

Artificial Intelligence



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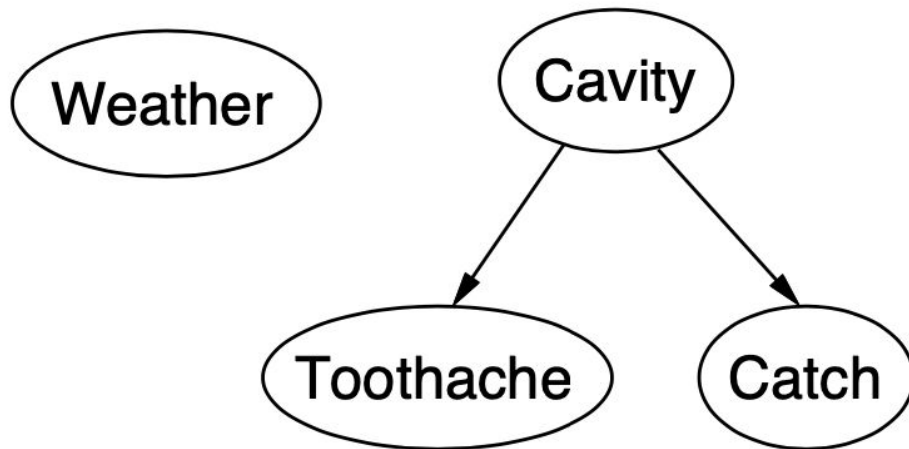
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- A simple, graphical notation for conditional independence assertions
- Syntax:
 - a set of nodes, one per variable
 - a directed, acyclic graph (link \approx “directly influences”)
 - a conditional distribution for each node given its parents: $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- In the simplest case, conditional distribution represented as a conditional probability table (CPT) giving the distribution over X_i for each combination of parent values

8.1 Example

Topology of network encodes conditional independence assertions:



Weather is independent of the other variables

Toothache and **Catch** are conditionally independent given **Cavity**

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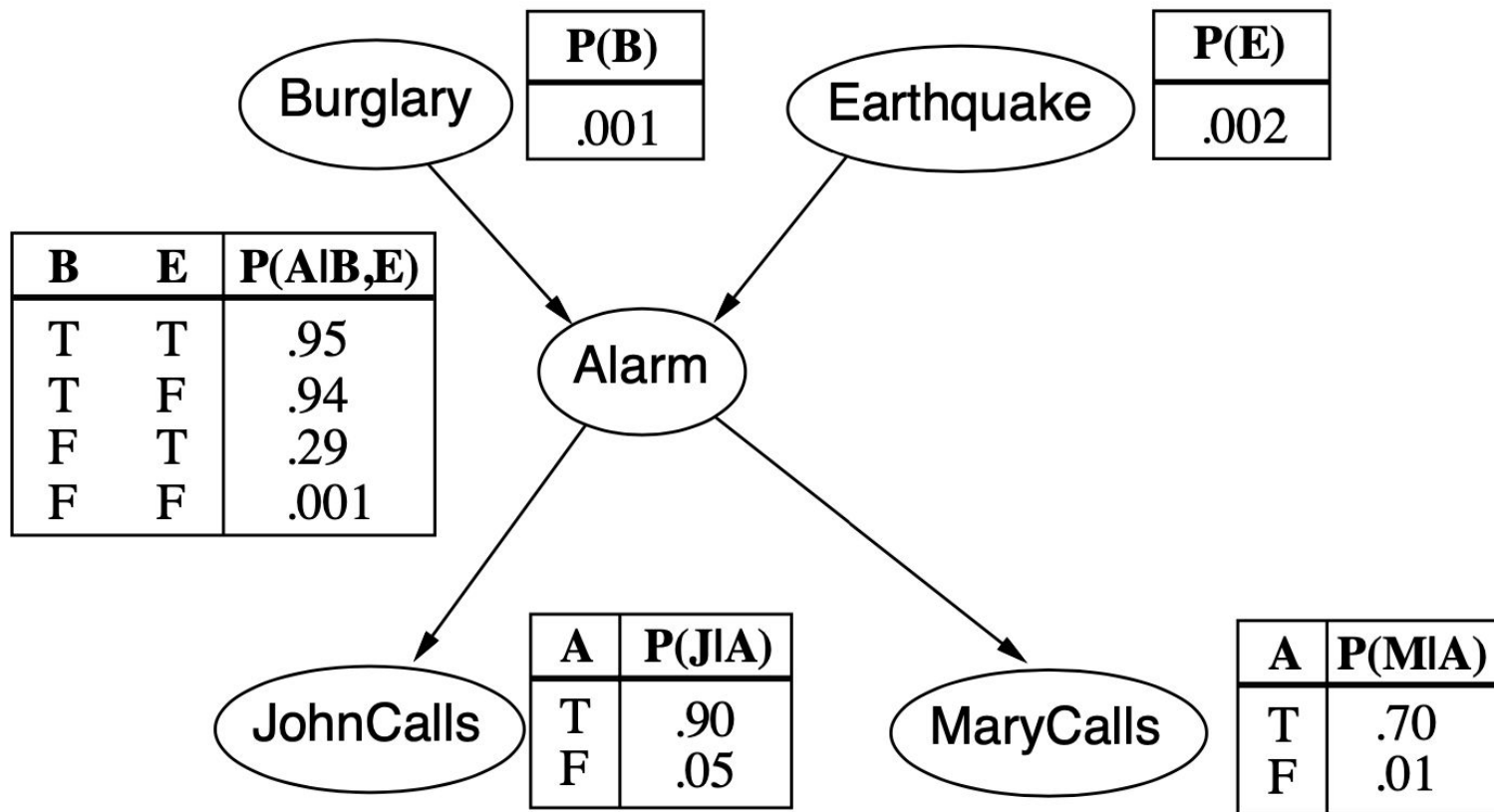
I'm at work, neighbor John calls to say my alarm is ringing, but neighbor Mary doesn't call. Sometimes it's set off by minor earthquakes. Is there a burglar?

Variables: Burglar, Earthquake, Alarm, JohnCalls, MaryCalls

Network topology reflects “causal” knowledge:

- A burglar can set the alarm off
- An earthquake can set the alarm off
- The alarm can cause Mary to call
- The alarm can cause John to call

8.1 Example



8.2 The Semantics Of Bayesian Networks

8.2 Constructing Bayesian networks

Need a method such that a series of locally testable assertions of conditional independence guarantees the required global semantics

1. Choose an ordering of variables X_1, \dots, X_n

2. For $i=1$ to n do

 add X_i to the network

 select parents from X_1, \dots, X_{i-1} such that

$$P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) = P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$$

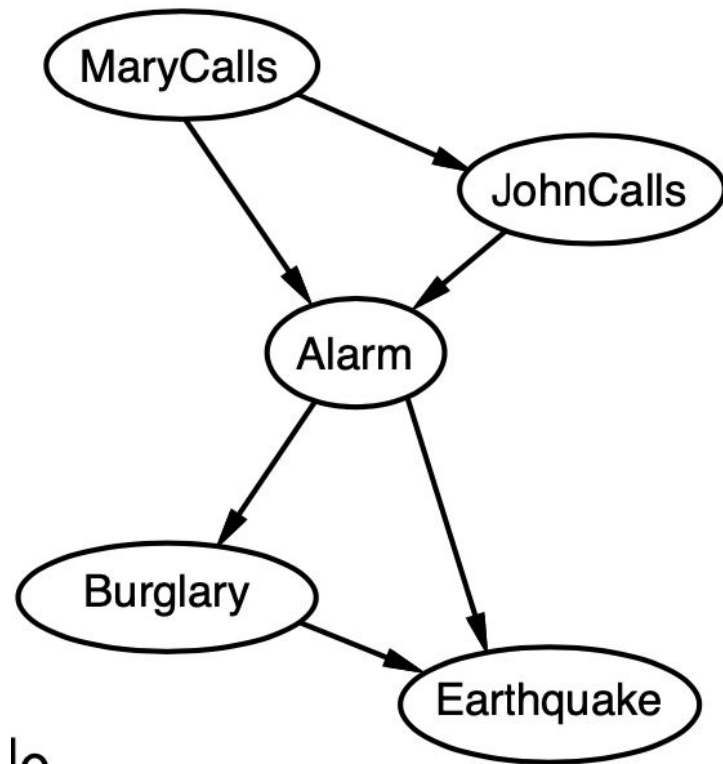
CPTs: write down the conditional probability table, $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$

The parents of node X_i should contain all those nodes in X_1, \dots, X_{i-1} that directly influence X_i

8.2 Example

Suppose we choose the ordering M, J, A, B, E

- Adding **MaryCalls**: No parents.
- Adding **JohnCalls**: If Mary calls (\sim the alarm has gone off), which would make it more likely that John calls.
=> **JohnCalls** needs **MaryCalls** as a parent.
- Adding **Alarm**: Clearly, if both call, it is more likely that the alarm has gone off if just one or neither calls
=> **MaryCalls** and **JohnCalls** as parents.
- Adding **Burglary**: If we know the alarm state, then the call from John or Mary might give us information about our phone ringing, but not about burglary:
 $P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{Alarm}, \text{JohnCalls}, \text{MaryCalls})$
 $= P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{Alarm})$.
=> **Alarm** as parent.

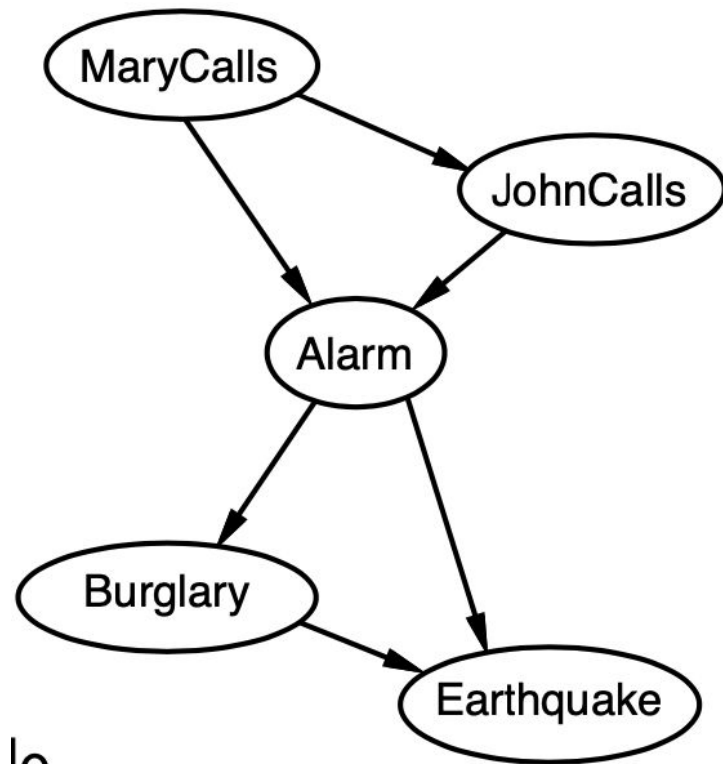


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8.2 Example

Suppose we choose the ordering **M, J, A, B, E**

- Adding **Earthquake**: If the alarm is on, it is more likely that there has been an earthquake. But if we know that there has been a burglary, then that explains the alarm
=> **Alarm** and **Burglary** as parents.



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8.3 Exact Inference In Bayesian Networks

8.2 Inference by enumeration

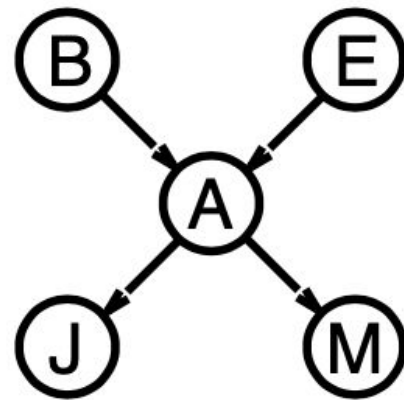
- Simple queries: compute the posterior probability distribution $P(X_i|E = e)$
e.g., $P(\text{NoGas}|\text{Gauge}=\text{empty}, \text{Lights}=\text{on}, \text{Starts}=\text{false})$
- A query can be answered using a Bayesian network by computing sums of products of conditional probabilities from the network
Compute $P(\text{Burglary}|\text{JohnCalls}=\text{true}, \text{MaryCalls}=\text{true})$,
the hidden variables for this query are **Earthquake** and **Alarm**

$$P(B|j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(B, j, m, e, a)$$

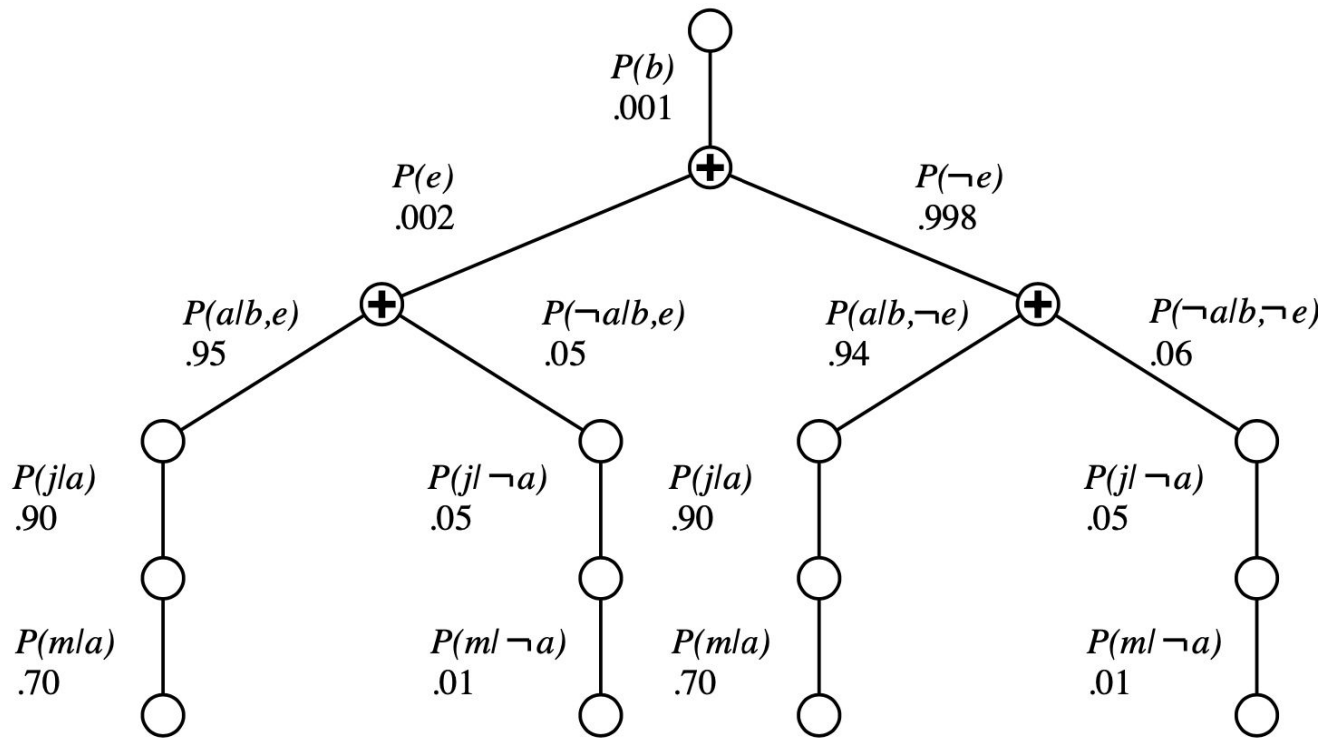
For Burglary = true

$$P(b|j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(b) P(e) P(a|b,e) P(j|a) P(m|a)$$

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8.2 Inference by enumeration



The evaluation proceeds top down, multiplying values along each path and summing at the “+” nodes. Notice the repetition of the paths for j and m .

8.2 Inference by variable elimination

Variable elimination: carry out summations right-to-left, storing intermediate results (factors) to avoid recomputation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(B|j, m) &= \alpha \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(B)}_B \underbrace{\sum_e P(e)}_E \underbrace{\sum_a \mathbf{P}(a|B, e)}_A \underbrace{P(j|a)}_J \underbrace{P(m|a)}_M \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a \mathbf{P}(a|B, e) P(j|a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a \mathbf{P}(a|B, e) f_J(a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a f_A(a, b, e) f_J(a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B) \sum_e P(e) f_{\bar{A}JM}(b, e) \text{ (sum out } A) \\ &= \alpha \mathbf{P}(B) f_{\bar{E}\bar{A}JM}(b) \text{ (sum out } E) \\ &= \alpha f_B(b) \times f_{\bar{E}\bar{A}JM}(b)\end{aligned}$$

8.2 Variable elimination

Summing out a variable from a product of factors:

move any constant factors outside the summation

add up submatrices in pointwise product of remaining factors

$$\sum_x f_1 \times \cdots \times f_k = f_1 \times \cdots \times f_i \sum_x f_{i+1} \times \cdots \times f_k = f_1 \times \cdots \times f_i \times f_{\bar{X}}$$

assuming f_1, \dots, f_i do not depend on X

Pointwise product of factors f_1 and f_2 :

$$f_1(x_1, \dots, x_j, y_1, \dots, y_k) \times f_2(y_1, \dots, y_k, z_1, \dots, z_l) = f(x_1, \dots, x_j, y_1, \dots, y_k, z_1, \dots, z_l)$$

$$\text{E.g., } f_1(a, b) \times f_2(b, c) = f(a, b, c)$$