

# Announcements

## Assignments

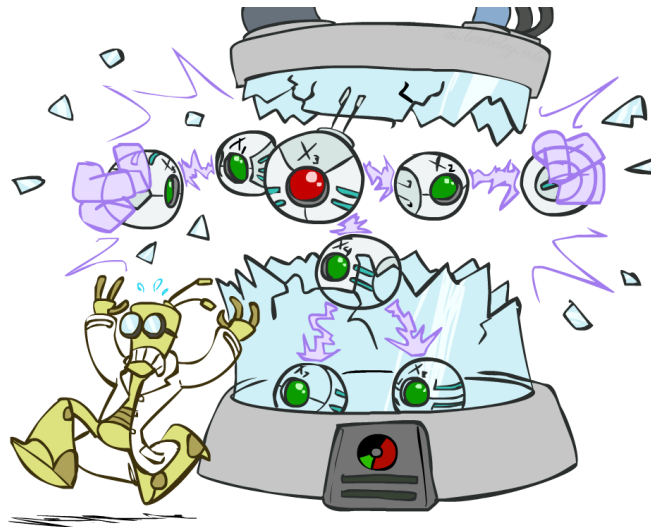
- HW8 - Due 3/28, 10 pm
- P4: MDP/RL - Due Thurs 11/17, 10 pm

## Midterm 2

- One week!!! in lecture
- See Piazza post for details
- Review session 6-8pm Tuesday 3/28 in Rashid Auditorium
- In scope: Bayes nets representation and independence (today)

# AI: Representation and Problem Solving

## Bayes Nets: Independence

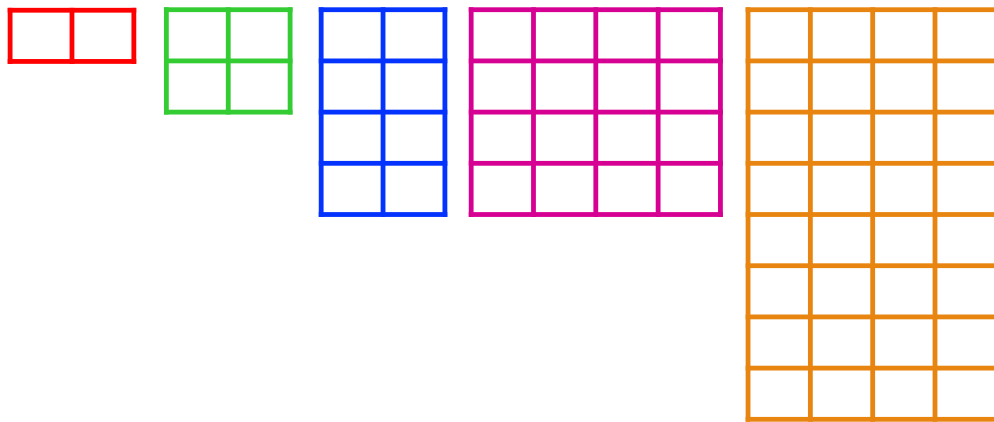


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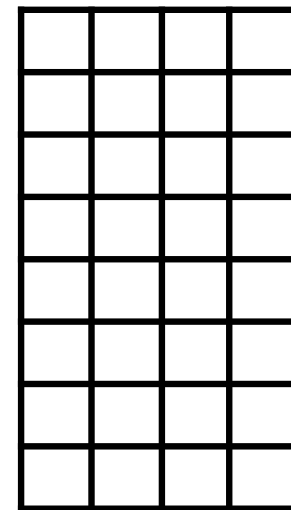
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# Answer Any Query from Condition Probability Tables

Conditional Probability Tables  
and Chain Rule



Joint



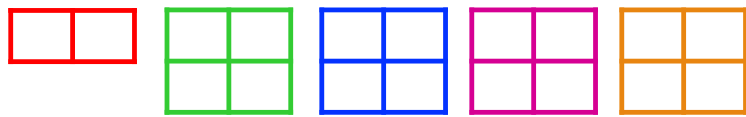
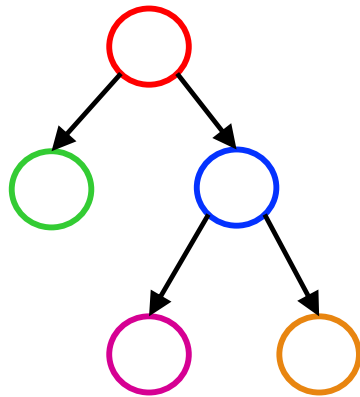
Query

$$P(a | e)$$

$$P(A) P(B|A) P(C|A, B) P(D|A, B, C) P(E|A, B, C, D)$$

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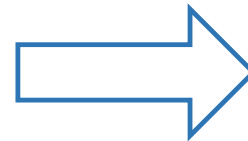
Bayes Net



$P(A)$   $P(B|A)$   $P(C|A)$   $P(D|C)$   $P(E|C)$

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# Bayes Nets for Medical Diagnosis



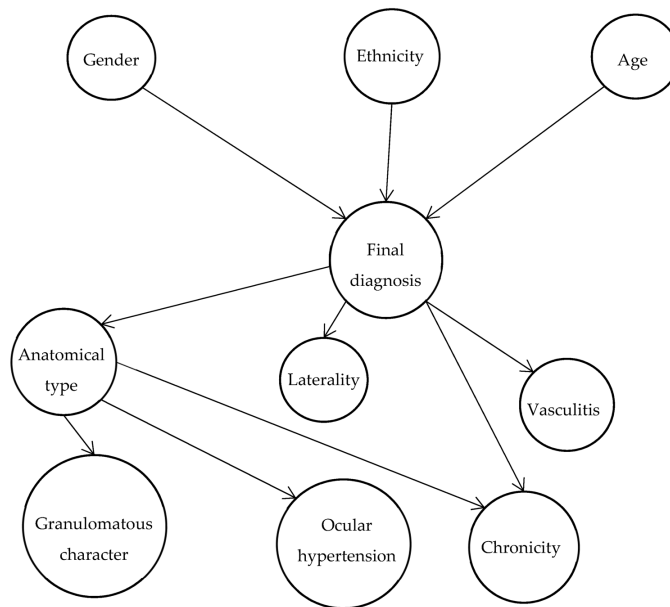
Danielle Belgrave  
Principal Researcher

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/people/dabelgra/>

Developmental Profiles of Eczema, Wheeze, and Rhinitis:  
Two Population-Based Birth Cohort Studies  
Danielle Belgrave, et al. *PLOS Medicine*, 2014

<https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1001748>

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Jamilloux, Yvan, Nicolas Romain-Scelle, Muriel Rabilloud, Coralie Morel, Laurent Kodjikian, Delphine Maucort-Boulch, Philip Bielefeld, and Pascal Sève. 2021.

"Development and Validation of a Bayesian Network for Supporting the Etiological Diagnosis of Uveitis"  
*Journal of Clinical Medicine* 10, no. 15: 3398.

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Original Research Article

## Computer-aided detection of COVID-19 from X-ray images using multi-CNN and Bayesnet classifier

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# Graphical Model Notation

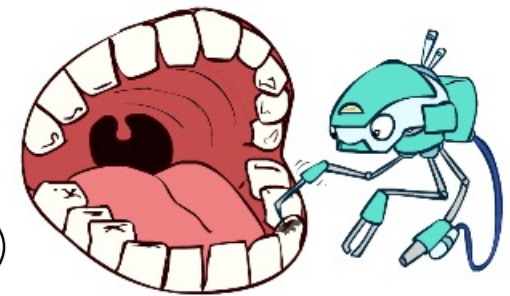
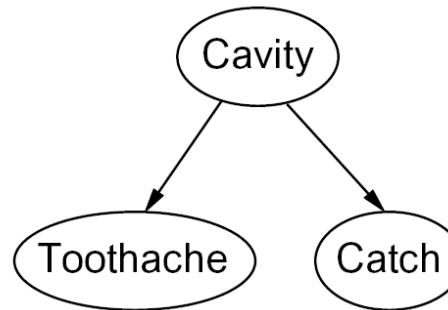
## Nodes: variables (with domains)

- Can be assigned (observed) or unassigned (unobserved)
- Observed does not mean *Variable = true!*  
Observed just means that we will have the value for that variable

## Edges

- Indicate “direct influence” between variables
- Absence of edges: encode conditional independence

For now: imagine that arrows mean direct causation (in general, they don't!)

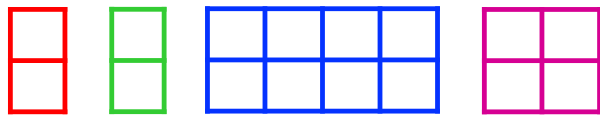


# Bayesian Networks

One node per random variable

Directed-Acyclic-Graph

One CPT per node:  $P(\text{node} \mid \text{Parents}(\text{node}))$



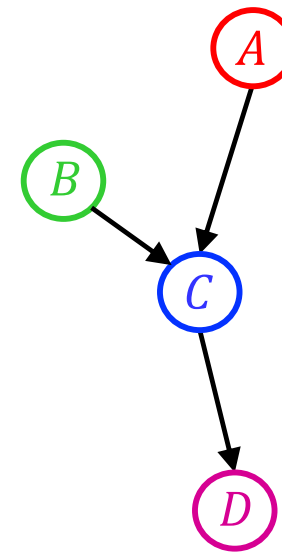
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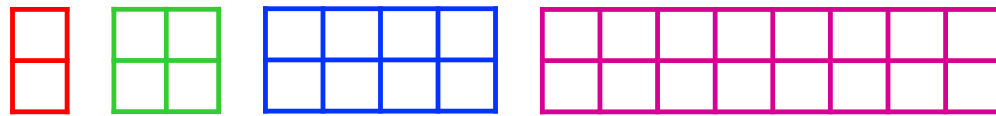


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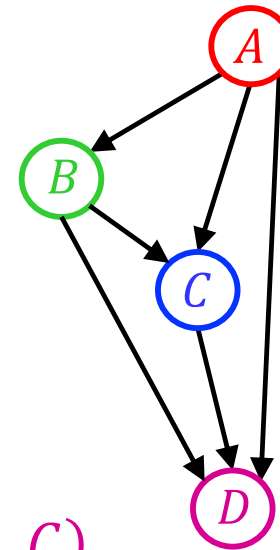
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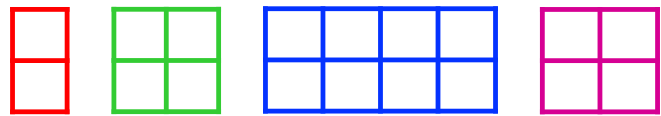
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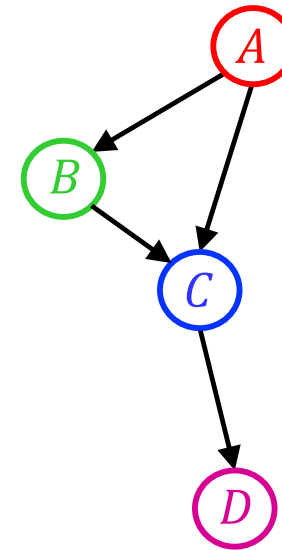
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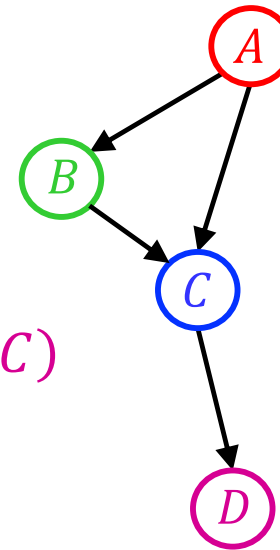
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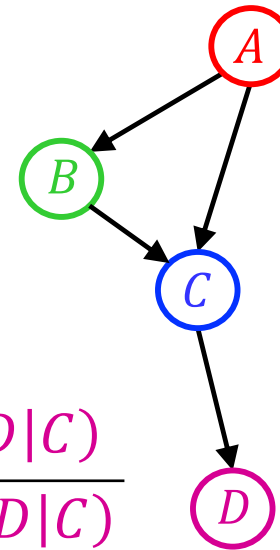


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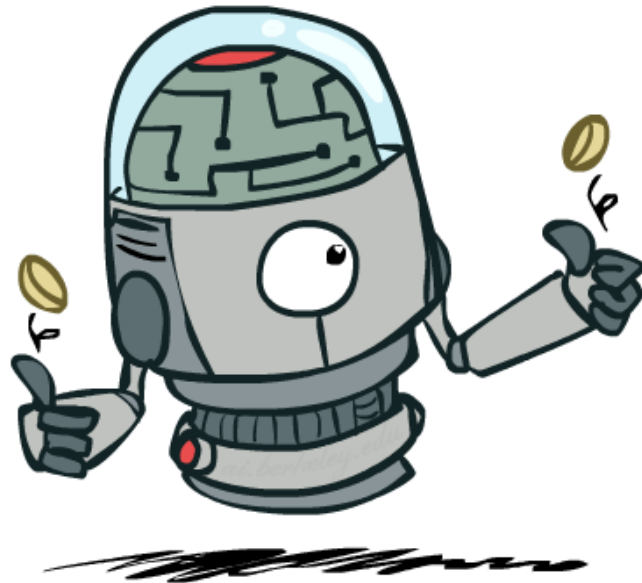
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$$P(A, B, C, D) = P(A) P(B|A) P(C|A, B) P(D|C)$$

$$P(B|C, D) = \frac{P(B, C, D)}{P(C, D)}$$
$$= \frac{\sum_{a \in A} P(A) P(B|A) P(C|A, B) P(D|C)}{\sum_A \sum_B P(A) P(B|A) P(C|A, B) P(D|C)}$$



# Independence



# Independence

Two variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are *independent* if

$$\forall x, y \quad P(x, y) = P(x) P(y)$$

- This says that their joint distribution *factors* into a product of two simpler distributions
- Combine with product rule  $P(x, y) = P(x|y)P(y)$  we obtain another form:

$$\forall x, y \quad P(x | y) = P(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \forall x, y \quad P(y | x) = P(y)$$

Example: two dice rolls  $Roll_1$  and  $Roll_2$

- $P(Roll_1=5, Roll_2=5) = P(Roll_1=5) P(Roll_2=5) = 1/6 \times 1/6 = 1/36$
- $P(Roll_2=5 | Roll_1=5) = P(Roll_2=5)$

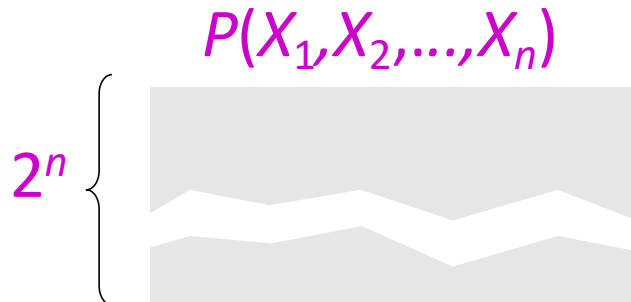
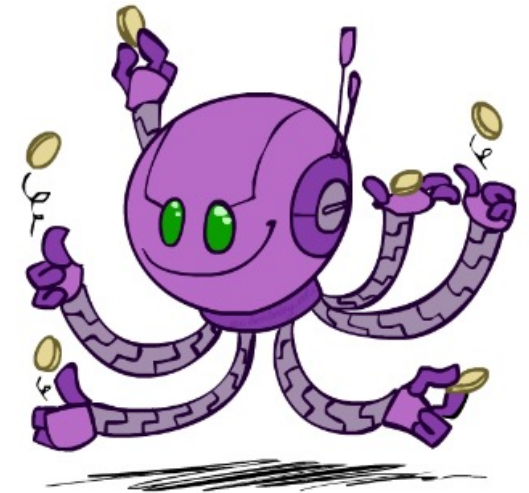




# Example: Independence

n fair, independent coin flips:

$P(X_1)$		$P(X_2)$		...	$P(X_n)$	
H	0.5	H	0.5		H	0.5
T	0.5	T	0.5		T	0.5



# Poll 1

Are T and W independent?

$P(T, W)$

T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

$P(T)$

T	P
hot	0.5
cold	0.5

$P(W)$

W	P
sun	0.6
rain	0.4

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Are T and W independent?

No

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$P(T)P(W)$

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# Conditional Independence

$P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Catch})$

If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:

- $P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{toothache}, +\text{cavity}) = P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{cavity})$

The same independence holds if I don't have a cavity:

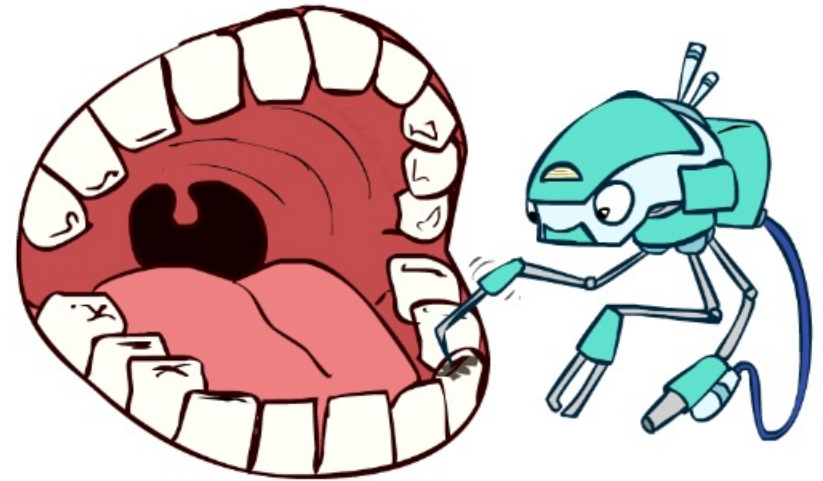
- $P(+\text{catch} \mid +\text{toothache}, -\text{cavity}) = P(+\text{catch} \mid -\text{cavity})$

Catch is *conditionally independent* of Toothache given Cavity:

- $P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Toothache}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$

Equivalent statements:

- $P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity})$
- $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Toothache} \mid \text{Cavity}) P(\text{Catch} \mid \text{Cavity})$
- One can be derived from the other easily



# Conditional Independence

Absolute (unconditional) independence very rare (why?)

*Conditional independence* is our most basic and robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.

X is conditionally independent of Y given Z  
if and only if:

$$\forall x, y, z \quad P(x \mid y, z) = P(x \mid z)$$

or, equivalently, if and only if

$$\forall x, y, z \quad P(x, y \mid z) = P(x \mid z) P(y \mid z)$$

# Independence Rules

- Independence

If A and B are independent, then:

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

$$P(A | B) = P(A)$$

$$P(B | A) = P(B)$$

- Conditional independence

If A and B are conditionally independent given C, then:

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

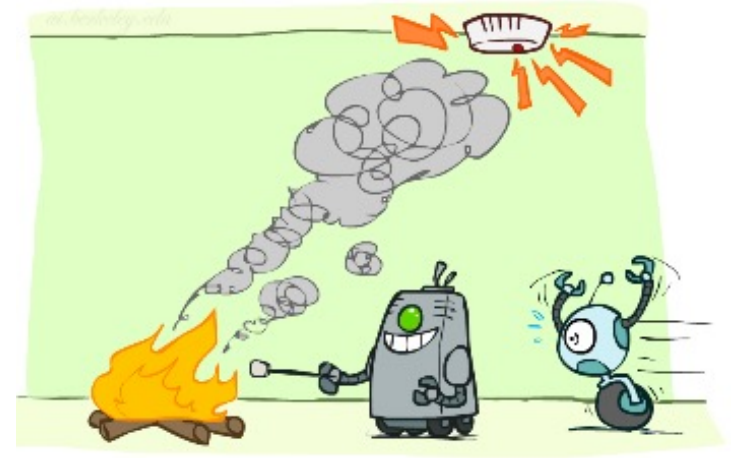
$$P(A | B, C) = P(A | C)$$

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

# Conditional Independence and Bayes Nets

## Fire, Smoke, Alarm

- Causal story to create Bayes net



- Assumptions
- Joint distribution

# Conditional Independence and Bayes Nets

What about this domain:

- Traffic
- Umbrella
- Raining





# Conditional Independence and the Chain Rule

Chain rule:

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_j P(x_j \mid x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$$

Trivial decomposition:

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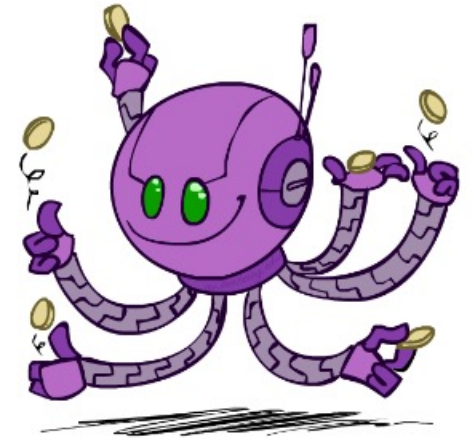
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# Example: Coin Flips

N independent coin flips



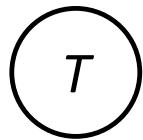
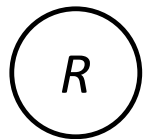
No interactions between variables: **absolute independence**

# Example: Traffic

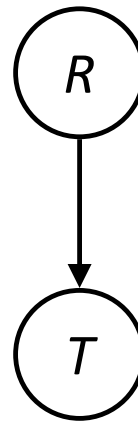
Variables:

- R: It rains
- T: There is traffic

Model 1: independence



Model 2: rain causes traffic



Why is an agent using model 2 better?

# Example: Traffic II

Let's build a causal Bayes net!

## Variables

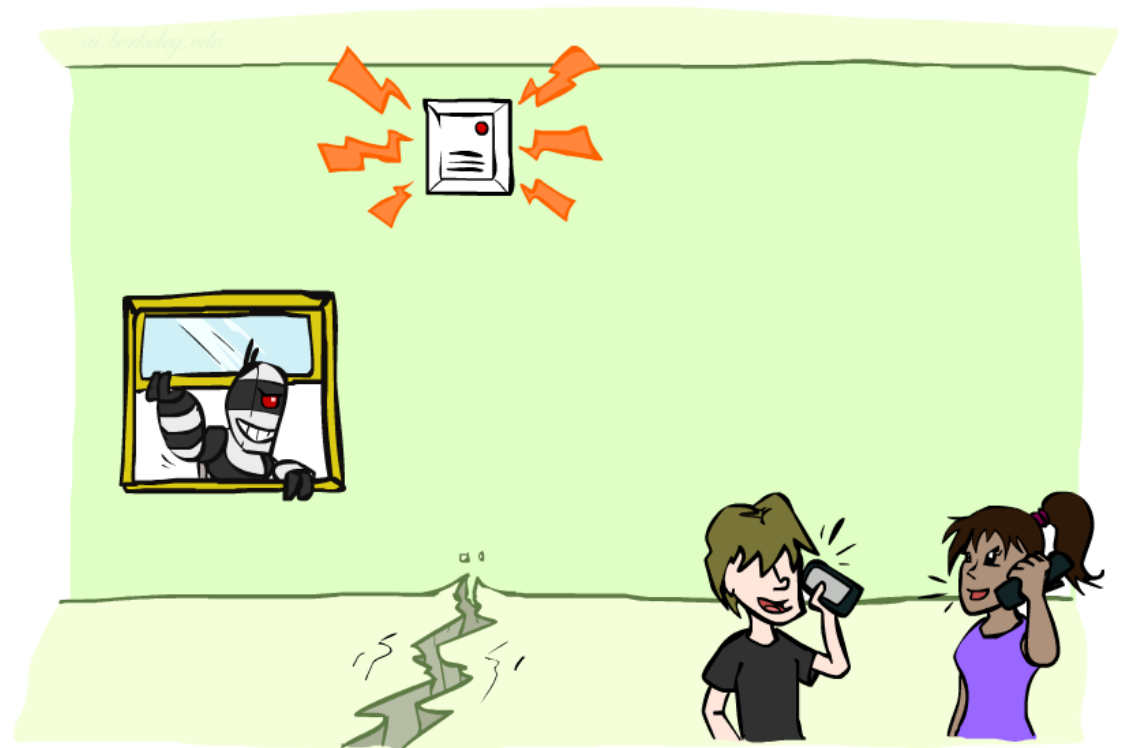
- T: Traffic
- R: It rains
- L: Low pressure
- D: Roof drips
- B: Ballgame
- C: Cavity



# Example: Alarm Network

## Variables

- B: Burglary
- A: Alarm goes off
- M: Mary calls
- J: John calls
- E: Earthquake!



# Semantics Example

## Joint distribution factorization example

### Generic chain rule

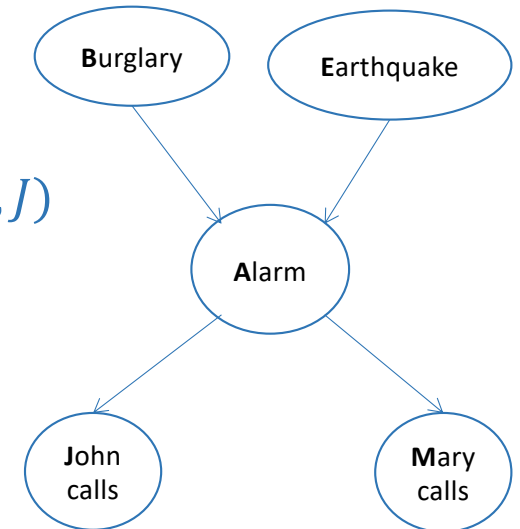
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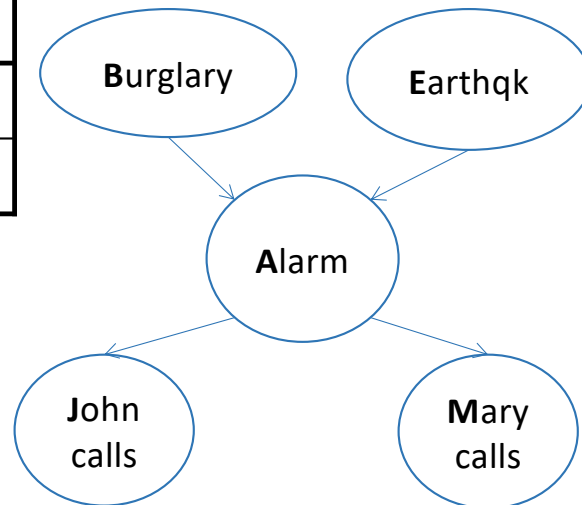
### Bayes nets

- $P(X_1 \dots X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i | Parents(X_i))$



# Example: Alarm Network

B	P(B)
+b	0.001
-b	0.999



E	P(E)
+e	0.002
-e	0.998



A	J	P(J A)
+a	+j	0.9
+a	-j	0.1
-a	+j	0.05
-a	-j	0.95

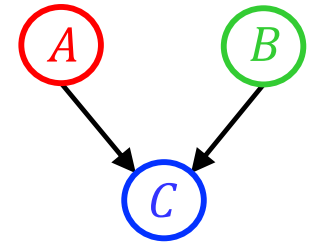
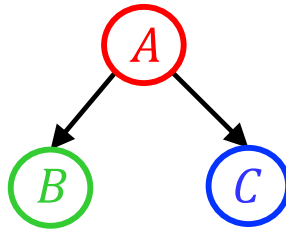
A	M	P(M A)
+a	+m	0.7
+a	-m	0.3
-a	+m	0.01
-a	-m	0.99

B	E	A	P(A B,E)
+b	+e	+a	0.95
+b	+e	-a	0.05
+b	-e	+a	0.94
+b	-e	-a	0.06
-b	+e	+a	0.29
-b	+e	-a	0.71
-b	-e	+a	0.001
-b	-e	-a	0.999



## Poll 2

Match the product of CPTs to the Bayes net.



I.  $P(A) P(B|A) P(C|B)$

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$P(A) P(B) P(C|A, B)$

II.  $P(A) P(B) P(C|A, B)$

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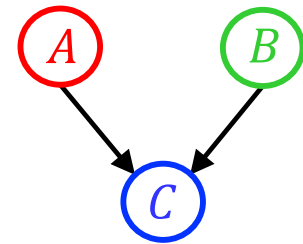
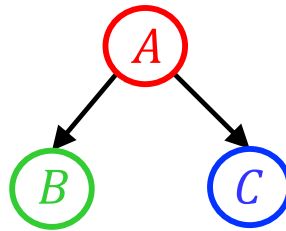
$P(A|B, C) P(B) P(C)$

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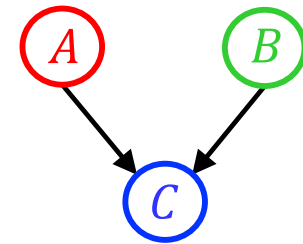
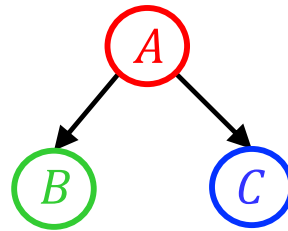
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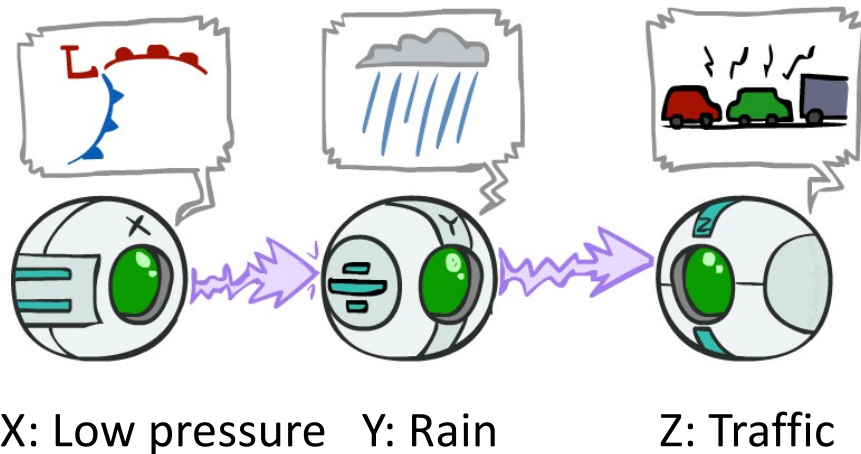
Assumption:

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

A is independent from B given { }

# Causal Chains

This configuration is a “causal chain”



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

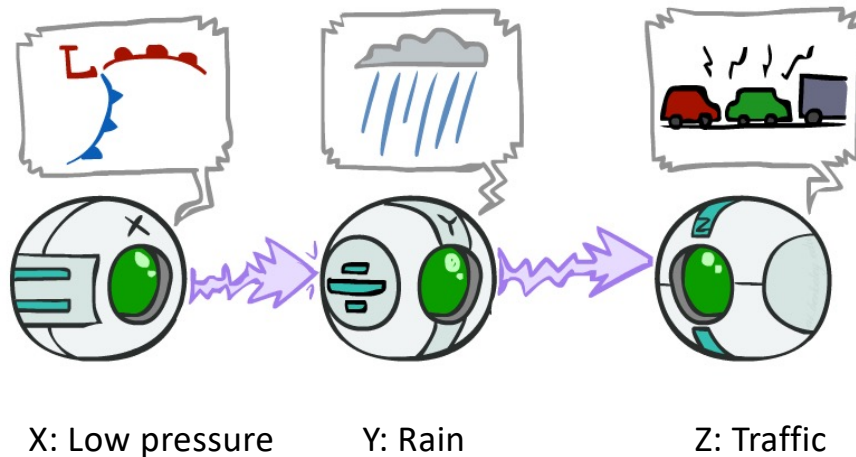
Guaranteed X independent of Z ?

*No!*

- One example set of CPTs for which X is not independent of Z is sufficient to show this independence is not guaranteed.
- Example:
  - Low pressure *always* causes rain
  - Rain *always* causes traffic
  - High pressure *always* causes no rain
  - No rain *always* causes no traffic
- In numbers:
  - $P(+y | +x) = 1$      $P(+z | +y) = 1$
  - $P(-y | -x) = 1$      $P(-z | -y) = 1$

# Causal Chains

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

- Guaranteed X independent of Z given Y?

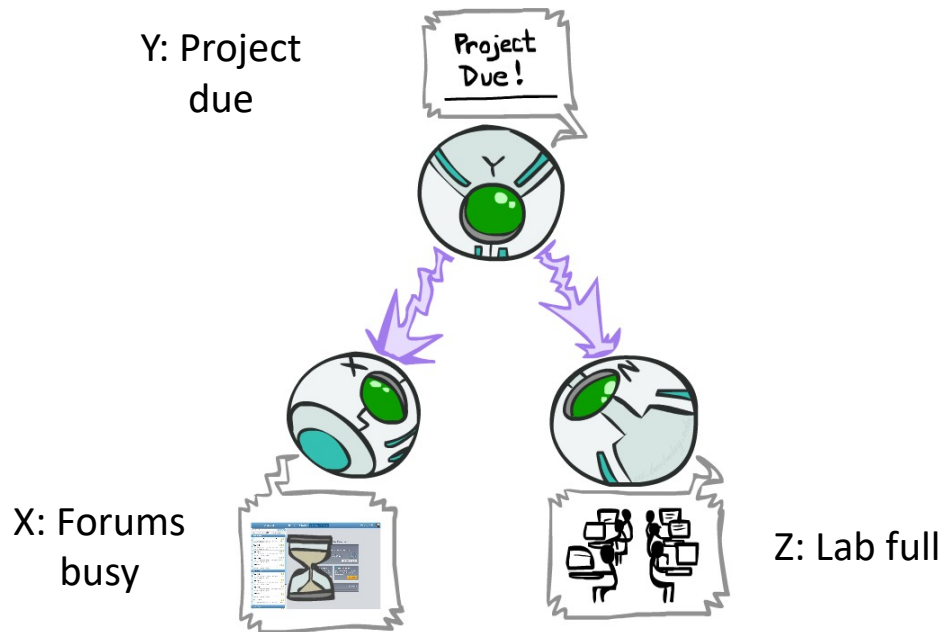
$$\begin{aligned} P(z|x, y) &= \frac{P(x, y, z)}{P(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{P(x)P(y|x)P(z|y)}{P(x)P(y|x)} \\ &= P(z|y) \end{aligned}$$

*Yes!*

- Evidence along the chain “blocks” the influence

# Common Cause

This configuration is a “common cause”



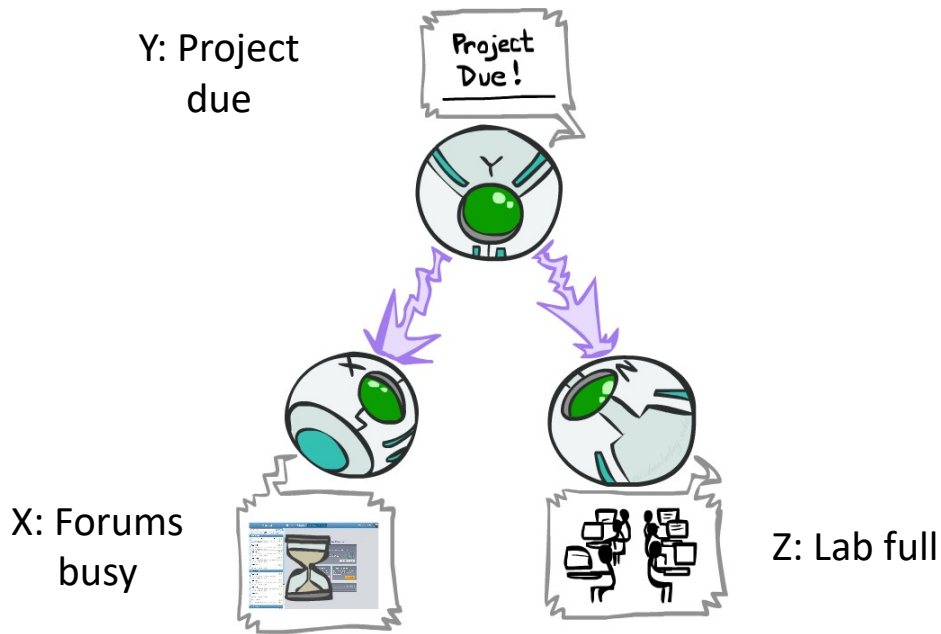
$$P(x, y, z) = P(y)P(x|y)P(z|y)$$

- Guaranteed X independent of Z ? **No!**
  - One example set of CPTs for which X is not independent of Z is sufficient to show this independence is not guaranteed.
  - Example:
    - Project due *always* causes both forums busy and lab full
    - In numbers:

$P(+x   +y) = 1$	$P(-x   -y) = 1,$
$P(+z   +y) = 1$	$P(-z   -y) = 1$

# Common Cause

This configuration is a “common cause”



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

- Guaranteed X and Z independent given Y?

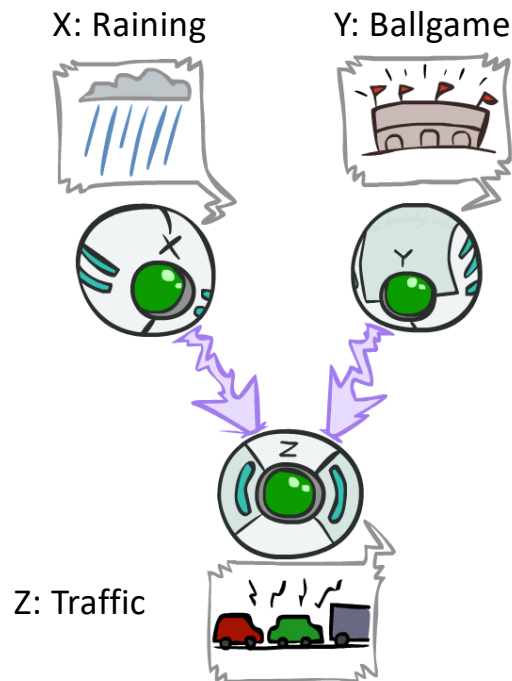
$$\begin{aligned} P(z|x, y) &= \frac{P(x, y, z)}{P(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{P(y)P(x|y)P(z|y)}{P(y)P(x|y)} \\ &= P(z|y) \end{aligned}$$

*Yes!*

- Observing the cause blocks influence between effects.

# Common Effect

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



- Are X and Y independent?
  - **Yes**: the ballgame and the rain cause traffic, but they are not correlated
  - Still need to prove they must be (try it!)
- Are X and Y independent given Z?
  - **No**: seeing traffic puts the rain and the ballgame in competition as explanation.
- **This is backwards from the other cases**
  - Observing an effect **activates** influence between possible causes.

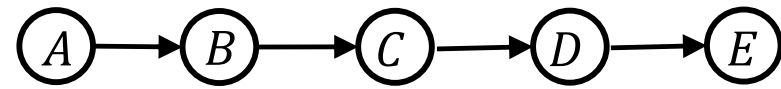


# Bayes Net Independence

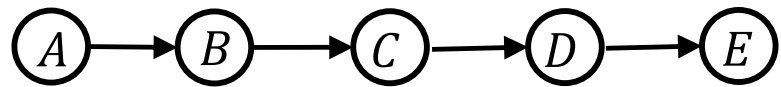


# Answering Independence Questions

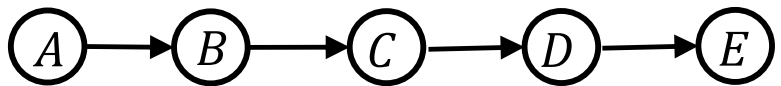
- Is A independent from E?



- Is A independent from E given C?



- Is A independent from C given E?



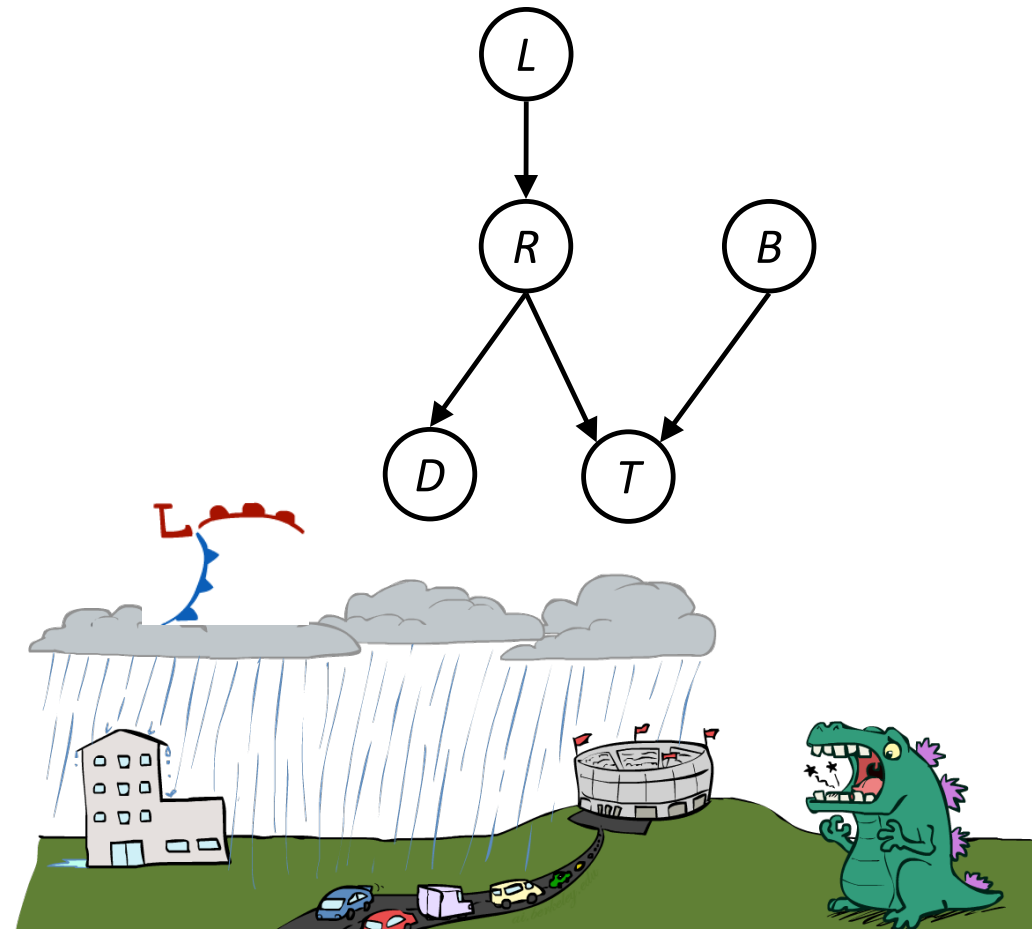
# Reachability

Recipe: shade evidence nodes, look for paths in the resulting graph

Attempt 1: if two nodes are connected by an undirected path not blocked by a shaded node, they are conditionally independent

Almost works, but not quite

- Where does it break?
- Answer: the v-structure at T doesn't count as a link in a path unless "active"



# Active / Inactive Paths

Question: Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence variables {Z}?

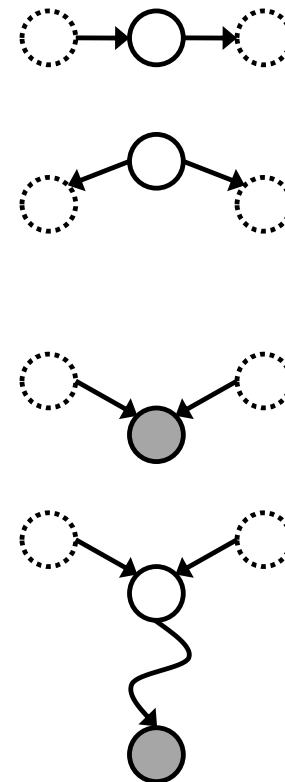
- Yes, if X and Y “d-separated” by Z
- Consider all (undirected) paths from X to Y
- No active paths = independence!

A path is active if each triple is active:

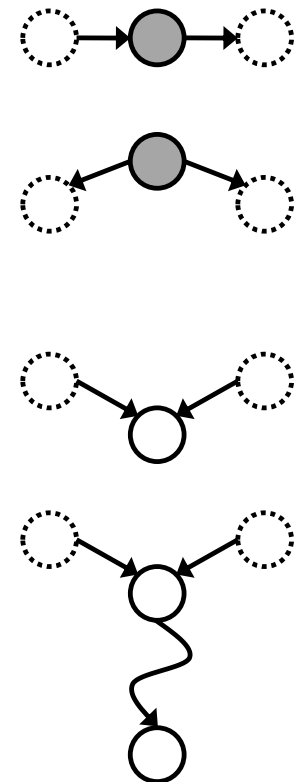
- Causal chain  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  where B is unobserved (either direction)
- Common cause  $A \leftarrow B \rightarrow C$  where B is unobserved
- Common effect (aka v-structure)  
 $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$  where B or one of its descendants is observed

All it takes to block a path is a single inactive segment

Active Paths

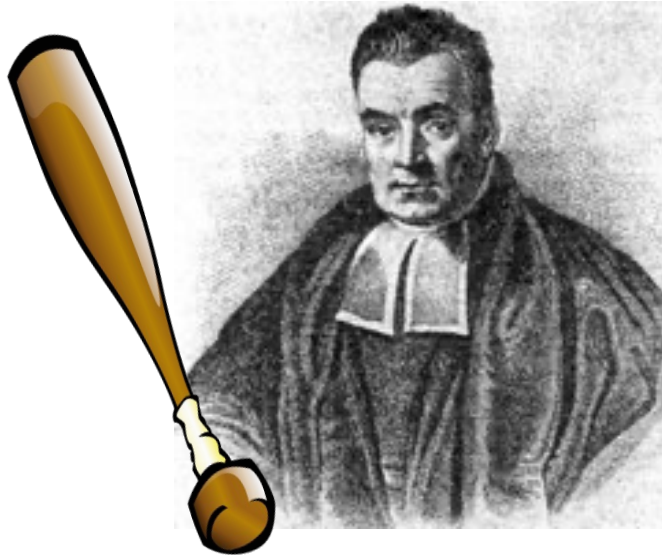


Inactive Paths



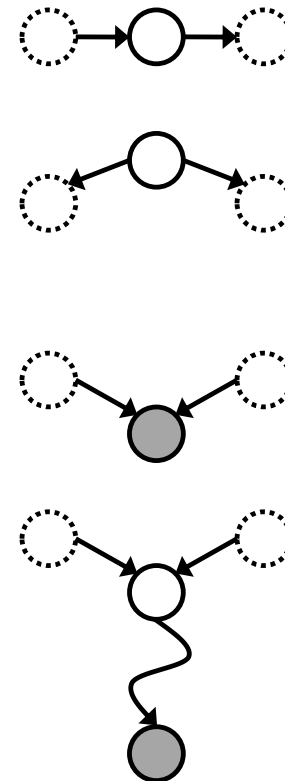
# Bayes Ball

Question: Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence variables {Z}?

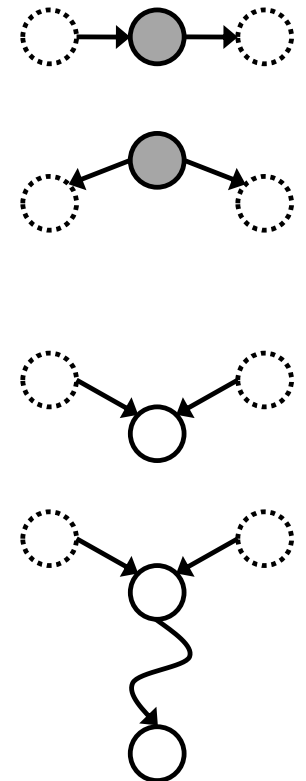


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Active Paths



Inactive Paths

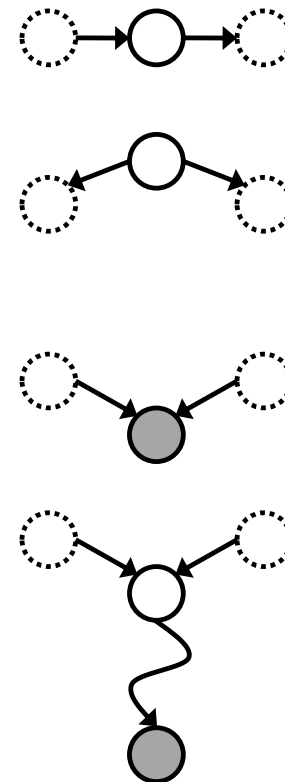


# Bayes Ball

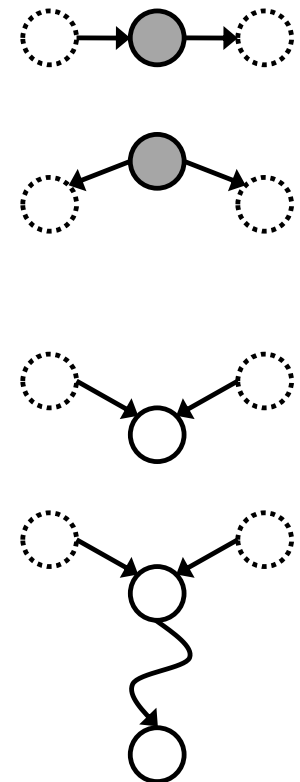
Question: Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence variables {Z}?

1. Shade in Z
2. Drop a ball at X
3. The ball can pass through any *active* path and is blocked by any *inactive* path (ball can move either direction on an edge)
4. If the ball reaches Y, then X and Y are NOT conditionally independent given Z

Active Paths

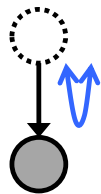
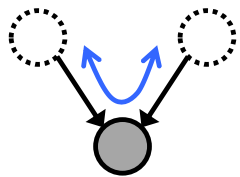
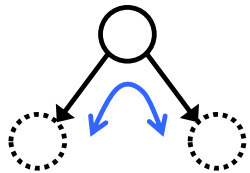
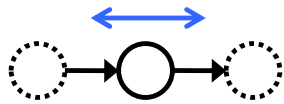


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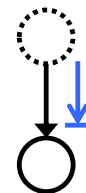
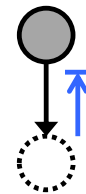
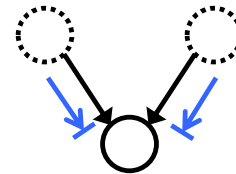
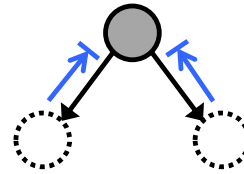
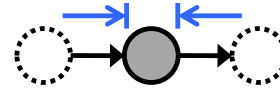


# Bayes Ball

## Active Paths

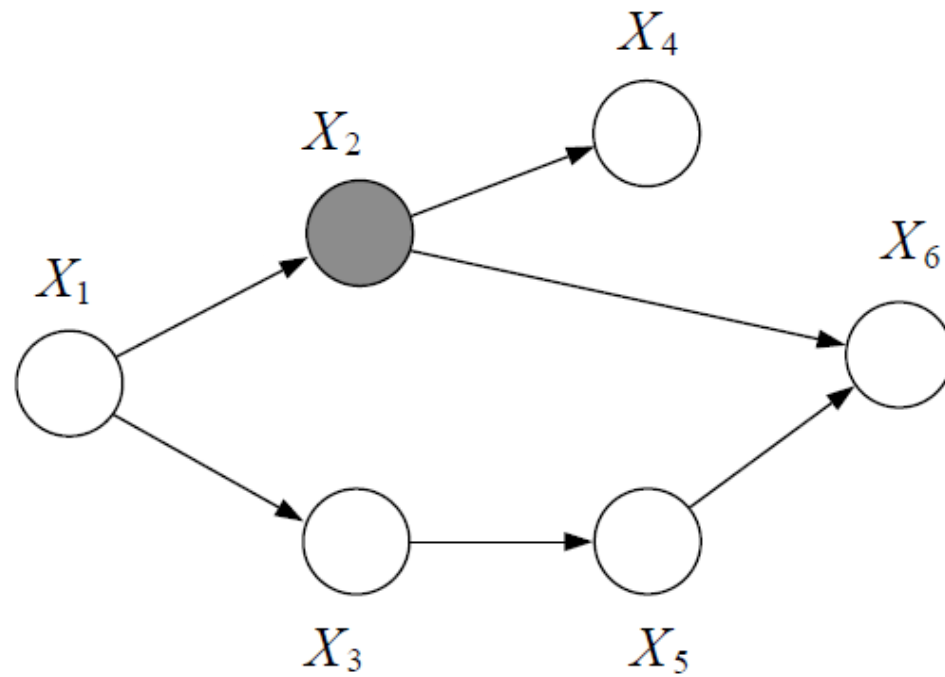


## Inactive Paths



## Poll 3

Is  $X_1$  independent from  $X_6$  given  $X_2$ ?

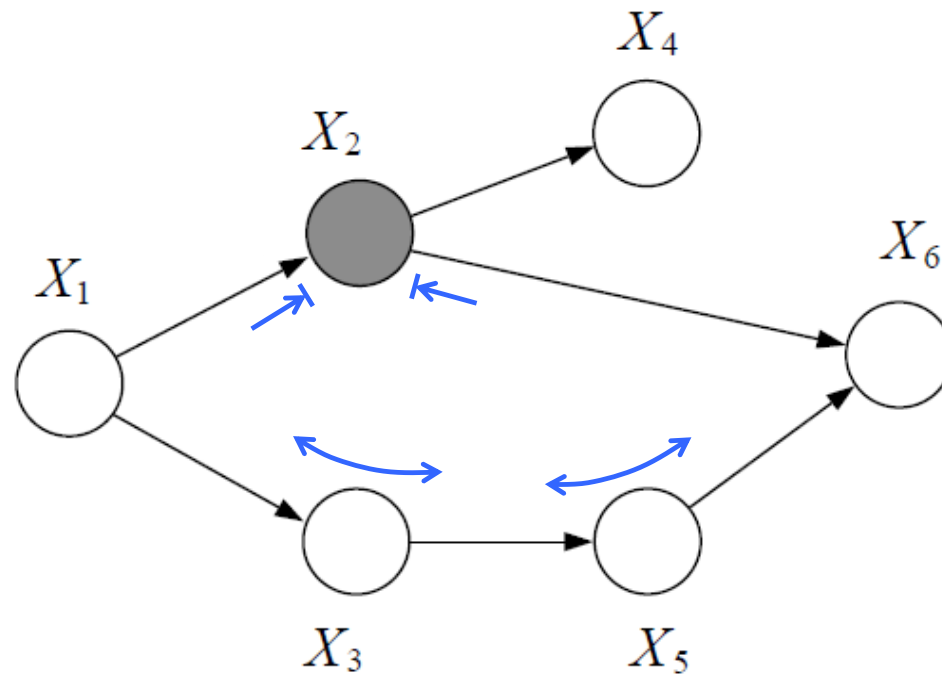




## Poll 3

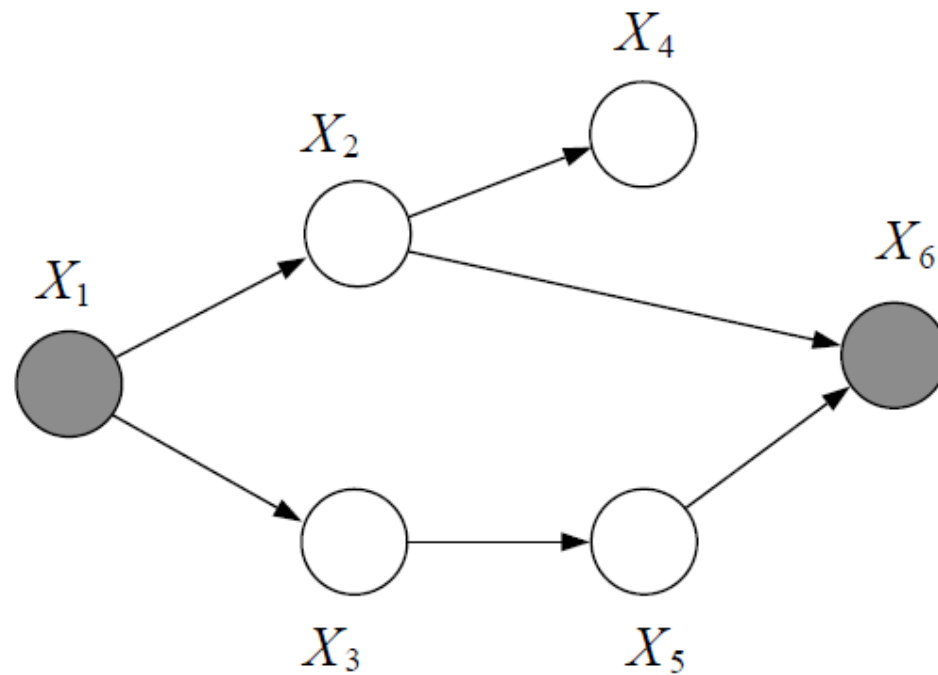
Is  $X_1$  independent from  $X_6$  given  $X_2$ ?

No, the Bayes ball can travel through  $X_3$  and  $X_5$ .



## Poll 4

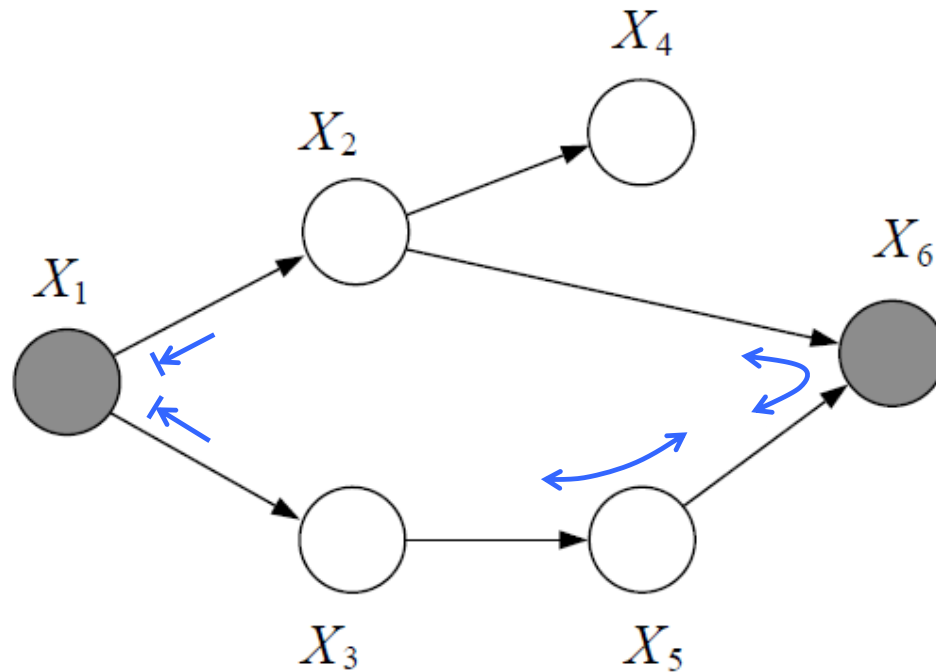
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## Poll 4

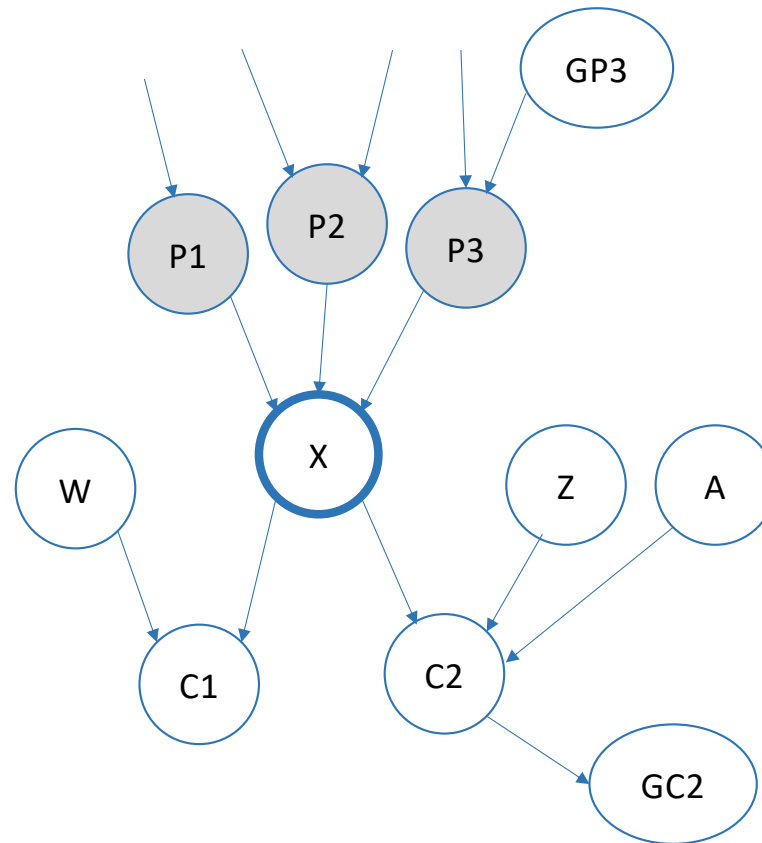
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No, the Bayes ball can travel through  $X_5$  and  $X_6$ .



# Conditional Independence Semantics

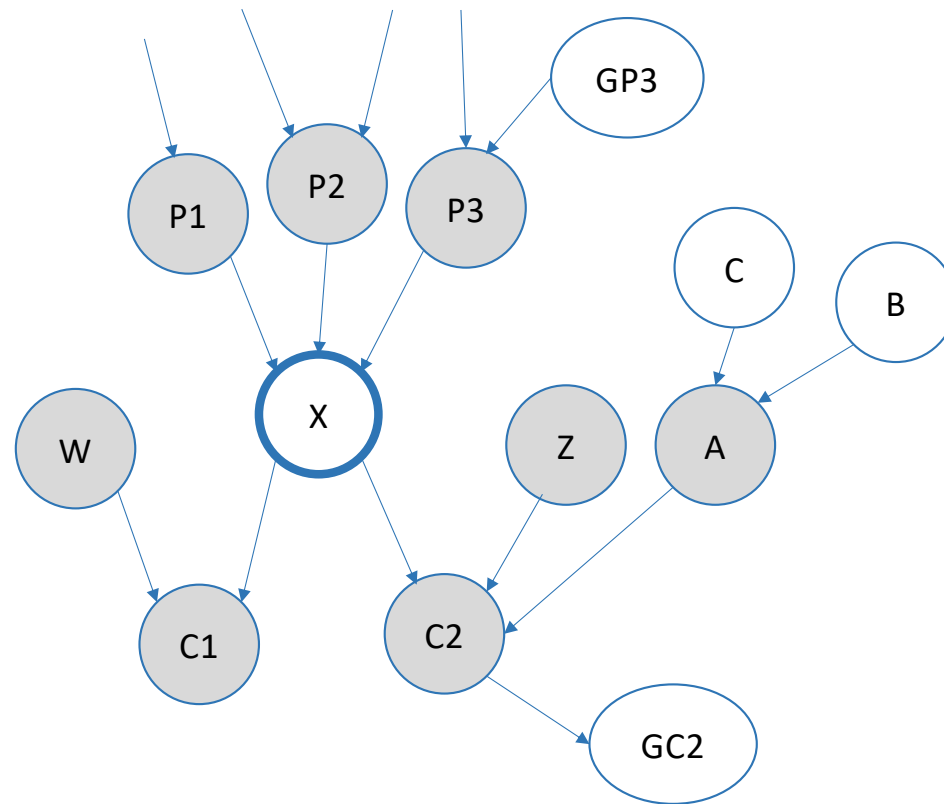
*Every variable is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents*



# Markov blanket

A variable's Markov blanket consists of parents, children, children's other parents

***Every variable is conditionally independent of all other variables given its Markov blanket***



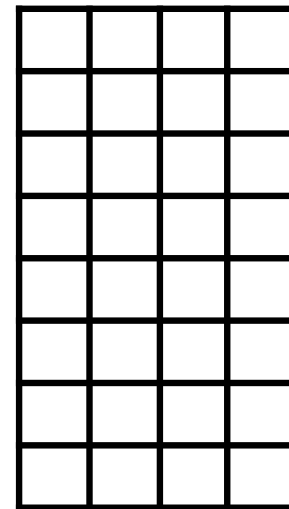
# Answer Any Query from Joint Distribution

Joint distributions are the best!

## Problems with joints

- We aren't given the joint table
  - Usually some set of conditional probability tables
- Huge
  - $n$  variables with  $d$  values
  - $d^n$  entries

Joint



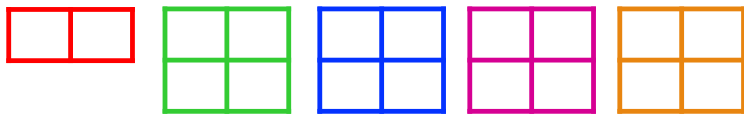
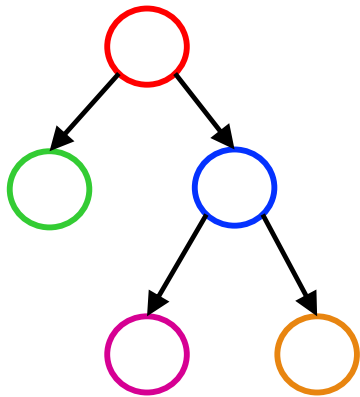



Query

$$P(a | e)$$

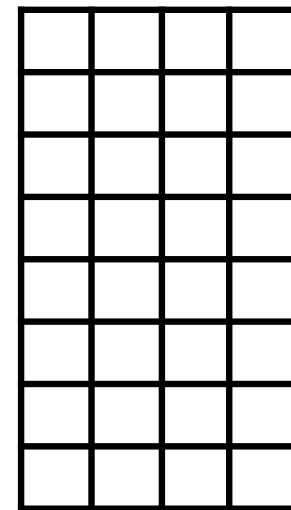
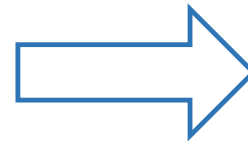
# Answer Any Query from Bayes Net

Bayes Net



$P(A)$   $P(B|A)$   $P(C|A)$   $P(D|C)$   $P(E|C)$

Joint

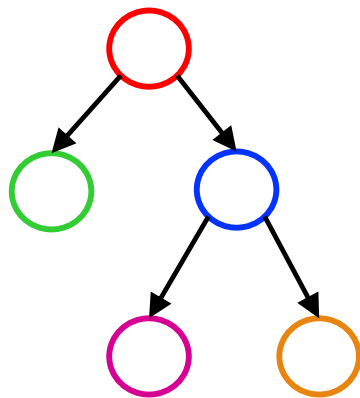


Query

$P(a | e)$

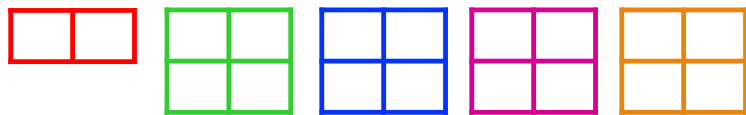
Next: Answer Any Query from Bayes Net

Bayes Net



Query

$$P(a | e)$$



$$P(A) \quad P(B|A) \quad P(C|A) \quad P(D|C) \quad P(E|C)$$