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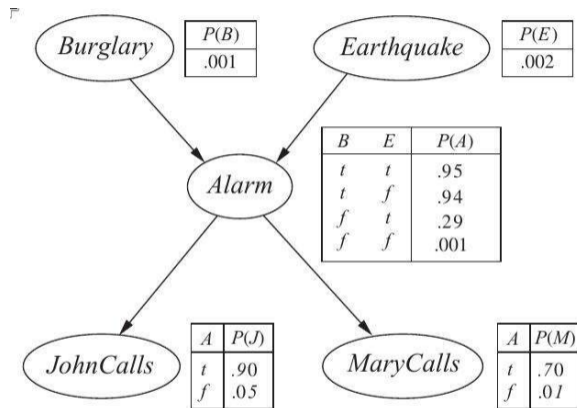
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- Can we strive for something in between?
 - “Local” dependencies between some variables

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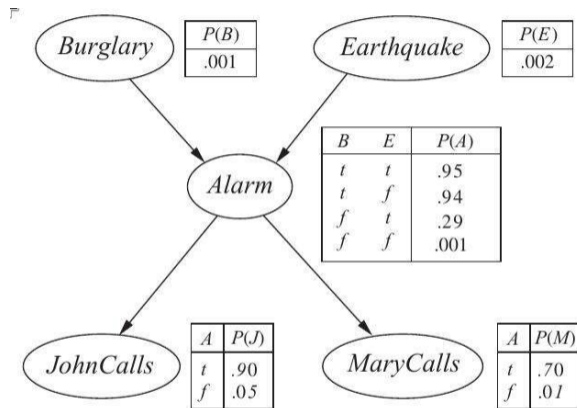
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- Example: Burglar alarm
 - Pearl's house has a burglar alarm
 - Neighbours John and Mary call if they hear the alarm
 - John is prone to mistaking ambulances etc for the alarm
 - Mary listens to loud music and sometimes fails to hear the alarm
 - The alarm may also be triggered by an earthquake (California!)



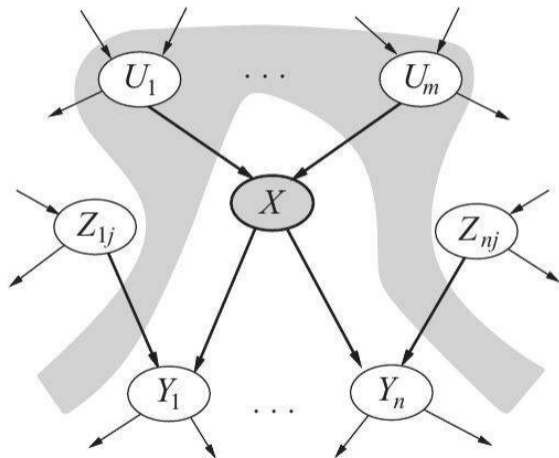
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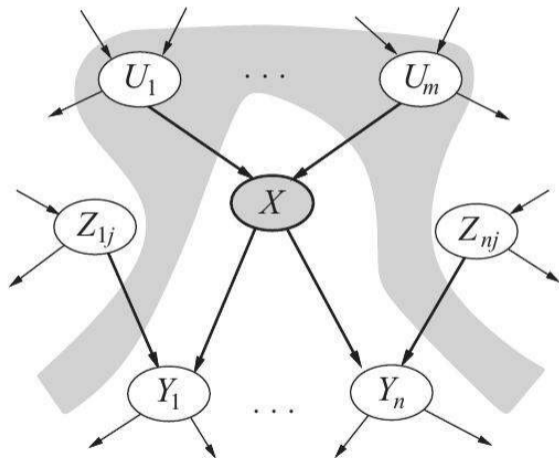
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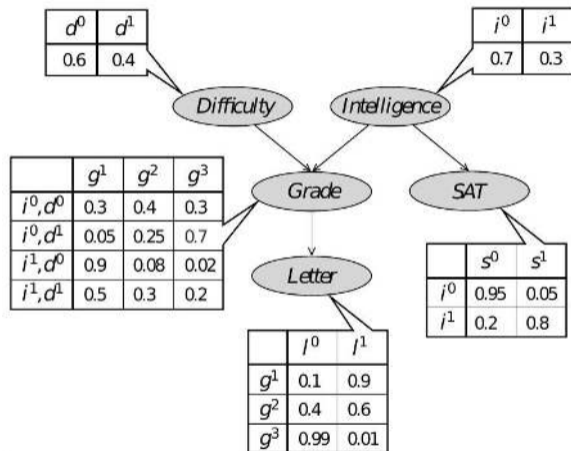
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- Graph is a DAG, no cyclic dependencies



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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$$\frac{A}{B}$$

$$P(x_2 | x_3 - x_n) \cdot \frac{P(x_3 - x_n)}{P(x_3 | x_4 - x_n) P(x_2)}$$

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

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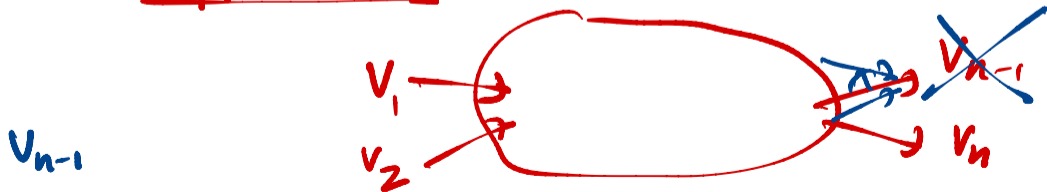
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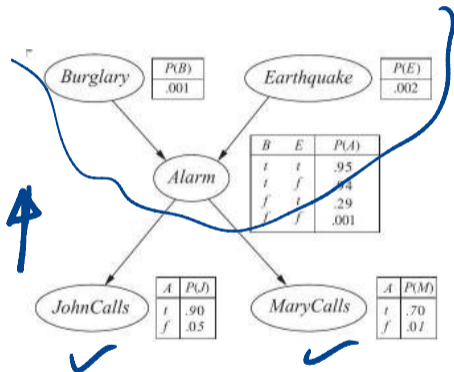
DAG must have a node with no
incoming (outgoing) edges

Suppose not



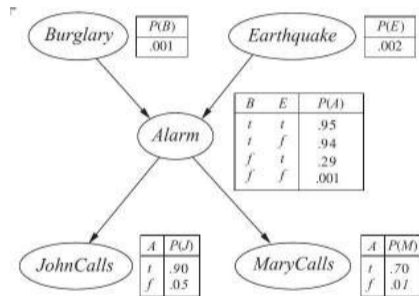
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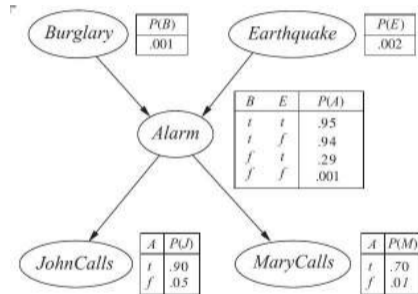
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$t_1 P(b) + t_2 P(b) \dots + t_n P(b)$
 $P(b) (t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4)$



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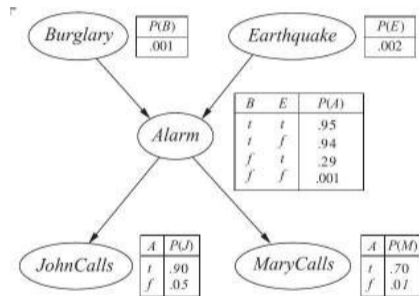
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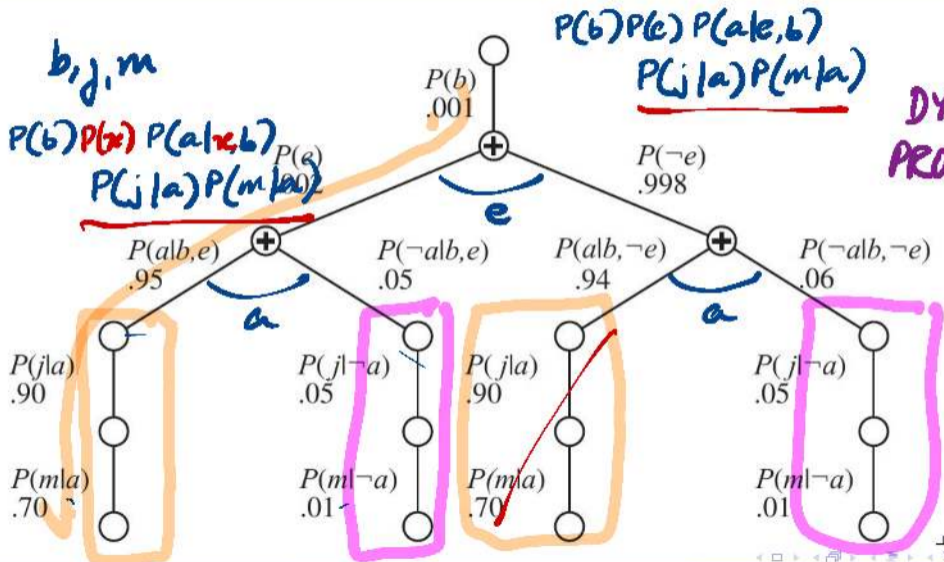
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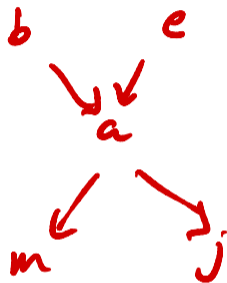


Evaluation tree



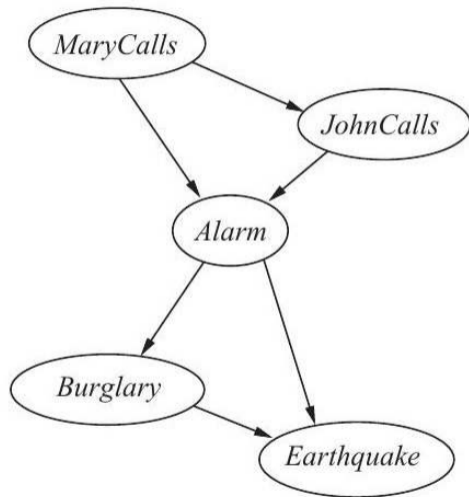
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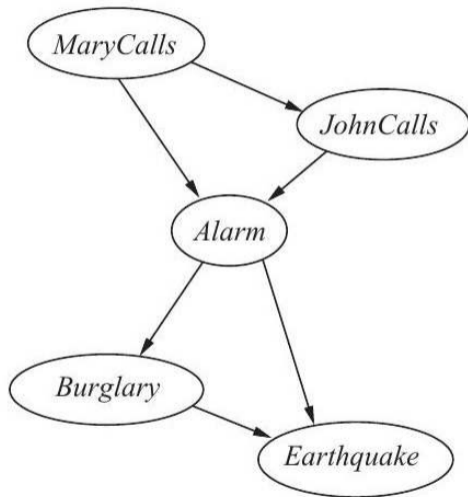
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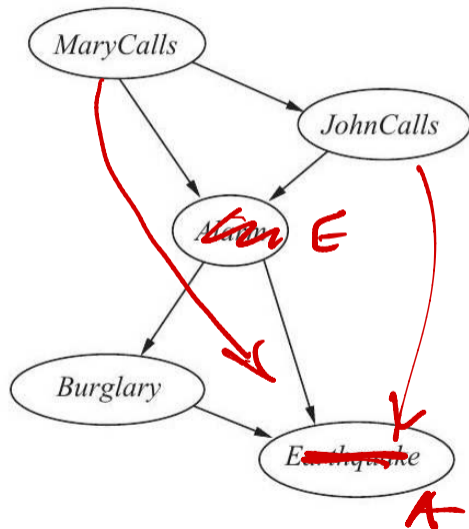
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Handwritten CNF formula: $(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg x_1)$. The formula is annotated with blue arrows and purple checkmarks. A blue arrow points from the text "A clause is a disjunction of literals" to the first clause $(x_1 \vee x_2)$. Another blue arrow points from the text "A CNF formula is a conjunction of clauses" to the entire expression. Purple checkmarks are placed under the first clause, the second clause, and the third clause. The second and third clauses have some purple markings over them, possibly indicating simplification or a specific focus.

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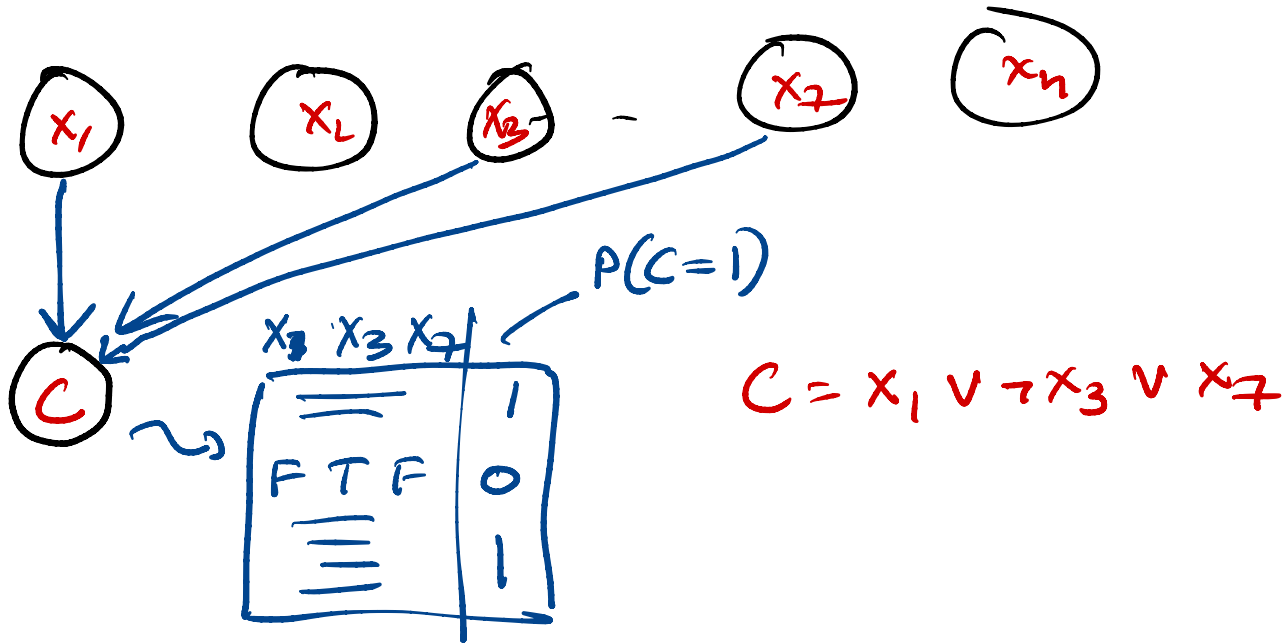
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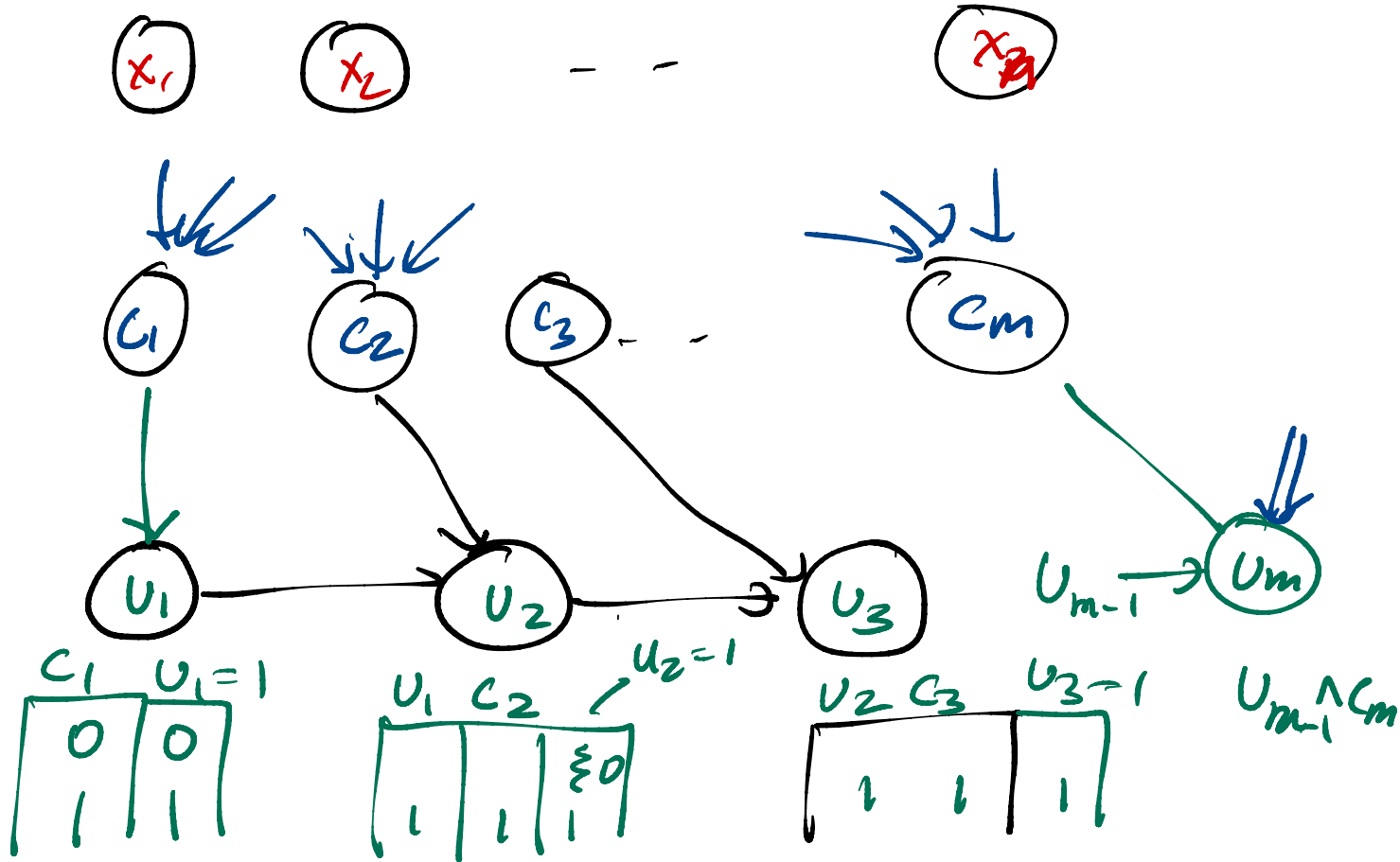
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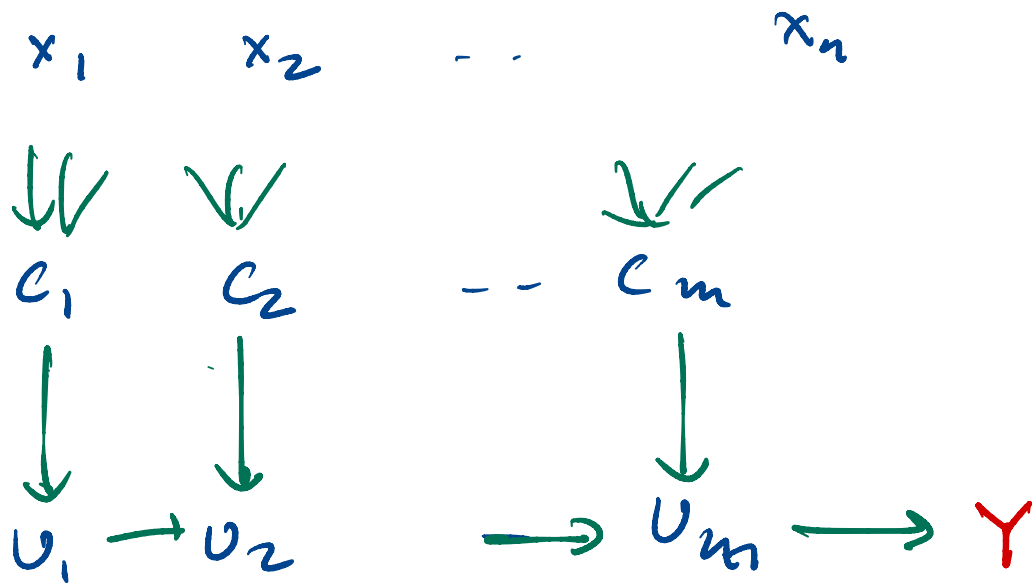
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Clause $l_1 \vee l_2 \vee l_3$



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$Y=1$ if
 $u_m=1$

$P(Y=1) > 0 ?$