Experiment No. 7

Title: Bayesian Network Problem Solving

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Aim: Study of Netica Software (free version) and use of it to build a small Bayesian Network.

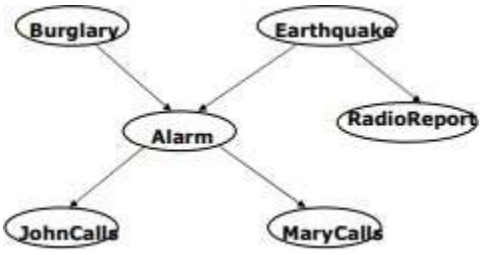
Resources needed: Netica Software, Internet

Theory

Bayesian networks are directed acyclic graphs whose nodes represent variables, and whose missing edges encode conditional independencies between the variables. Nodes represent random variables – they may be observable quantities, latent variables, unknown parameters or hypotheses. Each node is associated with a probability function that takes as input a particular set of values for the node's parent variables and gives the probability of the variable represented by the node. If the parents are m Boolean variables then the probability function could be represented by a table of 2m entries, one entry for each possible combination of its parents being true or false.

Procedure:

1. Consider the Bayesian Network Diagram given below containing six random variables:
"Burglary", "Earthquake", "Alarm", "JohnCalls", " MaryCalls" and "Radio Announcement"



In this, "Burglary" and "Earthquake" are independent, and "Burglary" and "Radio Announcement" are independent given "Earthquake." This is to say that there is no event that affects both burglaries and earthquakes.

As well, "Burglary" and "Radio Announcements" are independent given "Earthquake" - meaning that while a radio announcement might result from an earthquake, it will not result as a repercussion from a burglary.

2. Create a Bayesian Network using Netica (free version) and explore the functions of Netica on the created network.

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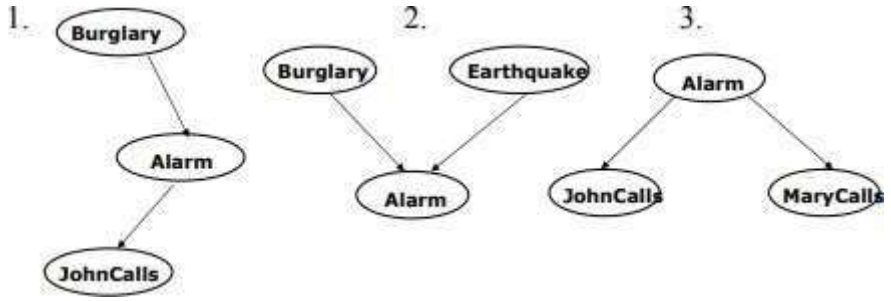
Questions:

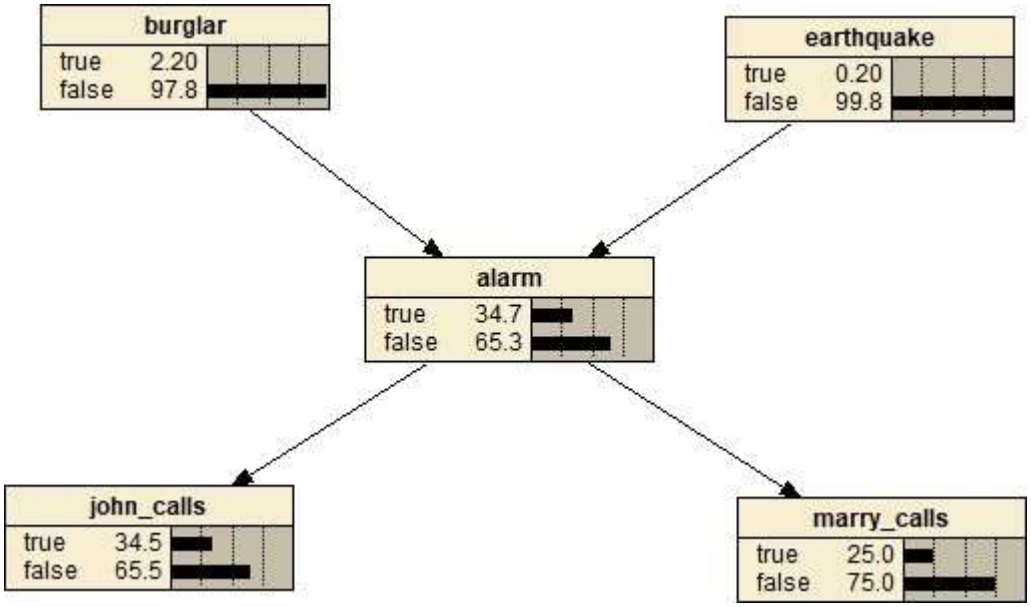
Q1. List the features of Netica.

Ans: Compiles Bayes nets into junction trees of cliques for fast probabilistic reasoning. Can learn probabilistic relations from data (including EM and gradient descent learning). Generates presentation quality graphics which can be transferred to other documents, including SVGgraphics. Allows the entry of probabilistic relations by equation, with an extensive built-in library of probabilistic functions and other mathematical functions. The equations can be deterministic or probabilistic, and fordiscrete or continuous variables.

Q2. State the following statements with respective to the diagrams are true or false and Justify your answer

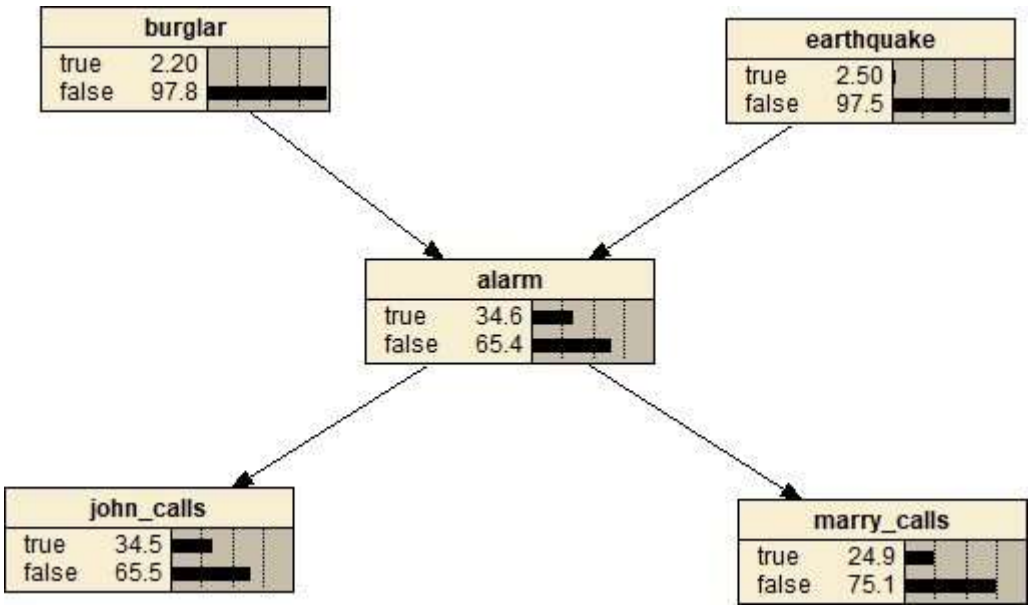


1. JohnCalls is independent of Burglary, given Alarm

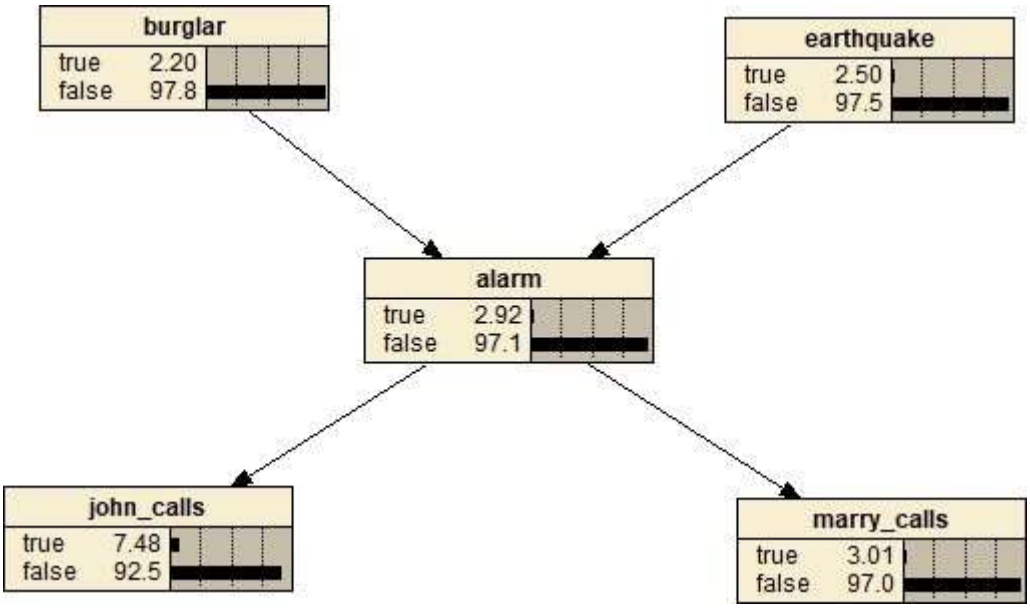


As you can see after changing the probability of burglar, the output for john_calls changes. This meansjohn_calls is not independent of burglar.

2. Burglary is independent of Earthquake (not knowing Alarm) but Burglary and Earthquake become dependent, given Alarm

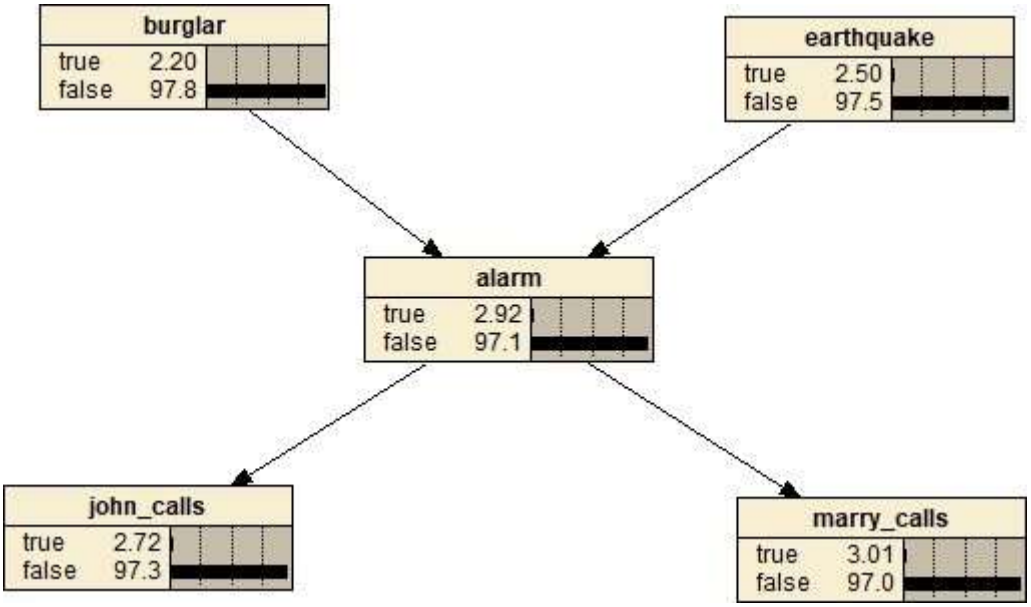


As you can see, after changing earthquake burglary doesn't change. This means they are independent.



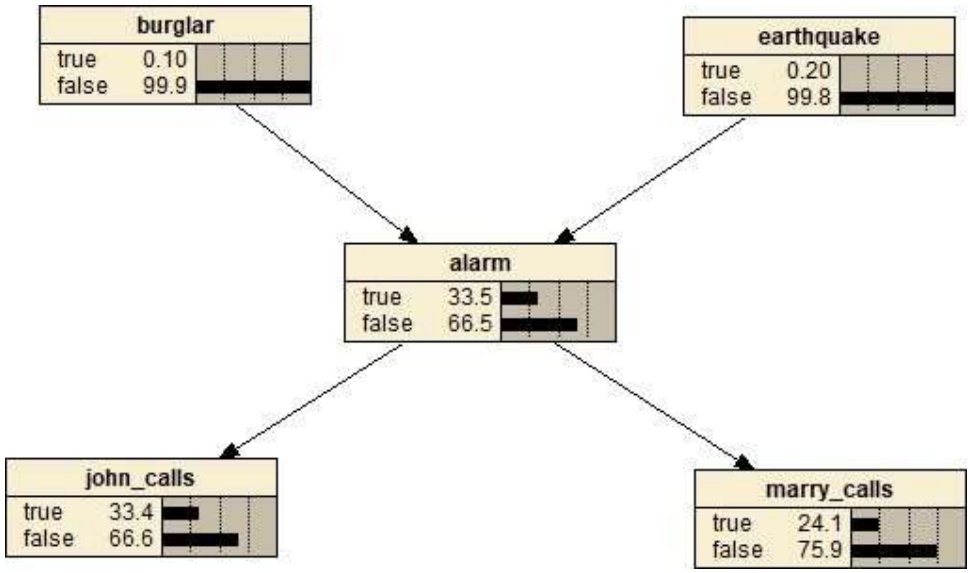
We see that burglary and earthquake do not get dependent on changing values of alarm

3. MaryCalls is independent of JohnCalls, given Alarm



After changing values for john_calls we see that marry_calls is not affected. This means marry_calls isindependent of john_calls.

Results: (Softcopy submission)



Outcomes: Comprehend problems with uncertainty, formalize the problem andunderstand howsolutions are found.

Conclusion: Bayesian network was studied and implemented successfully.

Grade: AA / AB / BB / BC / CC / CD /DD

Signature of faculty in-charge with date

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