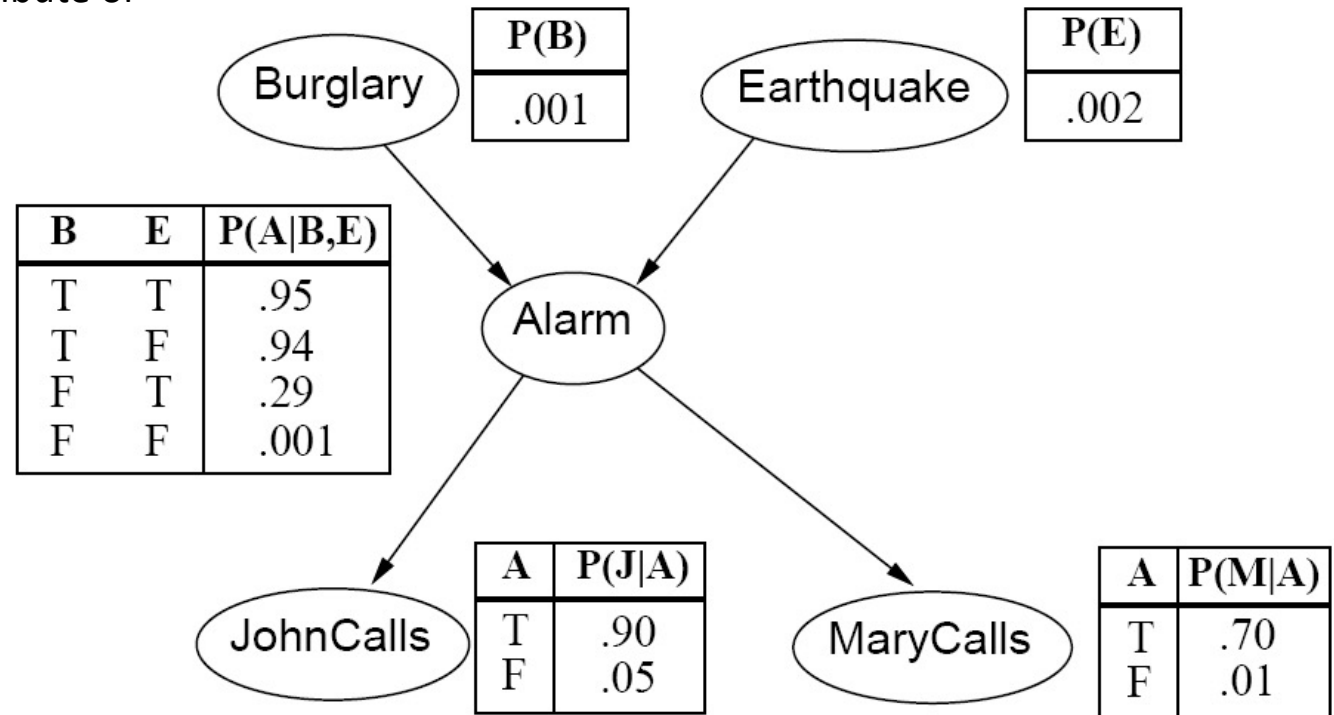


# CS440/ECE448 Lecture 13: Bayesian Networks

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# Outline

- Why Bayes nets? The complexity of a true Bayes classifier
- Space complexity
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# Review: Bayesian Classifier

- Class label  $Y = y$ , drawn from some set of labels
- Observation  $X = x$ , drawn from some set of features
- Bayesian classifier: choose the class label,  $y$ , that minimizes your probability of making a mistake:

$$\hat{y} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmin}} P(Y \neq y | X = x)$$

# Minimum Probability of Error = Maximum A Posteriori

- The minimum probability of error (MPE) classifier is the one that minimizes your probability of making a mistake:

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmin}_y P(Y \neq y | X = x)$$

- The maximum a posteriori (MAP) classifier is the one that maximizes your probability of being correct:

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(Y = y | X = x)$$

- Notice: they're the same! This is called the MPE=MAP rule.

# Today: What if $P(X,Y)$ is complicated?

Very, very common problem:  $P(X,Y)$  is complicated because both  $X$  and  $Y$  depend on some hidden variable  $H$

$$P(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{\sum_h P(X = x, H = h, Y = y)}{\sum_{h,y'} P(X = x, H = h, Y = y')}$$

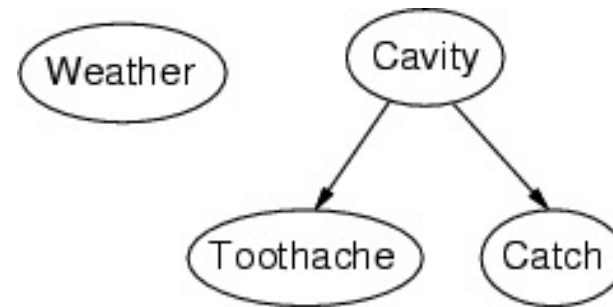
Why is this a problem?

- SPACE COMPLEXITY**:  $P(X = x, H = h, Y = y)$  requires  $|X| \cdot |H| \cdot |Y|$  entries
  - Example:  $X$  has cardinality 1000,  $H$  has cardinality 1000,  $Y$  has cardinality 1000, then  $P(X = x, H = h, Y = y)$  is a probability table with 1 billion entries.
- TIME COMPLEXITY**: The summation requires a lot of time.

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# Bayesian networks: Structure



- **Nodes:** random variables
- **Arcs:** interactions
  - An arrow from one variable to another indicates direct ***causal*** influence of variable #1 on variable #2
  - Must form a directed, acyclic graph

# Conditional independence and the joint distribution

- Key property: each node is conditionally independent of its *non-descendants* given its *parents*
- Suppose the nodes  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are sorted in topological order
- To get the joint distribution  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , use chain rule:

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

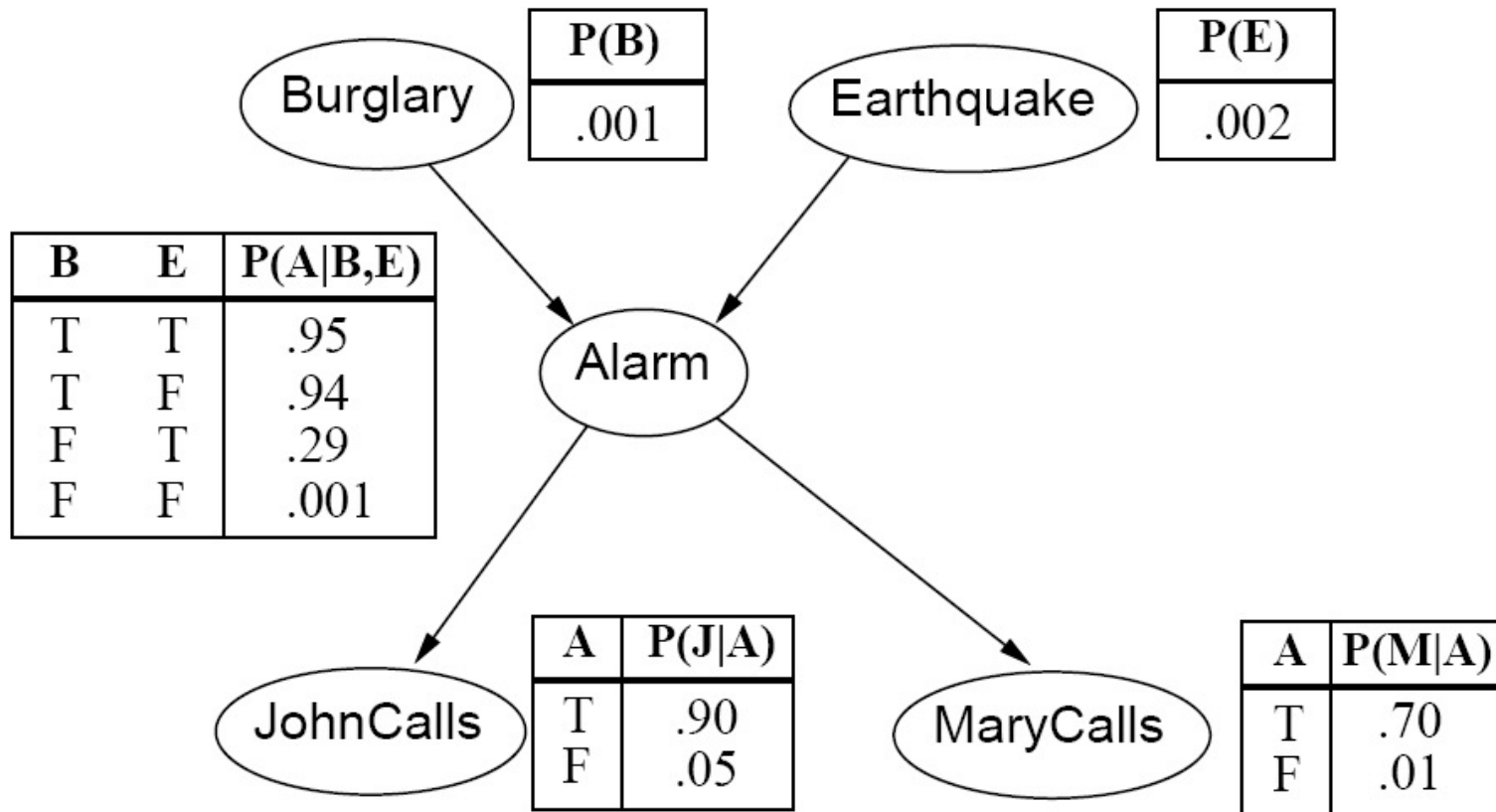


# Example: Los Angeles Burglar Alarm

- I have a burglar alarm that is sometimes set off by minor earthquakes. My two neighbors, John and Mary, promised to call me at work if they hear the alarm
  - Example inference task: suppose Mary calls and John doesn't call. What is the probability of a burglary?
- What are the random variables?
  - *Burglary, Earthquake, Alarm, JohnCalls, MaryCalls*
- What are the direct influence relationships?
  - A burglar can set the alarm off
  - An earthquake can set the alarm off
  - The alarm can cause Mary to call
  - The alarm can cause John to call



# Example: Burglar Alarm



# Space complexity: LA Burglar Alarm

- How much space do we need to store the model without dependencies?
  - 5 variables
  - Each is binary
  - $P(B, E, A, J, M)$  is a table with  $2^5 = 32$  entries
  - Since they add up to 1, we could store just  $2^5 - 1 = 31$  entries
- How much space do we need to store the Bayes net parameters?
  - $P(B), P(E)$ : two numbers
  - $P(A|B = b, E = e)$ : one entry for each setting of  $b \in \{F, T\}, e \in \{F, T\}$
  - $P(J|A = a), P(M|A = a)$ : two numbers for each setting of  $a \in \{F, T\}$
  - Total:  $1 + 1 + 4 + 2 + 2 = 10$  entries

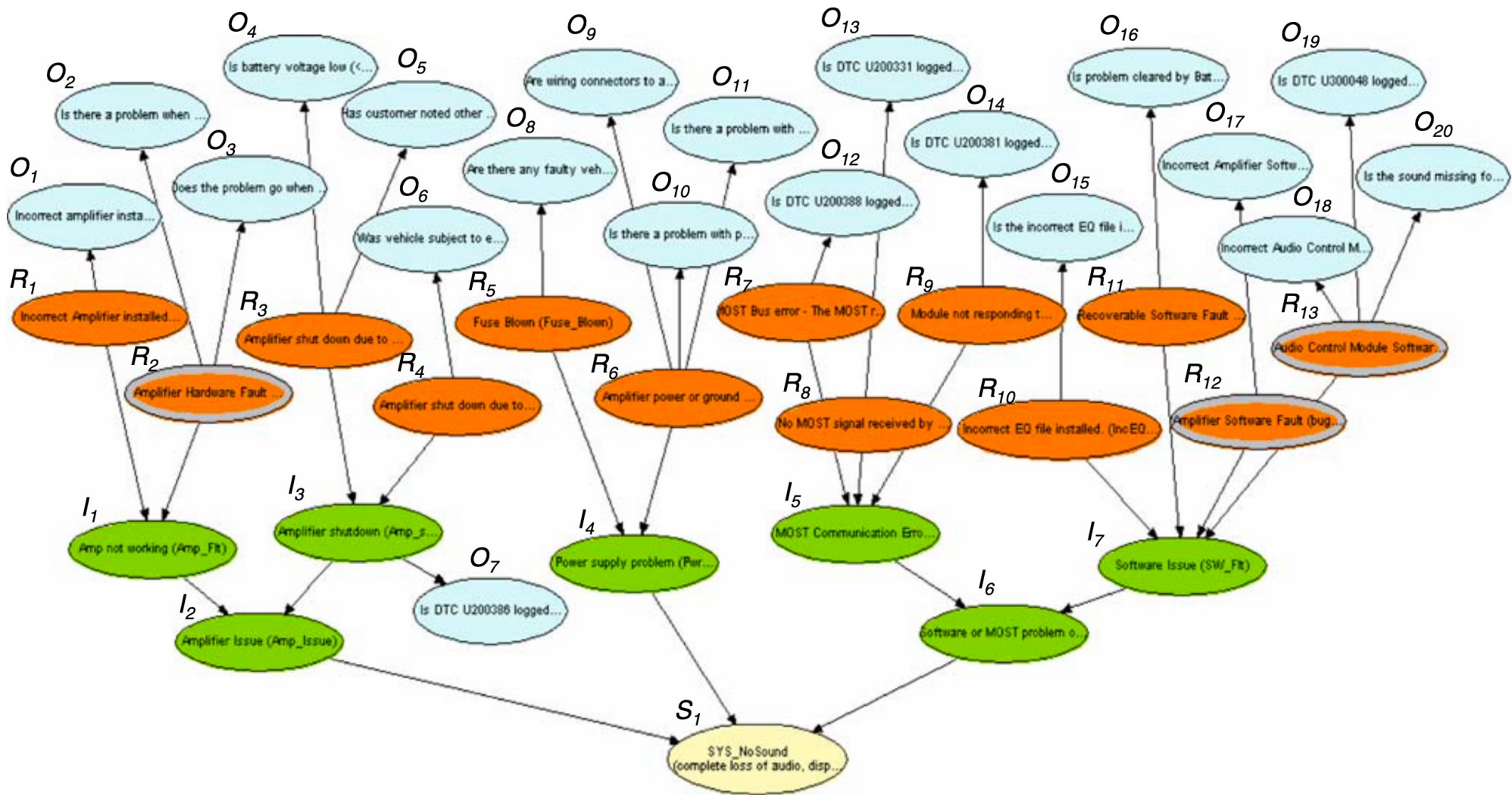


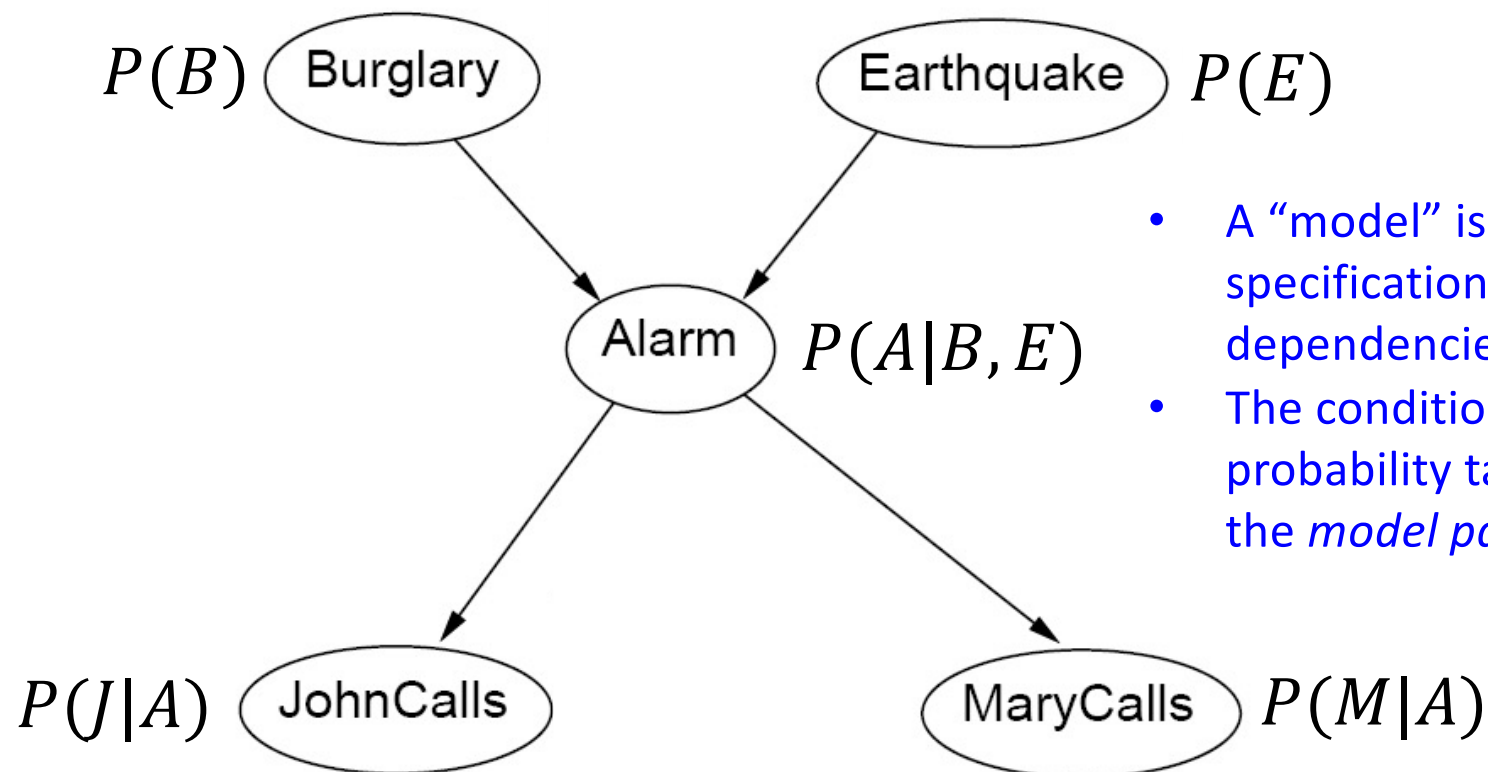
Fig. 6 Bayesian diagnostic model for the symptom “no sound”

Huang, McMurrin, Dhadyalla & Jones, “Probability-based vehicle fault diagnosis: Bayesian network method,” 2008

# Space complexity, Huang et al. “no sound” diagnosis model

- How much space do we need to store the model without dependencies?
  - 41 binary variables: table would require  $2^{41} - 1 = 2,199,023,255,551$  entries
- How much space do we need to store the Bayes net parameters?
  - One binary variable with four binary parents, requires one entry for each of the  $2^4 = 16$  values of its parent variables
  - Two binary variable with three binary parents, each require 8 entries
  - Five binary variables with two binary parents, each require 4 entries
  - Twenty binary variables with one binary parent, each require 2 entries
  - Thirteen binary variables with no parents, each require 1 entry
  - Total:  $16 + 2 \times 8 + 5 \times 4 + 20 \times 2 + 13 = 105$  entries

## Example: Burglar Alarm



- A “model” is a complete specification of the dependencies.
- The conditional probability tables are the *model parameters*.

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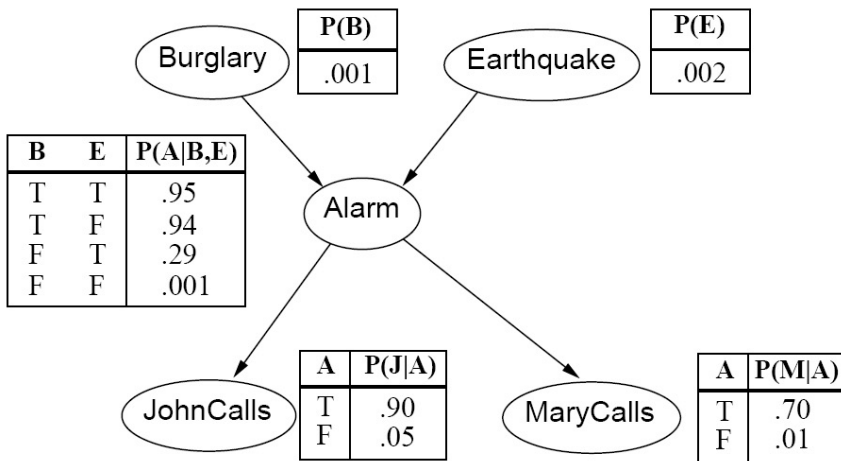
# Classification using probabilities

- Suppose Mary has called to tell you that you had a burglar alarm. Should you call the police?
  - Make a decision that **maximizes the probability of being correct**. This is called a MAP (maximum a posteriori) decision. You decide that you have a burglar in your house if and only if

$$P(\textit{Burglary}|\textit{Mary}) > P(\neg\textit{Burglary}|\textit{Mary})$$



# Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities



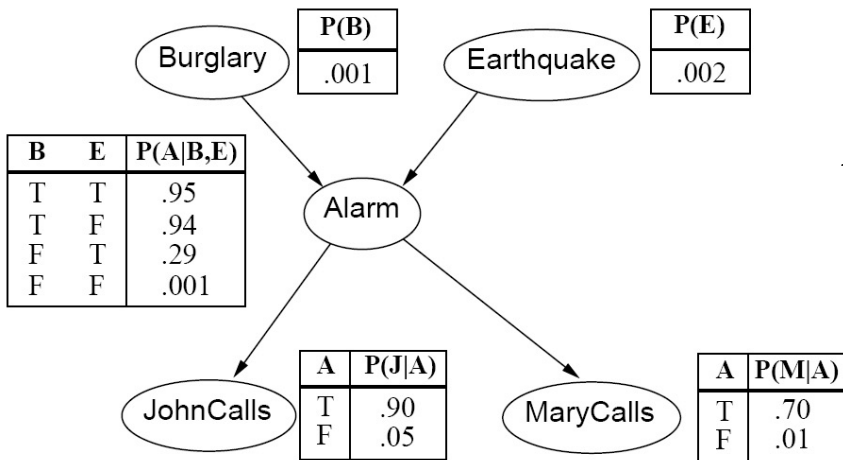
- Notice: we don't know  $P(B|M)$ ! We have to figure out what it is.
- This is called "inference".
- First step: find the joint probability of  $B$  (and  $\neg B$ ),  $M$  (and  $\neg M$ ), and any other variables that are necessary in order to link these two together.

$$P(B, E, A, M) = P(B)P(E)P(A|B, E)P(M|A)$$

$P(BEAM)$	$\neg M, \neg A$	$\neg M, A$	$M, \neg A$	$M, A$
$\neg B, \neg E$	0.986045	$2.99 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.96 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.98 \times 10^{-4}$
$\neg B, E$	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-4}$
$B, \neg E$	$5.93 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.81 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.99 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.57 \times 10^{-4}$
$B, E$	$9.9 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$10^{-9}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-6}$

Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities

Second step: marginalize (add) to get rid of the variables you don't care about.

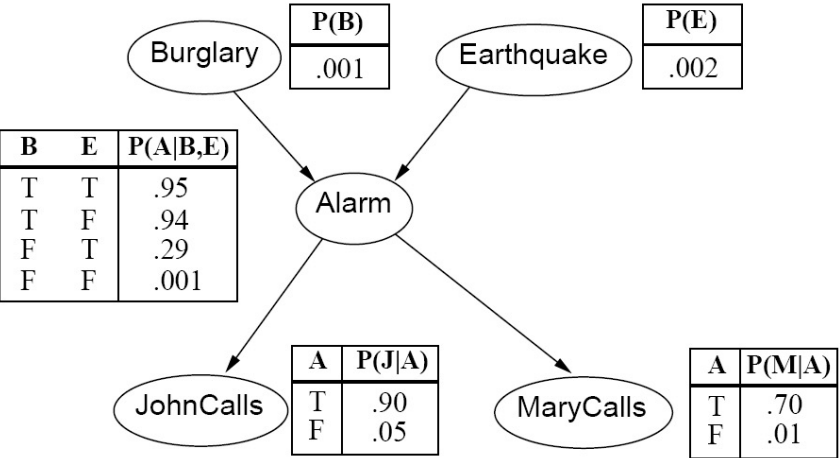


$$P(B, M) = \sum_{e \in \{F, T\}} \sum_{a \in \{F, T\}} P(B, E = e, A = a, M)$$

$P(B, M)$	$\neg M$	$M$
$\neg B$	0.987922	0.011078
$B$	0.000341	0.000659

Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities

Third step: ignore (delete) the column that didn't happen.

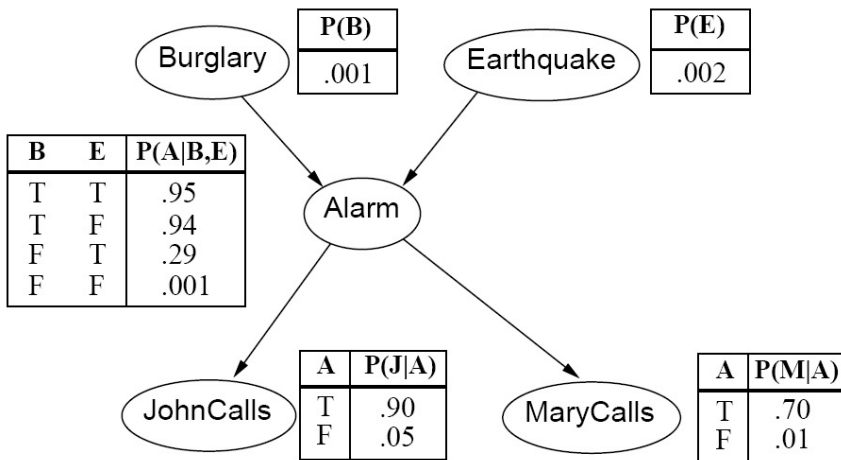


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Using a Bayes network to estimate a posteriori probabilities

Fourth step: use the definition of conditional probability.

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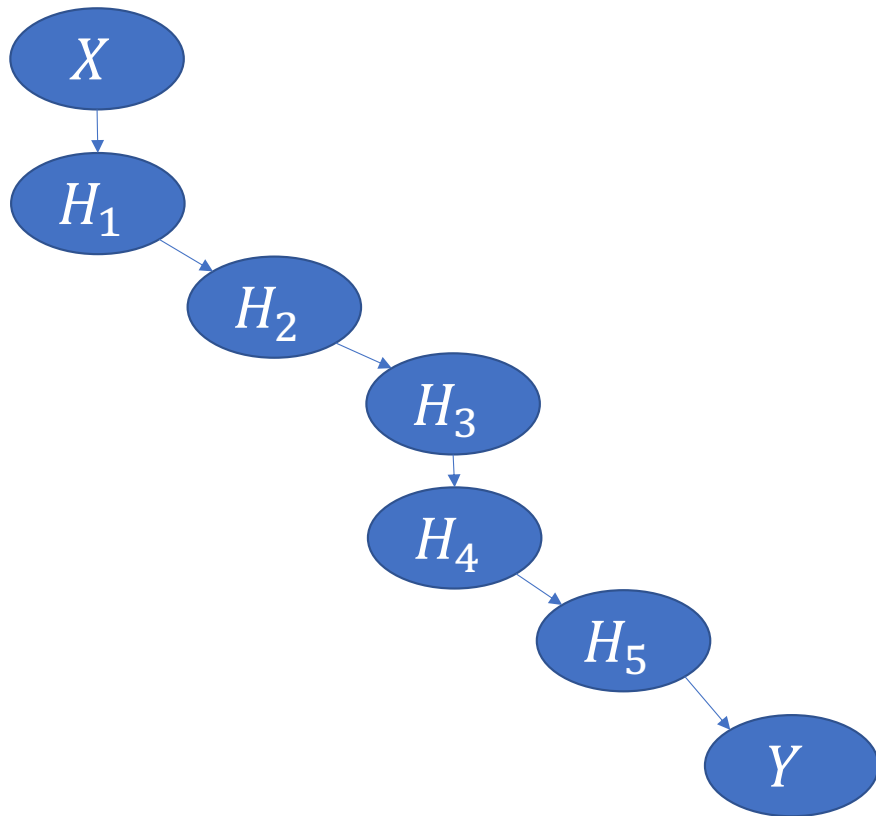


$P(B M)$	$M$
$\neg B$	0.943883
$B$	0.056117

## Some unexpected conclusions

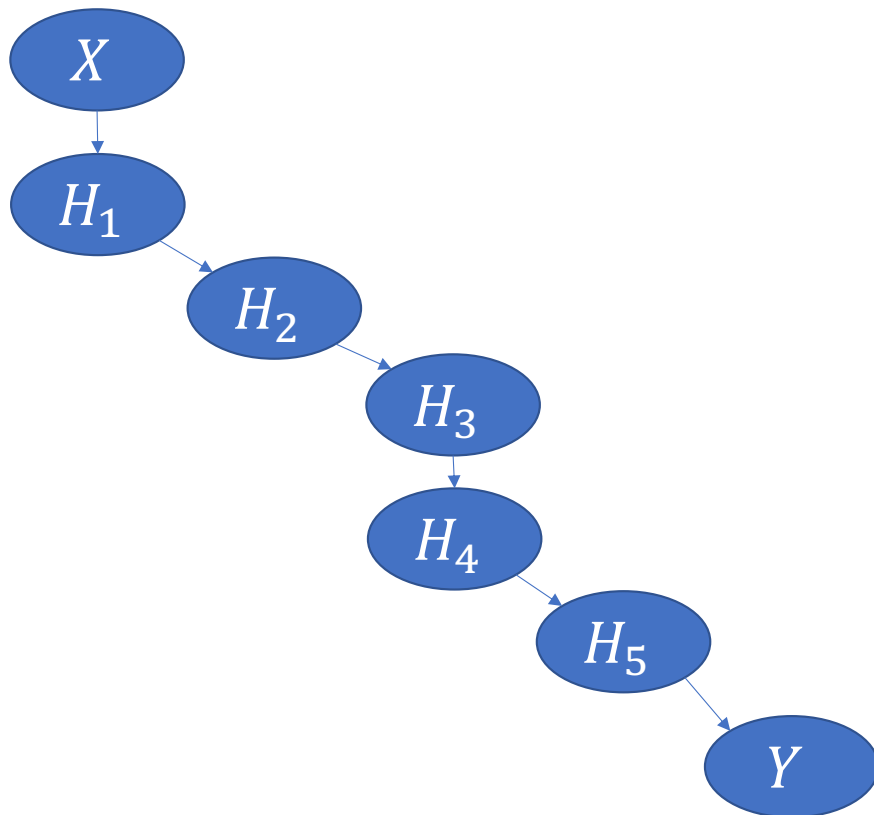
- Burglary is so unlikely that, if only Mary calls or only John calls, the probability of a burglary is still only about 5%.
- If both Mary and John call, the probability is ~50%.

# Belief propagation: The general algorithm



Given an arbitrary Bayes net, you want to find the joint probability of two variables,  $X$  and  $Y$ , that are connected by a chain of intermediate variables,  $H_1$  through  $H_N$ .

# Belief propagation: The general algorithm



## Initialize:

Start with  $P(X)$

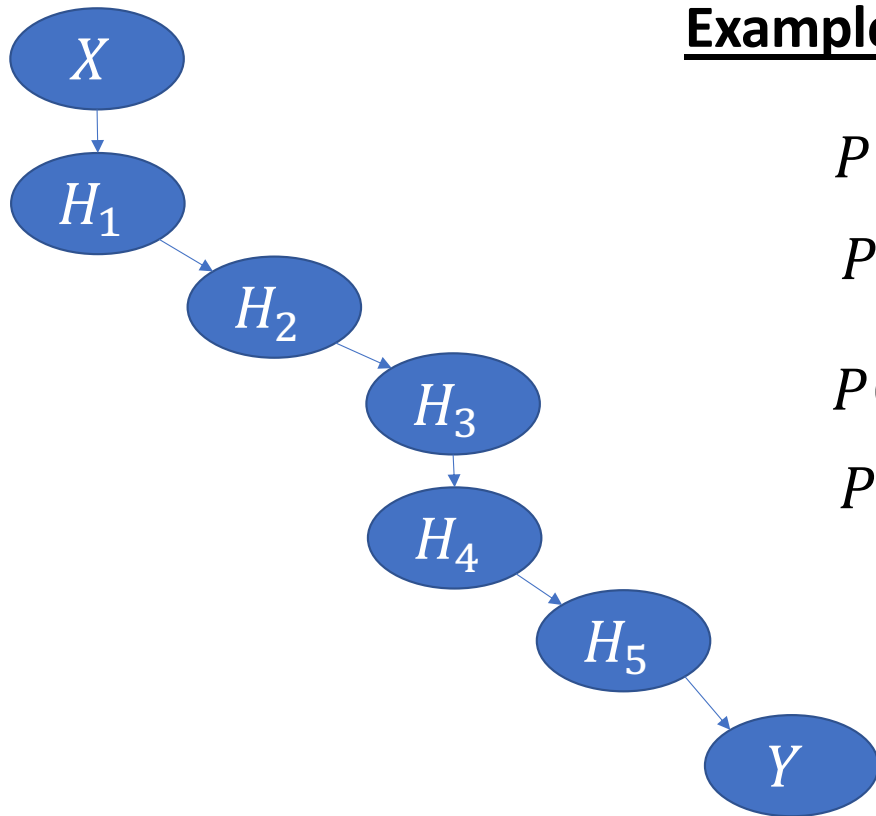
## Iterate:

1. PRODUCT: Multiply in the next variable
2. SUM: Marginalize out any variables you no longer need

## Terminate:

When you have  $P(X,Y)$

# Belief propagation: The general algorithm



## Example:

$$P(X, H_1) = P(X)P(H_1|X)$$

$$P(X, H_1, H_2) = P(X, H_1)P(H_2|H_1)$$

$$P(X, H_2) = \sum_{h_1} P(X, H_1 = h_1, H_2)$$

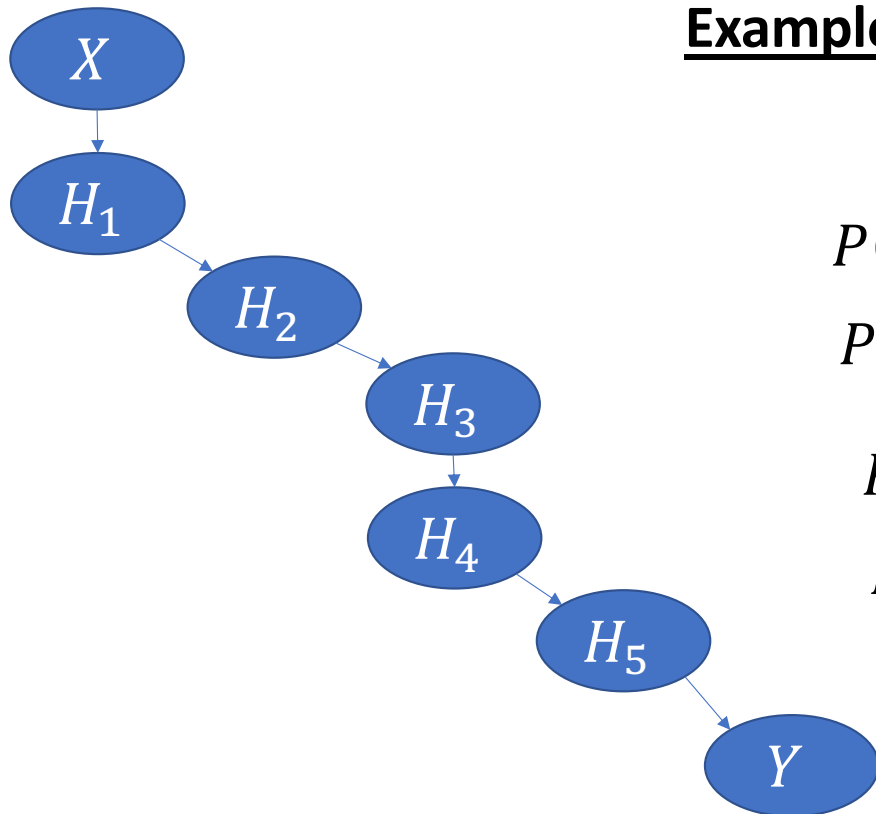
$$P(X, H_2, H_3) = P(X, H_2)P(H_3|H_2)$$

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⋮



# Belief propagation: The general algorithm



**Example:**

⋮

$$P(X, H_4, H_5) = P(X, H_4)P(H_5|H_4)$$

$$P(X, H_5) = \sum_{h_4} P(X, H_4 = h_4, H_5)$$

$$P(X, H_5, Y) = P(X, H_5)P(Y|H_5)$$

$$P(X, Y) = \sum_{h_5} P(X, H_5 = h_5, Y)$$

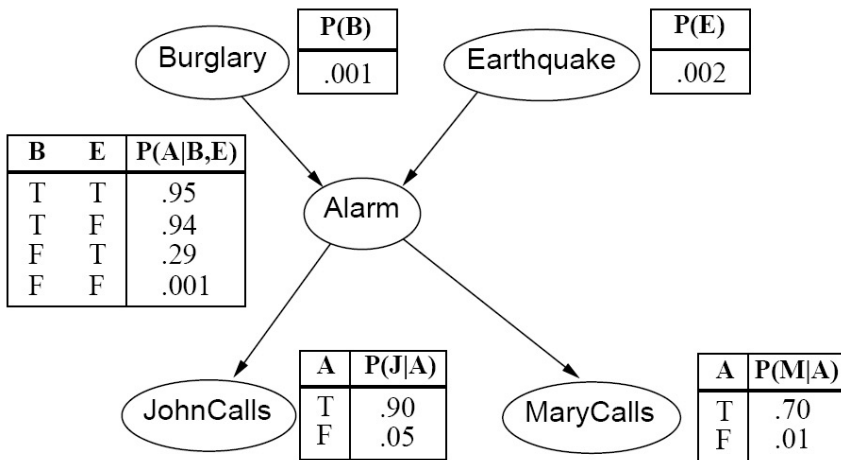
# Belief propagation: Space and time complexity

- If there is just one path from  $X$  to  $Y$  (as shown in the example), then space and time complexity of belief propagation are each  $K^3$ , where  $K$  is the maximum cardinality of any of the random variables.
  - Each product operation results in a table of 3 variables, with  $K^3 - 1$  entries
  - Each summation is over  $K$  entries, for each of  $K^2$  combinations
- If there are multiple paths from  $X$  to  $Y$ , or if there are multiple  $X$  variables (many different relevant observations), then belief propagation becomes NP-complete
  - It's necessary to create a probability table containing all the variables in all the paths between  $X$  and  $Y$
  - That table has  $K^{2N+1} - 1$  entries, where  $N$  is the number of different paths that connect  $X$  to  $Y$

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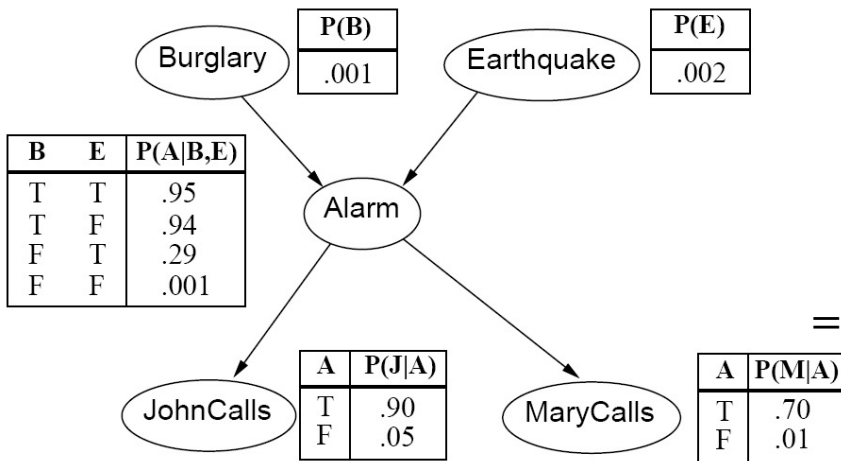
- If only Mary calls or only John calls, the probability of a burglary is about 5% or 6%.

unless ...

- If you know that there was an earthquake, then it's very likely that the alarm was caused by the earthquake. In that case, the probability you had a burglary is vanishingly small, even if twenty of your neighbors call you.
- This is called the “explaining away” effect. The earthquake “explains away” the burglar alarm.

# The “Explaining Away” Effect

Probability of a Burglary, given that Mary called, and given a known earthquake:



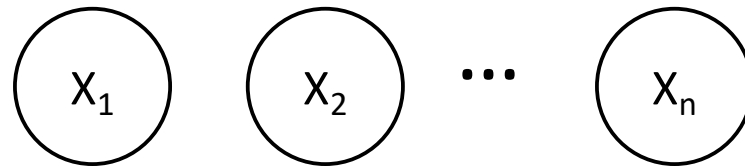
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B|M, E) &= \frac{\sum_{a \in \{F, T\}} P(M, A = a, E, B)}{\sum_{a \in \{F, T\}, b \in \{F, T\}} P(M, A = a, E, B = b)} \\
 &= \frac{(0.001)(0.002)(0.95)(0.7) + (0.001)(0.002)(0.05)(0.01)}{(0.001)(0.002)(0.95)(0.7) + (0.001)(0.002)(0.05)(0.01) + (0.999)(0.002)(0.29)(0.7) + (0.999)(0.002)(0.71)(0.01)} \\
 &= 0.003
 \end{aligned}$$

# Independence

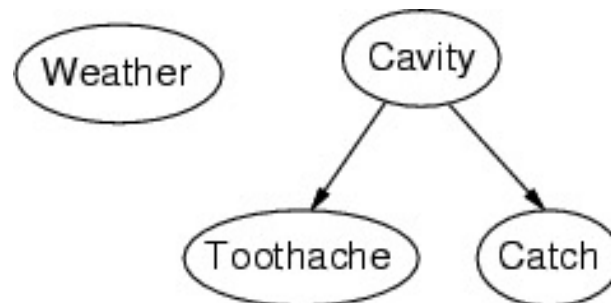
- By saying that  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are independent, we mean that

$$P(X_j, X_i) = P(X_i)P(X_j)$$

- $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are independent if and only if they have no common ancestors
- Example: *independent coin flips*



- Another example: Weather is independent of all other variables in this model.

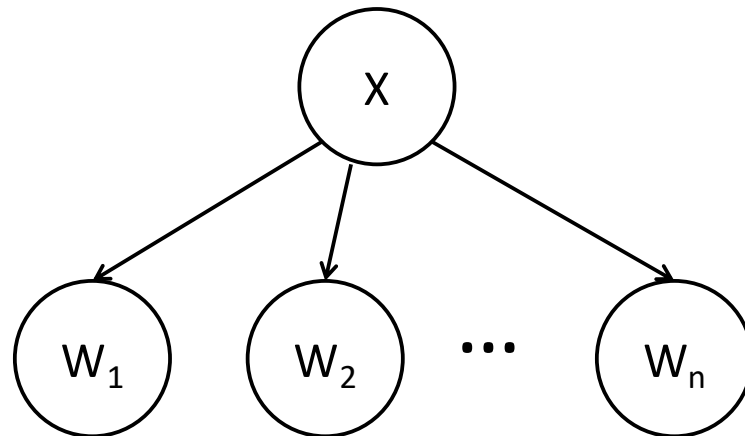


# Conditional independence

- By saying that  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  are conditionally independent given  $X$ , we mean that

$$P(W_i, W_j | X) = P(W_i | X)P(W_j | X)$$

- $W_i$  and  $W_j$  are conditionally independent given  $X$  if and only if they have no common ancestors other than the ancestors of  $X$ .
- Example: *naïve Bayes model*:





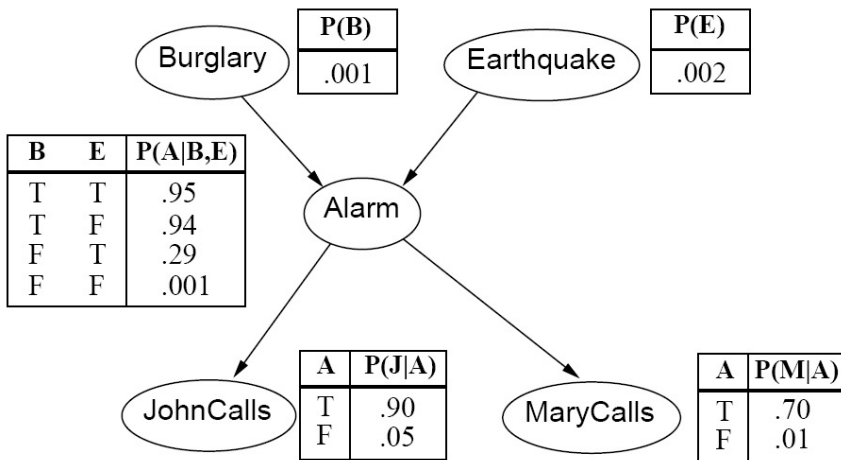
# Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence

B and E are **independent**:

$$P(B|\neg E) = P(B) = 0.001$$

B and E are **not conditionally independent given A**:

$$P(B|\neg E, A) = 0.48 \neq P(B|\neg E) = 0.001$$



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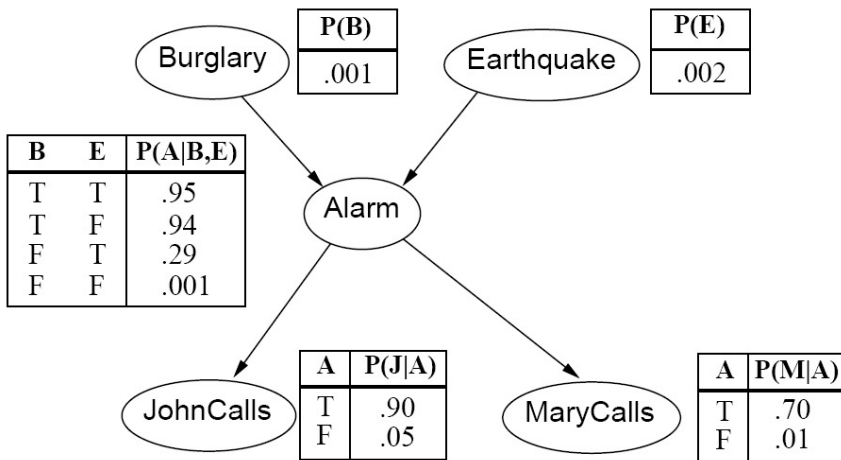
J and M are **conditionally independent given A:**

$$P(J|A, M) = P(J|A) = 0.9$$

$$P(M|A, J) = P(M|A) = 0.7$$

J and M are **not independent!**

$$P(J|M) = 0.18 \neq P(J) = 0.05$$



# Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence

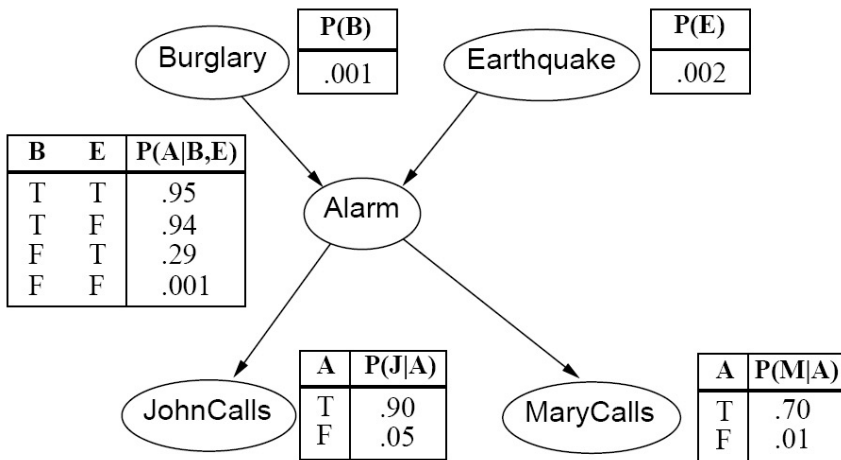
B and M are **conditionally independent given A:**

$$P(B|A, M) = P(B|A) = 0.37$$

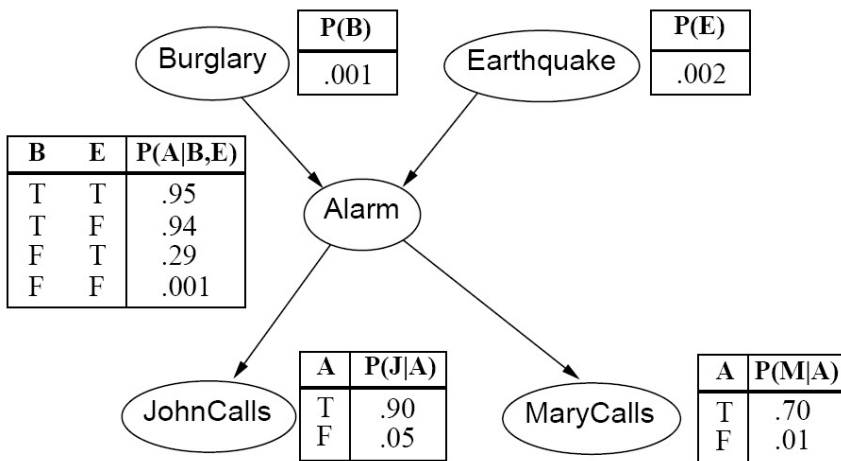
$$P(M|A, B) = P(M|A) = 0.7$$

B and M are **not independent!**

$$P(B|M) = 0.056 \neq P(B) = 0.001$$



# Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence



- B and E (no common ancestor):
  - Independent
  - Not conditionally independent given A
- J and M (common ancestor):
  - Conditionally independent given A
  - Not independent
- B and M (one is ancestor of the other):
  - Conditionally independent given A
  - Not independent

# Conditional Independence $\neq$ Independence

- Variables in a Bayes net are **independent** if they have no common ancestors
  - If they have a common ancestor (e.g., J and M), they are not independent
  - If one is the ancestor of the other (e.g., B and M), they are not independent
- Variables in a Bayes net are **conditionally independent** given knowledge of:
  - Their common ancestors, and
  - A variable that is a descendant of one, and an ancestor of the other

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