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(Discrete) Random Variables and Probability

A **random variable** X describes a value that is the result of a process which can not be determined in advance: **the rank of the card we draw from a deck**

The **sample space** S of a random variable is the set of all possible values of the variable: **Ace, King, Queen, Jack, ...**

An **event** is a subset of S : **{Ass, King}, {Queen}, ...**

The **probability function** $P(X=x)$, short $P(x)$, defines the probability that X yields a certain value x .

(Discrete) Random Variables and Probability

The **world** Ω is described as a set of random variables and divided it into elementary events or **states**
 s_1, s_2, \dots

States are **mutually exclusive**

$$P(s_i \wedge s_j) = P(s_i, s_j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

A **probability space** has the following properties:

$$0 \leq P(X) \leq 1 \quad P(\text{false}) = 0 \quad P(\text{true}) = 1$$

$$\sum_x P(X = x) = \sum_x P(x) = 1$$

$$P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$$

Conditional probability and Bayes' Rule

If it is known that a certain event occurred this may change the probability that another event will occur

$P(x|y)$ denotes the **conditional probability** that x will happen given that y has happened.

Bayes' rule states that:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A,B)}{P(B)} = P(B|A) \frac{P(A)}{P(B)}$$

if $P(B) > 0$

Conditional probability and Bayes' Rule

The **complete probability formula** states that

$$P(A) = \sum_b P(A, B = b) = \sum_b P(A|B = b)P(B = b)$$

Note:

$$P(A) = \alpha \cdot P(A|B) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot P(A|\neg B)$$

mirrors our intuition that the unconditional probability of an event is somewhere between its conditional probability based on two opposing assumptions.

Fundamental rule

- The fundamental rule (sometimes called 'chain rule') for probability calculus is

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1)$$

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n | E) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1, E)$$

Joint Probability Distribution

- „truth table“ of set X_1, \dots, X_n of random variables

X_1	X_2	X_3	X_1, X_2, X_3
true	1	green	0.001
true	1	blue	0.021
true	2	green	0.134
true	2	blue	0.042
...
false	2	blue	0.2

- Any probability we are interested in can be computed from it

Bayes' rule and Inference

Bayes' is fundamental in learning when viewed in terms of evidence and hypothesis:

$$P(H|e) = P(e|H) \cdot \frac{P(H)}{P(e)} = \frac{P(e|H) \cdot P(H)}{P(e|H) \cdot P(H) + P(e|\neg H)}$$

This allows us to update our belief in a hypothesis based on prior belief and in response to evidence.

Independence among random variables

Two random variables X and Y are **independent** if knowledge about X does not change the uncertainty about Y and vice versa.

Formally for a probability distribution P:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ind}(X; Y) &\equiv P(X|Y) = P(X) \\ &\equiv P(Y|X) = P(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Independence among random variables

If $\text{Ind}(X; Y)$ then $P(X, Y) = P(X) \cdot P(Y)$

If $\text{Ind}(X; \{Y, Z\})$ then $P(X, Y, Z) = P(X) \cdot P(Y, Z)$

If $\text{Ind}(X; \{Y, Z\})$ then $\text{Ind}(X; Y) \wedge \text{Ind}(X; Z)$
but not the other way around

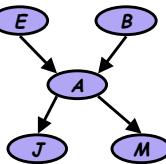
If $\text{Ind}(X; Y|Z)$ then
 $P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z) \cdot P(Y|Z)$ and $P(X|Y, Z) = P(X|Z)$

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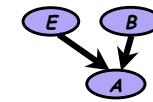
1. Finite, acyclic graph
2. Nodes: (discrete) random variables
3. Edges: direct influences
4. Associated with each node: a table representing a **conditional probability distribution (CPD)**, quantifying the effect the parents have on the node



$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i))$$

Associated CPDs

- naive representation
 - tables
- other representations
 - decision trees
 - rules
 - neural networks
 - support vector machines
 - ...



E	B	$P(A E, B)$	
e	b	.9	.1
e	b	.7	.3
e	b	.8	.2
e	b	.99	.01

Bayesian Networks

$P(X_1)$		$P(X_2)$	
(0.2, 0.8)		(0.6, 0.4)	
x_1	x_2		
		x_3	

X_1	X_2	$P(X_3 X_2, X_1)$
true	1	(0.2, 0.8)
true	2	(0.5, 0.5)
false	1	(0.23, 0.77)
false	2	(0.53, 0.47)

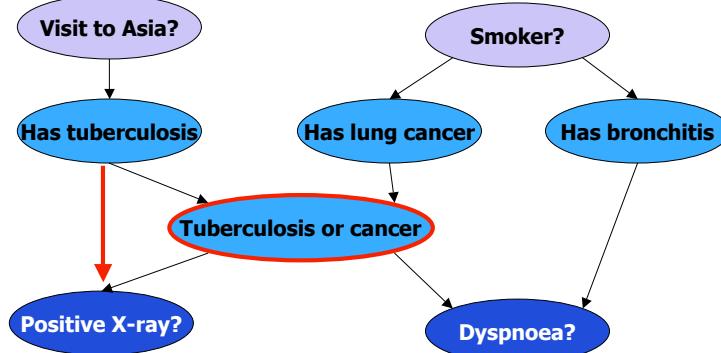
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_1 = \text{true}, X_2 = 1, X_3 = \text{false}) \\
 &= P(X_1 = \text{true}) \cdot P(X_2 = 1) \\
 &\quad \cdot P(X_3 = \text{false} | X_2 = 1, X_1 = \text{true}) \\
 &= 0.2 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.8 = 0.96
 \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Independence I

Each node / random variable is (conditionally) independent of all its non-descendants given a joint state of its parents.

Example

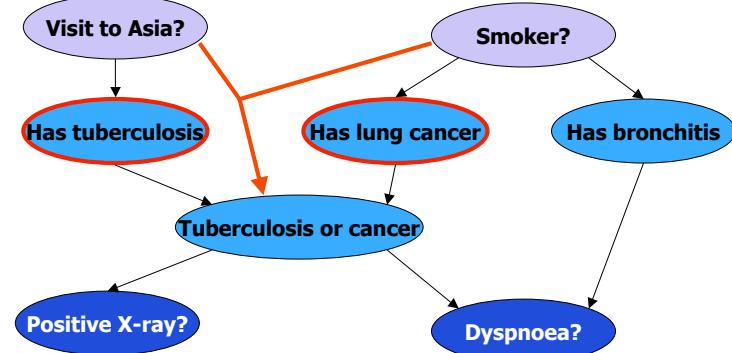
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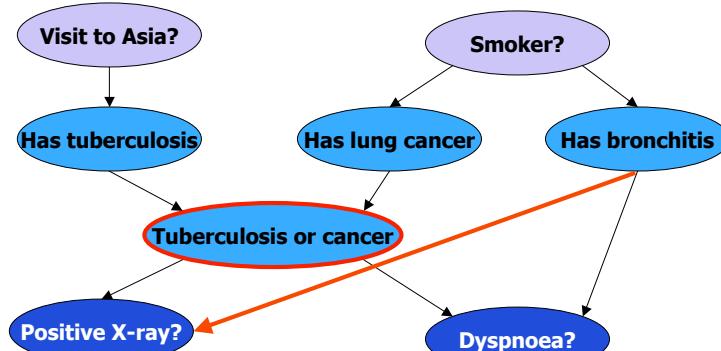
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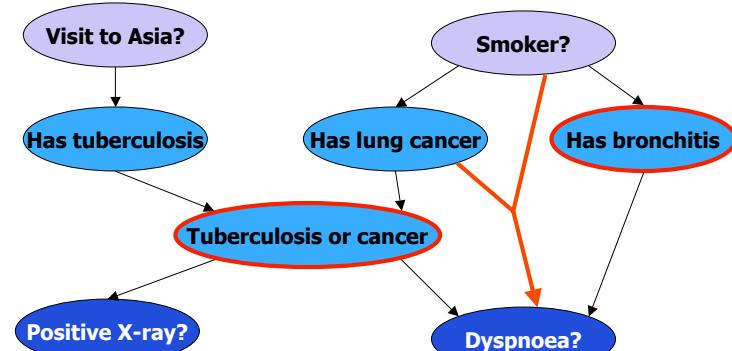
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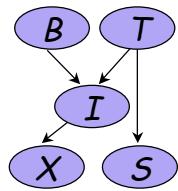
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$\text{Ind}(\text{Dyspnoea}; \{\text{Has lung cancer}, \text{Smoker}\} | \{\text{Has tuberculosis or cancer}, \text{Has bronchitis}\})$



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Summary Semantics



conditional independencies in BN structure + local probability models = full joint distribution over domain

$$P(\neg B, T, I, X, \neg S) = P(\neg B) \cdot P(T) \cdot P(I|\neg B, T) \cdot P(X|I) \cdot P(\neg S|T)$$

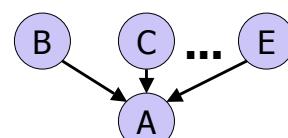
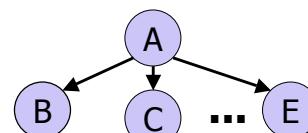
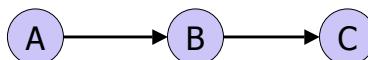
Compact & natural representation:
nodes have $\leq k$ parents
 $\Rightarrow 2^k n$ instead of 2^n params

Operations

- Inference: $P(Dyspnoea, Smoker|E)$
- Most probable explanation:
 - Most probable configuration of *Dyspnoea, Smoker* given the evidence E
- Data Conflict (coherence of evidence)
 - positive $conf(e)$ indicates a possible conflict $conf(E) = \log \left(\frac{P(e_1) \cdot P(e_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(e_n)}{P(E)} \right)$
- Sensitivity analysis
 - Which evidence is in favour of/against/irrelevant for H
 - Which evidence discriminates H from H'

Conditional Independence II

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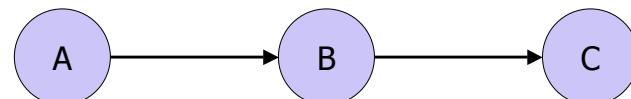
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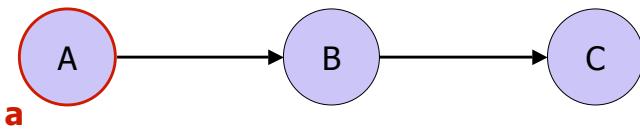
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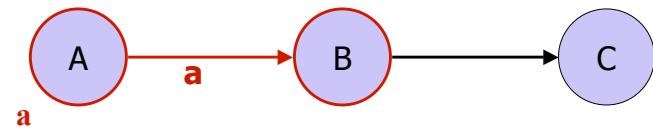
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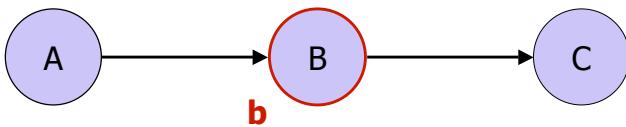
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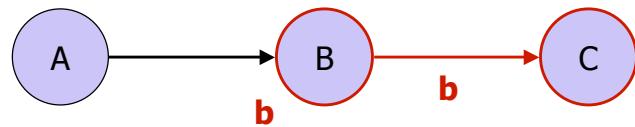
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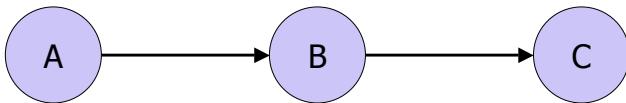
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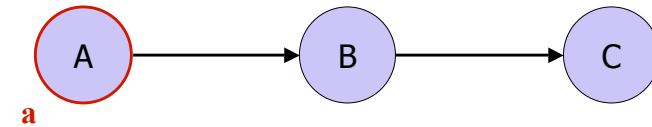
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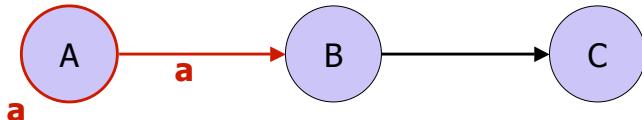
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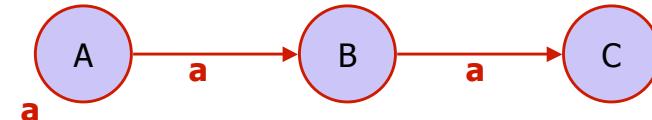
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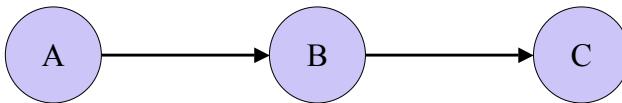
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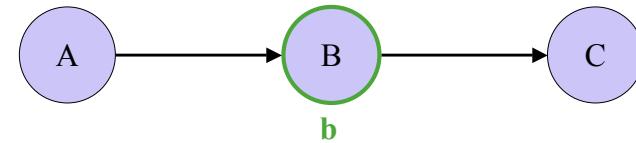
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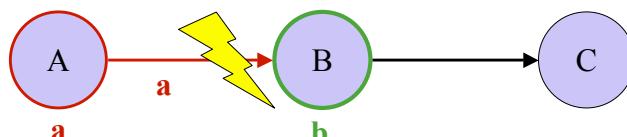
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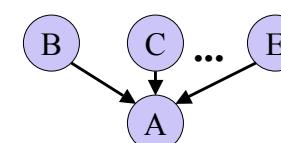
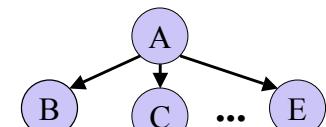
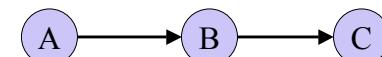
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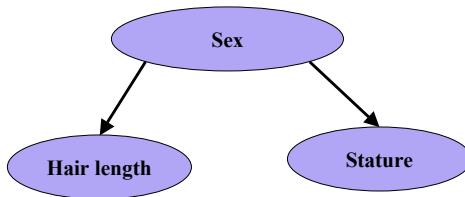
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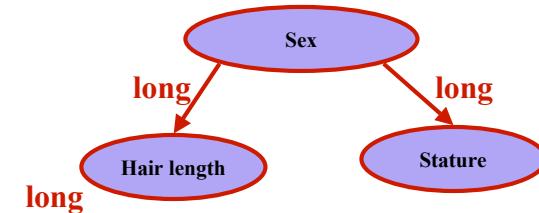


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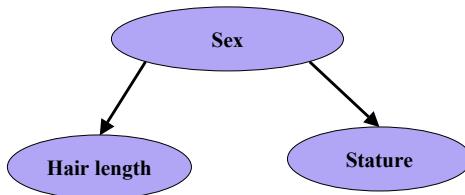
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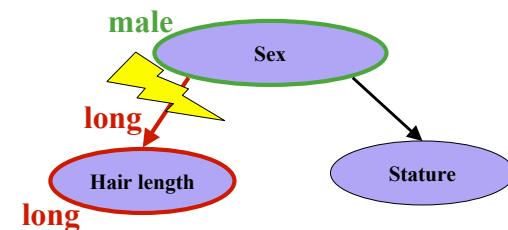
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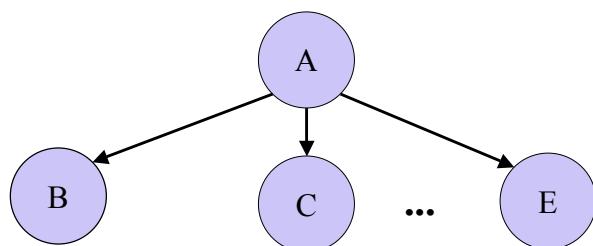
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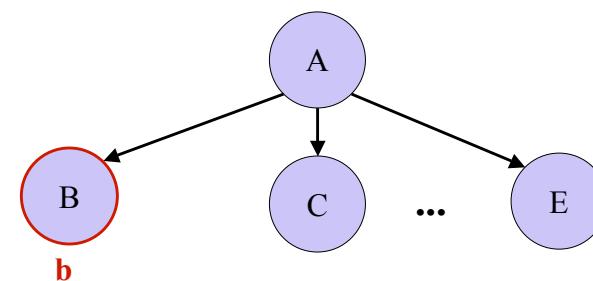
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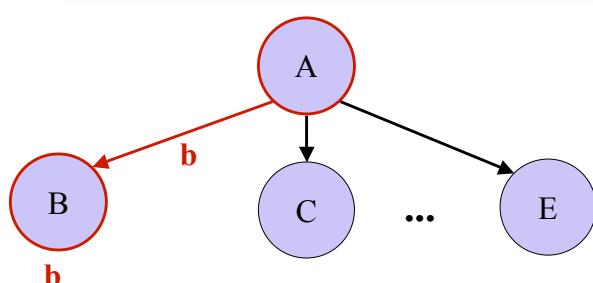
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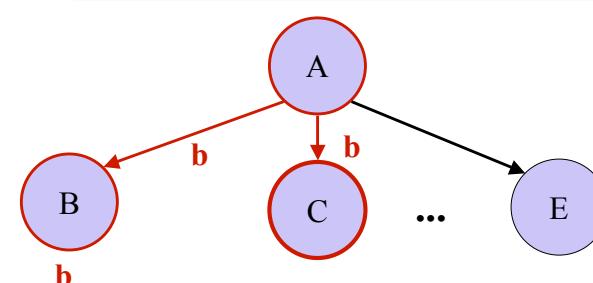
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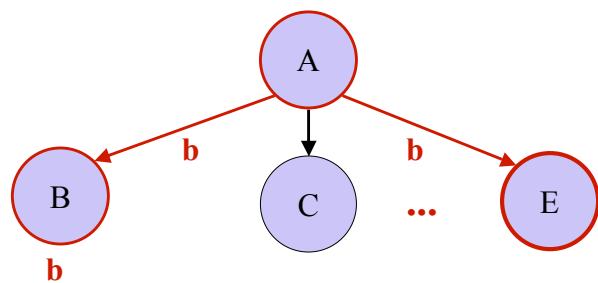
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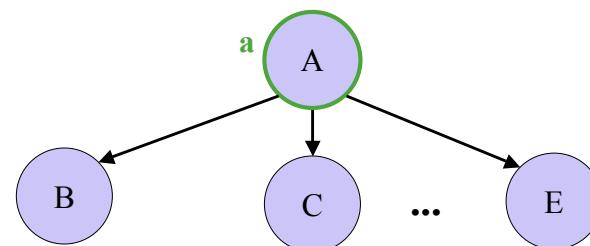
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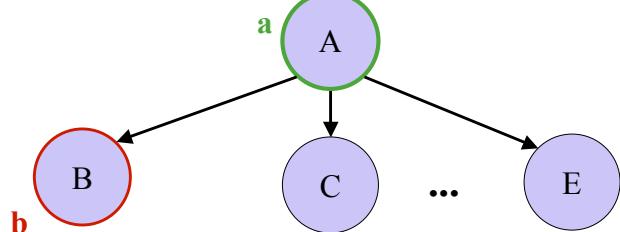
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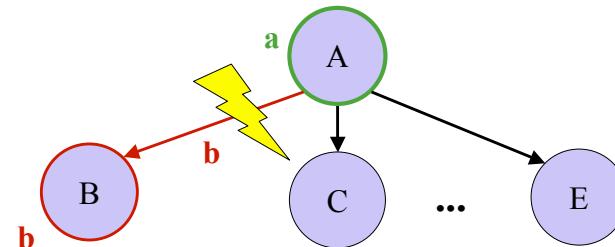
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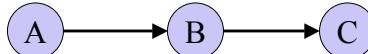


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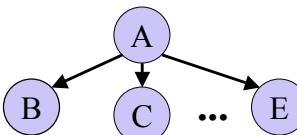
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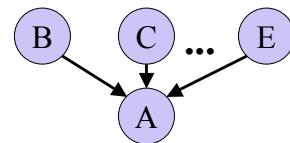
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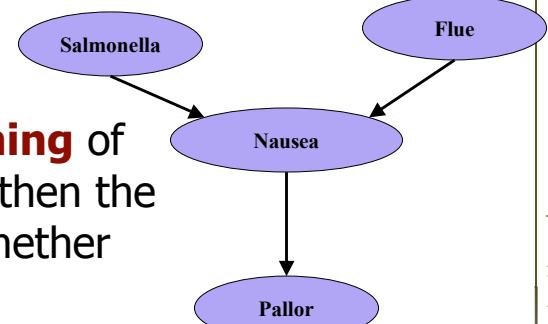


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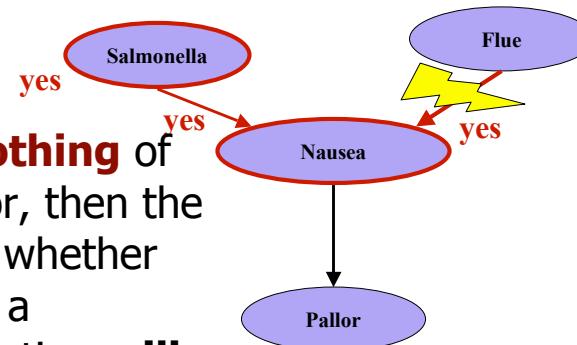
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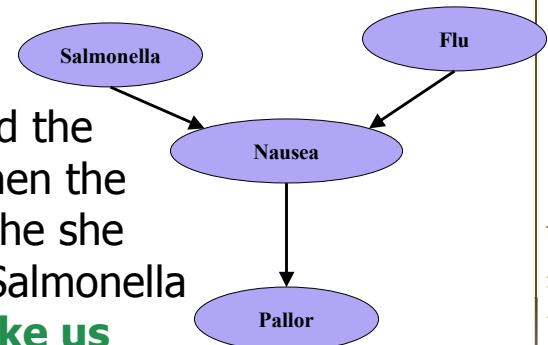
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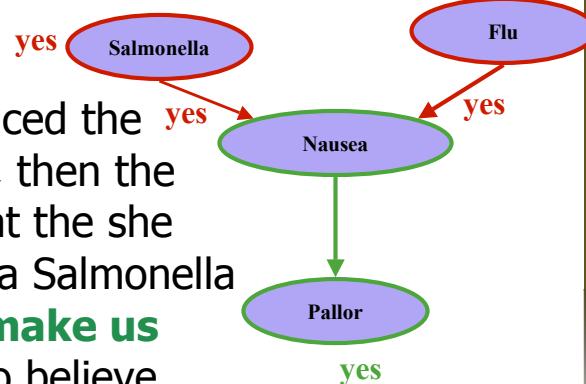
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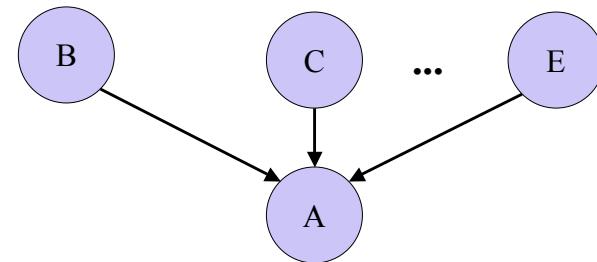
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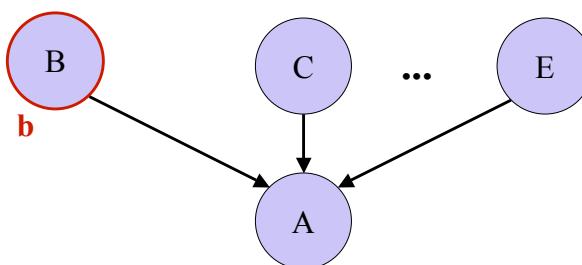
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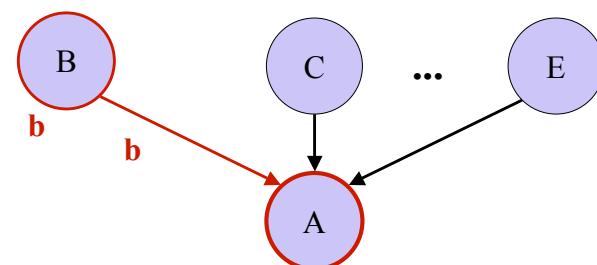
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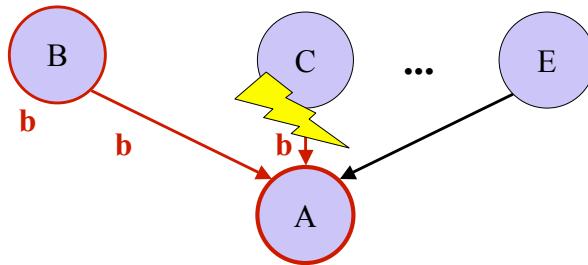


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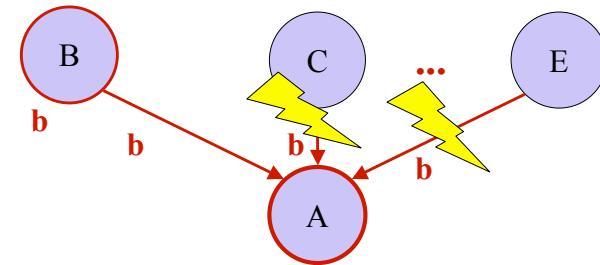


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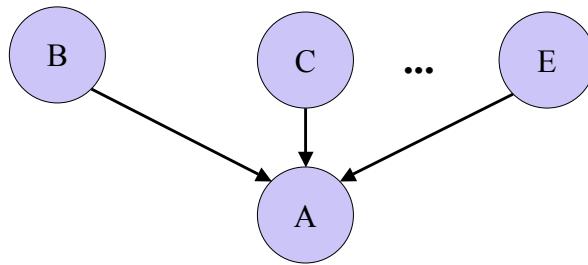
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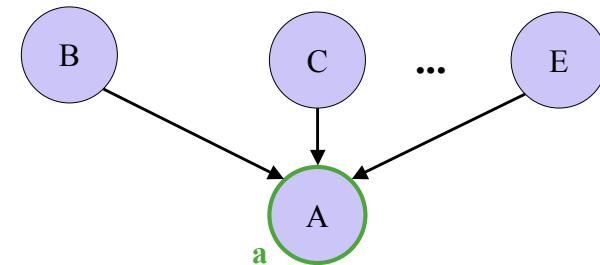
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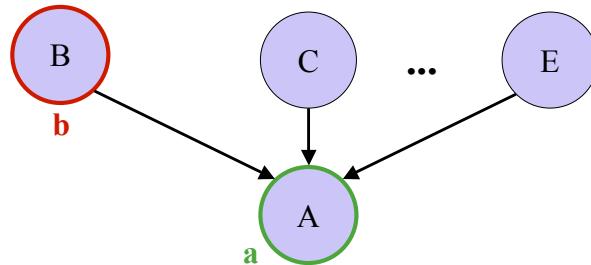
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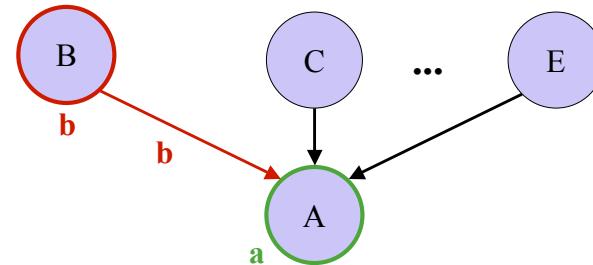
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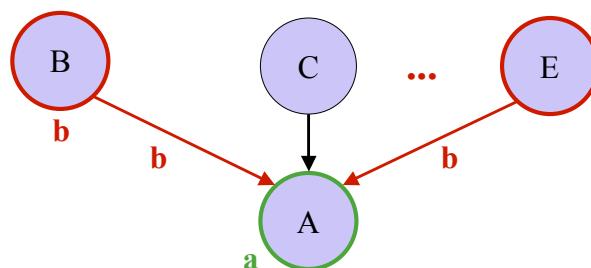
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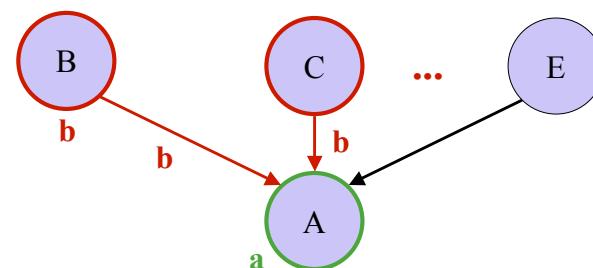
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Conditional Independence II: d-Separation

Two distinct variables A and B in a Bayesian network are **d-separated** if, for all (undirected) paths between A and B, there is an intermediate variable V (distinct from A and B) such that

- The connection is serial or diverging and V is instantiated, or
- The connection is converging, and neither V nor any of V's descendants have received evidence.

If A and B are not d-separated, then they are called **d-connected**.

d-Separation

If A and B are **d-separated** through the intermediate variable V then

$$\text{Ind}(A; B|V)$$

(if the connection is serial or diverging and V is instantiated)

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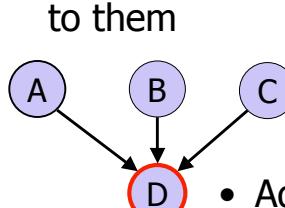
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Undirected Relations

- Dependence relation R among A,B,C
- Neither desirable nor possible to attach directions to them



- Add new variable D with states *y, n*
- Set

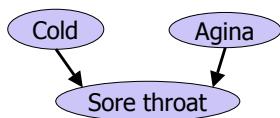
$$P(D = y | A, B, C) = R(A, B, C)$$

$$P(D = n | A, B, C) = 1 - R(A, B, C)$$

- Enter evidence D=y

Noisy or

- When a variable A has several parents, you must specify the CPD for each configuration of its parents
 - Number of cases for each configuration in a database too small, configurations too specific for experts, ...



$P(\text{Sore throat} | \text{Cold})$
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Noisy or

- A_1, \dots, A_n binary variables **listing all the causes** of binary variable B
- Each **event** $A_i = y$ **causes** $B = n$ (**independently** of the other events) **unless an inhibitor prevents it** with probability

$$P(B = n | A_i = y) = q_i$$

- Then

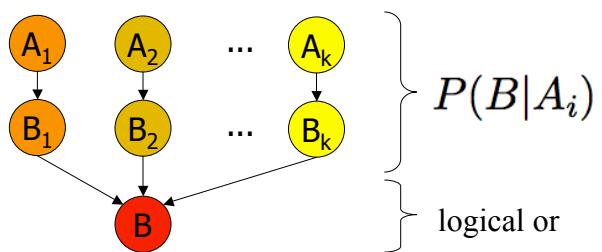
$$P(B = n | A_i, \dots, A_k) = \prod_{j \in Y} q_i$$

$$P(B = y | A_i, \dots, A_k) = 1 - \prod_{j \in Y} q_i$$

where Y is the set of indeces of variables in state y

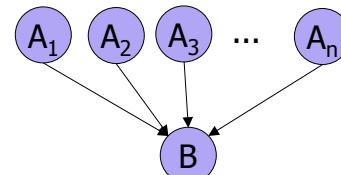
Noisy or

- linear in the number of parents
- $P(B = y | A_i = \dots = A_k = n) = 0$
- Can be modelled directly:

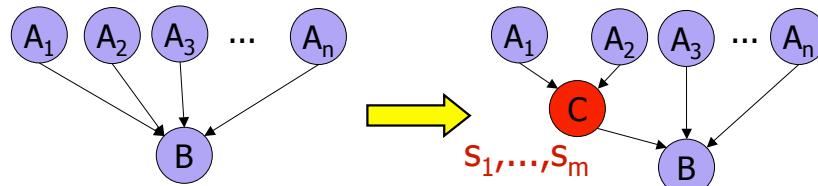


- Complementary construction is **noisy and**

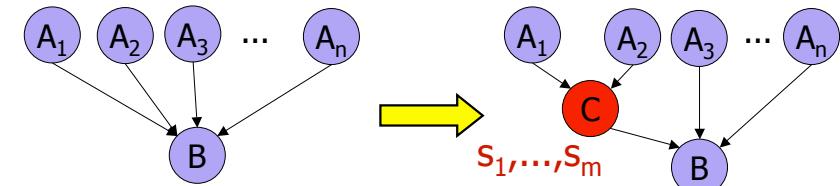
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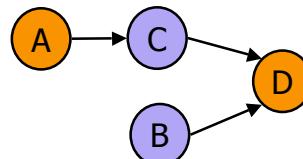
The set of parents A_1, \dots, A_i for B are divorced from the parents A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n

Set of configurations c_1, \dots, c_k of A_1, \dots, A_i can be partitioned into the sets s_1, \dots, s_m s.t. whenever two configurations c, c' are elements of the same s_i then

$$P(B|c, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) = P(B|c', A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n)$$

Experts Disagreements

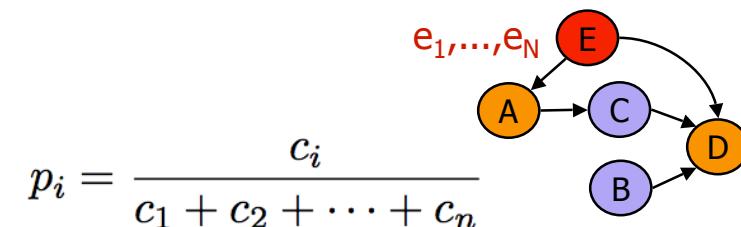
- Expert e_1, \dots, e_n disagree on the conditional probabilities of a Bayesian network



- Experts disagree on A, D
- Confidences into experts c_1, \dots, c_n
e.g. (2, 1, 5, 3, ..., 1)

Expert disagreements

- Introduce a new variable E having the (confidence) distribution p_1, \dots, p_n and link it to each variable, the tables of which the experts disagree upon.



$$p_i = \frac{c_i}{c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n}$$

- The child variables have a CPD for each expert

Other Models ...

