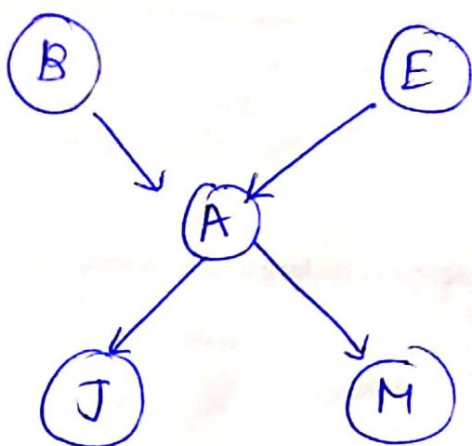


## Review



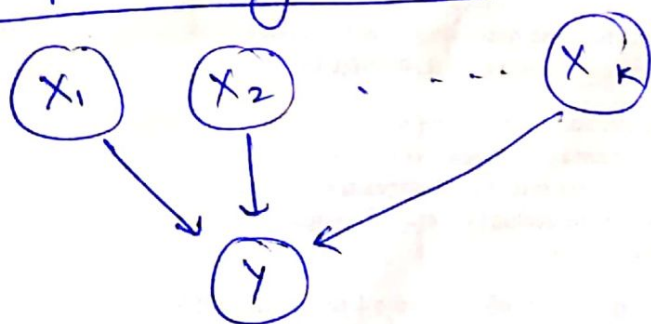
Burglary?  
 Earthquake?  
 Alarm?  
 John calls?  
 Mary calls?

\* Belief Network  $BN = DAG + CPTs$

\* Conditional Independence on all other ancestors given parents

$$P(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}) = P(x_i | pa(x_i))$$

## Representing CPTs



For simplicity, assume binary variables  $\{0, 1\}$  are the values

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}, y \in \{0, 1\}$$

How to represent  $P(y=1 | x_1, x_2, \dots)$

① Lookup table  $O(2^k)$  rows store arbitrary CPT

$x_1$	$x_2$	$\dots$	$x_k$	$P(y=1   x_1, \dots, x_k)$
0	0			0.1
1	0			0.9
$\vdots$	$\vdots$			$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$			0.6

$2^k$   
 combos

too many combinations if  $k$  is large.

## ② Deterministic CPT

"AND" function as a CPT  $P(Y=1 | x_1, \dots, x_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k x_i$

"OR" function as a CPT  $P(Y=0 | x_1, \dots, x_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - x_i)$

## ③ Noisy-OR CPT

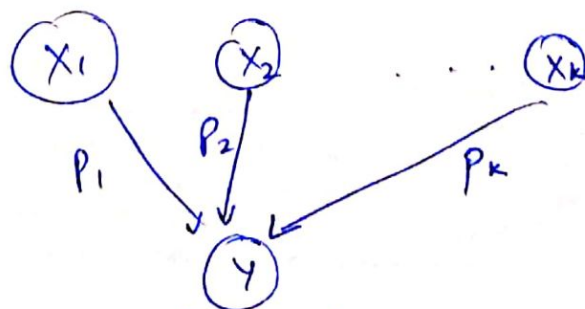
Use  $k$  numbers  $p_i \in [0, 1]$  to parametrize all  $2^k$  entries in CPT.

$$P(Y=0 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^{x_i}$$

$$P(Y=1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^{x_i}$$

Why "Noisy-OR"? Look at prob. that  $Y=1$  when exactly one parent is "on" (equal to 1):

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=1 | x_1=0, x_2=0, \dots, x_{j-1}=0, x_j=1, x_{j+1}=0, \dots, x_k=0) \\ = 1 - (1-p_1)^0 \cdot \dots \cdot (1-p_j)^1 \cdot \dots \cdot (1-p_k)^0 \\ = 1 - (1-p_j) = p_j \end{aligned}$$



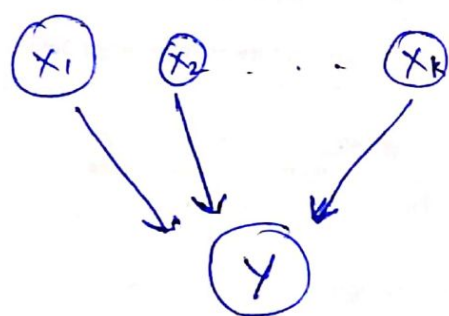
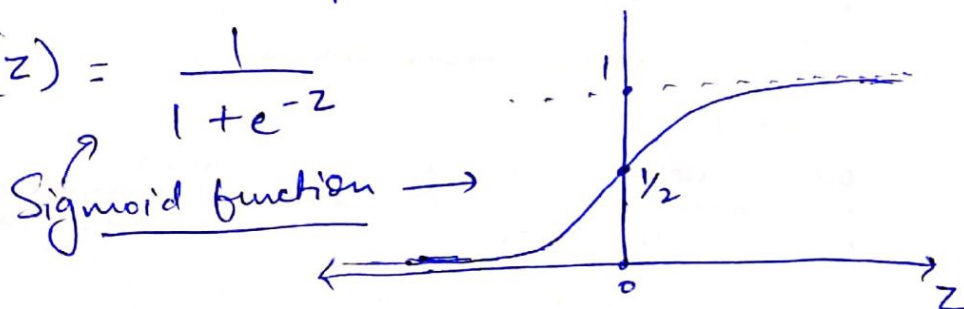
Intuitively,  $p_i \in [0, 1]$  is trigger prob. that  $\underbrace{x_i=1}_{\text{by itself}}$  causes  $Y=1$ . Setting all  $p_i=1$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$  recovers logical OR.

Example: parents are diseases and child is symptoms.  
The more diseases you have, the more probability of symptoms.

#### ④ Sigmoid CPT

Use  $k$  real numbers  $\theta_i$  to parametrize  $2^k$  rows of

CPT. Let  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$



$$P(Y=1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i x_i\right)$$

Also known as logistic regression. <sup>in</sup> Statistics or activation function in Neural Nets.

- If  $\theta_i$  strongly negative, then  $x_i=1$  tends to inhibit / suppress  $Y=1$
- If  $\theta_i$  strongly positive, then  $x_i=1$  tends to activate / excite  $Y=1$
- Unlike a Noisy-OR CPT, Sigmoid CPT can mix inhibition / excitation.



## Conditional Independence

- A node  $X_i$  is conditionally independent of its non-parent ancestors given its parent.

$$P(X_i | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}) = P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i))$$

- More generally:

Let  $X, Y$ , and  $E$  refer to disjoint sets of nodes in BN

When is  $X$  conditionally independent of  $Y$  given  $E$ ?

When is  $P(X | E, Y) = P(X | E)$ ?

When is  $P(X, Y | E) = P(X | E) P(Y | E)$ ?

## d-separation

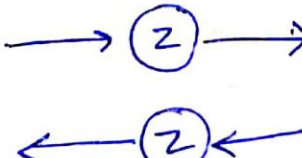
Direction-dependent (in DAGs)

Relates conditional independence to graph theoretic properties.

Thm:  $P(X, Y | E) = P(X | E) P(Y | E)$  if and only if,

every (undirected) path from a node in  $X$  to a node in  $Y$  is "d-separated" by  $E$ .

Def: a path  $\pi$  is d-separated if there exists a node  $z \in \pi$  for which one of these conditions hold:

- 1)  $z \in E$  with  edges flow through the node  $z$

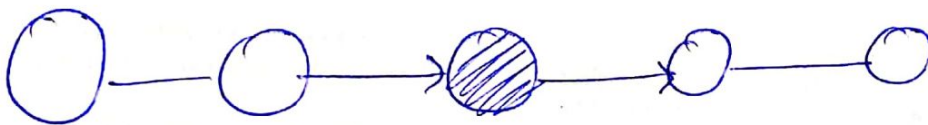
2)  $Z \in E$  with  $\leftarrow \textcircled{Z} \rightarrow$  edges diverge from  $Z$

3)  $Z \in E$  ~~with~~ with descendants( $Z$ )  $\notin E$   $\rightarrow \textcircled{Z} \leftarrow$  edges converges on  $Z$

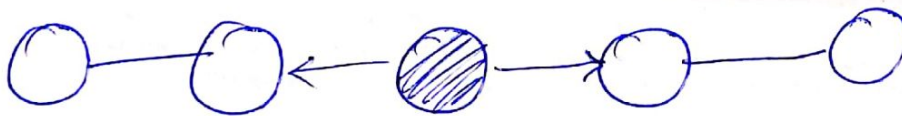
X

E

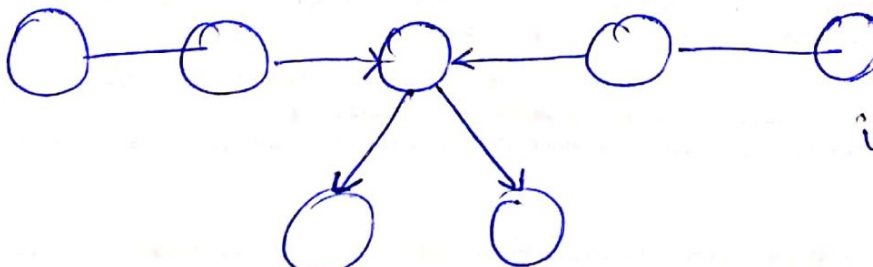
Y



$Z \in E$  is an intervening event in a causal chain

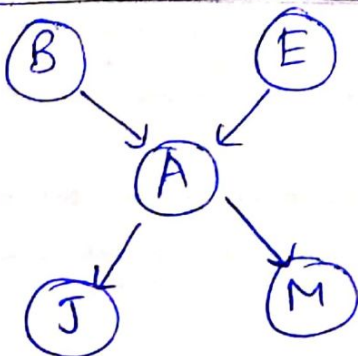


$Z \in E$  is a common explanation or cause of  $X$  and  $Y$ .



$Z \in E$ ,  $\text{desc}(Z) \notin E$   
↓  
is a common effect (unobserved).

Ex.



True or false?

1)  $P(B|A, M) \stackrel{?}{=} P(B|A)$

path  $B \rightarrow \textcircled{A} \rightarrow M$

checks out

$\rightarrow A \rightarrow$

True

(1) ✓

2)  $P(J, M | A) \stackrel{?}{=} P(J | A) P(M | A)$  TRUE.



3)  $P(B) \stackrel{?}{=} P(B | E)$  TRUE



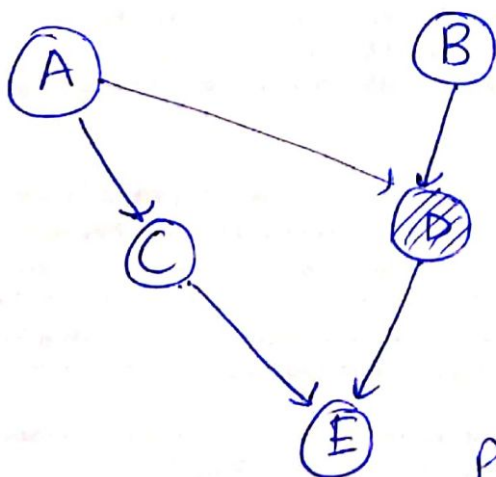
4)  $P(B | M) \stackrel{?}{=} P(B | M, E)$  ~~TRUE~~ FALSE



A violates (i), (ii), (iii)  $\rightarrow$  desc(A)  $\cap$  E

explaining away.

Ex.



True or false

$\star P(B | D, E) \stackrel{?}{=} P(B | D)$  FALSE.

Path  $(B \rightarrow D \rightarrow E)$

Condition (i) d-separation

Path  $(B \rightarrow D \leftarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E)$

$\downarrow$   
violates  
cond (iii).

all 3 conds. violated.



\* Proof that d-sep  $\iff$  conditional independence is not trivial.

\* Algorithms exist for efficient tests of d-separation.

## Inference

\* Problem.

$E$  — set of evidence nodes

$Q$  — set of query nodes.

How to compute posterior distribution  $P(Q|E)$ ?

\* Types of inference

— diagnostic reasoning from effects to causes.

$$P(B=1 | M=1)$$

— causal reasoning from causes to effects

$$P(M=1 | B=1)$$

— explaining away (about multiple causes)

$$P(B=1 | A=1, E=1)$$

— mixed reasoning  $P(B=1, M=1 | J=1, A=1)$

When can inference be done efficiently?

i.e. (polynomial time in size of DAG and CPTs)