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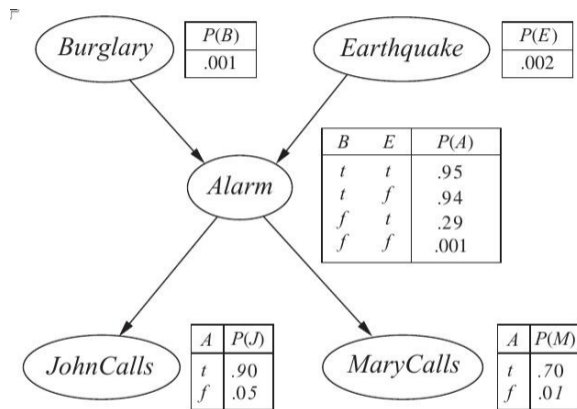
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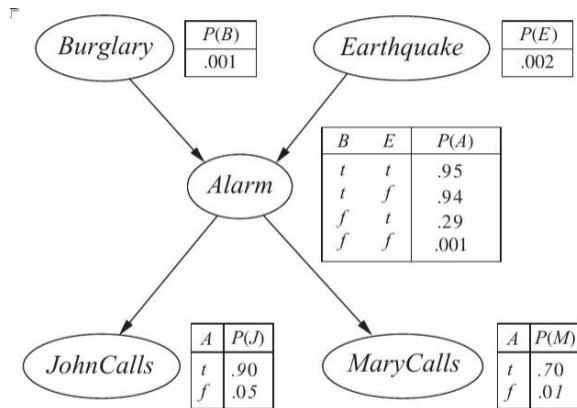
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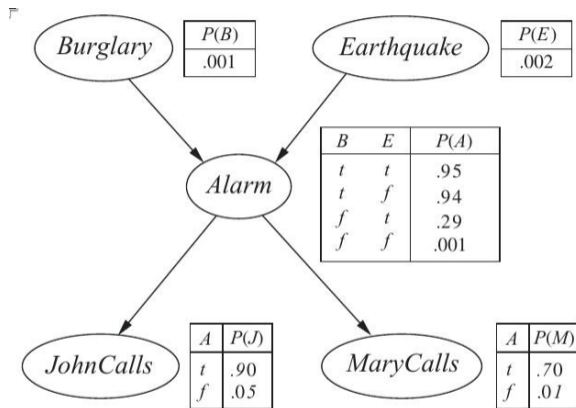
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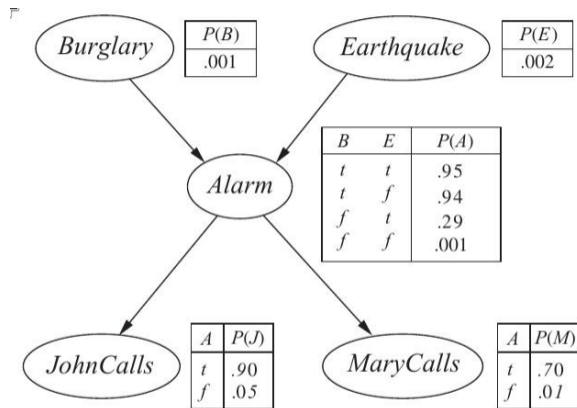
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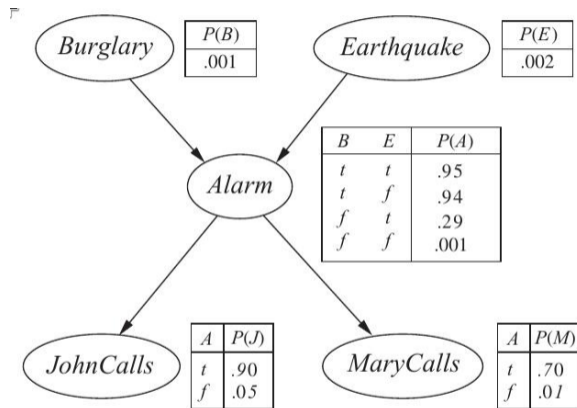


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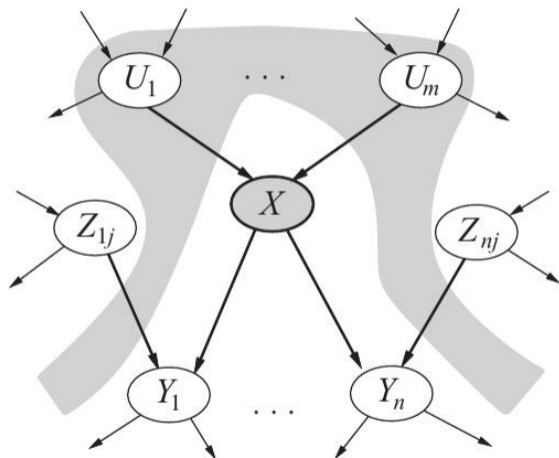
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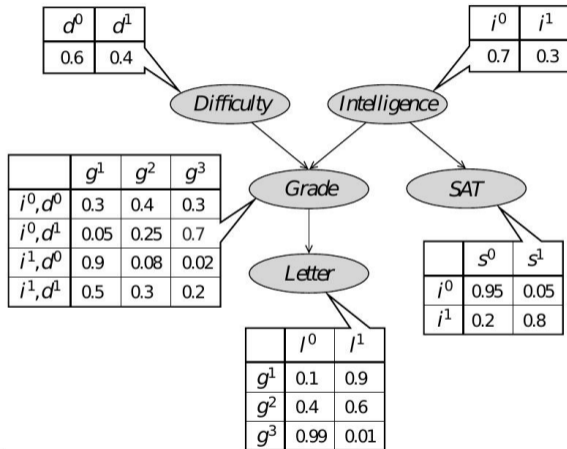
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- Fundamental assumption:
A node is conditionally independent of non-descendants, given its parents



Student example

- Example due to Nir Friedman and Daphne Koller
- Student asks teacher for a reference letter
- Teacher has forgotten the student, so letter is entirely based on student's grade in the course



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- Applied recursively, this gives us the **chain rule**

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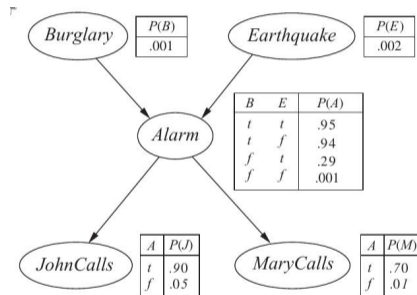
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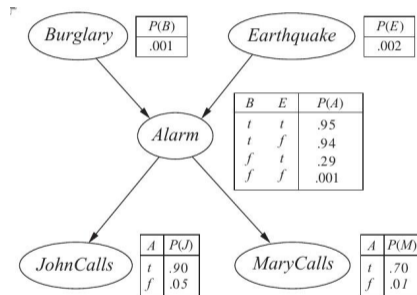
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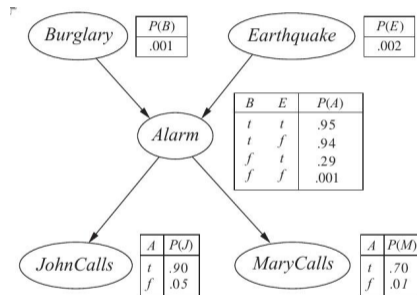
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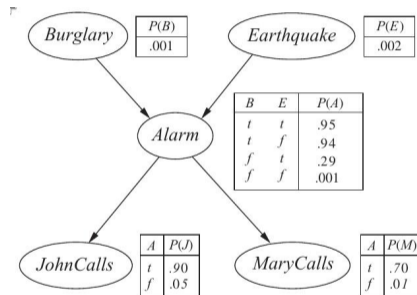
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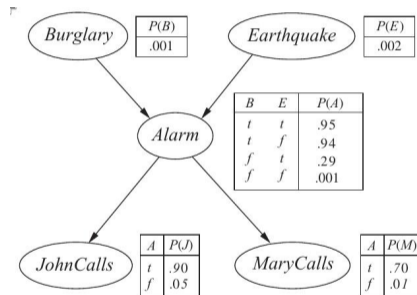
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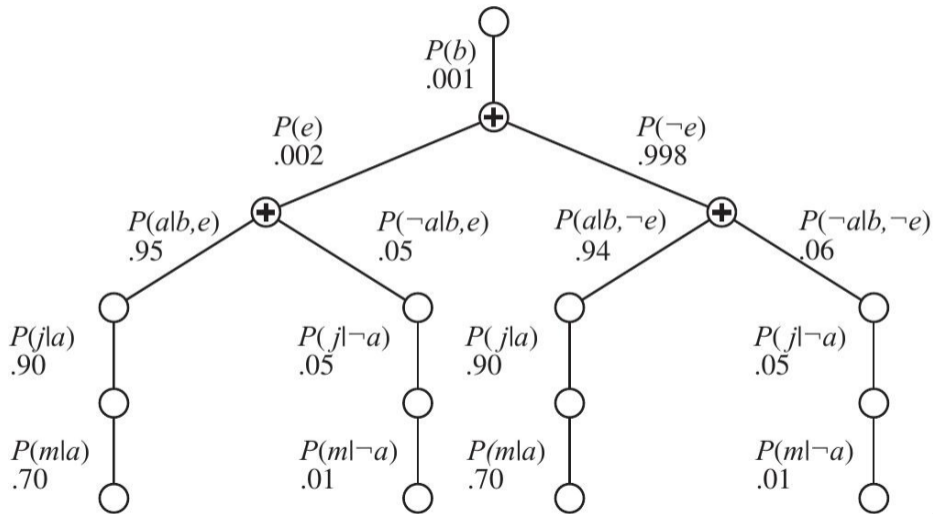
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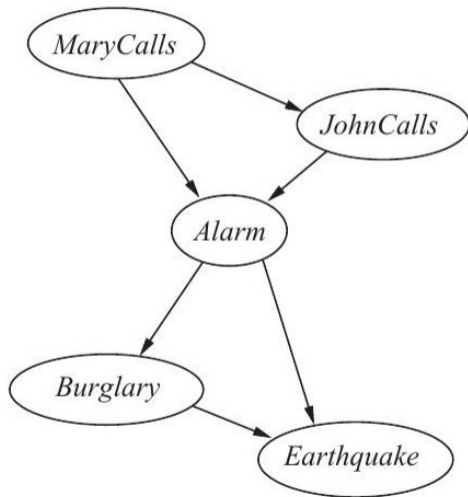


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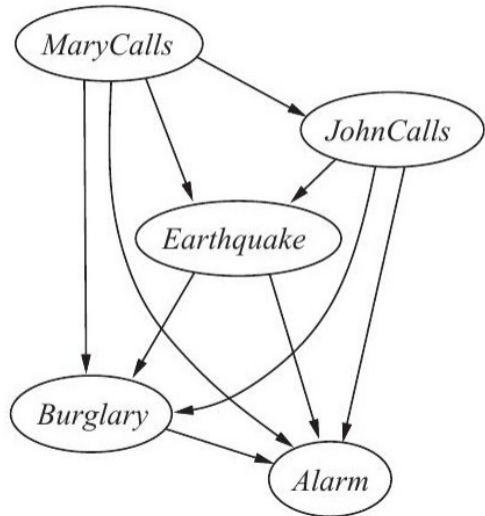
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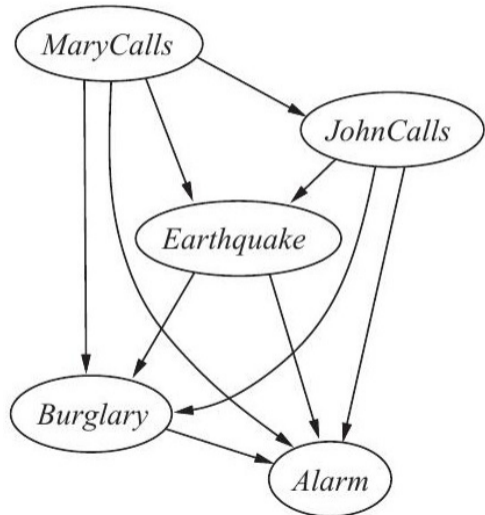
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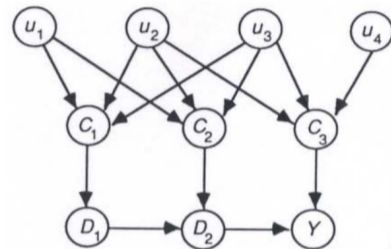
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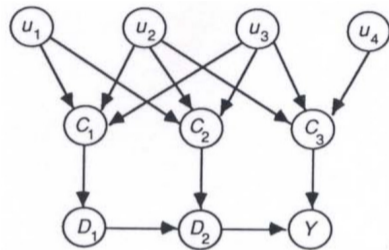
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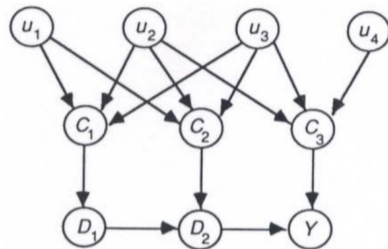
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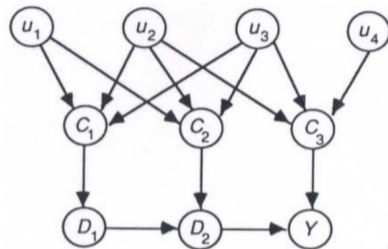
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