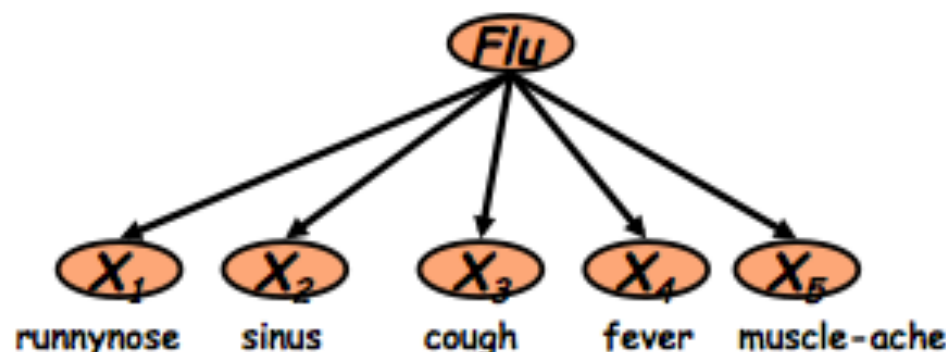


Bayesian Networks





The Naive Bayes Classifier



- **Conditional Independence**
Assumption: features are independent of each other **given the class:**

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_5 | C) = P(X_1 | C) \cdot P(X_2 | C) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_5 | C)$$

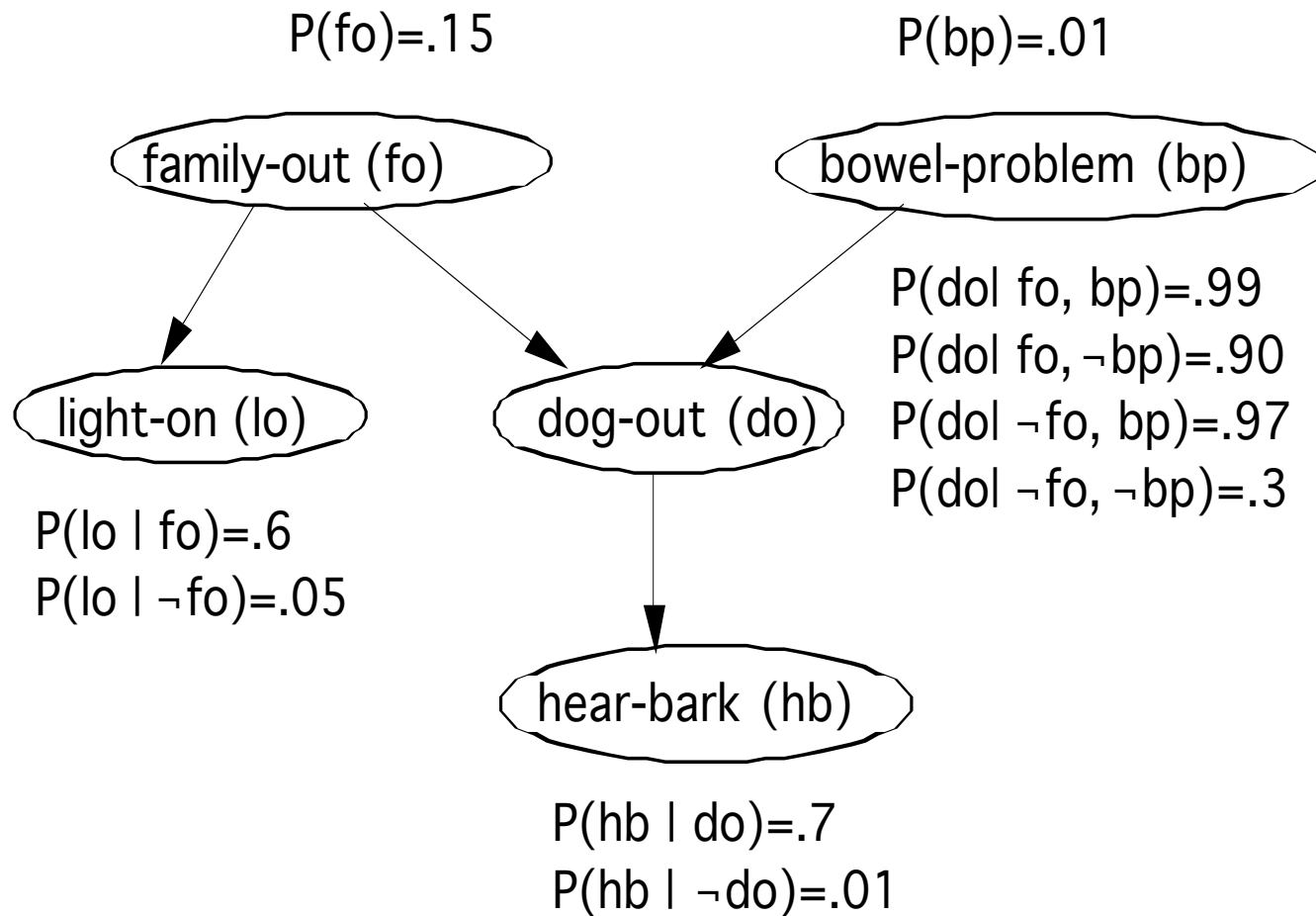
Bayesian Network

- Independence assumptions
 - Seems to be necessary for probabilistic inference to be practical.
- Naïve Bayes Method
 - Makes independence assumptions that are often not true
 - Also called Idiot Bayes Method for this reason.
- Bayesian Network
 - Explicitly models the independence relationships in the data.
 - Use these independence relationships to make probabilistic inferences.
 - Also known as: Belief Net, Bayes Net, Causal Net, ...

Bayesian Networks: Definition

- Bayesian networks are directed acyclic graphs (DAGs).
- Nodes in Bayesian networks represent random variables, which are normally assumed to take on discrete values.
- The links of the network represent direct probabilistic influence.
- The structure of the network represents the probabilistic dependence/independence relationships between the random variables represented by the nodes.

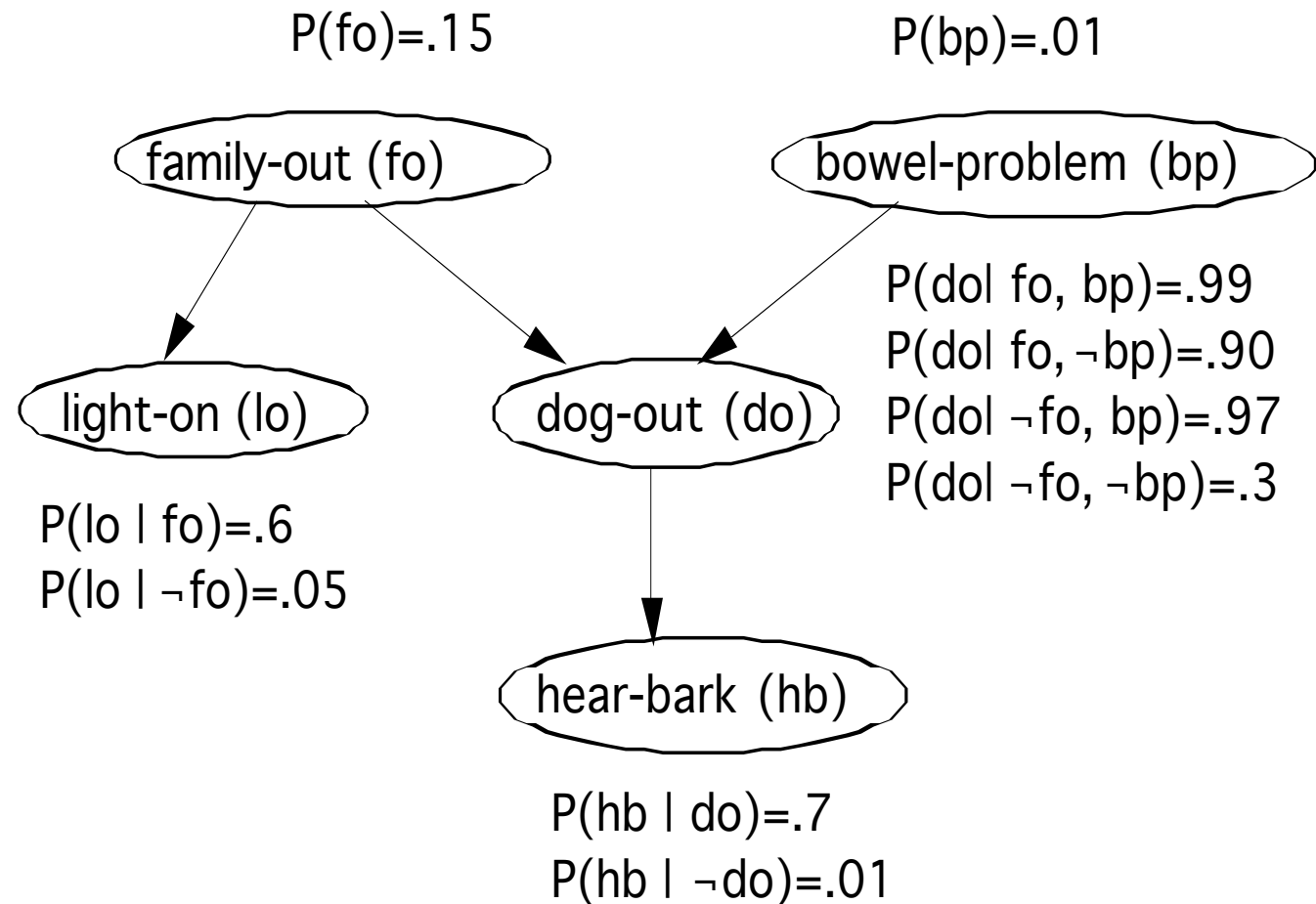
Example



Bayesian Network: Probabilities

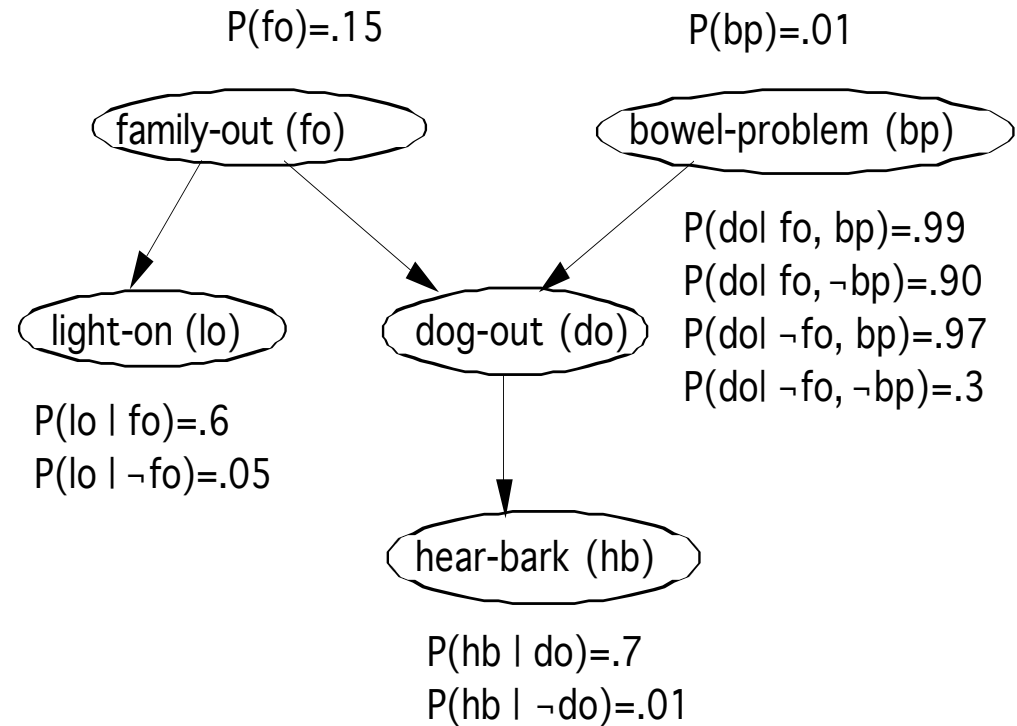
- The nodes and links are quantified with probability distributions.
- The root nodes (those with no ancestors) are assigned prior probability distributions.
- The other nodes are assigned with the conditional probability distribution of the node given its parents.

Example



Probabilistic Inference

Network represents the joint probability over all the variables

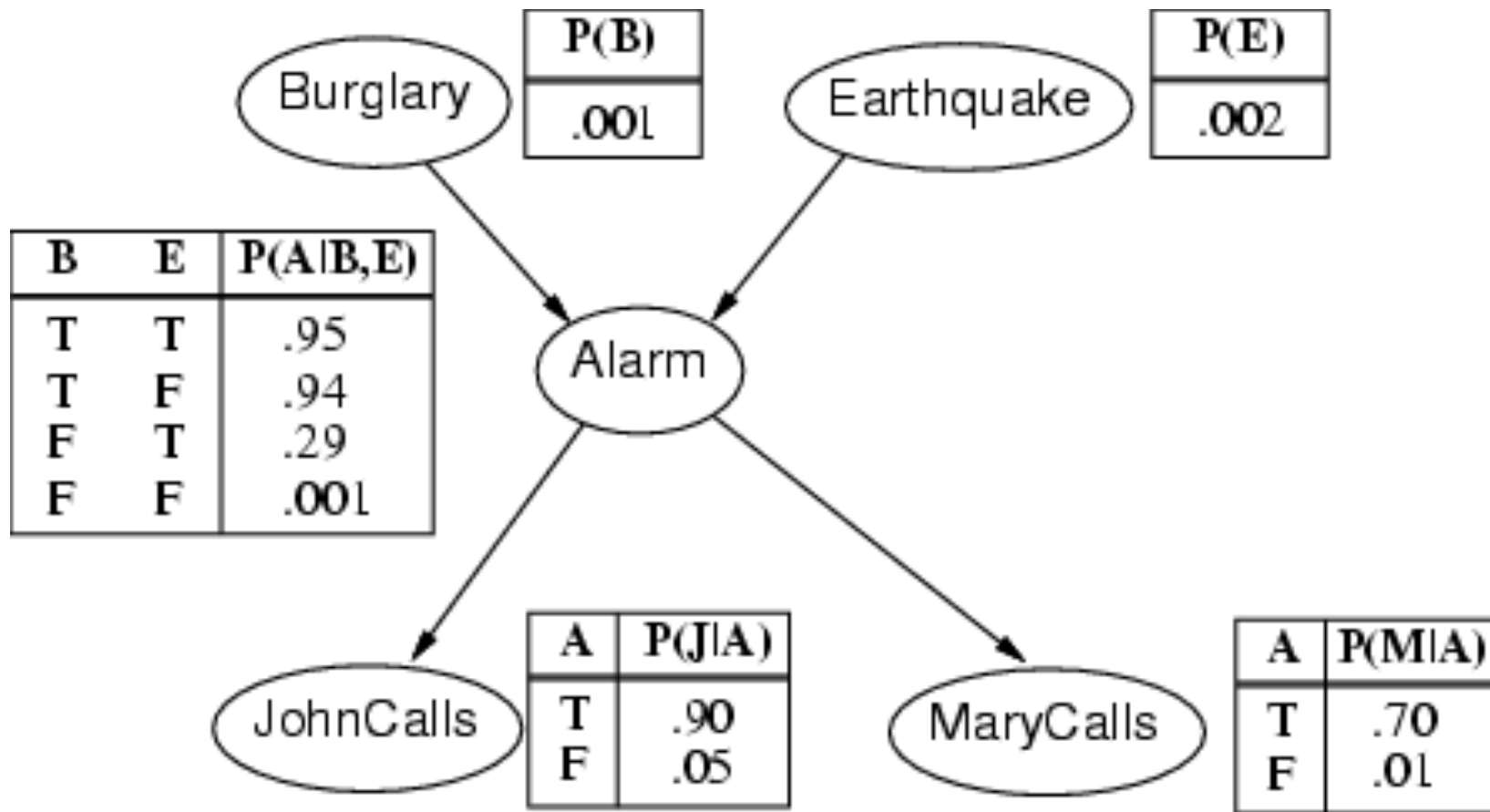


$$\begin{aligned}
 P(hb, do, lo, fo, bp) &= P(hb | do, lo, fo, bp) * P(do, lo, fo, bp) \\
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 &= P(hb | do, lo, fo, bp) * P(do | lo, fo, bp) * P(lo | fo, bp) P(fo | bp) P(bp)
 \end{aligned}$$

Compactness

- How many numbers are required to build a Bayes Net?
 - For a Boolean variable X_i with k Boolean parents, how many rows in the CPT?
 - If each variable has no more than k parents and there are n nodes in the network, how many numbers required?
- How many numbers required to specify the full joint distribution?

Another Example



Constructing Bayesian networks

- 1. Choose an ordering of variables X_1, \dots, X_n
- 2. For $i = 1$ to n
 - add X_i to the network
 - select parents from X_1, \dots, X_{i-1} such that
$$\mathbf{P}(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i)) = \mathbf{P}(X_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})$$

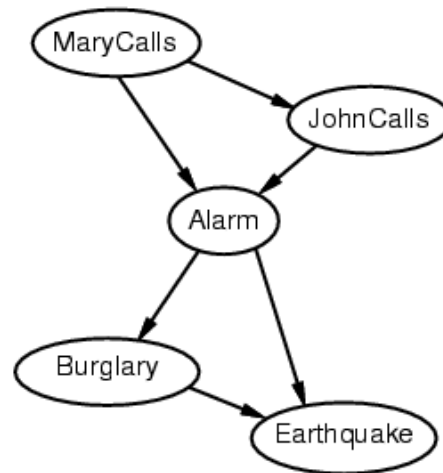
This choice of parents guarantees:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) \text{ (chain rule)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i)) \text{ (by construction)}\end{aligned}$$

Example

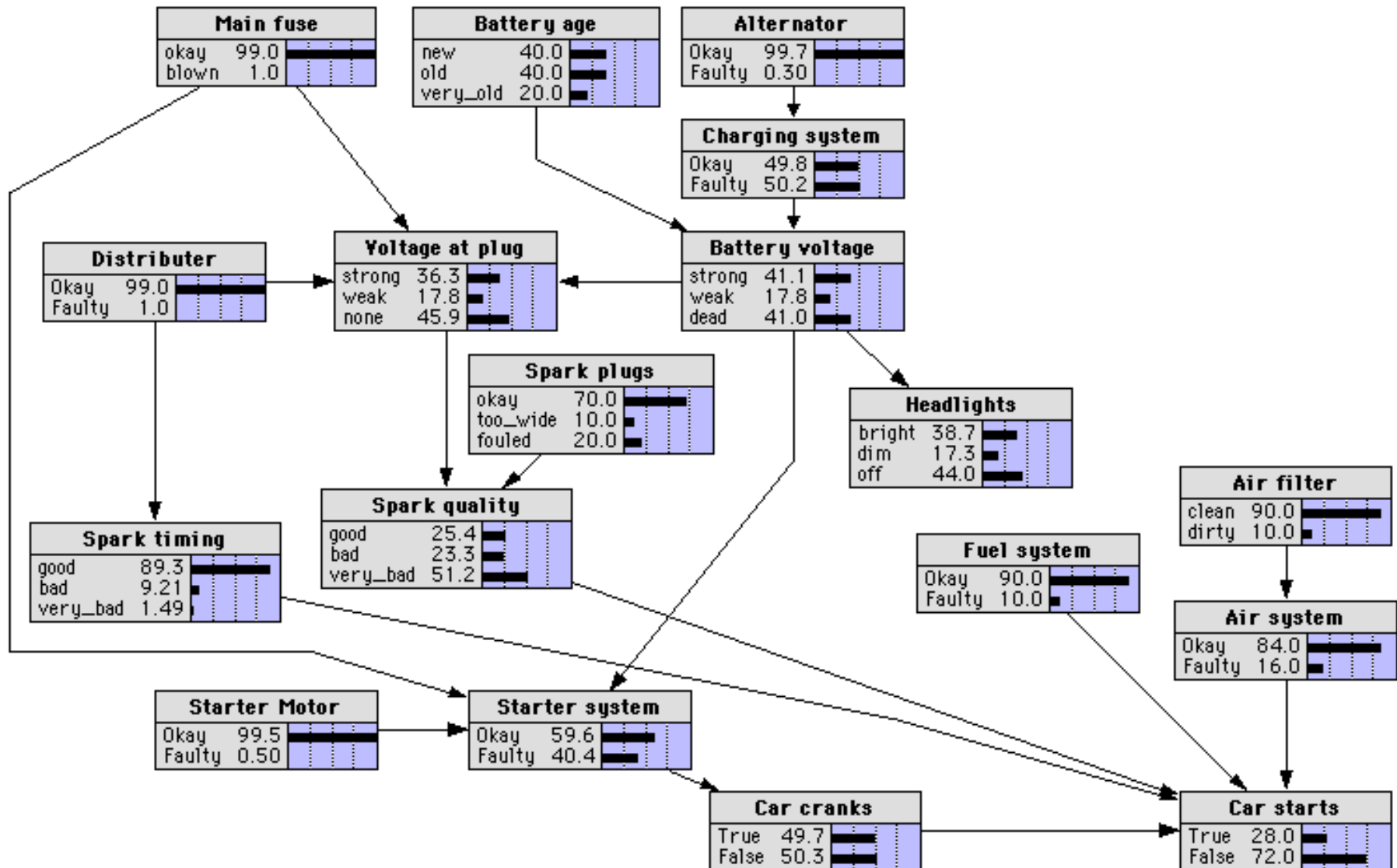
- Suppose we choose the ordering M, J, A, B, E

Example contd.

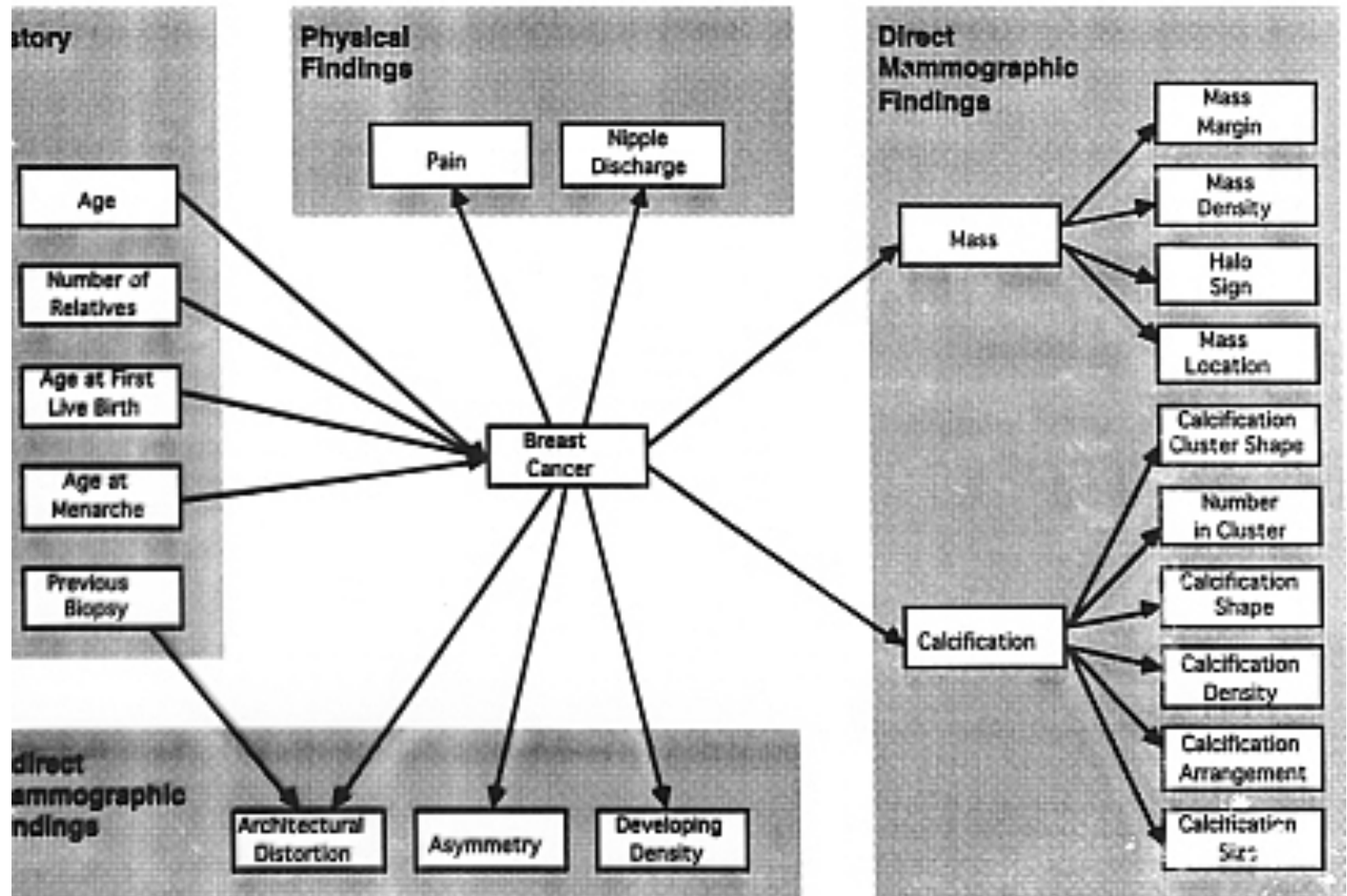


- Deciding conditional independence is hard in noncausal directions
- (Causal models and conditional independence seem hardwired for humans!)
- Network is less compact: $1 + 2 + 4 + 2 + 4 = 13$ numbers needed

Example: Car Diagnosis



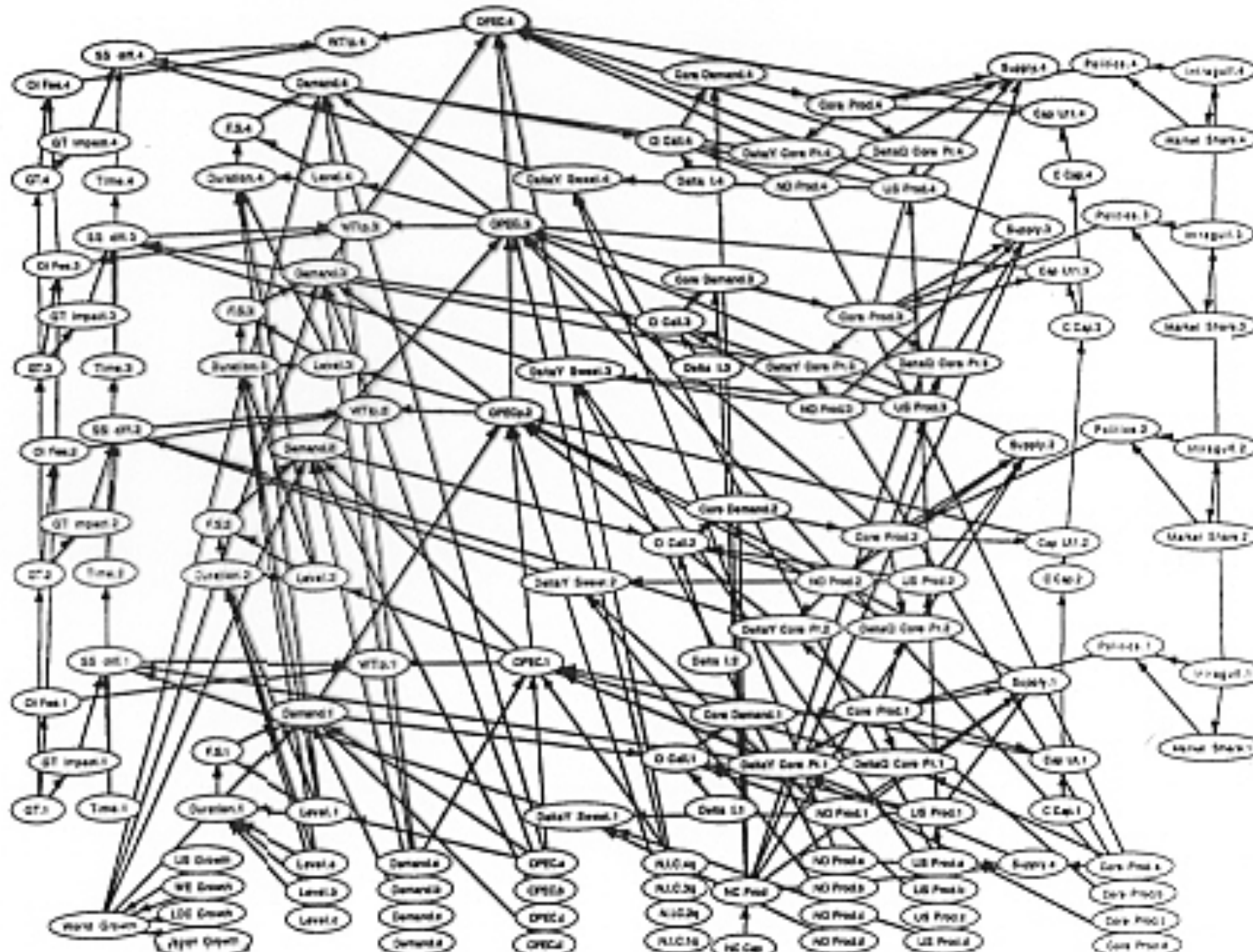
MammoNet



ARCO1: Forecasting Oil Prices

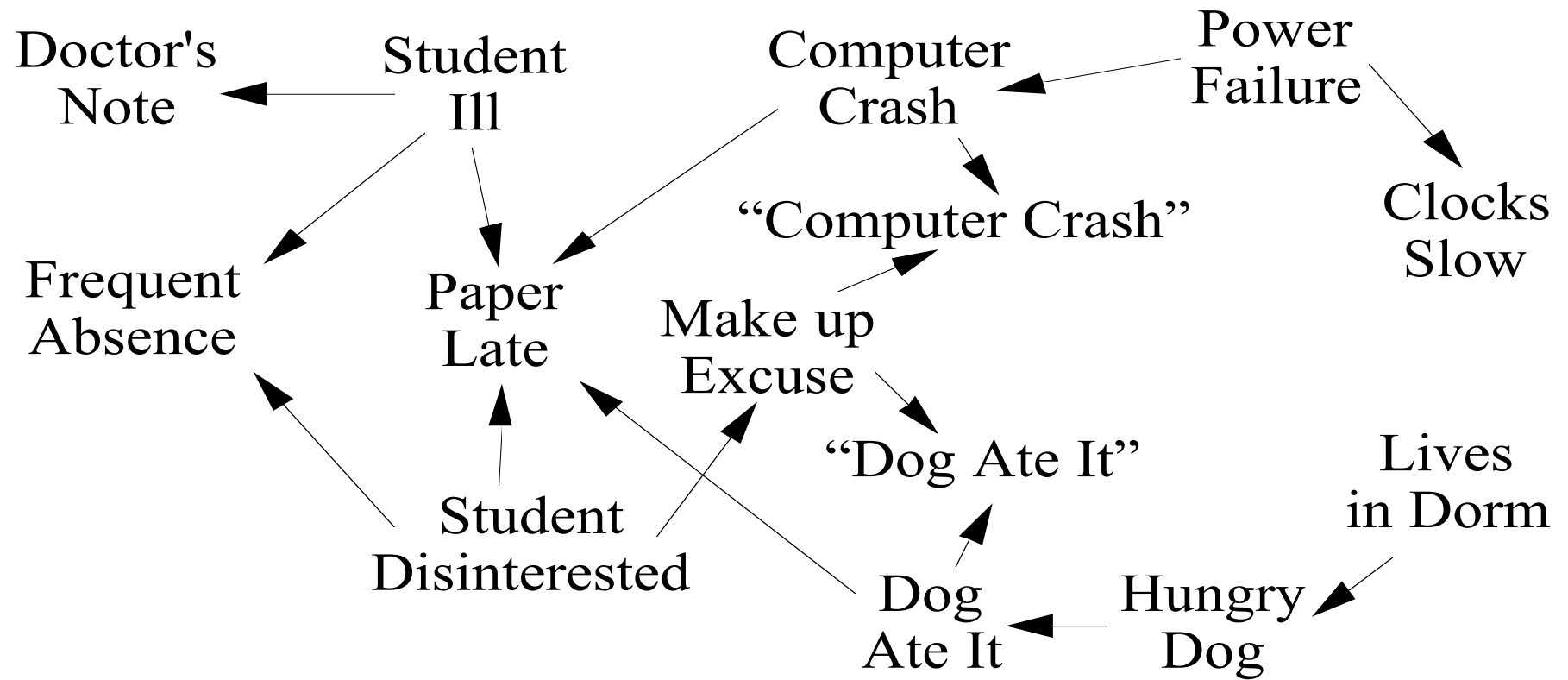


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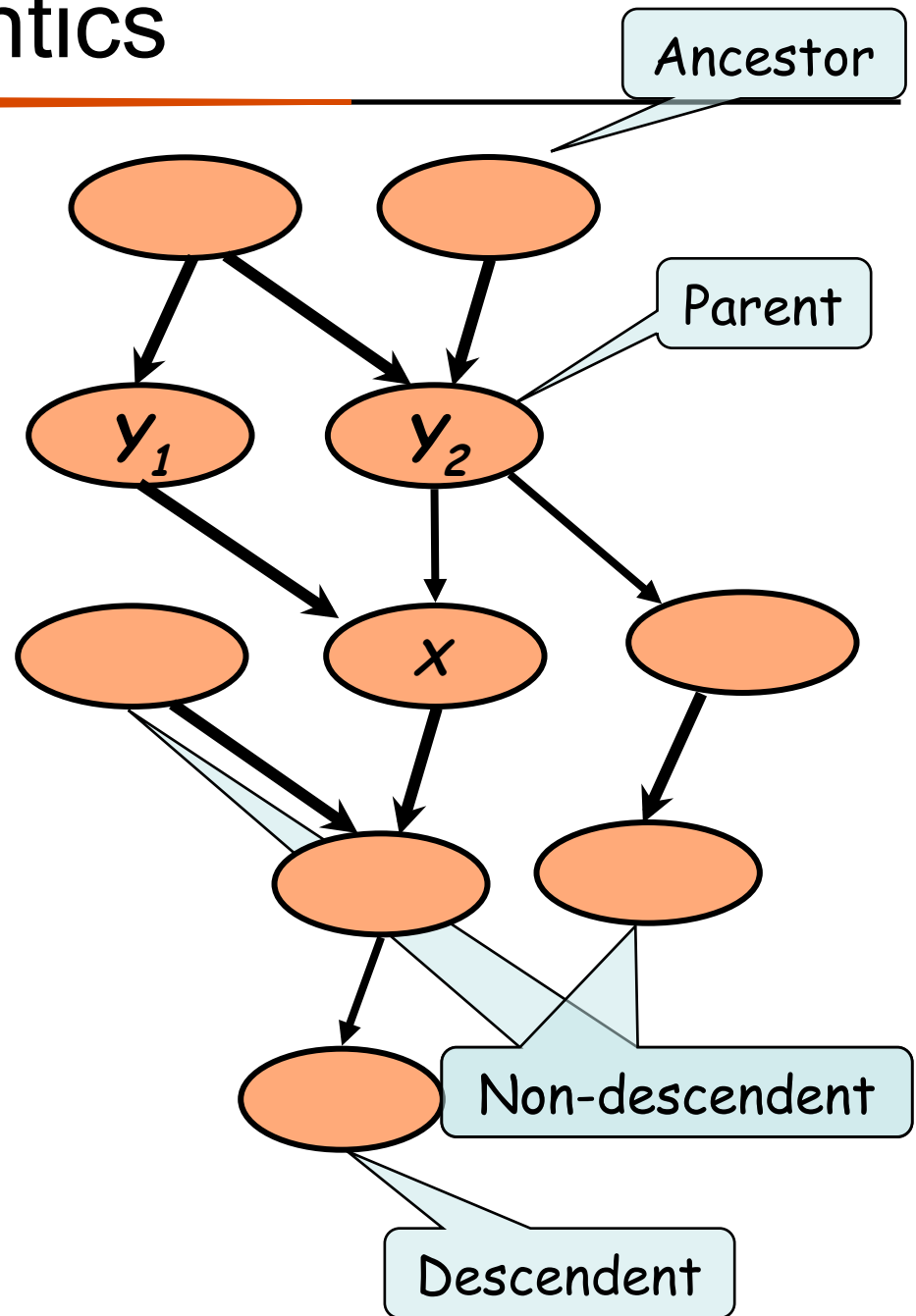


Construct a Bayes Net...

- ...to reason about why a student's homework was late
- Choose your variables. Consider things like:
 - Why was the homework late?
 - What kind of a student is this person?
 - What other behaviors might you observe?
- Then build the network

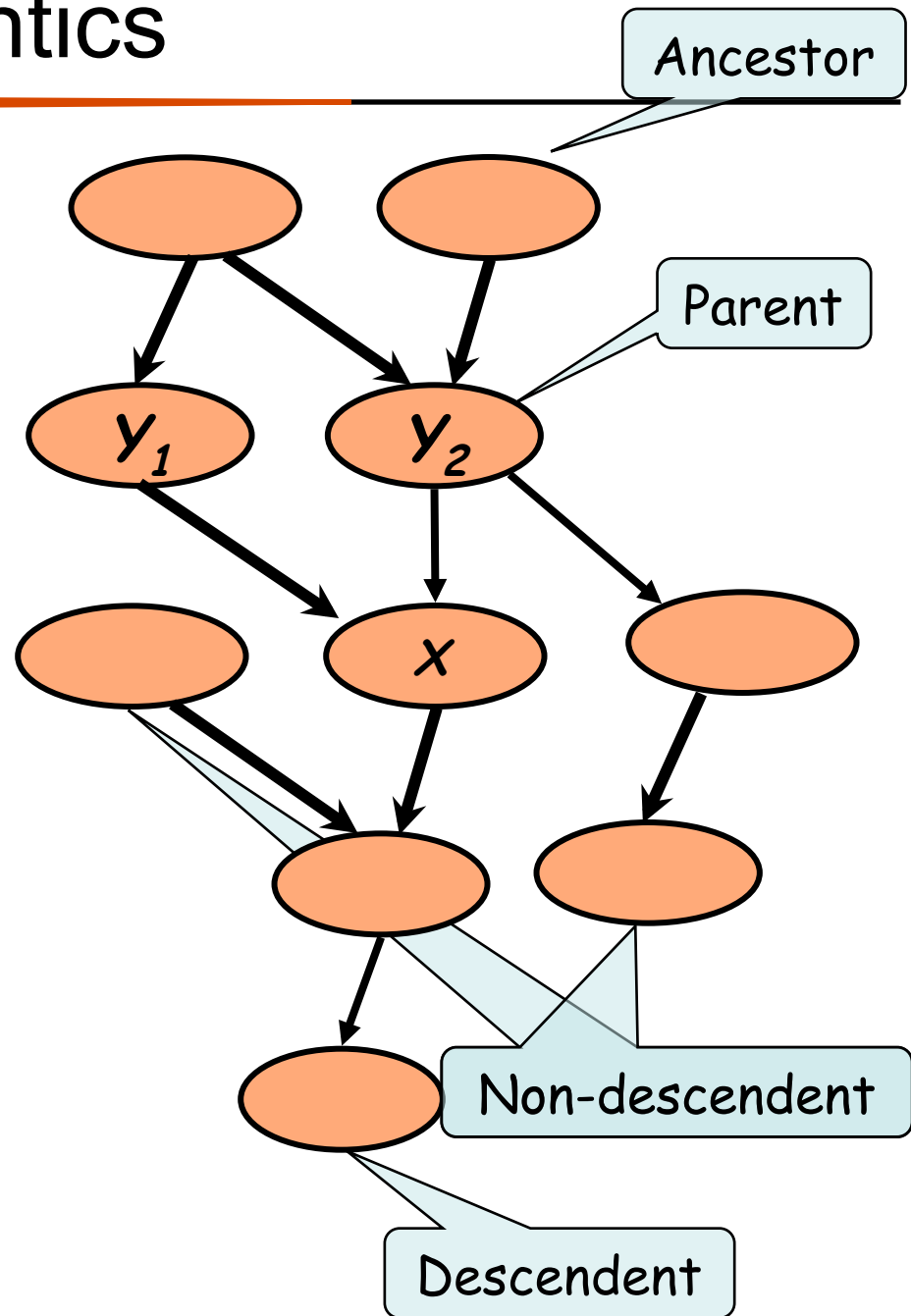


Topological Semantics



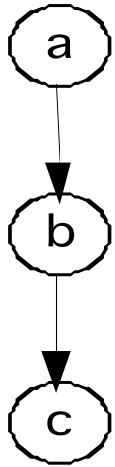
Topological Semantics

Local Markov Assumption:
A variable X is independent
of its non-descendants
given its parents

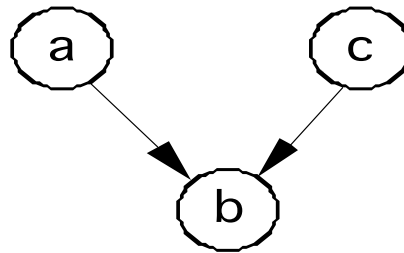


Three Types of Connections

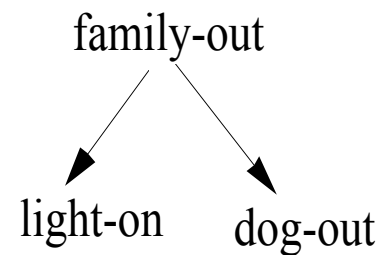
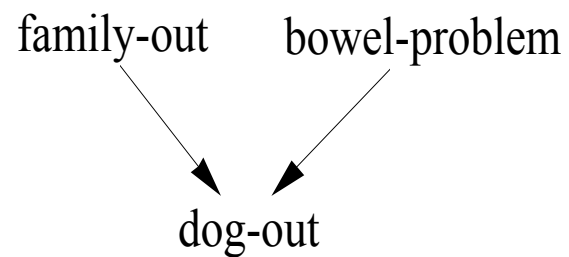
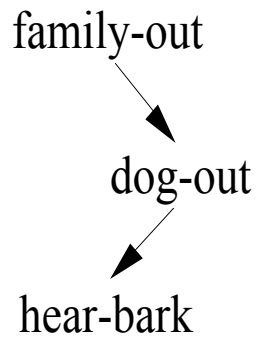
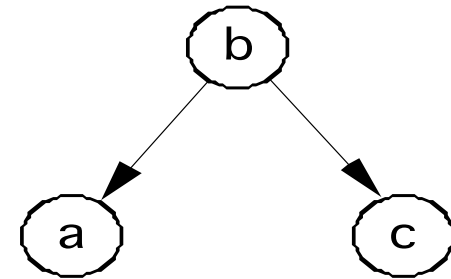
Linear



Converging

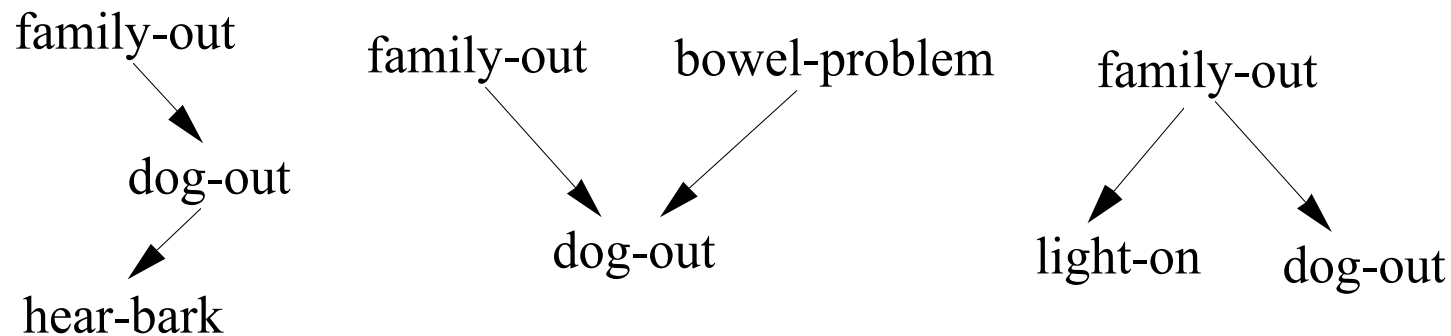


Diverging

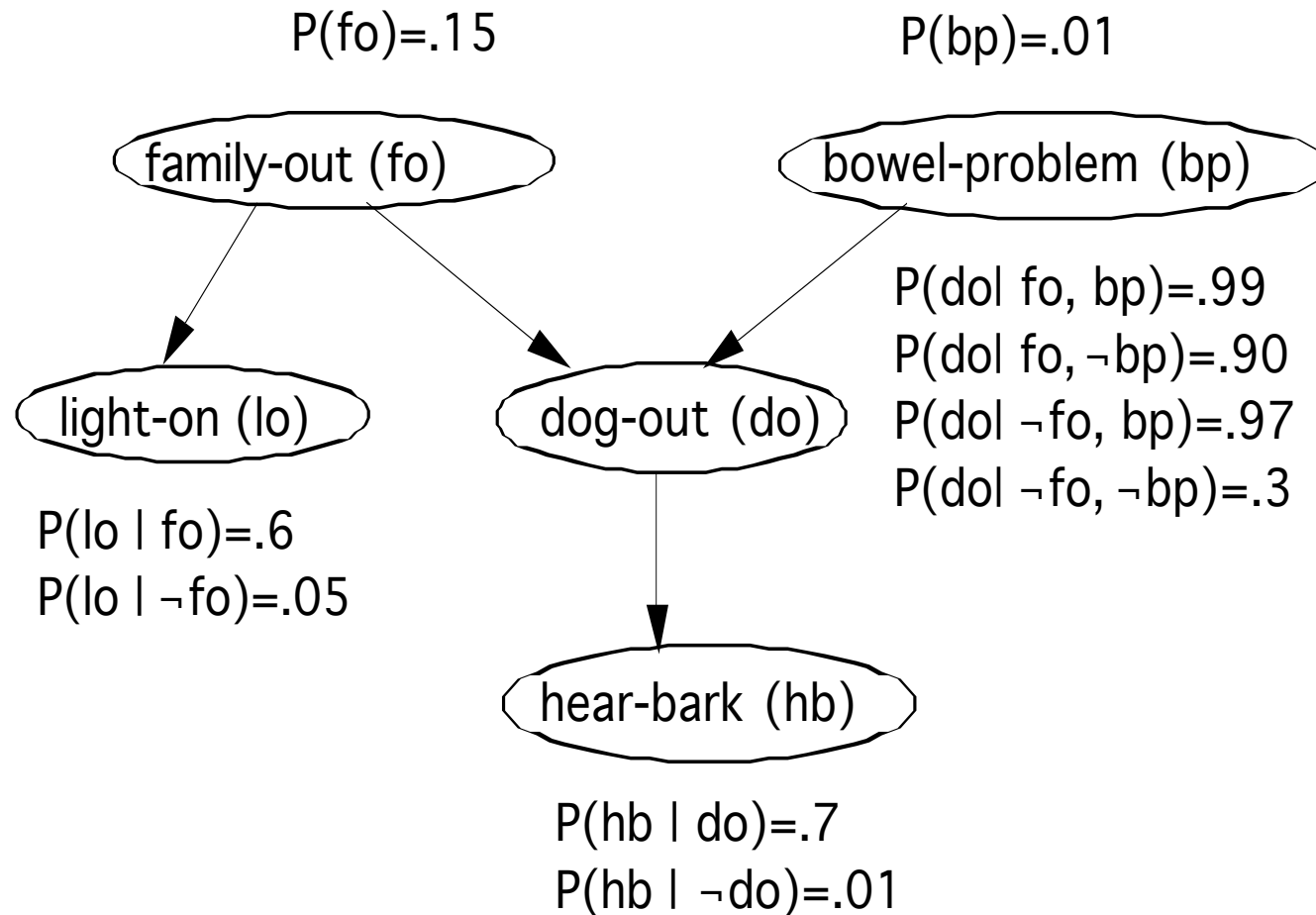


Connection Pattern and Independence

- **Linear connection:** The two end variables are dependent on each other. The middle variable renders them independent.
- **Converging connection:** The two end variables are independent of each other. The middle variable renders them dependent.
- **Divergent connection:** The two end variables are dependent on each other. The middle variable renders them independent.



Bayes nets represent joint probabilities



$$P(\text{fo}, \neg \text{lo}, \text{do}, \text{hb}, \neg \text{bp}) = ?$$

Inference in Bayesian Networks

- The inputs to a Bayesian Network evaluation algorithm is a set of evidences: e.g.,

$E = \{ \text{hear-bark=true, lights-on=true} \}$

- The outputs of Bayesian Network evaluation algorithm are

- Simple queries

$$P(X_i | E)$$

where X_i is a variable in the network.

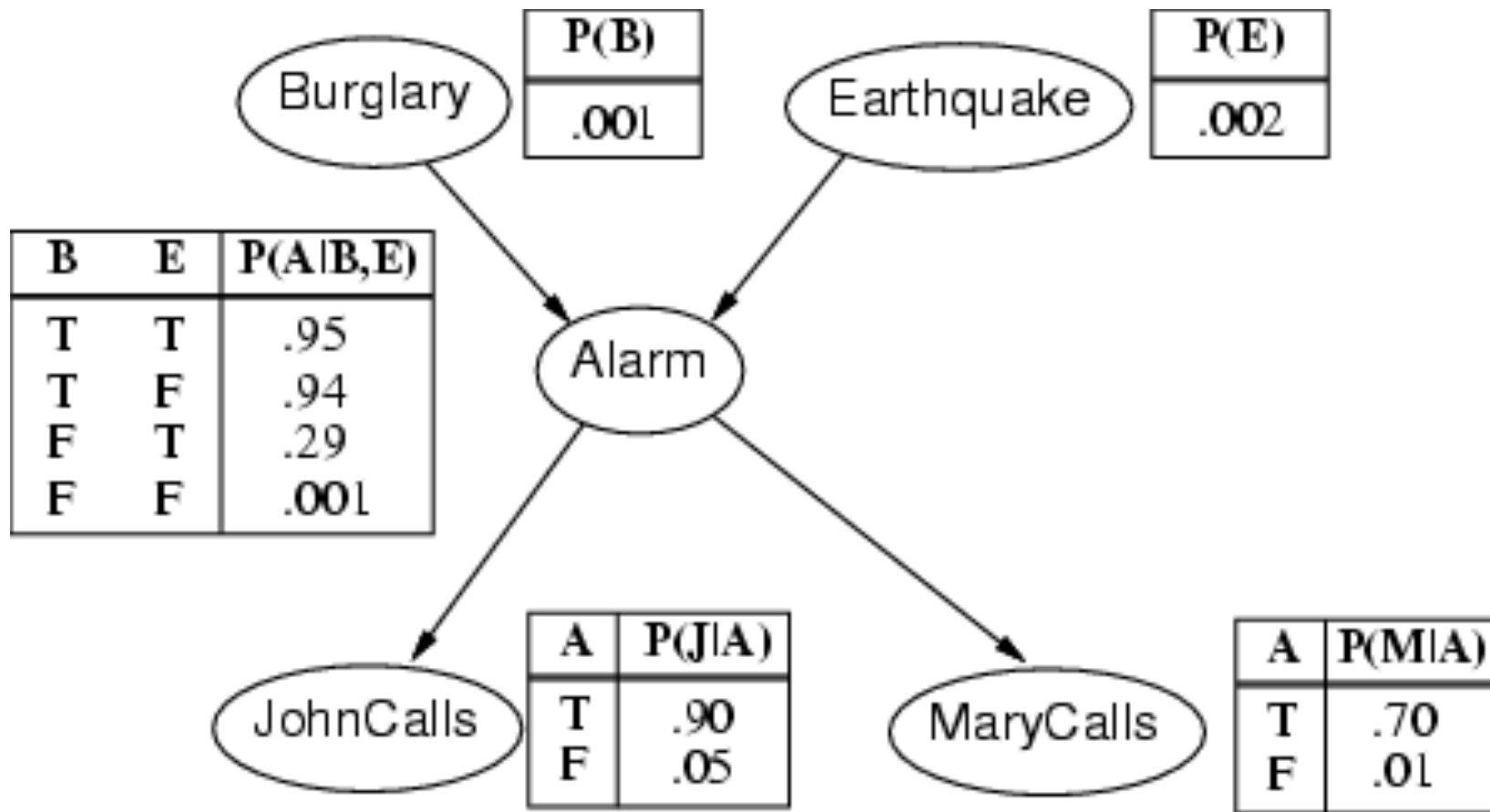
- conjunctive queries:

$$P(X_i, X_j | E)$$

Inference Overview

- Exact Inference: Today
 - Enumeration
 - Variable Elimination
 - Belief Propagation
- Approximate Inference: Tuesday

Reminder: Burglary network

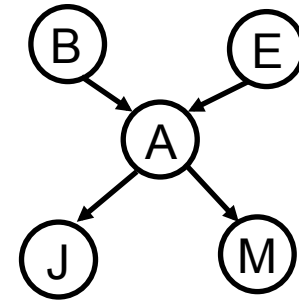


Inference by Enumeration

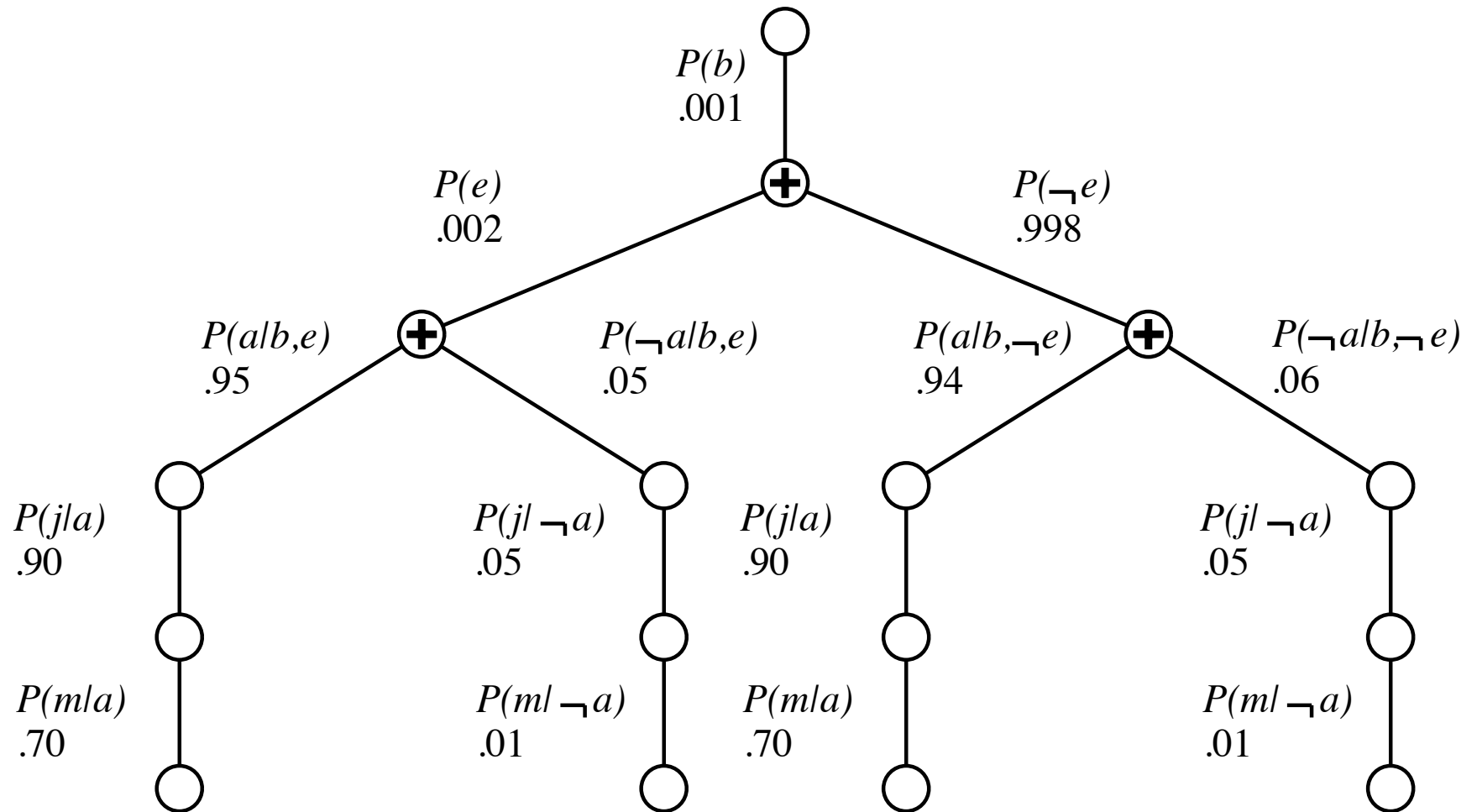
- Bayes Nets represent a joint probability

Simple query on the burglary network:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(B|j,m) \\ &= P(B,j,m) / P(j,m) \\ &= \alpha P(B,j,m) \\ &= \alpha \sum_e \sum_a P(B,e,a,j,m) \end{aligned}$$



Evaluation Tree



Inference By Variable Elimination

- Carry out sums from right to left, storing intermediate results to avoid recomputation

$$\begin{aligned} P(B|j, m) &= \alpha \underbrace{P(B)}_B \sum_e \underbrace{P(e)}_E \sum_a \underbrace{P(a|B, e)}_A \underbrace{P(j|a)}_J \underbrace{P(m|a)}_M \\ &= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a|B, e) P(j|a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a P(a|B, e) f_J(a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) \sum_a f_A(a, b, e) f_J(a) f_M(a) \\ &= \alpha P(B) \sum_e P(e) f_{\bar{A}JM}(b, e) \text{ (sum out } A) \\ &= \alpha P(B) f_{\bar{E}\bar{A}JM}(b) \text{ (sum out } E) \\ &= \alpha f_B(b) \times f_{\bar{E}\bar{A}JM}(b) \end{aligned}$$

Variable Elimination: Details

- To sum out a variable from a product of factors:
 - Move any constant factors outside the sum
 - Add up submatrices in **pointwise product** of remaining factors

$$\sum_x f_1 \times \cdots \times f_k = f_1 \times \cdots \times f_i \sum_x f_{i+1} \times \cdots \times f_k = f_1 \times \cdots \times f_i \times f_{\bar{X}}$$

f_1, \dots, f_i do not depend on x

Pointwise product of factors f_1 and f_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_j, y_1, \dots, y_k) \times f_2(y_1, \dots, y_k, z_1, \dots, z_l) \\ = f(x_1, \dots, x_j, y_1, \dots, y_k, z_1, \dots, z_l) \end{aligned}$$

E.g., $f_1(a, b) \times f_2(b, c) = f(a, b, c)$

Pointwise Product

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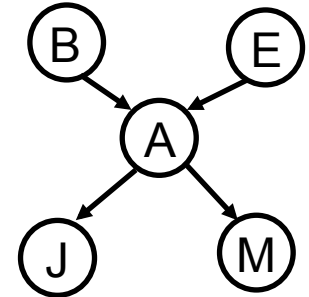
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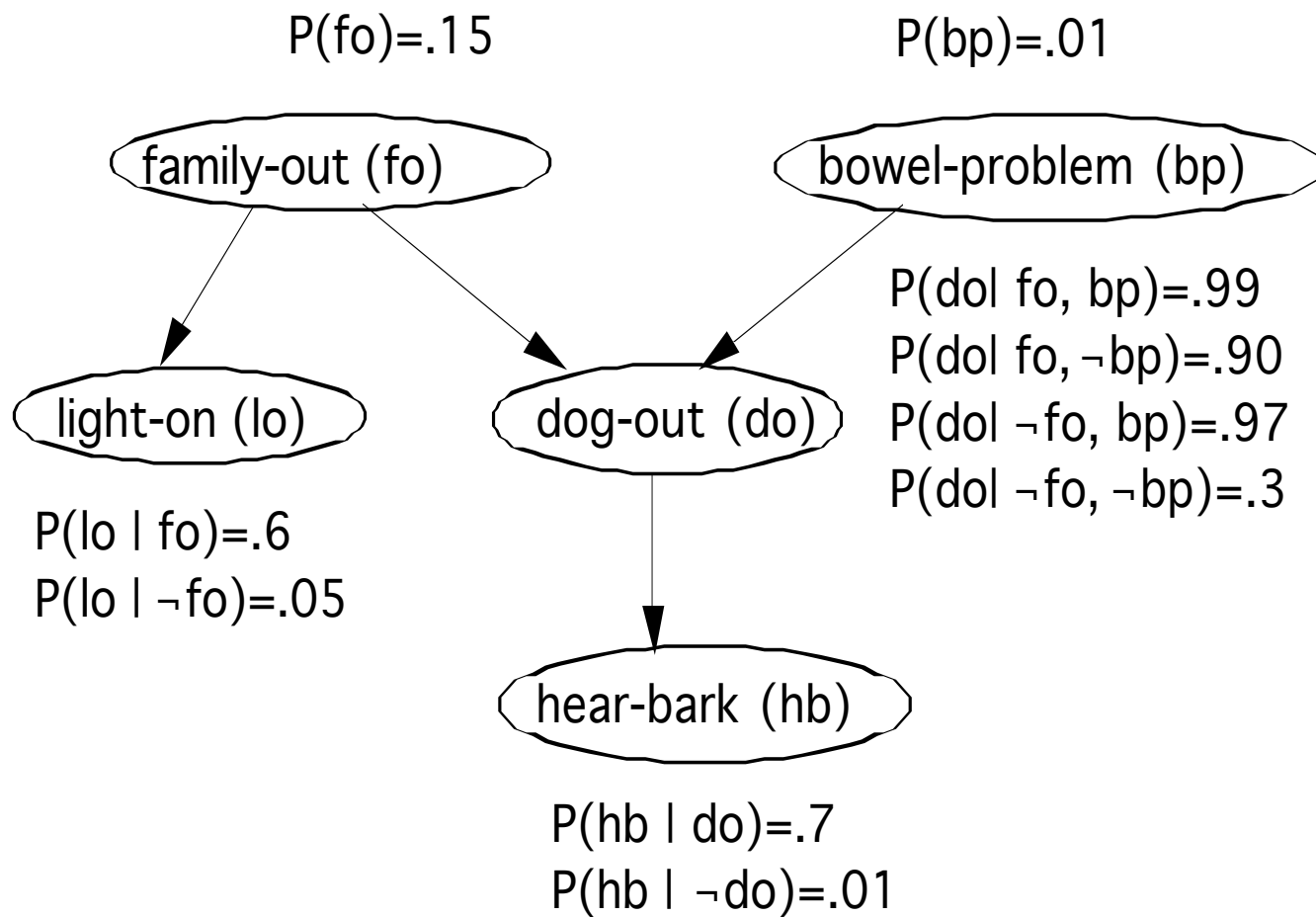
A	B	$f_1(A,B)$	B	C	$f_2(B,C)$	A	B	C	$f_3(A,B,C)$
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T	F	.7	T	F	.8	T	T	F	
F	T	.9	F	T	.6	T	F	T	
F	F	.1	F	F	.4	T	F	F	
						F	T	T	
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Irrelevant variables

- What if you want to know $P(J|b)$?



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

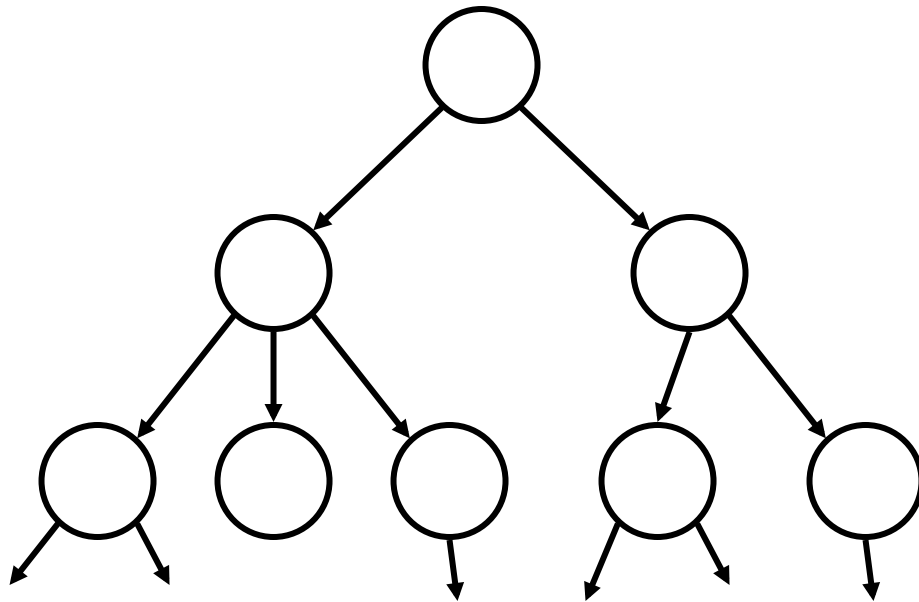


So is VE any better than Enumeration?

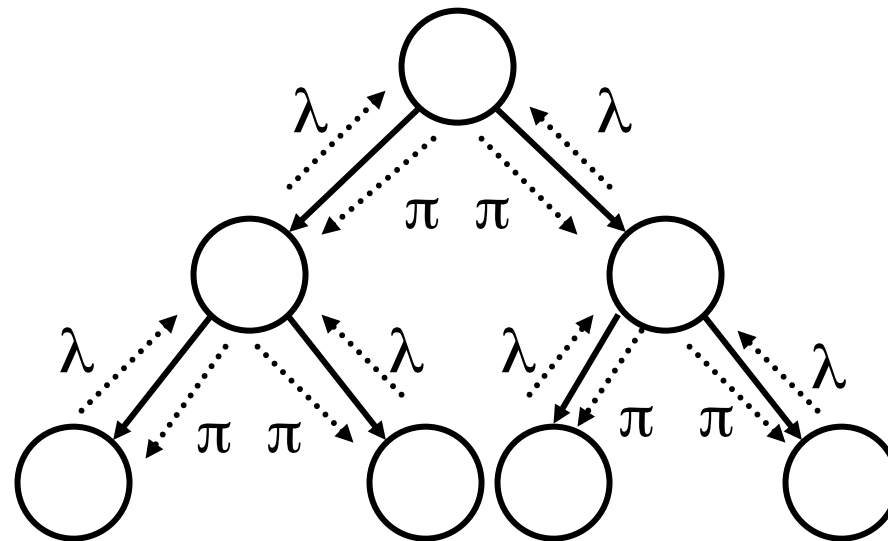
- Yes and No...
 - For singly-connected networks (poly-trees), YES
 - In general, NO...

Bayesian Network Inference

- **But...**inference is still tractable in some cases.
- Special case: trees (each node has one parent)
- VE is LINEAR in this case



Another Algorithm: Belief Propagation



Conjunctive queries

- What if we want, e.g., $P(A, B \mid C)$ instead of just marginal distributions $P(A \mid C)$ and $P(B \mid C)$?
- Just use chain rule (successive applications of the product rule):
 - $P(A, B \mid C) = P(A \mid B, C) P(B \mid C)$
 - Each of the latter probabilities can be computed using the technique just discussed.

Summary

- Bayesian networks encode independence assumptions
- Inference in Bayes Nets is inherently difficult, unless the network has special structure
- Variable Elimination and Belief Propagation save time by:
 - Exploiting independence
 - Storing intermediate results

