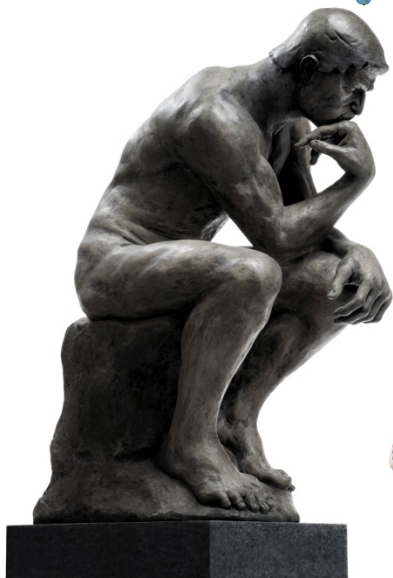


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# Eliminating Z

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) = \prod_{i=1}^{m_k} \phi_i \quad \text{factor product}$$

$$\tau_k(\mathbf{X}_k - \{Z\}) = \sum_Z \psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) \quad \text{marginalization}$$

# Reminder: Factor Product

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) = \prod_{i=1}^{m_k} \phi_i$$

each row  
 $m_k - 1$  products

$$N_k = |\text{Val}(\mathbf{X}_k)|$$

a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	0.5
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	0.8
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	0.1
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	0
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	0.3
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	0.9

B, C

b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.5
b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.7
b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.1
b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.2



A, B, C

a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.5 · 0.5 = 0.25
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.5 · 0.7 = 0.35
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.8 · 0.1 = 0.08
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.8 · 0.2 = 0.16
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.1 · 0.5 = 0.05
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.1 · 0.7 = 0.07
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0 · 0.1 = 0
a <sup>2</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0 · 0.2 = 0
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.3 · 0.5 = 0.15
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.3 · 0.7 = 0.21
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.9 · 0.1 = 0.09
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.9 · 0.2 = 0.18

Cost:  $(m_k - 1)N_k$  multiplications

# Reminder: Factor Marginalization

*each number used exactly once  
marg B*

$$\tau_k(\underline{X_k} - \{Z\}) = \sum_Z \psi_k(\underline{X_k})$$

$$N_k = |\text{Val}(X_k)|$$

a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.25
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.35
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.08
a <sup>1</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.16
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a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.09
a <sup>3</sup>	b <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.18

a <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.33
a <sup>1</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.51
a <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.05
a <sup>2</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.07
a <sup>3</sup>	c <sup>1</sup>	0.24
a <sup>3</sup>	c <sup>2</sup>	0.39

Cost:  $\sim N_k$  additions

# Complexity of Variable Elimination

- Start with  $m$  factors
  - $m$   $\leq n$  for Bayesian networks *(one for every variable)*
  - can be larger for Markov networks
- At each elimination step generate *1 factor*
- At most  $n$  elimination steps
- Total number of factors:  $m^* \leq m + n$

# Complexity of Variable Elimination

- $N = \max(N_k) =$  size of the largest factor
- Product operations:  $\sum_k (m_k - 1) N_k \leq N \sum_k (m_k - 1)$   
*each factor multiply in at most once*  $N m^*$   $\leq m^*$
- Sum operations:  $\leq \sum_k N_k \leq N \cdot \# \text{elimination steps} \leq \underline{N \cdot n}$
- Total work is linear in  $N$  and  $m^*$

# Complexity of Variable Elimination

- Total work is ~~linear in  $N$  and  $m$~~  *exponential blowup*
- $N_k = |\text{Val}(X_k)| = O(d^{r_k})$  where *# variables in  $k^{\text{th}}$  factor*
  - $d = \max(|\text{Val}(X_i)|)$  *d values in their scope*
  - $r_k = |X_k|$  = cardinality of the scope of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  factor

# Complexity Example

$$\tau_1(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D) \quad 2$$

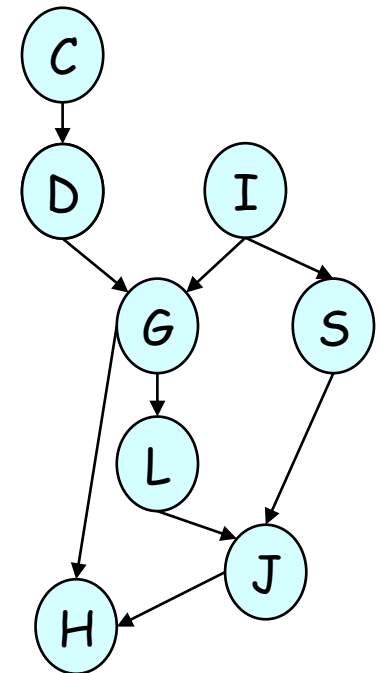
$$\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_3(S, G) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_5(J, L, S) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J) \quad 4 \leftarrow$$

$$\tau_6(J) = \sum_{L, S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(J, L, S) \quad 3$$





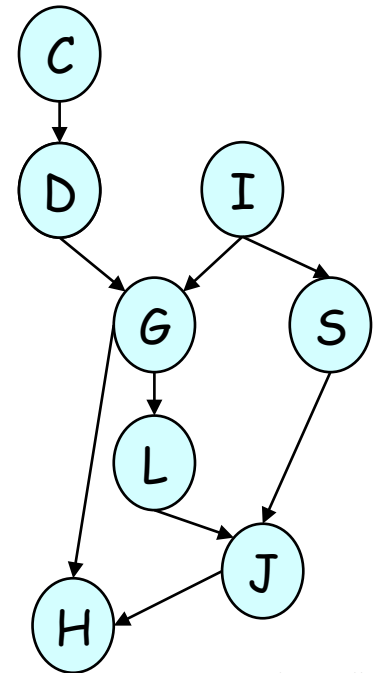
# Complexity and Elimination Order

$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D,C} \phi_J(J,L,S) \phi_L(L,G) \phi_S(S,I) \phi_G(G,I,D) \phi_H(H,G,J) \phi_I(I) \phi_D(C,D) \phi_C(C)$$

- Eliminate: G

$$\sum_G \phi_L(L,G) \phi_G(G,I,D) \phi_H(H,G,J)$$

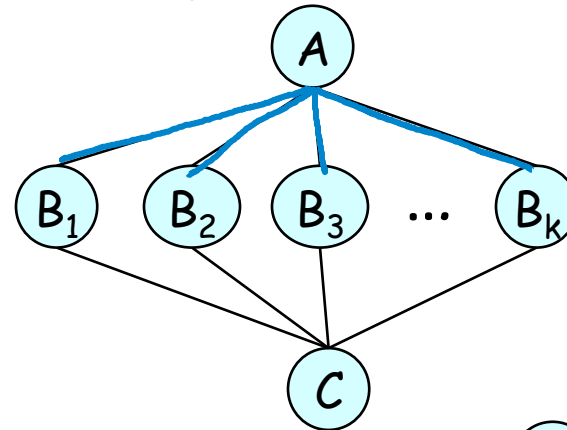
$\overbrace{L, G, I, D, H, J}^6$



# Complexity and Elimination Order

Eliminate A first:

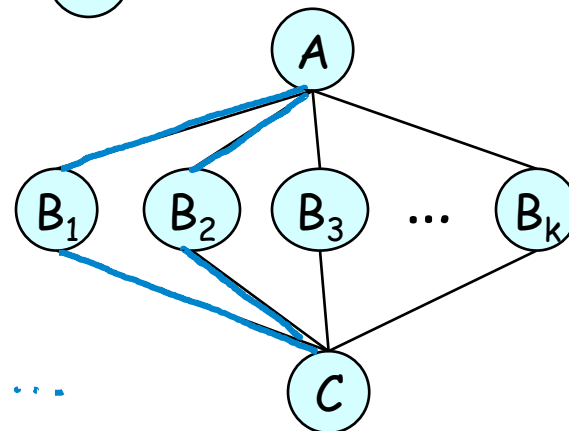
$\{A, B_1, \dots, B_k\}$   
 size of factor is exp in  $k$



Eliminate  $B_i$ 's first:

$\underbrace{\phi_{A_i}(A, B_i) \cdot \phi_{C_i}(C, B_i)}_{\text{scope } A, B_i, C} \Rightarrow \tau_1(A, C)$   
 $\tau_2(A, C) \dots$

$\prod_i \tau_i(A, C)$



# Summary

- Complexity of variable elimination linear in
  - size of the model (# factors, # variables)
  - size of the largest factor generated
- Size of factor is exponential in its scope
- Complexity of algorithm depends heavily on elimination ordering