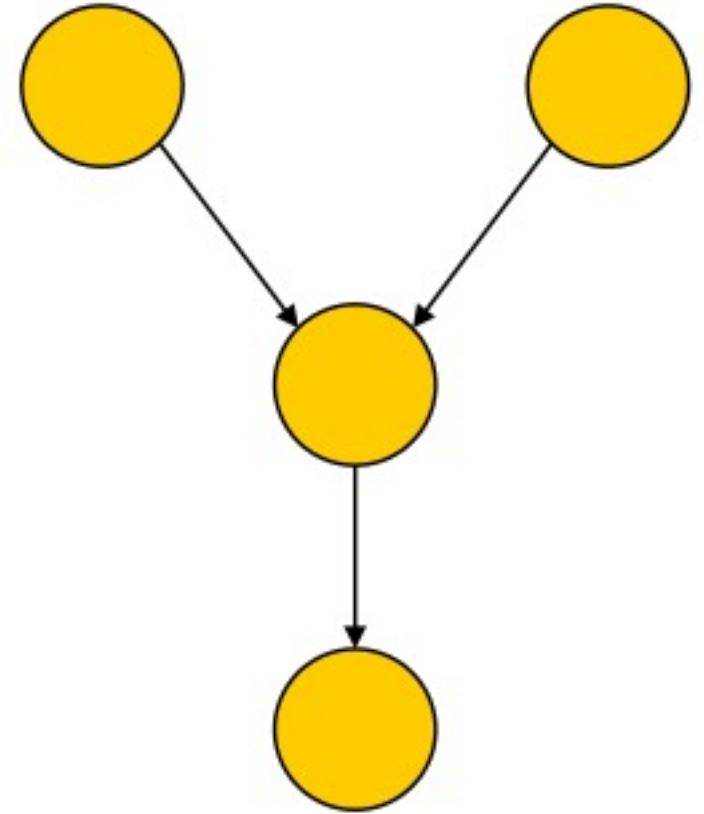



Bayes Net

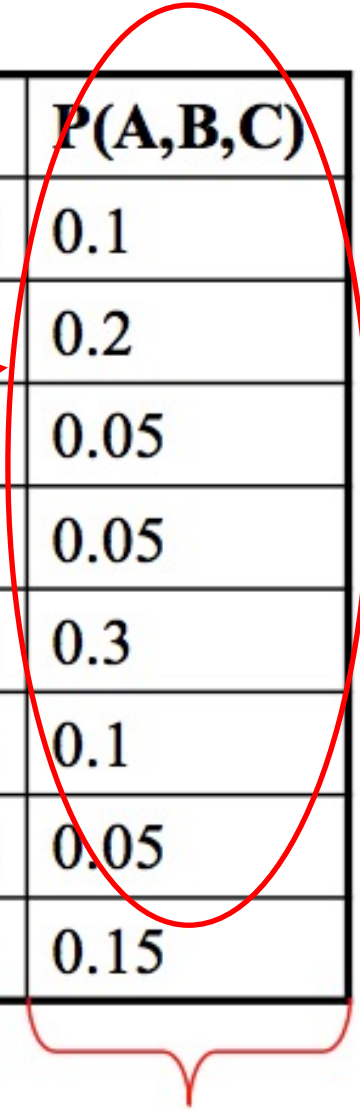


# Conditional Independence

# Joint Probability

- To represent the joint probability of  $n$  Booleans, I need a table with  $2^n$  rows filled.
- Need  $2^n - 1$  parameters. 
- What if we don't have enough data or resources to estimate that many parameters?
- Variable Independence to the rescue.

A	B	C	P(A,B,C)
false	false	false	0.1
false	false	true	0.2
false	true	false	0.05
false	true	true	0.05
true	false	false	0.3
true	false	true	0.1
true	true	false	0.05
true	true	true	0.15



Sums to 1

# Independence

Variables A and B are independent if **any** of the following hold:

- $P(A, B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
- $P(A | B) = P(A)$
- $P(B | A) = P(B)$

This says that knowing the outcome of A does not tell me anything new about the outcome of B.

# Independence

- How does independence help us?
- Suppose you flip  $n$  coins. If they were **dependent**, you would need a joint distribution. Example: If  $A = \text{head}$ ,  $B = \text{head}$ , to find probability of  $C = \text{heads}$ , you would need to look up the table.



Coin A



Coin B



Coin C

If you assume that all the coin throws are **independent**, it makes it very easy.

$$P(A=H, B=H, C=H) = P(A=H) P(B=H) P(C=H)$$

**Joint probability is simply product of individual probabilities.**

# Independence

- Suppose I have  $n$  Boolean events ( $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ ) that are independent, their joint probability can be expressed as:

$$P(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n) = \prod_i P(C_i)$$

- Each  $C_i$  has its own table :

$C_1$	$P(C_1)$	$C_2$	$P(C_2)$	...	$C_n$	$P(C_n)$
0	0.4	0	0.7		0	0.2
1	0.6	1	0.3		1	0.8

- Total of  $n$  tables,  $2n$  entries, and  $n$  parameters.

# Conditional Independence

Variables  $A$  and  $B$  are **conditionally independent given  $C$** , if **any** of the following hold:

- $P(A, B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) \times P(B \mid C)$

- $P(A \mid B, C) = P(A \mid C)$

- $P(B \mid A, C) = P(B \mid C)$

Notation:  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \mid C$

Knowing  $C$  tells me everything about  $B$ . I don't gain anything by knowing  $A$  (either because  $A$  doesn't influence  $B$  or because knowing  $C$  provides all the information knowing  $A$  would give)

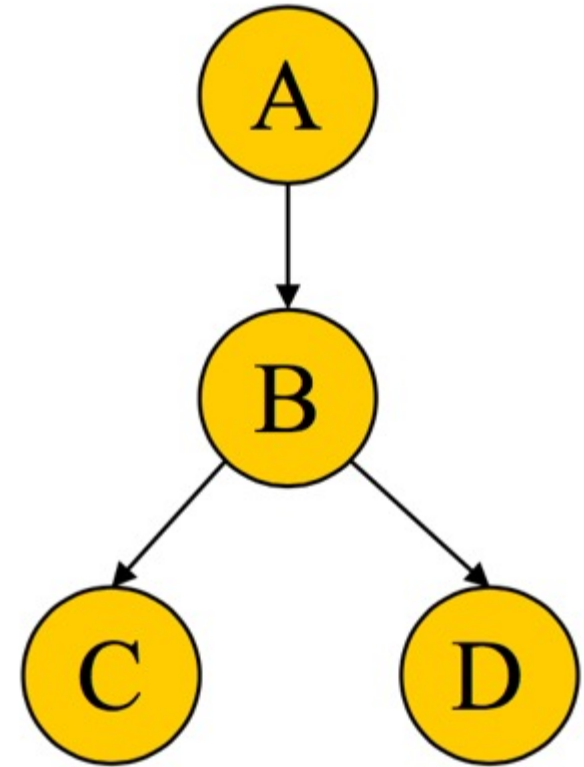
# Conditional Independence

- In real life, the scenario is somewhere in between **total dependence** and **total independence**.
- Some variables may be dependent, while others may not be.
- We need a way to represent these relationships.
- This is where Bayesian networks come in.



# Bayesian Network

- A Bayes Net is made up of:
  1. A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) representing dependencies
  2. A set of tables for each node



A	P(A)
false	0.6
true	0.4

A	B	P(B A)
false	false	0.01
false	true	0.99
true	false	0.7
true	true	0.3

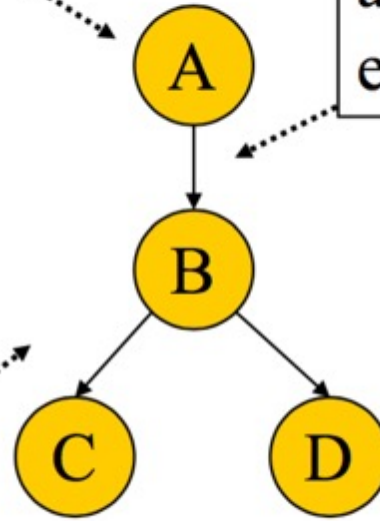
B	D	P(D B)
false	false	0.02
false	true	0.98
true	false	0.05
true	true	0.95

B	C	P(C B)
false	false	0.4
false	true	0.6
true	false	0.9
true	true	0.1

# DAG

Each node in the graph is a random variable

A node  $X$  is a parent of another node  $Y$  if there is an arrow from node  $X$  to node  $Y$  eg.  $A$  is a parent of  $B$



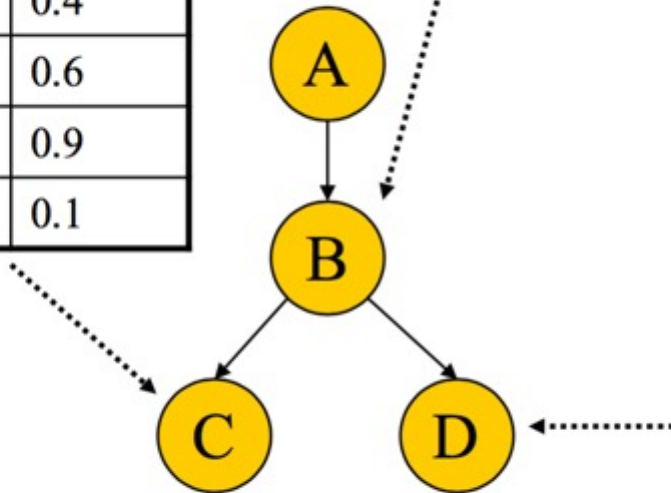
Informally, an arrow from node  $X$  to node  $Y$  means  $X$  has a direct influence on  $Y$

# A Set of Tables for Each Node

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true	false	0.05
true	true	0.95

Each node  $X_i$  has a conditional probability distribution  $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$  that quantifies the effect of the parents on the node

The parameters are the probabilities in these conditional probability tables (CPTs)

# A Set of Tables for Each Node

Conditional Probability  
Distribution for C given B

B	C	P(C B)
false	false	0.4
false	true	0.6
true	false	0.9
true	true	0.1

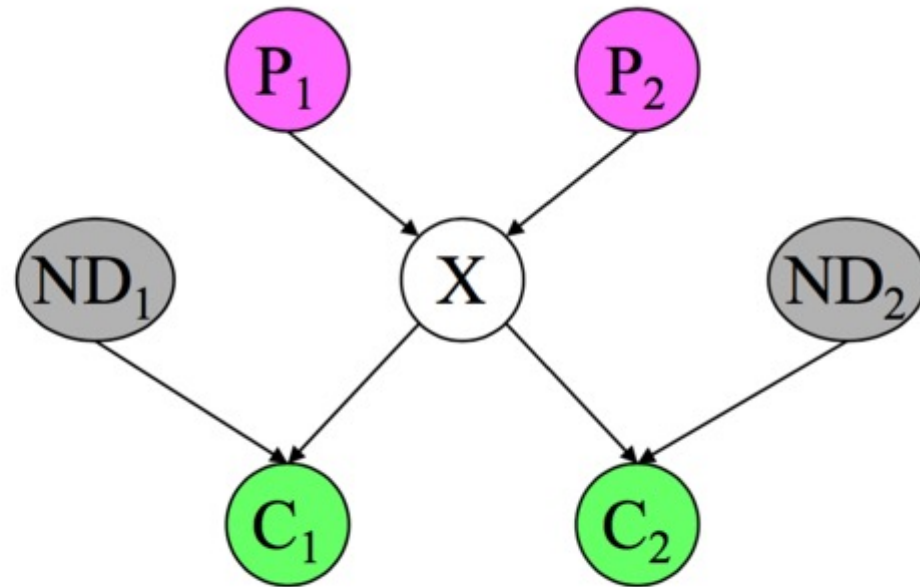
For a given combination of values of the parents (B in this example), the entries for  $P(C=\text{true} \mid B)$  and  $P(C=\text{false} \mid B)$  must add up to 1  
eg.  $P(C=\text{true} \mid B=\text{false}) + P(C=\text{false} \mid B=\text{false}) = 1$

If you have a Boolean variable with  $k$  Boolean parents, this table has  $2^{k+1}$  probabilities (but only  $2^k$  need to be stored)



# Conditional Independence using Bayes Net

The Markov condition: given its parents ( $P_1, P_2$ ), a node ( $X$ ) is conditionally independent of its non-descendants ( $ND_1, ND_2$ )



Technically, this is first order Markov property – each node only depends on one previous level.

# Joint Probability Distribution

- Using a Bayes Net and Markov condition, we can compute the joint probability distribution over all the variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$$

Where  $\text{Parents}(X_i)$  means the values of the Parents of the node  $X_i$  with respect to the graph

# Example

- Compute the following joint probability:

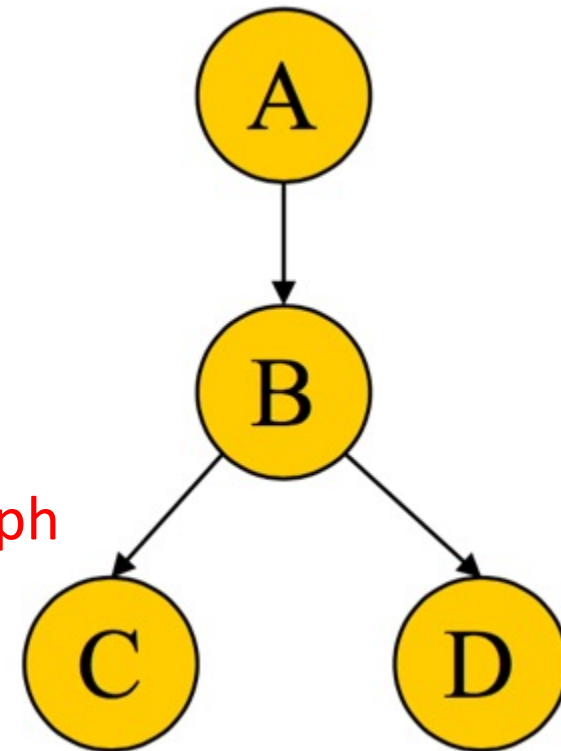
$$P(A = \text{true}, B = \text{true}, C = \text{true}, D = \text{true})$$

$$= P(A = \text{true}) * P(B = \text{true} \mid A = \text{true}) * \\ P(C = \text{true} \mid B = \text{true}) * P(D = \text{true} \mid B = \text{true})$$

$$= (0.4) * (0.3) * (0.1) * (0.95) \quad \text{This knowledge comes from CPT}$$

$$= 0.0114$$

This knowledge comes from graph structure



A	P(A)
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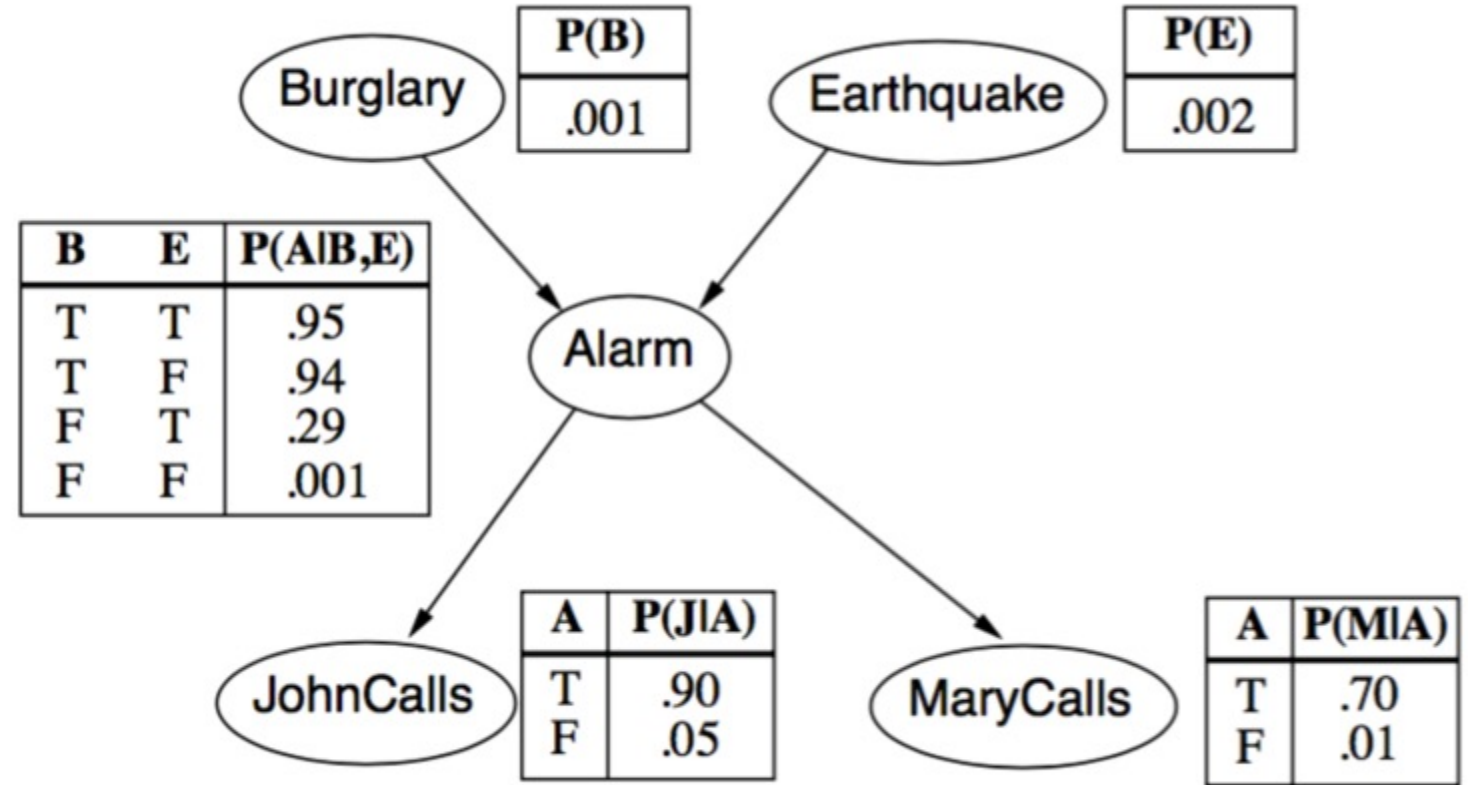
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true	true	0.3

B	D	P(D B)
false	false	0.02
false	true	0.98
true	false	0.05
true	true	0.95

B	C	P(C B)
false	false	0.4
false	true	0.6
true	false	0.9
true	true	0.1

# Example

- Consider the Bayes Net:
- How many parameters?  
10
- Without CI assumption, we would require  $2^5 - 1$  parameters.

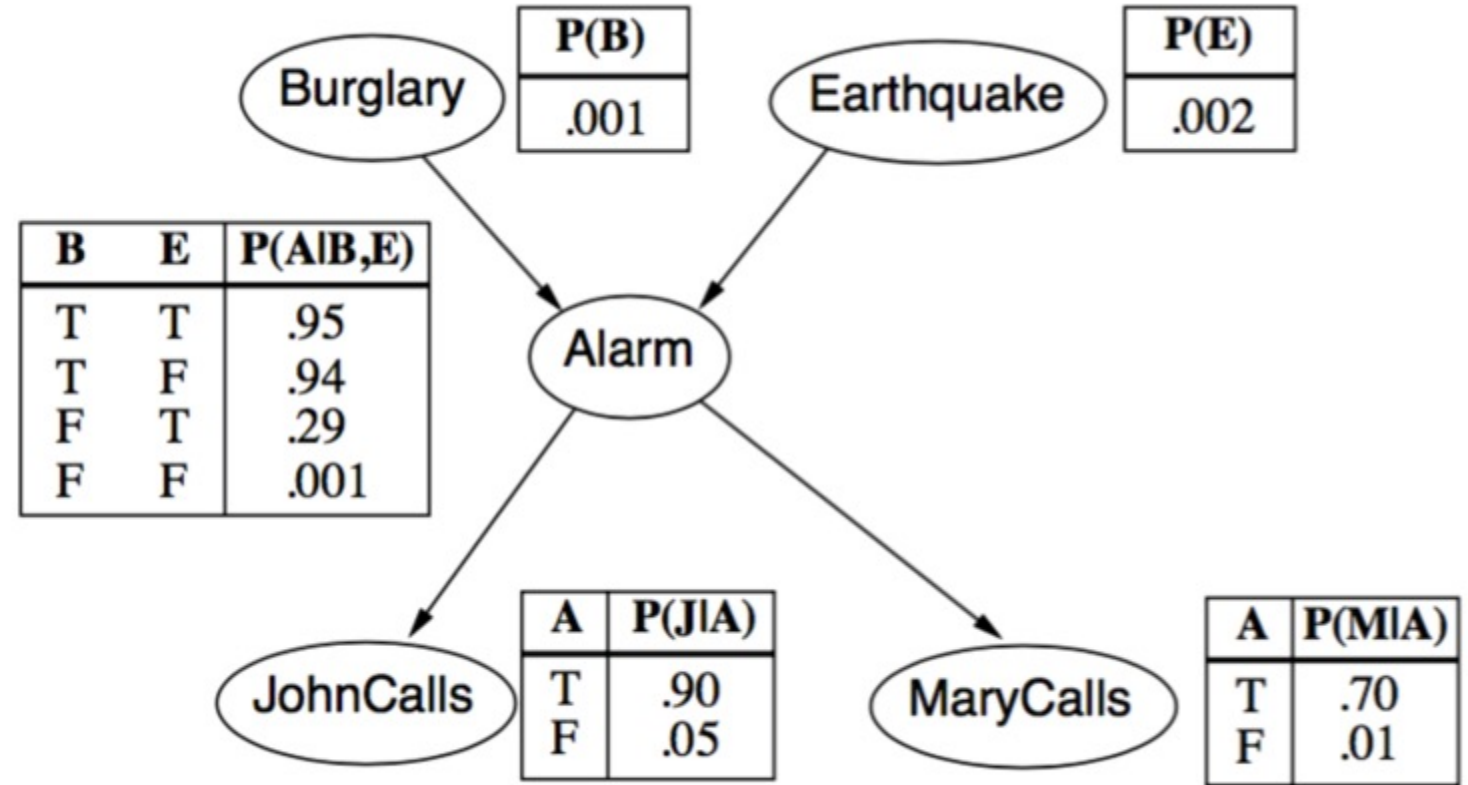




# Example

- Consider the Bayes Net:
- What's the joint probability of  
 $P(J, M, A, \neg B, \neg E)$

$$= P(\neg B) * P(\neg E) * P(A | \neg B, \neg E) \\ * P(J | A) * P(M | A)$$



# Example:

- Consider the BN:

- Use it to evaluate:

$$P(\text{cough}=t \wedge \text{fever}=f \wedge \text{flu}=f \wedge \text{smoke}=f)$$

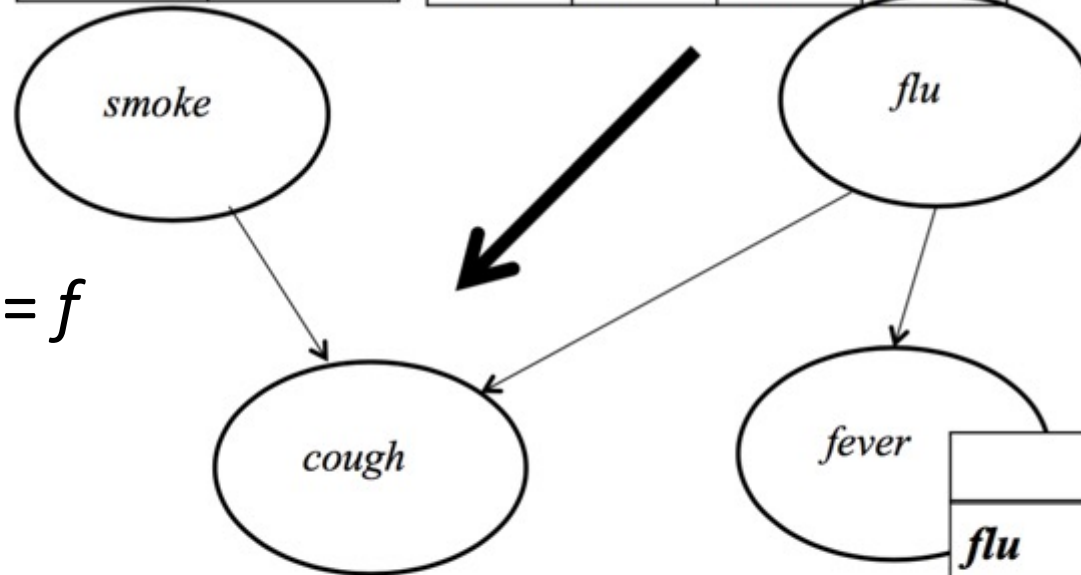
Example:

<i>smoke</i>	
true	0.2
false	0.8

<i>flu</i>	<i>smoke</i>	<i>cough</i>	
		true	false
True	True	0.95	0.05
True	False	0.8	0.2
False	True	0.6	0.4
false	false	0.05	0.95

Conditional probability tables for each node

<i>flu</i>	
true	0.01
false	0.99



<i>flu</i>	<i>fever</i>	
	true	false
true	0.9	0.1
false	0.2	0.8

# Example:

$$P(\text{cough} = t \wedge \text{fever} = f \wedge \text{flu} = f \wedge \text{smoke} = f)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i \mid \text{parents}(X_i))$$

$$= P(\text{cough} = t \mid \text{flu} = f \wedge \text{smoke} = f)$$

$$\times P(\text{fever} = f \mid \text{flu} = f)$$

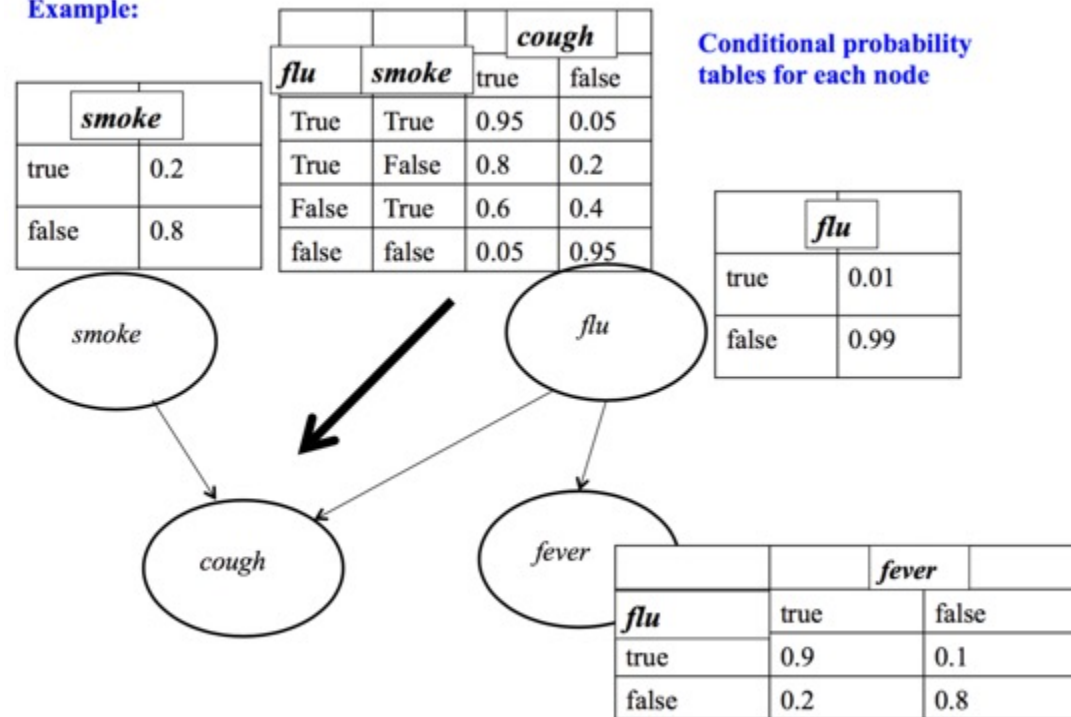
$$\times P(\text{flu} = f)$$

$$\times P(\text{smoke} = f)$$

$$= .05 \times .8 \times .99 \times .8$$

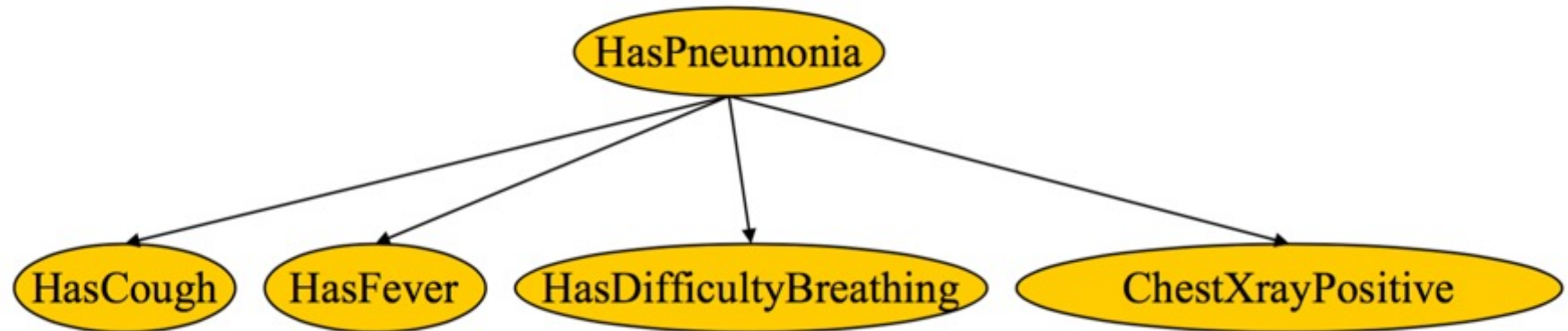
$$= .032$$

Example:



# Inference Queries using BN

- The previous 2 were examples of inference queries using BN.
- In general, we can have queries like:  $P(X \mid E)$   
where  $X$  = query variable,  $E$  = evidence variable.
- Another Example:



$P(\text{HasPneumonia} = T \mid \text{HasFever} = T, \text{HasCough} = T)$

Query

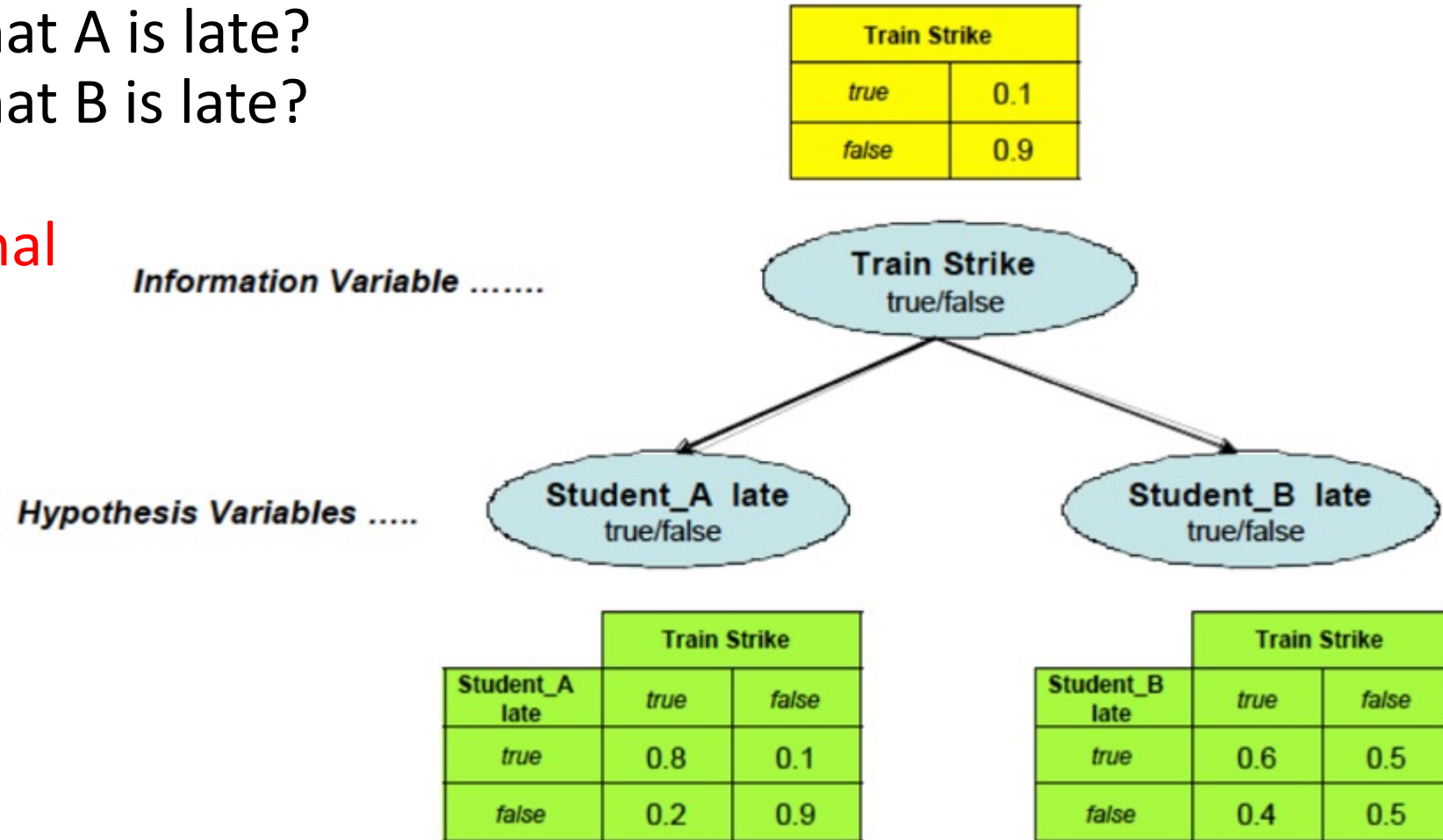
Evidence

# Another Bayesian Belief Network (BBN)

- What's the probability that A is late?  
What's the probability that B is late?

This is called unconditional  
or marginal probability

A could be late with a  
train strike  
or without a train  
strike

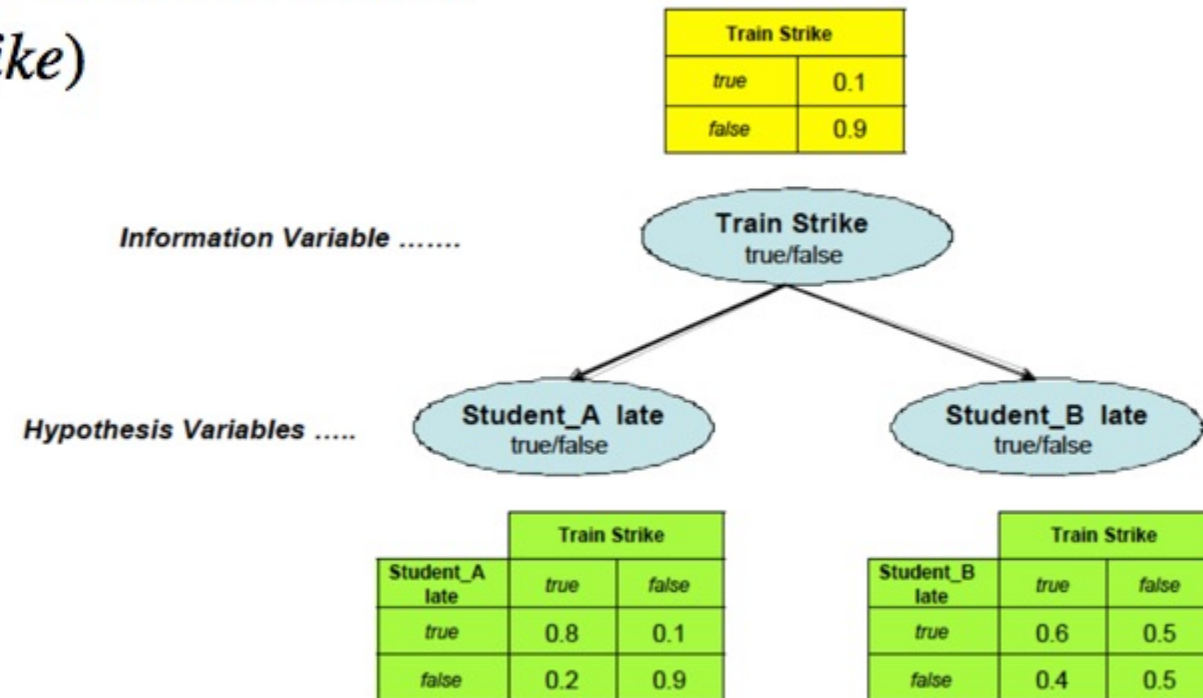




# Marginal Probability

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{StudentALate}) &= P(\text{StudentALate} \mid \text{TrainStrike})P(\text{TrainStrike}) \\ &+ P(\text{StudentALate} \mid \neg \text{TrainStrike})P(\neg \text{TrainStrike}) \\ &= 0.8 \times 0.1 + 0.2 \times 0.9 = 0.17\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{StudentBLate}) &= P(\text{StudentBLate} \mid \text{TrainStrike})P(\text{TrainStrike}) \\ &+ P(\text{StudentBLate} \mid \neg \text{TrainStrike})P(\neg \text{TrainStrike}) \\ &= 0.6 \times 0.1 + 0.4 \times 0.9 = 0.51\end{aligned}$$



# Evidence About Parent Given

- Given that there is a train strike, what's the probability that A is late.  
 $P(\text{Student\_A late} \mid \text{Train Strike})$
- Simple – just look up the table

**Evidence:** There is a train strike.

$$P(\text{StudentALate}) = 0.8$$

$$P(\text{StudentBLate}) = 0.6$$

Information Variable .....

Train Strike	
true	0.1
false	0.9

Train Strike  
true/false

Hypothesis Variables .....

Student\_A late  
true/false

Student_A late	Train Strike	
	true	false
true	0.8	0.1
false	0.2	0.9

Student\_B late  
true/false

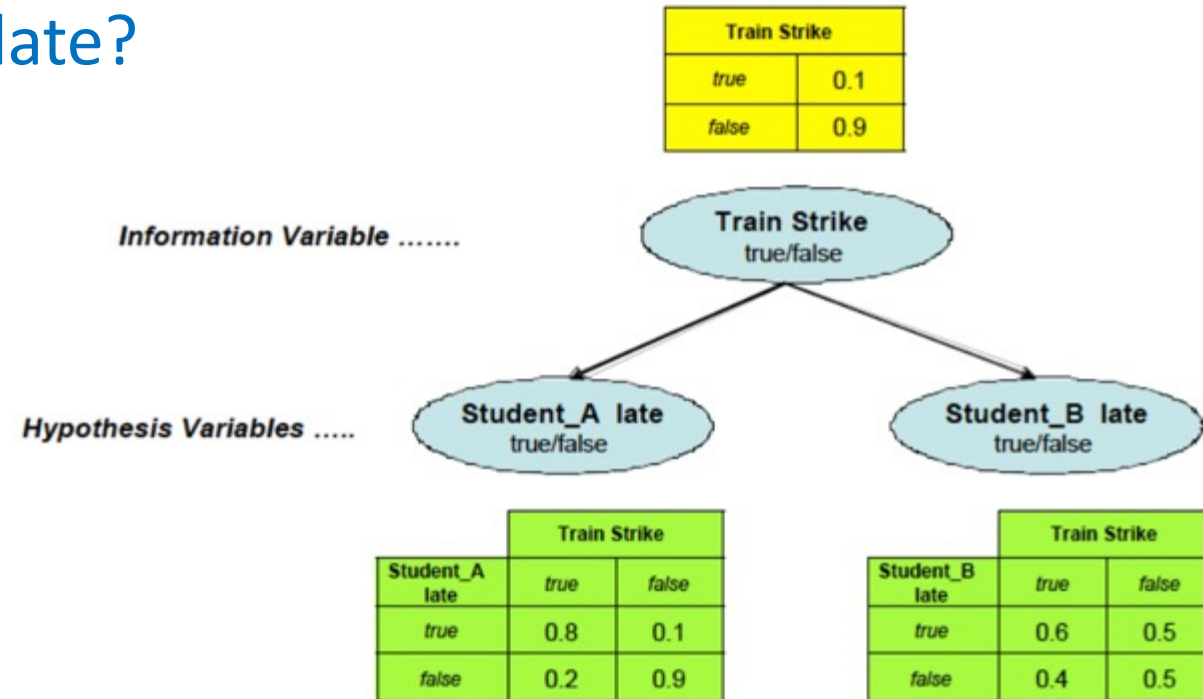
Student_B late	Train Strike	
	true	false
true	0.6	0.5
false	0.4	0.5

# Evidence About Child Node Given

- Suppose we know that student A was late, how does it revise probability of train being late, and student B being late?

- This is idea behind **belief propagation**.

- Evidence: Student A late  
Query: Train Strike



$$P(\text{TrainStrike} \mid \text{StudentALate}) = \frac{P(\text{StudentALate} \mid \text{TrainStrike})P(\text{TrainStrike})}{P(\text{StudentALate})} \quad \text{by Bayes Theorem}$$

$$= \frac{0.8 \times 0.1}{0.17} = 0.47$$



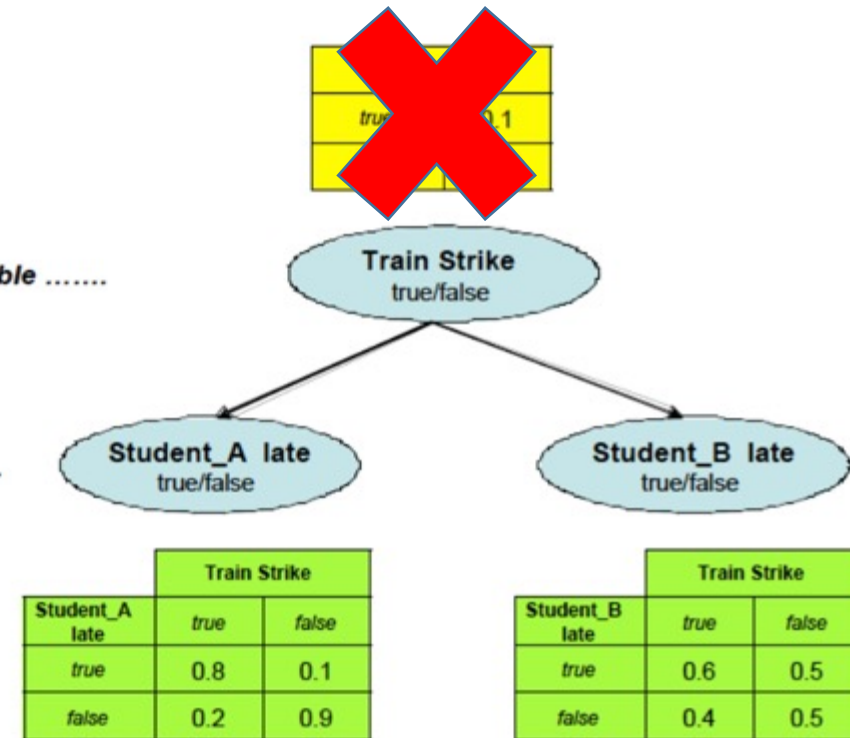
# Evidence About Child Node Given

- How does it affect probability of B being late?
- We need to use **updated** probability of train strike
- Evidence: Student A late  
Query: Student B late  
We saw that **updated**  $P(\text{TrainStrike}) = 0.47$

$$P(\text{TrainStrike}) = 0.47$$

Information Variable .....

Hypothesis Variables .....



$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{StudentBLate}) &= P(\text{StudentBLate} \mid \text{TrainStrike})P(\text{TrainStrike}) \\ &+ P(\text{StudentBLate} \mid \neg \text{TrainStrike})P(\neg \text{TrainStrike}) \\ &= 0.6 \times 0.47 + 0.5 \times 0.53 = 0.55 \end{aligned}$$

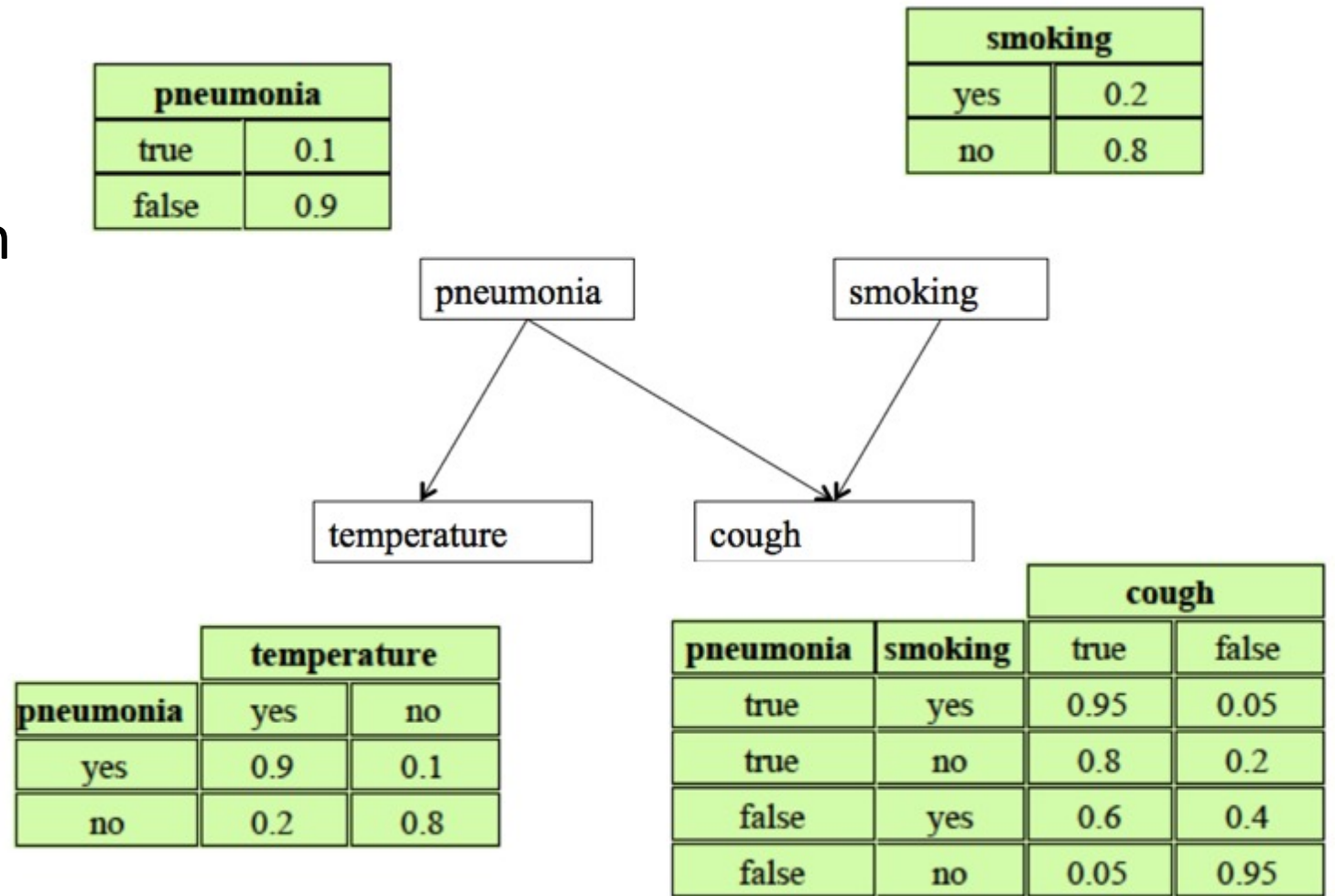
# Practice Question

- Consider the Bayes Net shown

- Evaluate:

$P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking} = T)$

- How do you proceed?  
You need to **marginalize** over pneumonia.



$$P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking}) = \sum_{p \in \text{Pneumonia}} P(\text{Cough}, p \mid \text{Smoking})$$

# Practice Question

- $P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking})$

$$= \sum_{p \in \text{Pneumonia}} P(\text{Cough}, p \mid \text{Smoking})$$

$$= \sum_{p \in \text{Pneumonia}} P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking}, p) P(\text{Pneumonia} = p)$$

$$= P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking}, \text{Pneumonia}) P(\text{Pneumonia}) + P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking}, \neg \text{Pneumonia}) P(\neg \text{Pneumonia})$$

$$= 0.95 * 0.1 + 0.6 * 0.9$$

$$= 0.635$$

# Practice Question

- Consider the Bayes Net shown
- Evaluate:

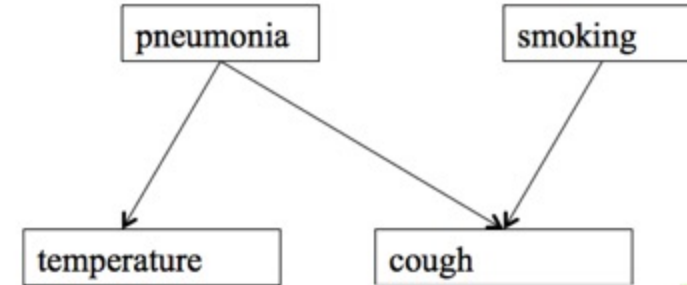
$P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Pneumonia} = \text{F})$

$P(\text{Cough} \mid \text{Smoking} = \text{T}, \text{Pneumonia} = \text{F})$

$P(\text{Cough})$

pneumonia	
true	0.1
false	0.9

smoking	
yes	0.2
no	0.8



	temperature	
pneumonia	yes	no
yes	0.9	0.1
no	0.2	0.8

		cough	
pneumonia	smoking	true	false
true	yes	0.95	0.05
true	no	0.8	0.2
false	yes	0.6	0.4
false	no	0.05	0.95

# More Exercises:

- Consider the famous sprinkler example:

Evaluate:

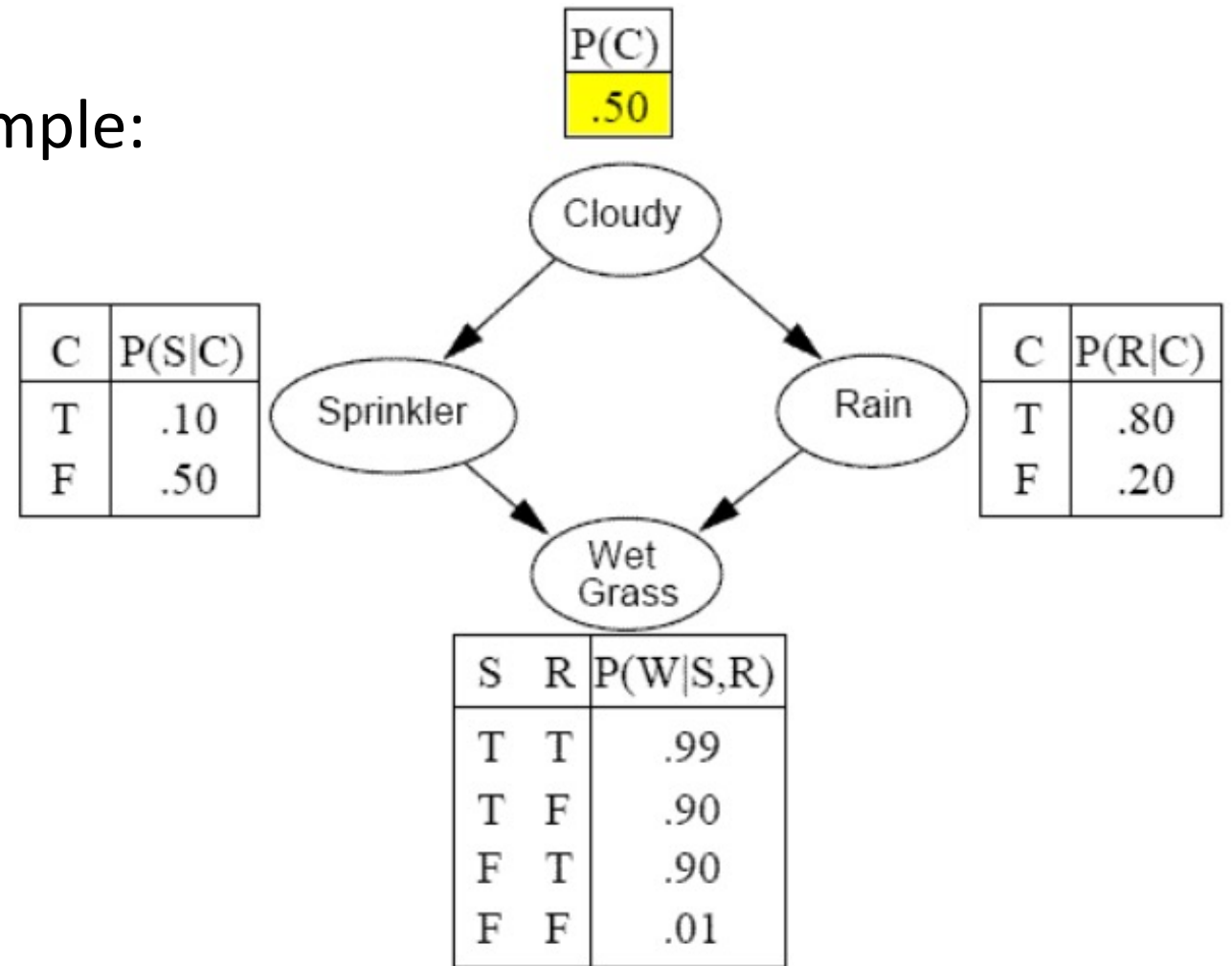
$$P(C, R, \neg S, W)$$

$$= P(C) P(R|C) P(\neg S|C)$$

$$P(W|\neg S, R)$$

$$= (0.50)(0.80)(0.90)(0.90)$$

$$= 0.324$$



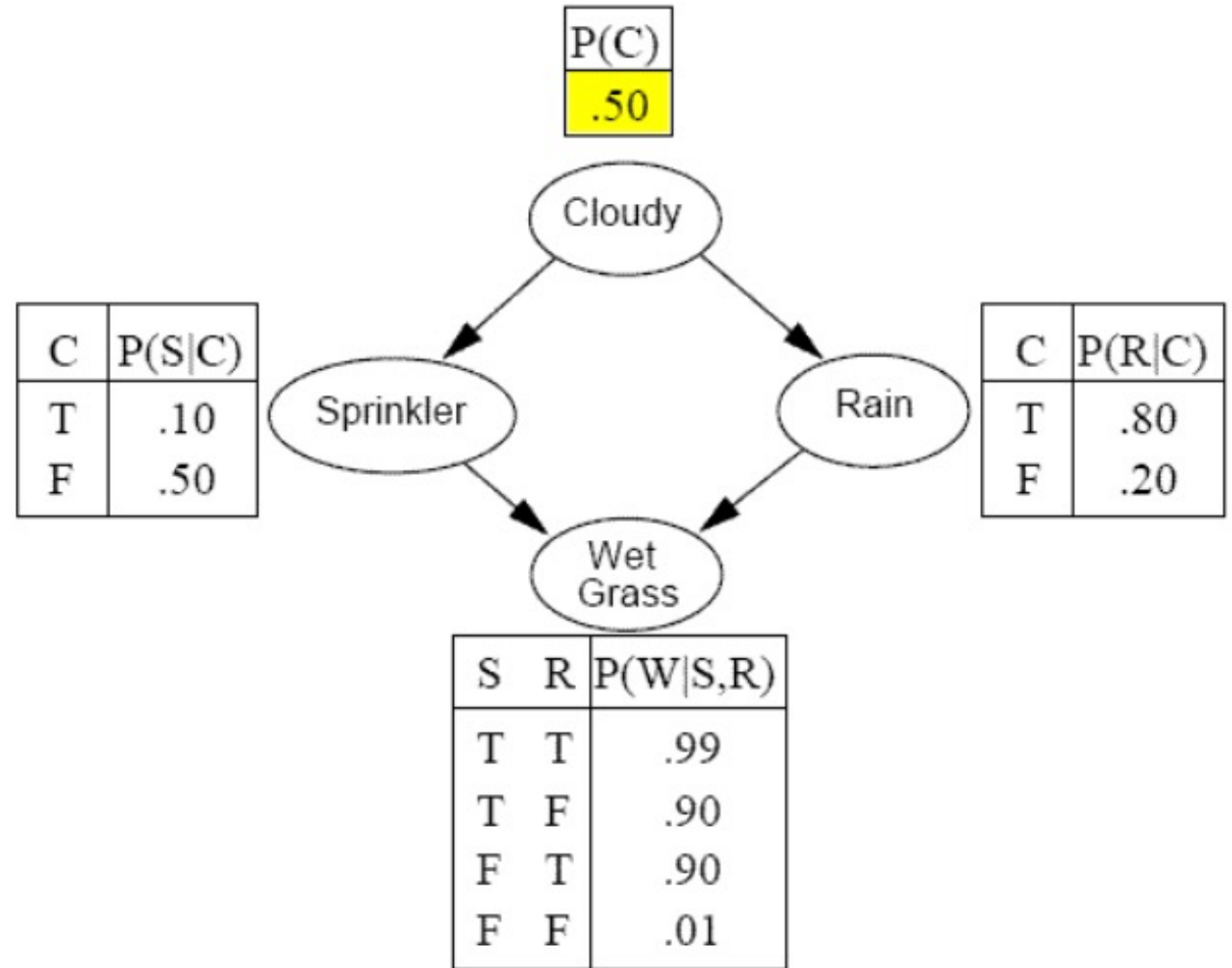
# More Exercises:

- Now, some complex queries:

What is  $P(\text{Cloudy} | \text{Sprinkler})$ ?

What is  $P(\text{Cloudy} | \text{Rain})$ ?

What is  $P(\text{Cloudy} | \text{Wet Grass})$ ?



# Inference Queries on a Bayes Net

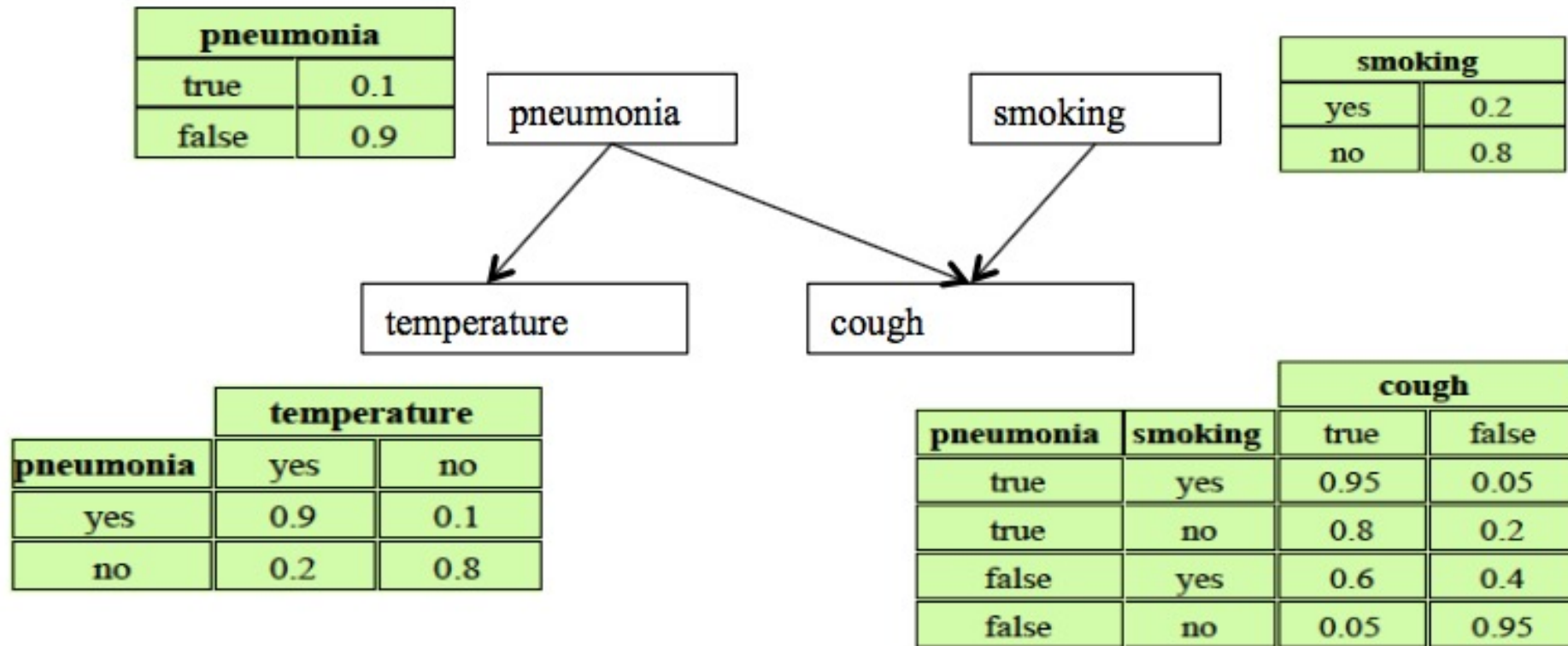
We can run 3 types of queries on a Bayes Net

- **Diagnostic:** Use **evidence of an effect** to **infer probability of a cause**.
  - E.g., **Evidence:** *cough=true*. What is  $P(\text{pneumonia} \mid \text{cough})$ ?
- **Causal inference:** Use **evidence of a cause** to **infer probability of an effect**
  - E.g., **Evidence:** *pneumonia=true*. What is  $P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia})$ ?
- **Inter-causal inference:** “Explain away” **potentially competing causes** of a shared effect.
  - E.g., Evidence: *smoking=true*. What is  $P(\text{pneumonia} \mid \text{cough and smoking})$ ?



# Diagnostic Queries

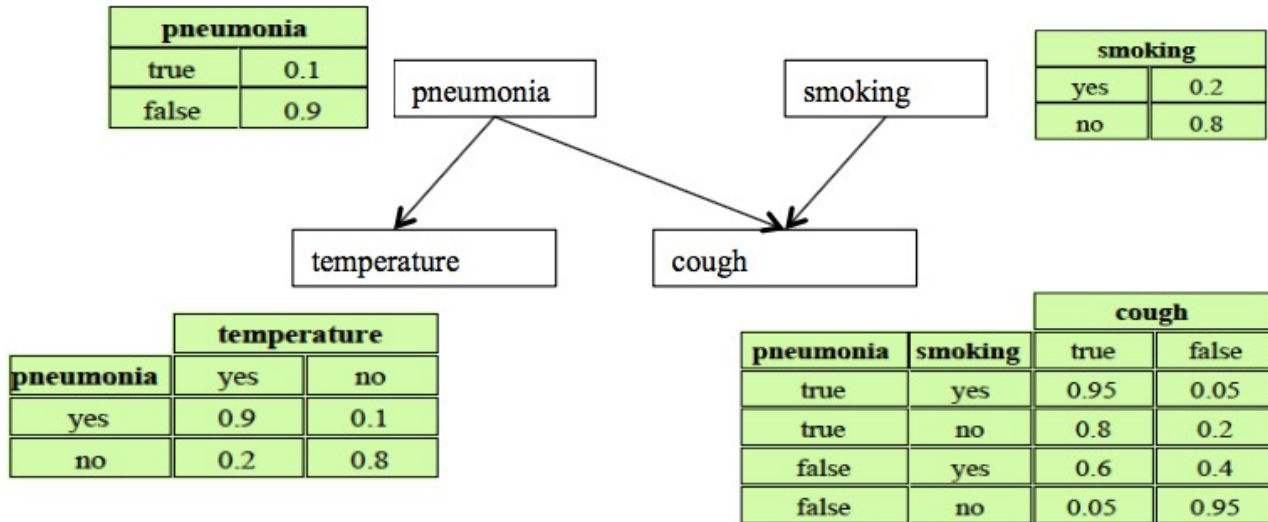
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# Diagnostic Queries

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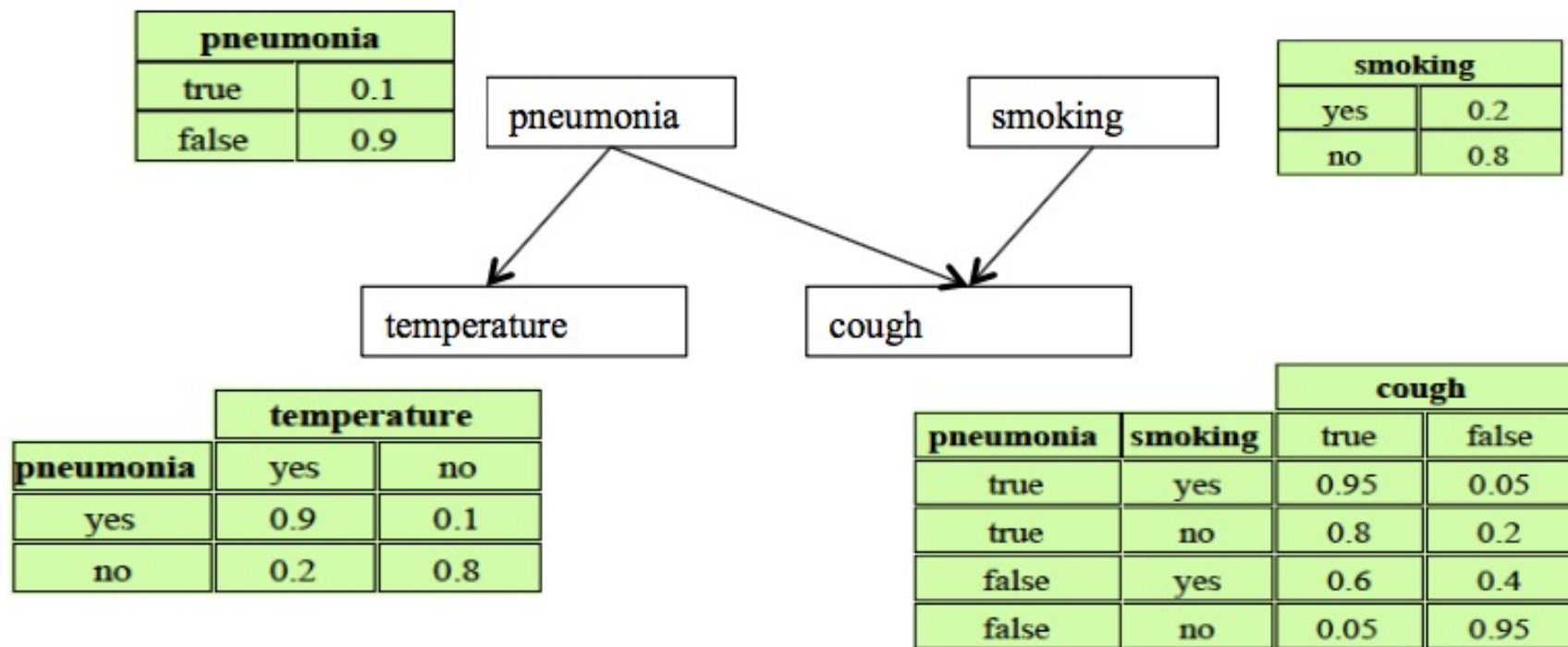


$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{pneumonia} \mid \text{cough}) &= \frac{P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia})P(\text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough})} \\
 &= \frac{[P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}, \text{smoking})P(\text{smoking}) + P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}, \neg \text{smoking})P(\neg \text{smoking})]P(\text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough})} \\
 &= \frac{[(.95)(.2) + (.8)(.8)](.1)}{P(\text{cough})} = \frac{.083}{P(\text{cough})} \\
 &= \frac{.083}{.227} = .366
 \end{aligned}$$

We are marginalizing over or "summing out" the smoking variable

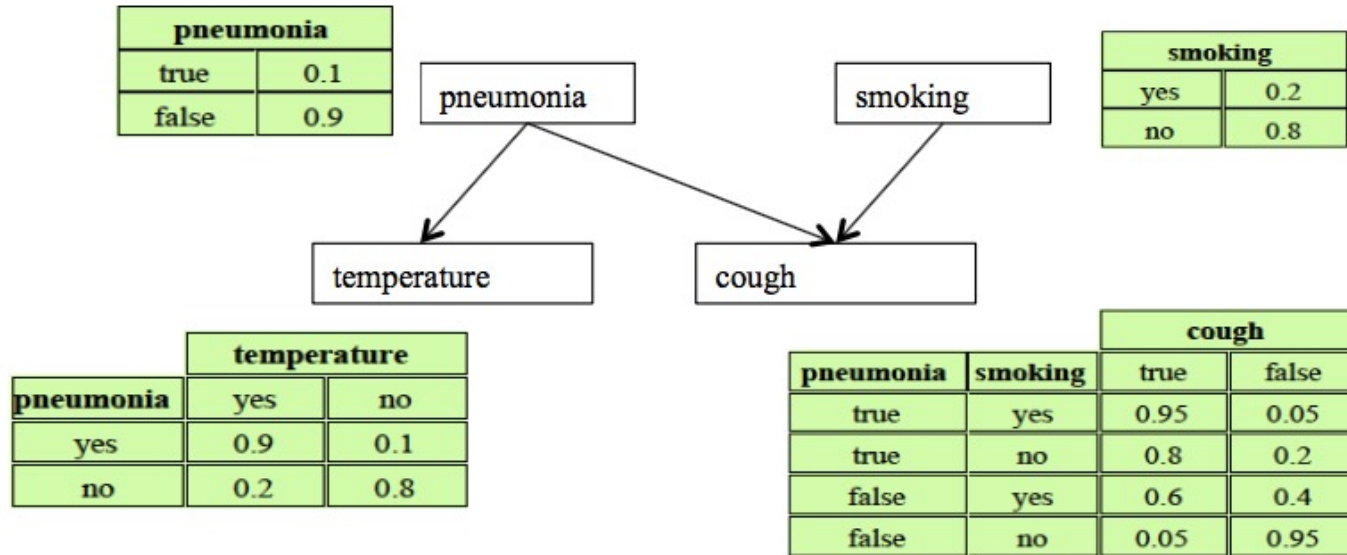
# Causal Queries

- **Causal: Evidence:** *pneumonia=true*. What is  $P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia})$ ?



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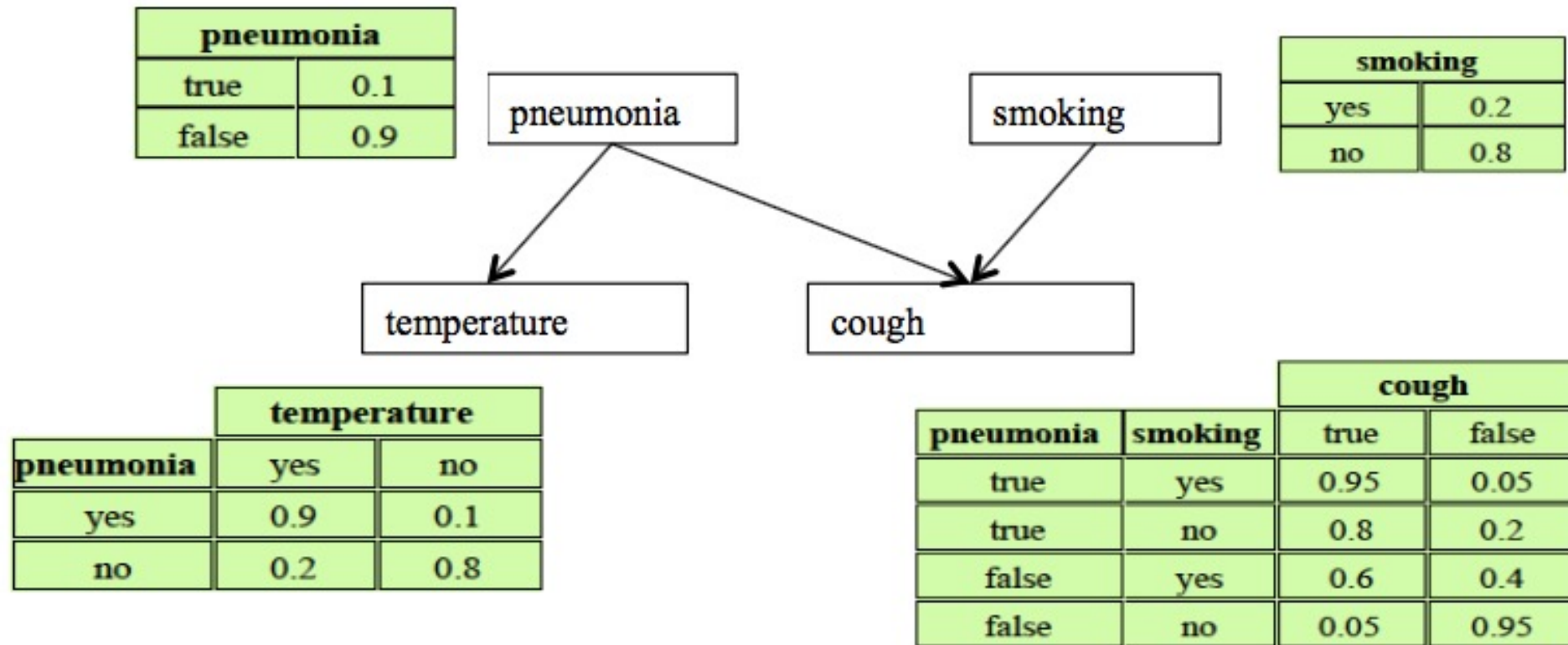


$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}) &= P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}, \text{smoking})P(\text{smoking}) \\ &+ P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}, \neg \text{smoking})P(\neg \text{smoking}) \\ &= [(.95)(.2) + (.8)(.8)] = .83 \end{aligned}$$

We are marginalizing over or  
"summing out" the smoking variable

# Inter-Causal Queries

- **Inter-causal:** Evidence: *smoking=true*. What is  $P(\text{pneumonia} \mid \text{cough and smoking})$ ?





# Inter-Causal Queries

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{pneumonia} \mid \text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking}) &= \frac{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking} \mid \text{pneumonia})P(\text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking})} \\&= \frac{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking} \wedge \text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{pneumonia})} \frac{P(\text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking})} \\&= \frac{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking} \wedge \text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough} \wedge \text{smoking})} = \frac{P(\text{cough} \mid \text{pneumonia}, \text{smoking})P(\text{smoking})P(\text{pneumonia})}{P(\text{cough} \mid \text{smoking})P(\text{smoking})} \\&= \frac{(.95)(.2)(.1)}{[P(\text{cough} \mid \text{smoking}, \text{pneumonia})P(\text{pneumonia}) \\&\quad + P(\text{cough} \mid \text{smoking}, \neg \text{pneumonia})P(\neg \text{pneumonia})]P(\text{smoking})} \\&= \frac{.019}{[(.95)(.1) + (.6)(.9)](.2)} = .15\end{aligned}$$

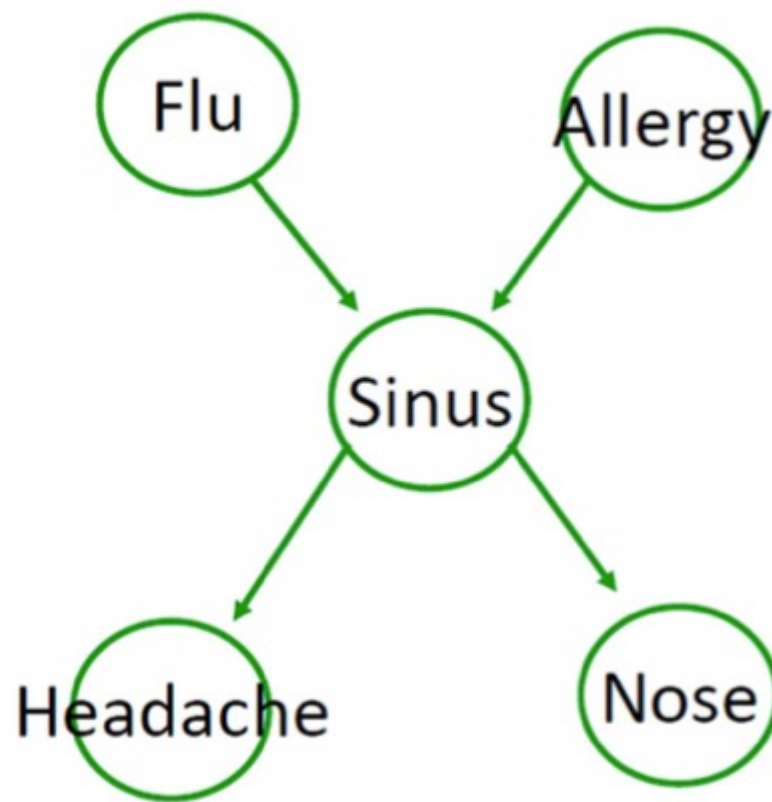
“Explaining away”

# Dependencies and Conditional Independence in a BN

# Markov Assumption

- Remember our Markov Assumption:  
A variable  $X$  is **independent** of its **non-descendants** given (only) its **parents**

	parents	non-desc	assumption
S	F,A	-	-
H	S	F,A,N	$H \perp \{F,A,N\}   S$
N	S	F,A,H	$N \perp \{F,A,H\}   S$
F	-	A	$F \perp A$
A	-	F	$A \perp F$
$F \perp A, \quad H \perp \{F,A\}   S, \quad N \perp \{F,A,H\}   S$			



# Markov Assumption

- How does it help us run inference queries?

$$P(F, A, S, H, N)$$

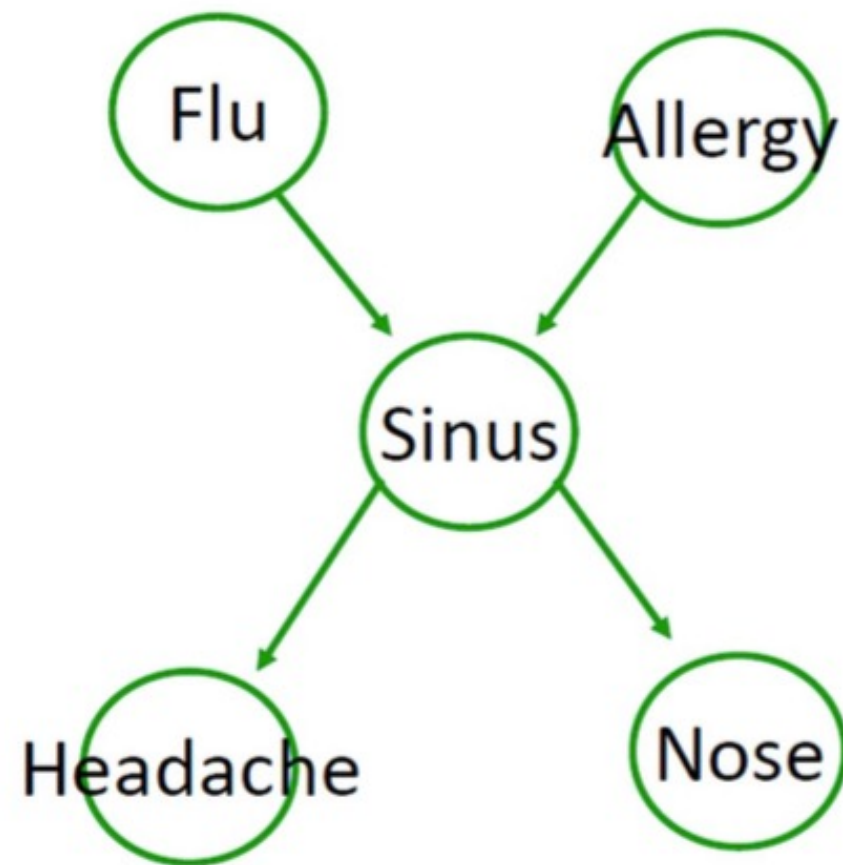
$$= P(F) P(F|A) P(S|F,A) P(H|S,F,A) P(N|S,F,A,H)$$

Chain rule

$$= P(F) P(A) P(S|F,A) P(H|S) P(N|S)$$

Markov Assumption

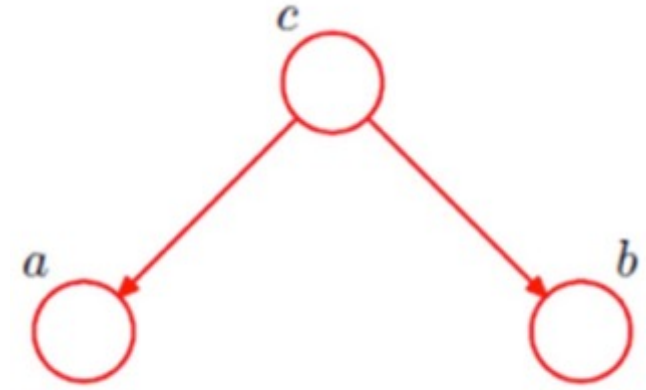
$$F \perp A, \quad H \perp \{F,A\} | S, \quad N \perp \{F,A,H\} | S$$





# Inferring CI from Factored Joint Distribution

- For the BN on the right, how would you factor the joint distribution?
- $p(a, b, c) = p(a|c) p(b|c) p(c)$
- Can you infer that  $a$  and  $b$  are CI given  $c$ ?



**Show that**  $a \perp\!\!\!\perp b \mid c$

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b|c) &= \frac{p(a, b, c)}{p(c)} \\ &= \frac{p(a|c)p(b|c)p(c)}{p(c)} \\ &= p(a|c)p(b|c) \end{aligned}$$

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- Note that we used the Markov property and BN structure.

**Do we have  $a \perp\!\!\!\perp b$  ? In general, no.**

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b) &= \sum_c p(a, b, c) \\ &= \sum_c p(a|c)p(b|c)p(c) \end{aligned}$$

- Cannot be written into two separate terms of  $a$  and  $b$

