

# CS 581

## *Advanced Artificial Intelligence*

February 28, 2024

# Announcements / Reminders

- Please follow the Week 08 To Do List instructions (if you haven't already)
- Programming Assignment #01: due on Sunday 03/03 at 11:59 PM CST

# Plan for Today

- ~~Reinforcement Learning~~ [Delayed]
- Bayes Networks
- Decision Networks
- Inference in Probabilistic Networks

# Bayes Networks

# Independence

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$$

So (from conditional probability formula):

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A) * P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

# Disjointment vs. Independence

Concept	Meaning	Formulas
Disjoint	Events A and B cannot occur at the same time	$A \cap B = \emptyset$ $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$
Independent	Event A does not give any information about event B	$P(A   B) = P(A)$ $P(B   A) = P(B)$ $P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$

# Conditional Independence

Random variable  $X$  is **conditionally independent** of random variable  $Y$  given  $Z$  if for all  $x \in D_x$ , for all  $y \in D_y$ , and for all  $z \in D_z$ , such that

$$P(Y = y \wedge Z = z) > 0 \text{ and } P(Y = y' \wedge Z = z) > 0$$

$$P(X = x \mid Y = y \wedge Z = z) = P(X = x \mid Y = y' \wedge Z = z)$$

In other words, given a value of  $Z$ , knowing  $Y$ 's value **DOES NOT** affect your belief in value of  $X$ .

# Conditional Independence

The following four statements are equivalent as long as conditional probabilities:

1.  $X$  is conditionally independent of  $Y$  given  $Z$
2.  $Y$  is conditionally independent of  $X$  given  $Z$
3.  $P(X \mid Y, Z) = P(X \mid Z)$
4.  $P(X, Y \mid Z) = P(X \mid Z) * P(Y \mid Z)$



# Conditional Independence

Consider three random variables: **P**(owerful), **H**(appy), **R**(ich)  
with domains:

$$D_{\mathbf{P}} = \{\text{powerful}, \text{powerless}\}, D_{\mathbf{H}} = \{\text{happy}, \text{unhappy}\}, D_{\mathbf{R}} = \{\text{rich}, \text{poor}\}$$

Now, when:

$$P(\mathbf{H} = \text{happy}, \mathbf{R} = \text{rich}) > 0 \text{ and } P(\mathbf{H} = \text{unhappy}, \mathbf{R} = \text{rich}) > 0$$

and:

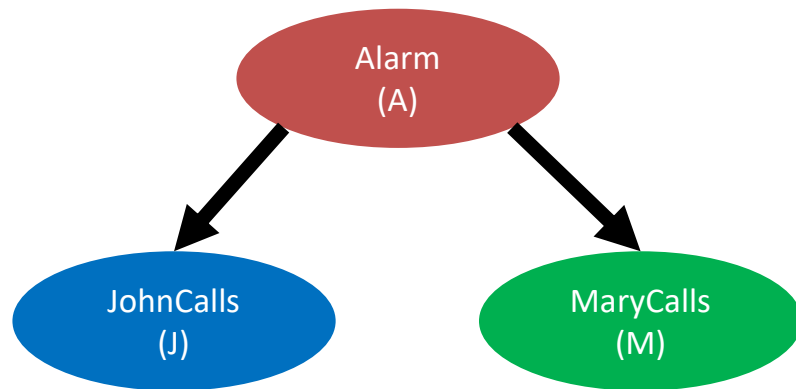
$$P(\mathbf{P} = \text{powerful} \mid \mathbf{H} = \text{happy}, \mathbf{R} = \text{rich}) = P(\mathbf{P} = \text{powerful} \mid \mathbf{H} = \text{unhappy}, \mathbf{R} = \text{rich})$$

In other words, given a value of **R**, knowing **H**'s value DOES NOT affect your belief in the value of **P**.

“Being **un/happy** does not make you less **powerful**, if you are **rich**.”

# More On Conditional Independence

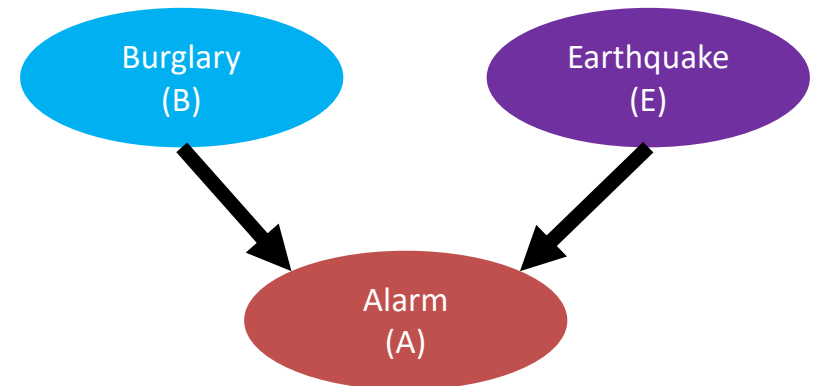
Common **Cause**:



JohnCalls and MaryCalls  
are **NOT** independent

JohnCalls and MaryCalls are **CONDITIONALLY**  
independent given Alarm

Common **Effect**:



Burglary and Earthquake  
are independent

Burglary and Earthquake are **NOT**  
**CONDITIONALLY** independent given Alarm

# Marginal Probability

**Marginal probability: the probability of an event occurring  $P(A)$  .**

**It may be thought of as an unconditional probability.**

**It is not conditioned on another event.**

# Full Joint Probability Distribution

H: grad	e: female	$P(H, e) = P(H \wedge e):$ $P(\text{grad} \wedge \text{female})$	Conditional probabilities
true	true	$P(H   e) * P(e) \approx 0.074$	$P(H   e) = \frac{P(e   H) * P(H)}{P(e)} = \frac{6 / 18 * 18 / 81}{13 / 81} \approx 0.462$
true	false	$P(H   \neg e) * P(\neg e) \approx 0.148$	$P(H   \neg e) = \frac{P(\neg e   H) * P(H)}{P(\neg e)} = \frac{12 / 18 * 18 / 81}{68 / 81} \approx 0.176$
false	true	$P(\neg H   e) * P(e) \approx 0.086$	$P(\neg H   e) = \frac{P(e   \neg H) * P(\neg H)}{P(e)} = \frac{7 / 63 * 63 / 81}{13 / 81} \approx 0.538$
false	false	$P(\neg H   \neg e) * P(\neg e) \approx 0.691$	$P(\neg H   \neg e) = \frac{P(\neg e   \neg H) * P(\neg H)}{P(\neg e)} = \frac{56 / 63 * 63 / 81}{68 / 81} \approx 0.824$
		SUM = 1	

**Joint probabilities calculated using the Product Rule:**

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**Conditional probabilities calculated using Bayes' Rule:**

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If we know the joint probability distribution, we can infer:

- marginal probabilities  $P(H)$ ,  $P(\neg H)$ ,  $P(e)$ , and  $P(\neg e)$
- conditional probabilities  $P(H \mid e)$ ,  $P(H \mid \neg e)$ ,  $P(\neg H \mid e)$ , and  $P(\neg H \mid \neg e)$

# Joint Probability: Marginalization

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Probability  $P(H)$ :

$$P(H) = P(\text{grad} = \text{true}) = 0.074 + 0.148 \approx 18 / 81$$

Probability  $P(H)$ : “sum of all probabilities where **H true**”

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# Complex Joint Distributions

Consider a complex joint probability distribution involving  $N$  random variables  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{N-1}, P_N$ .

$N$ Random Variables						Joint Probability
$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$	...	$P_{N-1}$	$P_N$	
true	true	true	...	true	true	0.001
true	true	true	...	true	false	0.201
true	true	false	...	false	true	0.022
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
false	false	true	...	true	false	0.004
false	false	true	...	false	true	0.301
false	false	false	...	false	false	0.025

$2^N$  Possible Worlds (Models)

$2^N$  values

# Non-binary / Non-Boolean RVs

**Some Random Variables are going to have more than two possible, discrete, values:**

- height -> short, average, tall
- size -> S, M, L, XL
- streetLight -> green, orange, red
- vision -> 20/20, 15/15, etc.
- continent -> Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America

**Non-binary RVs increase the complexity.**

# This May Be Impossible to Manage!

N Random Variables						Joint Probability
P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	...	P <sub>N-1</sub>	P <sub>N</sub>	
true	true	true	...	true	true	false
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# Independent Variable

¬Cloudy	Toothache		¬Toothache	
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**Let's introduce another random variable Cloudy representing some weather conditions. It is difficult to imagine the other random variables here (Toothache, Cavity, Catch) being dependent on Cloudy and vice versa.**

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Let's try to calculate the following probability:

$$P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Cloudy})$$

using the Product Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Cloudy}) = \\
 &= P(\text{Cloudy} \mid \text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) * P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity})
 \end{aligned}$$



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It's hard to imagine Cloudy influencing other variables, so:

$$P(\text{Cloudy} \mid \text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) = P(\text{Cloudy})$$

and then:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}, \text{Cloudy}) &= \\ &= P(\text{Cloudy}) * P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch}, \text{Cavity}) \end{aligned}$$

# Independent Variable / Factoring

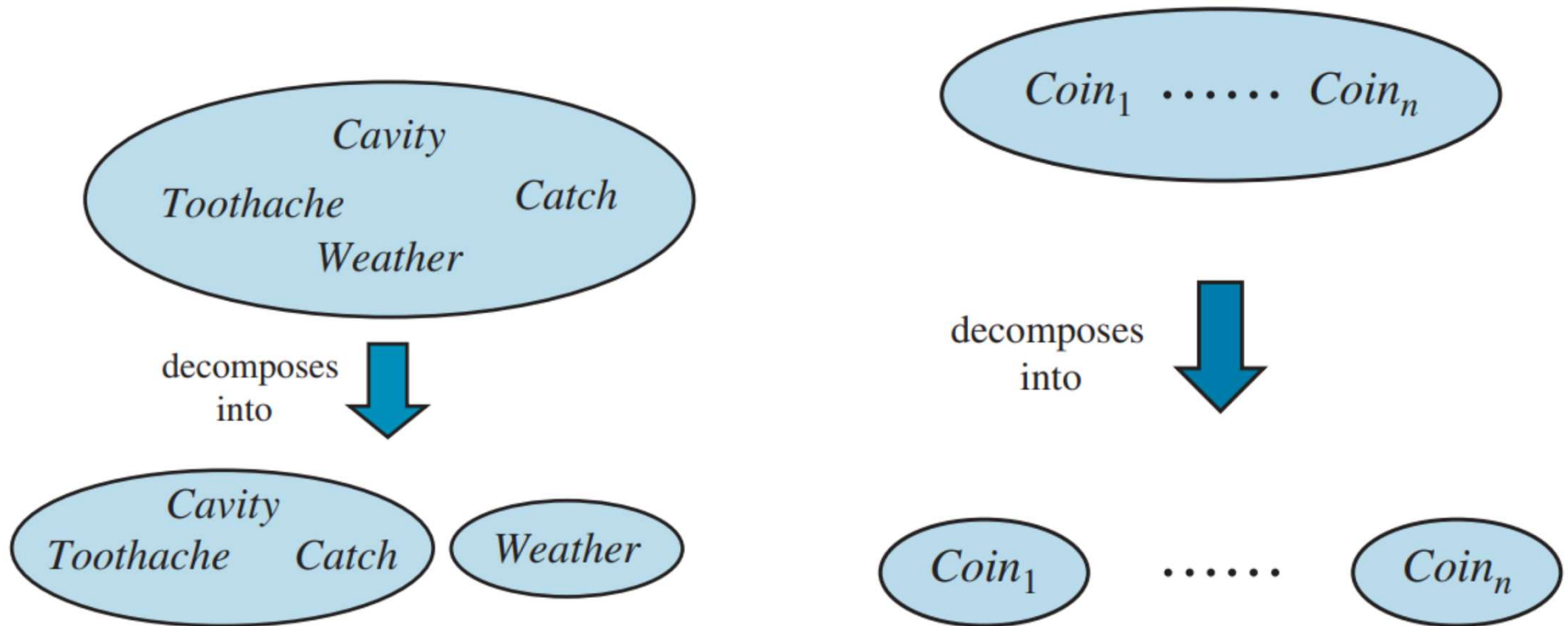
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 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that **Cloudy** is INDEPENDENT of other variables and **factoring** can be applied.

# Factoring / Decomposition



# Bayes' Rule

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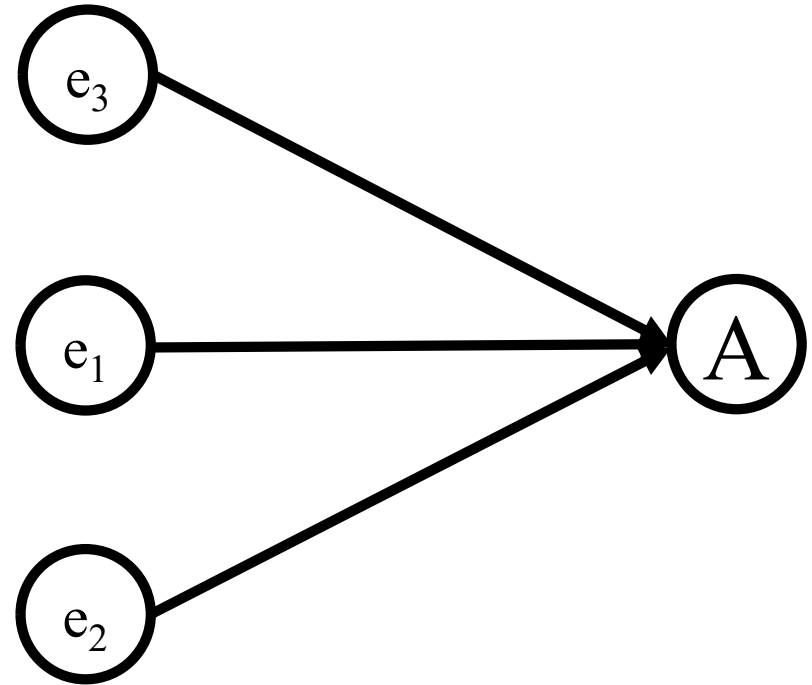
# Prior vs. Posterior Probabilities

Prior Probability



$P(A)$

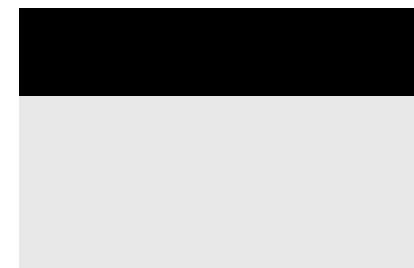
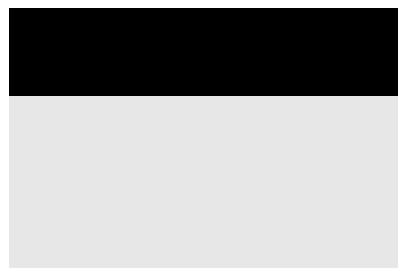
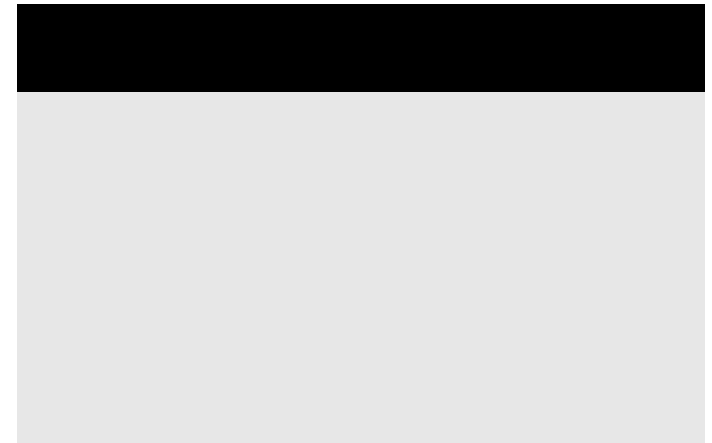
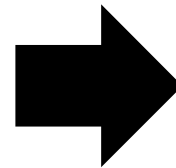
Posterior Probability



$P(A \mid \text{parents}(A))$

# Use Chain Rule To Decompose

N Random Variables						Joint Probability
$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$	...	$P_{N-1}$	$P_N$	
true	true	true	...	true	true	false
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# Chain Rule

**Conditional probabilities can be used to decompose conjunctions using the chain rule. For any random variables  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ :**

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i \mid f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_{i-1})$$

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) =$$
$$P(f_1) *$$

$$P(f_2 \mid f_1) *$$

$$P(f_3 \mid f_1 \wedge f_2)$$

$$* \dots *$$

$$P(f_n \mid f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_{n-1})$$

# Chain Rule

**Conditional probabilities can be used to decompose joint probabilities using the chain rule. For any random variables  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  and values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  :**

$$\begin{aligned} P(f_1 = x_1, f_2 = x_2, \dots, f_n = x_n) &= \\ P(f_1 = x_1) &* \\ P(f_2 \mid f_1 = x_1) &* \\ P(f_3 \mid f_1 = x_1, f_2 = x_2) &* \\ \dots & \\ P(f_n = x_n \mid f_1 = x_1, \dots, f_{n-1} = x_{n-1}) &= \\ = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i = x_i \mid f_1 = x_1, \dots, f_{i-1} = x_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$



# Conditional Independence

Causal Chain:



$$P(M \mid A, B) = \frac{P(B, A, M)}{P(B, A)} = \frac{P(B) * P(A \mid B) * P(M \mid A)}{P(B) * P(A \mid B)} = P(M \mid A)$$

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If Alarm is given, what “happened before” Alarm does not directly influence MaryCalls.

# Conditional Independence

Causal Chain:



by Conditional  
Probability  
formula

Joint  
Probabilities

by Chain Rule:

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If **Alarm** is given, what “happened before” **Alarm** does not directly influence **MaryCalls**.

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Conditional probabilities can be used to decompose conjunctions using the chain rule. For any propositions (random variables)  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  :

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i \mid f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_{i-1})$$

However, it can be rewritten as:

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i \mid \text{parents}(f_i))$$

because with **conditional independence(s)** considered:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i \mid f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_{i-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i \mid \text{parents}(f_i))$$

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# Parents of Random Variable $f_i$

Parents of random variable  $f_i$  ( $parents(f_i)$ ) is a **minimal set of predecessors of  $f_i$**  in the total ordering such that **the other predecessors of  $f_i$  are conditionally independent of  $f_i$  given  $parents(f_i)$** .

A set of **all predecessors of  $f_i$**  :  $A = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{i-1}\}$

A set of **all parents of  $f_i$**  :  $B$

A set of **all non-parents (predecessors NOT in  $B$ ) of  $f_i$**  :  $C$

$$A = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{i-1}\} = B \cup C \text{ where } B \cap C = \emptyset$$

when  $parents(f_i)$  are **given** (all **their values** are known).

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So: when  $parents(f_i)$  are **given**,  $f_i$  probabilistically depends on **each of its parents** ( $parents(f_i)$ ), but is independent of **its other predecessors**. That is

$$parents(f_i) \subseteq \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{i-1}\}$$

such that:

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**Joint probabilities calculated using the Chain Rule:**

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2) = \prod_{i=1}^2 P(f_i | \text{parents}(f_i))$$

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2) = P(f_1) * P(f_2 | \text{parents}(f_i))$$

**so:**  $P(H \wedge e) = P(H) * P(e | \text{parents}(e)) = P(H) * P(e | H)$

# Full Joint Probability Distribution

H:	e:	$P(H, e) = P(H \wedge e):$ $P(\text{grad} \wedge \text{female})$
grad	female	
true	true	$P(H, e) = P(H \wedge e) = P(H) * P(e   H) = 18 / 81 * 6 / 18 \approx 0.074$
true	false	$P(H, \neg e) = P(H) * P(\neg e   H) = 18 / 81 * 12 / 18 \approx 0.148$
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$$P(H \wedge e) = P(H) * P(e | \text{parents}(e)) = P(H) * P(e | H)$$

H:	$\neg H$ :
grad	$\neg \text{grad}$
$18 / 81 \approx 0.22$	$63 / 81 \approx 0.78$

Conditional Probability Table (CPT)

H:	e:	$P(e   H)$
grad	female	
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# Bayes Network: Factorization

Chain rule AND definition of  $parents(f_i)$  gives us:

$$P(f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(f_i | parents(f_i))$$

Joint probability distribution

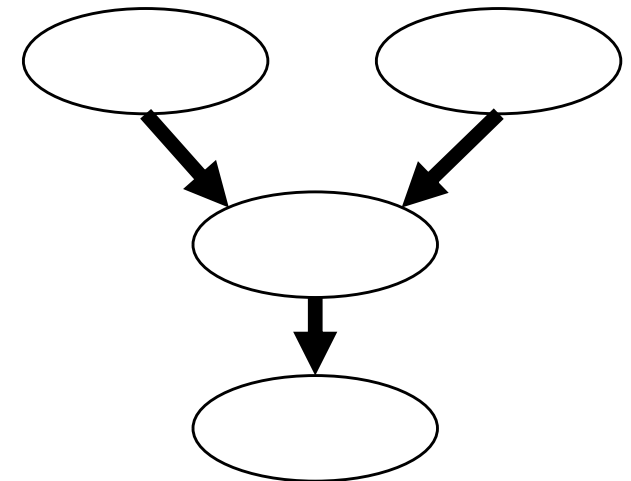
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Product of conditional probabilities after  
**factorization** of joint probability distribution

N Random Variables						Joint Probability
P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	...	P <sub>N-1</sub>	P <sub>N</sub>	
true	true	true	...	true	true	0.0011
true	true	true	...	true	false	0.0451
true	true	false	...	false	true	0.1011
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
false	false	true	...	true	false	0.0909
false	false	true	...	false	true	0.0651
false	false	false	...	false	false	0.2021

Joint probability distribution

Factorization



Bayes Network: graph  
representation of joint probability  
distribution **factorization**

# Bayesian (Belief) Network

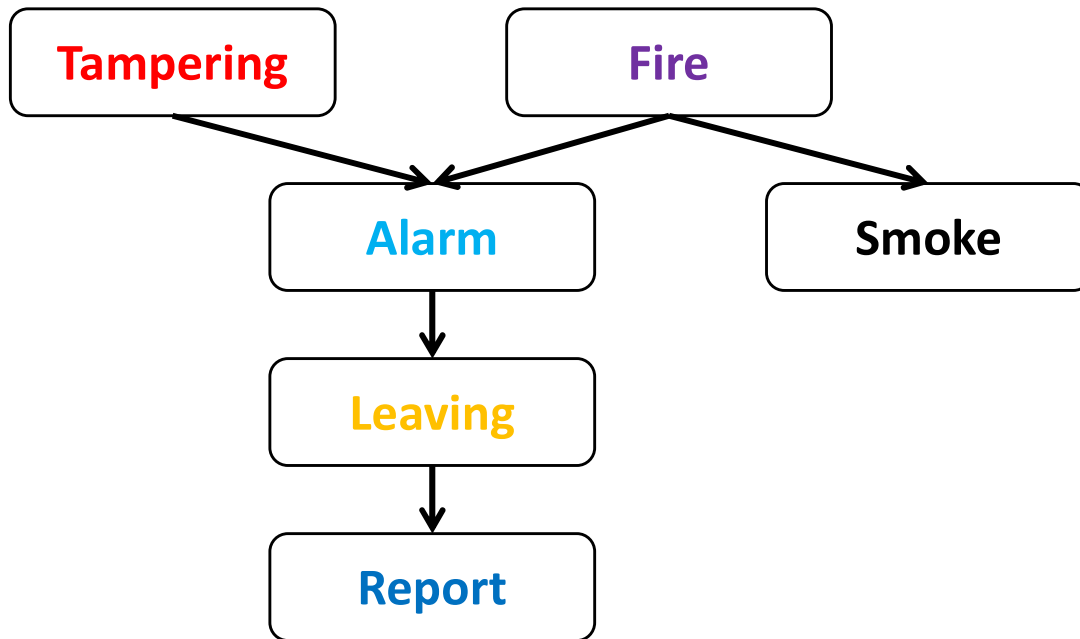
A Bayesian belief network describes the joint probability distribution for a set of variables.

A Bayesian network is **an acyclic, directed graph (DAG)**, where the nodes are random variables (propositions). There is an edge (arc) from each elements of  $\text{parents}(X_i)$  into  $X_i$ . Associated with the Bayesian network is a set of conditional probability distributions - the conditional probability of each variable given its parents (which includes the prior probabilities of those variables with no parents).

Consists of:

- a graph (DAG) with nodes corresponding to random variables
- a domain for each random variable
- a set of conditional probability distributions  $P(X_i \mid \text{parents}(X_i))$

# Bayesian (Belief) Network: Example



Random Variables (Propositions):

- **Tampering**: true if the alarm is tampered with
- **Fire**: true if there is a fire
- **Alarm**: true if the alarm sounds
- **Smoke**: true if there is smoke
- **Leaving**: true if people leaving the building at once
- **Report**: true if someone who left the building reports fire

Domain for all variables: {true, false}

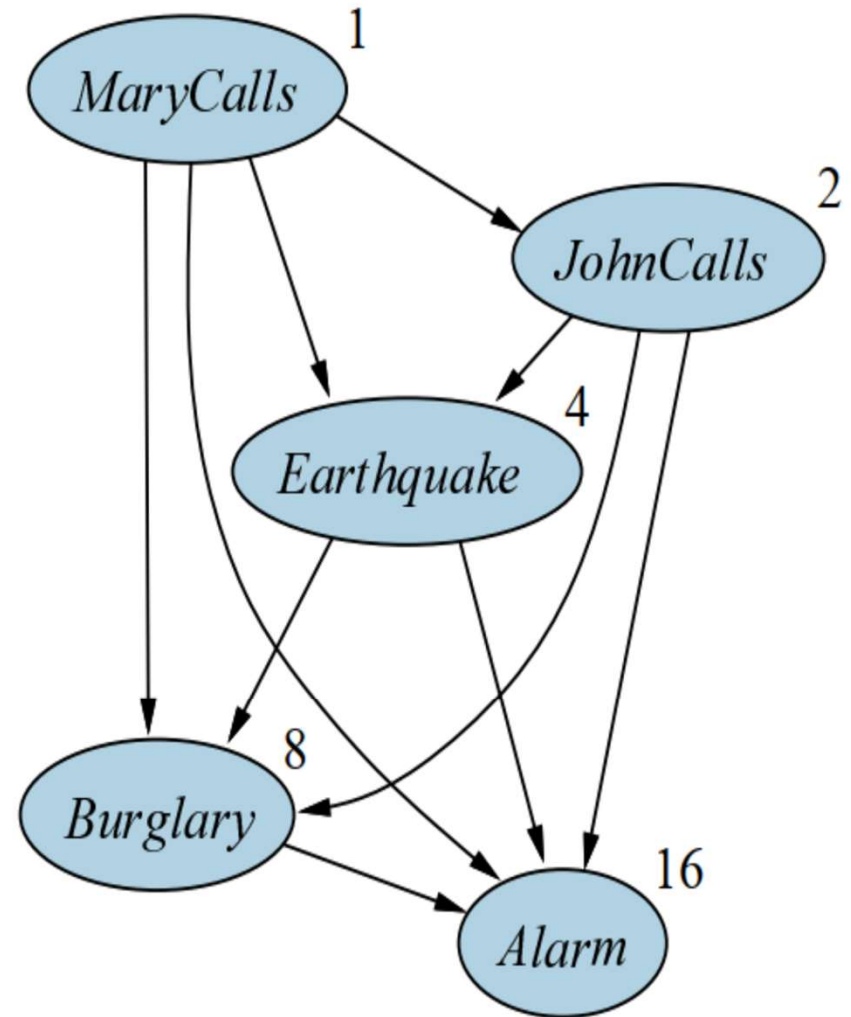
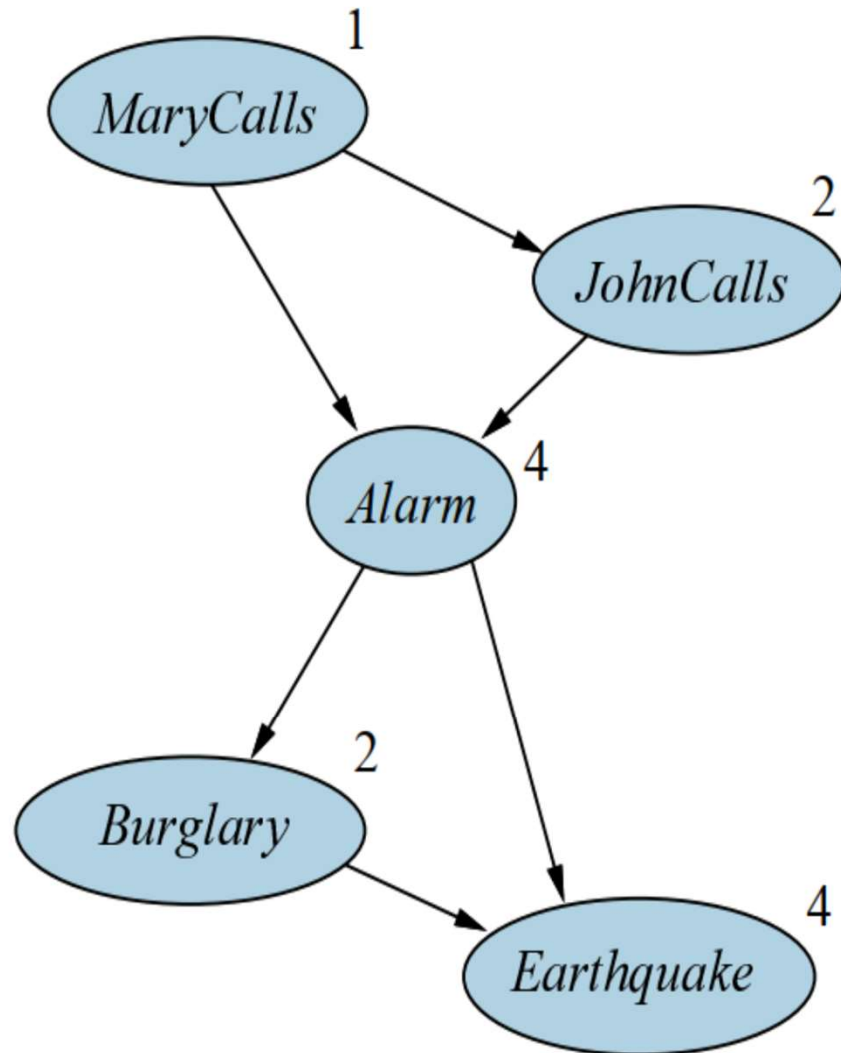
NOTE: RVs don't have to be Boolean

# Building Bayesian (Belief) Network

1. Order Random Variables (**ordering matters!**)
2. Create network nodes for each Random Variable
3. Add edges between parent nodes and children nodes
  - For every node  $X_i$ :
    - choose a minimal set  $S$  of parents for  $X_i$
    - for each parent node  $Y$  in  $S$  add an edge from  $Y$  to  $X_i$
4. Add Conditional Probability Tables

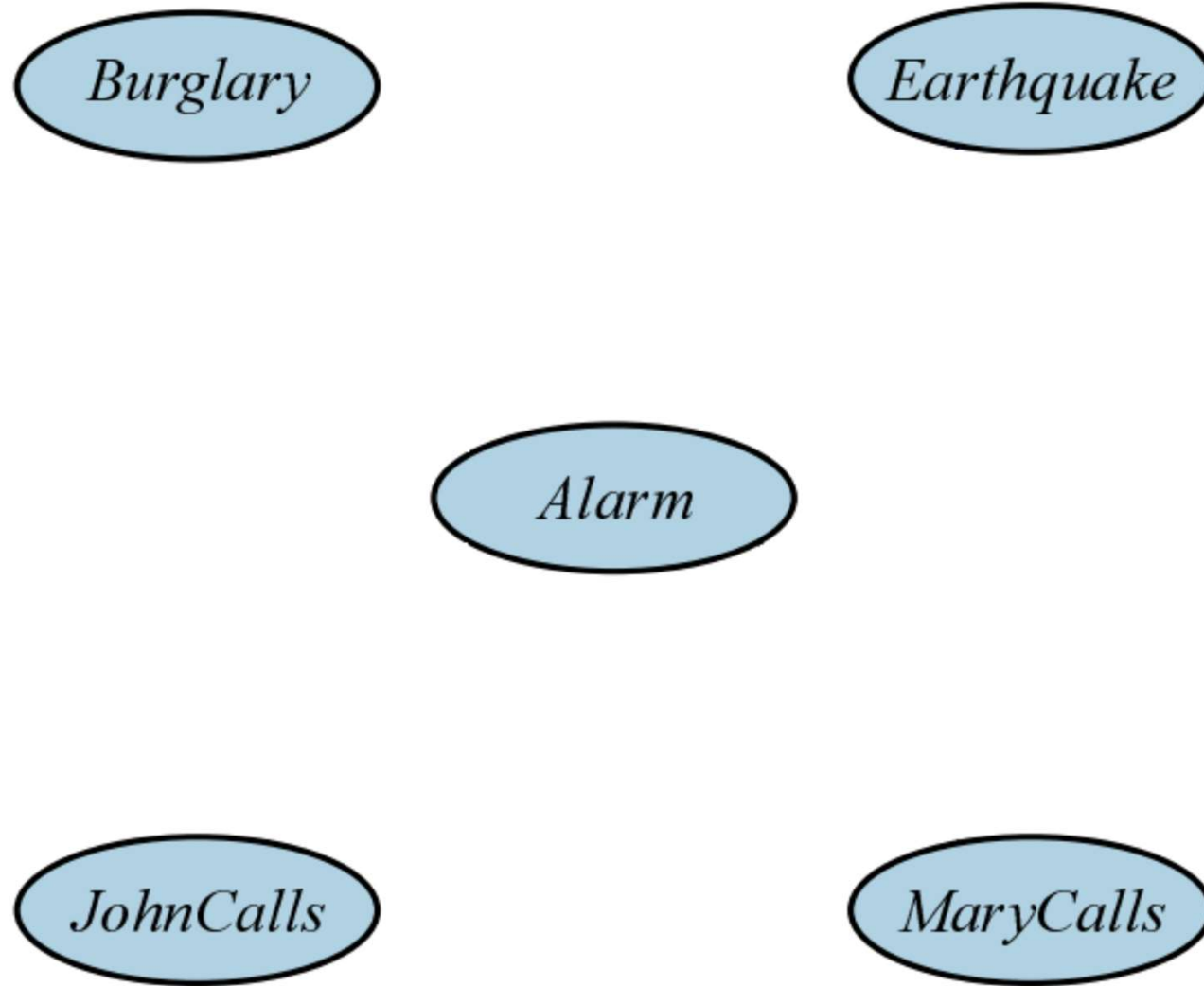
Make it compact / sparse: choose your Random Variable ordering wisely.

# Ordering Matters!



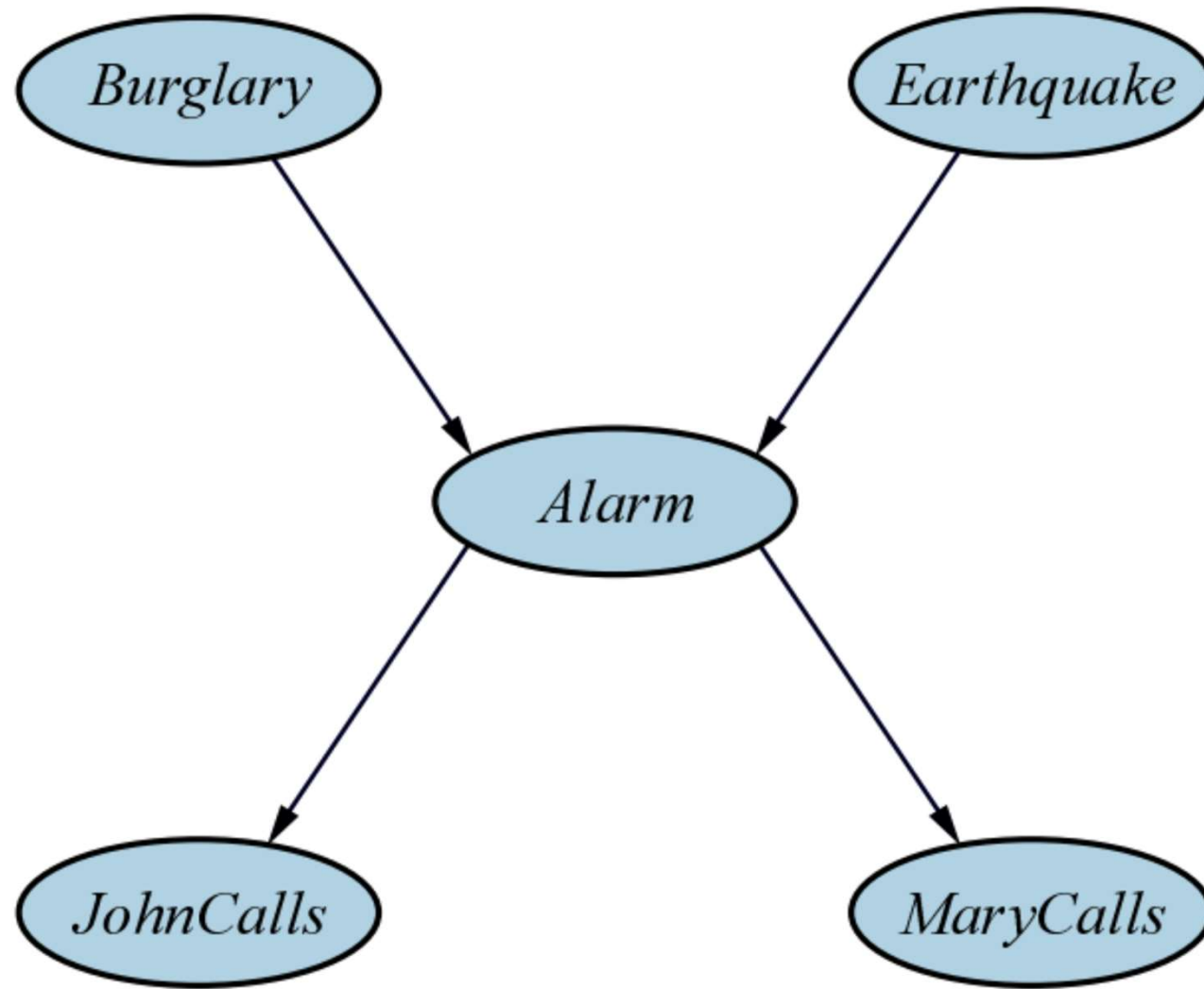


# Create Vertices / Node / Random Vars

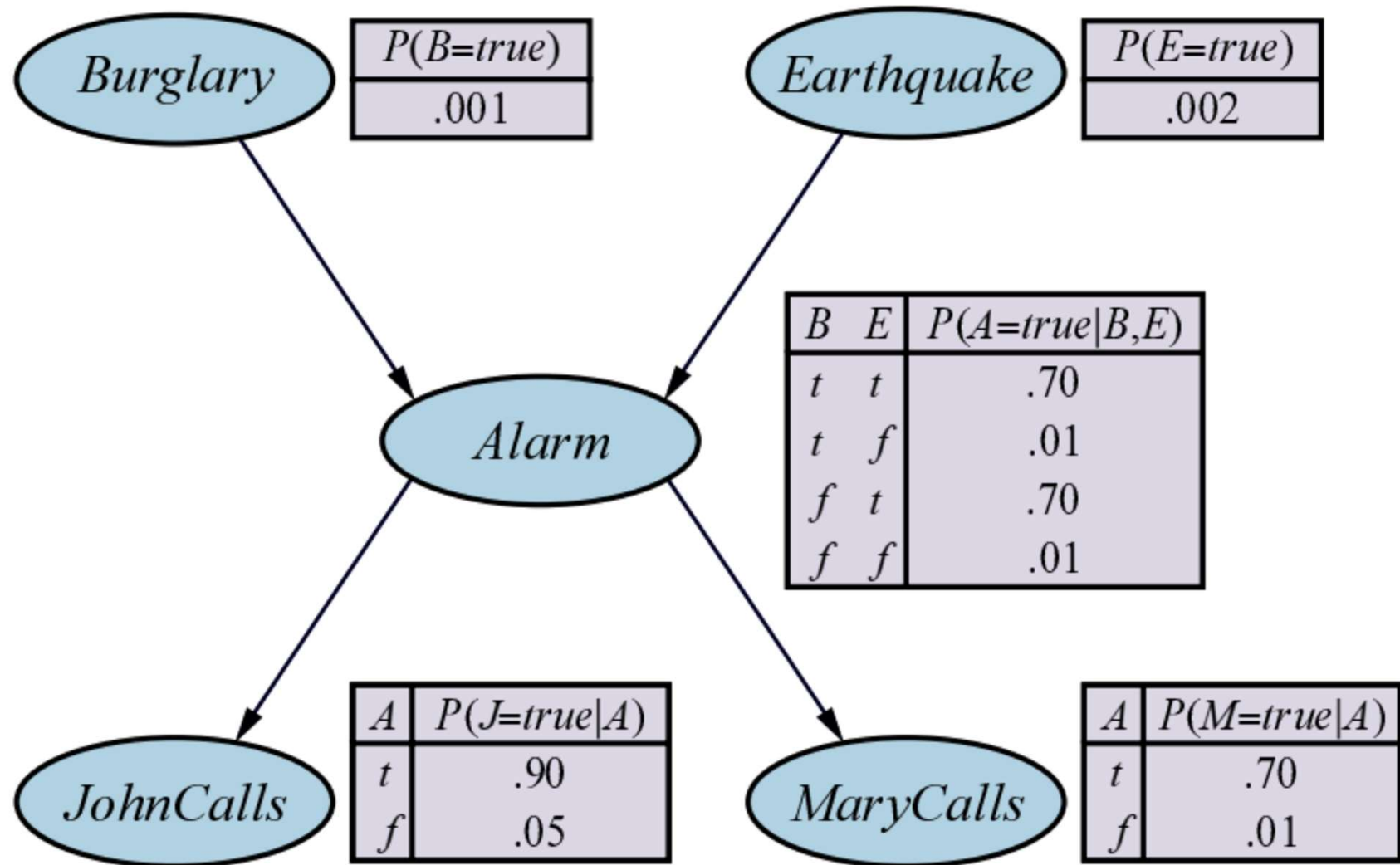




# Add Edges



# Add Conditional Probability Tables



# Full Joint Probability Distribution

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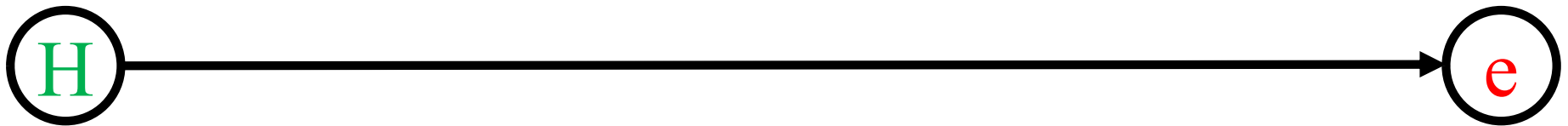
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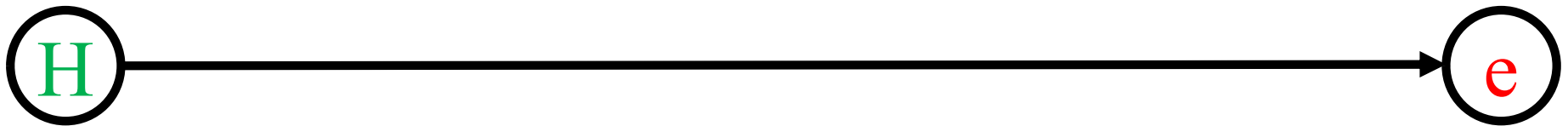
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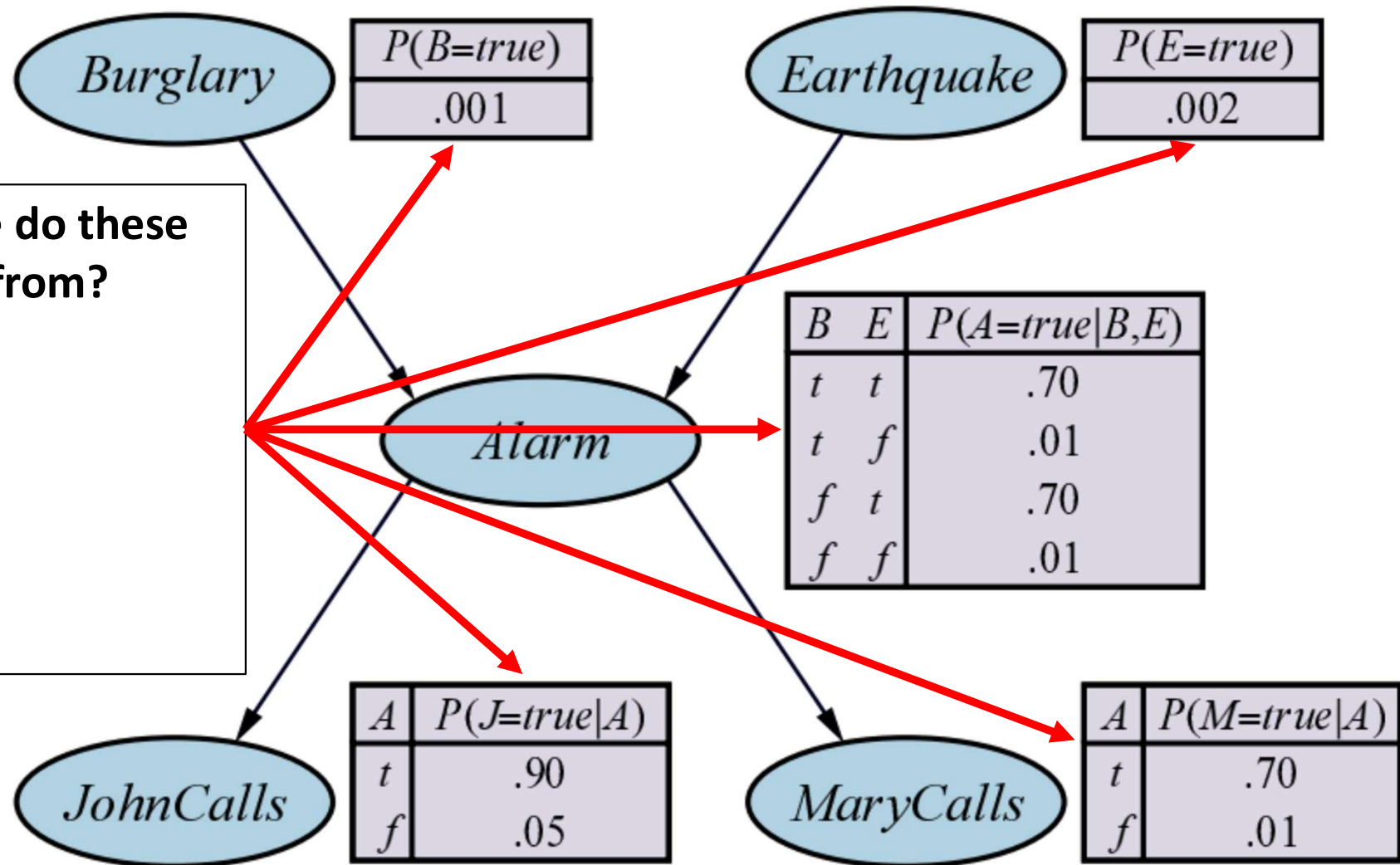
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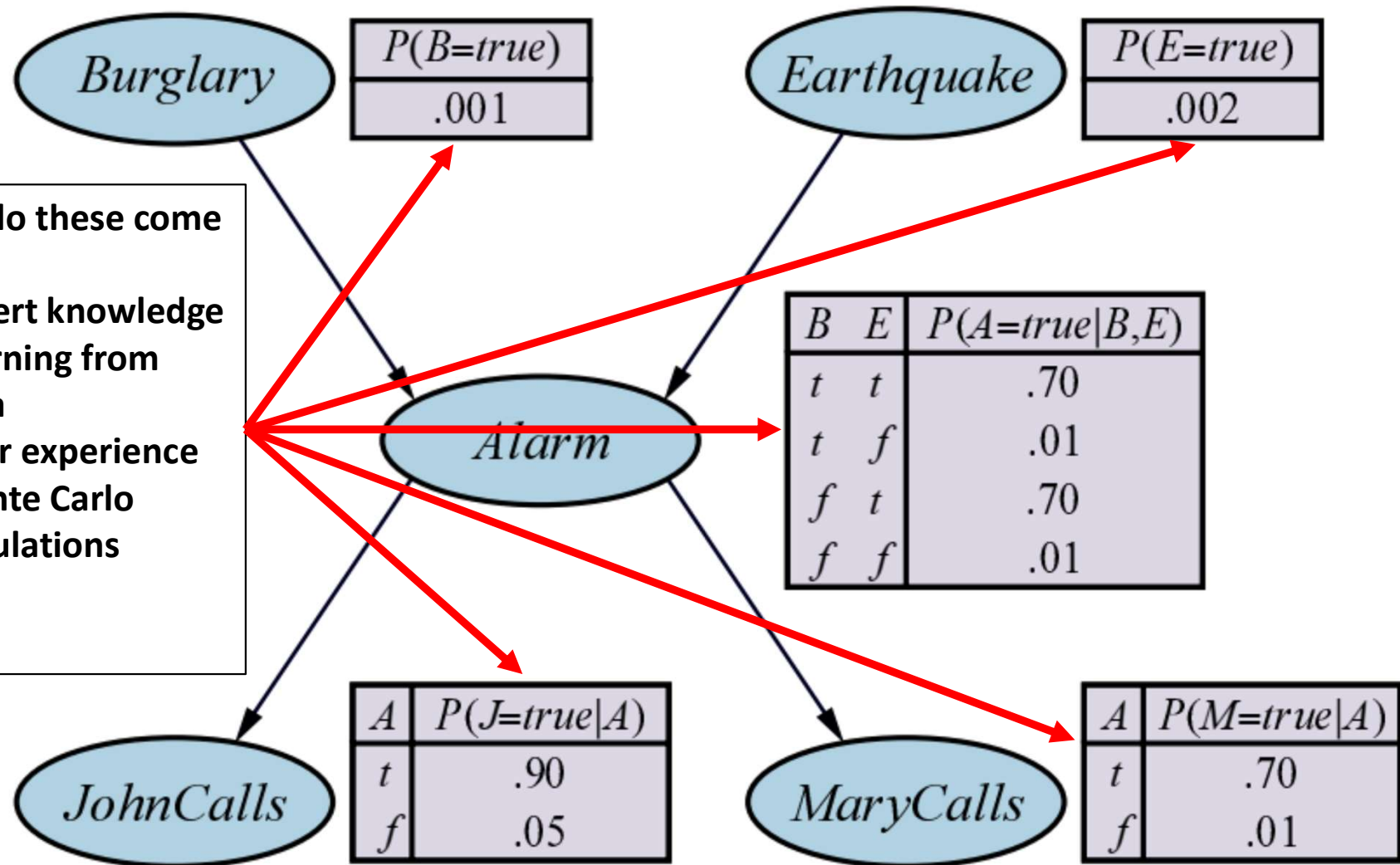
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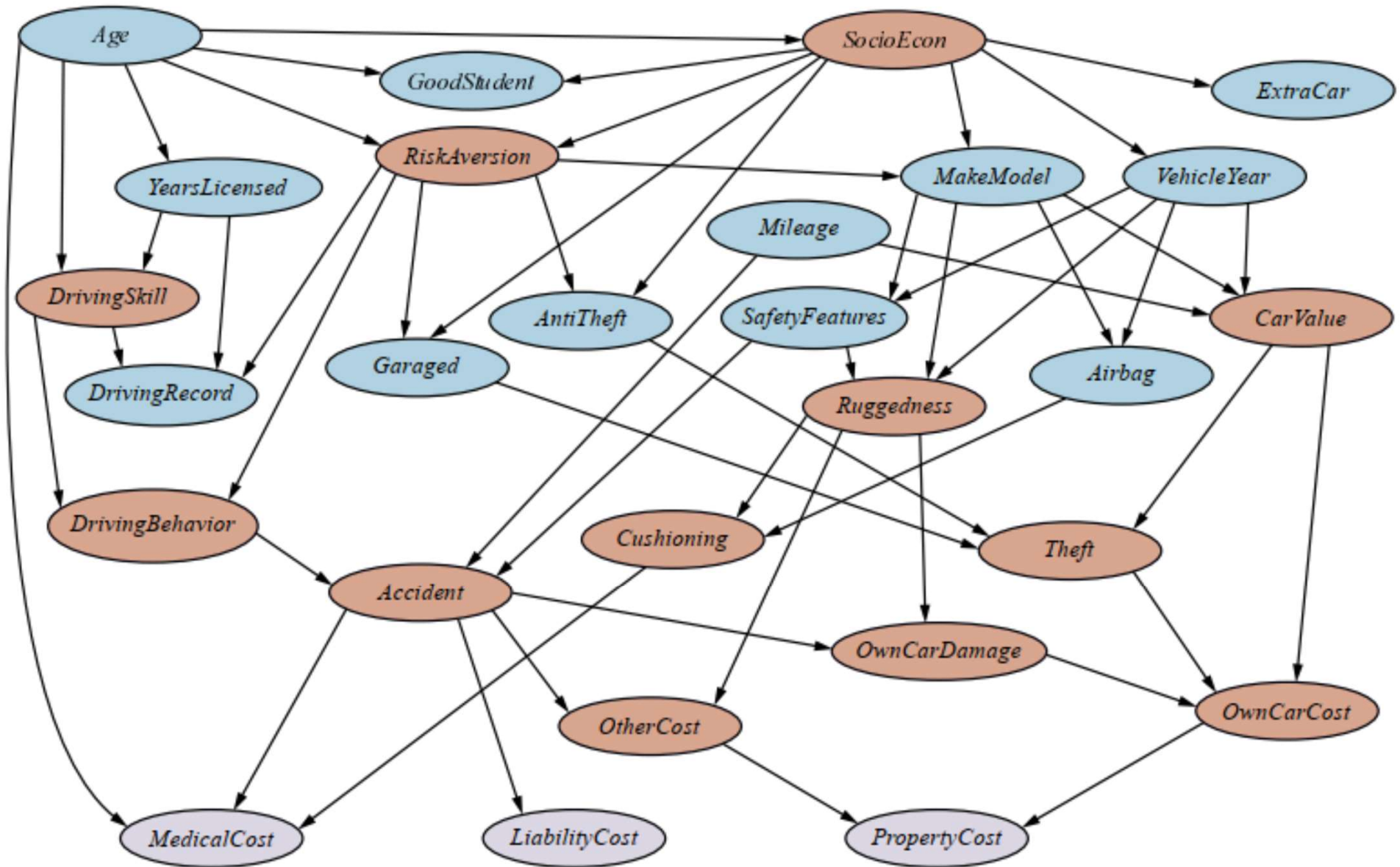




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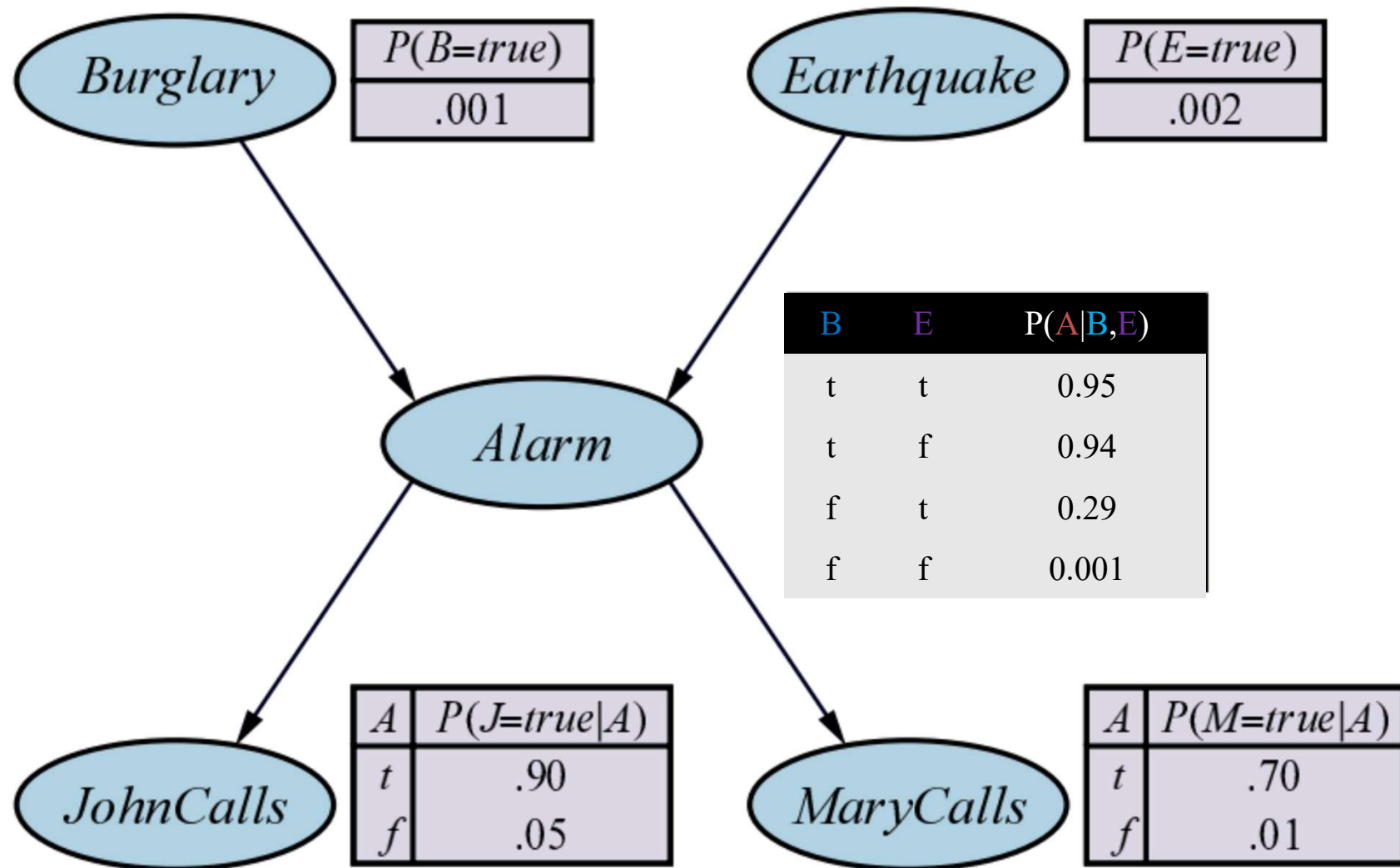


# Bayesian Network: Car Insurance



# Inference in Bayes Networks

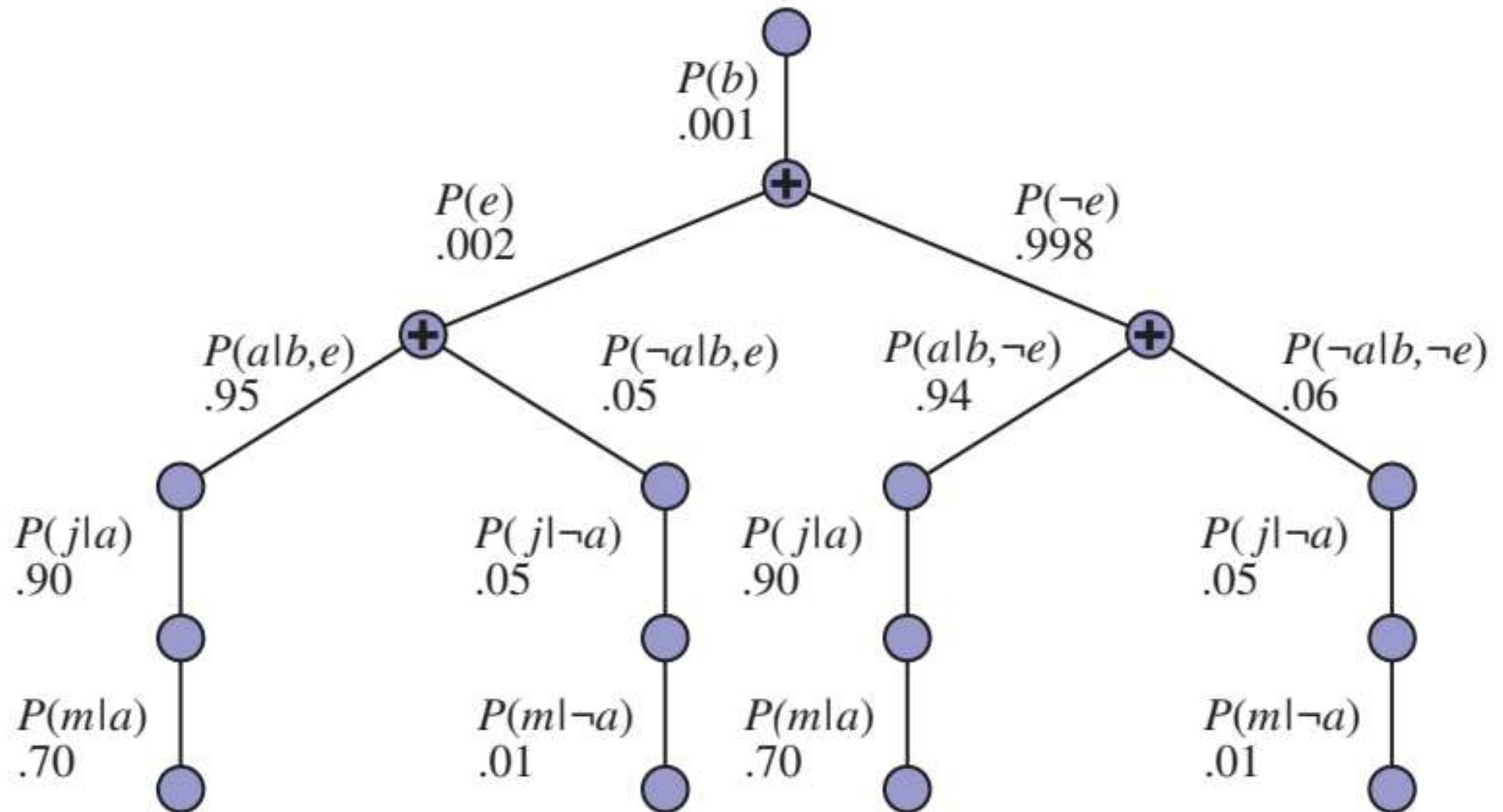
# Inference In Bayes Networks



# Inference by Enumeration: Example

Query (what is the probability distribution for the following conditional P()):

$$P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{JohnCalls} = \text{true} \wedge \text{MaryCalls} = \text{true})$$





# Joint Probability: Marginalization

H:	e:	$P(H, e) = P(H \wedge e):$ $P(\text{grad} \wedge \text{female})$
grad	female	
true	true	0.074
true	false	0.148
false	true	0.086
false	false	0.691
		SUM = 1

Probability  $P(H)$ :

$$P(H) = P(\text{grad} = \text{true}) = 0.074 + 0.148 \approx 18 / 81$$

Probability  $P(H)$ : “sum of all probabilities where **H true**”

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		SUM = 1

Probability  $P(e)$ :

$$P(e) = P(\text{female} = \text{true}) = 0.074 + 0.086 \approx 13 / 81$$

Probability  $P(e)$ : “sum of all probabilities where  $e$  true”

# Joint Probability: Conditionals

H:	e:	$P(H, e) = P(H \wedge e):$ $P(\text{grad} \wedge \text{female})$
grad	female	
true	true	0.074
true	false	0.148
false	true	0.086
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		SUM = 1

From product rule:

$$P(H \wedge e) = P(H | e) * P(e)$$

we can derive:

$$P(H | e) = \frac{P(H \wedge e)}{P(e)} = \frac{0.074}{0.074 + 0.086} \approx 0.462$$



# General Inference Procedure

Given:

- a query involving a single variable  $X$  (in our example: **Cavity**),
- a list of **evidence** variables  $E$  (in our example: just **Toothache**),
- a list of **observed** values  $e$  for  $E$ ,
- a list of remaining **unobserved** variables  $Y$  (in our example: just **Catch**),

where  $X$ ,  $E$ , and  $Y$  together are a **COMPLETE** set of variables for the domain, the probability  $P(X \mid E)$  can be evaluated as:

$$P(X \mid e) = \alpha * P(X, e) = \alpha * \sum_y P(X, e, y)$$

where  $y$ s are all possible values for  $Y$ s,  $\alpha$  - normalization constant.

$P(X, e, y)$  is a subset of probabilities from the joint distribution

# Inference

Query:

$$P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{JohnCalls} = \text{true} \wedge \text{MaryCalls} = \text{true})$$

Given:

- a query involving a single variable  $X$
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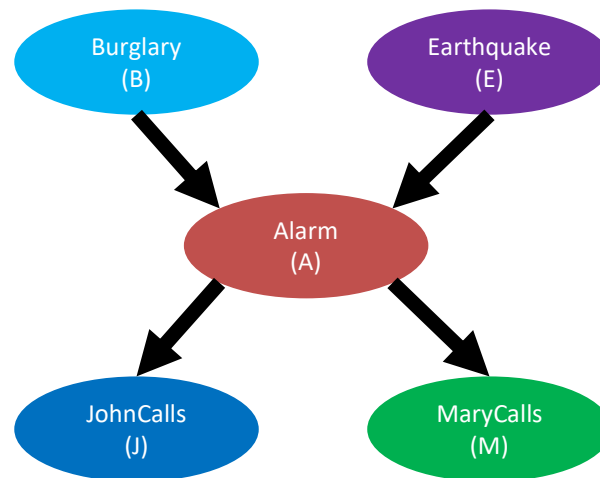
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$$P(X \mid k) = \alpha * P(X, k)$$

$$= \alpha * \sum_y P(X, k, y)$$

where  $y$ s are all possible values for  $Y$ s,  $\alpha$  - normalization constant.

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0.001	0.999	0.002	0.998



$B$	$E$	$P(A B,E)$
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f	t	0.29
f	f	0.001

$A$	$P(J A)$
t	0.90
f	0.05

$A$	$P(M A)$
t	0.70
f	0.01

# Inference

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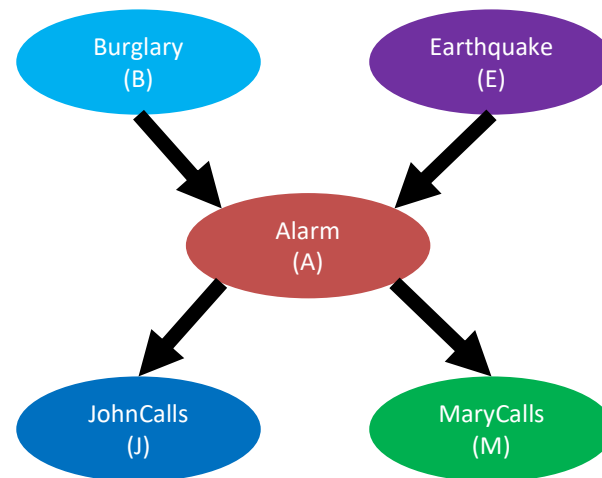
- a query involving a single variable  $X$ : *Burglary*
- a list of **evidence** variables  $K$ : *JohnCalls*, *MaryCalls*
- a list of **observed** values  $k$  for  $K$ : *johnCalls*, *maryCalls*
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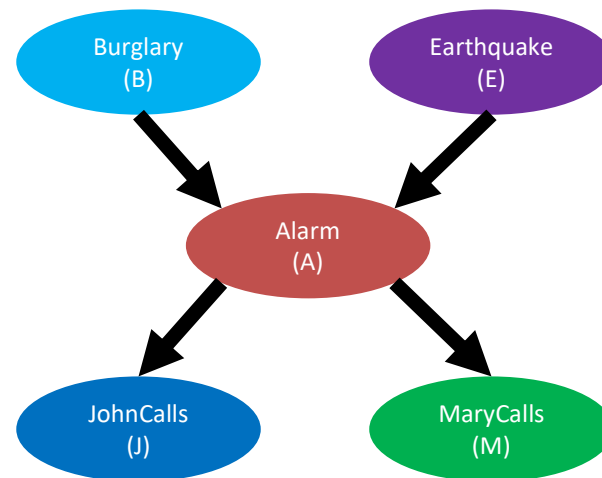
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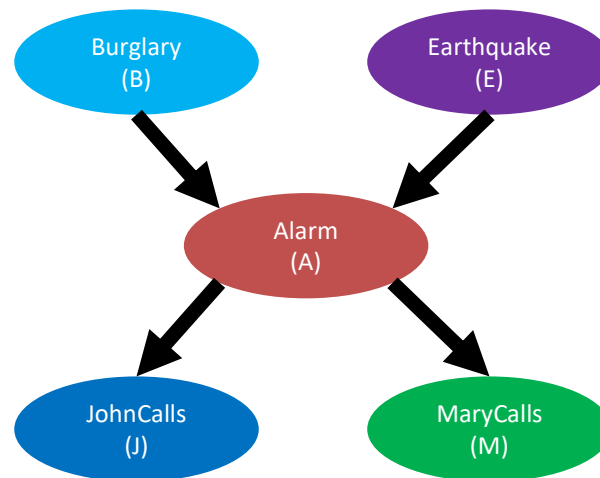
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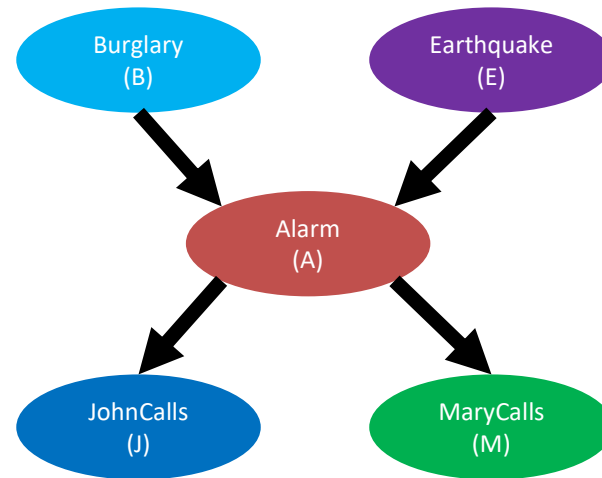
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By Chain rule:

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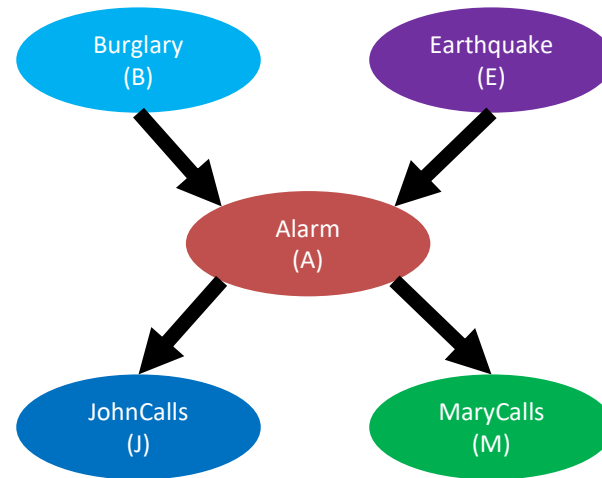
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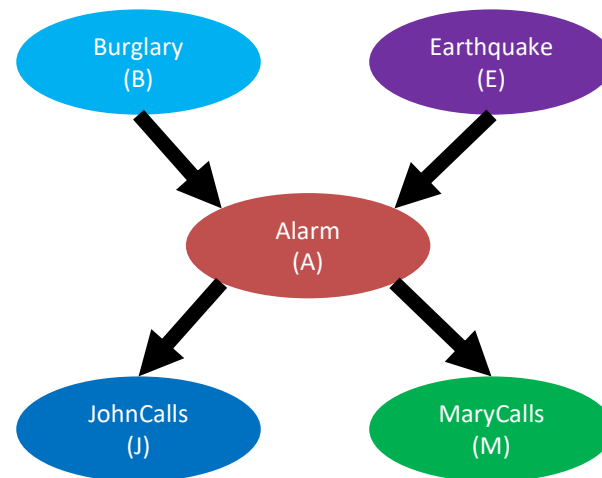
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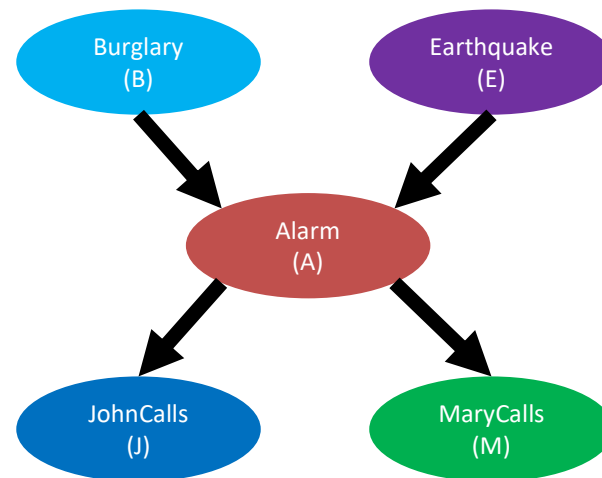
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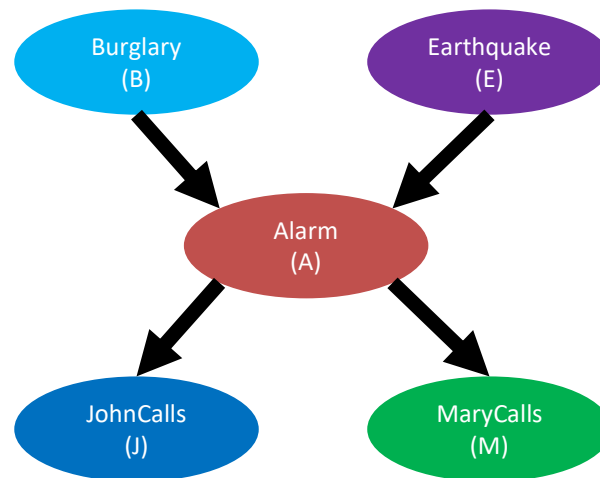
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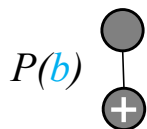
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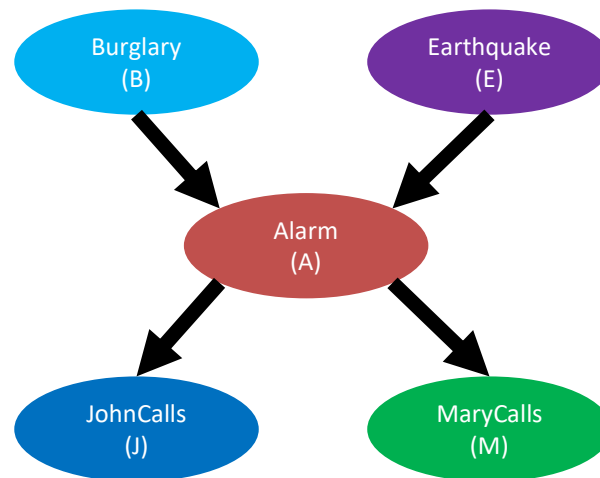
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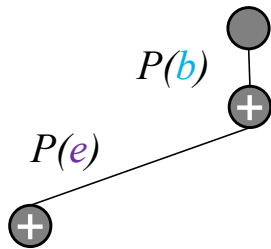
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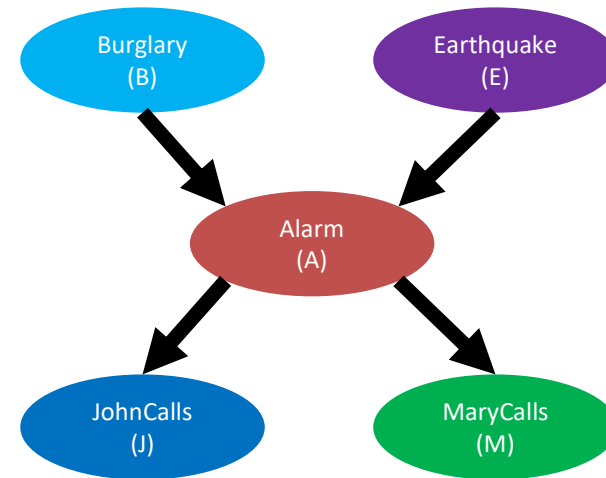
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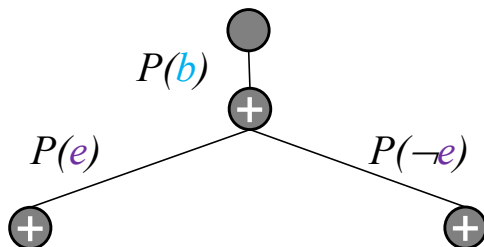
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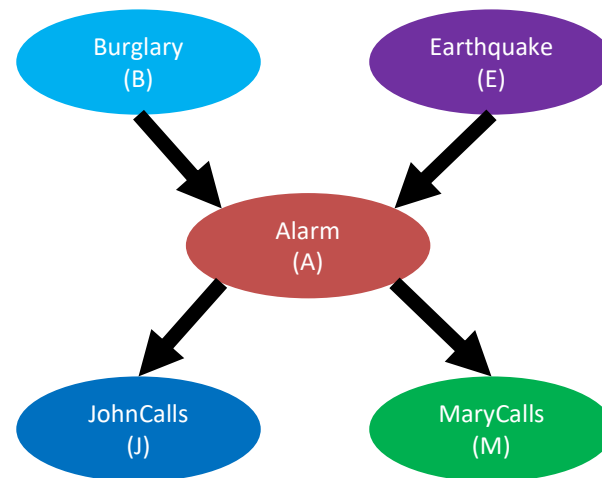
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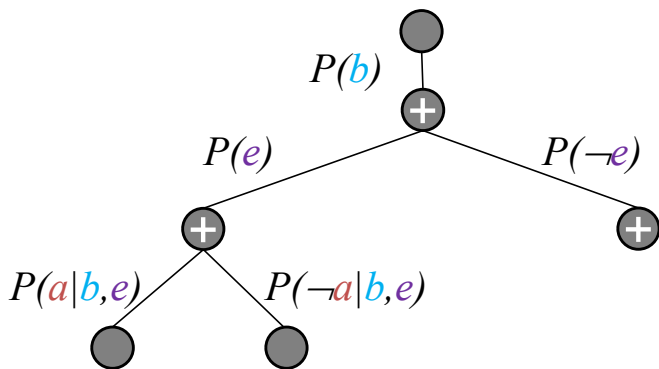
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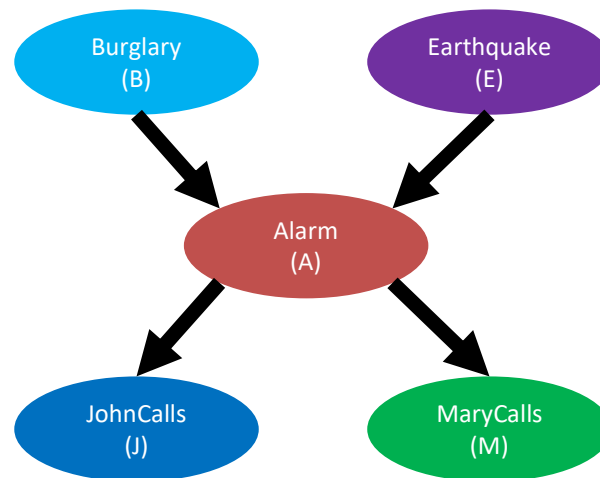
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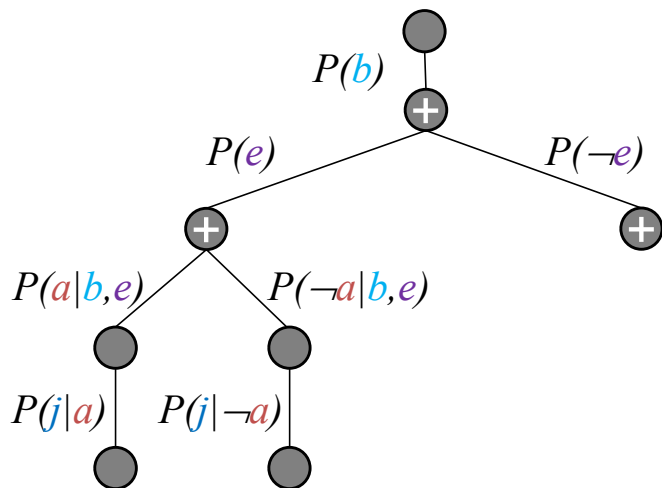
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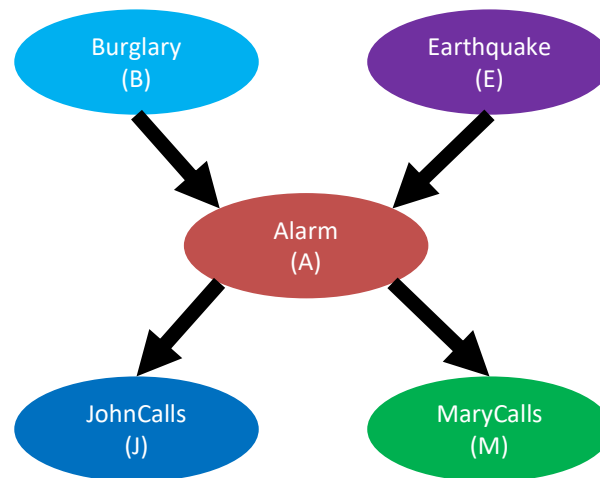
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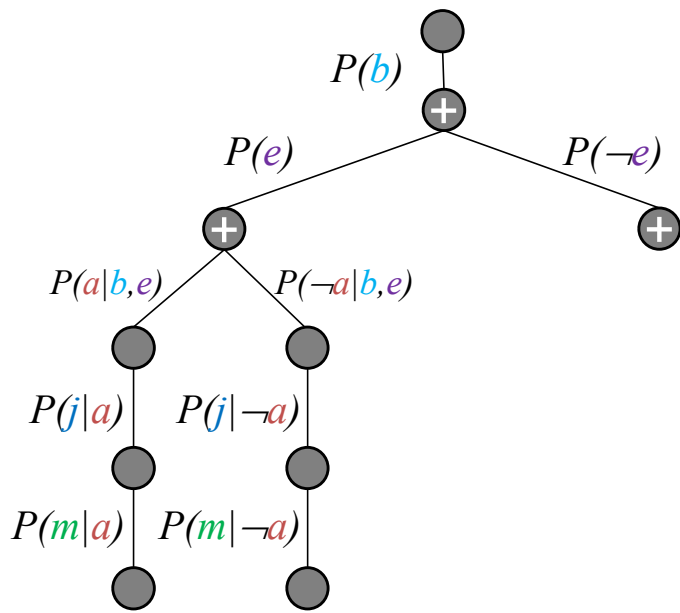
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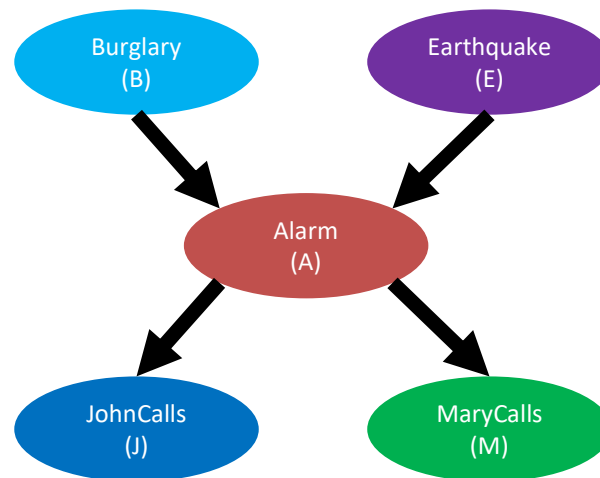
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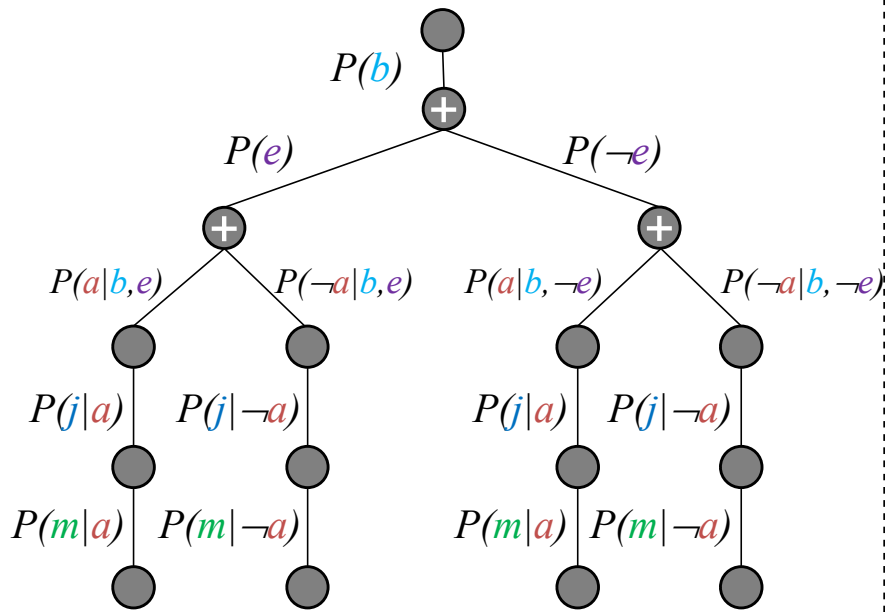
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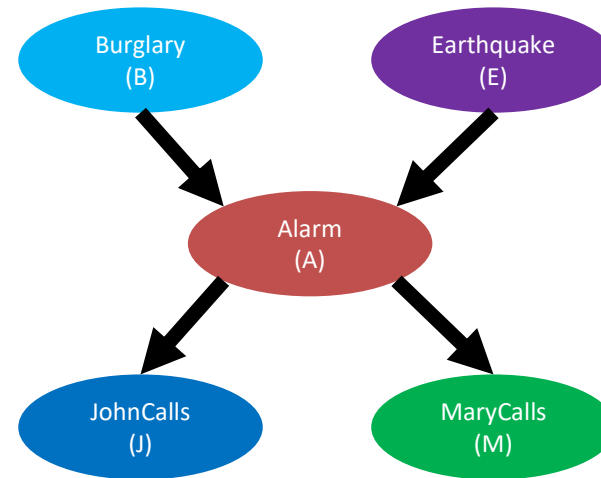
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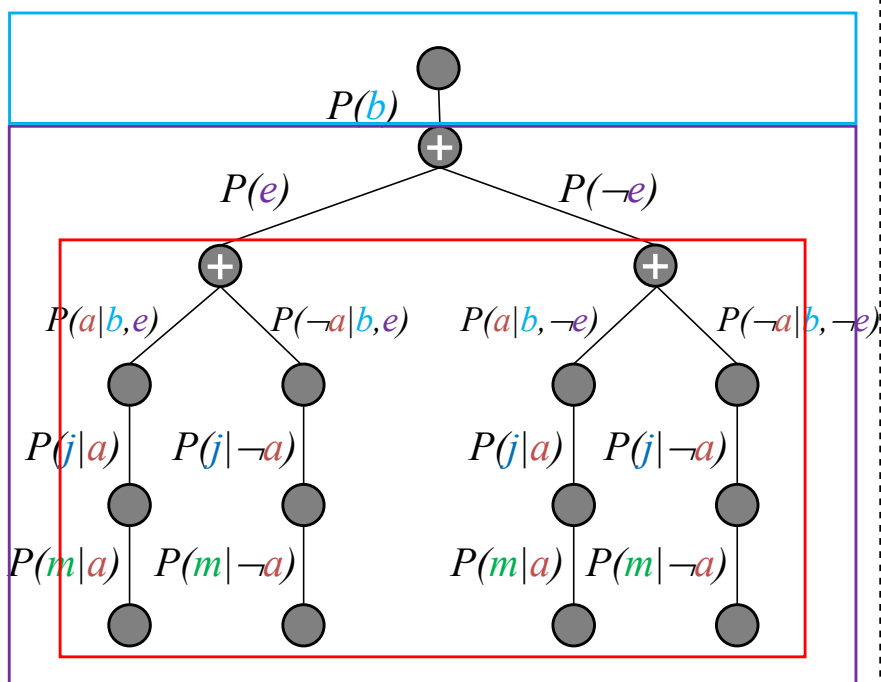
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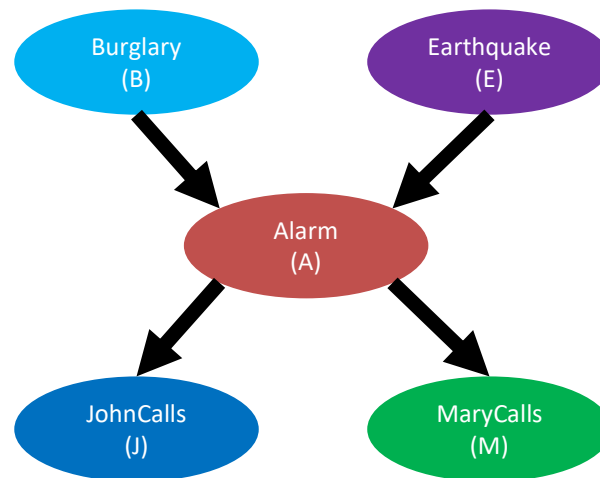
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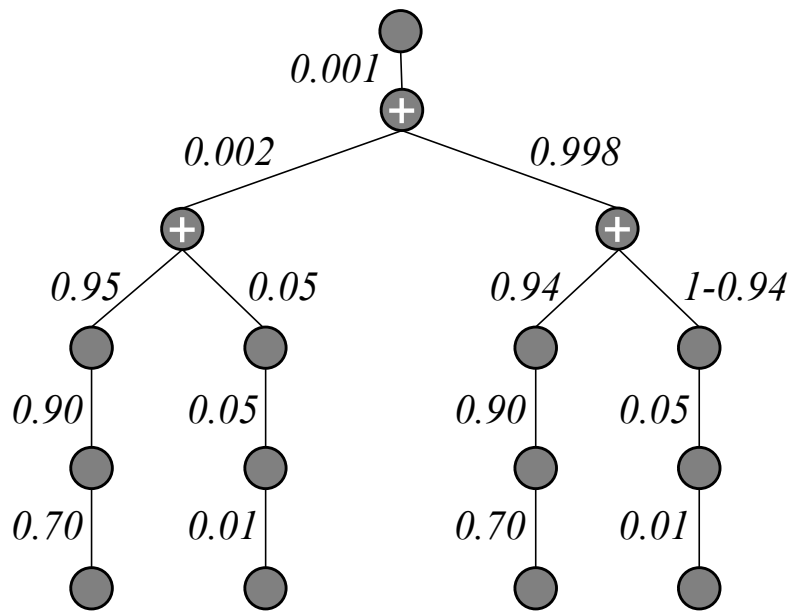
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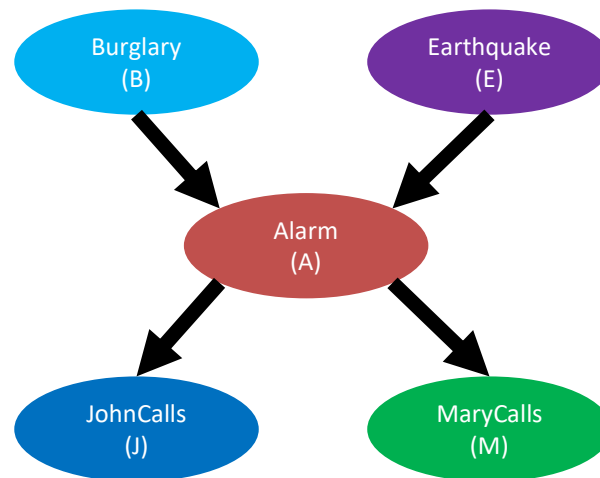
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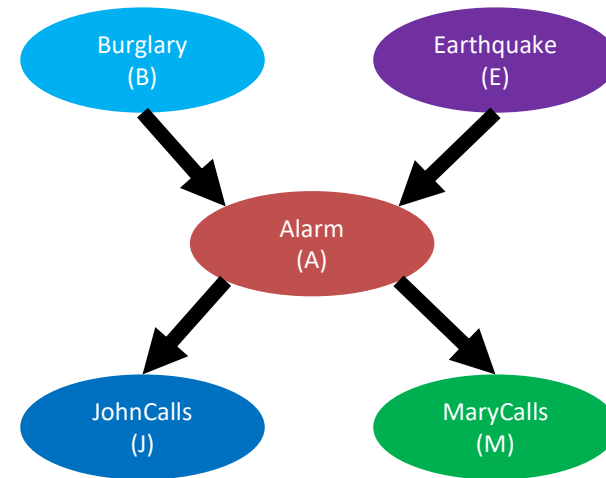
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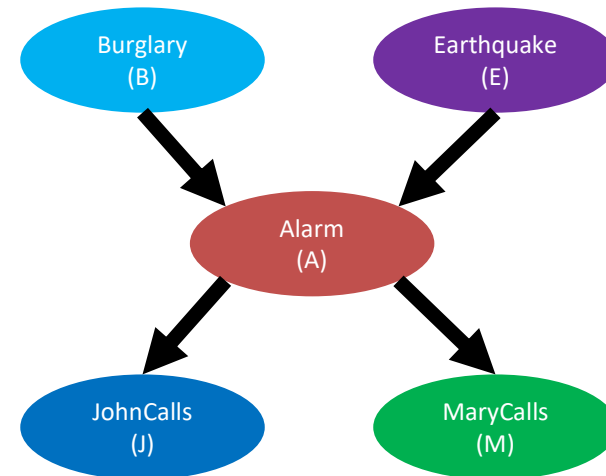
We can now calculate:

$$P(B \mid j, m) = \alpha * < 0.00059224, 0.0014919 >$$

And after normalization:

$$P(B \mid j, m) \approx < 0.284, 0.716 >$$

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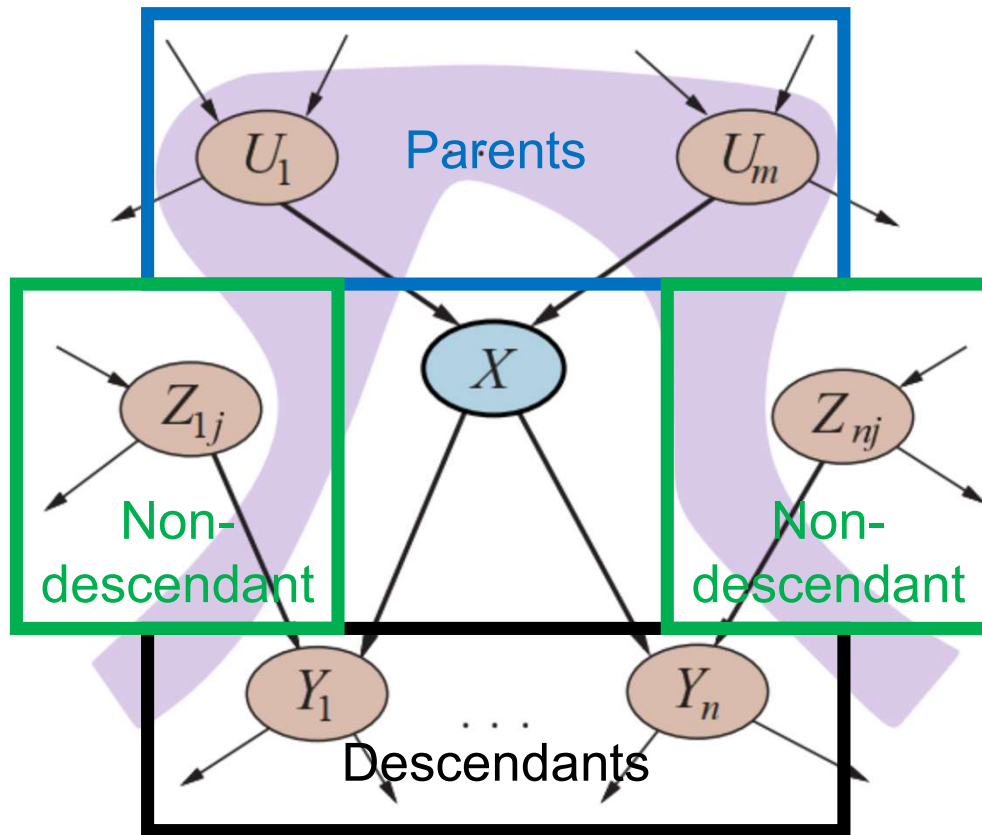


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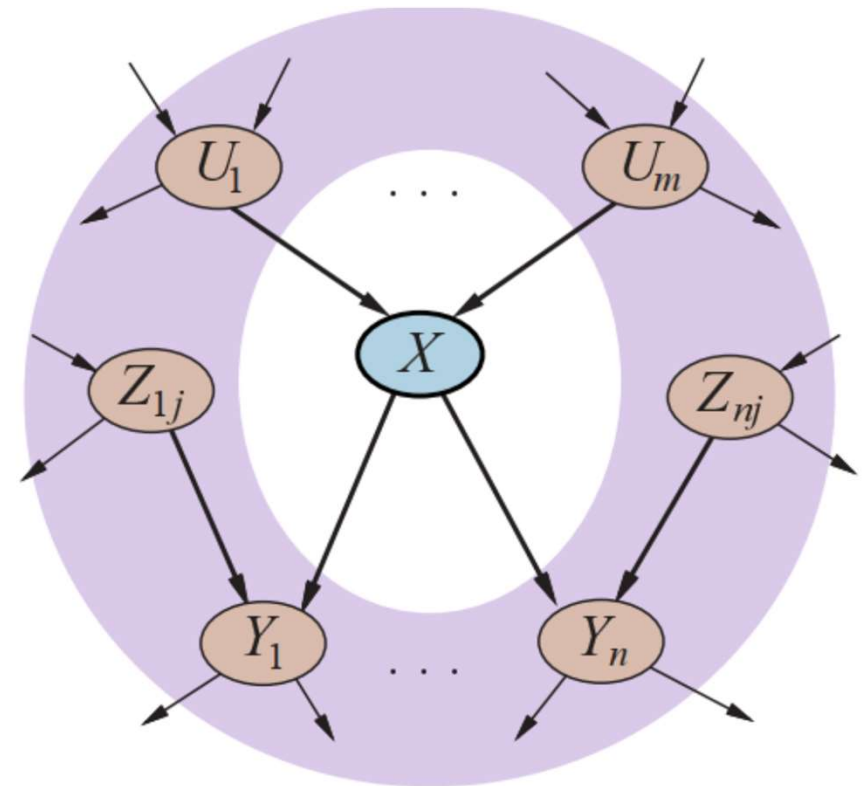
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# More On Conditional Independence



Node  $X$  is conditionally independent of its **non-descendants** given its **parents**.



Node  $X$  is conditionally independent of ALL other nodes in the network its given its **Markov blanket**.

**Why do we care?**

An unconstrained joint probability distribution with  $N$  **binary** variables involves  $2^N$  probabilities. Bayesian network with at most  $k$  parents per each node ( $N$ ) involves  $N * 2^k$  probabilities ( $k < N$ ).

# Decision Networks

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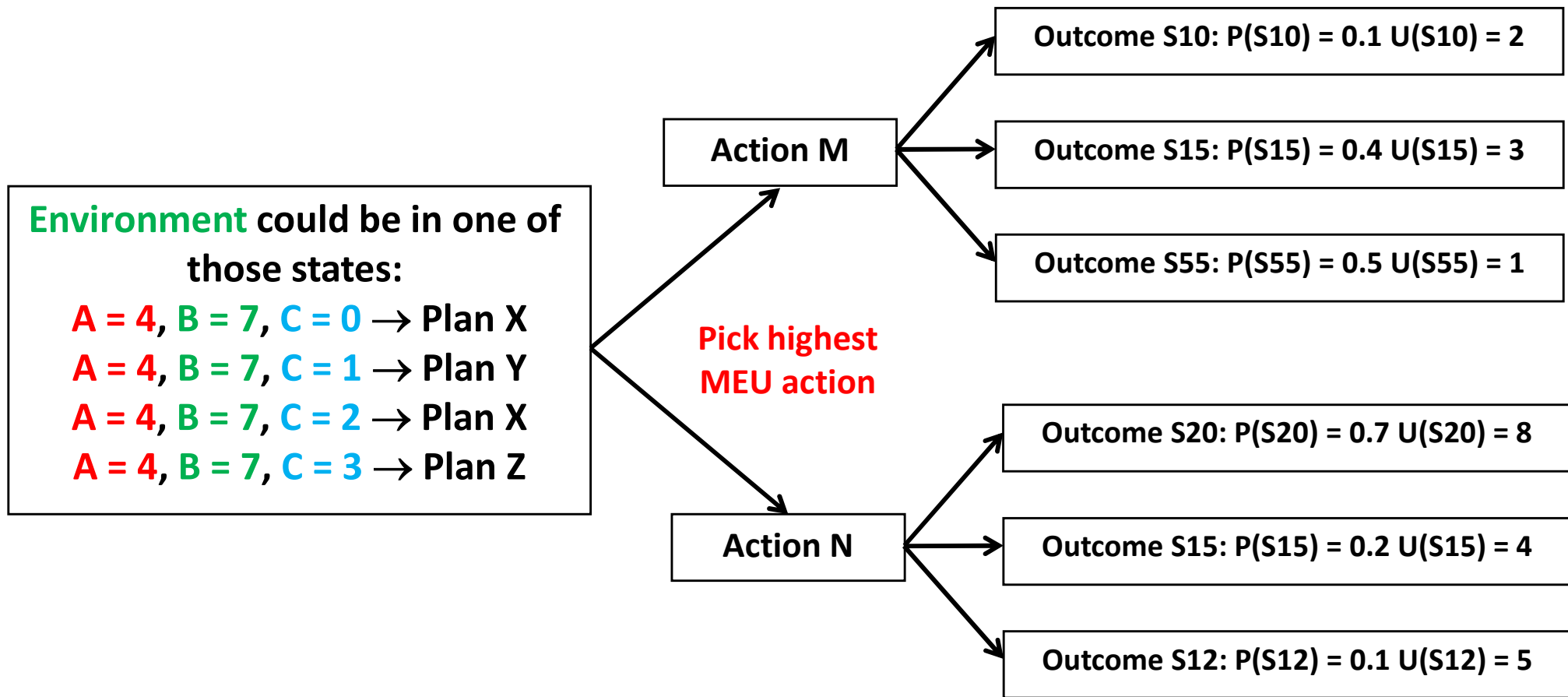
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BELIEFS DESIRES

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$$MEU(M) = P(S10) * U(S10) + P(S15) * U(S15) + P(S55) * U(S55)$$



$$MEU(N) = P(S20) * U(S20) + P(S15) * U(S15) + P(S12) * U(S12)$$

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Given uncertainty about the current state **s** and action outcome **s'** we need to define the following:

- probability (belief) of being in state **s**:  $P(s)$
- probability (belief) of action **a** leading to outcome **s'**:  $P(s' | s, a)$

Now:

$$P(s' | s, a) = P(\text{RESULT}(a) = s') = \sum_s P(s) * P(s' | s, a)$$

# Expected Action Utility

The **expected utility** of an action **a** given the evidence is the **average utility value** of all **possible outcomes  $s'$**  of action **a**, **weighted by their probability (belief) of occurrence**:

$$EU(a) = \sum_{s'} \sum_s P(s) * P(s' | s, a) * U(s') = \sum_{s'} P(Result(a) = s') * U(s')$$

Rational agent should choose an action that **maximizes the expected utility**:

$$\text{chosen action} = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} EU(a)$$

# State Utility Function

Agent's **preferences (desires)** are captured by the **Utility function**  $U(s)$ .

Utility function assigns a value to each state  $s$  to express how desirable this state is to the agent.

# Decision Network (Influence Diagram)

Decision networks (also called influence diagrams) are structures / mechanisms for making rational decisions.

Decision networks are based on Bayesian networks, but include additional nodes that represent **actions** and **utilities**.

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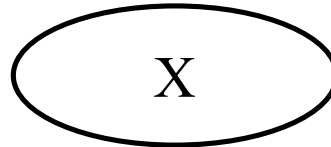
The most basic decision network needs to include:

- information about current state  $s$
- possible actions
- resulting state  $s'$  (after applying chosen action  $a$ )
- utility of the resulting state  $U(s')$

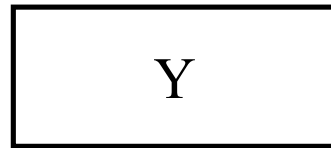
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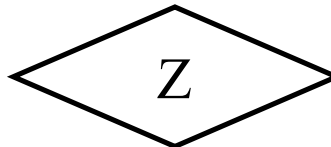
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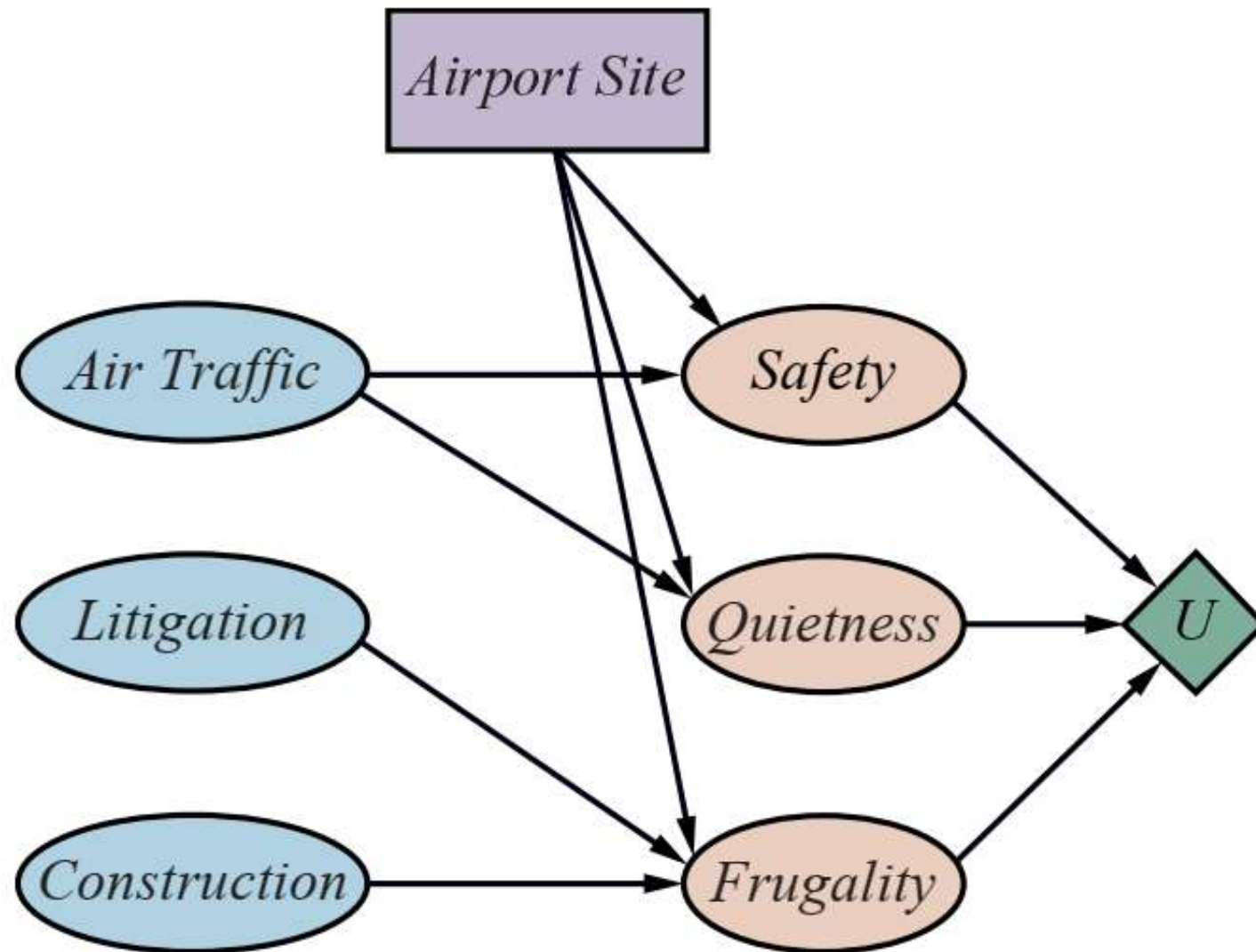


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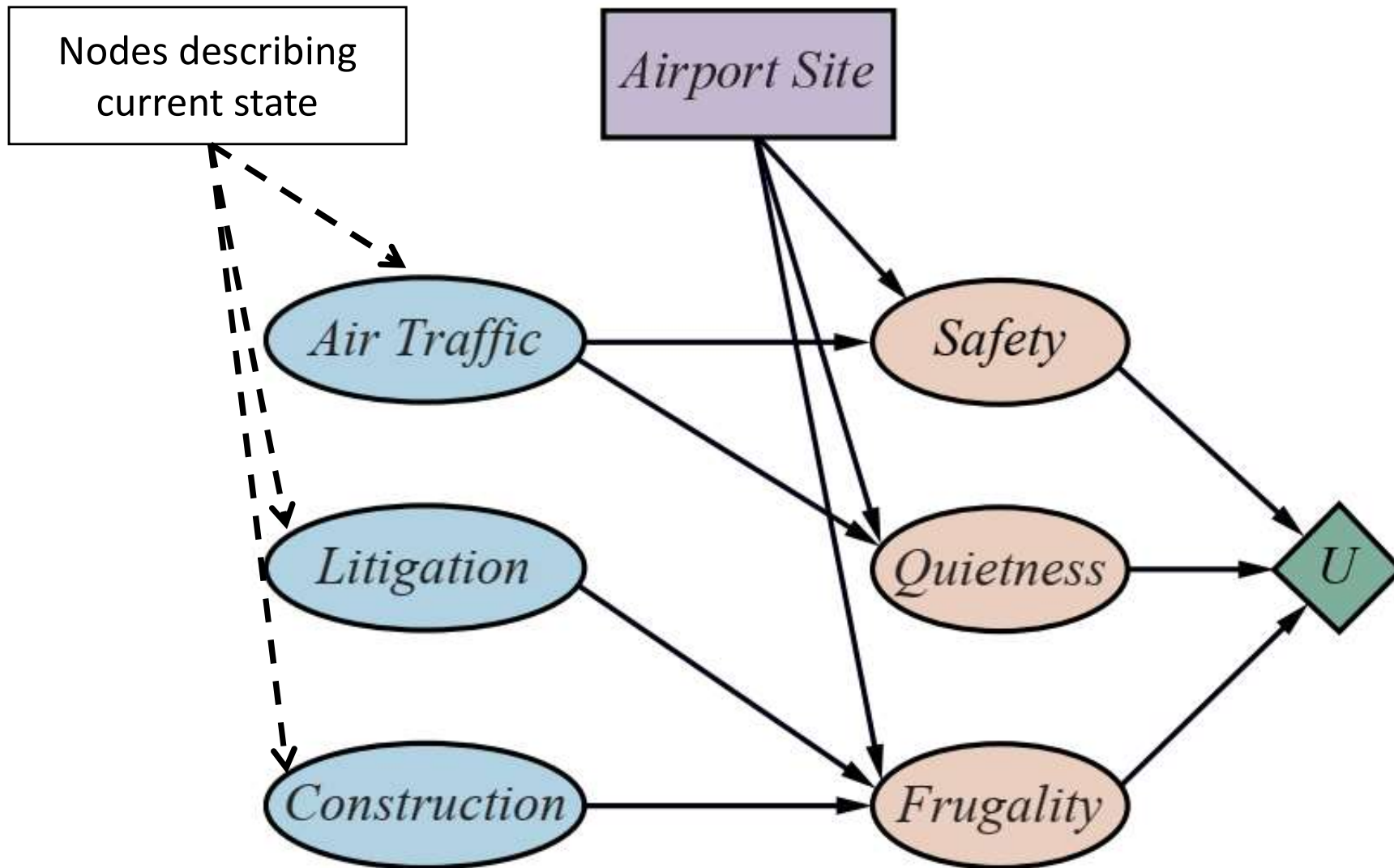




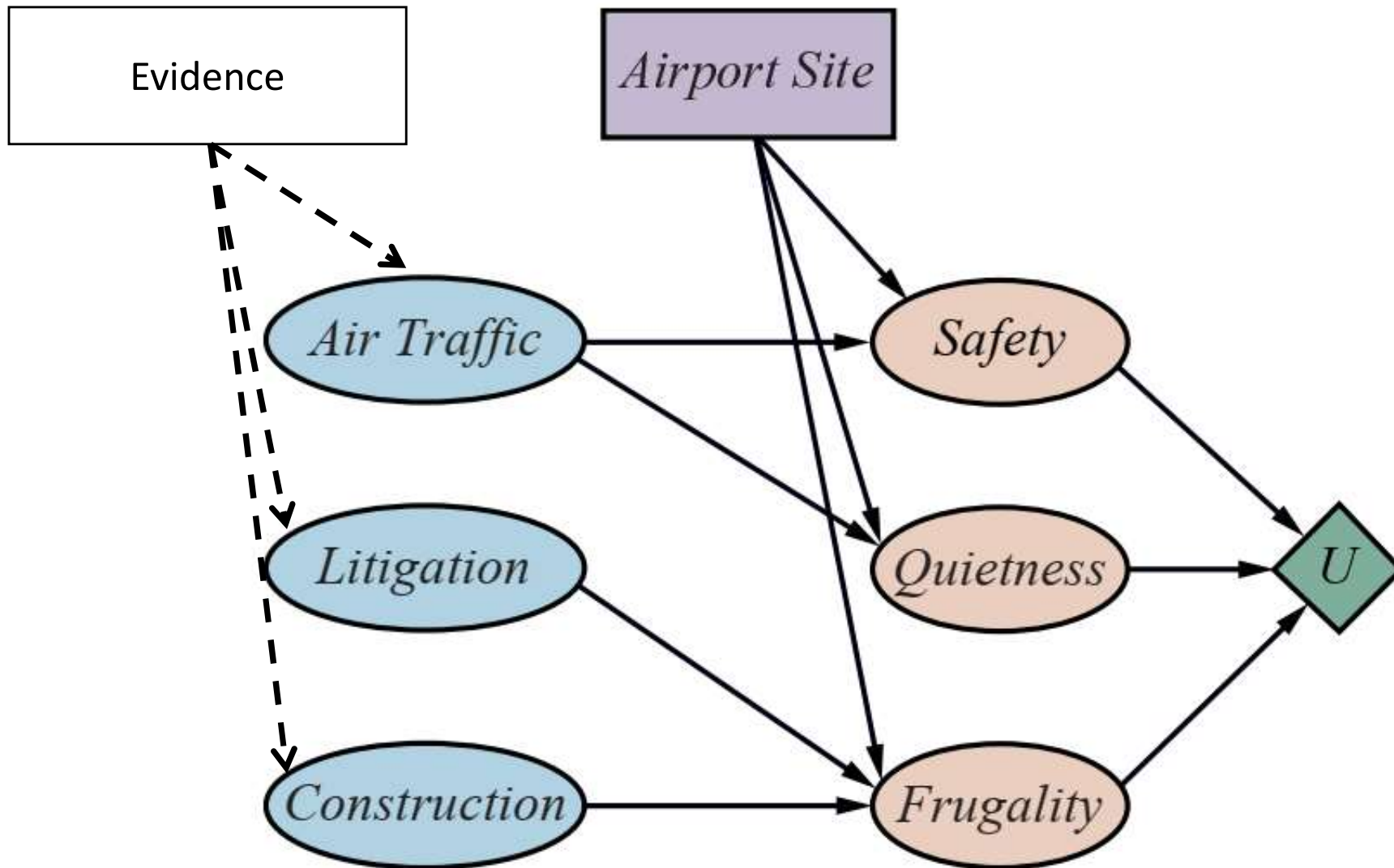
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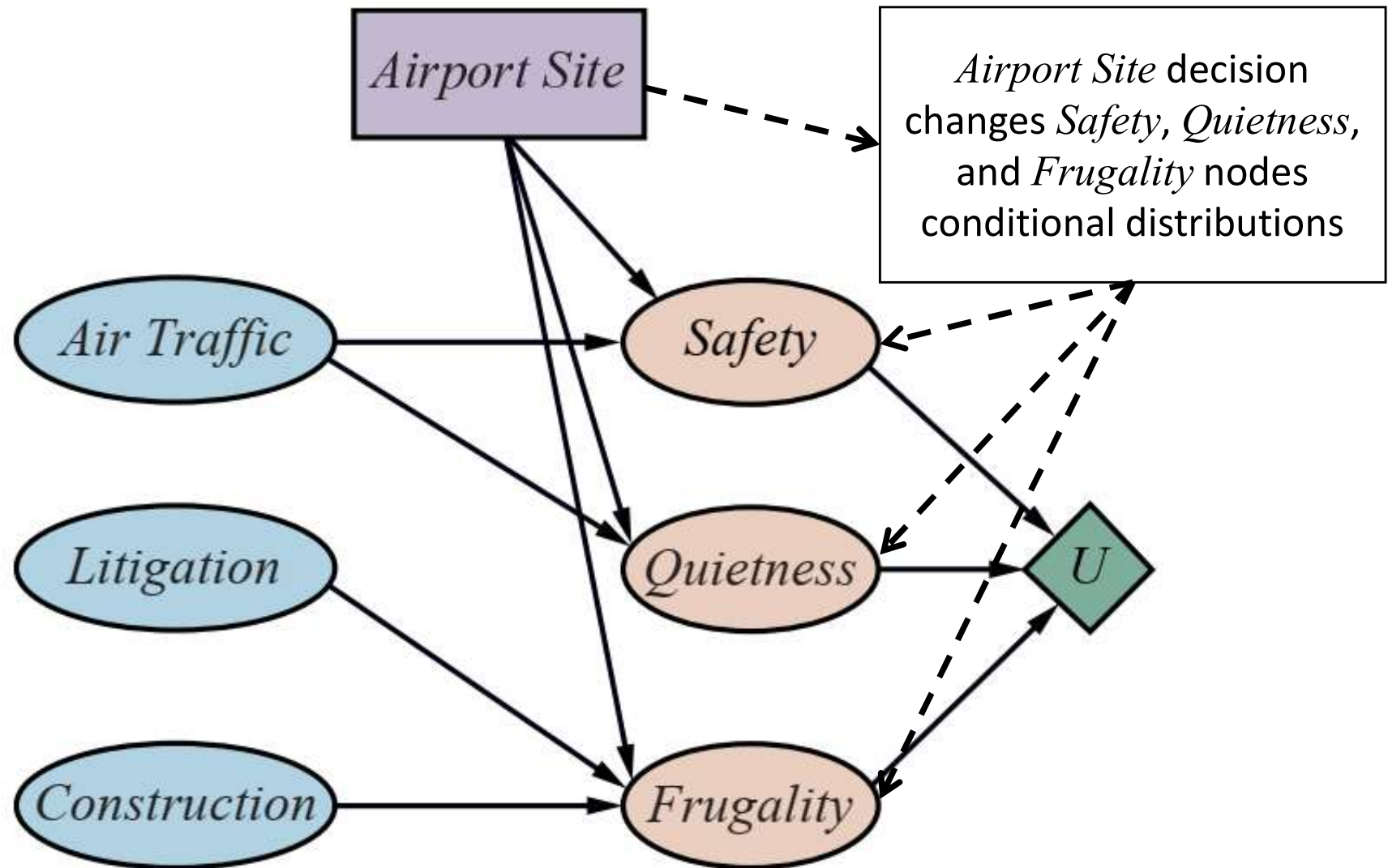
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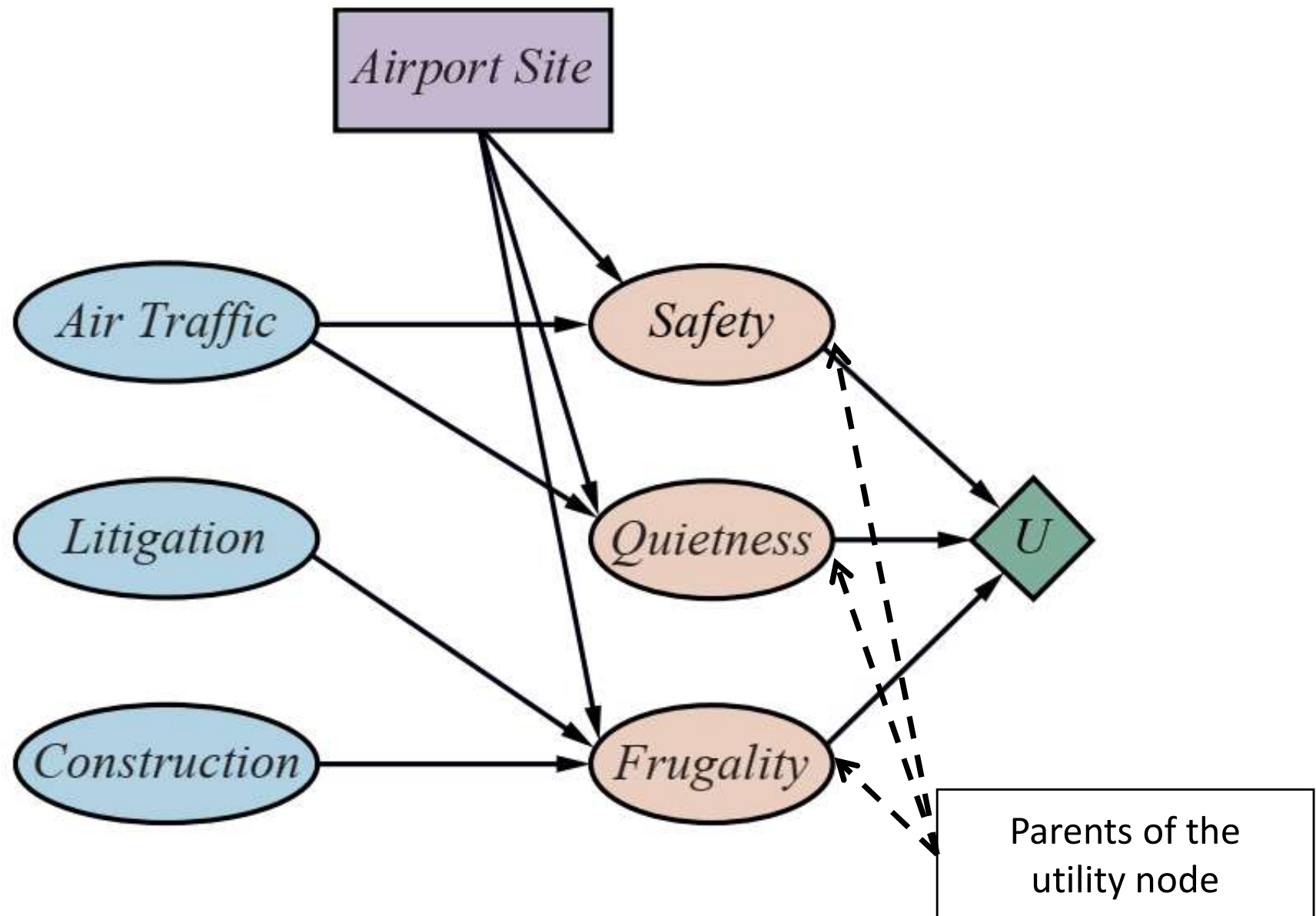


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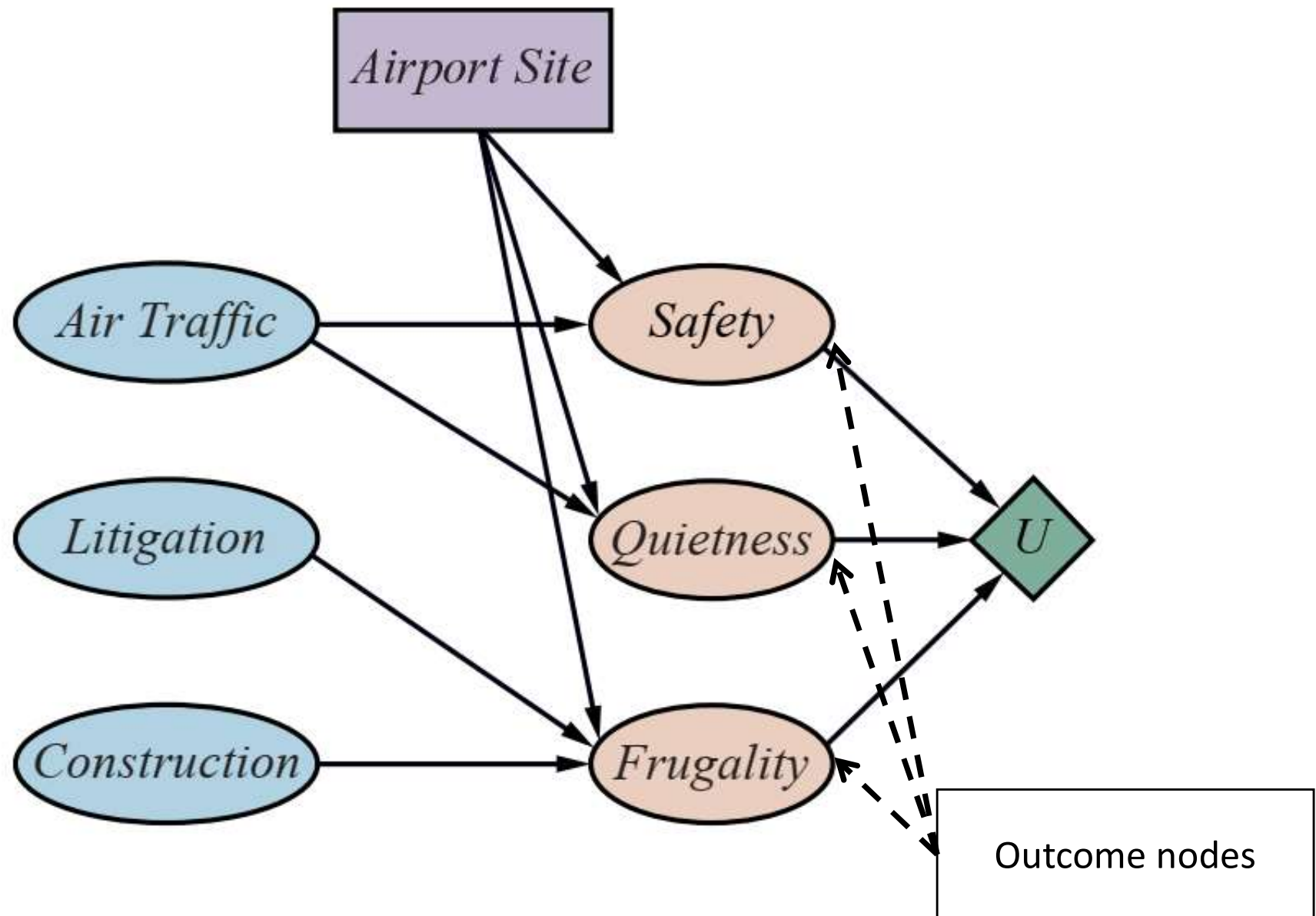




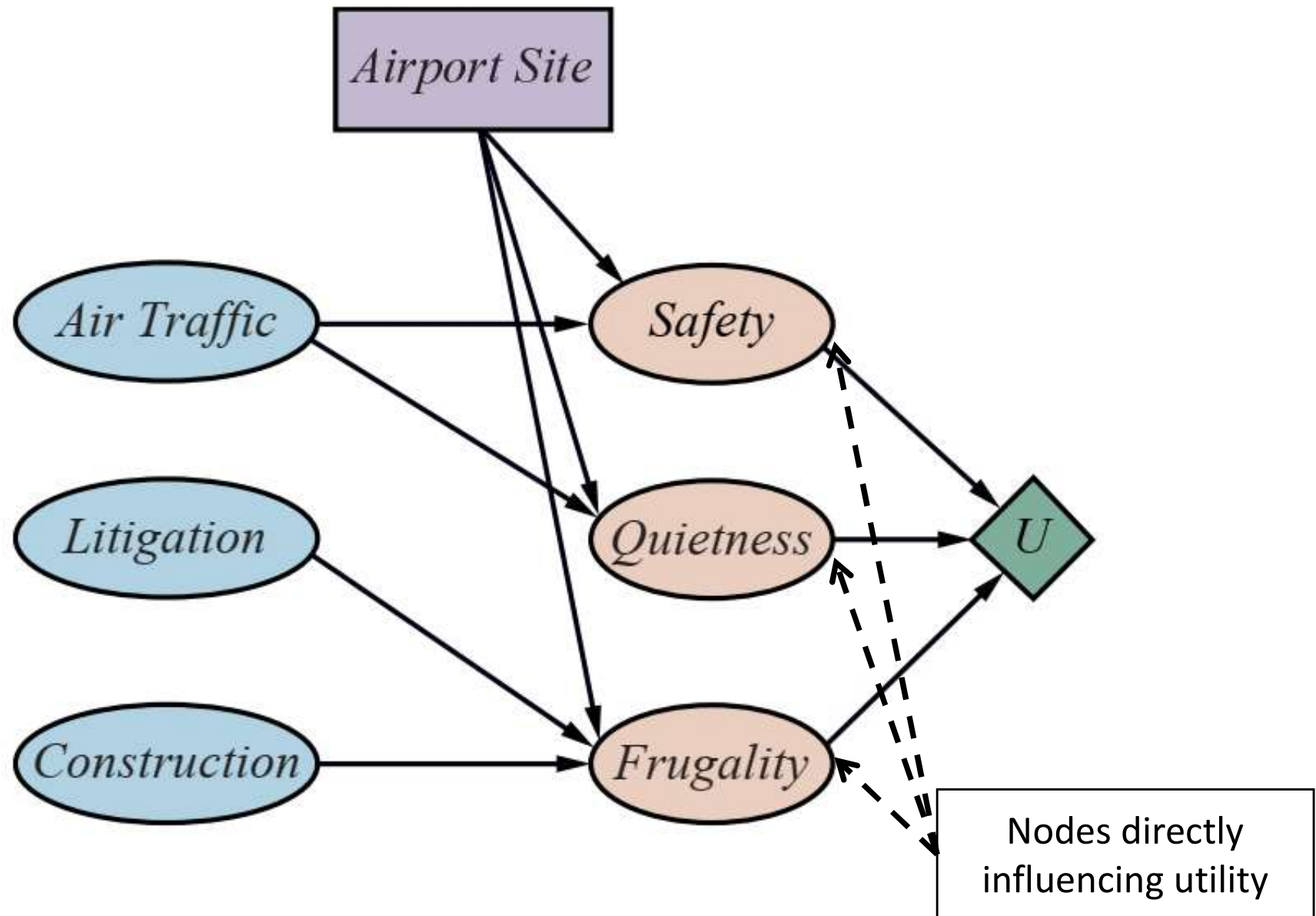
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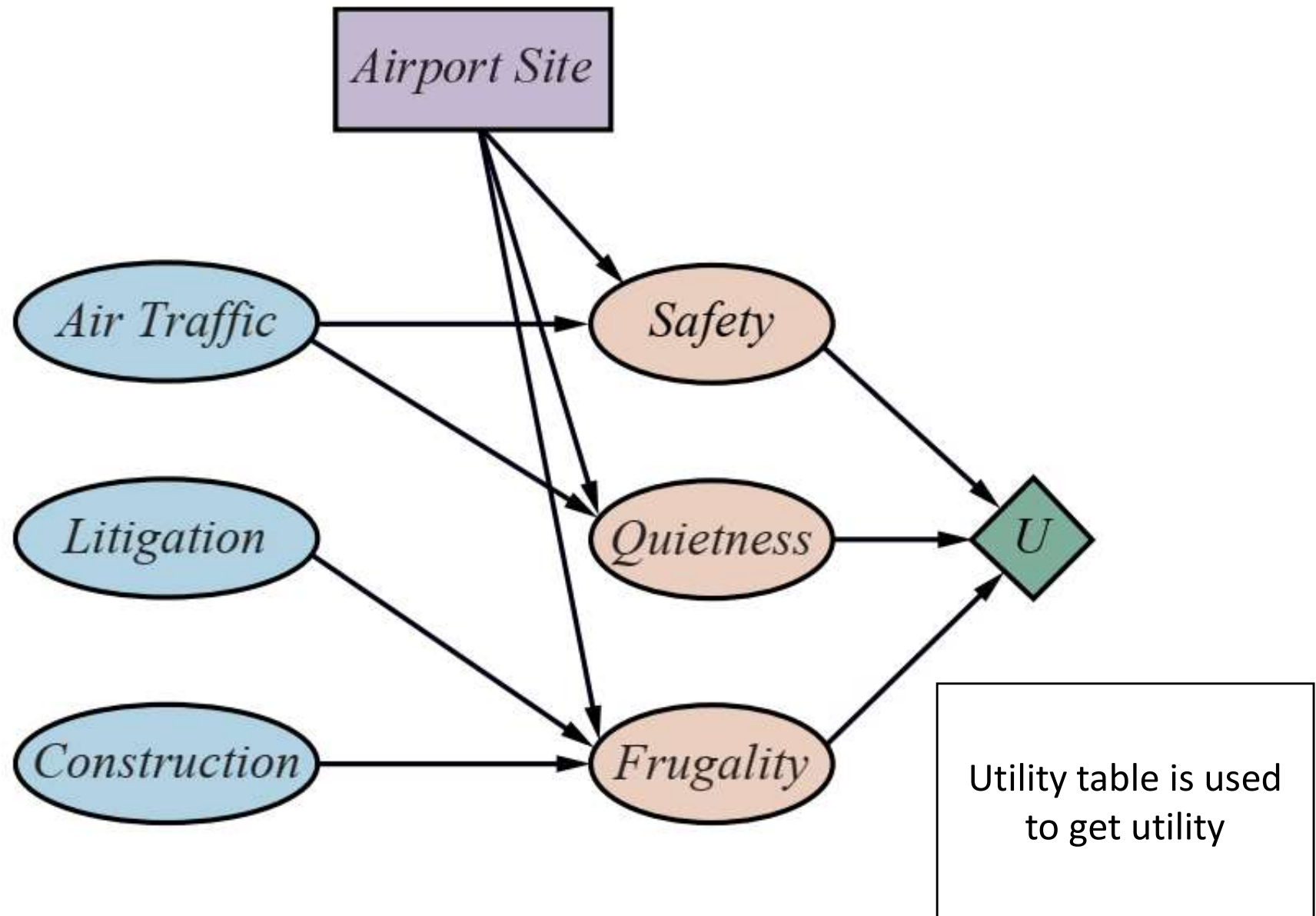
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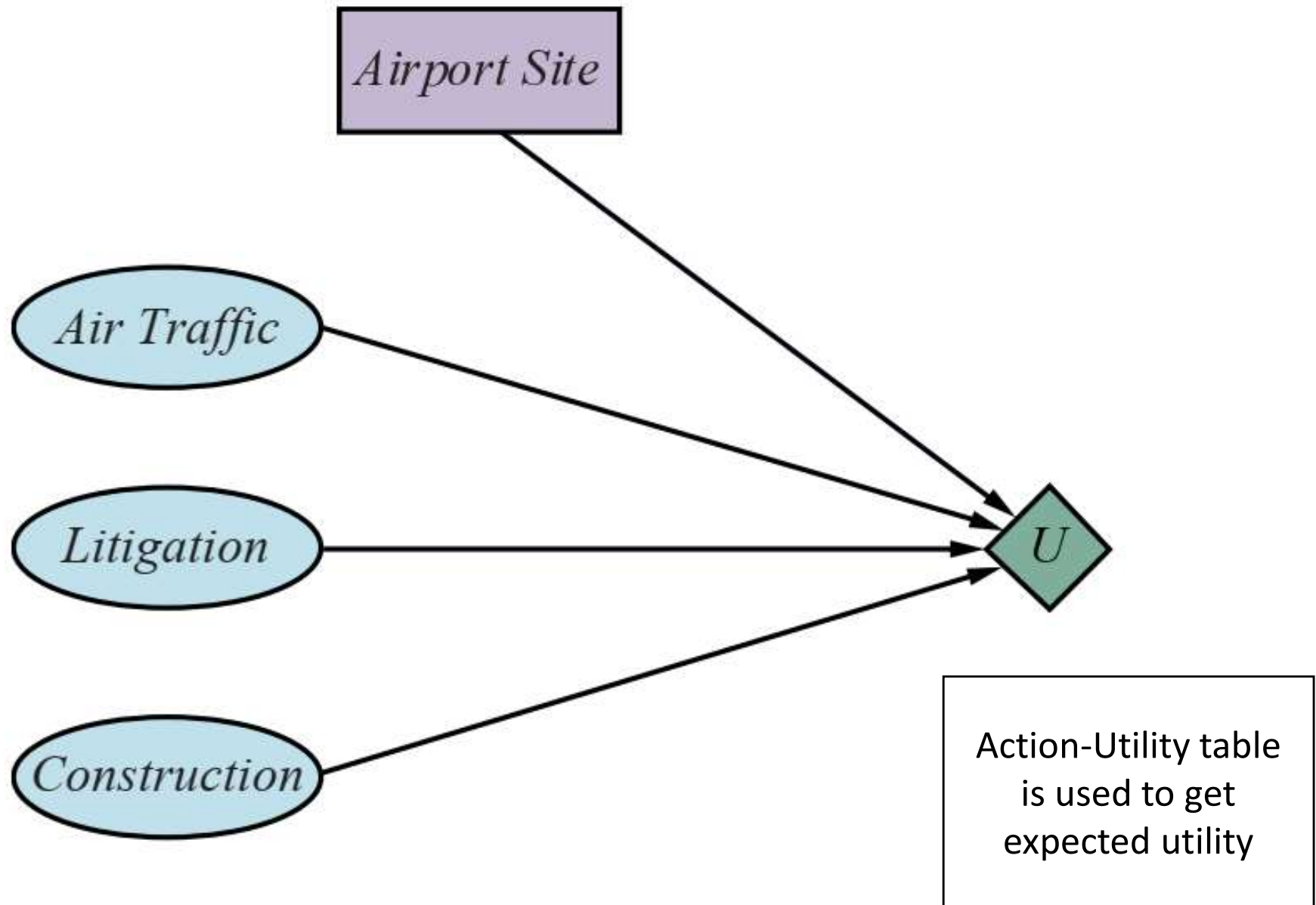
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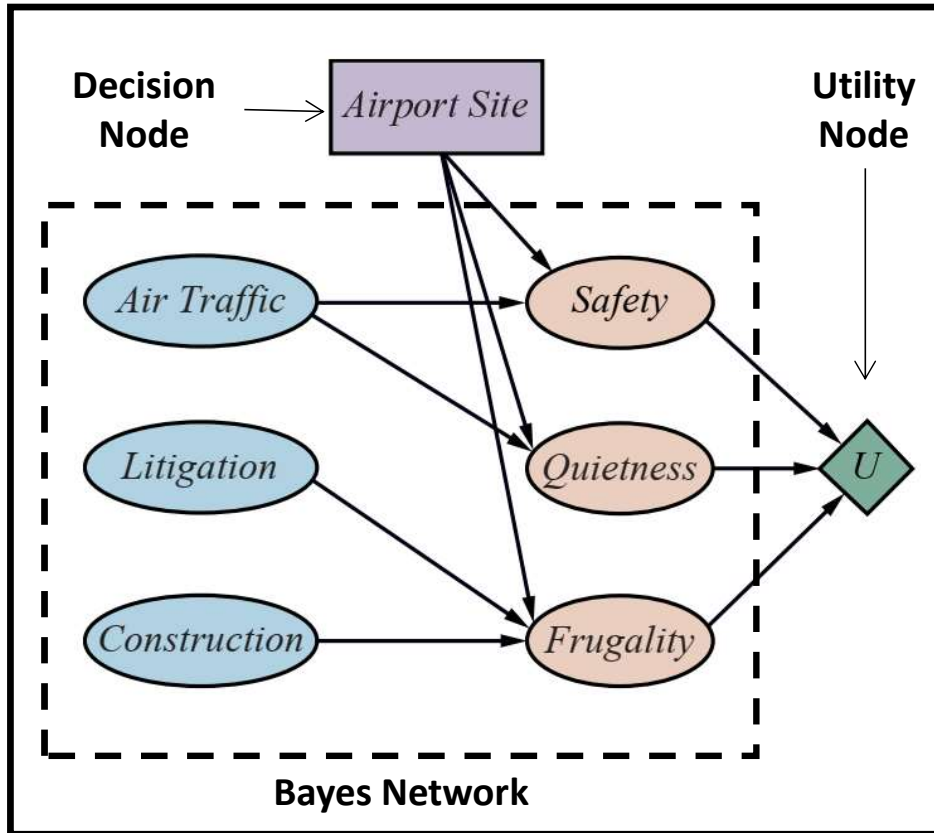
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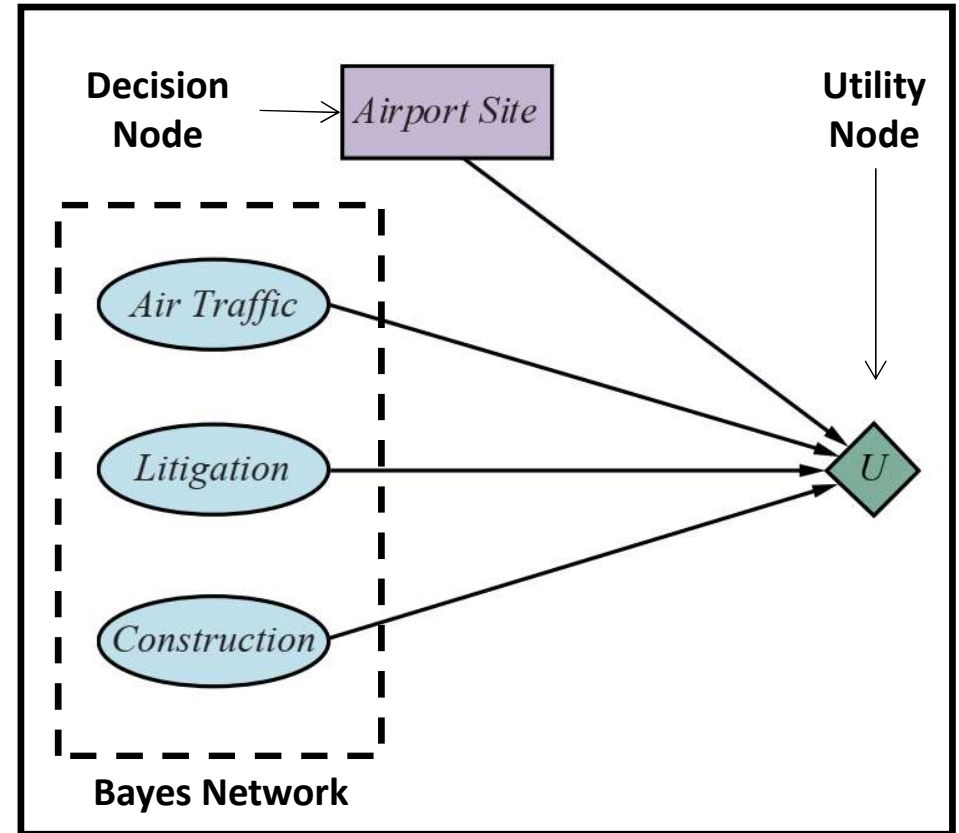
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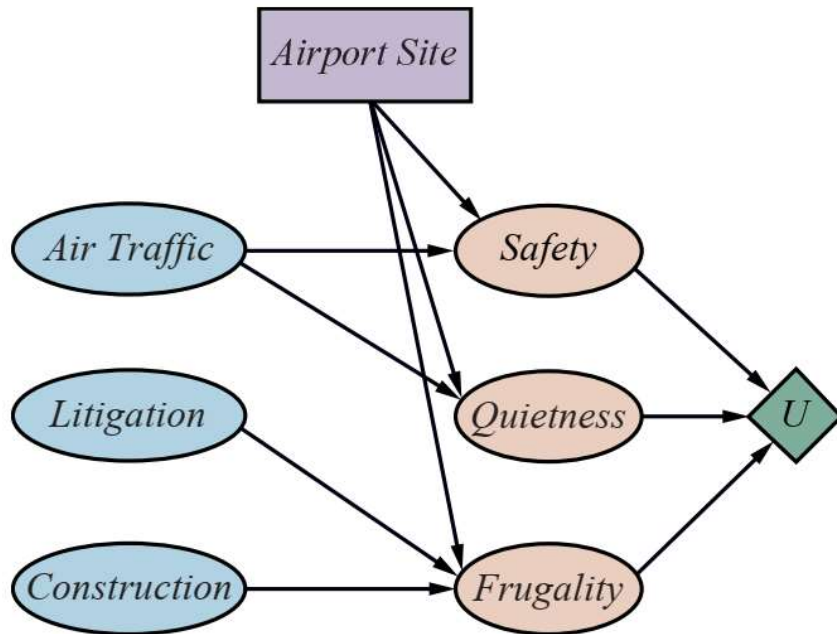
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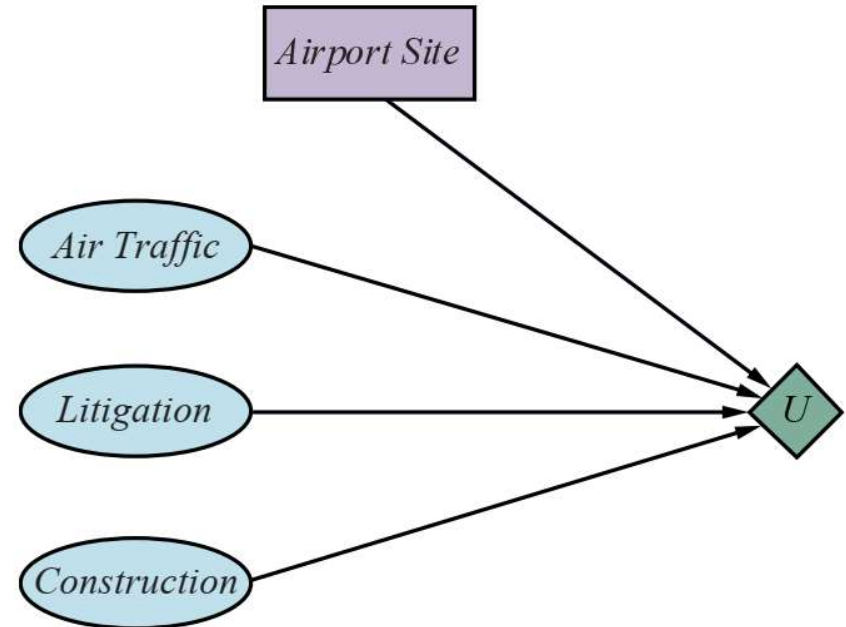
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## Simplified Structure



Action-Utility Table (not all columns shown)

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Given uncertainty about the current state **s** and action outcome **s'** we need to define the following:

- probability (belief) of being in state **s**:  $P(s)$
- probability (belief) of action **a** leading to outcome **s'**:  $P(s' | s, a)$

Now:

$$P(s' | s, a) = P(\text{RESULT}(a) = s') = \sum_s P(s) * P(s' | s, a)$$

# Expected Action Utility

The **expected utility** of an action **a** given the evidence is the **average utility value** of all **possible outcomes  $s'$**  of action **a**, **weighted by their probability (belief) of occurrence**:

$$EU(a) = \sum_{s'} \sum_s P(s) * P(s' | s, a) * U(s') = \sum_{s'} P(Result(a) = s') * U(s')$$

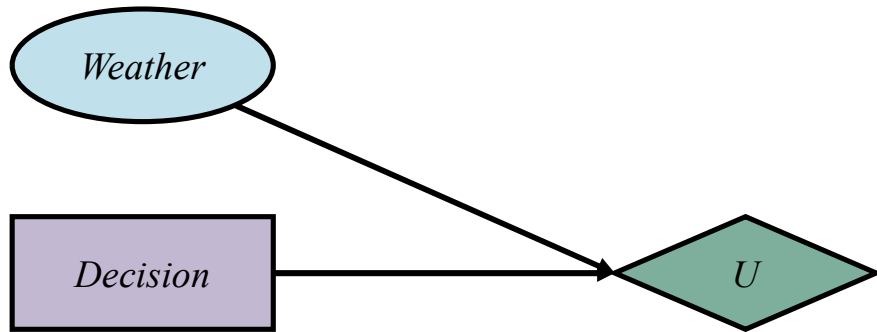
Rational agent should choose an action that **maximizes the expected utility**:

$$\text{chosen action} = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} EU(a)$$

# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **take** umbrella

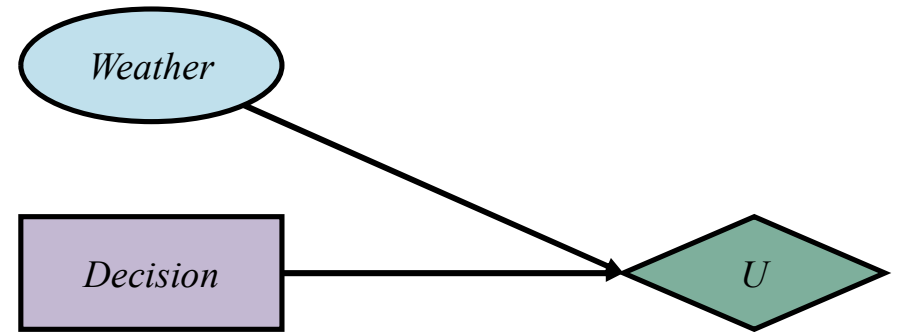
$P(W=\text{rain})$	$P(W=\text{sun})$
0.30	0.70



D	W	U
leave	sun	100
leave	rain	0
take	sun	20
take	rain	70

Decision: **leave** umbrella

$P(W=\text{rain})$	$P(W=\text{sun})$
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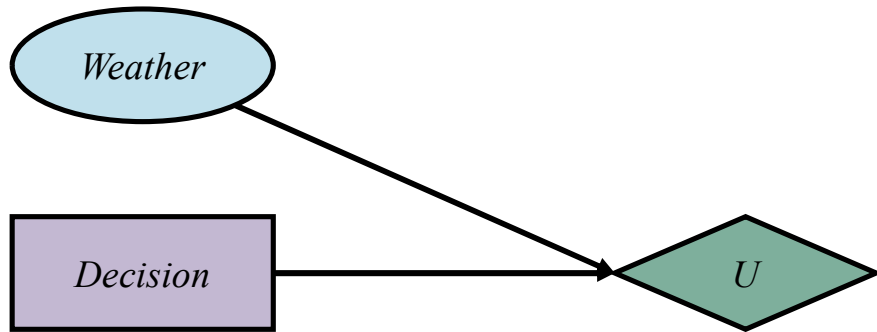


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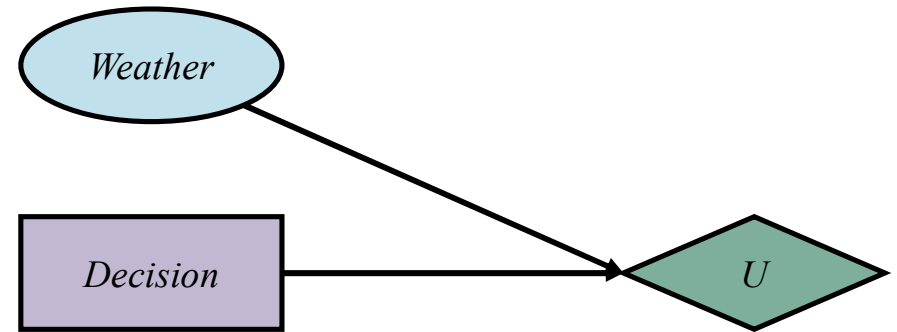
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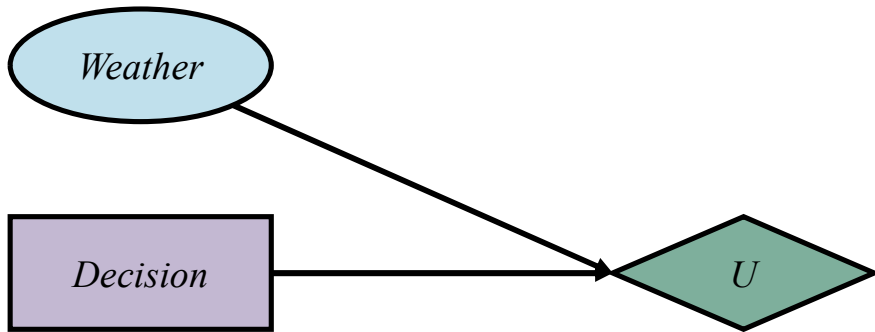
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$EU(\text{take}) =$

$P(\text{Result}(\text{take}) = S_1') * U(S_1') +$

$P(\text{Result}(\text{take}) = S_2') * U(S_2') =$

$0.70 * 20 + 0.30 * 70 = 35$

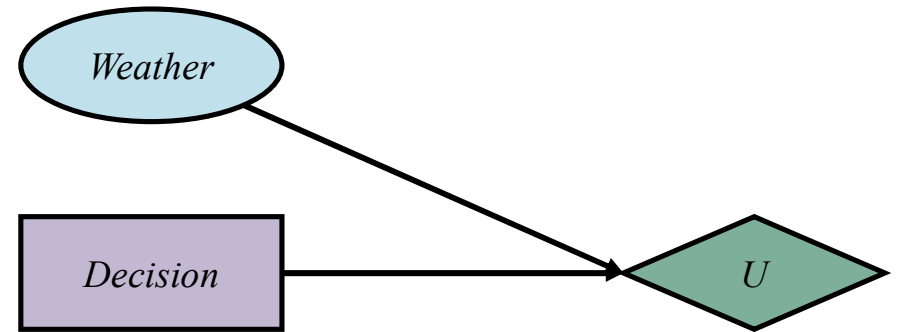
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$$EU(\text{take}) = 35$$

Decision: **leave** umbrella

$$EU(a) = \sum_{s'} P(\text{Result}(a) = s') * U(s')$$

P(W=rain)	P(W=sun)
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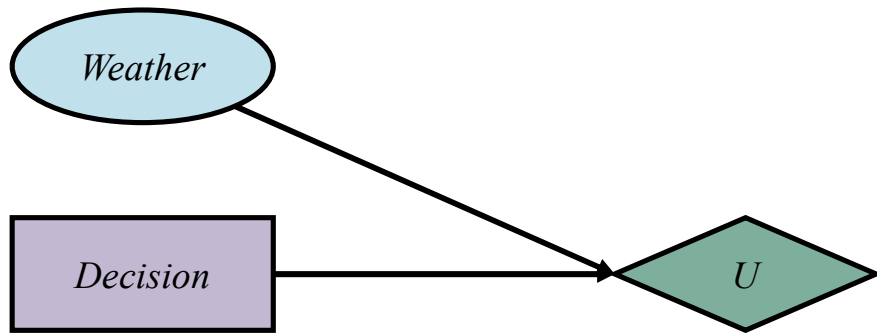
$$EU(\text{leave}) = 70$$

# Decision Networks: Example

Which action to choose: **take** or **leave** Umbrella?

$$EU(a) = \sum_{s'} P(\text{Result}(a) = s') * U(s')$$

P(W=rain)	P(W=sun)
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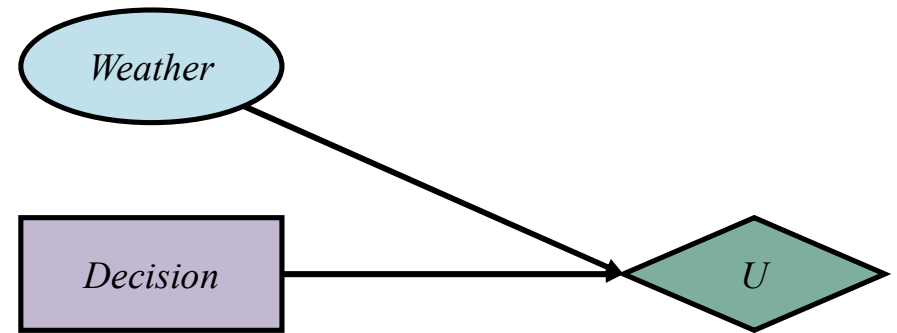
$P(\text{Result}(\text{take}) = S_2') * U(S_2') =$

$0.70 * 20 + 0.30 * 70 = 35$

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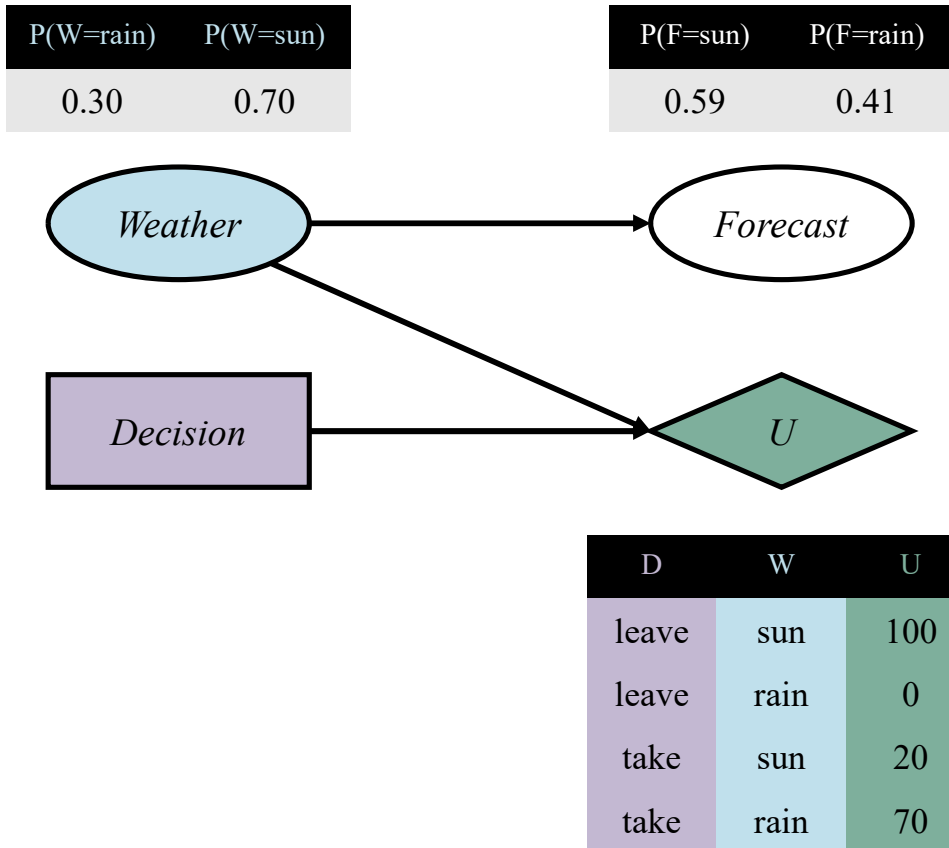
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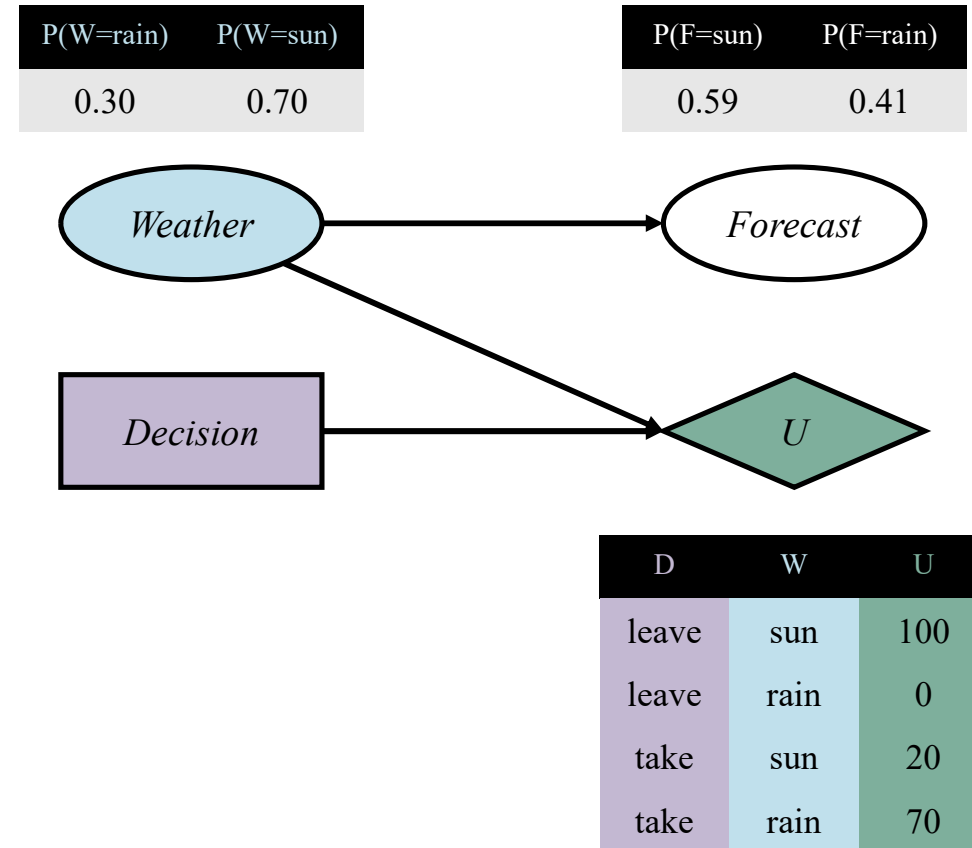
action =  $\underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} EU(a) \mid \max(EU(\text{take}), \underline{EU(\text{leave})}) = \max(35, 70) \rightarrow \text{leave}$

# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **take** umbrella



Decision: **leave** umbrella



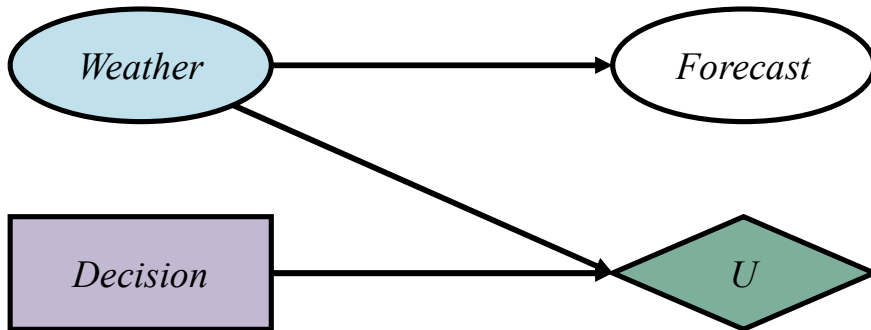
# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **take** umbrella given **e**

$$EU(a \mid e) = \sum_{s'} P(\text{Result}(a) = s' \mid e) * U(s')$$

P(rain   F)	P(sun   F)
???	???

P(F=sun)	P(F=rain)
0.59	0.41



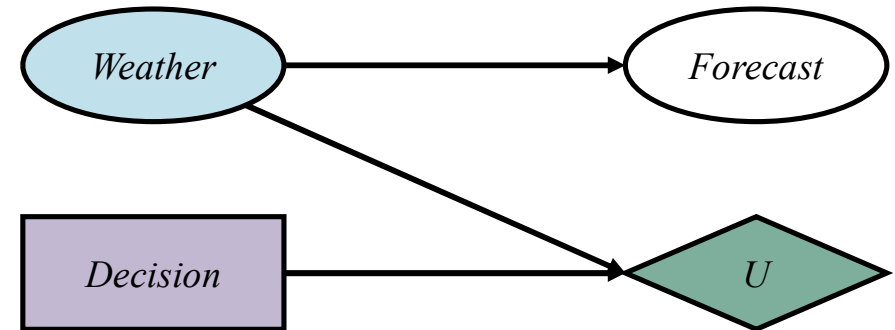
D	W	U
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Decision: **leave** umbrella given **e**

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P(rain   F)	P(sun   F)
???	???

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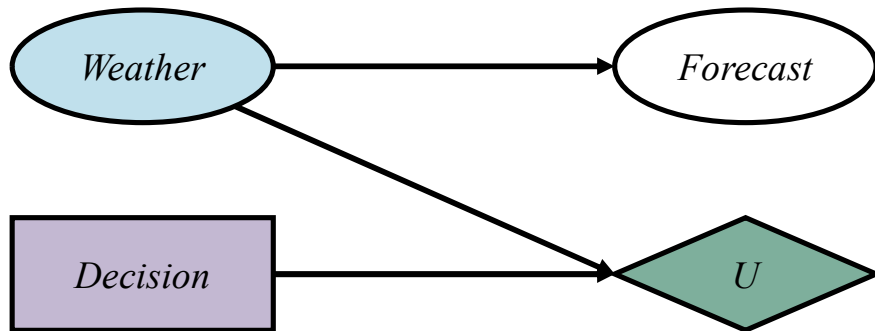
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Conditional probabilities  
Assume that we are given:

F	W	P(F W)
sun	sun	0.80
rain	sun	0.20
sun	rain	0.10
rain	rain	0.90

By Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(W = \text{sun} \mid F = \text{sun}) = \frac{P(F = \text{sun} \mid W = \text{sun}) * P(W = \text{sun})}{P(F = \text{sun})} = \frac{0.80 * 0.70}{0.59} = 0.95$$

$$P(W = \text{sun} \mid F = \text{rain}) = \frac{P(F = \text{rain} \mid W = \text{sun}) * P(W = \text{sun})}{P(F = \text{rain})} = \frac{0.20 * 0.70}{0.41} = 0.34$$

$$P(W = \text{rain} \mid F = \text{sun}) = \frac{P(F = \text{sun} \mid W = \text{rain}) * P(W = \text{rain})}{P(F = \text{sun})} = \frac{0.10 * 0.30}{0.59} = 0.05$$

$$P(W = \text{rain} \mid F = \text{rain}) = \frac{P(F = \text{rain} \mid W = \text{rain}) * P(W = \text{rain})}{P(F = \text{rain})} = \frac{0.90 * 0.30}{0.41} = 0.66$$

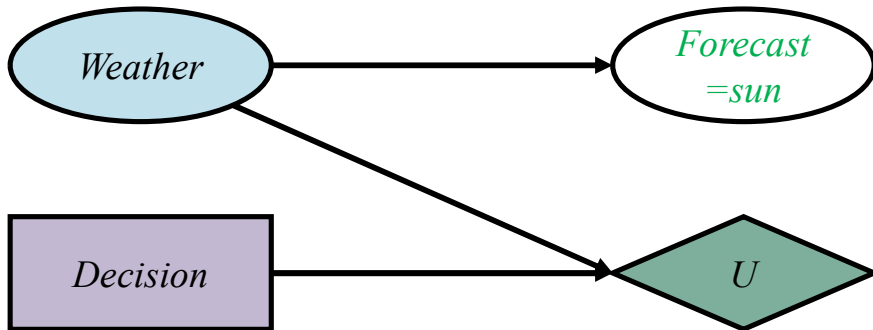
# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **take** umbrella given **sun**

$$EU(a \mid e) = \sum_{s'} P(\text{Result}(a) = s' \mid e) * U(s')$$

P(rain   F)	P(sun   F)
0.05	0.95

P(F=sun)	P(F=rain)
0.59	0.41



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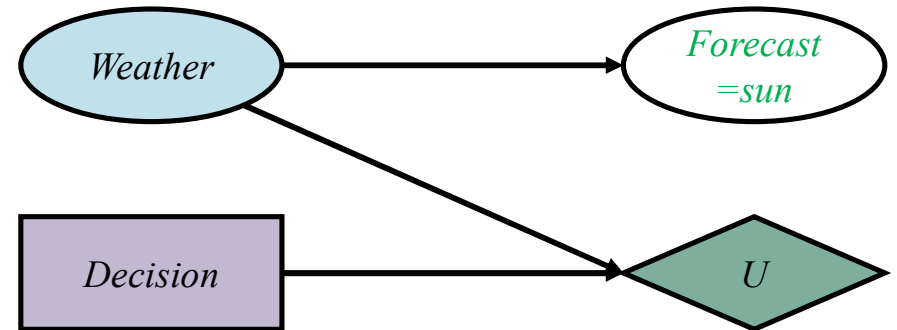
$$EU(\text{take given sun forecast}) = ???$$

Decision: **leave** umbrella given **sun**

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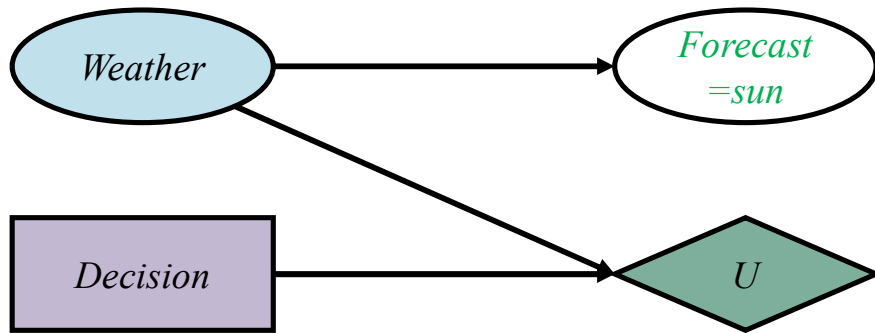
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$S_1'$ : D = take, W = sun

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$0.95 * 20 + 0.05 * 70 = 22.5$

D	W	U
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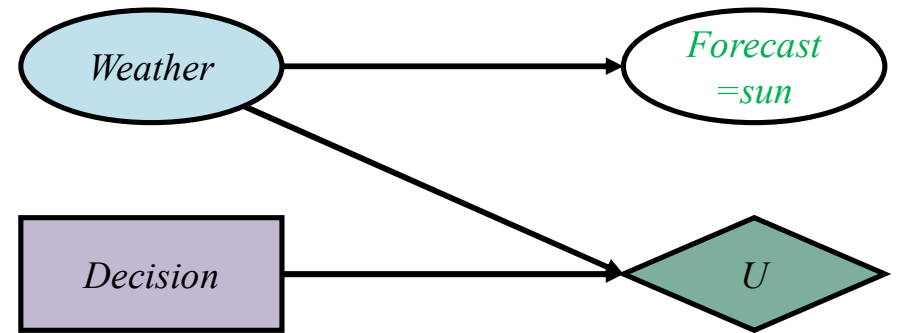
$EU(\text{take given sun forecast}) = 22.5$

Decision: **leave** umbrella given **sun**

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$0.95 * 100 + 0.05 * 0 = 95$

D	W	U
leave	sun	100
leave	rain	0
take	sun	20
take	rain	70

$EU(\text{leave given sun forecast}) = 95$



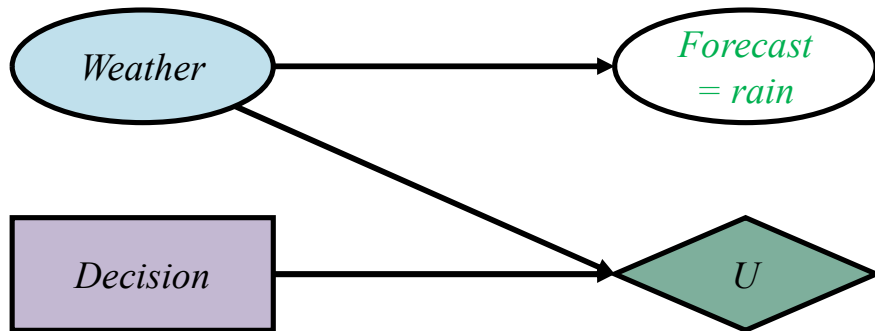
# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **take** umbrella given **rain**

$$EU(a \mid e) = \sum_{s'} P(\text{Result}(a) = s' \mid e) * U(s')$$

P(rain   F)	P(sun   F)
0.66	0.34

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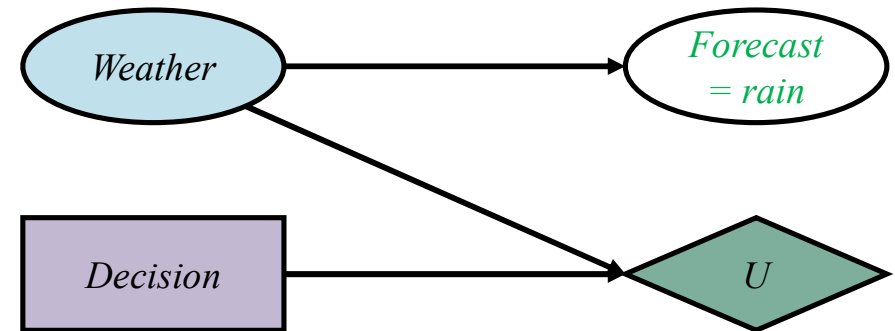
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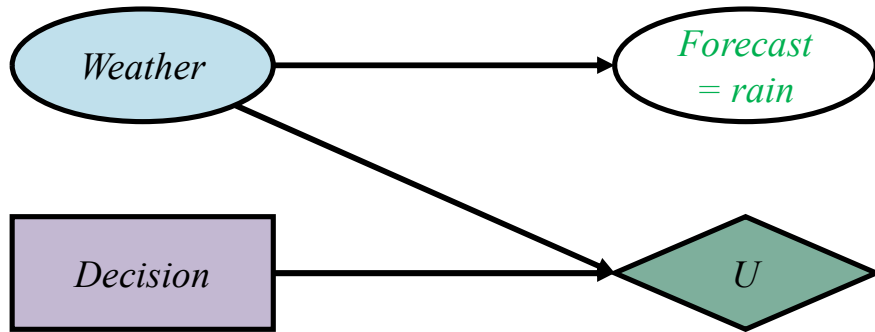
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$0.34 * 20 + 0.66 * 70 = 53$

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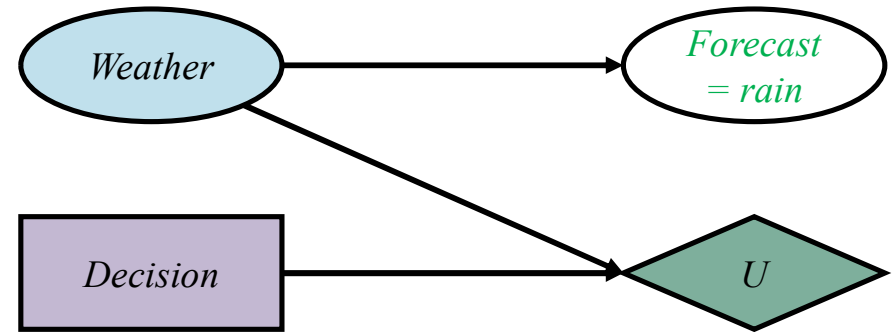
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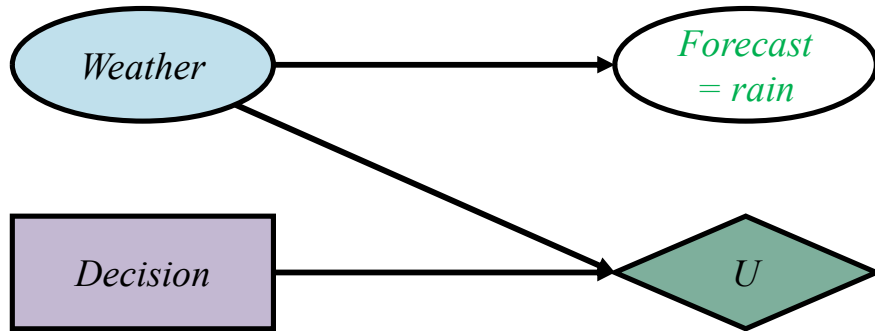
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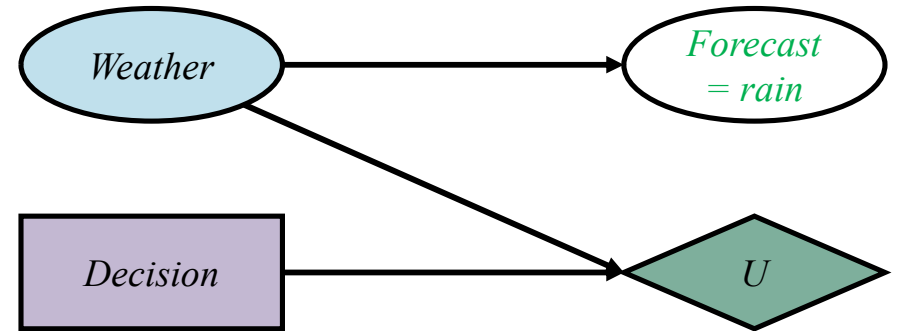
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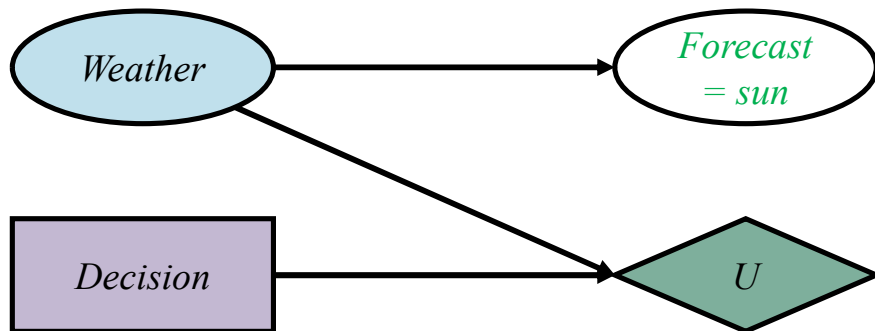
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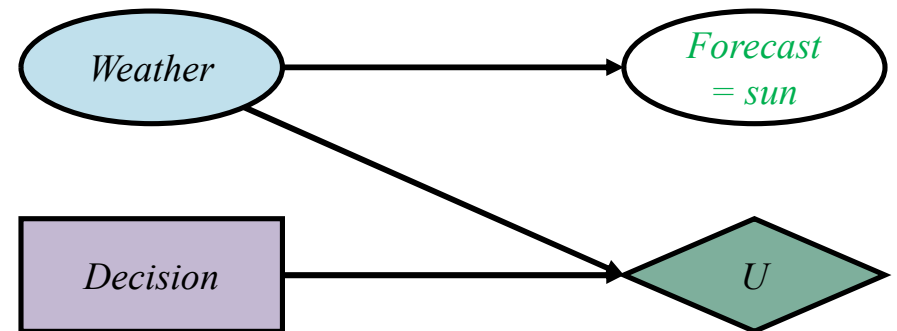
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Decision: **take** umbrella given **sun**



$$EU(\text{take given sun forecast}) = 22.5$$

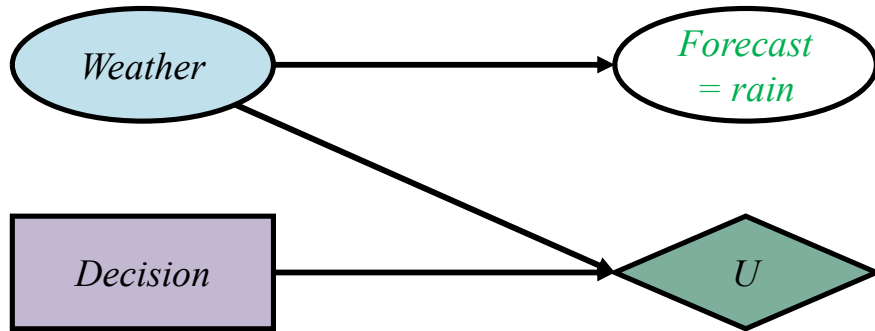
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$$EU(\text{leave given sun forecast}) = 95$$

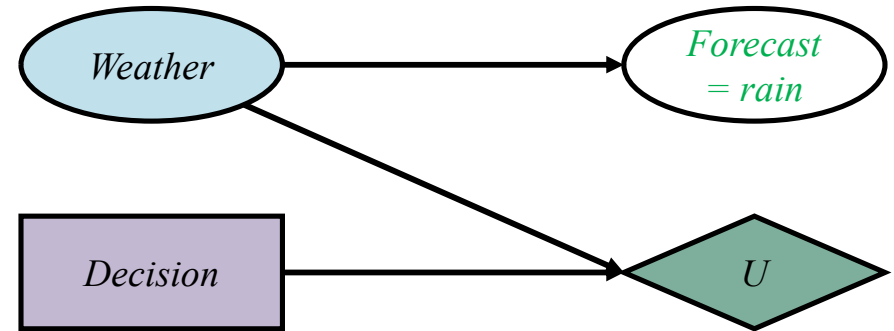
# Decision Networks: Example

**Decision:**take umbrella given rain



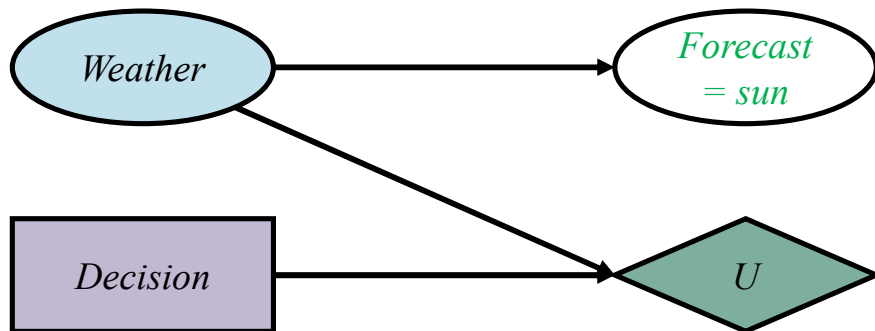
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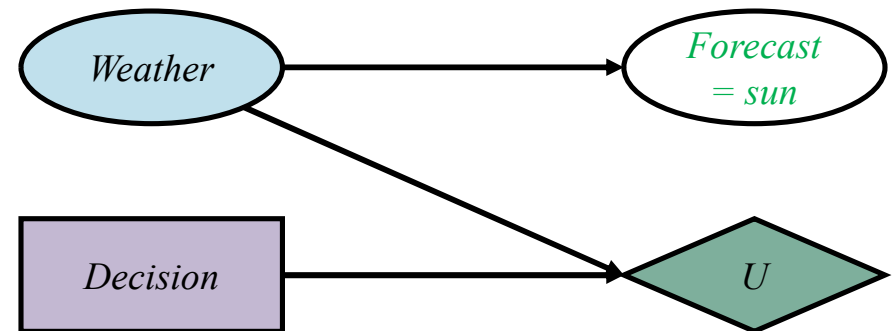
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**Decision:**leave umbrella given sun



$$EU(\text{leave given sun forecast}) = 95$$

# Value of Perfect Information

The value/utility of best action  $\alpha$  without additional evidence (information) is :

$$MEU(\alpha) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(Result(a) = s') * U(s')$$

If we include new evidence/information ( $E_j = e_j$ ) given by some variable  $E_j$ , value/utility of best action  $\alpha$  becomes:

$$MEU(a_{e_j} | e_j) = \max_a \sum_{s'} P(Result(a) = s' | e_j) * U(s')$$

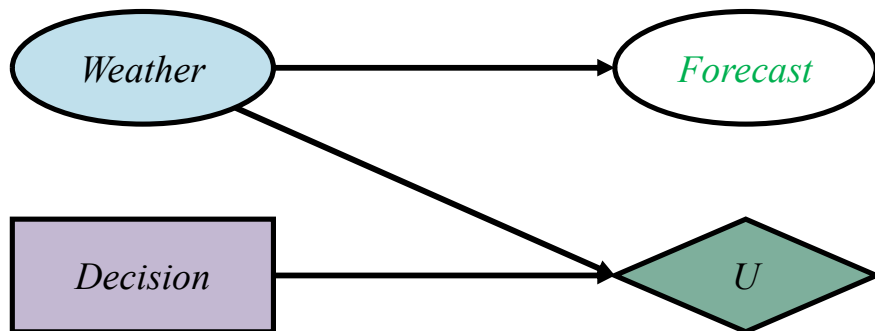
The value of additional evidence/information from  $E_j$  is:

$$VPI(E_j) = \left( \sum_{e_j} P(E_j = e_j) * MEU(a_{e_j} | E_j = e_j) \right) - MEU(a)$$

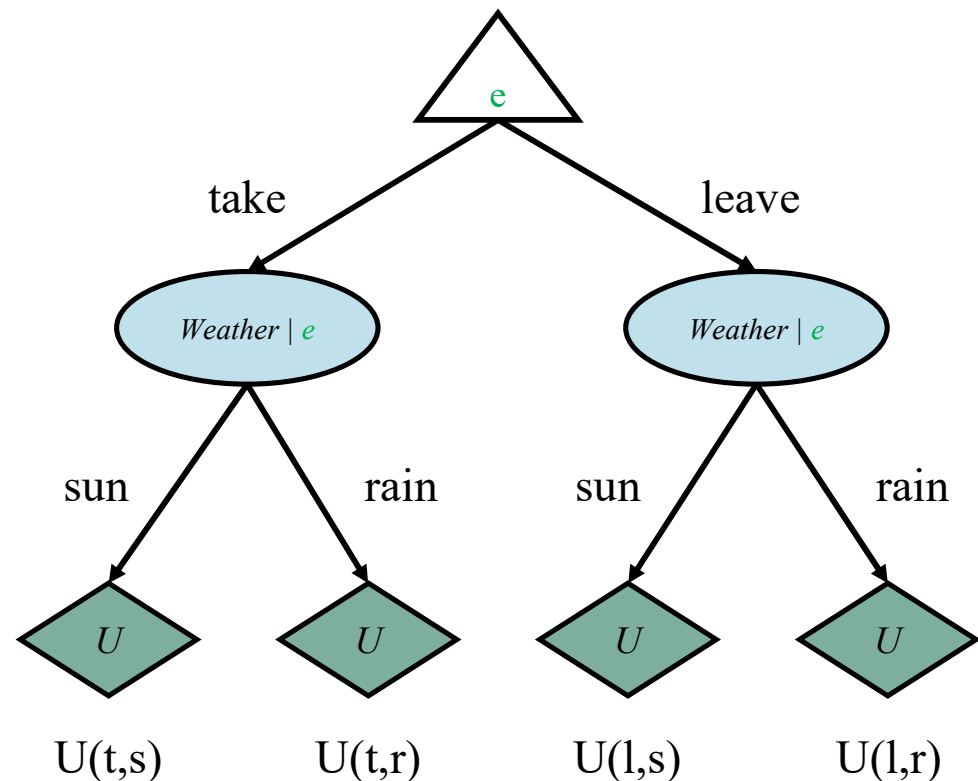
using our current **beliefs** about the world.

# Decision Network: Example

Decision network



Outcome tree



The value of best action  $\alpha$  without additional evidence

$$MEU(\alpha) = MEU(\text{leave}) = 70$$

With evidence information ( $E_j = e_j$ ) given by Forecast:

$$MEU(a_{e_1} | e_1) = MEU(\text{take} | F = \text{rain}) = 53$$

$$MEU(a_{e_2} | e_2) = MEU(\text{leave} | F = \text{sun}) = 95$$

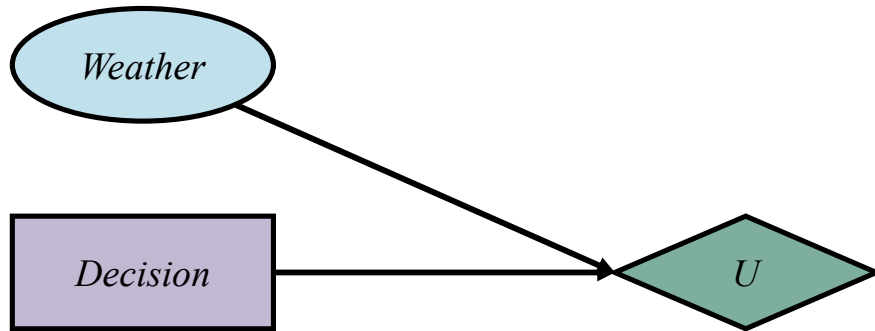
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$$\begin{aligned} VPI(F) &= (P(F = \text{rain}) * MEU(\text{take} | F = \text{rain}) + P(F = \text{sun}) * \\ &\quad MEU(\text{leave} | F = \text{sun})) - MEU(\text{leave}) = \\ &\quad (0.41 * 53 + 0.59 * 95) - 70 = 7.78 \end{aligned}$$

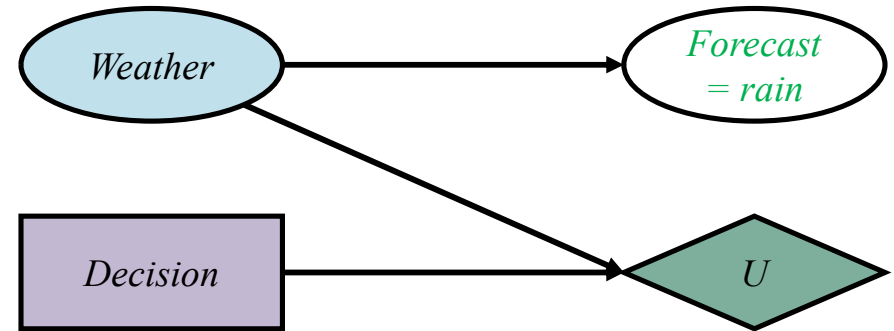
# Decision Networks: Example

Decision: **leave** umbrella



$$EU(\text{leave}) = 70$$

Decision: **take** umbrella given **rain**



$$EU(\text{take given rain forecast}) = 53$$

The value of best action  $\alpha$  without additional evidence

$$MEU(\alpha) = MEU(\text{leave}) = 70$$

With evidence information ( $E_j = e_j$ ) given by Forecast:

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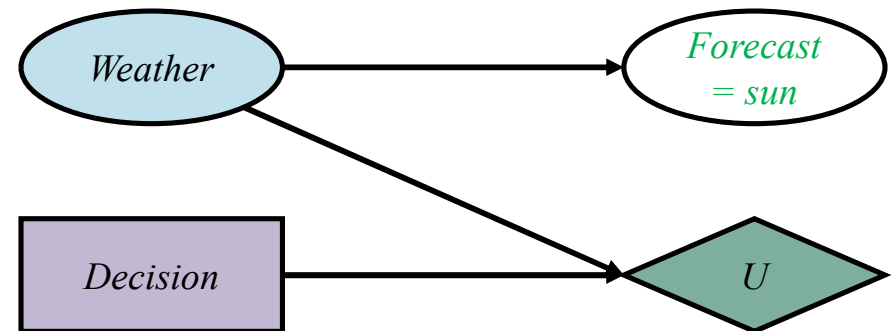
$$MEU(a_{e_2} | e_2) = MEU(\text{leave} | F = \text{sun}) = 95$$

The value of additional evidence / information from  $F$  is:

$$VPI(E_j) = \left( \sum_{e_j} P(E_j = e_j) * MEU(a_{e_j} | E_j = e_j) \right) - MEU(\alpha)$$

$$\begin{aligned} VPI(F) &= (P(F = \text{rain}) * MEU(\text{take} | F = \text{rain}) + P(F = \text{sun}) * \\ &\quad MEU(\text{leave} | F = \text{sun})) - MEU(\text{leave}) = \\ &\quad (0.41 * 53 + 0.59 * 95) - 70 = 7.78 \end{aligned}$$

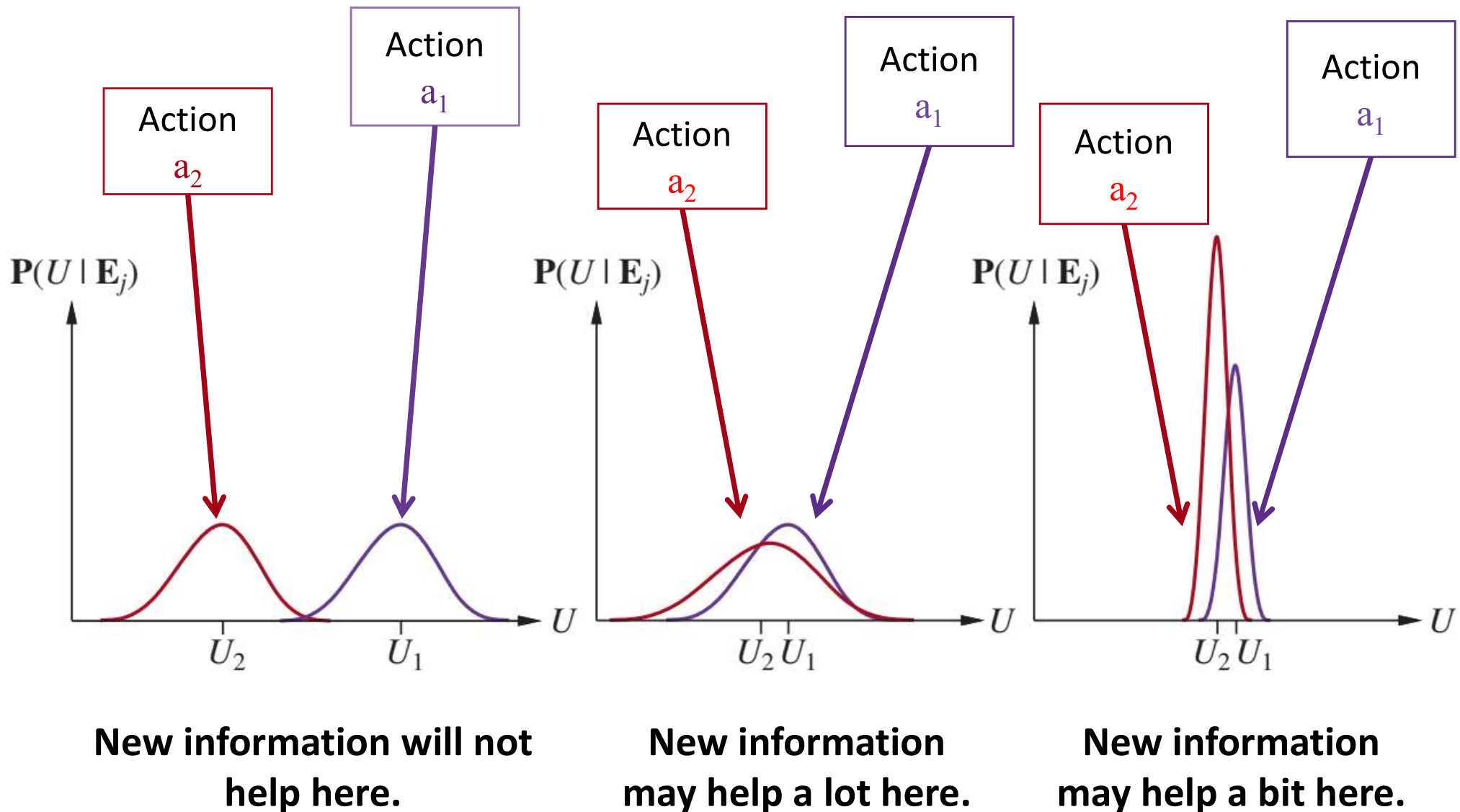
Decision: **leave** umbrella given **sun**



$$EU(\text{leave given sun forecast}) = 95$$



# Utility & Value of Perfect Information





# VPI Properties

Given a decision network with possible observations  $E_j$  (sources of new information / evidence):

- The expected value of information is nonnegative:

$$\forall_j \text{VPI}(E_j) \geq 0$$

- VPI is not additive:

$$\text{VPI}(E_j, E_k) \neq \text{VPI}(E_j) + \text{VPI}(E_k)$$

- VPI is order-independent:

$$\text{VPI}(E_j, E_k) = \text{VPI}(E_j) + \text{VPI}(E_k | E_j) = \text{VPI}(E_k) + \text{VPI}(E_j | E_k) = \text{VPI}(E_k, E_j)$$

# Information Gathering Agent

**function** INFORMATION-GATHERING-AGENT(*percept*) **returns** an *action*  
**persistent:**  $D$ , a decision network

integrate *percept* into  $D$

$j \leftarrow$  the value that maximizes  $VPI(E_j) / C(E_j)$

**if**  $VPI(E_j) > C(E_j)$

**then return**  $Request(E_j)$

**else return** the best action from  $D$