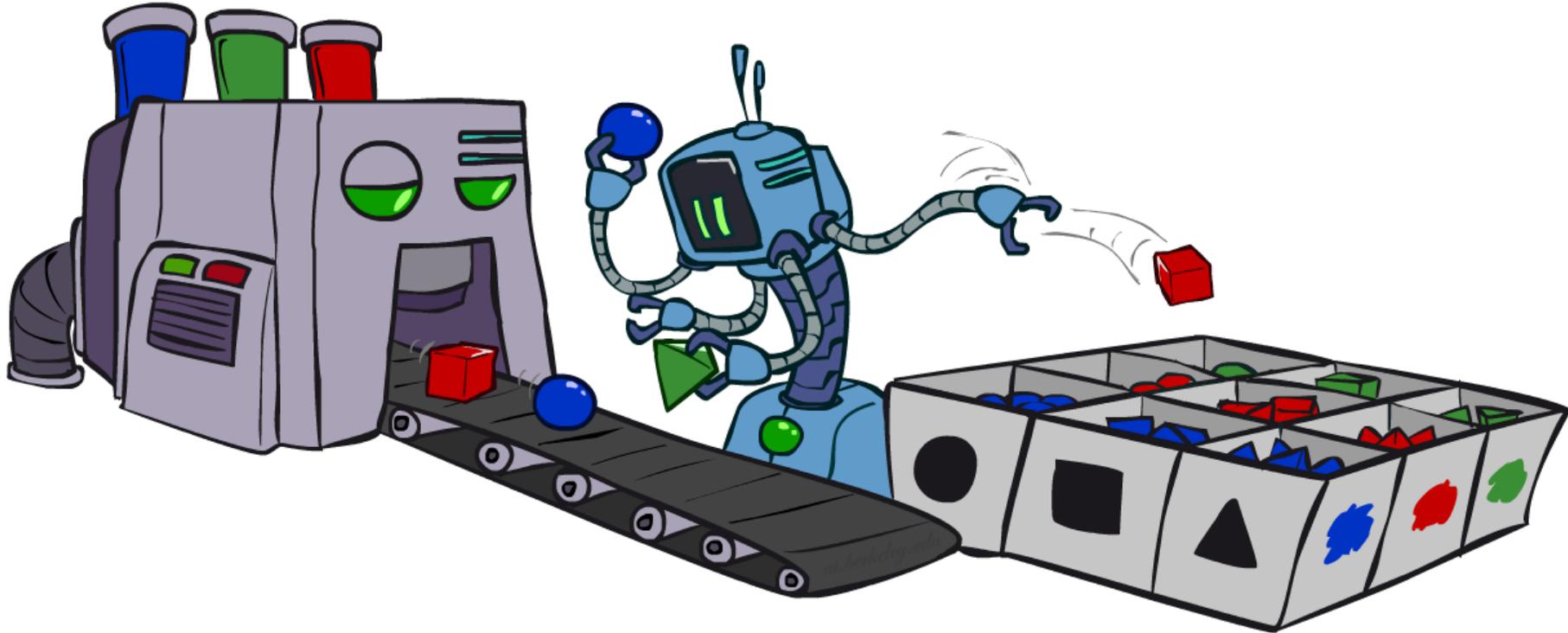


CS 343: Artificial Intelligence

Bayes Nets: Sampling



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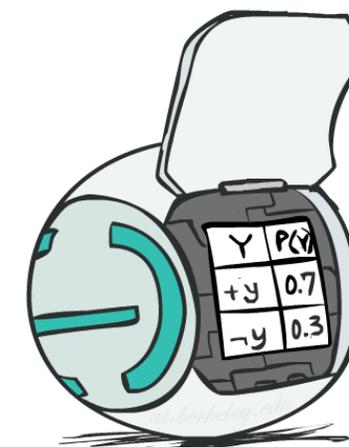
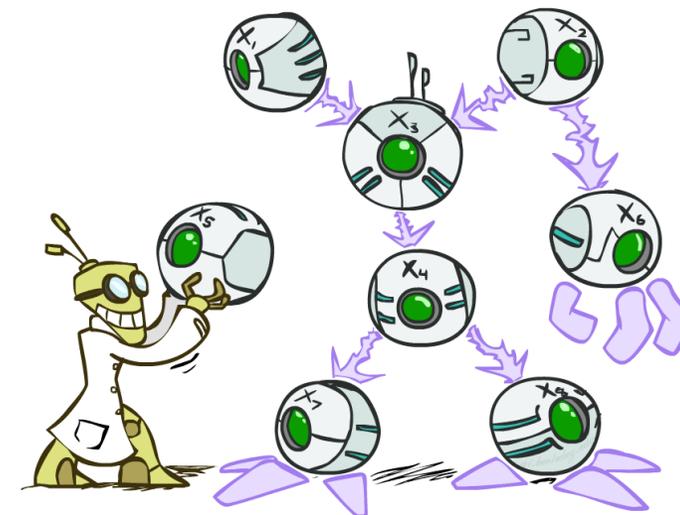
Bayes Net Representation

- A directed, acyclic graph, one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
 - A collection of distributions over X , one for each combination of parents' values

$$P(X|a_1 \dots a_n)$$

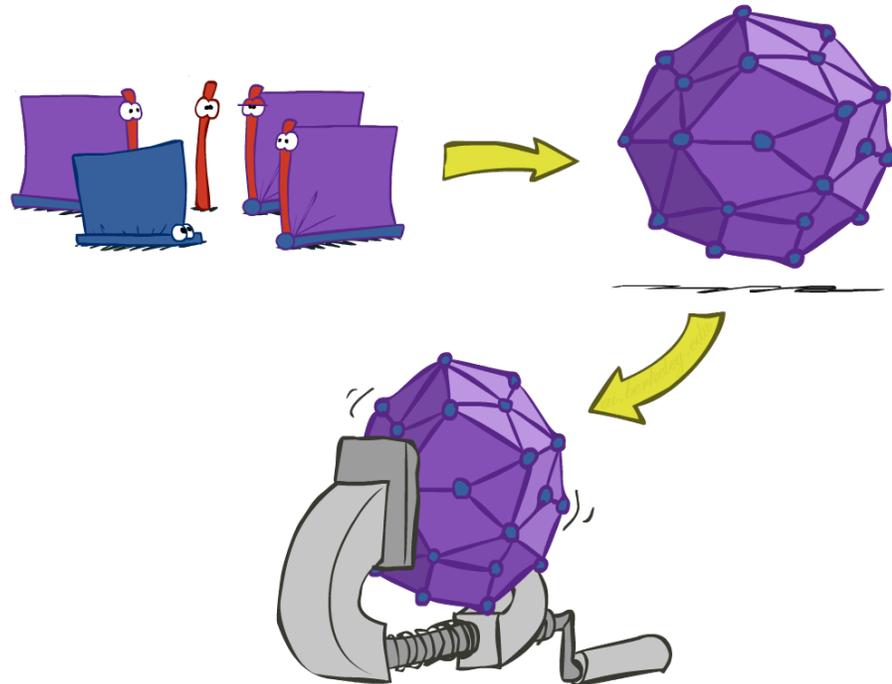
- Bayes nets implicitly encode joint distributions
 - As a product of local conditional distributions
 - To see what probability a BN gives to a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

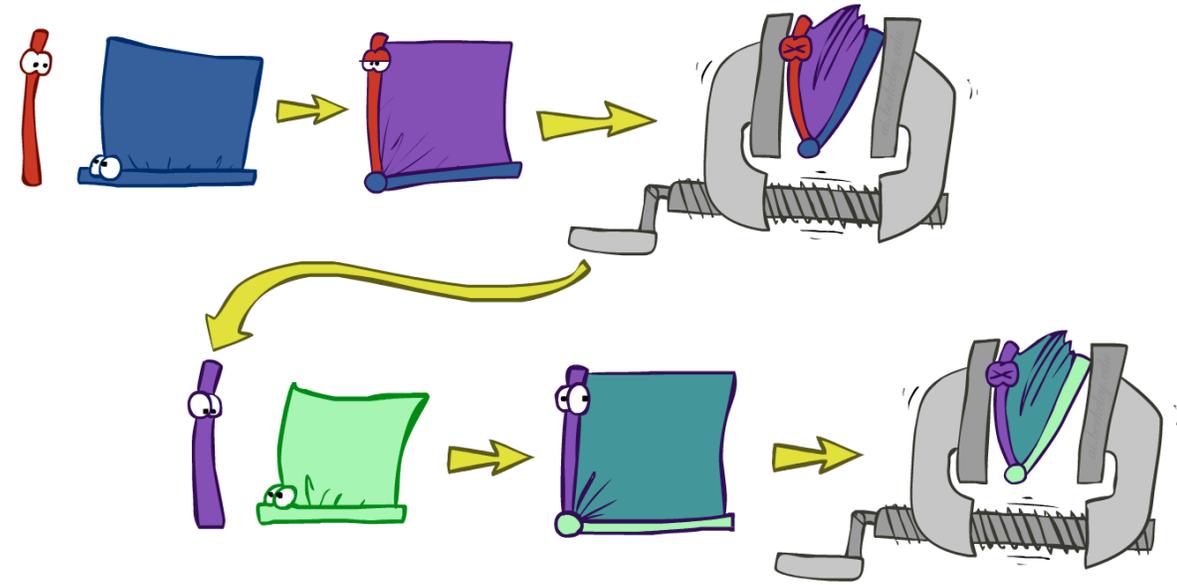


Inference by Enumeration vs. Variable Elimination

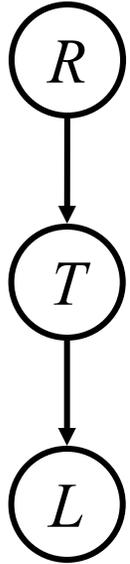
- Why is inference by enumeration so slow?
 - You join up the whole joint distribution before you sum out the hidden variables



- Idea: interleave joining and marginalizing!
 - Called “Variable Elimination”
 - Still NP-hard, but usually much faster than inference by enumeration



Traffic Domain



$$P(L) = ?$$

- Inference by Enumeration

$$= \sum_t \sum_r \underbrace{P(L|t)P(r)P(t|r)}_{\text{Join on } r}$$
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Join on } t}$$
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- Variable Elimination

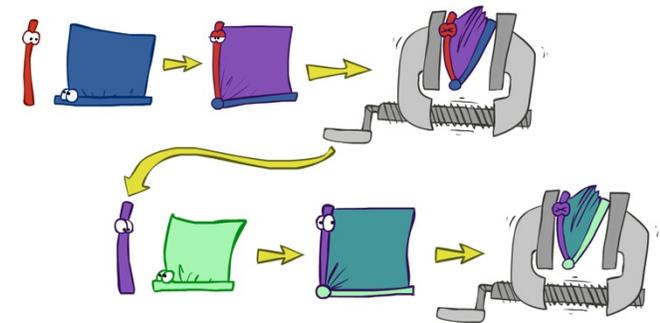
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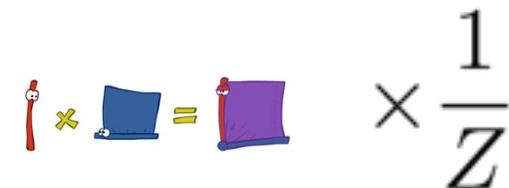
General Variable Elimination

- Query: $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$
- Start with initial factors:
 - Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)
- While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):
 - Pick a hidden variable H
 - Join all factors mentioning H
 - Eliminate (sum out) H
- Join all remaining factors and normalize



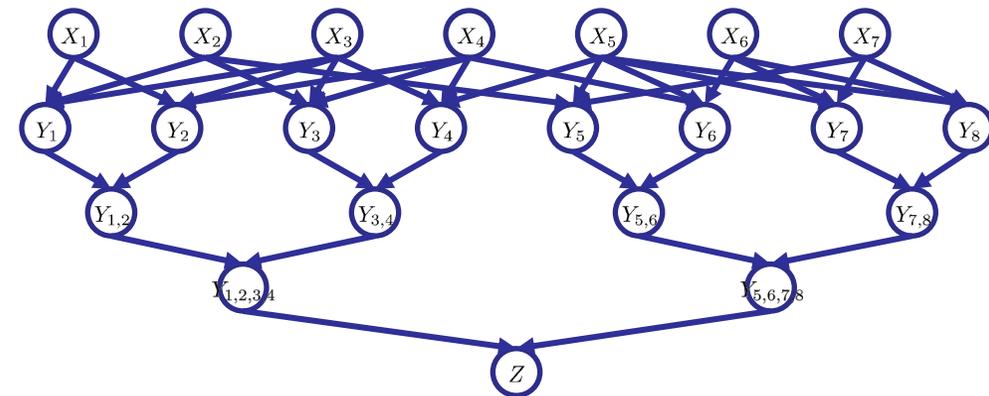
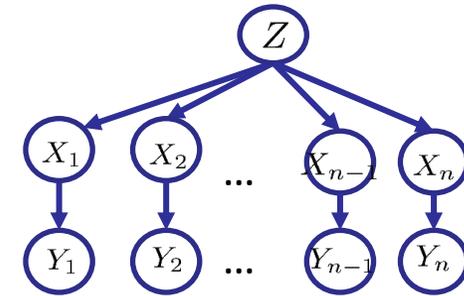
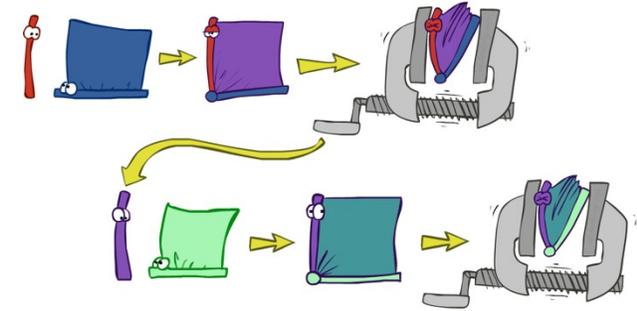
x	P(x)
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01



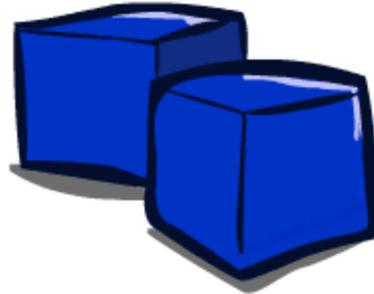
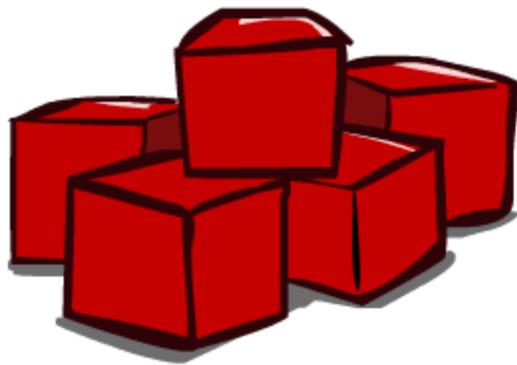

$$\text{stick} \times \text{blue square} = \text{purple square} \times \frac{1}{Z}$$

Variable Elimination Efficiency

- Interleave joining and marginalizing, instead of fully joining all at once (i.e. enumeration)
- d^k entries computed for a factor over k variables with domain sizes d
- Ordering of elimination of hidden variables can affect size of factors generated
- Worst case: running time exponential in the size of the Bayes net (NP-hard)



Approximate Inference: Sampling



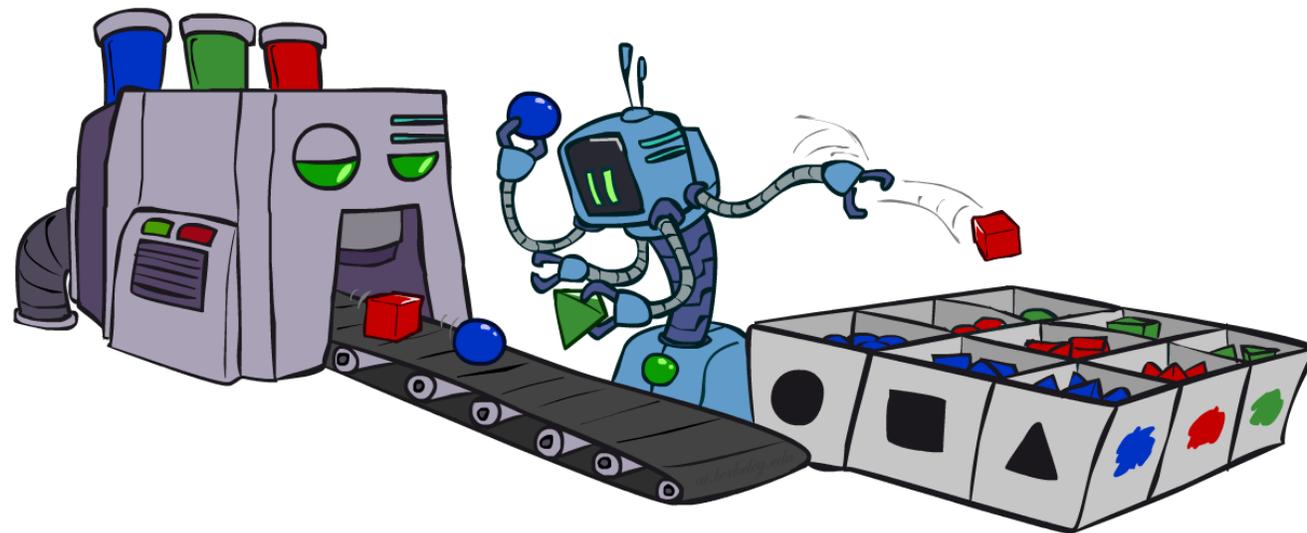
Sampling

- Basic idea

- Draw N samples from a sampling distribution S
- Compute an approximate posterior probability
- Show this converges to the true probability P

- Why sample?

- Learning: get samples from a distribution you don't know
- Inference: getting samples can be faster than computing the right answer (e.g. with variable elimination)



Sampling

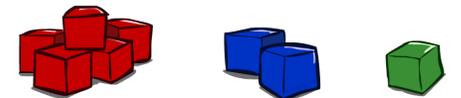
- Sampling from given distribution
 - Step 1: Get sample u from uniform distribution over $[0, 1)$
 - E.g. `random()` in python
 - Step 2: Convert this sample u into an outcome for the given distribution by having each outcome associated with a sub-interval of $[0,1)$ with sub-interval size equal to probability of the outcome

- Example

C	P(C)
red	0.6
green	0.1
blue	0.3

$$0 \leq u < 0.6, \rightarrow C = \textit{red}$$
$$0.6 \leq u < 0.7, \rightarrow C = \textit{green}$$
$$0.7 \leq u < 1, \rightarrow C = \textit{blue}$$

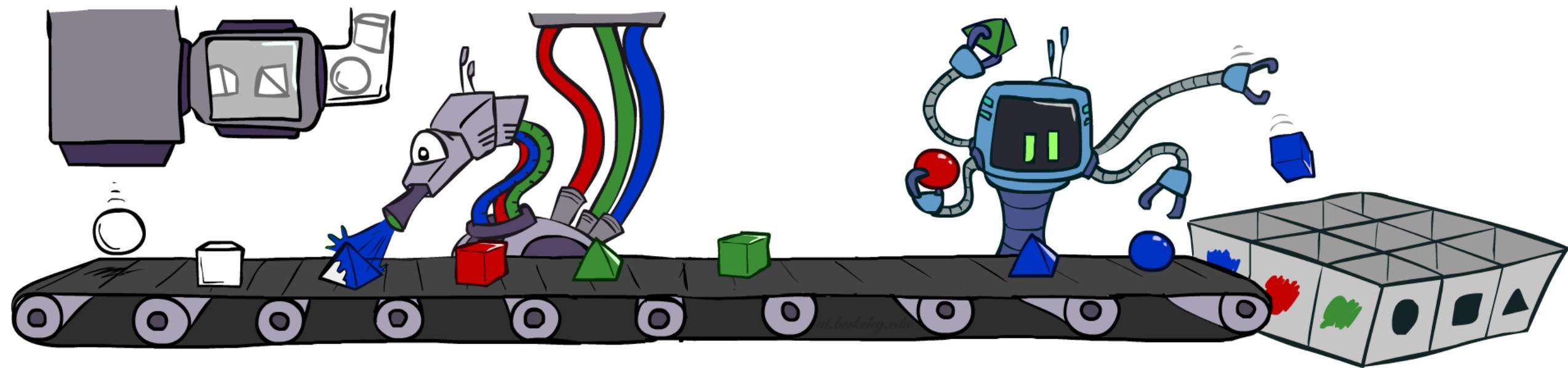
- If `random()` returns $u = 0.83$, then our sample is $C = \textit{blue}$
- E.g, after sampling 8 times:



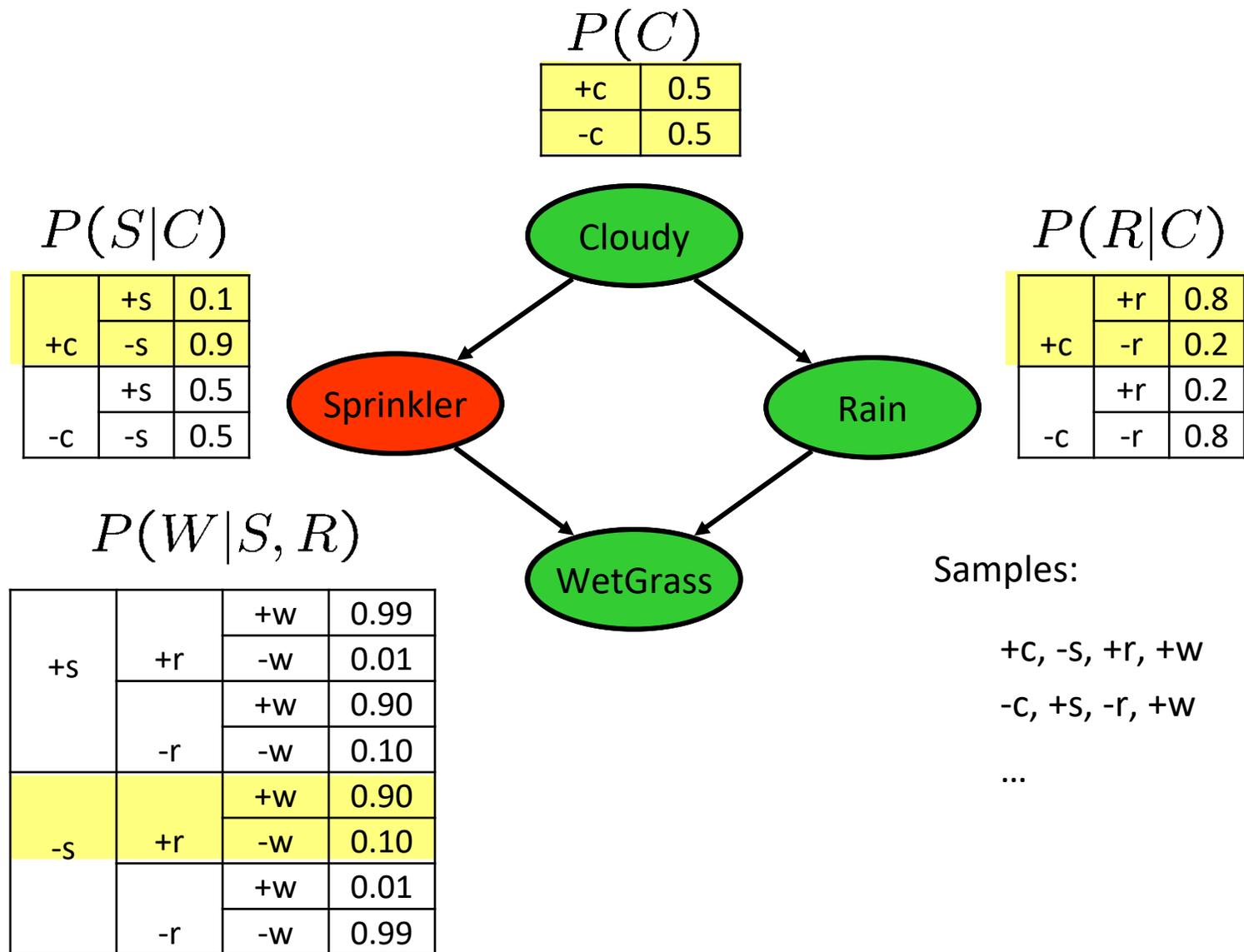
Sampling in Bayes Nets

- Prior Sampling
- Rejection Sampling
- Likelihood Weighting
- Gibbs Sampling

Prior Sampling

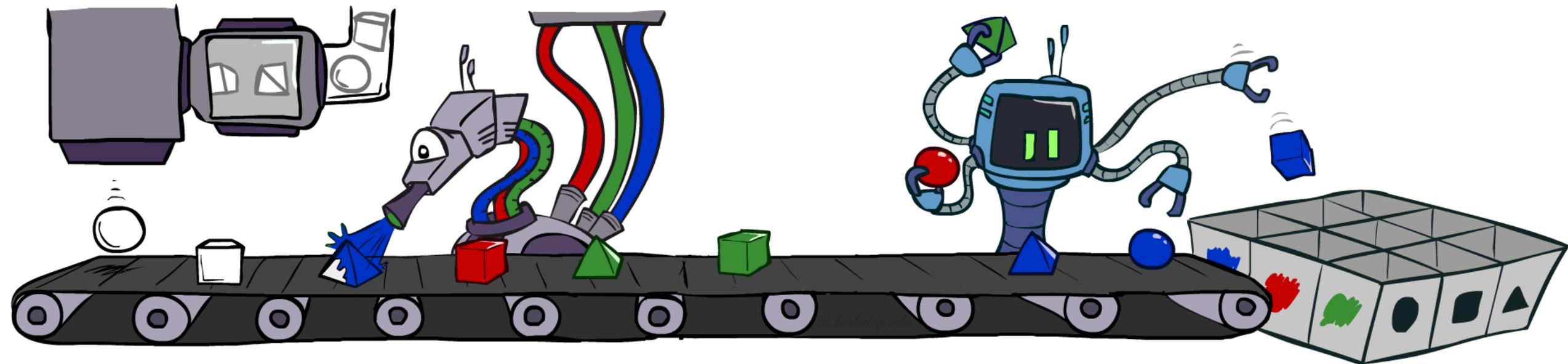


Prior Sampling



Prior Sampling

- For $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
 - Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- Return (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)



Prior Sampling

- This process generates samples with probability:

$$S_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) = P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

...i.e. the BN's joint probability

- Let the number of samples of a particular event be $N_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n)$ and the total number of samples of all events be N .
- Then
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{P}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n) / N \\ &= S_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= P(x_1 \dots x_n) \end{aligned}$$
- I.e., the sampling procedure is **consistent**

Example

- We'll get a bunch of samples from the BN:

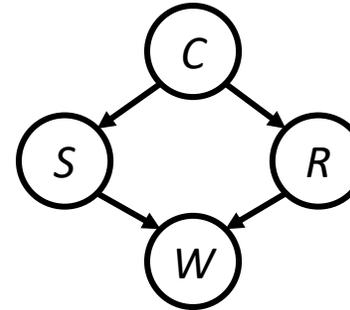
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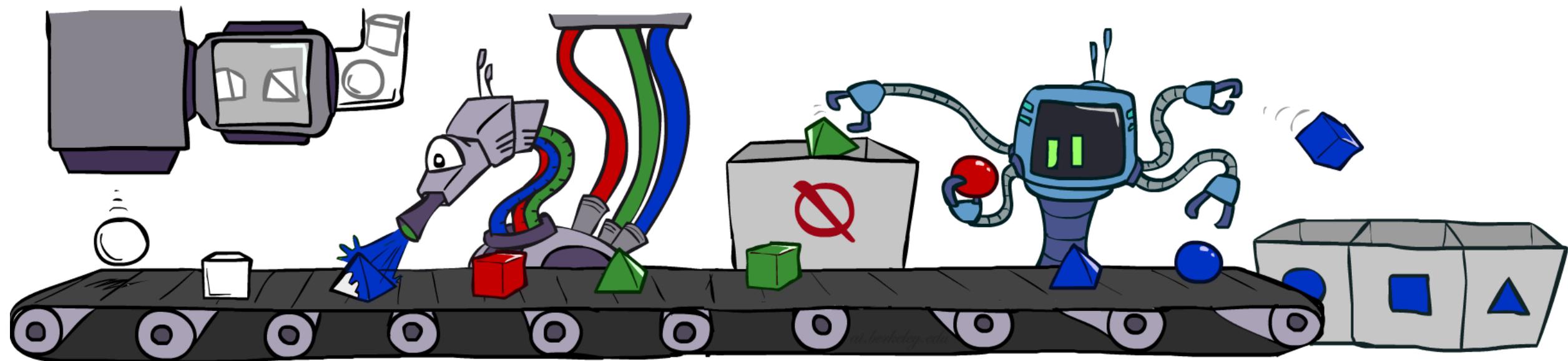
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- If we want to know $P(W)$

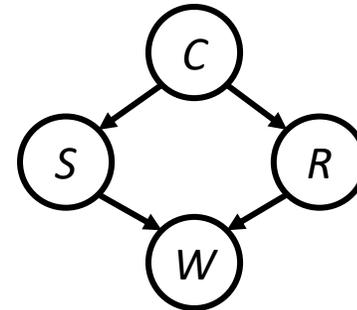
- We have counts $\langle +w:4, -w:1 \rangle$
- Normalize to get $P(W) = \langle +w:0.8, -w:0.2 \rangle$
- This will get closer to the true distribution with more samples
- Can estimate anything else, too
- What about $P(C \mid +w)$? $P(C \mid +r, +w)$? $P(C \mid -r, -w)$?
- Fast: can use fewer samples if less time (what's the drawback?)

Rejection Sampling



Rejection Sampling

- Let's say we want $P(C)$
 - No point keeping all samples around
 - Just tally counts of C as we go
- Let's say we want $P(C \mid +s)$
 - Same thing: tally C outcomes, but ignore (reject) samples which don't have $S=+s$
 - This is called rejection sampling
 - It is also consistent for conditional probabilities (i.e., correct in the limit)



~~+c, -s, +r, +w~~

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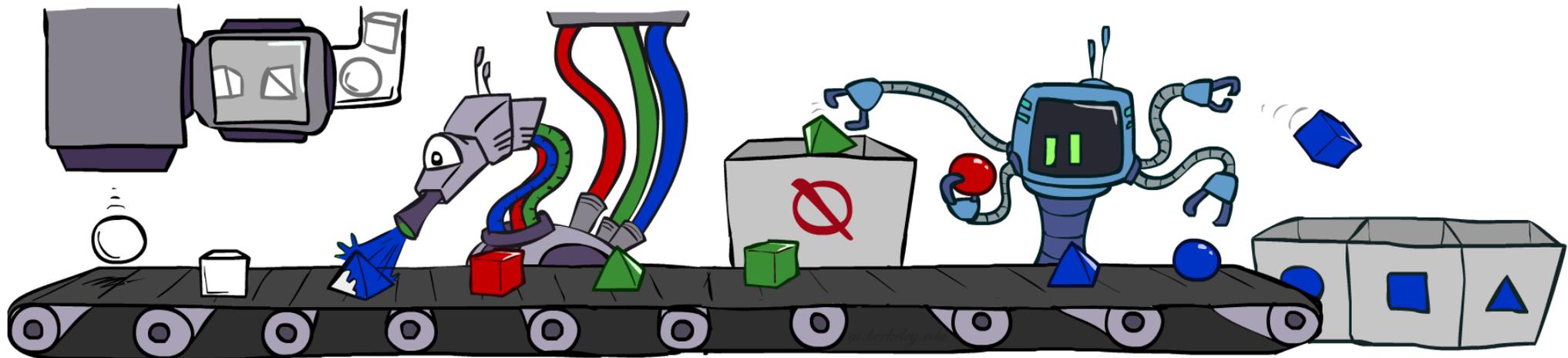
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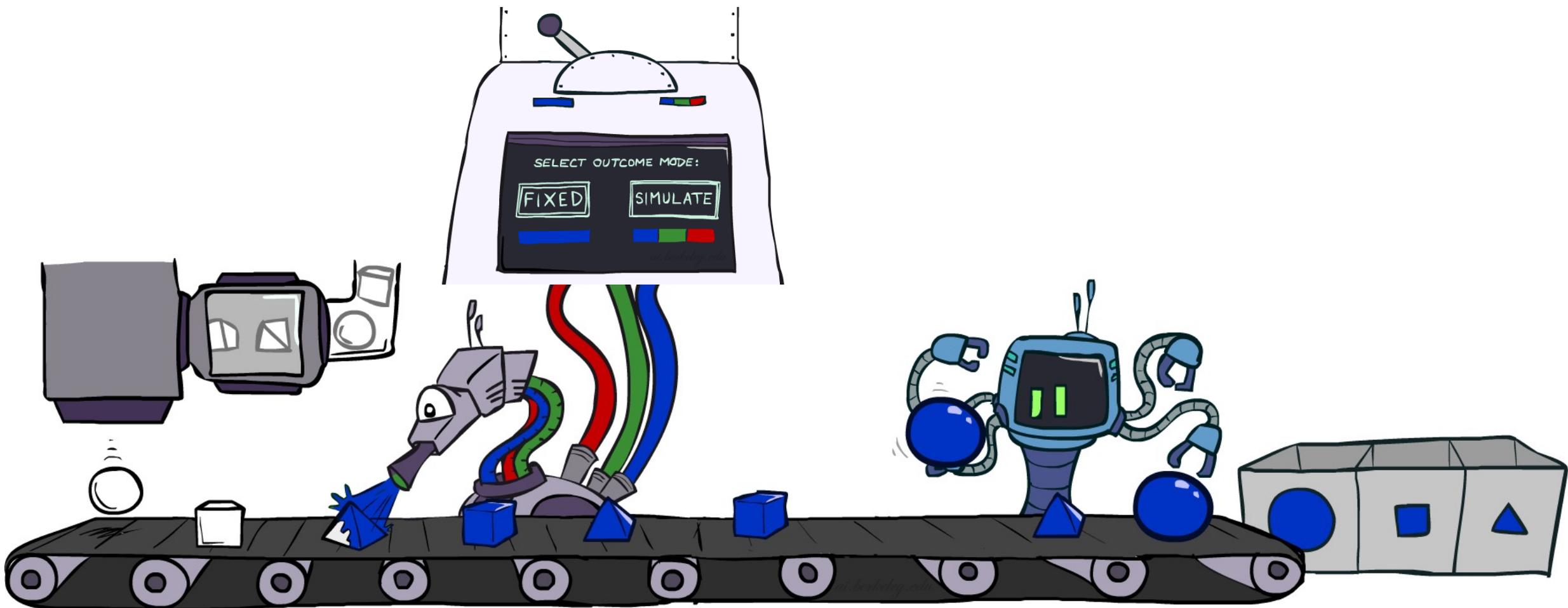
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Rejection Sampling

- IN: evidence instantiation
- For $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
 - Sample x_i from $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
 - If x_i not consistent with evidence
 - Reject: Return, and no sample is generated in this cycle
- Return (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

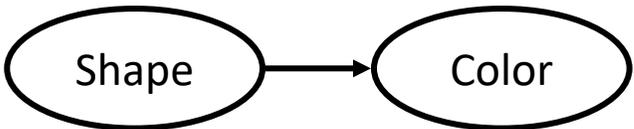


Likelihood Weighting

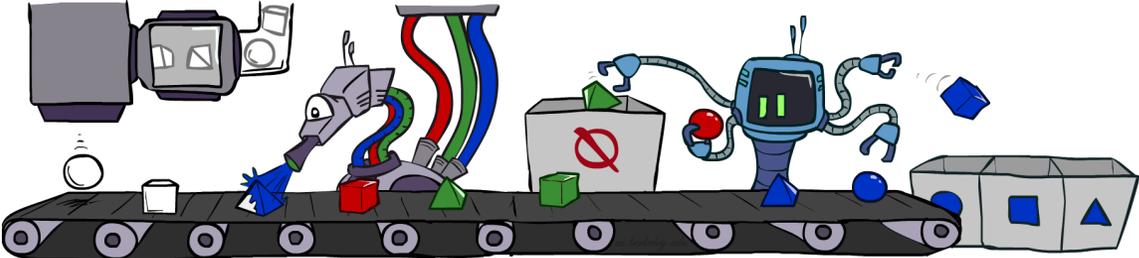


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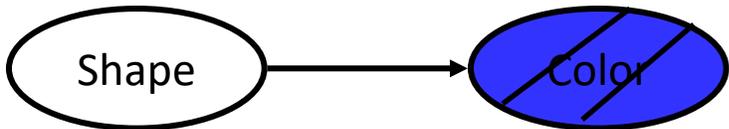
- Problem with rejection sampling:
 - If evidence is unlikely, rejects lots of samples
 - Evidence not exploited as you sample
 - Consider $P(\text{Shape} \mid \text{blue})$



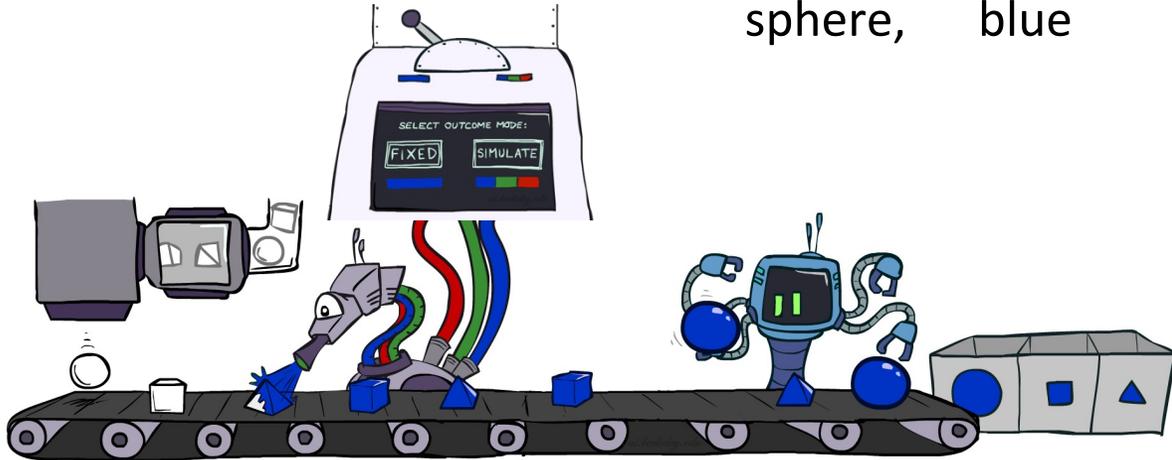
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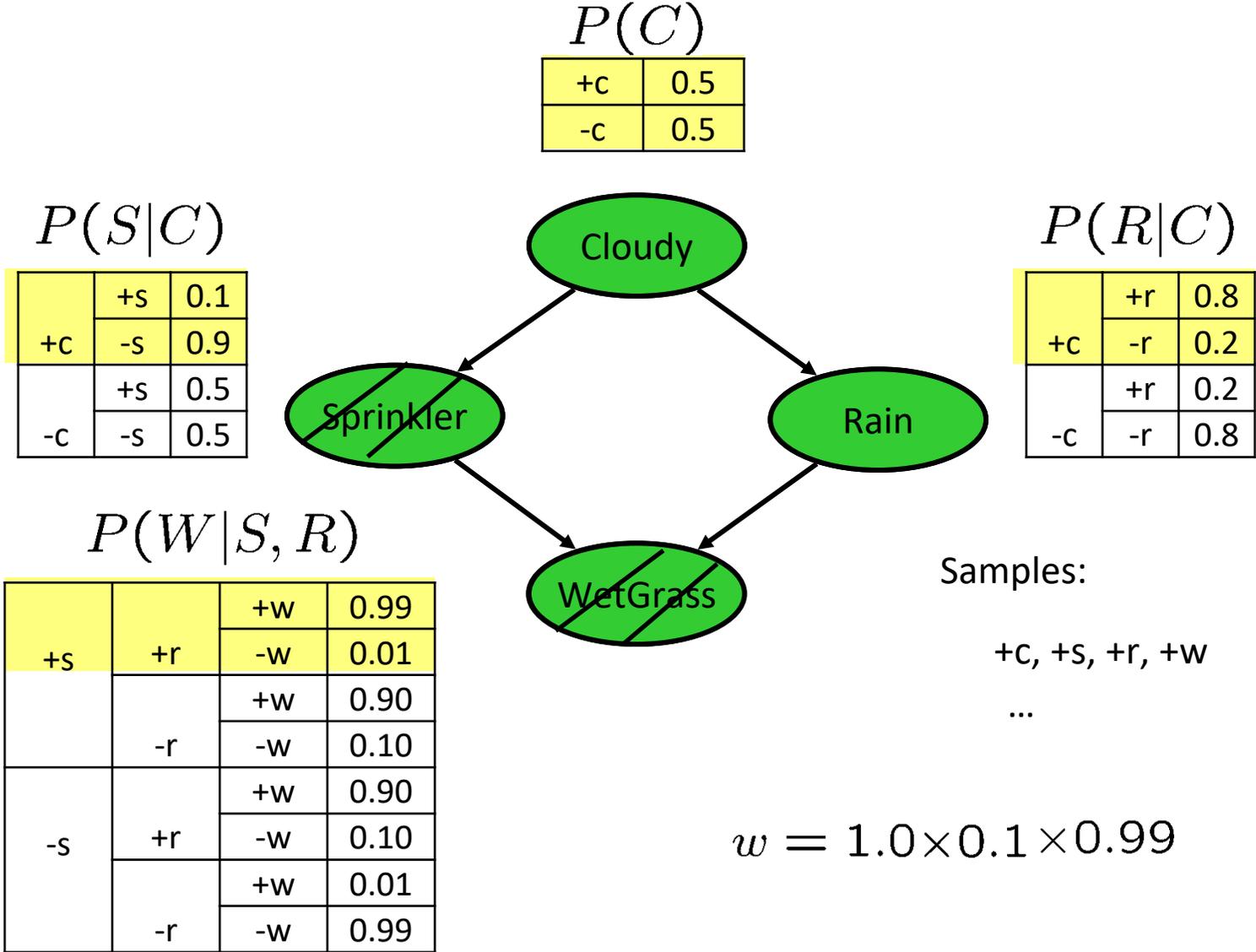
- Idea: fix evidence variables and sample the rest
 - Problem: sample distribution not consistent!
 - Solution: weight by probability of evidence given parents



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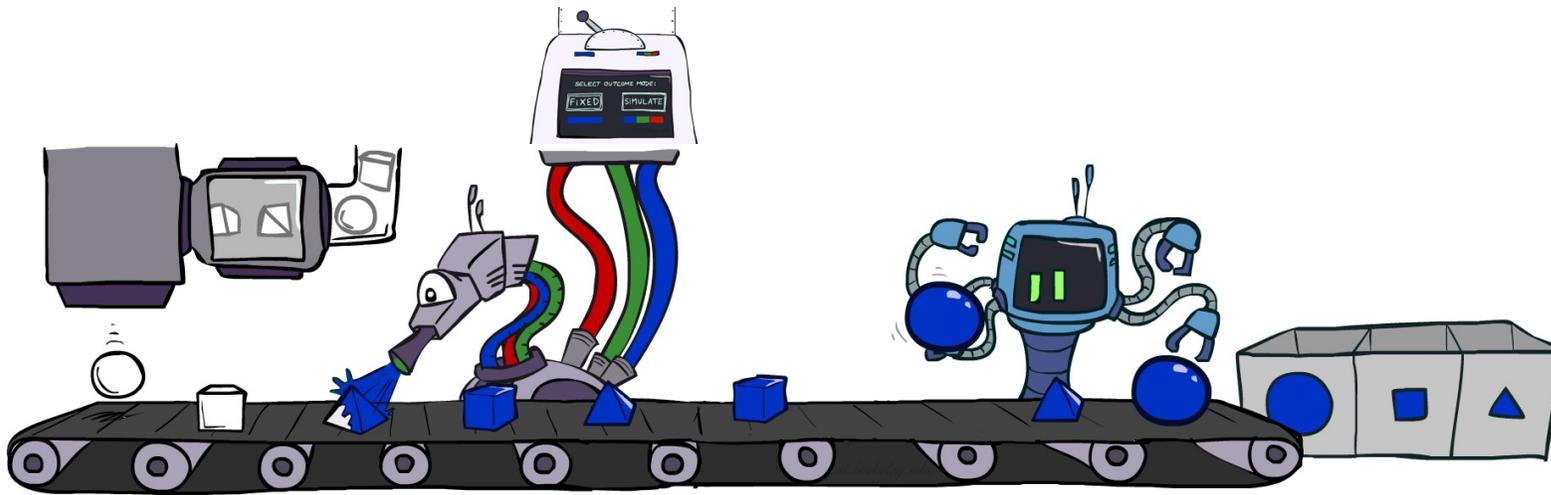


Likelihood Weighting



Likelihood Weighting

- IN: evidence instantiation
- $w = 1.0$
- for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
 - if X_i is an evidence variable
 - $X_i = \text{observation } x_i \text{ for } X_i$
 - Set $w = w * P(x_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
 - else
 - Sample x_i from $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- return $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), w$



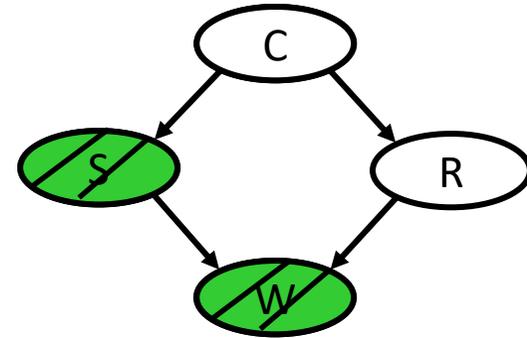
Likelihood Weighting

- Sampling distribution if z sampled and e fixed evidence

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

- Now, samples have weights

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

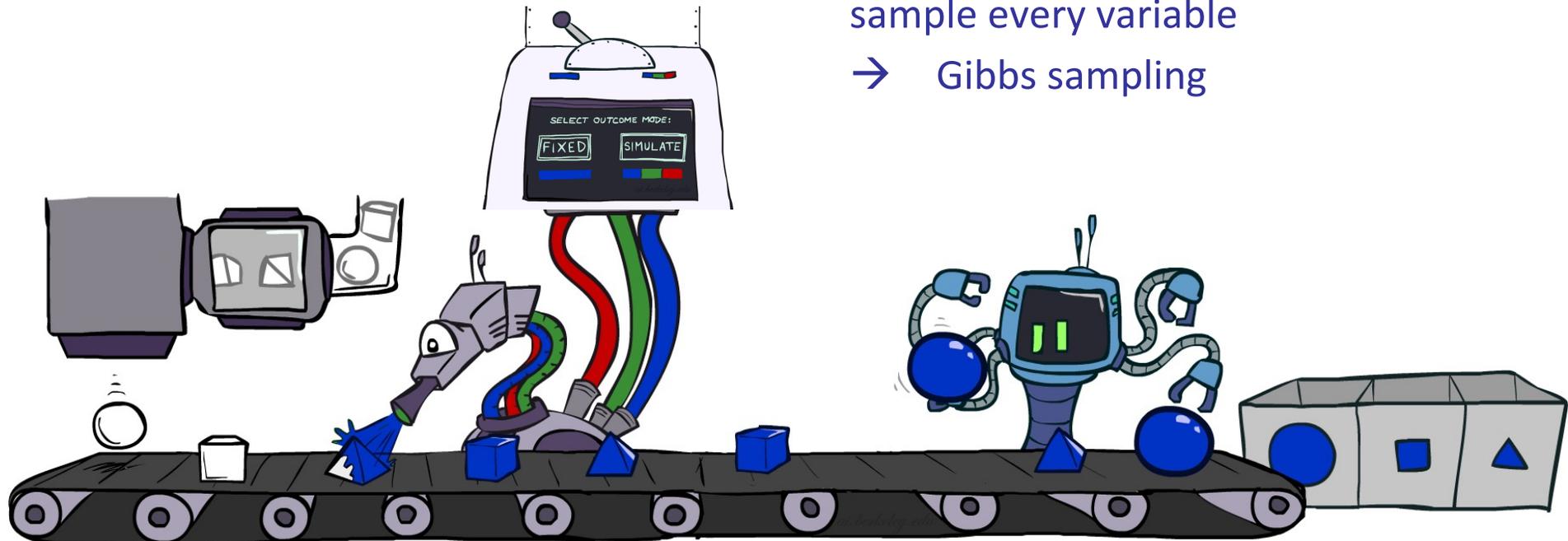


- Together, weighted sampling distribution is consistent

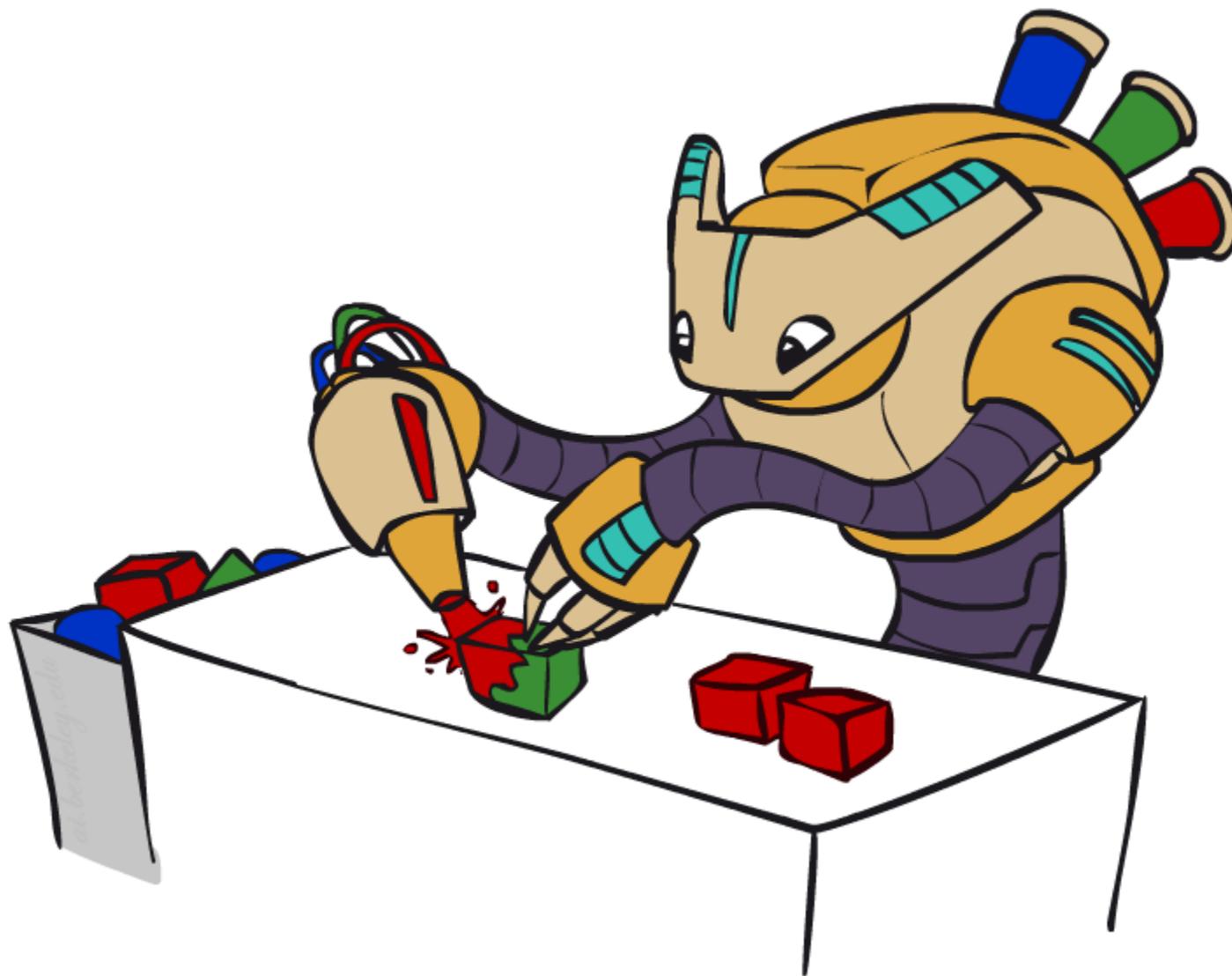
$$\begin{aligned} S_{WS}(z, e) \cdot w(z, e) &= \prod_{i=1}^l P(z_i | \text{Parents}(z_i)) \prod_{i=1}^m P(e_i | \text{Parents}(e_i)) \\ &= P(z, e) \end{aligned}$$

Likelihood Weighting

- Likelihood weighting is good
 - We have taken evidence into account as we generate the sample
 - Our samples will reflect the state of the world suggested by the evidence
 - No need for rejection!
- Likelihood weighting doesn't solve all our problems
 - Evidence influences the choice of downstream variables, but not upstream ones (not more likely to get a value matching the evidence)
 - Can cause many very small weights → inefficient!
- We would like to consider evidence when we sample every variable
 - Gibbs sampling



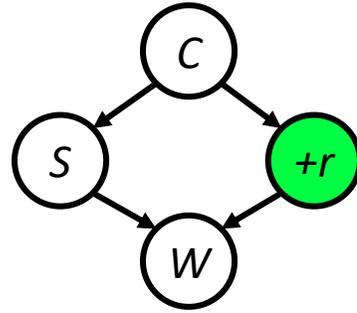
Gibbs Sampling



Gibbs Sampling Example: $P(S | +r)$

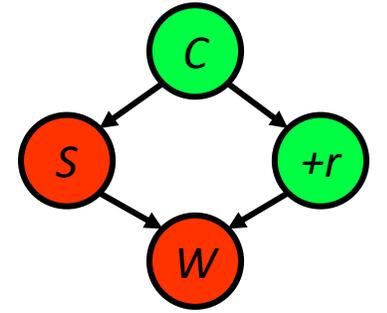
- Step 1: Fix evidence

- $R = +r$



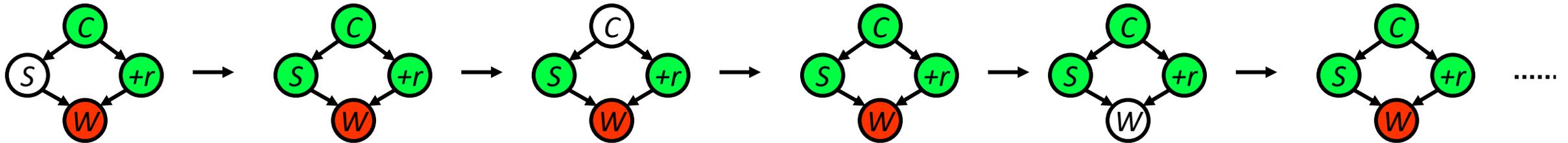
- Step 2: Initialize other variables

- Randomly



- Step 3: Repeat the following:

- Choose a non-evidence variable X
 - Resample X from $P(X | \text{all other variables})$



Sample from $P(S | +c, -w, +r)$

Sample from $P(C | +s, -w, +r)$

Sample from $P(W | +s, +c, +r)$

Gibbs Sampling

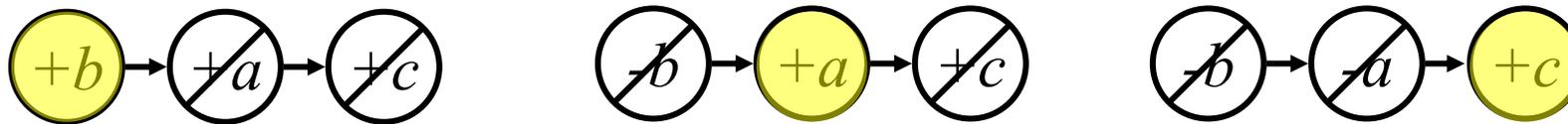
- How is this better than sampling from the full joint?
 - In a Bayes Net, sampling a variable given all the other variables (e.g. $P(R|S,C,W)$) is usually much easier than sampling from the full joint distribution
 - Only requires one join on the variable to be sampled (in this case, a join on R)

Further Reading on Gibbs Sampling*

- Gibbs sampling produces sample from the query distribution $P(Q | e)$ in limit of re-sampling infinitely often
- Gibbs sampling is a special case of more general methods called Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods
 - Metropolis-Hastings is one of the more famous MCMC methods (in fact, Gibbs sampling is a special case of Metropolis-Hastings)
- You may read about Monte Carlo methods – they're just sampling

Markov Chain Monte Carlo*

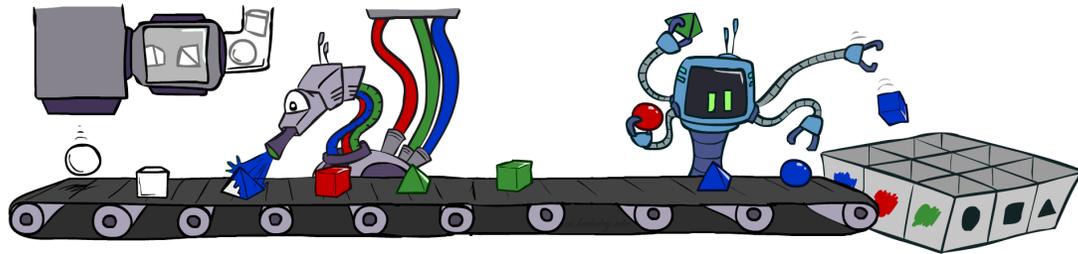
- *Idea*: instead of sampling from scratch, create samples that are each like the last one.
- *Procedure*: resample one variable at a time, conditioned on all the rest, but keep evidence fixed. E.g., for $P(b|c)$:



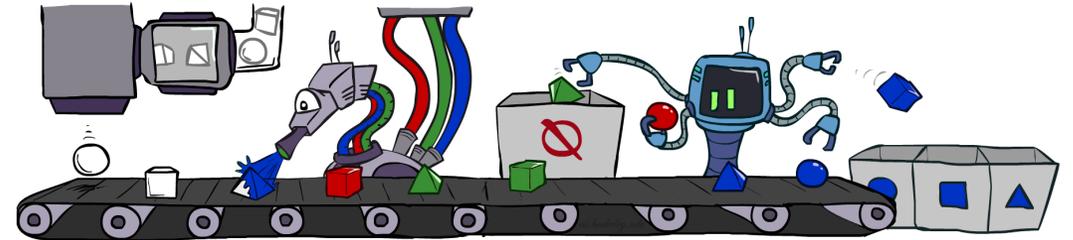
- *Properties*: Now samples are not independent (in fact they're nearly identical), but sample averages are still consistent estimators!
- *What's the point*: both upstream and downstream variables condition on evidence.

Bayes Net Sampling Summary

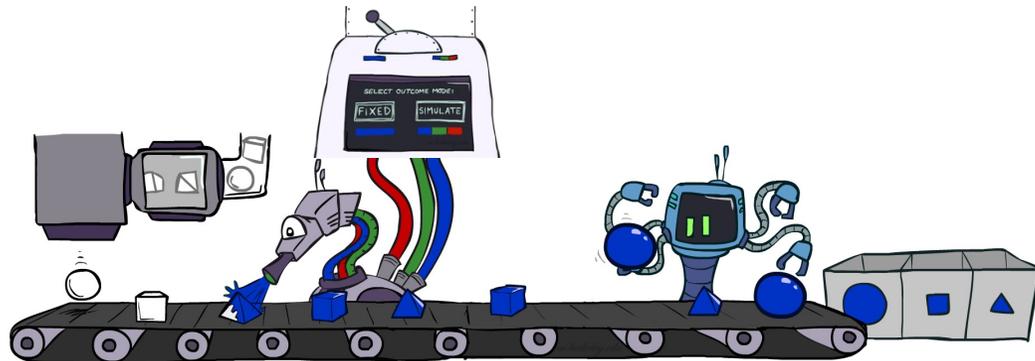
- Prior Sampling $P(Q)$



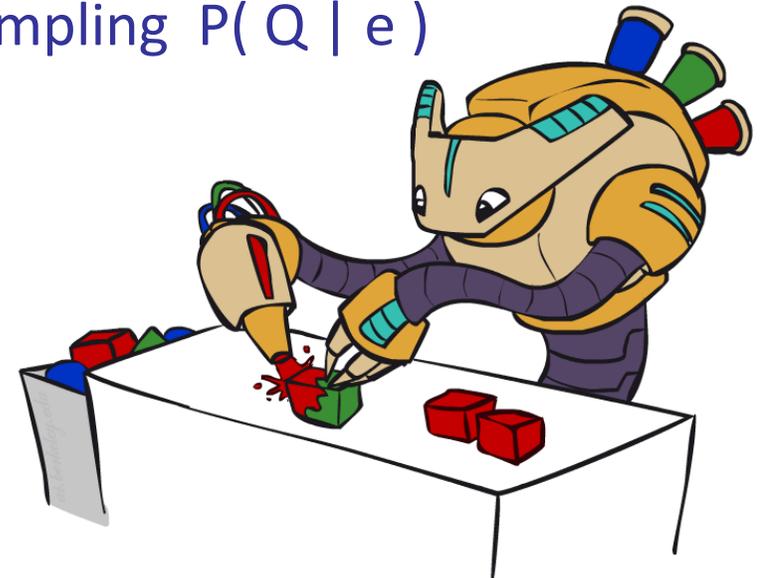
- Rejection Sampling $P(Q | e)$



- Likelihood Weighting $P(Q | e)$



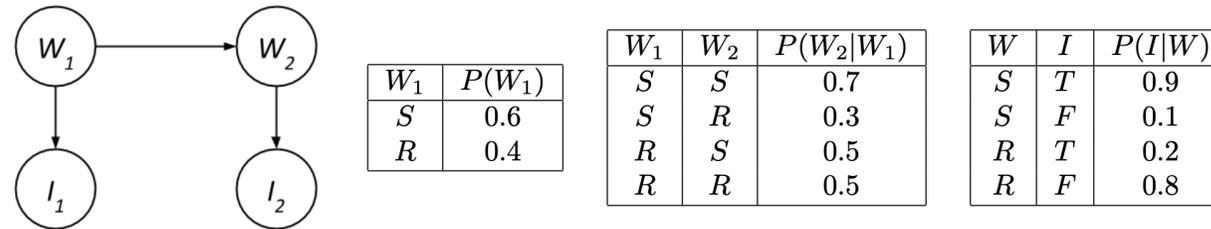
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Exercise: Bayes Nets Sampling

2 Sampling and Dynamic Bayes Nets

We would like to analyze people's ice cream eating habits on sunny and rainy days. Suppose we consider the weather, along with a person's ice-cream eating, over the span of two days. We'll have four random variables: W_1 and W_2 stand for the weather on days 1 and 2, which can either be rainy R or sunny S, and the variables I_1 and I_2 represent whether or not the person ate ice cream on days 1 and 2, and take values T (for truly eating ice cream) or F. We can model this as the following Bayes Net with these probabilities.



Suppose we produce the following samples of (W_1, I_1, W_2, I_2) from the ice-cream model:

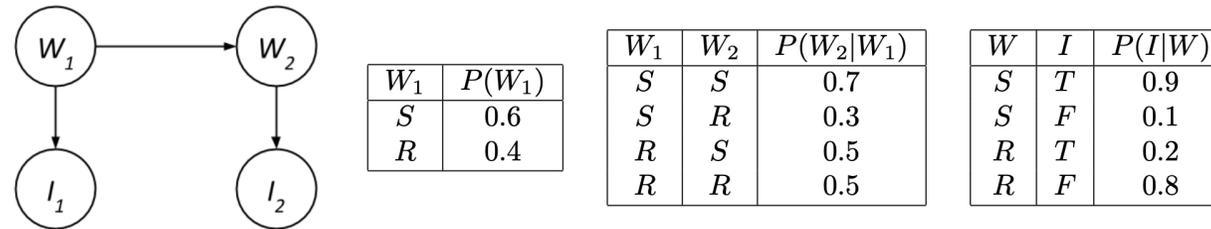
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1. What is $\hat{P}(W_2 = R)$, the probability that sampling assigns to the event $W_2 = R$?
2. Cross off samples above which are rejected by rejection sampling if we're computing $P(W_2|I_1 = T, I_2 = F)$.

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Rejection sampling seems to be wasting a lot of effort, so we decide to switch to likelihood weighting. Assume we generate the following six samples given the evidence $I_1 = T$ and $I_2 = F$:

$$(W_1, I_1, W_2, I_2) = \left\{ (S, T, R, F), (R, T, R, F), (S, T, R, F), (S, T, S, F), (S, T, S, F), (R, T, S, F) \right\}$$

3. What is the weight of the first sample (S, T, R, F) above?