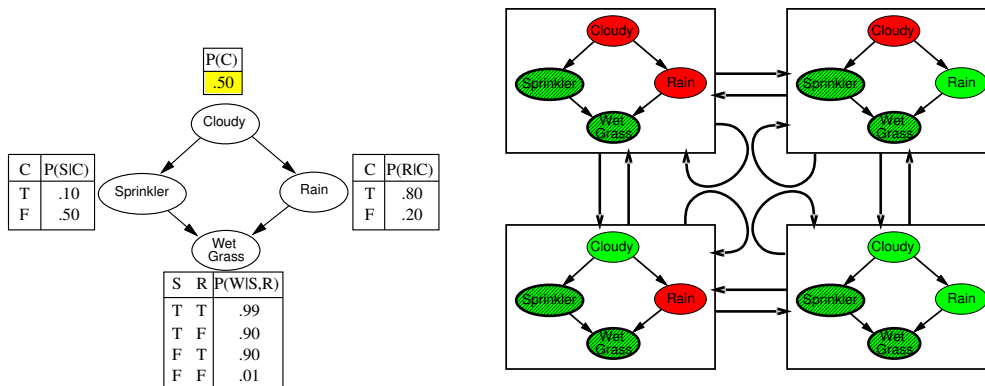


CS5811 handout

The procedure to obtain the sampling distributions for MCMC



The probability of a variable given its Markov blanket is proportional to the probability of the variable given its parents times the probability of each child given its respective parents:

$$P(x'_i | mb(X_i)) = \alpha P(x'_i | parents(X_i)) \times \prod_{Y_j \in children(X_i)} P(y_j | parents(Y_j))$$

Consider the query $\mathbf{P}(R|S, W)$. S is true from the evidence. Suppose that R is true in the state.

The Markov blanket of C is its parents (\emptyset), its children ($\{R, S\}$), and the other parents of its children (\emptyset). We use the following distributions to sample C .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(C | MB(C)) &= \mathbf{P}(C | R, S) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(C) \mathbf{P}(S|C) \mathbf{P}(R|C) \\ &= \alpha \langle 0.5, 0.5 \rangle \langle 0.1, 0.5 \rangle \langle 0.8, 0.2 \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle 0.04, 0.05 \rangle \\ &= \langle \frac{4}{9}, \frac{5}{9} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

For the states where R is false, $\mathbf{P}(C | \neg R, S)$ is calculated similarly.

The Markov blanket of R is its parents ($\{C\}$), its children ($\{W\}$), and the other parents of its children ($\{S\}$). We use the following distributions to sample R .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(R | MB(R)) &= \mathbf{P}(R | C, S, W) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(R|C) \mathbf{P}(W|R, S) \\ &= \alpha \langle 0.8, 0.2 \rangle \langle 0.99, 0.90 \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle 0.792, 0.18 \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle \frac{0.792}{0.972}, \frac{0.18}{0.972} \rangle = \langle \frac{22}{27}, \frac{5}{27} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{P}(R | \neg C, S, W)$ is calculated similarly.