

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, showing a river (the Bow River) winding through a green, tree-filled area. In the background, there are several modern and classical buildings, including a prominent white building with a classical facade in the foreground. The sky is clear, and the overall scene is bright and sunny.

INTRO TO BAYESIAN NETWORKS AND CAUSALITY

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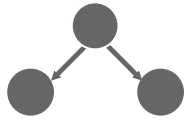
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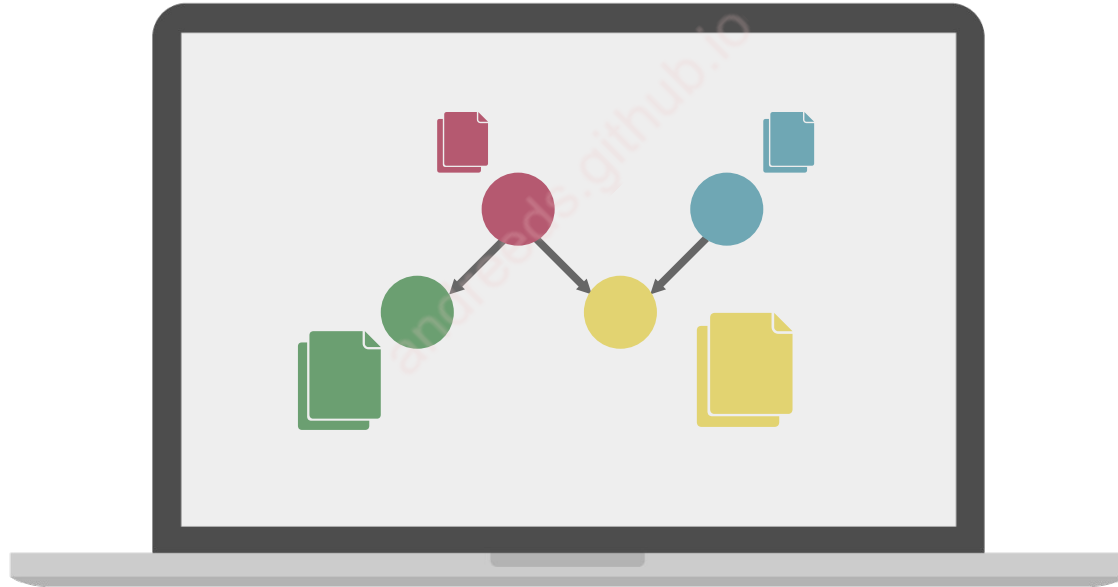
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PROBABILISTIC GRAPHICAL MODEL



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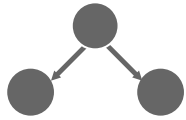






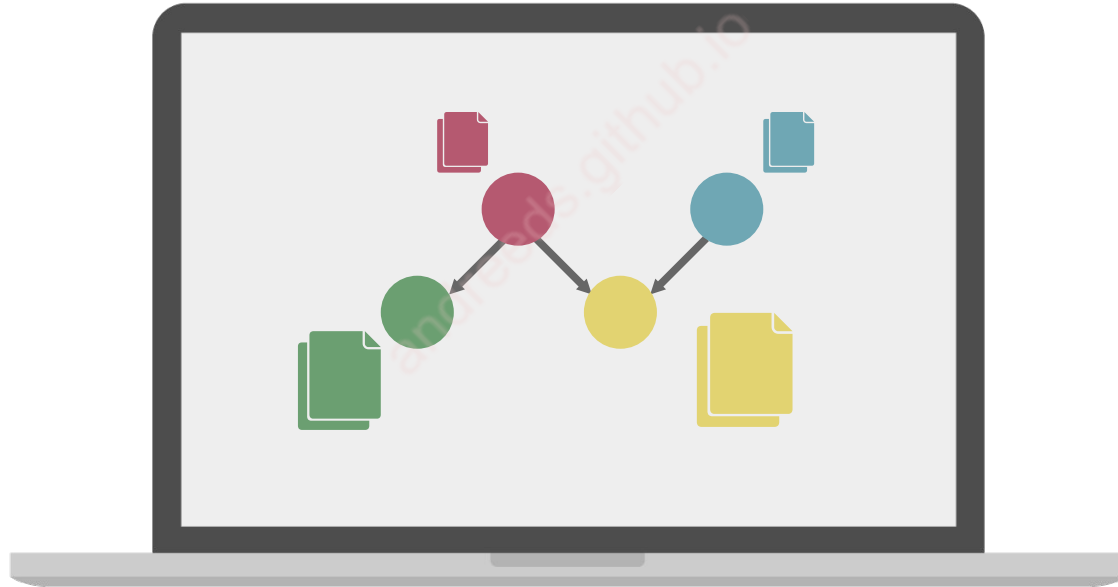
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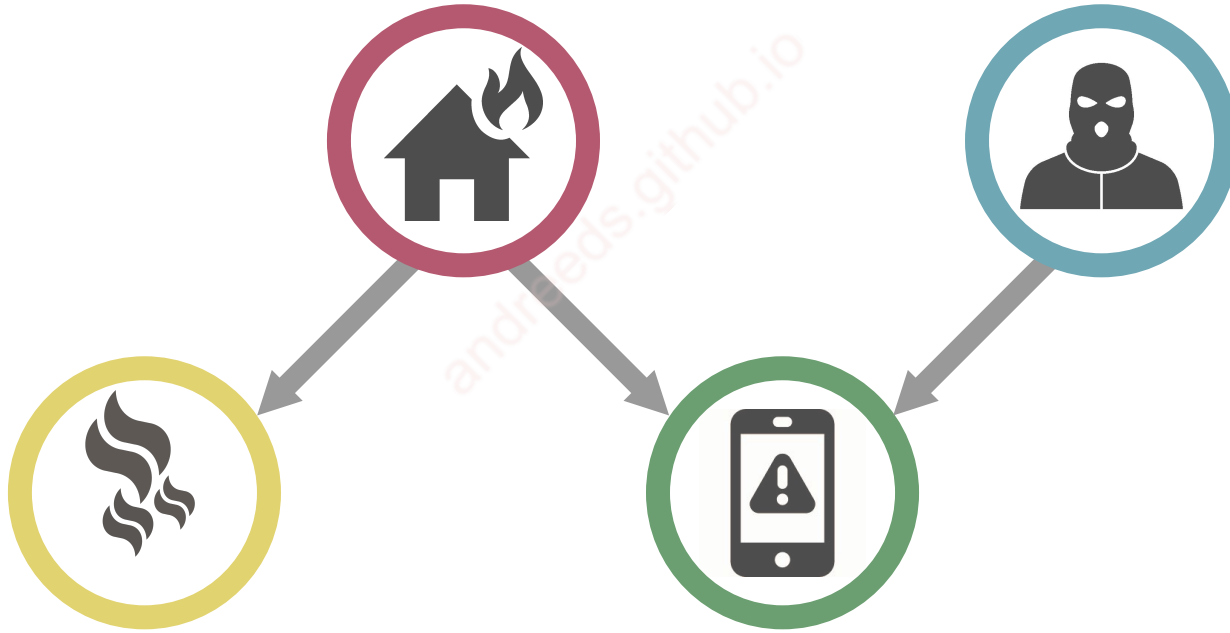


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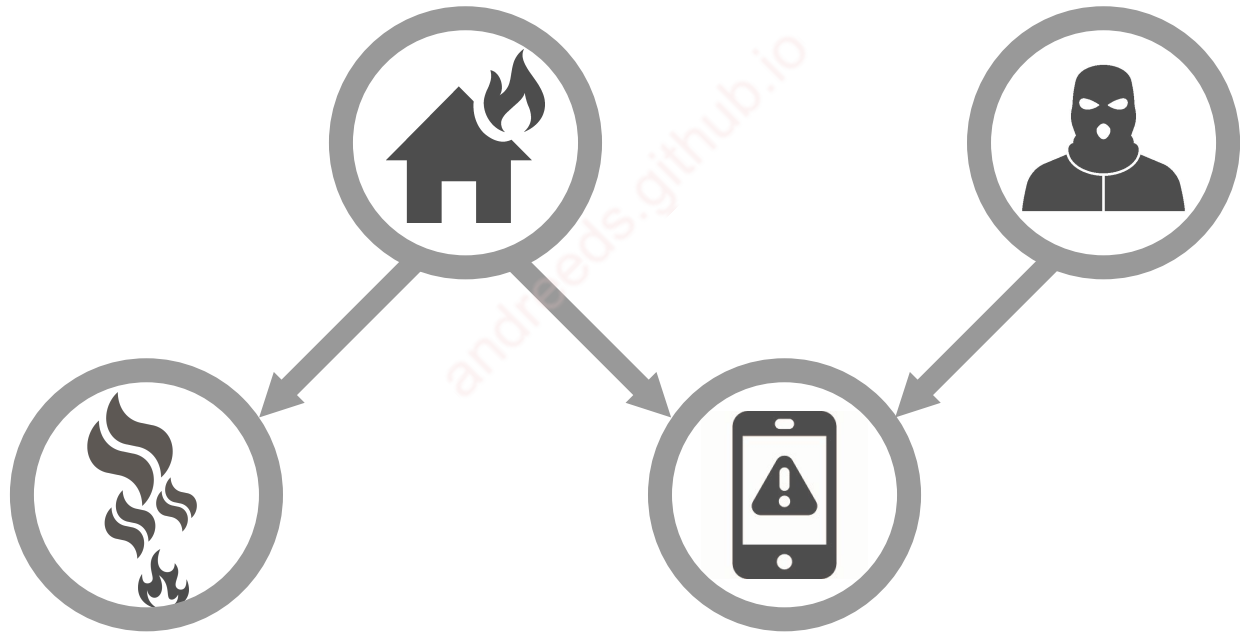
$U = \{ \text{fire}, \text{burglar}, \text{smoke}, \text{app} \}$

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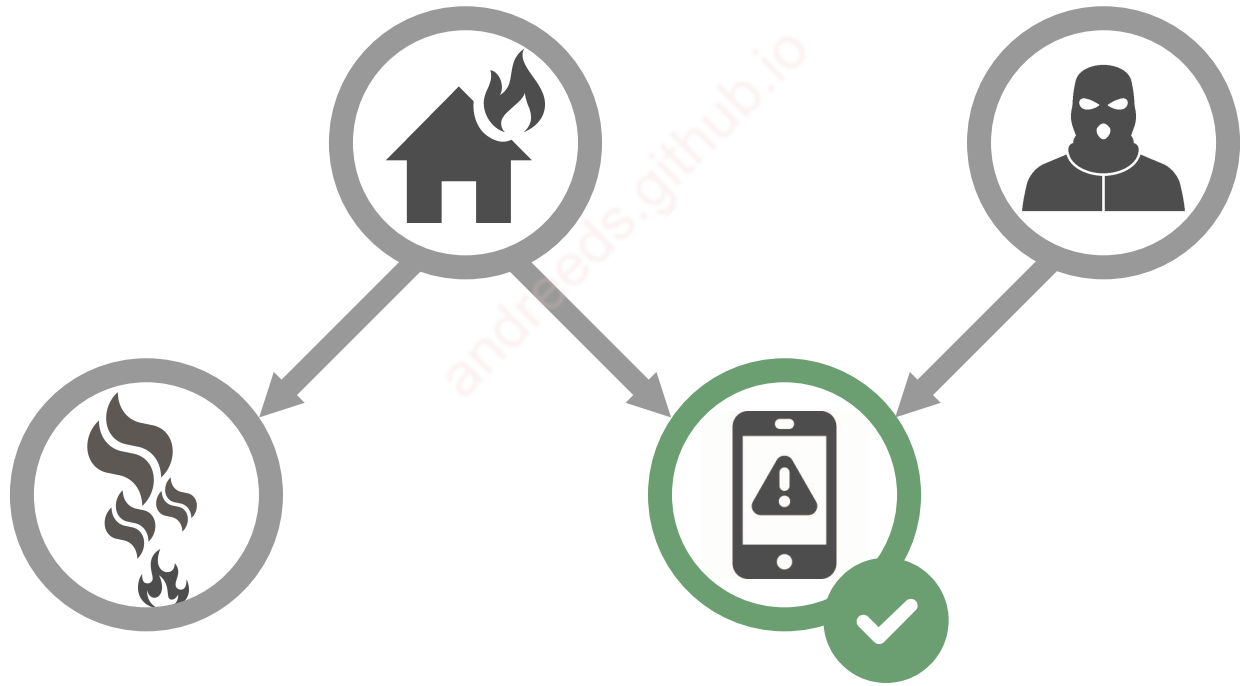
app	fire	burglar	$\rho(\text{app} \mid \text{fire}, \text{burglar})$
T	T	T	1.0
F	T	T	0.0
T	F	T	0.8
F	F	T	0.2
T	T	F	0.9
F	T	F	0.1
T	F	F	0.01
F	F	F	0.99



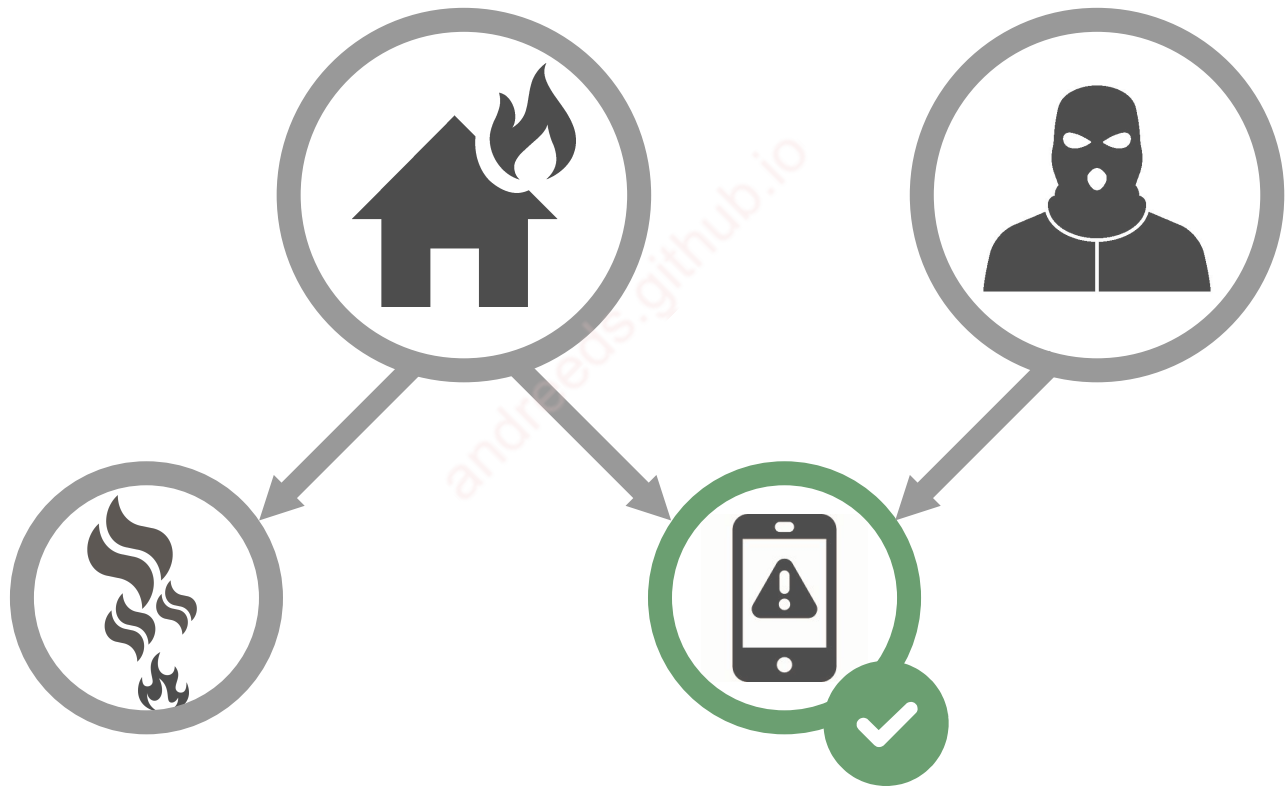
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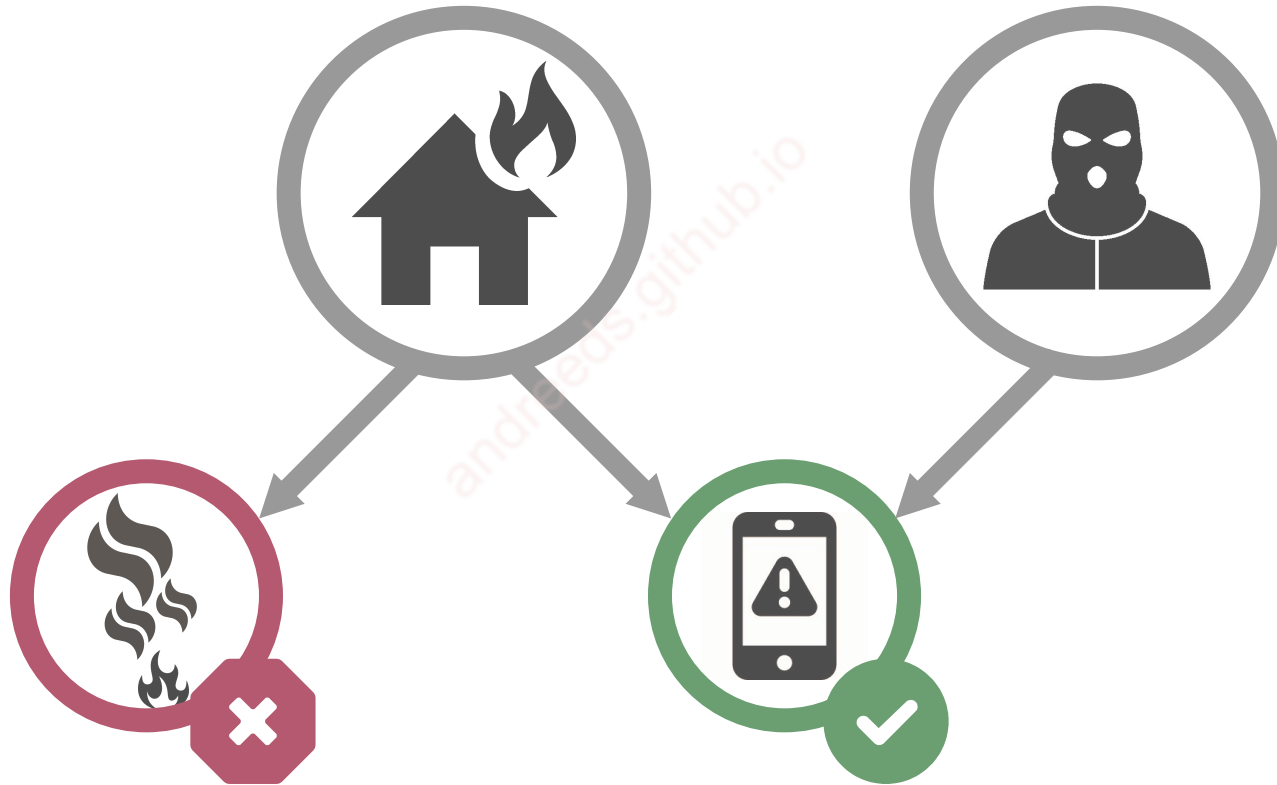
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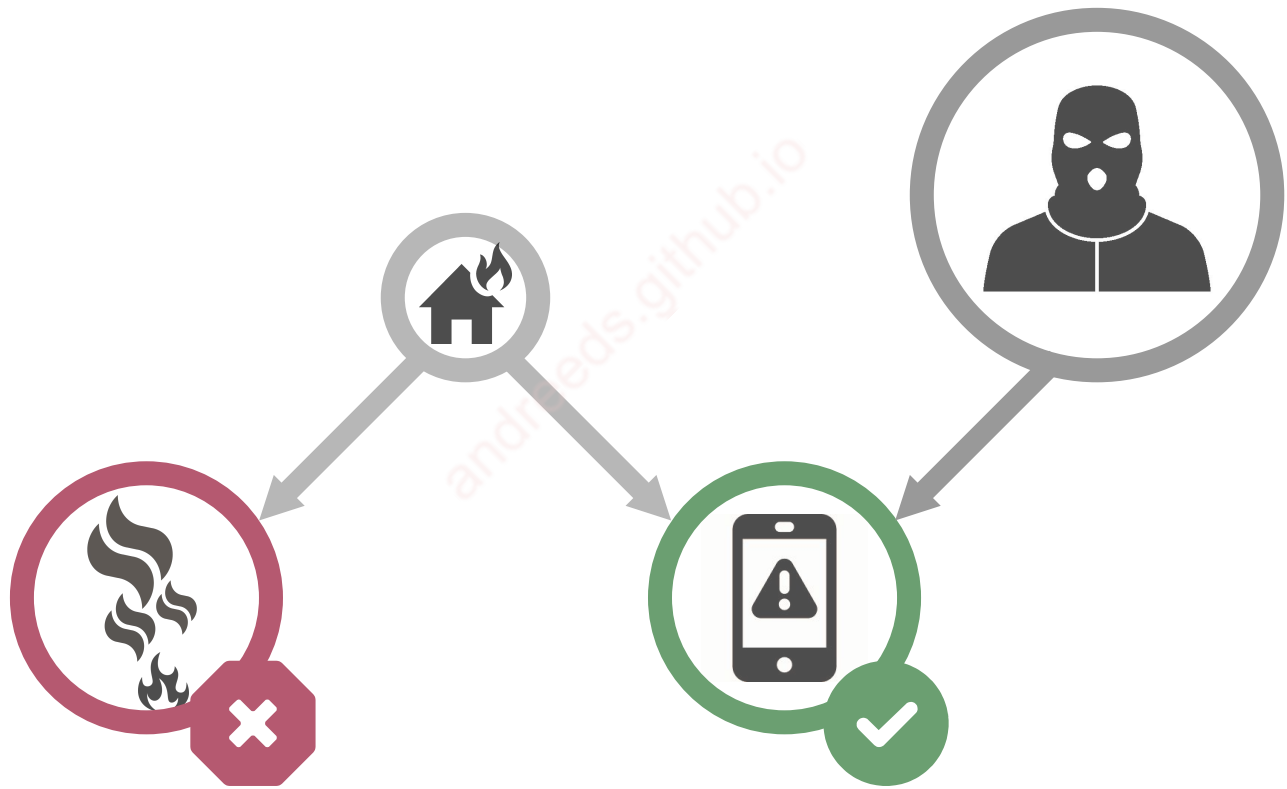
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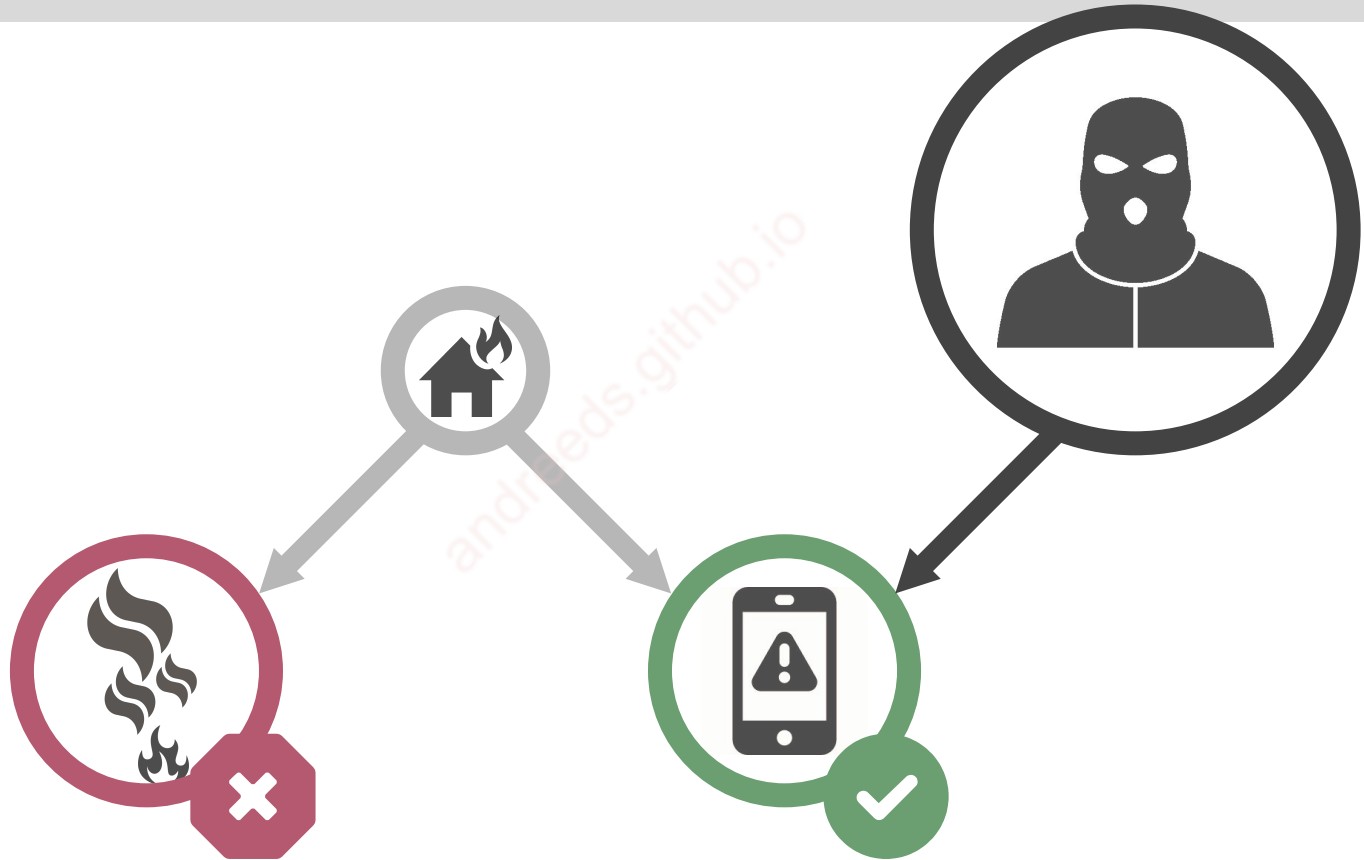
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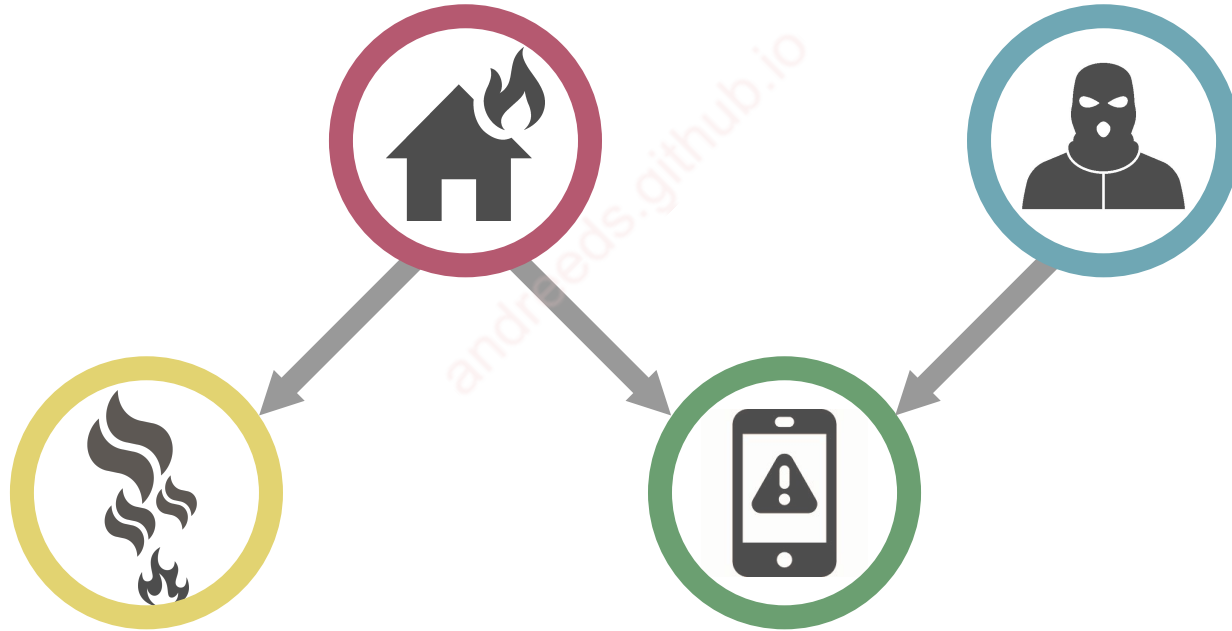
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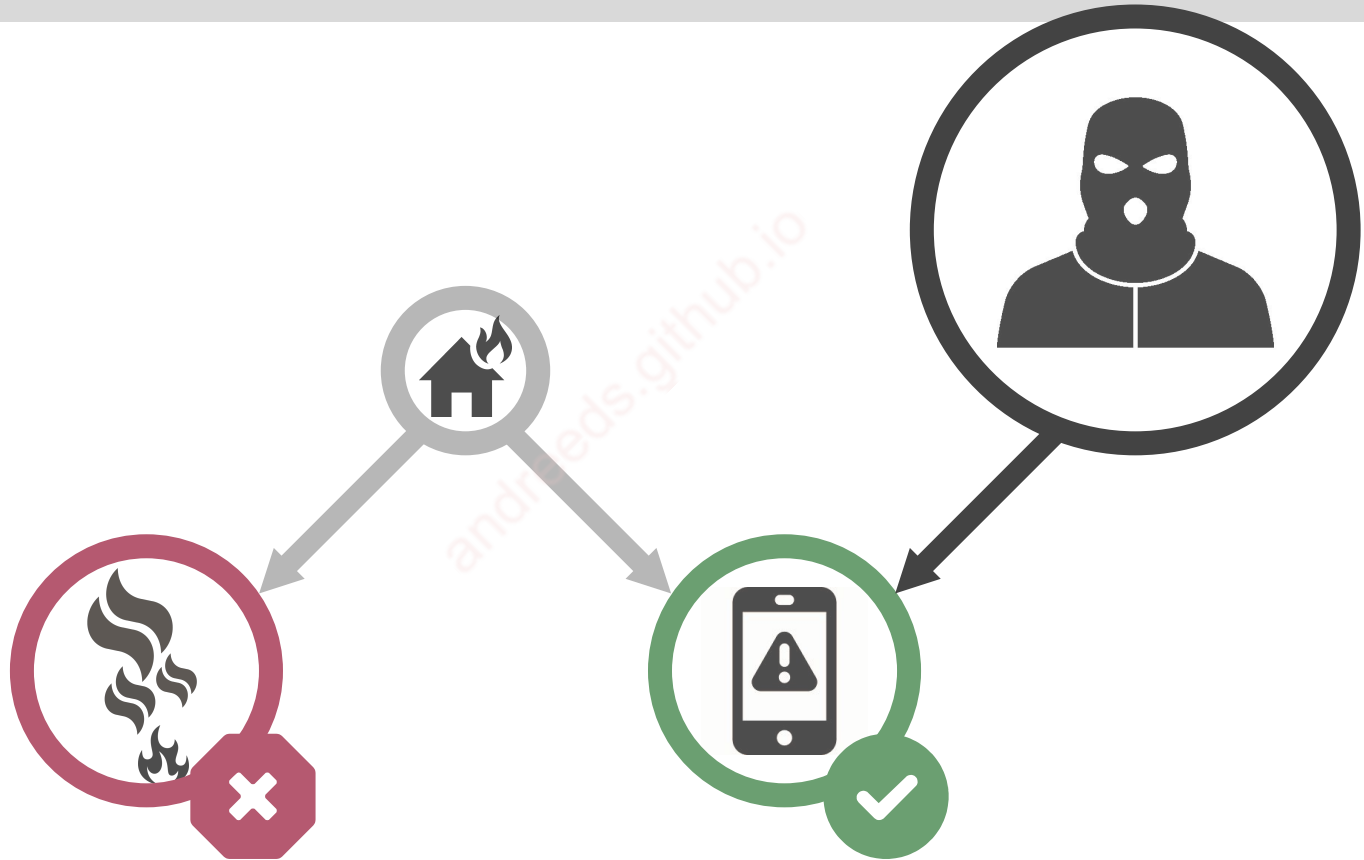


The \prod of the CPTs is a **joint probability distribution** $\rho(\mathbf{U})$

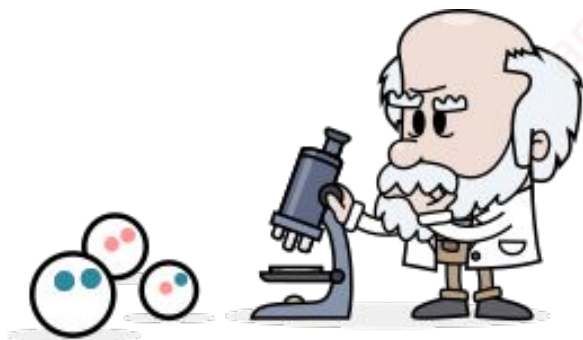


$$\rho(\mathbf{U}) = \rho(\text{fire}) \cdot \rho(\text{burglar}) \cdot \rho(\text{smoke} \mid \text{fire}) \cdot \rho(\text{app} \mid \text{fire}, \text{burglar})$$

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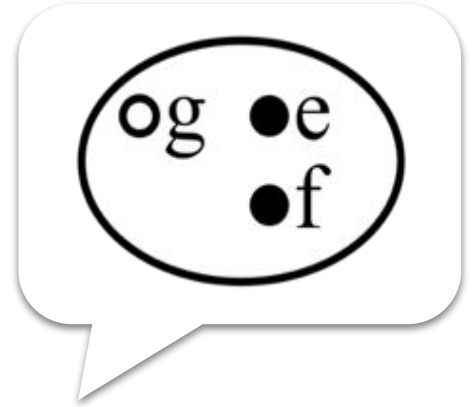


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(CAI 2015, CI 2016)



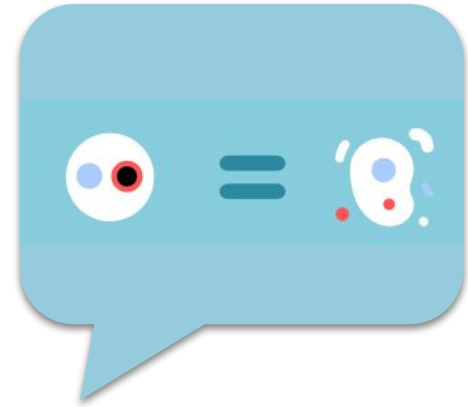
CLEVER WAY TO VIEW CPTs



$$P(g|e, f)$$

DARWINIAN NETWORKS

POPULATION OF MICROORGANISMS



$$P(g|e, f)$$



MULTIPLICATION IS

MERGE

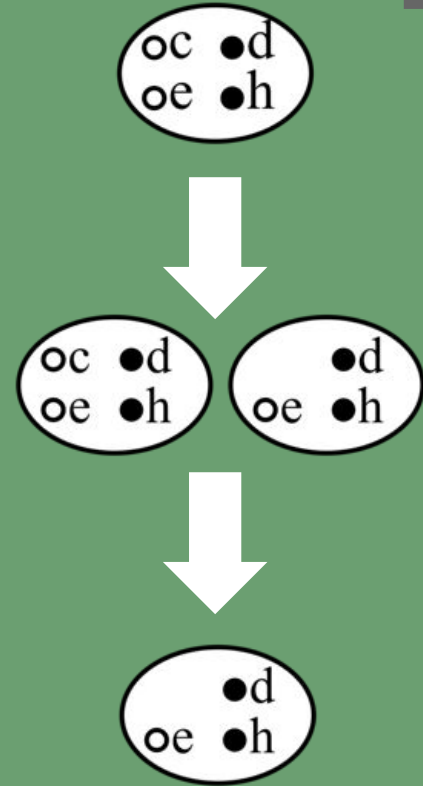


$$P(c|h) \cdot P(e|c, d) = P(c, e|d, h)$$

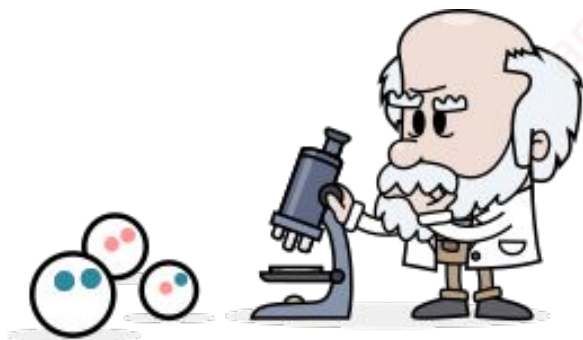
- white + ● black = ○ white
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MARGINALIZATION IS REPLICATION AND NATURAL SELECTION

$$\sum_c P(c, e|d, h) = P(e|d, h)$$



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BayesFraud Predictive Analytics



*Identify Fraud, **improve efficiency** and **reduce losses** with the advanced computing power of **BayesFraud Analytics**. The results of implementing BayesFraud are compelling: more attempted fraud is exposed, and claims costs and premiums are kept at a minimum.*

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NP-hard Inference



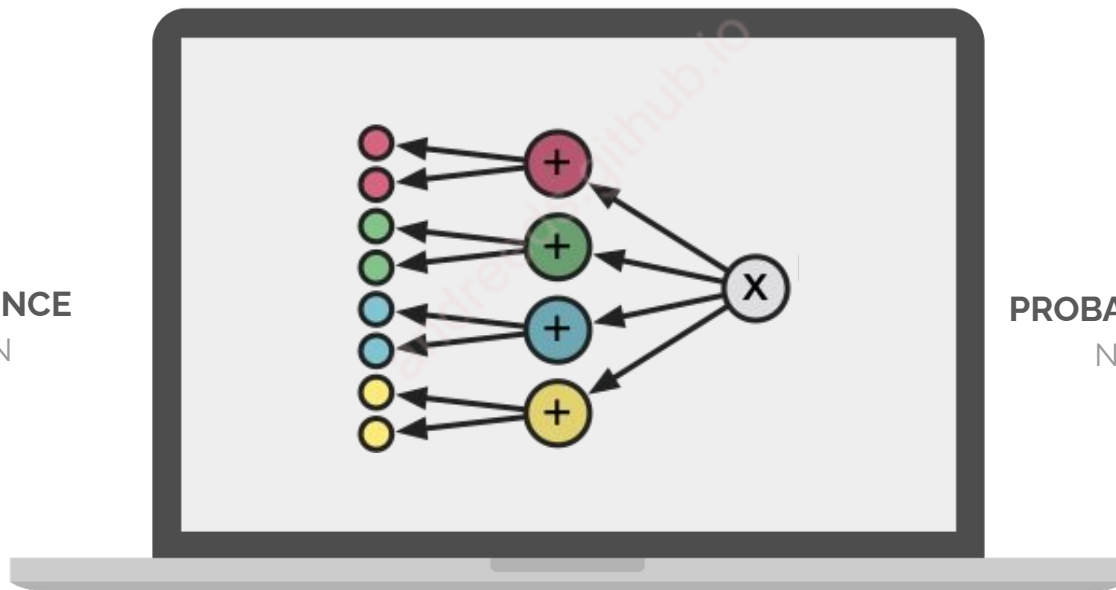
Inference in BNs is a NP-hard task

SUM-PRODUCT NETWORKS

GENERATIVE DEEP LEARNING MODEL



EFFICIENT INFERENCE
UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS

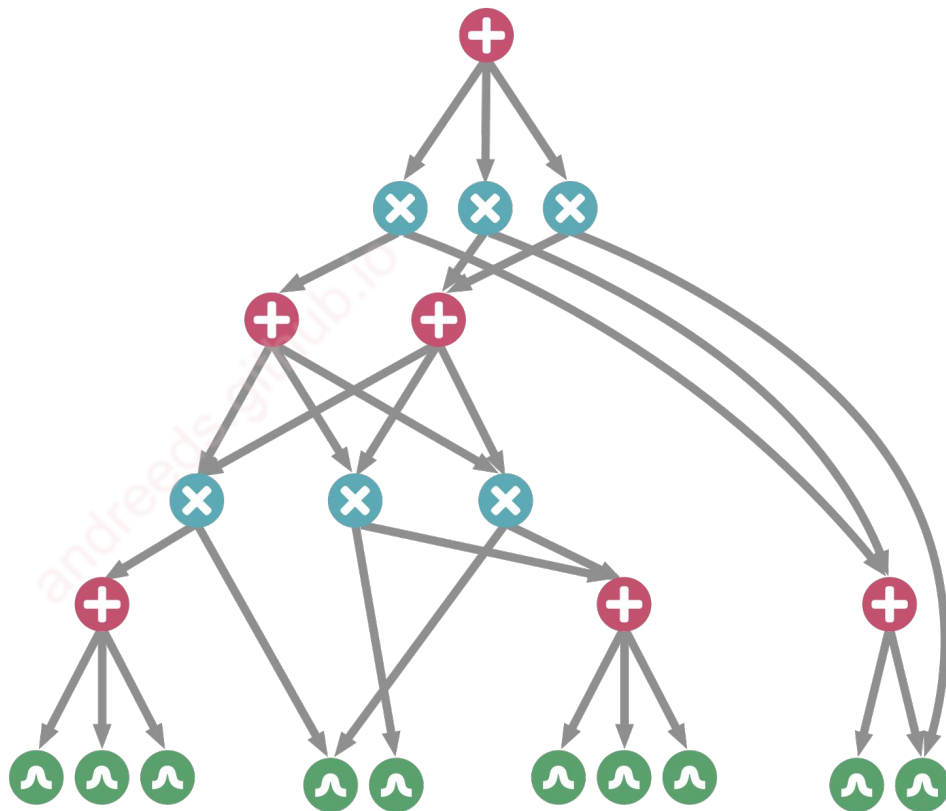


PROBABILISTIC REASONING
NOT A "BLACK BOX"

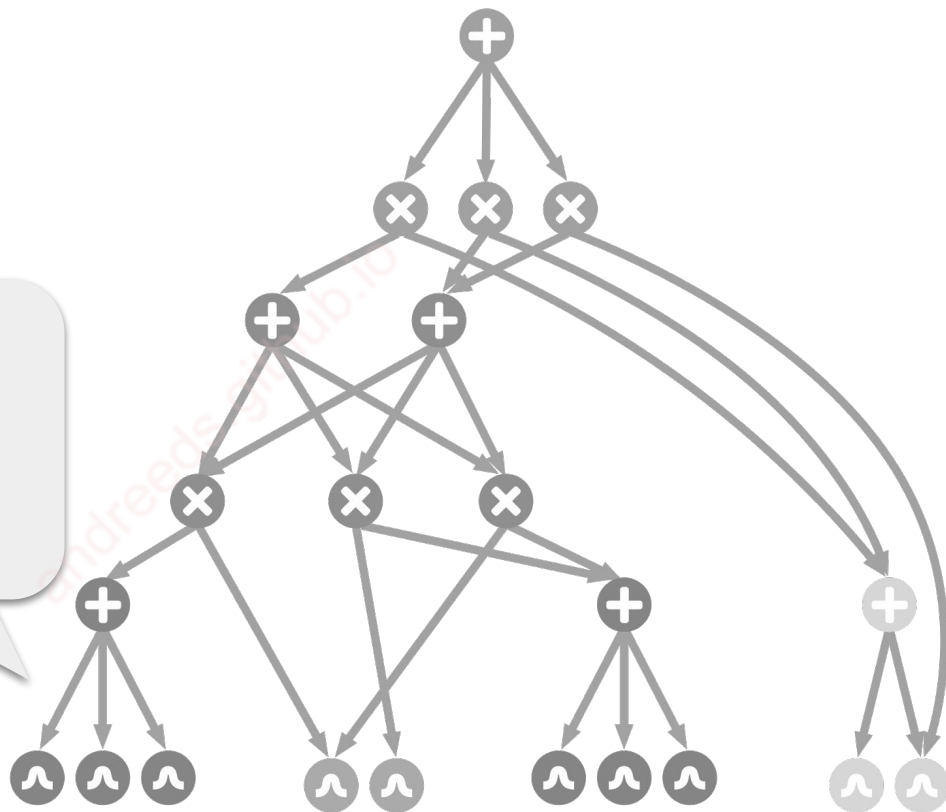
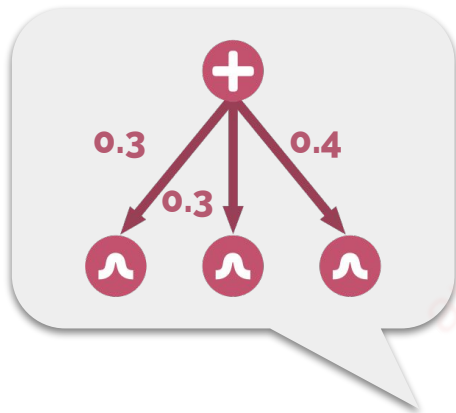
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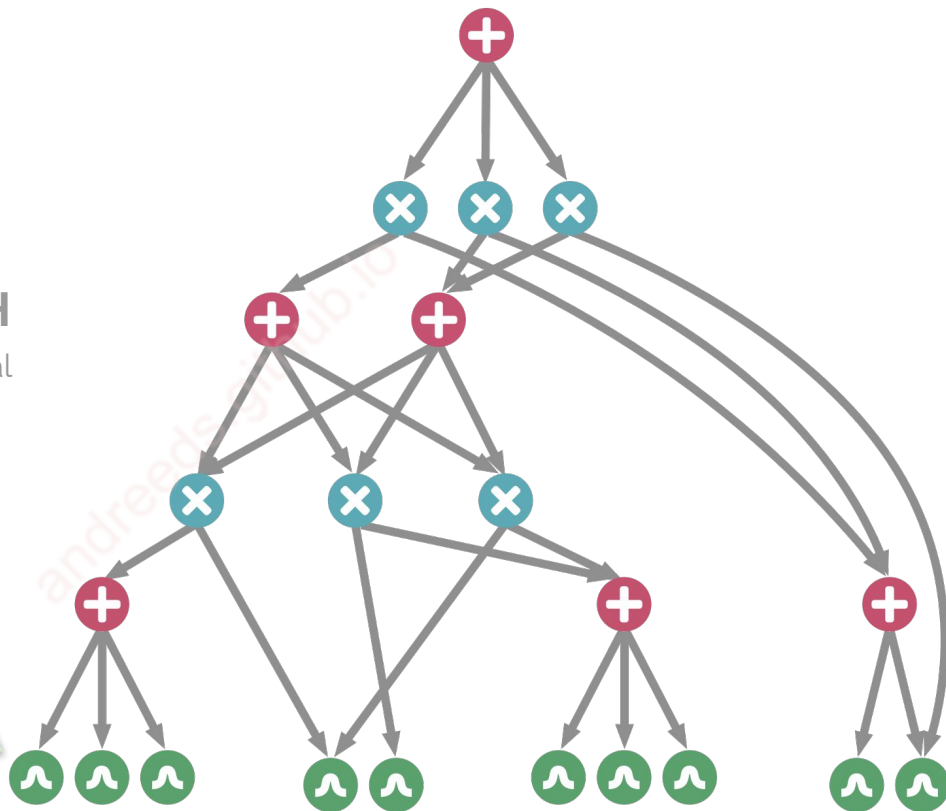
DIFFERENTIAL APPROACH

SPN can represent a network polynomial

BACK PROPAGATION

derivatives can be evaluated for all random variables of the model

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{e})}{\partial \lambda_{X=x}} = \mathcal{S}(X = x, \mathbf{e} \setminus X)$$





tractable inference



SPNs follows a rigorous probabilistic structure with the benefit of tractable inference in the size of the network



RELATED WORK



NNFs

Darwiche

1999, 2001

Darwiche and Marquis

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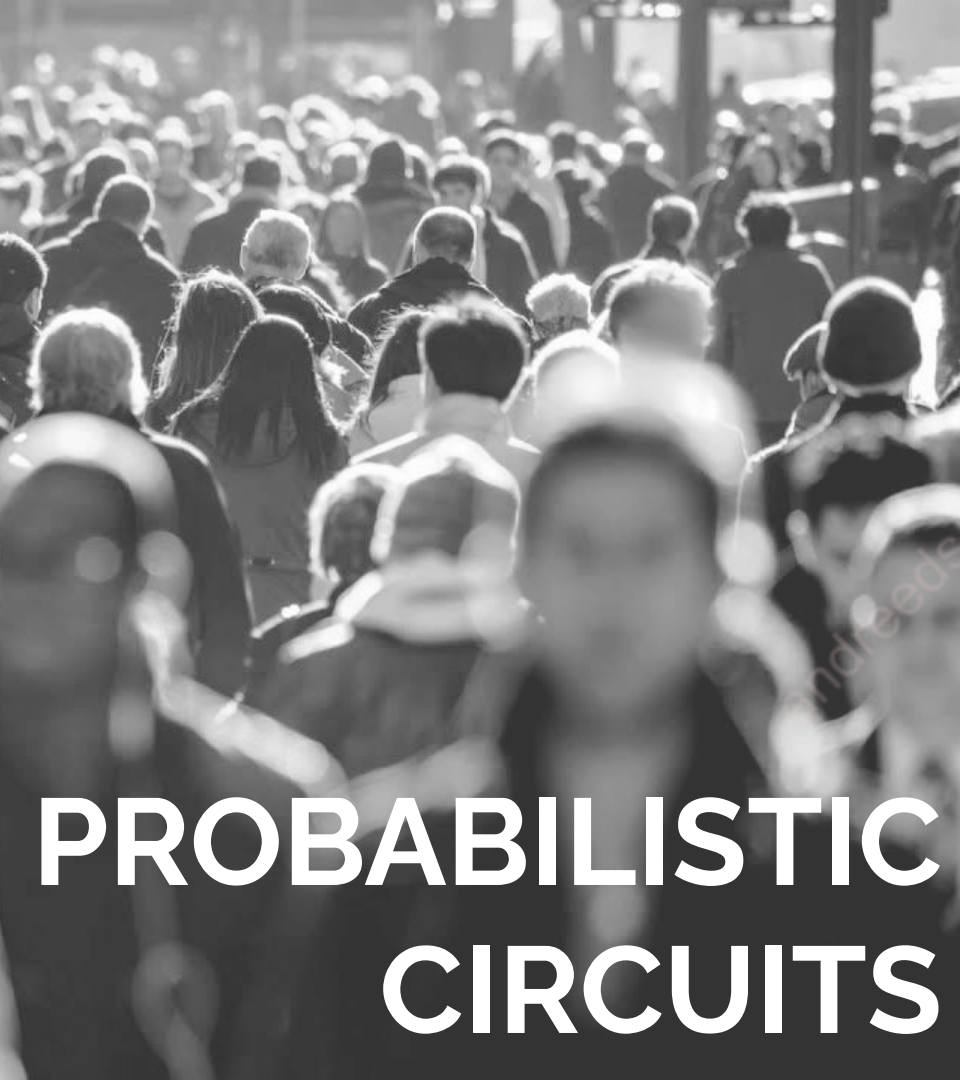
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PROBABILISTIC CIRCUITS

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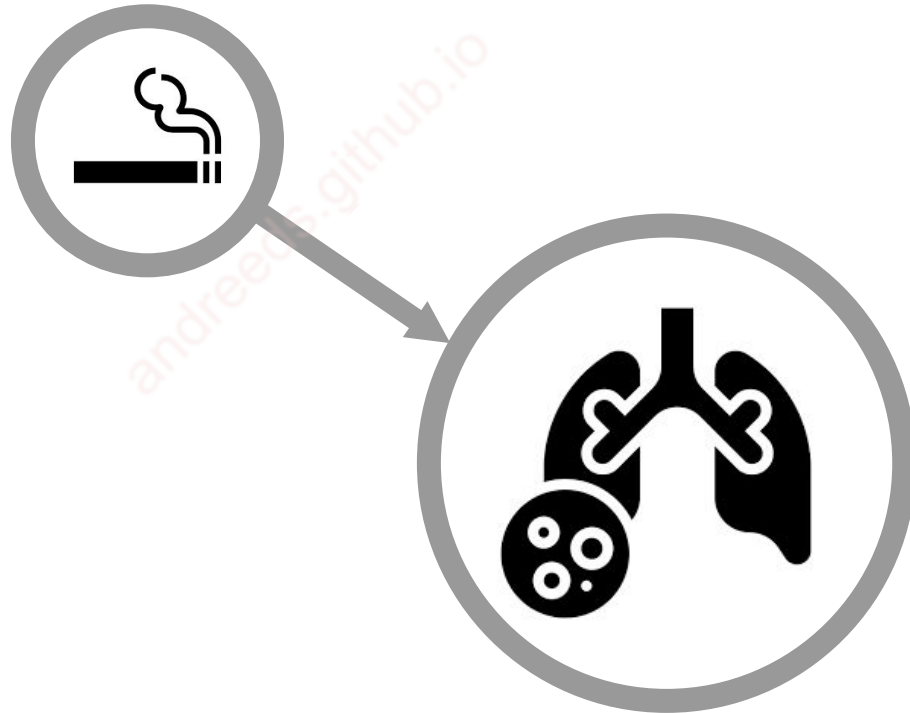
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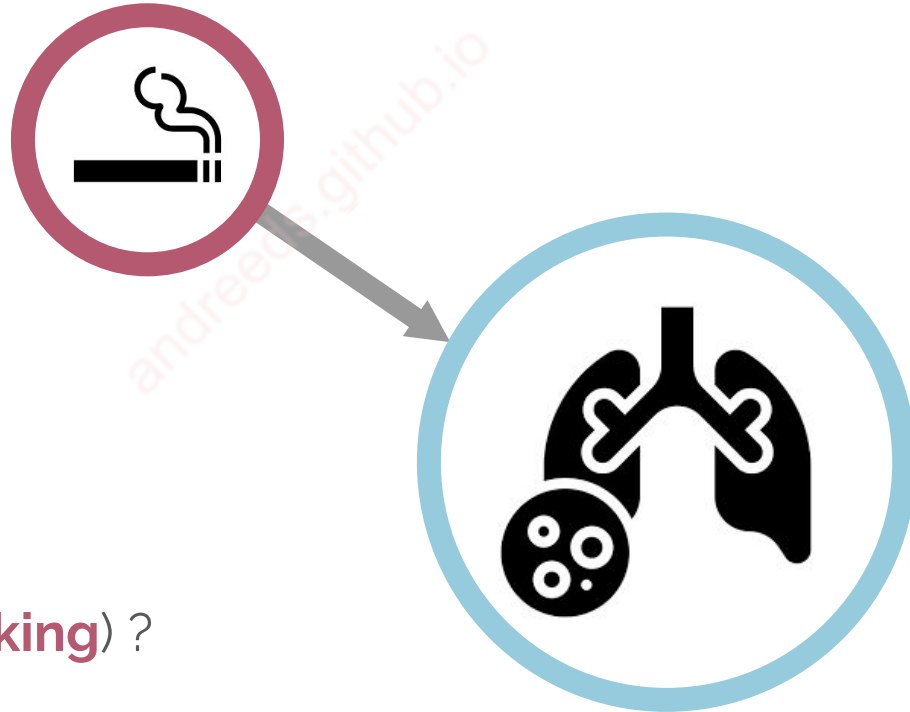
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$\rho(\text{cancer} \mid \text{smoking}) ?$

Causality

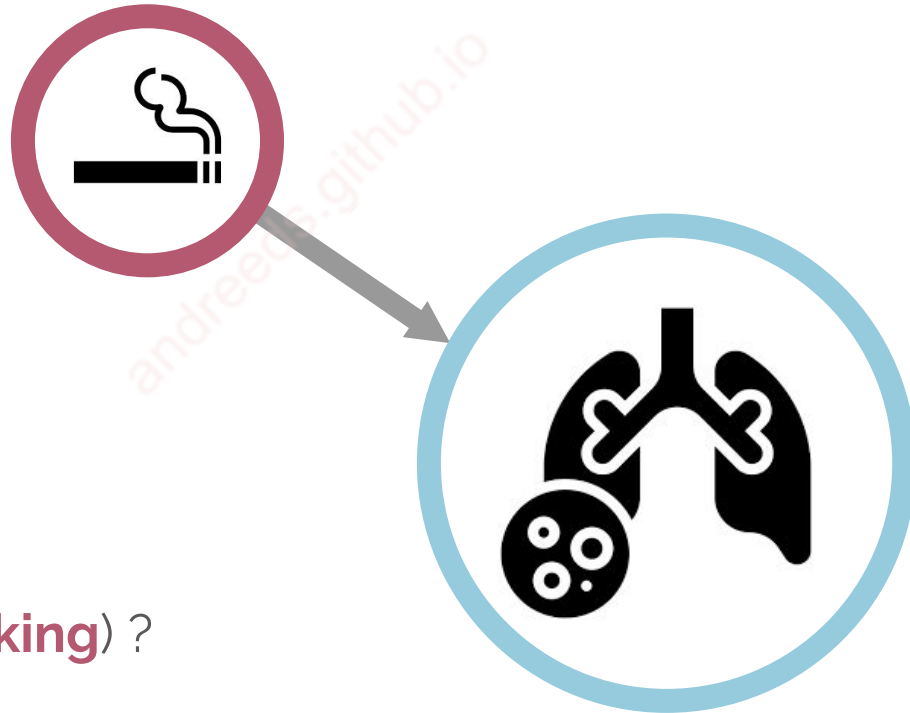
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Causality

- Gives proper vocabulary for causation
- Difference with **correlation**
- Ladder of Causation: Association, Intervention, and Counterfactuals
- **seeing** vs **doing**



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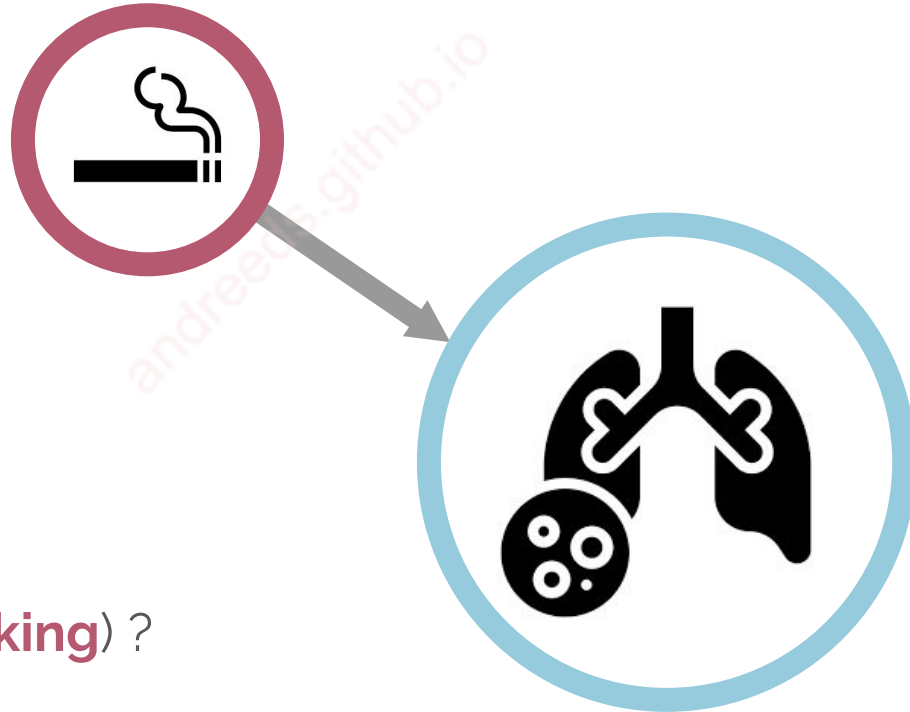


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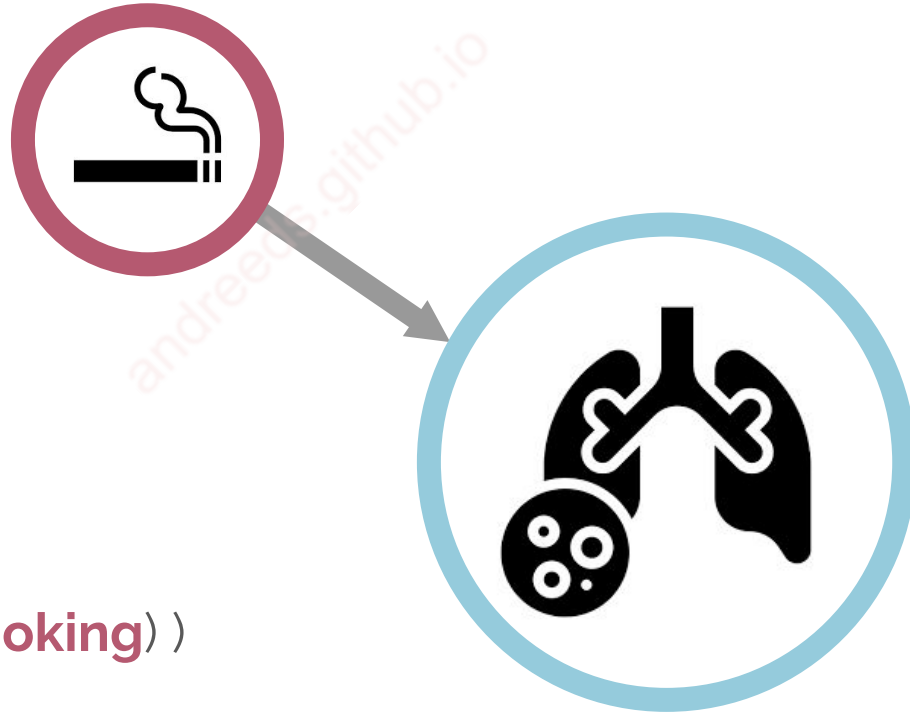


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smoking does cause cancer!



$\rho(\text{cancer} \mid do(\text{smoking}))$

A silhouette of two people in a yoga pose on a beach at sunset. The person on top is in a standing position with arms raised in a prayer pose, and the person on the bottom is in a similar pose, supporting the first person. The background is a bright sunset over the ocean with waves visible in the distance.

*human intuition is
grounded in casual,
not statistical, logic*

The Book of Why
Pearl & Mackenzie, 2018

***Data do not understand causes
and effects; humans do.***



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data are profoundly dumb

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