Reasoning Under Uncertainty: Bayesian networks intro

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Lecture Overview

- Recap: marginal and conditional independence
- Bayesian Networks Introduction
- Hidden Markov Models

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- Intuitively: if $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$, then
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  - and this is true for all values y that Y could take

- For example, weather is marginally independent of the result of a coin toss

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- Recall the product rule:
  - $P(X = x \wedge Y = y) = P(X = x | Y = y) \times P(Y = y)$
- If $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$, we have:
  - $P(X = x \wedge Y = y) = P(X = x) \times P(Y = y)$
  - In distribution form: $P(X, Y) = P(X) \times P(Y)$
- If $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j$ for all i, j: $P(X_1, \dots, Xn) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(Xi)$

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- For example,
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- Definition of X ⫫ Y | Z in distribution form: $P(X|Y,Z) = P(X|Z)$
- Product rule still holds when every term is conditioned on Z=z:
  - $P(X = x \wedge Y = y|Z = z) = P(X = x|Y = y, Z = z) \times P(Y = y|Z = z)$
- Thus, if X ⫫ Y | Z :
  - $P(X = x \wedge Y = y|Z = z) = P(X = x|Z = z) \times P(Y = y|Z = z)$
  - In distribution form: $P(X,Y|Z) = P(X|Z) \times P(Y|Z)$

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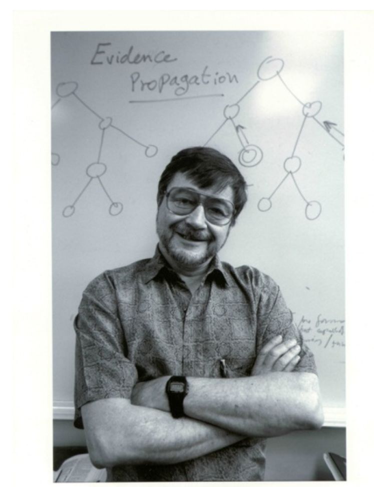
Bayesian Network Motivation

- We want a representation and reasoning system that is based on conditional (and marginal) independence
  - Compact yet expressive representation
  - Efficient reasoning procedures
- Bayes[ian] (Belief) Net[work]s are such a representation
  - Named after Thomas Bayes (ca. 1702 –1761)
  - Term coined in 1985 by Judea Pearl (1936 –)
  - Their invention changed the *primary* focus of AI from logic to probability!

Thomas Bayes

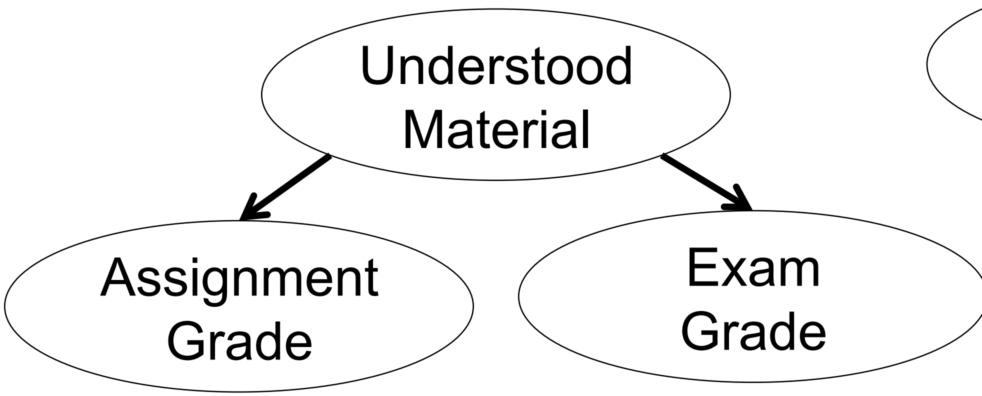


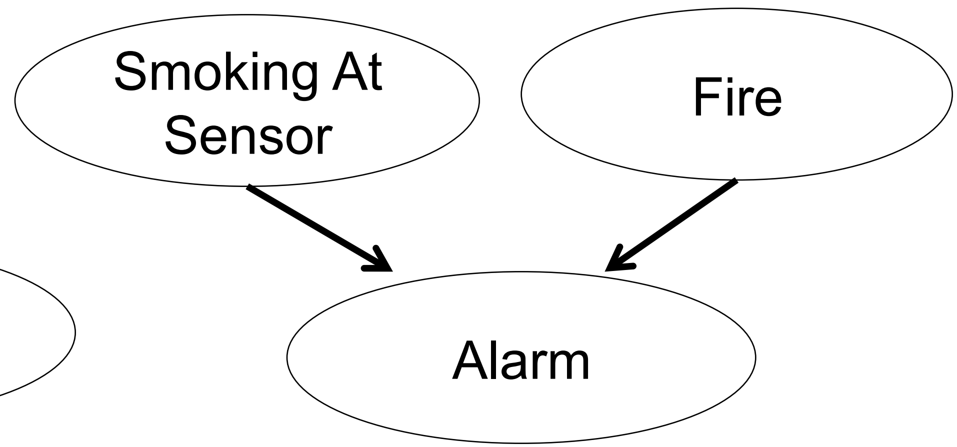
Judea Pearl

Bayesian Networks: Intuition

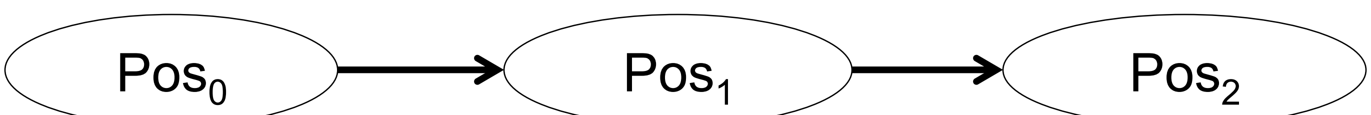
- A graphical representation for a joint probability distribution
  - Nodes are random variables
  - Directed edges between nodes reflect dependence

- Some informal examples:





Robot:



Bayesian Networks: Definition

Definition (Bayesian Network)
A Bayesian network consists of
- A directed acyclic graph (V, E) whose nodes are labeled with random variables
- A domain for each random variable
- A conditional probability distribution for each variable V
  - Specifies $P(V|Parents(V))$
  - $Parents(V)$ is the set of variables V' with $(\mathrm{V}', \mathrm{V}) \in E$
    - For nodes V without predecessors, $Parents(V) = \{\,\}$

- The parents of variable V are those V directly depends on
- A Bayesian network is a compact representation of the JPD: $P(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i|Pa(X_i))$

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- Discrete Bayesian networks:
  - Domain of each variable is finite
  - Conditional probability distribution is a conditional probability table
  - We will assume this discrete case
    - But everything we say about independence (marginal & conditional) carries over to the continuous case

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

Bayesian networks are a compact representation of the joint probability distribution (over all variables in the network)

Encoding the joint over $\mathcal{X} = \{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$ as a Bayesian network:

1. Totally order the variables of interest: $X_1, \ldots, X_n$
2. Use chain rule with that ordering: $P(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i|X_{i-1},\ldots,X_1)$
3. For every variable X_i, find the smallest set of parents $Pa(X_i) \subseteq \{X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}\}$ such that $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp \{X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}\} \setminus Pa(X_i) \mid Pa(X_i)$
   - X_i is conditionally independent from its other ancestors given its parents
4. Then we can rewrite $P(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i|Pa(X_i))$
   - This is a compact representation of the joint probability distribution

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

5. Construct the Bayesian Net (BN)

- Nodes are the random variables
- Directed arc from each variable in $Pa(X_i)$ to X_i
- Conditional Probability Table (CPT)

  for each variable X_i: $P(X_i \mid Pa(X_i))$

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

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

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

First you choose the variables. In this case, all are Boolean:

- Tampering is true when the alarm has been tampered with
- Fire is true when there is a fire
- Alarm is true when there is an alarm
- Smoke is true when there is smoke
- Leaving is true if there are lots of people leaving the building
- Report is true if the sensor reports that lots of people are leaving the building

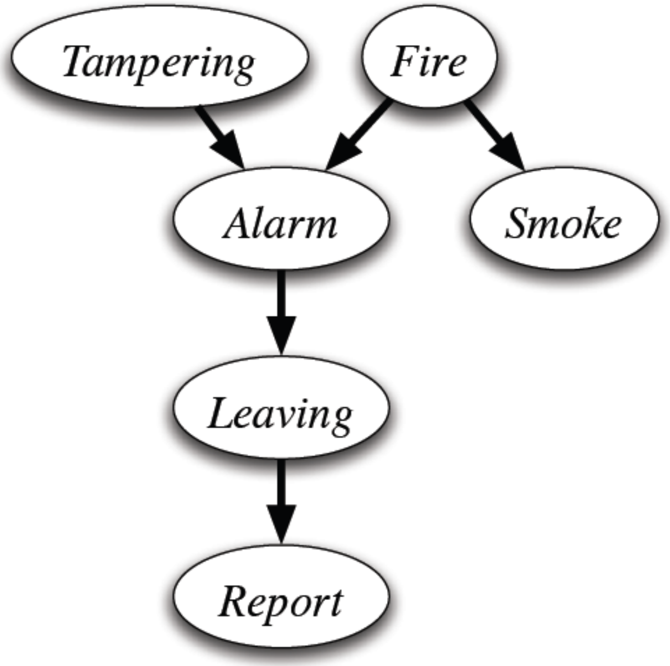
- Let's construct the Bayesian network for this (whiteboard)
  - First, you choose a total ordering of the variables, let's say: Fire; Tampering; Alarm; Smoke; Leaving; Report.

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

- Using the total ordering of variables:
  - Let’s say Fire; Tampering; Alarm; Smoke; Leaving; Report.
- Now choose the parents for each variable by evaluating conditional independencies
  - Fire is the first variable in the ordering, X_1. It does not have parents.
  - Tampering independent of fire (learning that one is true would not change your beliefs about the probability of the other)
  - Alarm depends on both Fire and Tampering: it could be caused by either or both
  - Smoke is caused by Fire, and so is independent of Tampering and Alarm given whether there is a Fire
  - Leaving is caused by Alarm, and thus is independent of the other variables given Alarm
  - Report is caused by Leaving, and thus is independent of the other variables given Leaving

Example for BN construction: Fire Diagnosis

- This results in the following Bayesian network



- P(Tampering, Fire, Alarm, Smoke, Leaving, Report)
  = P(Tampering) × P(Fire) × P(Alarm|Tampering,Fire)
  × P(Smoke|Fire) × P(Leaving|Alarm) × P(Report|Leaving)

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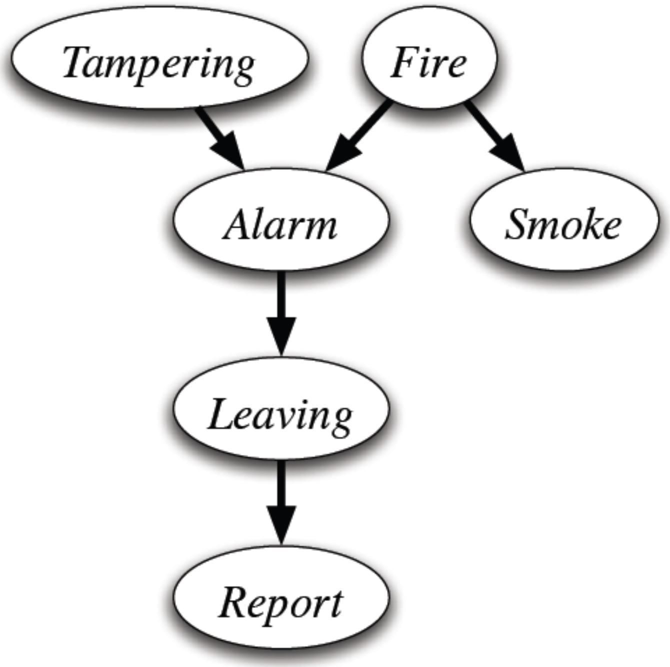

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  - This time taking into account that probability tables have to sum to 1

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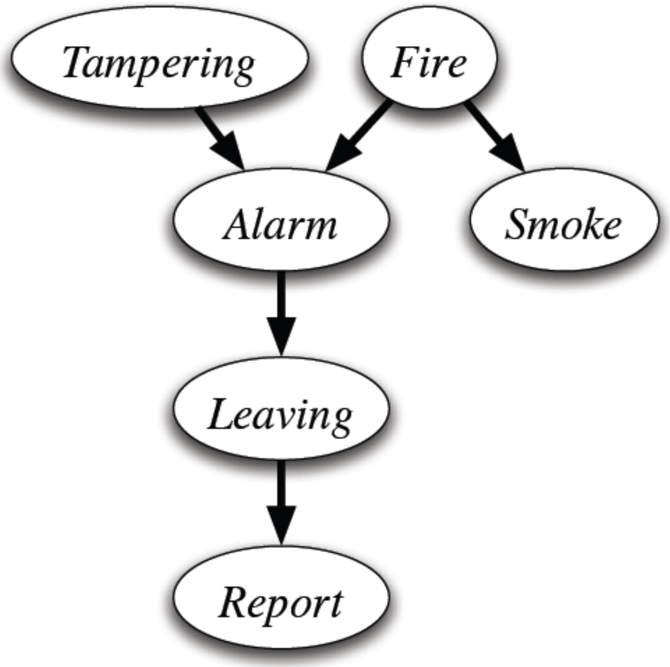

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  - P(Tampering): 1 probability
  - P(Alarm|Tampering, Fire): 4 (independent)

    1 probability for each of the 4 instantiations of the parents
  - In total: 1+1+4+2+2+2 = 12 (compared to 2^6 -1= 63 for full JPD!)

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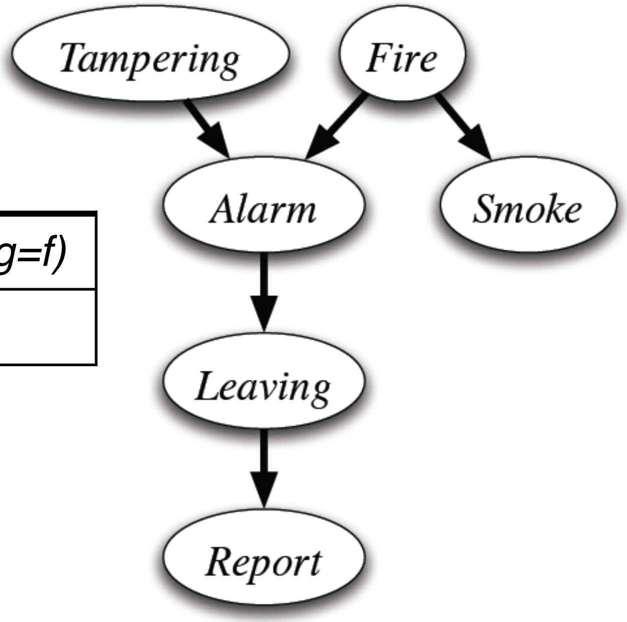

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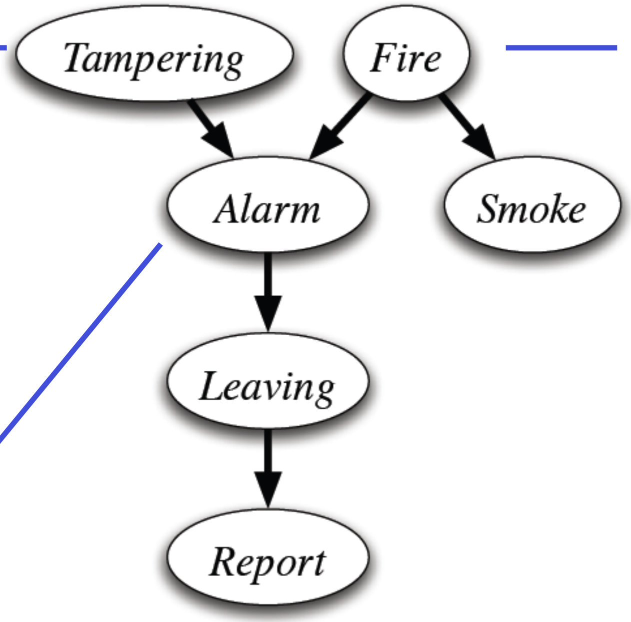

P(Fire=t)
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Tampering T	*Fire F*	$P(Alarm=t \mid T,F)$	$P(Alarm=f \mid T,F)$
t	t	0.5	0.5
t	f	0.85	0.15
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Each row of this table is a conditional probability distribution

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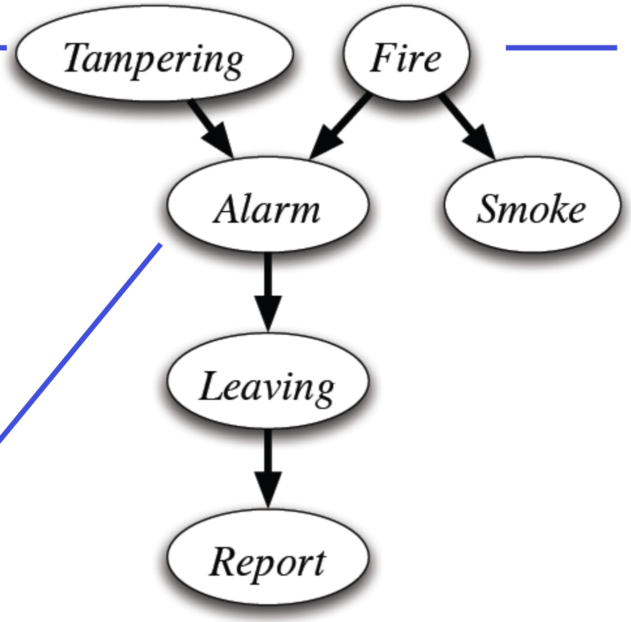

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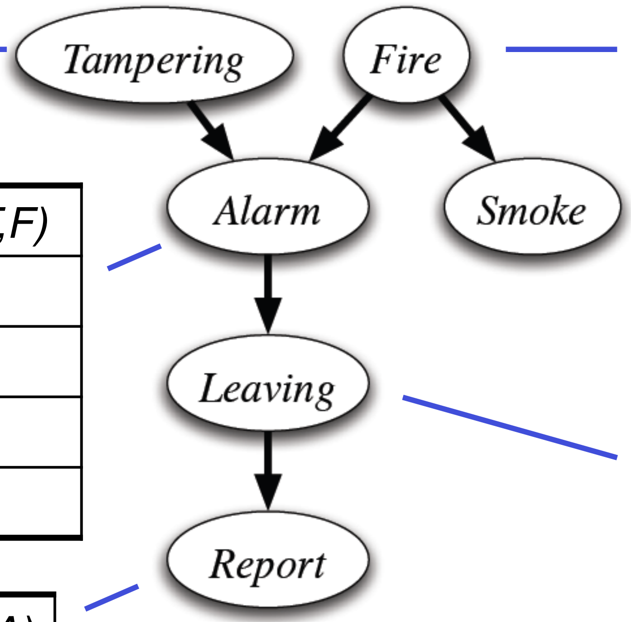

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t	0.9
f	0.01

Alarm	$P(Leaving=t \mid A)$
t	0.88
f	0.001

Leaving	$P(Report=t \mid A)$
t	0.75
f	0.01

P(Tampering=t, Fire=f, Alarm=t, Smoke=f, Leaving=t, Report=t)

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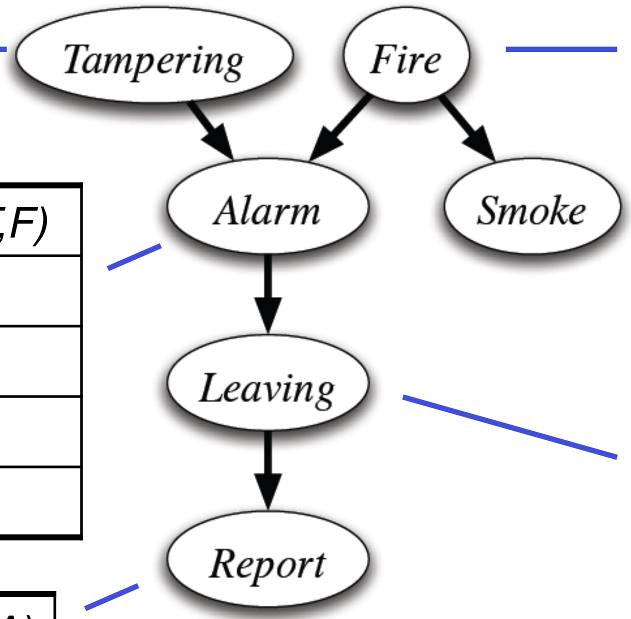

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&\quad \times P(\text{Report=t}|\text{Leaving=t}) \\
&= 0.02 \times (1-0.01) \times 0.85 \times (1-0.01) \times 0.88 \times 0.75 \;\; = 0.126
\end{aligned}
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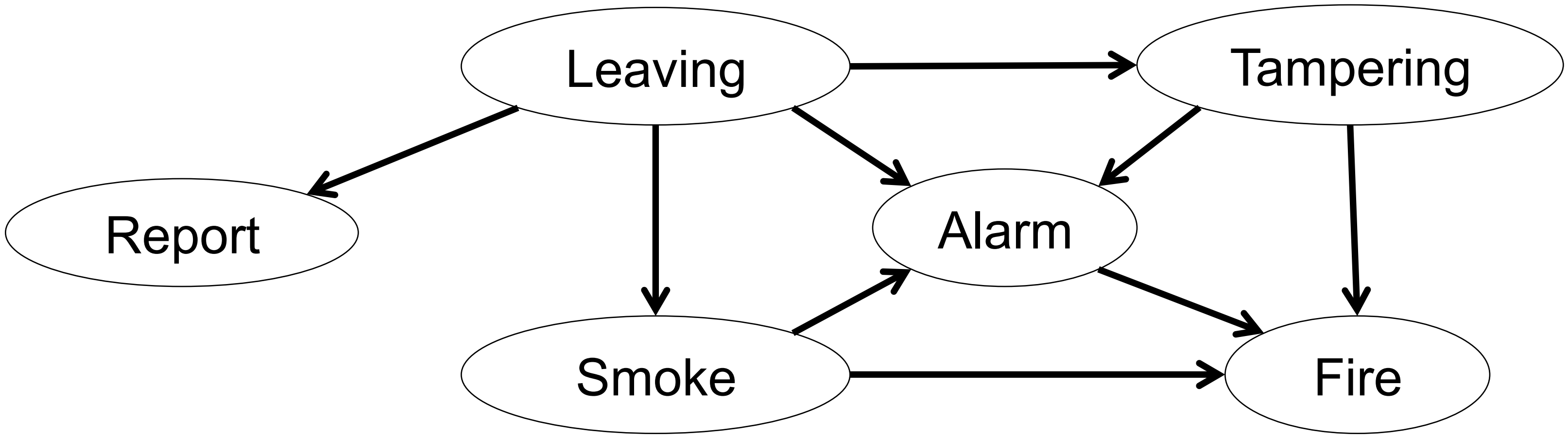
What if we use a different ordering?

- Important for assignment 4, question 4:
- Say, we use the following order:
  - Leaving; Tampering; Report; Smoke; Alarm; Fire.



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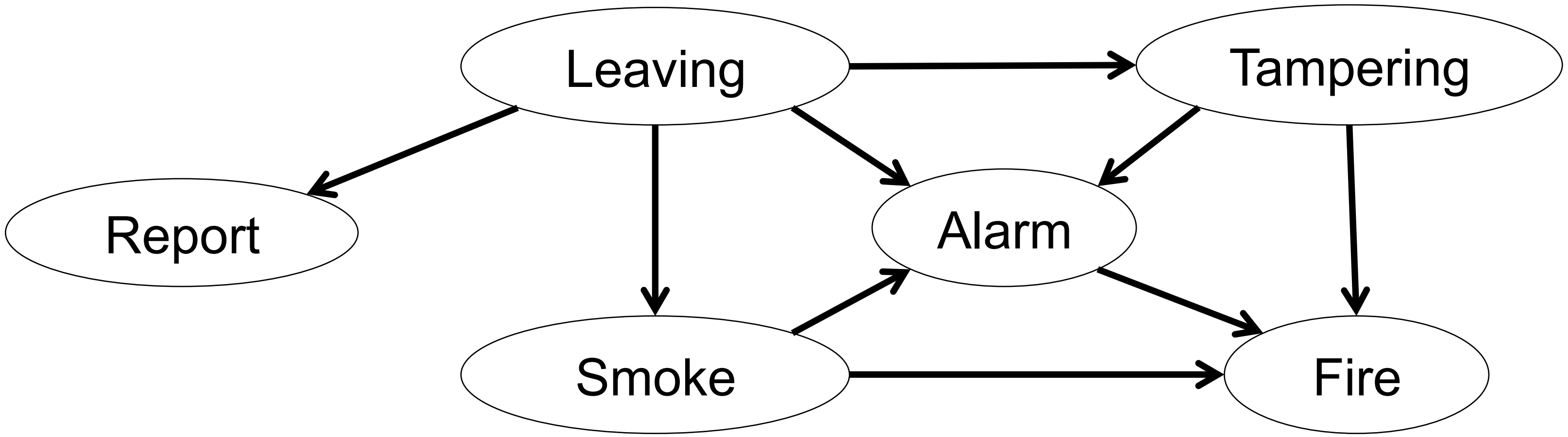

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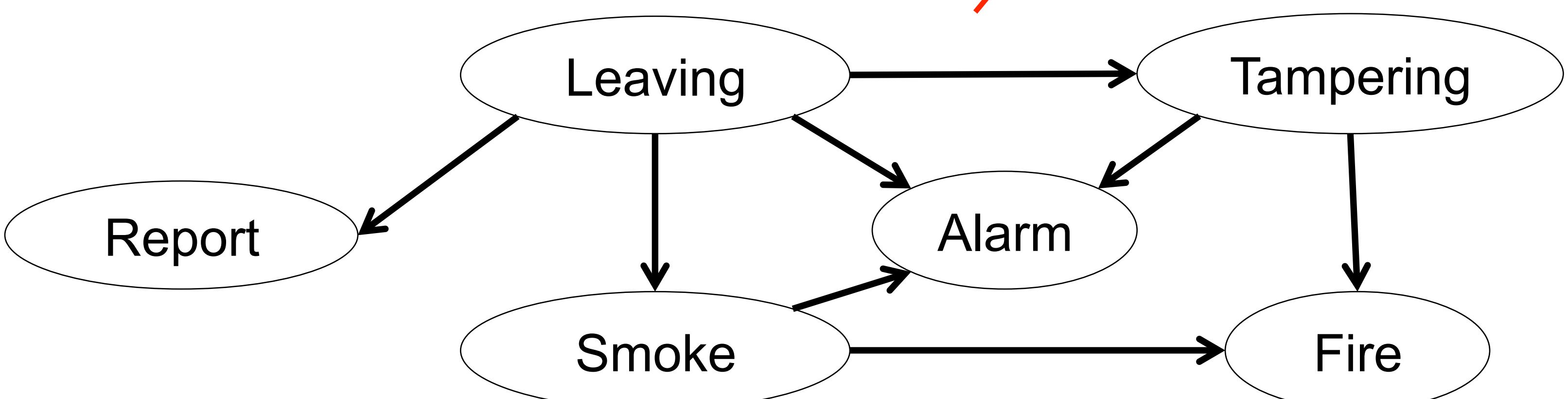
- Which of the two structures is better (think computationally)?
  – In the last network, we had to specify 12 probabilities
  – Here? 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 8 + 8 = 23
  – The causal structure typically leads to the most compact network
    - Compactness typically enables more efficient reasoning

Are there wrong network structures?

- Important for assignment 4, question 4
- Some variable orderings yield more compact, some less compact structures
  - Compact ones are better
  - But all representations resulting from this process are correct
  - One extreme: the fully connected network is always correct but rarely the best choice
- How can a network structure be wrong?
  - If it misses directed edges that are required
  - E.g. an edge is missing below: Fire $\not\perp\!\!\!\perp$ Alarm | {Tampering, Smoke}



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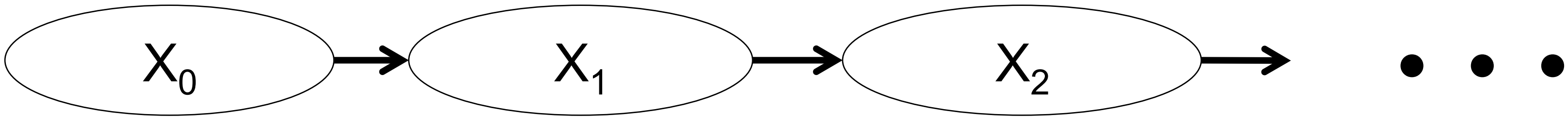
Markov Chains

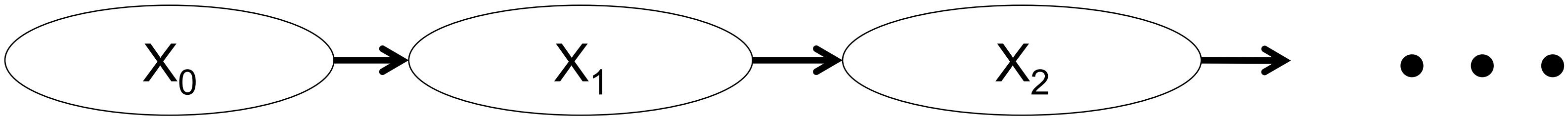
- A Markov chain is a special kind of belief network:



- X_t represents a state at time t.
- Its dependence structure yields: $P(X_t|X_1, \ldots, X_{t-1}) = P(X_t|X_{t-1})$
  - This conditional probability distribution is called the state transition probability
  - Intuitively X_t conveys all of the information about the history that can affect the future states:
    "The past is independent of the future given the present."

- JPD of a Markov Chain: $P(X_0,\ldots,X_T) = P(X_0) \times \prod_{t=1}^{T} P(X_t|X_{t-1})$

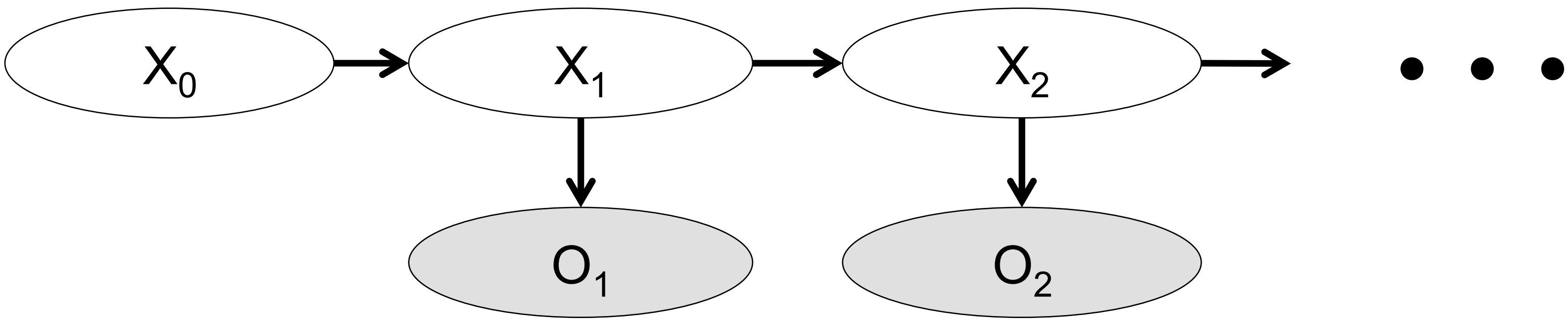
Stationary Markov Chains



- A stationary Markov chain is when
  - All state transition probability tables are the same
  - I.e., for all t > 0, t' > 0: $P(X_t|X_{t-1}) = P(X_{t'}|X_{t'-1})$
- We only need to specify $P(X_0)$ and $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$.
  - Simple model, easy to specify
  - Often the natural model
  - The network can extend indefinitely in time
- Example: Drunkard's walk, robot random motion

Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)

- A Hidden Markov Model (HMM) is a Markov chain plus a noisy observation about the state at each time step:

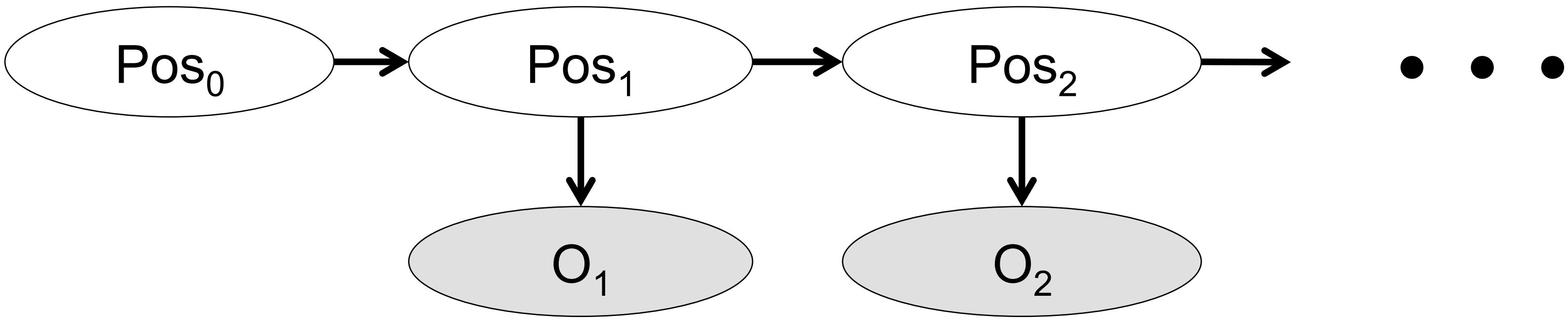


- Same conditional probability tables at each time step
  - The state transition probability $P(X_t|X_{t-1})$
    - also called the system dynamics
  - The observation probability $P(O_t|X_t)$
    - also called the sensor model

- JPD of an HMM: $P(X_0, \ldots, X_T, O_1, \ldots, O_T)$
  $= P(X_0) \times \prod_{t=1}^{T} P(X_t|X_{t-1}) \times \prod_{t=1}^{T} P(O_t|X_t)$

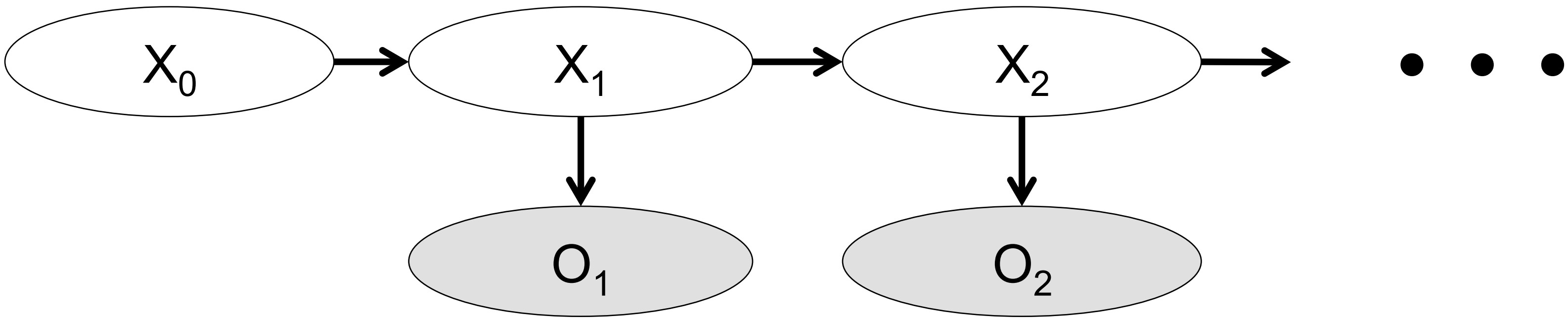
Example HMM: Robot Tracking

- Robot tracking as an HMM:



- Robot is moving at random: $P(Pos_t|Pos_{t-1})$
- Sensor observations of the current state $P(O_t|Pos_t)$

Filtering in Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)



- Filtering problem in HMMs:
  at time step t, we would like to know $P(X_t|O_1, \ldots, O_t)$

- Can derive simple update equations:
  - Compute $P(X_t|O_1, \ldots, O_t)$ if we already know $P(X_{t-1}|O_1, \ldots, O_{t-1})$

Learning Goals For Today's Class

- Build a Bayesian Network for a given domain
- Compute the representational savings in terms of number of probabilities required
- Understand basics of Markov Chains and Hidden Markov Models

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- Assignment 4 available on Connect
  - Due Wednesday, April 4.
  - You should now be able to solve questions 1, 2, 3 and 4. Do them!
  - Material for question 5 (variable elimination): later this week