Reasoning under Uncertainty

The intelligent way to handle the unknown

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Logical Deduction versus Induction

DEDUCTION

- Commonly associated with formal logic
- Involves reasoning from known premises to a conclusion
- The conclusions reached are inevitable, certain, inescapable

INDUCTION

- Commonly known as informal logic or everyday argument
- Involves drawing uncertain inferences based on probabilistic reasoning
- The conclusions reached are probable, reasonable, plausible, believable

"when you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." -sherlock holmes

Handling uncertain knowledge

Classical first order logic has no room for uncertainty

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\forall p \ Symptom(p, Toothache) \Rightarrow Disease(p, Cavity)
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- Not correct toothache can be caused in many other cases
- In first order logic we have to include all possible causes

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∀p Symptom(p, Toothache) ⇒ Disease(p, Cavity) ∨ Disease(p, GumDisease)
∨ Disease(p, ImpactedWisdom) ∨ ...
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Similarly, Cavity does not always cause Toothache, so the following is also not true

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\forall p \ Disease(p, Cavity) \Rightarrow Symptom(p, Toothache)
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Reasons for using probability

- Specification becomes too large
 - It is too much work to list the complete set of antecedents or consequents needed to ensure an exception-less rule
- Theoretical ignorance
 - The complete set of antecedents is not known
- Practical ignorance
 - The truth of the antecedents is not known, but we still wish to reason

Predicting versus Diagnosing

- Probabilistic reasoning can be used for predicting outcomes (*from cause to effect*)
 - Given that I have a cavity, what is the chance that I will have toothache?
- Probabilistic reasoning can also be used for diagnosis (from effect to cause)
 - Given that I am having toothache, what is the chance that it is being caused by a cavity?

We need a methodology for reasoning that can work both ways.

Axioms of Probability

- 1. All probabilities are between 0 and 1: $0 \le P(A) \le 1$
- 2. P(True) = 1 and P(False) = 0
- 3. $P(A \lor B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \land B)$

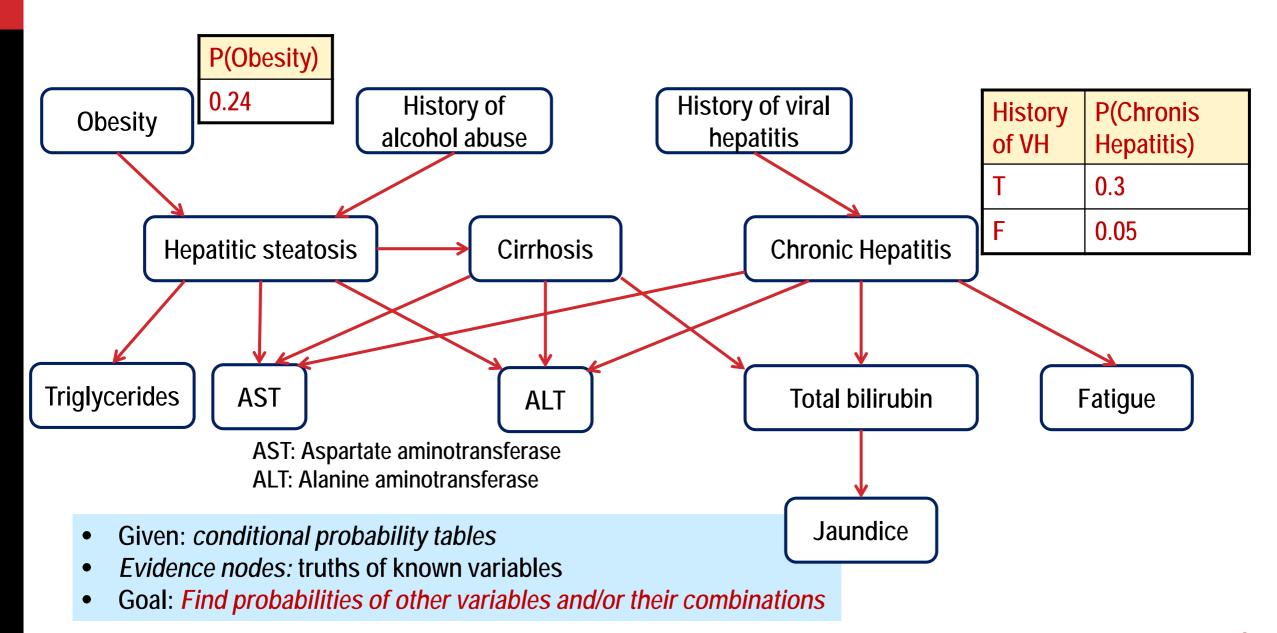
Bayes' Rule

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A \mid B) P(B)$$

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(B \mid A) P(A)$$

$$P(B \mid A) = \frac{P(A \mid B) P(B)}{P(A)}$$

Bayesian Belief Network



Belief Networks

A belief network is a graph with the following:

- Nodes: Set of random variables
- Directed links: The intuitive meaning of a link from node X to node Y is that X has a direct influence on Y

Each node has a conditional probability table that quantifies the effects that the parent have on the node.

The graph has no directed cycles. It is a directed acyclic graph (DAG).

Classical Example

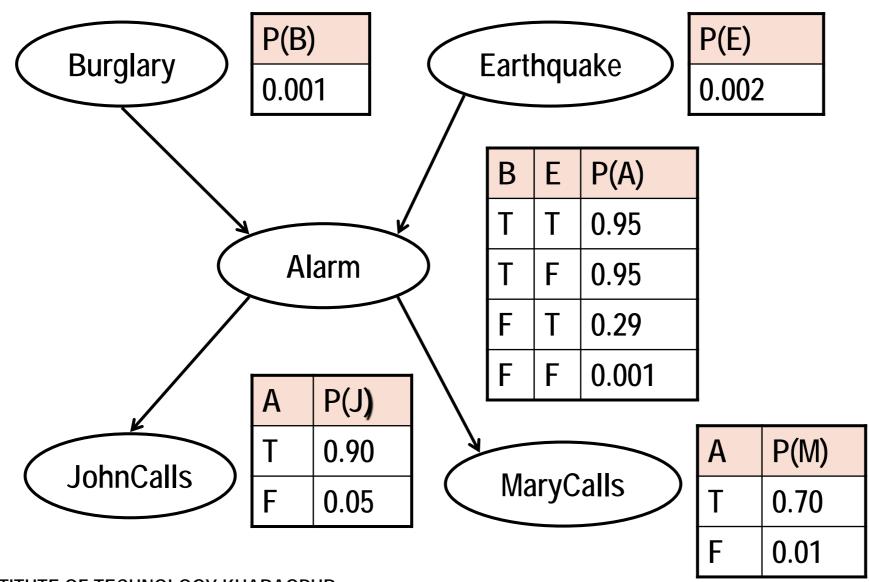
- Burglar alarm at home
 - Fairly reliable at detecting a burglary
 - Responds at times to minor earthquakes





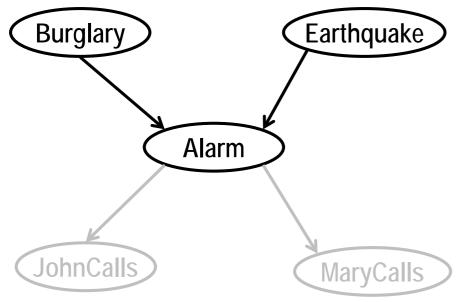
- Two neighbors, on hearing alarm, calls police
 - John always calls when he hears the alarm, but sometimes confuses the telephone ringing with the alarm and calls then, too.
 - Mary likes loud music and sometimes misses the alarm altogether

Belief Network Example



• A generic entry in the joint probability distribution $P(x_1, ..., x_n)$ is given by:

$$P(x_1,...,x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i | Parents(X_i))$$



В	Е	P(A)
Т	Η	0.95
Т	F	0.95
F	Т	0.29
F	F	0.001

 Probability of the event that the alarm has sounded but neither a burglary nor an earthquake has occurred, and both Mary and John call:

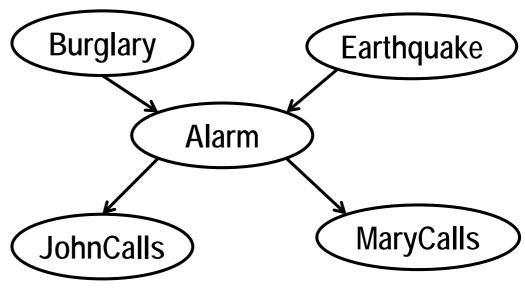
$$P(J \land M \land A \land \neg B \land \neg E)$$

= $P(J | A) P(M | A) P(A | \neg B \land \neg E) P(\neg B) P(\neg E)$
= $0.9 \times 0.7 \times 0.001 \times 0.999 \times 0.998$
= 0.00062

В	Е	P(A)
Τ	Τ	0.95
Т	F	0.95
F	Т	0.29
F	F	0.001

Α	P(J)
Т	0.90
F	0.05

Α	P(M)		
Н	0.70	P(E)	P(B)
F	0.01	0.002	0.001

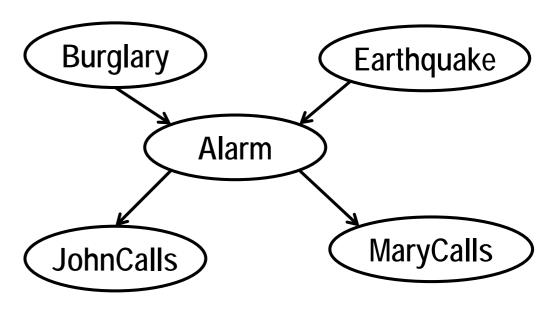


 Computation of the probabilities of several different event combinations of the Burglary-Alarm belief network example:

$$P(B) = 0.001$$

 $P(B') = 1 - P(B) = 0.999$
 $P(E) = 0.002$
 $P(E') = 1 - P(E) = 0.998$

В	Ε	P(A)						
Т	Т	0.95						
T	F	0.95	Α	P(J)	Α	P(M)		
F	Т	0.29	T	0.90	Т	0.70	P(E)	P(B)
F	F	0.001	F	0.05	F	0.01	0.002	0.00



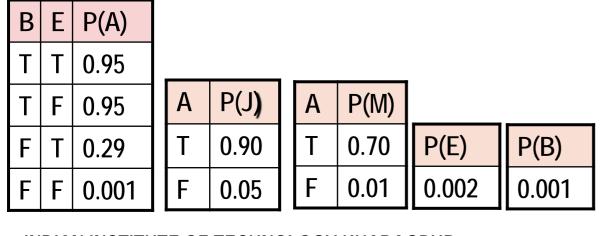
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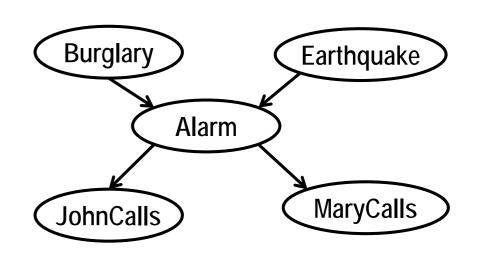
$$P(A) = P(AB'E') + P(ABE') + P(ABE') + P(ABE)$$

$$= P(A | B'E').P(B'E') + P(A | B'E).P(B'E) + P(A | BE').P(BE') + P(A | BE).P(BE)$$

$$= 0.001 \times 0.999 \times 0.998 + 0.29 \times 0.999 \times 0.002 + 0.95 \times 0.001 \times 0.998 + 0.95 \times 0.001 \times 0.002$$

$$= 0.001 + 0.0006 + 0.0009 = 0.0025$$





The joint probability distribution: *Find* P(J)

$$P(J) = P(JA) + P(JA')$$

$$= P(J | A).P(A) + P(J | A').P(A')$$

$$= 0.9 \times 0.0025 + 0.05 \times (1 - 0.0025)$$

$$= 0.052125$$

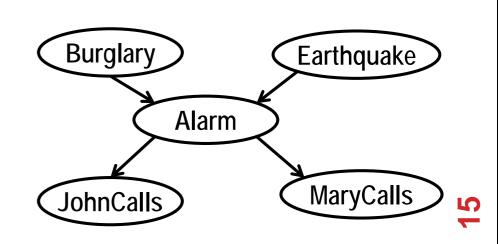
$$P(AB) = P(ABE) + P(ABE') = 0.95 \times 0.001 \times 0.002 + 0.95 \times 0.001 \times 0.998$$

$$= 0.00095$$

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The joint probability distribution: *Find* P(A'B) *and* P(AE)

$$P(A'B) = P(A'BE) + P(A'BE')$$

$$= P(A' | BE).P(BE) + P(A' | BE').P(BE')$$

$$= (1 - 0.95) \times 0.001 \times 0.002$$

$$+ (1 - 0.95) \times 0.001 \times 0.998$$

$$= 0.00005$$

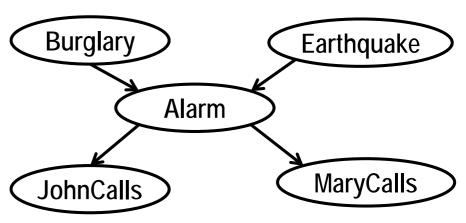
$$P(AE) = P(AEB) + P(AEB')$$

$$= 0.95 \times 0.001 \times 0.002 + 0.29 \times 0.999 \times 0.002 = 0.00058$$

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$$P(AE') = P(AE'B) + P(AE'B')$$

= 0.95 x 0.001 x 0.998 + 0.001 x 0.999 x 0.998
= 0.001945

$$P(A'E') = P(A'E'B) + P(A'E'B')$$

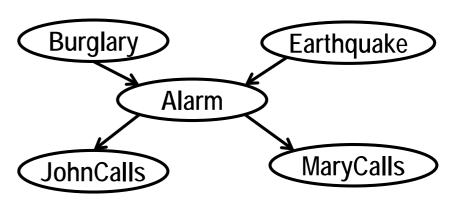
$$= P(A' | BE').P(BE') + P(A' | B'E').P(B'E')$$

$$= (1 - 0.95) \times 0.001 \times 0.998 + (1 - 0.001) \times 0.999 \times 0.998 = 0.996$$

В	Е	P(A)
Т	Т	0.95
Т	F	0.95
F	Т	0.29
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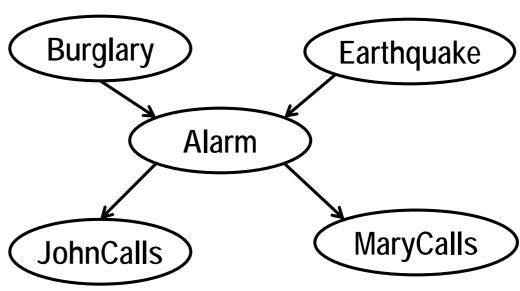


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F	Т	0.29
F	F	0.001

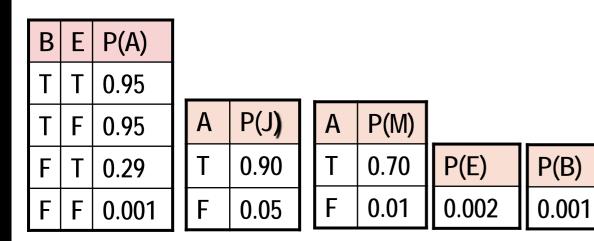
Α	P(J)	Α	P(M)
Т	0.90	T	0.70
F	0.05	F	0.01

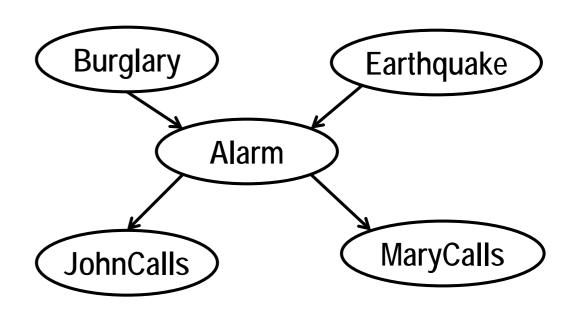
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 Computation of the probabilities of several different event combinations of the Burglary-Alarm belief network example:

$$P(J | B) = P(JB) / P(B) = 0.00086 / 0.001 = 0.86$$





$$P(MB) = P(MBA) + P(MBA')$$

$$= P(M \mid AB).P(AB) + P(M \mid A'B).P(A'B)$$

$$= P(M \mid A).P(AB) + P(M \mid A').P(A'B)$$

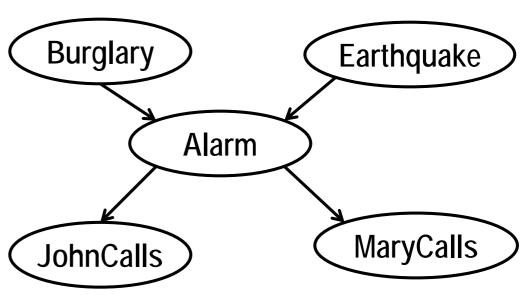
$$= 0.7 \times 0.00095 + 0.01 \times 0.00005$$

$$= 0.00067$$

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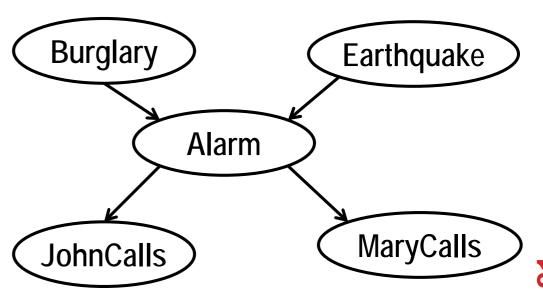
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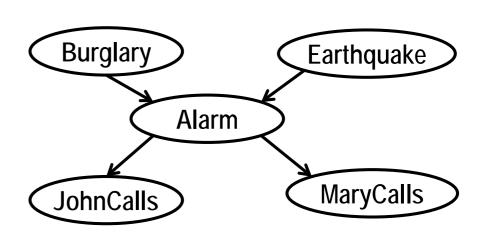
$$P(AJE') = P(J | AE').P(AE') = P(J | A).P(AE')$$

= 0.9 x 0.001945 = 0.00175
 $P(A'JE') = P(J | A'E').P(A'E') = P(J | A').P(A'E')$
= 0.05 x 0.996 = 0.0498
 $P(JE') = P(AJE') + P(A'JE') = 0.00175 + 0.0498 = 0.05155$

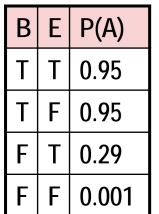
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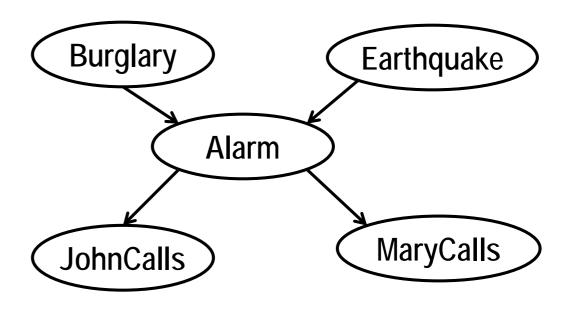


$$P(A | JE') = P(AJE') / P(JE') = 0.00175 / 0.05155 = 0.03$$



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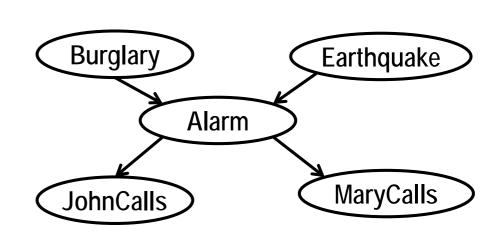




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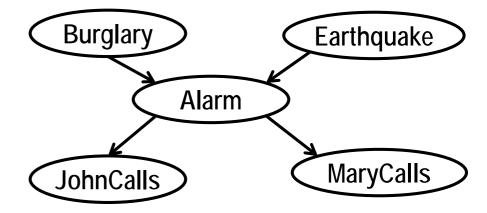


Inferences using belief networks

- Diagnostic inferences (from effects to causes)
 - Given that JohnCalls, infer that
 P(Burglary | JohnCalls) = 0.016

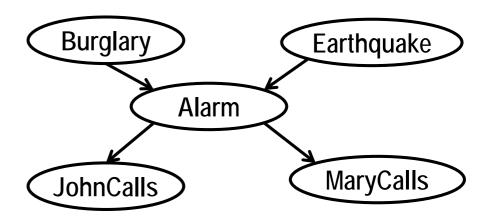
- Causal inferences (from causes to effects)
 - Given Burglary, infer that

P(JohnCalls | Burglary) = 0.86 P(MaryCalls | Burglary) = 0.67

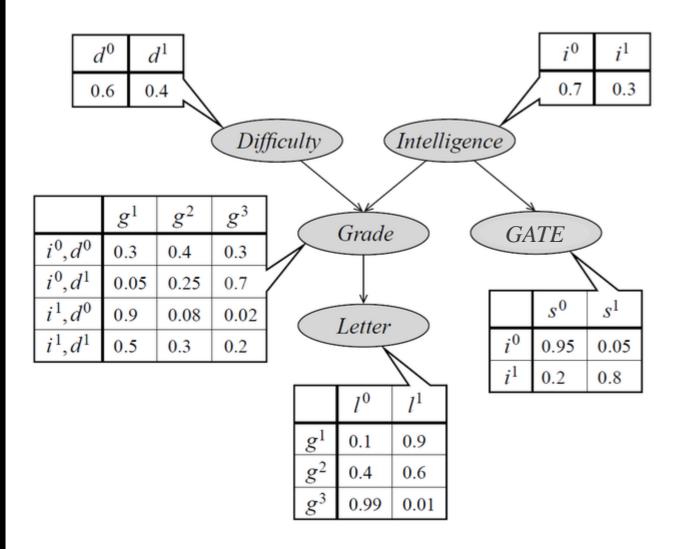


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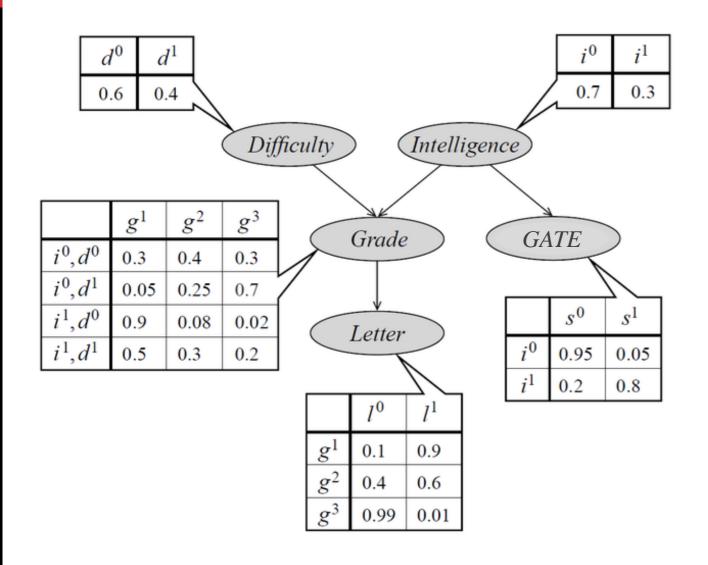
- Inter-causal inferences (between causes of a common effect)
 - Given Alarm, we have P(Burglary | Alarm) = 0.376
 - If we add evidence that Earthquake is true, then P(Burglary | Alarm ∧ Earthquake) = 0.003
- Mixed inferences
 - Setting the effect JohnCalls to true and the cause Earthquake to false gives
 P(Alarm | JohnCalls ∧ ¬ Earthquake) = 0.003



Exercise



- d^0 The semester question paper was easy.
- d¹ The semester question paper was difficult.
- i⁰ The student was not intelligent.
- i¹ The student was intelligent.
- g¹ The semester grade is very good.
- g^2 The semester grade is average.
- g^3 The semester grade is very poor.
- s^0 The gate score is poor.
- s^1 The gate score is very good.
- I⁰ − The student gets poor recommendation letter.
- I¹ The student gets excellent recommendation letter.



Question 1:

What is the probability of getting excellent recommendation letter given the semester question paper was very easy?

Question 2:

What is the probability of a student being very intelligent given he gets a poor recommendation letter?

Question 3:

What is the probability of getting a poor gate score given the semester grade was very good?

Conditional independence

$$P(x_{1},...,x_{n})$$

$$= P(x_{n} | x_{n-1},...,x_{1})P(x_{n-1},...,x_{1})$$

$$= P(x_{n} | x_{n-1},...,x_{1})P(x_{n-1} | x_{n-2},...,x_{1})$$

$$...P(x_{2} | x_{1})P(x_{1})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_{i} | x_{i-1},...,x_{1})$$

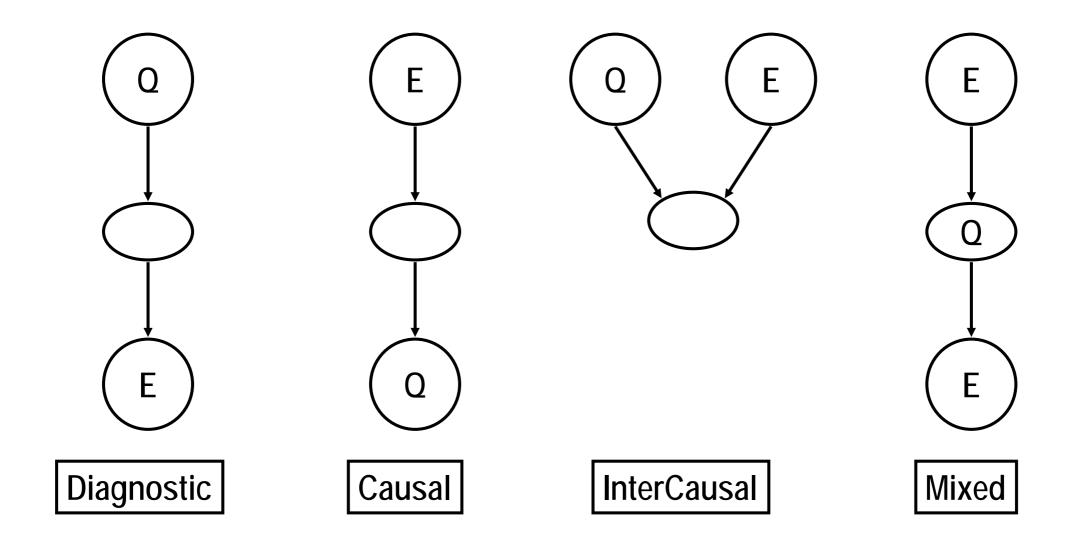
☐ The belief network represents conditional independence:

$$P(X_i | X_i,...,X_1) = P(X_i | Parents(X_i))$$

Incremental Network Construction

- 1. Choose the set of relevant variables X_i that describe the domain
- 2. Choose an ordering for the variables (very important step)
- 3. While there are variables left:
 - a) Pick a variable X and add a node for it
 - b) Set Parents(X) to some minimal set of existing nodes such that the conditional independence property is satisfied
 - c) Define the conditional probability table for X

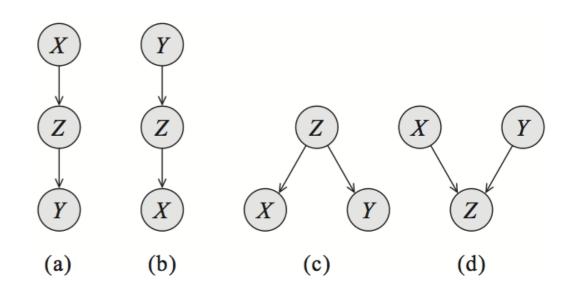
The four patterns



Conditional Independence Relations

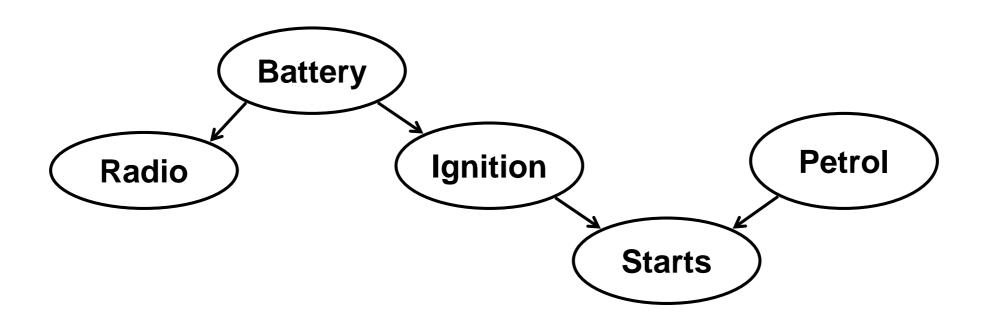
A path is blocked given a set of nodes E if there is a node Z on the path for which one of three conditions holds:

- 1. Z is in E and Z has one arrow on the path leading in and one arrow out (Case a and b)
- 2. Z is in E and Z has both path arrows leading out (Case c)
- 3. Neither Z nor any descendant of Z is in E, and both path arrows lead in to Z (Case d)



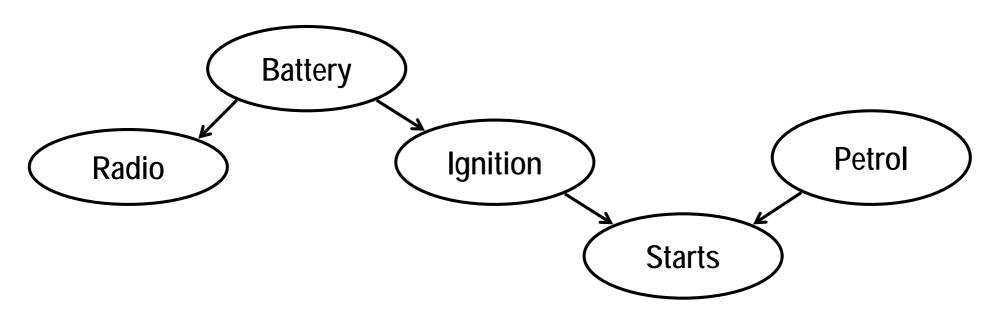
- If every undirected path from a node in X to a node in Y is d-separated by a given set of evidence nodes E, then X and Y are conditionally independent given E.
- A set of nodes E d-separates two sets of nodes X and Y if every undirected path from a node in X to a node in Y is blocked given E.

Conditional Independence in Belief Networks



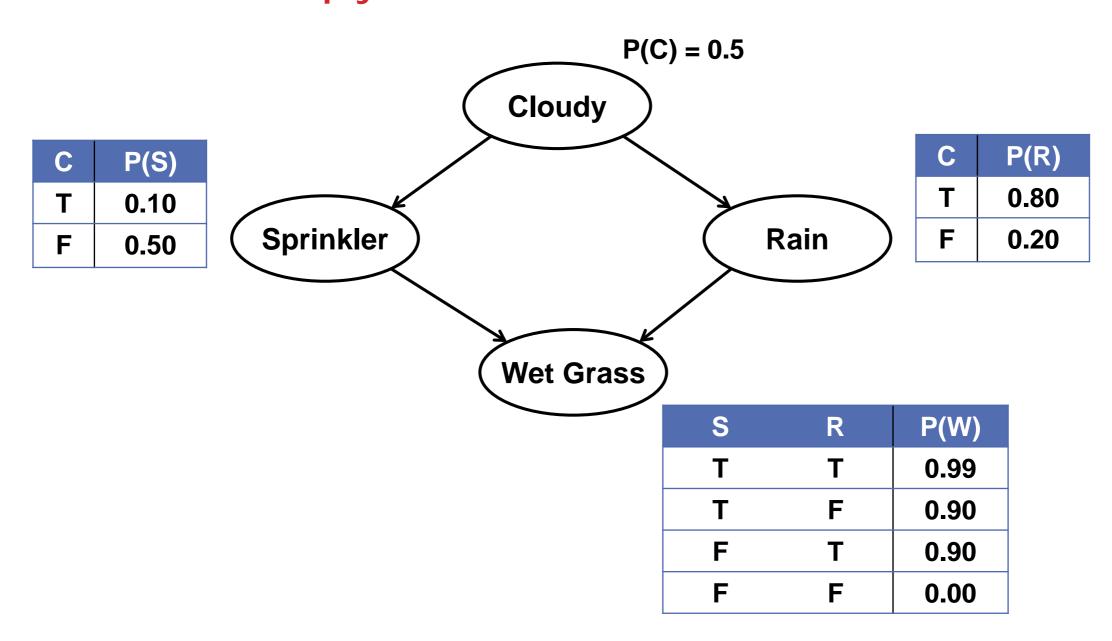
- Whether there is petrol and whether the radio plays are independent given evidence about whether the ignition takes place
- Petrol and Radio are independent if it is known whether the battery works

Conditional Independence in Belief Networks



- Petrol and Radio are independent given no evidence at all.
- But they are dependent given evidence about whether the car starts.
- If the car does not start, then the radio playing is increased evidence that we are out of petrol.

Inference in multiply connected Belief Networks

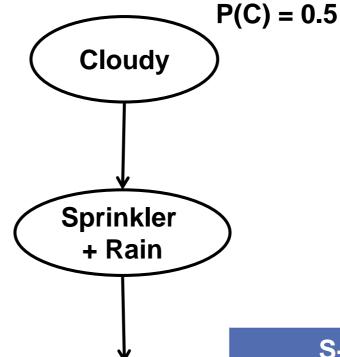


Clustering methods

Transform the net into a probabilistically equivalent (but topologically different) poly-tree by

merging offending nodes

	P(S+R=x)			
С	TT	TF	FT	FF
T	0.08	0.02	0.72	0.18
F	0.40	0.10	0.40	0.10

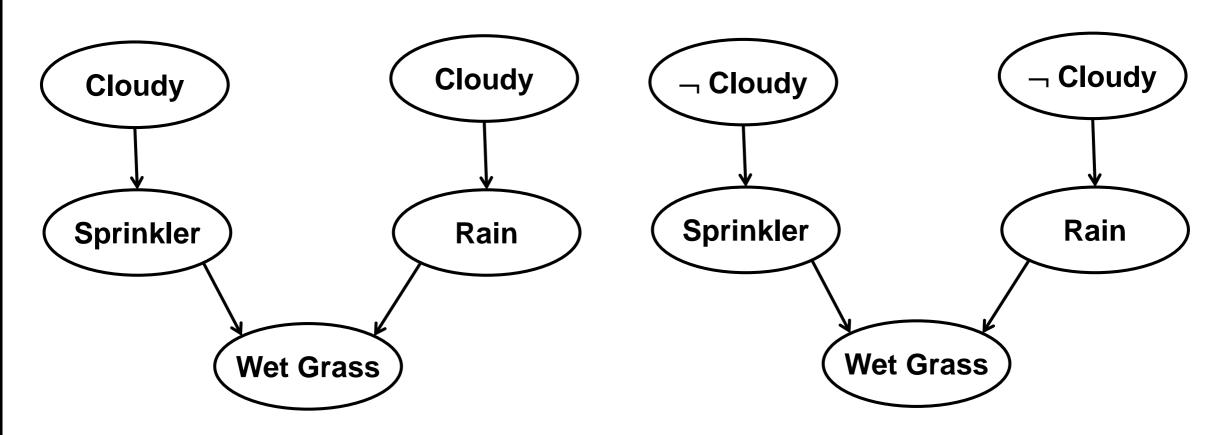


Wet Grass

S+R		P(W)
Т	Т	0.99
Т	F	0.90
F	T	0.90
F	F	0.00

Cutset conditioning Methods

- A set of variables that can be instantiated to yield a poly-tree is called a cutset
- Instantiate the cutset variables to definite values
 - Then evaluate a poly-tree for each possible instantiation



Inference in multiply connected belief networks

- Stochastic simulation methods
 - Use the network to generate a large number of concrete models of the domain that are consistent with the network distribution.
 - They give an approximation of the exact evaluation.

Simpson's Paradox

Males	Recovered	Not Recovered	Rec. Rate
Given Drug	18	12	60%
Not Given Drug	7	3	70%

Females	Recovered	Not Recovered	Rec. Rate
Given Drug	2	8	20%
Not Given Drug	9	21	30%

Combined	Recovered	Not Recovered	Rec. Rate
Given Drug	20	20	50%
Not Given Drug	16	24	40%

• Should the drug be administered, or not?

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P(recovery | male ∧ given_drug) = 0.6
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P(recovery | female \land given_drug) = 0.2

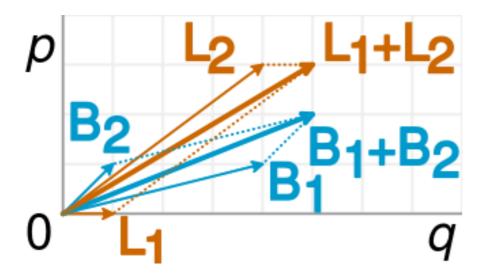
P(recovery | given_drug) = P(recovery | male ∧ given_drug)P(given_drug | male)

+ P(recovery | female \(\) given_drug)P(given_drug | female)

 $= (0.6 \times 30/40) + (0.2 \times 10/40)$

= 0.5

Simpson's Paradox explained graphically



- The ratios p/q are vectors here
- Slope of B₂ is greater than that of L₂
- Slope of B₁ is greater than that of L₁
- However, slope of L₁ + L₂ is greater than that of B₁ + B₂

Default reasoning

- Some conclusions are made by default unless a counter-evidence is obtained
 - Non-monotonic reasoning

- Points to ponder
 - What is the semantic status of default rules?
 - What happens when the evidence matches the premises of two default rules with conflicting conclusions?
 - If a belief is retracted later, how can a system keep track of which conclusions need to be retracted as a consequence?

Issues in Rule-based methods for Uncertain Reasoning

Locality

■ In logical reasoning systems, if we have $A \Rightarrow B$, then we can conclude B given evidence A, without worrying about any other rules. In probabilistic systems, we need to consider all available evidence.

Detachment

Once a logical proof is found for proposition B, we can use it regardless of how it was derived (it can be detached from its justification). In probabilistic reasoning, the source of the evidence is important for subsequent reasoning.

Issues in Rule-based methods for Uncertain Reasoning

- Truth functionality
 - In logic, the truth of complex sentences can be computed from the truth of the components. Probability combination does not work this way, except under strong independence assumptions.

A famous example of a truth functional system for uncertain reasoning is the *certainty factors model*, developed for the Mycin medical diagnostic program

Dempster-Shafer Theory

Designed to deal with the distinction between uncertainty and ignorance.

• We use a belief function Bel(X) – probability that the evidence supports the proposition

• When we do not have any evidence about X, we assign Bel(X) = 0 as well as Bel(-X) = 0

Dempster-Shafer Theory

• For example, if we do not know whether a coin is fair, then:

Bel(Heads) = Bel(
$$\neg$$
Heads) = 0

If we are given that the coin is fair with 90% certainty, then:

Bel(Heads) =
$$0.9 \times 0.5 = 0.45$$

Bel(\neg Heads) = $0.9 \times 0.5 = 0.45$

• Note that we still have a gap of 0.1 that is not accounted for by the evidence

Fuzzy Logic

- Fuzzy set theory is a means of specifying how well an object satisfies a vague description
 - Truth is a value between 0 and 1
 - Uncertainty stems from lack of evidence, but given the dimensions of a man concluding whether he is fat has no uncertainty involved

Fuzzy Logic

The rules for evaluating the fuzzy truth, T, of a complex sentence are

$$T(A \wedge B) = min(T(A), T(B))$$

 $T(A \vee B) = max(T(A), T(B))$
 $T(\neg A) = 1 - T(A)$

Example: Cardiac Health Management

Fuzzy Rules

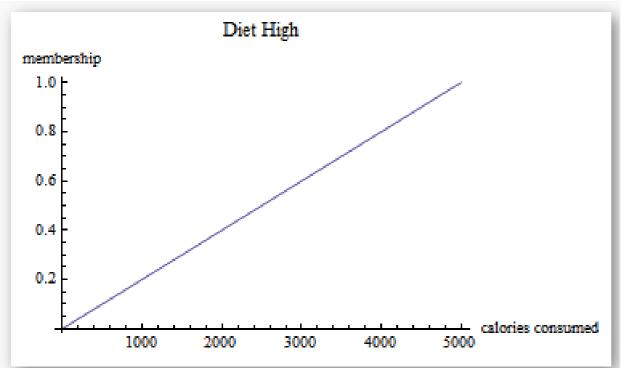
- 1. Diet is low AND Exercise is high \Rightarrow Balanced
- 2. Diet is high OR Exercise is low \Rightarrow Unbalanced
- 3. Balanced \Rightarrow Risk is low
- 4. Unbalanced \Rightarrow Risk is high

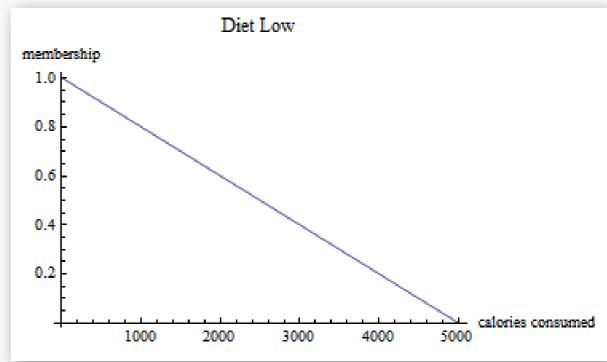
For a person it is given that:

- Diet = 3000 calories per day
- Exercise = burning 1000 calories per day

What is the risk of heart disease?

Membership Functions





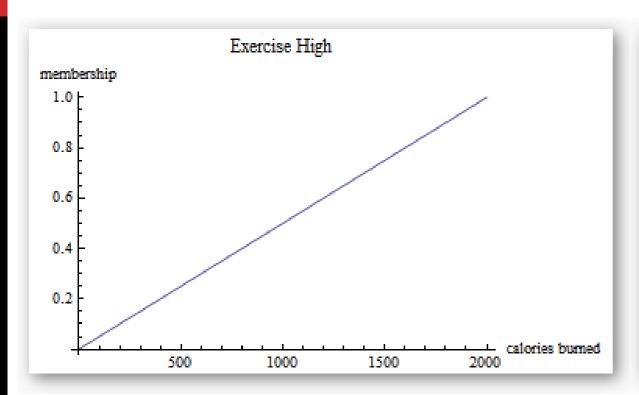
$$f_{diet\,high}(x) = \frac{1}{5000}x$$

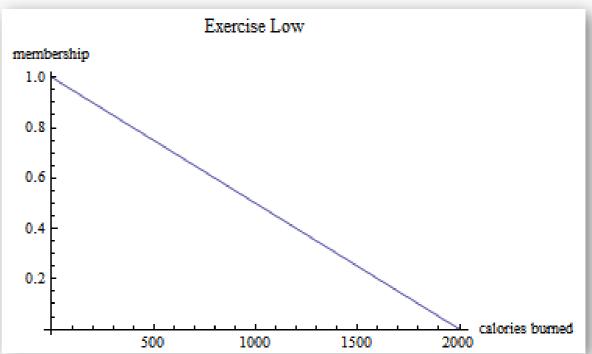
$$f_{diet\,low}(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{5000}x$$

For daily calorie intake of 3000:

Membership for Diet-High = 3000 / 5000 = 0.6 Membership for Diet-Low = 0.4

Membership Functions





$$f_{exercise\ high}(x) = \frac{1}{2000}x$$

$$f_{exercise\ low}(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2000}x$$

For daily calorie burned of 1000:

Membership for Exercise-High = 1000 / 2000 = 0.5 Membership for Exercise-Low = 0.5

Rule Evaluation

Truth(Diet-High) = 0.6 Truth(Diet-Low) = 0.4

Truth(Exercise-High) = 0.5 Truth(Exercise-Low) = 0.5

Diet is low AND Exercise is high ⇒ Balanced

Truth(Balanced) = min { Truth(Diet-Low), Truth(Exercise-High) } = min { 0.4, 0.5 } = 0.4

Diet is high OR Exercise is low ⇒ Unbalanced

• Truth(Unbalanced) = max { Truth(Diet-High), Truth(Exercise-Low)} = max { 0.6, 0.5 } = 0.6

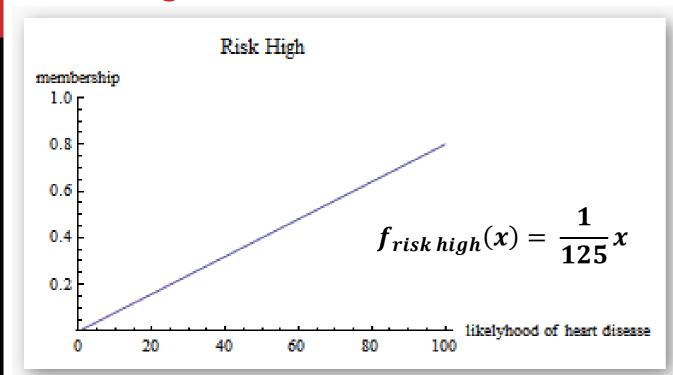
Balanced ⇒ Risk is low

Truth(Risk-Low) = Truth(Balanced) = 0.4

Unbalanced ⇒ Risk is high

Truth(Risk-High) = Truth(Unbalanced) = 0.6

Risk-High Evaluation

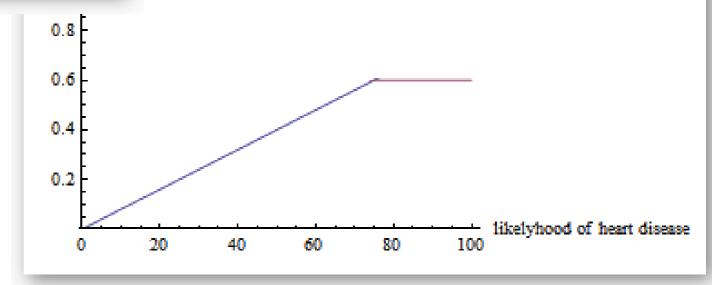


- Truth(Risk-High) = 0.6
- Therefore:

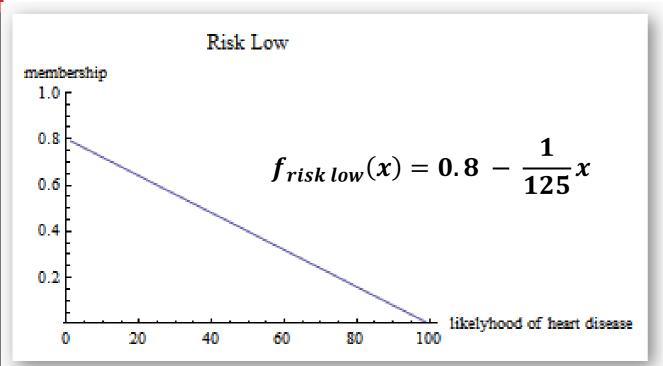
$$0.6 = x / 125$$

or,
$$x = 75$$

Risk High



Risk-Low Evaluation

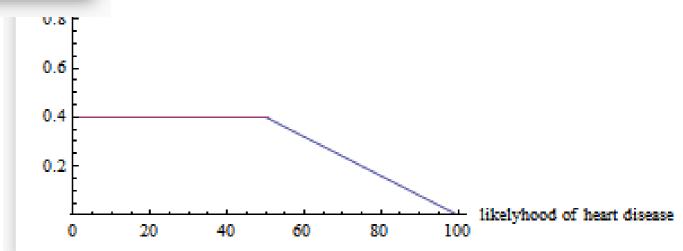


- Truth(Risk-Low) = 0.4
- Therefore:

$$0.4 = 0.8 - x / 125$$

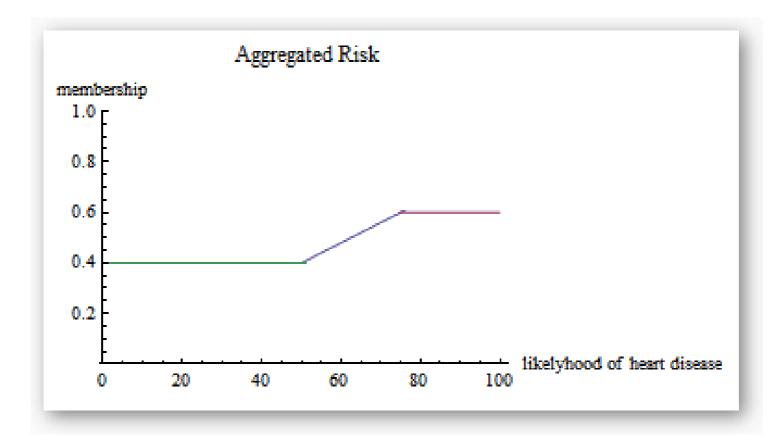
or,
$$x = 50$$

Risk Low



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Aggregated Risk Function



$$f_{aggregated\ risk}(x) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & if\ x \in [0, 50) \\ 3x + 1, & if\ x \in [50, 75) \\ 0.6, & if\ x \in [75, 100] \end{cases}$$

Defuzzification

$$\int_{0}^{100} f_{aggregated risk} dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{50} \mathbf{0.4} dx + \int_{50}^{75} \frac{1}{125} x dx + \int_{75}^{100} \mathbf{0.6} dx$$

$$= 50x0.4 + \frac{1}{125} \left[\frac{x^{2}}{2} \right]_{50}^{75} + 25x0.6$$

$$= 20 + (75^{2} - 50^{2})/250 + 15$$

$$= 47.5$$

Therefore the likelihood of a heart disease for the person is 47.5%