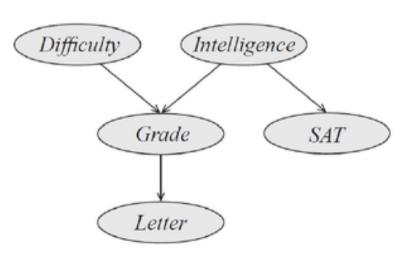
# **Probabilistic Graphical Models**

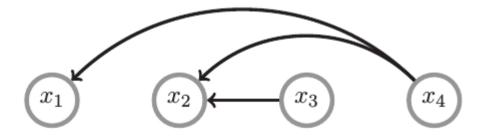
- Graph based models which express the conditional dependence structure between random variables.
- Each node represents a random variable, edges represent dependence

- Directed graphs Bayes nets
- Undirected graphs Markov Fields



#### Definition

- A Bayesian network is a Directed Acyclic Graph or DAG. A DAG is a graph with directed links and has no cycles.
- A link between two nodes indicates that the nodes directly influence each other.
- For each node xi, we have a corresponding conditional probablity distribution P(xi | parents(xi))
- Given a bayes-net with the following structure, find the joint probablity distribution p(x1, x2, x3, x4)



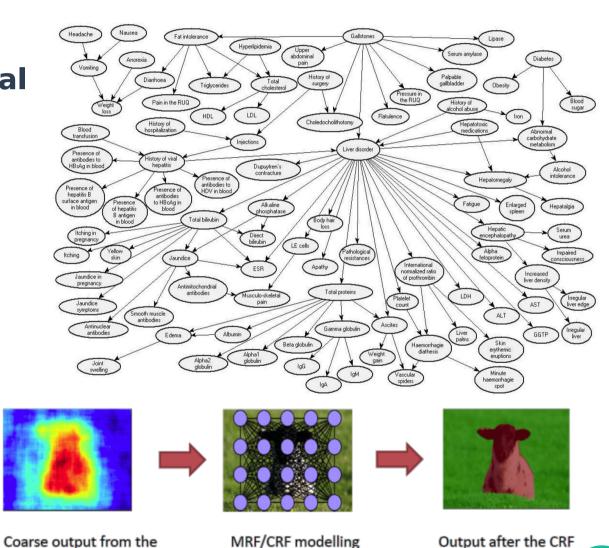
• Ans  $p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = p(x_1|x_4)p(x_2|x_3, x_4)p(x_3)p(x_4).$ 

# **Applications of PGMs**

pixel-wise classifier

 Bayesian nets have been used in medical diagnosis and for statistical learning

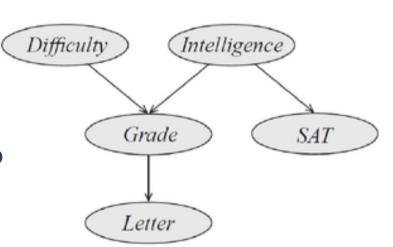
 Markov Networks are used in Image Segmentation and physics for simulation



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# Flow of influence in bayes nets

- Let us go back to the student example
- In a bayes net, when can a random variable (r.v.) influence another r.v.?
- Are Difficulty and Intelligence always independent? What if we know the grade?



### Questions

 Given a bayesian network with the following CPDs

