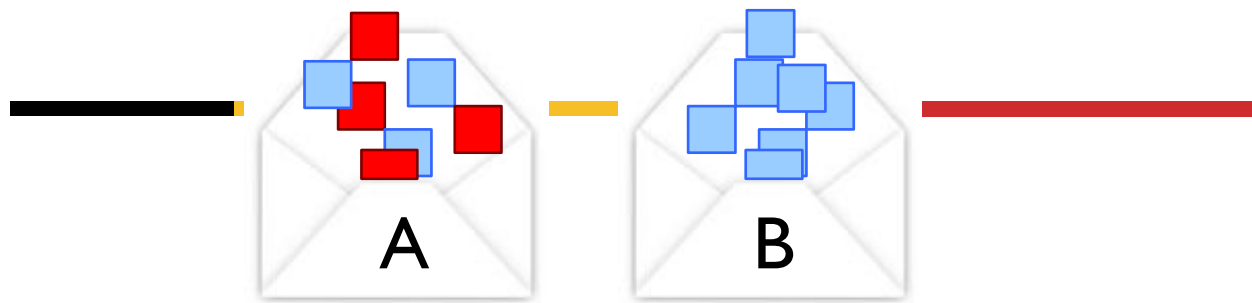


Probabilistic Reasoning



*Some material also adapted from www.csc.calpoly.edu/~fkurfess/Courses/CSC-481/W02/Slides/Uncertainty.ppt;
Weng-Keen Wong, Oregon State University;*

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Today's Class

- Probability theory
- Probability notation
- Bayesian inference
 - From the joint distribution
 - Using independence / factoring
 - From sources of evidence

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Probabilistic inference: finding *posterior probability* for a proposition, given observed evidence.

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Probabilistic Reasoning

- So far, mostly, we've done deterministic problems.



- This is a stepping stone to stochastic problem-solving.
- We'll use many of the same techniques and core ideas!
 - Like minimax $\rightarrow$ expectiminimax

Images: www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Win-a-Chess-Game-in-2-Moves/

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Probabilistic Reasoning

- We don't (can't!) know everything about most problems.
- Most problems are not:
 - Deterministic
 - Fully observable
- Or, we can't calculate everything.
 - Continuous problem spaces
- Probability lets us understand, quantify, and work with this uncertainty.

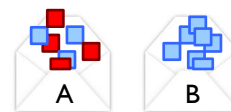


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Probability

- **World:** The complete set of possible states
- **Random variables:** Problem aspects that take a value
 - “The number of blue squares we have pulled,” B
 - “The combined value of two dice we rolled,” C
- **Event:** Something that happens
- **Sample Space:** All the things (outcomes) that could happen in some set of circumstances
 - Pull 2 squares from envelope A: what is the sample space?
 - How about envelope B?
- **World, redux:** *A complete assignment of values to variables*



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Random Variables

- A random variable is the basic element of probability
- Refers to an event and there is some degree of uncertainty as to the outcome of the event
- For example, the random variable A could be the event of getting a head on a coin flip, getting a 2 on a die roll, or drawing a blue chip from an envelope



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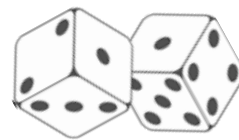
Boolean Random Variables

- We will start with the simplest type of random variables: Booleans
- Take the values true or false
- Think of the event as **occurring** or **not occurring**
- Examples (Let A be a Boolean random variable):
 - A = Getting a head on a coin flip
 - A = It will rain today

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Basic Probability

- Each P is a non-negative value in $[0,1]$
 - $P(\{1,1\}) = 1/36$
- Total probability of the sample space is 1
 - $P(\{1,1\}) + P(\{1,2\}) + P(\{1,3\}) + \dots + P(\{6,6\}) = 1$
- For mutually exclusive events, the probability for at least one of them is the sum of their individual probabilities
 - $P(\text{sunny}) \vee P(\text{cloudy}) = P(\text{sunny}) + P(\text{cloudy})$
- Where do these numbers come from?
 - Experimental probability: Based on frequency of past events
 - Subjective probability: Based on expert assessment



commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:2-Dice-Icon.svg

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The Joint Probability Distribution

- Joint probabilities can be between any number of variables
 - E.g. $P(A = \text{true}, B = \text{true}, C = \text{true})$
- For each combination of variables, we need to say how probable that combination is
- The probabilities of these combinations need to sum to 1

A	B	C	P(A,B,C)
false	false	false	0.1
false	false	true	0.2
false	true	false	0.05
false	true	true	0.05
true	false	false	0.3
true	false	true	0.1
true	true	false	0.05
true	true	true	0.15

Sums to 1

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The Joint Probability Distribution

- Once you have the joint probability distribution, you can calculate any probability involving A, B, and C
- Note: May need to use marginalization and Bayes rule
- Examples:
 - $P(A=\text{true}) =$
sum of $P(A,B,C)$ in rows with $A=\text{true}$
 - $P(A=\text{true}, B = \text{true} \mid C=\text{true}) =$
 $P(A = \text{true}, B = \text{true}, C = \text{true}) / P(C = \text{true})$

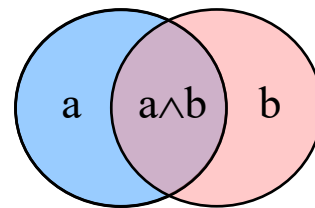
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Why Probabilities Anyway?

3 simple axioms → all rules of probability theory*

1. All probabilities are between 0 and 1.
 - $0 \leq P(a) \leq 1$
2. Valid propositions (tautologies) have probability 1, and unsatisfiable propositions have probability 0.
 - $P(\text{true}) = 1$
 - $P(\text{false}) = 0$
3. The probability of a disjunction is:
 - $P(a \vee b) = P(a) + P(b) - P(a \wedge b)$



*Kolmogorov – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrey_Kolmogorov
De Finetti, Cox, and Carnap have also provided compelling arguments for these axioms

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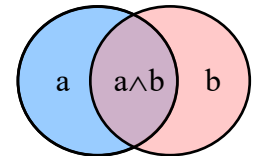
Compound Probabilities

- Describe independent events
 - “Independent”: Do not affect each other in any way
 - Rolling two dice: die 1 value doesn’t affect die 2 value
- Joint probability of two independent events A and B

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A) * P(B)$$
- Union probability of two independent events A and B

$$P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - (P(A) * P(B))$$



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Probability Theory

- **Random variables:**
 - Domain: possible values
- **Atomic event:**
 - Complete specification of a state
- **Prior probability:**
 - Degree of belief without any *new* evidence
- **Joint probability:**
 - Matrix of **combined probabilities of a set of variables**, $P(A,B)$

You have a home alarm system; sometimes there are earthquakes; sometimes someone tries to burgle your home.

How do we represent this?

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Probability Theory

- **Random variables:** → Alarm (A), Burglary (B), Earthquake (E)
 - Domain: possible values → $D = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$
- **Atomic event:** → $A=\text{true} \wedge B=\text{true} \wedge E=\text{false}$:
 - alarm $\wedge$ burglary $\wedge$ $\neg$ earthquake
- **Prior probability:** → $P(B) = 0.1$
 - Degree of belief without any *new* evidence
- **Joint probability:** → $P(A, B) =$
 - Matrix of **combined probabilities of a set of variables**, $P(A,B)$

	alarm	$\neg$ alarm
burglary	0.09	0.01
$\neg$ burglary	0.1	0.8

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Probability Distributions

- A distribution is the probabilities of **all possible values** of a random variable
- Ex: weather can be sunny, rainy, cloudy, or snowy
 - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{sun}) = 0.6$
 - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{rain}) = 0.1$
 - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{cloud}) = 0.29$
 - $P(\text{Weather} = \text{snow}) = 0.01$
 - $P(\text{Weather}) = \langle 0.6, 0.1, 0.29, 0.01 \rangle \leftarrow \text{shortcut}$
- $P(\text{Weather})$: **probability distribution on Weather**

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Probability Theory: Definitions

- **Conditional distribution** gives the probabilities of a variable, dependent on the values of the other variables
 - $P(X|Y)$ = “Probability of X happening, given that Y happens (or didn’t happen)”
- Probability of some effect, given that we know cause(s)
 - (Technically, we only know b is correlated, not causal)
 - Example: $P(\text{alarm} | \text{burglary})$ = “Probability of *alarm*, given *burglary*”
- Computing it:
 - $$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}$$
- $P(b)$: **normalizing constant** (later we’ll call this alpha α or rho ϱ)

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Probability Theory: Definitions

- **Product rule:**

- $P(a \wedge b) = P(a \mid b) P(b)$

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- **Marginalizing** (summing out):

- Finding distribution over *one* or a *subset* of variables
 - Marginal probability of B summed over all alarm states:
 - $P(B) = \sum_a P(B, a)$
 - $P(B) = \text{sum of } P(B, a) \text{ for all possible values of } A$

- **Conditioning** over a subset of variables:

- $P(B) = \sum_a P(B \mid a) P(a)$

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Let's Try It

	alarm	$\neg$ alarm
burglary	0.09	0.01
$\neg$ burglary	0.1	0.8

- **Cond'l probability**

- $P(\text{effect}, \text{cause}[s])$
 - $P(a \mid b) = P(a \wedge b) / P(b)$
 - $P(b)$: normalizing constant ($1/\alpha$)

- **Product rule:**

- $P(a \wedge b) = P(a \mid b) P(b)$

- **Marginalizing:**

- $P(B) = \sum_a P(B, a)$
 - $P(B) = \sum_a P(B \mid a) P(a)$ (conditioning)
- $P(A) = ?$

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Marginalizing

- Marginalization: how to **safely ignore variables**.
- Two-variable example (A and B).
- If we know $P(A=a, B=b)$ for *all* values of a and b :
- $P(B=b) = \sum_a P(A=a, B=b)$.
- Here we “marginalized out” the variable A .
- Takes variable(s) in a out of consideration

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Marginalizing

- Marginal probability: the probability of an event occurring, **regardless of** other events (unlike conditional probability)
 - To get there we have to marginalize
- **Marginalizing** (summing out):
 - Finding distribution over *one* or a *subset* of variables
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Marginalizing Example

- You are a video games company, and you want to know the probability of a user winning, $P(W)$. 1000 people already played. Your game has only two characters to choose.
- You know:
 - People who chose A: $P(A) = 600/1000$
 - People who chose B: $P(B) = 400/1000$
 - People who chose A and won, $P(W|A)$: $75/100$
 - People who chose B and won, $P(W|B)$: $69/100$
- What is $P(W)$?

$$P(W)$$

$$P(W|A)P(A) + P(W|B)P(B)$$

$$75/100 \times 600/1000 + 69/100 \times 400/1000$$

$$0.75 \times 0.6 + 0.69 \times 0.4$$

$$0.726$$

Example: www.quora.com/What-is-marginalization-in-probability

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Exercise: Inference from the Joint

- Queries:
 - What is the prior probability (knowing nothing) of *study*?
 - What is the prior probability of *study*?
 - What is the conditional probability of *prepared*, given *study* and *smart*?

Where do these come from?

$P(\text{smart} \wedge \text{study} \wedge \text{prep})$	<i>smart</i>		$\neg \text{smart}$	
	<i>study</i>	$\neg \text{study}$	<i>study</i>	$\neg \text{study}$
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$$P(\text{smart}) = .432 + .16 + .048 + .16 = \mathbf{0.8}$$

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$$P(\text{study}) = .432 + .048 + .084 + .036 = \mathbf{0.6}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{prep} | \text{smart}, \text{study}) &= P(\text{prep}, \text{smart}, \text{study}) / P(\text{smart}, \text{study}) \\
 &= .432 / (.432 + .048) \\
 &= 0.9
 \end{aligned}$$

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The Problem with the Joint Distribution

- Lots of entries in the table!
- For k Boolean random variables, you need a table of size 2^k
- How do we use fewer numbers?
- Need **independence**

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Independence

Variables A and B are independent if any of the following hold:

- $P(A,B) = P(A) P(B)$
- $P(A | B) = P(A)$
- $P(B | A) = P(B)$

This says that knowing the outcome of A does not tell me anything new about the outcome of B.

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Independence

How is independence useful?

- Suppose you have n coin flips and you want to calculate the joint distribution $P(C_1, \dots, C_n)$
- If the coin flips are not independent, you need 2^n values in the table
- If the coin flips are independent, then

$$P(C_1, \dots, C_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(C_i)$$

Each $P(C_i)$ table has 2 entries and there are n of them for a total of $2n$ values

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Independence: $\perp$

- Informally, **independent** means two sets of propositions do not affect each others' probabilities
- Examples:
 - A = alarm M = moon phase
 - B = burglary L = light level
 - E = earthquake
- Variables A and B are **conditionally independent** given C if any of the following hold:
 - $P(A, B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) P(B \mid C)$
 - $P(A \mid B, C) = P(A \mid C)$
 - $P(B \mid A, C) = P(B \mid C)$

$A \perp B \perp E = ?$
$M \perp L = ?$
$A \perp M = ?$

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Independence Example

- $\{moon-phase, light-level\} \perp \{burglary, alarm, earthquake\}$
 - Unless maybe burglaries increase in low light?
 - $\{light-level\} \not\perp \{burglary\}$
 - But, if we know the light level, $moon-phase \perp burglary$
 - Once we're burglarized, light level doesn't affect whether the alarm goes off; $\{light-level\} \perp \{alarm\}$
- We need:
 - A more complex notion of independence
 - Methods for reasoning about these kinds of (common) relationships

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Exercise: Independence

- Is *smart* independent of *study*?
 - Is $P(\text{smart} \mid \text{study}) = P(\text{smart})$?
- Is *prepared* independent of *study*?
 - Is $P(\text{prep} \mid \text{study}) = P(\text{prep})$?

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- Is *prepared* independent of *study*?
 - $P(\text{prep} \mid \text{study}) = P(\text{prep})$

Smart	Study		
<i>t</i>	<i>t</i>	$0.432 + 0.48$	0.480
<i>t</i>	<i>f</i>	$0.16 + 0.16$	0.32
<i>f</i>	<i>t</i>	$0.084 + 0.008$	0.092
<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	$0.036 + 0.72$	0.756

$P(\text{smart} \wedge \text{study} \wedge \text{prep})$	<i>smart</i>		$\neg \text{smart}$	
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Exercise: Independence

- Is $P(\text{smart} \mid \text{study}) = P(\text{smart})$?
- Is $P(\text{smart} \mid \text{study}) = P(\text{smart}, \text{study}) / P(\text{study})$?
- $0.8 = (.432 + .048) / .6$
- $0.8 = 0.8$

$P(\text{smart} \wedge \text{study} \wedge \text{prep})$	smart		$\neg \text{smart}$		Smart	Study		
	study	$\neg \text{study}$	study	$\neg \text{study}$	t	t	$0.432 + 0.48$	0.480
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Conditional Probabilities

- Describes **dependent** events
 - Affect each other in some way
- Typical in the real world
- If we know some event has occurred, what does that tell us about the likelihood of another event?

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Conditional Independence

- *moon-phase* and *burglary* are **conditionally independent given light-level**
 - That is, $M \perp\!\!\!\perp B$ if we already know L
- Conditional independence is:
 - Weaker than absolute independence
 - Useful in decomposing full joint probability distributions

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Conditional Independence

- Absolute independence: $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B$, if:
 - $P(A \wedge B) = P(A) P(B)$
 - Equivalently, $P(A) = P(A | B)$ and $P(B) = P(B | A)$
- A and B are conditionally independent given C if:
 - $P(A \wedge B | C) = P(A | C) P(B | C)$
- This lets us decompose the joint distribution:
 - $P(A \wedge B \wedge C) = P(A | C) P(B | C) P(C)$
- What does this mean?

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Exercise: Conditional Independence

- Queries:
 - Is *smart* conditionally independent of *prepared*, given *study*?
 - Is *study* conditionally independent of *prepared*, given *smart*?

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Probability

- Worlds, random variables, events, sample space
- **Joint probabilities** of multiple connected variables
- **Conditional probabilities** of a variable, given another variable(s)
- **Marginalizing out** unwanted variables
- **Inference** from the joint probability

The big idea: figuring out the probability of variable(s) taking certain value(s)

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Bayes' Rule

- Derive the probability of some **event**, *given another event*
 - Assumption of attribute independence (AKA the Naïve assumption)
 - Naïve Bayes assumes that all *attributes* are independent.
- Also the basis of modern machine learning
- Bayes' rule is derived from the product rule

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

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Bayes' Rule

- $P(Y | X) = P(X | Y) P(Y) / P(X)$
- Often useful for diagnosis.
- If we have:
 - X = (observable) effects, e.g., symptoms
 - Y = (hidden) causes, e.g., illnesses
 - A model for how causes lead to effects: $P(X | Y)$
 - Prior beliefs about frequency of occurrence of effects: $P(Y)$
- We can reason from effects to causes: $P(Y | X)$

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Naïve Bayes Algorithm

- Estimate the probability of each class:
 - Compute the posterior probability (Bayes rule)

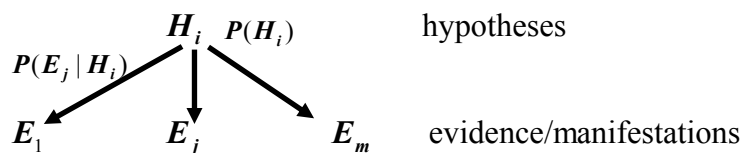
$$P(c_i | D) = \frac{P(c_i)P(D | c_i)}{P(D)}$$

- Choose the class with the highest probability
- Assumption of attribute independency (Naïve assumption): Naïve Bayes assumes that all of the attributes are independent.

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Bayesian Inference

- In the setting of diagnostic/evidential reasoning



- Know: prior probability of hypothesis $P(H_i)$
 conditional probability $P(E_j | H_i)$
- Want to compute the posterior probability $P(H_i | E_j)$
- Bayes' theorem: $P(H_i | E_j) = P(H_i)P(E_j | H_i) / P(E_j)$

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Simple Bayesian Diagnostic Reasoning

- We know:
 - Evidence / manifestations: $E_1, \dots, E_m$
 - Hypotheses / disorders: $H_1, \dots, H_n$
 - E_j and H_i are binary; hypotheses are mutually exclusive (non-overlapping) and exhaustive (cover all possible cases)
 - Conditional probabilities: $P(E_j | H_i), i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$
- Cases (evidence for a particular instance): $E_1, \dots, E_m$
- Goal: Find the hypothesis H_i with the highest posterior
 - $\text{Max}_i P(H_i | E_1, \dots, E_m)$

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Priors

- Four values total here:
 - $P(H | E) = (P(E | H) * P(H)) / P(E)$
- $P(H | E)$ — what we want to compute
- Three we already know, called the priors
 - $P(E | H)$
 - $P(H)$
 - $P(E)$

(In ML later, we will use the training set to estimate the priors)

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Bayesian Diagnostic Reasoning II

- Bayes' rule says that
 - $P(H_i | E_1, \dots, E_m) = P(E_1, \dots, E_m | H_i) P(H_i) / P(E_1, \dots, E_m)$
- Assume each piece of evidence E_i is **conditionally independent** of the others, **given** a hypothesis H_i , then:
 - $P(E_1, \dots, E_m | H_i) = \prod_{j=1}^m P(E_j | H_i)$
- If we only care about relative probabilities for the H_i , then we have:
 - $P(H_i | E_1, \dots, E_m) = \alpha P(H_i) \prod_{j=1}^m P(E_j | H_i)$

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Bayes Exercise: Diagnosing Meningitis

$$P(H_i | E_j) = P(H_i)P(E_j | H_i) / P(E_j)$$

- Your patient comes in with a stiff neck.
- Is it meningitis?
- Suppose we know that
 - Stiff neck is a symptom in 50% of meningitis cases
 - Meningitis (m) occurs in 1/50,000 patients
 - Stiff neck (s) occurs in 1/20 patients
- So probably not. But specifically?

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Bayes Exercise: Diagnosing Meningitis

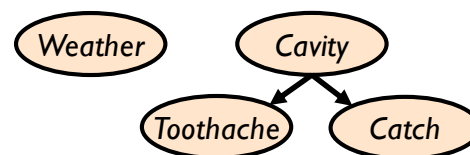
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Bayes' Nets: Big Picture

- **Bayes' nets:** a technique for describing complex joint distributions (models) using simple, local distributions (conditional probabilities)
 - A type of graphical models
- We describe how variables interact **locally**
 - Local interactions chain together to give global, indirect interactions



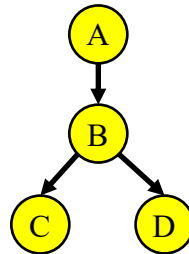
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1. A Directed Acyclic Graph



2. A set of tables for each node in the graph

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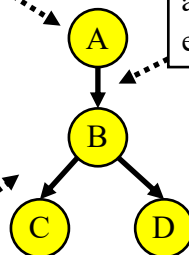
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A Directed Acyclic Graph

Each node in the graph is a random variable

A node X is a parent of another node Y if there is an arrow from node X to node Y
eg. A is a parent of B

Informally, an arrow from node X to node Y means X has a direct influence on Y

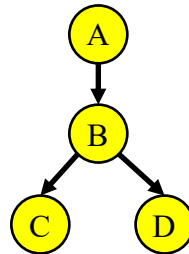


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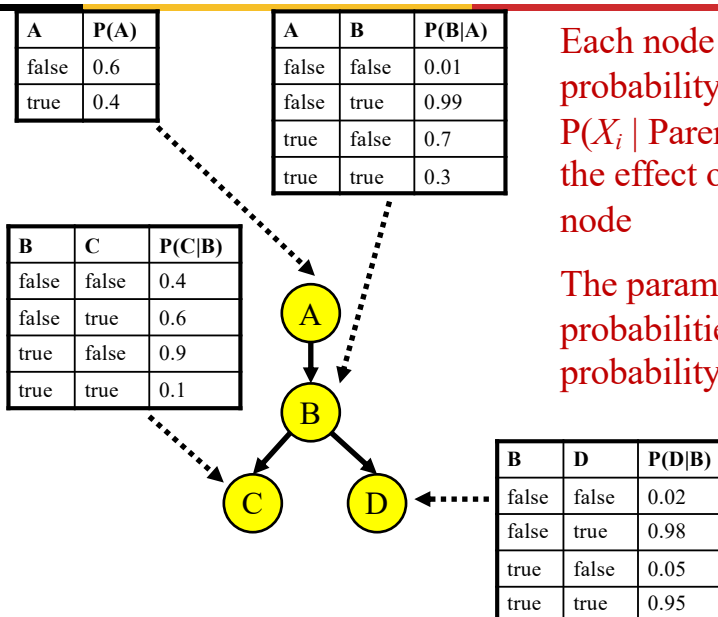


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The parameters are the probabilities in these conditional probability tables (CPTs)

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A Set of Tables for Each Node

Conditional Probability
Distribution for C given B

B	C	P(C B)
false	false	0.4
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true	true	0.1

For a given combination of values of the parents (B in this example), the entries for $P(C=\text{true} | B)$ and $P(C=\text{false} | B)$ must add up to 1

eg. $P(C=\text{true} | B=\text{false}) + P(C=\text{false} | B=\text{false}) = 1$

If you have a Boolean variable with k Boolean parents, this table has 2^{k+1} probabilities (but only 2^k need to be stored)

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Example: Car Won't Start



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Example: Insurance

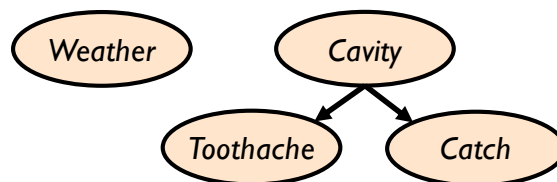


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Example: Toothache

- Random variables:
 - How's the weather?
 - Do you have a toothache?
 - Does the dentist's probe catch when she pokes your tooth?
 - Do you have a cavity?

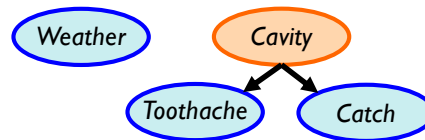


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Graphical Model Notation

- Nodes: variables (with domains)
- Can be assigned (**observed**) or unassigned (**hidden**)
- Arcs: interactions
 - Indicate “direct influence” between variables
 - Formally: **encode conditional independence**
 - Toothache and Catch are **conditionally independent, given Cavity**
- For now: imagine that arrows mean *causation*
 - (in general, they don’t!)

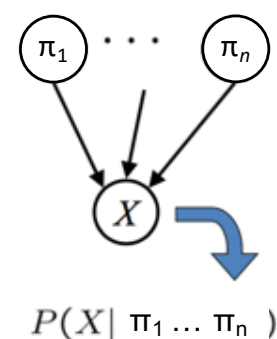


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Bayesian Belief Networks (BNs)

- Let’s formalize the semantics of a BN
 - A set of nodes, one per variable X
- A directed arc between each co-influential node
 - $X \rightarrow Y$ means X **has an influence on** Y
- A directed, acyclic graph



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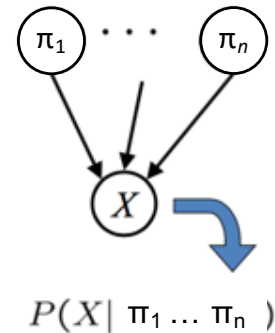
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Bayesian Belief Networks (BNs)

- Each node X has a **conditional probability distribution**:

$$P(X_i | Parents(X_i))$$

- A collection of distributions over X
- One for each combination of parents' values
- Quantifies the effects of the parents on a node
- CPT: conditional probability table
 - Description of a noisy "causal" process

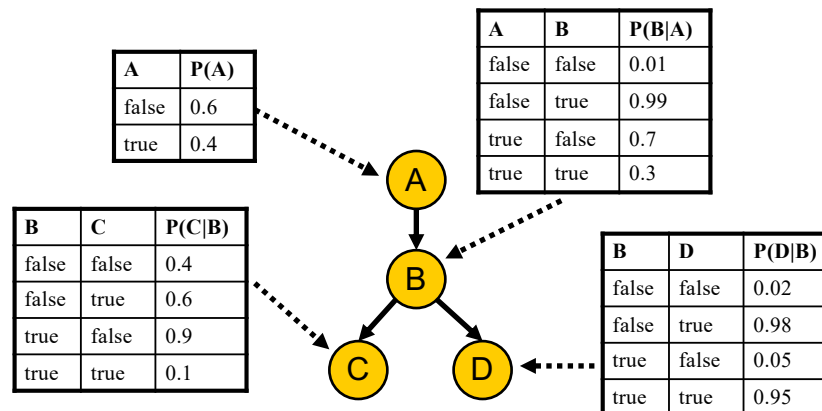


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Conditional Probability Tables

- For X_i , CPD $P(X_i | Parents(X_i))$ quantifies effect of parents on X_i
- Parameters** are probabilities in conditional probability tables (CPTs):



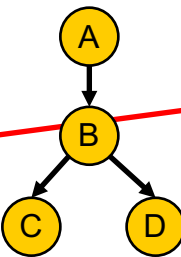
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CPTs cont'd

- Conditional Probability Distribution for C given B
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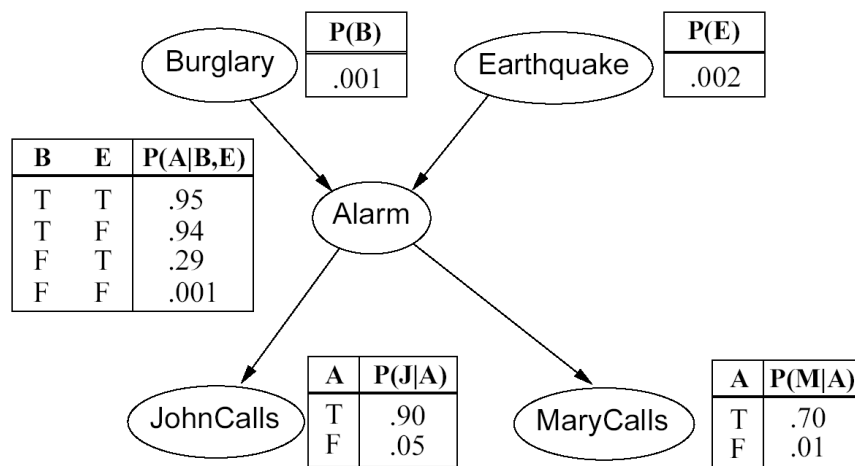
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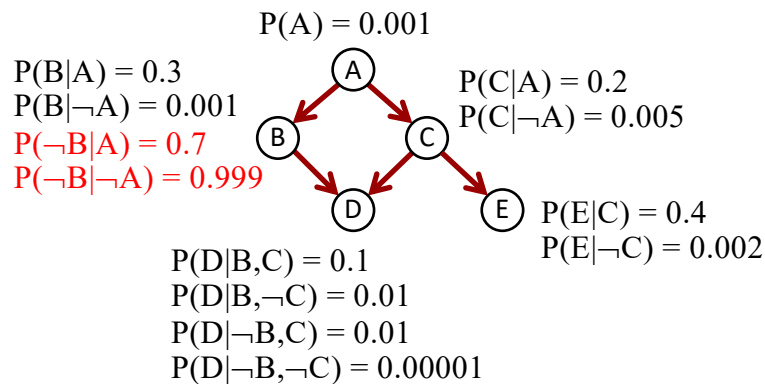
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Example BN

- We only specify $P(A)$ etc., not $P(\neg A)$, since they have to sum to one



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Bayesian Belief Networks (BNs)

Making a Bayesian Network BN: **BN = (DAG, CPD)**

- DAG**: directed acyclic graph (BN's structure)
 - Nodes**: random variables
 - Typically binary or discrete
 - Methods exist for continuous variables
 - Arcs**: indicate probabilistic dependencies between nodes
 - Lack of link signifies conditional independence
- CPD**: conditional probability distribution (BN's parameters)
 - Conditional probabilities at each node, usually stored as a table (conditional probability table, or **CPT**)

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$$P(x_i | \pi_i) \text{ where } \pi_i \text{ is the set of all parent nodes of } x_i$$

- Root nodes are a special case
 - No parents, so use priors in CPD:

$$\pi_i = \emptyset, \text{ so } P(x_i | \pi_i) = P(x_i)$$

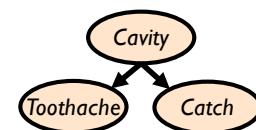
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Probabilities in BNs

- Bayes' nets implicitly encode **joint distributions** as a **product of local conditional distributions**.
- To see probability of a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

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

- Example: $P(+\text{cavity}, +\text{catch}, -\text{toothache}) = ?$
- This lets us **reconstruct** any entry of the full joint



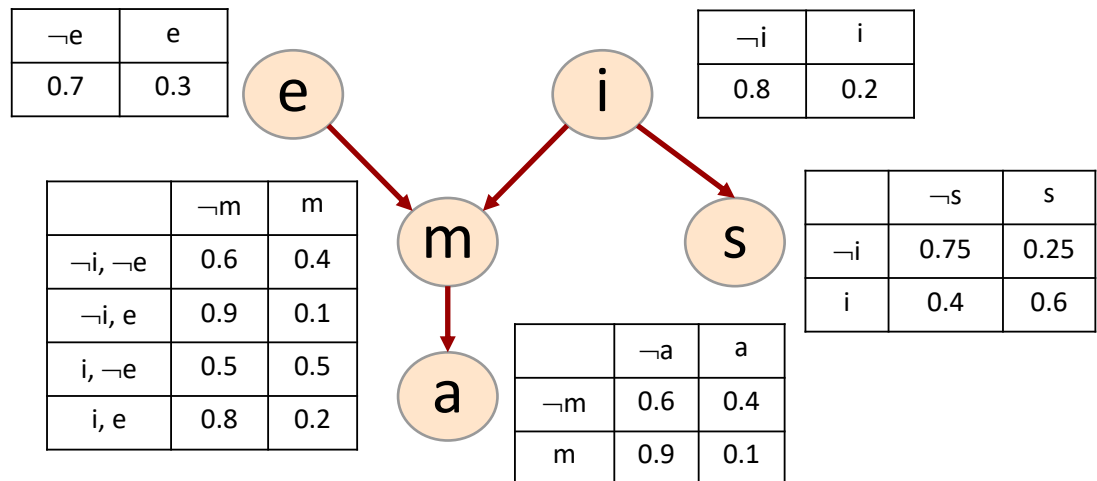
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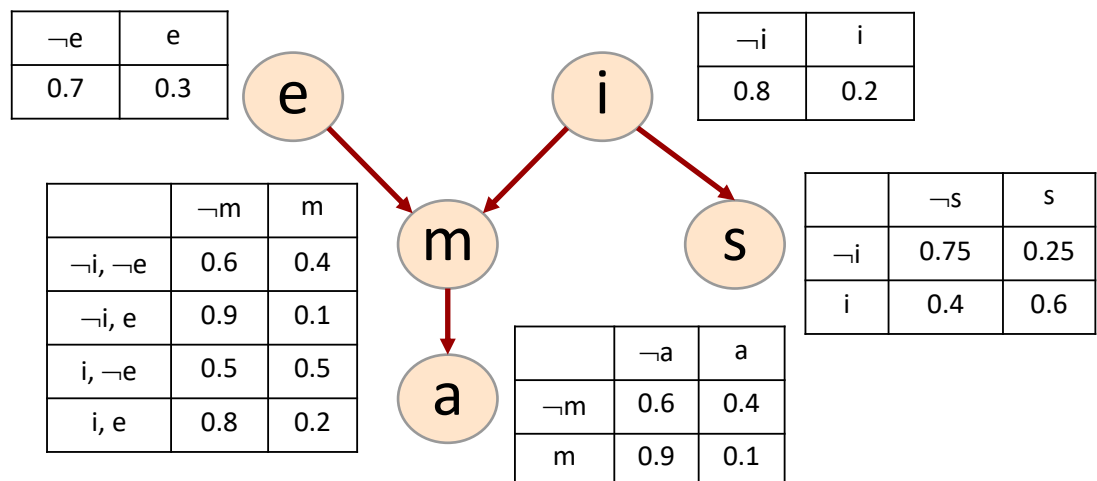
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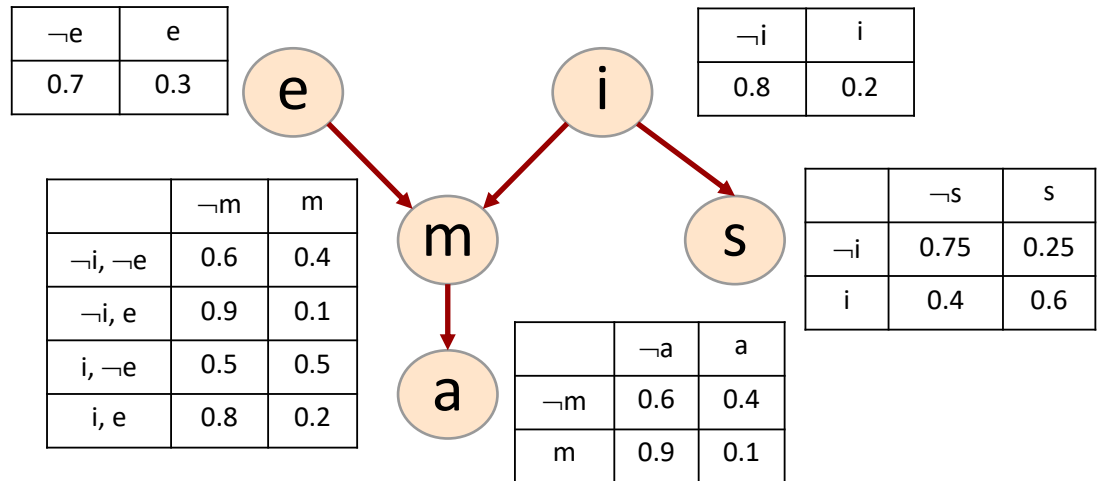
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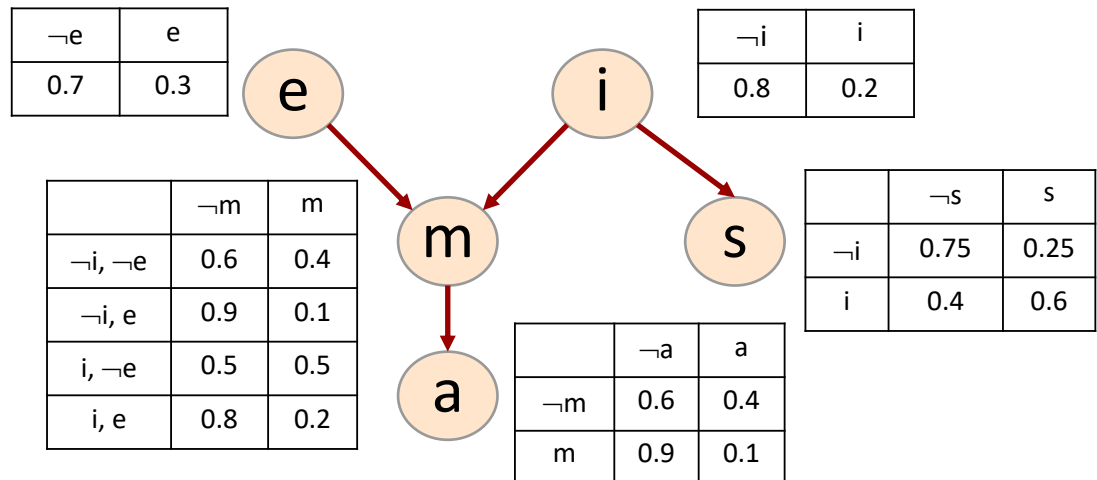
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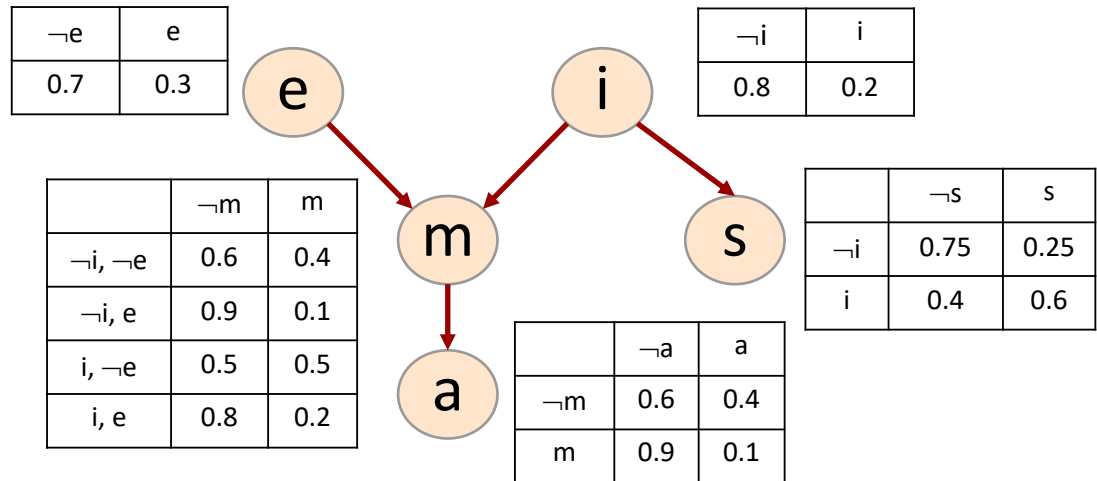
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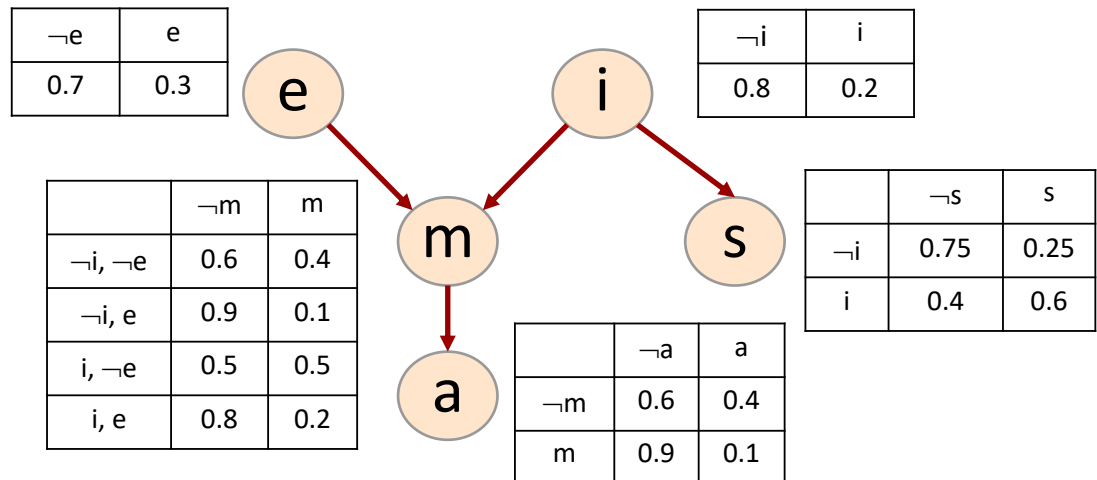
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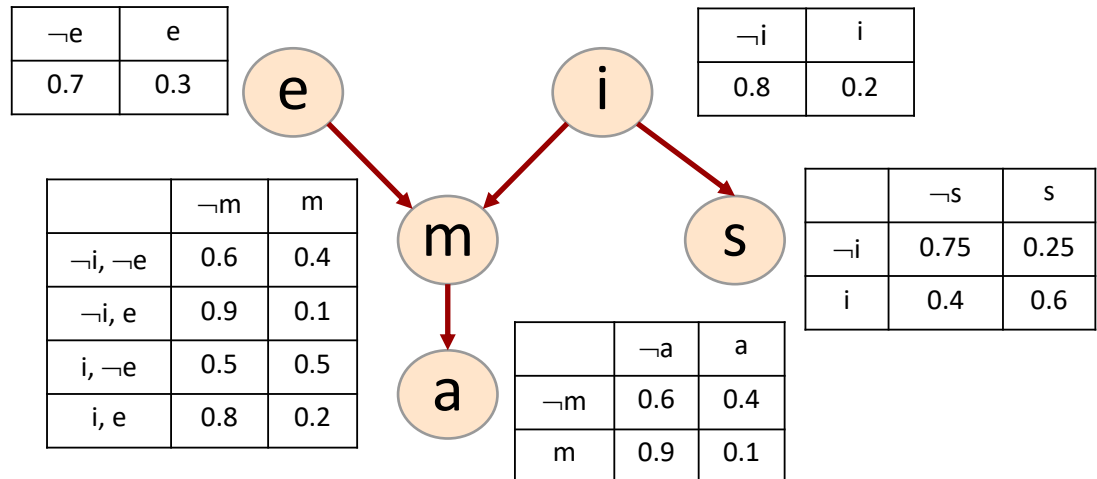
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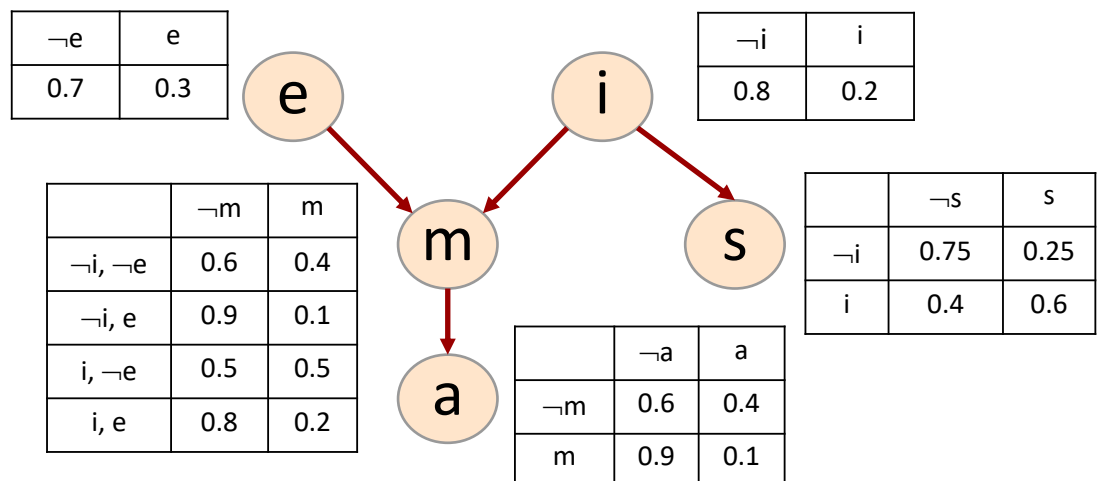
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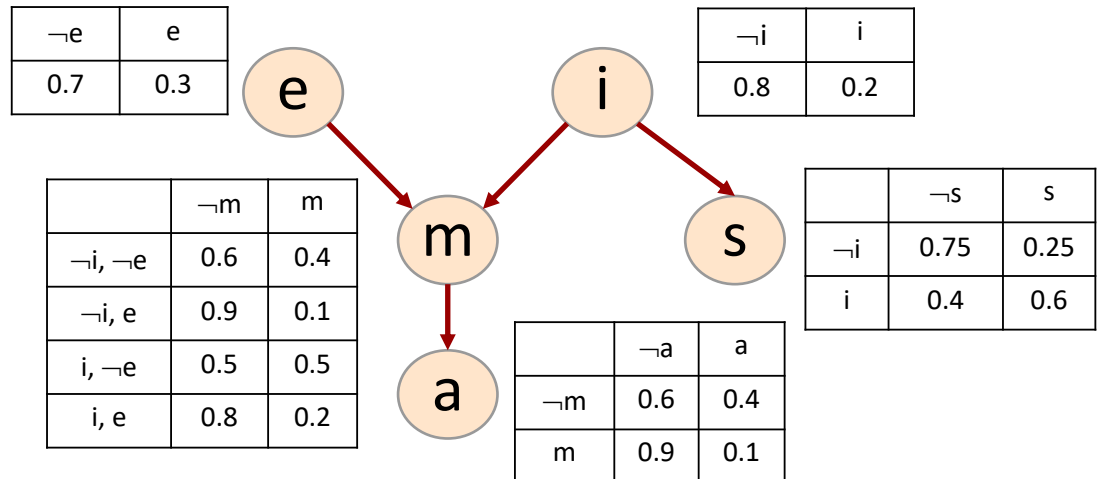
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