

# **Probabilistic Reasoning**

## **Bayesian Networks**

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# Conditional Probability, Product and Chain Rules

## 1) Definition of *conditional probability*:

**NB: , means  $\wedge$ , so this is the same:**

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a, b)}{P(b)}, \text{ if } P(b) \neq 0$$

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}, \text{ if } P(b) \neq 0$$

## 2) The *product rule* (follows from 1):

$$P(a, b) = P(a | b)P(b)$$

$$P(a, b) = P(b, a) = P(b | a)P(a) \quad \leftarrow \text{It works the other way too}$$

**commutative property**

## 3) *Chain rule* – derived by successive application of the product rule:

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | x_{i-1}, \dots, x_1), \text{ e.g.}$$

**The decomposition holds for any order of the variables**

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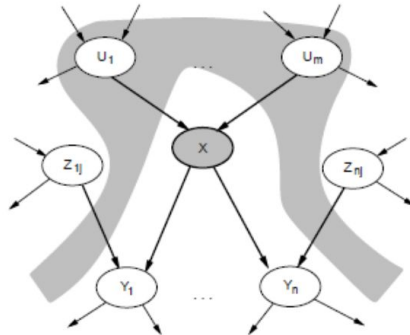
$$P(a, b, c) = P(a | b, c)P(b | c)P(c)$$

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## Assumption of Bayesian Networks (2)

- **Bayesian Network (BN) assumption:** A node is conditionally independent of its *non-descendants*, given its parents
- In other words, if we know the values of the parents, then knowing the values of any other non-descendant does not change the probability values of the nodes
- This can be written as:

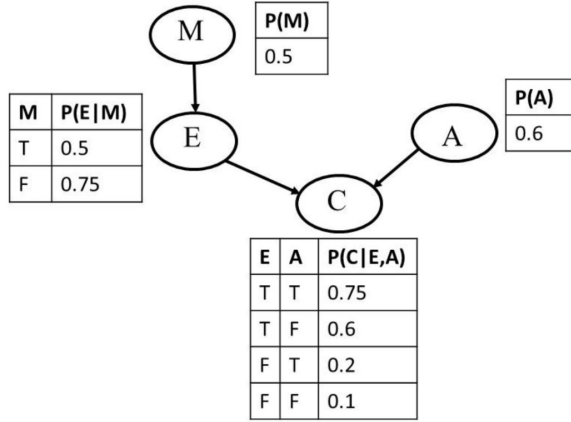
$$P(\text{node} \mid \text{parents plus any other non-descendants}) = P(\text{node} \mid \text{parents})$$



**X is conditionally independent of its non-descendants (nodes  $Z_{ij}$ ) given its parents (nodes  $U_i$  – the gray area)**

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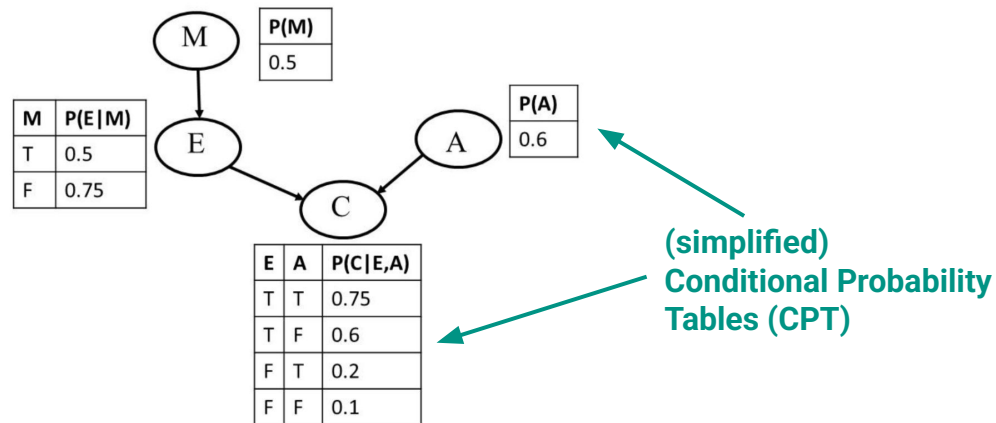
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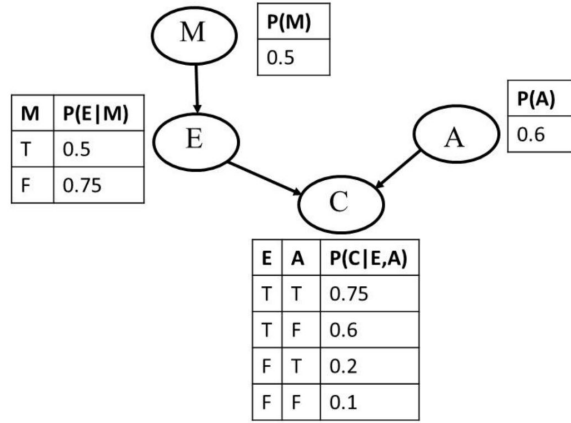
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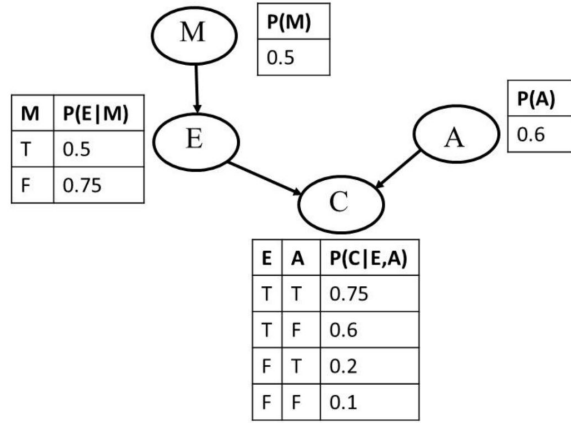
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#### ***Solution:***

$$P(M=T, E=T, A=F, C=T) = P(m, e, \sim a, c) = P(m)P(e|m)P(\sim a)P(c|e, \sim a) = 0.5 * 0.5 * (1-0.6) * 0.6 = 0.06$$

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Two calculation methods:

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Next we calculate  $\alpha$  - the normalisation term

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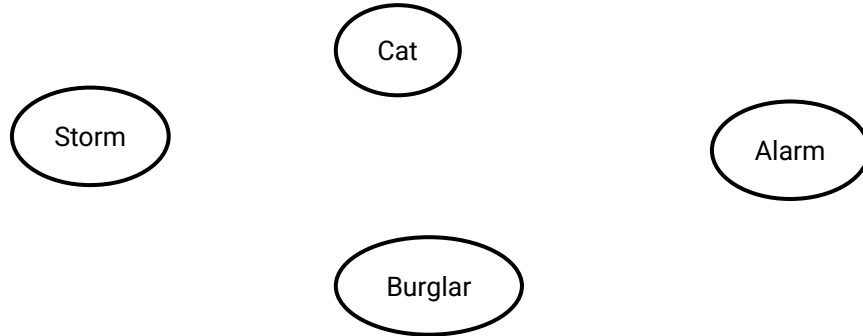
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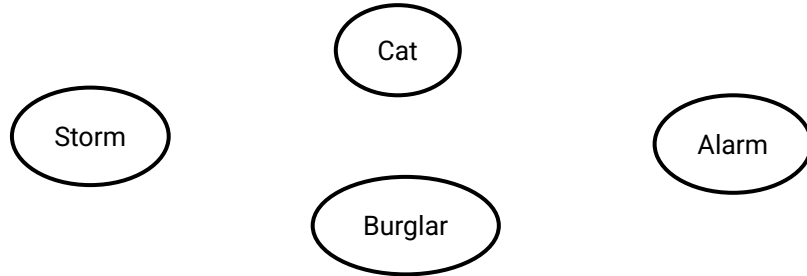
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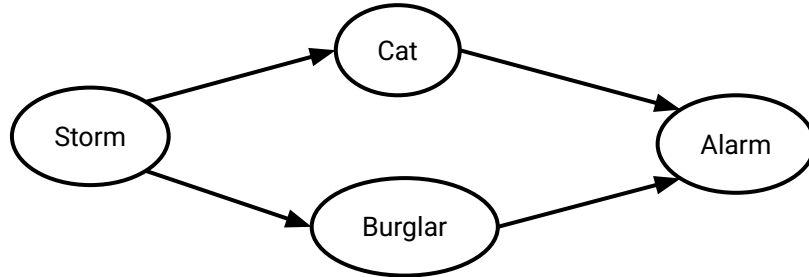
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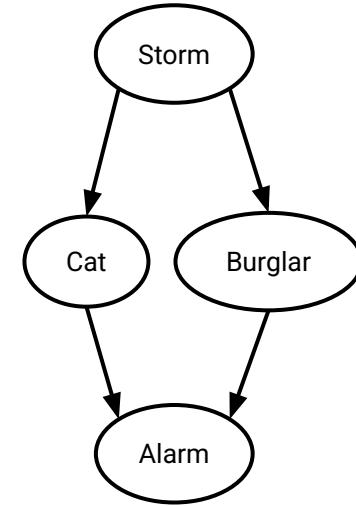
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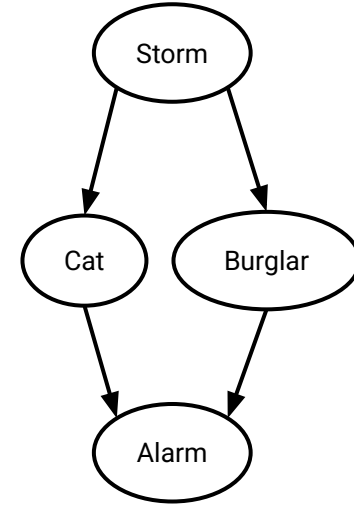


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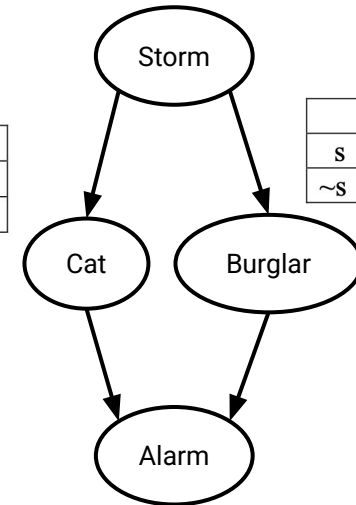
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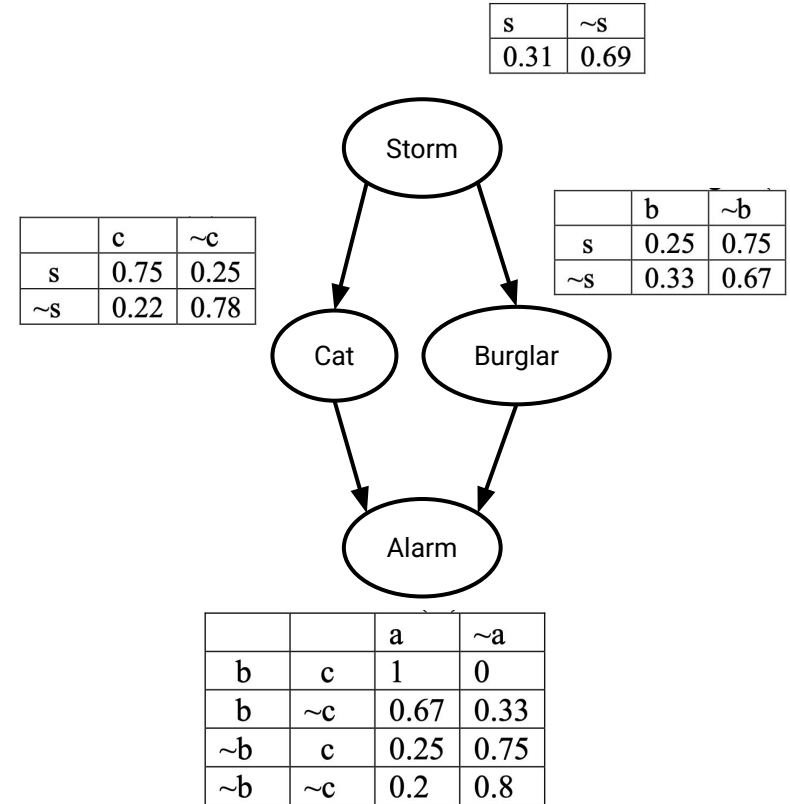


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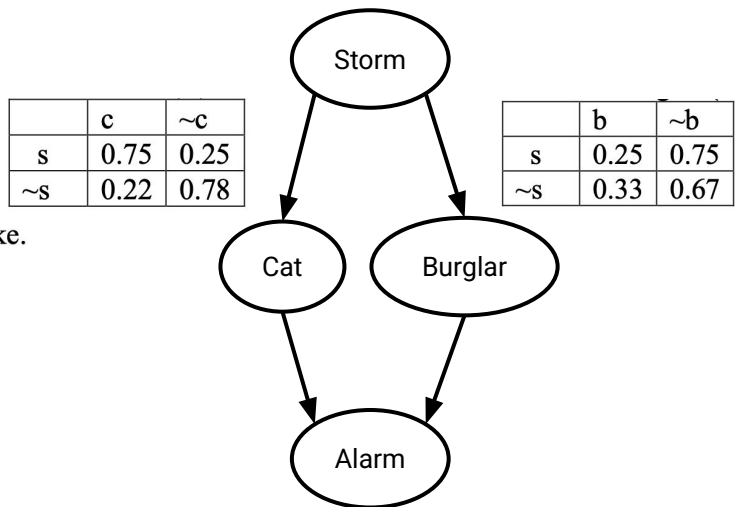
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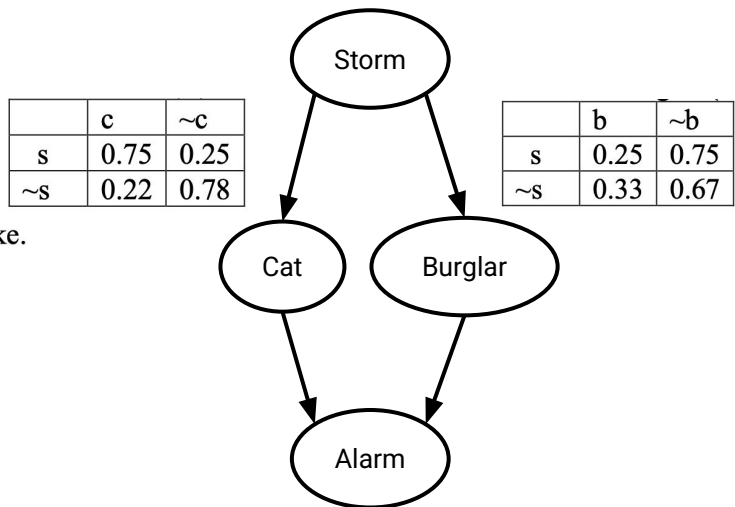
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