10-301/601: Introduction to Machine Learning Lecture 21 – Bayesian Networks

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Front Matter

- Announcements
  - PA5 released 7/13, due 7/20 at 11:59 PM
  - Quiz 7: Unsupervised Learning & Naïve Bayes on 7/18 (tomorrow!)
- Recommended Readings
  - Murphy, Chapters 10.1 - 10.5

Recall: How hard is modelling $P(X|Y)$?

X_1 ("hat")	X_2 ("cat")	X_3 ("dog")	X_4 ("fish")	X_5 ("mom")	X_6 ("dad")	$P(X\|Y=1)$	$P(X\|Y=0)$
0	0	0	0	0	0	θ_1	θ_{64}
1	0	0	0	0	0	θ_2	θ_{65}
1	1	0	0	0	0	θ_3	θ_{66}
1	0	1	0	0	0	θ_4	θ_{67}
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
1	1	1	1	1	1	$1 - \sum_{i=1}^{63} \theta_i$	$1 - \sum_{i=64}^{126} \theta_i$

Recall: Naïve Bayes Assumption

- ***Assume*** features are conditionally independent given the label:

$$P(X|Y) = \prod_{d=1}^{D} P(X_d|Y)$$

- Pros:
  - <u>Significantly</u> reduces computational complexity
  - Also reduces model complexity, combats overfitting
- Cons:
  - Is a strong, often illogical assumption
    - We'll see a relaxed version of this ~~later in the semester~~ today when we discuss Bayesian networks

Motivating Example

Hacking Attack Woke Up Dallas With Emergency Sirens, Officials Say

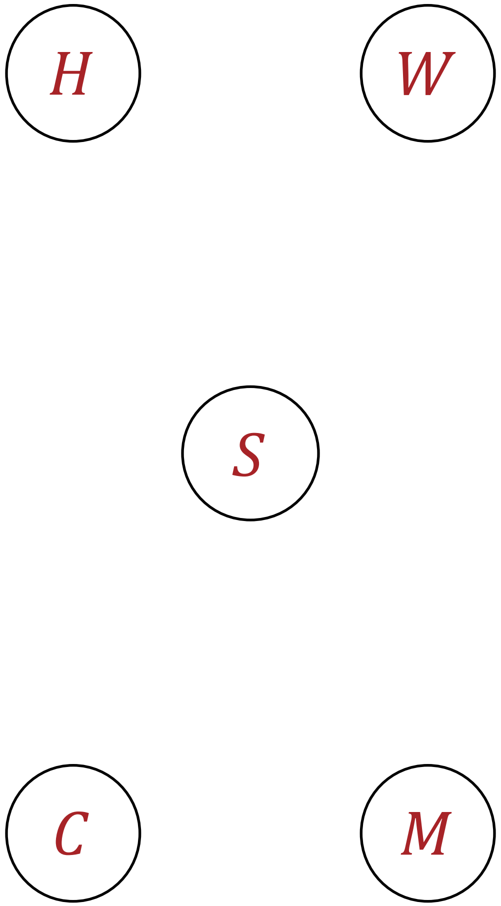
Give this article

Warning sirens in Dallas, meant to alert the public to emergencies like severe weather, started sounding around 11:40 p.m. Friday, and were not shut off until 1:20 a.m. Rex C. Curry for The New York Times

- "the city's warning system was hacked late on Friday [4/7/2017]"
- "The alarms, which started going off around 11:40 p.m. Friday and lasted until 1:20 a.m. Saturday, … jarring residents awake and flooding 911 with thousands of calls…"
- "…the sirens, which are meant to alert the public to severe weather or other emergencies, …"
- "Social media was flooded with complaints."

Source: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/08/us/dallas-emergency-sirens-hacking.html

Constructing a Bayesian Network



- H = sirens are **h**acked
- W = extreme **w**eather event occurred
- S = **s**irens go off overnight
- C = 911 flooded with phone **c**alls
- M = social **m**edia flooded with posts
- All variables are binary

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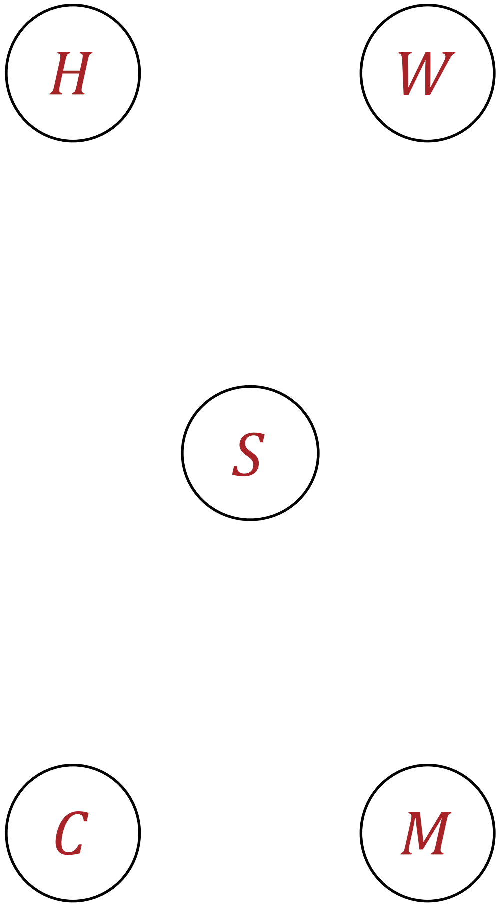

- By the chain rule of probability, the full joint distribution is

$$= P(M)\,P(C \mid M) \ldots$$

$$P(H, W, S, C, M)$$

$$= P(H)\,\underbrace{P(W, S, C, M \mid H)}$$

$$= P(H)\,P(W \mid H)\,P(S, C, M \mid H, W)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= P(H)\,P(W \mid H)\,P(S \mid H, W)\,P(C \mid H, W, S)\,P(M \mid H, W, S, C)$$

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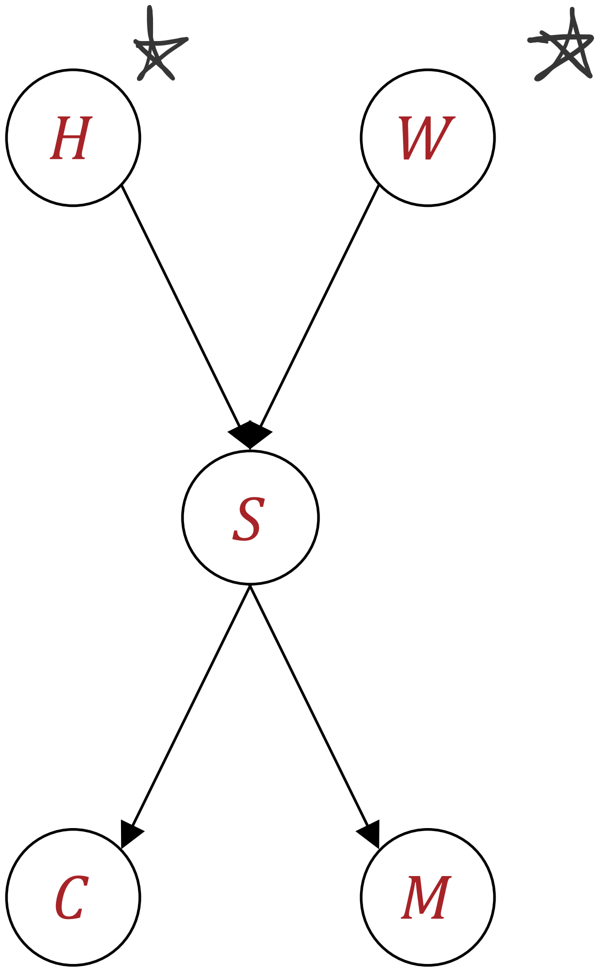


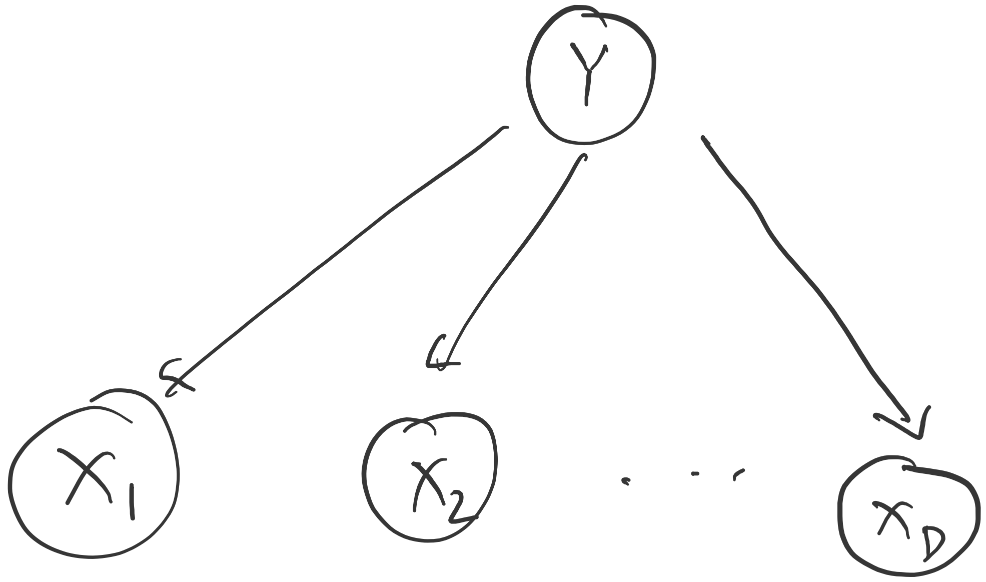
- Directed acyclic graph where edges indicate conditional dependency
- A variable is conditionally independent of all its non-descendants (i.e., upstream variables) given its parents

$$P(H, W, S, C, M)$$
$$= P(H)\,P(W)\,P(S \mid H, W)\,P(C \mid S)\,P(M \mid S)$$

Naïve Bayes as a Bayesian Network

- ***Assume*** features are conditionally independent given the label:

$$P(X, Y) = P(Y)P(X|Y) = P(Y)\prod_{d=1}^{D} P(X_d|Y)$$



Bayesian Network Example: Gene Expression

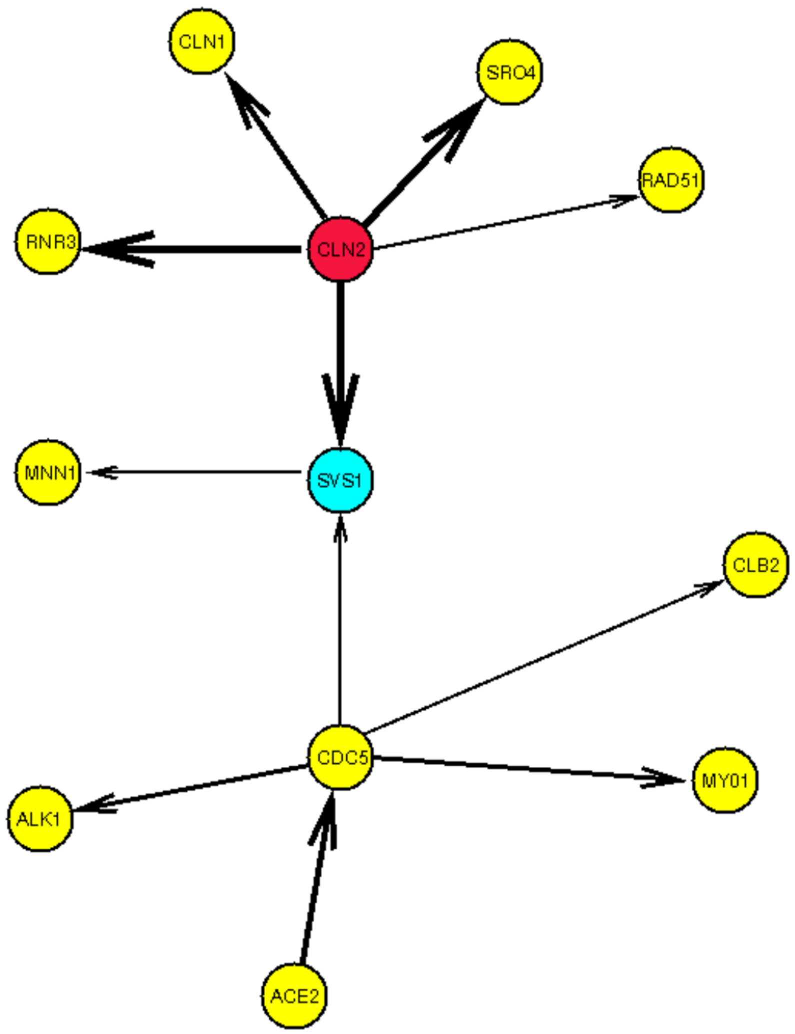


Figure courtesy of Ziv Bar-Joseph

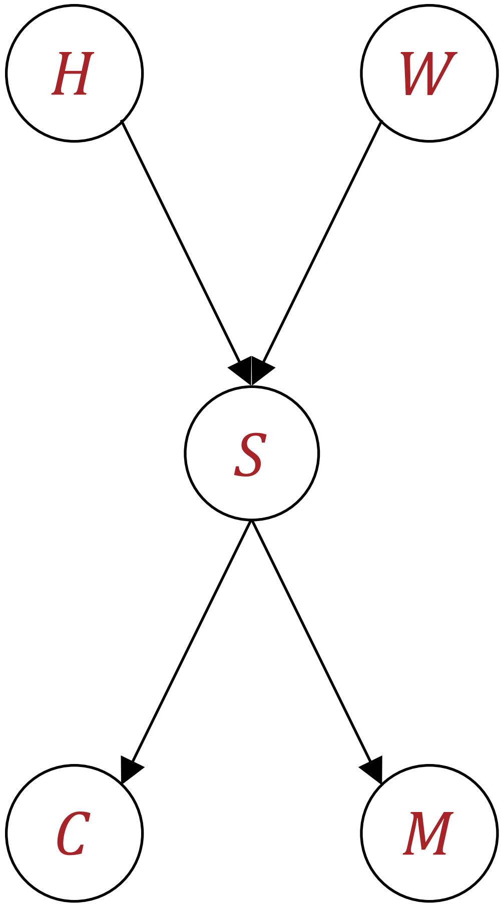
Bayesian Networks: Outline

- How can we learn a Bayesian network?
  - Learning the graph structure
  - Learning the conditional probabilities
- What inference questions can we answer with a Bayesian network?
  - Computing (or estimating) marginal (conditional) probabilities
  - Implied (conditional) independencies

Learning a Network

1. Specify the random variables
2. Determine the conditional dependencies
   - Prior knowledge
   - Domain expertise
   - Learned from data (model selection)

Learning the Parameters



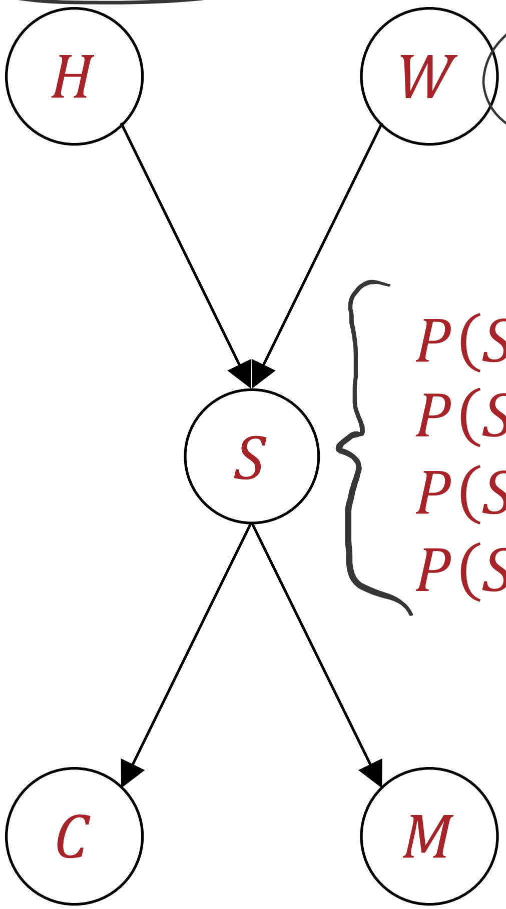
- $P(H,W,S,C,M) =$ $P(H)P(W)P(S|H,W)$ $P(C|S)P(M|S)$
- How many parameters do we need to learn?

How many parameters do you need to learn in order to fully specify this Bayesian network?

- 5
- 9
- 10
- 20
- 31

Learning the Parameters

$P(H = 1)$



$P(W = 1)$

$P(S = 1 | H = 1, W = 1)$
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$P(M = 1 | S = 1)$
$P(M = 1 | S = 0)$

$P(C = 1 | S = 1)$
$P(C = 1 | S = 0)$

31 parameters (no cond. independence assumptions)

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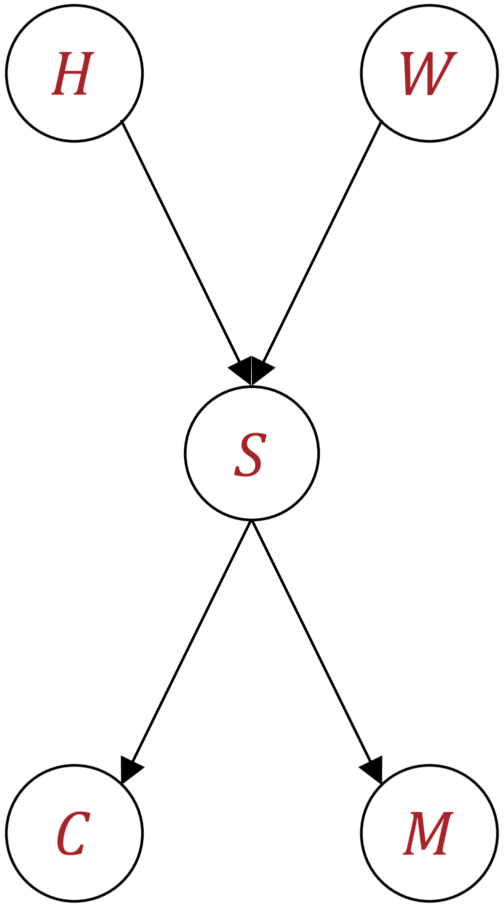
10 parameters (some conditional indep. assumptions)

Learning the Parameters (Fully-observed)



- $\mathcal{D} = \left\{\left(H^{(n)}, W^{(n)}, S^{(n)}, C^{(n)}, M^{(n)}\right)\right\}_{n=1}^{N}$
- Set parameters via MLE

$$P(H = 1) = \frac{N_{H=1}}{N}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$P(S = 1 | H = 0, W = 1) = \frac{N_{S=1,H=0,W=1}}{N_{H=0,W=1}}$$

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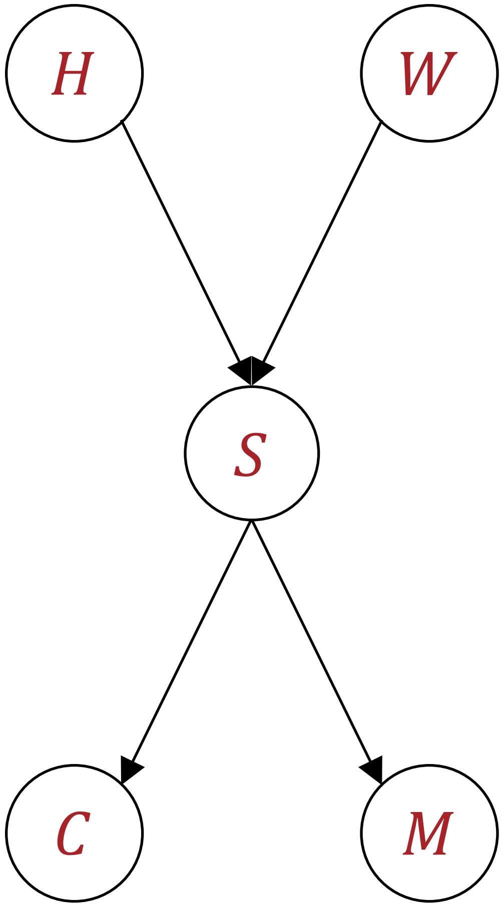
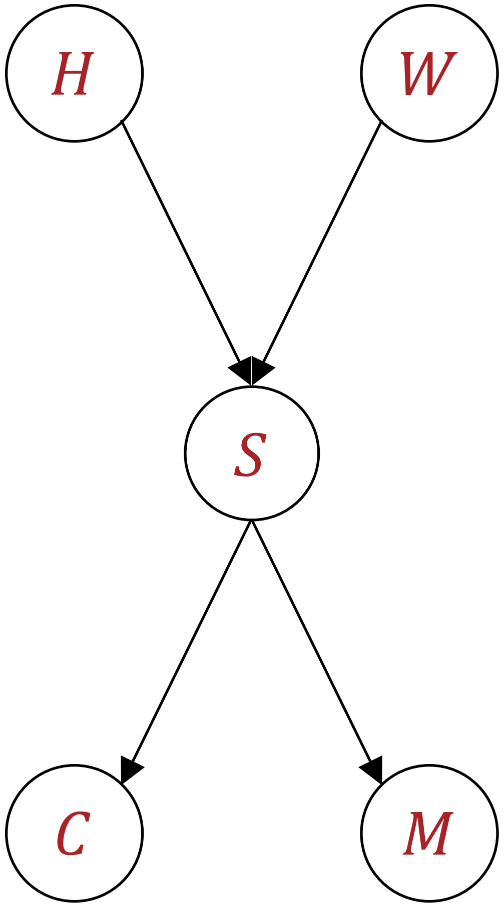


- What is

$P(H = 1, W = 0, S = 1, C = 1, M = 0)$?

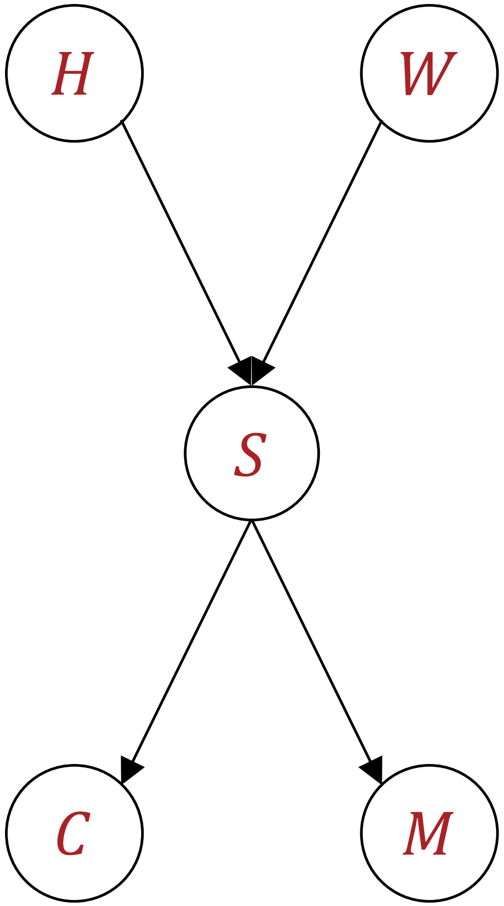
$$= P(H=1)\,(1 - P(W=1))\,P(S=1 \mid H=1, W=0)\,P(C=1 \mid S=1)\,(1 - P(M=1 \mid S=1))$$

Computing Joint Probabilities is easy



$$P(H = 1, W = 0, S = 1, C = 1, M = 0)$$
$$=$$

Computing Marginal Probabilities…



- What is $P(S = 1)$?

$$P(S=1) = \sum_{h,w,c,m} P(H=h, W=w, S=1, C=c, M=m)$$

- What is $P(H = 1 | M = 1)$?

$$P(H=1|M=1) = \frac{P(H=1, M=1)}{P(M=1)}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{w,s,c} P(H=1, W=w, S=s, C=c, M=1)}{\sum_{h,w,s,c} P(H=h, W=w, S=s, C=c, M=1)}$$

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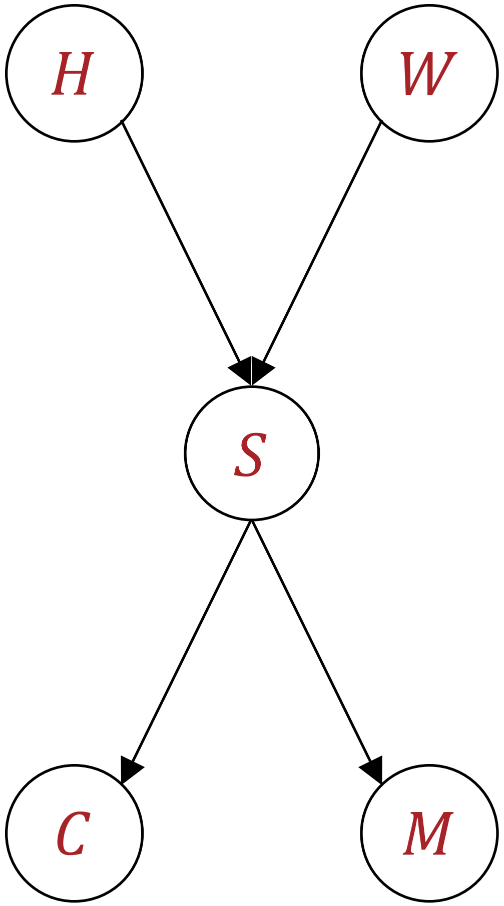
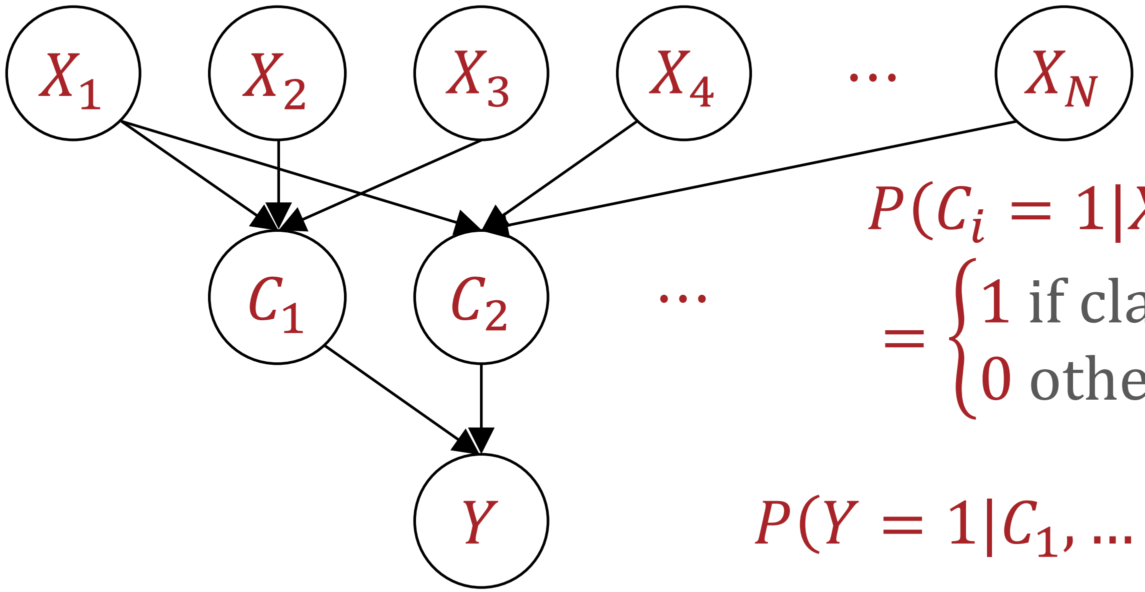


- Computing arbitrary marginal (conditional) distributions requires summing over exponentially many possible combinations of the unobserved variables
- Computation can be improved by storing and reusing calculated values (dynamic programming)
  - Still exponential in the worst case

Computing Marginal Probabilities is (NP-)hard!

- Claim: 3-SAT reduces to computing marginal probabilities in a Bayesian network
- Proof (sketch): Given a Boolean equation in 3-CNF, e.g., $(X_1 \vee X_2 \vee X_3) \wedge (\neg X_1 \vee X_4 \vee \neg X_N) \wedge \cdots$, construct the corresponding Bayesian network



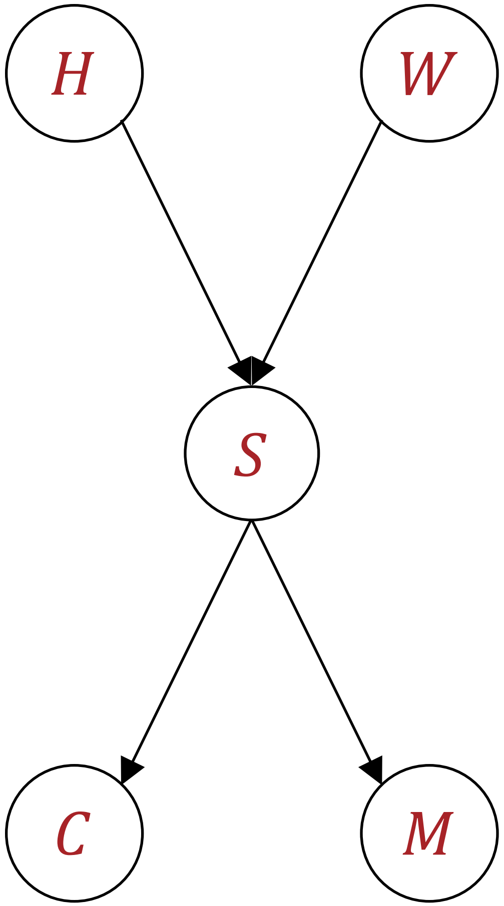
$$P(X_i = 1) = 0.5$$

$$P(C_i = 1 | X_1, \dots, X_N) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if clause } i \text{ is TRUE} \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(Y = 1 | C_1, \dots) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if all } C_i = 1 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $P(Y = 1) > 0$ means the 3-CNF is satisfiable!

Sampling for Bayesian Networks



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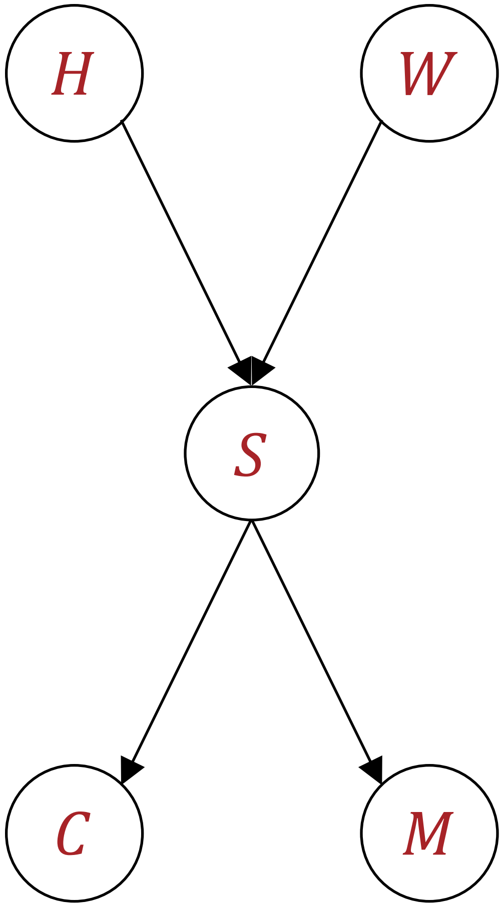

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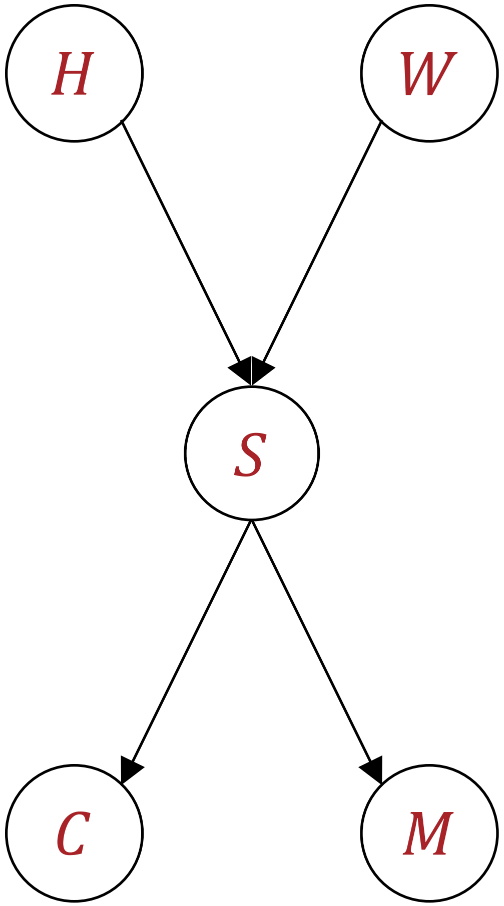
$$P(H = 1 | M = 1) \approx \frac{\text{\# of samples w/ } H = 1 \text{ and } M = 1}{\text{\# of samples w/ } M = 1}$$

- If the condition is rare, we need lots of samples to get a good estimate

Weighted Sampling for Bayesian Networks

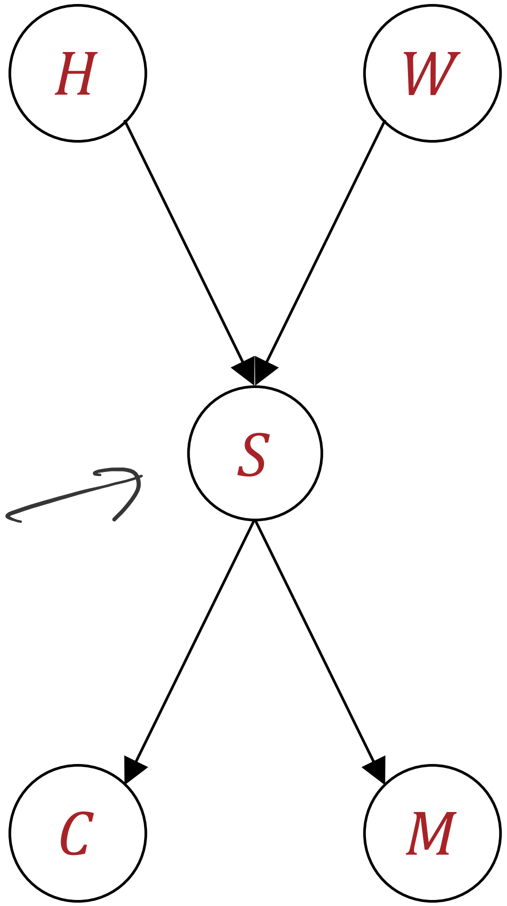


- Initialize $N_{Condition} = N_{Event} = 0$
- Repeatedly
  - Draw a sample from the full joint distribution
  - Set the condition to be true (set $M = 1$)
  - Compute the joint probability of the adjusted sample, w (easy!)

    $N_{Condition} = N_{Condition} + w$
  - If the event occurs in the adjusted sample ($H = 1$?), update N_{Event}

    $N_{Event} = N_{Event} + w$
- Desired marginal conditional probability is $\approx \frac{N_{Event}}{N_{Condition}}$

Conditional Independence



- X and Y are conditionally independent given Z ($X \perp Y \mid Z$) if
$$P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z)$$
- In a Bayesian network, each variable is conditionally independent of its ***non-descendants*** given its parents
  - H and M are not independent but they are conditionally independent given S
- What other conditional independencies does a Bayesian network imply?

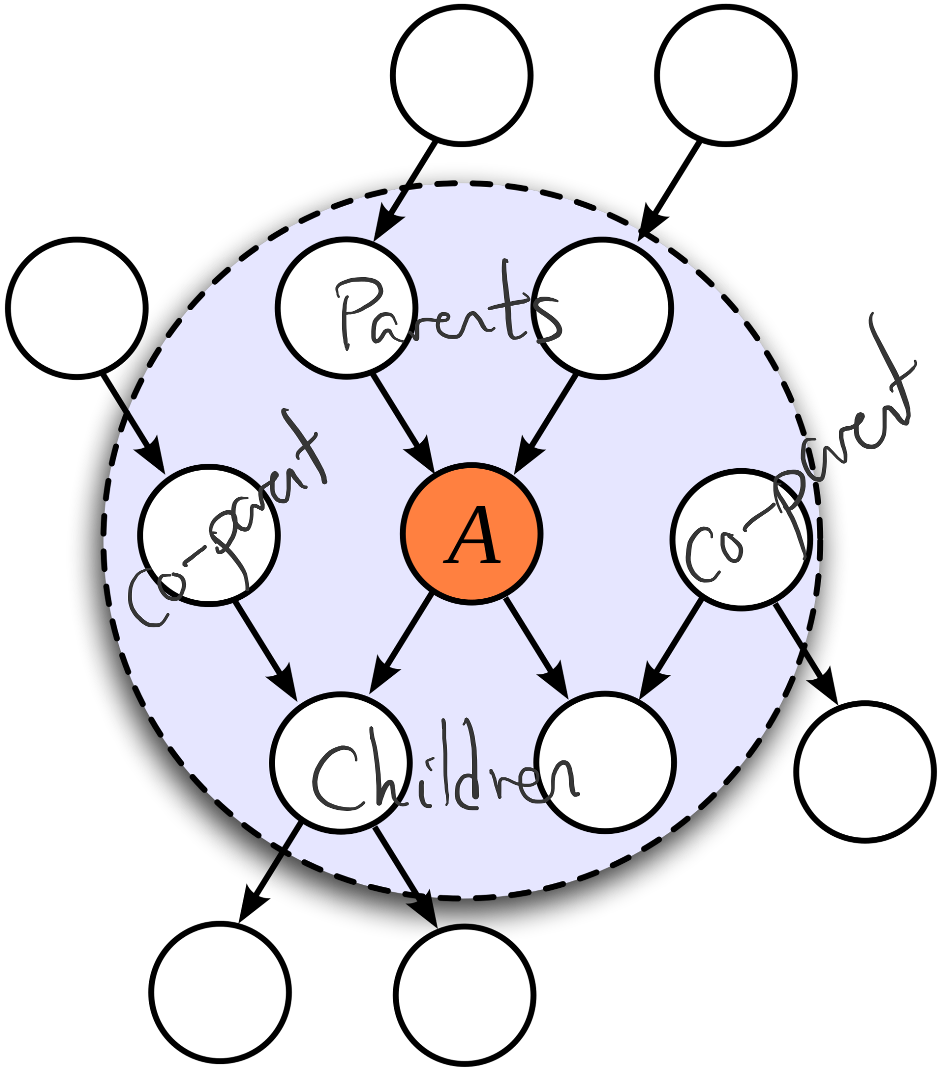
Markov Blanket

- Let $\mathcal{S}$ be the set of all random variables in a Bayesian network
- A *Markov blanket* of $A \in \mathcal{S}$ is any set $B \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ s.t.

$$A \perp \mathcal{S} \backslash B \mid B$$

  - Contains all the useful information about A
- Trivially, $\mathcal{S}$ is always a Markov blanket for any random variable in $\mathcal{S}$

Markov Boundary



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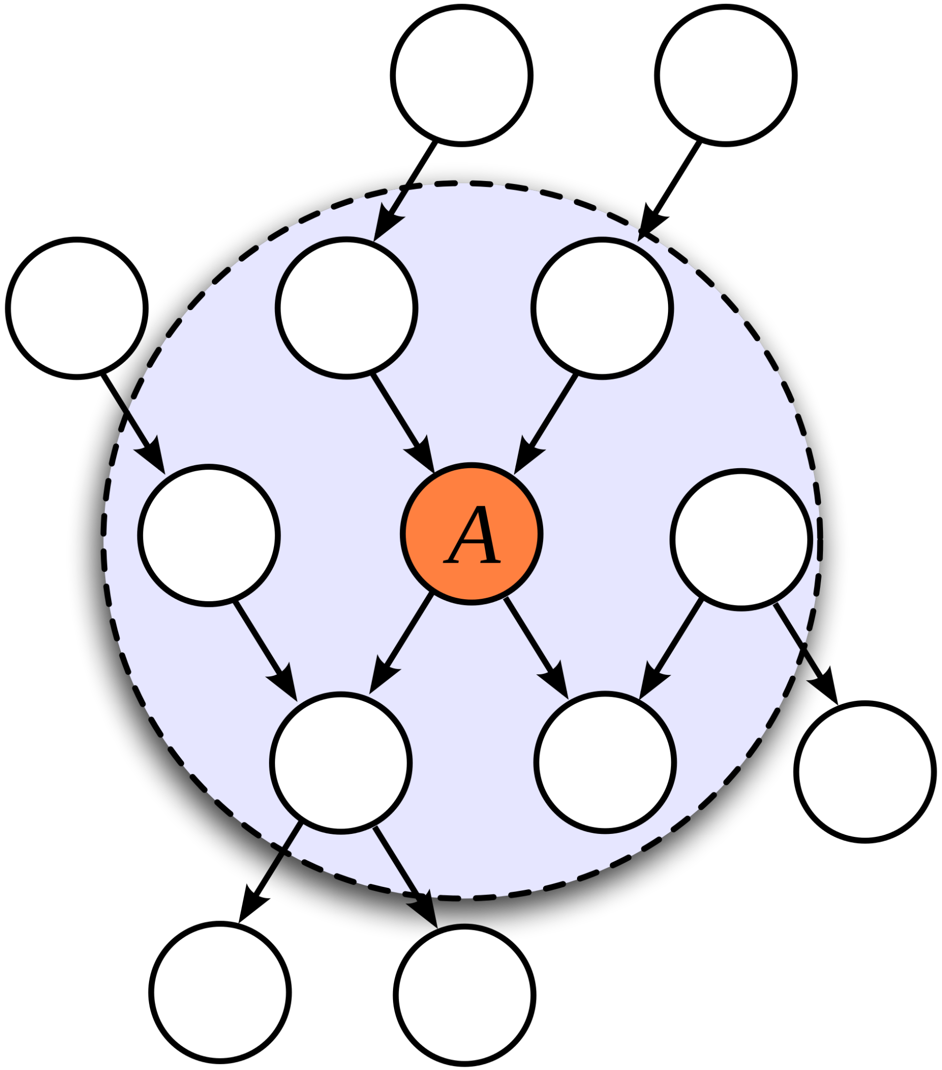
- The Markov boundary consists of a variable's children, parents and co-parents (the other parents of its children)

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markov_blanket#/media/File:Diagram_of_a_Markov_blanket.svg

But what if I care about the relationship between two variables?



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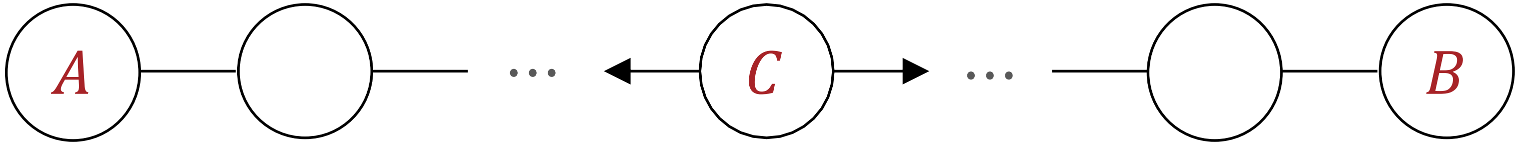
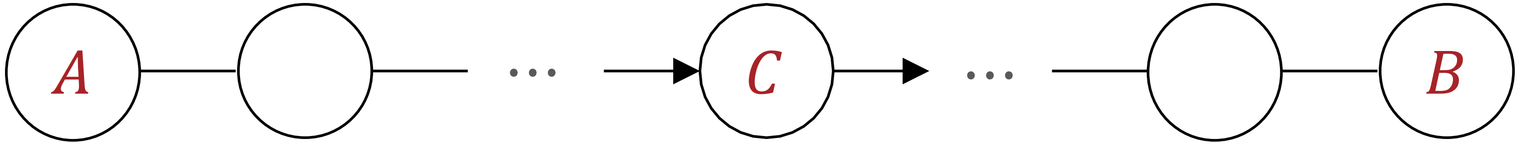
D-separation

- Random variables A and B are *d-separated* given evidence variables Z if $A \perp B \mid Z$
- Definition 1: A and B are d-separated given Z iff every *undirected* path between A and B is *blocked* by Z
- An undirected path between A and B is blocked by Z if

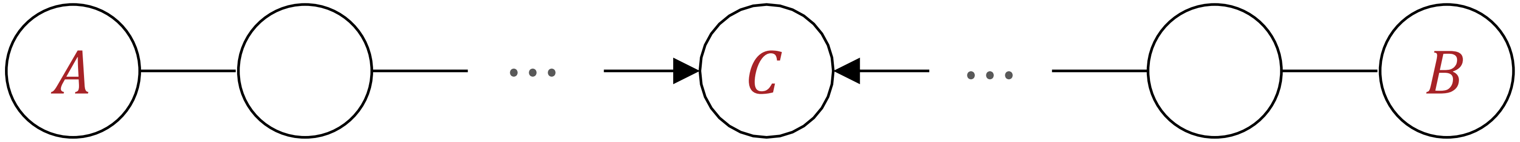
1. ∃ a "common parent" variable C on the path and $C \in Z$



2. ∃ a "cascade" variable C on the path and $C \in Z$

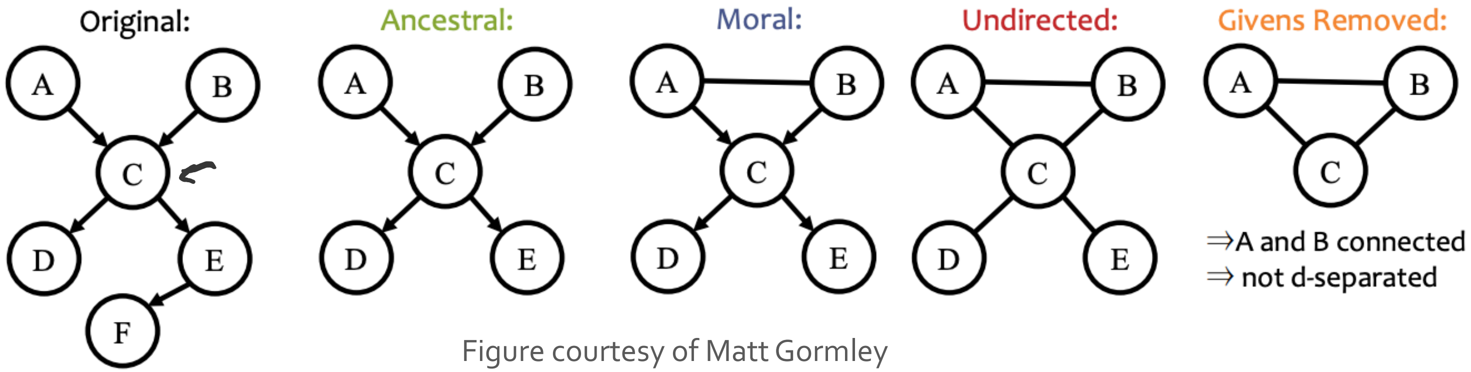


3. ∃ a "collider" variable C on the path and $\{C, \text{descendents}(C)\} \notin Z$



D-separation

- Random variables A and B are *d-separated* given evidence variables Z if $A \perp B \mid Z$
- Definition 2: A and B are d-separated given Z iff $\nexists$ a path between A and B in the undirected ancestral moral graph with Z removed
  1. Keep only A, B, Z and their ancestors (ancestral graph)
  2. Add edges between all co-parents (moral graph)
  3. Undirected: replace directed edges with undirected ones
  4. Delete Z and check if A and B are connected
- Example: $A \perp B \mid \{D, E\}$?



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Shortcomings of Bayesian Networks

- Graph structure must be acyclic
- Cannot encode temporal/sequential relationships
- We'll address these (related) problems next with hidden Markov models

Key Takeaways

- Bayesian networks are flexible models for modelling joint probability distributions
  - Trade-off between expressiveness (full joint distributions) and computational tractability (Naïve Bayes)
- Bayesian networks represent conditional dependence though a directed acyclic graph
  - Graph structure usually specified, can be learned
  - Parameters in the fully-observed case learned via MLE
- Computing marginal & conditional distributions is NP-hard
  - Can use sampling for approximate inference
- Markov blanket and d-separation provide notions of conditional independence for single and pairs of variables respectively