

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 11 – Bayesian Networks

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Announcements

- Homework 2 out; due Nov 10.
- Milestone due Nov 3

Probabilistic propositional logic

- Suppose we would like to express uncertainty about *logical propositions*
- Birds can typically fly $P(Bird \Rightarrow CanFly) = .95$
- Propositional symbols \rightarrow Bernoulli random variables
 - Specify $P(Bird = b, CanFly = f)$
for all $b, f \in \{true, false\}$
- Probability of a proposition ϕ is the probability mass of all models of ϕ (i.e., all ω that make ϕ true)
- Allows us to avoid specifying large numbers of exceptions (“Birds can fly unless X and ...”)

Random variables

- **Bernoulli** distribution: “(biased) coin flips”

$$D = \{H, T\}$$

Specify $P(X = H) = p$. Then $P(X = T) = 1-p$.

Note: can identify atomic events ω with $\{X=H\}$, $\{X=T\}$

- **Binomial** distribution counts the number of heads S
$$p(S = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

- **Categorical** distribution: “(biased) m-sided dice”

$$D = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

Specify $P(X = i) = p_i$, s.t. $\sum_i p_i = 1$

- **Multinomial** distribution counts the number of outcomes for each side

Joint distributions

- Instead of random variable, have random vector
 $\mathbf{X}(\omega) = [X_1(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega)] \in \mathcal{D}^n$
- Can specify $P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n)$ directly
 (atomic events are assignments x_1, \dots, x_n)
- Joint distribution describes relationship among all variables
- Example:

| | <i>toothache</i> | | \neg <i>toothache</i> | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>catch</i> | \neg <i>catch</i> | <i>catch</i> | \neg <i>catch</i> |
| <i>cavity</i> | .108 | .012 | .072 | .008 |
| \neg <i>cavity</i> | .016 | .064 | .144 | .576 |

Problems with high-dim. distributions

- Suppose we have n propositional symbols
- How many parameters do we need to specify $P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n)$?

| X_1 | X_2 | ... | X_{n-1} | X_n | $P(X)$ |
|-------|-------|-----|-----------|-------|--------|
| 0 | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 | .01 |
| 0 | 0 | ... | 1 | 0 | .001 |
| 0 | 0 | ... | 1 | 1 | .213 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | .0003 |

$2^n - 1$ parameters! ☹️

Marginal distributions

- Suppose we have joint distribution $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$
- Then

$$P(X_i = x_i) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n} P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Need, because
want to compute

- If all X_i binary: How many terms?

$$2^{n-1}$$

$$P(X_1=T | X_2=F, X_3=F) = \frac{P(X_1=T, X_2=F, X_3=F)}{P(X_2=F, X_3=F)}$$

Marginal Dist.

Independent RVs

- What if RVs are independent?

$$P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n) = P(x_1) P(x_2) \dots P(x_n)$$

- How many parameters are needed in this case?

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- How about computing $P(x_i)$?

$$\text{Indep: } P(X \mid Y, Z) = P(X)$$

- Independence too strong assumption... Is there something weaker?

Key concept: Conditional independence

- How many parameters? $P(\textit{Toothache}, \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Catch})$
- If I know there's a *cavity*, knowing *toothache* won't help predict whether the probe *catches*
- $P(\textit{Catch} \mid \textit{Cavity}, \textit{Toothache}) = P(\textit{Catch} \mid \textit{Cavity})$
for all values of *Catch*, *Cavity* and *Toothache*

Key concept: Conditional independence

- Random variables X and Y cond. indep. given Z if for all x, y, z :

$$P(X = x, Y = y \mid Z = z) = P(X = x \mid Z = z) P(Y = y \mid Z = z)$$

- If $P(Y=y \mid Z=z) > 0$, that's equivalent to

$$P(X = x \mid Z = z, Y = y) = P(X = x \mid Z = z)$$

Similarly for sets of random variables $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}$

We write:

$$P \models \mathbf{X} \perp \mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{Z}$$

Properties of Conditional Independence

- **Symmetry**

$$X \perp Y \mid Z \Rightarrow Y \perp X \mid Z$$

- **Decomposition**

$$X \perp Y, W \mid Z \Rightarrow X \perp Y \mid Z$$

- **Contraction**

$$(X \perp Y \mid Z) \wedge (X \perp W \mid Y, Z) \Rightarrow X \perp Y, W \mid Z$$

- **Weak union**

$$X \perp Y, W \mid Z \Rightarrow X \perp Y \mid Z, W$$

- **Intersection**

$$(X \perp Y \mid W, Z) \wedge (X \perp W \mid Y, Z) \Rightarrow X \perp Y, W \mid Z$$

Holds only if distribution is positive, i.e., $P > 0$

Example: Naïve Bayes Models

- Suppose we have multiple effects with a single cause
- E.g.: Flu causes fever, runny nose, cough, ...
- Effects are *conditionally independent* given cause

Cause Y

Effects $X_1 \dots X_n$

$$X_A \perp X_B \mid Y \quad \text{where } A \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\text{Eg: } A = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$$

$$X_A = [X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k}]$$

$$P(Y, X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(Y) P(X_1 | Y) \underbrace{P(X_2 | Y, X_1)}_{P(X_2 | Y)} \dots \underbrace{P(X_n | Y, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})}_{P(X_n | Y)}$$

$\Rightarrow 2n + 1$ parameters

Inference in the Naïve Bayes model

$$P(Y, X_1 \dots X_n) = P(Y) \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | Y)$$

$$P(Y | X_1 = T) = \frac{1}{2} P(Y, X_1 = T) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} \dots \sum_{x_n} P(Y) P(X_1 = T | Y) \prod_{i=2}^n P(X_i | Y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} P(Y) P(X_1 = T | Y) \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} \dots \sum_{x_n} P(X_2 | Y) \dots P(X_n | Y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} P(Y) P(X_1 = T | Y) \sum_{x_2} P(X_2 | Y) \sum_{x_3} P(X_3 | Y) \dots \sum_{x_n} P(X_n | Y)$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{x_2} P(X_2 | Y)}_{=1} \underbrace{\sum_{x_3} P(X_3 | Y)}_{=1} \dots \underbrace{\sum_{x_n} P(X_n | Y)}_{=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} P(Y) P(X_1 = T | Y)$$

\Rightarrow Summed only over $O(n)$ terms !!

Does this work in general?

- Conditional parameterization
(instead of joint parameterization)
- For each RV, specify $P(X_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{A_i})$ for set \mathbf{X}_{A_i} of RVs
- Then use chain rule to get joint parametrization

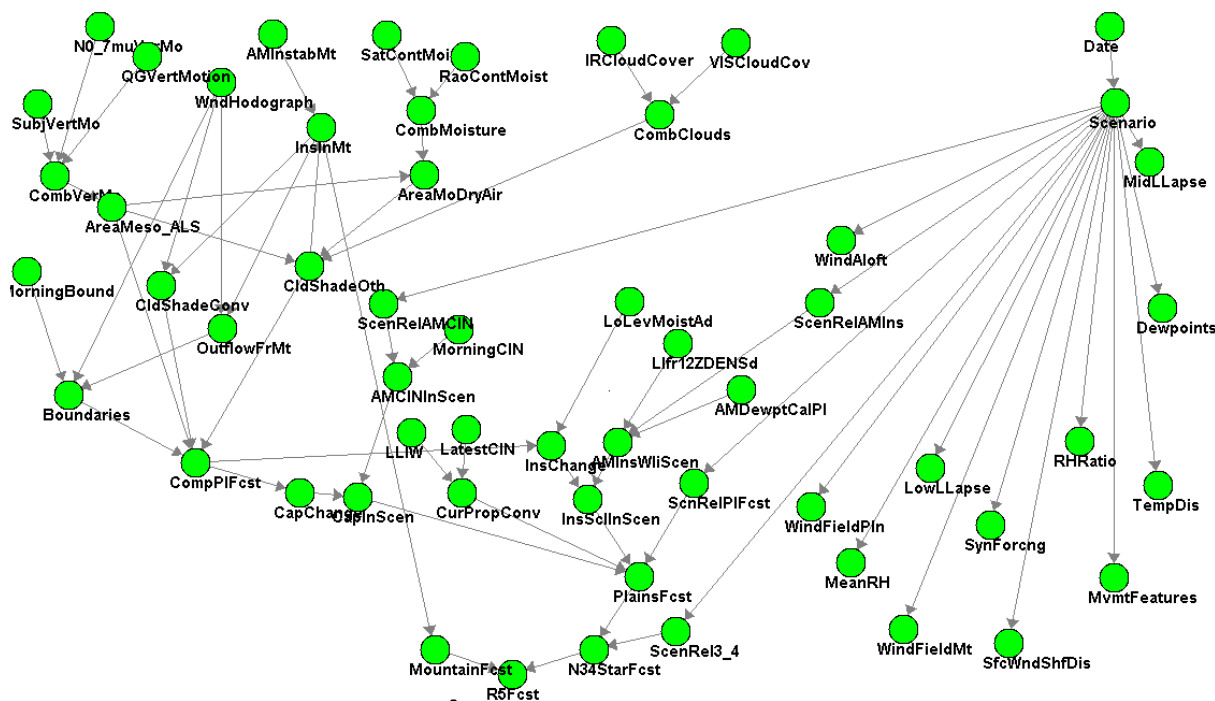
$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod P(X_i \mid X_{A_i})$$

- Number of parameters? $= \sum_i 2^{|A_i|}$
- Have to be careful to guarantee legal distribution...

If one chooses arbitrary $P(X|Y)$ and $P(Y|X)$ in general $\nexists P(X,Y)$
with those cond. distributions

Bayesian networks

- Compact representation of distributions over large number of variables
- (Often) allows efficient exact inference (computing marginals, etc.)



HailFinder

56 vars

~ 3 states each

→ ~ 10^{26} terms

> 10.000 years

on Top
supercomputers

JavaBayes applet

Causal parametrization

- Graph with directed edges from (immediate) causes to (immediate) effects

| E | P(E) |
|---|------|
| 1 | .01 |
| 0 | .99 |

Earthquake

| B | P(B) |
|---|------|
| 1 | .1 |
| 0 | .9 |

Burglary

Alarm

| E | B | A | P(A E,B) |
|---|---|---|----------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | .0001 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | .8 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | .6 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | .9 |

JohnCalls

MaryCalls

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Bayesian networks

- A **Bayesian network structure** is a directed, acyclic graph G , where each vertex s of G is interpreted as a random variable X_s (with unspecified distribution)
- A **Bayesian network** (G, P) consists of
 - A BN structure G and ..
 - ..a set of conditional probability distributions (CPTs) $P(X_s \mid \mathbf{Pa}_{X_s})$, where \mathbf{Pa}_{X_s} are the parents of node X_s such that
 - (G, P) defines joint distribution

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_i P(X_i \mid \mathbf{Pa}_{X_i})$$

Bayesian networks

- Can every probability distribution be described by a BN?

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1) P(X_2|X_1) \dots P(X_n|X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$$



~~#~~params:

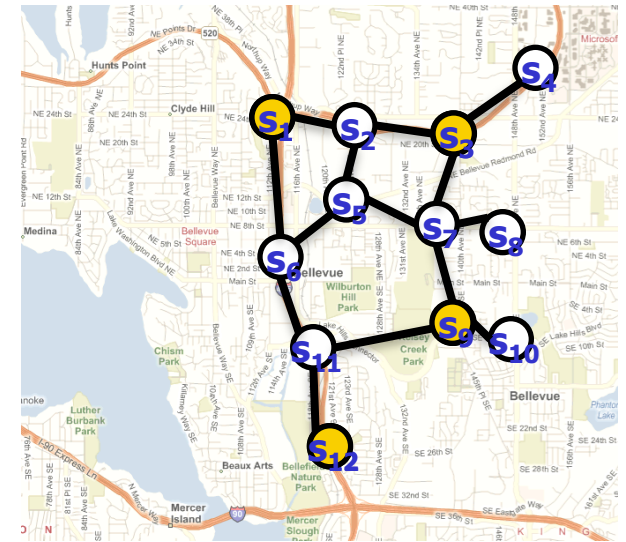
$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$$
$$= 2^n - 1$$

Yes!

Representing the world using BNs



represent



True distribution P'
with cond. ind. $I(P')$

Bayes net (G, P)
with $I(P)$

- Want to make sure that $I(P)$ is a subset of $I(P')$
- Need to understand conditional independence properties of BN (G, P)

Defining a Bayes Net

- Given random variables and known conditional independences
- Pick **ordering** X_1, \dots, X_n of the variables
- For each X_i
 - Find **minimal subset** A of $\{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}\}$ such that $X_i \perp \mathbf{X}_{\bar{A}} \mid \mathbf{X}_A$ where $\bar{A} = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus (A \cup \{i\})$
 - Specify / learn $P(X_i \mid A)$

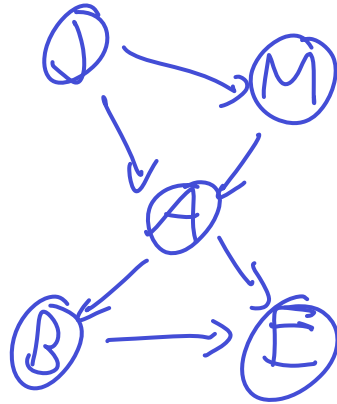
Theorem: Bayes' Nets defined this way are *sound*

- *Does only encode cond. indep. present in P*

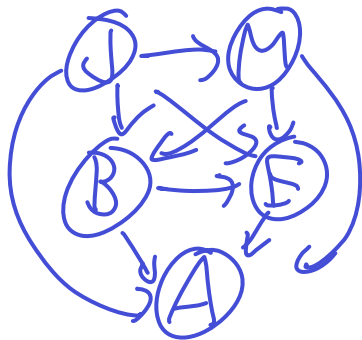
Ordering matters a lot for compactness of representation! More later this course.

Example

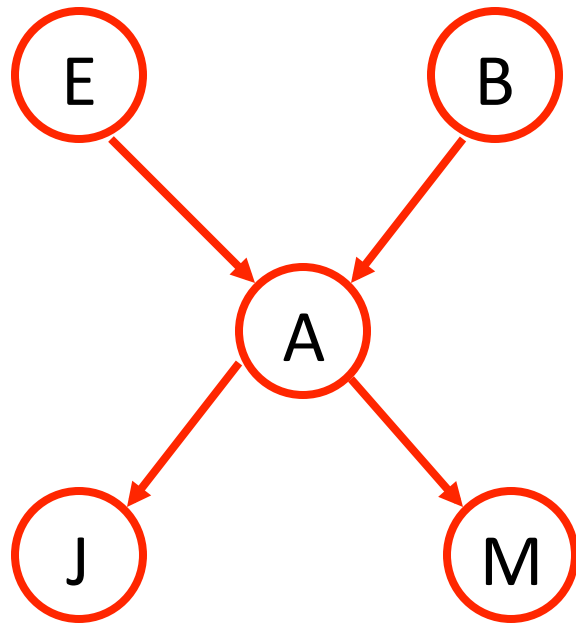
- Suppose we use the ordering
JohnCalls, MaryCalls, Alarm, Burglary, Earthquake



- What if ordering is J, M, B, E, A?



Which kind of CI does a BN imply?



$$E \perp B \quad ?$$

$$P(E, B) = \sum_{a, j, m} P(E, B, a, j, m)$$

$$= \sum_{a, j, m} P(E) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(a|E, B) \cdot P(j|a) \cdot P(m|a)$$

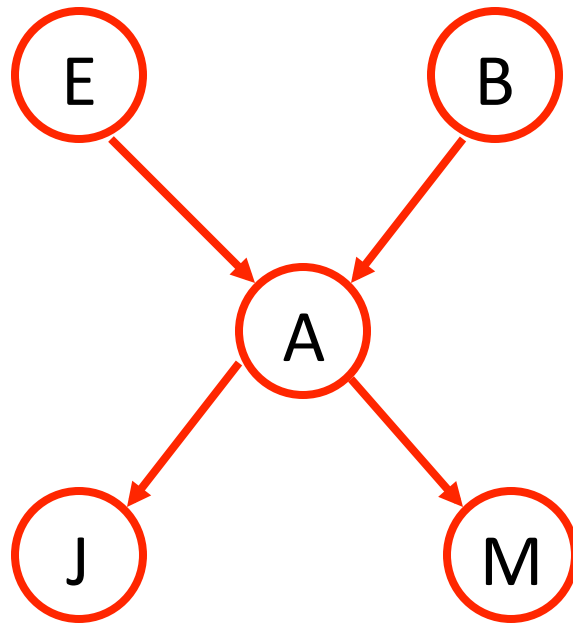
$$= P(E) P(B) \sum_{a, j, m} P(a|EB) P(j|a) P(m|a)$$

$$= P(E) P(B) \underbrace{\sum_a P(a|EB)}_{=1} \underbrace{\sum_j P(j|a)}_{=1} \underbrace{\sum_m P(m|a)}_{=1}$$

$$= P(E) P(B)$$

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Which kind of CI does a BN imply?



$$J \perp M | A ?$$

$$P(J|AM) = \frac{P(J, A, M)}{P(A, M)}$$

$$P(J, A, M) = \sum_{e, b} P(J, A, M, e, b)$$

$$= \sum_{e, b} P(e) P(b) P(A|e, b) P(J|A) P(M|A)$$

$$= P(J|A) P(M|A) \underbrace{\sum_{e, b} \frac{P(A|e, b) P(e) P(b)}{P(A, e, b)}}_{P(A)}$$

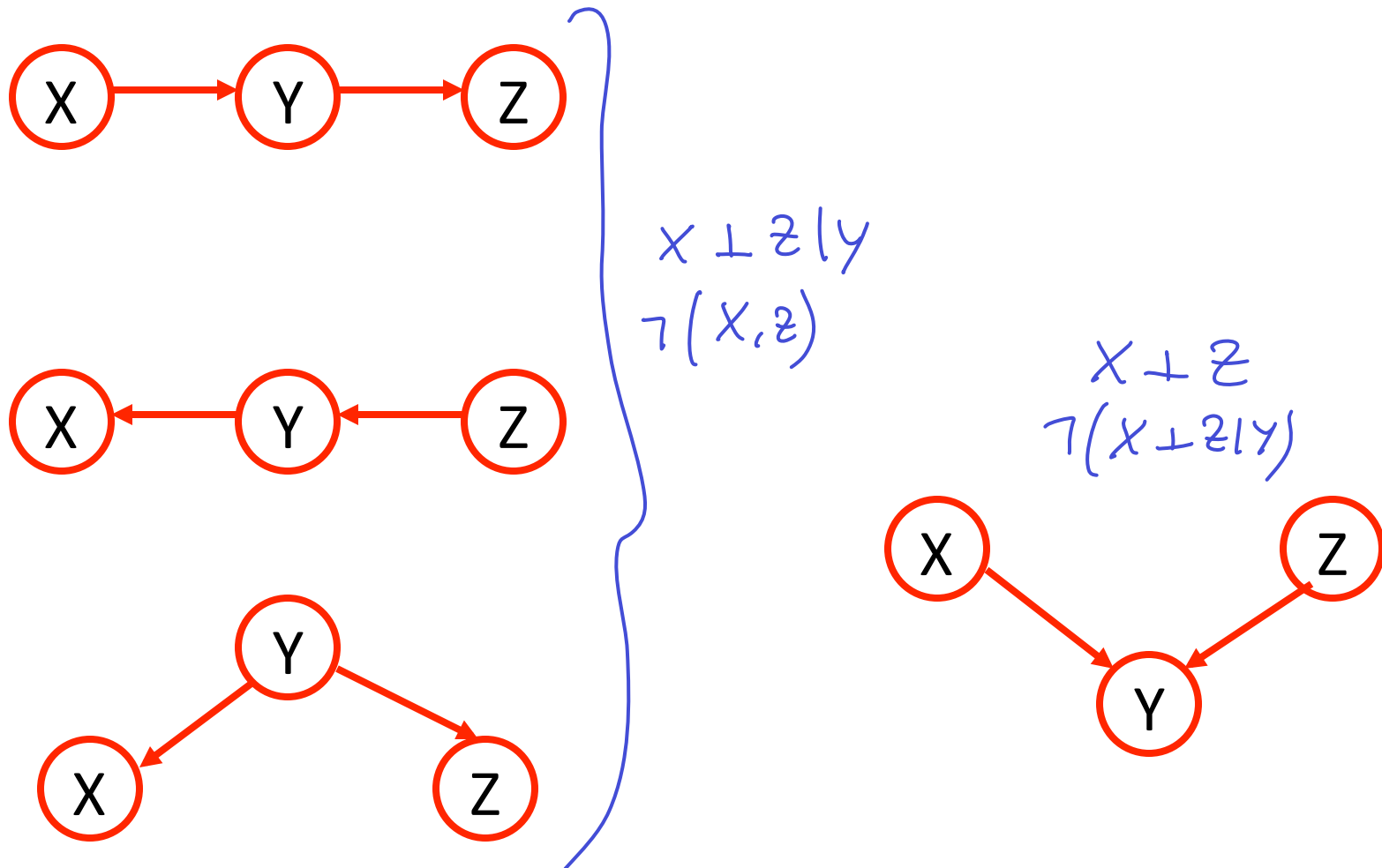
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{P(A, M)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(J, A, M) = P(J|A) \cdot P(A, M)$$

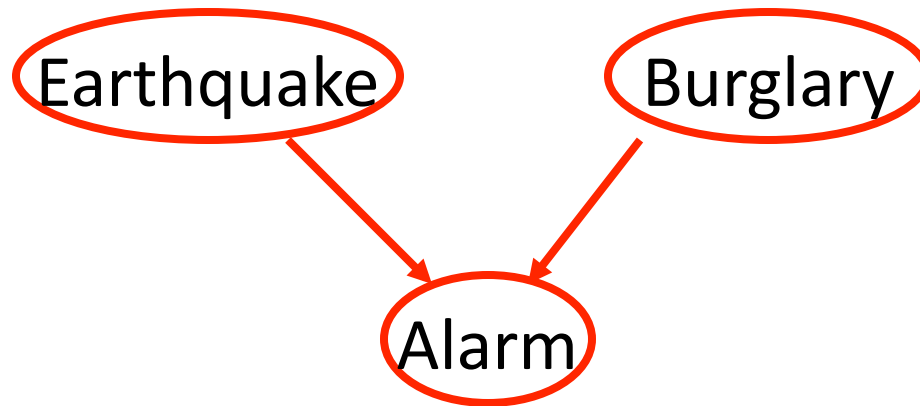
$$\Rightarrow P(J|AM) = P(J|A)$$

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BNs with 3 nodes



V-structures



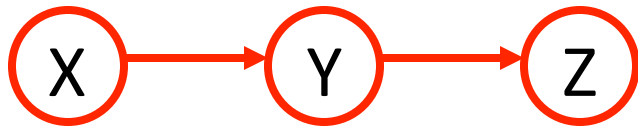
Can happen that

$$P(B=T | A=T, E=T) < P(B=T | A=T)$$

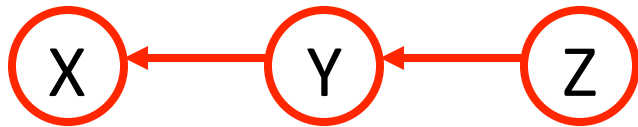
"Explaining away"

BNs with 3 nodes

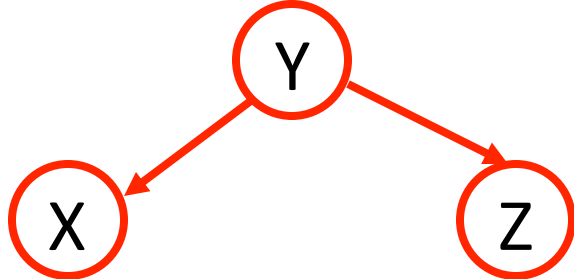
Indirect causal effect



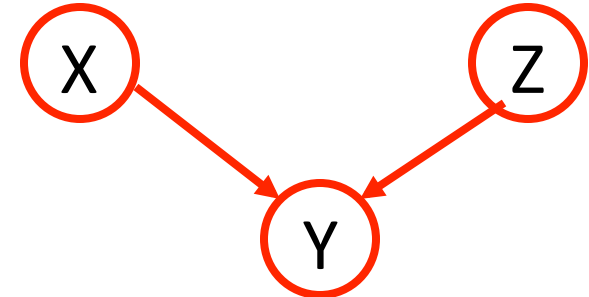
Indirect evidential effect



Common cause

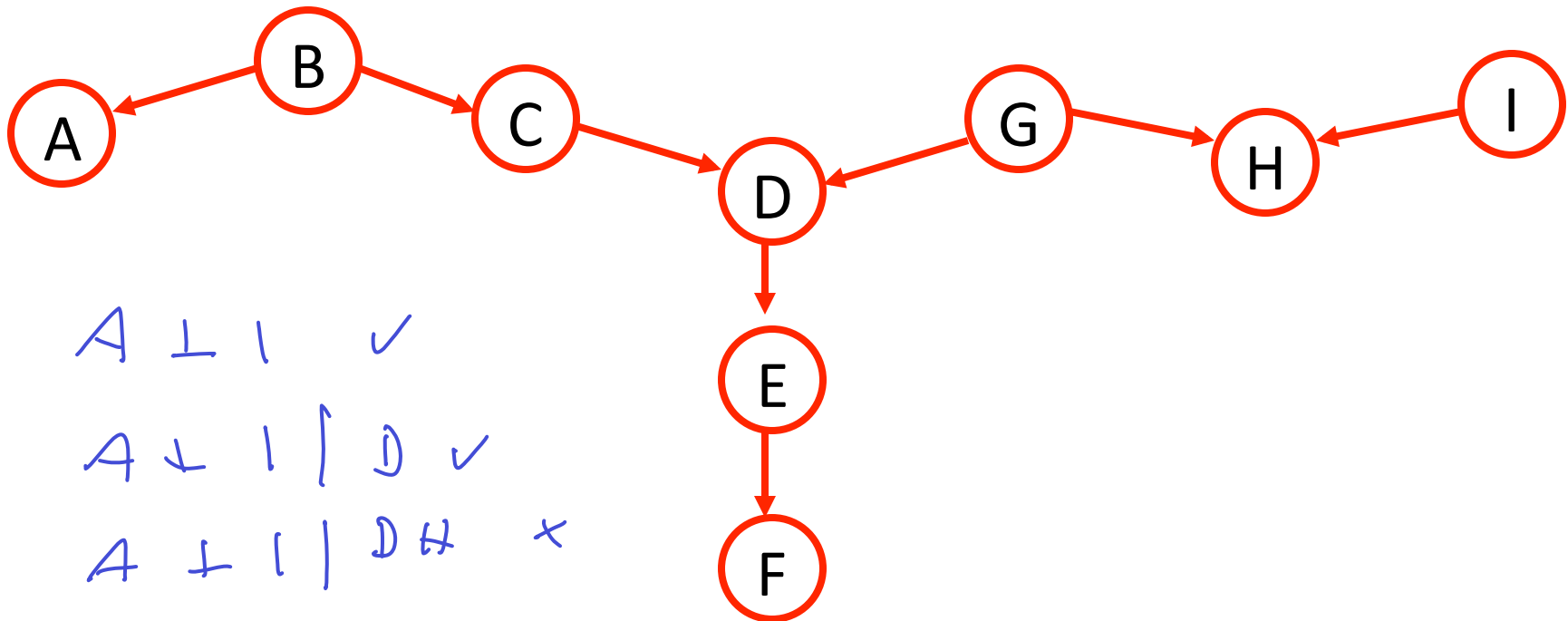


Common effect



Active trails

- When are A and I independent?



$$A \perp I \quad \checkmark$$

$$A \perp I \mid D \quad \checkmark$$

$$A \perp I \mid D, H \quad \times$$

$$A \perp I \mid H, F$$

Active trails

- An undirected path in BN structure G is called **active trail** for observed variables $\mathbf{O} \subseteq \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$, if for every consecutive triple of vars X, Y, Z on the path
 - $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ and Y is unobserved ($Y \notin \mathbf{O}$)
 - $X \leftarrow Y \leftarrow Z$ and Y is unobserved ($Y \notin \mathbf{O}$)
 - $X \leftarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ and Y is unobserved ($Y \notin \mathbf{O}$)
 - $X \rightarrow Y \leftarrow Z$ and Y or any of Y 's descendants is observed
- Any variables X_i and X_j for which there is no active trail for observations \mathbf{O} are called **d-separated** by \mathbf{O}
We write **d-sep**($X_i; X_j \mid \mathbf{O}$)
- Sets \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are d-separated given \mathbf{O} if **d-sep**($X, Y \mid \mathbf{O}$) for all X in \mathbf{A} , Y in \mathbf{B} . Write **d-sep**($\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{O}$)