

Lifted Junction Tree Algorithm

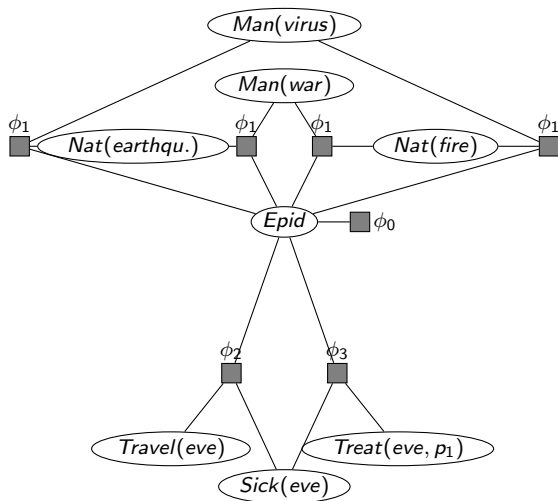
Most Probable Explanation

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Probabilistic Graphical Models

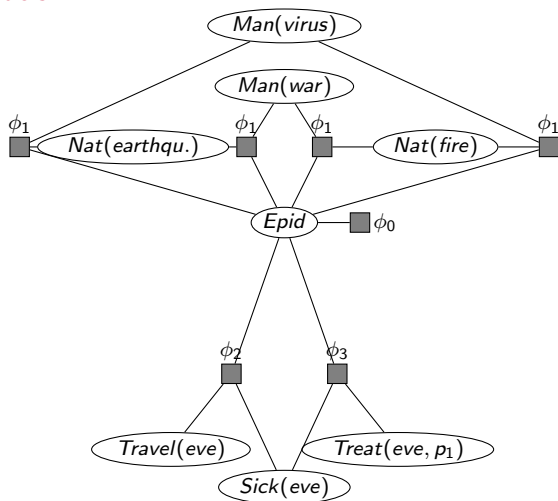


Query answering (QA): Eliminate all non-query variables

Problem: Practical QA

Large models

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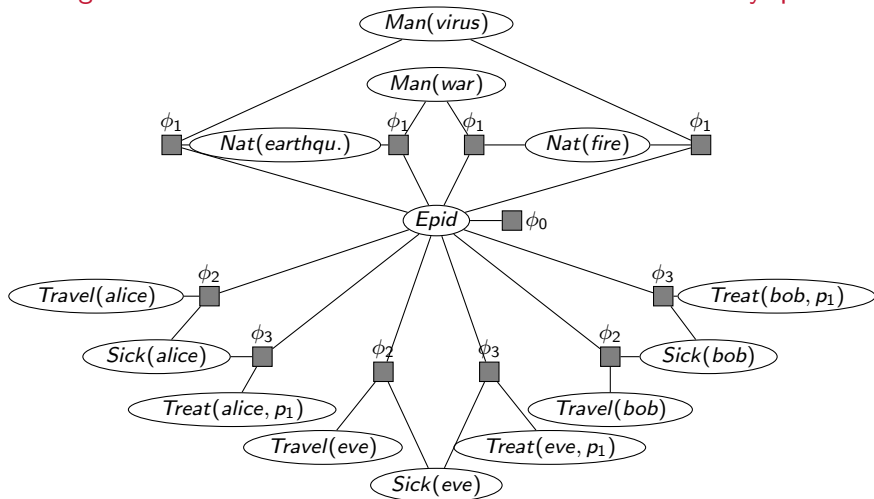
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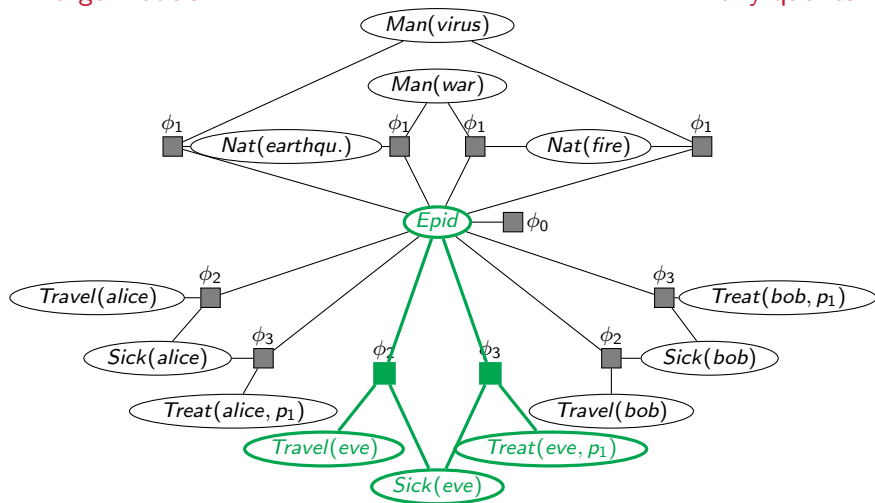
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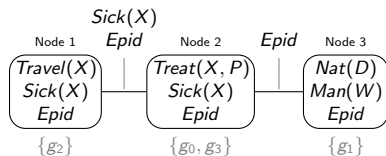
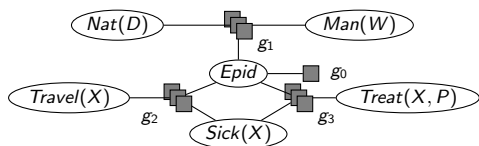
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Approach: Parameters and Clusters



- Parameterisation
 - Avoid explosion of nodes
- Lifted variable elimination (LVE)¹
 - Elimination: \sum
 - Save computations
 - Each query in isolation
- Multiple queries: Junction Tree²
 - Cluster representation, messages
- Lifted Junction Tree Algorithm (LJT)³
 - LVE as subroutine
 - Save computations
 - Ground probability queries

¹ Poole (2003), de Salvo Braz et al. (2006), Milch et al. (2008), Apse & Brafman (2011), Taghipour et al. (2013)

² Lauritzen & Spiegelhalter (1988) ³ Braun & Möller (2016, 2017)

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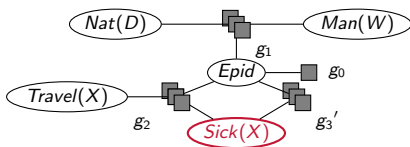
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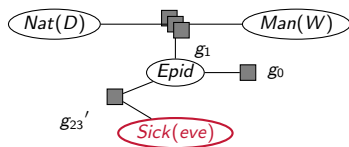


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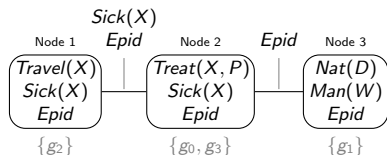


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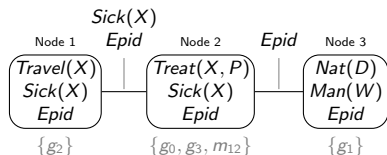
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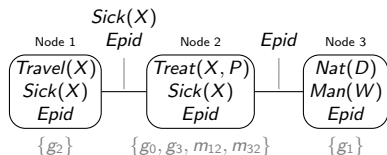
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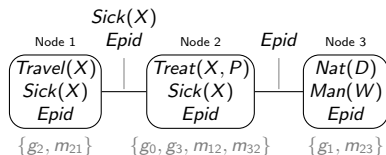
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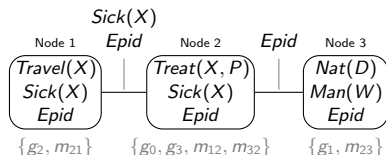
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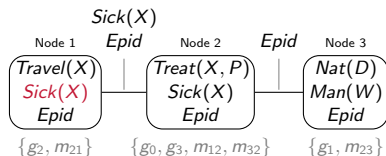
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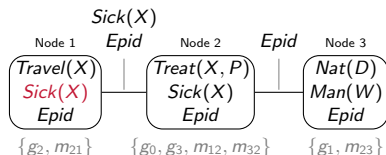
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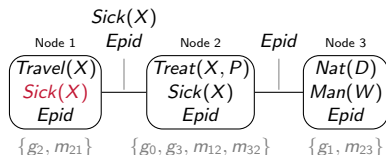
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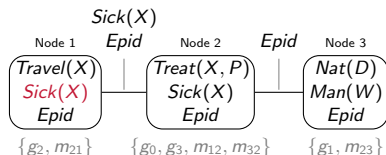
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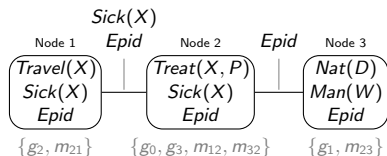
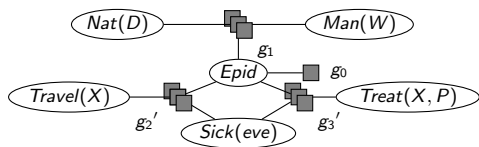
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Marginal Distribution Ground Queries

$P(\text{Sick}(\text{eve})), P(\text{Epid}), \dots$



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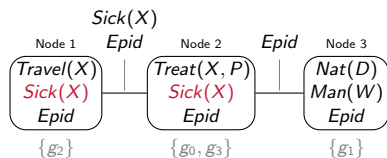
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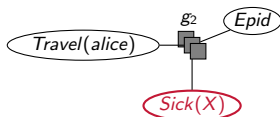
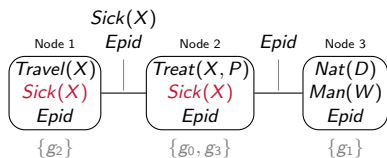


Evidence: LJT

- Evidence at each node

Conditional Distribution Ground Queries

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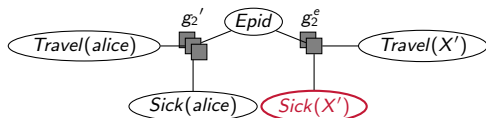
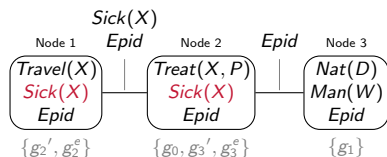
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- Each factor containing $\text{Sick}(X)$

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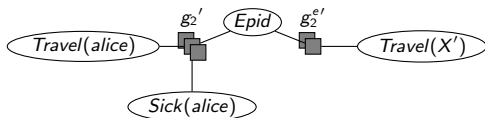
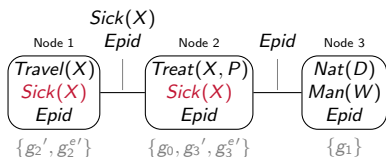
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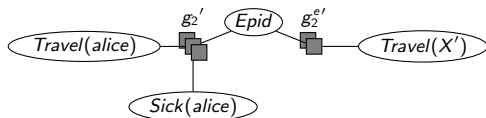
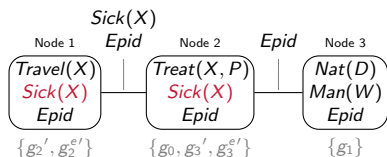
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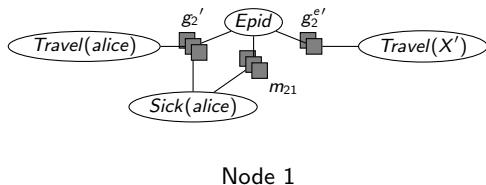
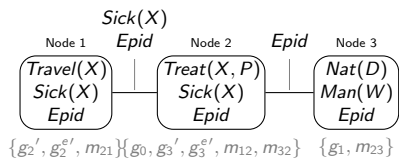
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- Continue with LJT

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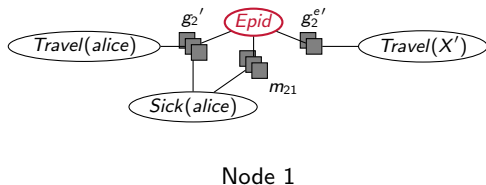
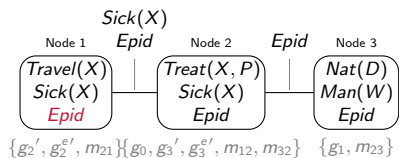


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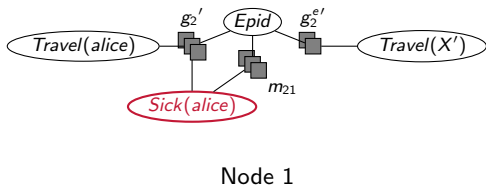
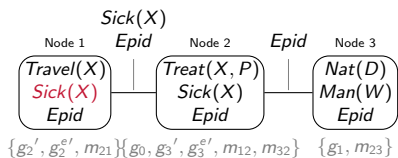


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$P(\text{Sick}(\text{alice}) | \text{Sick}(\text{eve}) = \text{true}, \text{Sick}(\text{bob}) = \text{true}), \dots$



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 - ...

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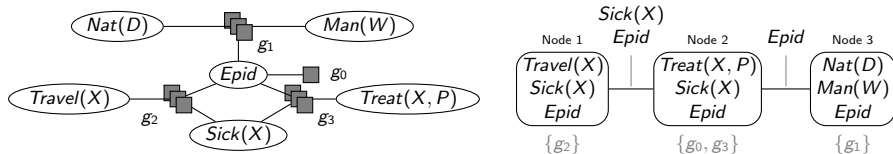
→ **Most probable explanation?**

Conference Contribution

Extensions to LJT [Braun & Möller 2016]

- Expressivity extension for query language
 - Most probable explanation (MPE)
 - Maximum a posteriori assignment (MAP)
- Adapted LJT for queries of different types
 - Assignment queries: MPE, MAP
 - Probability queries: Marginal, Conditional, Likelihood

Assignment Queries: MPE



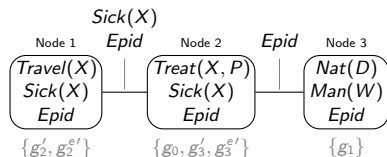
Most probable assignment in a model G given evidence \mathbf{E}

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{V}} P(\mathbf{V} | \mathbf{E})$$

- \mathbf{V} = set of all random variables in G without evidence
- LVE: replace \sum with $\arg \max$ for elimination (LVE^{MPE})
- LJT: use LVE^{MPE} during message calculation (LJT^{MPE})

Assignment Queries: MPE

$\arg \max_{\mathbf{V}} P(\mathbf{V} | \text{Sick}(\text{eve}) = \text{true}, \text{Sick}(\text{bob}) = \text{true})$

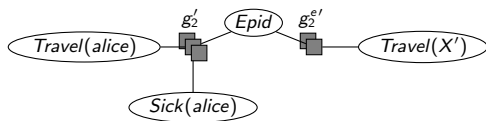
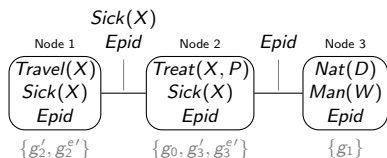


LJT^{MPE}

- Absorb evidence at nodes

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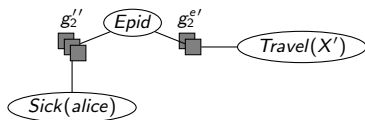
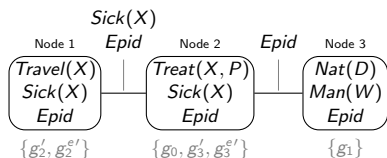
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- Pass messages (inward)
 - $1 \rightarrow 2$

Pass message

- Eliminate using LVE^{MPE}
- Depending on Epid , $\text{Sick}(X)$, choose most probable assignment

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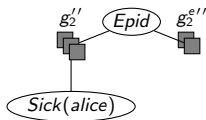
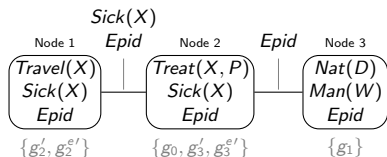
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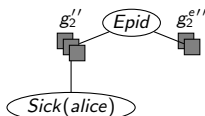
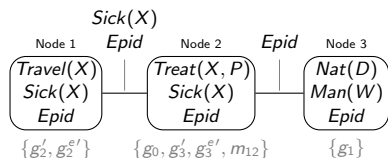
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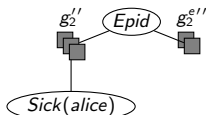
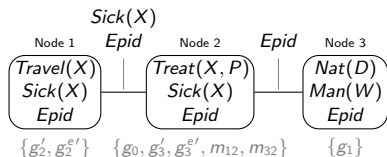
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 - $1 \rightarrow 2$

Pass message

- Eliminate using LVE^{MPE}
- Depending on Epid , $\text{Sick}(X)$, choose most probable assignment
 - $\text{Travel}(\text{alice})$
 - $\text{Travel}(X')$
- Send information to node 2

Assignment Queries: MPE

$\arg \max_{\mathbf{V}} P(\mathbf{V} | \text{Sick}(\text{eve}) = \text{true}, \text{Sick}(\text{bob}) = \text{true})$



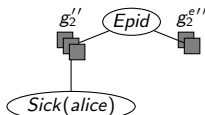
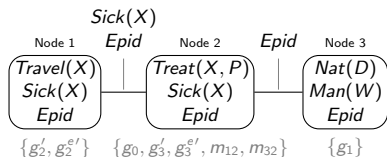
Node 1

LJT^{MPE}

- Absorb evidence at nodes
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 - $1 \rightarrow 2$
 - $3 \rightarrow 2$

Assignment Queries: MPE

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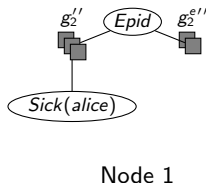
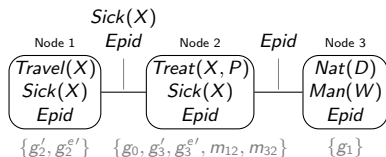
Node 1

LJT^{MPE}

- Absorb evidence at nodes
- Pass messages (inward)
 - $1 \rightarrow 2$
 - $3 \rightarrow 2$
- (Answer query)
 - Eliminate variables

Assignment Queries: MPE

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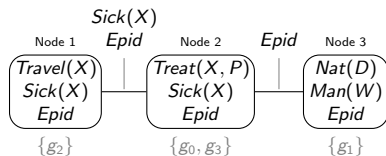
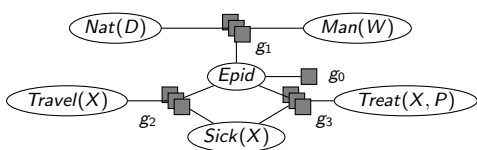
LJT^{MPE}

- Absorb evidence at nodes
- Pass messages (inward)
 - $1 \rightarrow 2$
 - $3 \rightarrow 2$
- (Answer query)
 - Eliminate variables
 - Output MPE

MPE

- $\text{Epid} = \text{false}$
- $\forall X' \in \{\text{eve}, \text{bob}\}, P :$
 $\text{Treat}(X', P) = \text{true}, \text{Travel}(X') = \text{false}$
- $\text{Sick}(\text{alice}) = \text{false}, \text{Travel}(\text{alice}) = \text{true},$
 $\forall P : \text{Treat}(\text{alice}, P) = \text{false}$
- $\forall D : \text{Nat}(D) = \text{false}$
- $\forall W : \text{Man}(W) = \text{false}$

Assignment Queries: MAP



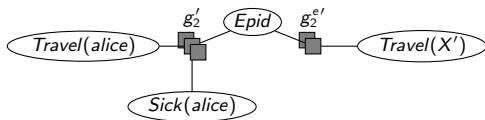
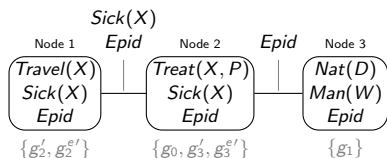
Most probable assignment in a model G given evidence \mathbf{E}

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{T}} P(\mathbf{V}|\mathbf{E})$$

- \mathbf{V} = set of random variables in G without evidence
- \mathbf{T} = set of remaining variables in G without evidence
- $\mathbf{T} = \emptyset$: MPE
- MAP queries hard: \sum and $\arg \max$ not commutative
 → May prohibit reasonable elimination order

Assignment Queries: MAP

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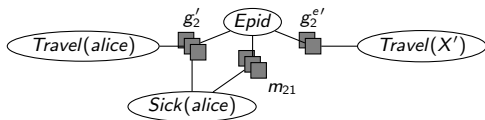
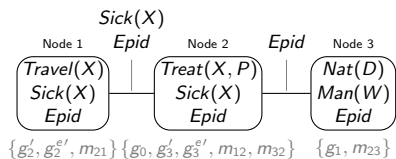
Node 1

LJT^{MAP}

- Absorb evidence at nodes

Assignment Queries: MAP

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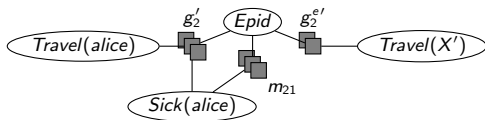
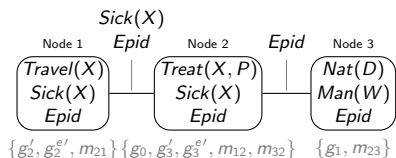
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LJT^{MAP}

- Absorb evidence at nodes
- Pass messages with LVE

Assignment Queries: MAP

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Node 1

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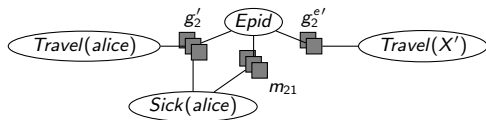
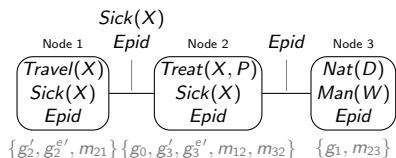
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- Answer query
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 - Eliminate remaining variables of \mathbf{T}
 - Eliminate \mathbf{V}

Answer query

- $\text{Travel}(\text{eve}), \text{Travel}(\text{bob})$: node 1

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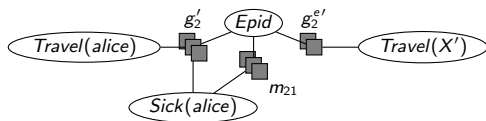
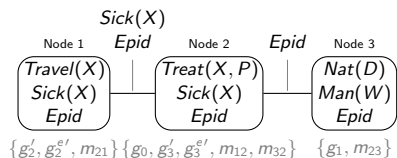
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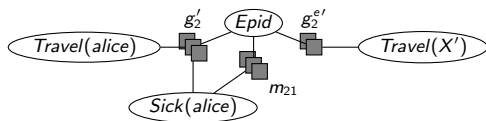
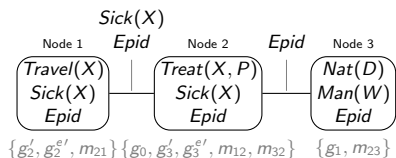
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- Eliminate with LVE: $\text{Travel}(\text{alice}), \text{Sick}(\text{alice}), \text{Epid}$
- Eliminate with LVE^{MPE}: $\text{Travel}(X')$

Assignment Queries: MAP

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MAP

- $\forall X' \in \{\text{eve}, \text{bob}\}, P : \text{Travel}(X') = \text{false}$

Summary: Adapted LJT

Algorithm steps

- 1 Construction
- 2 Evidence entering
- 3 Message passing
- 4 Query answering

Reasoning Algorithm

Message passing: Elimination

→ MPE: $\arg \max$ (only inward)

→ All other: \sum

Query answering: Elimination

- Probability queries: $\sum_{\text{non-query terms}}$
- MPE: $\arg \max$ at innermost node
- MAP: $\sum_{\text{non-query terms}}$
 $\arg \max_{\text{query terms}}$

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Current work

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