

# Probability Identities

- Random variables (A)

e.g.  $P(A)$

$\Rightarrow$  values; signifying the possibility of A are in <sup>lower</sup> ~~the~~

e.g.  $P(A=a)$

- $P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}$  e.g.  $a = \text{cloudy}$   
 $b = \text{spring}$

so  $P(\text{cloudy}|\text{spring}) = \frac{P(\text{cloudy} \wedge \text{spring})}{P(\text{spring})}$

- $P(a \wedge b) = P(a|b) P(b)$   
 $\rightarrow$  (This is product rule) <sup>all occurrences</sup>

## Bayes Rule

Then:  $P(b|a) = \frac{P(b \wedge a)}{P(a)}$

$$P(b \wedge a) = P(b|a) P(a)$$

commutative laws mean  $P(b \wedge a) = P(a \wedge b)$

Therefore:  $P(b|a) P(a) = P(a|b) P(b)$

$$P(b|a) = \frac{P(a|b) P(b)}{P(a)}$$

# Bayesian Networks

A technique to encode knowledge/uncertainty in a way a machine can understand.

Bayesian Network/Graph

e.g

Win Lottery



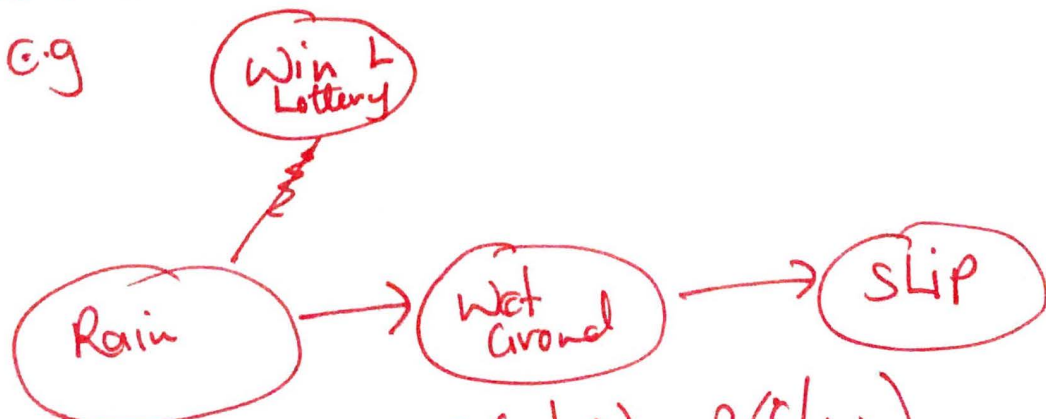
• Bayesian network will help represent the probabilities.

i.e

$$P(L, R, W) = P(L) \cdot P(R) \cdot P(W|R)$$

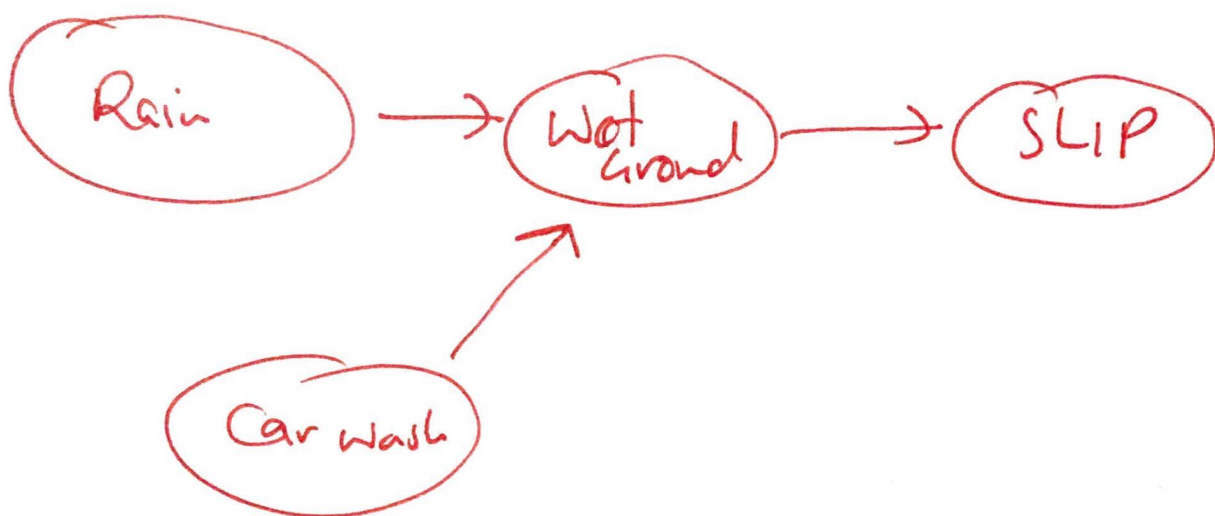
NOTE Winning Lottery is independent  $\equiv$  Does NOT influence

• Note more ~~other~~ variables can be added.



$$P(L, R, W, S) = P(L) \cdot P(R) \cdot P(W|R) \cdot P(S|W)$$

## Example



$$P(R, W, S, C) = P(R) \cdot P(C) \boxed{P(W|C, R)} P(S|W)$$

Wet ground is influenced  
by Car wash & Rain in  
this case

i.e. if either  $C=c$  or  $R=r$   
then  $W=w$ .

GENERAL RULE

~~$P(X)$~~   $P(X | \text{Parents}(X))$

# Inference in Bayesian Network

(1) Given a Bayesian network

$$P(X, Y, Z)$$

what is  $P(X)$

↑ compact network  
with 3 variables

Question  
that we  
want to  
Reason  
about

## Approach 1

Enumeration  $\equiv$  Exact method.

$$P(R, W, S, C) = P(R) P(C) P(W|C, R) P(S|W)$$

$$P(r/s) = \sum_w \sum_c P(r, w, s, c) / P(s)$$

Sum out over  $w, c \Leftarrow$  variables that are not part of the inquiry.

$$P(r/s) \propto \sum_w \sum_c P(r) \cdot P(c) P(w|c, r) P(s|w)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  if we leave out the denominator; we shall have to normalize by looking at  $r \neq \neg r$

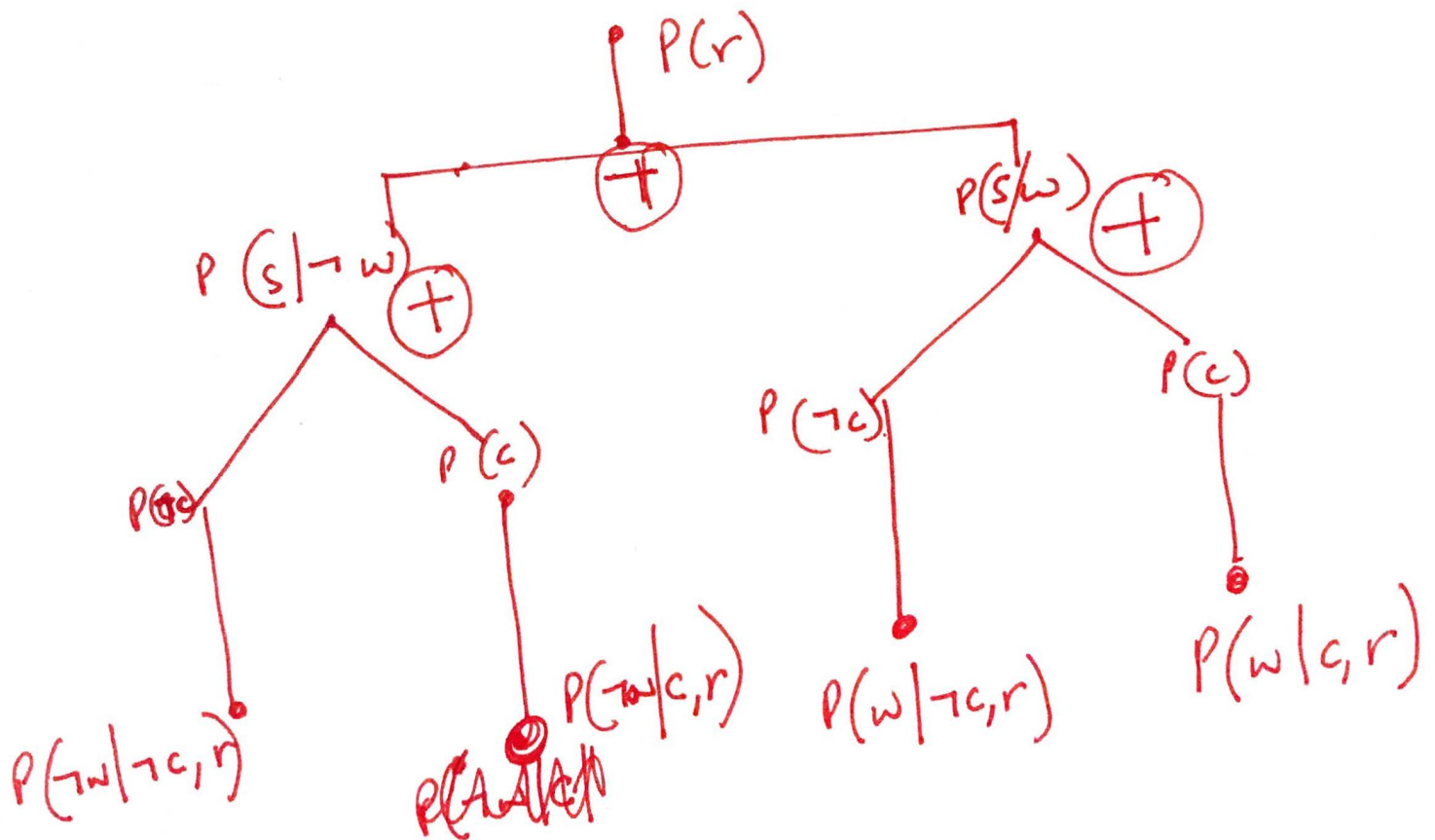


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## Variable Elimination

$$P(r|s) \propto \sum_w \sum_c P(r) P(c) P(w|c, r) P(s|w)$$

What terms depend  
on c :  $P(c) P(w|c, r)$

recall in tws  
case r is  
fixed

Then

$$f_c(w) = \sum_c P(c) P(w|c, r)$$

Thus:  $P(r|s) \propto \sum_w P(r) P(s|w) f_c(w)$

Example.

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

$$P(y) = ?$$

Start by summing out all irrelevant variables.

$$P(y) = \sum_w \sum_x \sum_z P(w) P(x|w) P(y|x) P(z|y)$$

~~add~~ Note  $P(y)$  shall be a table of probabilities because of the many variables involved.

$$f_w(x) = \sum_w P(w) P(x|w)$$