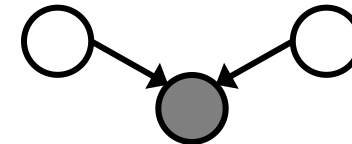
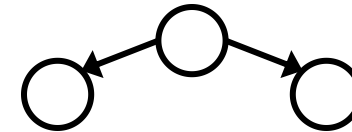
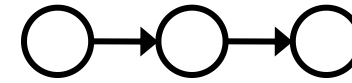
- **Recipe**: shade evidence nodes, look for paths in the resulting graph
- Place balls on one of the variables
- If any ball can **reach** another random variable, then they are not conditionally independent, otherwise they are



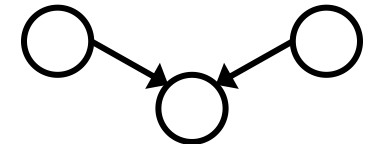
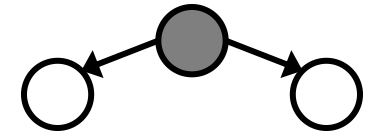
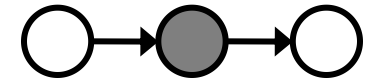
Active / Inactive Paths

- **Question:** Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence variables {Z}?
 - Yes, if X and Y “d-separated” by Z
 - Consider all (undirected) paths from X to Y
 - No active paths = independence!
- A path is **active** if each triple is **active**:
 - **Causal chain** $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$ where B is unobserved (either direction)
 - **Common cause** $A \leftarrow B \rightarrow C$ where B is unobserved
 - **Common effect** (aka v-structure)
 - $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$ where B or one of its descendants is observed
- All it takes to block a path is a single inactive segment

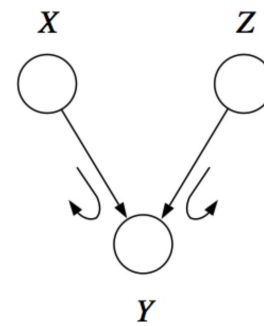
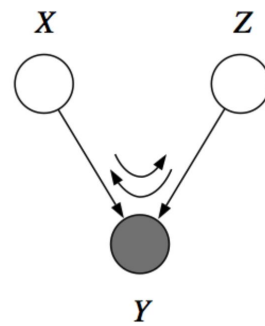
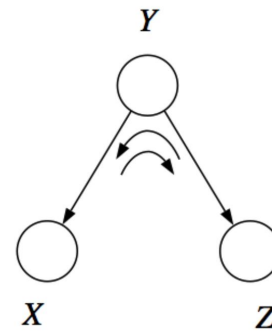
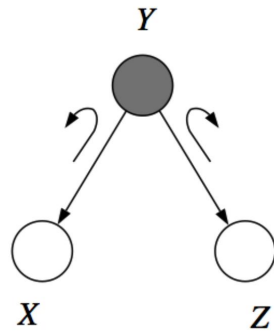
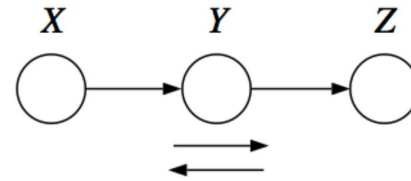
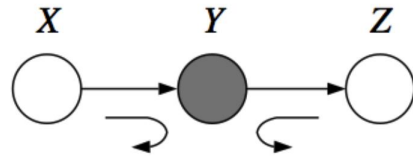
Active Triples



Inactive Triples

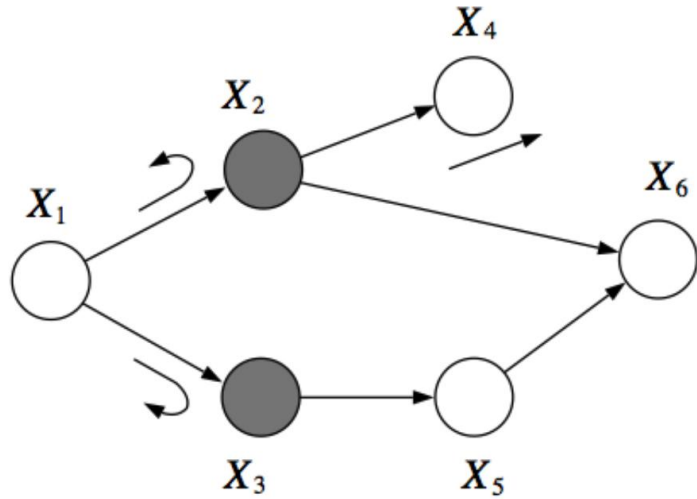


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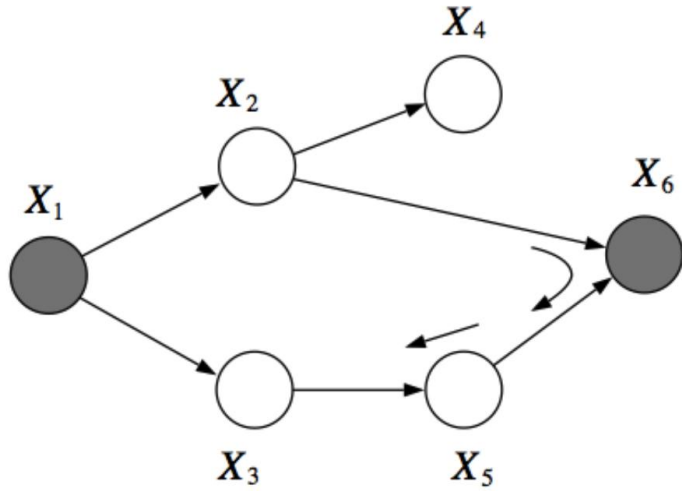
Reachability

- $(X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_4 \mid X_2, X_3) ?$



Reachability

- $(X_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3 \mid X_1, X_6) ?$

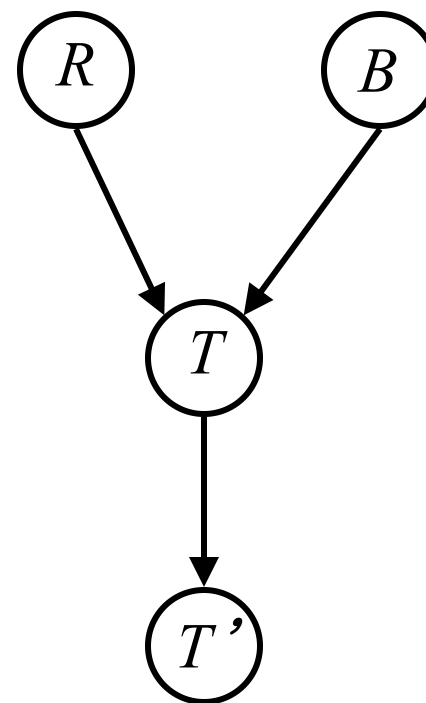


Example

$R \perp\!\!\!\perp B$ Yes

$R \perp\!\!\!\perp B | T$ No

$R \perp\!\!\!\perp B | T'$ No



Example

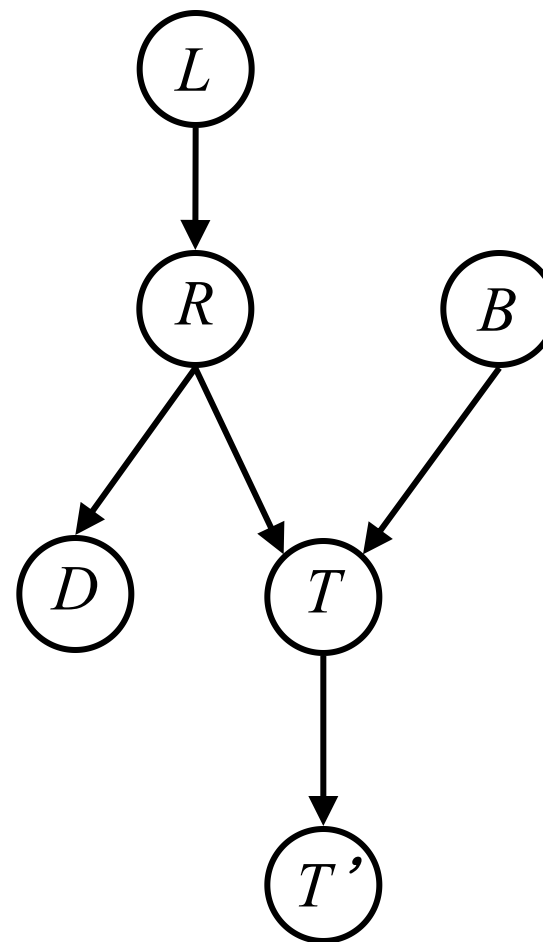
$L \perp\!\!\!\perp T' | T$ Yes

$L \perp\!\!\!\perp B$ Yes

$L \perp\!\!\!\perp B | T$ No

$L \perp\!\!\!\perp B | T'$ No

$L \perp\!\!\!\perp B | T, R$ Yes



Example

- Variables:
 - R: Raining
 - T: Traffic
 - D: Roof drips
 - S: I'm sad

- Questions:

$$T \perp\!\!\!\perp D$$

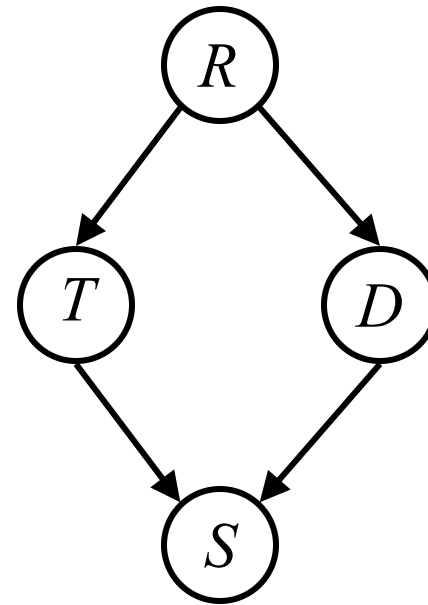
No

$$T \perp\!\!\!\perp D | R$$

Yes

$$T \perp\!\!\!\perp D | R, S$$

No



Thank You!