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BAYESIAN NETWORKS

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QUESTION

- Eating a poppy seed bagel or taking opium are independent events that can cause a positive drug test.
- John Doe gets a positive drug test.
- How does learning that John Doe ate a bagel earlier today change your beliefs?
 - A) It increases the probability that John took opium
 - B) It decreases the probability than John took opium
 - C) It does not change the probability John took opium



REASONING & INFERENCE

- Key part of intelligence
- Drawing conclusions based on information
 - All kings are mortal
 - James is a king
 - Is James mortal?
- Logic is one framework
- But real world involves uncertainty
 - Sensors imperfect, actuators imperfect,...



REASONING UNDER UNCERTAINTY

- Inference given noisy, uncertain info
- Probability of different conclusions



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PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE

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- How do we do probabilistic inference in complex domains?
- How can we do this efficiently?



USING THE JOINT TO ANSWER QUERIES

- Joint distribution is sufficient to answer any probabilistic inference question involving variables described in joint



EXAMPLE

- Probability car is red given that it's a sedan?
- What rules can we use?

	Sedan	SUV	Coupe	Truck
Red	.05	.2	0	.1
White	.1	0	.1	0
Blue	0	.1	0.05	.1
Beige	.1	0	.1	0



EXAMPLE

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$$= 0.2$$

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PATIENT VISIT INFERENCE

- Joint distribution over:
 - LastName, FirstName, Gender, Height, Birthdate, Weight, Fever, Subcounty, HIV status, HIV assay, Headache, UTI diagnosis, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Malaria, Cipro, Productive cough, Civil Status, TransportMode
- How many parameters need to represent joint?
- Potential computational cost?



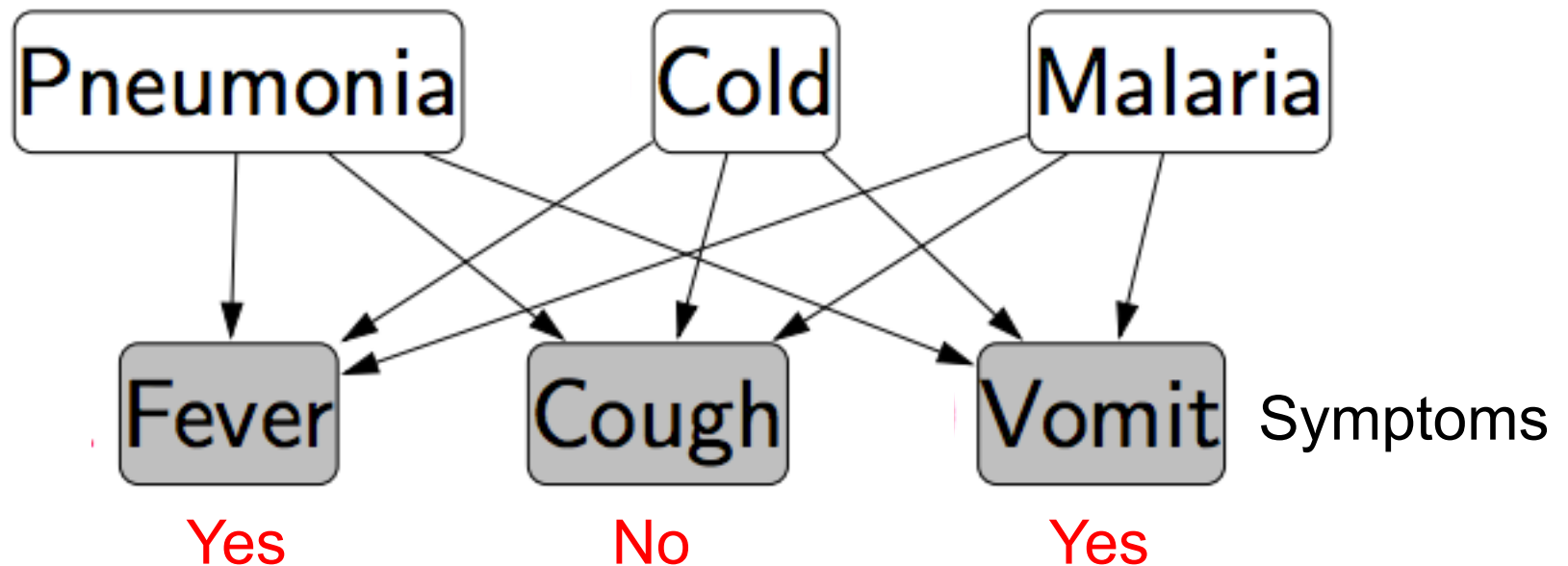
BAYES NETWORKS

- Compact representation of the joint distribution
- Make conditional independence relationships explicit



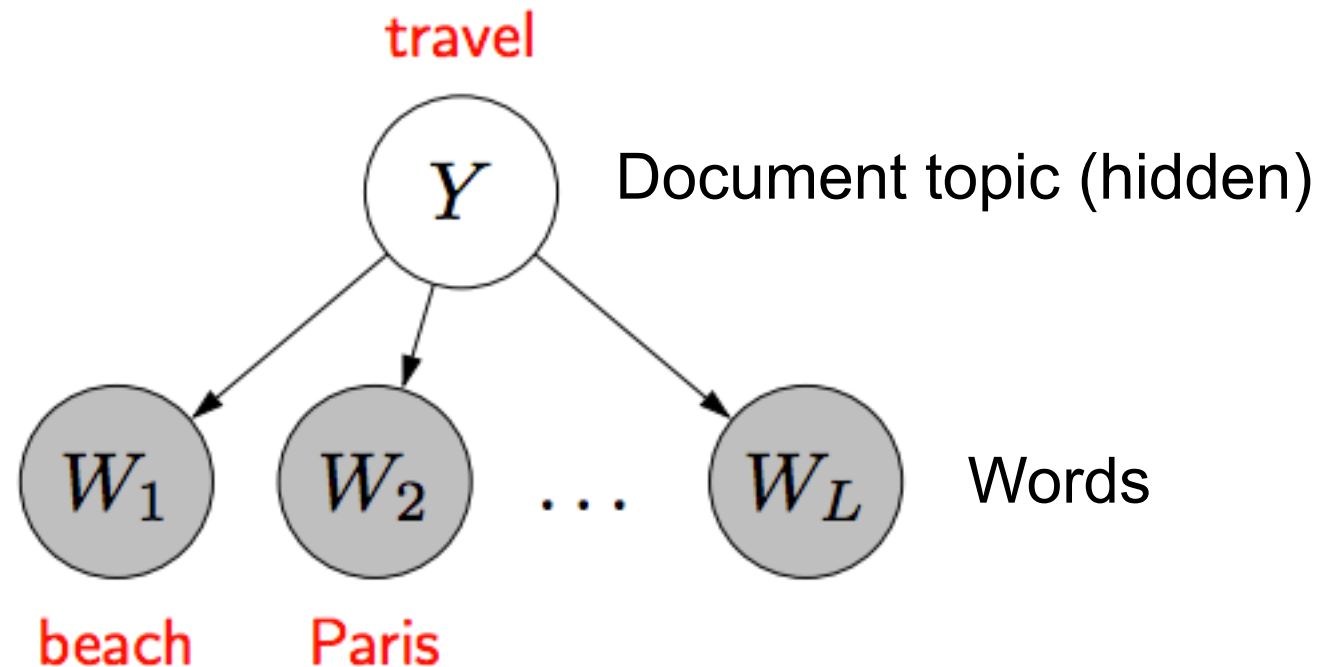
MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS

- Given a patient's symptoms, what might conditions or diseases might he have?



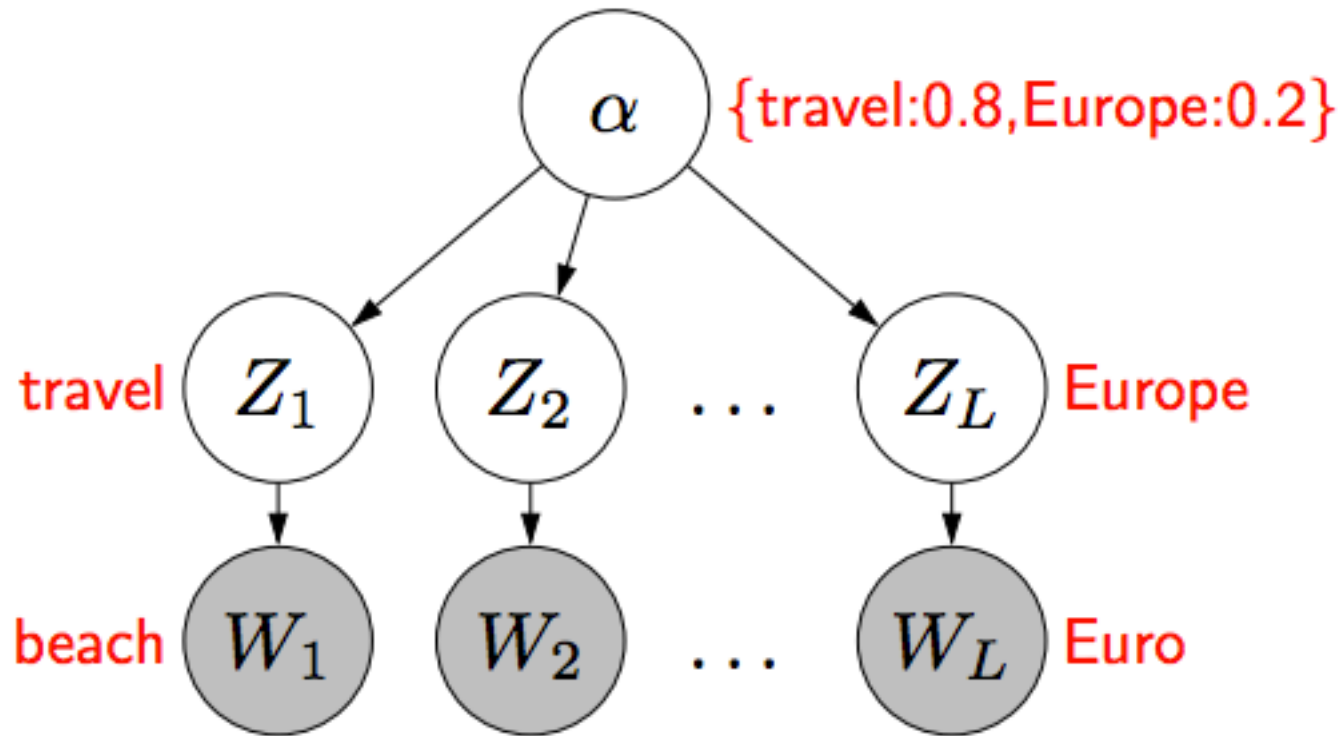
DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION

- Given the words in a document, what is it about?



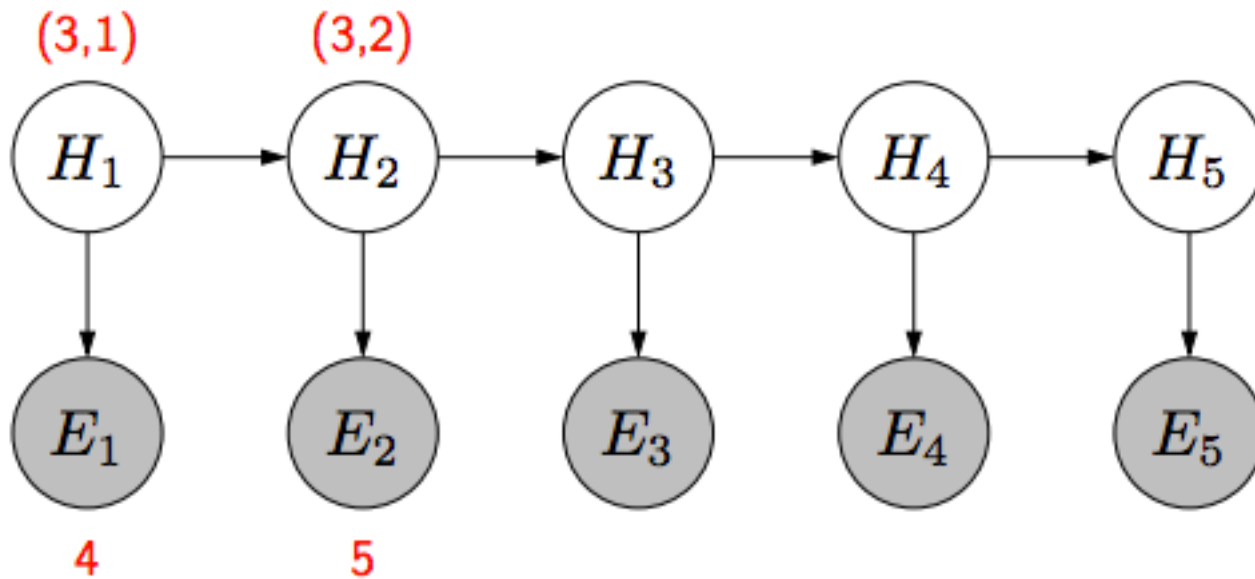
TOPIC MODELING

- Given the words in a document, what topics is it about?



OBJECT TRACKING

- Given some observations, what was the path the agent went through?



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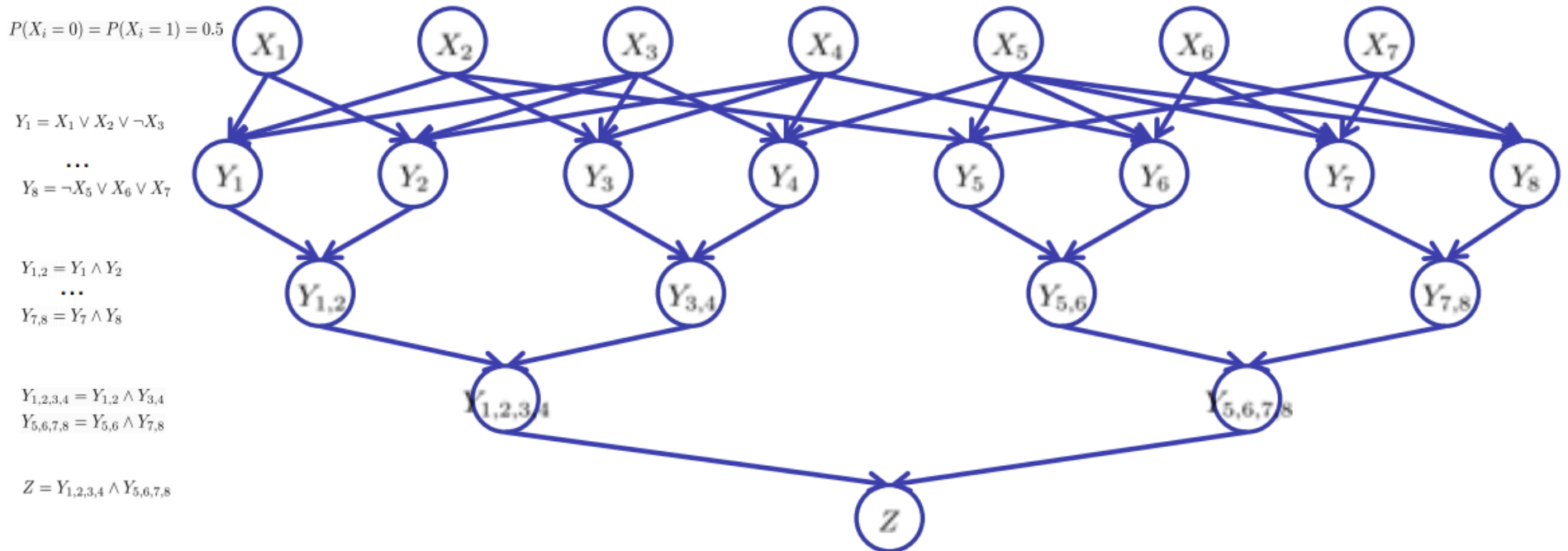


EXACT INFERENCE IS NP-HARD

- Consider the 3-SAT clause:

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_5 \vee x_7) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee x_6 \vee \neg x_7) \wedge (\neg x_5 \vee \neg x_6 \vee x_7)$$

which can be encoded by the following Bayes' net:



If we can answer $P(z)$ equal to zero or not, we answered whether the 3-SAT problem has a solution.



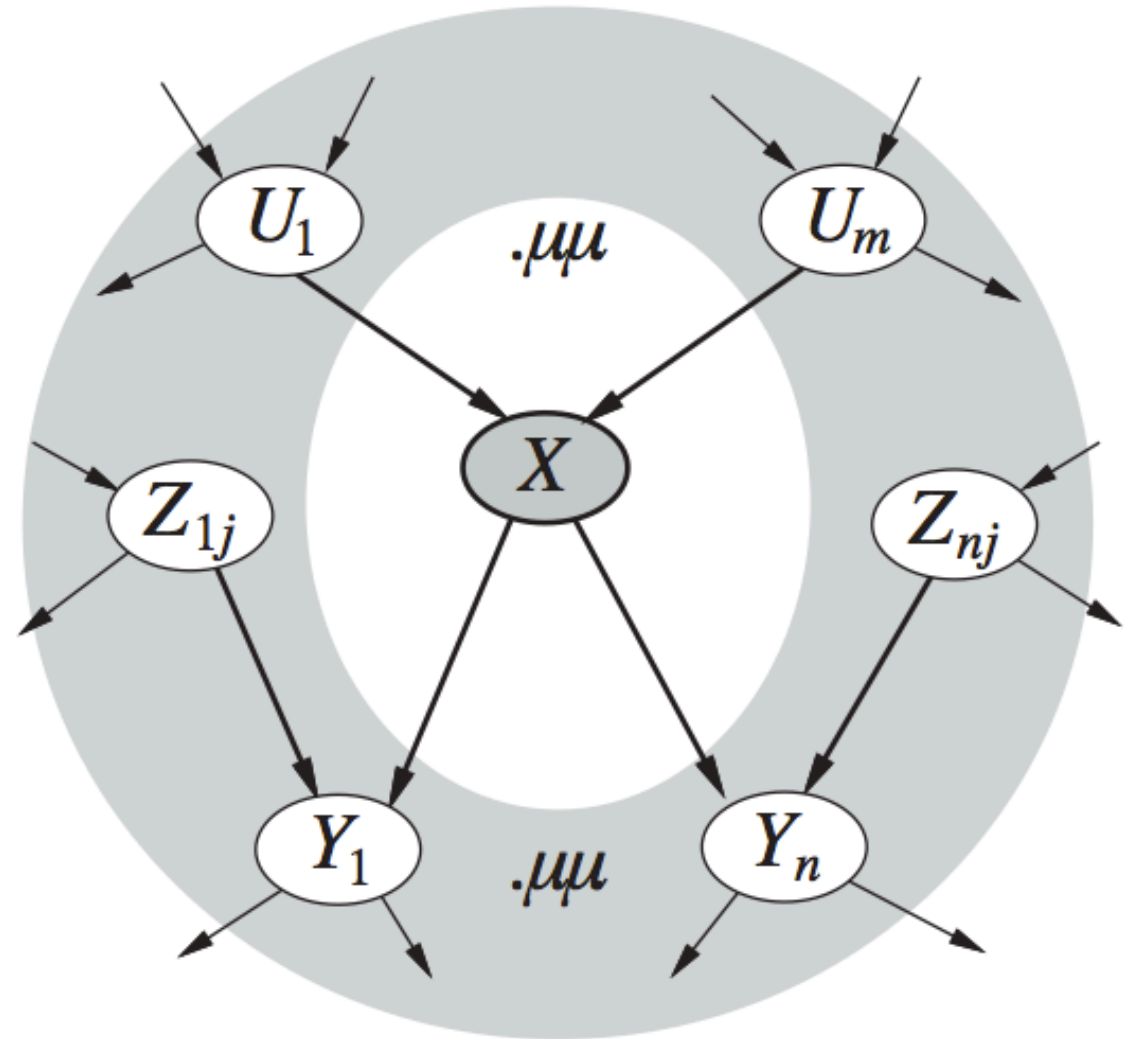
PROBABILISTIC INFERENCE

- Compute probability of a query variable(s) given some evidence
- But in large networks, exact inference is often computationally intractable



MARKOV BLANKET

- Markov blanket
 - Parents
 - Children
 - Children's parents
- Variable conditionally independent of all other nodes given its Markov Blanket

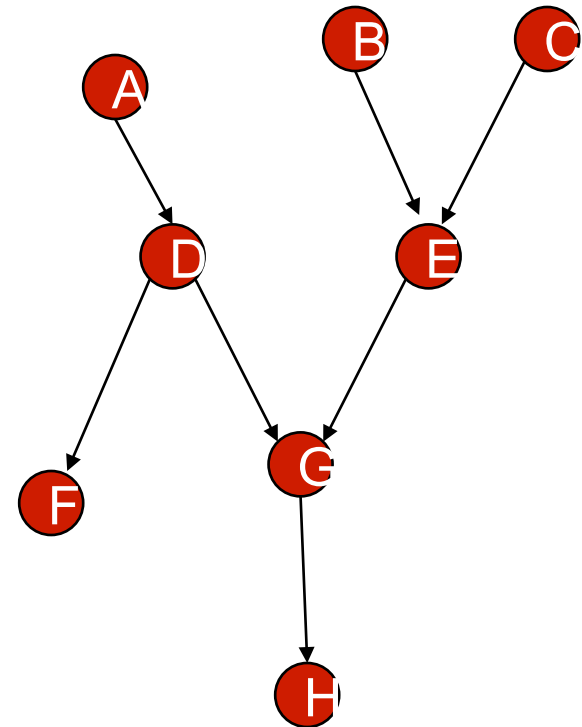


MARKOV BLANKET POLL

- Markov blanket
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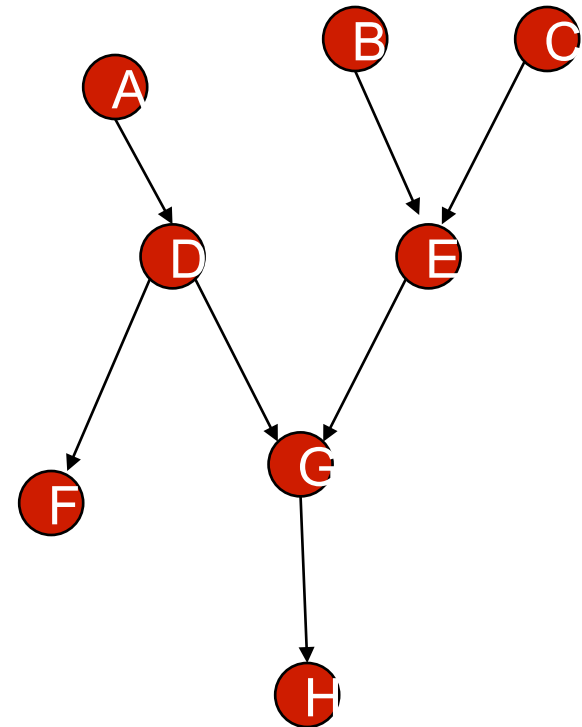
What is the Markov blanket of D?

1. A,F,G
2. **A,F,G,E**
3. A,F,G,E,B,C
4. Not sure



MARKOV BLANKET & INDEPENDENCE

- Markov blanket: Parents, Children, Children's parents
- Variable conditionally independent of all other nodes given its Markov Blanket
- Ex: Evidence is $G=True$. Is E conditionally independent of A given $G=True$?
- Not necessarily
- Variable conditionally independent of all other nodes given know *values of all variables in its Markov Blanket*



OVERVIEW

- Approximate inference through sampling
 - Direct
 - Rejection
 - Likelihood weighting
 - Gibbs sampling
- Know why each approach is consistent
- Be able to analyze cost of generating a sample in each method
- Tradeoffs in efficiency (# of samples need to get a good estimate)

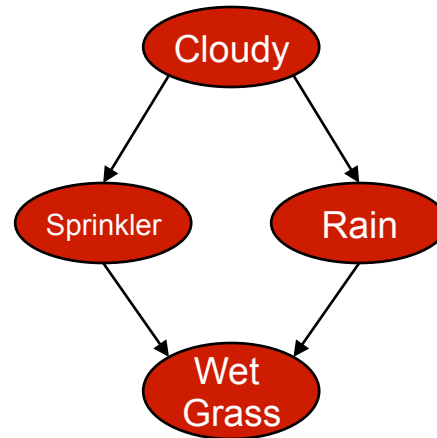


APPROXIMATE INFERENCE

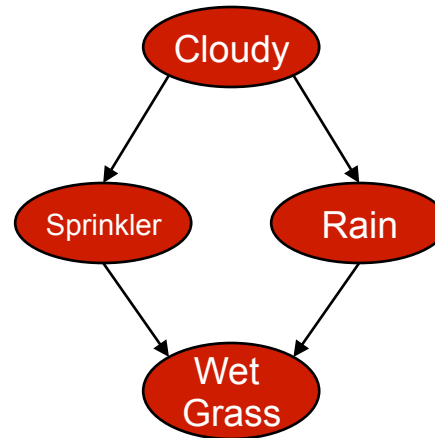
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- Imagine we could get samples from the posterior distribution of the query variable given some evidence
- Could use these samples to approximate posterior distribution and/or most likely explanation



WET GRASS EXAMPLE



PR(CLOUDY | SPRINKLER=T,RAIN=T)?



- Samples of *Cloudy* given *Sprinkler=T* & *Rain=T*: 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0
- Posterior probability of taking on any value given some evidence:
 $\Pr[Q \mid E_1=e_1, \dots, E_k=e_k]$
 - $\Pr(\text{Cloudy} = T \mid \text{Sprinkler}=T, \text{Rain}=T) \approx .7$
 - $\Pr(\text{Cloudy} = F \mid \text{Sprinkler}=T, \text{Rain}=T) \approx .3$



SAMPLING AS APPROXIMATE INFERENCE

- http://onlinestatbook.com/stat_sim/sampling_dist/index.html



SAMPLING FROM A DISTRIBUTION

- We'll spend time today talking about different ways to obtain samples from posterior distribution from a Bayes Net
- But first, how to sample the value of a single variable



SAMPLING SINGLE VARIABLE

- Consider when have a CPT (conditional probability table) that specifies the probability of C being true or false
- Want to sample values from this distribution
- Simple approach
 - r = random # generator between (0,1)
 - If($r < 0.5$) sample = $c+$ (c =true)
 - Else sample = $c-$ (c =false)

+c	0.5
-c	0.5



SAMPLING SINGLE VARIABLE 2

- Want to sample s when $C=-c$ (c is false)
- Simple approach
 - r = random # generator between $(0,1)$
 - If $(r < 0.5)$ sample = $s+$
 - Else sample = $s-$

$P(S|C)$

+c	+s	0.90
+c	-s	0.10
-c	+s	0.5
-c	-s	0.5

Note: can be a bit more complicated for certain parametric distributions



SAMPLING

- Have some method for generating samples given a known probability distribution
- Sample will be an assignment of values to each variable in the network
 - Generally will only be interested in query variables after finish sampling
- **Use samples to approximately compute posterior probabilities**



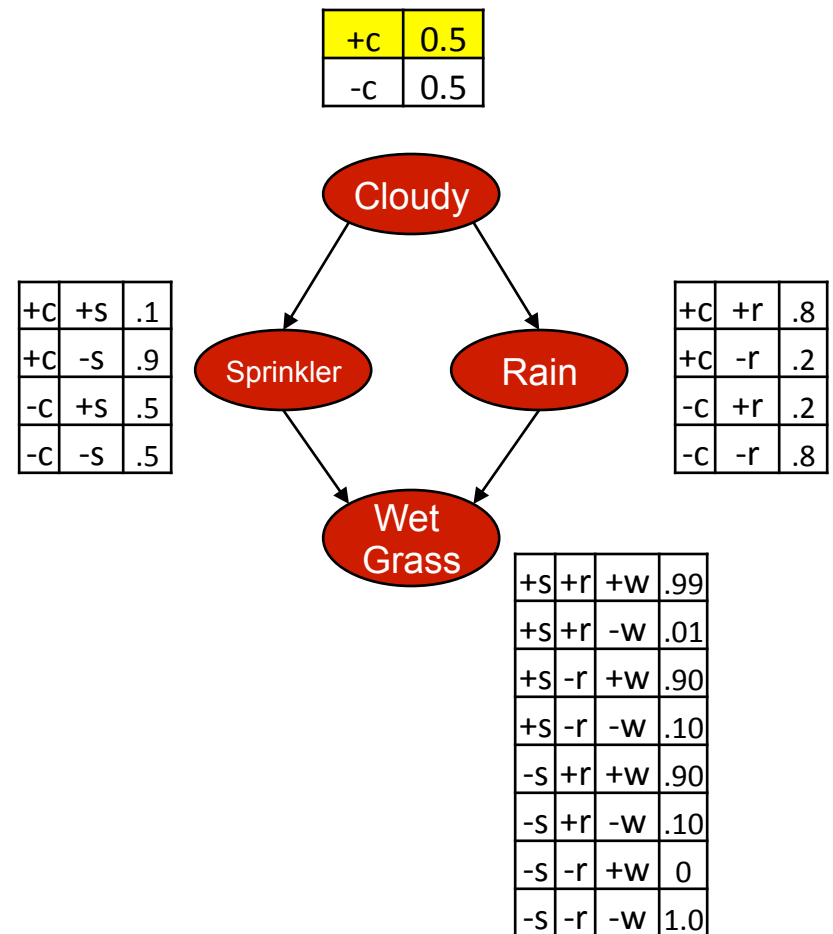
DIRECT SAMPLING

- Generate samples from a network with no evidence
- Create a topological order of the variables in the Bayes Net
- Sample each variable conditioned on the values of its parents



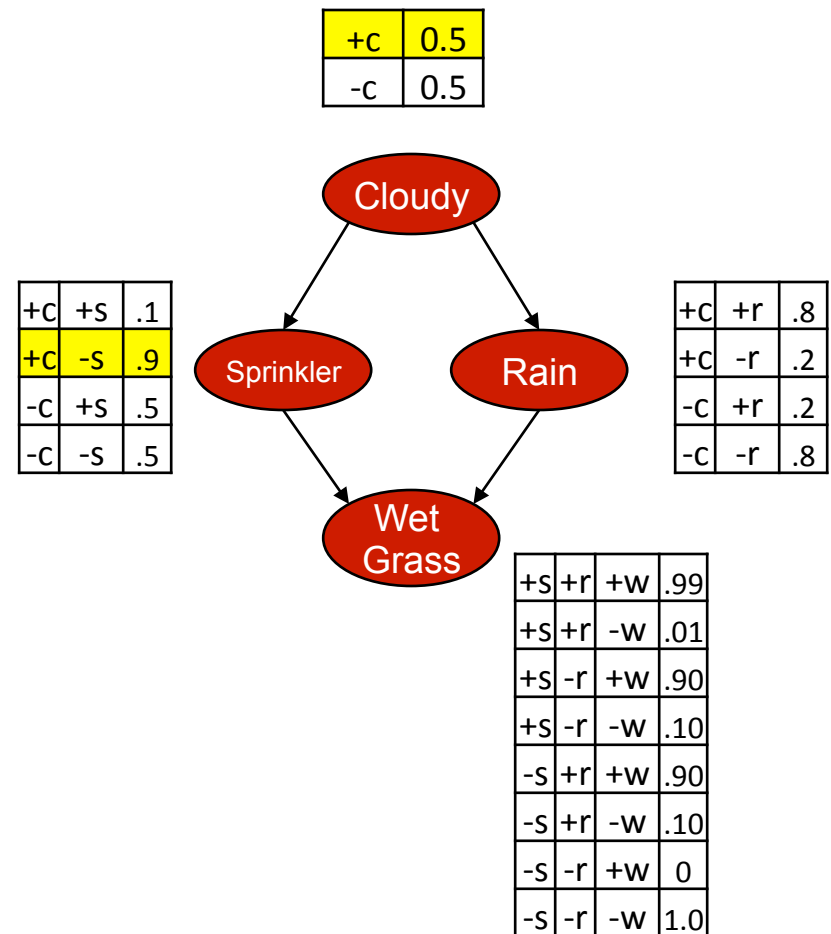
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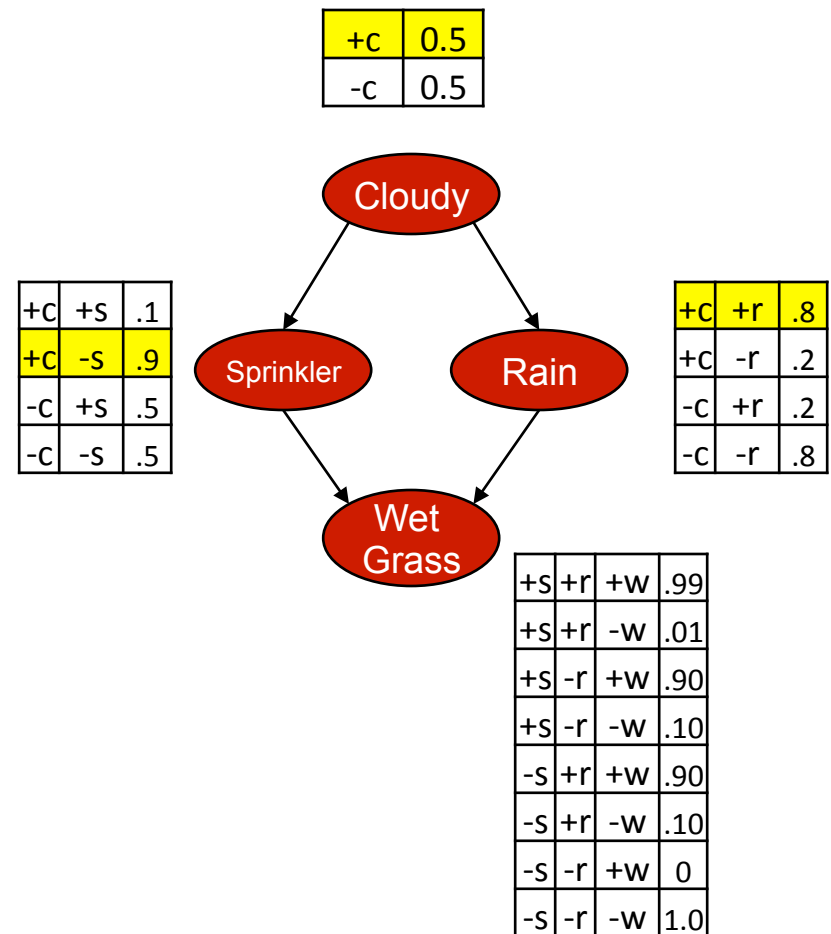
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- Sample $\Pr[S|C=t]=(.1,.9)$
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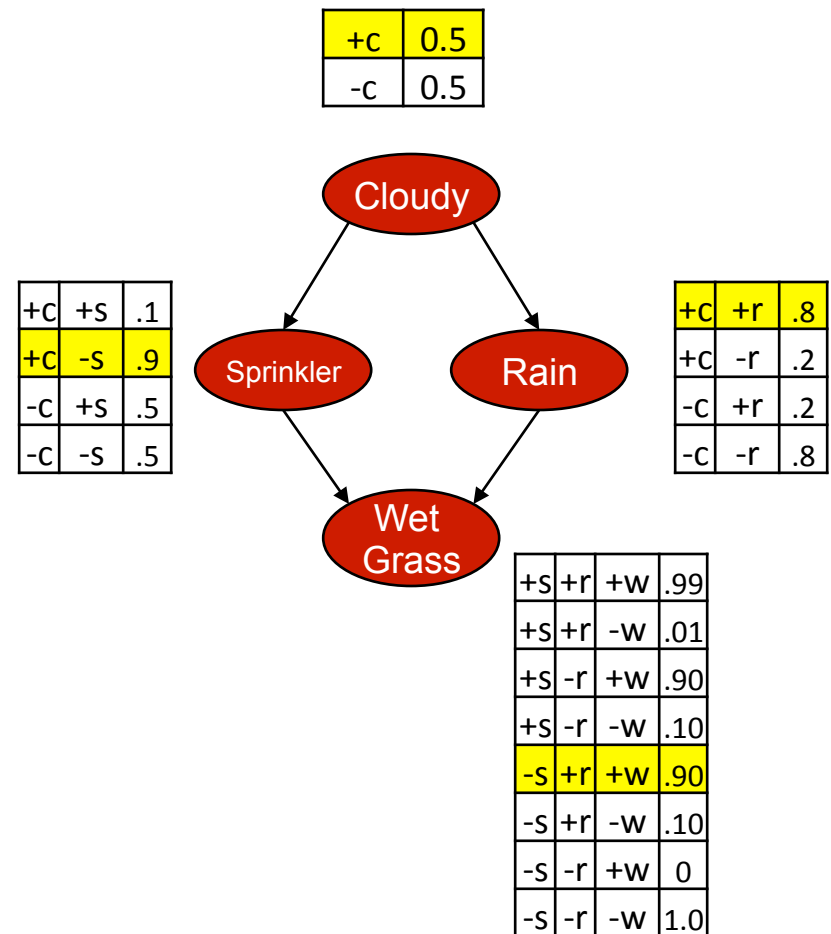
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- Sample $\Pr[W|S=f,R=t]=(.9,.1)$
 \Rightarrow true
- Sampled $[t,f,t,t]$



DIRECT SAMPLING

- Sampling process generates samples from prior joint distribution specified by BN
- Use samples to estimate probability of a specific event
 - Reminder: event is assignment of values to variables
- $\Pr[X_1=x_1, \dots, X_5=x_5] \approx \#(x_1, \dots, x_5) / \#\text{samples}$
 - \approx means becomes exact in large-sample limit
 - Implies estimate is consistent



REJECTION SAMPLING

- What about when we have evidence?
- Want to estimate $\Pr[\text{Rain}=t|\text{Sprinkler}=t]$ using 100 direct samples
- 73 have $S=f$, of which 12 have $R=t$
- 27 have $S=t$, of which 8 have $R=t$

What's the estimate?

A) 20/100

B) 12 / 73

C) **8 / 27**

D) Not sure



REJECTION SAMPLING

- What about when we have evidence?
- Use direct sampling
- Reject all samples inconsistent with evidence, and estimate probability of events in remaining samples
- Problem: try to estimate $\Pr[\text{Rain} | \text{RedSkyAtNight}=t]$



SOLUTION: LIKELIHOOD WEIGHTING

- Current approach: generate samples until have many that agree with evidence
- Proposed approach:
 - Generate only samples that agree with evidence
 - Weight them according to likelihood of evidence



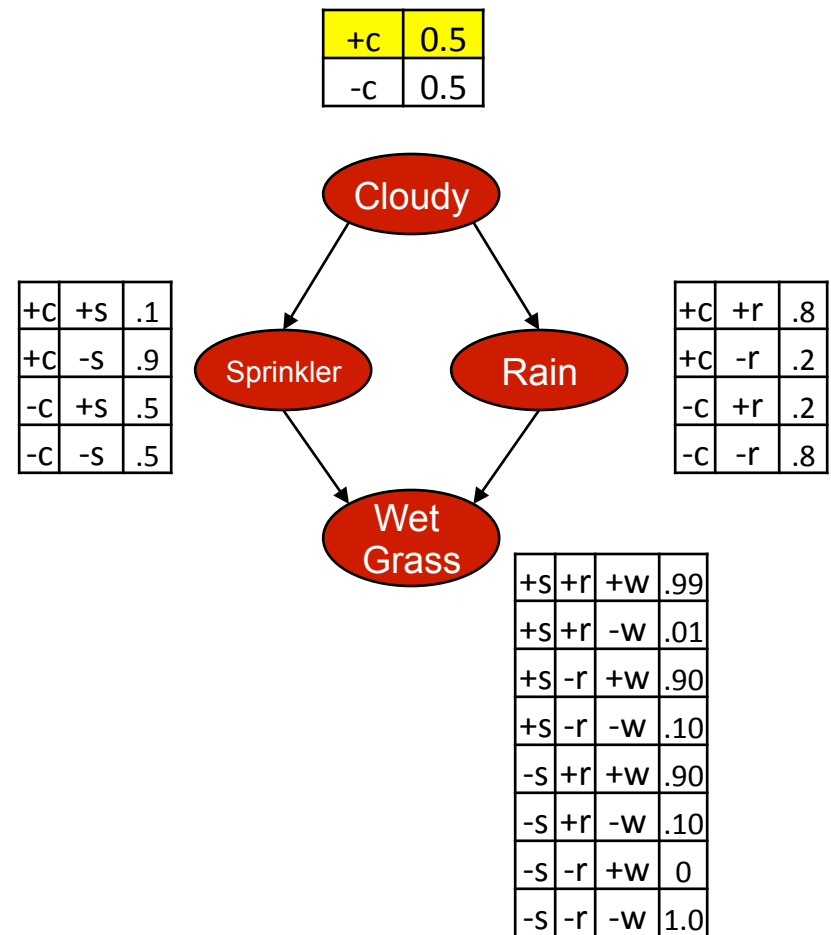
GENERATING A SAMPLE USING LIKELIHOOD WEIGHTING

- Select a topological ordering of variables
- Set $w = 1$
- $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow$ event with evidence variables set
- For each variable X_i in order (X_1, X_2, \dots) :
 - If X_i is an evidence variable
Update $w \leftarrow w * P(X_i = e_i | \text{Parents}(X_i) = \mathbf{x}(\text{Parents}(X_i)))$
 - Else $\mathbf{x}[i] \leftarrow$ sample from $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i) = \mathbf{x}(\text{Parents}(X_i)))$



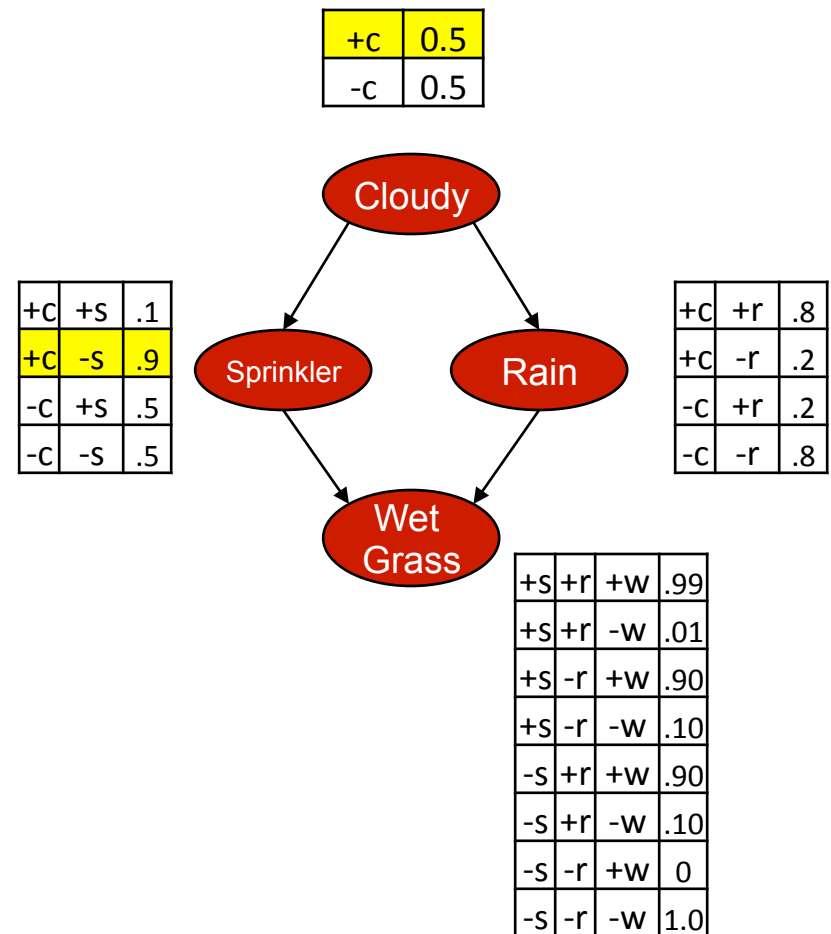
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- Evidence: $C=t, W=t$
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 $\Rightarrow w = 1 \cdot \Pr[C=t] = 0.5$



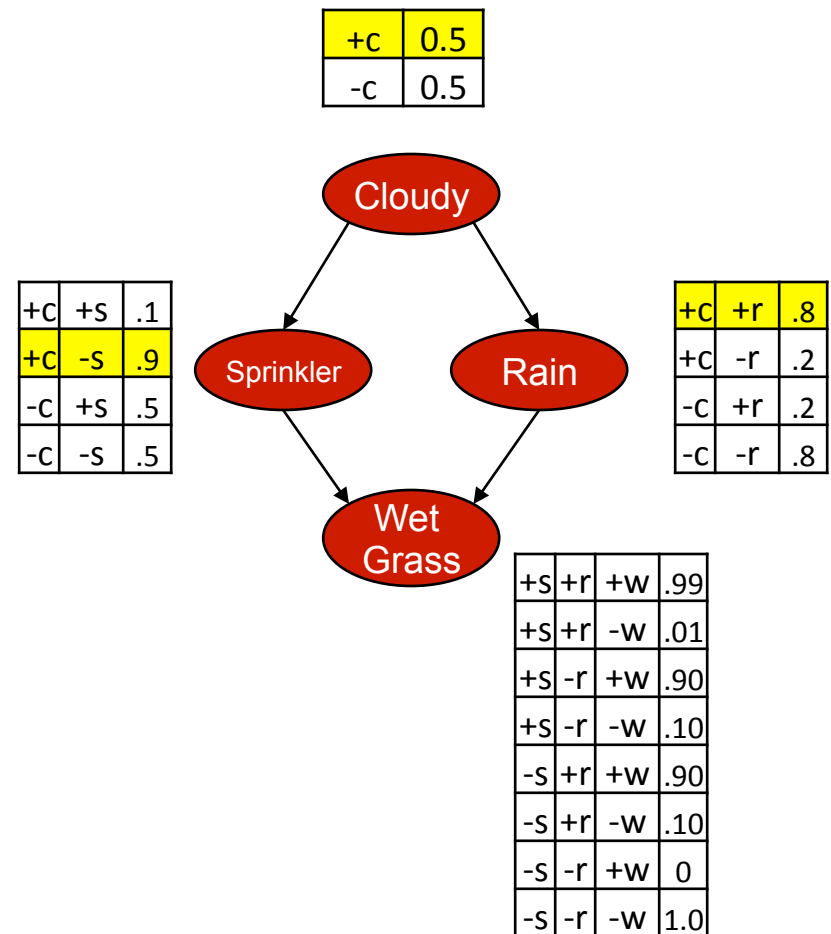
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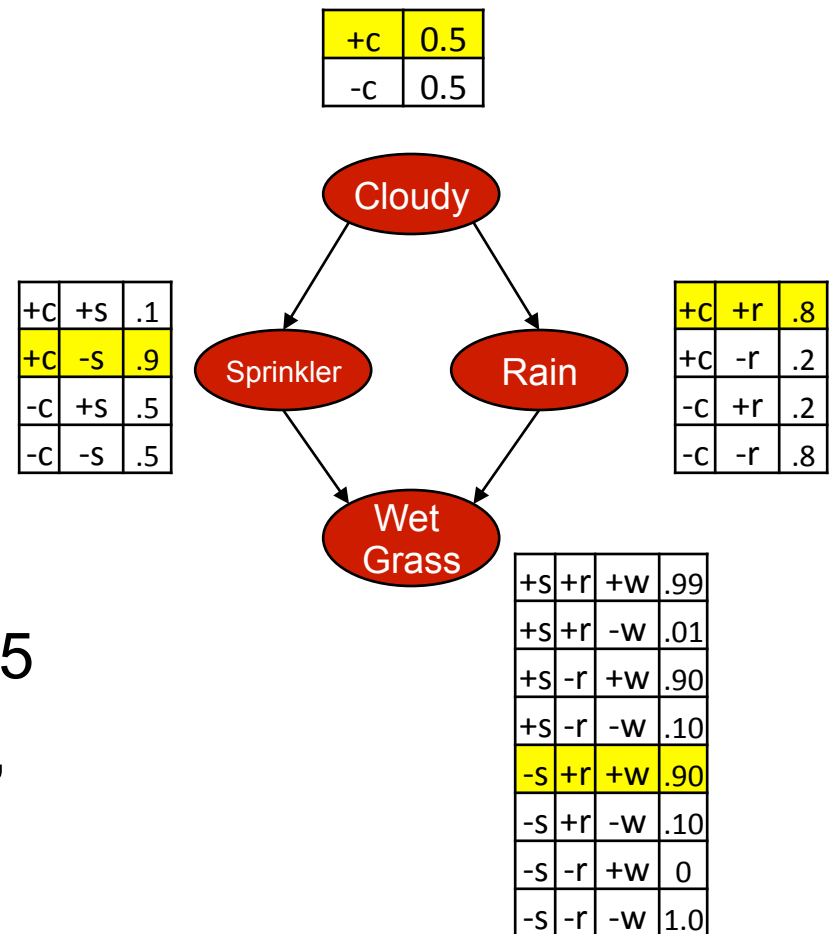
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 \Rightarrow true
- W is evidence var
 $\Rightarrow w = 0.5 \cdot \Pr[W=t|S=f, R=t] = .45$
- Sampled $[t, f, t, t]$ with weight .45,
 tallied under $R=t$



LIKELIHOOD WEIGHTING: COMPUTING $P(X|e)$

inputs: X , the query variable

e , observed values for variables E

bn , a Bayesian network specifying joint distribution $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

N , the total number of samples to be generated

local variables: W , a vector of weighted counts for each value of X , initially zero

for $j = 1$ to N **do**

$\mathbf{x}, w \leftarrow \text{WEIGHTED-SAMPLE}(bn, e)$

$W[x] \leftarrow W[x] + w$ where x is the value of X in \mathbf{x}

return $\text{NORMALIZE}(W)$



CONSISTENCY

- Samples each non-evidence variable z in a sample according to

$$S_{WS}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^l P(z_i \mid \text{parents}(Z_i))$$

- Is this the true posterior distribution $P(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{e})$?
 - No, but weights fix this!



WEIGHTED PROBABILITY

- Samples each non-evidence variable z according to

$$S_{WS}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^l P(z_i | \text{parents}(Z_i))$$

- Weight of a sample is

$$w(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(e_i | \text{parents}(E_i))$$

- Weighted probability of a sample is

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WS}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e})w(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) &= \prod_{i=1}^l P(z_i | \text{parents}(Z_i)) \prod_{i=1}^m P(e_i | \text{parents}(E_i)) \\ &= P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) \end{aligned}$$



DOES LIKELIHOOD WEIGHTING PRODUCE CONSISTENT ESTIMATES?

- Yes, see book



EXAMPLE

- When sampling S and R the evidence $W=t$ is ignored
 - Samples with $S=f$ and $R=f$ although evidence rules this out
- Weight makes up for this difference
 - above weight would be 0
- If we have 100 samples with $R=t$ and **total weight 1**, and 400 samples with $R=f$ and **total weight 2**, what is estimate of $R=t$?
 - = 1/3



LIMITATIONS OF LIKELIHOOD WEIGHTING

- Poor performance if evidence vars occur later in ordering

