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The conditional probability of  $\alpha'$  given  $\alpha$  is

$$P(\alpha' | \alpha) := \mu^{\alpha}(\Omega \upharpoonright \alpha' \wedge \alpha) = \frac{P(\alpha' \wedge \alpha)}{P(\alpha)}$$

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is updated by  $lpha_\circ$  to the posterior probability given  $lpha_\circ$ 

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but want to do evidential reasoning

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$$P(a \text{ tree is in front of a car} \mid image = \clubsuit)$$

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$$= \cdots$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_{1:i-1}) \text{ chain rule}$$

with  $X_{1:0}$  as the empty tuple and  $P(X_1 | X_{1:0}) = P(X_1)$ .

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Note

$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z \iff P(X, Y \mid Z) = P(X \mid Z)P(Y \mid Z)$$
  
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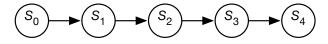
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A belief network consists of:

- a directed acyclic graph with nodes = random variables, and an arc from the parents of each node into that node
- a domain for each random variable
- conditional probability tables for each variable given its parents (for a probability distribution respecting (†))

## Example: Markov chain

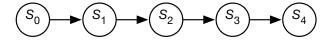
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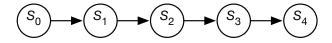


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 $S_t$  represents the state at time t, capturing everything about the past (< t) that can affect the future (> t)

The future is independent of the past given the present.

#### Two elaborations

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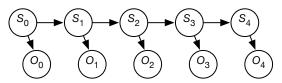
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A Hidden Markov Model (HMM) is a belief network of the form



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- $P(O_i|S_i)$  specifies the sensor model

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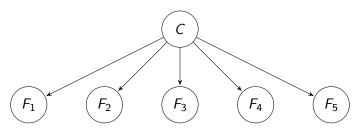
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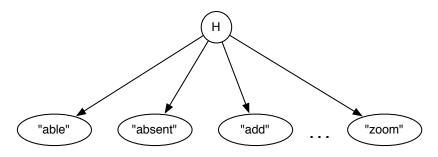
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$$P(C=c) = \frac{\sum_{\omega \models C=c} Count(\omega)}{\sum_{\omega} Count(\omega)}$$

$$P(F_k = b | C=c) = \frac{\sum_{\omega \models C=c \land F_k=b} Count(\omega)}{\sum_{\omega \models C=c} Count(\omega)}$$

with pseudo-counts (Cromwell's rule)

### Help System



- The domain of H is the set of all help pages.
   The observations are the words in the query.
- What probabilities are needed?
   What pseudo-counts and counts are used?
   What data can be used to learn from?

# Constructing a belief network

To represent a domain in a belief network, we need to consider:

- What are the relevant variables?
  - ► What will you observe?
  - What would you like to find out (query)?
  - What other features make the model simpler?
- What values should these variables take?
- What is the relationship between them? Express this in terms of a directed graph, representing how each variable  $X_i$  is generated from its predecessors  $X_{1:i-1}$ .

The parents of X are variables on which X directly depends

- ► *X* is independent of its non-descendants given its parents.
- How does the value of each variable depend on its parents?
   This is expressed in terms of the conditional probabilities.

# Example: fire alarm belief network

#### Variables:

- Fire: there is a fire in the building
- Tampering: someone has been tampering with the fire alarm
- Smoke: what appears to be smoke is coming from an upstairs window
- Alarm: the fire alarm goes off
- Leaving: people are leaving the building *en masse*.
- Report: a colleague says that people are leaving the building en masse. (A noisy sensor for leaving.)

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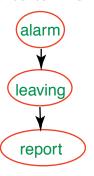
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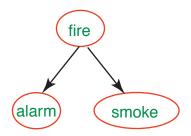
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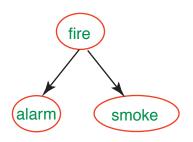
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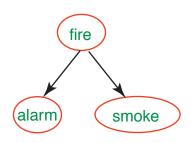
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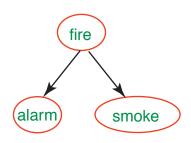


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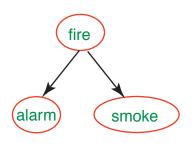




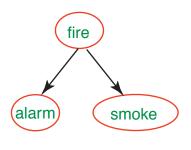
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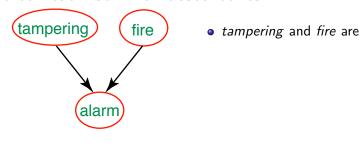
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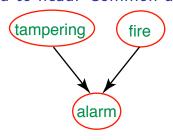
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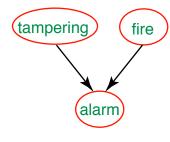
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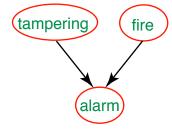




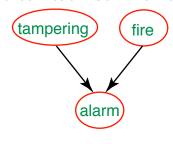
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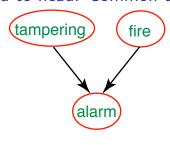
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$$P(\text{fi} = 1 | \text{am} = 1, \text{tg} = 1) \approx 0.174$$

$$P(\mathsf{fi}=1|\mathsf{am}=1,\mathsf{tg}=1) \ = \ \frac{P(\mathsf{am}=1|\mathsf{fi}=1,\mathsf{tg}=1)}{P(\mathsf{am}=1|\mathsf{tg}=1)} \frac{P(\mathsf{fi}=1) \ \mathsf{net}}{P(\mathsf{am}=1|\mathsf{tg}=1)}$$
 Bayes

$$P(\mathsf{am}=1|\mathsf{tg}=1) = \sum_{fi} \underbrace{P(\mathsf{am}=1,fi|\mathsf{tg}=1)}_{P(\mathsf{fi})\mathsf{tg}=1} \quad \mathsf{sum}$$
  $P(\mathsf{am}=1|fi,\mathsf{tg}=1)\underbrace{P(fi|\mathsf{tg}=1)}_{P(fi)} \quad \mathsf{net}$