

# **Artificial Intelligence-BSCE-306L**

## **Module 5**

### **Uncertain Knowledge and Reasoning**

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- ❑ **Quantifying Uncertainty**
- ❑ **Bayes Rule**
- ❑ **Bayesian Belief Network**
- ❑ **Approximate Inference in Bayesian networks**

## Uncertainty

- When an agent knows enough facts about its environment, the logical plans and actions produces a guaranteed work.
- Unfortunately, *agents never have access to the whole truth about their environment.* Agents act under uncertainty.

## Nature of Uncertain Knowledge

- **The Diagnosis** : medicine, automobile repair, or whatever-is a task that almost always involves uncertainty
- Let us try to write rules for **dental diagnosis** using first-order logic, so that we can see how the logical approach breaks down. Consider the following rule:
  - $\forall p \text{ Symptom}(p, \text{Toothache}) \Rightarrow \text{Disease}(p, \text{Cavity})$  .
- The problem is that this rule is wrong.
- Not all patients with toothaches have cavities; some of them have gum disease, swelling, or one of several other problems
  - $\forall p \text{ Symptom}(p, \text{Toothache}) \Rightarrow \text{Disease}(p, \text{Cavity}) \vee \text{Disease}(p, \text{GumDisease}) \vee \text{Disease}(p, \text{Swelling}) \dots$
- to make the rule true, we have to add almost unlimited list of possible causes.
- We could try a causal rule:
  - $\forall p \text{ Disease}(p, \text{Cavity}) \Rightarrow \text{Symptom}(p, \text{Toothache})$ .
- But this rule is **also** not right either; not all cavities cause pain
- Toothache and a Cavity are unconnected, so the judgement may go wrong.



## Nature of Uncertain Knowledge...

- This is a type of the medical domain, as well as most other judgmental domains: law, business, design, automobile repair, gardening, dating, and so on.
- The agent take action, only a **degree of belief** in the relevant sentences.
- Our main tool for dealing with degrees of belief will be **probability theory**
- **The Probability** assigns to each sentence a numerical degree of belief between 0 and 1.

## Probability

- Probabilities are used to compute the truth of given statement, written as numbers between 0 and 1, that describes how likely an event is to occur.
- 0 indicates impossibility and 1 indicates certainly.
  - 1. Tossing a coin      2. Tolling a dice
- Probability based reasoning
  - understanding from knowledge
  - how much of uncertainty present in that event.



## Probability

- *Probability provides a way of **summarizing** the uncertainty, that comes from our **laziness** and **ignorance**.*
- Toothache problem - an 80% chance , a probability of 0.8 that the patient has a cavity if he or she has a toothache.
- The 80% summarizes those cases, but both toothache and cavity are unconnected.
- The missing 20% summarizes, all other possible causes of toothache, that we are **too lazy** or **ignorant to confirm or deny**.

# Quantifying Uncertainty

- Probabilities between 0 and 1 correspond to intermediate degrees of belief in the **truth of the sentence**.
- The sentence itself is in **fact** either **true or false**.
- It is important to note that a **degree of belief** is different from a degree of truth.
- A probability of 0.8 does not mean "80% true" but rather an 80% degree of belief-that is, a fairly strong expectation.
- Thus, probability theory makes the same **ontological commitment** as logic-namely, that facts either do or do not hold in the world.
- Degree of truth, as opposed to degree of belief, is the subject of **fuzzy logic**



# Quantifying Uncertainty

- In probability theory, a sentence such as
- "The probability that the patient has a cavity is 0.8",
- is about the agent's beliefs, not directly about the world.
- These percepts create the **evidence**, which are based on probability statements.
- All probability statements must indicate the evidence with respect to that probability is being assessed.
- If an agent receives new percepts, its probability assessments are updated to reflect the new evidence.

## Random Variable

- Referring to a "part" of the world, whose "status" is initially unknown
- We will use lowercase for the names of values
  - $P(a) = 1 - P(\neg a)$
- Tossing coin :  $P(h) = 1 - P(\neg h) : (0.5 = 1 - 0.5)$
- Rolling dice :  $P(n) = 1 - P(\neg n) : (0.16 = 1 - 0.84)$

## Types of random variables

- Boolean random variables
  - Cavity domain (true,false), if Cavity = true then cavity, or
  - if Cavity = false then  $\neg$ cavity
- Discrete random variables – countable domain
  - *Weather* might be (sunny, rainy, cloudy, snow)
- Continuous random variables – finite set real numbers with equal intervals e.g. interval(0.1)



## Atomic events

- The concept of an **atomic event** is useful in understanding the foundations of probability theory.
- It is a **complete specification** of the state of the world about which the agent is uncertain.
- It can be an **assignment of particular values**, to all the variables of which the world is composed

## Atomic events...

- Atomic events have some important properties
- They are **mutually exclusive** -at most one can actually be the case.
- The set of all possible atomic events is **exhaustive** – at least one must be the case.
- Any particular atomic event entails the truth or falsehood of every proposition, whether simple or complex
- Any proposition is **logically equivalent** to the disjunction of all atomic events that required the **truth of proposition**.

## Prior Probability

- The **unconditional** or **prior probability** associated with a proposition  $a$ , is the **degree of belief** according to the absence of any other information;
- it is written as  $P(a)$ .
- For example, if the prior probability that one have a cavity is 0.1, then we would write
  - $P(\text{Cavity} = \text{true}) = 0.1$  or  $P(\text{cavity}) = 0.1$  .
- It is important to remember that  $P(a)$  can be used only when **there is no other information**.



## Prior Probability...

- we will use an expression  $P(\text{Weather})$ , which denotes a **vector** of values, for the probabilities of each individual state of the weather.
  - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{sunny}) = 0.7$
  - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{rain}) = 0.2$
  - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{cloudy}) = 0.08$
  - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{snow}) = 0.02$  .
- we may simply write
- $P(\text{Weather}) = (0.7, 0.2, 0.08, 0.02)$  .
- This statement defines a **prior probability distribution** for the random variable *Weather*.

## Conditional Probability

- The **conditional** or **posterior** probabilities notation is  $P(a|b)$ ,
- where  $a$  and  $b$  are any proposition.
- This is read as "the probability of  $a$ , given that *all* we know is  $b$ ."
- For example,  $P(\text{cavity} | \text{toothache}) = 0.8$
- if a patient is observed to have a toothache and no other information is yet available, then the probability of the patient's having a cavity will be 0.8.

## Conditional probabilities...

- Conditional probabilities can be defined in terms of unconditional probabilities.
- The equation is

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}$$

- whenever  $P(b) > 0$ .
- This equation can also be written as
- $P(a \wedge b) = P(a/b) P(b)$  which is called the **product rule**.



## Basic Axioms of Probability

- All probabilities are between 0 and 1. For any **proposition a**,

$$0 \leq P(a) \leq 1$$

- **Necessarily true** (i.e., valid) propositions have probability 1, and **necessarily false** (i.e., unsatisfiable) propositions have probability 0.

$$P(\text{true}) = 1 \qquad P(\text{false}) = 0 .$$

- The probability of a **disjunction** is given by

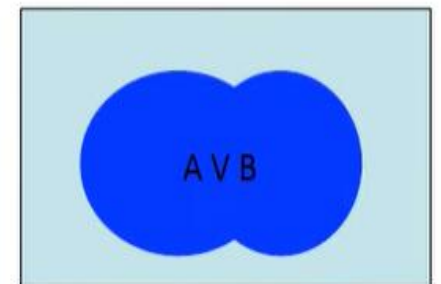
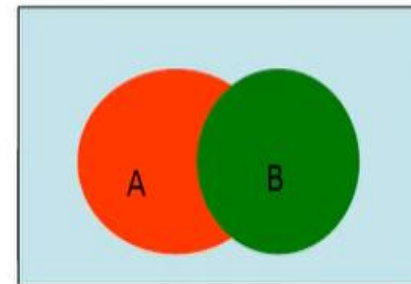
$$P(a \vee b) = P(a) + P(b) - P(a \wedge b) .$$

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## Quantifying

### Axioms of probability

- $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
- 2.  $P(\text{true}) = 1, P(\text{false}) = 0$
- 3.  $P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$

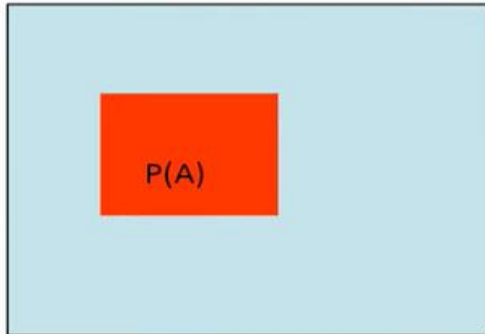


# Quantifying Uncertainty

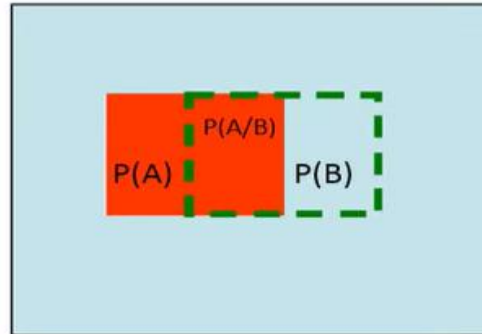
## Conditional Probability...

- $P(A = 1 \mid B = 1)$ :
- The fraction of cases where  $A$  is true if  $B$  is true

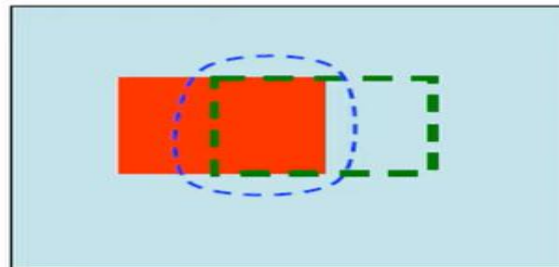
$P(A = 0.2)$



$P(A|B = 0.5)$



- $P(A, B) = P(A \mid B) * P(B)$
- this is one of the most powerful rules in probabilistic reasoning





## Using the Axioms

- How can we use the axioms to prove that:
  - $P(A) = 1 - P(\neg A)$
- **Prior Probability – Degree-of-belief** in an event, in the **absence** of any other information
  - $P(\text{rain tomorrow}) = 0.8$
  - $P(\text{no-rain tomorrow}) = 0.2$



## Conditional Probability

- What is the probability of an event, given knowledge of another event
- Example:
  - $P(\text{raining} \mid \text{sunny})$
  - $P(\text{raining} \mid \text{cloudy})$
  - $P(\text{raining} \mid \text{cloudy, cold})$

## Conditional probability...

- In some cases, given knowledge of one or more random variables, we can improve upon our prior belief of another random variable
- For example:
  - $p(\text{slept in movie}) = 0.5$
  - $p(\text{slept in movie} \mid \text{liked movie}) = 1/3$
  - $p(\text{didn't sleep in movie} \mid \text{liked movie}) = 2/3$

Liked movie	Slept	P
1	1	0.2
1	0	0.4
0	0	0.1
0	1	0.3



# Bayes Rule

- ❑ Bayes' theorem is also known as **Bayes' rule**, **Bayes' law**, or **Bayesian reasoning**, which determines the probability of an event with uncertain knowledge.
- ❑ In probability theory, it relates the conditional probability and marginal probabilities of two random events.
- ❑ Bayes' theorem was named after the British mathematician **Thomas Bayes**.
- ❑ The **Bayesian inference** is an application of Bayes' theorem, which is fundamental to Bayesian statistics.
- ❑ **It is a way to calculate the value of  $P(B|A)$  with the knowledge of  $P(A|B)$ .**
- ❑ Bayes' theorem allows updating the probability prediction of an event by observing new information of the real world.

# Bayes Rule

❑ **Example:** If cancer corresponds to one's age then by using Bayes' theorem, we can determine the probability of cancer more accurately with the help of age.

❑ Bayes' theorem can be derived using product rule and conditional probability of event A with known event B:

❑ As from product rule we can write:  $P(A \wedge B) = P(A|B) P(B)$

❑ or

❑ Similarly, the probability of event B with known event A:  $P(A \wedge B) = P(B|A) P(A)$

❑ Equating right hand side of both the equations, we will get:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)} \quad \dots(a)$$

# Bayes Rule

□ The above equation (a) is called as **Bayes' rule** or **Bayes' theorem**. This equation is basic of most modern AI systems for **probabilistic inference**. It shows the simple relationship between joint and conditional probabilities.

□ Here,  **$P(A|B)$**  is known as **posterior**, which we need to calculate, and it will be read as Probability of hypothesis A when we have occurred an evidence B.

□  **$P(B|A)$**  is called the likelihood, in which we consider that hypothesis is true, then we calculate the probability of evidence.

□  **$P(A)$**  is called the **prior probability**, probability of hypothesis before considering the evidence

□  **$P(B)$**  is called **marginal probability**, pure probability of an evidence.



# Bayes Rule

□ In the equation (a), in general, we can write  $P(B) = P(A) * P(B|A_i)$ , hence the Bayes' rule can be written as:

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i) * P(B|A_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) * P(B|A_i)}$$

□ Where  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  is a set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive events.

# Bayes Rule

## □ Applying Bayes' rule:

- Bayes' rule allows us to compute the single term  $P(B|A)$  in terms of  $P(A|B)$ ,  $P(B)$ , and  $P(A)$ .
- This is very useful in cases where we have a good probability of these three terms and want to determine the fourth one.
- Suppose we want to perceive the effect of some unknown cause, and want to compute that cause, then the Bayes' rule becomes:

$$P(\text{cause} | \text{effect}) = \frac{P(\text{effect} | \text{cause}) P(\text{cause})}{P(\text{effect})}$$

# Bayes Rule

❑ **Example-1: Question:** From a standard deck of playing cards, a single card is drawn. The probability that the card is king is 4/52, then calculate posterior probability  $P(\text{King}|\text{Face})$ , which means the drawn face card is a king card.

❑ **Solution:**

$$P(\text{king}|\text{face}) = \frac{P(\text{Face}|\text{king}) \cdot P(\text{King})}{P(\text{Face})} \dots\dots(i)$$

- $P(\text{king})$ : probability that the card is King =  $4/52 = 1/13$
- $P(\text{face})$ : probability that a card is a face card =  $3/13$
- $P(\text{Face}|\text{King})$ : probability of face card when we assume it is a king = 1
- Putting all values in equation (i) we will get:

$$P(\text{king}|\text{face}) = \frac{1 * (\frac{1}{13})}{(\frac{3}{13})} = 1/3, \text{ it is a probability that a face card is a king card.}$$



## Example – Hypothesis for Flu based on Symptoms

- Given :

- $P(A)$  = Symptom of Flu = 0.00001
- $P(B/A)$  = Probability of Symptoms gives Flu = 0.95
- $P(B)$  = Your symptom of flu = 0.01 (head ache or running nose, 1 in 100)

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

- Compute  $P(A/B)$

- $P(A/B) = 0.95 * 0.00001 / 0.01$
- $= 0.00095$  ( less than one in thousand)

- Important to note the basic mistake

- $P(A/B)$  is not equal to  $P(B/A)$
- 0.00095 is not equal to 0.95

## Joint probability distribution

- The **full joint probability distribution** specifies the probability of values to random variables.
- It is usually **too large** to create or use in its explicit form.
- Joint probability distribution of two variables **X** and **Y** are

Joint probabilities	X	X'
Y	0.20	0.12
Y'	0.65	0.03

- Joint probability distribution for **n** variables require  **$2^n$**  entries with all possible combination.

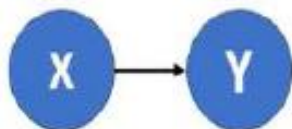
## Drawbacks of joint Probability Distribution

- Large number of variables and grows rapidly
- Time and space complexity are huge
- Statistical estimation with probability is difficult
- Human tends signal out few propositions
- The alternative to this is Bayesian Networks.

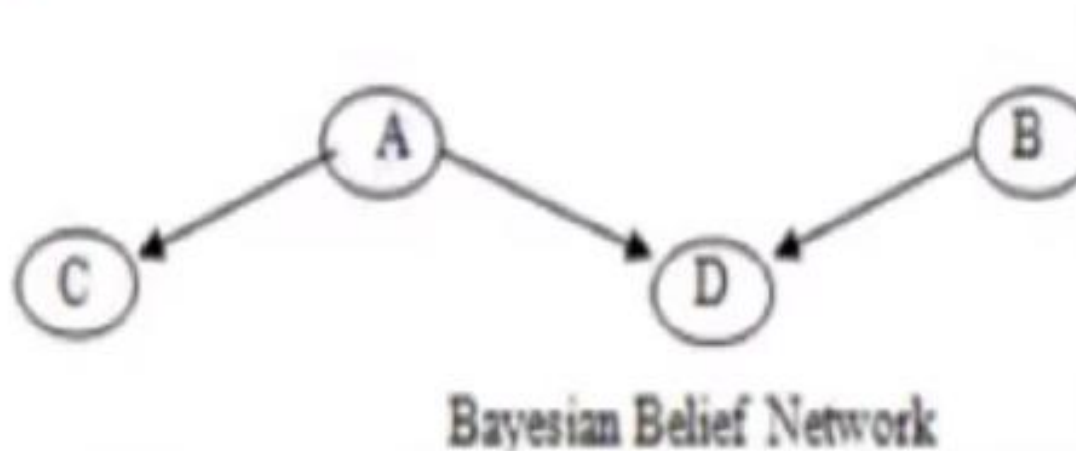


## Bayesian Networks

- Bayesian Network is to represent the dependencies among variables and to give a brief specification of any full joint probability distribution.
- A Bayesian network is a directed graph in which each nodes are variables and edges are relations.
- The full specification is as follows:
  - 1. A set of random variables makes up the nodes of the network. Variables may be discrete or continuous.
  - 2. A set of directed links or arrows connects pairs of nodes. If there is an arrow from node  $X$  to node  $Y$ ,  $X$  is said to be a parent of  $Y$ .
  - 3. Each node  $X$ , has a conditional probability distribution  $P(X, (Parents(X,)))$  that quantifies the effect of the parents on the node. ( $X$  is parent of  $Y$ )
  - 4. The graph has no directed cycles (and hence is a directed, acyclic graph, or DAG).



## Example



- A & B are unconditional, independent, evidence and parent nodes
- C & D are conditional, dependent, hypothesis and child nodes.

## Conditional Probability Table

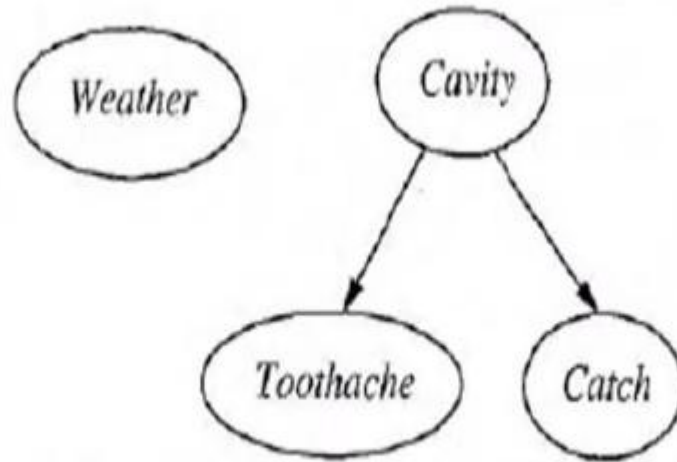


$P(A)$	=	0.3
$P(B)$	=	0.6
$P(C A)$	=	0.4
$P(C \sim A)$	=	0.2
$P(D A, B)$	=	0.7
$P(D A, \sim B)$	=	0.4
$P(D \sim A, B)$	=	0.2
$P(D \sim A, \sim B)$	=	0.01

Conditional Probability Tables						
P(A)	P(B)	A	P(C)	A	B	P(D)
0.3	0.6	T	0.4	T	T	0.7
		F	0.2	T	F	0.4
				F	T	0.2
				F	F	0.01

- $P(A,B,C,D) = P(D|A,B) * P(C|A) * P(B) * P(A)$

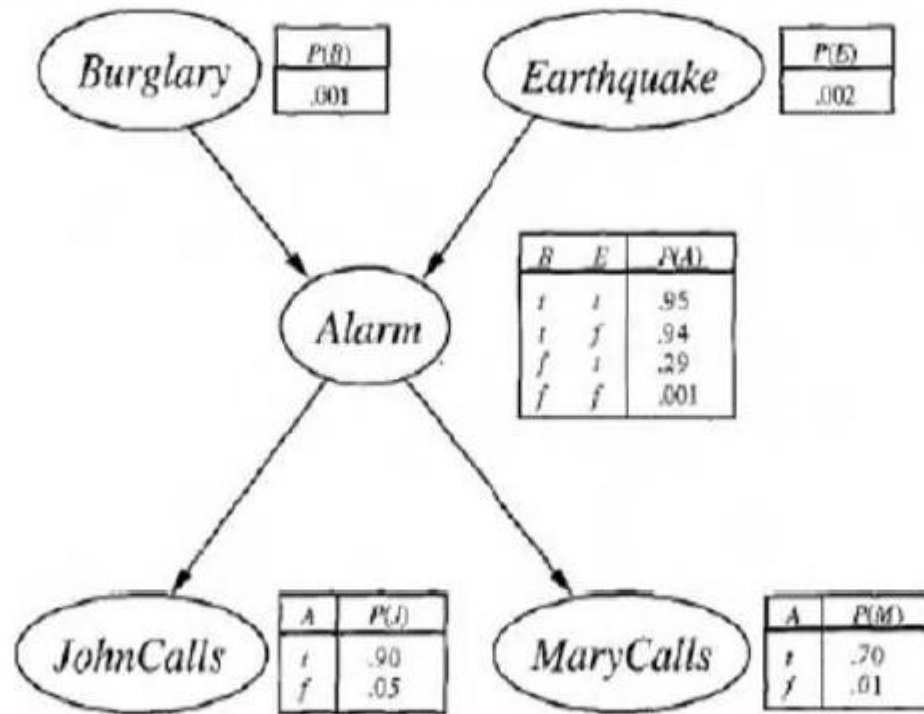
## Example 2



**Figure 14.1** A simple Bayesian network in which *Weather* is independent of the other three variables and *Toothache* and *Catch* are conditionally independent, given *Cavity*.



## Example -3 - Burglar alarm



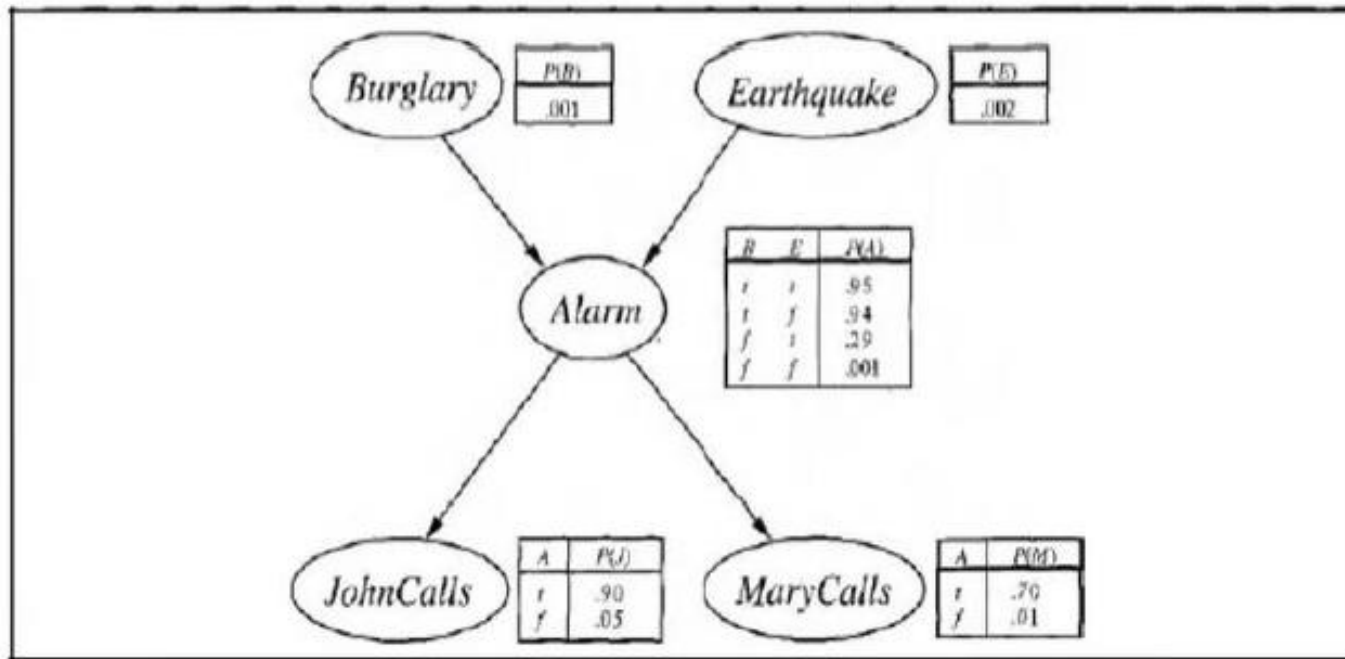
**Figure 14.2** A typical Bayesian network, showing both the topology and the conditional probability tables (CPTs). In the CPTs, the letters B, E, A, J, and M stand for *Burglary*, *Earthquake*, *Alarm*, *JohnCalls*, and *MaryCalls*, respectively.

## Example - Burglar alarm

- You have a new burglar alarm installed at home.
- It also responds on occasion to minor earthquakes.
- You also have two neighbors, John and Mary, they promised to call you when they hear the alarm.
- John always calls when he hears the alarm, but sometimes confuses the telephone ringing with the alarm, and calls then, too.
- Mary likes rather loud music, and sometimes, she misses the alarm altogether.
- Given the evidence of who has or has not called, we would like to estimate the probability of a burglary.

# Bayesian Belief Network

- The burglary and earthquakes directly affect the probability of the alarm's going off,
- But, John and Mary call depends only on the alarm.
- The network does not have nodes for Mary's currently listening to loud music or the telephone ringing and confusing John.



## Example

- We can calculate the probability that the alarm has sounded, but neither a burglary nor an earthquake has occurred, and both John and Mary call.

$$\begin{aligned} P(j \wedge m \wedge a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg e) \\ &= P(j|a)P(m|a)P(a|\neg b \wedge \neg e)P(\neg b)P(\neg e) \\ &= 0.90 \times 0.70 \times 0.001 \times 0.999 \times 0.998 = 0.0006'2. \end{aligned}$$



## Semantics of Bayesian Network

- An entry in joint distribution is the probability of **conjunction** of particular assignment to each variable, such as
- $P(X_1=x_1 \wedge X_2=x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n=x_n)$  is equal to

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

## Method for Constructing Bayesian Network

- Rewrite the **joint distribution** in terms of a **conditional probability**, using the **product rule**

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(x_n | x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1) P(x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1)$$

- Then we repeat the process, reducing each **conjunctive probability** to a **conditional probability and a smaller conjunction**. We end up with one **big product**:

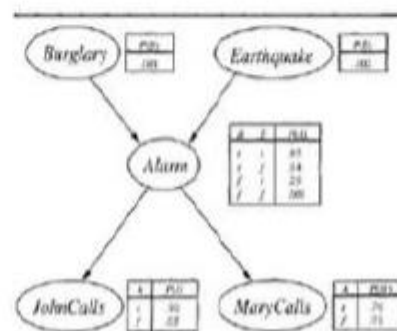
$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= P(x_n | x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1) P(x_{n-1} | x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1) \cdots P(x_2 | x_1) P(x_1) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | x_{i-1}, \dots, x_1) . \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X_i | X_{i-1}, \dots, X_1) = \mathbf{P}(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) ,$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{MaryCalls} | \text{JohnCalls}, \text{Alarm}, \text{Earthquake}, \text{Burglary}) = \mathbf{P}(\text{MaryCalls} | \text{Alarm}) .$$

## Compactness and Node Ordering

- The compactness of Bayesian network is an example of **general property of locally constructed systems**. (also called as spare systems, inside some components there, and those are communicated)
- In a locally structured system, each **subcomponent** interacts directly with only a **bounded number of other components**, regardless of the total number of components.
- Therefore the correct order in which to add node is to add the '**root causes**' first, then the variables they influenced and so on until we reach the leaves.





# Bayesian Belief Network

- Suppose we decide to add the nodes in the order MaryCalls, JohnCalls, Alarm, Burglary, Earthquake.
- **Adding Mary Calls:** No parents.
- **Adding JohnCalls:** If Mary calls, that probably means the alarm has gone off, which of course would make it more likely that John calls. Therefore, JohnCalls needs Mary Calls as a parent
- **Adding Alarm:** Clearly, if both call, it is more likely that the alarm has gone off than if just one or neither call, so we need both MaryCalls and JohnCalls as parents.
- **Adding Burglary:** If we know the alarm state, then the call from John or Mary might give us information about our phone ringing or Mary's music, but not about burglary:
- **$P(\text{Burglary} | \text{Alarm}, \text{JohnCalls}, \text{MaryCalls}) = P(\text{Burglary} | \text{Alarm})$**
- Hence we need just Alarm as parent.
- **Adding Earthquake:** if the alarm is on, it is more likely that there has been an earthquake. But if we know that there has been a burglary, then that explains the alarm, and the probability of an earthquake would be only slightly above normal. Hence, we need both *Alarm* and *Burglary* as parents.



# Bayesian Belief Network

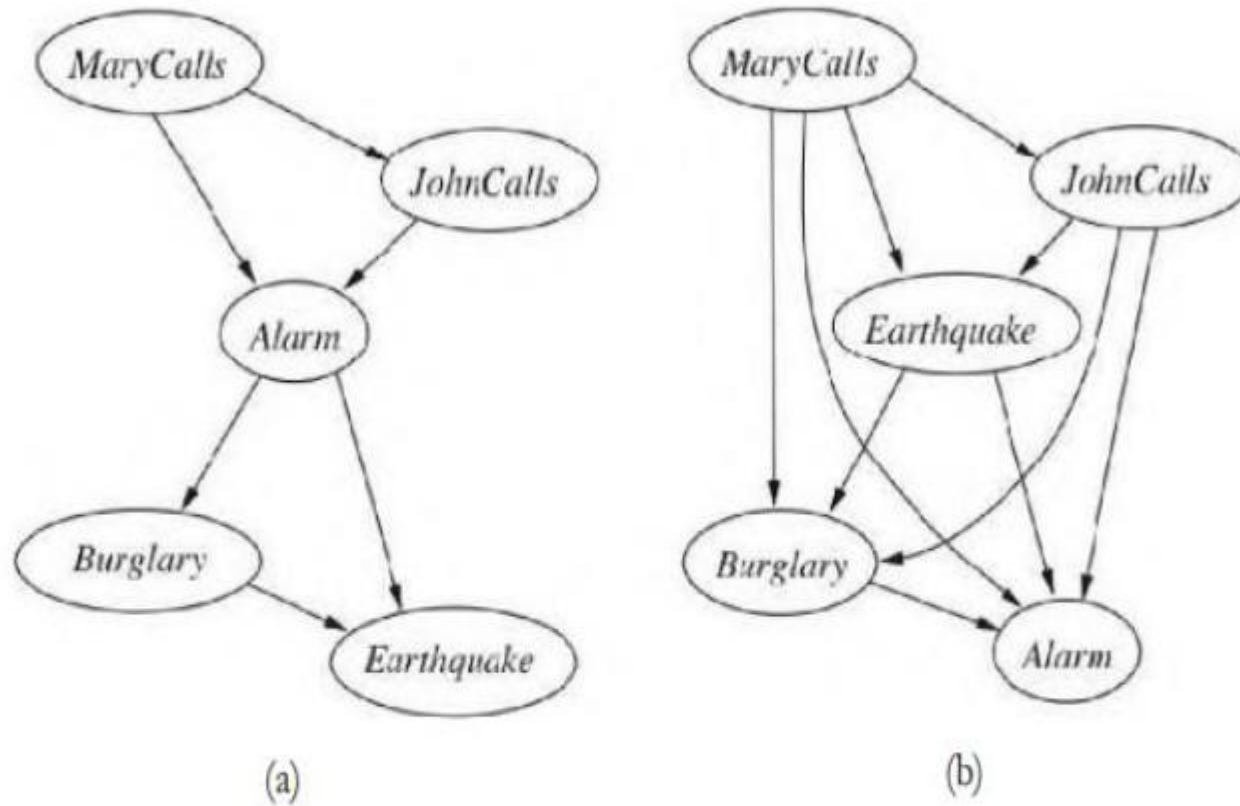
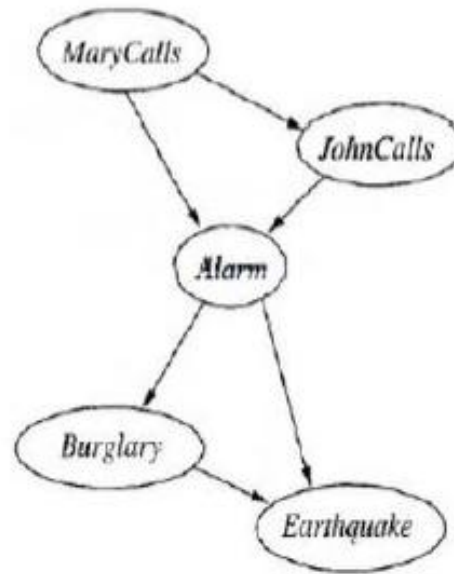


Figure 14.3 Network structure depends on order of introduction. In each network, we have introduced nodes in top-to-bottom order.

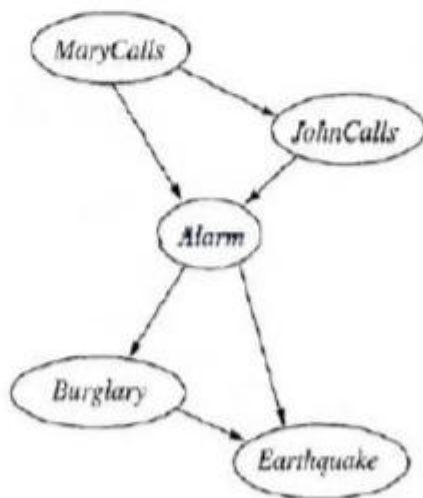
## Conditional independence relations in Bayesian networks

- 1. A node is conditionally independent of its non-descendants, given its parents.
  - For example, *JohnCalls* is independent of *Burglary* and *Earthquake*, given the value of *Alarm*.

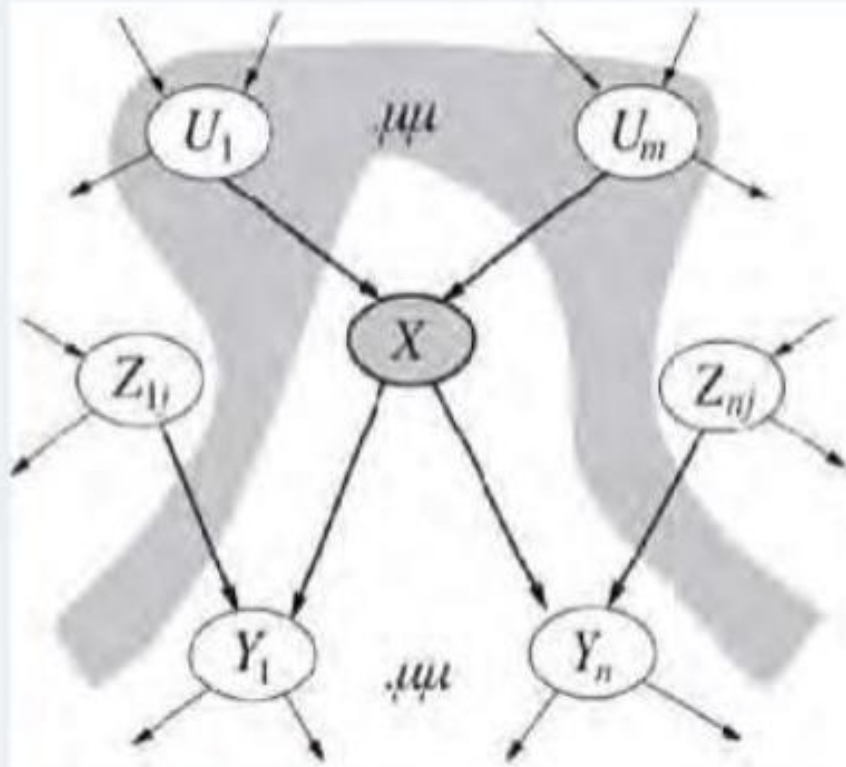


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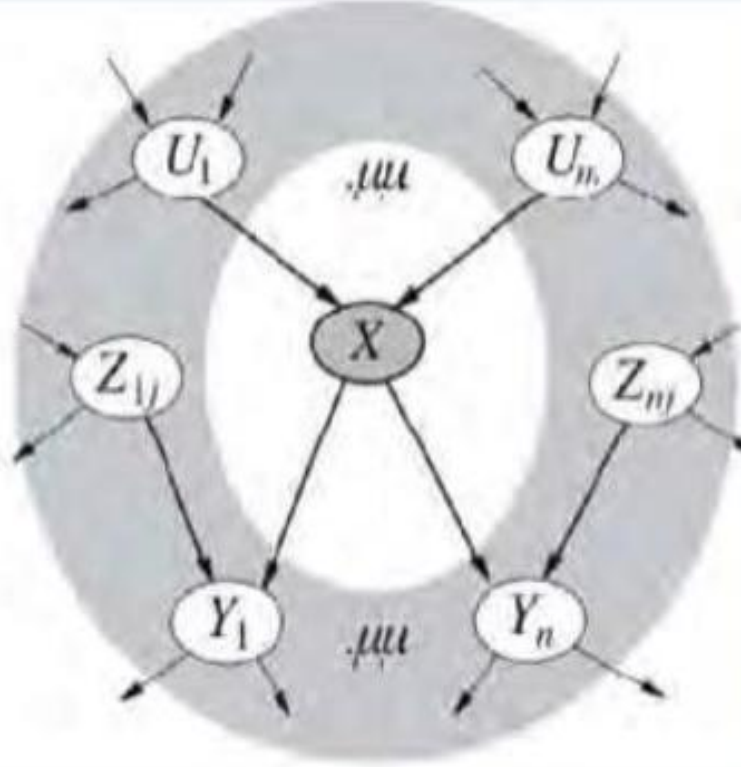
- 2. A node is conditionally independent of all other nodes in the network, given its parents, children, and children's parents—that is, given its Markov blanket.
  - For example, *Burglary* is independent of *JohnCalls* and *MaryCalls*, given *Alarm* and *Earthquake*.



# Bayesian Belief Network



(a)



(b)

Figure 14.4 (a) A node  $X$  is conditionally independent of its non-descendants (e.g., the  $Z_{ij}$ s) given its parents (the  $U_i$ s shown in the gray area). (b) A node  $X$  is conditionally independent of all other nodes in the network given its Markov blanket (the gray area).



## Inferences in Bayesian Network - Purpose

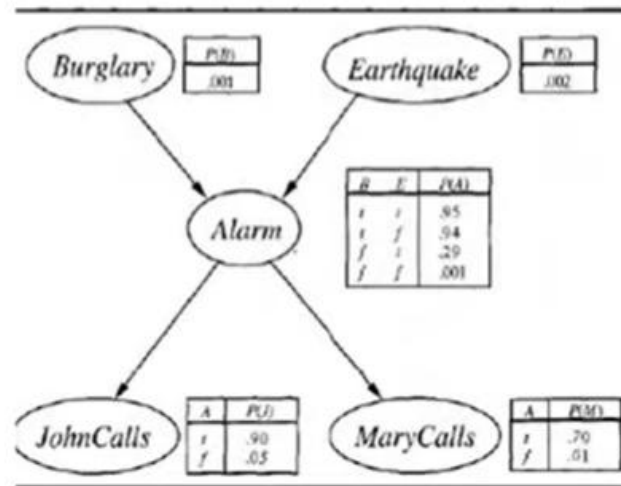
- Probabilistic Inference System is to compute Posterior Probability Distribution for a set of query variables, given some observed events.
- That is, some assignment of values to a set of evidence variables.

## Inference in Bayesian Networks - Notations

- $X$  – denotes the query variable
- $E$  - set of evidence variables  $\{E_1, \dots, E_m\}$
- $e$  – particular observed event
- $Y$  – non-evidence, non-query variables,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ . (Called the hidden variables)
- The complete set of variables -  $X = \{X\} \cup E \cup Y$
- A typical query asks for the Posterior Probability Distribution  $P(X|e)$

# Approximate Inference Belief Networks

- In the burglary network, we might observe the event in which
  - *JohnCalls = true and MaryCalls = true.*
- We could then ask for, say, the probability that a burglary has occurred:
  - *$P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{JohnCalls} = \text{true}, \text{MaryCalls} = \text{true}) = (0.284, 0.716)$*



## Types of Inferences

- Inference by Enumeration.
  - (inference by listing or recording all variables)
- Inference by Variable Elimination.
  - (inference by variable removal)



## Inference by Enumeration

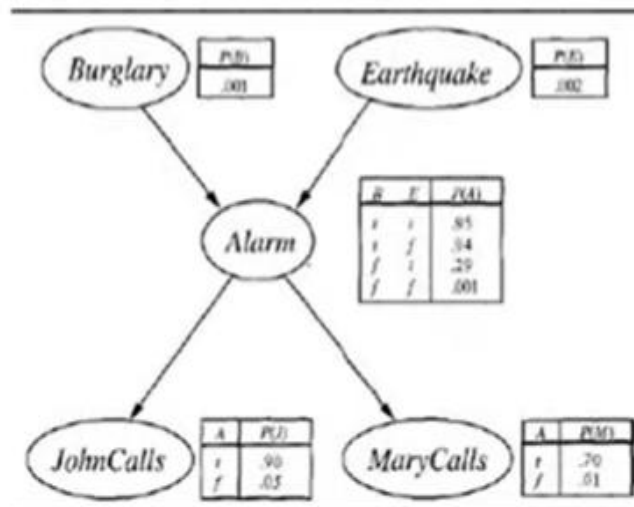
- Any conditional probability can be computed by summing terms from the full joint distribution.
- More specifically, a query  $P(X|e)$  can be answered using equation:

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

- Where  $\alpha$  is normalized constant
- $X$  – Query Variable
- $e$  – event
- $y$  – number of terms

## Inference by Enumeration...

- Consider  $P(\text{Burglary} \mid \text{JohnCalls} = \text{true}, \text{MaryCalls} = \text{true})$
- Burglary – query variable (X)
- JohnCalls – Evidence variable 1 (E1)
- MaryCalls – Evidence Variable 2 (E2)
- The hidden variables of this query are earthquake and alarm



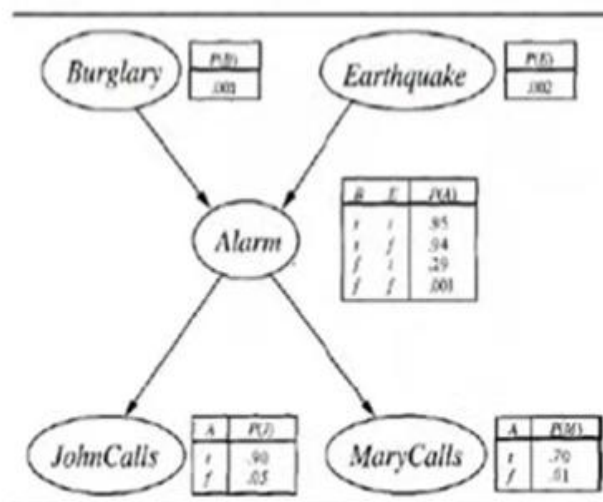
## Inference by Enumeration...

- Using initial letter for the variables to shorten the expression we have

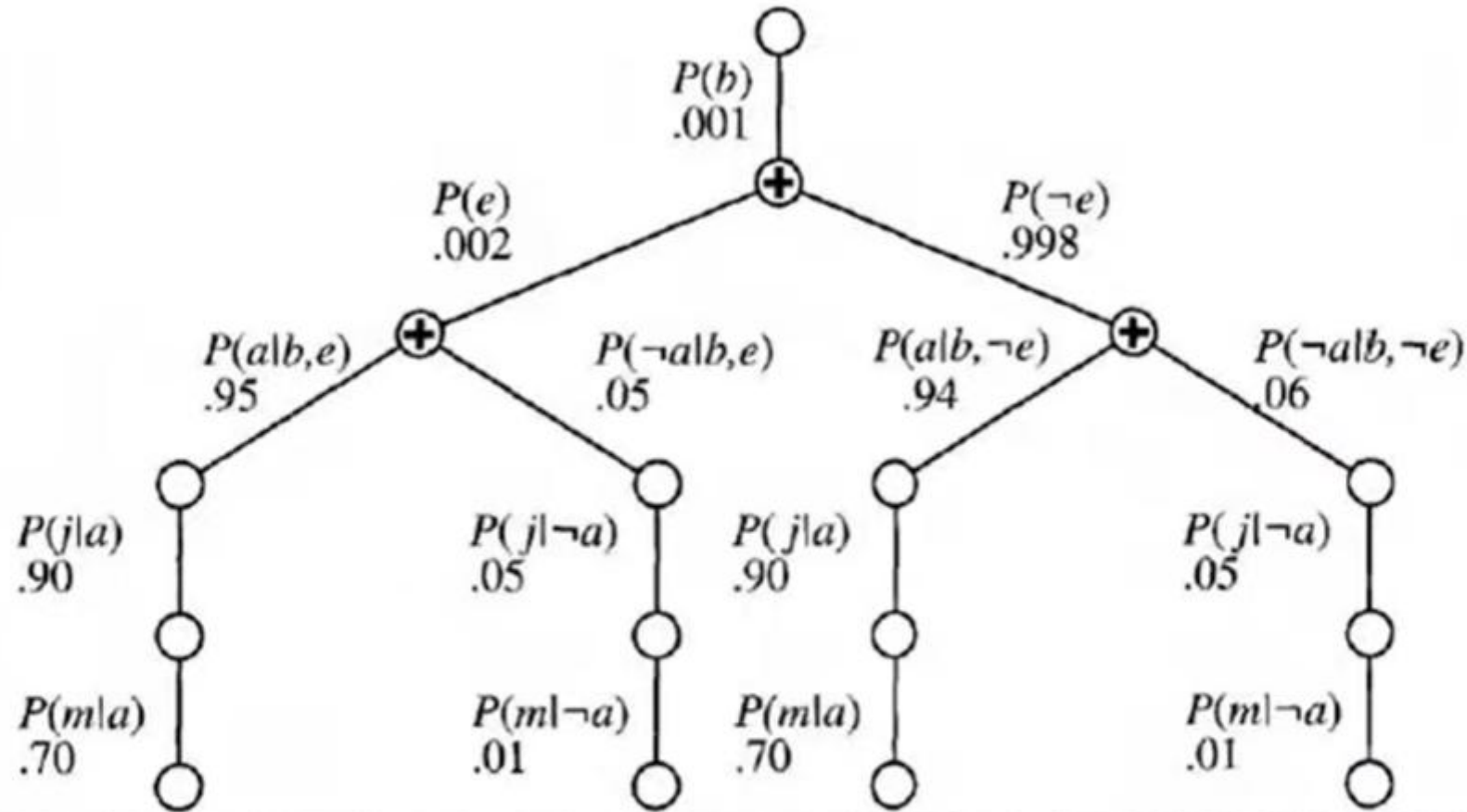
$$\mathbf{P}(B|j, m) = \alpha \mathbf{P}(B, j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a \mathbf{P}(B, e, a, j, m)$$

- The semantic of Bayesian network give us an expression, in terms of CPT entries, for simplicity we do this just for **Burglary = true**

$$P(b|j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(b)P(e)P(a|b, e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$$



# Approximate Inference Belief Networks



**Figure 14.8** The structure of the expression shown in Equation (14.3). The evaluation proceeds top-down, multiplying values along each path and summing at the "+" nodes. Notice the repetition of the paths for  $j$  and  $m$ .



## Inference by Variable Elimination

- The enumeration algorithm can be improved substantially by elimination repeated calculations.
- The idea is simple: do the calculation once and solve the result for later use. This is a form of dynamic programming.

## Inference by Variable Elimination ...

- Variable elimination works by evaluating expressions,
- previous equation (derived in inference by enumeration )

$$P(b|j, m) = \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(b)P(e)P(a|b, e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$$

- From this the repeated variables are separated

$$P(b|j, m) = \alpha P(b) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a|b, e)P(j|a)P(m|a)$$

## Inference by Variable Elimination ...

- **Intermediate results** are stored, and **summations** of each variable are done, for only those portion of the expression, that depends on the variable.
- Let us illustrate this process for the burglary network.
- We evaluate the expression

$$\mathbf{P}(B|j, m) = \alpha \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(B)}_B \sum_e \underbrace{P(e)}_E \sum_a \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(a|B, e)}_A \underbrace{P(j|a)}_J \underbrace{P(m|a)}_M$$

- We have annotated each part of the expression with the name of the **associated variable**; these parts are called **factors**

## Inference by Variable Elimination ...

- For example, the factors  $f_4(a)$  and  $f_5(a)$  corresponding to  $P(j | a)$  and  $P(m | a)$  depending just on  $A$  because  $J$  and  $M$  are fixed by the query.
- They are therefore two element vectors.

$$f_4(A) = \begin{pmatrix} P(j|a) \\ P(j|\neg a) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.90 \\ 0.05 \end{pmatrix} \quad f_5(A) = \begin{pmatrix} P(m|a) \\ P(m|\neg a) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.70 \\ 0.01 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Inference by Variable Elimination – Example

- Given two factors  $f_1(A, B)$  and  $f_2(B, C)$  with probability distributions shown below, the pointwise product  $f_1 \times f_2 = f_3(A, B, C)$  has  $2^{1+1+1}=8$  :

A	B	$f_1(A, B)$	B	C	$f_2(B, C)$	A	B	C	$f_3(A, B, C)$
T	T	.3	T	T	.2	T	T	T	$.3 \times .2$
T	F	.7	T	F	.8	T	T	F	$.3 \times .8$
F	T	.9	F	T	.6	T	F	T	$.7 \times .6$
F	F	.1	F	F	.4	T	F	F	$.7 \times .4$
						F	T	T	$.9 \times .2$
						F	T	F	$.9 \times .8$
						F	F	T	$.1 \times .6$
						F	F	F	$.1 \times .4$

# Note for Students

- ❑ This power point presentation is for lecture, therefore it is suggested that also utilize the text books and lecture notes.
- ❑ Also Refer the solved and unsolved examples of Text and Reference Books.