

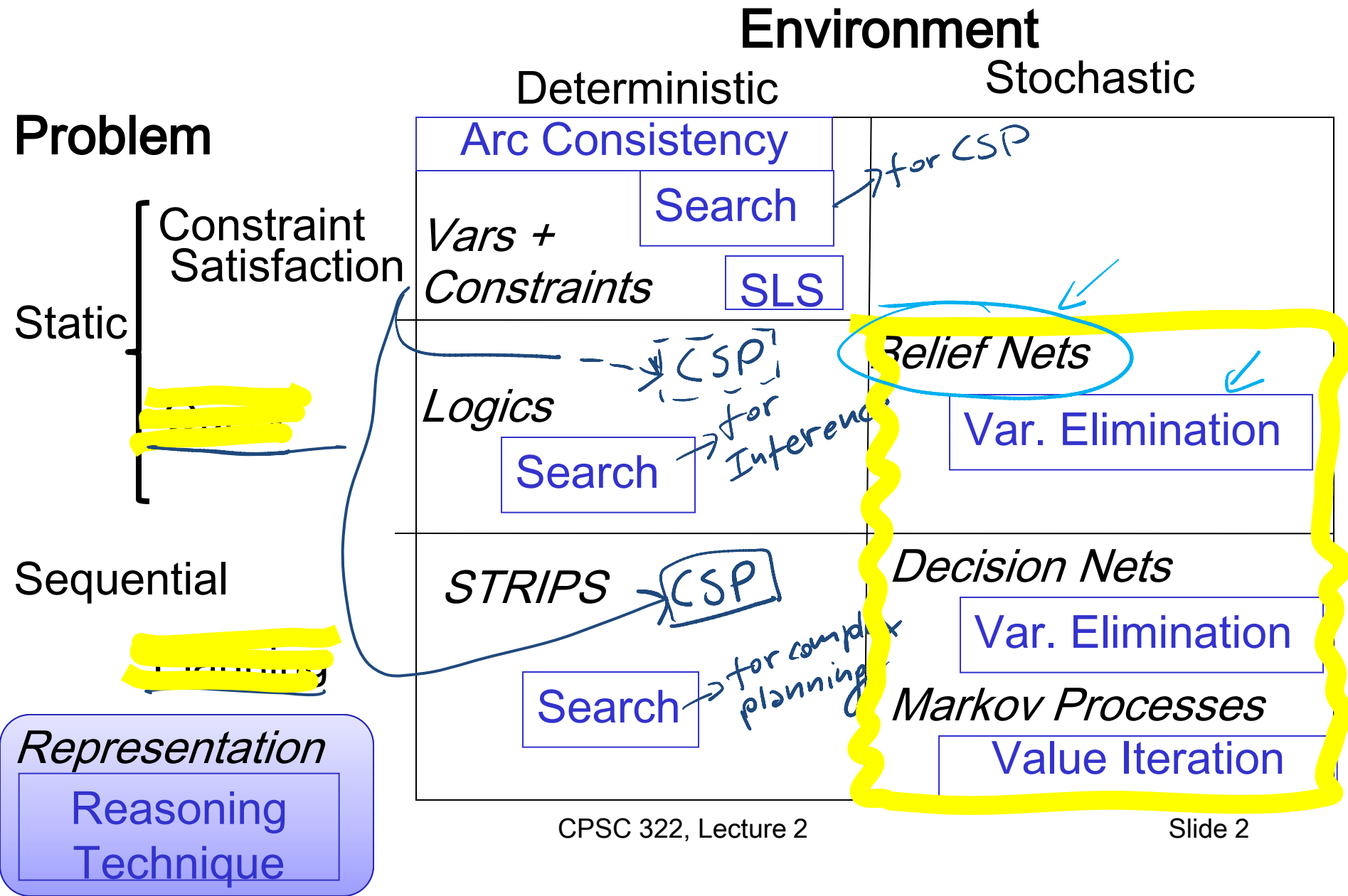
# Reasoning Under Uncertainty: Belief Networks

Computer Science cpsc322, Lecture 27  
*(Textbook Chpt 6.3)*

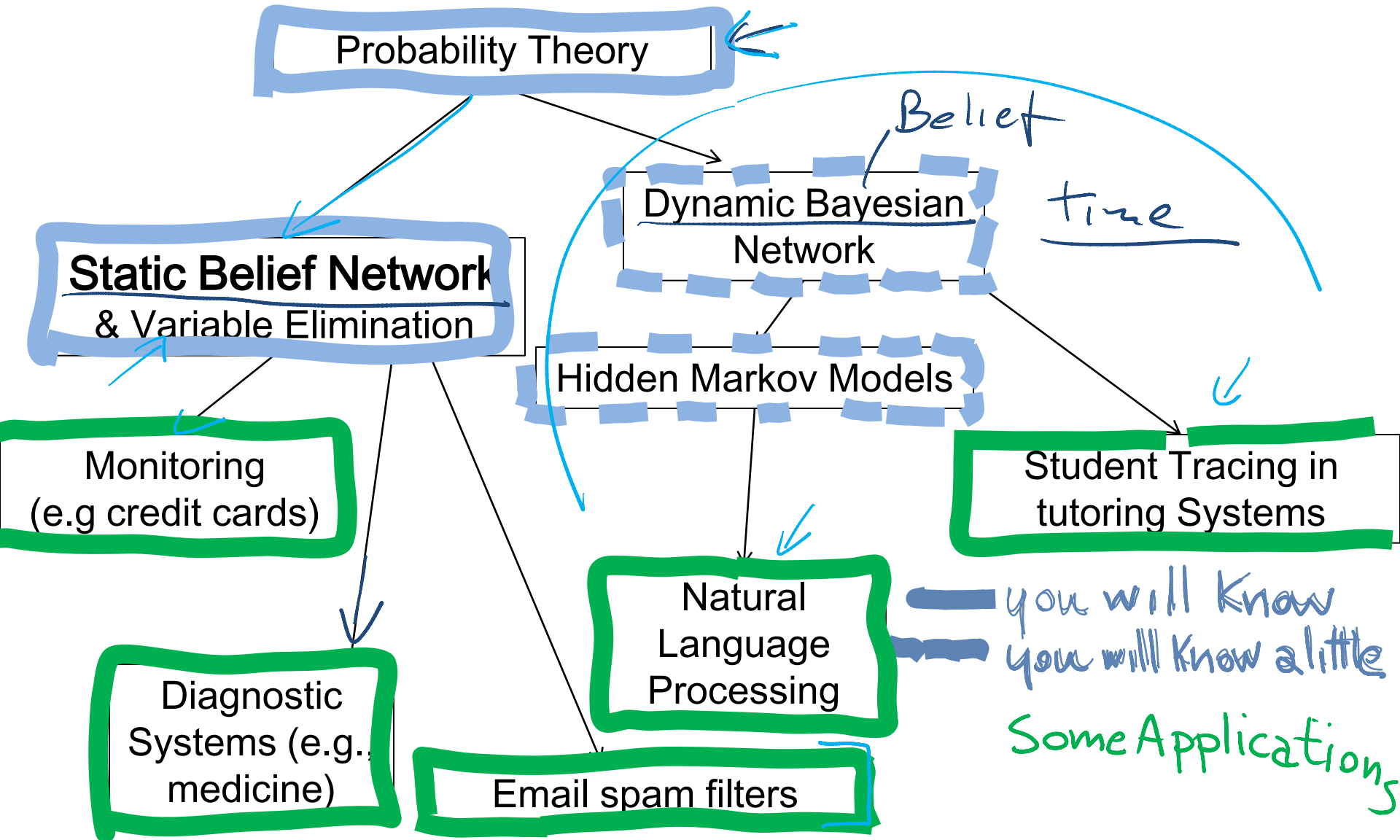
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# Big Picture: R&R systems



# Answering Query under Uncertainty



# 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 the set off the alarm.

E

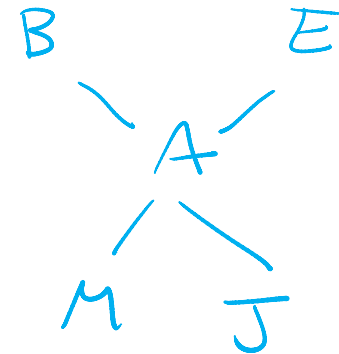
Variables: B A M J E  $n = 5$

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.*

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

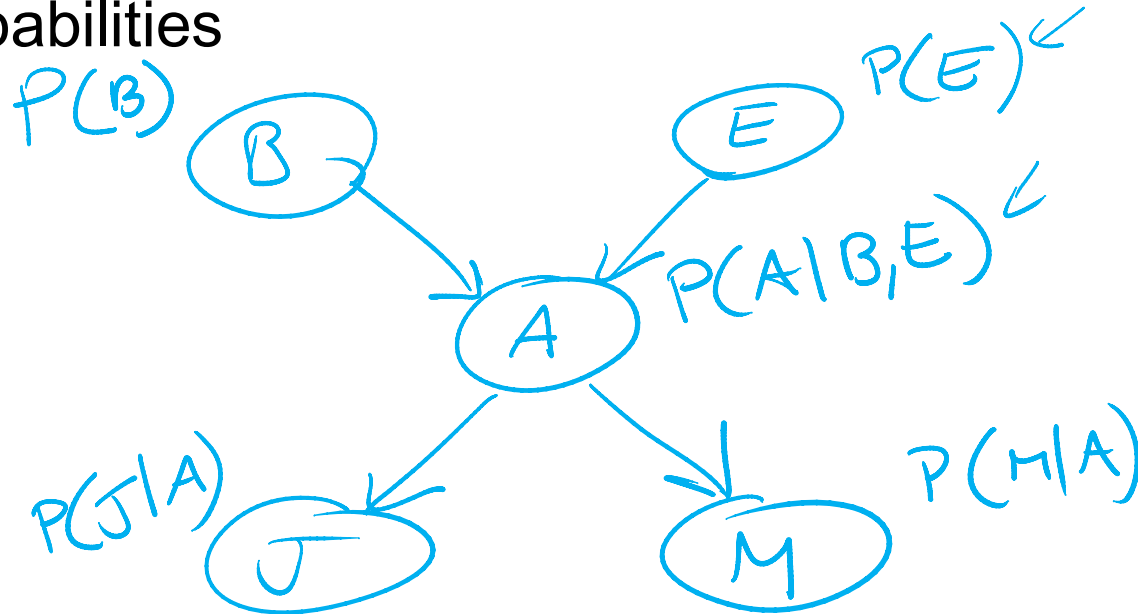
*conditional indep.*

- 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
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- Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)



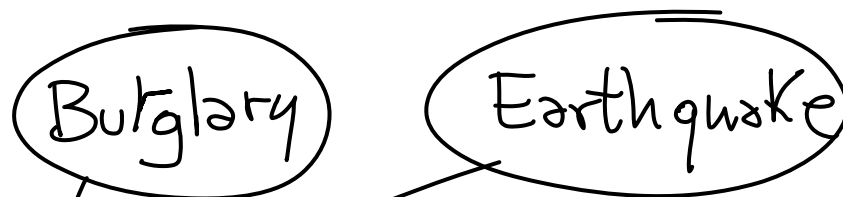
$P(B) \leftarrow$ 

# Burglary: complete BN

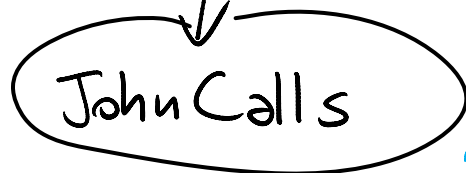
 $P(E) \leftarrow$ 

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

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.002	.998

 $P(A|B,E)$ 

$B$	$E$	$P(A=T   B,E)$	$P(A=F   B,E)$
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call for any other reasons

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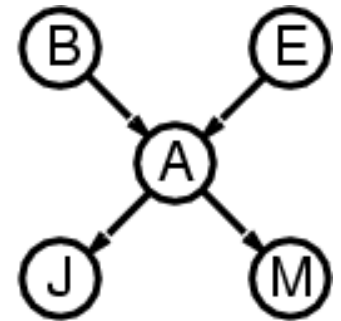
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# Burglary Example: Bnets inference

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

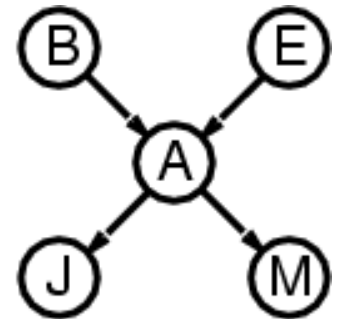
(Ex1) I'm at work,

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



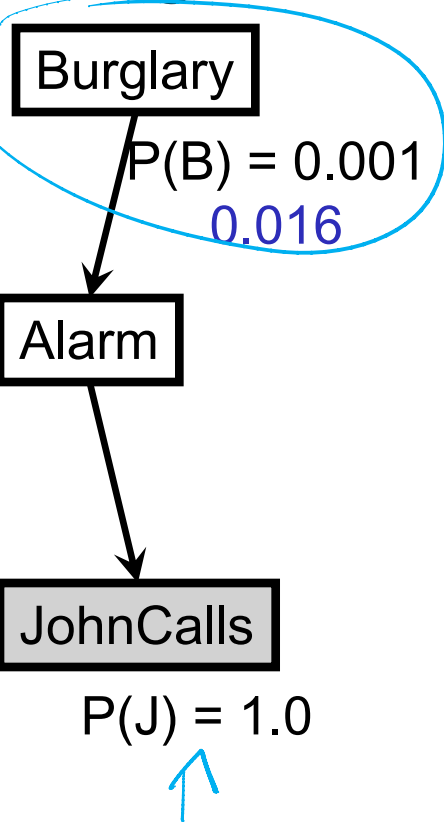
(Ex2) I'm at work, *Try this*

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

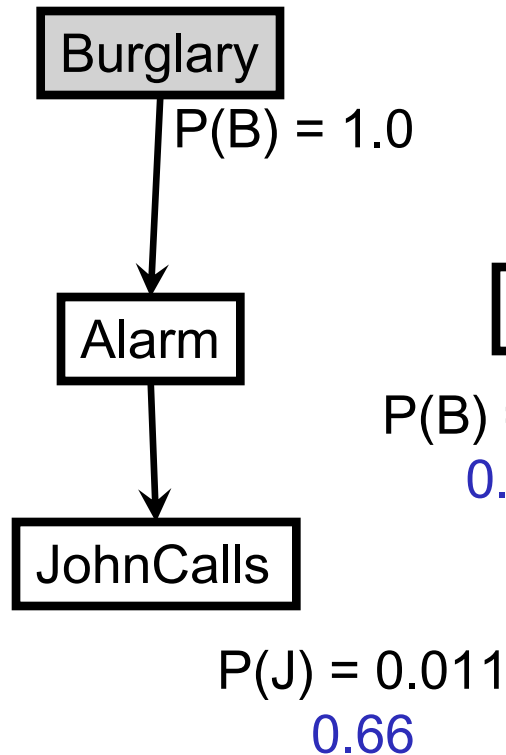


# Bayesian Networks – Inference Types

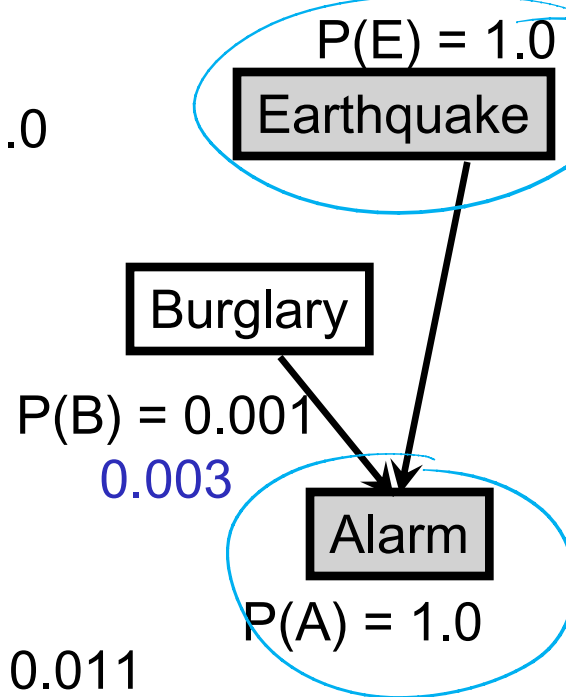
## Diagnostic



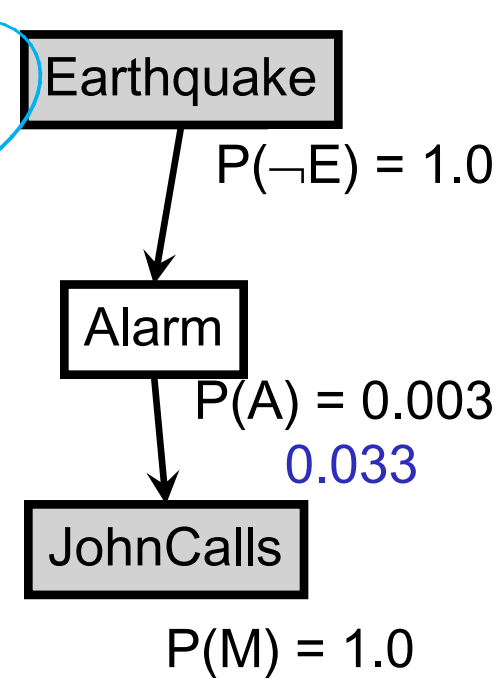
## Predictive



## Intercausal



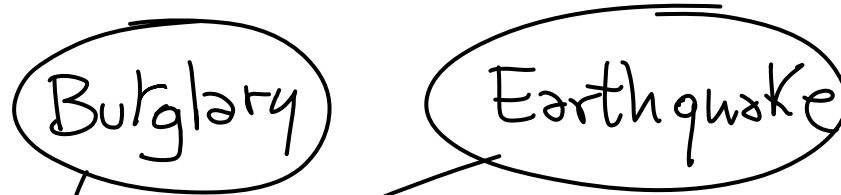
## Mixed



# BNnets: Compactness

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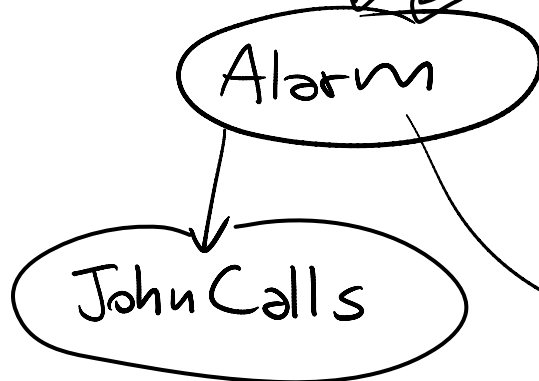


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BNet

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

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

# 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  $O(n 2^k)$  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**

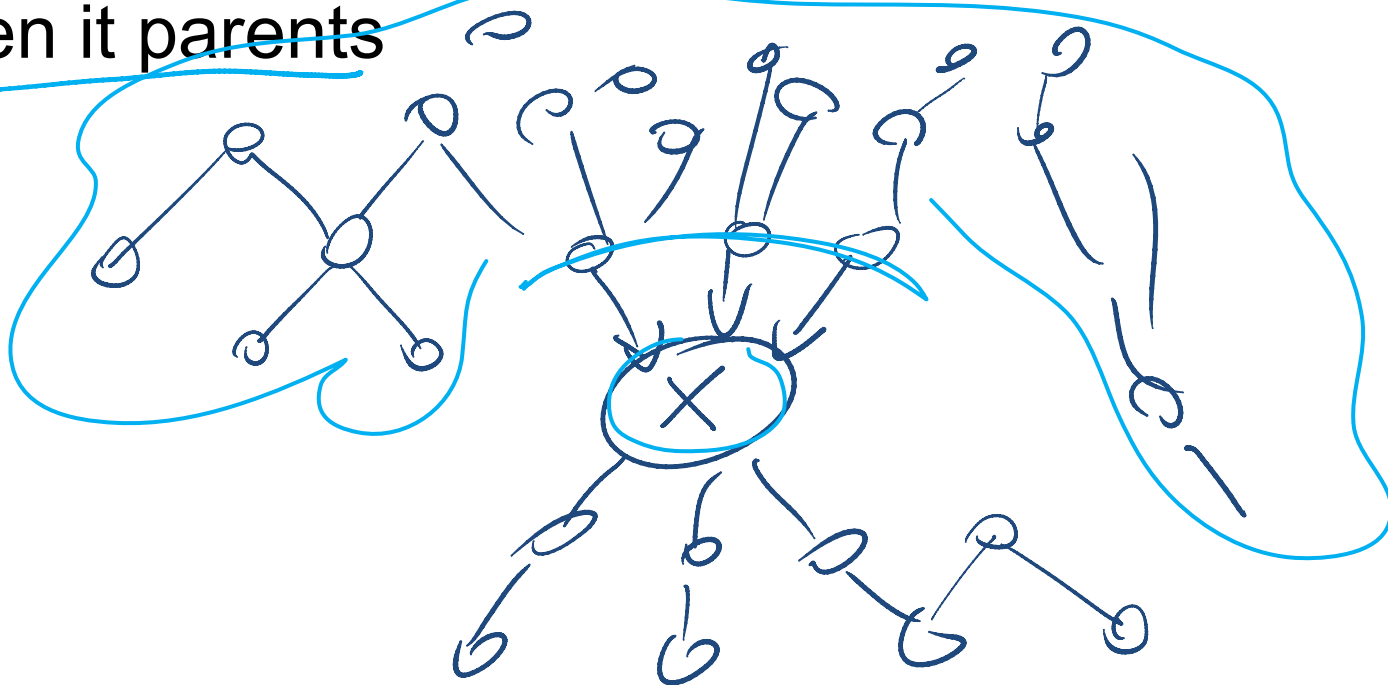
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# BNets: Construction General Semantics (cont')

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

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





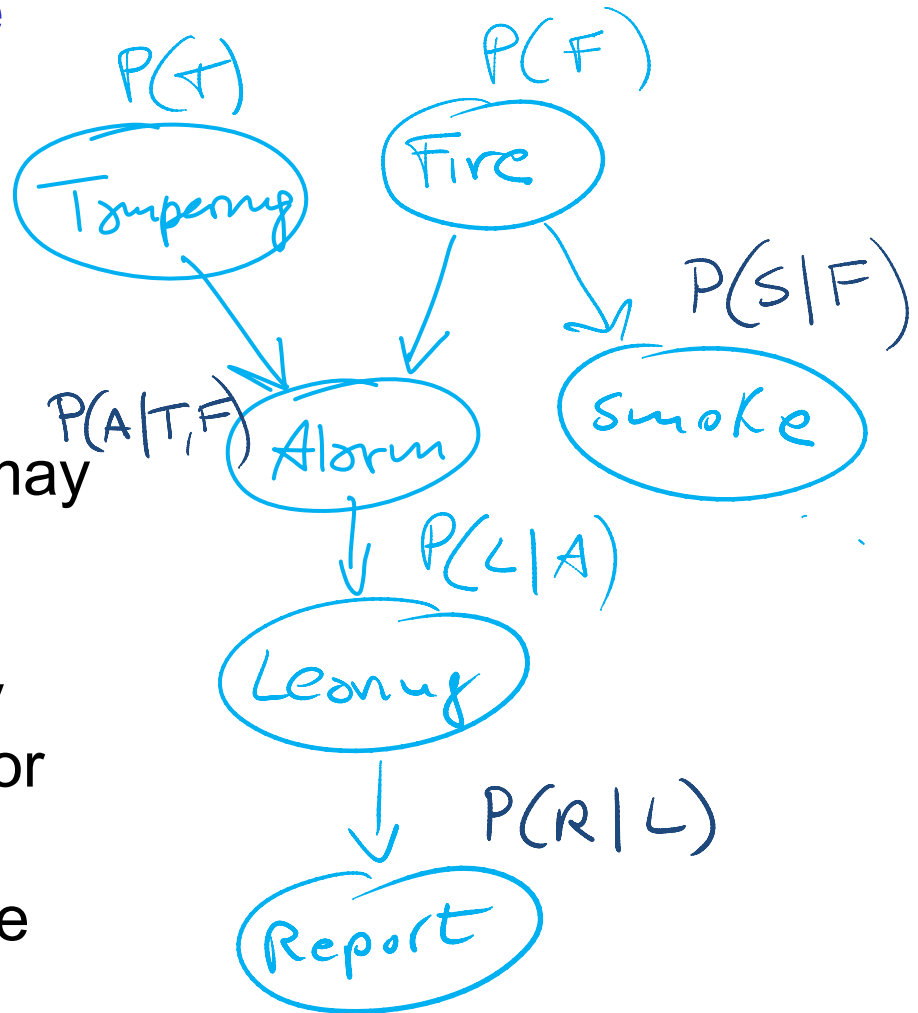
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# Other Examples: Fire Diagnosis (textbook Ex. 6.10)

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')

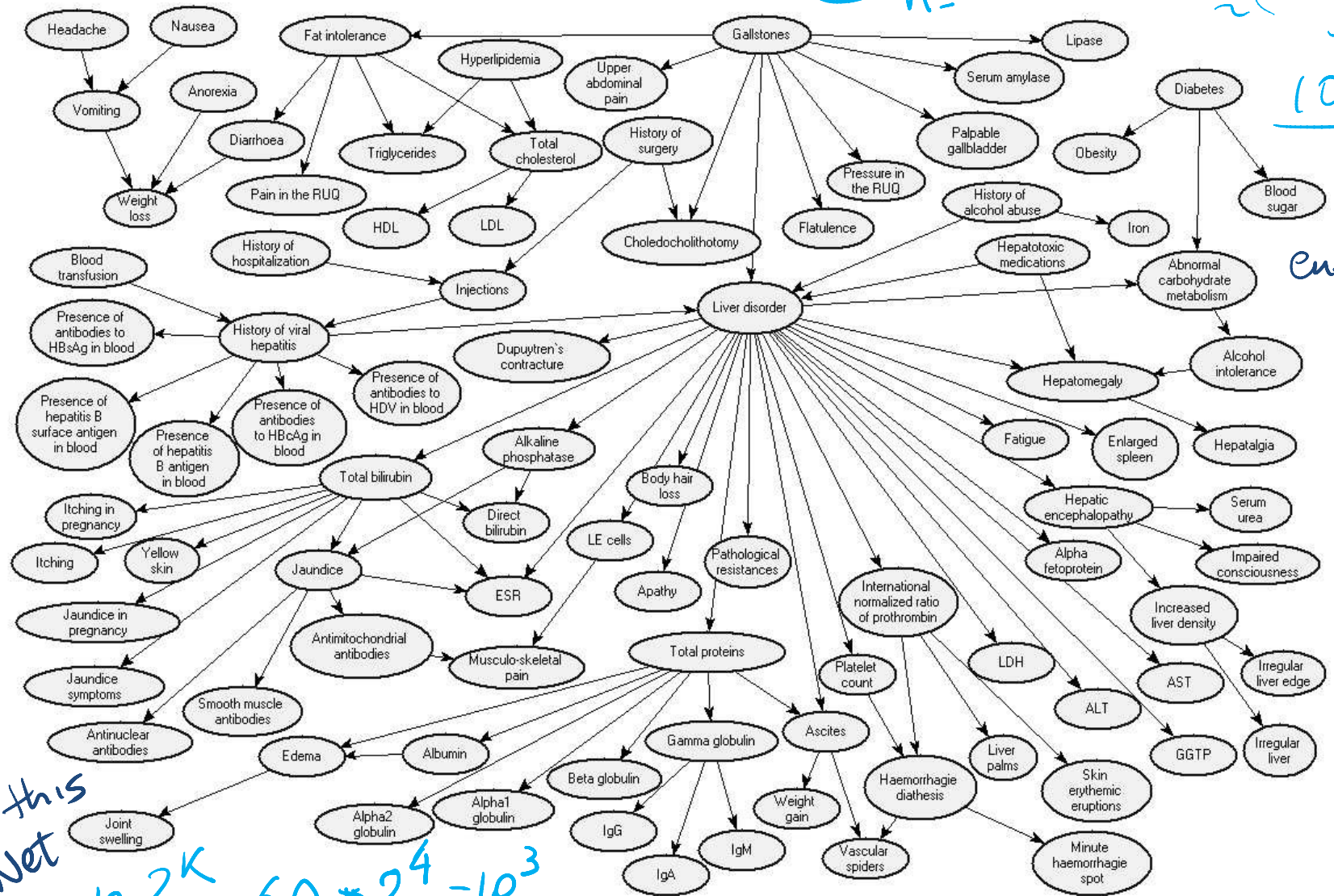
- Make sure you explore and understand the Fire Diagnosis example (we'll expand on it to study Decision Networks) 
- Electrical Circuit example (textbook ex 6.11) 
- Patient's wheezing and coughing example (ex. 6.14) 
- Several other examples on

JPD

Source: Onisko et al., 1999

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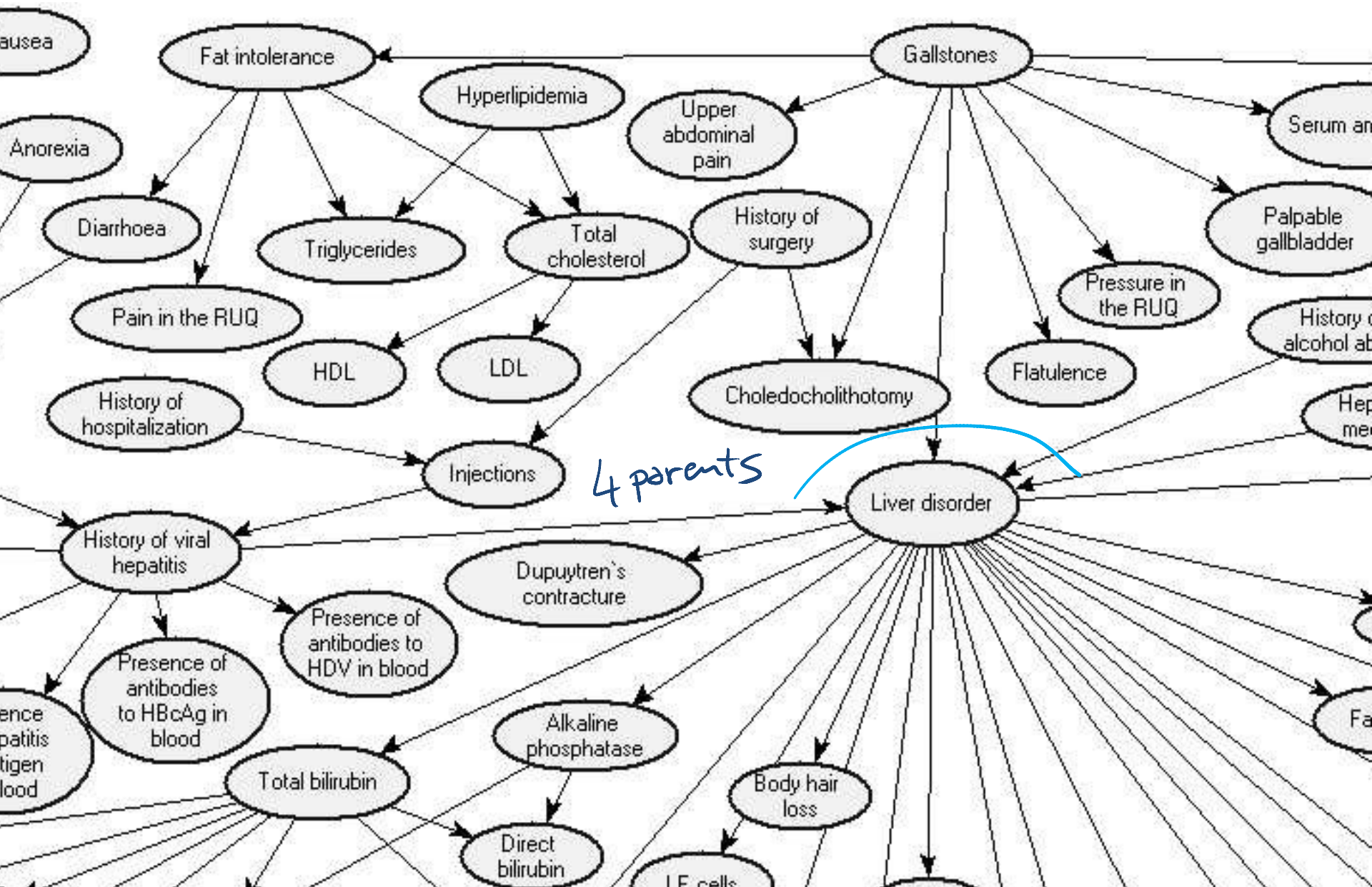
Entries


$$n 2^K \quad 60 * 2^4 = 10^3$$



# Realistic BNet: Liver Diagnosis

Source: Onisko et al., 1999



# Learning Goals for today's class

**You can:**

Build a Belief Network for a simple domain

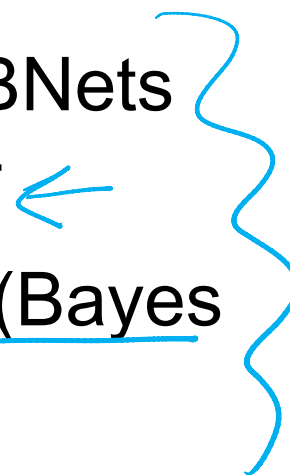
Classify the types of inference

Diagnostic, Predictive, Intercausal, Mixed

Compute the representational saving in terms  
on number of probabilities required

# Next Class

## 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