

# D-Separation

- Given query  $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$
- Shade all evidence nodes
- For all (undirected!) paths between and
  - Check whether path is active
    - If active return:
 

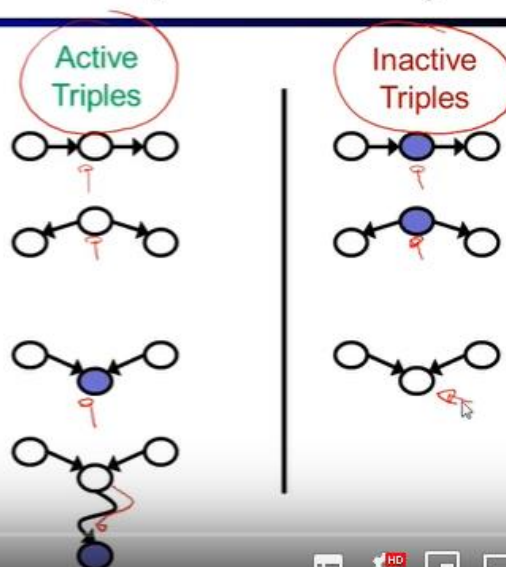
"not guaranteed that  $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$  is true"

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## Reachability (D-Separation)

- Question: Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence vars {Z}?
  - Yes, if X and Y "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



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no active paths = independence. Active paths not guaranteed to be true.

Algorithm:

Consider all (undirected) paths from x to y

For all paths:

For every triple:

IF TRIPLE IS INACTIVE

Then all other triples are inactive ( even you found active one before),  
the **path is inactive**,

Continue, (go other path);

IF TRIPLE IS ACTIVE

If one triple only, its active

If there are more than one triple, go for other triples.

IF ALL PATHS ARE INACTIVE

Independence

IF EVEN ONE PATH IS ACTIVE:

Not guaranteed to be independent

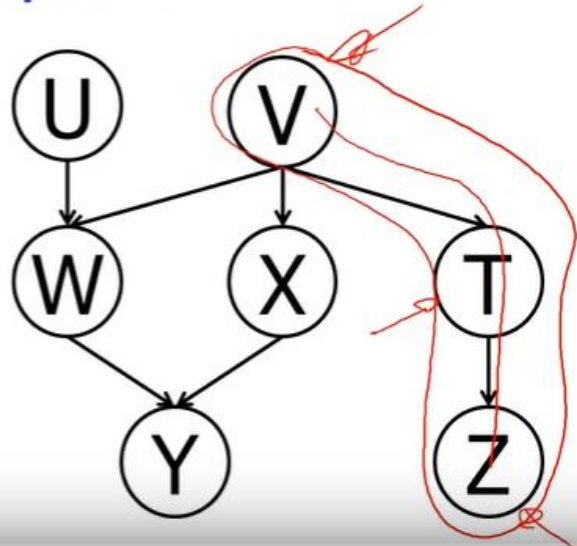
In V structure, the node or any of the descendants.

Active path = not guaranteed to be independent = not guaranteed to be true

## Example 1

$V \perp\!\!\!\perp Z$

o guaranteed to be true  
 ● not guaranteed to be true



Whether V is independent of Z

There is only one path, and one triple :  $V \rightarrow T \rightarrow Z$

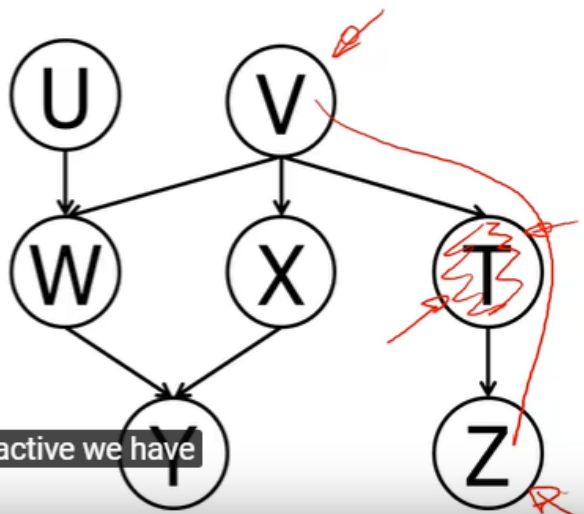
This triple is active, if triple is active, because there is only one triple the path is active

Not guaranteed to be independent

## Example 2

$V \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid T$

● guaranteed to be true  
 o not guaranteed to be true

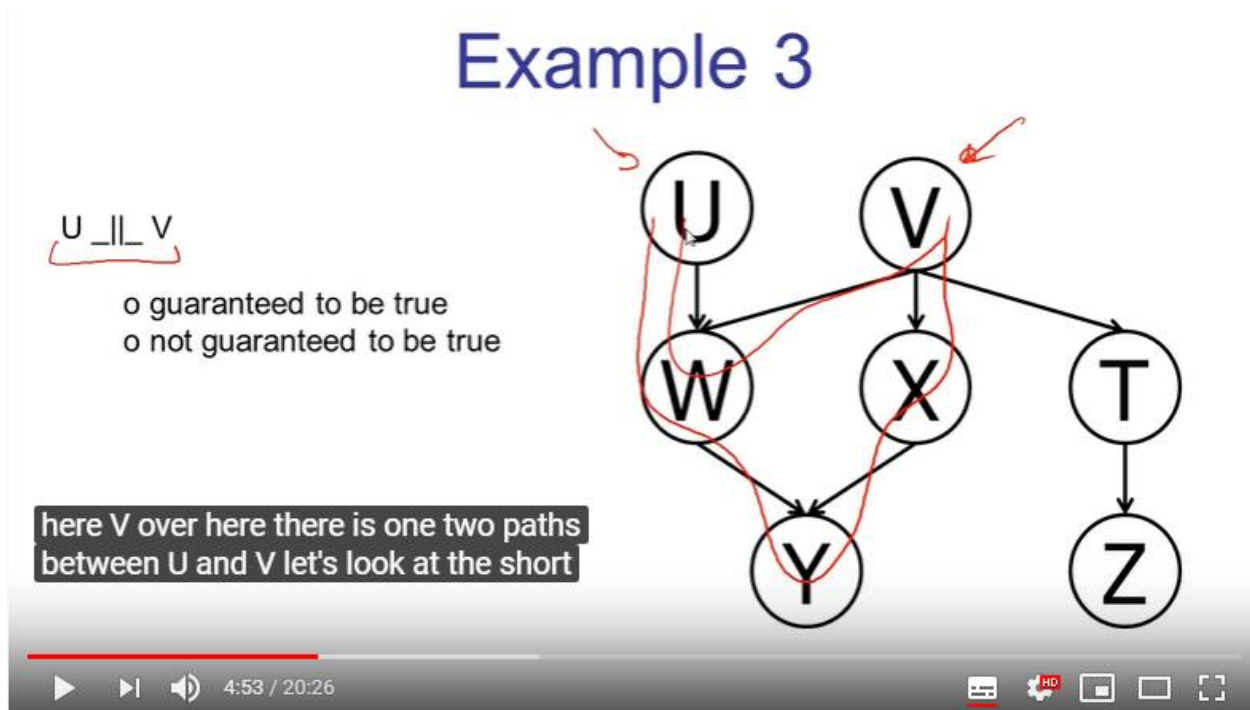


in a when all paths are inactive we have  
 that the independence is

Whether V is independent of Z given T

There is only one path, and one triple :  $V \rightarrow T \rightarrow Z$

This triple is inactive, if triple is inactive, all other triples are inactive, that means path is inactive  
guaranteed to be independent



Whether U is independent of V

Two paths:

First Path

$U \rightarrow W \rightarrow V$

One triple which is V structure, W or the descended Y are not observed, that means triple is inactive. If triple is inactive, all other triples are inactive, that means path is inactive

Second Path

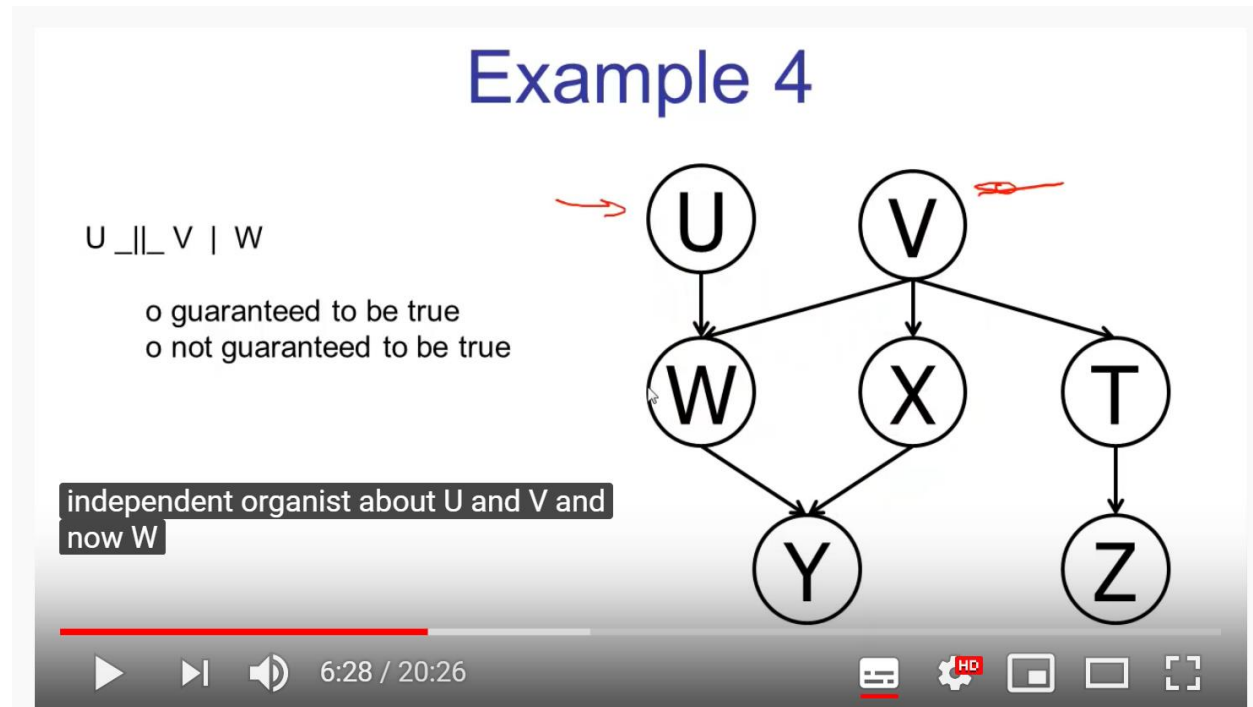
$U \rightarrow W \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow V$

There are several triples

$U \rightarrow W \rightarrow Y$  : casual chain, active triple, triple is active, but we need to continue to look for other variables

$W \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X$  : v-structure, inactive triple once a inactive triple found, the path also means inactive

guaranteed to be independent/true



Whether U is independent of V given W

Two paths:

First Path

$U \rightarrow W \rightarrow V$

One triple which is V structure, W observed, that means triple is active. Because this is the only triple that path have, so the path is active

Second Path

$U \rightarrow W \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow V$

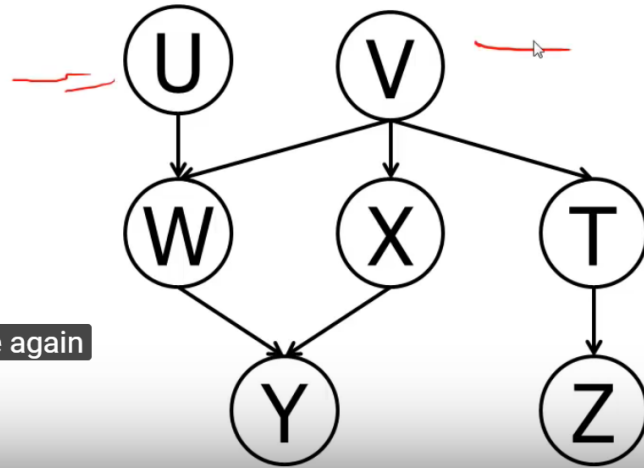
Because we find an path that is active, we now directly that not guaranteed to be independent

## Example 5

$U \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid X$

- o guaranteed to be true
- o not guaranteed to be true

guarantee the independence we're again asked about U and V and



Whether U and V independent given X,

Two paths

Path 1

U-W-V: One triple which is V structure, W or the descended Y are not observed, that means triple is inactive. If triple is inactive, all other triples are inactive, that means path is inactive

Path 2:

U-W-Y : active triple, continue for other triples

W-Y-X : Inactive triple, if one triple is inactive, once we find inactive path then it means all path is inactive

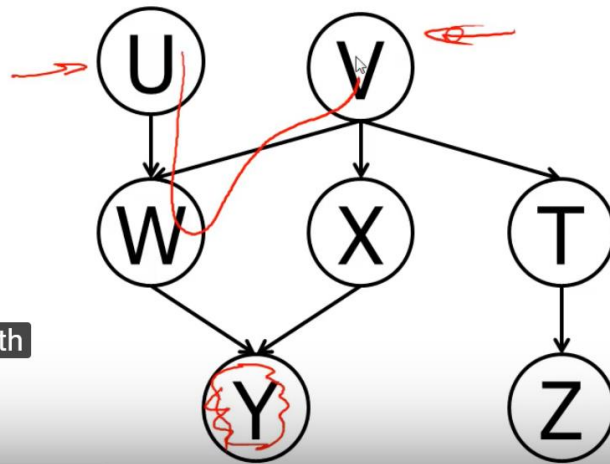
guaranteed to be independent/true

## Example 6

$U \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid Y$

o guaranteed to be true  
o not guaranteed to be true

Y is observed let's check the first path  
u WV this



Whether U and V is independent given Y

Two path

Path 1

U-W-V: v structure, W unobserved but descended Y is observed, so its active.  
Because this is the only triple that path have the path is active.

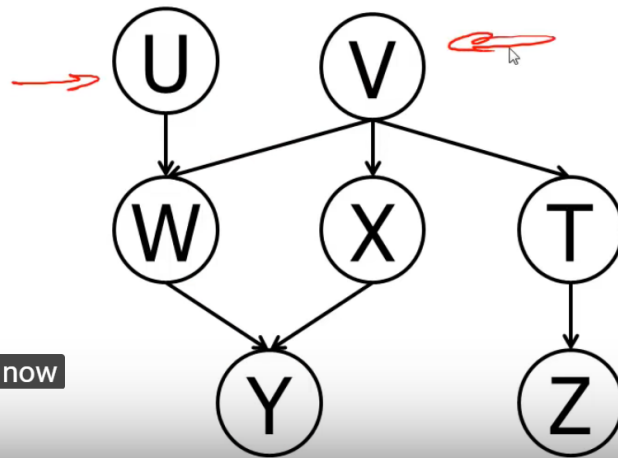
Because Path 1 is active, no need to check for other paths, its not guaranteed to be independent.

## Example 7

$U \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid Z$

o guaranteed to be true  
o not guaranteed to be true

just looking at the graph structure  
we're again asked about um V and now



Whether U and V independent given Z

Two Paths

Path 1

U-W-V : Inactive, Path is inactive

Path 2

U-W-Y-X-V:

U-W-Y (Triple) : Active go for other triples

W-Y-X (Triple) : Inactive : All path is inactive

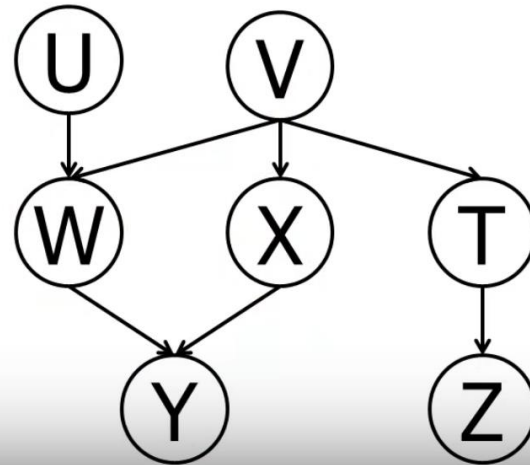
Because both path are Independent its guaranteed to be true



## Example 8

W  $\perp\!\!\!\perp$  X

- o guaranteed to be true
- o not guaranteed to be true



Whether W and X independent

Two Path

Path 1

W-Y-X : Inactive, path is inactive

Path 2

W-V-X : Active, this is the only triple that path is have, so the path is active.

W and X are not guaranteed independent

If you have time to do more please refer : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDs\\_q6jKHb0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDs_q6jKHb0)

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## independence

- ▶ Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if:

$$P(A, B) = P(A)P(B)$$

# Mutually Exclusive Events



**Mutually Exclusive:** can't happen at the same time.

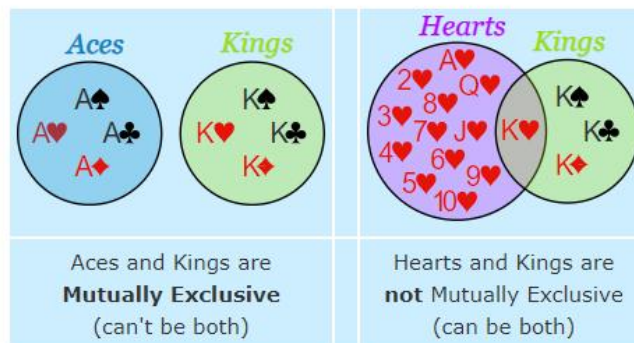
Examples:

- Turning left and turning right are Mutually Exclusive (you can't do both at the same time)
- Tossing a coin: Heads and Tails are Mutually Exclusive
- Cards: Kings and Aces are Mutually Exclusive

What is **not** Mutually Exclusive:

- Turning left and scratching your head can happen at the same time
- Kings and Hearts, because we can have a King of Hearts!

Like here:



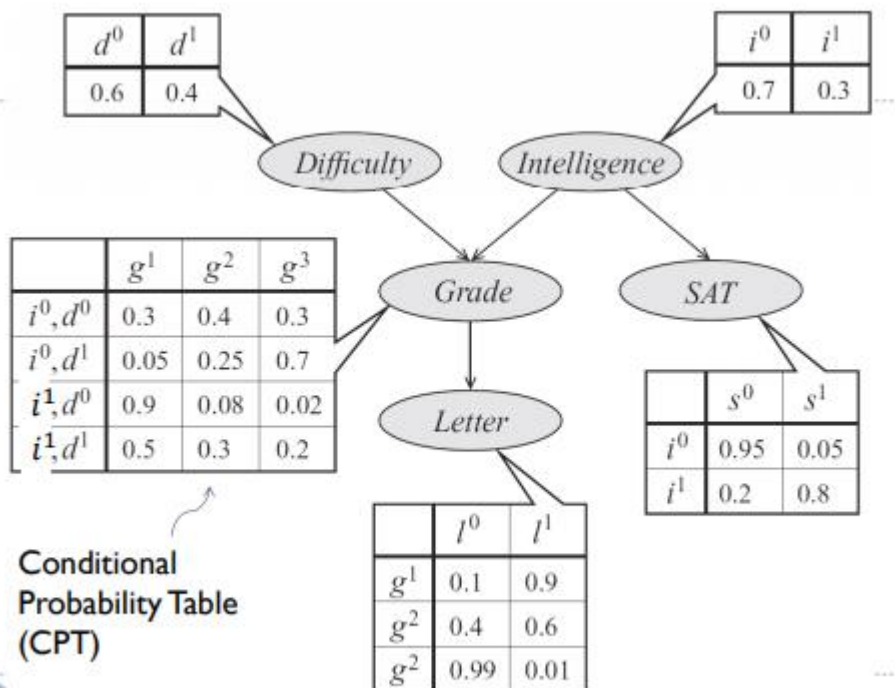
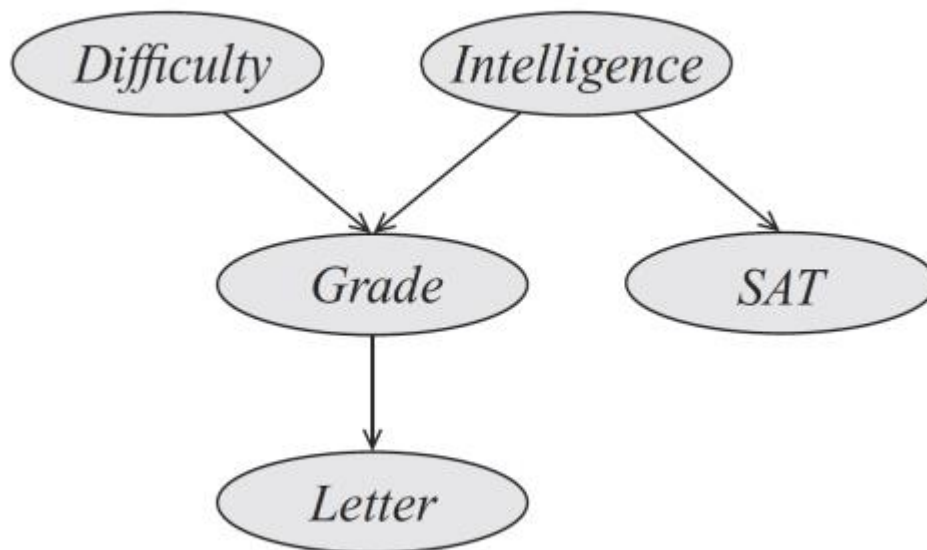
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A Bayesian network is directed acyclic graph

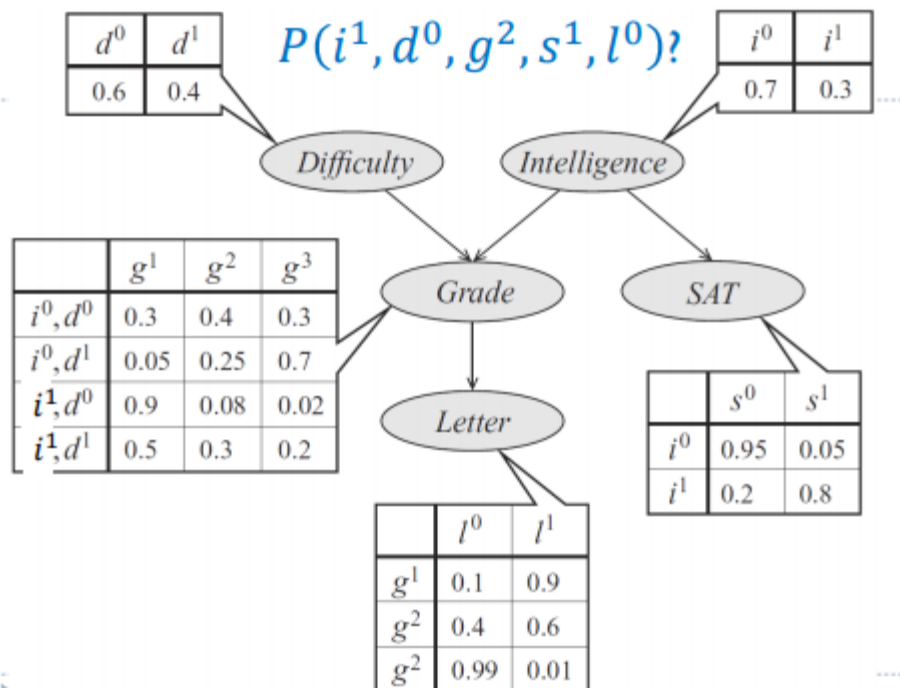
A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) is a type of graph in which it's impossible to come back to the same node by traversing the edges.



## What does this wacky thing do?

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$$\begin{aligned} &P(i^1, d^0, g^2, s^1, l^0) \\ &= P(i^1)P(d^0)P(g^2|i^1, d^0)P(s^1|i^1)P(l^0|g^2) \\ &= 0.3 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.08 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.4 = 0.004608 \end{aligned}$$



... conditional independence ...

For instance, if we're asked to figure out "Is  $P(A|BDF) = P(A|DF)$ ?", we can convert it into an independence question like this: "Are A and B independent, given D and F?"

to a smaller form. After simplification, the joint distribution for a Bayesian network is equal to the product of  $P(\text{node} | \text{parents}(\text{node}))$  for all nodes, stated below:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

## What Is a Joint Probability?

Joint probability is a statistical measure that calculates the likelihood of two events occurring together and at the same point in time. Joint probability is the probability of event Y occurring at the same time that event X occurs.