

[10 points]

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function ELIMINATION-ASK( $X, \mathbf{e}, bn$ ) returns a distribution over  $X$ 
inputs:  $X$ , the query variable
          $\mathbf{e}$ , observed values for variables  $\mathbf{E}$ 
          $bn$ , a Bayesian network specifying joint distribution  $\mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ 

 $factors \leftarrow []$ 
for each  $var$  in ORDER( $bn.VARS$ ) do
     $factors \leftarrow$  [MAKE-FACTOR( $var, \mathbf{e}$ )| $factors$ ]
    if  $var$  is a hidden variable then  $factors \leftarrow$  SUM-OUT( $var, factors$ )
return NORMALIZE(POINTWISE-PRODUCT( $factors$ ))
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Figure 14.11 The variable elimination algorithm for inference in Bayesian networks.