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# BAYESIAN NETWORKS (CONT.)

# **INFERENCE IN BAYESIAN NETWORKS**

- ✖ The basic task for any probabilistic inference system is to compute the posterior probability distribution for a set of query nodes, given values for some evidence nodes.
- ✖ This task is called belief updating or probabilistic inference.

# EXACT INFERENCE IN CHAINS

- ✖ Two node network
- ✖ A two node network  $X \rightarrow Y$
- ✖ If there is evidence about the parent node, say  $X = x$ , then the posterior probability (or belief) for  $Y$  can be read straight from the value in CPT  
 $P(Y|X = x)$
- ✖ If there is evidence about the child node, say  $Y = y$ , then the inference task of updating the belief for  $X$  is done using

$$\begin{aligned} Bel(X = x) &= P(X = x | Y = y) \\ &= \frac{P(Y = y | X = x)P(X = x)}{P(Y = y)} \\ &= \alpha P(x)\lambda(x) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{P(Y = y)}$$

- ✖  $P(x)$  is the prior and  $\lambda(x) = P(Y = y | X = x)$  is the likelihood
- ✖ Note that we don't need to know the prior for the evidence. Since the beliefs for all the values of  $X$  must sum to one (due to the Total Probability) , we can compute  $\alpha$  as a normalizing constant



## Three node chain

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$$

- If we have evidence about the root node,  $X=x$ , updating in the same direction as the arcs involves the simple application of the chain rule, using the independencies implied in the network

$$Bel(Z) = P(Z|X = x) = \sum_{Y=y} P(Z|Y)P(Y|X = x)$$

$$P(C|A) = P(C|B)P(B|A) + P(C|\neg B)P(\neg B|A)$$

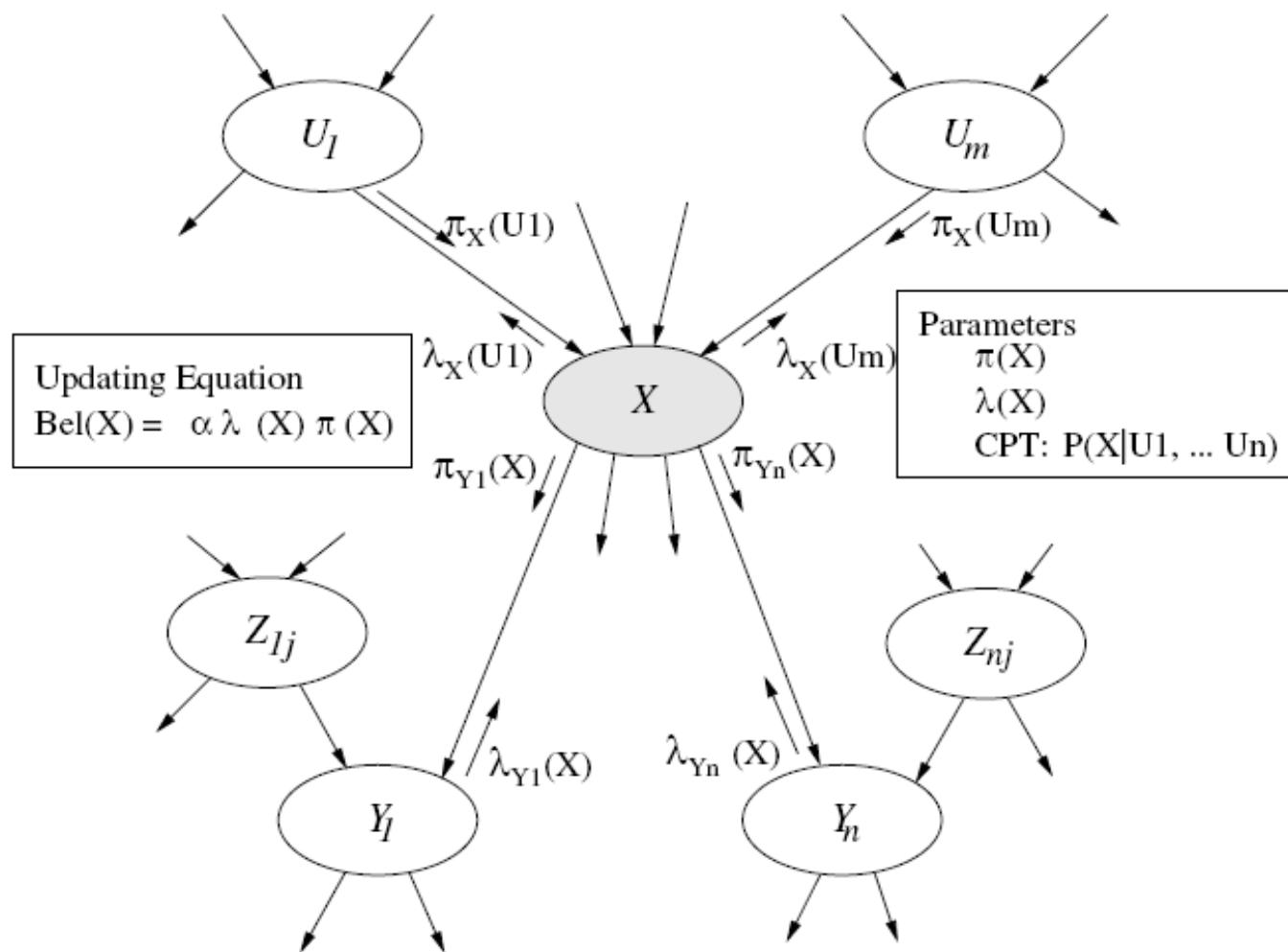
- \* If we have evidence about the leaf node,  $Z=z$ , the diagnostic inference to obtain  $\text{Bel}(X)$  is done with the application of Bayes' Theorem and the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Bel}(X = x) &= P(X = x|Z = z) \\
 &= \frac{P(Z = z|X = x)P(X = x)}{P(Z = z)} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{Y=y} P(Z = z|Y = y, X = x)P(Y = y|X = x)P(X = x)}{P(Z = z)} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{Y=y} P(Z = z|Y = y)P(Y = y|X = x)P(X = x)}{P(Z = z)} \quad (Z \perp\!\!\!\perp X|Y) \\
 &= \alpha P(x)\lambda(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda(x) = P(Z = z|X = x) = \sum_{Y=y} P(Z = z|Y = y)P(Y = y|X = x)$$

- ✖ Exact inference in polytrees
- ✖ polytree (or “forest”)
- ✖ Polytrees have at most one path between any pair of nodes; hence they are also referred to as **singly-connected networks**
- ✖ Assume  $X$  is the query node, and there is some set of evidence nodes  $E$  (not including  $X$ )
- ✖ The task is to update  $\text{Bel}(X)$  by computing  $P(X|E)$
- ✖ The local belief updating for  $X$  must incorporate evidence from all other parts of the network



**FIGURE 3.1**

A generic polytree showing how local belief updating of node  $X$  is achieved through incorporation of evidence through its parents (the  $U_i$ ) and children (the  $Y_j$ ). Also shown are the message passing parameters and messages.

## ✖ evidence can be divided into:

- The **predictive support** for  $X$ , from evidence nodes connected to  $X$  through its parents,  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ ; and
- The **diagnostic support** for  $X$ , from evidence nodes connected to  $X$  through its children  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ .

## **ALGORITHM 3.1**

### *Kim and Pearl's Message Passing Algorithm*

*This algorithm requires the following three types of parameters to be maintained.*

- *The current strength of the predictive support  $\pi$  contributed by each incoming link  $U_i \rightarrow X$ :*

$$\pi_X(U_i) = P(U_i | E_{U_i \setminus X})$$

*where  $E_{U_i \setminus X}$  is all evidence connected to  $U_i$  except via  $X$ .*

- *The current strength of the diagnostic support  $\lambda$  contributed by each outgoing link  $X \rightarrow Y_j$ :*

$$\lambda_{Y_j}(X) = P(E_{Y_j \setminus X} | X)$$

*where  $E_{Y_j \setminus X}$  is all evidence connected to  $Y_j$  through its parents except via  $X$ .*

- *The fixed CPT  $P(X | U_i, \dots, U_n)$  (relating  $X$  to its immediate parents).*

*These parameters are used to do local belief updating in the following three steps, which can be done in any order.*

*(Note: in this algorithm,  $x_i$  means the  $i$ th state of node  $X$ , while  $u_1 \dots u_n$  is used to represent an instantiation of the parents of  $X$ ,  $U_1 \dots U_n$ , in the situations where there is a summation of all possible instantiations.)*

## 1. Belief updating.

*Belief updating for a node  $X$  is activated by messages arriving from either children or parent nodes, indicating changes in their belief parameters.*

*When node  $X$  is activated, inspect  $\pi_X(U_i)$  (messages from parents),  $\lambda_{Y_j}(X)$  (messages from children). Apply with*

$$Bel(x_i) = \alpha \lambda(x_i) \pi(x_i) \quad (3.1)$$

*where,*

$$\lambda(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if evidence is } X = x_i \\ 0 & \text{if evidence is for another } x_j \\ \prod_j \lambda_{Y_j}(x_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\pi(x_i) = \sum_{u_1, \dots, u_n} P(x_i | u_1, \dots, u_n) \prod_i \pi_X(u_i) \quad (3.3)$$

*and  $\alpha$  is a normalizing constant rendering  $\sum_{x_i} Bel(X = x_i) = 1$ .*

## 2. Bottom-up propagation.

*Node X computes new  $\lambda$  messages to send to its parents.*

$$\lambda_X(u_i) = \sum_{x_i} \lambda(x_i) \sum_{u_k : k \neq i} P(x_i | u_1, \dots, u_n) \prod_{k \neq i} \pi_X(u_k) \quad (3.4)$$

## 3. Top-down propagation.

*Node X computes new  $\pi$  messages to send to its children.*

$$\pi_{Y_j}(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if evidence value } x_i \text{ is entered} \\ 0 & \text{if evidence is for another value } x_j \\ \alpha [\prod_{k \neq j} \lambda_{Y_k}(x_i)] \sum_{u_1, \dots, u_n} P(x_i | u_1, \dots, u_n) \prod_i \pi_X(u_i) \\ = \frac{\alpha Bel(x_i)}{\lambda_{Y_j}(x_i)} \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

First, equation (3.2) shows how to compute the  $\lambda(x_i)$  parameter. Evidence is entered through this parameter, so it is 1 if  $x_i$  is the evidence value, 0 if the evidence is for some other value  $x_j$ , and is the product of all the  $\lambda$  messages received from its children if there is no evidence entered for  $X$ . The  $\pi(x_i)$  parameter (3.3) is the product of the CPT and the  $\pi$  messages from parents.

The  $\lambda$  message to one parent combines (i) information that has come from children via  $\lambda$  messages and been summarized in the  $\lambda(X)$  parameter, (ii) the values in the CPT and (iii) any  $\pi$  messages that have been received from any other parents.

The  $\pi_{Y_j}(x_i)$  message down to child  $Y_j$  is 1 if  $x_i$  is the evidence value and 0 if the evidence is for some other value  $x_j$ . If no evidence is entered for  $X$ , then it combines (i) information from children other than  $Y_j$ , (ii) the CPT and (iii) the  $\pi$  messages it has received from its parents.

The algorithm requires the following initializations (i.e., before any evidence is entered).

- Set all  $\lambda$  values,  $\lambda$  messages and  $\pi$  messages to 1.
- Root nodes: If node  $W$  has no parents, set  $\pi(W)$  to the prior,  $P(W)$ .

The message passing algorithm can be used to compute the beliefs for all nodes in the network, even before any evidence is available.

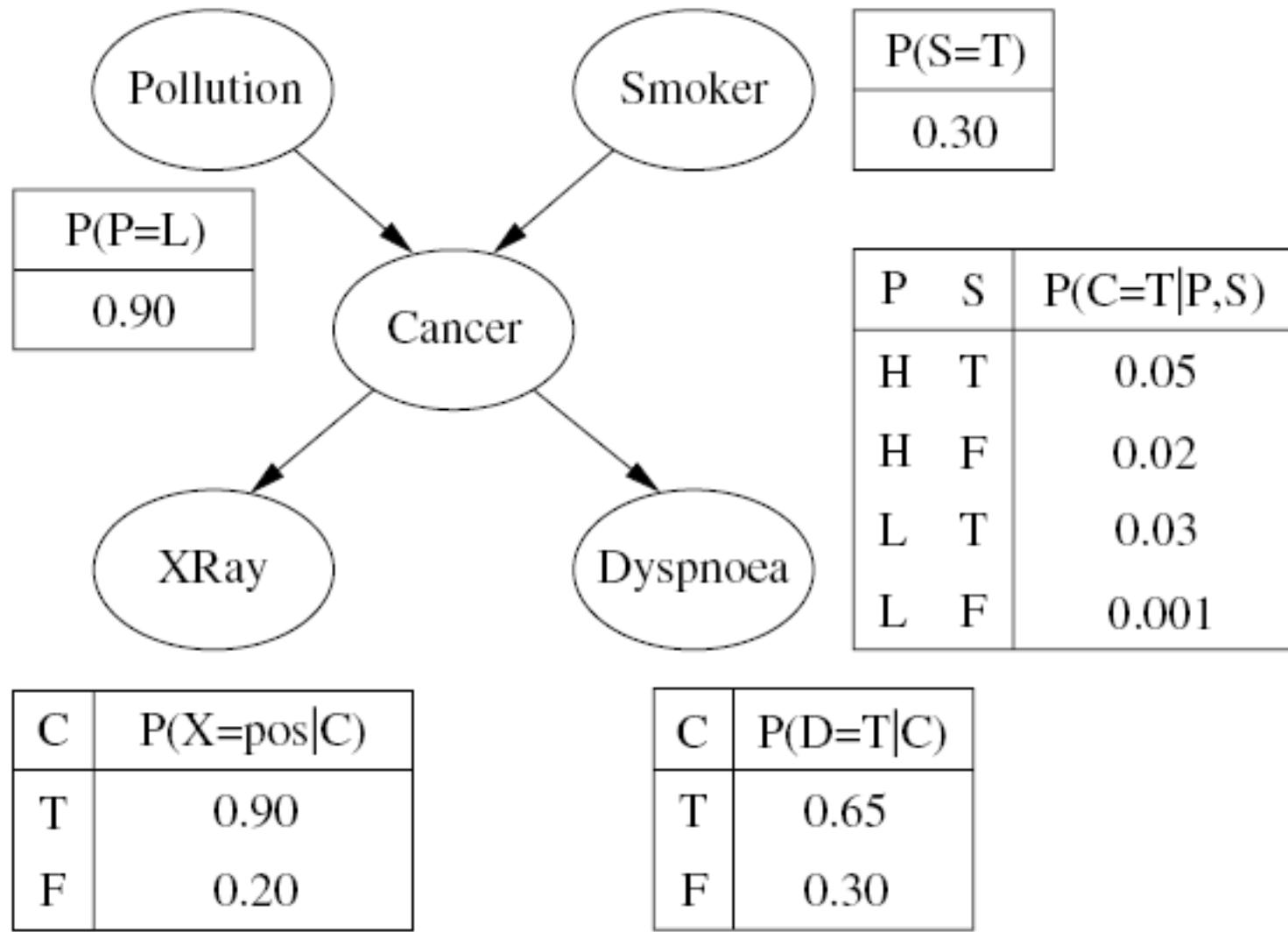
When specific evidence  $W = w_i$  is obtained, given that node  $W$  can take values  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ ,

- Set  $\lambda(W) = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with the 1 at the  $i$ th position.

This  $\pi/\lambda$  notation used for the messages is that introduced by Kim and Pearl and can appear confusing at first. Note that the format for both types of messages is  $\pi_{Child}(Parent)$  and  $\lambda_{Child}(Parent)$ . So,

- $\pi$  messages are sent in the direction of the arc, from parent to child, hence the notation is  $\pi_{Receiver}(Sender)$ ;
- $\lambda$  messages are sent from child to parent, against the direction of the arc, hence the notation is  $\lambda_{Sender}(Receiver)$ .

# EJEMPLO



Node $P(S)=0.3$	No Evidence	Diagnostic $D=T$	Reasoning Case			Combined $D=T$ $S=T$
			Predictive $S=T$	Intercausal $C=T$	$C=T$ $S=T$	
Bel( $P=high$ )	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.249	0.156	0.102
Bel( $S=T$ )	0.300	0.307	1	0.825	1	1
Bel( $C=T$ )	0.011	0.025	0.032	1	1	0.067
Bel( $X=pos$ )	0.208	0.217	0.222	0.900	0.900	0.247
Bel( $D=T$ )	0.304	1	0.311	0.650	0.650	1
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P( $S)=0.5$						
Bel( $P=high$ )	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.201	0.156	0.102
Bel( $S=T$ )	0.500	0.508	1	0.917	1	1
Bel( $C=T$ )	0.174	0.037	0.032	1	1	0.067
Bel( $X=pos$ )	0.212	0.226	0.311	0.900	0.900	0.247
Bel( $D=T$ )	0.306	1	0.222	0.650	0.650	1

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