

Reasoning Under Uncertainty: Belief Networks

Computer Science cpsc322, Lecture 27
(Textbook Chpt 6.3)

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Big Picture: R&R systems

Environment

Deterministic

Stochastic

Problem

Static

Constraint Satisfaction

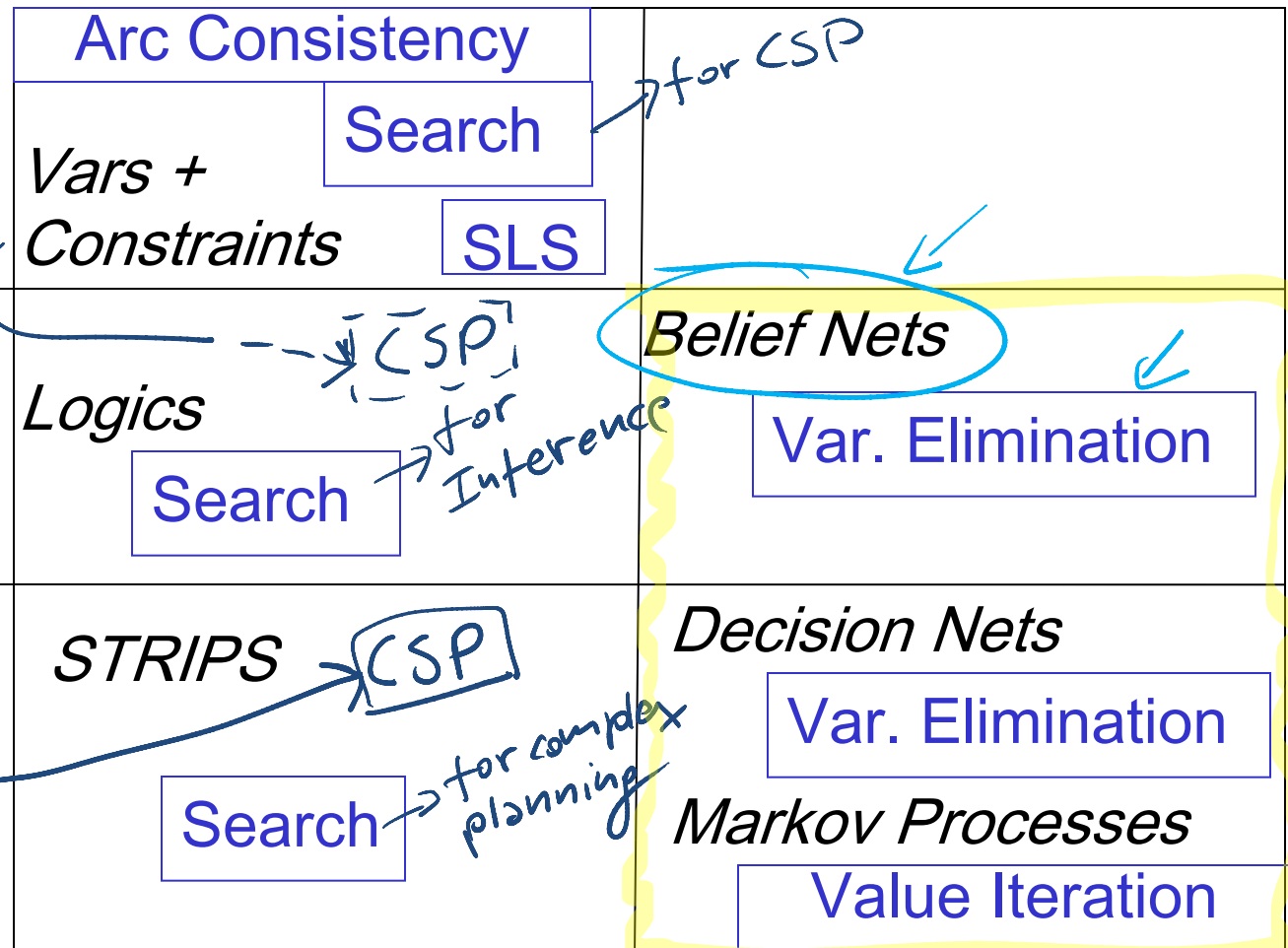
Query

Sequential

Planning

Representation

Reasoning
Technique



Key points Recap

- We model the **environment** as a set of *random vars*
 $x_1 \dots x_n$ JPD $P(x_1 \dots x_n)$
- Why the joint is not an adequate representation ?

“**Representation**, reasoning and learning” are
“exponential” in *... # vars*

Solution: Exploit marginal & conditional independence

$$\boxed{P(x|Y)} = P(x) \quad \boxed{P(x|YZ)} = P(x|Z)$$

But how does independence allow us to simplify the joint?
CHAIN RULE!

Lecture Overview

- **Belief Networks**
 - **Build sample BN**
 - Intro Inference, Compactness, Semantics
 - More Examples

Belief Nets: Burglary Example

There might be a burglar in my house

B

The anti-burglar alarm in my house may go off

A

I have an agreement with two of my neighbors, **John** and **Mary**, that they **call** me if they hear the alarm go off when I am at work

M

J

Minor earthquakes may occur and sometimes they set off the alarm.

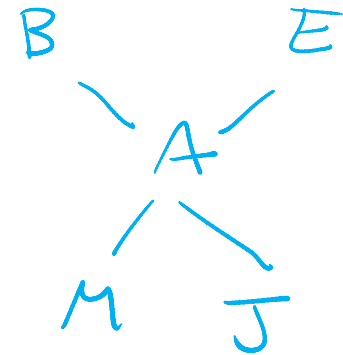
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Variables: B A M J E $n = 5$

Joint has $2^5 - 1$ entries/probs $2^n - 1$

Belief Nets: Simplify the joint

- Typically order vars to reflect causal knowledge (i.e., causes *before* effects)
 - A burglar (B) can set the alarm (A) off
 - An earthquake (E) can set the alarm (A) off
 - The alarm can cause Mary to call (M)
 - The alarm can cause John to call (J)



$$P(B, E, A, M, J)$$

- Apply Chain Rule *marginal indep.*

$$\underbrace{P(B)} \quad \underbrace{P(E|B)} \quad \underbrace{P(A|B,E)} \quad \underbrace{P(M|A,E)} \quad \underbrace{P(J|A,E)}$$

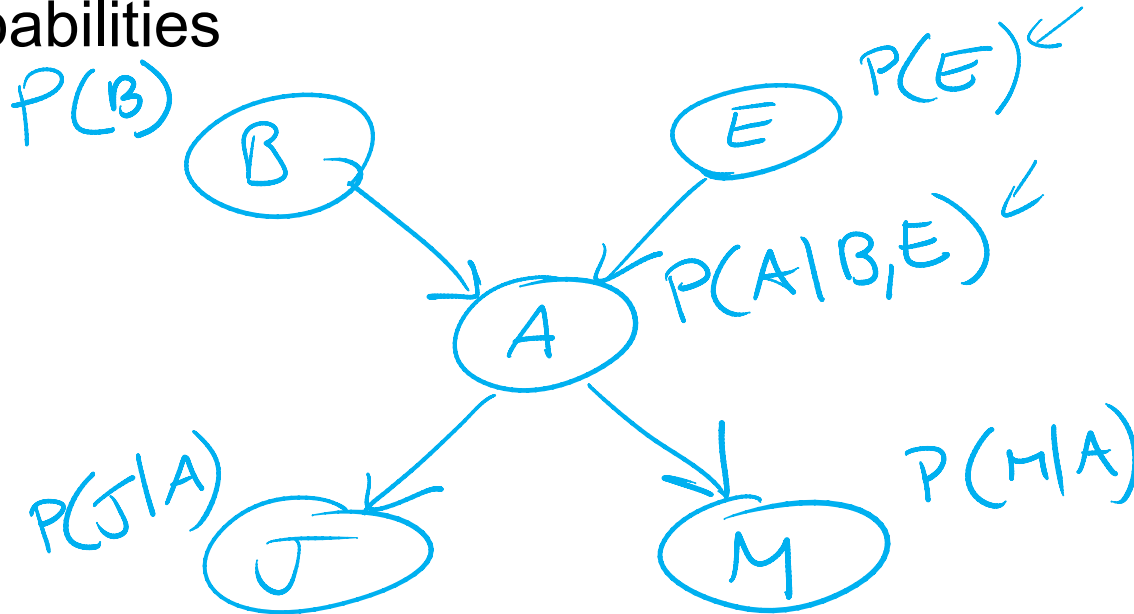
conditional indep.

- Simplify according to marginal & conditional independence

Belief Nets: Structure + Probs

$$\rightarrow P(B) * P(E) * \underline{P(A|B,E)} * \underline{P(M|A)} * P(J|A)$$

- Express remaining dependencies as a network
 - Each var is a node
 - For each var, the conditioning vars are its parents
 - Associate to each node corresponding conditional probabilities



- Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

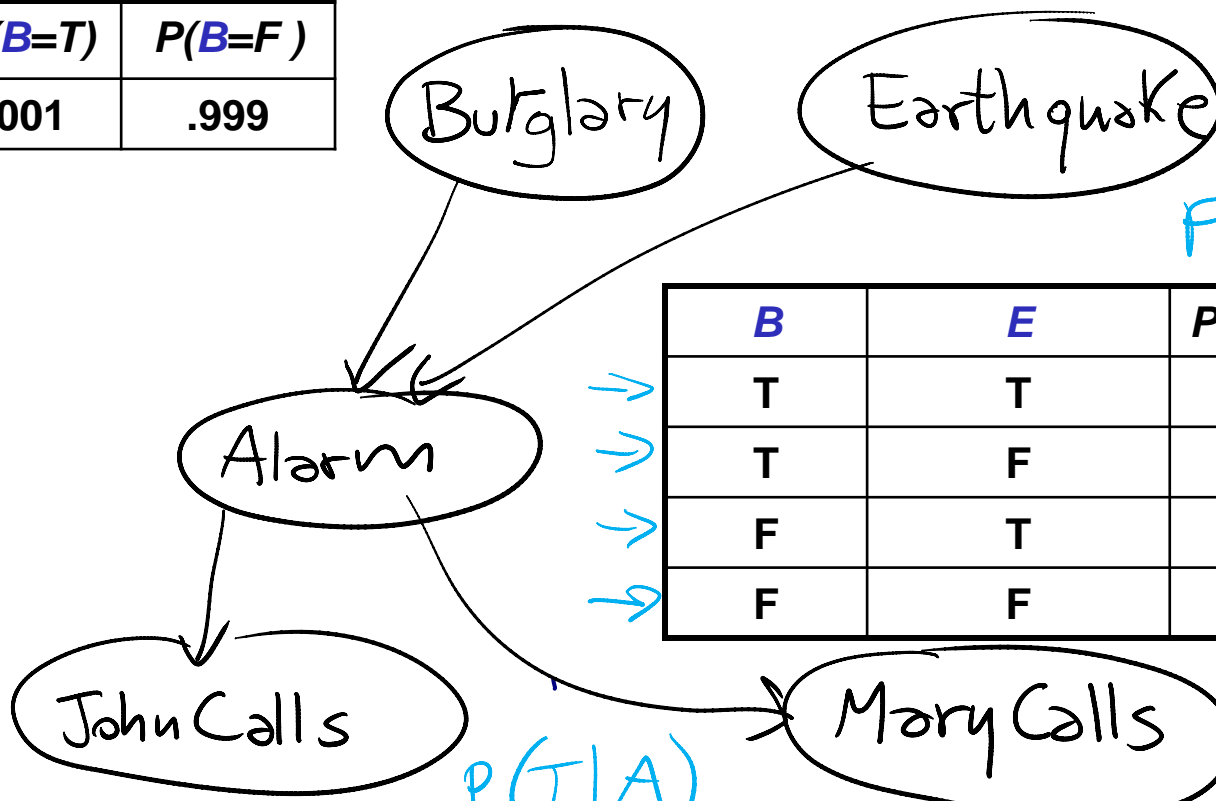
$P(B) \leftarrow$

Burglary: complete BN

$P(E) \leftarrow$

$P(B=T)$	$P(B=F)$
.001	.999

$P(E=T)$	$P(E=F)$
.002	.998



$P(A|B,E)$

B	E	$P(A=T B,E)$	$P(A=F B,E)$
T	T	.95	.05
T	F	.94	.06
F	T	.29	.71
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call for any other reasons

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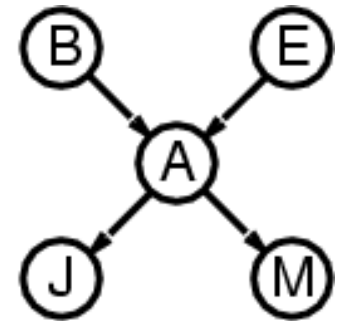
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Burglary Example: Bnets inference

Our BN can answer any probabilistic query that can be answered by processing the joint!

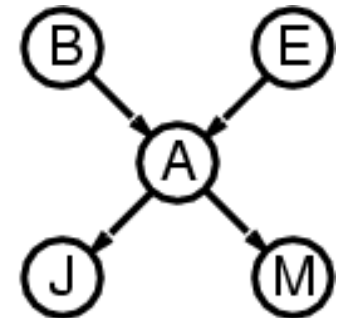
(Ex1) I'm at work,

- • neighbor John calls to say my alarm is ringing,
- • neighbor Mary doesn't call.
- • No news of any earthquakes.
- Is there a burglar?



(Ex2) I'm at work, *Try this*

- Receive message that neighbor John called ,
- News of minor earthquakes.
- Is there a burglar?



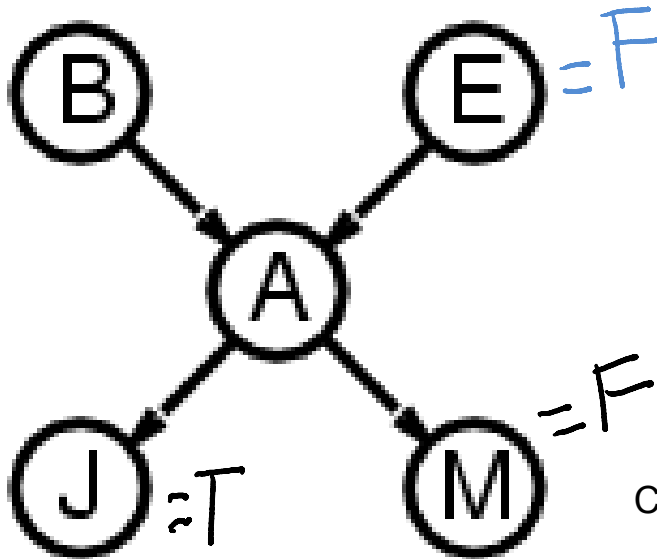
Set digital places to monitor to 5

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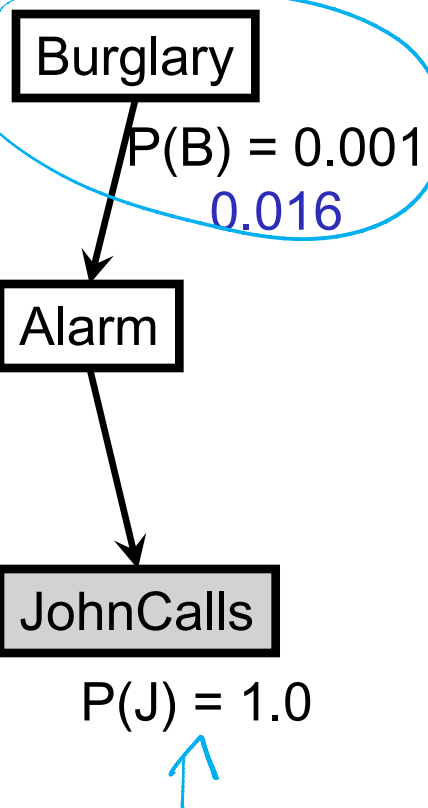
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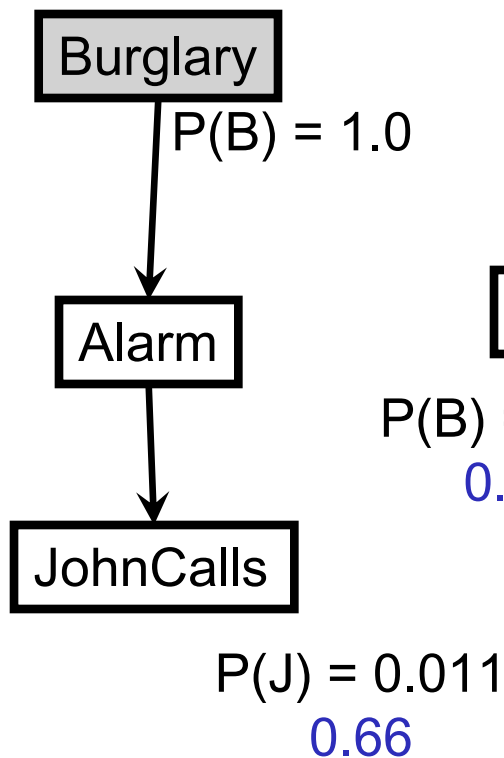
The probability of Burglar will:
A. Go down
B. Remain the same
C. Go up

Bayesian Networks – Inference Types

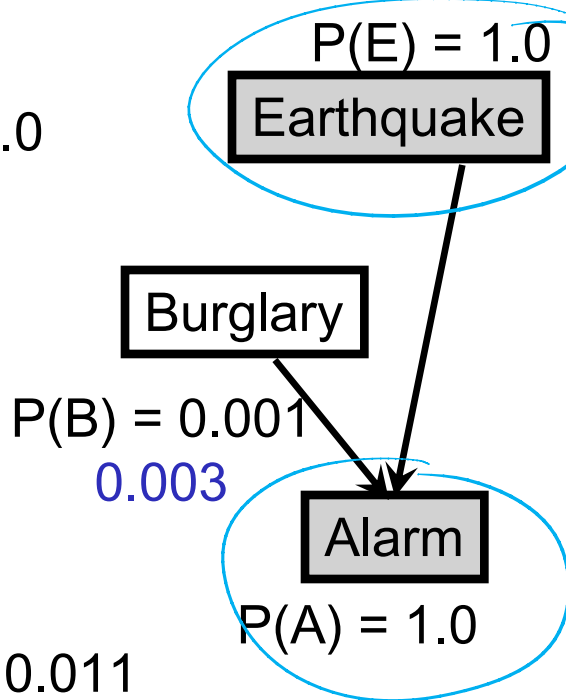
Diagnostic



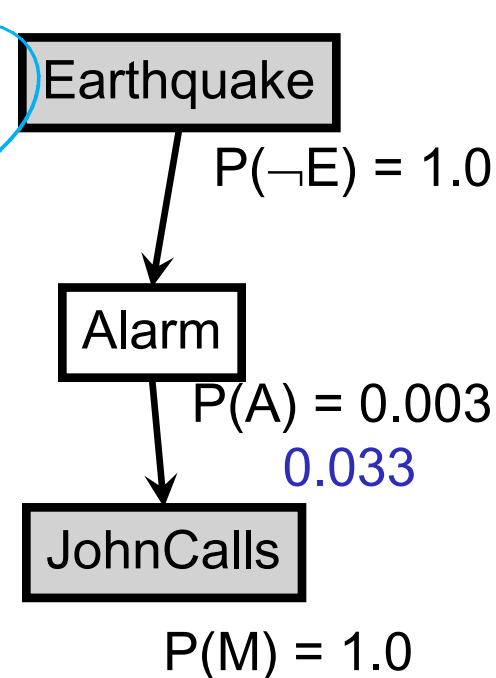
Predictive



Intercausal



Mixed



BNnets: Compactness

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Burglary

Earthquake

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Alarm

John Calls

Mary Calls

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BNet

$$2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 1 = 10$$

$$|JPD| = 2^5 - 1$$

BNets: Compactness

Conditional
Probability
Table



In General:

A **CPT** for boolean X_i with k boolean parents has 2^k rows for the combinations of parent values

Each row requires one number p_i for $X_i = \text{true}$ (the number for $X_i = \text{false}$ is just $1-p_i$)

If each variable has no more than k parents, the complete network requires $O(n \cdot 2^k)$ numbers

for each node

For $k \ll n$, this is a substantial improvement,

- the numbers required grow linearly with n vs. $O(2^n)$ for the full joint distribution

BNets: Construction General Semantics

The full joint distribution can be defined as the product of conditional distributions:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}) \text{ (chain rule)}$$

Simplify according to marginal&conditional independence

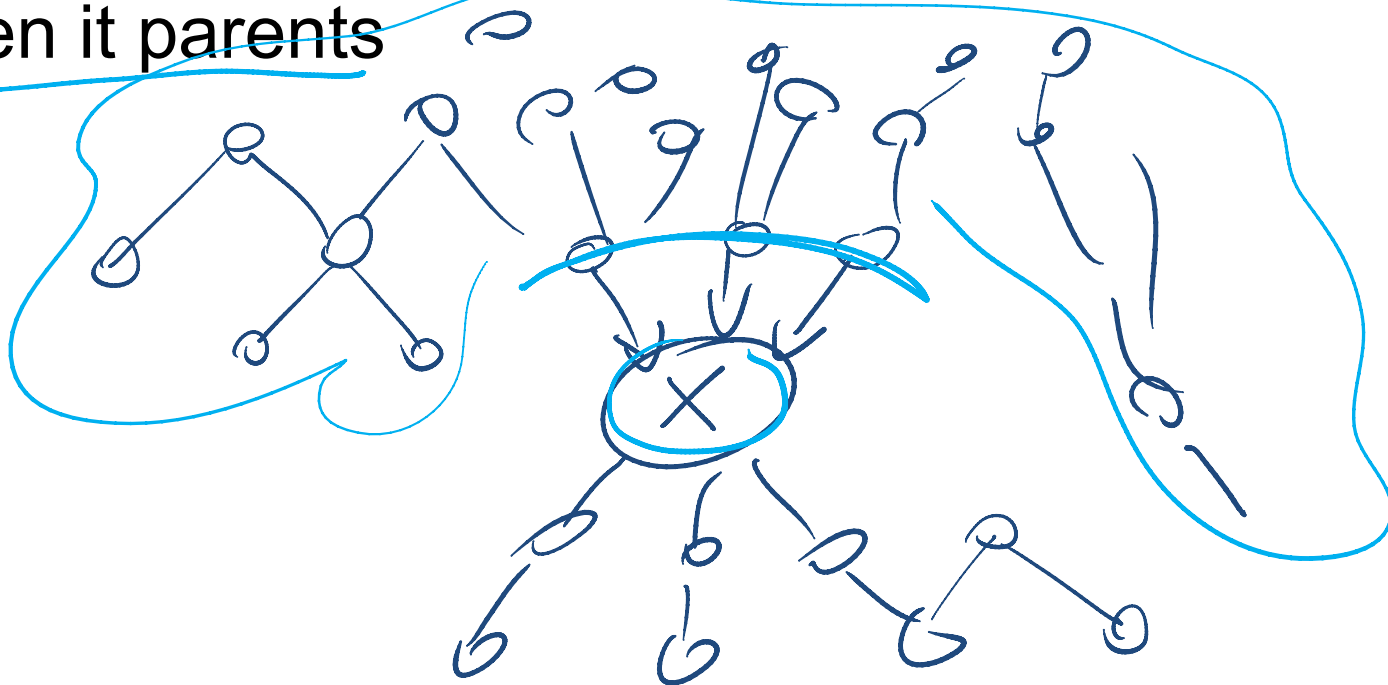
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BNets: Construction General Semantics (cont')

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

- Every node is independent from its non-descendants given its parents



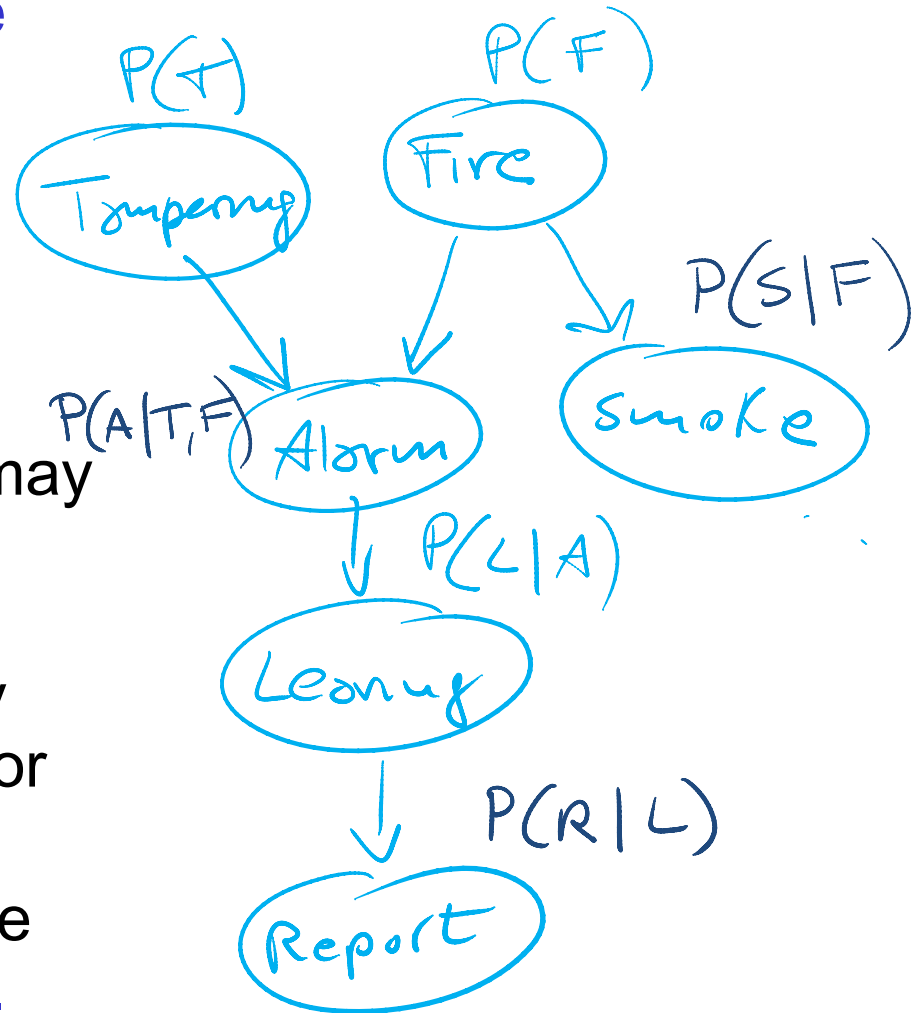
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Other Examples: Fire Diagnosis (textbook Ex. 6.10)

Suppose you want to diagnose whether there is a fire in a building

- you receive a noisy report about whether everyone is leaving the building.
- if everyone is leaving, this may have been caused by a fire alarm.
- if there is a fire alarm, it may have been caused by a fire or by tampering
- if there is a fire, there may be smoke raising from the bldg.



Other Examples (cont')

- Make sure you explore and understand the Fire Diagnosis example (we'll expand on it to study Decision Networks) 
- **Electrical Circuit** example (textbook ex 6.11) 
- **Patient's wheezing and coughing** example (ex. 6.14) 
- Several other examples on 

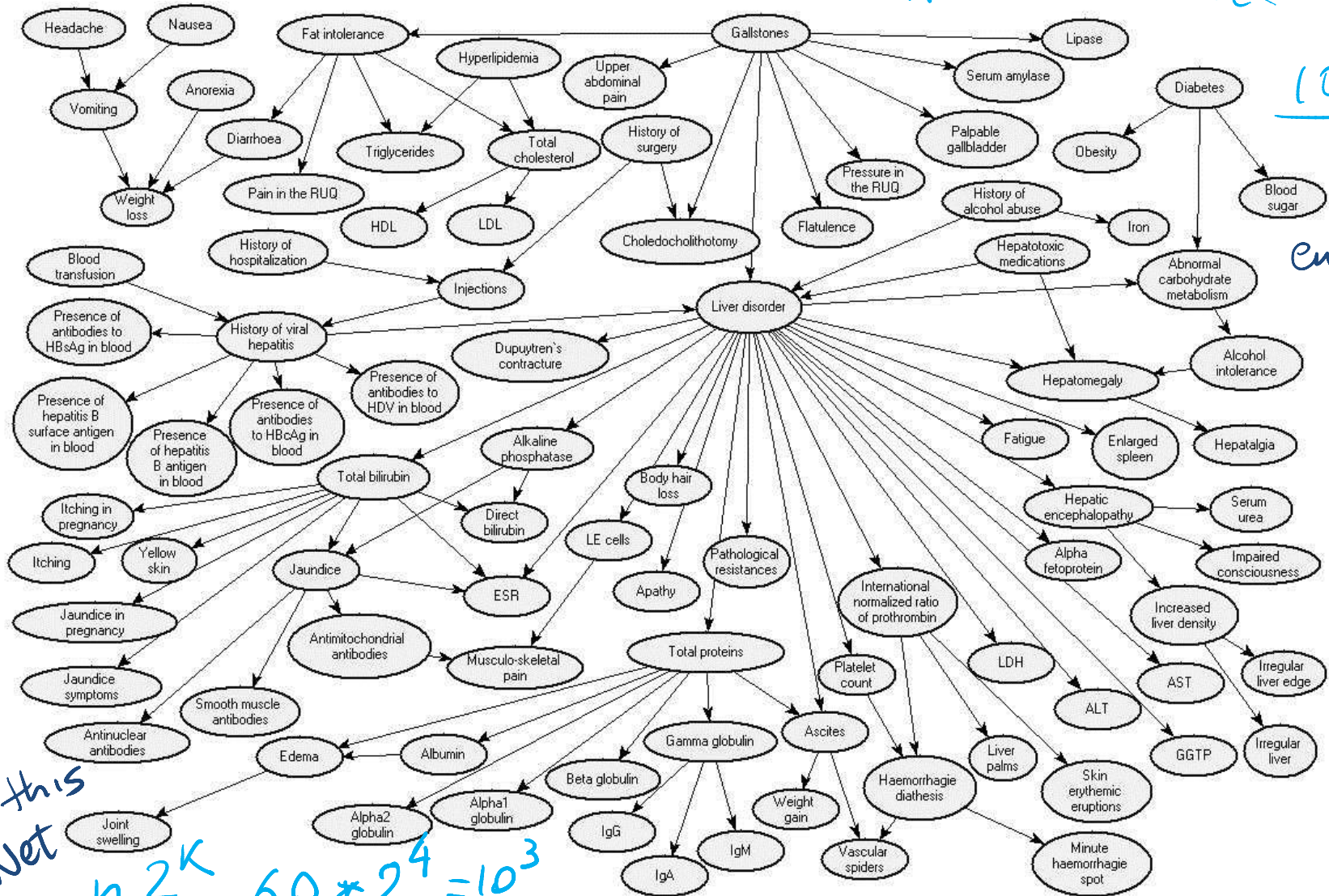
Realistic BNet: Liver Diagnosis

~60 nodes

Source: Onisko et al., 1999

JPD
 $n \approx 60 \sim 2^{60} \approx (2^{10})^6$

10^{18}
 Entries

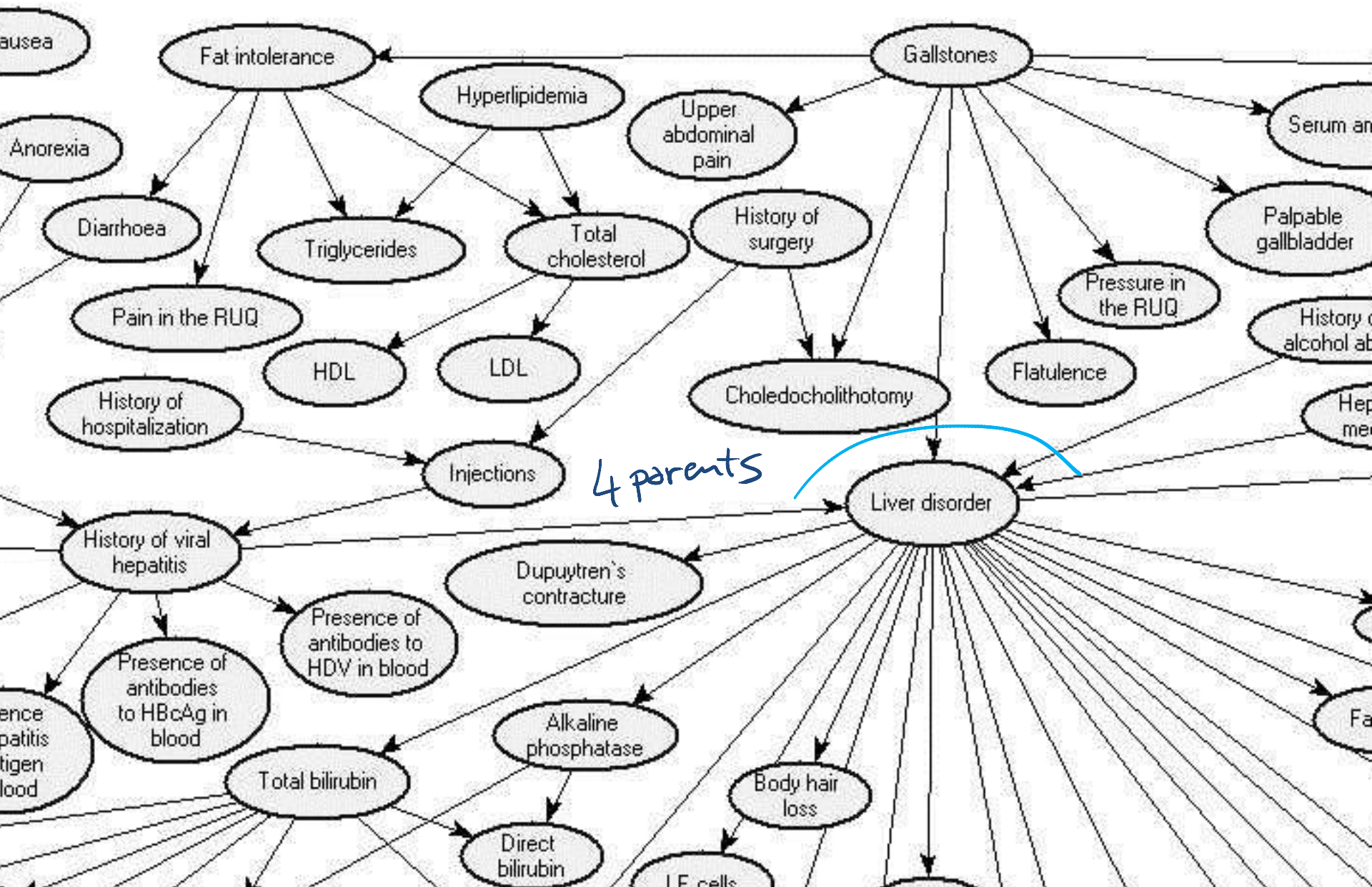


for this BNet
 $n \approx 2^k$

$60 * 2^4 = 10^3$

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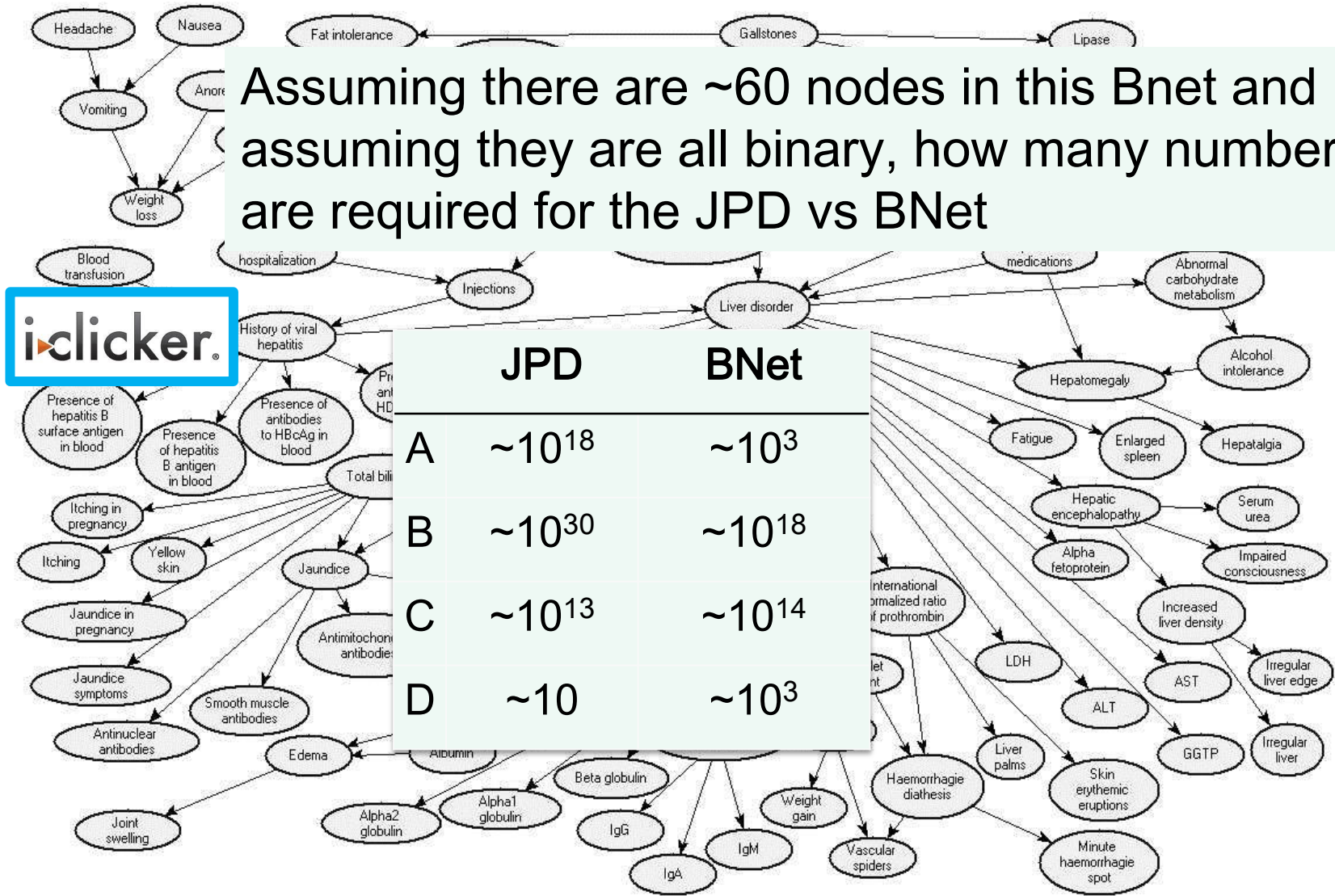
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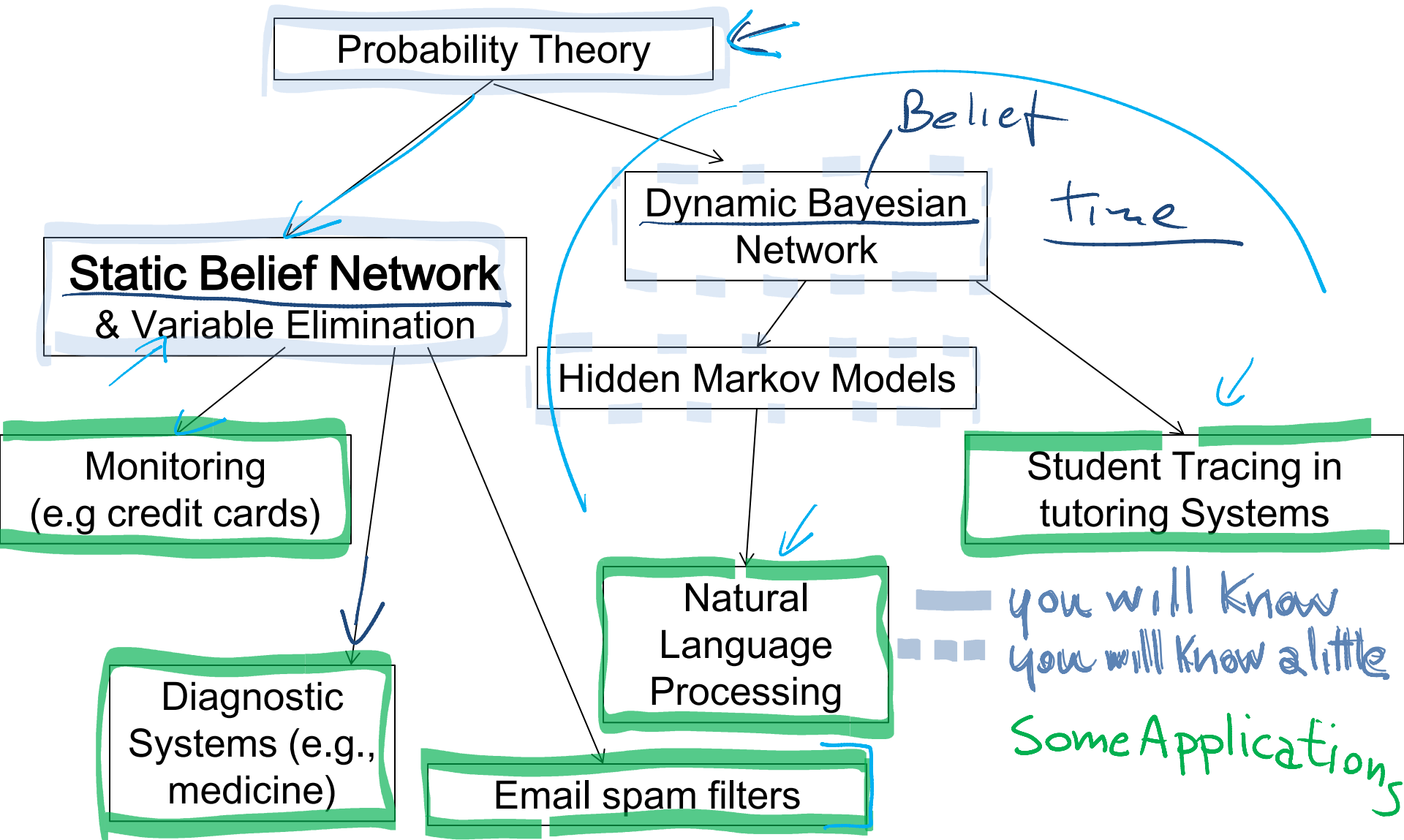
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Assuming there are ~60 nodes in this Bnet and assuming they are all binary, how many numbers are required for the JPD vs BNet



Answering Query under Uncertainty



Learning Goals for today's class

You can:

Build a Belief Network for a simple domain

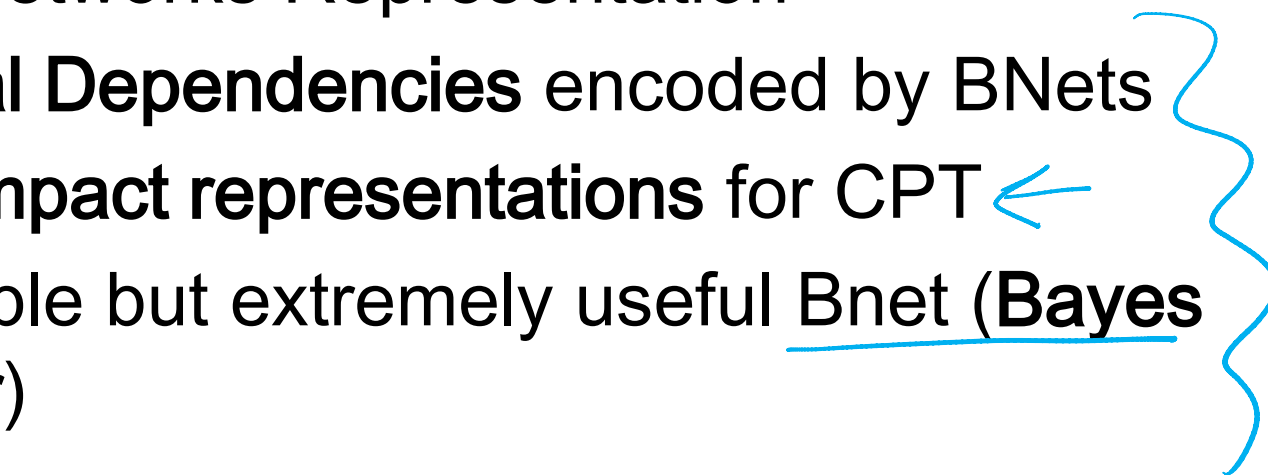
Classify the types of inference

Diagnostic, Predictive, Intercasual, Mixed

Compute the representational saving in terms
on number of probabilities required

Next Class (Wednesday!)

Bayesian Networks Representation

- **Additional Dependencies** encoded by BNets
 - More **compact representations** for CPT ←
 - Very simple but extremely useful Bnet (**Bayes Classifier**)
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Belief network summary

- A belief network is a directed acyclic graph (DAG) that effectively expresses independence assertions among random variables.
- The parents of a node X are those variables on which X directly depends.
- Consideration of causal dependencies among variables typically help in constructing a Bnet