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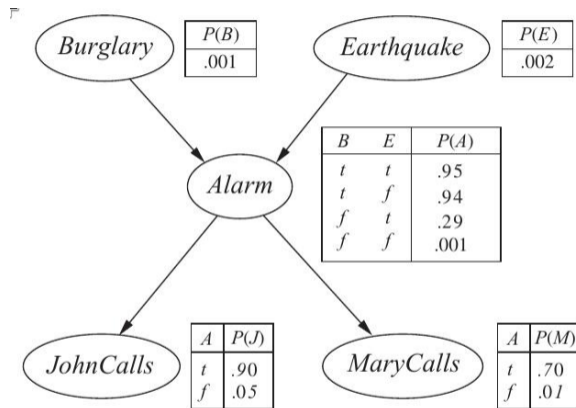
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- Can we strive for something in between?
 - “Local” dependencies between some variables

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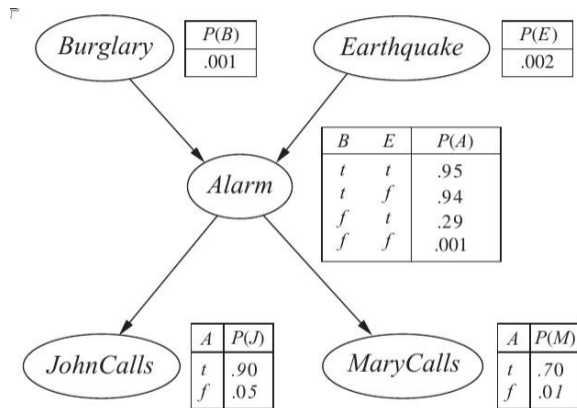
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- Example: Burglar alarm
 - Pearl's house has a burglar alarm
 - Neighbours John and Mary call if they hear the alarm
 - John is prone to mistaking ambulances etc for the alarm
 - Mary listens to loud music and sometimes fails to hear the alarm
 -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



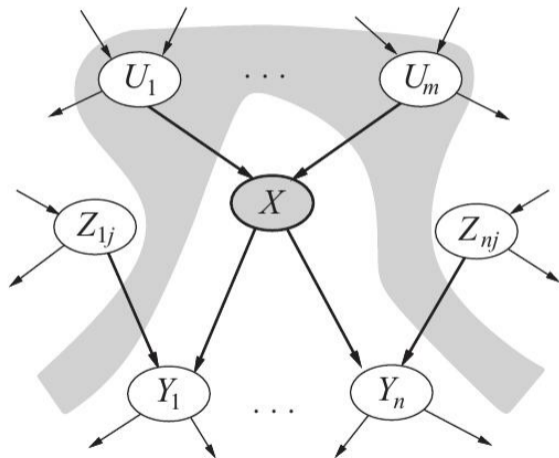
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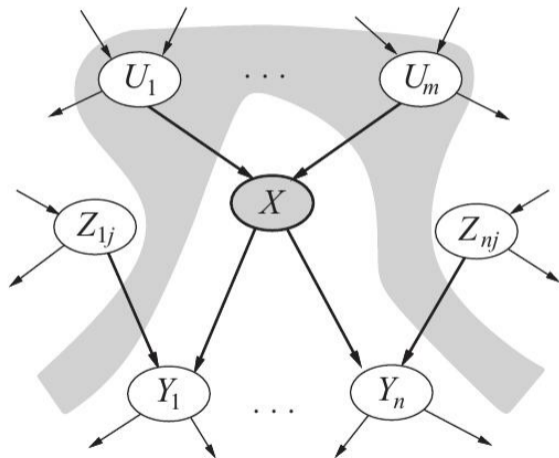
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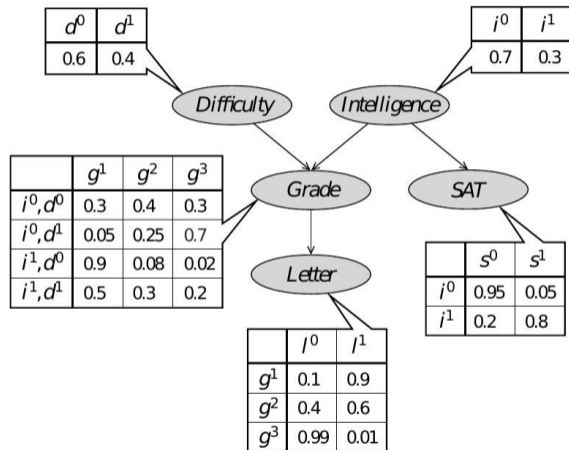
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- Graph is a DAG, no cyclic dependencies



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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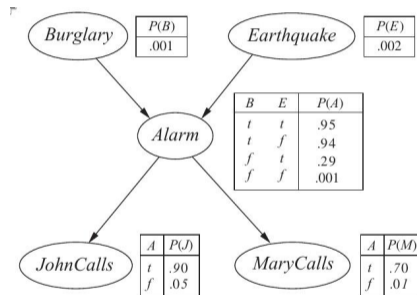
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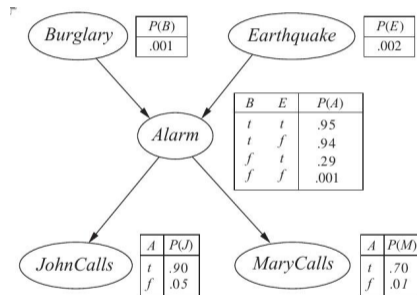
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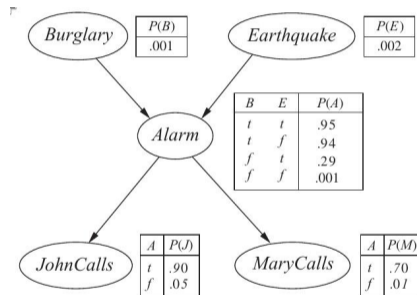
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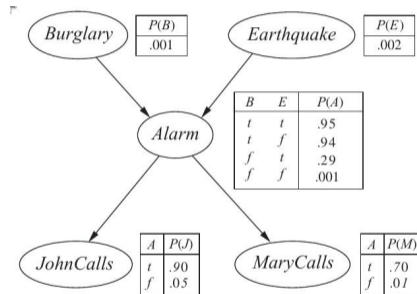
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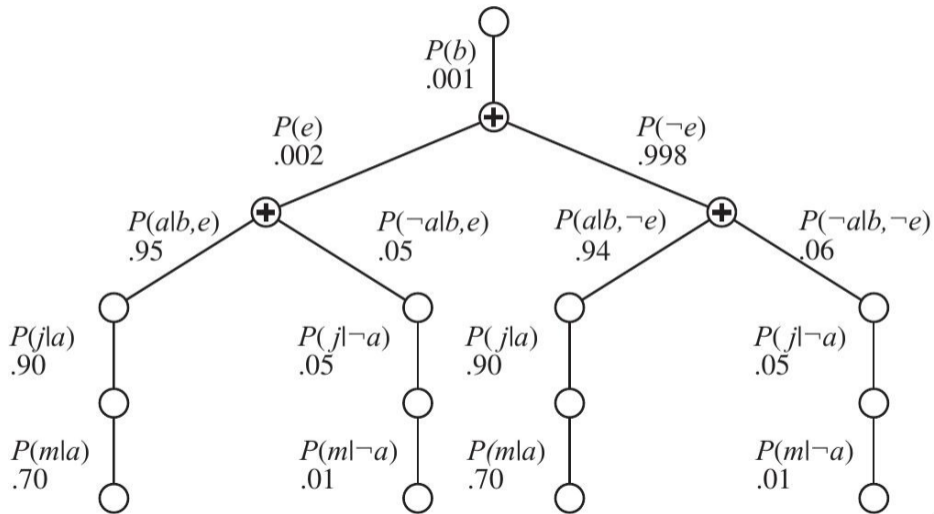
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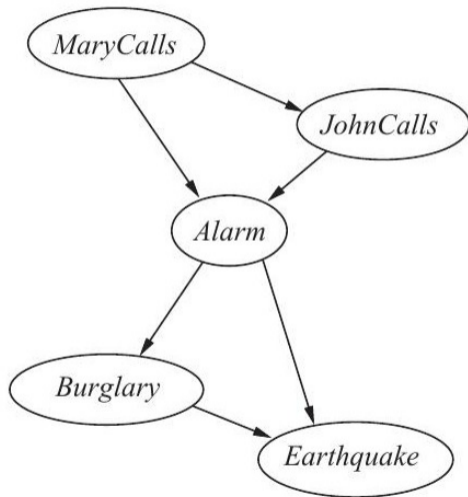


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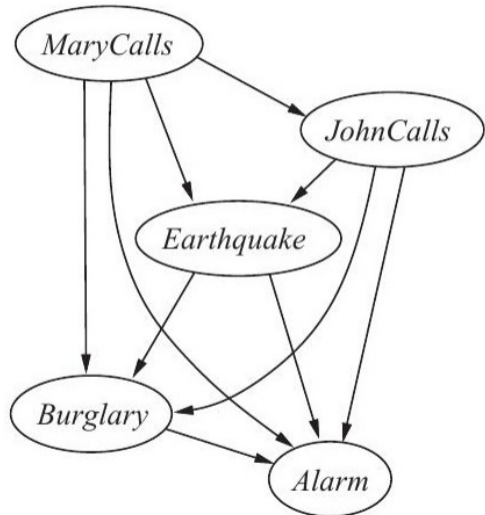
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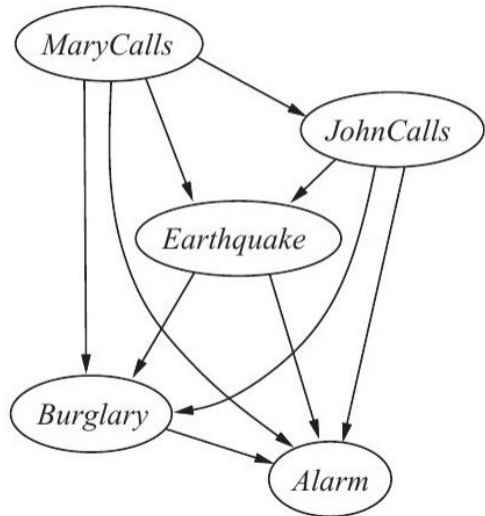
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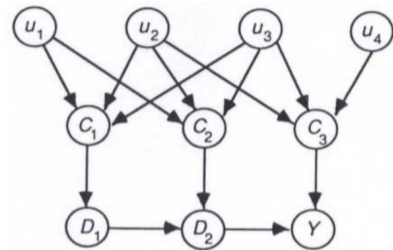
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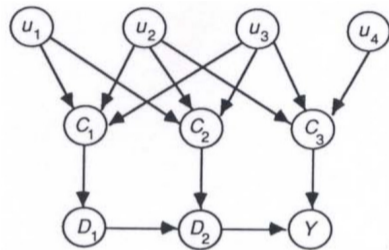
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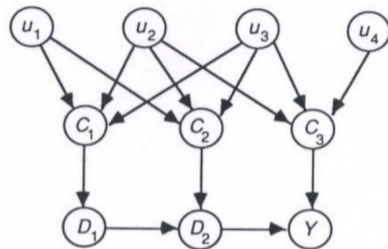
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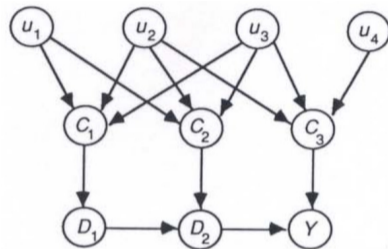
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