

Chain Rule and CI

Bayesian Networks

Ordering of Variables and Causality

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Reading off CI's — d-separation

BN as convenient notations
for complex models

Chain rule and conditional probabilities

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$$

$$\text{indep} \Rightarrow = P(x_1) P(x_2) P(x_3)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$$

$$x_3 \perp x_1 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_2)$$

Conditional independence

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$$

	$x_1=0$	$x_1=1$	$x_1=0$	$x_1=1$
$x_2=0$	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.7
$x_2=1$	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.1
$x_3=0$		0.6	0.9	0.3
$x_3=1$		0.7	0.8	0.9

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

$$P((1, 1, 0)) = 0.9 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.2$$

Bayesian Networks (BNs)

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_1) P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$$



Bayes Net B is
a directed acyclic graph
(the nodes N are variables)
and conditional probabilities (CPT)

$$P(x_i | Pa(x_i))$$

for each $x_i \in N$.

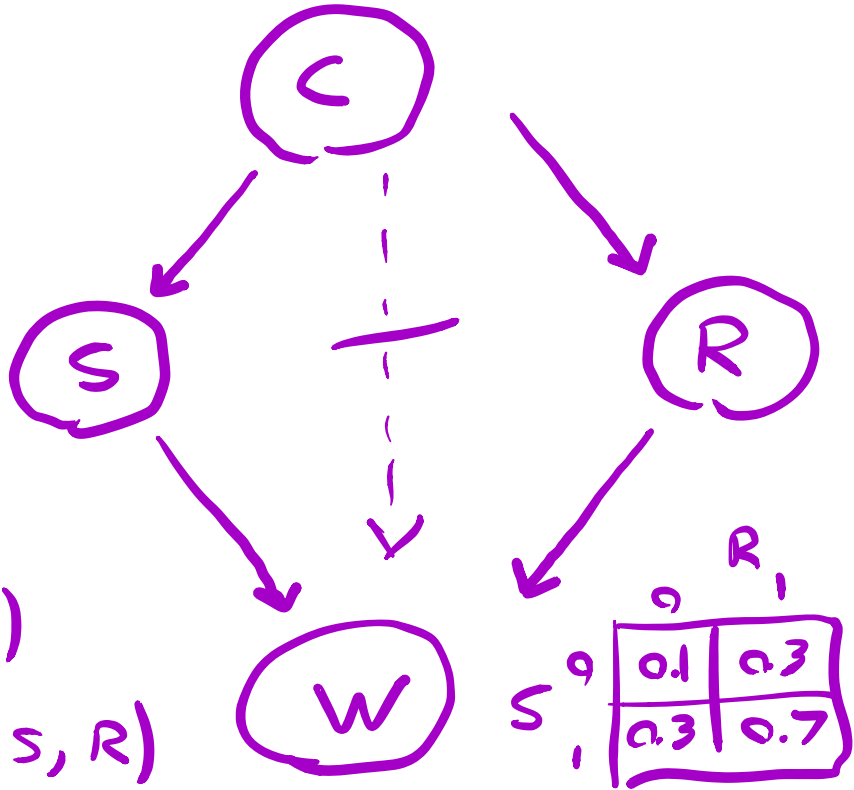
Rain or Sprinkler?

W: Grass wet

R: raining

S: sprinklers on

C: cloudy

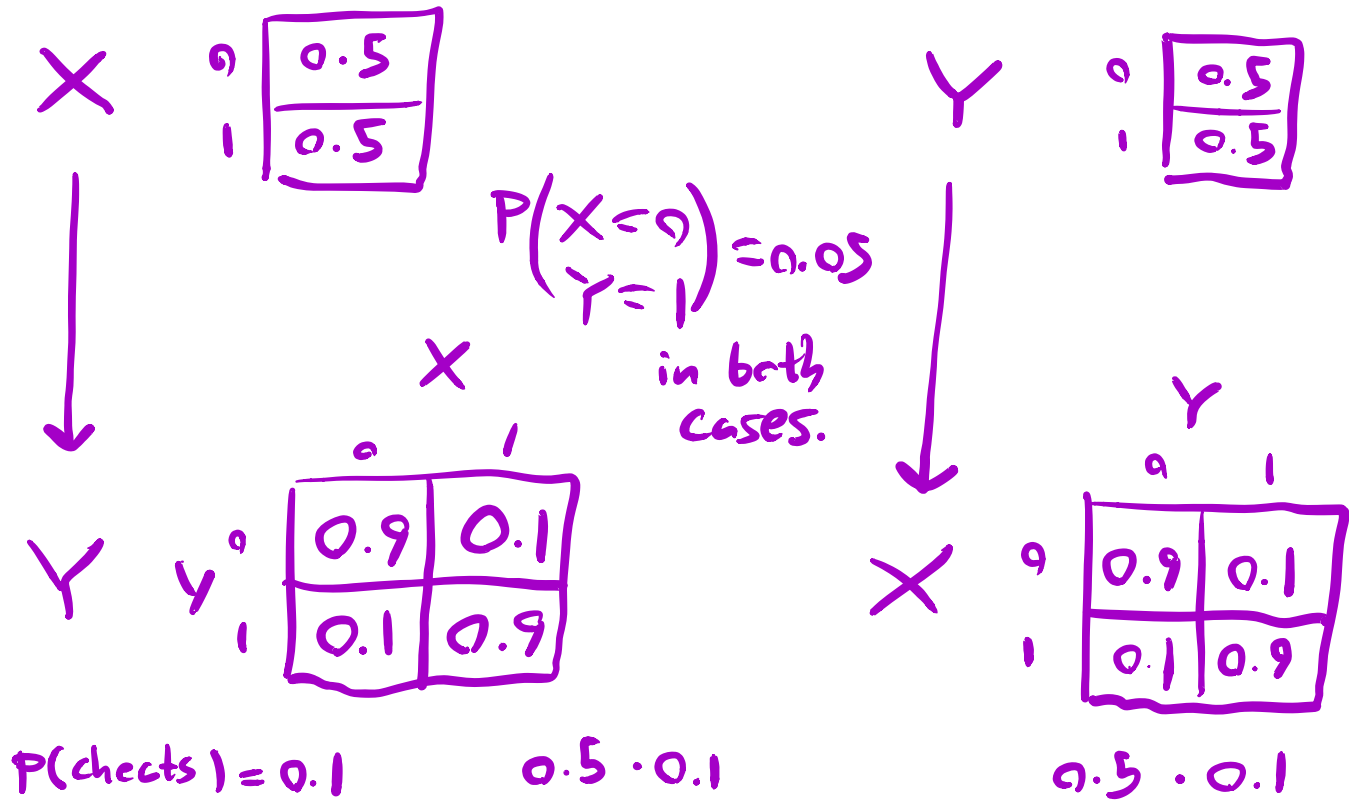


$$P(W|S, C) > P(W|S)$$

$$P(W|S, C, R) = P(W|S, R)$$

$$W \perp C \mid S, R$$

Ordering of variables in BNs and causality (1/2)



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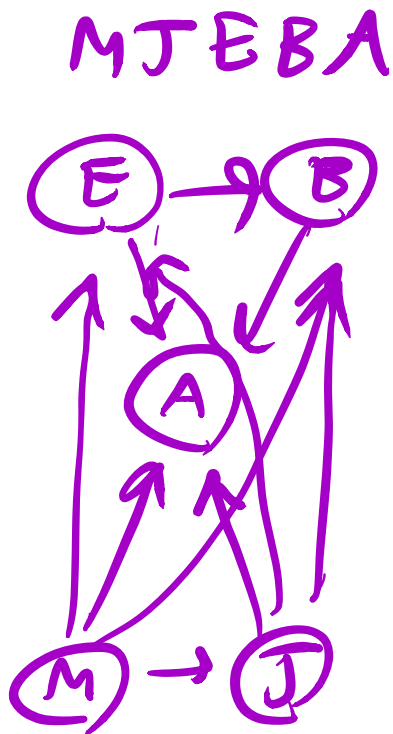
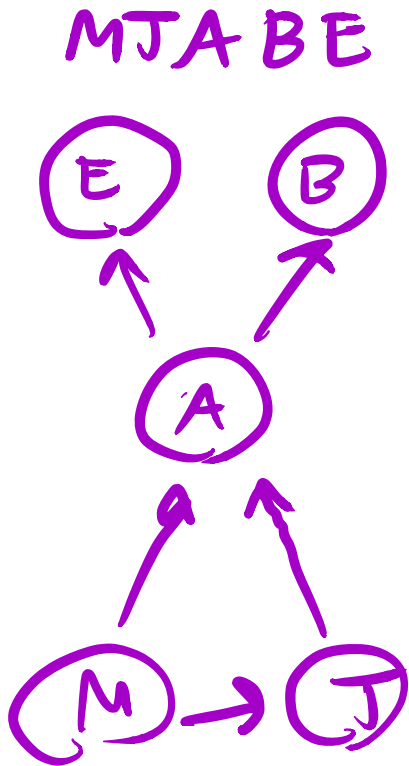
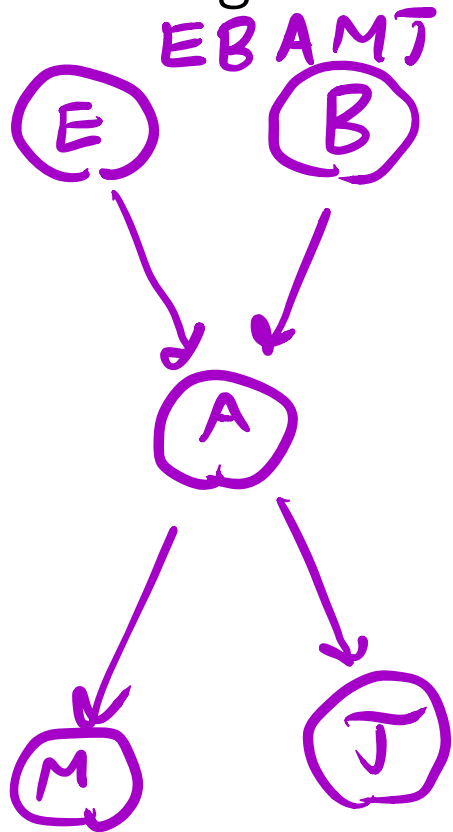
$X = \text{coin flip } \{0, 1\}$

$Y = \text{student's report } \{0, 1\}$

$$P(x, y) = P(x)P(y|x)$$

$$P(x, y) = P(y)P(x|y)$$

Ordering of variables in BNs and causality (2/2)

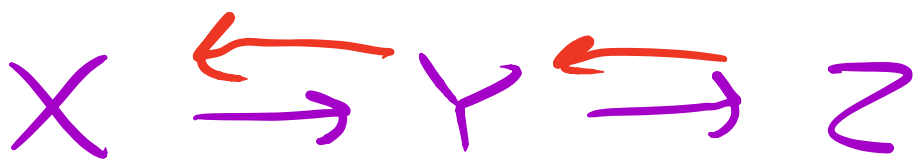


Reading off a BN's conditional independences
(d-separation)

$$P(x, y) = P(x)P(y) = P(y)P(x)$$

$$Z \perp X \mid Y \Leftrightarrow X \perp Z \mid Y \quad X \perp Y \Rightarrow Y \perp X$$

Chains



$$P(Z|X,Y) = P(Z|Y) \Leftrightarrow Z \perp X | Y$$

$$P(X|Y,Z) = P(X|Y) \Leftrightarrow X \perp Z | Y$$

Forks



$$P(X | Y, Z) = P(X | Y)$$

$$P(Z | Y, X) = P(Z | Y)$$

$$P(S=1 | W=1, R=0) = 1.$$

$$P(S=1 | W=1) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Colliders/Joins



$$P(S=1 | W=1) = 1$$

$$X \perp Z$$

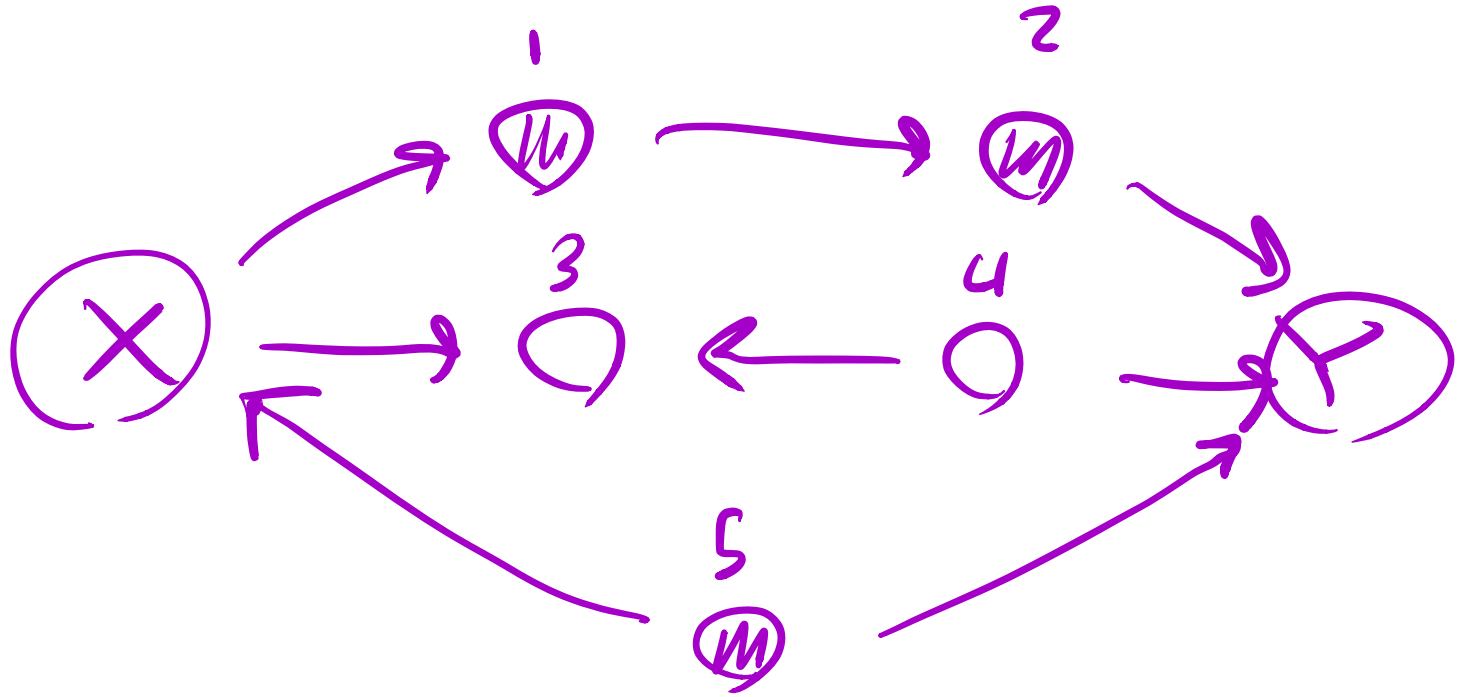
$$X \perp Z \mid Y \quad \checkmark$$

$$X$$

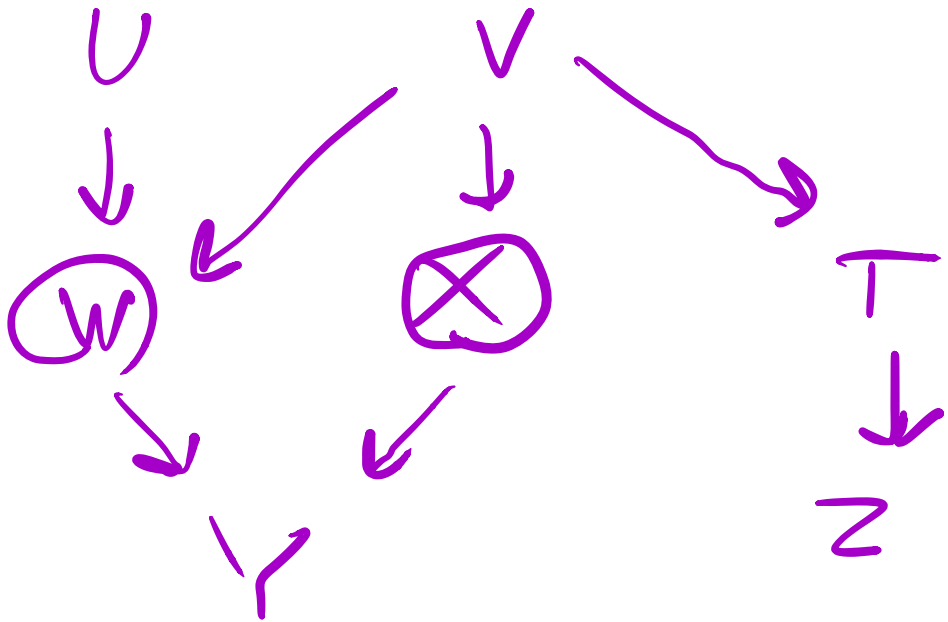
$$P(W=1 | S=1 \text{ or } R=1) = 1$$

$$P(W=1 | S=0 \text{ and } R=0) = 0$$

d-Separation



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$Y \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid X?$

False

$Y \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid X, W$

BNs as notation: Regression

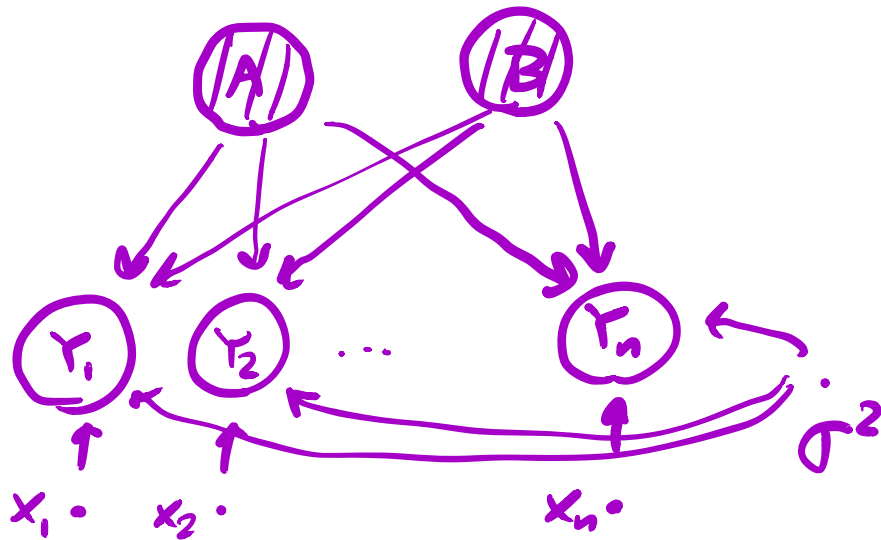
$(x_1, Y_1), (x_2, Y_2), \dots, (x_n, Y_n)$

$$Y_i = Ax_i + B + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i = N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$A = N(3, 1^2)$$

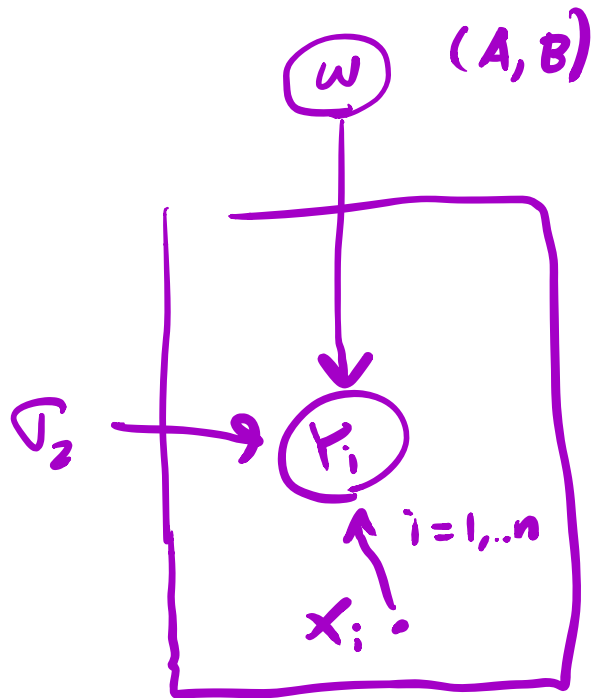
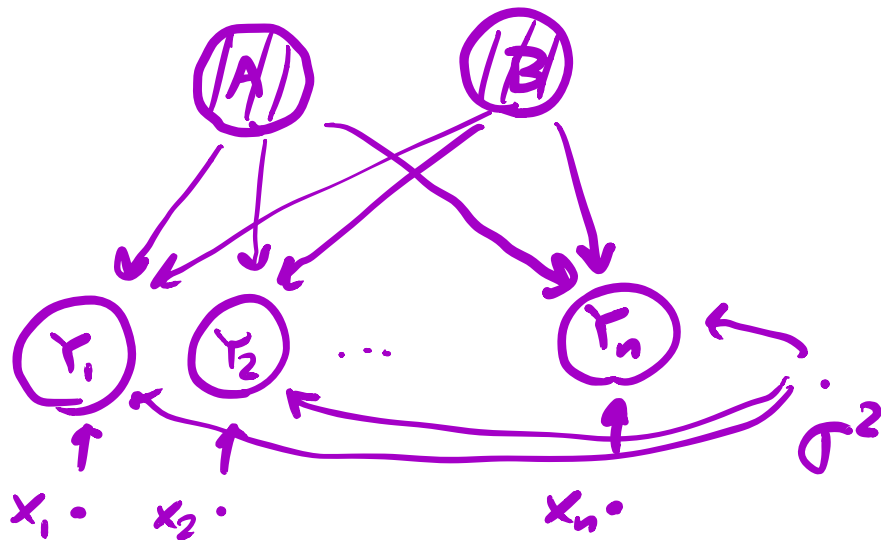
$$B = N(0, 100^2)$$



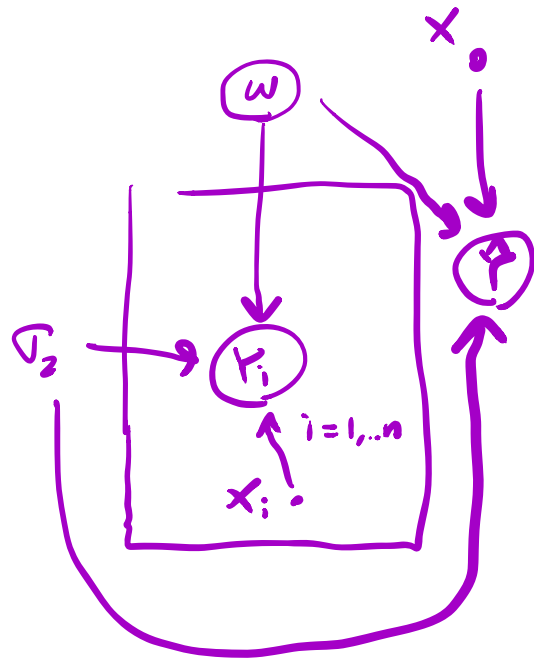
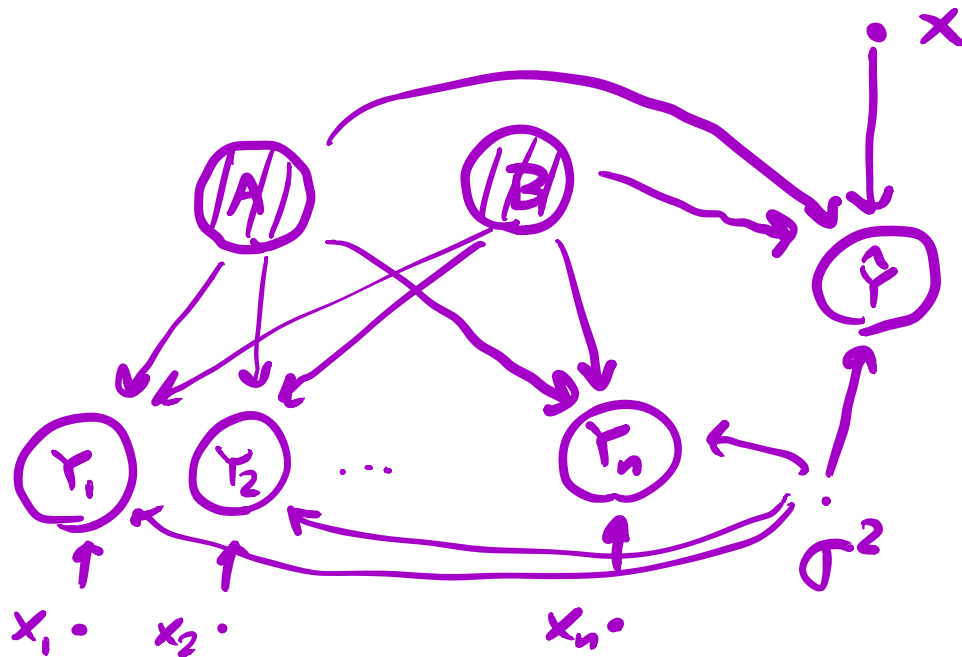
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BNs as notation: Prediction



$$\hat{y} = Ax + B + N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Bonus BNs as notation: Naïve Bayes

Categories c_1, \dots, c_m

