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Reasoning under Uncertainty

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Reasoning under uncertainty

- Agents in the real world need to handle uncertainty, whether due to partial observability, nondeterminism, or adversaries.
- An agent may never know for sure what state it is in now or where it will end up after a sequence of actions.

Nature of Uncertain Knowledge

 Let us try to write rules for dental diagnosis using propositional logic, so that we can see how the logical approach breaks down.
 Consider the following simple rule:

Toothache \Rightarrow Cavity.

- The problem is that this rule is wrong.
- Not all patients with toothaches have cavities; some of them have gum disease, swelling, or one of several other problems:

Toothache ⇒ Cavity ∨ GumProblem ∨ Swelling ∨

Nature of Uncertain Knowledge

• In order to make the rule true, we have to add an almost unlimited list of possible problems. We could try turning the rule into a causal rule:

Cavity ⇒ Toothache

But this rule is also not right; not all cavities cause pain. Toothache and a Cavity are always not connected, so the judgement may go wrong.

Nature of Uncertain Knowledge

- This is typical of the medical domain, as well as most other judgmental domains: law, business, design, automobile repair, gardening, dating, and so on.
- The agent's knowledge can at best provide only a degree of belief in the relevant sentences.
- Our main tool for dealing with degrees of belief is probability theory.
- A logical agent believes each sentence to be true or false or has no opinion, whereas a probabilistic agent may have a numerical degree of belief between 0 (for sentences that are certainly false) and 1 (certainly true).

Basic Probability Notation

- Random variables are typically divided into three kinds, depending on the type of the domain:
- Boolean random variables, such as Cavity, have the domain (true, false) or (1,0)
- Discrete random variables, take on values from a countable domain. For example, the domain of Weather might be (sunny, rainy, cloudy, snow).
- Continuous random variables (bounded or unbounded) take on values from the real numbers. Ex: temp=21.4; temp<21.4 or temp< 1.

Atomic events or sample points

- Atomic event: A complete specification of the state of the world about which the agent is uncertain
- E.g., if the world consists of only two Boolean variables Cavity and Toothache, then there are 4 distinct atomic events:

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Cavity = false \wedge Toothache = false
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Cavity = false \wedge Toothache = true

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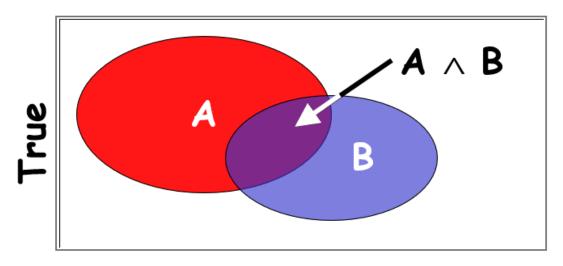
Cavity = true ∧ Toothache = true

- Atomic events are mutually exclusive and exhaustive
- When two events are mutually exclusive, it means they cannot both occur at the same time.
- When two events are exhaustive, it means that one of them must occur.

Axioms of Probability Theory

- All probabilities between 0 and 1
 - $-0 \le P(A) \le 1$
 - -P(true) = 1
 - -P(false) = 0.
- The probability of disjunction is:

$$P(A \lor B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \land B)$$



Prior probability

- The unconditional or prior probability associated with a proposition A is the degree of belief according to the absence of any other information;
- It is written as P (A).
- For example, if the prior probability that I have a cavity is 0.1, then we would write

P (Cavity= true) =
$$0.1$$
 or P (cavity) = 0.1

- P (A) can be used only when there is no other information.
- As soon as some new information is known, we must reason with the conditional probability of a given that new information.

Prior probability...

- Sometimes, we will want to talk about the probabilities of all the possible values of a random variable.
- In that case, we will use an expression such as P(Weather), which denotes a vector of values for the probabilities of each individual state of the weather.
- Instead of writing these four equations

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P (Weather = sunny) = 0.7
P (Weather= rain) = 0.2
P (Weather= cloudy) = 0.08
P(Weather = snow) = 0.02
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we may simply write: P(Weather) = (0.7,0.2,0.08,0.02) (Note that the probabilities sum to 1)

This statement defines a prior probability distribution for the random variable Weather.

Prior probability...

- Joint probability distribution for a set of random variables gives the probability of every atomic event on those random variables
- P(Weather, Cavity) = a 4 × 2 matrix of values:

Weather =	sunny rain	y cloudy snow
Cavity = true	0.144 0.02	0.016 0.02
Cavity = false	0.576 0.08	0.064 0.08

 A full joint distribution specifies the probability of every atomic event and is therefore a complete specification of one's uncertainty about the world in question.

Conditional or posterior probability

The notation used is P(a | b), where a and b are any proposition.
 This is read as "the probability of a, given that all we know is b."
 For example,

P(cavity I toothache) = 0.8

"indicates that if a patient is observed to have a toothache and no other information is yet available, then the probability of the patient's having a cavity will be 0.8."

Conditional or posterior probability

 Conditional probabilities can be defined in terms of unconditional probabilities.

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a^b)}{P(b)}$$

holds whenever P(b)>0

This equation can be written as

$$P(a^b) = P(a|b) * P(b)$$
 (which is called product rule)

Alternative way:

$$P(a^b) = P(b|a) * P(a)$$

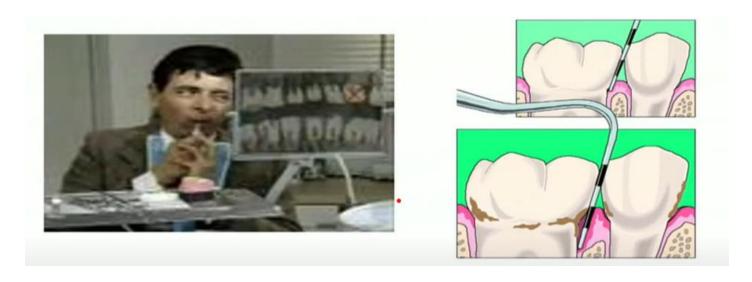
Chain Rule/Product Rule

$$P(X_1, ..., X_n) = P(X_n | X_1..X_{n-1})P(X_{n-1} | X_1..X_{n-2})... P(X_1)$$

= $\prod P(X_i | X_1,...X_{i-1})$

Example

A domain consisting of just the three Boolean variables Toothache, Cavity, and Catch (the dentist's nasty steel probe catches in my tooth).



Inference Using Full Joint Distributions

Start with the joint distribution:

	toothache		¬ toothache	
	catch	¬ catch	catch	¬ catch
cavity	.108	.012	.072	.008
¬ cavity	.016	.064	.144	.576

For any proposition ϕ , sum the atomic events where it is true:

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Can also compute conditional probabilities:

$$P(\neg cavity | toothache) = \frac{P(\neg cavity \land toothache)}{P(toothache)}$$

$$= \frac{0.016 + 0.064}{0.108 + 0.012 + 0.016 + 0.064} = 0.4$$

Problems with joint distribution ??

- Worst case time: O(dⁿ)
 - Where d = max arity
 - And n = number of random variables
- Space complexity also O(dⁿ)
 - Size of joint distribution

Independence

A and B are independent iff:

$$P(A \mid B) = P(A)$$

$$P(B \mid A) = P(B)$$

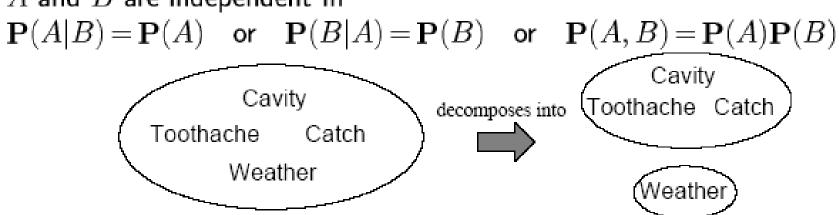
Therefore, if A and B are independent:

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \land B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Independence...

A and B are independent iff



$$\mathbf{P}(Toothache, Catch, Cavity, Weather)$$

= $\mathbf{P}(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Weather)$

32 entries reduced to 12;

Complete independence is powerful but rare. What to do if it doesn't hold?

Conditional Independence

 $\mathbf{P}(Toothache, Cavity, Catch)$ has $2^3 - 1 = 7$ independent entries

If I have a cavity, the probability that the probe catches in it doesn't depend on whether I have a toothache:

(1) P(catch|toothache, cavity) = P(catch|cavity)

The same independence holds if I haven't got a cavity:

(2) $P(catch|toothache, \neg cavity) = P(catch|\neg cavity)$

Catch is conditionally independent of Toothache given Cavity: $\mathbf{P}(Catch|Toothache, Cavity) = \mathbf{P}(Catch|Cavity)$

Conditional Independence

 The general definition of conditional independence of two variables X and Y, given a third variable Z is

(I)
$$P(X, Y | Z) = P(X | Z)P(Y | Z).$$

(||)
$$\mathbf{P}(X \mid Y, Z) = \mathbf{P}(X \mid Z)$$
 and $\mathbf{P}(Y \mid X, Z) = \mathbf{P}(Y \mid Z)$

Conditional Independence II

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P(catch | toothache, cavity) = P(catch | cavity)
P(catch | toothache, \negcavity) = P(catch | \negcavity)
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Equivalent statements:

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\mathbf{P}(Toothache|Catch, Cavity) = \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Cavity)

\mathbf{P}(Toothache, Catch|Cavity) = \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Catch|Cavity)
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Write out full joint distribution using chain rule:

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\mathbf{P}(Toothache, Catch, Cavity)
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- $= \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Catch, Cavity)$
- $= \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Catch, Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Catch|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Cavity)$
- $= \mathbf{P}(Toothache|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Catch|Cavity)\mathbf{P}(Cavity)$

I.e., 2 + 2 + 1 = 5 independent numbers (equations 1 and 2 remove 2)

Power of Cond. Independence

- Often, using conditional independence reduces the storage complexity of the joint distribution from exponential to linear!!
- Conditional independence is the most basic & robust form of knowledge about uncertain environments.

Bayes Rule

$$P(H \mid E) = \frac{P(E \mid H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

Simple proof from def of conditional probability:

$$P(H \mid E) = \frac{P(H \land E)}{P(E)}$$
 (Def. cond. prob.)

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$$P(H \wedge E) = P(E \mid H)P(H)$$
 (Mult by P(H) in line 2)

$$P(H \mid E) = \frac{P(E \mid H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$
 (Substitute #3 in #1)

Use to Compute <u>Diagnostic</u> Probability from <u>Causal</u> Probability

$$P(Cause|Effect) = \frac{P(Effect|Cause)P(Cause)}{P(Effect)}$$

E.g. let M be meningitis, S be stiff neck

$$P(M) = 0.0001,$$

 $P(S) = 0.1,$
 $P(S|M) = 0.8$

$$P(M|S) = \frac{P(s|m)P(m)}{P(s)} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.0001}{0.1} = 0.0008$$

Note: posterior probability of meningitis still very small!

Bayes Rule

Does patient have cancer or not?

Given: A patient takes a lab test, and the result comes back positive. The test returns a correct positive result in only 98% of the cases in which the disease is present, and a correct negative result in only 97% of the cases in which the disease is not present. Furthermore, 0.008 of the entire population have this cancer.

$$P(cancer) = P(\neg cancer) =$$
 $P(+ | cancer) = P(- | cancer) =$
 $P(+ | \neg cancer) = P(- | \neg cancer) =$

$$P(cancer) = 0.008$$
 $P(\neg cancer) = 0.992$
 $P(+ | cancer) = 0.98$ $P(- | cancer) = 0.02$
 $P(+ | \neg cancer) = 0.03$ $P(- | \neg cancer) = 0.97$
 $P(cancer | +) = \frac{P(+ | cancer) P(cancer)}{P(+)};$

$$P(\neg cancer | +) = \frac{P(+ | \neg cancer)P(\neg cancer)}{P(+)}$$

$$P(cancer|+)P(+) = 0.98 \times 0.008 = 0.0078;$$

$$P(\neg cancer | +) P(+) = 0.03 \times 0.992 = 0.0298$$

$$P(+) = 0.0078 + 0.0298$$

$$P(cancer \mid +) = 0.21;$$
 $P(\neg cancer \mid +) = 0.79$

The patient, more likely than not, does not have cancer

Bayesian Networks

- In general, joint distribution over set of variables $(X_{1_n}, X_{1_n}, ..., X_n)$ requires exponential space for representation & inference.
- We also saw that independence and conditional independence relationships among variables can greatly reduce the number of probabilities that need to be specified in order to define the full joint distribution.
- BNs(a graphical representation) is a data structure
 - represents the dependencies among variables and
 - give a concise specification of any full joint probability distribution

Chain rule in Bayesian Networks

$$P(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = P(x_n|x_{n-1},\ldots,x_1)P(x_{n-1}|x_{n-2},\ldots,x_1) \cdots P(x_2|x_1)P(x_1)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i|x_{i-1},\ldots,x_1).$$

The general assertion that, for every variable Xi in the Bayesian network,

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

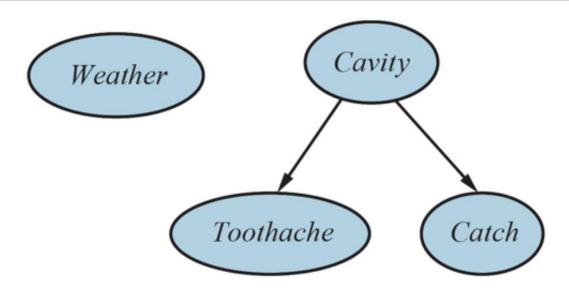
$$P(x_1,\ldots,x_n)=\prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i|parents(X_i)).$$

Bayes Networks

- A Bayesian network is a directed graph in which each node is annotated with quantitative probability information.
- The full specification is as follows:
 - 1. Each node corresponds to a random variable, which may be discrete or continuous.
 - 2. Directed links or arrows connect pairs of nodes. If there is an arrow from node X to node Y, X is said to be a parent of Y.
 - 3. Each node *Xi*, has a conditional probability distribution P (Xi | Parents (Xi)) that quantifies the effect of the parents on the node.
 - 4. The graph has no directed cycles (and hence is a directed, acyclic graph, or DAG).

Example

Topology of network encodes conditional independence assertions:



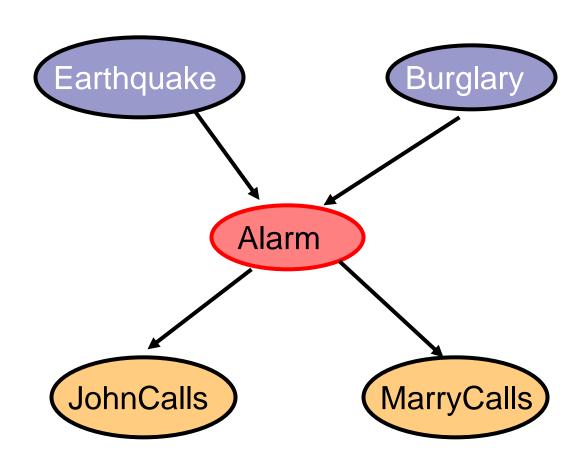
A simple Bayesian network in which *Weather* is independent of the other three variables and *Toothache* and *Catch* are conditionally independent, given *Cavity*.

Example: Burglar Alarm

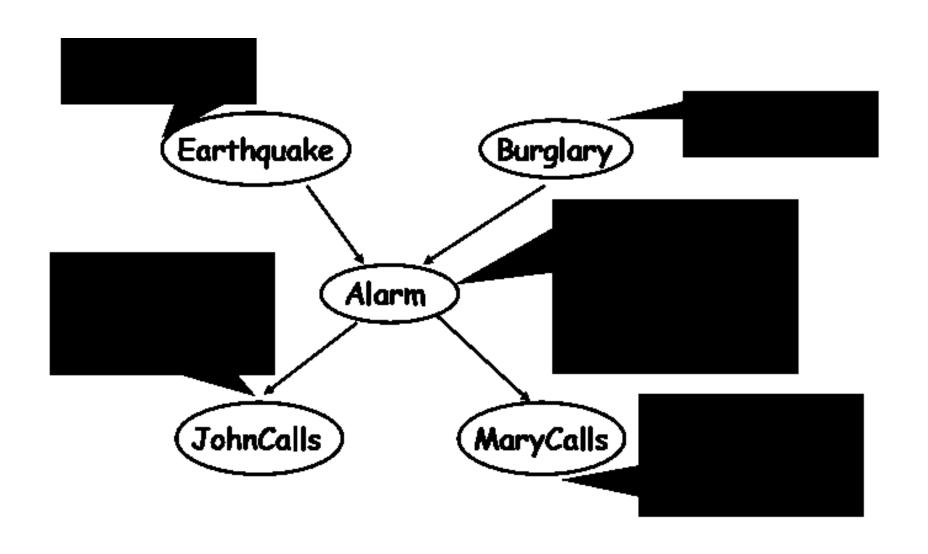
- You have a new burglar alarm installed at home.
- It is reliable at detecting a burglary, but also responds on occasion to minor earthquakes.
- You also have two neighbors, John and Mary, who have promised to call you at work when they hear the alarm.
- John always calls when he hears the alarm, but sometimes confuses the telephone ringing with the alarm and calls then, too.
- Mary, on the other hand, likes loud music and sometimes misses the alarm altogether.

Given the evidence of who has or has not called, we would like to estimate the probability of a burglary.

Example: Burglar Alarm



Example Bayes Net: Burglar Alarm



- Notice that the network does not have nodes corresponding to
 - Mary's currently listening to loud music or
 - The telephone ringing and confusing John.
- These factors are summarized in the uncertainty associated with the links from Alarm to to JohnCalls and MaryCalls.

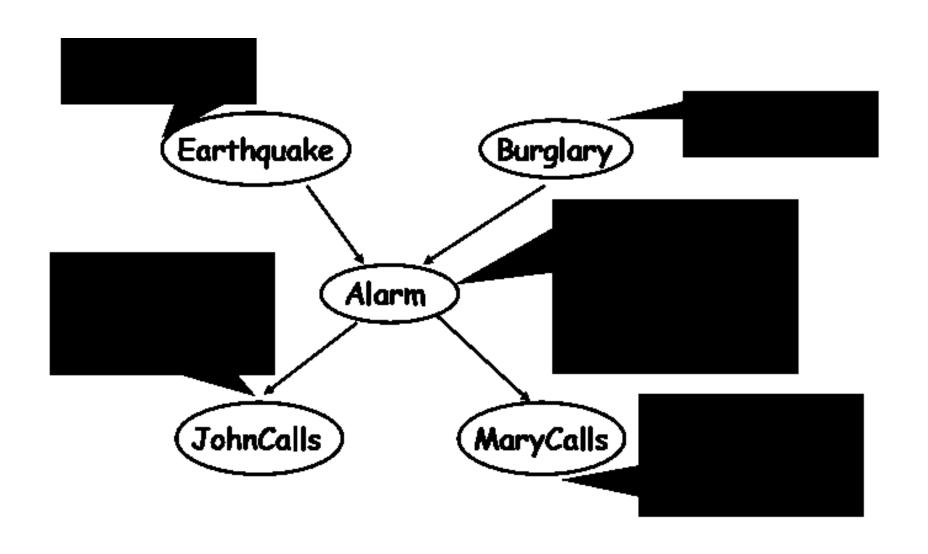
Conditional probability table, or CPT

- Each row in a CPT contains the conditional probability of each node value for a conditioning case.
- A conditioning case is just a possible combination of values for the parent nodes'
- Each row must sum to 1.
- For Boolean variables, once you know that the probability of a true value is p, the probability of false must be 1-p, so we often omit the second number.
- In general, a table for a Boolean variable with k Boolean parents contains 2^k independently specifiable probabilities.
- A node with no parents has only one row, representing the prior probabilities of each possible value of the variable.

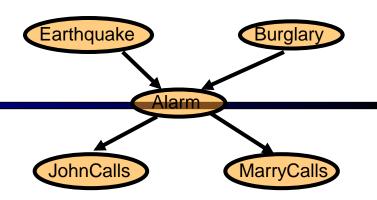
Syntax of BNs

- a set of nodes, one per random variable
- a directed, acyclic graph (link ≈"directly influences")
- a conditional distribution for each node given its parents: P (Xi | Parents (Xi))
 - For discrete variables, conditional probability table (CPT)= distribution over Xi for each combination of parent values

Example Bayes Net: Burglar Alarm



Burglar Alarm Example ...



- If I know if Alarm, no other evidence influences my degree of belief in JohnCalls
 - $\blacksquare P(J|M,A,E,B) = P(J|A)$
 - also: P(M|J,A,E,B) = P(M|A) and P(E|B) = P(E)
- By the chain rule we have

$$P(J,M,A,E,B) = P(J|M,A,E,B) \cdot P(M|A,E,B) \cdot P(A|E,B) \cdot P(E|B) \cdot P(B)$$
$$= P(J|A) \cdot P(M|A) \cdot P(A|B,E) \cdot P(E) \cdot P(B)$$

Full joint requires only 10 parameters

BNs: Qualitative Structure

- Graphical structure of BN reflects conditional independence among variables
- Each variable X is a node in the DAG
- Edges denote direct probabilistic influence
 - parents of X are denoted Par(X)
- Each variable X is conditionally independent of all non descendants, given its parents.
- Graphical test exists for more general independence
 - "Markov Blanket"

Given Parents, X is Independent of Non-Descendants

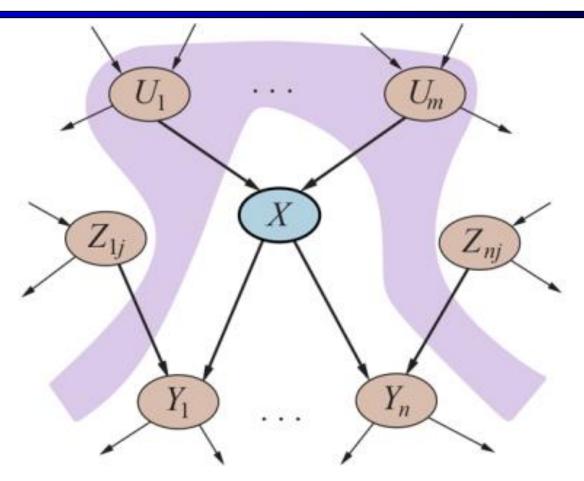
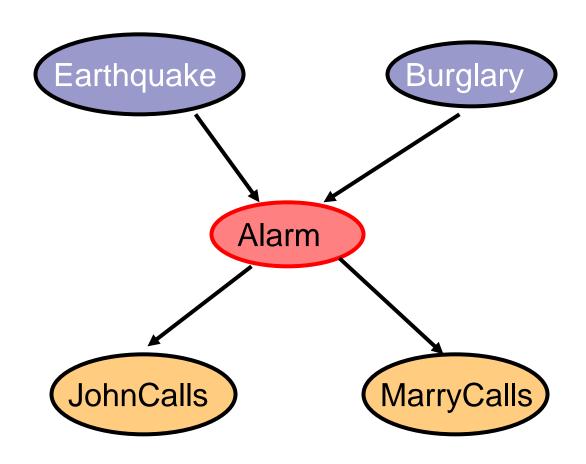
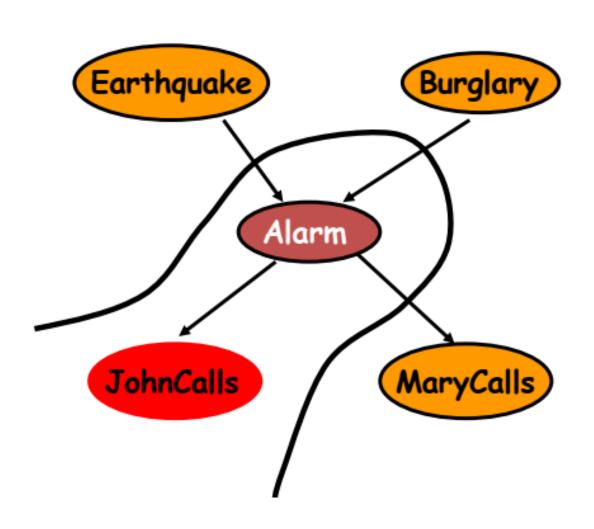


Fig: A node X is conditionally independent of its non-descendants (e.g., the Zij's) given its parents (the Uis shown in the gray area).

For Example

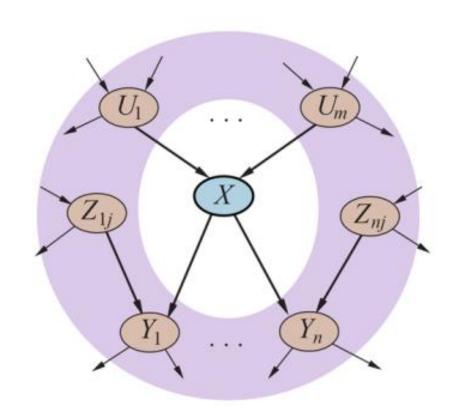


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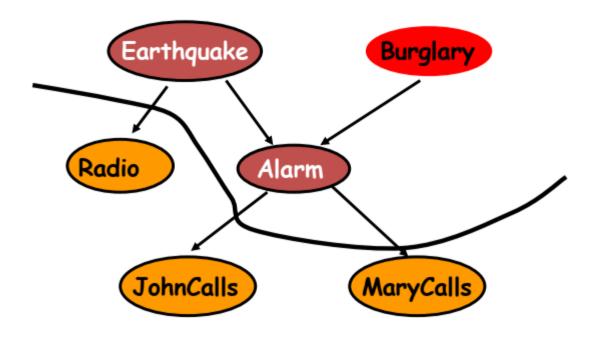
Given Markov Blanket, X is Independent of

All Other Nodes

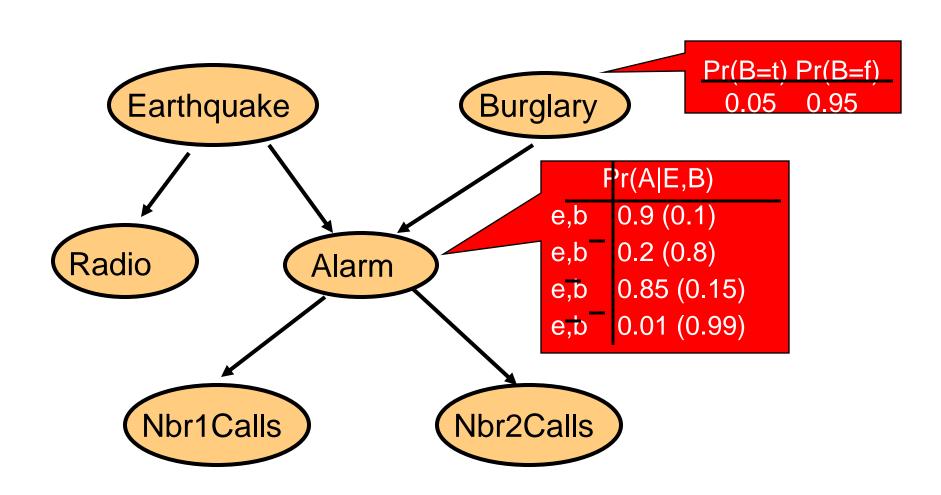


 $MB(X) = Par(X) \cup Childs(X) \cup Par(Childs(X))$

Example



Conditional Probability Tables



Conditional Probability Tables

- For complete spec. of joint dist., quantify BN
- For each variable X, specify **CPT**: $P(X \mid Par(X))$
 - number of params locally exponential in |Par(X)|
- If $X_1, X_2, ... X_n$ is any topological sort of the network, then we are assured:

$$\begin{split} P(X_{n}, X_{n-1}, \dots X_1) &= P(X_n \mid X_{n-1}, \dots X_1) \cdot P(X_{n-1} \mid X_{n-2}, \dots X_1) \\ & \dots \quad P(X_2 \mid X_1) \cdot P(X_1) \\ &= P(X_n \mid Par(X_n)) \cdot P(X_{n-1} \mid Par(X_{n-1})) \dots P(X_1) \end{split}$$

Exact Inference in BNs

- The graphical independence representation
 - yields efficient inference schemes
- We generally want to compute
 - *Marginal probability: Pr(Z),* or
 - Pr(Z|E) where E is (conjunctive) evidence
 - Z: query variable(s),
 - E: evidence variable(s)
 - everything else: hidden variable
- One simple algorithm:
 - Inference by enumeration with variable elimination (VE)

Inference in BNs

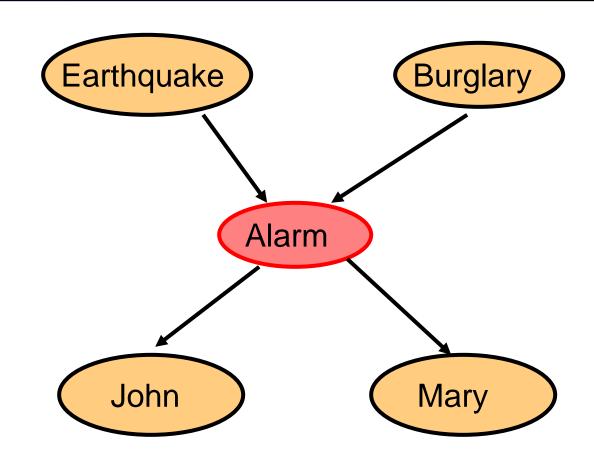
Let E be the list of evidence variables, let e be the list of observed values for them, and let y be the remaining unobserved variables (hidden variables). The query P(X | e) can be evaluated as

$$\mathbf{P}(X \mid \mathbf{e}) = \alpha \, \mathbf{P}(X, \mathbf{e}) = \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{P}(X, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{y})$$

where the summation is over all possible **ys** (i.e., all possible combinations of values of the unobserved variables Y).

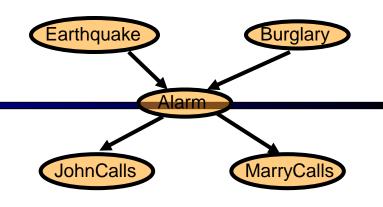
- Now, a Bayes net gives a complete representation of the full joint distribution.
- Therefore, a query can be answered using a Bayes net by computing sums of products of conditional probabilities from the network.

Example: P(B | J=true, M=true)



$$P(B|j,m) = \alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|B,E) P(j|A) P(m|A)$$

Burglar Alarm Example ...



$$P(B|j,m) = \frac{P(B,j,m)}{P(j,m)}$$

$$= \alpha P(B,j,m)$$

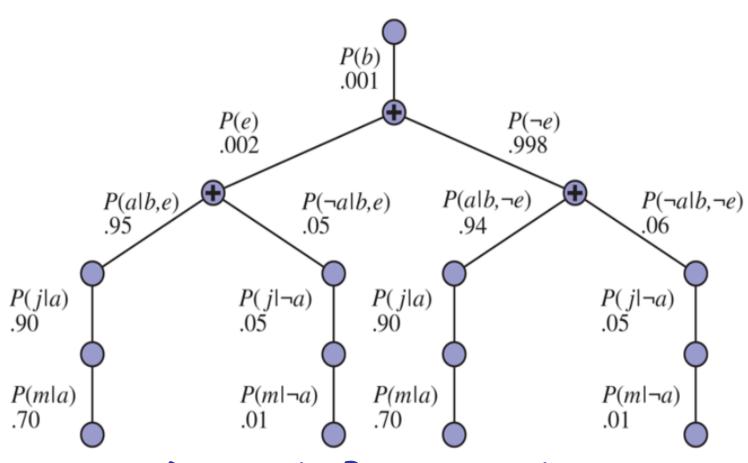
$$= \alpha \sum_{E,A} P(B,E,A,j,m)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{E,A} P(B)P(E)P(A|E,B)P(j|A)P(m|A)$$

$$= \alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|E,B)P(j|A)P(m|A)$$

Inference by Enumeration

 $P(b|j,m) = \alpha P(b) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|B,E) P(j|A) P(m|A)$



Dynamic Programming

Variable Elimination

- A *factor* is a function from some set of variables into a specific value: e.g., *f*(*E*,*A*, *B*)
 - CPTs are factors, e.g., P(A|E,B) function of A,E,B
- VE works by eliminating all variables in turn until there is a factor with only query variable
- To eliminate a variable:
 - join all factors containing that variable (like DB)
 - sum out the influence of the variable on new factor

Example of VE: P(J)

P(J)

$$= \sum_{M,A,B,E} P(J,M,A,B,E)$$

$$= \sum_{M,A,B,E} P(J|A)P(M|A) P(B)P(A|B,E)P(E)$$

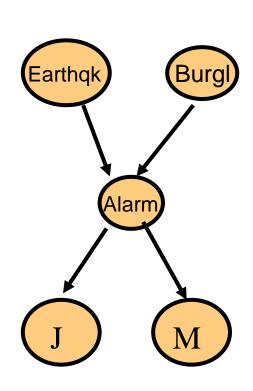
$$= \Sigma_{A} P(J|A) \Sigma_{M} P(M|A) \Sigma_{B} P(B) \Sigma_{E} P(A|B,E) P(E)$$

$$= \Sigma_{A} P(J|A) \Sigma_{M} P(M|A) \Sigma_{B} P(B) f1(A,B)$$

=
$$\Sigma_A P(J|A) \Sigma_M P(M|A) f2(A)$$

$$= \sum_{A} P(J|A) f3(A)$$

$$= f4(J)$$



Example: P(B | J=true, M=true) using VE

$$\alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|E,B) P(j|A) P(m|A)$$

	Pr(J A)
a	0.9 (0.1) 0.05 (0.95)
ā	0.05 (0.95)

Pr(M A)	
	0.7 (0.3)
ā	0.01 (0.99)

	Pr(j <i>A</i>)P(m <i>A</i>)
a	0.9x0.7
₫	0.05×0.01

$$\alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|E,B) f \mathbf{1}(A)$$

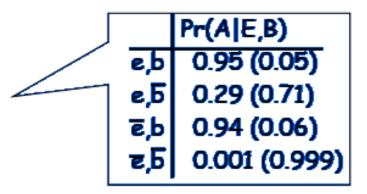
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a	0.9 (0.1)
ā	0.9 (0.1) 0.05 (0.95)

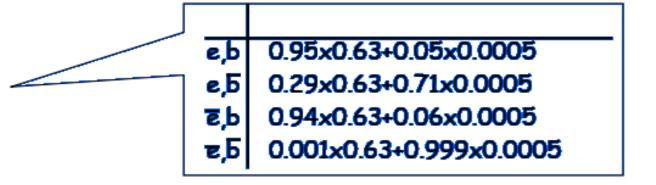
	Pr(M A)
а	0.7 (0.3)
ā	0.01 (0.99)

	f1(A)
a	0.63
ā	0.0005

$$\alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) \sum_{A} P(A|E,B) f 1(A)$$

	f1(A)
α	0.63
ā	0.0005





$$\alpha P(B) \sum_{E} P(E) f2(E,B)$$

	f1(A)
α	0.63
ā	0.0005
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J		Pr(A E,B)
	e,b	0.95 (0.05)
	е,Б	0.29 (0.71)
	ē,b	0.94 (0.06)
	₹,5	0.001 (0.999)

	f2(E,B)
e,b	0.60
е,Б	0.18
ē,b	0.59
ē,Б	0.001
	e,b e,5 ē,b ē,5



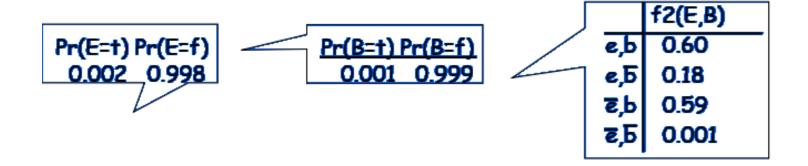
Pr(E=t) Pr(E=f) 0.002 0.998 Pr(B=t) Pr(B=f) 0.001 0.999

	f2(E,B)
e,b	0.60
е,Б	0.18
ē,b	0.59
₹,Б	0.001
	e,Б ≅ ,Ь

 b
 0.60x0.002x0.001 + 0.59x0.998x0.001

 Б
 0.18x0.002x0.999 + 0.001x0.998x0.999

α f3(B)



		f3(B)
_	Ь	0.0006
	Б	0.0013

$$\alpha$$
f3(B) \rightarrow P(B|j, m)

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$$N = 0.0006 + 0.0013$$

= 0.0019

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	f3(B)
 Ь	0.0006
Б	0.0013

$$N = 0.0006 + 0.0013$$

= 0.0019

	P(B j,m)
 Ь	0.32
Б	0.68

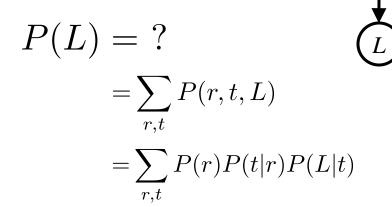
Example: Traffic Domain

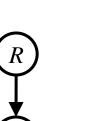
Random Variables

R: Raining

■ T: Traffic

L: Late for class!





P	(R)
+r	0.3

L +r	0.1
-r	0.9

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+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

P(L|T)

+t	+	0.3
+t	-	0.7
-t	+	0.1
-t	-	0.9