

# COMP90051 Statistical Machine Learning

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PGM (Bayesian Network)



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# Random Variables and Events

- *Random variables*: the (uncertain) state of the world
  - Denoted by capital letters
  - \* *R*: Is it raining? (binary, discrete)
  - \* *S*: What's the wind speed? (continuous)
- *Atomic event*: a complete assignment of domain values to random variables
  - \* *R* = True
  - \* *S* = 100 km/h
  - \* Atomic events are mutually exclusive and exhaustive

# Joint Probability Distributions

- If the world consists of only two Boolean variables  $A$  and  $B$ , then there are four distinct atomic events:
  - \*  $A = \text{True} \wedge B = \text{True}$
  - \*  $A = \text{True} \wedge B = \text{False}$
  - \*  $A = \text{False} \wedge B = \text{True}$
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- A *joint probability distribution* is an assignment of probabilities to every possible atomic event

Atomic event	P
$A = \text{True} \wedge B = \text{True}$	0.1
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$A = \text{False} \wedge B = \text{True}$	0.3
$A = \text{False} \wedge B = \text{False}$	0.4

# Joint Probability Distributions

- What's the size of the table given  $n$  variables with  $d$  domain values?
- Notation:
  - \*  $P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$  refers to a single entry in the joint probability distribution table;


Atomic event	P
$A = \text{True} \wedge B = \text{True}$	0.1

- \*  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  refers to the entire joint probability distribution table;


# Marginalisation

- From the joint distribution  $P(A, B)$  we can find the **marginal distributions**  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$

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Atomic event	P
$A = \text{True}$	0.3
$A = \text{False}$	0.7



Atomic event	P
$B = \text{True}$	0.4
$B = \text{False}$	0.6

# Conditional Probability

- Definition:

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)} \quad \text{obtain the conditional probability with the joint}$$

- Obtain the joint with the conditional probability:

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

- The chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1, \dots, A_n) &= P(A_1)P(A_2 | A_1)P(A_3 | A_1, A_2) \dots P(A_n | A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i | A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

# Independence

- $A$  and  $B$  are *independent* iff:
  - \*  $P(A \wedge B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ , equivalently:
  - \*  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  and  $P(B|A) = P(B)$
- *mutually exclusive* events  $\neq$  *independent* events
  - \* For mutually exclusive:  $P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B)$
- $A$  and  $B$  are *conditionally independent* given  $C$  iff:
  - \*  $P(A \wedge B|C) = P(A|C) \cdot P(B|C)$
  - \* E.g. naïve Bayesian:
    - $P(Y|X_1, X_2, X_3) \propto P(X_1|Y) \cdot P(X_2|Y) \cdot P(X_3|Y) \cdot P(Y)$

# PGM: Bayesian Network

- A type of *graphical model*
- A Bayesian network is a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- A Bayesian network states conditional independence relationships between random variables
- Compact specification of full joint distributions

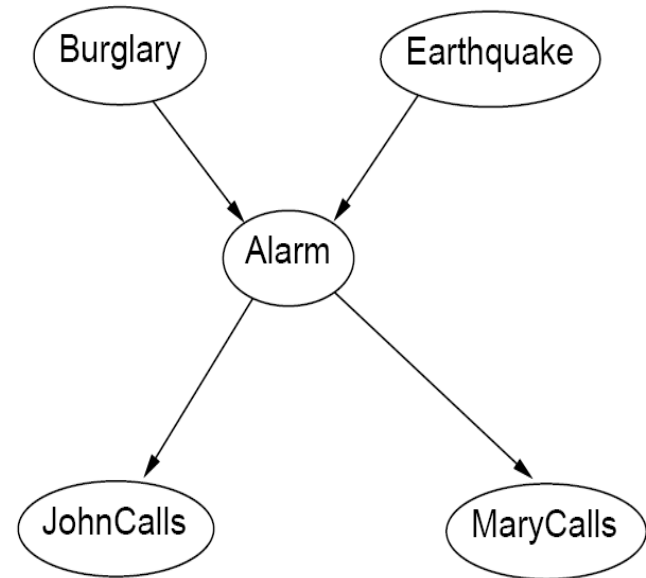


# Bayesian Network

- Nodes: random variables

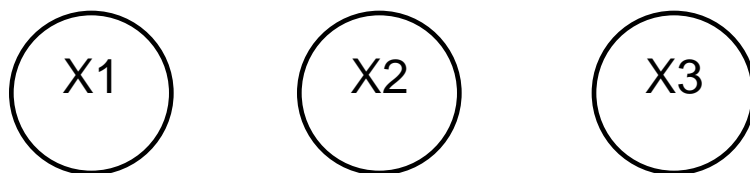
- Arcs: interactions

- \* An arrow from one variable to another indicates direct influence
- \* A node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parent

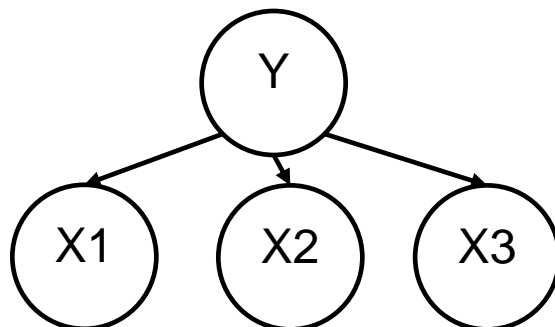


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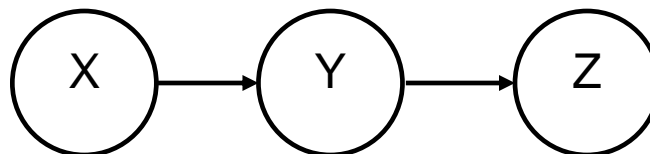
- Unconditionally/complete independent:



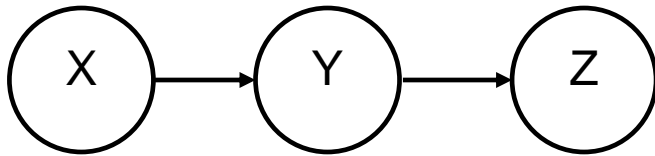
- Naïve Bayes: conditionally independent



- How about:

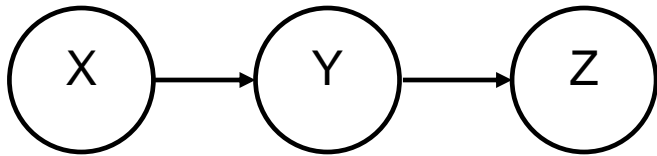


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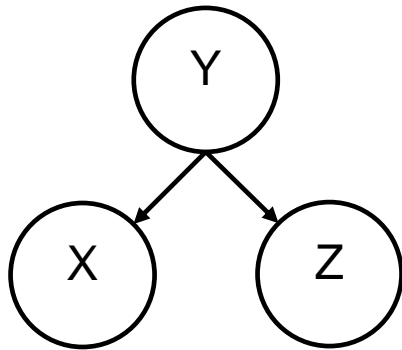


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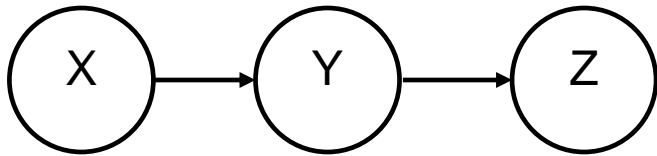
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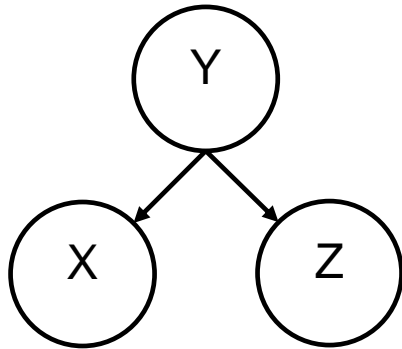
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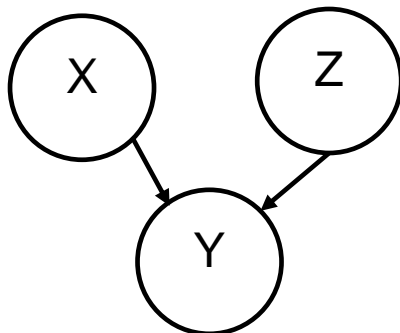


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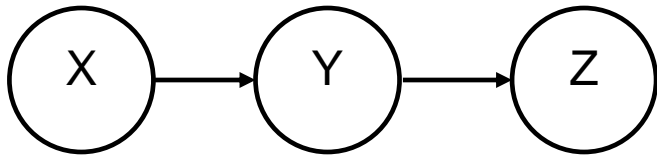
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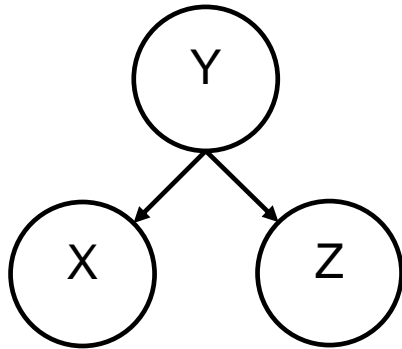
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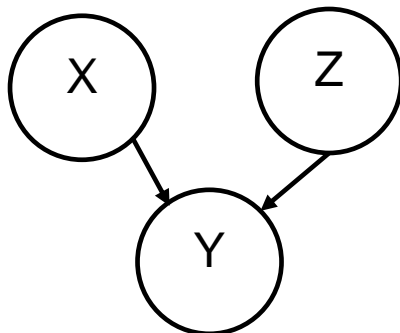
- Are  $X$  and  $Z$  independent? **No**
- Is  $Z$  independent of  $X$  given  $Y$ ? **Yes**

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



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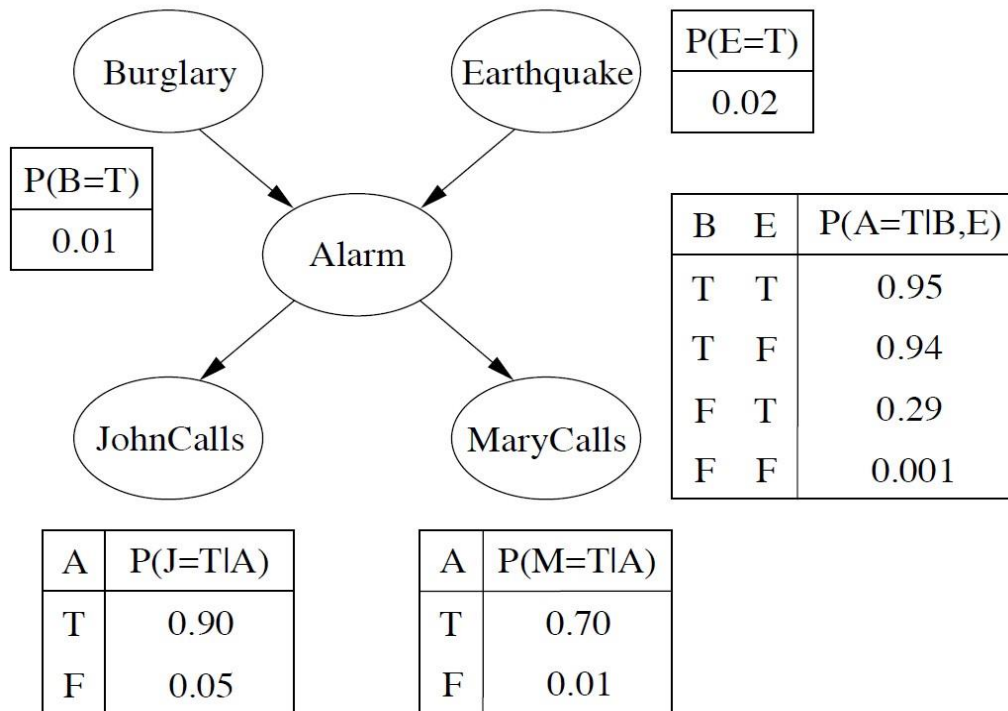


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# PGM: Model Representation

- Directed acyclic graph
- Conditional probability table (parameters)



- Compact: just 10 rows vs 31 rows in a full joint table!

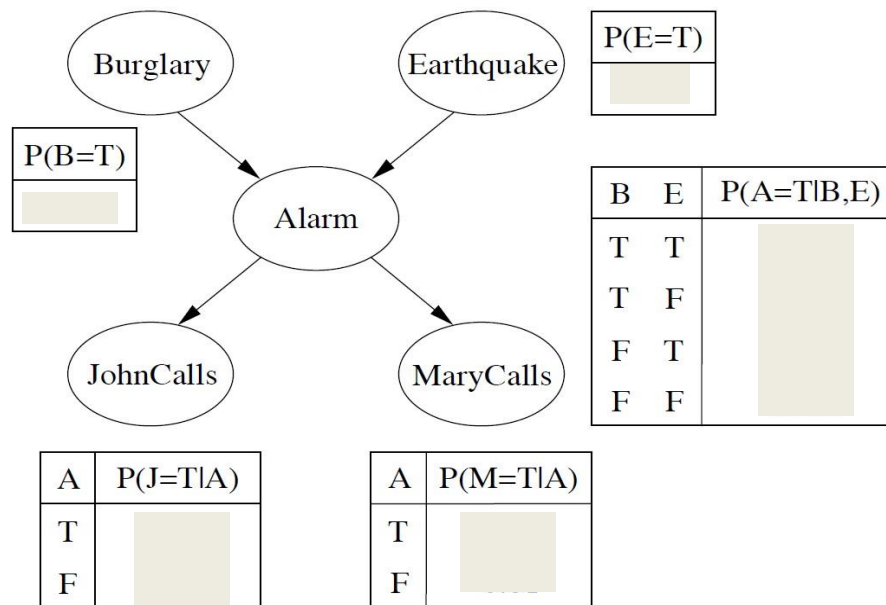
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- Parameter learning (filling the table)



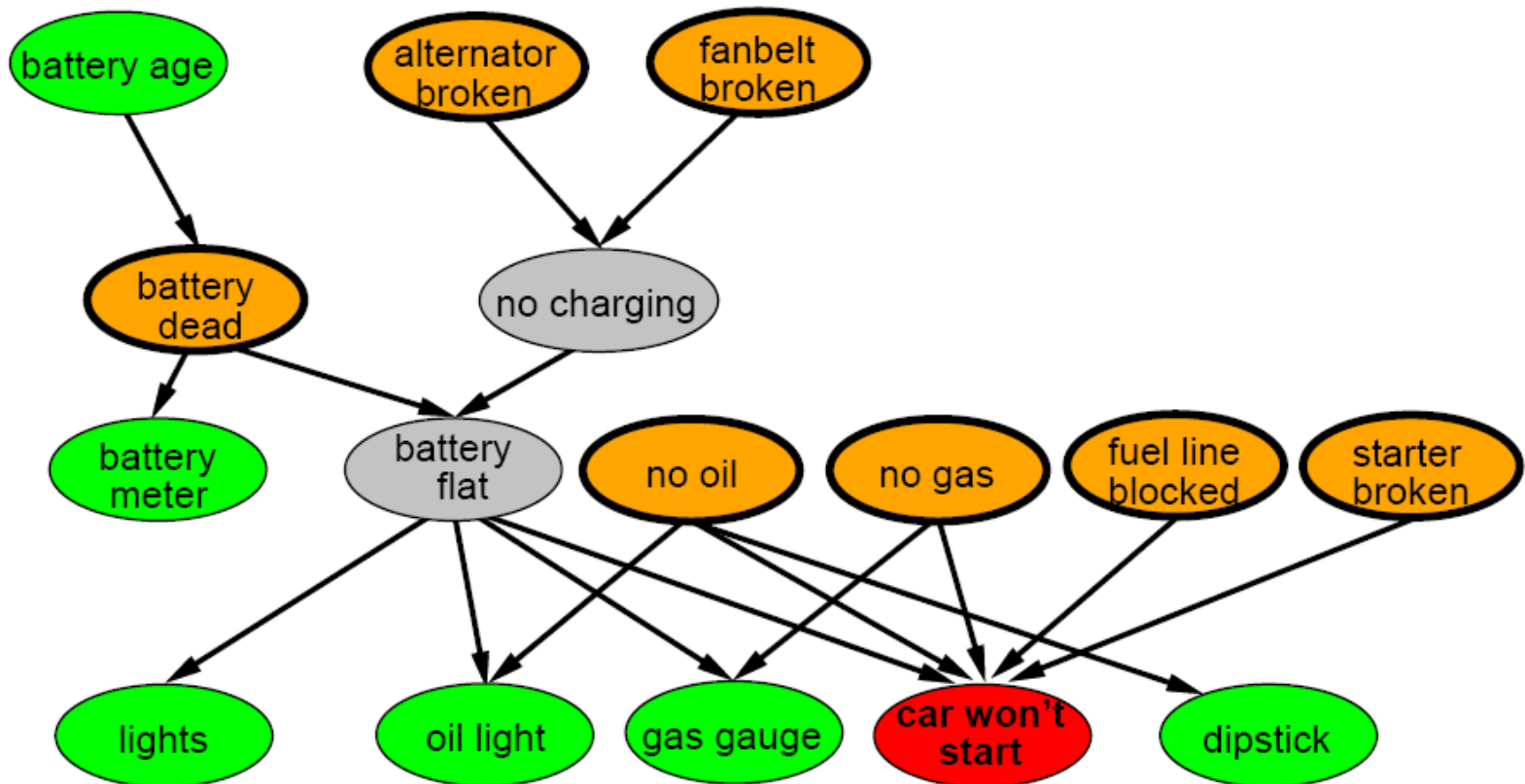
Training

A	B	E	J	M
T	F	T	F	T
F	T	F	F	F
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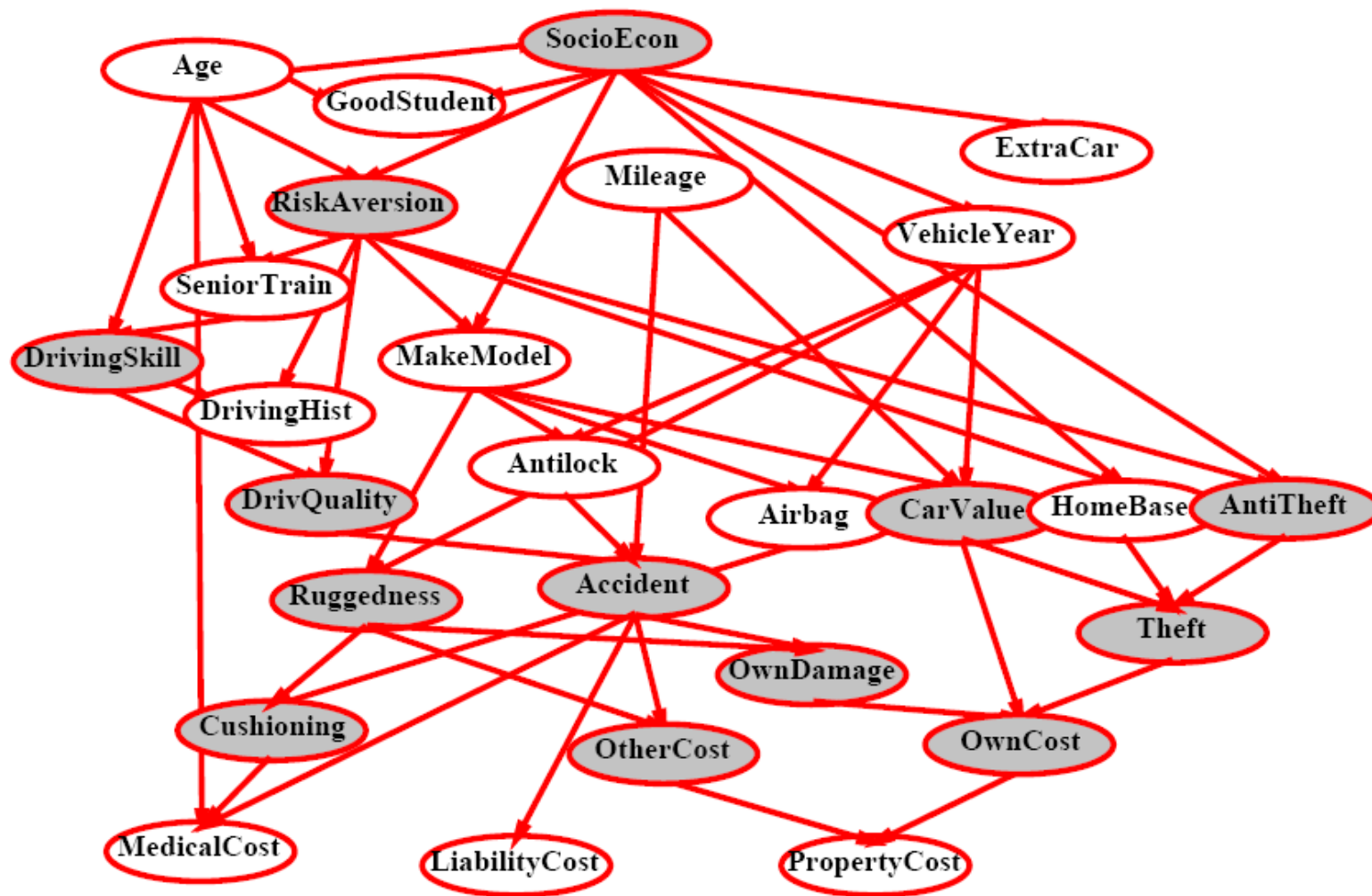
- \* Using EM method if there are missing values

# A more realistic Bayes Network: Car diagnosis

- **Initial observation:** car won't start
- **Orange:** “broken, so fix it” nodes
- **Green:** testable evidence
- **Gray:** “hidden variables” to ensure sparse structure, reduce parameters



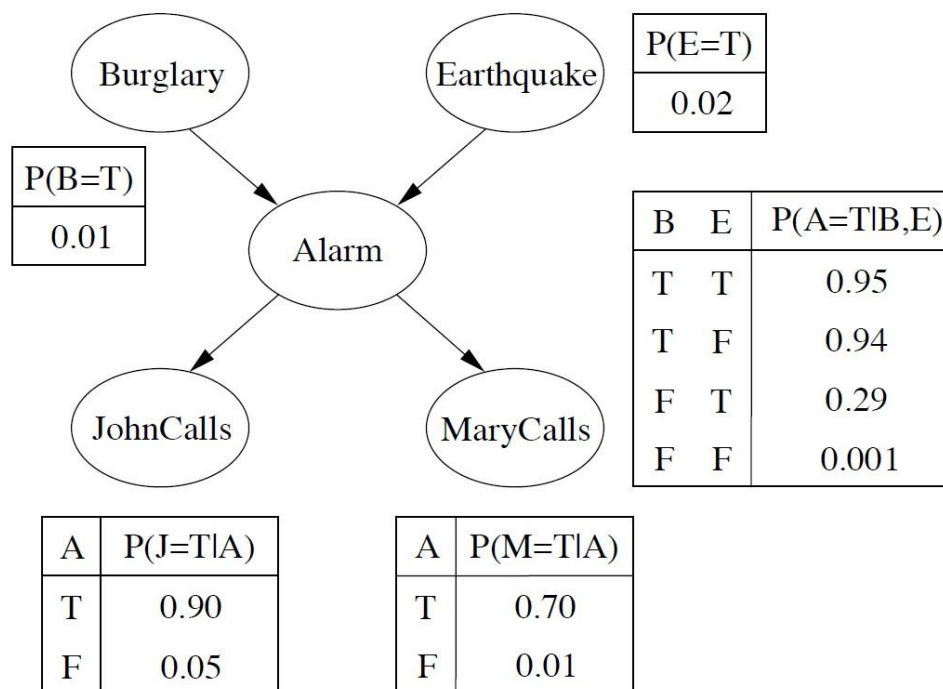
# Car insurance



# PGM: Probability Inference

- A general scenario:
  - \* Query variables:  $X$
  - \* Evidence (observed) variables and their values:  $E = e$
  - \* Unobserved variables:  $Y$
- Inference problem: answer questions about the query variables given the evidence variables
- Detail about probability inference will be explained next week .
  - \* Enumeration
  - \* Elimination Algorithm

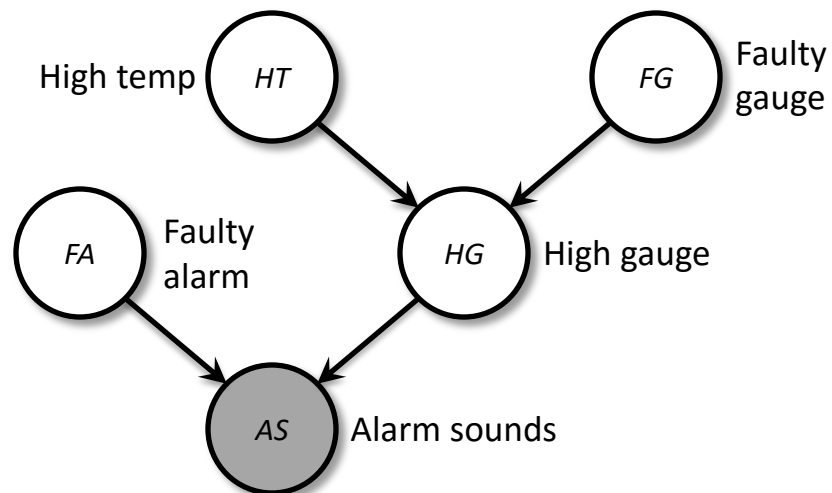
# Example: Probability Inference



Compute the probability that there is an earthquake given both John and Mary call.

$$P(E = T \mid J = T, M = T) = ?$$

# Example: Probability Inference



Alarm sounds (evidence) meltdown? (query)

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