Lecture 7: Probabilistic Graphical Models

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Graphical Models

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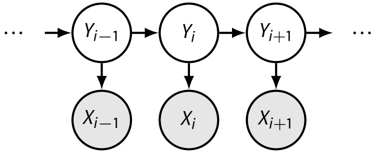

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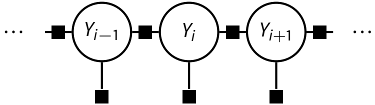

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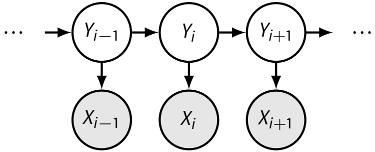

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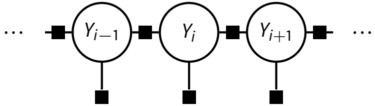

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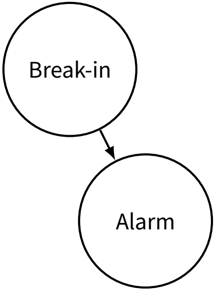

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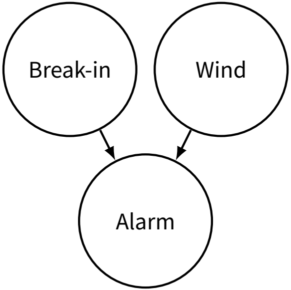

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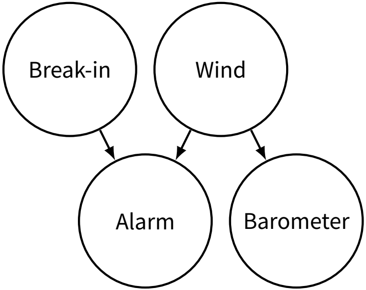

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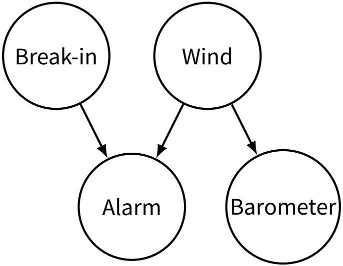
Toolkit for encoding knowledge about
interaction structures between random variables.



Directed acyclic graph (DAG). Nodes = variables. Arrows = statistical dependencies.

In general: $\mathrm{P}(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_i \mathrm{P}\left(X_i \mid \mathrm{parents}(X_i)\right)$

For example: P(Break-in, Wind, Alarm, Barometer)

$= \mathrm{P}(\text{Break-in})\,\mathrm{P}(\text{Wind})\,\mathrm{P}(\text{Alarm} \mid \text{Break-in, Wind})\,\mathrm{P}(\text{Barometer} \mid \text{Wind})$

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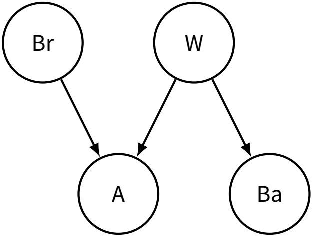

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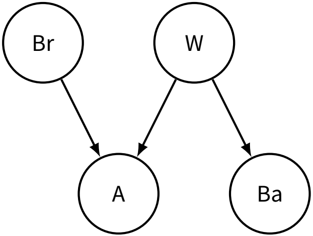

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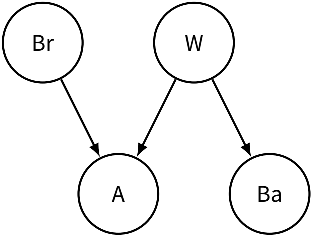

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reduce number of parameters & aid estimation

let us reason about **independencies** in a model

are a building-block for modeling **causality**

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are non-unique for a distribution

encode independence **requirements**, not necessarily all

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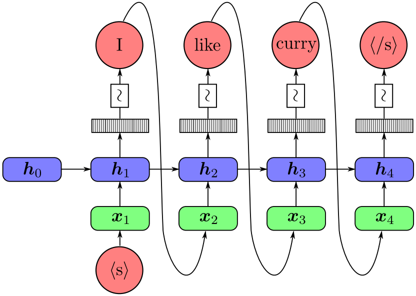

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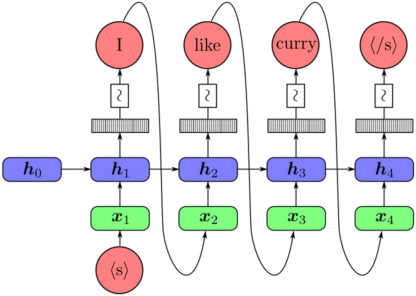

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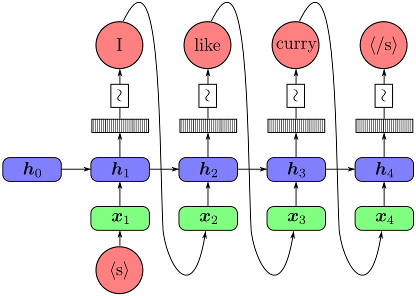

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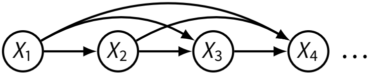

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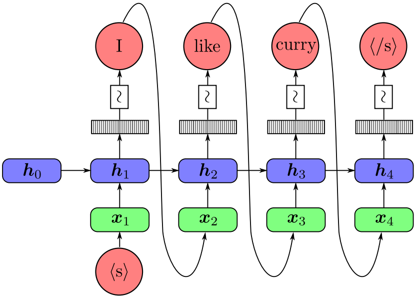

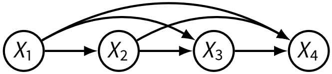

Neural net diagrams
(and computation graphs)
show **how to compute something**

Bayes networks
show **how a distribution factorizes**
(what is assumed independent)

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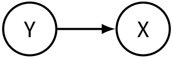
BN for a generative model: 

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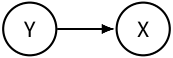

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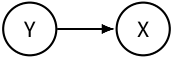

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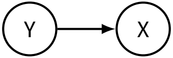
BN for a generative model: 

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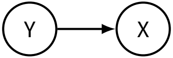

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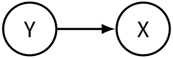
BN for a generative model: 

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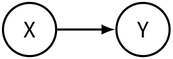

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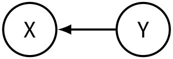

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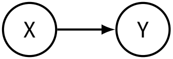

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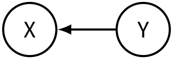

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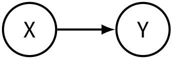

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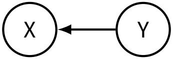

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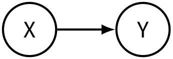

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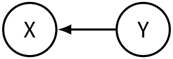

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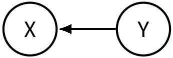

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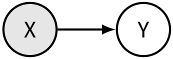

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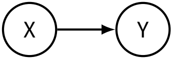

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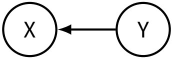

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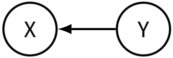

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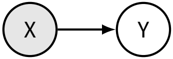

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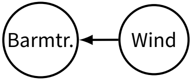

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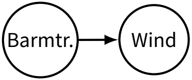

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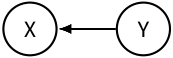
Bayes net (2): 

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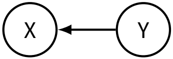
Bayes net (2): 

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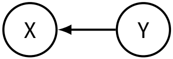
Bayes net (2): 

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Conditional independence in Bayes nets

Identifying independences in a distribution is generally hard.

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Definition (conditional independence)

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if and only if

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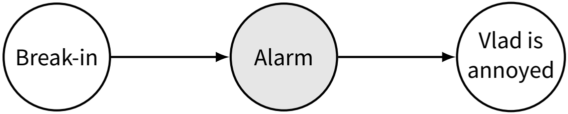

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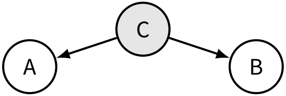

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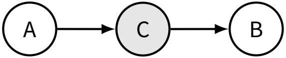

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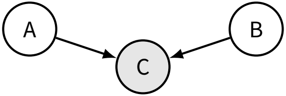

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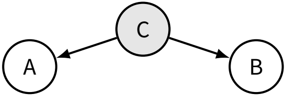

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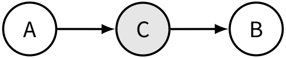

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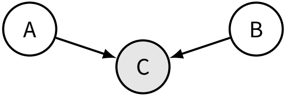

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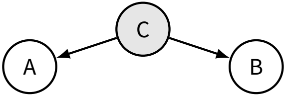

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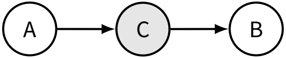

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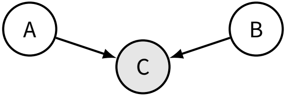

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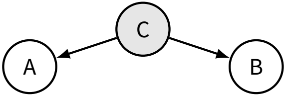

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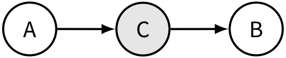

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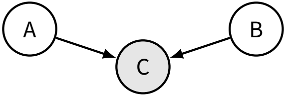

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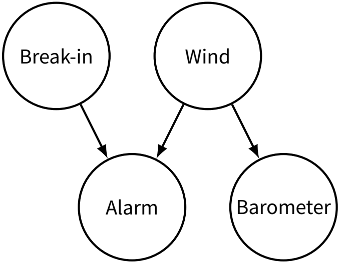

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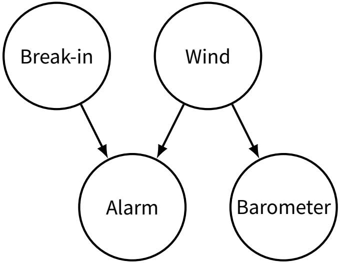

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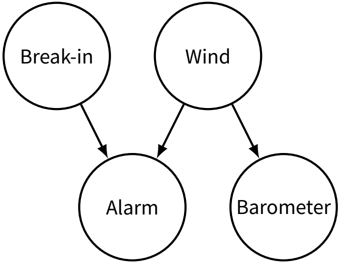

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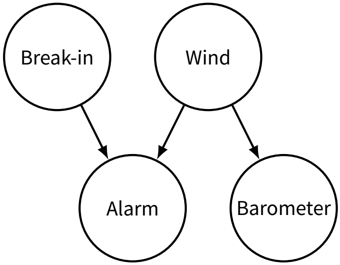

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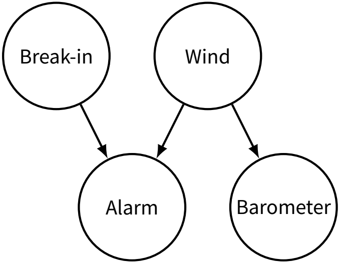

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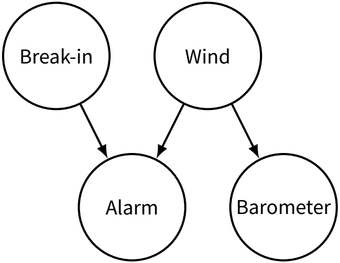

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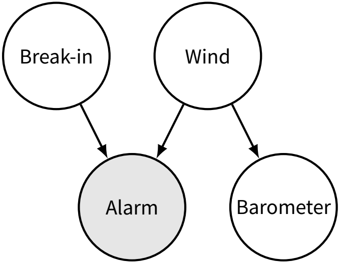

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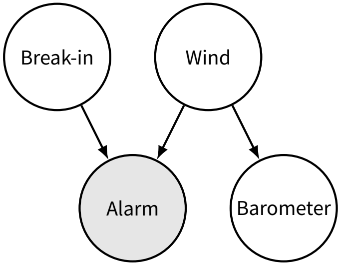

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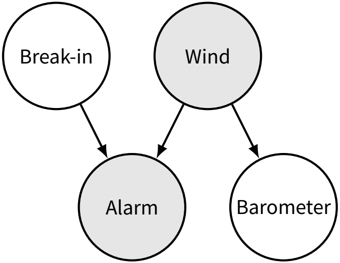

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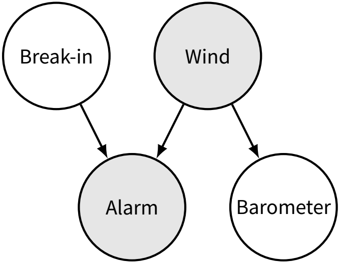

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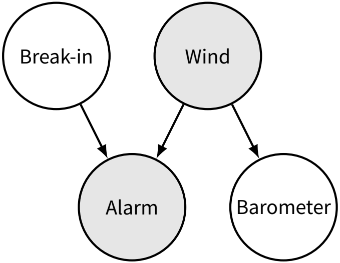

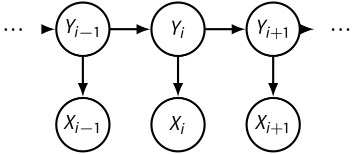

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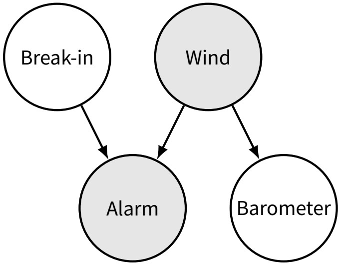

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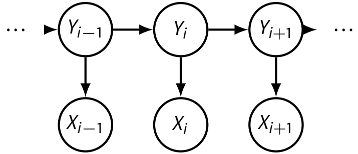

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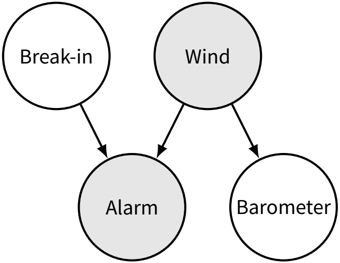

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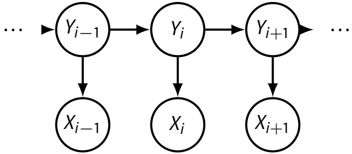

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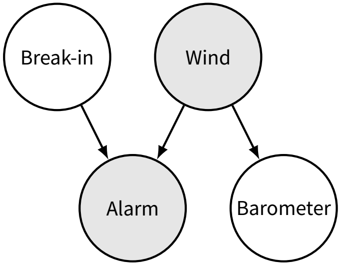

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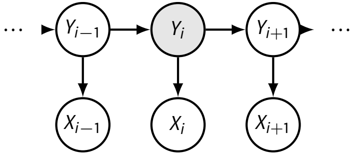

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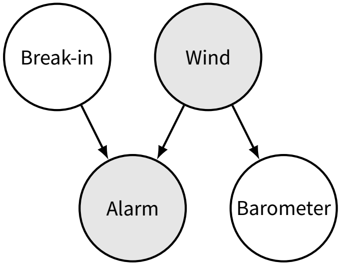

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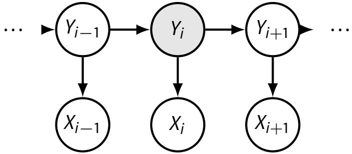

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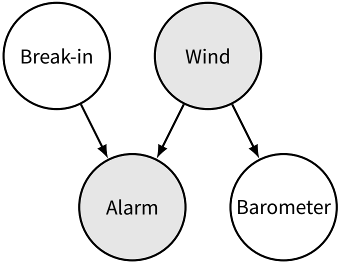

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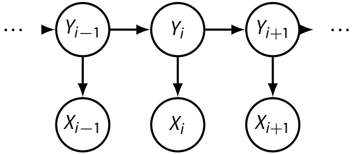

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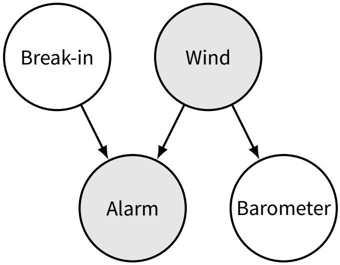

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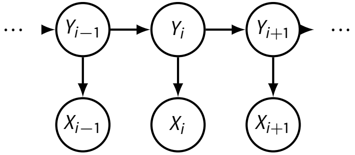

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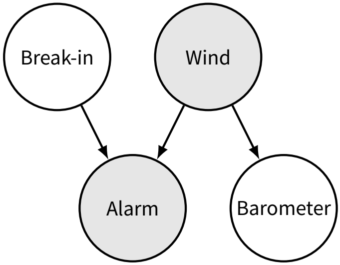

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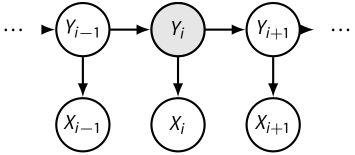

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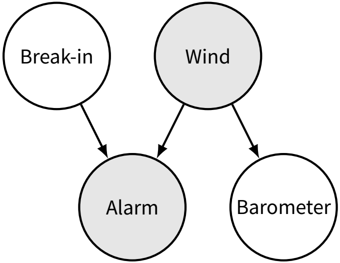

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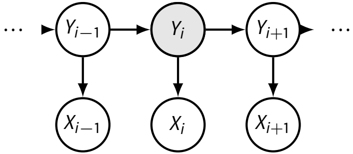

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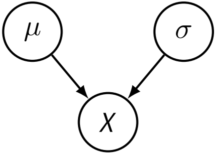

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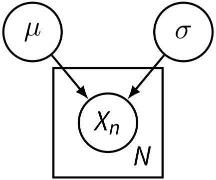

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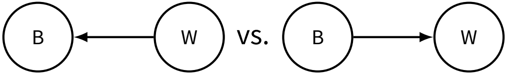

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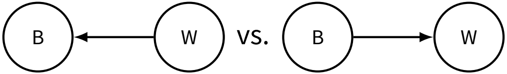

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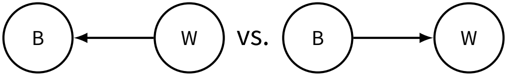

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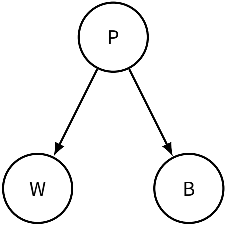

Causal models

Definition (Pearl 2000)

A causal model is a DAG $\mathcal{G}$ with vertices $X_1, \ldots, X_N$ representing events. Almost like a BN. However, paths are **causal**.

- A causes B only if A is an ancestor of B in $\mathcal{G}$.
- $A \to B$ means A is a direct cause of B.

A good model is essential. Wrong causal assumptions $\to$ wrong conclusions.

(We won't cover how to assess if the model is right. This is a bit *chicken-and-egg*, but domain knowledge helps, and we are allowed to reason about *unobserved* causes.)

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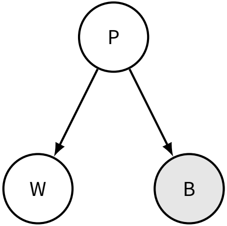

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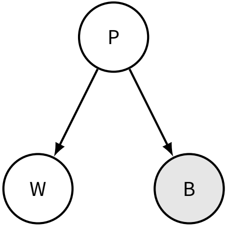

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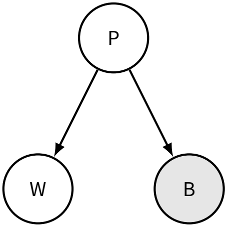

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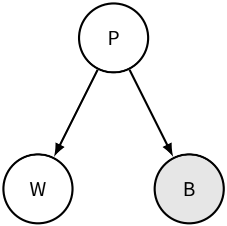

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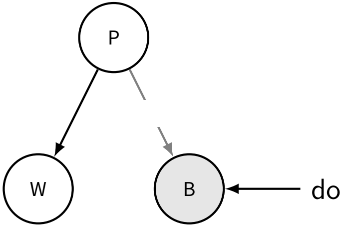

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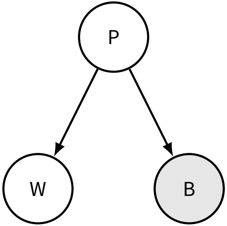

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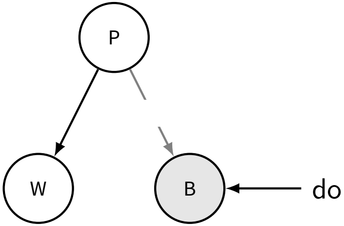

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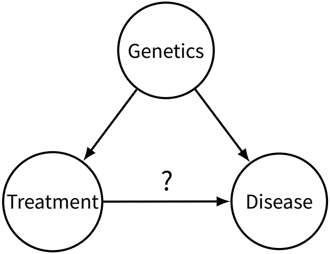

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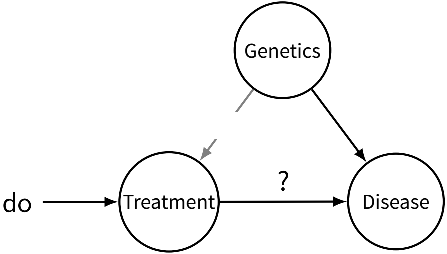

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do calculus

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do calculus: use the **causal DAG assumptions**
to draw causal conclusions from observational data.

- Apply transformations to $\mathrm{P}(X \mid \mathrm{do}(Y))$ until do goes away.
  (Not always possible!)
- Quantities without do can be estimated observationally.
- Transformation: 3 rules.

Pearl's 3 rules

Notation:

X, Y, Z, W	disjoint sets of events (sets of nodes); may be empty
$\mathcal{G}_{\bar{X}}$	the graph with all edges **into** X removed.
$\mathcal{G}_{\underline{X}}$	the graph with all edges **out of** X removed.
$Z(X)$	subset of nodes in Z which are not ancestors of X.
y; $\mathrm{do}(x)$	shorthand for $Y = y$; respectively $\mathrm{do}(X = x)$.

1. Ignoring observations:

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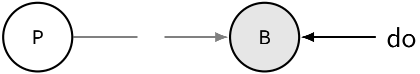

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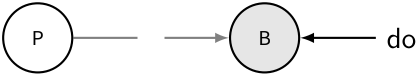

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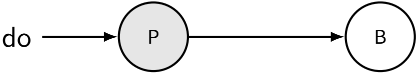

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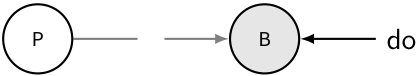

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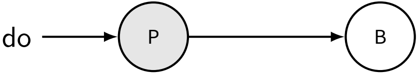

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Good check: we get the intuitively correct results.

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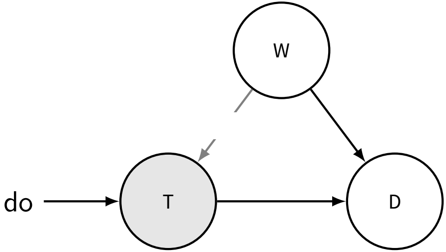

Condition on wealth (which thus needs to be measurable)

$$
\begin{aligned}
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Example 3: an impossible one

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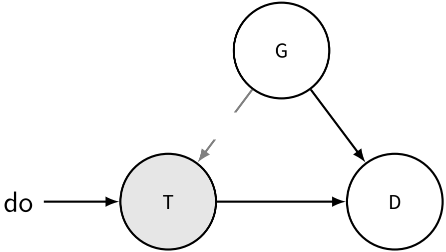
The confounder is G: genetics (impractical to measure and estimate)



Without more info or more assumptions, we're stuck!

Example 4: a surprisingly possible one

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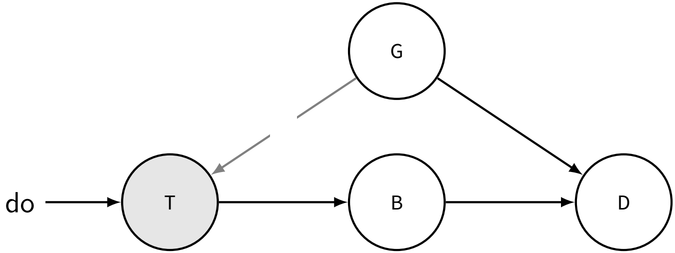
The confounder is G: genetics (still hidden)



"The front-door criterion:" conditioning on B lets us remove dos!

(I won't show you how, derivation is a bit longer. Try it at home.)

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Directed models: summary

- Bayes nets: specify & estimate fine-grained distributions over interdependent events.
- Under a specified model, algorithm to decide conditional independence: d-separation
- Bestowing a DAG with causal assumptions lets us reason about interventions.

Further reading: (Pearl, 1988; Koller and Friedman, 2009; Pearl, 2000, 2012; Dawid, 2010)

Slides on causal inference and learning causal structure (links):

- Sanna Tyrväinen, Introduction to Causal Calculus
- Ricardo Silva, Causality
- Dominik Janzing & Bernhard Schölkopf, Causality

Graphical Models

In this unit, we will formalize & extend these graphical representations encountered in previous lectures.

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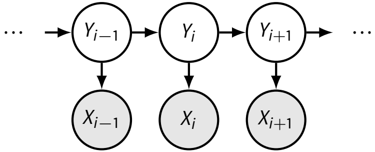

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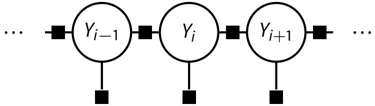

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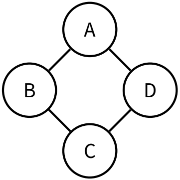

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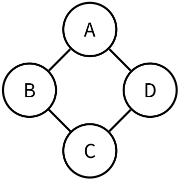

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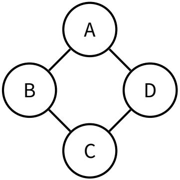

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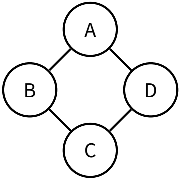

Definition

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be an *undirected* graph with nodes corresponding to random variables $X_1, \ldots, X_N$. Let $C(\mathcal{G})$ denote the set of *cliques* (fully connected subgraphs) of $\mathcal{G}$. A MRF is a distribution of the form

$$\mathrm{P}(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in C} f_c(\boldsymbol{x}_c)$$

where for each clique c, f_c is a non-negative compatibility function.

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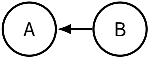

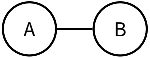

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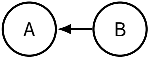
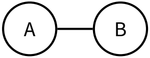


A	B	$\mathrm{P}(a \mid b)$
Y	Y	.9
N	Y	.1
Y	N	.1
N	N	.9

B	$\mathrm{P}(b)$
Y	.75
N	.25



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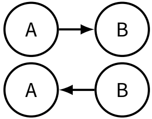

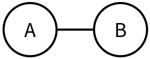

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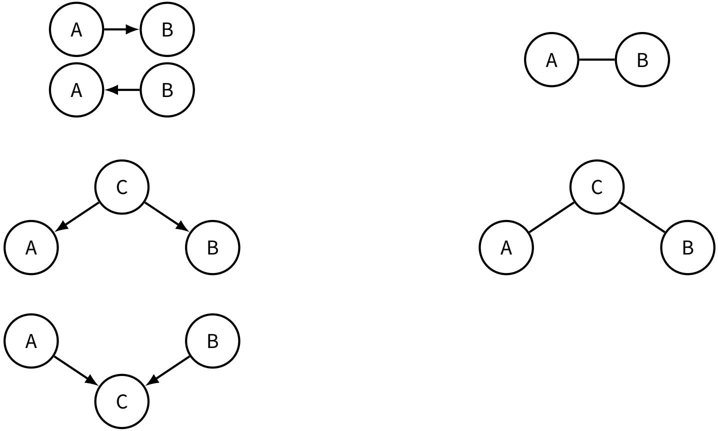

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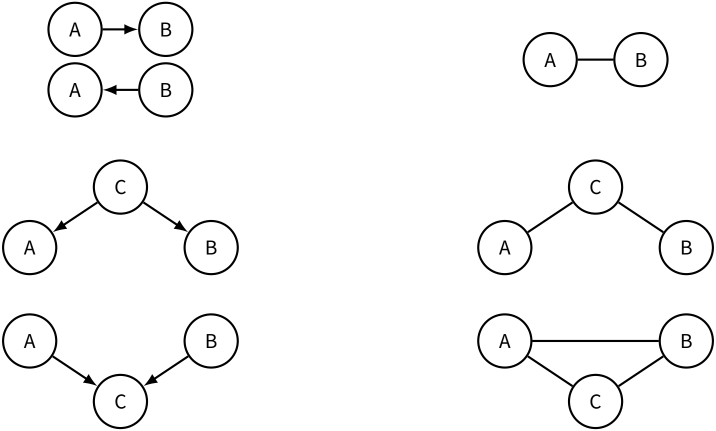

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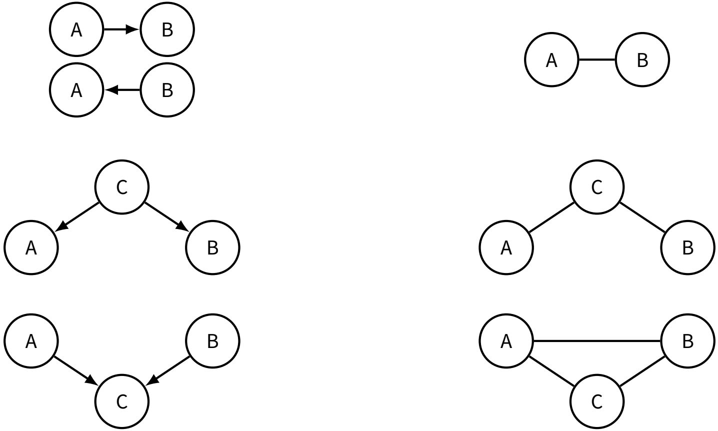
1. First, add edge $A - C$ for any collider structure $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$;
2. Convert all arcs $A \rightarrow B$ into undirected edges $A - B$.

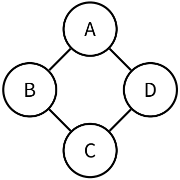


Loose conversion

Similarly, we can convert a MRF to a BN (we won't cover it.)

However, **independences may be lost** in either direction.

From



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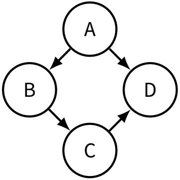

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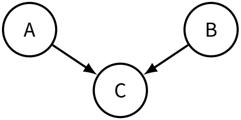

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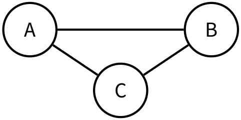

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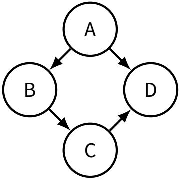
Bayes vs Markov

Bayes network

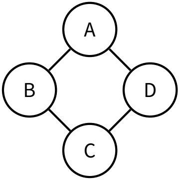
- Factors are conditionals (normalized)
- Easy to sample
- Can be made causal
- Can easily find $\mathrm{P}(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$.



$$\mathrm{P}(a, b, c, d) = \mathrm{P}(a)\,\mathrm{P}(b \mid a)\,\mathrm{P}(c \mid b)\,\mathrm{P}(d \mid a, c)$$

Markov networks

- Factors are cliques (unnormalized)
- No directional ambiguity
- Often more compact
- More symmetric notation



$$\mathrm{P}(a, b, c, d) = {}^{1}\!/_{Z}\, f_1(a, b) f_2(b, c) f_3(c, d) f_4(d, a)$$

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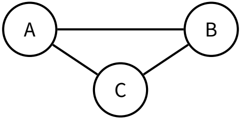

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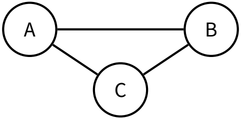

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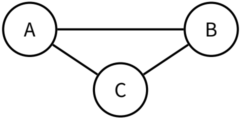

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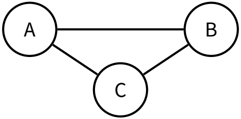

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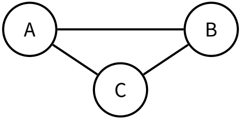

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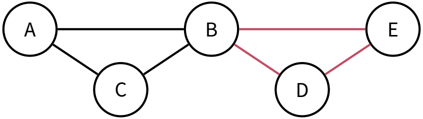
But what if we want to mix them?



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Explicitly represent factors in the graph to remove ambiguity.

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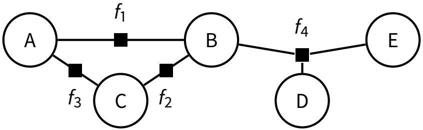


Definition (Factor graph)

A FG is a bipartite graph $\mathcal{G}$ with vertices in $\mathcal{V} \cup \mathcal{F}$, where $X_1, \ldots, X_n \in \mathcal{V}$ are random variables and $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$ are factors, inducing a distribution

$$\mathrm{P}(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}} f_\alpha(\boldsymbol{x}_\alpha)$$

where $f_\alpha \geq 0$, and $\boldsymbol{X}_\alpha$ is the set of variables with an edge to factor α.

Factor graphs

- Any MRF can be mapped exactly to a FG (clique $\rightarrow$ factor).
- Any Pairwise MRF can be mapped exactly to a FG (edge $\rightarrow$ factor).
- FGs are more general / more *fine-grained*.

Algorithms

- **Inference**: Given a FG with fixed compatibility tables, answer **queries**
  - Maximization: Find most likely assignment $x_1, \ldots, x_N$ (possibly given evidence $x_i : i \in \mathcal{E}$).

$$\arg\max_{x_1,\ldots,x_M} \mathrm{P}(x_1, \ldots, x_N \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{\mathcal{E}})$$

  - Marginalization: Find the marginal probability of some partial assignment over $x_j : j \in \mathcal{M}$ (possibly given evidence $x_i : i \in \mathcal{E}$)

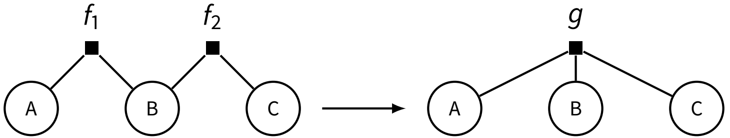
$$\mathrm{P}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{\mathcal{E}})$$

  - **NP-hard** / **#P-hard** in general!
- **Learning:** Given a dataset, estimate the compatibility tables (or, in general a model that produces them.)
- Since BN $\to$ MRF $\to$ FG, it suffices to study inference algorithms for FG.[2]

[2] But not learning, since we cannot map back to BN losslessly!

Multiplying factors

A core operation: combining factors by multipliying them.



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0	0	3
0	1	1
1	0	2
1	1	8

B	C	$f_2(a,b)$
0	0	5
0	1	4
1	0	1
1	1	1

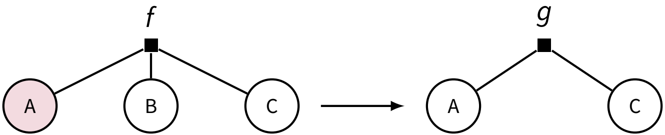
$\rightarrow$

A	B	C	$g(a,b,c)$
0	0	0	$3 \cdot 5 = 15$
0	0	1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
0	1	0	$1 \cdot 1 = 1$
0	1	1	$1 \cdot 1 = 1$
1	0	0	$2 \cdot 5 = 10$
1	0	1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$
1	1	0	$8 \cdot 1 = 8$
1	1	1	$8 \cdot 1 = 8$

Distribution is preserved:

$$f_1(a,b) \cdot f_2(b,c) \cdot f_3(\dots) \cdot \dots = g(a,b,c) \cdot f_3(\dots) \cdot \dots$$

Maximizing over a variable



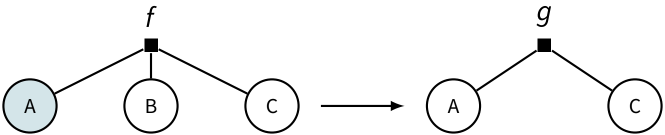
A	B	C	$f(a,b,c)$
0	0	0	15
0	0	1	12
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	10
1	0	1	8
1	1	0	8
1	1	1	8

— maximizing over $A \rightarrow$

B	C	$g(b,c)$
0	0	15
0	1	12
1	0	8
1	1	8

$$\max_a f(a,b,c) \cdot \underbrace{f_4(\ldots) \cdot \ldots}_{A\text{—free}} = g(b,c) \cdot f_4(\ldots) \cdot \ldots$$

Marginalizing over a variable



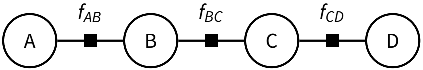
A	B	C	$f(a,b,c)$
0	0	0	15
0	0	1	12
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	10
1	0	1	8
1	1	0	8
1	1	1	8

— summing over A $\rightarrow$

B	C	$g(b,c)$
0	0	25
0	1	20
1	0	9
1	1	9

$$\sum_a f(a,b,c) \cdot \underbrace{f_4(\ldots) \cdot \ldots}_{A-\text{free}} = g(b,c) \cdot f_4(\ldots) \cdot \ldots$$

Variable elimination



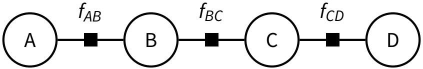
Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

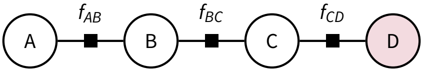
A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

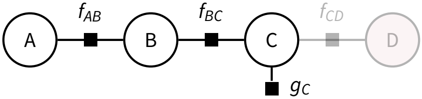
A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

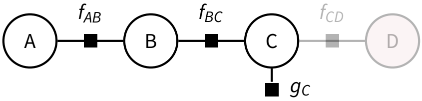
A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}

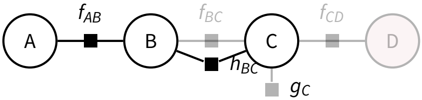
A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a, b, c, d) = ?$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \rightarrow g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

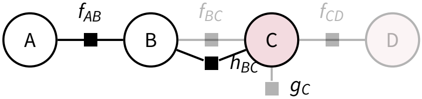
B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a, b, c, d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a, b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

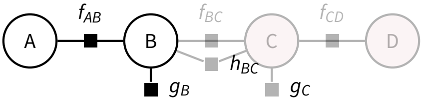
C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

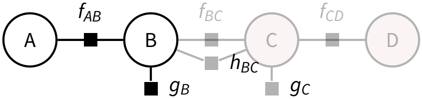
B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \rightarrow g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \rightarrow g_B$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

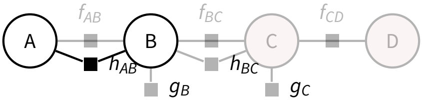
B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a, b, c, d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a, b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

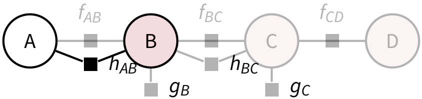
C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

A B	$h_{AB}(a, b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 9 = 90^{C=1}$
0 1	$2 \cdot 6 = 12^{C=1}$
1 0	$3 \cdot 9 = 27^{C=1}$
1 1	$9 \cdot 6 = 54^{C=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

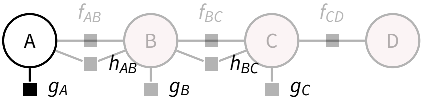
C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 9 = 90^{C=1}$
0 1	$2 \cdot 6 = 12^{C=1}$
1 0	$3 \cdot 9 = 27^{C=1}$
1 1	$9 \cdot 6 = 54^{C=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. Maximize over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

A	$g_A(a)$
0	$90^{B=0}$
1	$54^{B=1}$

B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

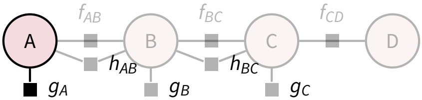
C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 9 = 90^{C=1}$
0 1	$2 \cdot 6 = 12^{C=1}$
1 0	$3 \cdot 9 = 27^{C=1}$
1 1	$9 \cdot 6 = 54^{C=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. Maximize over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

A	$g_A(a)$
0	$90^{B=0}$
1	$54^{B=1}$

B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

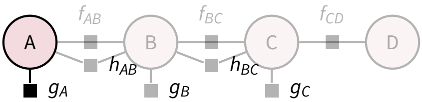
C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 9 = 90^{C=1}$
0 1	$2 \cdot 6 = 12^{C=1}$
1 0	$3 \cdot 9 = 27^{C=1}$
1 1	$9 \cdot 6 = 54^{C=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. Maximize over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)
7. Maximize over A ($g_A \to \emptyset$)

Variable elimination



Query: $\max_{a,b,c,d} \mathrm{P}(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

A	$g_A(a)$
0	$90^{B=0}$
1	$54^{B=1}$

B	$g_B(b)$
0	$9^{C=1}$
1	$6^{C=1}$

C	$g_C(c)$
0	$4^{D=0}$
1	$3^{D=1}$

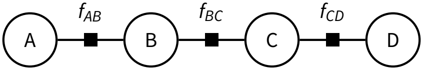
A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 9 = 90^{C=1}$
0 1	$2 \cdot 6 = 12^{C=1}$
1 0	$3 \cdot 9 = 27^{C=1}$
1 1	$9 \cdot 6 = 54^{C=1}$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
0 1	$3 \cdot 3 = 9^{D=1}$
1 0	$1 \cdot 4 = 4^{D=0}$
1 1	$2 \cdot 3 = 6^{D=1}$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. Maximize over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. Maximize over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. Maximize over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)
7. Maximize over A ($g_A \to \emptyset$)
8. Just like Viterbi!
   The max is $^{90}/_{Z}$.

   Backtrace to get
   $\arg\max : (0,0,1,1)$.

Variable elimination: sum



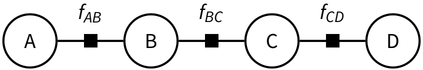
Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a, b, c, d) =?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a, b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

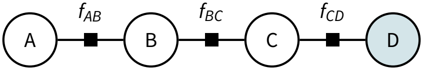
A	B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0	0	10
0	1	2
1	0	3
1	1	9

B	C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0	0	1
0	1	3
1	0	1
1	1	2

C	D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0	0	4
0	1	2
1	0	1
1	1	3

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

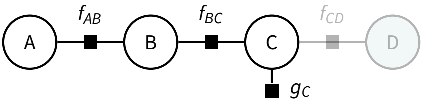
A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

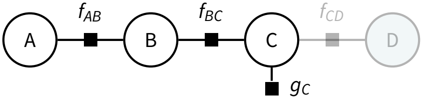
B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)

Variable elimination: sum



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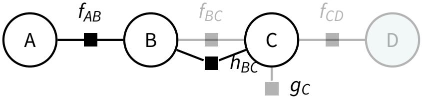
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}

Variable elimination: sum



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1 1	2

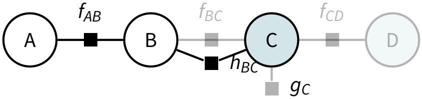
C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
1 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
1 1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}

Variable elimination: sum



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1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

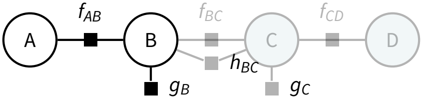
B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
1 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
1 1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \rightarrow g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \rightarrow g_B$)

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

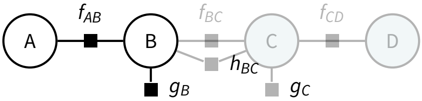
C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

B	$g_B(b)$
0	18
1	14

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
1 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
1 1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$

Variable elimination: sum



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1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

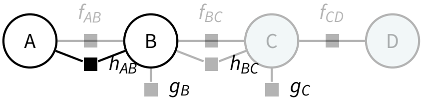
B	$g_B(b)$
0	18
1	14

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
1 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
1 1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
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1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

B	$g_B(b)$
0	18
1	14

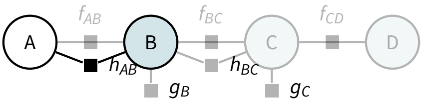
C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 18 = 180$
0 1	$2 \cdot 14 = 28$
1 0	$3 \cdot 18 = 54$
1 1	$9 \cdot 14 = 126$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
1 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
1 1	$2 \cdot 4 = 8$

1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}

Variable elimination: sum



Query: $Z = \sum_{a,b,c,d} f(a,b,c,d) = ?$

A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	10
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1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
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1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

B	$g_B(b)$
0	18
1	14

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 18 = 180$
0 1	$2 \cdot 14 = 28$
1 0	$3 \cdot 18 = 54$
1 1	$9 \cdot 14 = 126$

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
0 1	$3 \cdot 4 = 12$
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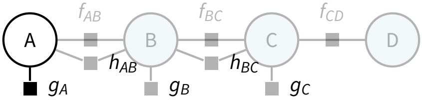
1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. **Sum** over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)

Variable elimination: sum



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A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
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B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

A	$g_A(a)$
0	208
1	180

B	$g_B(b)$
0	18
1	14

C	$g_C(c)$
0	6
1	4

A B	$h_{AB}(a,b)$
0 0	$10 \cdot 18 = 180$
0 1	$2 \cdot 14 = 28$
1 0	$3 \cdot 18 = 54$
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B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	$1 \cdot 6 = 6$
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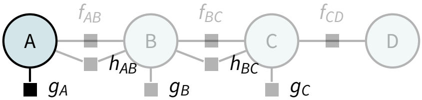
1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. **Sum** over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)

Variable elimination: sum



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A B	$f_{AB}(a,b)$
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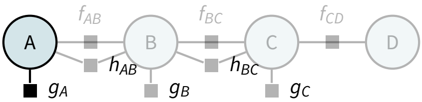
1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. **Sum** over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)
7. **Sum** over A ($g_A \to \emptyset$)

Variable elimination: sum



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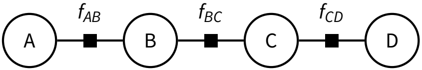
1. Pick order: D, C, B, A
2. **Sum** over D ($f_{CD} \to g_C$)
3. Multiply f_{BC} with g_C giving h_{BC}
4. **Sum** over C ($h_{BC} \to g_B$)
5. Multiply f_{AB} with g_B giving h_{AB}
6. **Sum** over B ($h_{AB} \to g_A$)
7. **Sum** over A ($g_A \to \emptyset$)
8. Just like the Forward algorithm!
   $Z = 388$.
   so $\mathrm{P}(0,0,1,1) = {}^{90}/_{Z} \approx .23$
   Note: we obtained for free
   $\mathrm{P}(A=0) = {}^{208}/_{388} \approx .54$.

Variable elimination: more complicated example



Query: $\mathrm{P}(a, c \mid D = 1) = ?$

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1 1	9

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0 0	1
0 1	3
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C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	4
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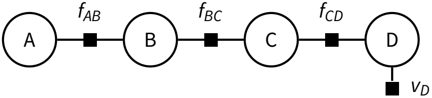
1 0	1
1 1	3

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
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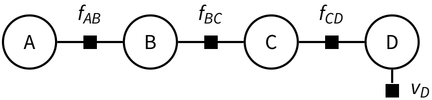
1 0	1
1 1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

1. Introduce evidence!

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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0 0	4
0 1	2
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D	$v_D(d)$
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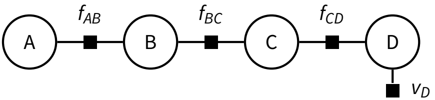
1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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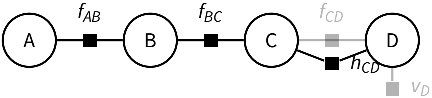
C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A
3. Multiply all D factors

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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0 0	4
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D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

1. Introduce evidence!
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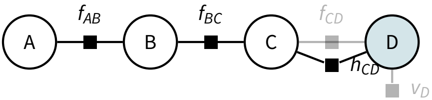
3. Multiply all D factors

C D	$h_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	0
0 1	2
1 0	0
1 1	3

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

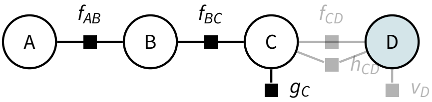
C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A
3. Multiply all D factors
4. Sum over D ($h_{CD} \to g_C$)

C D	$h_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	0
0 1	2
1 0	0
1 1	3

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A
3. Multiply all D factors
4. Sum over D ($h_{CD} \rightarrow g_C$)

A B	$f_{AB}(a, b)$
0 0	10
0 1	2
1 0	3
1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b, c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
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1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	2
1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
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C D	$h_{CD}(c, d)$
0 0	0
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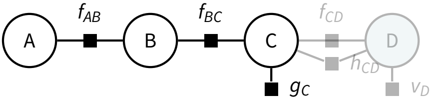
Variable elimination: more complicated example



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B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
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1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

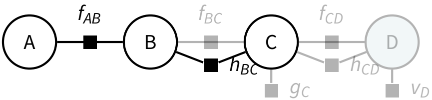
C	$g_C(c)$
0	2
1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A
3. Multiply all D factors
4. Sum over D ($h_{CD} \to g_C$)
5. Multiply all C factors

C D	$h_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	0
0 1	2
1 0	0
1 1	3

Variable elimination: more complicated example



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0 0	10
0 1	2
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1 1	9

B C	$f_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	1
0 1	3
1 0	1
1 1	2

C D	$f_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	4
0 1	2
1 0	1
1 1	3

C	$g_C(c)$
0	2
1	3

D	$v_D(d)$
0	0
1	1

B C	$h_{BC}(b,c)$
0 0	2
0 1	9
1 0	2
1 1	6

C D	$h_{CD}(c,d)$
0 0	0
0 1	2
1 0	0
1 1	3

1. Introduce evidence!
2. Pick order: D, C, B, A
3. Multiply all D factors
4. Sum over D ($h_{CD} \rightarrow g_C$)
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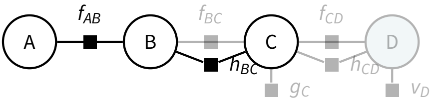

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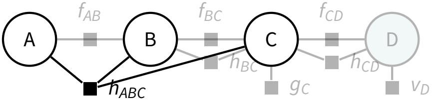

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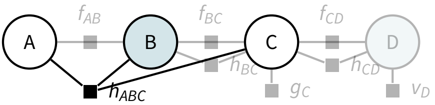

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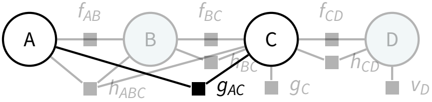

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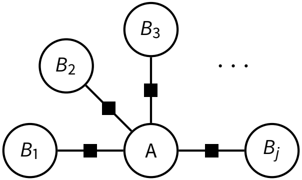
  - where n=n. variables, k=dimension, M=size of largest intermediate factor.
  - Example: In chain, intuitive order has $M = 2$.
    eliminating from middle of chain gives $M = 3$.
  - Extreme example is a star graph. Best case $M = 2$, worst $M = N$!



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- When given a new query, need to restart algorithm from scratch!

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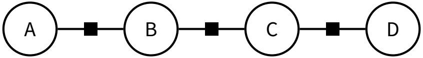

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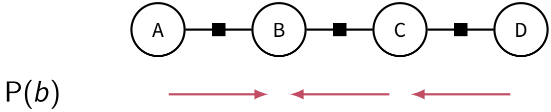

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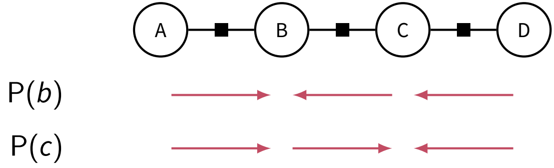

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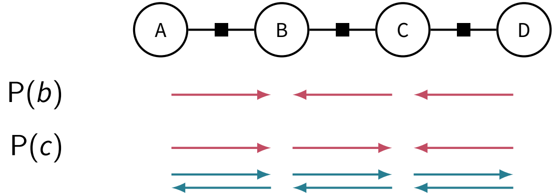

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Message passing in a tree FG

- Messages from variable X to factor α: aggregate variable beliefs from any other factors. (For leaves, this message is **1**).

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- A message is sent once all messages it depends on have been received.
- For chain: **forward-backward**! For tree: leaves-to-root and back.
- If new evidence is added, many messages don't change.
- Replace sum with max for maximization.

From messages to beliefs

- Once we collected all the messages, we can compute local beliefs.
- Variable beliefs:

$$p_X(x) \propto \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{N}(X)} \mu_{\alpha \to X}(x)$$

- Factor beliefs:

$$p_\alpha(x_1, \ldots x_k) \propto f_\alpha(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \prod_{X_i \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)} \nu_{X_i \to \alpha}(x_i)$$

- If no cycles, once all messages are passed, beliefs are true marginals:

$$p_X(x) = \mathrm{P}(x), \qquad p_\alpha(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \mathrm{P}(x_1, \ldots, x_k).$$

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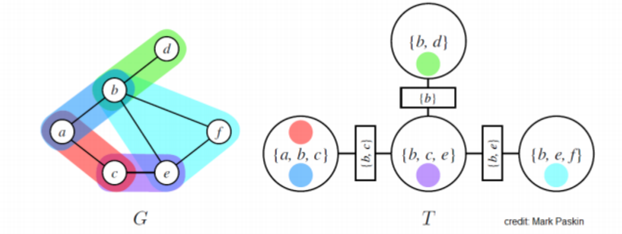

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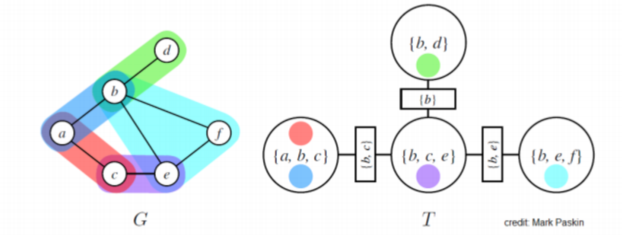

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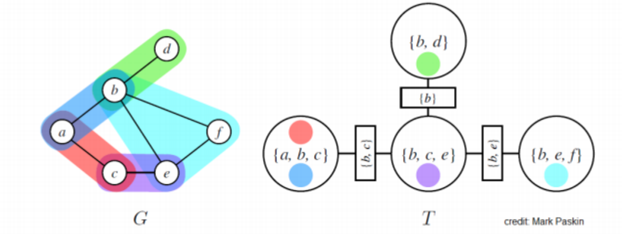

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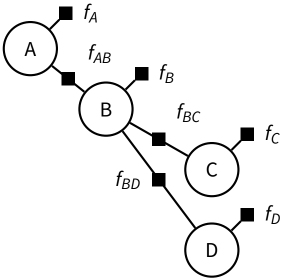

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A: I didn't like the movie.

B: Hmm, strange, why not?

C: It was slow.

D: It was the worst movie this year.

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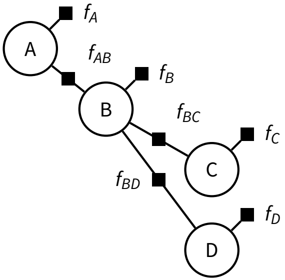

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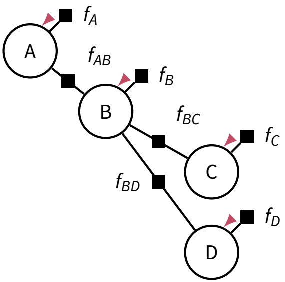

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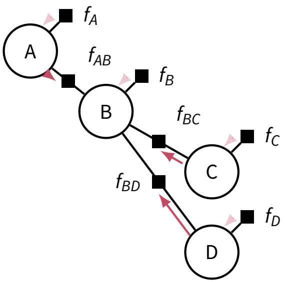

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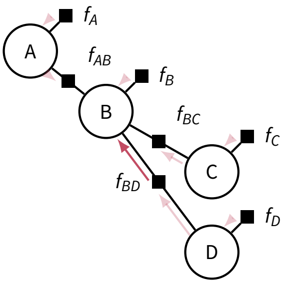

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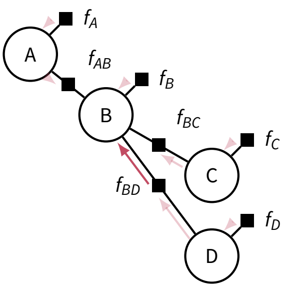

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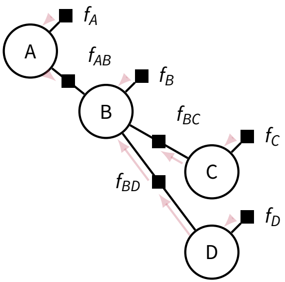

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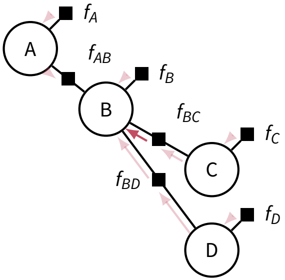

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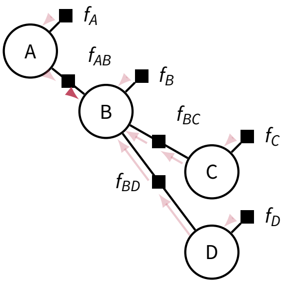

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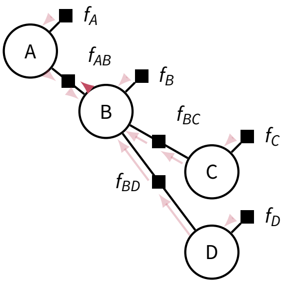

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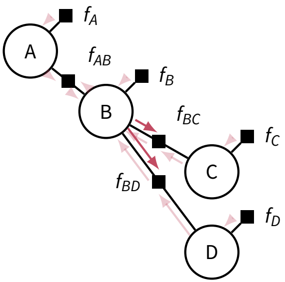

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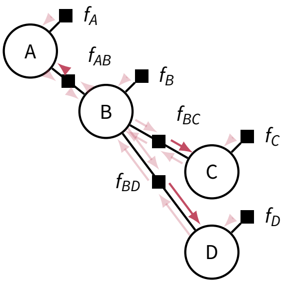

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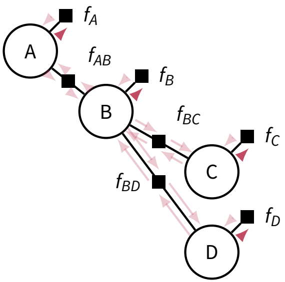

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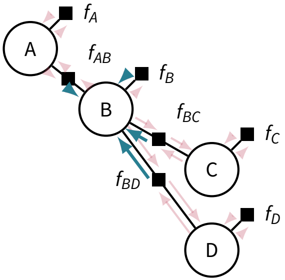

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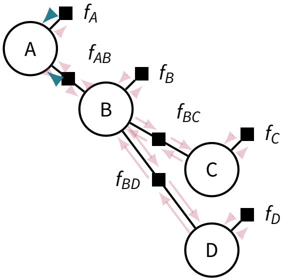

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