

Artificial Intelligence



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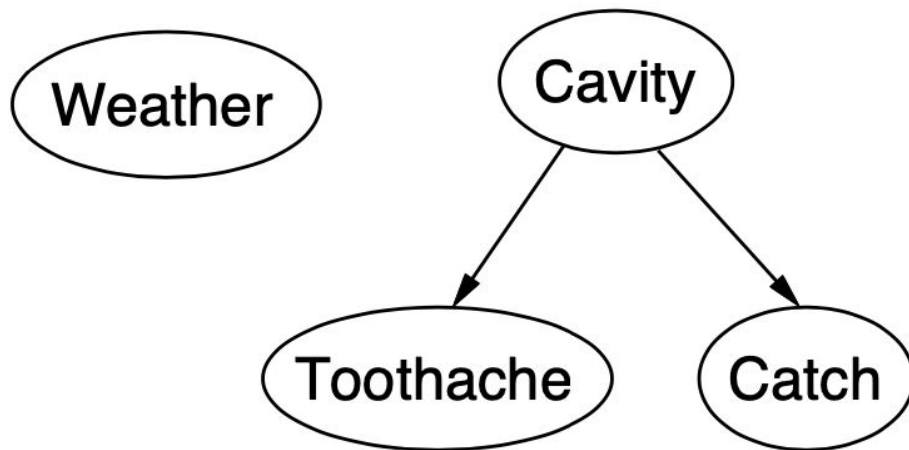
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- A simple, graphical notation for conditional independence assertions
- Syntax:
 - a set of nodes, one per variable
 - a directed, acyclic graph (link \approx “directly influences”)
 - a conditional distribution for each node given its parents: $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- 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:



$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity} \mid \text{toothache} \wedge \text{catch}) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(\text{toothache} \mid \text{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\text{catch} \mid \text{Cavity}) \mathbf{P}(\text{Cavity})$$

Weather is independent of the other variables

Toothache and Catch are conditionally independent given Cavity

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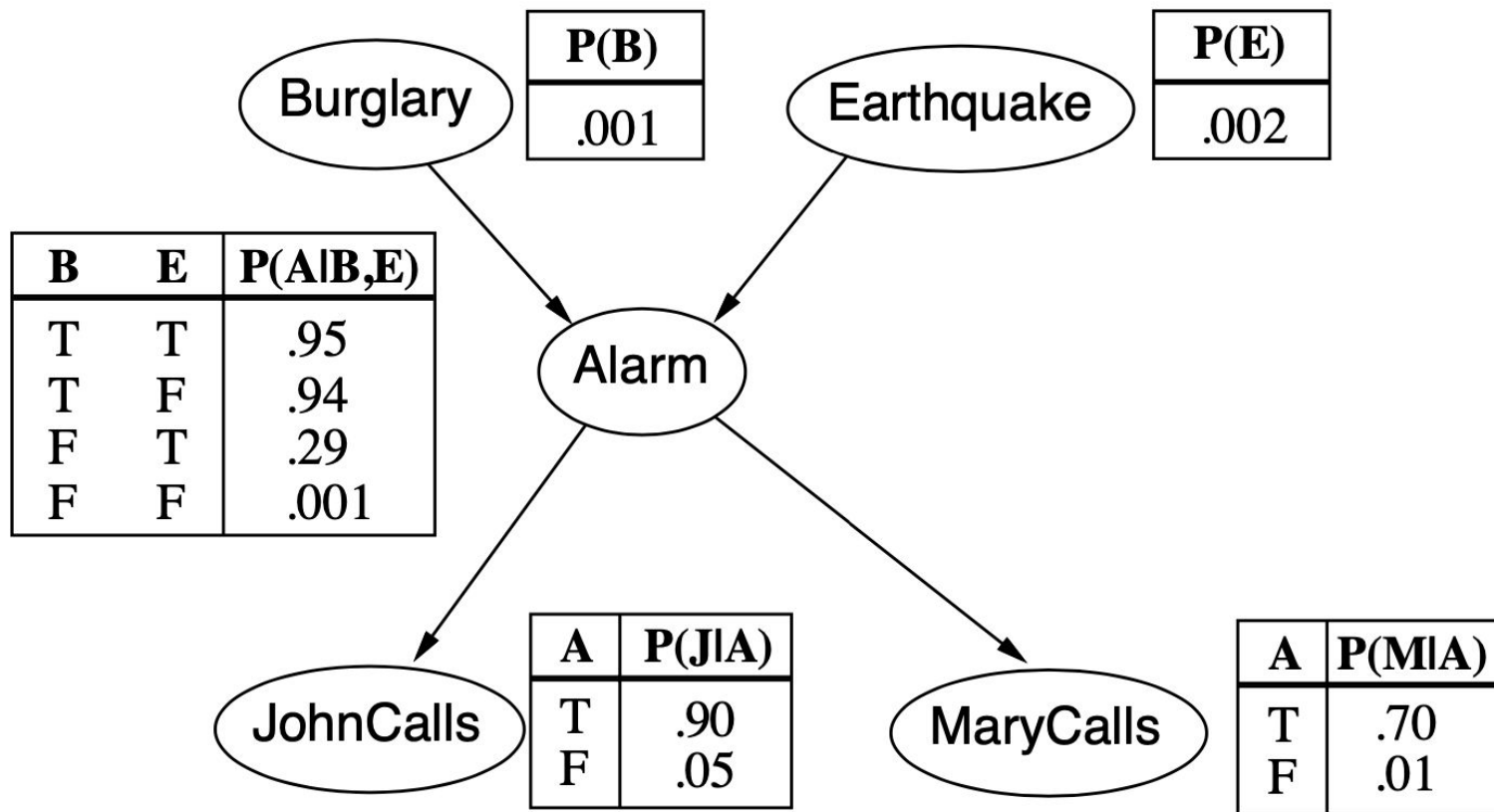
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Variables: Burglar, Earthquake, Alarm, JohnCalls, MaryCalls

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

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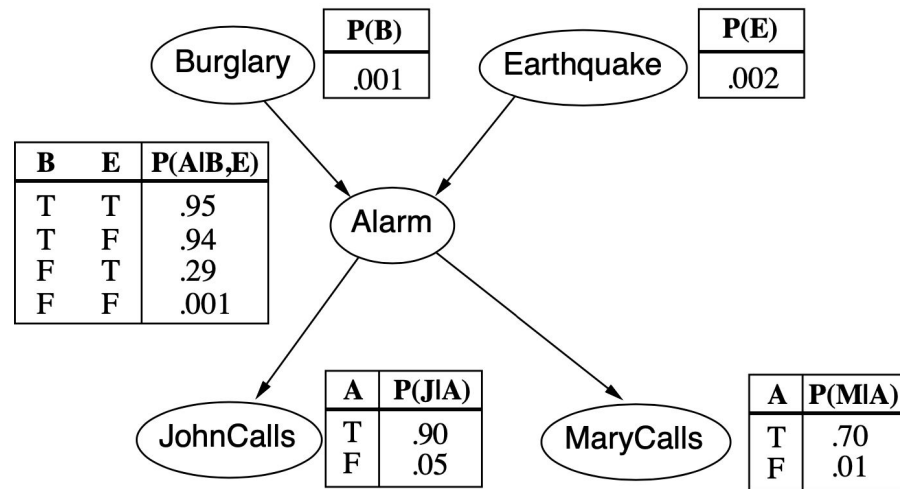
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8.2 Global semantics

Global semantics defines the full joint distribution as the product of the local conditional distributions:

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

$$P(j \wedge m \wedge a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg e)$$

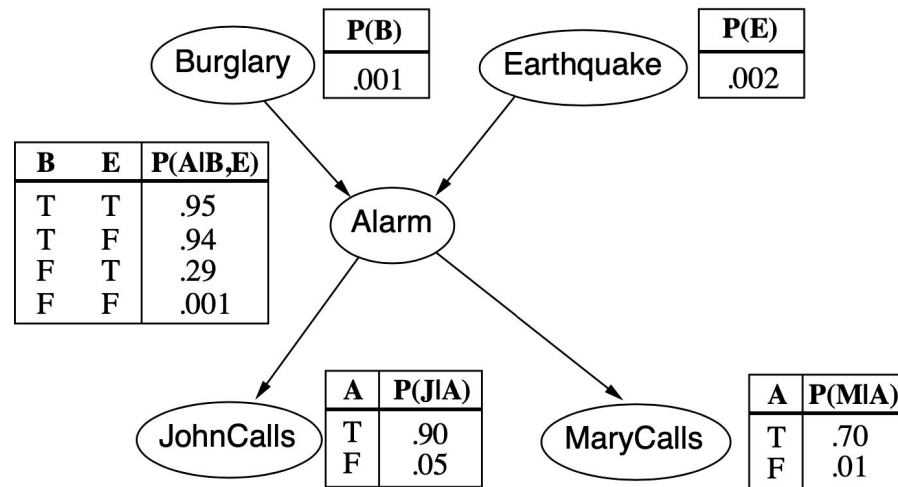


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$$\begin{aligned} &P(j \wedge m \wedge a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg e) \\ &= P(j|a)P(m|a)P(a|\neg b, \neg e)P(\neg b)P(\neg e) \\ &= 0.9 \times 0.7 \times 0.001 \times 0.999 \times 0.998 \\ &\approx 0.00063 \end{aligned}$$

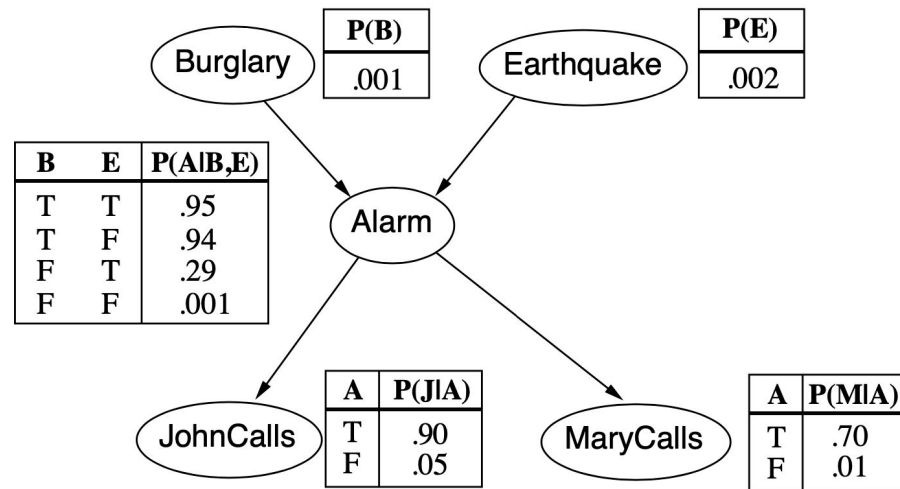


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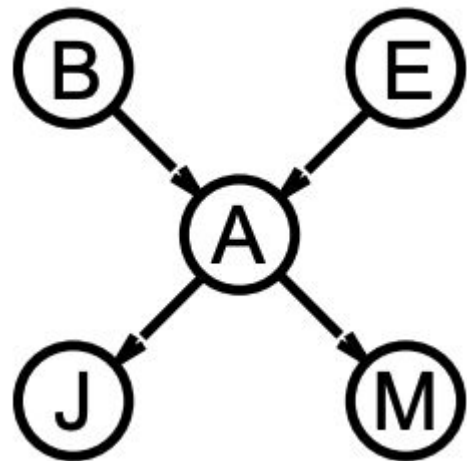
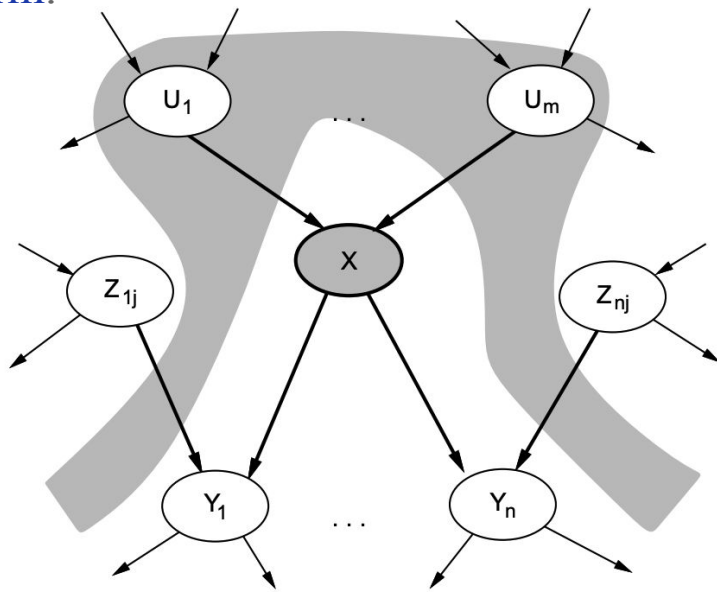
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8.2 Local semantics

- Local semantics: each node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents

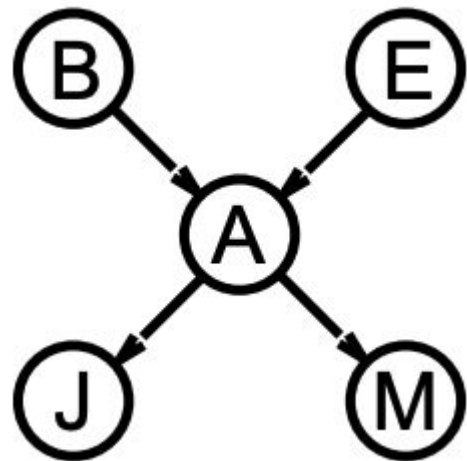
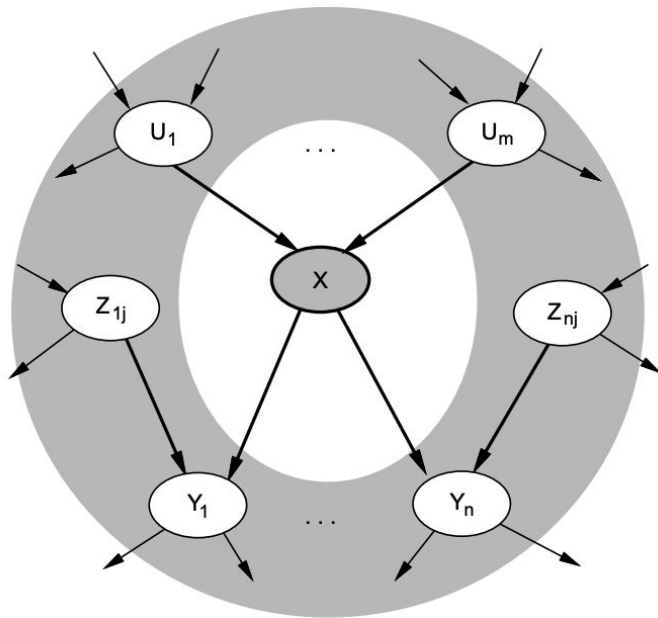
For example, **JohnCalls** is independent of **Burglary**, **Earthquake**, and **MaryCalls** given the value of **Alarm**.



8.2 Markov blanket

- Each node is conditionally independent of all others given its Markov blanket: parents + children + children's parents

For example, **Burglary** is independent of **JohnCalls** and **MaryCalls**, given **Alarm** and **Earthquake**.



8.2 Constructing Bayesian networks

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

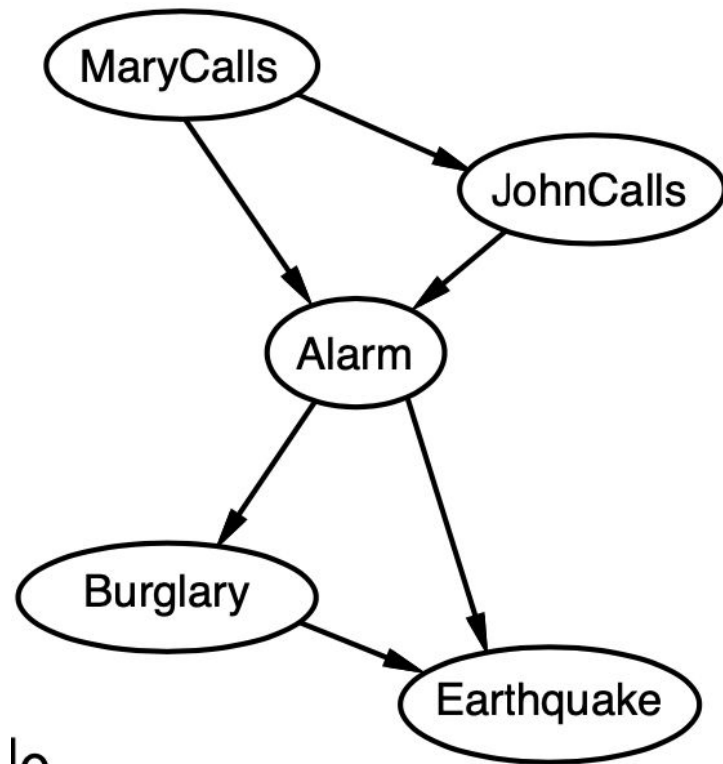
This choice of parents guarantees the global semantics:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) && \text{(chain rule)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) && \text{(by construction)} \end{aligned}$$

8.2 Example

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

- Adding **MaryCalls**: No parents.
- Adding **JohnCalls**: If Mary calls, 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.



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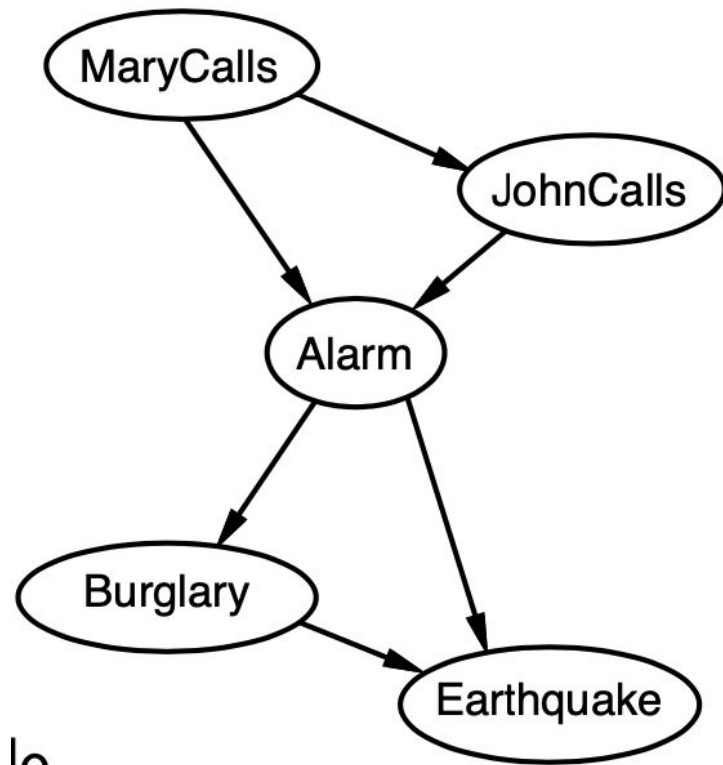
- Adding **Burglary**: If we know the alarm state, then the call from John or Mary might give us information about our phone ringing, but not about burglary:

$$P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{Alarm}, \text{JohnCalls}, \text{MaryCalls})$$

$$= P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{Alarm}) .$$

=> **Alarm** as parent.

- 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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$P(J|M) = P(J)$? No

$P(A|J, M) = P(A|J)$? No

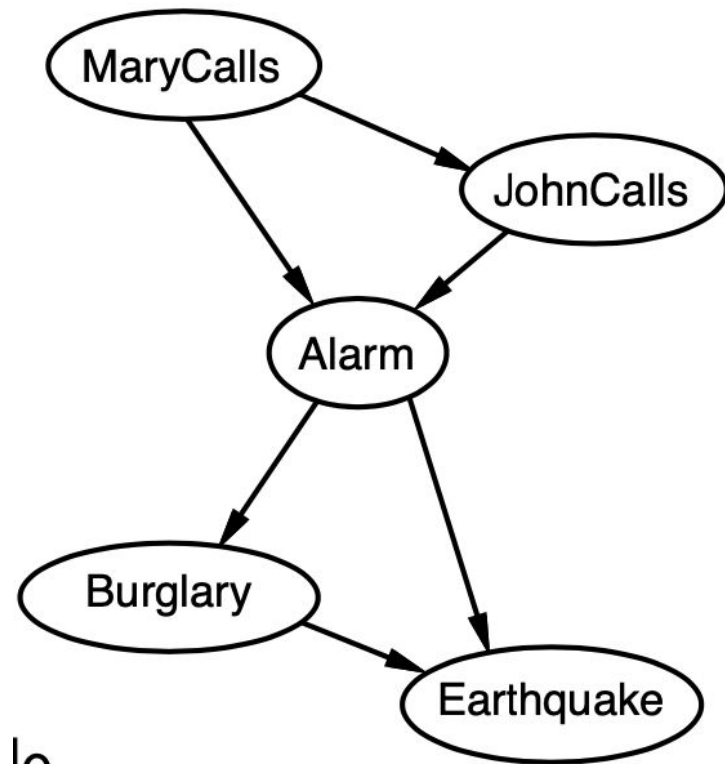
$P(A|J, M) = P(A)$? No

$P(B|A, J, M) = P(B|A)$? Yes

$P(B|A, J, M) = P(B)$? No

$P(E|B, A, J, M) = P(E|A)$? No

$P(E|B, A, J, M) = P(E|A, B)$? Yes



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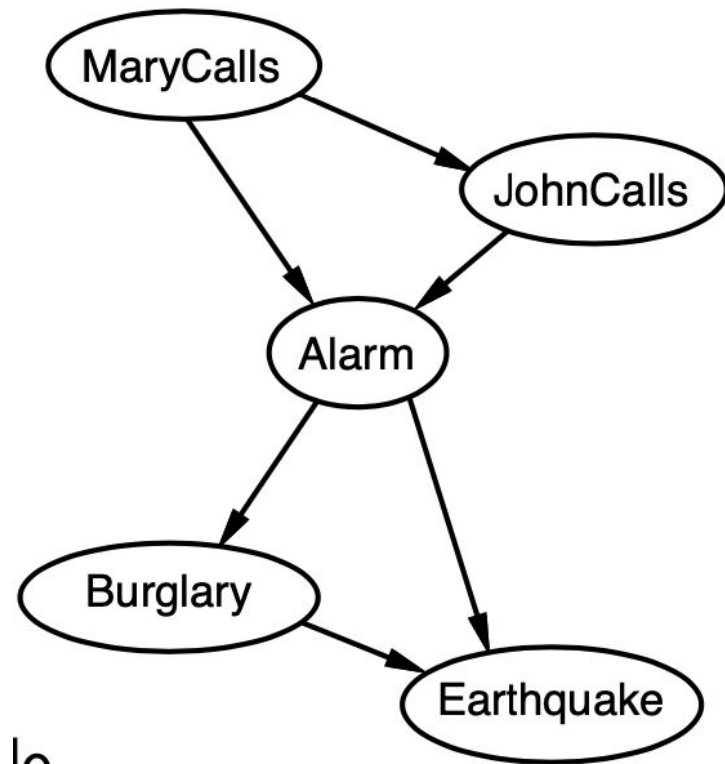
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8.3 Exact Inference In Bayesian Networks

8.3 Inference by enumeration

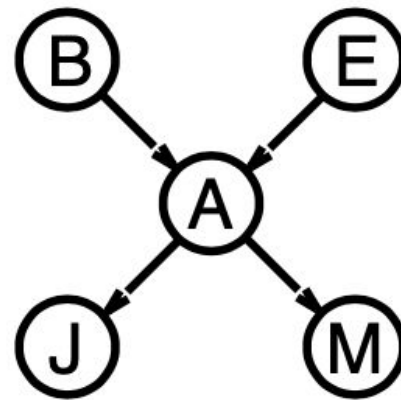
- Simple queries: compute the posterior probability distribution $P(X_i | E = e)$
e.g., $P(\text{NoGas}=\text{true} | \text{Gauge}=\text{empty}, \text{Lights}=\text{on}, \text{Starts}=\text{false})$
- A query can be answered using a Bayesian network by computing sums of products of conditional probabilities 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

$$\begin{aligned} P(b|j, m) &= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(b) P(e) P(a|b,e) P(j|a) P(m|a) \\ &= \alpha P(b) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a|b,e) P(j|a) P(m|a) \end{aligned}$$

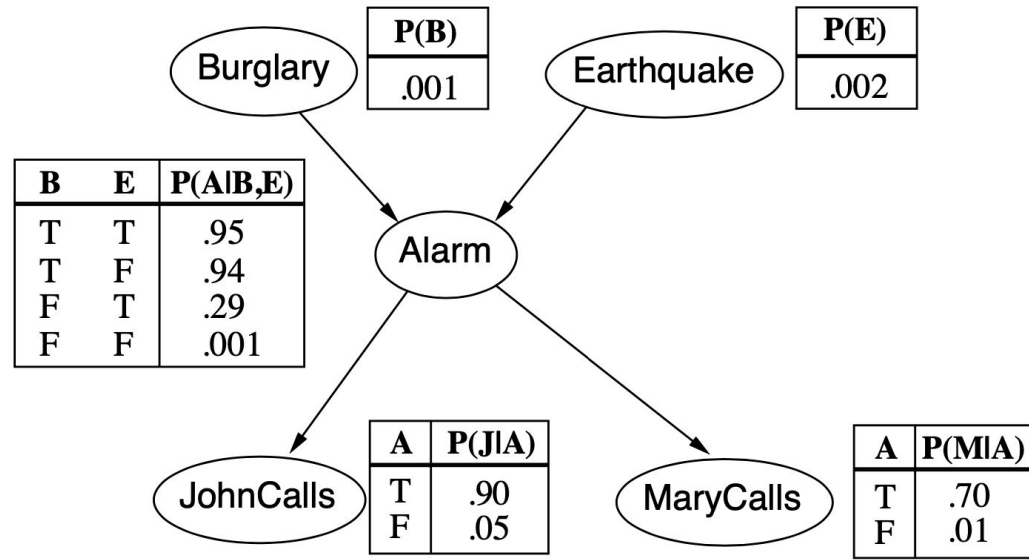


$P(b, j, m, e, a)$

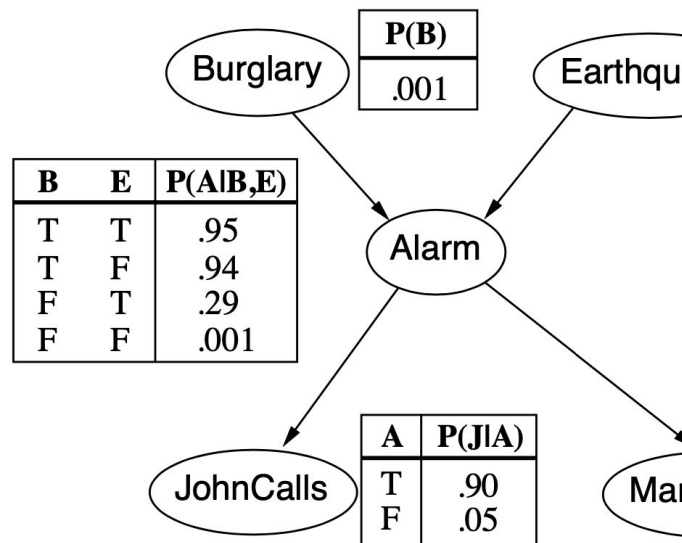
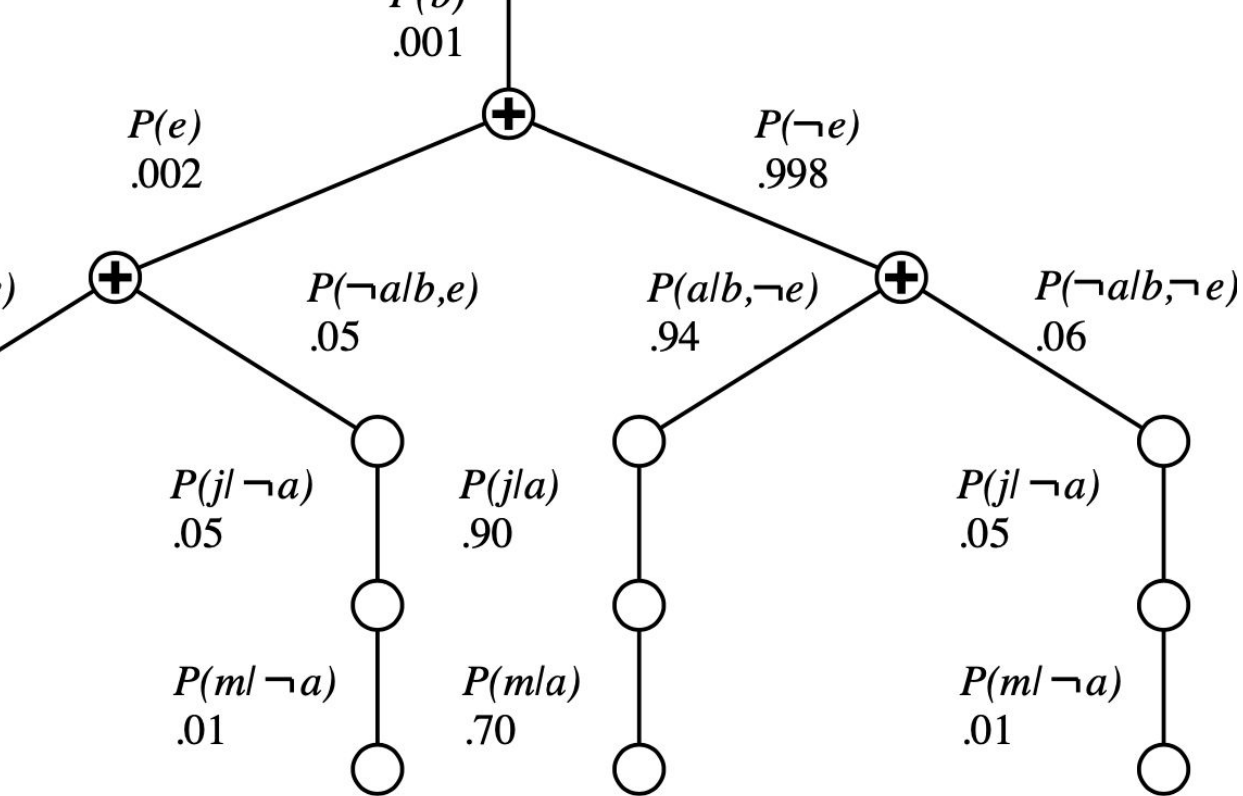
$P(b) P(e) P(a|b, e) P(j|a) P(m|a)$

$P(B|j, m)$

$= \alpha [P(B, j, m, e, a) +$
 $P(B, j, m, \neg e, a) +$
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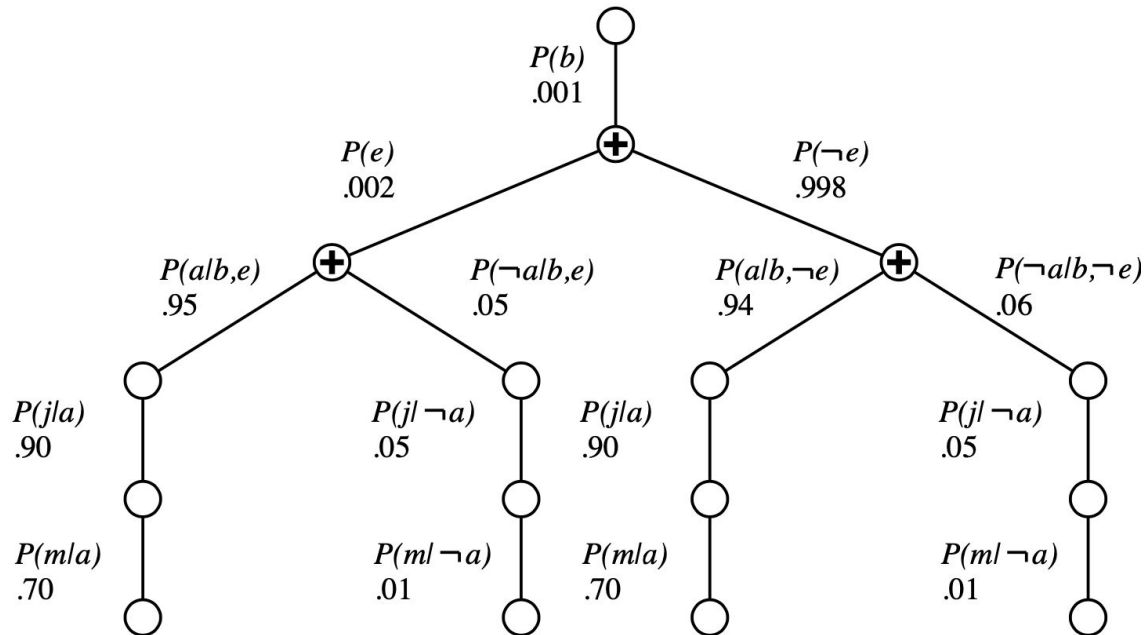
$P(B, j, m, e, a): \langle P(b, j, m, e, a), P(\neg b, j, m, e, a) \rangle$



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

- The evaluation proceeds top down, multiplying values along each path and summing at the “+” nodes.

8.3 Inference by enumeration



- Enumeration is inefficient: repeated computation
e.g., computes $P(j|a)P(m|a)$ for each value of e .

8.3 Inference by variable elimination

- Variable elimination:
 - carry out summations right-to-left,
 - storing intermediate results (factors) to avoid recomputation
- Notes:
 - each factor is a matrix indexed by the values of its argument variables.
 - “ \times ” operator is not ordinary matrix multiplication but instead the pointwise product operation

$$\mathbf{P}(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(B)}_{\mathbf{f}_1(B)} \sum_e \underbrace{P(e)}_{\mathbf{f}_2(E)} \sum_a \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(a \mid B, e)}_{\mathbf{f}_3(A, B, E)} \underbrace{P(j \mid a)}_{\mathbf{f}_4(A)} \underbrace{P(m \mid a)}_{\mathbf{f}_5(A)} .$$

$$\mathbf{P}(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \mathbf{f}_1(B) \times \sum_e \mathbf{f}_2(E) \times \sum_a \mathbf{f}_3(A, B, E) \times \mathbf{f}_4(A) \times \mathbf{f}_5(A)$$

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$$\mathbf{f}_4(A) = \left(\frac{P(j|a)}{P(j|\neg a)} \right) = \left(\frac{0.90}{0.05} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_5(A) = \left(\frac{P(m|a)}{P(m|\neg a)} \right) = \left(\frac{0.70}{0.01} \right)$$

First, we sum out A from the product of \mathbf{f}_3 , \mathbf{f}_4 , and \mathbf{f}_5 . This gives us a new 2×2 factor $\mathbf{f}_6(B, E)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f}_6(B, E) &= \sum_a \mathbf{f}_3(A, B, E) \times \mathbf{f}_4(A) \times \mathbf{f}_5(A) \\ &= (\mathbf{f}_3(a, B, E) \times \mathbf{f}_4(a) \times \mathbf{f}_5(a)) + (\mathbf{f}_3(\neg a, B, E) \times \mathbf{f}_4(\neg a) \times \mathbf{f}_5(\neg a)) .\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(B | j, m) = \alpha \mathbf{f}_1(B) \times \sum_e \mathbf{f}_2(E) \times \mathbf{f}_6(B, E) .$$

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Next, we sum out E from the product of \mathbf{f}_2 and \mathbf{f}_6 :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f}_7(B) &= \sum_e \mathbf{f}_2(E) \times \mathbf{f}_6(B, E) \\ &= \mathbf{f}_2(e) \times \mathbf{f}_6(B, e) + \mathbf{f}_2(\neg e) \times \mathbf{f}_6(B, \neg e) .\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(B \mid j, m) = \alpha \mathbf{f}_1(B) \times \mathbf{f}_7(B)$$

8.3 Inference by variable elimination

- The pointwise product of two factors \mathbf{f}_1 and \mathbf{f}_2 yields a new factor \mathbf{f} whose variables are the union of the variables in \mathbf{f}_1 and \mathbf{f}_2
- Suppose the two factors have variables Y_1, \dots, Y_k in common.

Then we have

$$\mathbf{f}(X_1 \dots X_j, Y_1 \dots Y_k, Z_1 \dots Z_l) = \mathbf{f}_1(X_1 \dots X_j, Y_1 \dots Y_k) \mathbf{f}_2(Y_1 \dots Y_k, Z_1 \dots Z_l)$$

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A	B	$\mathbf{f}_1(A, B)$	B	C	$\mathbf{f}_2(B, C)$	A	B	C	$\mathbf{f}_3(A, B, C)$
T	T	.3	T	T	.2	T	T	T	$.3 \times .2 = .06$
T	F	.7	T	F	.8	T	T	F	$.3 \times .8 = .24$
F	T	.9	F	T	.6	T	F	T	$.7 \times .6 = .42$
F	F	.1	F	F	.4	T	F	F	$.7 \times .4 = .28$
						F	T	T	$.9 \times .2 = .18$
						F	T	F	$.9 \times .8 = .72$
						F	F	T	$.1 \times .6 = .06$
						F	F	F	$.1 \times .4 = .04$

8.3 Inference by variable elimination

- Summing out a variable from a product of factors:
 - add up submatrices in pointwise product of remaining factors
- For example, to sum out A from $f_3(A, B, C)$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}(B, C) &= \sum_a \mathbf{f}_3(A, B, C) = \mathbf{f}_3(a, B, C) + \mathbf{f}_3(\neg a, B, C) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} .06 & .24 \\ .42 & .28 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} .18 & .72 \\ .06 & .04 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} .24 & .96 \\ .48 & .32 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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