

Artificial Intelligence
Chapter 19
Reasoning with Uncertain
Information

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Outline

- Review of Probability Theory
- Probabilistic Inference
- Bayes Networks
- Patterns of Inference in Bayes Networks
- Uncertain Evidence
- D-Separation
- Probabilistic Inference in Polytrees

19.1 Review of Probability Theory (1/4)

- Random variables

$$V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k$$

- Joint probability

$$p(V_1 = v_1, V_2 = v_2, \dots, V_k = v_k)$$

Ex.

(B (BAT_OK), M (MOVES), L (LIFTABLE), G (GUAGE))	Joint Probability
(True, True, True, True)	0.5686
(True, True, True, False)	0.0299
(True, True, False, True)	0.0135
(True, True, False, False)	0.0007
...	...

19.1 Review of Probability Theory (2/4)

- Marginal probability

Ex.
$$p(B = b) = \sum_{B=b} p(B, M, L, G)$$

$$p(B = b, M = m) = \sum_{B=b, M=m} p(B, M, L, G)$$

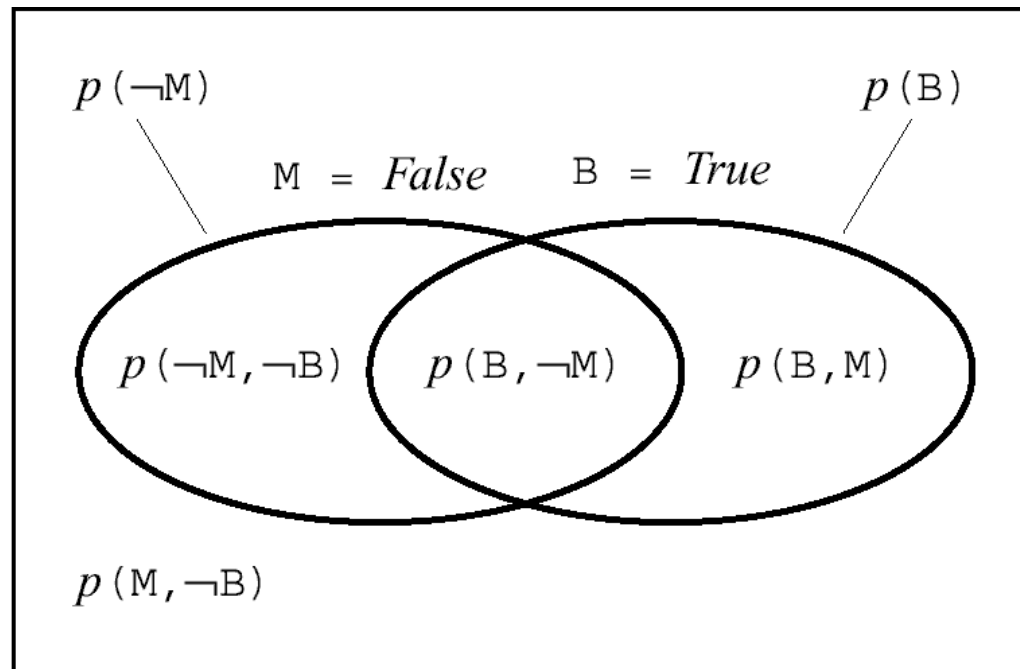
- Conditional probability

$$p(V_i | V_j) = \frac{p(V_i, V_j)}{p(V_j)}$$

- ◆ Ex. The probability that the battery is charged given that the arm does not move

$$p(B = True | M = False) = \frac{p(B = True, M = False)}{p(M = False)}$$

19.1 Review of Probability Theory (3/4)



$$p(B|\neg M) = p(B, \neg M) / p(\neg M)$$

Figure 19.1 A Venn Diagram

19.1 Review of Probability Theory (4/4)

- Chain rule $p(B, L, G, M) = p(B | L, G, M)p(L | G, M)p(G | M)p(M)$

$$p(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k p(V_i | V_{i-1}, \dots, V_1)$$

- Bayes' rule

$$p(V_i | V_j) = \frac{p(V_j | V_i)p(V_i)}{p(V_j)}$$

- set notation $p(\mathcal{V})$
 - ◆ Abbreviation for $p(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k)$
where $\mathcal{V} = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$

19.2 Probabilistic Inference

- We desire to calculate the probability of some variable V_i has value v_i given the evidence $\mathcal{E} = e$.

$$p(V_i = \text{True} \mid \mathcal{E} = e) = \frac{p(V_i = \text{True}, \mathcal{E} = e)}{p(\mathcal{E} = e)}$$

Example

$p(P, Q, R)$	0.3
$p(P, Q, \neg R)$	0.2
$p(P, \neg Q, R)$	0.2
$p(P, \neg Q, \neg R)$	0.1
$p(\neg P, Q, R)$	0.05
$p(\neg P, Q, \neg R)$	0.1
$p(\neg P, \neg Q, R)$	0.05
$p(\neg P, \neg Q, \neg R)$	0.0

$$p(Q \mid \neg R) = \frac{p(Q, \neg R)}{p(\neg R)} = \frac{[p(P, Q, \neg R) + p(\neg P, Q, \neg R)]}{p(\neg R)}$$

$$= \frac{(0.2 + 0.1)}{p(\neg R)} = \frac{0.3}{p(\neg R)}$$

$$p(\neg Q \mid \neg R) = \frac{p(\neg Q, \neg R)}{p(\neg R)} = \frac{[p(P, \neg Q, \neg R) + p(\neg P, \neg Q, \neg R)]}{p(\neg R)}$$

$$= \frac{(0.1 + 0.0)}{p(\neg R)} = \frac{0.1}{p(\neg R)}$$

$$p(Q \mid \neg R) = 0.75$$

$$\because p(Q \mid \neg R) + p(\neg Q \mid \neg R) = 1$$

Statistical Independence

- Conditional independence

$$p(V_i, V_j | \mathcal{V}) = p(V_i | \mathcal{V})p(V_j | \mathcal{V}) \quad \boxed{\mathcal{V}}: \text{a set of variables}$$

- ◆ Intuition: V_i tells us nothing more about \mathcal{V} than we already knew by knowing V_j

- Mutually conditional independence

$$\begin{aligned} p(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_j | \mathcal{V}) &= \prod_{i=1}^k p(V_i | V_{i-1}, V_{i-2}, \dots, V_1, \mathcal{V}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^k p(V_i | \mathcal{V}) \end{aligned}$$

- Unconditional independence (When $\boxed{\mathcal{V}}$ is empty)

$$p(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_j) = p(V_1)p(V_2)\dots p(V_k)$$

19.3 Bayes Networks (1/2)

- Directed, acyclic graph (DAG) whose nodes are labeled by random variables
- Characteristics of Bayesian networks
 - ◆ Node V_i is conditionally independent of any subset of nodes that are not descendants of V_i given its parents

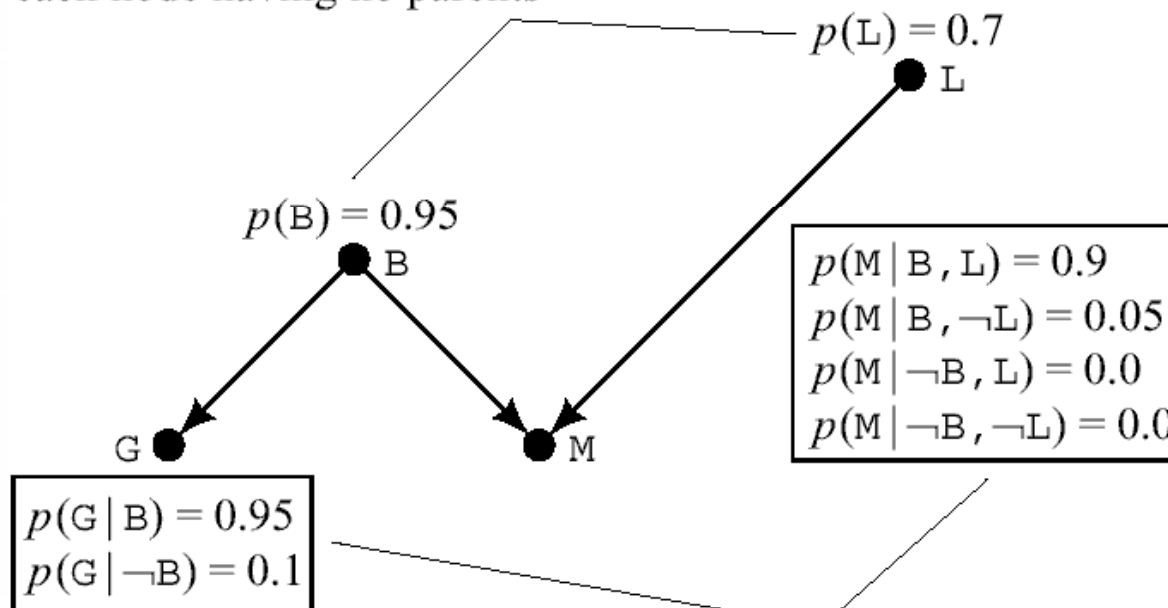
$$p(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k p(V_i | Pa(V_i))$$

- Prior probability
- Conditional probability table (CPT)

19.3 Bayes Networks (2/2)

Bayes network about the block-lifting example

Prior probabilities associated with each node having no parents



Conditional probability tables associated with each child node and its parents

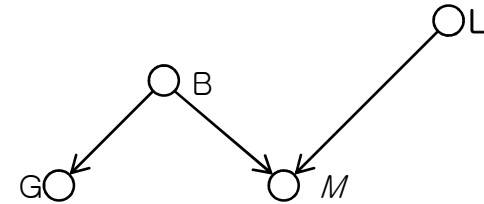
$$p(G, B, M, L) = p(G|B)p(M|B, L)p(B)p(L)$$

19.4 Patterns of Inference in Bayes Networks (1/3)

- Causal or top-down inference

- ◆ Ex. The probability that the arm moves given that the block is liftable

$$p(M | L) = p(M, B | L) + p(M, \neg B | L)$$



$$= p(M | B, L)p(B | L) + p(M | \neg B, L)p(\neg B | L) \quad \text{(chain rule)}$$

$$= p(M | B, L)p(B) + p(M | \neg B, L)p(\neg B) \quad \text{(from the structure)}$$

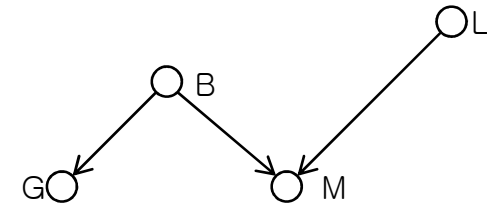
$$= 0.9 * 0.95 = 0.855 .$$

19.4 Patterns of Inference in Bayes Networks (2/3)

- Diagnostic or bottom-up inference

- ◆ Using an effect (or symptom) to infer a cause

- ◆ Ex. The probability that the block is not liftable given that the arm does not move.



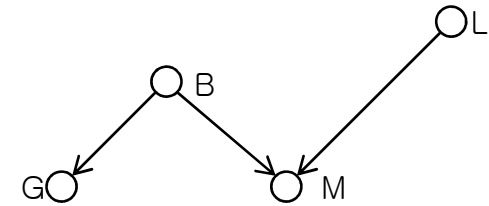
$$p(\neg M | \neg L) = 0.9525 \quad (\text{using causal reasoning})$$

$$p(\neg L | \neg M) = \frac{p(\neg M | \neg L)p(\neg L)}{p(\neg M)} = \frac{0.9525 \times 0.3}{p(\neg M)} = \frac{0.28575}{p(\neg M)} \quad (\text{using Bayes' rule})$$

$$p(L | \neg M) = \frac{p(\neg M | L)p(L)}{p(\neg M)} = \frac{0.145 \times 0.7}{p(\neg M)} = \frac{0.1015}{p(\neg M)} \quad (\text{using Bayes' rule})$$

$$p(\neg L | \neg M) = 0.7379$$

19.4 Patterns of Inference in Bayes Networks (3/3)



- Explaining away

- ◆ One evidence: $\neg M$ (the arm does not move)
- ◆ Additional evidence: $\neg B$ (the battery is not charged)

$$\begin{aligned} p(\neg L \mid \neg B, \neg M) &= \frac{p(\neg M, \neg B \mid \neg L)p(\neg L)}{p(\neg B, \neg M)} \\ &= \frac{p(\neg M \mid \neg B, \neg L)p(\neg B \mid \neg L)p(\neg L)}{p(\neg B, \neg M)} \\ &= \frac{p(\neg M \mid \neg B, \neg L)p(\neg B)p(\neg L)}{p(\neg B, \neg M)} \\ &= 0.30. \end{aligned}$$

(Bayes' rule)

(def. of conditional prob.)

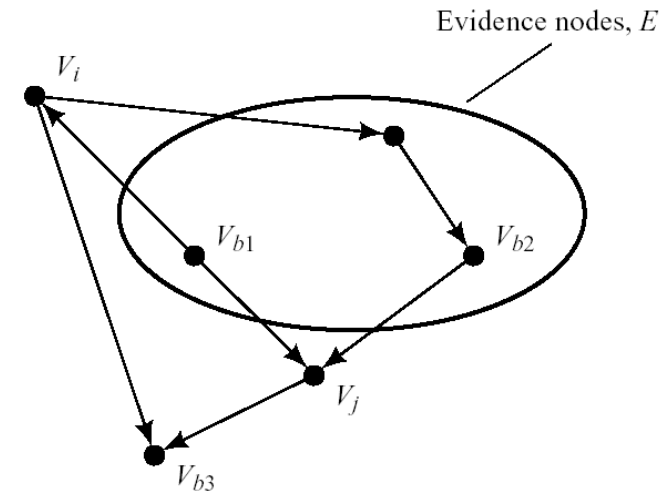
(structure of the Bayes network)

- ◆ $\neg B$ explains $\neg M$, making $\neg L$ less certain ($0.30 < 0.7379$)

19.5 Uncertain Evidence

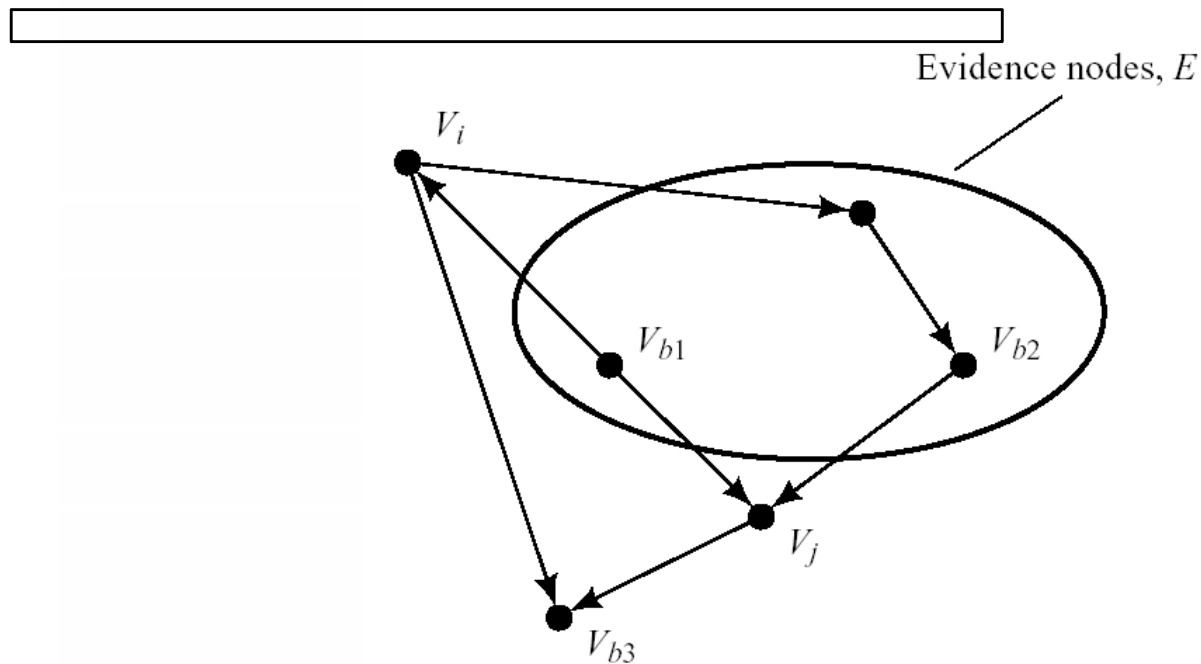
- We must be certain about the truth or falsity of the propositions they represent.
 - ◆ Each uncertain evidence node should have a child node, about which we can be certain.
 - ◆ Ex. Suppose the robot is not certain that its arm did not move.
 - Introducing M' : “The arm sensor says that the arm moved”
 - We can be certain that that proposition is either true or false.
 - $p(\neg L | \neg B, \neg M')$ instead of $p(\neg L | \neg B, \neg M)$
 - ◆ Ex. Suppose we are uncertain about whether or not the battery is charged.
 - Introducing G : “Battery guage”
 - $p(\neg L | \neg G, \neg M')$ instead of $p(\neg L | \neg B, \neg M')$

19.6 D-Separation (1/3)



- D-saparation: direction-dependent separation
- Two nodes V_i and V_j are conditionally independent given a set of nodes \mathcal{E} if for every *undirected* path in the Bayes network between V_i and V_j , there is some node, V_b , on the path having one of the following three properties.
 - ◆ V_b is in \mathcal{E} , and both arcs on the path lead out of V_b
 - ◆ V_b is in \mathcal{E} , and one arc on the path leads in to V_b and one arc leads out.
 - ◆ Neither V_b nor any descendant of V_b is in \mathcal{E} , and both arcs on the path lead in to V_b .
- V_b blocks the path given \mathcal{E} when any one of these conditions holds for a path.
- If all paths between V_i and V_j are blocked, we say that \mathcal{E} *d-separates* V_i and V_j

19.6 D-Separation (2/3)

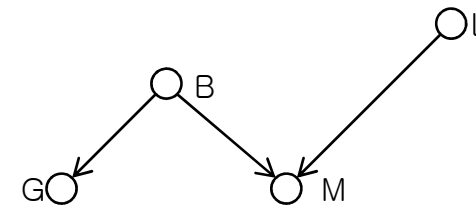


V_i is independent of V_j given the evidence nodes because all three paths between them are blocked. The blocking nodes are

- (a) V_{b1} is an evidence node, and both arcs lead out of V_{b1} .
- (b) V_{b2} is an evidence node, and one arc leads into V_{b2} and one arc leads out.
- (c) V_{b3} is not an evidence node, nor are any of its descendants, and both arcs lead into V_{b3} .

Figure 19.3 Conditional Independence via Blocking Nodes

19.6 D-Separation (3/3)

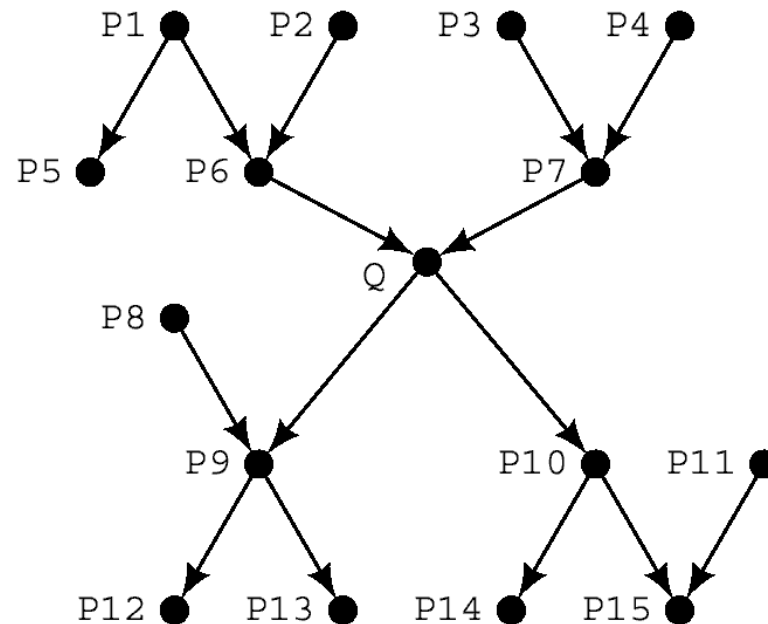


- Ex.
 - ◆ $I(G, L|B)$ by rules 1 and 3
 - By rule 1, B blocks the (only) path between G and L , given B .
 - By rule 3, M also blocks this path given B .
 - ◆ $I(G, L)$
 - By rule 3, M blocks the path between G and L .
 - ◆ $I(B, L)$
 - By rule 3, M blocks the path between B and L .
- Even using d -separation, probabilistic inference in Bayes networks is, in general, NP-hard.

19.7 Probabilistic Inference in Polytrees (1/2)

- Polytree

- ◆ A DAG for which there is just one path, along arcs in either direction, between any two nodes in the DAG.

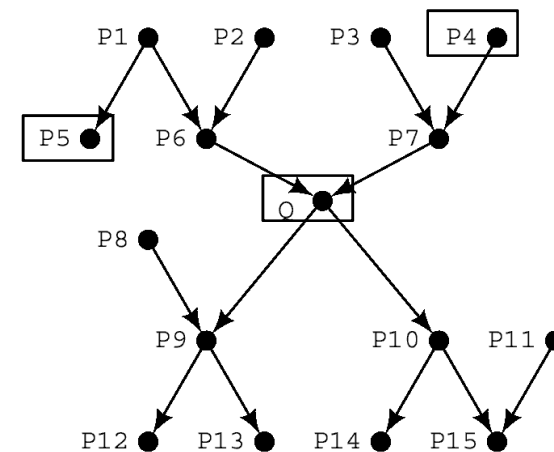


19.7 Probabilistic Inference in Polytrees (2/2)

- A node is above Q
 - ◆ The node is connected to Q only through Q's parents
- A node is below Q
 - ◆ The node is connected to Q only through Q's immediate successors.
- Three types of evidences
 - ◆ All evidence nodes are above Q.
 - ◆ All evidence nodes are below Q.
 - ◆ There are evidence nodes both above and below Q.

Evidence Above (1/2)

- Bottom-up recursive algorithm
- Ex. $p(Q|P5, P4)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 p(Q|P5, P4) &= \sum_{P6, P7} p(Q, P6, P7 | P5, P4) \\
 &= \sum_{P6, P7} p(Q | P6, P7, P5, P4) p(P6, P7 | P5, P4) \\
 &= \sum_{P6, P7} p(Q | P6, P7) p(P6, P7 | P5, P4) \\
 &= \sum_{P6, P7} p(Q | P6, P7) p(P6 | P5, P4) p(P7 | P5, P4) \\
 &= \sum_{P6, P7} p(Q | P6, P7) p(P6 | P5) p(P7 | P4)
 \end{aligned}$$

(Structure of
The Bayes network)

(d-separation)

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Evidence Above (2/2)

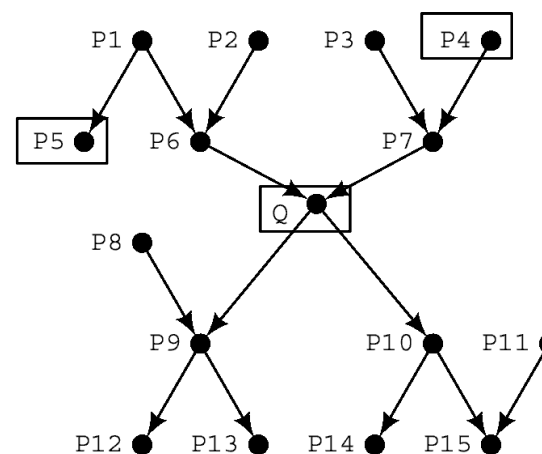
- Calculating $p(P7|P4)$ and $p(P6|P5)$

$$p(P7 | P4) = \sum_{P3} p(P7 | P3, P4) p(P3 | P4) = \sum_{P3} p(P7 | P3, P4) p(P3)$$
$$p(P6 | P5) = \sum_{P1, P2} p(P6 | P1, P2) p(P1 | P5) p(P2)$$

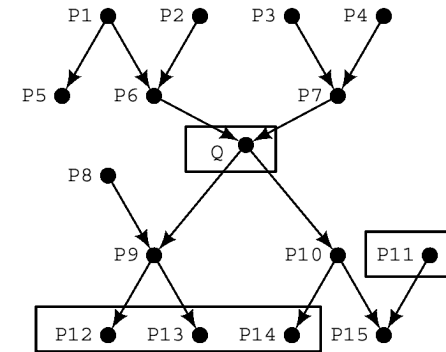
- Calculating $p(P1|P5)$

- ◆ Evidence is “below”
- ◆ Here, we use Bayes’ rule

$$p(P1 | P5) = \frac{p(P5 | P1) p(P1)}{p(P5)}$$



Evidence Below (1/2)



$$\begin{aligned}
 p(Q | P12, P13, P14, P11) &= \frac{p(P12, P13, P14, P11 | Q) p(Q)}{p(P12, P13, P14, P11)} \\
 &= kp(P12, P13, P14, P11 | Q) p(Q) \\
 &= kp(P12, P13 | Q) p(P14, P11 | Q) p(Q)
 \end{aligned}$$

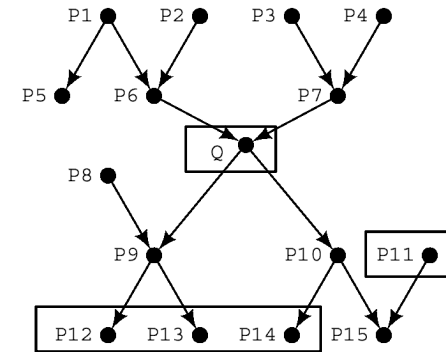
- Using a top-down recursive algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(P12, P13 | Q) &= \sum_{P9} p(P12, P13 | P9, Q) p(P9 | Q) \\
 &= \sum_{P9} p(P12, P13 | P9) p(P9 | Q) \quad (\text{d-separation})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(P9 | Q) = \sum_{P8} p(P9 | P8, Q) p(P8)$$

$$p(P12, P13 | P9) = p(P12 | P9) p(P13 | P9)$$

Evidence Below (2/2)



$$\begin{aligned}
 p(P14, P11 | Q) &= \sum_{P10} p(P14, P11 | P10) p(P10 | Q) \\
 &= \sum_{P10} p(P14 | P10) p(P11 | P10) p(P10 | Q)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(P11 | P10) &= \sum_{P15} p(P11 | P15, P10) p(P15 | P10) \\
 p(P15 | P10) &= \sum_{P11} p(P15 | P10, P11) p(P11) \\
 p(P11 | P15, P10) &= \frac{p(P15, P10 | P11) p(P11)}{p(P15, P10)} = k_1 p(P15, P10 | P11) p(P11) \\
 p(P15, P10 | P11) &= p(P15 | P10, P11) p(P10 | P11) = p(P15 | P10, P11) p(P10)
 \end{aligned}$$

Evidence Above and Below

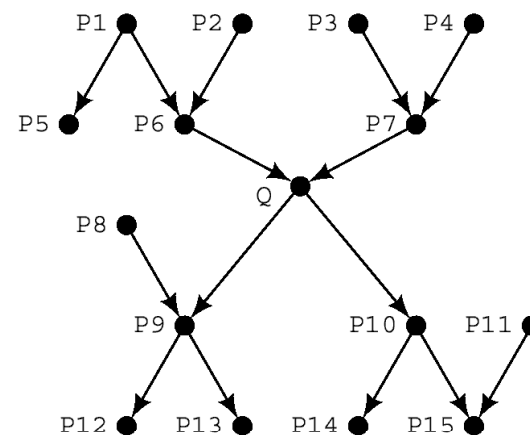
$$p(Q | \underbrace{\{P5, P4\}}_{\mathcal{E}^+}, \underbrace{\{P12, P13, P14, P11\}}_{\mathcal{E}^-})$$

\mathcal{E}^+

\mathcal{E}^-

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(Q | \mathcal{E}^+, \mathcal{E}^-) &= \frac{p(\mathcal{E}^- | Q, \mathcal{E}^+) p(Q | \mathcal{E}^+)}{p(\mathcal{E}^- | \mathcal{E}^+)} \\
 &= k_2 p(\mathcal{E}^- | Q, \mathcal{E}^+) p(Q | \mathcal{E}^+) \\
 &= k_2 p(\mathcal{E}^- | Q) p(Q | \mathcal{E}^+) \quad (\text{d-separation})
 \end{aligned}$$

(We have calculated two probabilities already)



A Numerical Example (1/2)

- We want to calculate $p(Q|U)$

$$p(Q|U) = k p(U|Q) p(Q) \quad (\text{Bayes' rule})$$

$$p(U|Q) = \sum_P p(U|P) p(P|Q)$$

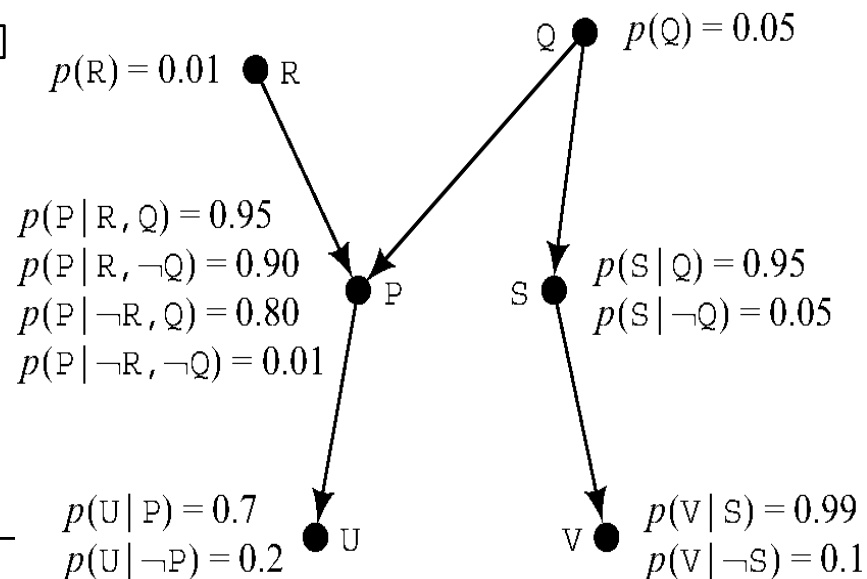
$$\begin{aligned} p(P|Q) &= \sum_R p(P|R, Q) p(R) \\ &= p(P|R, Q) p(R) + p(P|\neg R, Q) p(\neg R) \\ &= 0.95 \times 0.01 + 0.8 \times 0.99 = 0.80 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\neg P|Q) = 0.20$$

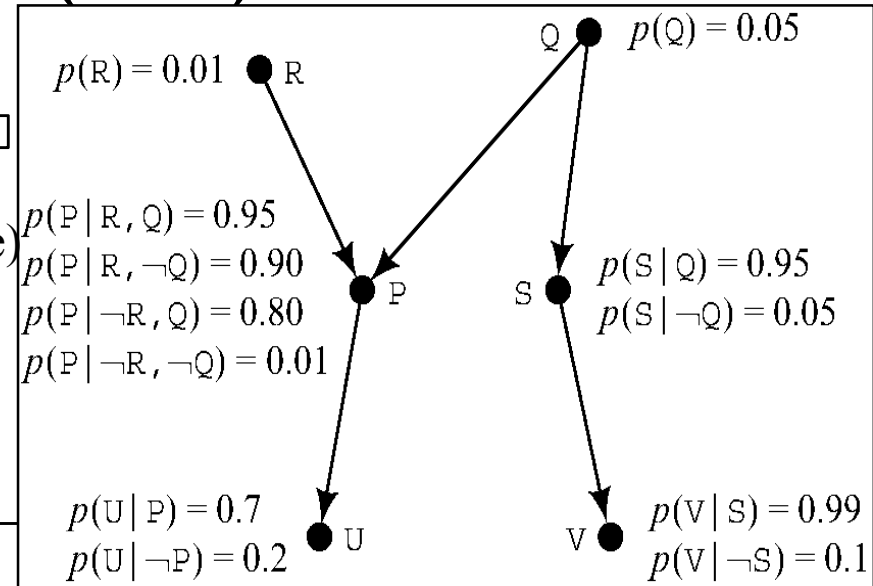
$$\begin{aligned} p(U|Q) &= p(U|P) \times 0.8 + p(U|\neg P) \times 0.2 \\ &= 0.7 \times 0.8 + 0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.60 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(Q|U) = k \times 0.6 \times 0.05 = k \times 0.03$$

To determine k , we need to calculate $p(\neg Q|U)$



A Numerical Example (2/2)



$$p(\neg Q | U) = k p(U | \neg Q) p(\neg Q) \quad (\text{Bayes' rule})$$

$$p(U | \neg Q) = \sum_P p(U | P) p(P | \neg Q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(P | \neg Q) &= \sum_R p(P | R, \neg Q) p(R) \\ &= p(P | R, \neg Q) p(R) + p(P | \neg R, \neg Q) p(\neg R) \\ &= 0.90 \times 0.01 + 0.01 \times 0.99 = 0.019 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\neg P | Q) = 0.98$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(U | \neg Q) &= p(U | P) \times 0.019 + p(U | \neg P) \times 0.98 \\ &= 0.7 \times 0.019 + 0.2 \times 0.98 = 0.21 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\neg Q | U) = k \times 0.21 \times 0.95 = k \times 0.20$$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} p(Q | U) &= k \times 0.6 \times 0.05 = k \times 0.03 \\ p(\neg Q | U) &= k \times 0.21 \times 0.95 = k \times 0.20 \\ \therefore k &= 4.35, \quad p(Q | U) = 4.35 \times 0.03 = 0.13 \end{aligned}$$

Other methods for Probabilistic inference in Bayes Networks

- Bucket elimination
- Monte Carlo methods (when the network is not a polytree)
- Clustering

Additional Readings (1/5)

- [Feller 1968]
 - ◆ Probability Theory
- [Goldszmidt, Morris & Pearl 1990]
 - ◆ Non-monotonic inference through probabilistic method
- [Pearl 1982a, Kim & Pearl 1983]
 - ◆ Message-passing algorithm
- [Russell & Norvig 1995, pp.447ff]
 - ◆ Polytrees methods

Additional Readings (2/5)

- [Shachter & Kenley 1989]
 - ◆ Bayesian network for continuous random variables
- [Wellman 1990]
 - ◆ Qualitative networks
- [Neapolitan 1990]
 - ◆ Probabilistic methods in expert systems
- [Henrion 1990]
 - ◆ Probability inference in Bayesian networks

Additional Readings (3/5)

- [Jensen 1996]
 - ◆ Bayesian networks: HUGIN system
- [Neal 1991]
 - ◆ Relationships between Bayesian networks and neural networks
- [Hecherman 1991, Heckerman & Nathwani 1992]
 - ◆ PATHFINDER
- [Pradhan, et al. 1994]
 - ◆ CPCSBN

Additional Readings (4/5)

- [Shortliffe 1976, Buchanan & Shortliffe 1984]
 - ◆ MYCIN: uses certainty factor
- [Duda, Hart & Nilsson 1987]
 - ◆ PROSPECTOR: uses sufficiency index and necessity index
- [Zadeh 1975, Zadeh 1978, Elkan 1993]
 - ◆ Fuzzy logic and possibility theory
- [Dempster 1968, Shafer 1979]
 - ◆ Dempster-Shafer's combination rules

Additional Readings (5/5)

- [Nilsson 1986]
 - ◆ Probabilistic logic
- [Tversky & Kahneman 1982]
 - ◆ Human generally loses consistency facing uncertainty
- [Shafer & Pearl 1990]
 - ◆ Papers for uncertain inference
- Proceedings & Journals
 - ◆ Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
 - ◆ International Journal of Approximate Reasoning