

# 14: Conditional Expectation

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# Discrete conditional distributions

# Discrete conditional distributions

Recall the definition of the conditional probability of event  $E$  given event  $F$ :

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)}$$

For discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional PMF** of  $X$  given  $Y$  is

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)}$$

Different notation,  
same idea:

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

# Discrete probabilities of CS109

Each student responds with:

Year  $Y$

- 1: Frosh/Soph
- 2: Jr/Sr
- 3: Co-term/grad/NDO

Timezone  $T$  (12pm California time in my timezone is):

- -1: AM
- 0: noon
- 1: PM

	Joint PMF		
	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$Y = 3$
$T = -1$	.06	.01	.01
$T = 0$	.29	.14	.09
$T = 1$	.30	.08	.02

$$P(Y = 3, T = 1)$$

Joint PMFs sum to 1.

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$T = 0$	.45	.61	.75
$T = 1$	.46	.35	.17

	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$Y = 3$
$T = -1$	.75	.125	?
$T = 0$	.56	.27	.17
$T = 1$	.75	.2	.05



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$$.30 / (.06 + .29 + .30)$$

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1-.75-.125

Conditional PMFs also sum to 1 conditioned on different events!

# Extended to Amazon



Roll over image to zoom in

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**Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls by Finedine (Set of 6) Polished Mirror Finish Nesting Bowl, 1/4 - 1.5-3 - 4-5 - 8 Quart - Cooking Supplies**

★★★★★ 2,366 customer reviews | 75 answered questions

Amazon's Choice for "stainless steel mixing bowls"

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- With graduating sizes of 1/4, 1.5, 3, 4, 5 and 8 quart, the bowl set allows users to be well equipped for serving fruit salads, marinating for the grill, and adding last ingredients for dessert.
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- A space saving stackable design helps de-clutter kitchen cupboards while the attractive polished mirror finish on the large mixing bowls adds a luxurious aesthetic.
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P(bought item X | bought item Y)



# Quick check

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)}$$

Number or function?

1.  $P(X = 2|Y = 5)$

2.  $P(X = x|Y = 5)$

3.  $P(X = 2|Y = y)$

4.  $P(X = x|Y = y)$

True or false?

5.  $\sum_x P(X = x|Y = 5) = 1$

6.  $\sum_y P(X = 2|Y = y) = 1$

7.  $\sum_x \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y) = 1$

8.  $\sum_x \left( \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y) \right) = 1$



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number

2.  $P(X = x|Y = 5)$

1-D function

3.  $P(X = 2|Y = y)$

1-D function

4.  $P(X = x|Y = y)$

2-D function

True or false?

5.  $\sum_x P(X = x|Y = 5) = 1$  true

6.  $\sum_y P(X = 2|Y = y) = 1$  false

7.  $\sum_x \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y) = 1$  false

8.  $\sum_x \left( \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y) \right) = 1$  true

# Web server requests, redux

# Web server requests (Lecture: Independent RVs)

Let  $N = \#$  of requests to a web server per day. Suppose  $N \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$ .

- Each request independently comes from a human (prob.  $p$ ), or bot ( $1 - p$ ).
- Let  $X$  be  $\#$  of human requests/day, and  $Y$  be  $\#$  of bot requests/day.

Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? What are their marginal PMFs?

Our approach:

- Yes, independent Poisson random variables:

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda p), Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda(1 - p))$$

- Two big parts of our derivation:

- $P(X = n, Y = m) = P(X = n | N = n + m)P(N = n + m)$
- $X | N = n + m \sim \text{Bin}(n + m, p)$

A conditional distribution,  $X | N!$

# Web server requests, redux

(Note: this is a different problem setup from the previous slide)

Consider the number of requests to a web server per day.

- Let  $X = \#$  requests from humans/day.  $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1)$
- Let  $Y = \#$  requests from bots/day.  $Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_2)$
- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.  $\rightarrow X + Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

What is  $P(X = k | X + Y = n)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k | X + Y = n) &= \frac{P(X = k, Y = n - k)}{P(X + Y = n)} = \frac{P(X = k)P(Y = n - k)}{P(X + Y = n)} \quad (X, Y \text{ indep.}) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^k \left( \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$X | X + Y \sim \text{Bin} \left( X + Y, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)$

# Conditional Expectation

# Conditional expectation

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Recall the the conditional PMF of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ :

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

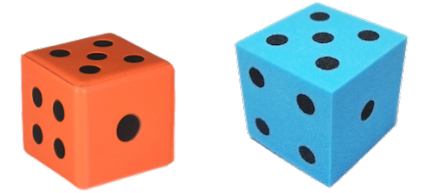
The **conditional expectation** of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y) = \sum_x xp_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

# It's been so long, our dice friends

$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x x p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

- Roll two 6-sided dice.
- Let roll 1 be  $D_1$ , roll 2 be  $D_2$ .
- Let  $S = \text{value of } D_1 + D_2$ .



1. What is  $E[S|D_2 = 6]$ ? 
$$E[S|D_2 = 6] = \sum_{x=7}^{12} x P(S = x|D_2 = 6)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) (7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12)$$
$$= \frac{57}{6} = 9.5$$

Intuitively:  $6 + E[D_1] = 6 + 3.5 = 9.5$

Let's prove this!



# Properties of conditional expectation

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## 1. LOTUS:

$$E[g(X)|Y = y] = \sum_x g(x)p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

## 2. Linearity of conditional expectation:

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \mid Y = y\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i \mid Y = y]$$

## 3. Law of total expectation (next time)

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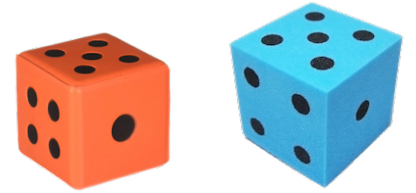
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2. What is  $E[S|D_2]$ ?

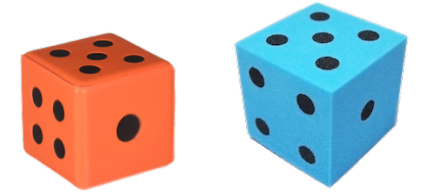
- A. A function of  $S$
  - B. A function of  $D_2$
  - C. A number
3. Give an expression for  $E[S|D_2]$ .



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$$E[S|D_2 = d_2] = E[D_1 + d_2|D_2 = d_2]$$

$$= \sum_{d_1} (d_1 + d_2) P(D_1 = d_1 | D_2 = d_2)$$

$$= \sum_{d_1} d_1 P(D_1 = d_1) + d_2 \sum_{d_1} P(D_1 = d_1)$$

( $D_1 = d_1, D_2 = d_2$   
independent  
events)

$$= E[D_1] + d_2 = 3.5 + d_2$$

$$E[S|D_2] = 3.5 + D_2$$

# Law of Total Expectation

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## 3. Law of total expectation:

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]] \quad \text{what?!}$$

# Proof of Law of Total Expectation

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[E[X|Y]] &= E[g(Y)] = \sum_y P(Y = y)E[X|Y = y] && \text{(LOTUS, } g(Y) = E[X|Y]) \\ &= \sum_y P(Y = y) \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y) && \text{(def of conditional expectation)} \\ &= \sum_y \left( \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y) \right) = \sum_y \left( \sum_x xP(X = x, Y = y) \right) && \text{(chain rule)} \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y xP(X = x, Y = y) = \sum_x x \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y) && \text{(switch order of summations)} \\ &= \sum_x xP(X = x) && \text{(marginalization)} \\ &= E[X] \quad \dots\text{what?} \end{aligned}$$

# Another way to compute $E[X]$

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

$$E[E[X|Y]] = \sum_y P(Y = y)E[X|Y = y] = E[X]$$

If we only have a conditional PMF of  $X$  on some discrete variable  $Y$ , we can compute  $E[X]$  as follows:

1. Compute expectation of  $X$  given some value of  $Y = y$
2. Repeat step 1 for all values of  $Y$
3. Compute a weighted sum (where weights are  $P(Y = y)$ )

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def recurse():  
    if (random.random() < 0.5):  
        return 3  
    else: return (2 + recurse())
```

Useful for analyzing recursive code!!

# 15: General Inference

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# General Inference: Introduction

# Inference

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*Web*MD<sup>®</sup>

# Inference

WebMD Symptom Checker BETA

INFO SYMPTOMS QUESTIONS CONDITIONS DETAILS TREATMENT

What is your main symptom?

Type your main symptom here

or Choose common symptoms

bloating cough diarrhea dizziness fatigue

fever headache muscle cramp nausea

throat irritation

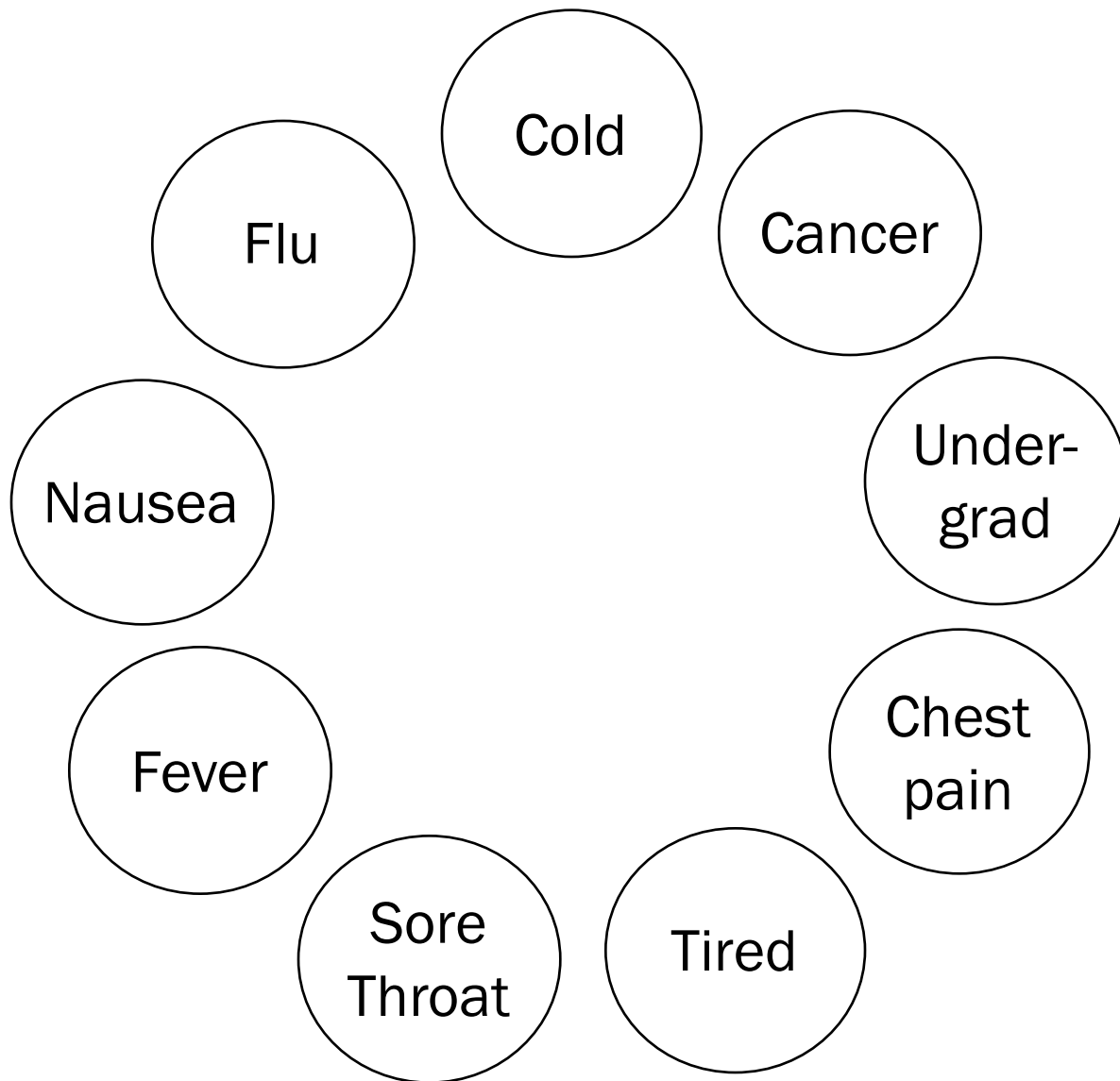
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# Inference

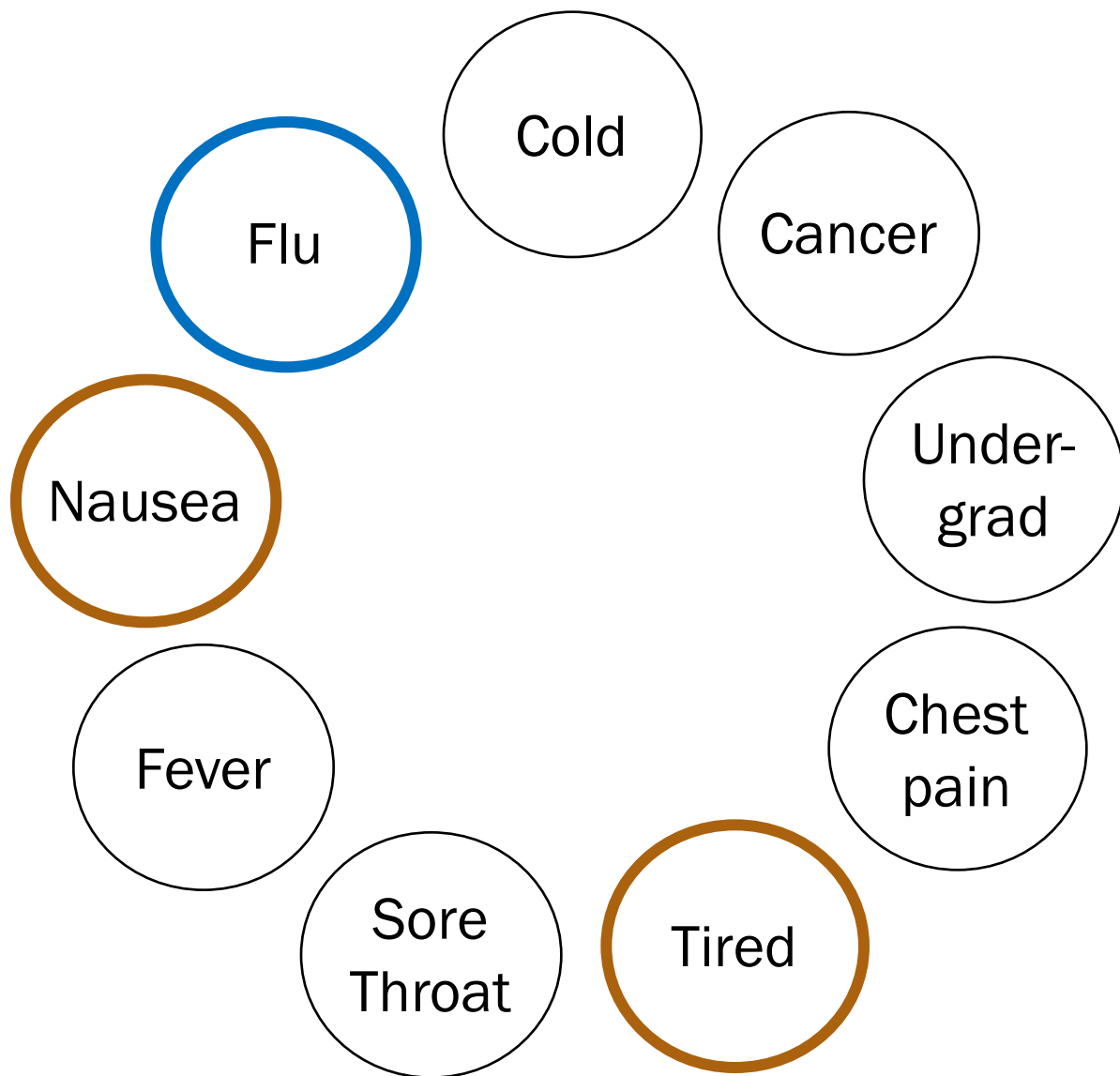
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General **inference** question:

Given the values of some random variables, what is the conditional distribution of some other random variables?

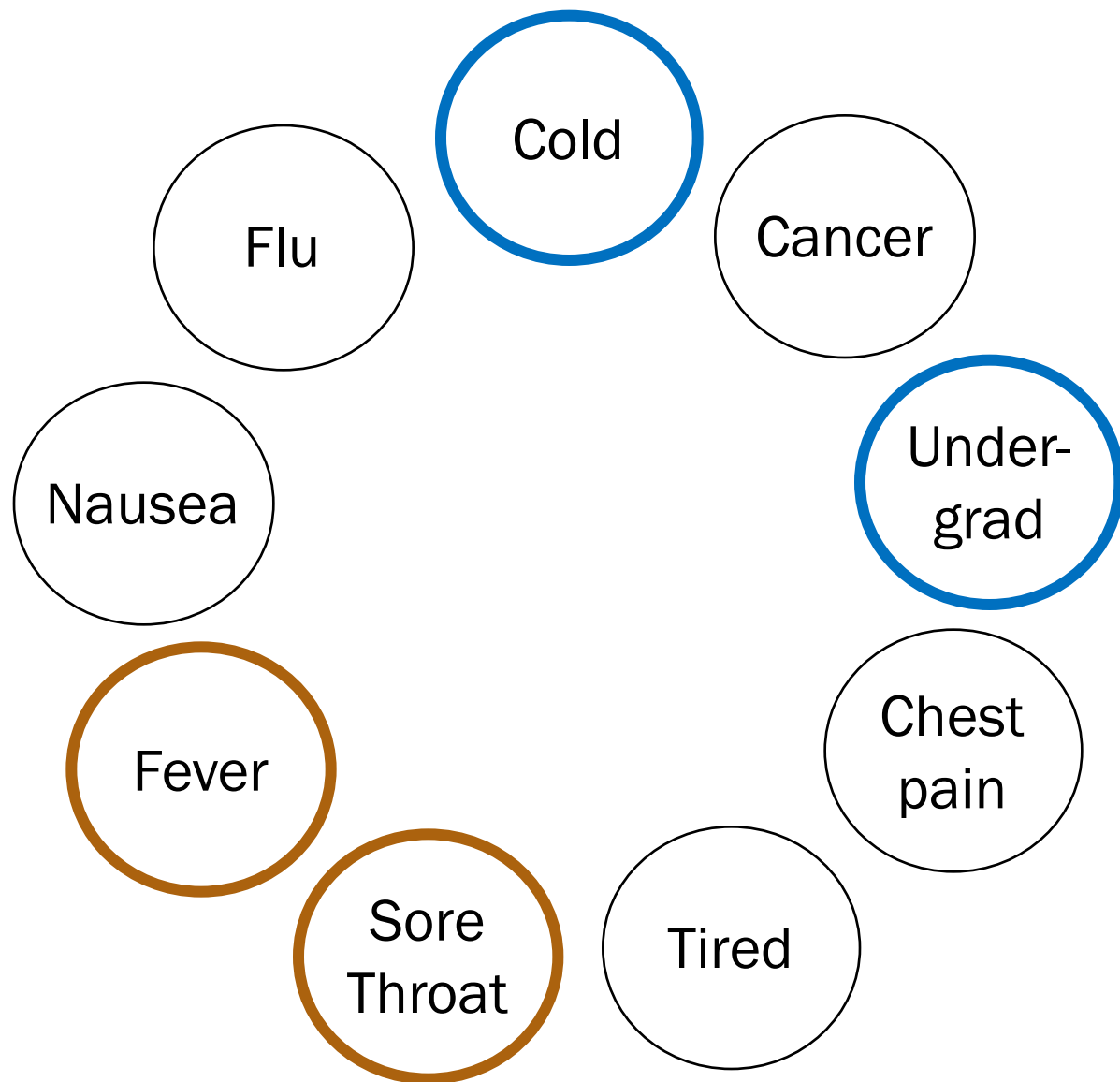
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One inference question:

$$P(F = 1 | N = 1, T = 1)$$
$$= \frac{P(F = 1, N = 1, T = 1)}{P(N = 1, T = 1)}$$

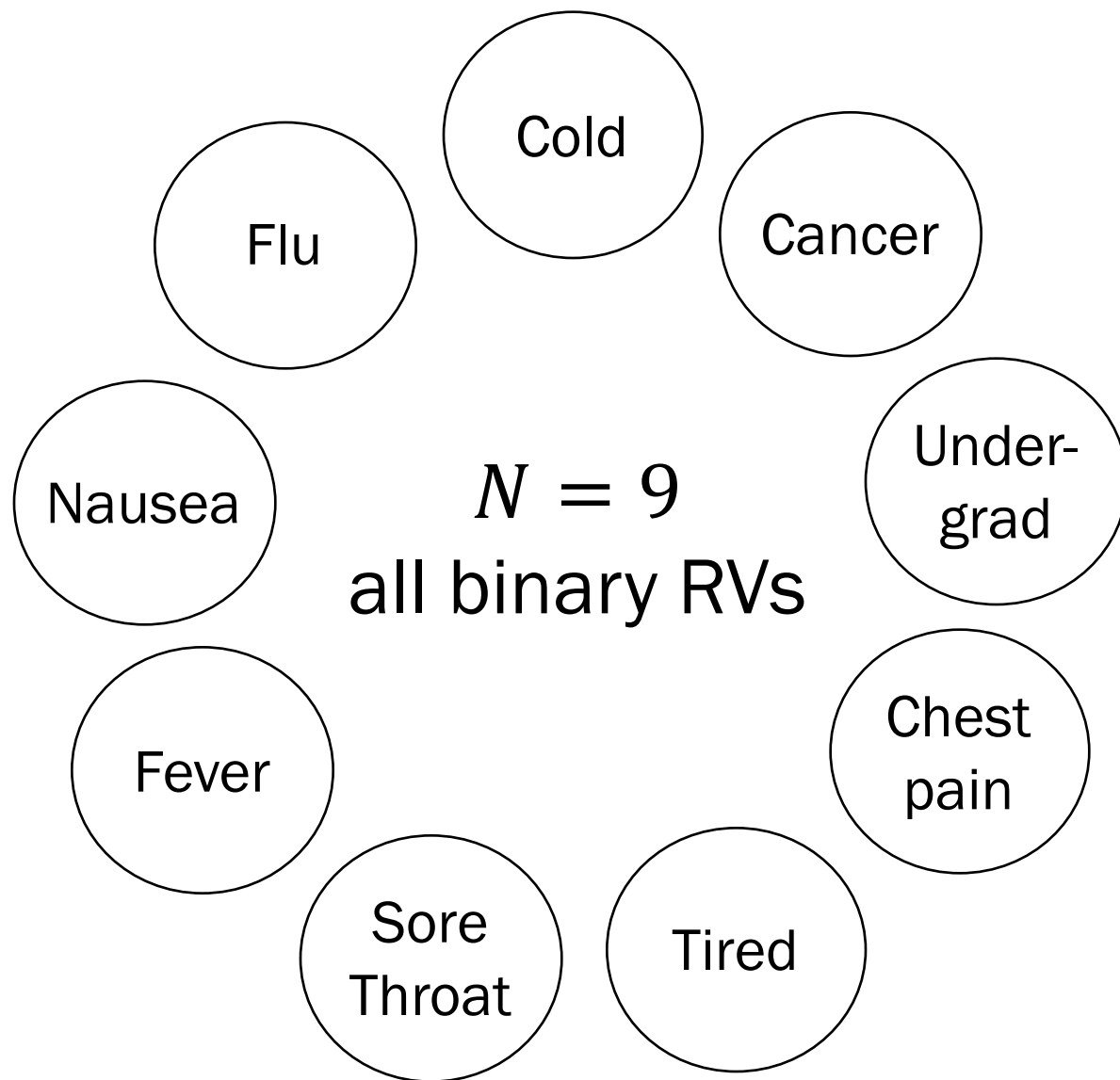
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Another inference question:

$$P(C_o = 1, U = 1 | S = 0, F_e = 0) \\ = \frac{P(C_o = 1, U = 1, S = 0, F_e = 0)}{P(S = 0, F_e = 0)}$$

# Inference



If we knew the **joint distribution**, we can answer all probabilistic inference questions.

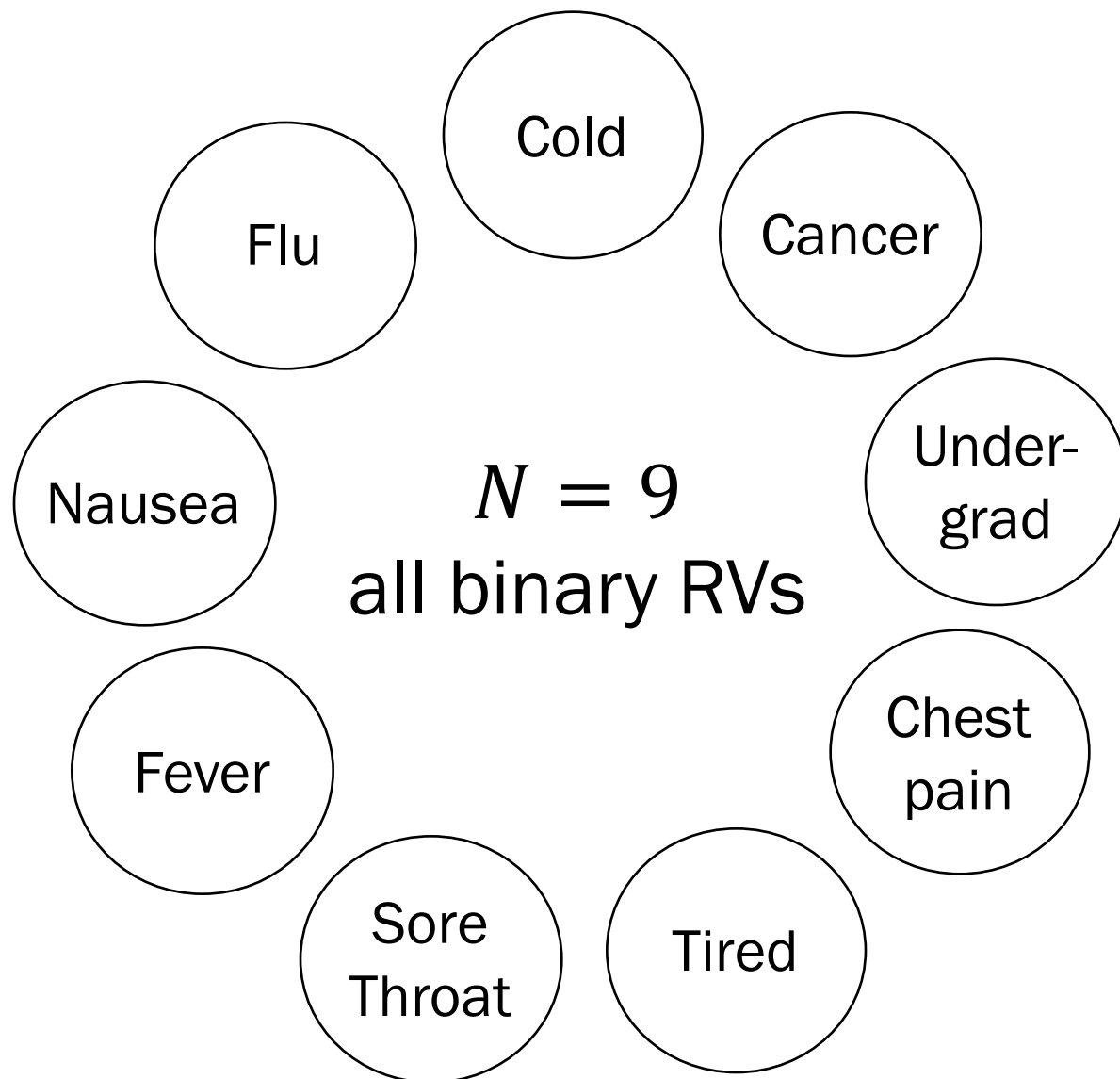
What is the size of the joint probability table?

- A.  $2^{N-1}$  entries
- B.  $N^2$  entries
- C.  $2^N$  entries
- D. None/other/don't know





# Inference



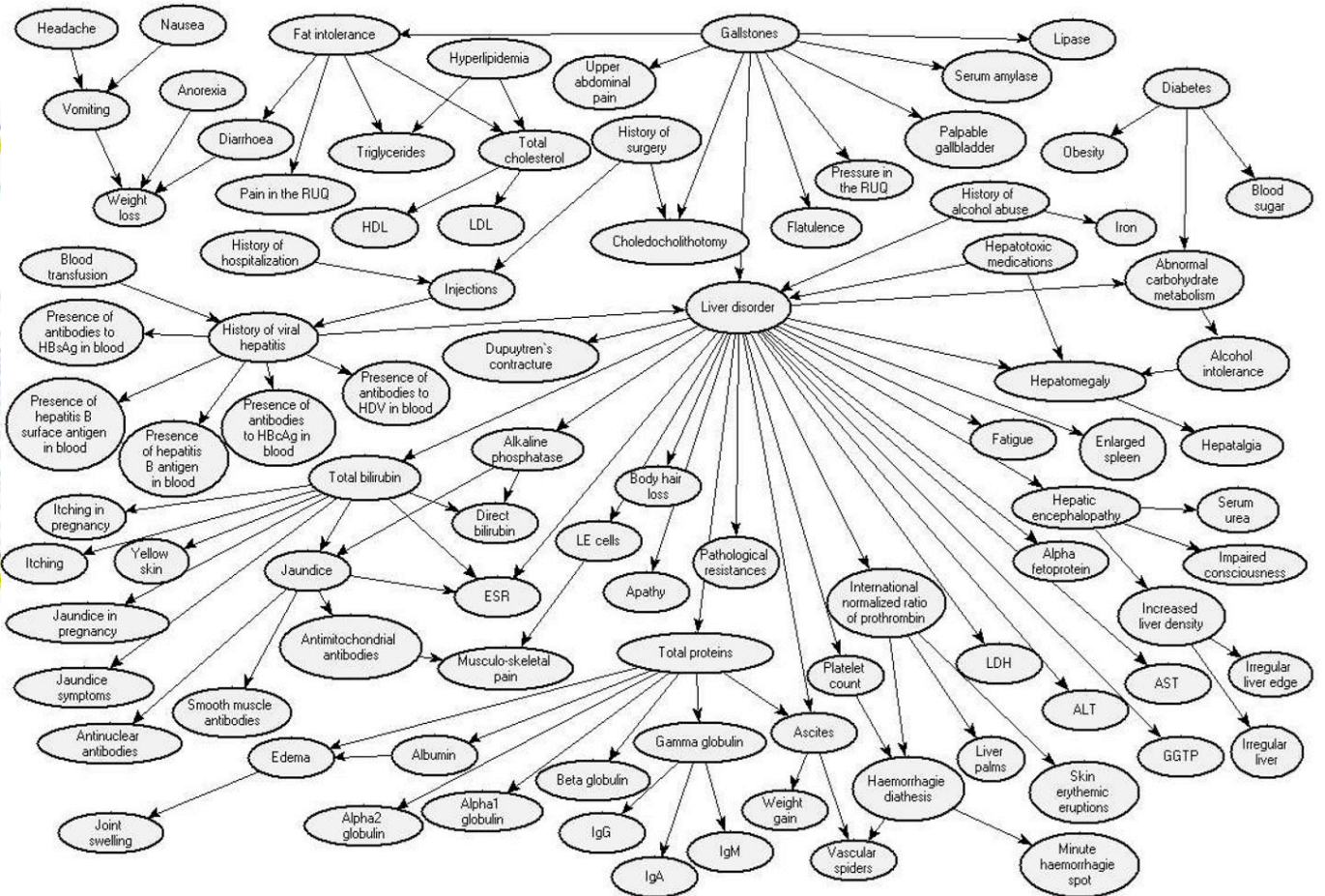
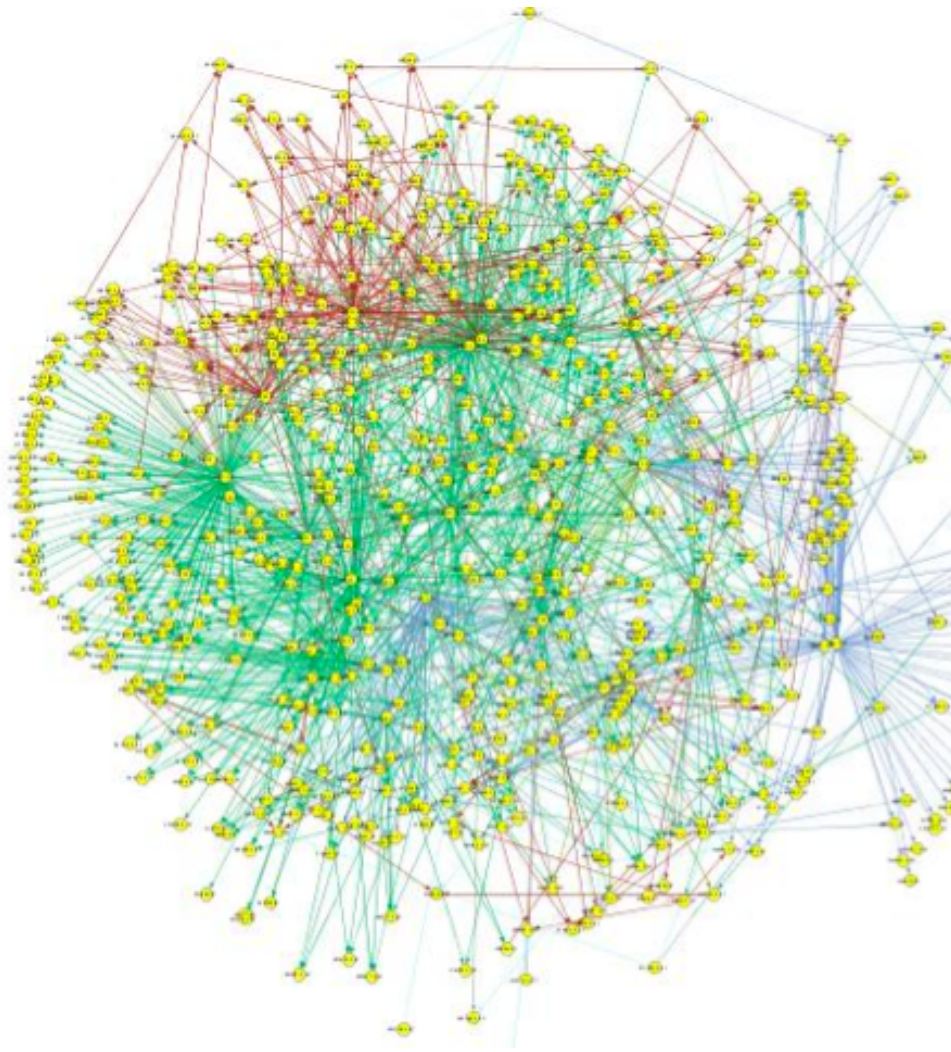
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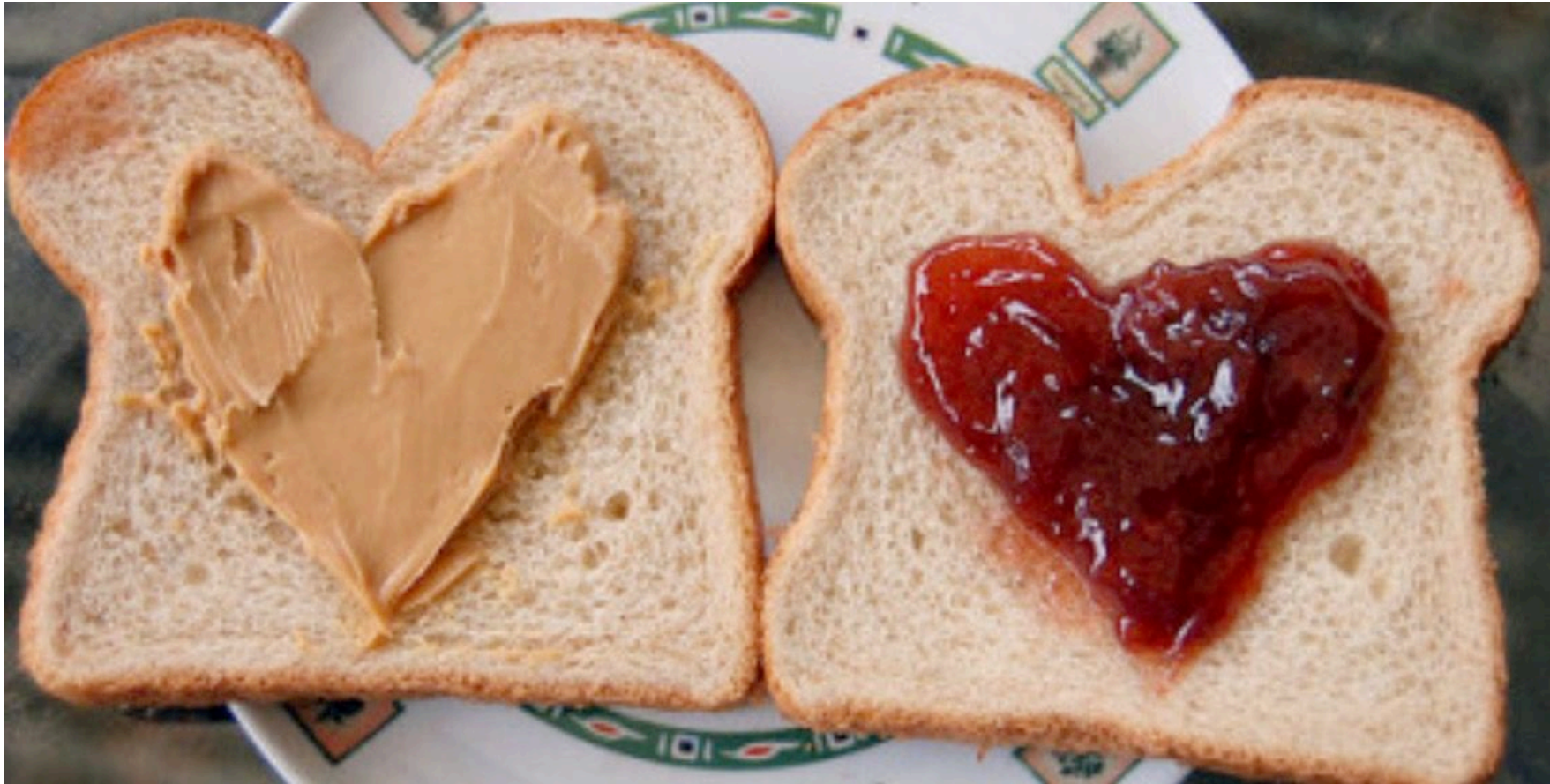
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Naively specifying a joint distribution is often intractable.

# N can be large...



# Conditionally Independent RVs



~~Conditional Probability~~  
Conditional Distributions

~~Independence~~  
Independent RVs

# Conditionally Independent RVs

Recall that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are conditionally independent given  $E$  if:

$$P(AB|E) = P(A|E)P(B|E)$$

$n$  discrete random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are called **conditionally independent given  $Y$**  if:

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y$ :

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | Y = y) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i | Y = y)$$

This implies the following (cool to remember for later):

$$\log P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | Y = y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(X_i = x_i | Y = y)$$

Recall independence of  $n$  events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ :

for  $r = 1, \dots, n$ :

for every subset  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r$ :

$$P(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r) = P(E_1)P(E_2) \cdots P(E_r)$$

We have independence of  $n$  **discrete random variables**  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  if for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ :

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i)$$

Errata (edited May 3): **Removed the independent RV requirement for all subsets of size  $r = 1, \dots, n$ .** Do you see why this requirement is unnecessary?

(Hint: independence of RVs implies independence of all events)

# Bayesian Networks

# A simpler WebMD

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Flu

Under-  
grad

Fever

Tired

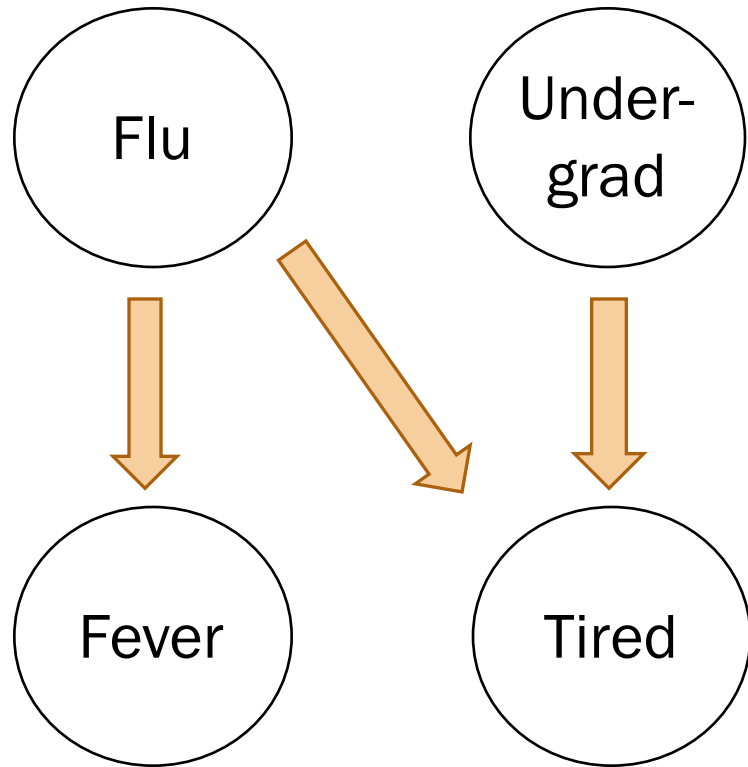
Great! Just specify  $2^4 = 16$  joint probabilities...?

$$P(F_{lu} = a, F_{ev} = b, U = c, T = d)$$

What would a Stanford flu expert do?

Describe the joint distribution using causality!!!

# Constructing a Bayesian Network



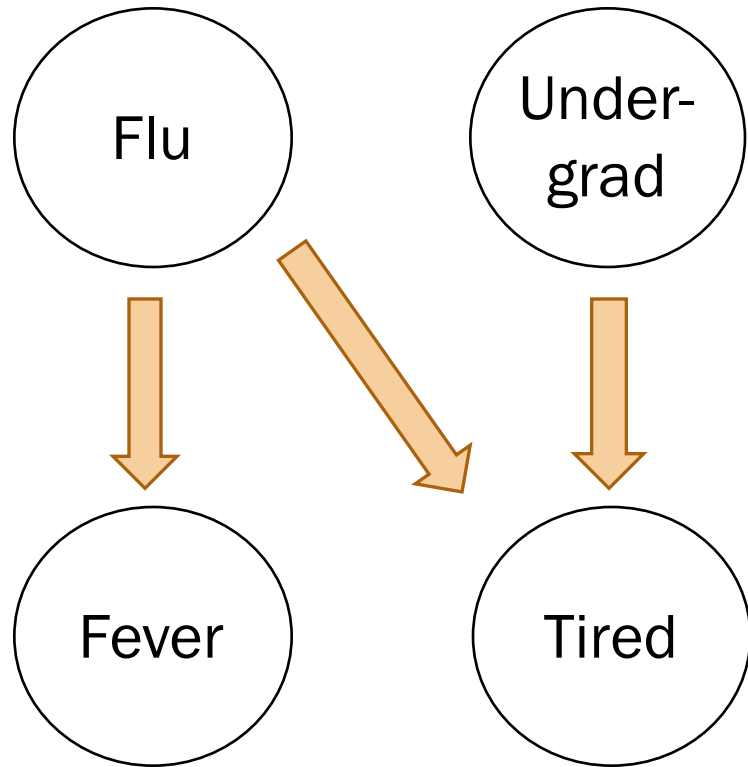
What would a Stanford flu expert do?

1. Describe the joint distribution using causality.

2. **Assume**  
**conditional**  
**independence.**



# Constructing a Bayesian Network



In a Bayesian Network,  
Each random variable is **conditionally independent** of its non-descendants, **given its parents**.

- Node: random variable
- Directed edge: conditional dependency

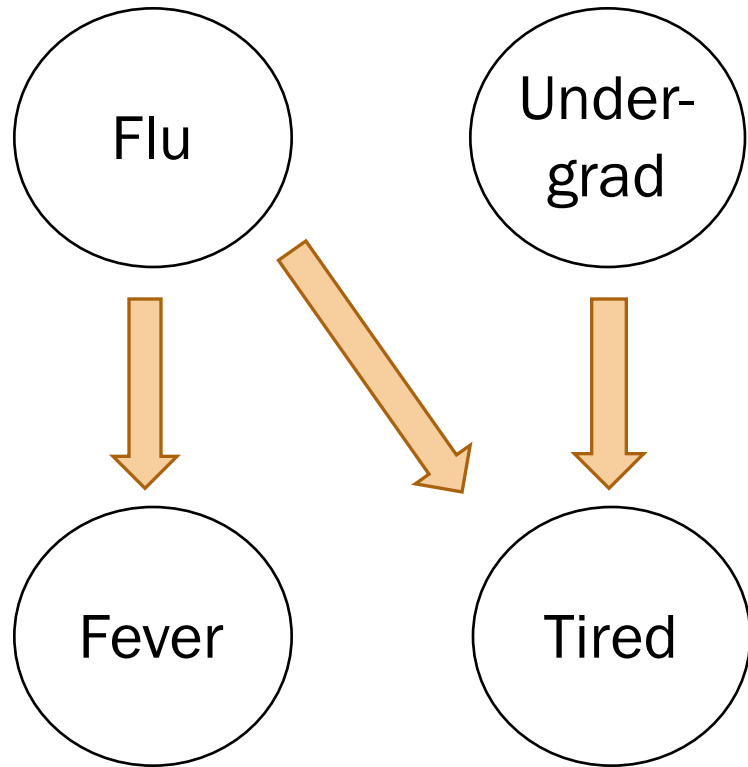
Examples:

- $P(F_{ev} = 1 | T = 0, F_{lu} = 1) = P(F_{ev} = 1 | F_{lu} = 1)$
- $P(F_{lu} = 1, U = 0) = P(F_{lu} = 1)P(U = 0)$

# Constructing a Bayesian Network

$$P(F_{lu} = 1) = 0.1$$

$$P(U = 1) = 0.8$$



$$P(F_{ev} = 1 | F_{lu} = 1) = 0.9$$

$$P(F_{ev} = 1 | F_{lu} = 0) = 0.05$$

What would a Stanford flu expert do?

1. Describe the joint distribution using causality.
- ✓ 2. Assume conditional independence.
3. Provide  $P(\text{values}|\text{parents})$  for each random variable

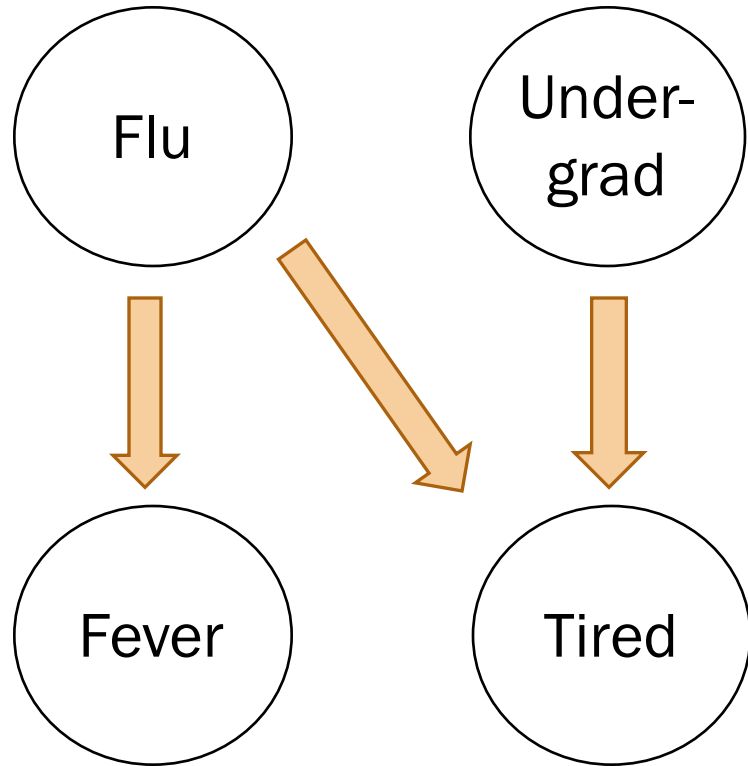
← What conditional probabilities should our expert specify?



# Constructing a Bayesian Network

$$P(F_{lu} = 1) = 0.1$$

$$P(U = 1) = 0.8$$



$$P(F_{ev} = 1 | F_{lu} = 1) = 0.9$$
$$P(F_{ev} = 1 | F_{lu} = 0) = 0.05$$

What would a Stanford flu expert do?

1. Describe the joint distribution using causality.
2. Assume conditional independence.
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What conditional probabilities should our expert specify?

$$P(T = 1 | F_{lu} = 0, U = 0)$$

$$P(T = 1 | F_{lu} = 0, U = 1)$$

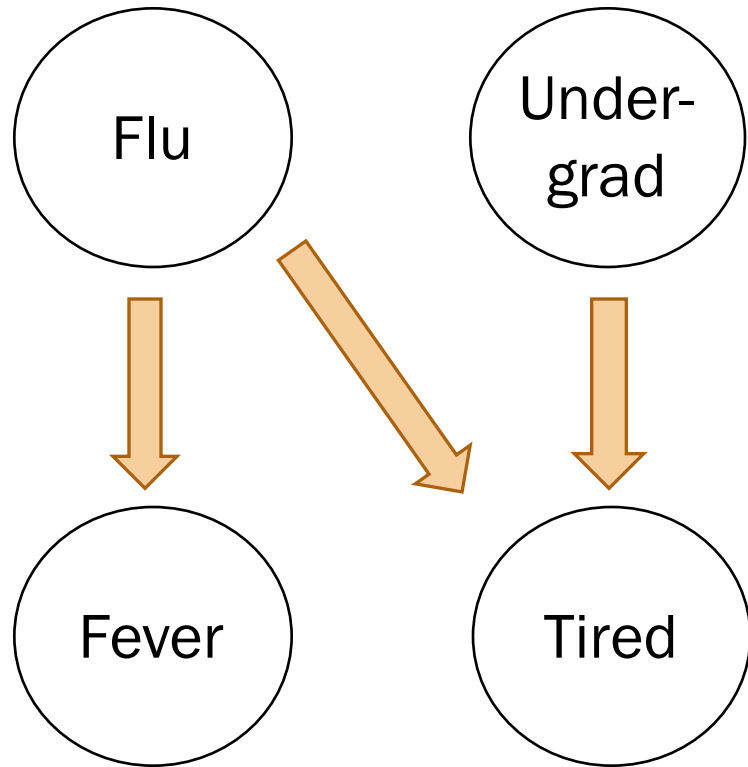
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# Using a Bayes Net

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What would a CS109 student do?

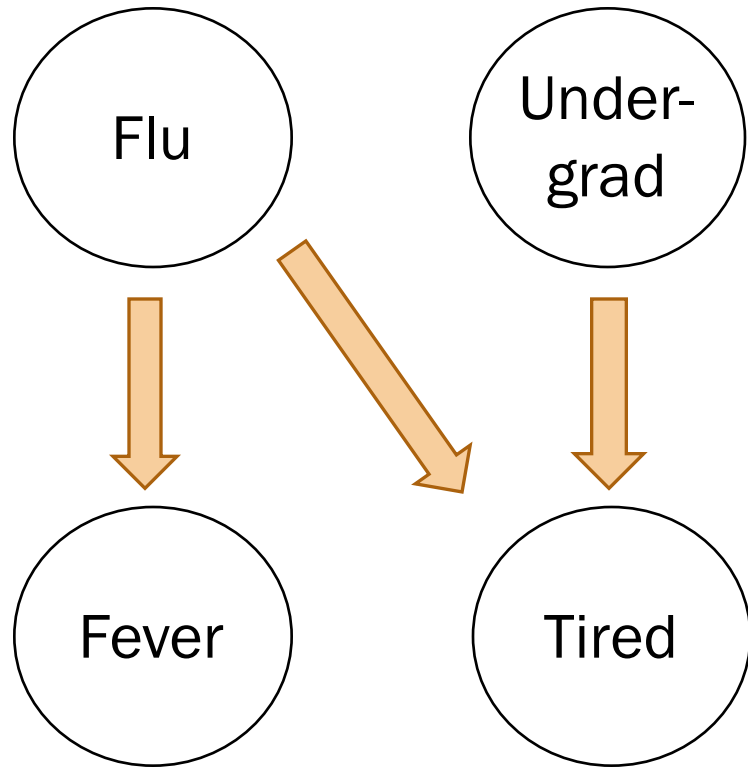
1. Populate a Bayesian network by asking a Stanford flu expert or by using reasonable assumptions

2. Answer inference questions



Our focus today

# Inference (I): Math



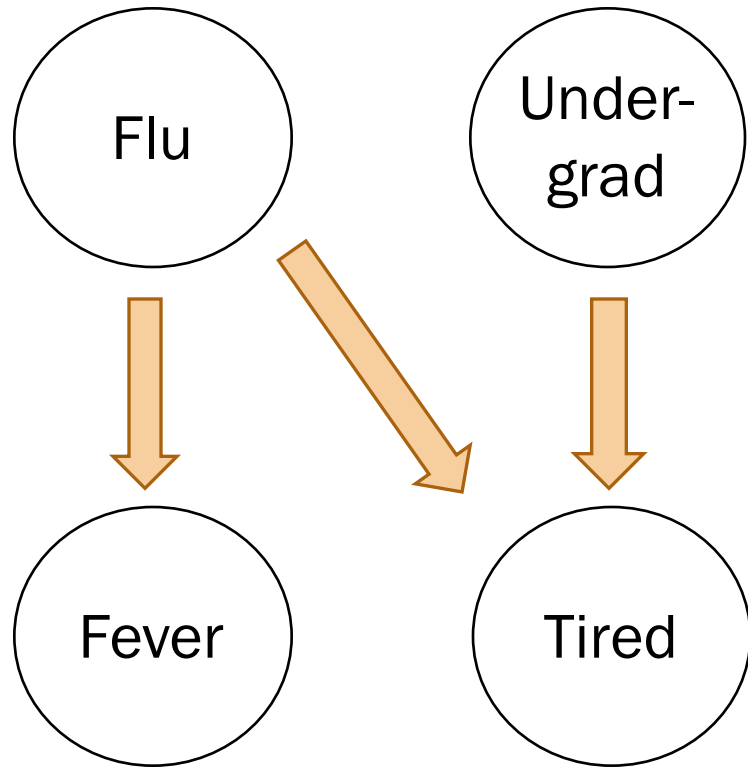
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Each random variable is **conditionally independent** of its non-descendants, **given its parents**.

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- Directed edge: conditional dependency

# Inference via math

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1.  $P(F_{lu} = 0, U = 1, F_{ev} = 0, T = 1)$ ?

Compute joint probabilities using chain rule.

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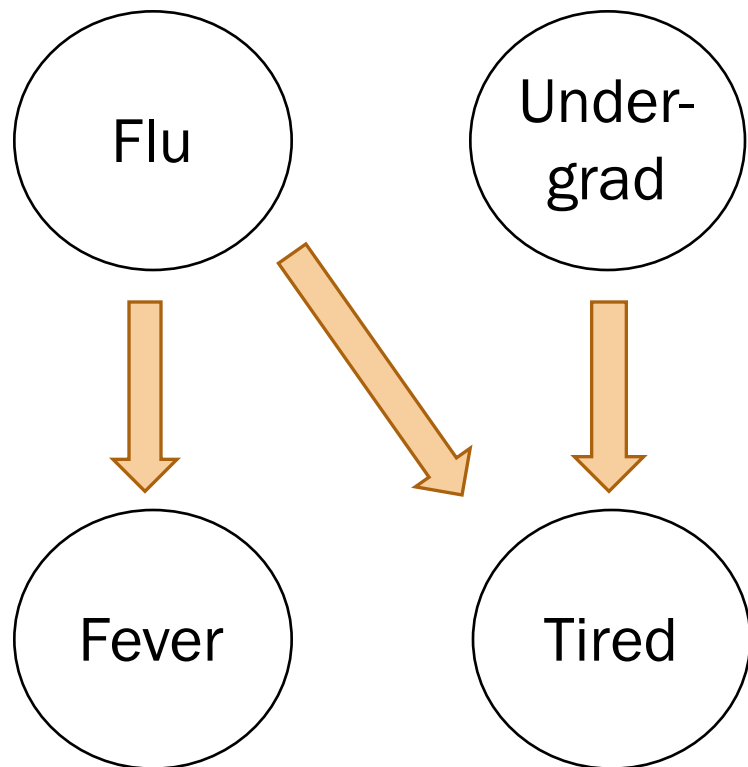
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2.  $P(F_{lu} = 1|F_{ev} = 0, U = 0, T = 1)$ ?

1. Compute joint probabilities

$$P(F_{lu} = 1, F_{ev} = 0, U = 0, T = 1)$$

$$P(F_{lu} = 0, F_{ev} = 0, U = 0, T = 1)$$

2. Definition of conditional probability

$$\frac{P(F_{lu} = 1, F_{ev} = 0, U = 0, T = 1)}{\sum_x P(F_{lu} = x, F_{ev} = 0, U = 0, T = 1)}$$

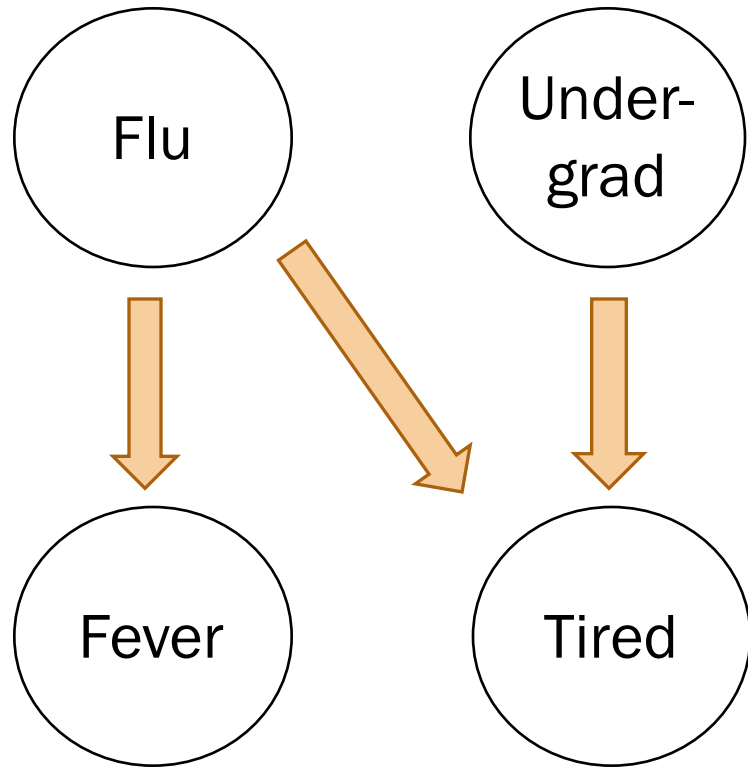
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# Inference via math

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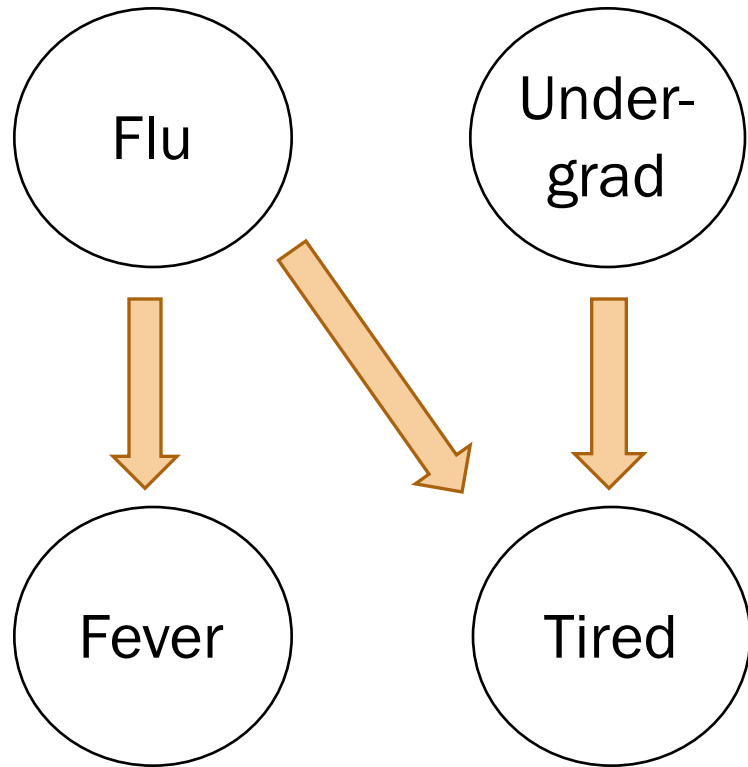
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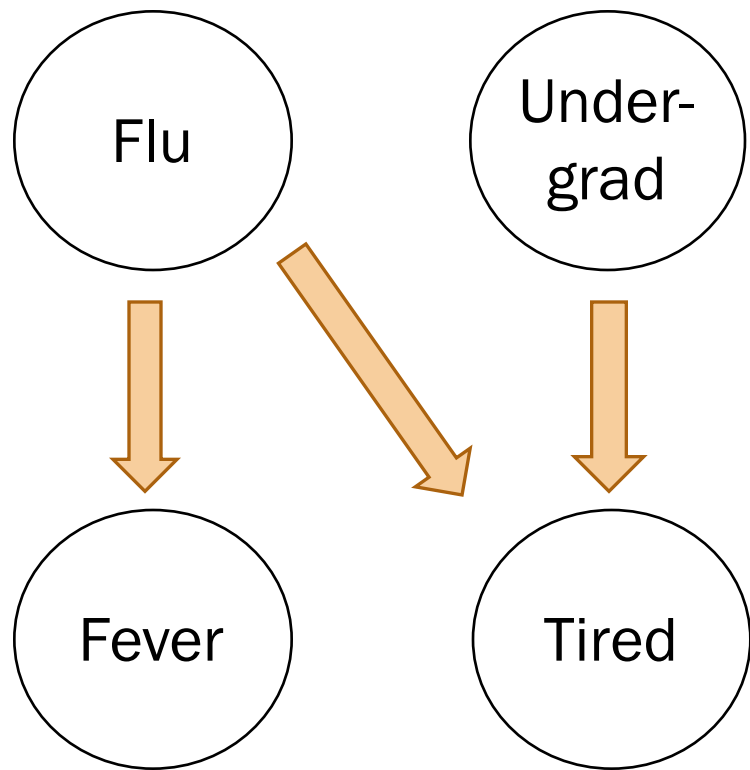
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# Conditional Expectation + General Inference (live)

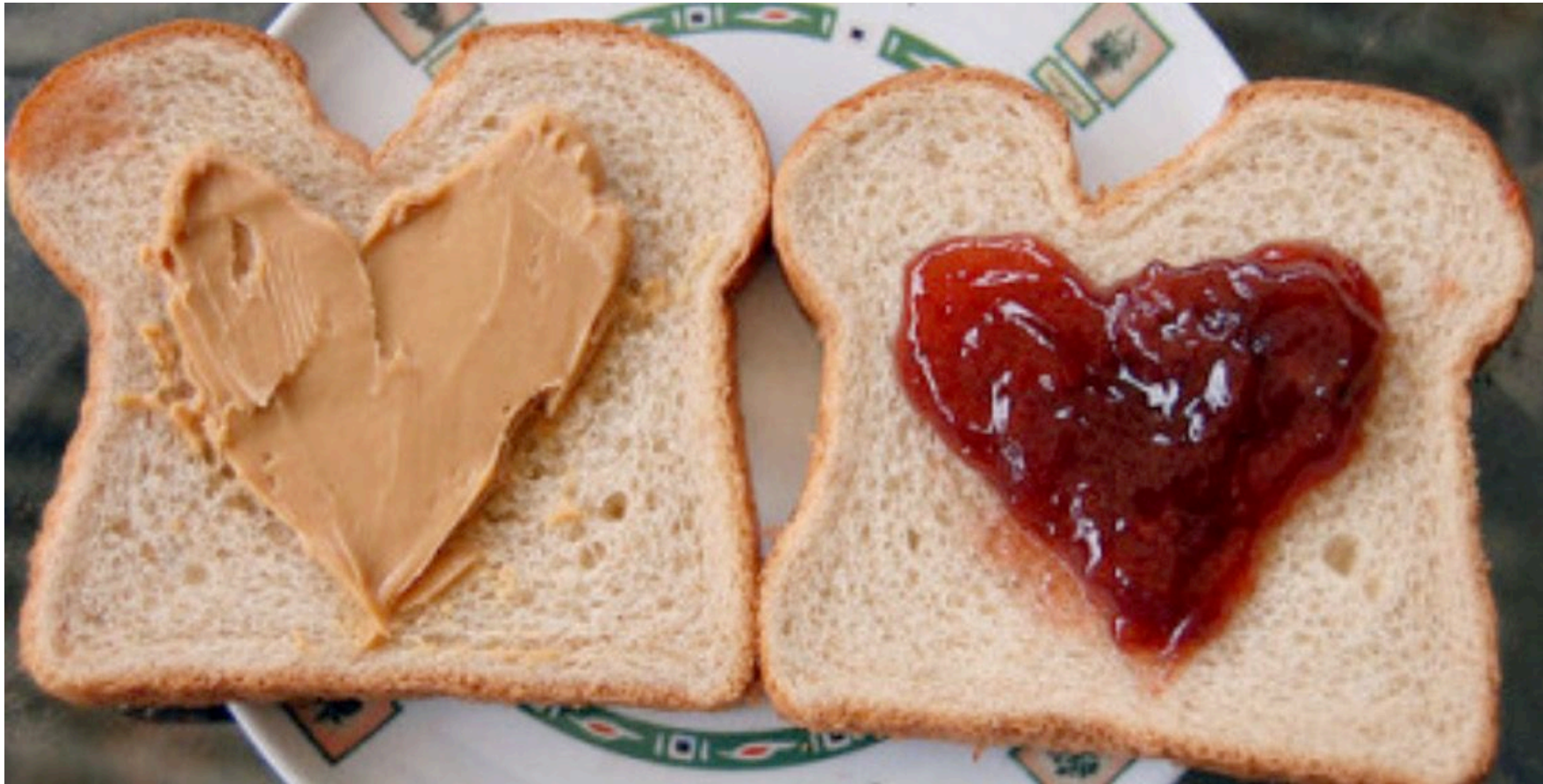
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# Conditional Expectation

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Conditional Distributions

Expectation

# Breakout Rooms

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Breakout rooms: 4 min. Introduce yourself!



# Quick check

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2.  $E[X, Y]$
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The conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y) = \sum_x xp_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

- Interpret:  $E[X|Y]$  is a random variable that takes on the value  $E[X|Y = y]$  with probability  $P(Y = y)$

The **Law of Total Expectation** states that

$$E[E[X|Y]] = \sum_y E[X|Y = y]P(Y = y) = E[X]$$

- Apply:  $E[X]$  can be calculated as the expectation of  $E[X|Y]$

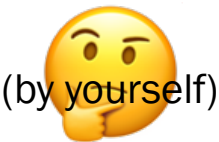
# Think

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Think by yourself: 2 min



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# Analyzing recursive code

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$$E[Y|X = 1] = 3$$

When  $X = 1$ , return 3.

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a future return value of `recurse()`.

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$$E[Y] = 3(1/3) + (5 + E[Y])(1/3) + (7 + E[Y])(1/3)$$

$$E[Y] = (1/3)(15 + 2E[Y]) = 5 + (2/3)E[Y]$$

$$E[Y] = 15$$

On your own: What is  $\text{Var}(Y)$ ?



# Independent RVs, defined another way

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent discrete random variables, then  $\forall x, y$ :

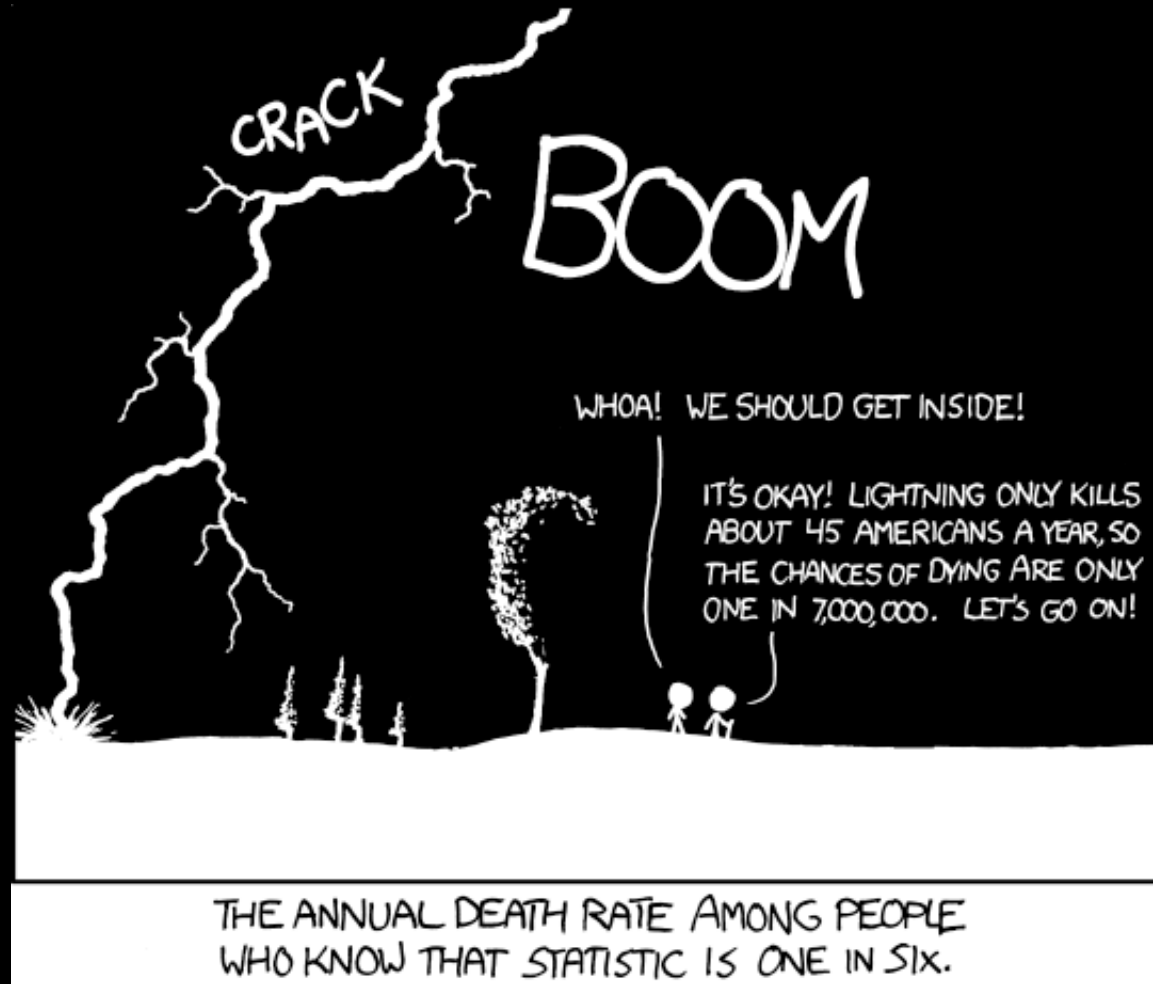
$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = \frac{P(X = x)P(Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = P(X = x)$$

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)} = \frac{p_X(x)p_Y(y)}{p_Y(y)} = p_X(x)$$

Note for conditional expectation, independent  $X$  and  $Y$  implies

$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x xp_{X|Y}(x|y) = \sum_x xp_X(x) = E[X]$$

# Interlude for jokes/announcements



<https://xkcd.com/795/>

## Interesting probability news

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# U.S. Recession Model at 100% Confirms Downturn Is Already Here

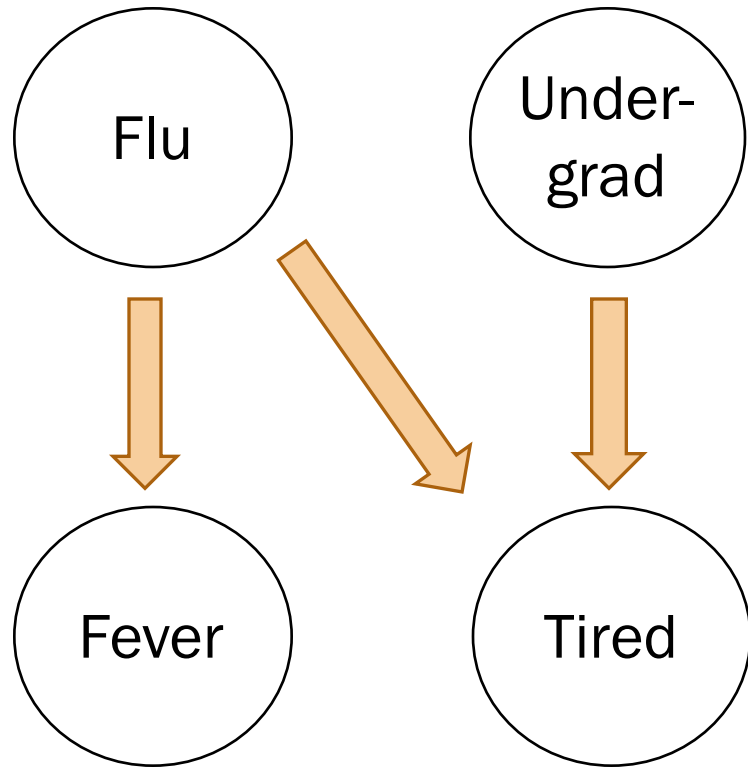
“Bloomberg Economics created a model last year to determine America’s recession odds.”

- I encourage you to read through and understand the parameters used to define this model!

100%

Chance of Recession Within 12 Months

<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/us-economic-recession-tracker/>



In a Bayesian Network,  
Each random variable is **conditionally independent** of its non-descendants, **given its parents**.

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- Directed edge: conditional dependency

Examples:

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- $P(F_{lu} = 1, U = 0) = P(F_{lu} = 1)P(U = 0)$

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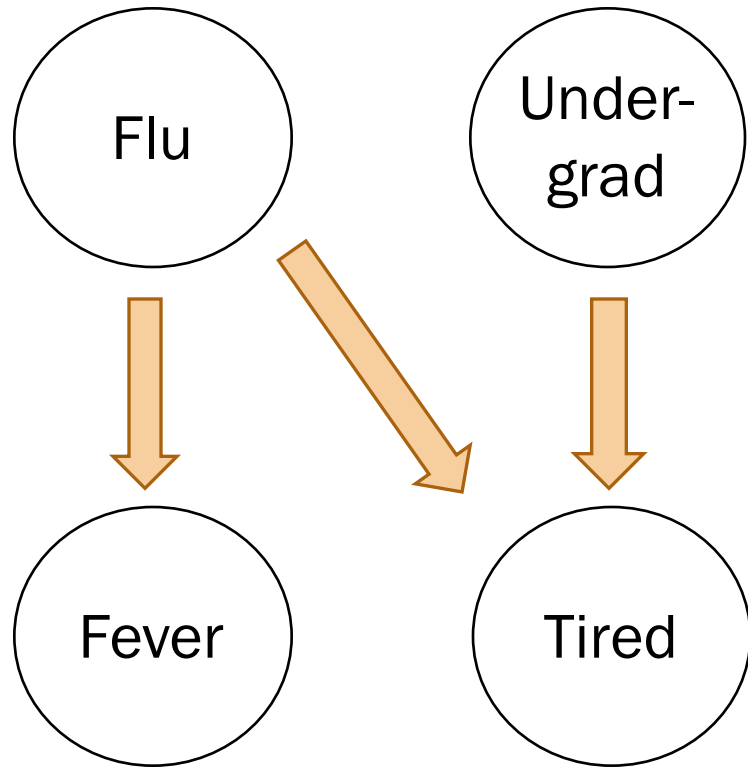
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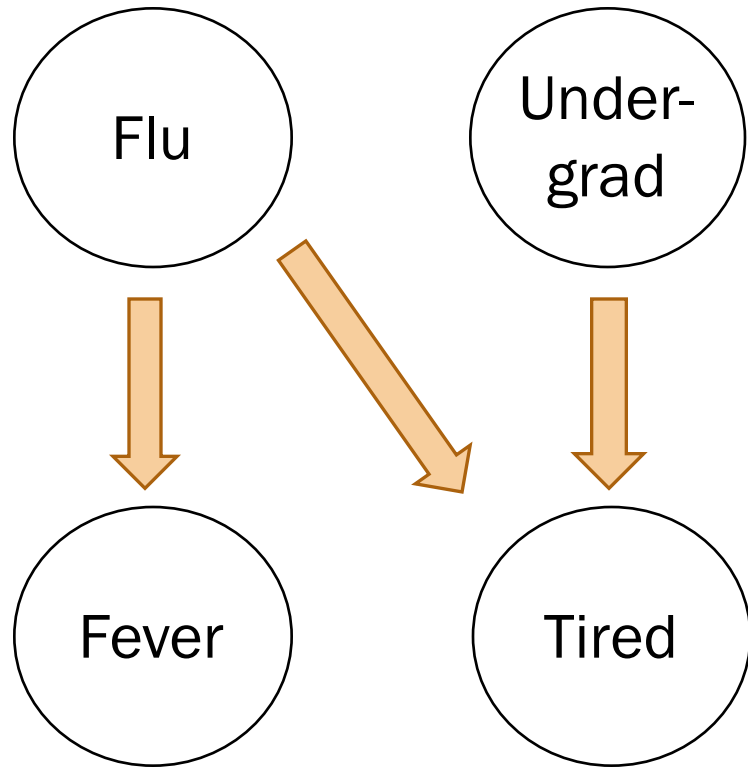
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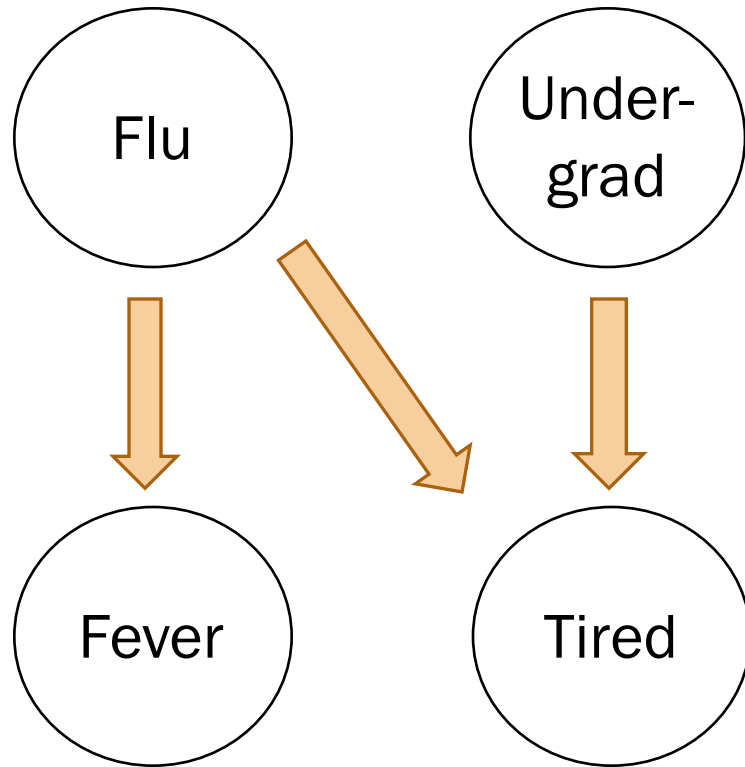
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(from pre-lecture video)

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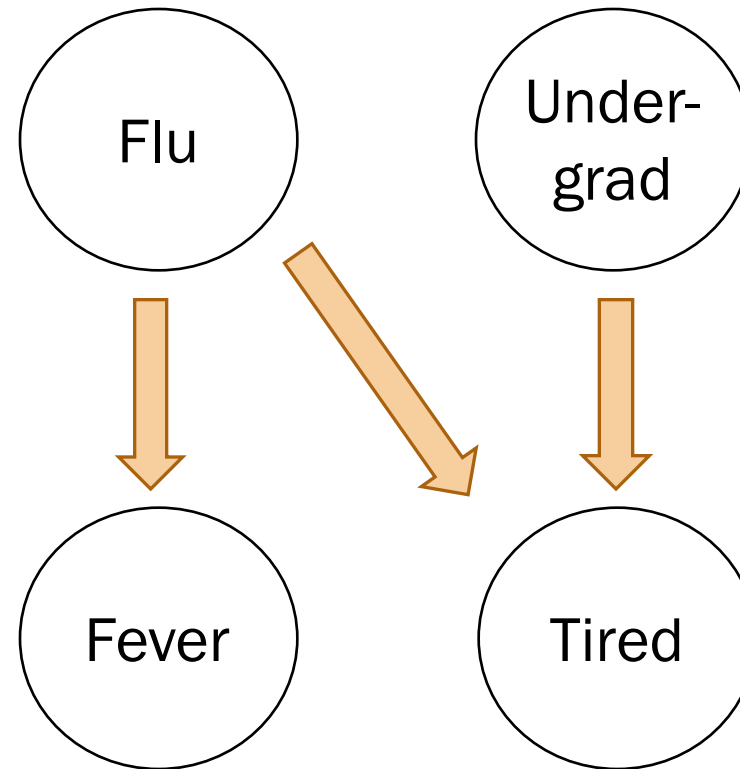
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Step 0:  
Have a fully specified  
Bayesian Network

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    samples_observation = ...  
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Finished sampling
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# Rejection sampling algorithm

```
N_SAMPLES = 100000
# Method: Sample a ton
# -----
# create N_SAMPLES with likelihood proportional
# to the joint distribution
def sample_a_ton():
    samples = []
    for i in range(N_SAMPLES):
        sample = make_sample() # a particle
        samples.append(sample)
    return samples
```

How do we make a sample  
 $(F_{lu} = a, U = b, F_{ev} = c, T = d)$   
according to the  
joint probability?

Create a sample using the Bayesian Network!!

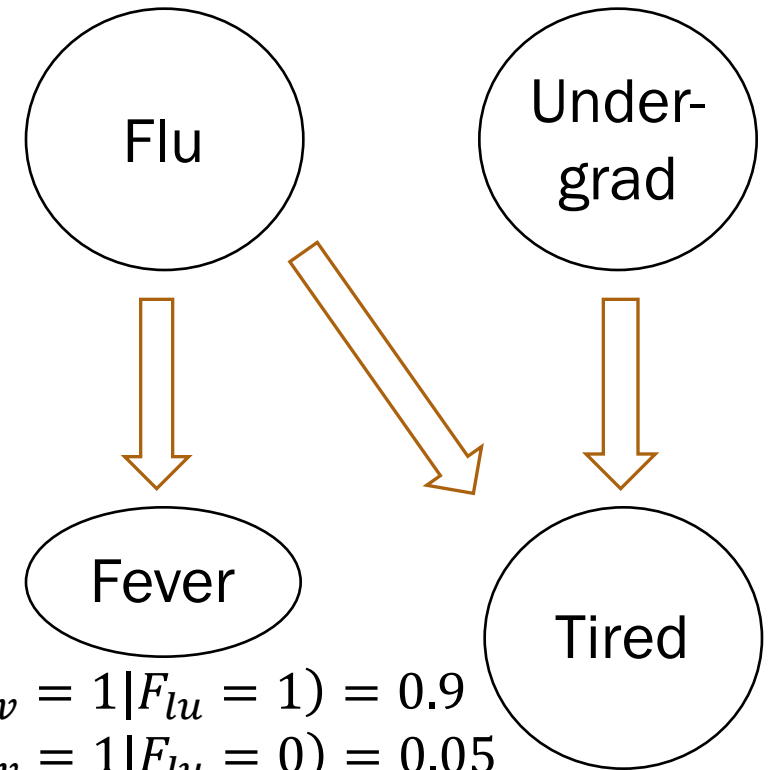
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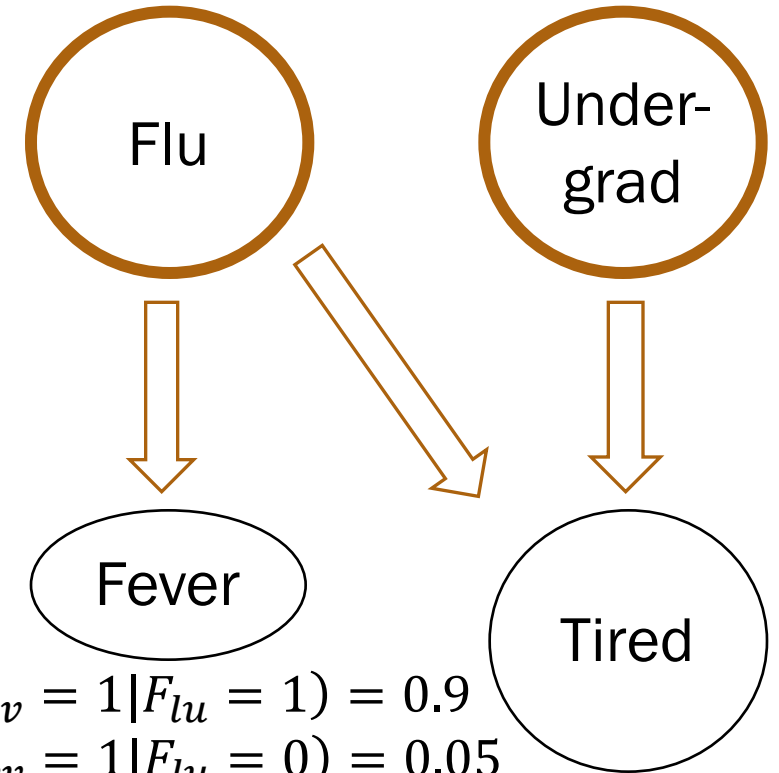
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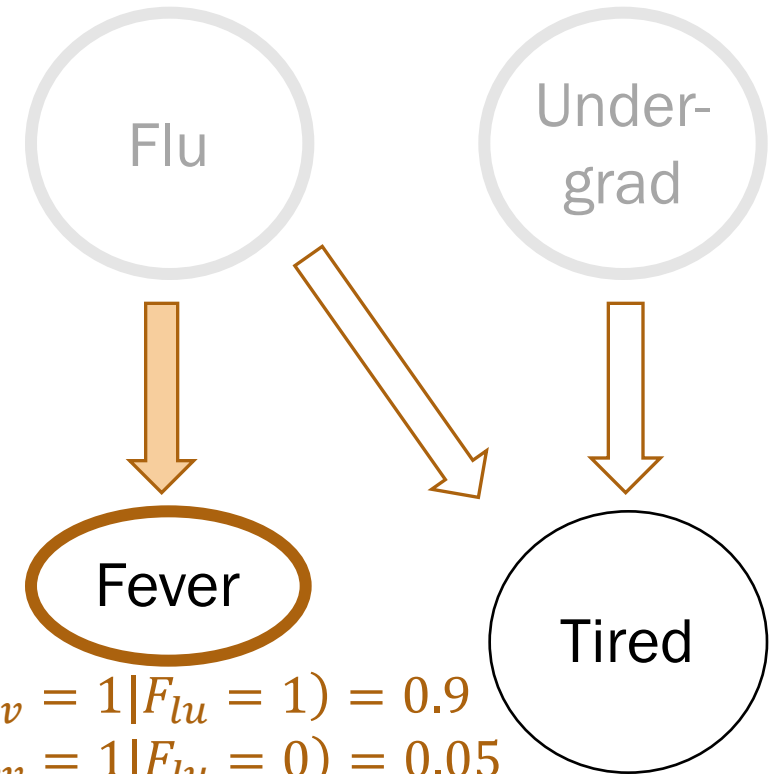
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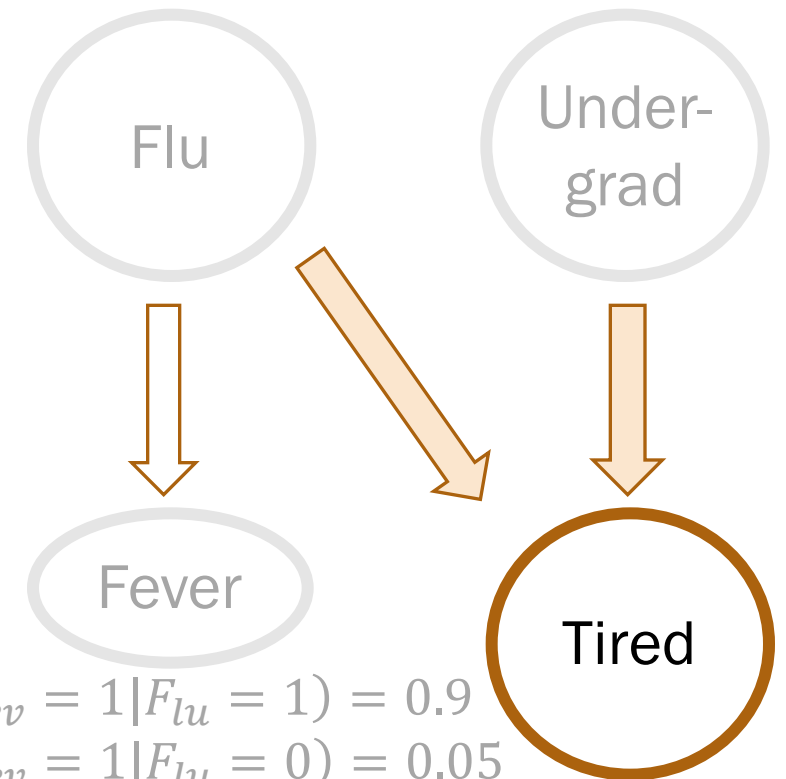
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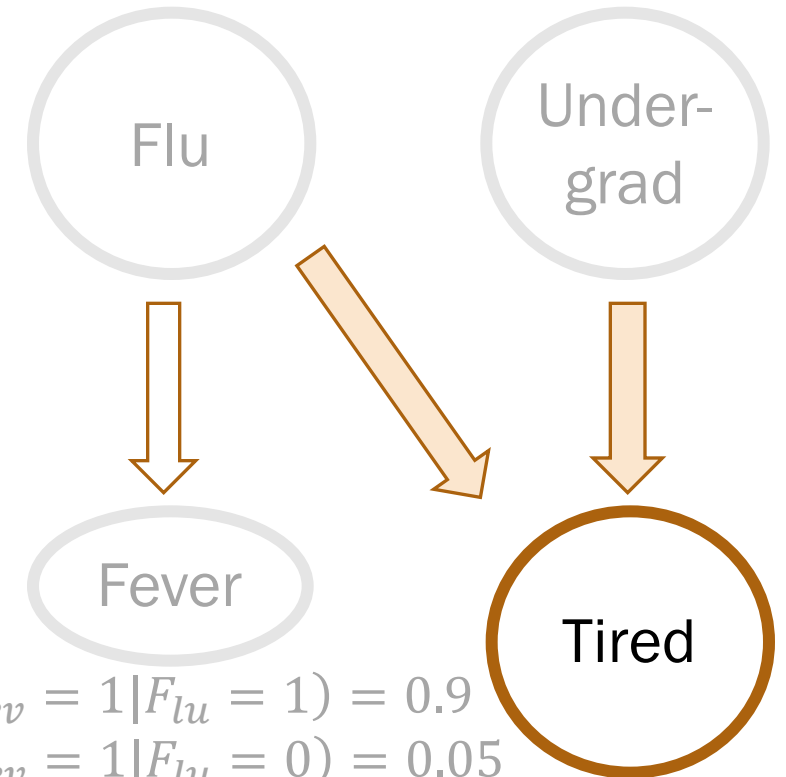
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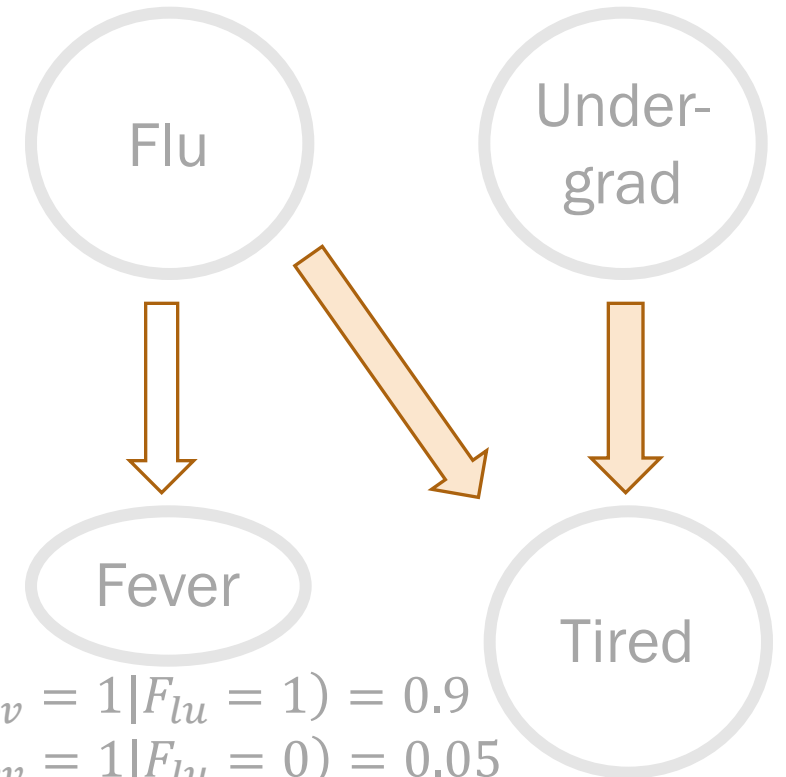
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    samples_observation = ...  
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Keep only samples that are consistent  
with the observation  $(U = 1, T = 1)$ .

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```
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```

```
    samples
```

```
    # Method: Reject Inconsistent  
    # -----  
    # Rejects all samples that do not align with the outcome.  
    # Returns a list of consistent samples.  
    return def reject_inconsistent(samples, outcome):  
        consistent_samples = []  
        for sample in samples: ↙ (U = 1, T = 1)  
            if check_consistent(sample, outcome):  
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Conditional event = samples with  $(F_{lu} = 1, U = 1, T = 1)$ .

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Approximate Probability =  $\frac{\# \text{ samples with } (F_{lu} = 1, U = 1, T = 1)}{\# \text{ samples with } (U = 1, T = 1)}$

# Rejection sampling

If you can sample enough from the joint distribution, you can answer most probability inference questions.

With enough samples, you can correctly compute:

- Probability estimates
- Conditional probability estimates
- Expectation estimates

Because your samples are a representation of the joint distribution!

[flu, und, fev, tir]

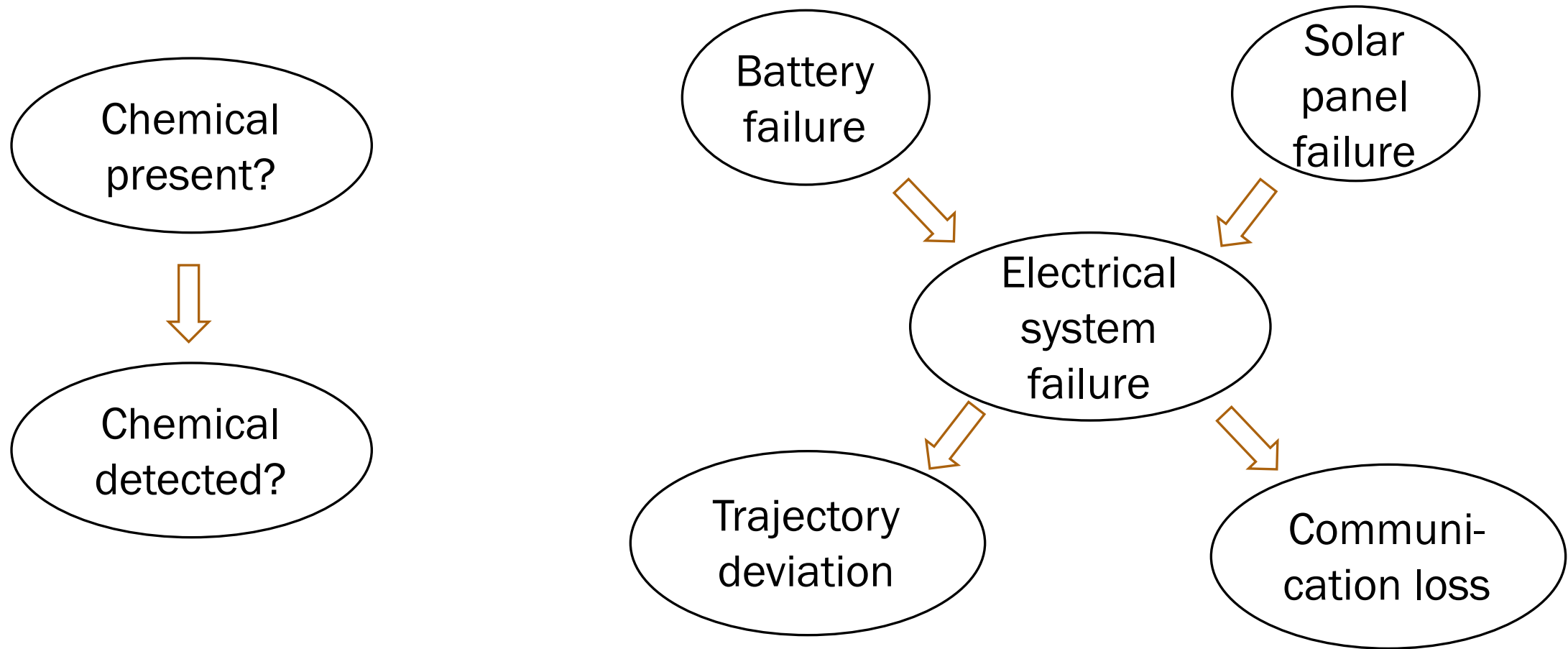
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...
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Finished sampling
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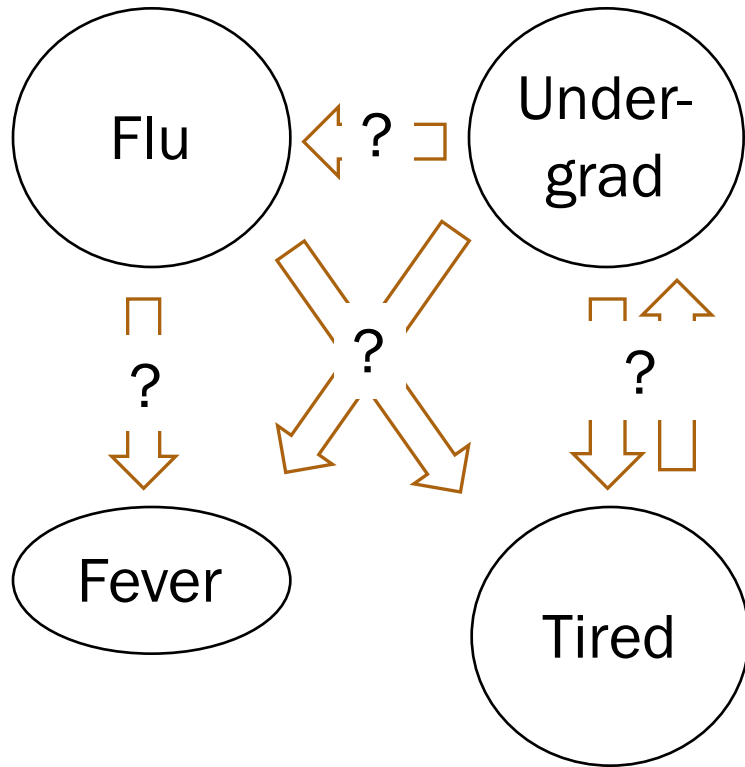
# Other applications

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Take CS238/AA228: Decision Making under Uncertainty!

# Challenge with Bayesian Networks



What if we don't know the structure?

Take CS228: Probabilistic Graphical Models!

# Disadvantages of rejection sampling

$$P(F_{lu} = 1 | F_{ev} = 99.4)?$$

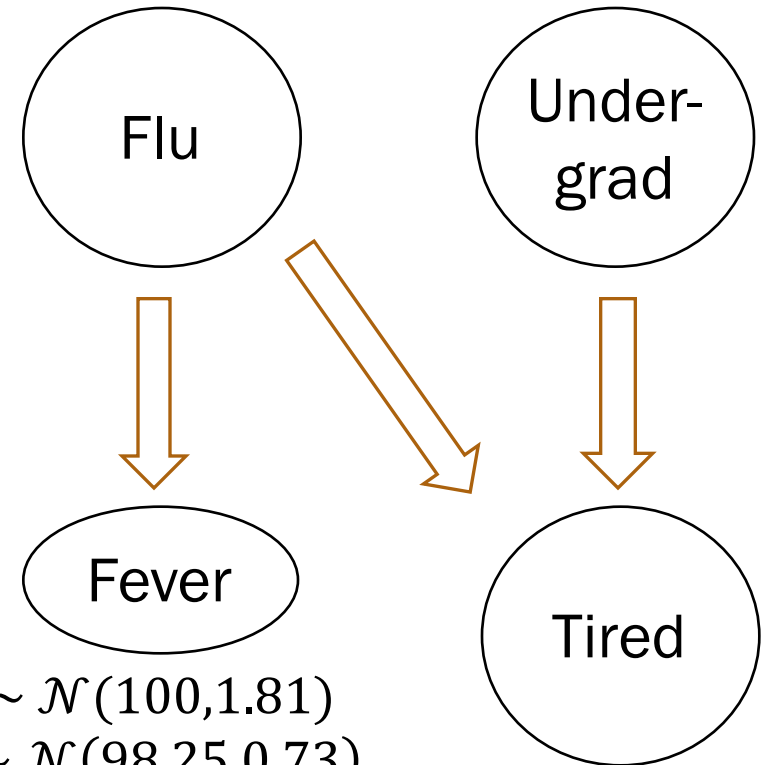
What if random variables are continuous?

What if you run out of time/computational power?



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