

CS 760: Machine Learning
Probability & Graphical Models: Part II

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Announcements

- **Logistics:**

- HW 5 due coming Tuesday.

- **Class roadmap:**

	Graphical Models
	Less-than-full Supervision
	Unsupervised Learning I
	Unsupervised Learning II

Outline

- **Probability Tutorial**

- Basics, joint probability, conditional probabilities, etc

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Basics: **Axioms**

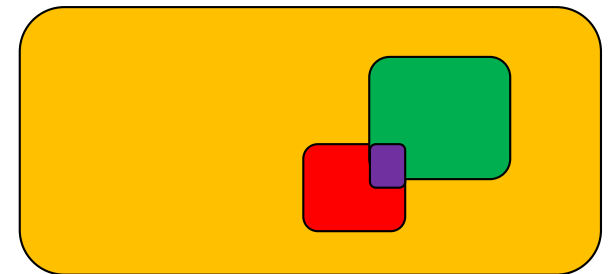
- Rules for probability:

- For all events $E \in \mathcal{F}, P(E) \geq 0$
- Always, $P(\emptyset) = 0, P(\Omega) = 1$
- For disjoint events,

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2)$$

- Easy to derive other laws. Ex: non-disjoint events

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$$

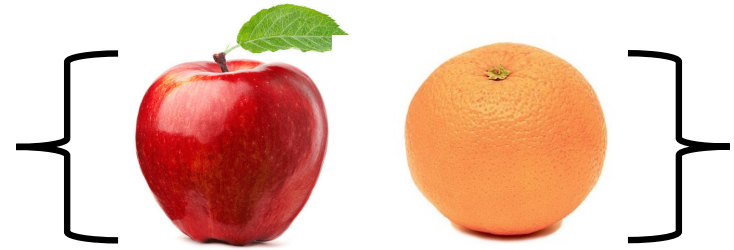


Basics: Random Variables

- Really, functions
- Map outcomes to real values

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- Why?
 - So far, everything is a set.
 - Hard to work with!
 - Real values are easy to work with



- One requirement, “F measurable”. For any c ,

$$\{\omega : X(\omega) \leq c\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

Basics: CDF & PDF

- Can still work with probabilities:

$$P(X = 3) := P(\{\omega : X(\omega) = 3\})$$

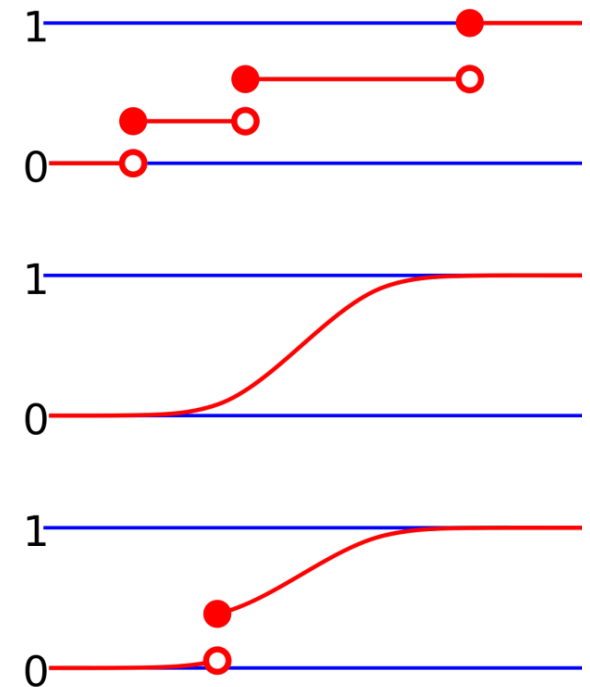
- Cumulative Distribution Func. (CDF)

$$F_X(x) := P(X \leq x)$$

- Density / mass function

- Doesn't always exist!

$$p_X(x)$$



Wiki CDF

Basics: **Expectation & Variance**

- Another advantage of RVs are “summaries”
- Expectation:
 - The “average” $E[X] = \sum_a a \times P(x = a)$
- Variance: $Var[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2]$
 - A measure of spread
- Raw moments: $E[X], E[X^2], E[X^3], \dots$
- Note: also don’t always exist...
 - **Ex:** Cauchy distribution

Basics: **Expectation** Properties

- Expectation has very useful properties...

- Linearity:
$$E\left[\sum_i a_i X_i\right] = \sum_i a_i E[X_i]$$

- Independence not required!

- Hat check problem:

- There is a dinner party where n people check their hats. The hats are mixed up during dinner, so that afterward each man receives a random hat. In particular, each person gets their own hat with probability $1/n$. What is the expected number of people who get their own hat?

Basics: **Joint Distributions**

- Move from one variable to several
- Joint distribution

$$P(X = a, Y = b)$$

- Or more variables.

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k)$$

Basics: **Marginal** Probability

- Given a joint distribution

$$P(X = a, Y = b)$$

- Get the distribution in just one variable:

$$P(X = a) = \sum_b P(X = a, Y = b)$$

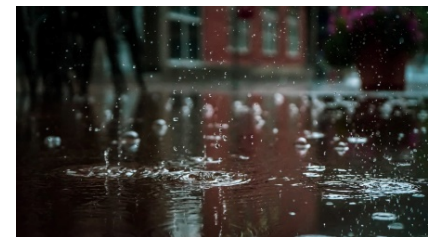
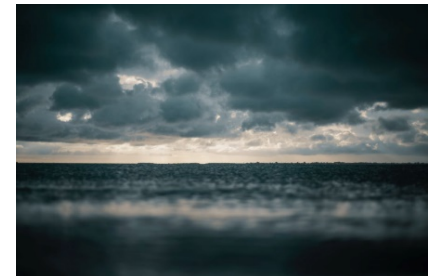
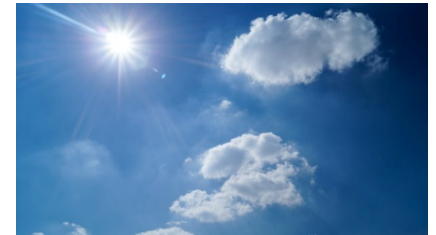
- This is the “marginal” distribution.

Basics: Marginal Probability

$$P(X = a) = \sum_b P(X = a, Y = b)$$

	Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy
hot	150/365	40/365	5/365
cold	50/365	60/365	60/365

$$[P(\text{hot}), P(\text{cold})] = \left[\frac{195}{365}, \frac{170}{365} \right]$$



Independence

- Independence for a set of events A_1, \dots, A_k

$$P(A_{i_1} A_{i_2} \cdots A_{i_j}) = P(A_{i_1})P(A_{i_2}) \cdots P(A_{i_j})$$

for all the i_1, \dots, i_j combinations

- Why useful? Dramatically reduces the complexity
- Collapses joint into **product** of marginals
 - Note sometimes we have only pair-wise, etc independence

Uncorrelatedness

- For random variables, uncorrelated means

$$E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$$

Note: weaker than independence.

- Independence implies uncorrelated (easy to see)
- Other way around: usually false (but not always).
- If X, Y independent, functions are not correlated:

$$E[f(X)f(Y)] = E[f(X)]E[f(Y)]$$

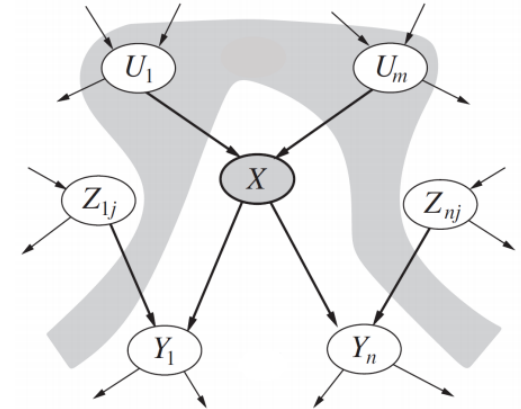
Conditional Probability

- For when we know something,

$$P(X = a|Y = b) = \frac{P(X = a, Y = b)}{P(Y = b)}$$

- Leads to **conditional independence**

$$P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z)$$



Credit: Devin Soni

Chain Rule

- Apply repeatedly,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \\ = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_2, A_1) \dots P(A_n|A_{n-1}, \dots, A_1) \end{aligned}$$

- Note: still big!
 - If some **conditional independence**, can factor!
 - Leads to **probabilistic graphical models (this lecture)**

Law of Total Probability

- Partition the sample space into disjoint B_1, \dots, B_k

- Then,

$$P(A) = \sum_i P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

- Useful way to control A via conditional probabilities.
 - **Example:** there are 5 red and 2 green balls in an urn. A random ball is selected and replaced by a ball of the other color; then a second ball is drawn. What is the probability the second ball is red?

Bayesian Inference

- Conditional Prob. & Bayes:

$$P(H|E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n) = \frac{P(E_1, \dots, E_n|H)P(H)}{P(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n)}$$

- Has more evidence.
 - Likelihood is hard---but **conditional independence assumption**

$$P(H|E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n) = \frac{P(E_1|H)P(E_2|H) \cdots P(E_n|H)P(H)}{P(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n)}$$

Random Vectors & Covariance

- Recall variance: $\mathbb{E}[(X - E[X])^2]$
- Now, for a **random vector** (same as joint of d RVs)
 - Note: size $d \times d$. All variables are centered

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}[(X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1])^2] & \dots & [(X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1])(X_n - \mathbb{E}[X_n])] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ [(X_n - \mathbb{E}[X_n])(X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1])] & \dots & \mathbb{E}[(X_n - \mathbb{E}[X_n])^2] \end{bmatrix}$$

Cross-variance

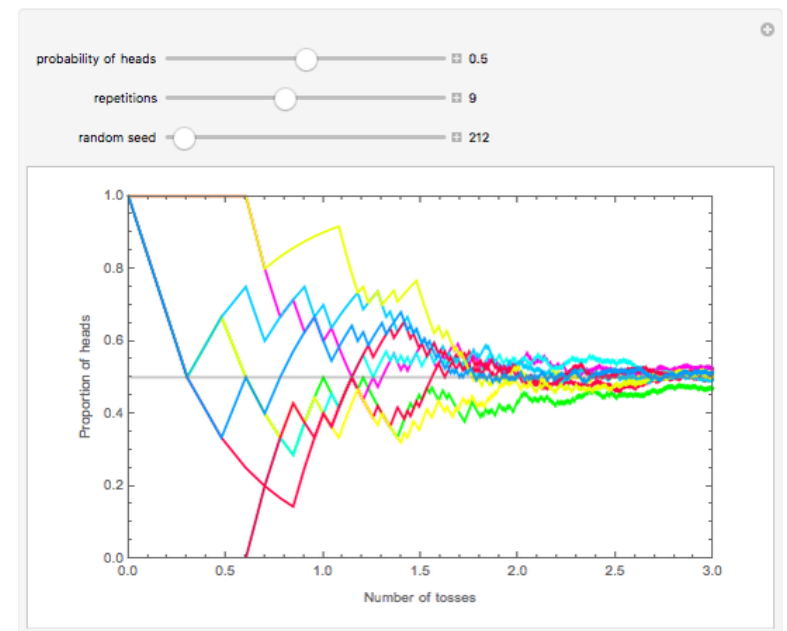
Diagonals: Scalar Variance

Estimation Theory

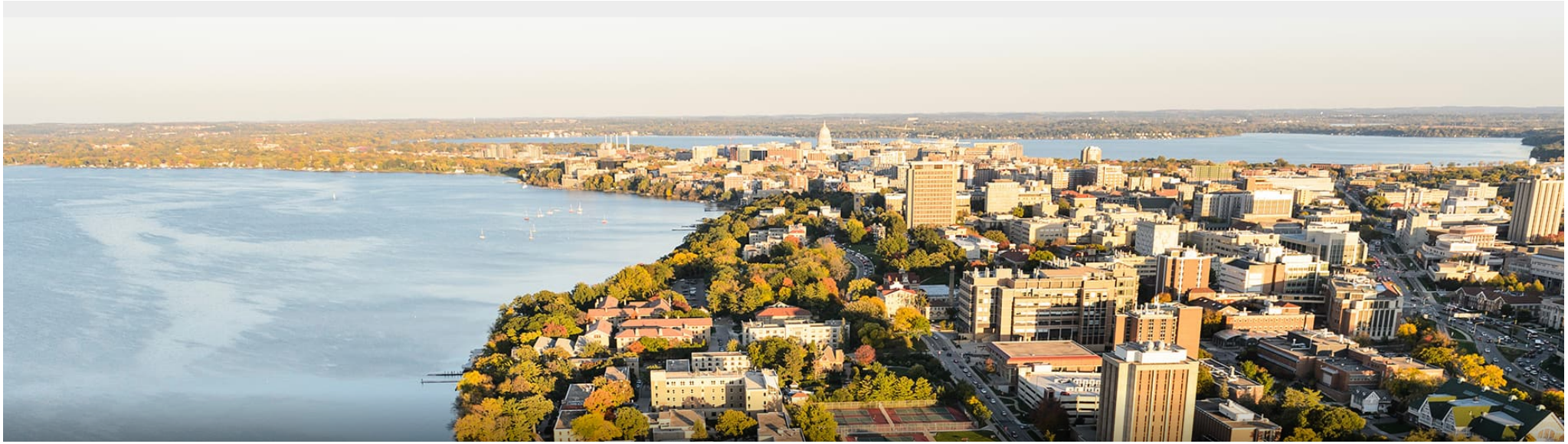
- How do we know that the sample mean is a good estimate of the true mean?
 - Concentration inequalities

$$P(|\mathbb{E}[X] - \hat{\mathbb{E}}[X]| \geq t) \leq \exp(-2nt^2)$$

- Law of large numbers
- Central limit theorems, etc.



Wolfram Demo

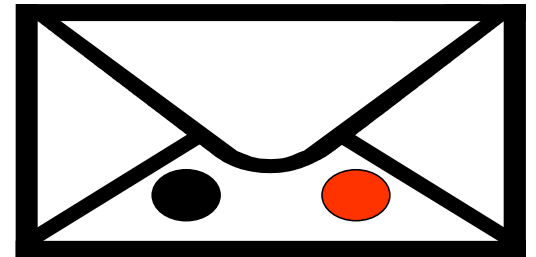
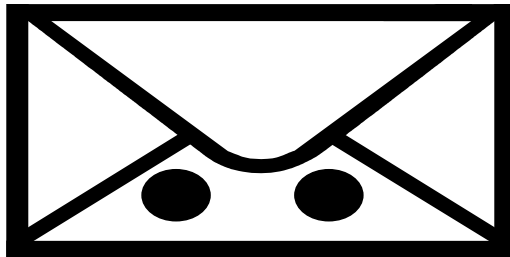


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Q 1-1: We have two envelopes:

- E_1 has two black balls, E_2 has one black, one red
- The **red** one is worth \$100. Others, zero
- Open an envelope, see one ball. Then, can switch (or not).
- You see a black ball. **Switch?**



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Q 1-1: Solution

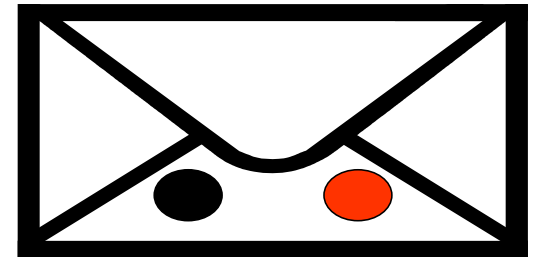
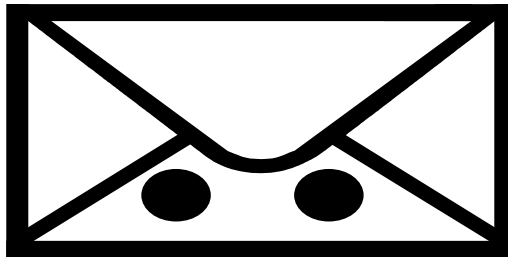
$$P(E_1|\text{Black ball}) = \frac{P(\text{Black ball}|E_1)P(E_1)}{P(\text{Black ball})}$$

•Now plug in:

$$P(E_1|\text{Black ball}) = \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{2}}{P(\text{Black ball})}$$

$$P(E_2|\text{Black ball}) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}}{P(\text{Black ball})}$$

So switch!



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- A. $5/104$
- B. $95/100$
- C. $1/100$
- D. $1/2$

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Bayesian Networks Example

- Consider the following 5 binary random variables:

B = a burglary occurs at the house

E = an earthquake occurs at the house

A = the alarm goes off

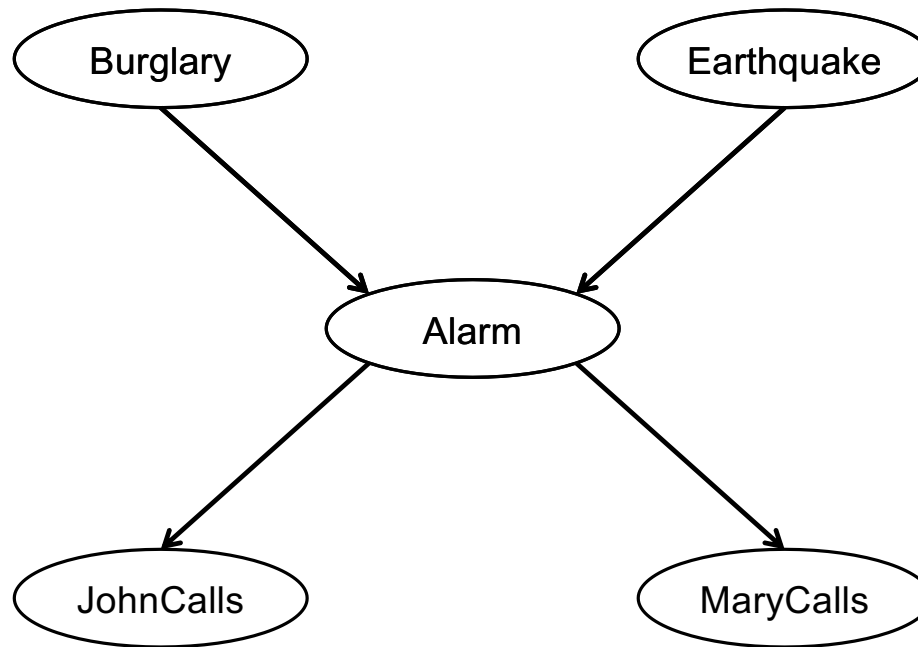
J = John calls to report the alarm

M = Mary calls to report the alarm

- Suppose Burglary or Earthquake can trigger Alarm, and Alarm can trigger John's call or Mary's call
- Now we want to answer queries like what is $P(B \mid M, J)$?

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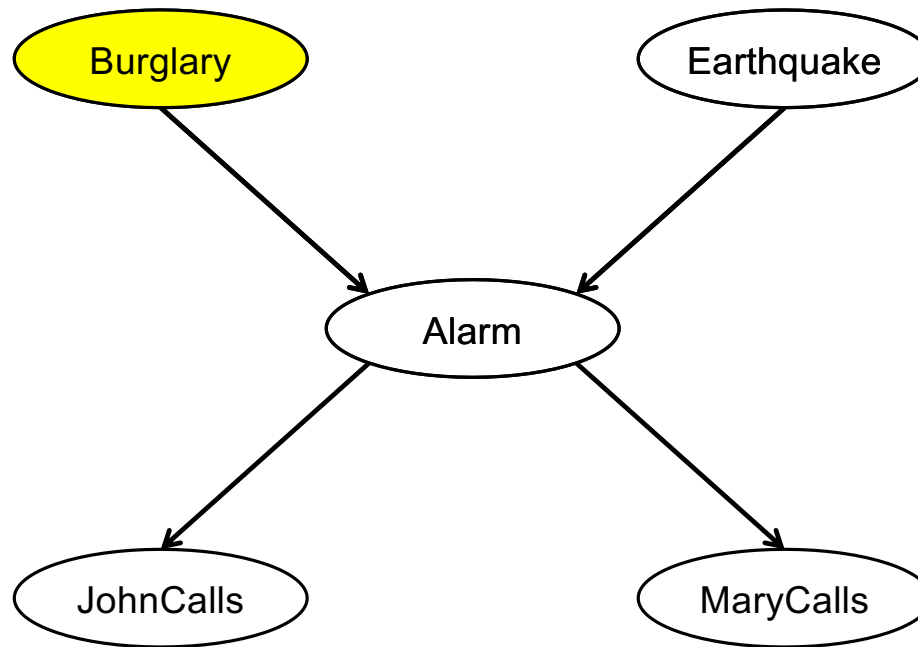
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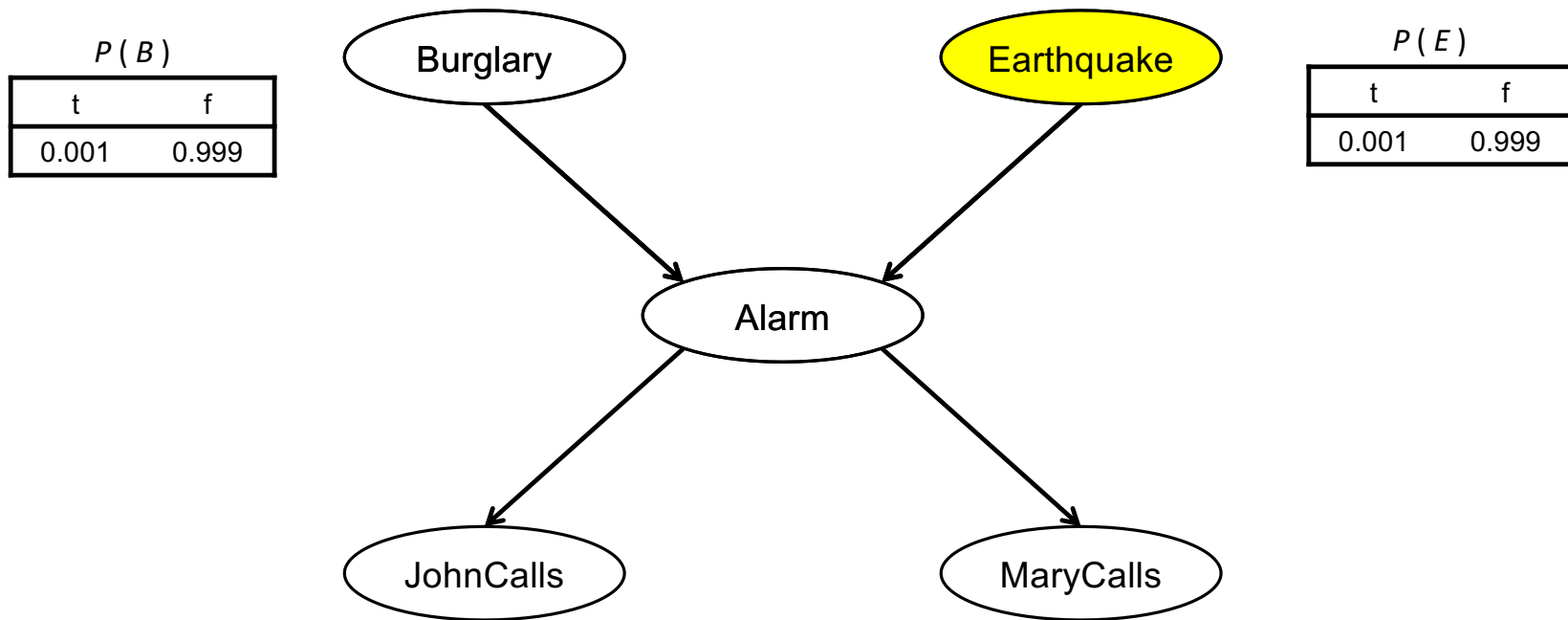
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$P(B)$	
t	f
0.001	0.999



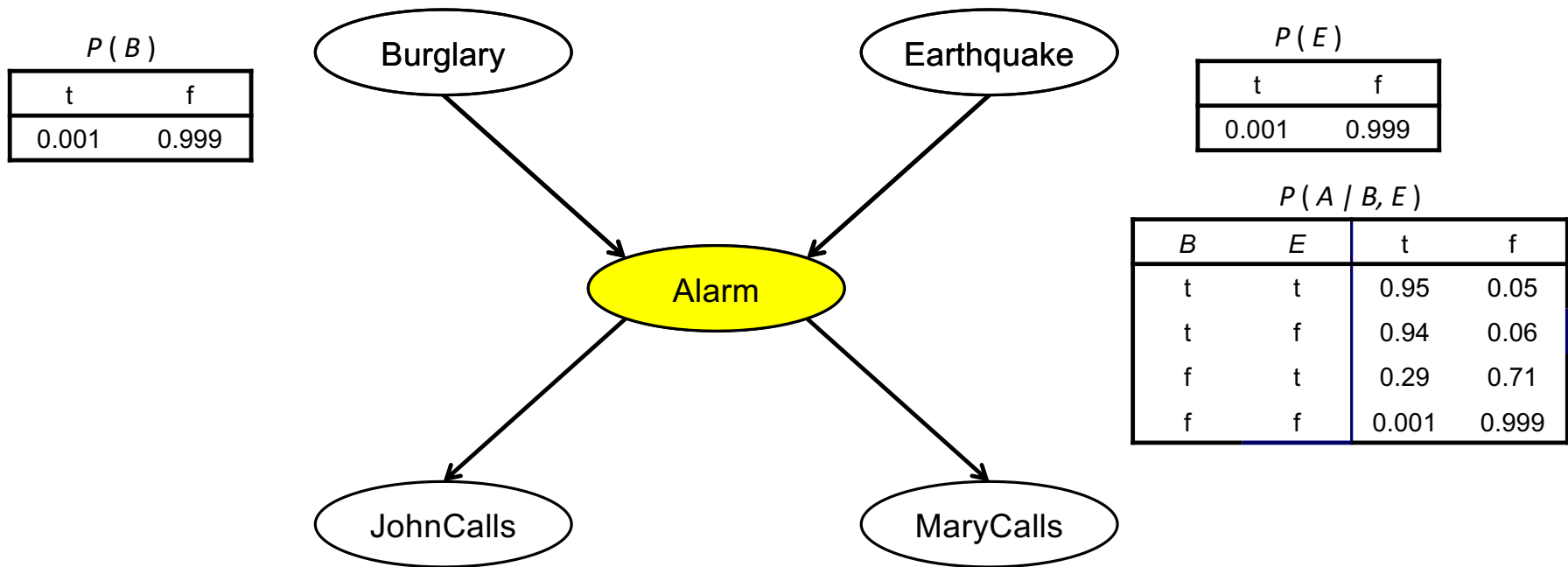
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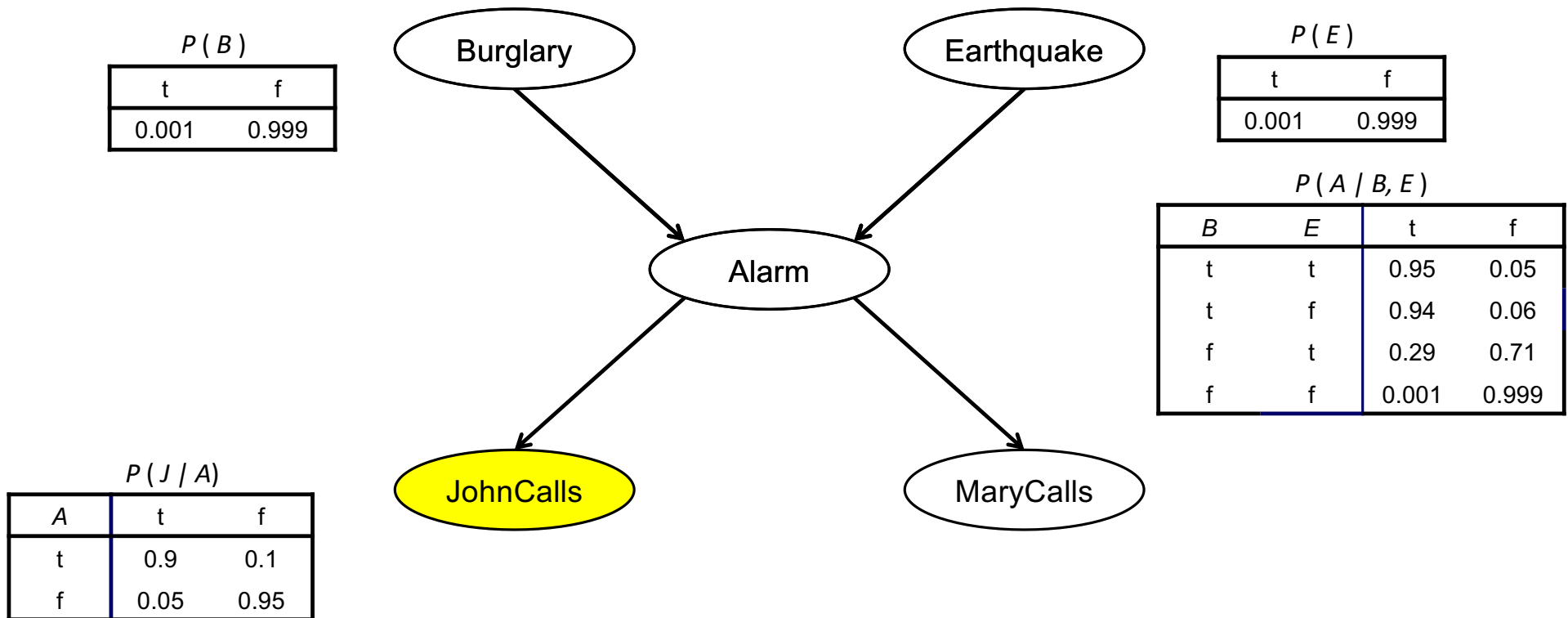
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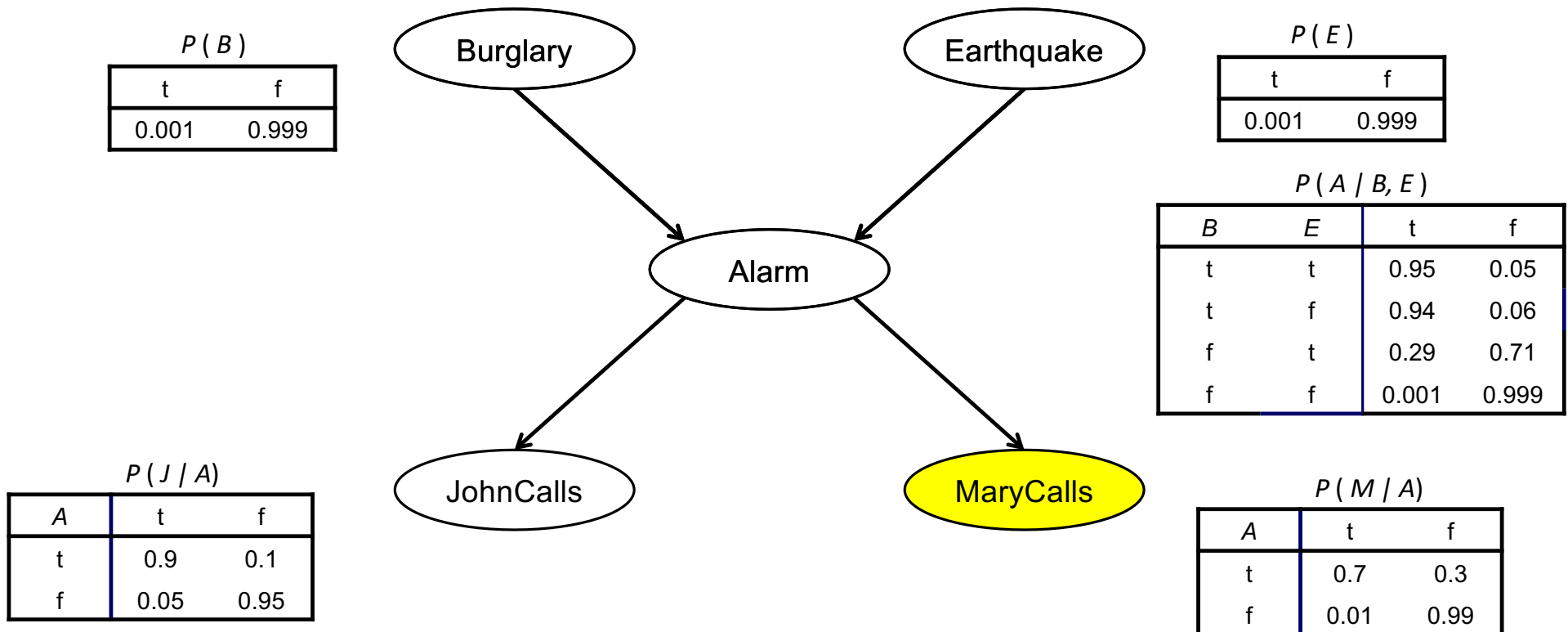
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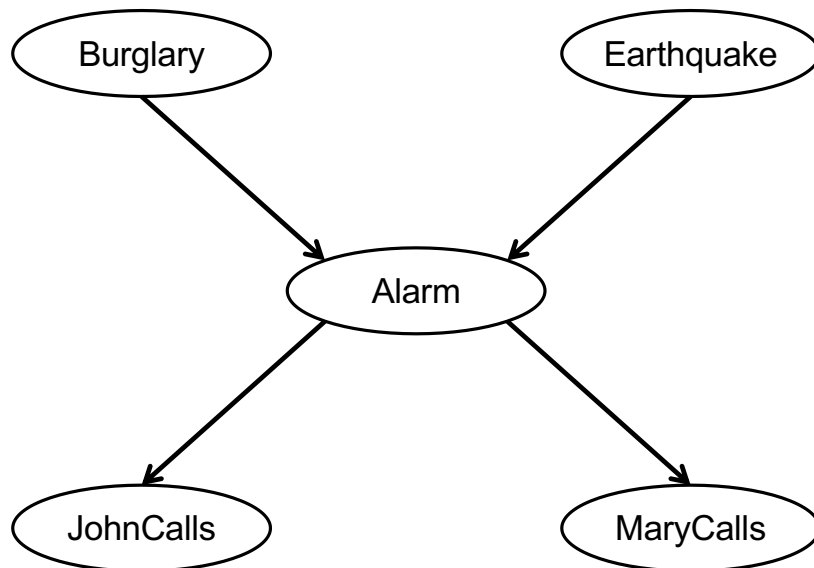
Bayesian Networks: Definition

- A BN consists of a **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)** and a set of **conditional probability distributions**
- The DAG:
 - each node denotes a random variable
 - each edge from X to Y represents that X *directly influences* Y
 - (formally: each variable X is independent of its non-descendants given its parents)
 - **Each CPD: represents $P(X \mid Parents(X))$**

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \prod_{v \in V} p(x_v \mid x_{pa(v)})$$

Bayesian Networks: Parameter Counting

- Parameter reduction: a standard representation of the joint distribution for the Alarm example has $2^5 = 32$ parameters
- the BN representation of this distribution has 20 parameters



$$\begin{aligned} &P(B, E, A, J, M) \\ &= P(B) \\ &\times P(E) \\ &\times P(A \mid B, E) \\ &\times P(J \mid A) \\ &\times P(M \mid A) \end{aligned}$$

Inference in Bayesian Networks

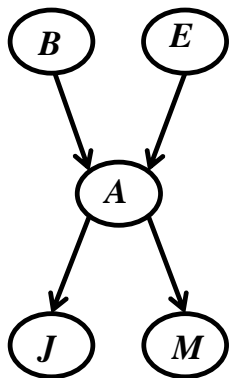
Given: values for some variables in the network (*evidence*), and a set of *query* variables

Do: compute the posterior distribution over the query variables

- Variables that are neither evidence variables nor query variables are *hidden* variables
- The BN representation is flexible enough that any set can be the evidence variables and any set can be the query variables

Inference by Enumeration

- Let a denote $A=\text{true}$, and $\neg a$ denote $A=\text{false}$
- Suppose we're given the query: $P(b \mid j, m)$
“probability the house is being burglarized given that John and Mary both called”
- From the graph structure we can first compute:

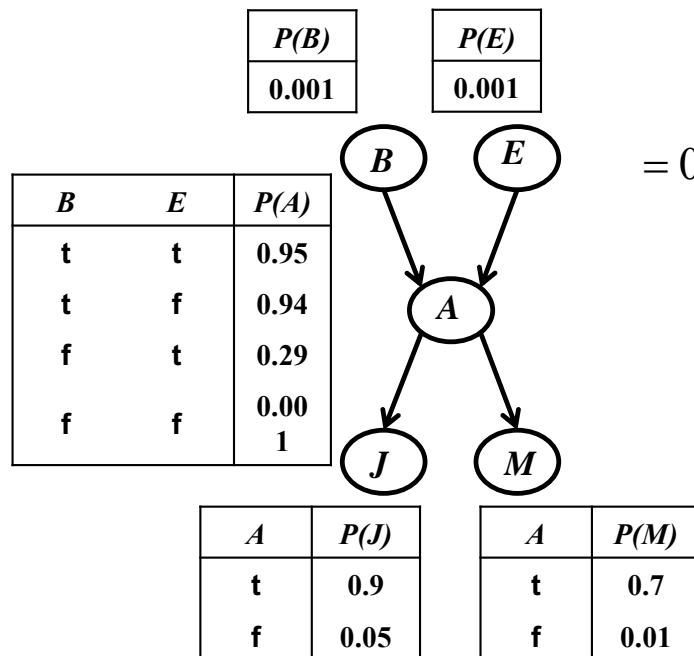


$$P(b, j, m) = \sum_{e, \neg e} \sum_{a, \neg a} P(b)P(E)P(A \mid b, E)P(j \mid A)P(m \mid A)$$

sum over possible values for E and A variables ($e, \neg e, a, \neg a$)

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= P(b) \sum_{e, \neg e} \sum_{a, \neg a} P(E)P(A|b, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)
 \end{aligned}$$



B E A J M

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0.001 \times (0.001 \times 0.95 \times 0.9 \times 0.7 + && e, a \\
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 &0.999 \times 0.06 \times 0.05 \times 0.01) && \neg e, \neg a
 \end{aligned}$$

Inference by Enumeration

- Next do equivalent calculation for $P(\neg b, j, m)$ and determine $P(b \mid j, m)$

$$P(b \mid j, m) = \frac{P(b, j, m)}{P(j, m)} = \frac{P(b, j, m)}{P(b, j, m) + P(\neg b, j, m)}$$

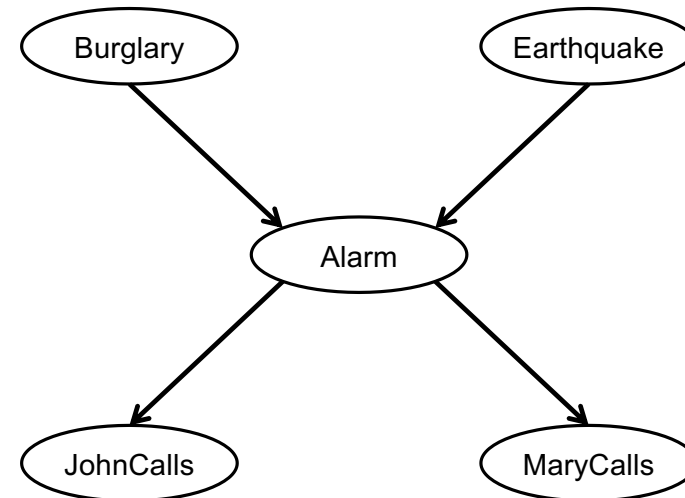
So: exact method, but can be intractably hard.

- Some cases: efficient
- Approximate inference sometimes available

Learning Bayes Nets

- **Problem 1 (parameter learning):** given a set of training instances, the graph structure of a BN

B	E	A	J	M
f	f	f	t	f
f	t	f	f	f
f	f	t	f	t
		...		



- **Goal:** infer the parameters of the CPDs

Learning Bayes Nets

- **Problem 2 (structure learning)**: given a set of training instances


B	E	A	J	M
f	f	f	t	f
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- **Goal**: infer the graph structure (and then possibly also the parameters of the CPDs)

Parameter Learning: MLE

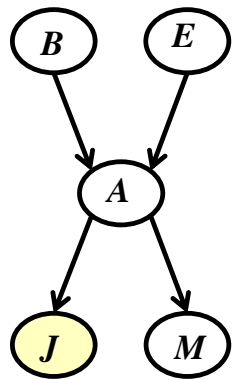
- **Goal:** infer the parameters of the CPDs
- As usual, can use MLE

$$\begin{aligned}L(\theta : D, G) &= P(D | G, \theta) = \prod_{d \in D} P(x_1^{(d)}, x_2^{(d)}, \dots, x_n^{(d)}) \\ &= \prod_{d \in D} \prod_i P(x_i^{(d)} | Parents(x_i^{(d)})) \\ &= \prod_i \left(\prod_{d \in D} P(x_i^{(d)} | Parents(x_i^{(d)})) \right)\end{aligned}$$


**independent parameter learning
problem for each CPD**

Parameter Learning: MLE Example

- **Goal:** infer the parameters of the CPDs
- Consider estimating the CPD parameters for B and J in the alarm network given the following data set



B	E	A	J	M
f	f	f	t	f
f	t	f	f	f
f	f	f	t	t
t	f	f	f	t
f	f	t	t	f
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$$P(b) = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$

$$P(\neg b) = \frac{7}{8} = 0.875$$

$$P(j|a) = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

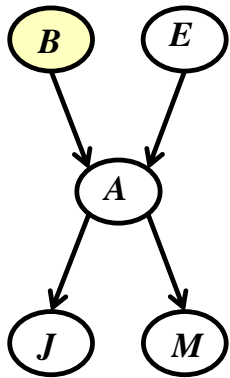
$$P(\neg j|a) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

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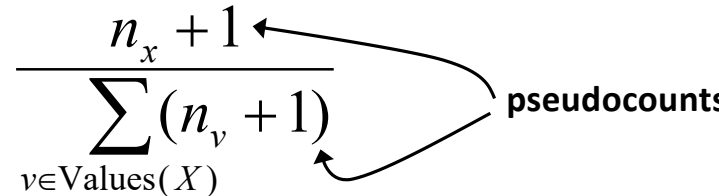
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$$P(b) = \frac{0}{8} = 0$$
$$P(-b) = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

do we really want to set this to 0?

Parameter Learning: Laplace Smoothing

- Instead of estimating parameters strictly from the data, we could start with some prior belief for each
- For example, we could use *Laplace estimates*

$$P(X = x) = \frac{n_x + 1}{\sum_{v \in \text{Values}(X)} (n_v + 1)}$$


The diagram shows the word "pseudocounts" on the right. Two curved arrows originate from it: one points to the "+1" in the numerator $n_x + 1$, and the other points to the "+1" in the denominator $(n_v + 1)$.

where n_v represents the number of occurrences of value v

- Recall: we did this for Naïve Bayes

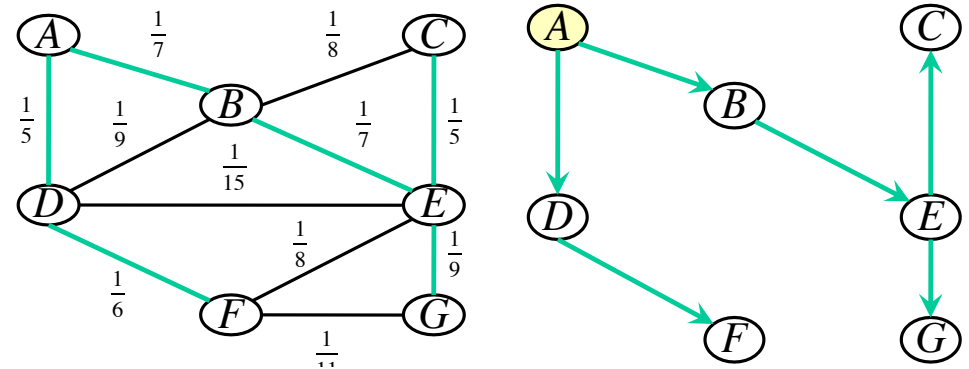
Structure Learning

- Generally a hard problem, many approaches.
 - Exponentially (or worse) many structures in # variables
 - Can either use heuristics or restrict to some tractable subset of networks. Ex: **trees**
- Chow-Liu Algorithm
 - Learns a BN with a tree structure that maximizes the likelihood of the training data
 1. Compute weight $I(X_i, X_j)$ of each possible edge (X_i, X_j)
 2. Find maximum weight spanning tree (MST)
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Structure Learning: Chow-Liu Algorithm

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- 1. Empirical mutual information: $O(n^2)$ computations
 - 2. Compute MST. (Ex: Kruskal's algorithm)
 - 3. Assign directions by picking a root and making everything directed from root

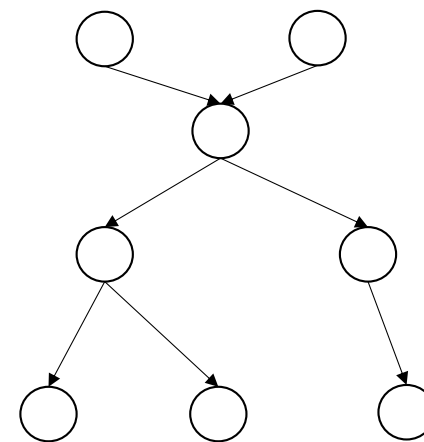




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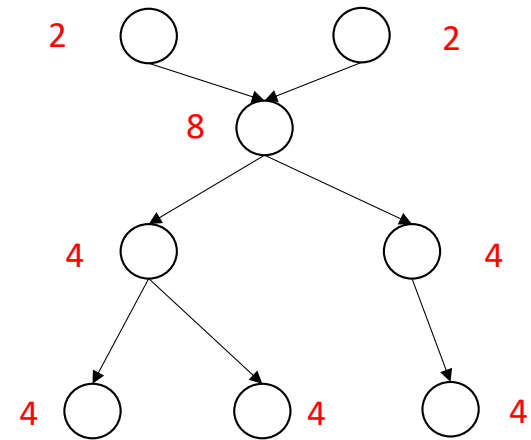
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So we have 32 parameters in total.

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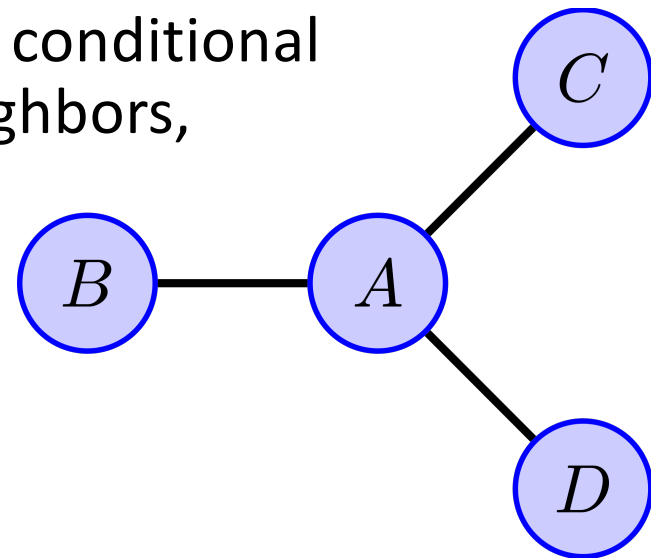
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Undirected Graphical Models

- Still want to encode conditional independence, but not in an “ordered” way (ie, no parents, direction)
 - **Why?** Allows for modeling other distributions that Bayes nets can't, allows for other algorithms
- Idea: graph directly encodes a type of conditional independence. If nodes i, j are not neighbors,

$$X_i \perp X_j \mid X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$$



Markov Random Fields

- A particularly popular kind of undirected model. As above, can describe in terms of:

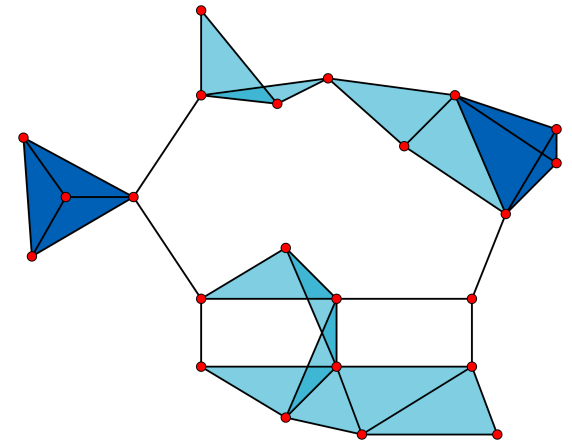
- 1. Conditional independence: $X_i \perp X_j \mid X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$

- 2. Factorization. (Clique: maximal fully-connected subgraphs)

- Bayes nets: factorize over CPTs with **parents**; MRFs: factorize over **cliques**

$$P(X) = \prod_{C \in \text{cliques}(G)} \phi_C(x_C)$$

“Potential” functions



Exponential Families

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Partition function

(ensures that probabilities integrate to 1)

Sufficient statistics

- Lots (but not all) distributions have this form.

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- Multivariate Gaussian:

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \det(\Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\right)$$
$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \det(\Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} K_{i,j} (x_i - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_j)\right)$$

Partition function

Inverse Covariance Matrix

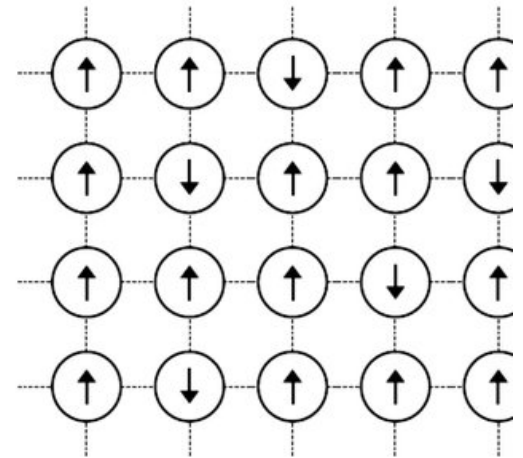
Ising Models

- Ising models: a particular kind of MRF usually written in exponential form
 - Popular in statistical physics
 - **Idea:** pairwise interactions (biggest cliques of size 2)

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{(i,j) \in E} \theta_{ij} x_i x_j\right)$$

- Challenges:
 - Compute partition function
 - Perform inference/marginalization

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