

#### Another Variable Elimination Example

### Query: $P(X_3|Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_3 = y_3)$

 $p(Z)p(X_1|Z)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_1|X_1)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$ 

liminate  $X_1$ , this introduces the factor  $f_1(Z,y_1)=\sum_{x_1}p(x_1|Z)p(y_1|x_1)$ , and e are left with:

 $p(Z) f_1(Z, y_1) p(X_2|Z) p(X_3|Z) p(y_2|X_2) p(y_3|X_3)$ 

liminate  $X_2$ , this introduces the factor  $f_2(Z,y_2) = \sum_{x_2} p(x_2|Z)p(y_2|x_2)$ , and e are left with:

 $p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)f_2(Z, y_2)p(X_3|Z)p(y_3|X_3)$ 

Eliminate Z, this introduces the factor  $f_3(y_1,y_2,X_3)=\sum_z p(z)f_1(z,y_1)f_2(z,y_2)p(X_3|z),$  nd we are left:

 $p(y_3|X_3), f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3)$ 

No hidden variables left. Join the remaining factors to get:

 $f_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, X_3) = P(y_3|X_3)f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3).$ 

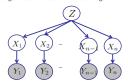
nalizing over  $X_3$  gives  $P(X_3|y_1, y_2, y_3)$ .



Computational complexity critically depends on the largest factor being generated in this process. Size of factor = number of entries in table. In example above (assuming binary) all factors generated are of size 2 --- as they all only have one variable (Z, Z, and X<sub>3</sub> respectively).

### Variable Elimination Ordering

• For the query  $P(X_n|Y_1,...,Y_n)$  work through the following two different orderings as done in previous slide:  $Z_1, X_1,..., X_{n+1}$  and  $X_1,..., X_{n+1}$ . What is the size of the maximum factor generated for each of the orderings?



- Answer: 2<sup>n</sup> versus 2<sup>1</sup> (assuming binary)
- In general: the ordering can greatly affect efficiency.

### VE: Computational and Space Complexity

- The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor
- The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor.
- Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?

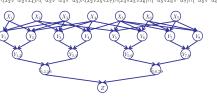
# Worst Case Complexity?

CSP:

 $(x_1 \lor x_2 \lor \neg x_3) \land (\neg x_1 \lor x_3 \lor \neg x_4) \land (x_2 \lor \neg x_2 \lor x_4) \land (\neg x_3 \lor \neg x_4 \lor \neg x_5) \land (x_2 \lor x_5 \lor x_7) \land (x_4 \lor x_5 \lor x_6) \land (\neg x_5 \lor x_6 \lor \neg x_7) \land (\neg x_5 \lor \neg x_6 \lor x_7) \land (x_4 \lor x_5 \lor x_6) \land (x_4 \lor x_6) \lor (x_4 \lor x_6) \land (x_4 \lor x_6) \lor (x_4 \lor$ 

 $P(X_i = 0) = P(X_i = 1) = 0.5$  $Y_1 = X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \neg X_3$  $Y_{7,8} = Y_7 \wedge Y_8$   $Y_{1,2,3,4} = Y_{1,2} \wedge Y_{3,4}$   $Y_{5,6,7,8} = Y_{5,6} \wedge Y_{7,8}$ 

 $Z=Y_{1,2,3,4}\wedge Y_{5,6,7,8}$ 



- If we can answer P(z) equal to zero or not, we answered whether the 3-SAT problem has a solution.
- Hence inference in Bayes' nets is NP-hard. No known efficient probabilistic inference in general.

### **Polytrees**

- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For poly-trees you can always find an ordering that is efficient
- Cut-set conditioning for Bayes' net inference
  - Choose set of variables such that if removed only a polytree remains
  - Exercise: Think about how the specifics would work out!

# Bayes' Nets

**✓** Representation

✓ Conditional Independences

Probabilistic Inference

✓ Enumeration (exact, exponential)

✓ Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)

✓ Inference is NP-complete

Sampling (approximate)

Learning Bayes' Nets from Data