

COMP 424 - Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 13: Bayesian Networks

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Readings: R&N Ch 14

Quick Questions

1. What are some reasons for representing the world using probabilities, rather than by using a logical representation?
2. What are random variables?
3. What is Bayes Rule, and how do we use it to model beliefs?

Describing the World Probabilistically

- Recall these two opposite extremes:
 1. No independence assumptions: all random variables may depend on each other
 - E.g., $P(X, Y, Z) = P(X)P(Y|X)P(Z|X, Y)$
 - Highly complex model! Too many parameters to estimate.
 2. Full independence assumptions: all random variables are independent of each other
 - E.g., $P(X, Y, Z) = P(X)P(Y)P(Z)$
 - Model is too simple! Cannot capture interactions between variables.
- We need something in between!
 - Conditional independence to model *some* of the dependencies
 - Need systematic way to represent our independence assumptions

Review: Naïve Bayes model

Without any independence assumptions:

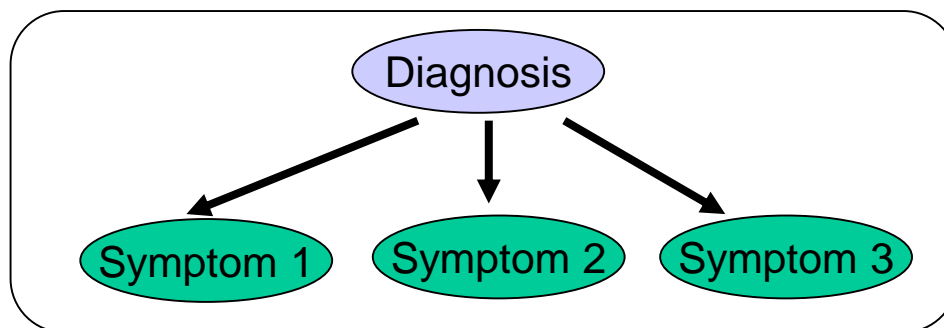
$$P(D, s_1, \dots, s_N) = P(D)P(s_1|D)P(s_2|s_1, D) \dots P(s_N|s_1, \dots, s_{N-1}, D)$$

- By the chain rule of probability

With the Naïve Bayes assumption:

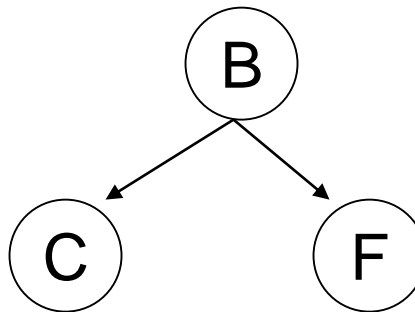
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We represented the model graphically like so:



Bayesian networks

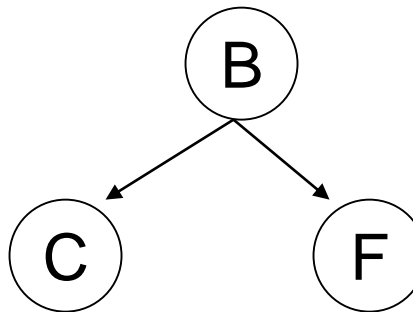
- **Bayesian networks** represent conditional independence relationships in a systematic way using a **graphical model**.
- Specify conditional independencies using **graph structure**.
- Graphical model = graph structure + parameters.



Bayesian networks - Basics

- **Nodes** are random variables
- **Edges** specify dependency between random variables
 - E.g., **B**: bronchitis, **C**: cough, **F**: fever (binary random variables)
 - Edges specify that **B** directly influences probability of **C**, **F**.
 - This results in **conditional probability distributions**:

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$B = 0$	0.07	0.93
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Semantics of network structure

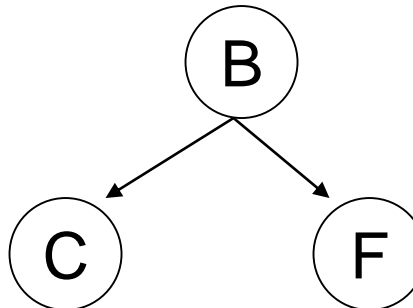
- In Bayesian networks, joint probability distribution is the product of these conditional probability distributions

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

- e.g.,

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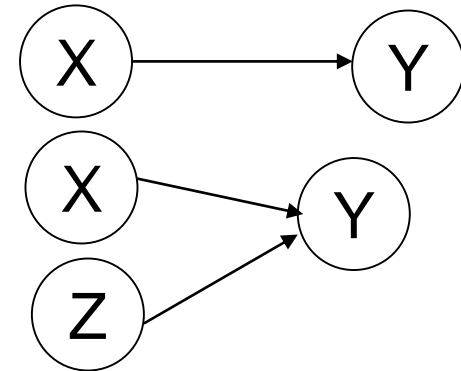
Bayesian networks, formally speaking

A Bayesian network is a **directed** graph, where:

- There is one node for each variable in the problem.
- Directed links (i.e. arcs) represent “direct influences”.

How to interpret the arrows? What does it mean?

1. X is a parent of Y.
-> *X has a direct influence on Y.*
2. X and Z are parents of Y.
-> *X and Z have direct influence on Y.*

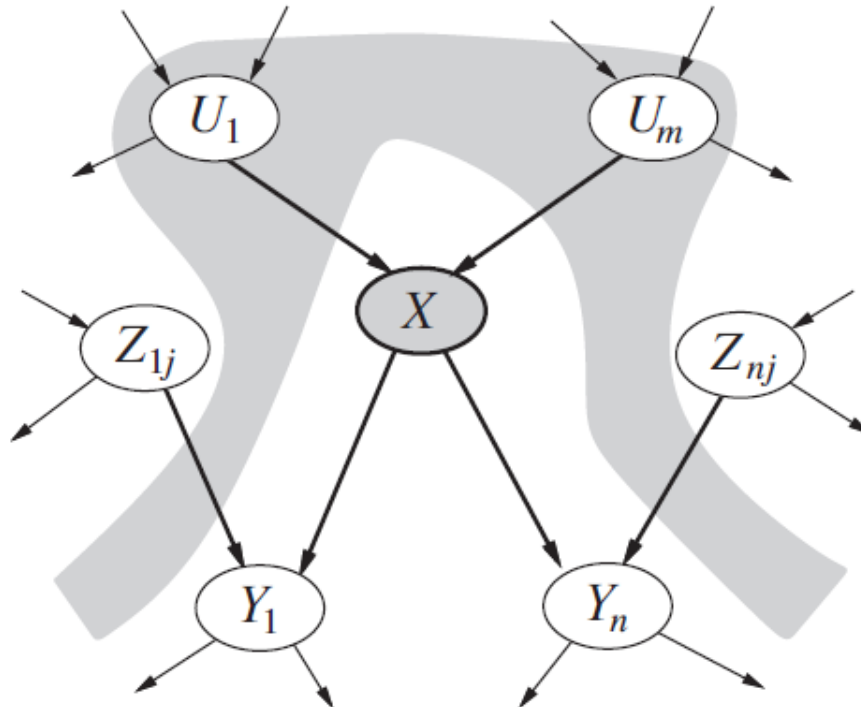


- **The graph cannot have directed cycles.**
- Each node X_i , has an associated conditional probability distribution, $P(X_i \mid \text{parents}(X_i))$, that quantifies the effect of the parents on the node.

Network structure and conditional independence

1. A node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants, given its parents

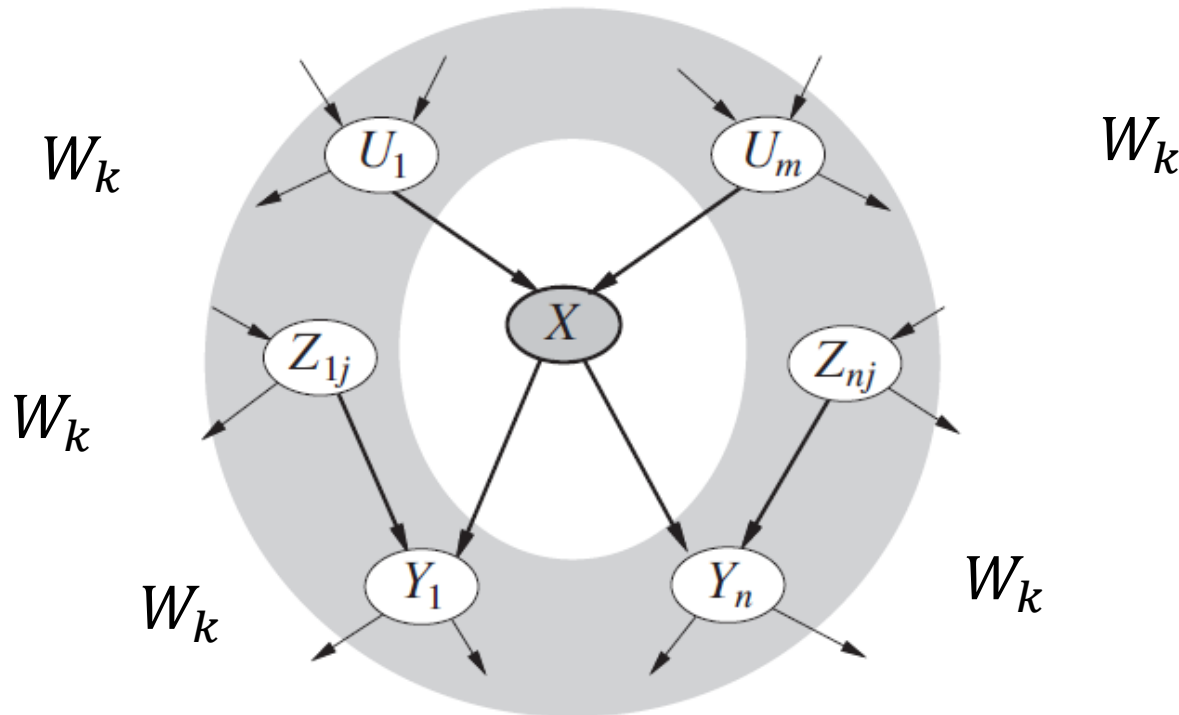
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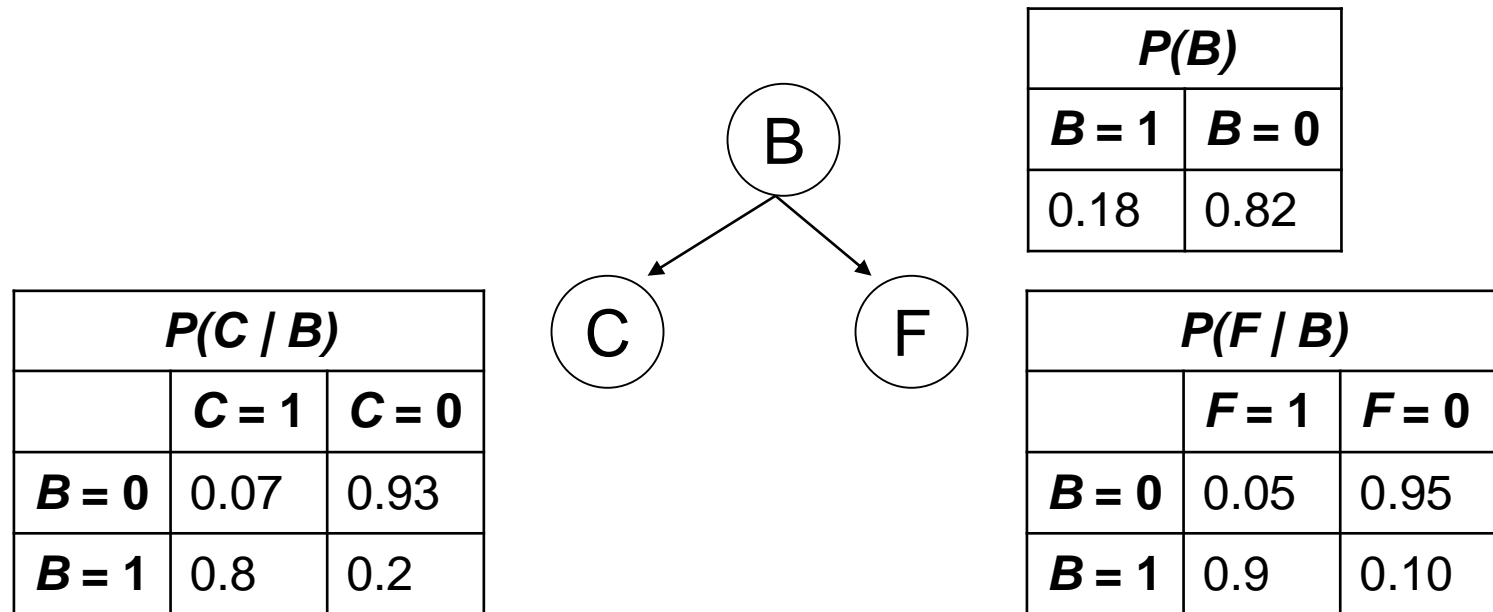
2. A node is conditionally independent of all other nodes, given its **Markov blanket** (parents, children, children's parents)

$$X \perp W_k \mid U_1, U_m, Y_1, Y_n, Z_{ij} \quad \forall k$$



Example 1

B =patient has bronchitis, F =patient has fever, C =patient has cough



In above graph,

$C \perp F | B$,

but not $C \perp F$ (“ \perp ” = “indep. of”)

C is “conditionally independent” of F , given B .

Example 2 (from Poole and Mackworth)

- The agent receives a report that everyone is leaving a building and it must decide whether there is a fire in the building.
 - The **report** sensor is noisy (for eg. human error or mischief).
 - The fire **alarm** going off can cause everyone to **leave** but it's not always the case (for eg. everyone is in the middle of an exciting lecture).
 - The fire alarm usually goes off when there is a **fire** but the alarm could have been **tampered** with.
 - A fire also causes **smoke** to come out from the building.

Question: Is there a fire? Should the agent alert the fire brigade?

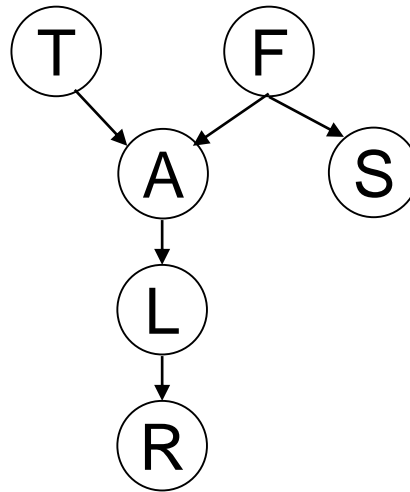
Constructing Belief Nets: Variables

Variables and domains:

- *Tampering* = *true* when there is tampering with the alarm.
- *Fire* = *true* when there is a fire.
- *Alarm* = *true* when the alarm sounds.
- *Smoke* = *true* when there is smoke.
- *Leaving* = *true* if there is an exodus of people.
- *Report* = *true* if there is a report given by someone of people leaving.

**Are there any independence relationships
between these variables?**

Constructing Belief Nets: Structure



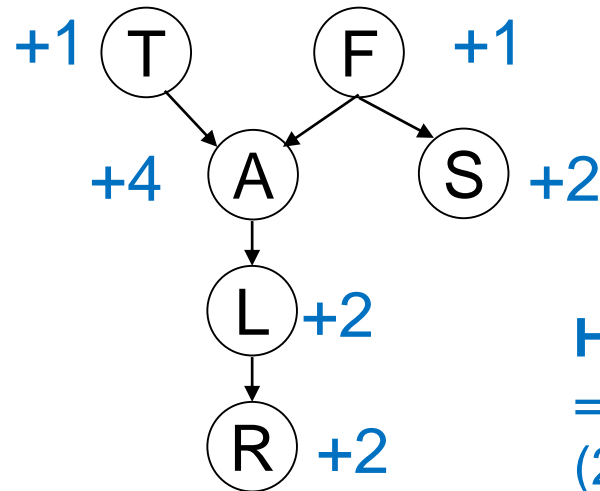
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Consider the variables in the order of causality:

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- **Alarm** depends on both **Fire** and **Tampering**.
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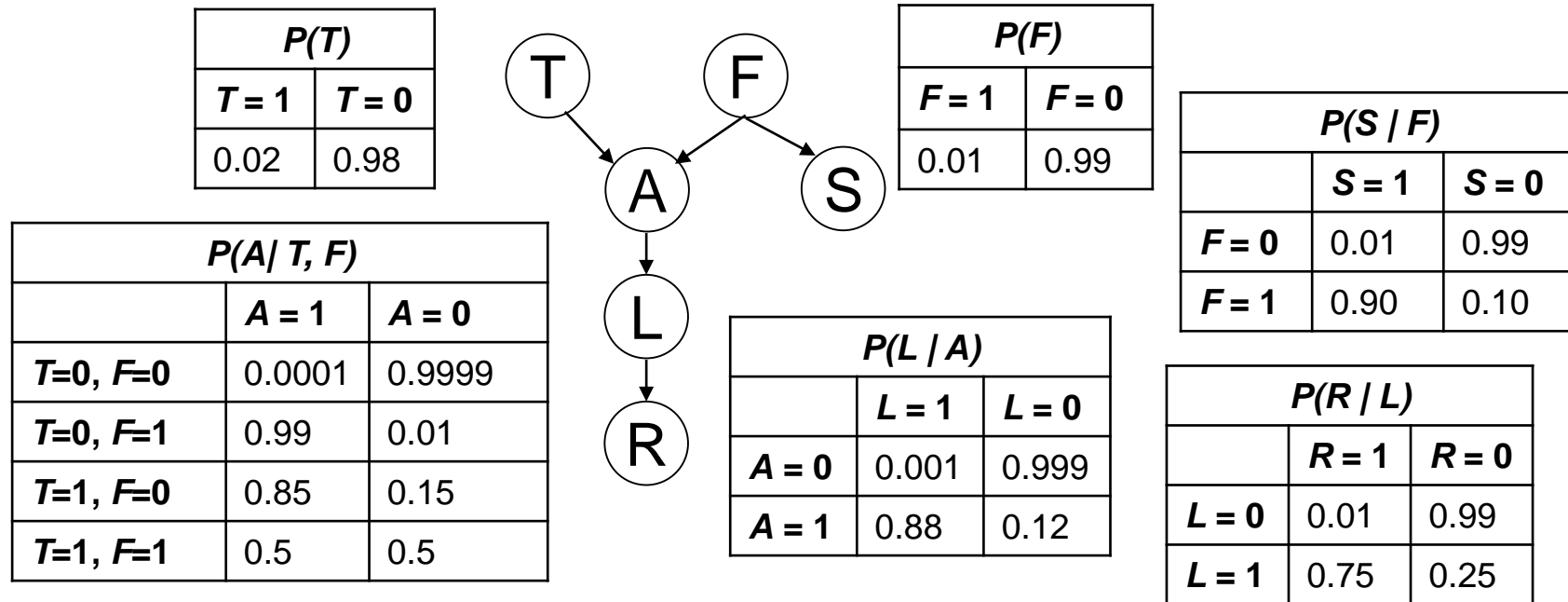
How many parameters?
= 12 are sufficient
(24 incl. complements.)

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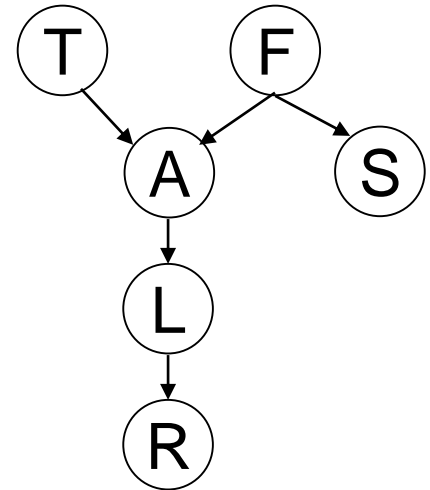
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Constructing Belief Nets: CPDs



Causality and Bayes Net Structure

- Directionality of edges *should* ideally specify causality, but this doesn't necessarily have to be the case.
 - E.g., fire and tampering cause alarm
 - Also we may not know direction of causality!

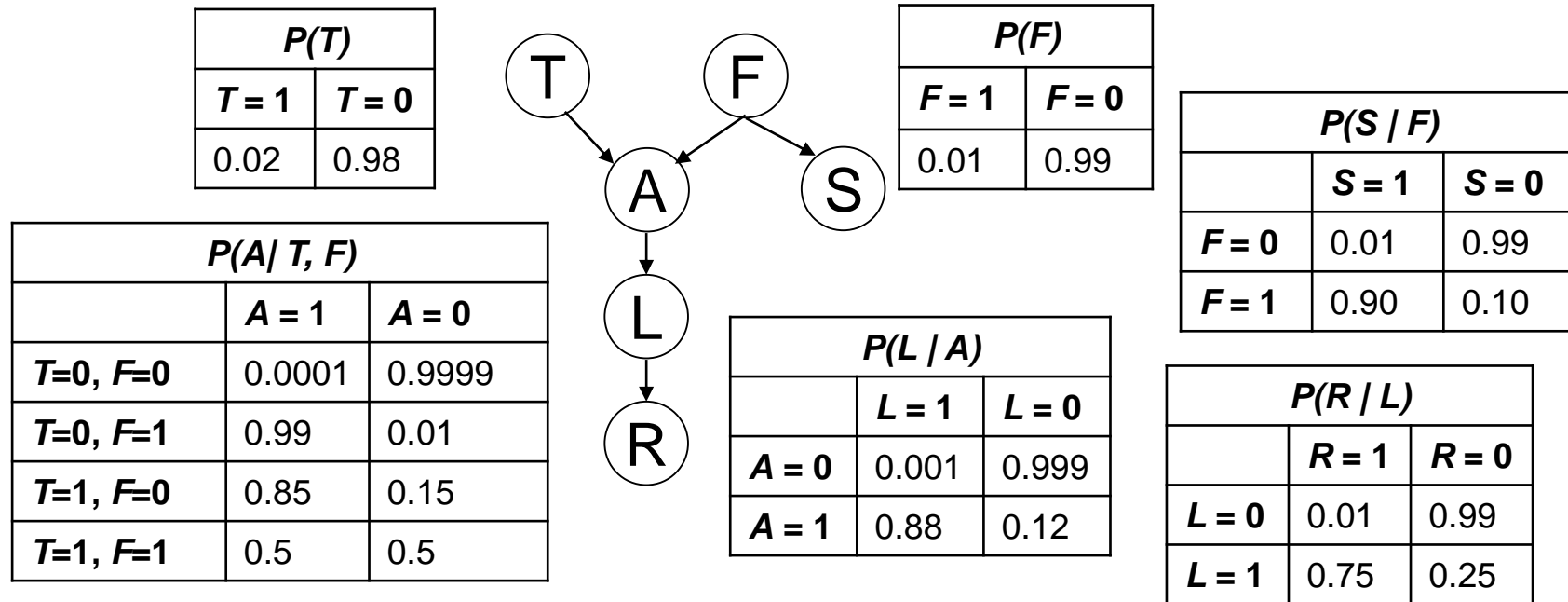


- Another graph structure (and corresponding CPTs) can produce the same joint probabilities!
- But not following causality usually results in more model parameters.

Inference in Bayes Nets

- What's the point of all this? Answer questions about state of the world!
 - Find joint probability distribution
 - Answer questions using conditional probabilities
 - Determine causes
 - Find explanations
- Use probability rules to figure out answers!
- Key operations:
 - Rewrite joint probabilities as conditional probabilities
 - Marginalize out variables

Inference in BNs: Joint prob.

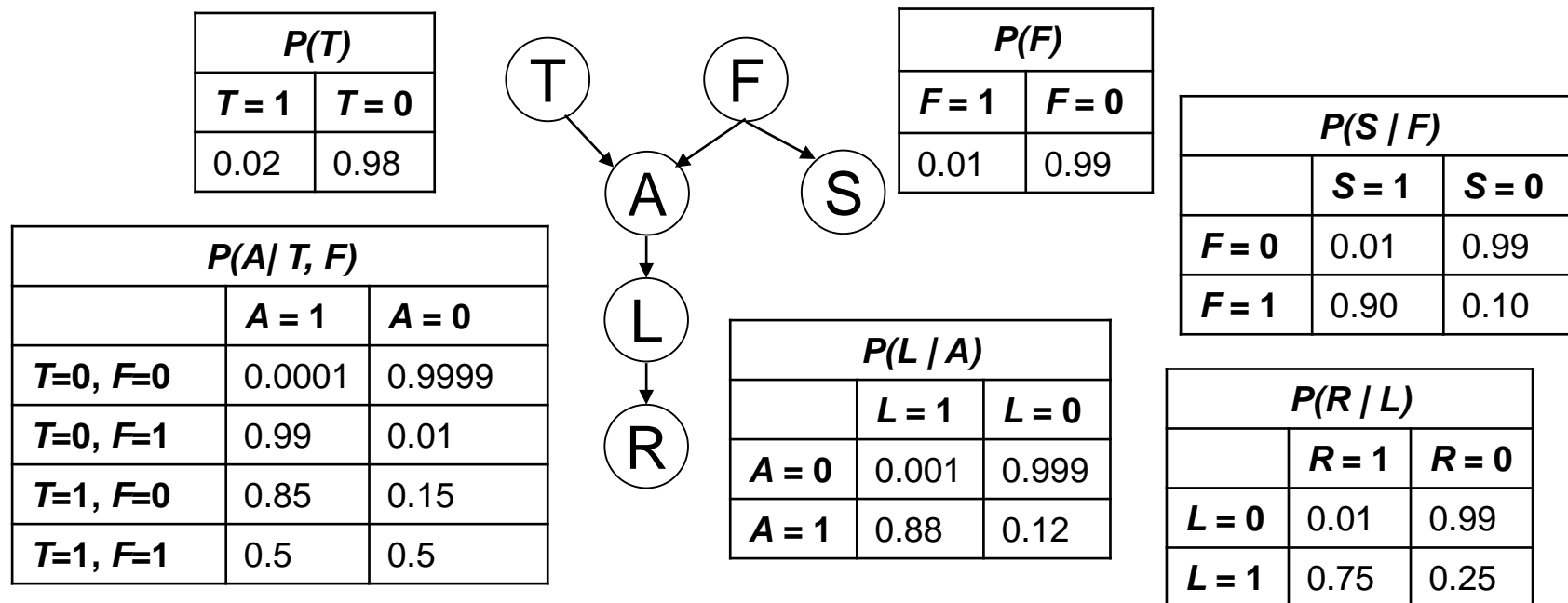


Full joint distribution: $P(\text{Tampering}, \text{Fire}, \text{Alarm}, \text{Smoke}, \text{Leaving}, \text{Report})$??

Use structure to solve this!

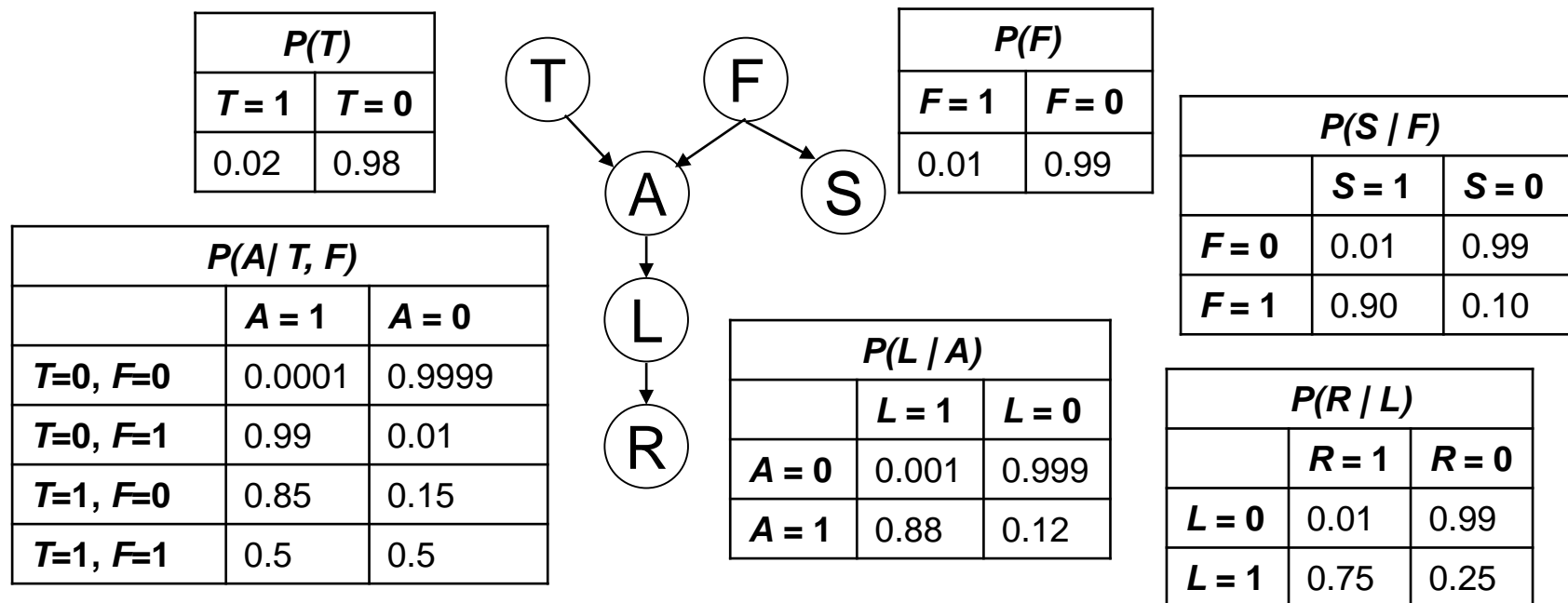
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P(\text{Tampering}) \times P(\text{Fire}) \times P(\text{Alarm} \mid \text{Tampering}, \text{Fire}) \times P(\text{Smoke} \mid \text{Fire}) \\
 &\quad \times P(\text{Leaving} \mid \text{Alarm}) \times P(\text{Report} \mid \text{Leaving}) \\
 &= 0.02 \times 0.01 \times 0.5 \times 0.9 \times 0.88 \times 0.75
 \end{aligned}$$

Inference in BNs: Joint prob.



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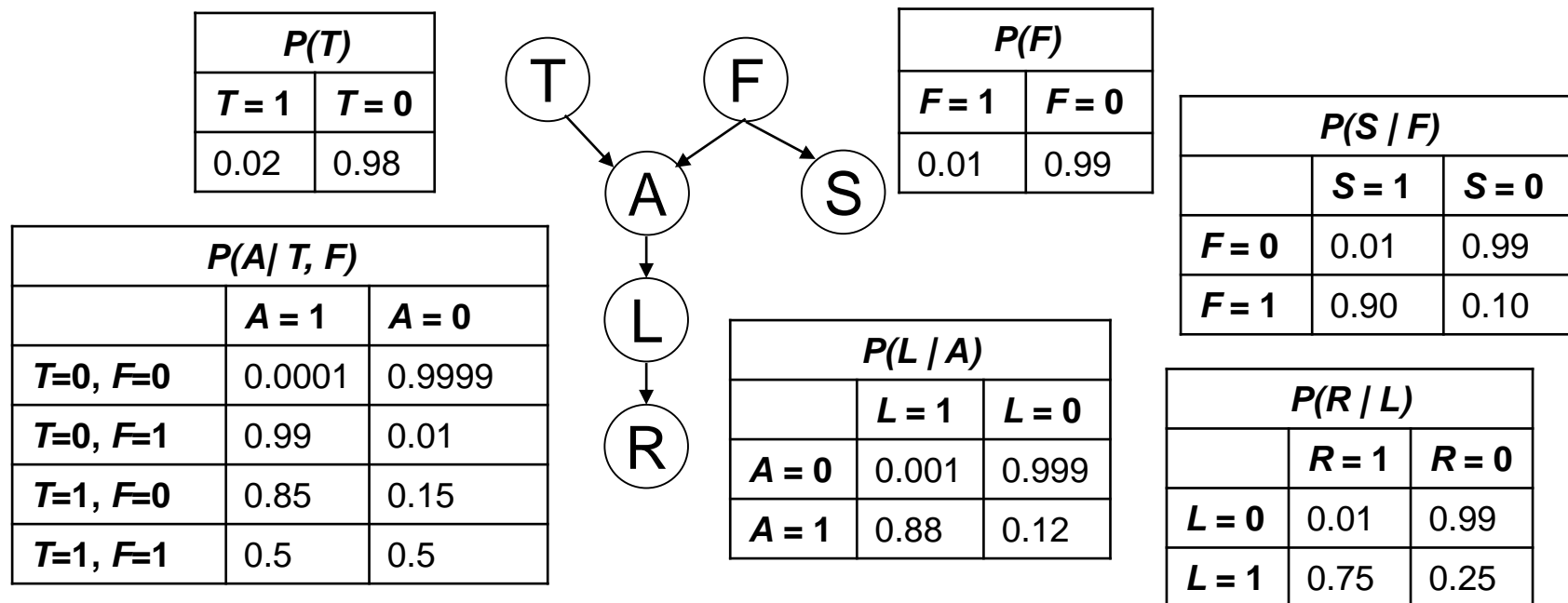
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$$= P(\sim T) \times P(F) \times P(A | \sim T, F) \times P(S | F)$$

$$\times P(L | A) \times P(\sim R | L)$$

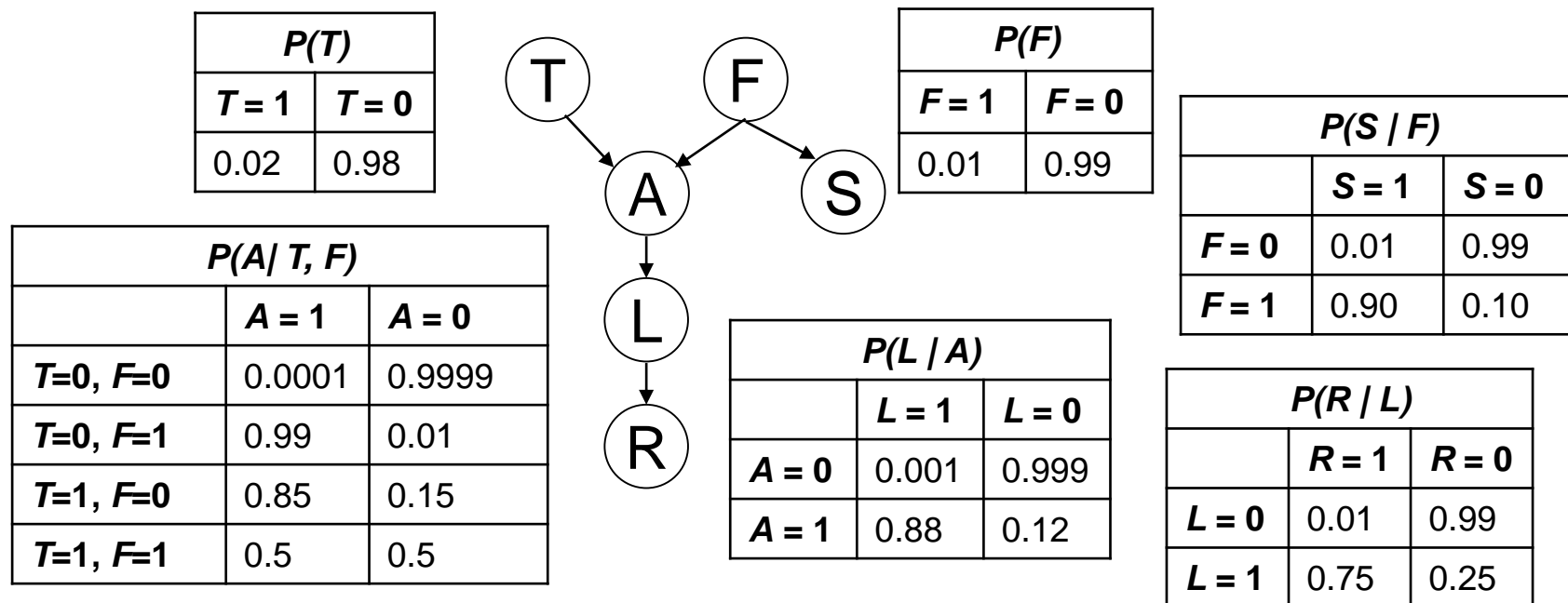
$$= 0.98 \times 0.01 \times 0.99 \times 0.9 \times 0.88 \times 0.25$$

Inference in BNs: Marginal prob.



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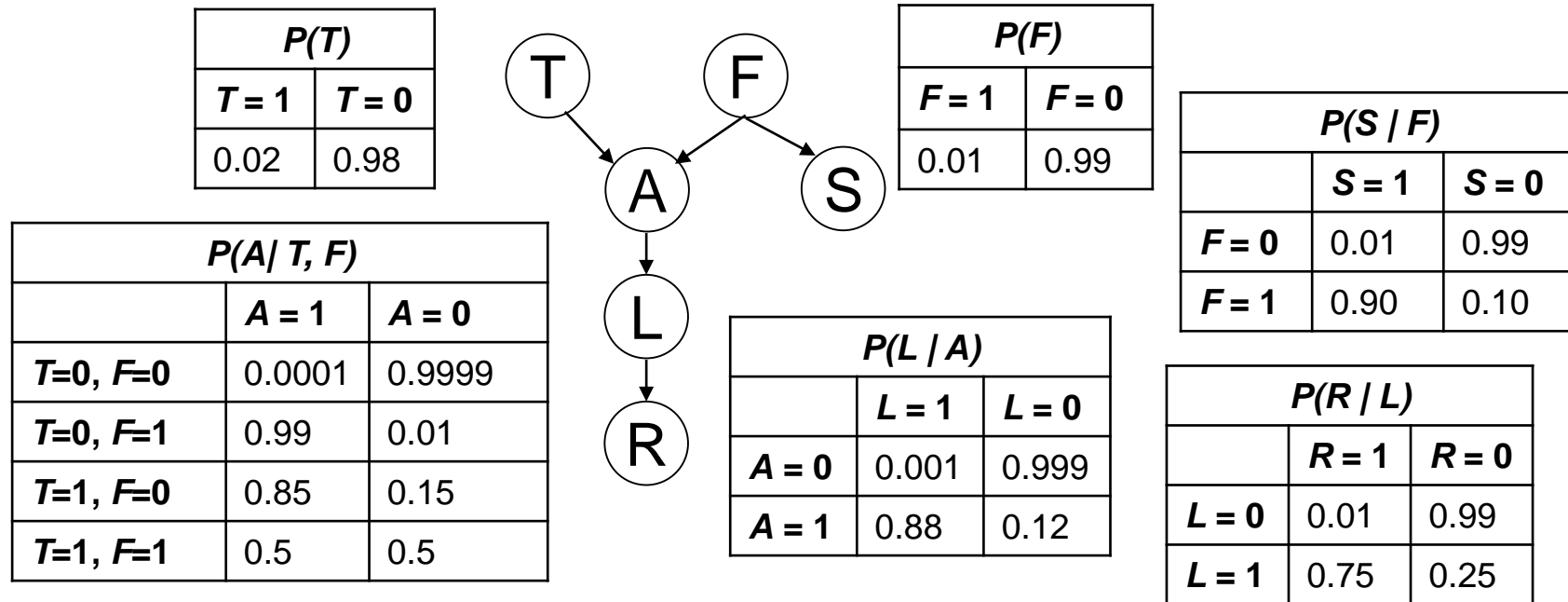


Marginal probabilities: Eg. Prob of getting a report **$P(R)$** ??

$$\begin{aligned}
 = P(R = 1) &= \sum_{t,f,a,s,l} P(T=t, F=f, A=a, S=s, L=l, R = 1) \\
 &= \sum_{t,f,a,s,l} P(T) P(F) P(A|T,F) P(S|F) P(L|A) P(R=1|L)
 \end{aligned}$$

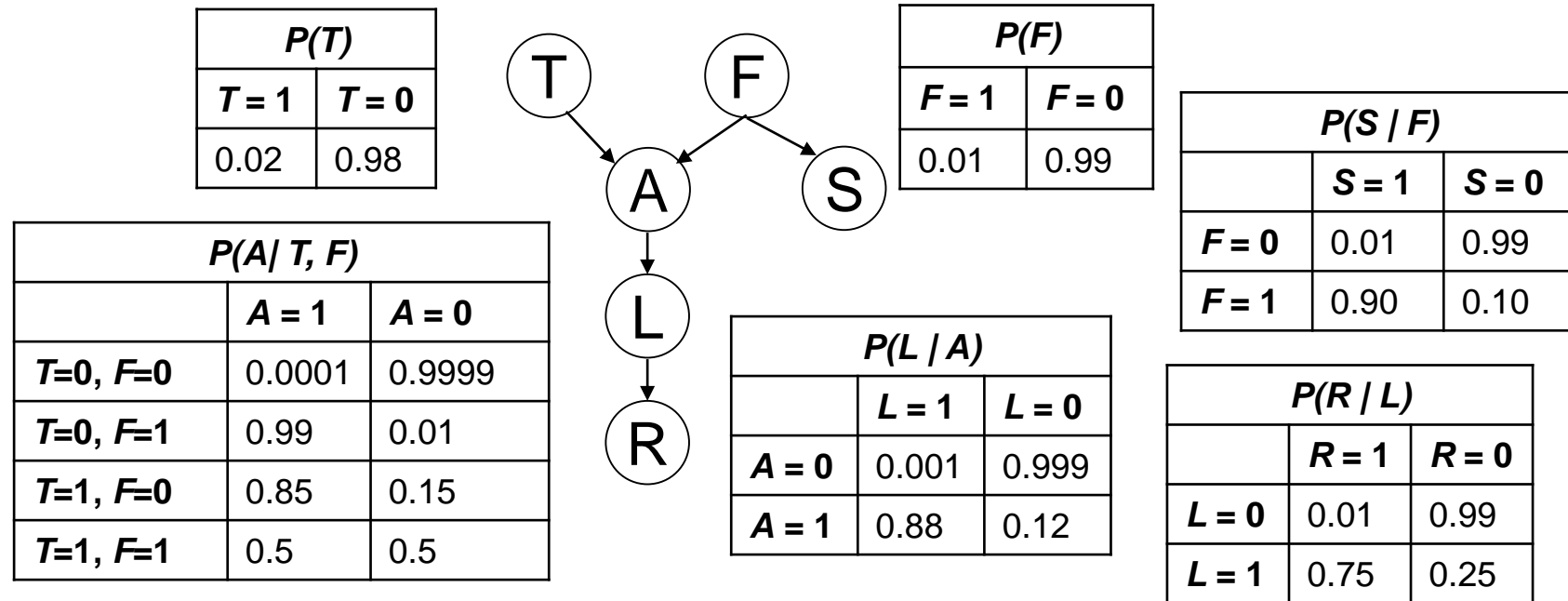
Sum over domain of marginalized vars: $T=\{0,1\}$, $F=\{0,1\}$, $A=\{0,1\}$, $S=\{0,1\}$, $L=\{0,1\}$

Inference in BNs: Causal reasoning



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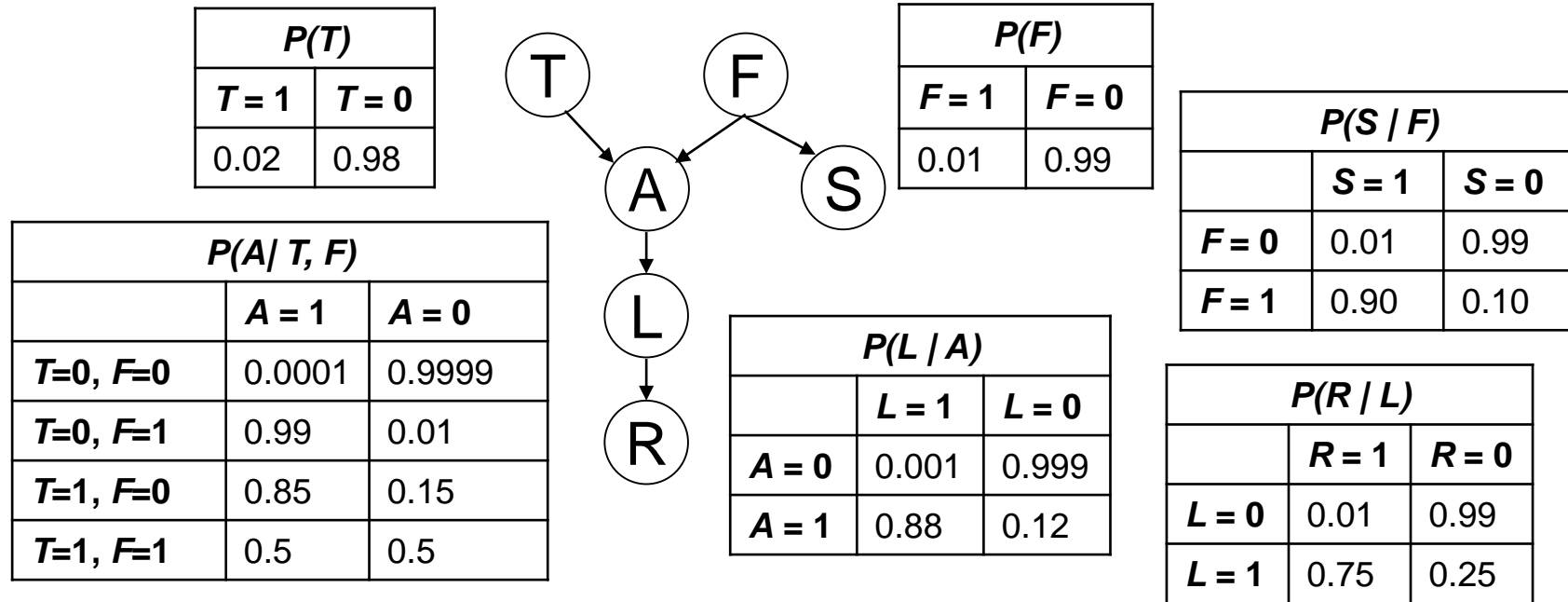


Causal reasoning: Eg. Prob of receiving a report in case of fire, $P(R / F) ??$

$$P(R = 1 \mid F = 1) = P(R = 1, F = 1) / P(F = 1)$$

$$= \sum_{t,a,s,l} P(T=t, F=1, A=a, S=s, L=l, R=1) / \sum_{t,a,s,l,r} P(T=t, F=1, A=a, S=s, L=l, R=r)$$

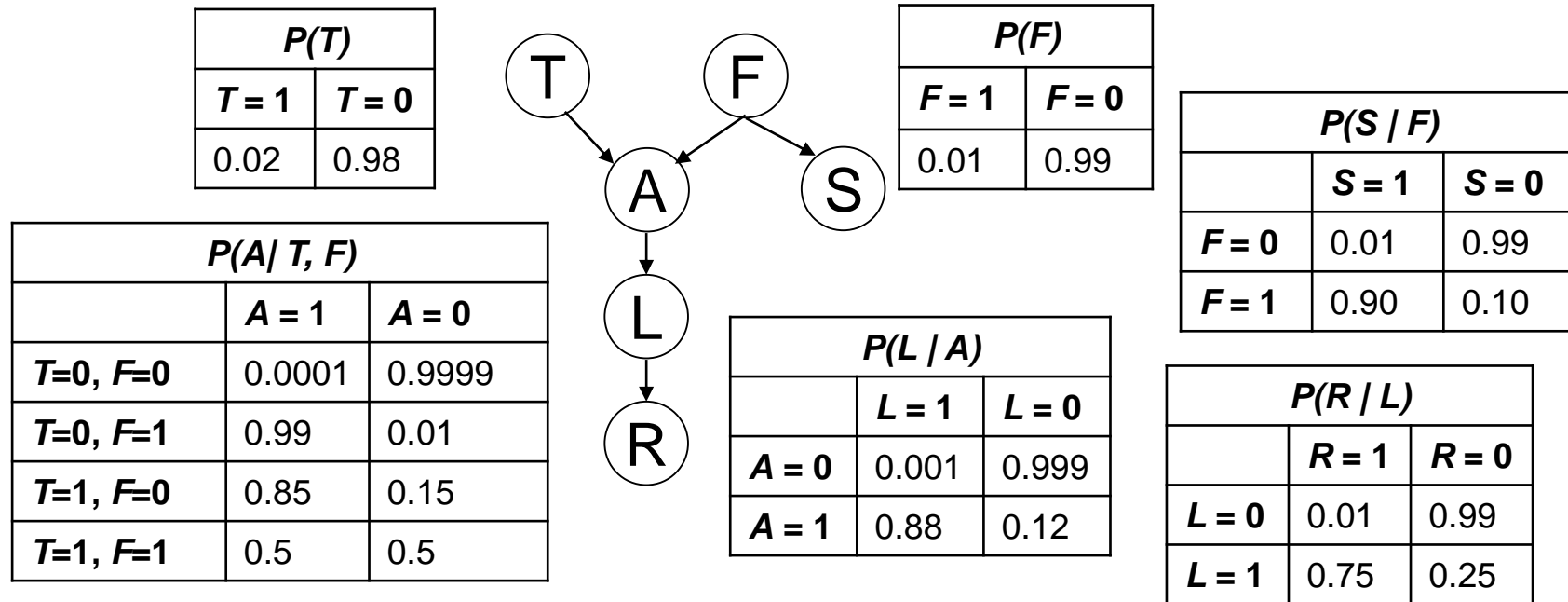
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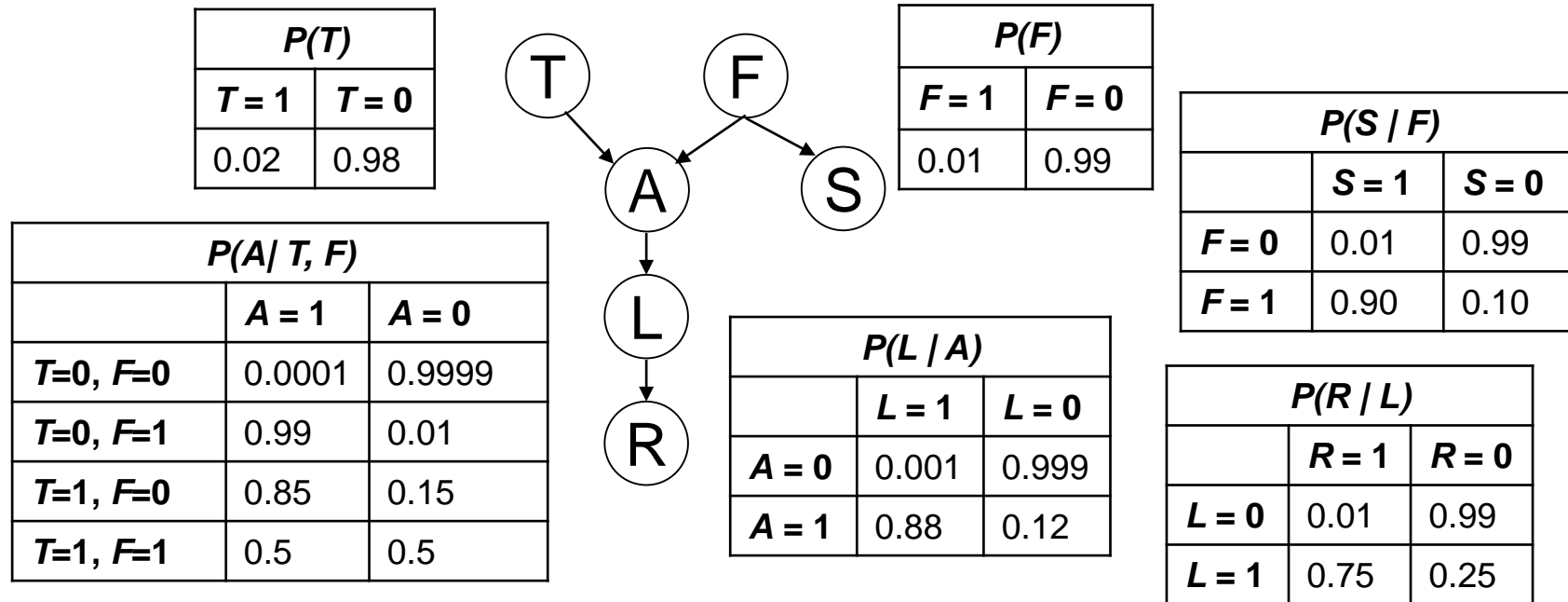
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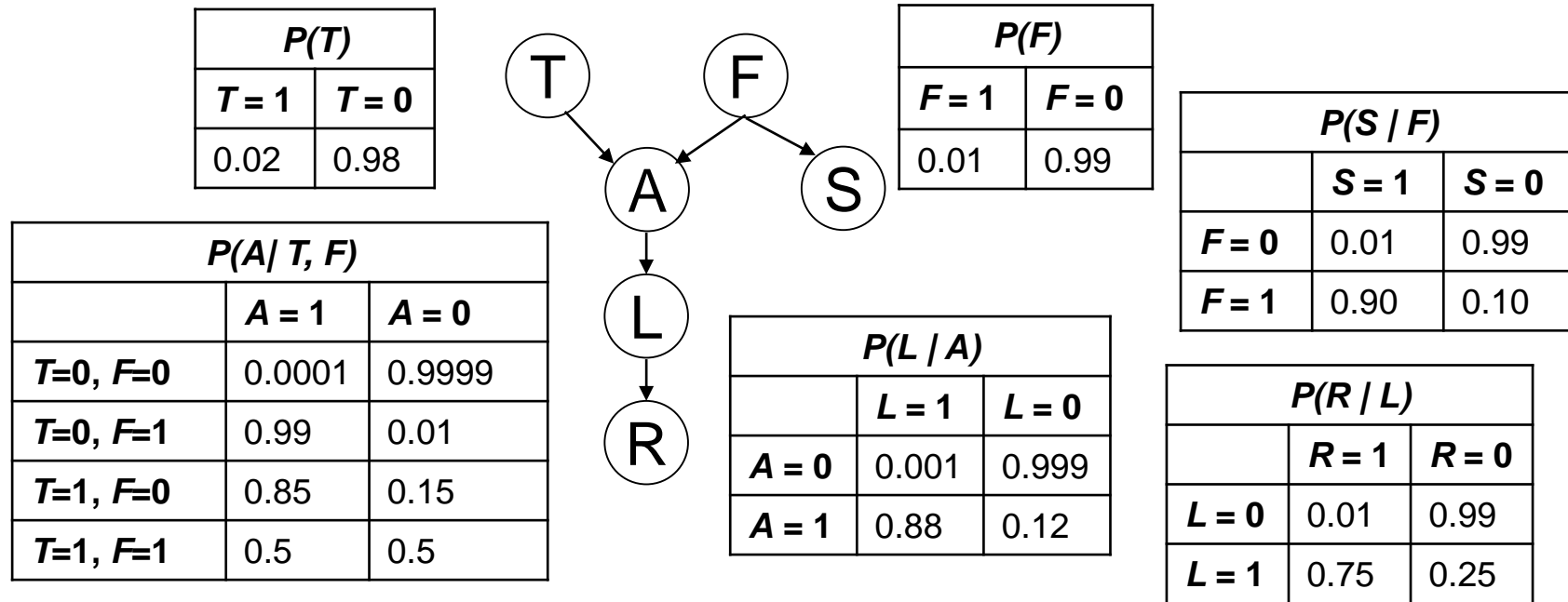
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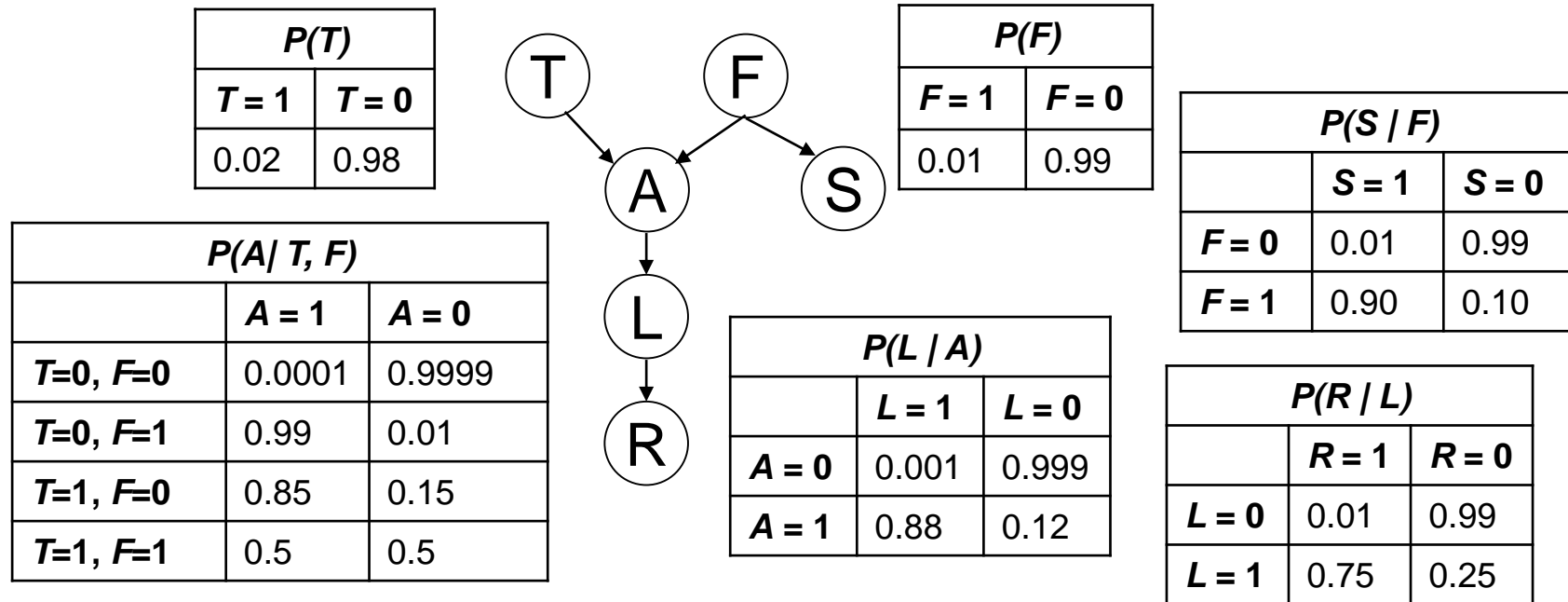
Inference in BNs: Explanations



Evidential reasoning or explanation. *Compare posteriors with priors!*

- Suppose agent receives a report.
 - Prob that there is a fire? $P(F | R) = 0.2305$
 - Prob that there is tampering? $P(T | R) = 0.399$
- Suppose agent sees smoke instead.
 - Prob that there is a fire? $P(F | S) = 0.476$
 - Prob that there is tampering? $P(T | S) = 0.02$

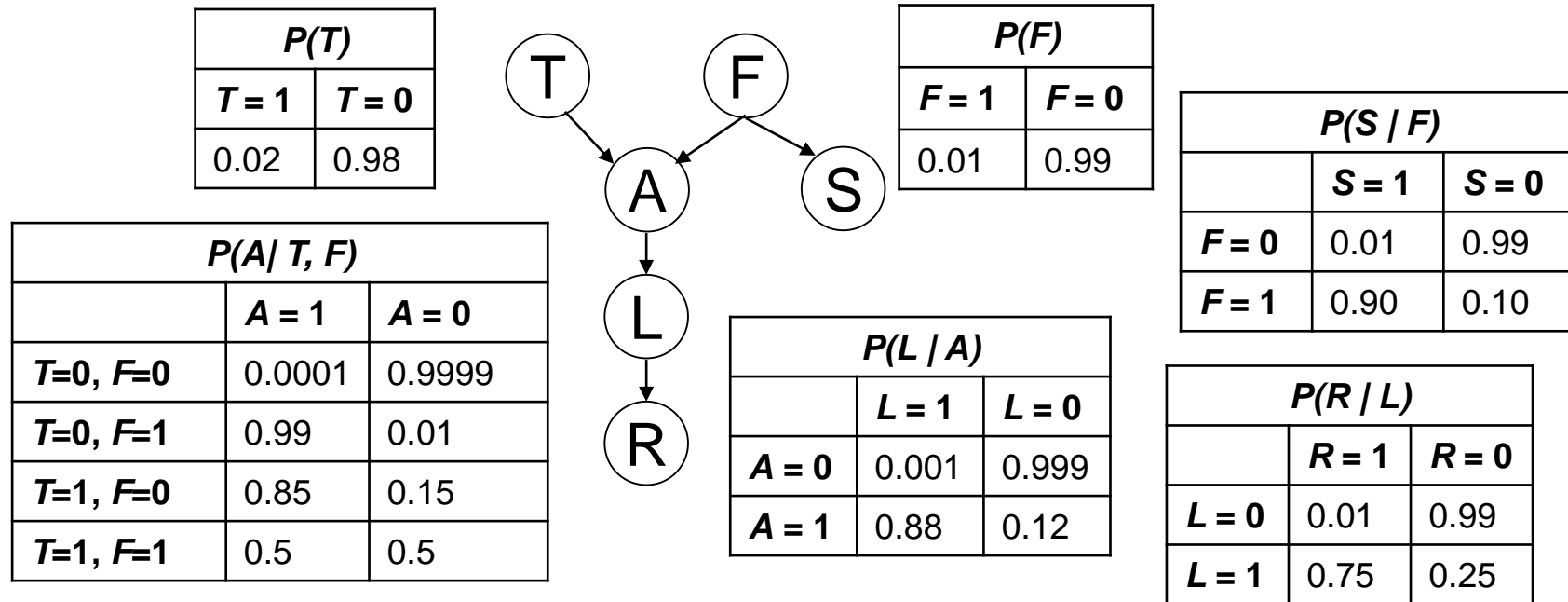
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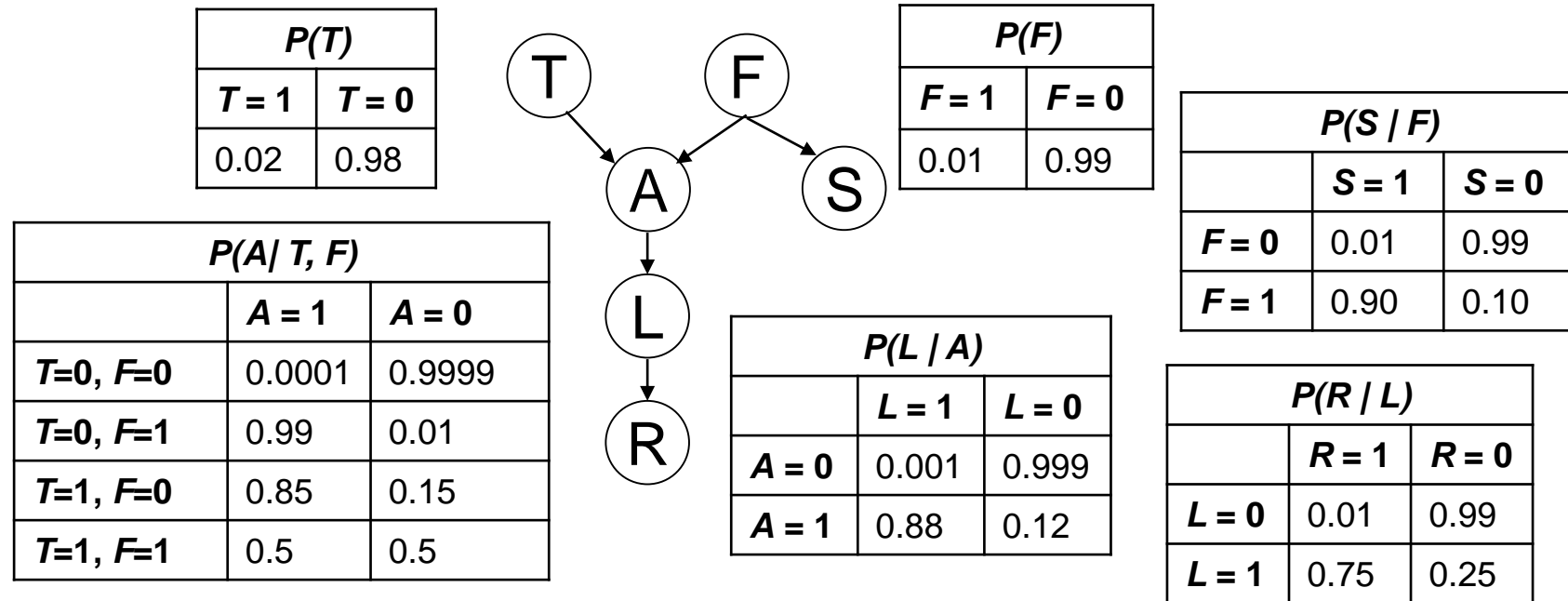
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Compare to: $P(F | R) = 0.2305$ and $P(T | R) = 0.399$. This is called explaining away.

$P(F | R, \sim S) = 0.0294$ and $P(T | R, \sim S) = 0.501$.

Types of queries for graphical models

1. Unconditional probability query

- What is the prob of some value assignment for a subset of variables Y?

$$P(Y)$$

2. Conditional probability query

- What is the prob of different value assignments for query variable Y, given evidence about variables Z?

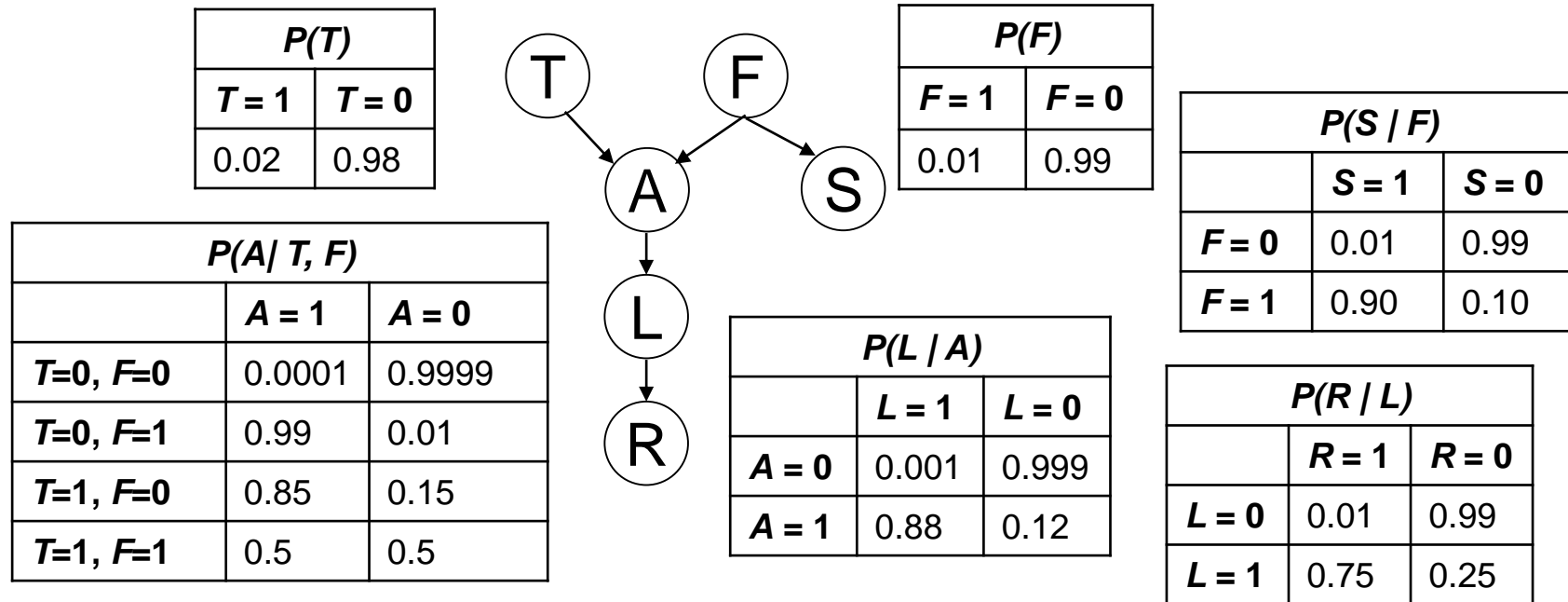
$$P(Y \mid Z = z)$$

3. Maximum a posterior (MAP) queries

- Given evidence $Z=z$, what is the most likely assignment of values to variables Y?

$$MAP(Y \mid Z = z) = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(Y = y \mid Z = z)$$

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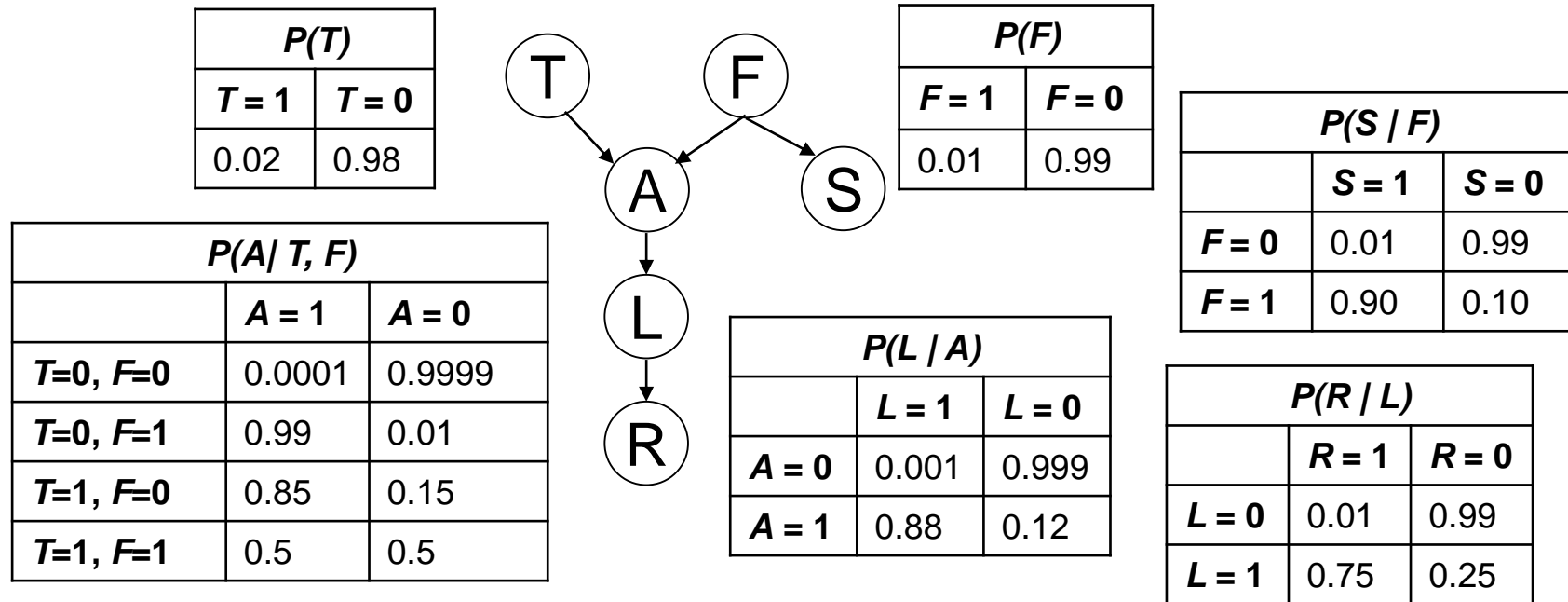


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What's the MAP?

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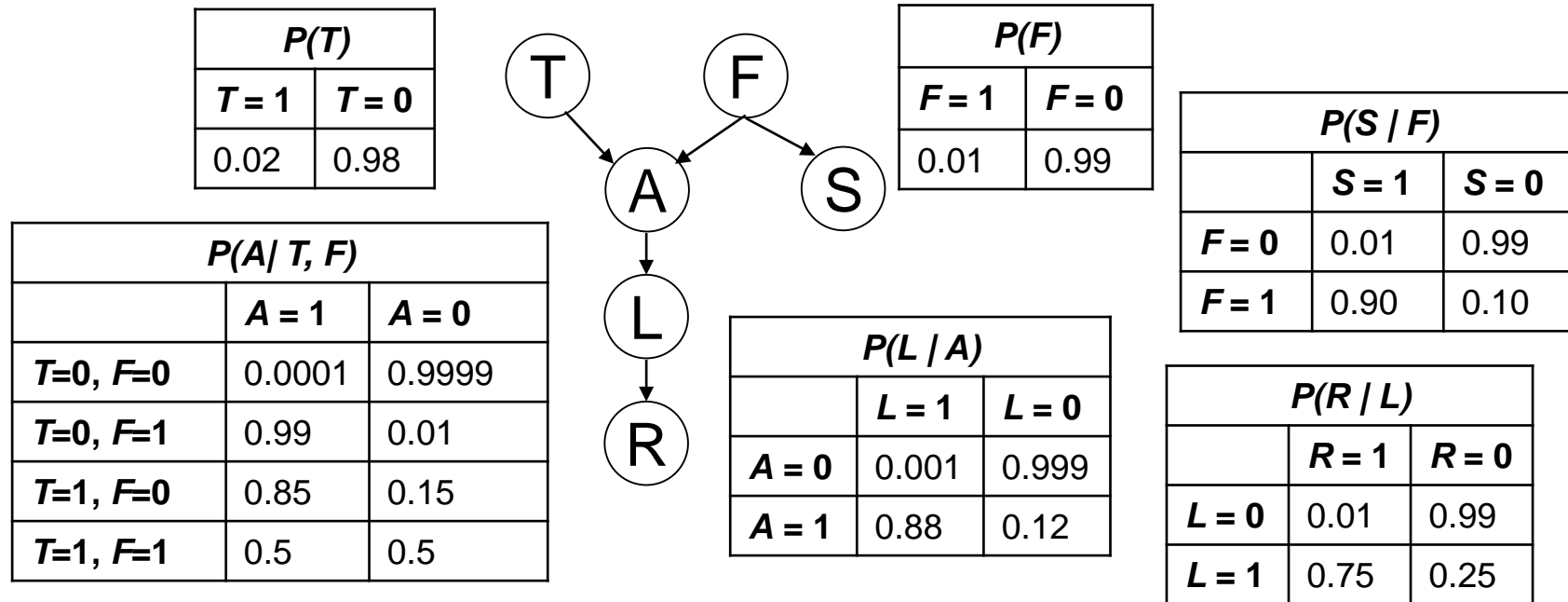


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$F = 0$
MAP?

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- Suppose agent sees smoke AND receives a report.
 - Prob that there is a fire? $P(F | R, S)$ $MAP?$

Other examples of MAP queries

- In speech recognition:
 - given a speech signal
 - determine sequence of words most likely to have generated signal.
- In medical diagnosis:
 - given a patient
 - determine the most probable diagnosis.
- In robotics:
 - given sensor readings
 - determine the most probably location of the robot.

Complexity of inference in Bayes Nets

- Given a Bayes net and a random variable X , deciding whether $P(X=x) > 0$ is NP-hard.
- Bad news:
No general inference procedure that will work efficiently for all network configurations.
- Good news:
For particular families of networks, inference can be done efficiently. E.g. Naïve Bayes Model!

Recall the Naïve Bayes Model

- A common assumption in early diagnosis is that the symptoms are independent of each other given the disease.
- Let s_1, \dots, s_n be the symptoms exhibited by a patient (e.g. fever, headache, etc.). Let D be the patient's disease.
- Using the Naive Bayes assumption:

$$P(D, s_1, \dots, s_n) = P(D) P(s_1 \mid D) \dots P(s_n \mid D)$$

- Only $2n+1$ parameters!

