

**A.** Draw a Bayesian Network with 3 nodes A, B, and C, where random variables A and B are marginally independent, but they are conditionally dependent given variable C (i.e. so-called "explaining away"). Explain intuitively (e.g. on an example) what and how causes the dependency.

**B.** Assume some arbitrary joint distribution of 6 random variables  $p(x_1, x_2, x_3, z_1, z_2, z_3)$ . What operation will give us (in general for any such distribution) marginal joint probability  $p(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ?

**C.** Consider the factorization

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3|x_1)p(x_4|x_1)p(x_5|x_4, x_2).$$

Consider that all the random variables  $x_i$  are discrete and that we know all the distributions corresponding to the individual factors (i.e. we have the corresponding tables with probabilities).

Let the symbol  $\sum_{x_i}$  represent the sum over all possible values of the

random variable  $x_i$ . Using mathematical notation, express how can the following probabilities be inferred most efficiently (i.e. use the right order of sums and/or brackets). Notice that not all the factors (probability tables) are necessary to evaluate the following probabilities.

(a)  $p(x_1)$

(b)  $p(x_3)$

(c)  $p(x_5)$

(d)  $p(x_1|x_2)$

(e)  $p(x_3|x_1)$

(f)  $p(x_1|x_3)$

**D.** Write an equation expressing that variables a and b are conditionally independent given variable c.

**E.** Draw the Bayesian Network corresponding to the factorization:

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3|x_2)p(x_4|x_1, x_2)p(x_5|x_4)$$

**F.** For each of the following statements, say whether the statement holds true for the factorization (and the Bayesian Network) from the previous questions and explain why (e.g. using d-separation).

(a)  $p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2)$

(b)  $p(x_1, x_4) = p(x_1)p(x_4)$

(c)  $p(x_1, x_5|x_3) = p(x_1|x_3)p(x_5|x_3)$

(d)  $p(x_1, x_5|x_4) = p(x_1|x_4)p(x_5|x_4)$

(e)  $p(x_3, x_5|x_4) = p(x_3|x_4)p(x_5|x_4)$

(f)  $p(x_1, x_2|x_5) = p(x_1|x_5)p(x_2|x_5)$