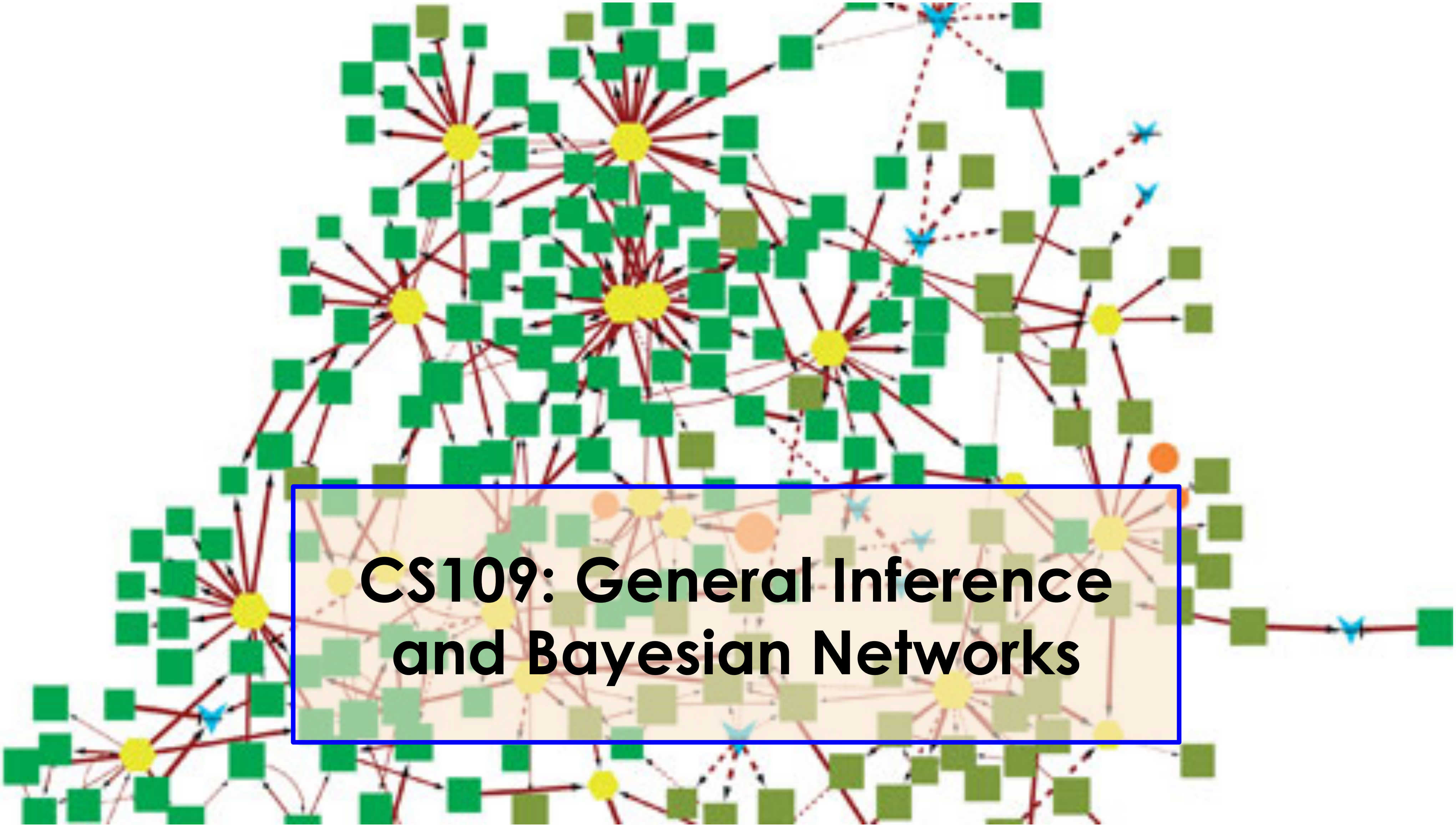

CS109: General Inference and Bayesian Networks

General Inference: Introduction

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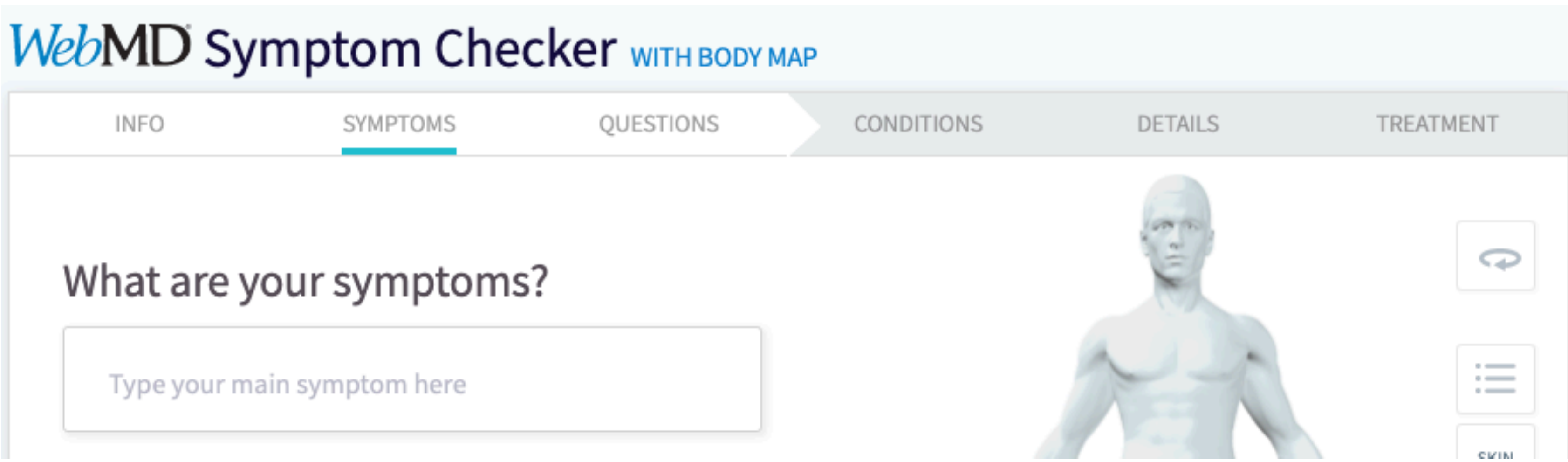
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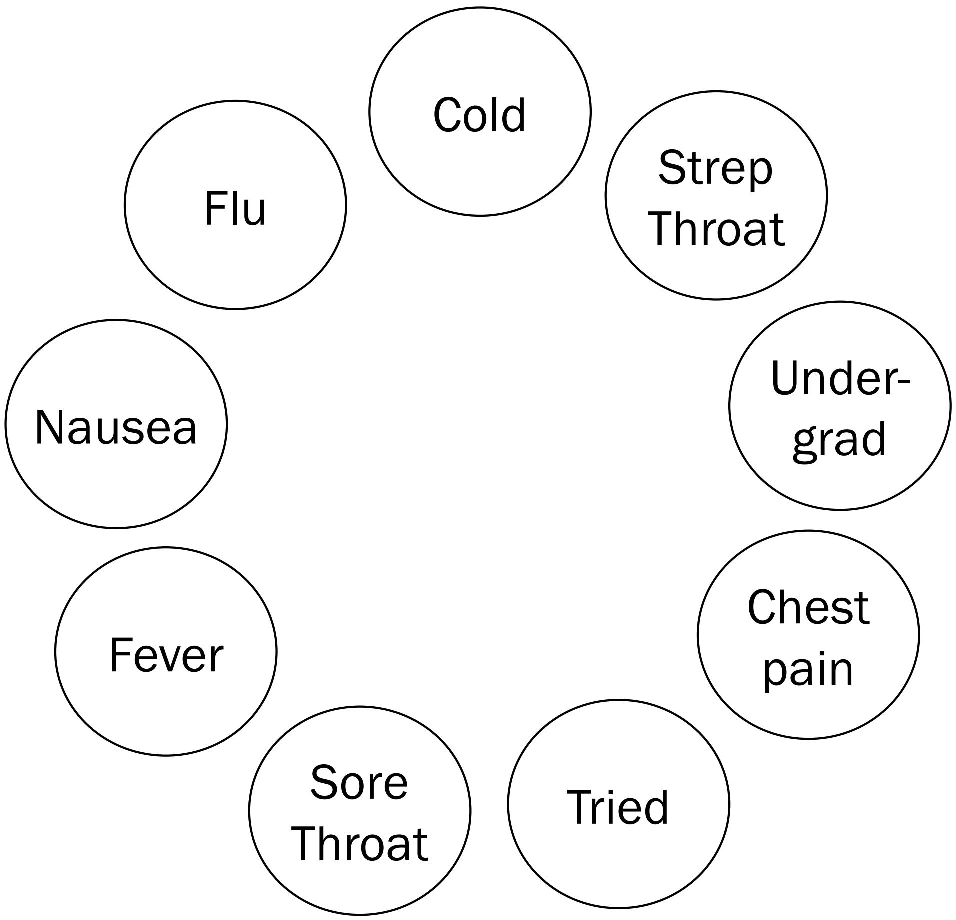
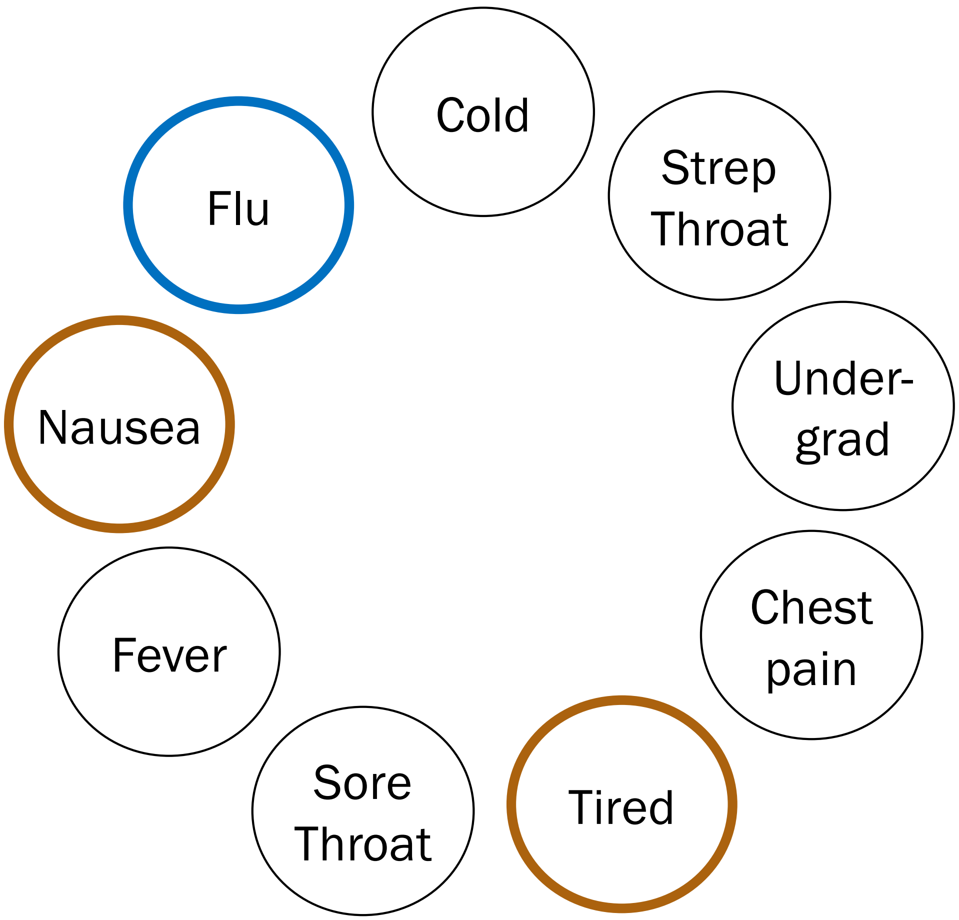


General inference question:

Given the values of some random variables, what are the conditional distributions of some other random variables?

Inference



One inference question:

$$P(F = 1 | N = 1, T = 1)$$

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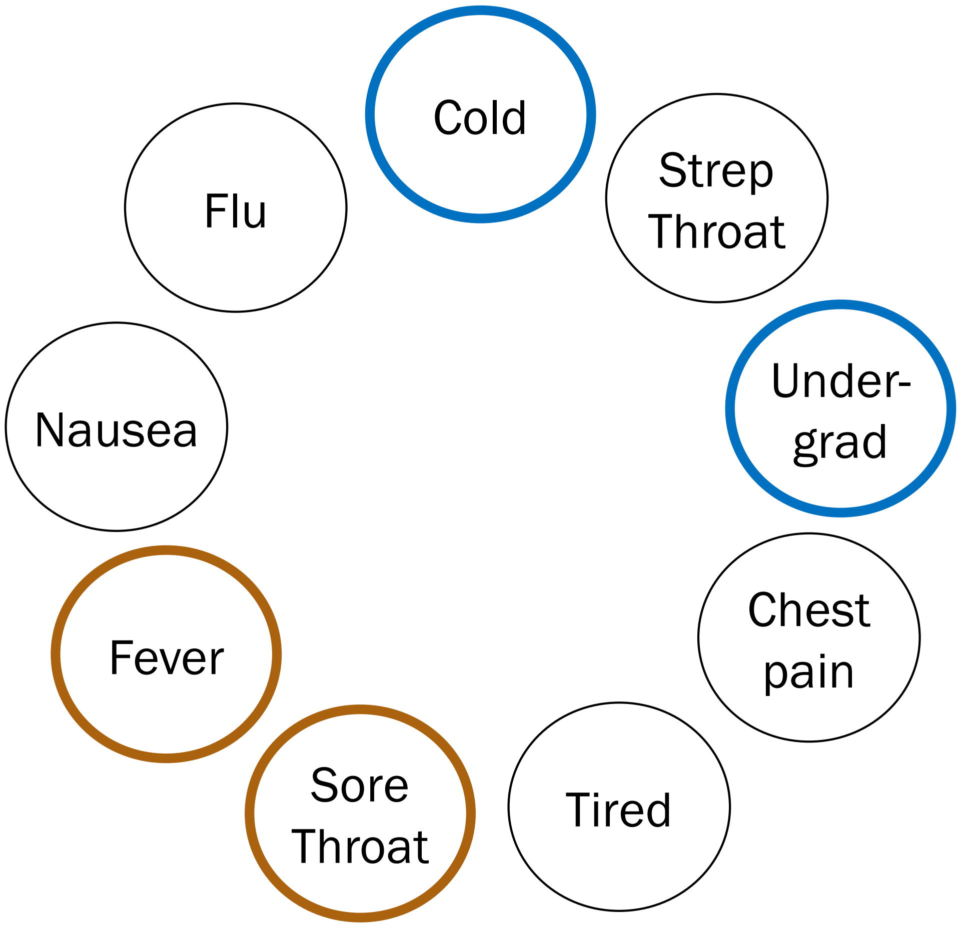
Inference

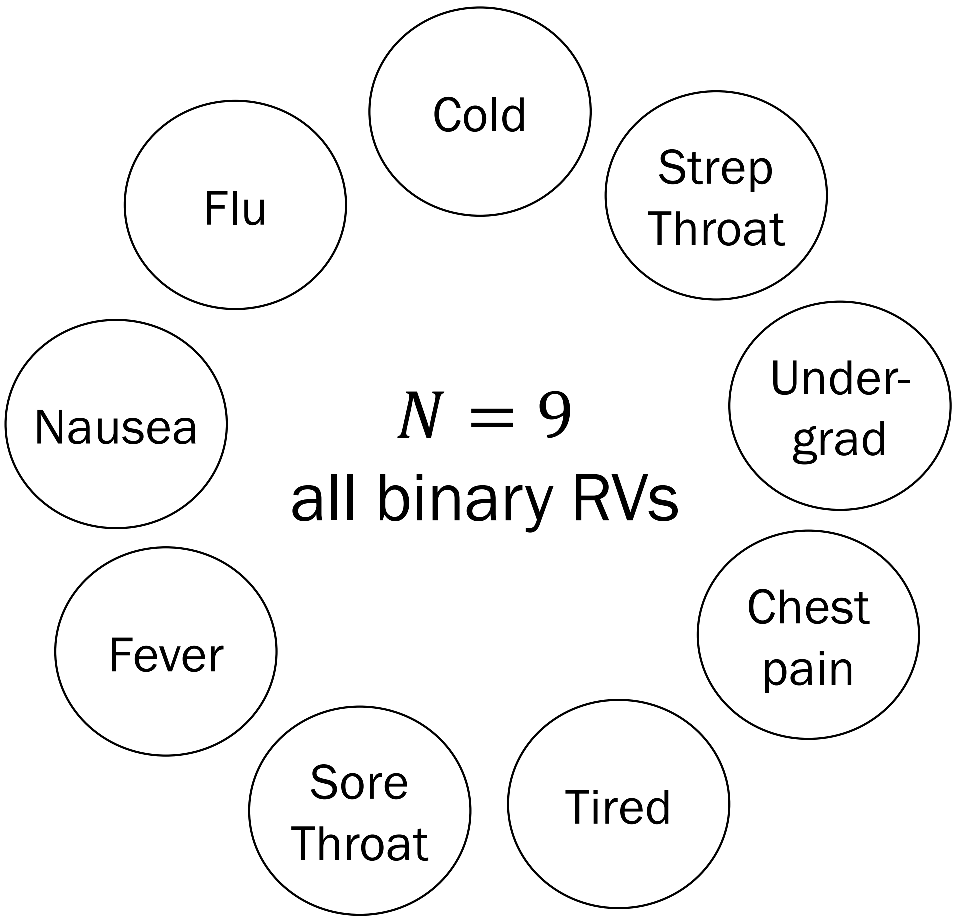


Another inference question:

$$P(C_o = 1, U = 1 | S = 0, F_e = 0)$$

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

Inference



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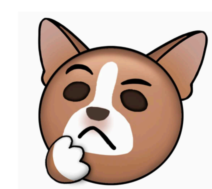

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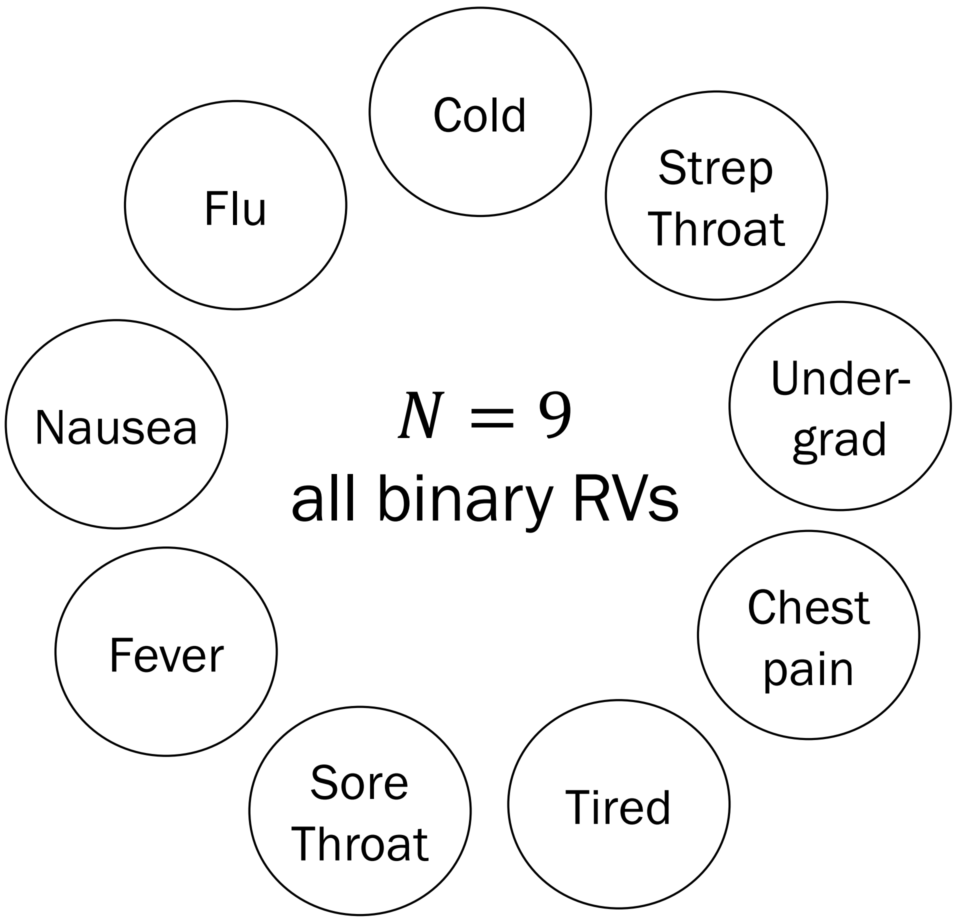

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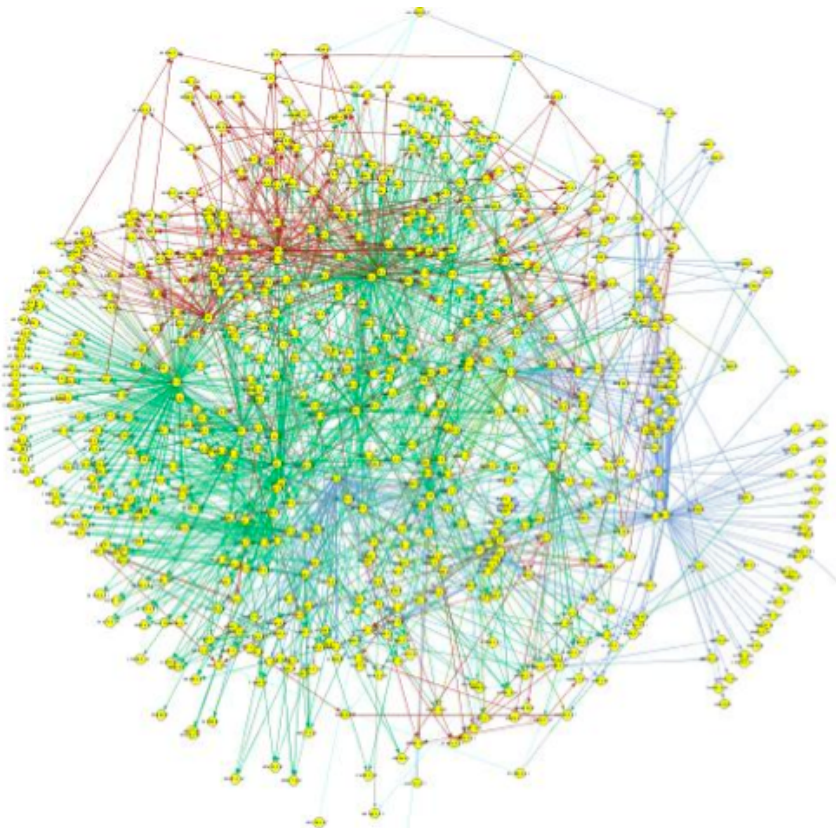
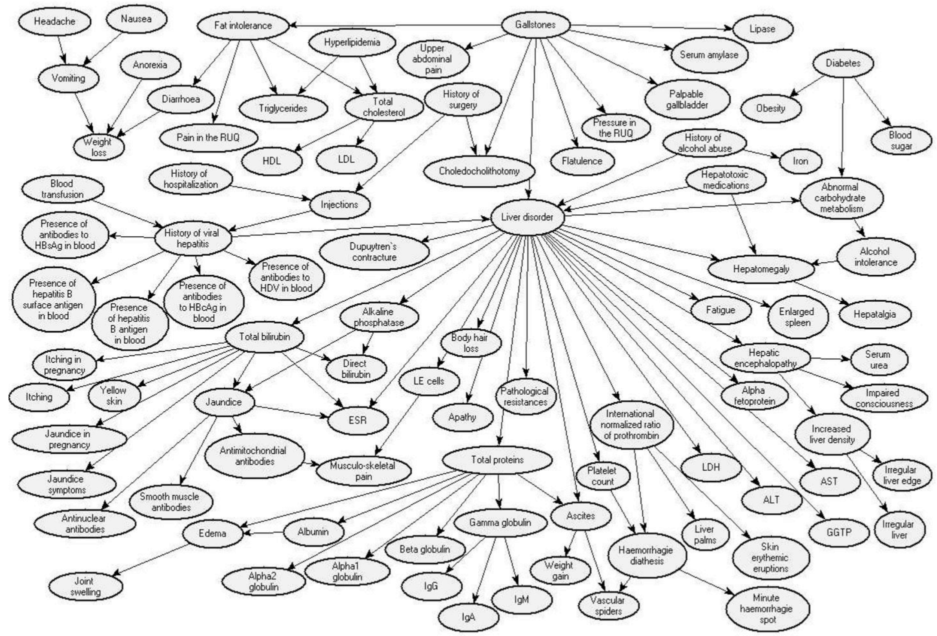
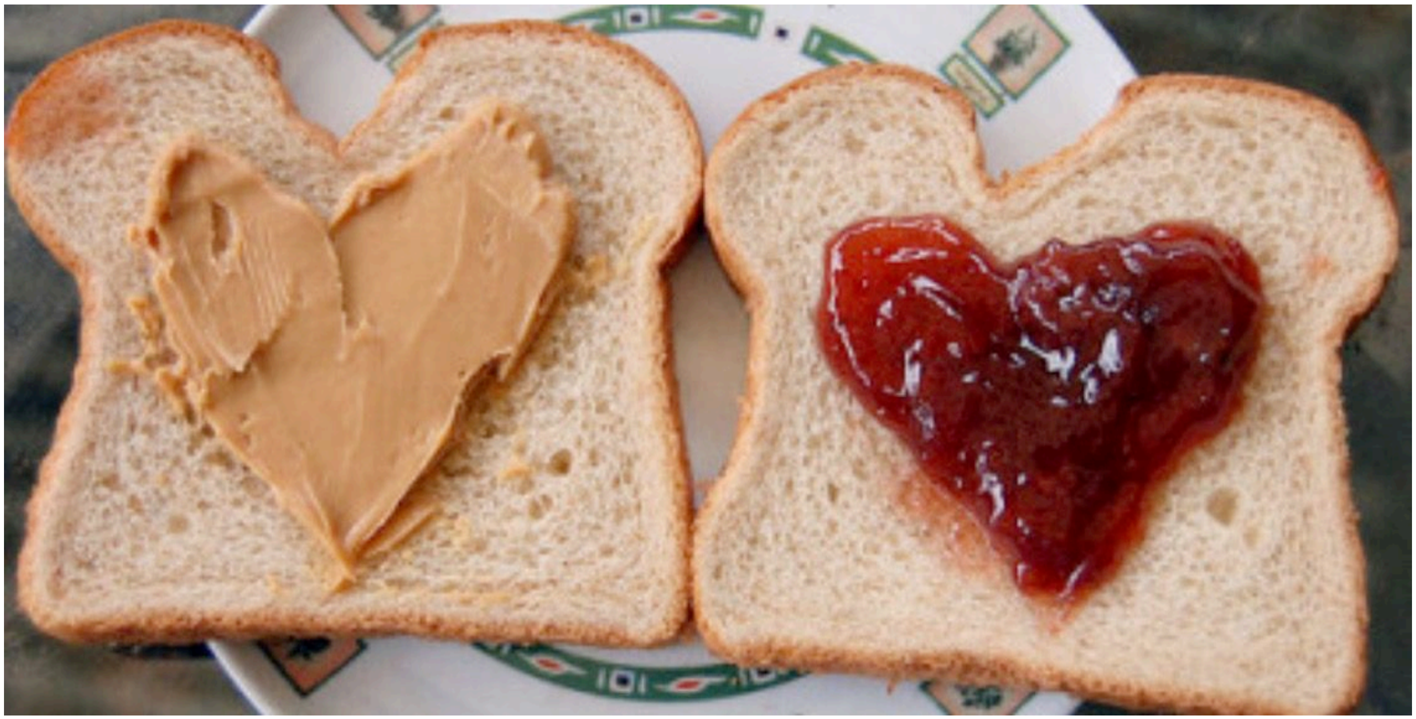
Naively specifying a joint distribution is, in general, intractable.

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):

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

Review: Independence of multiple random variables

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

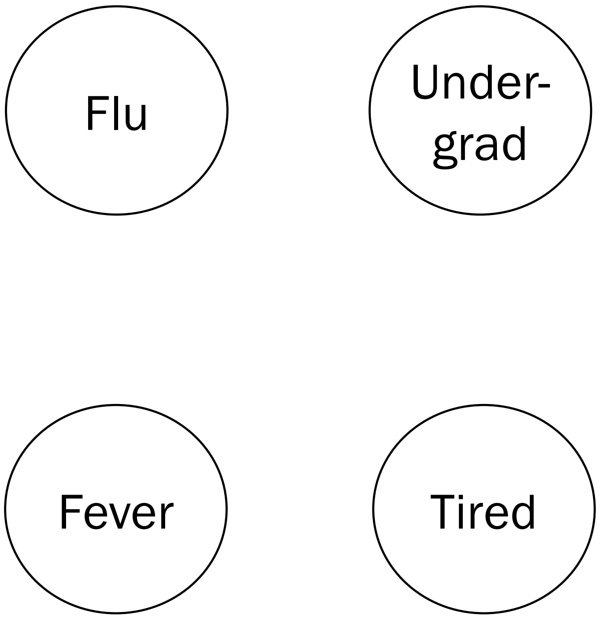
for $r = 1, \ldots, n$:
    for every subset $E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_r$:
        $P(E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_r) = P(E_1)P(E_2) \cdots P(E_r)$

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

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

Bayesian Networks

A simpler WebMD



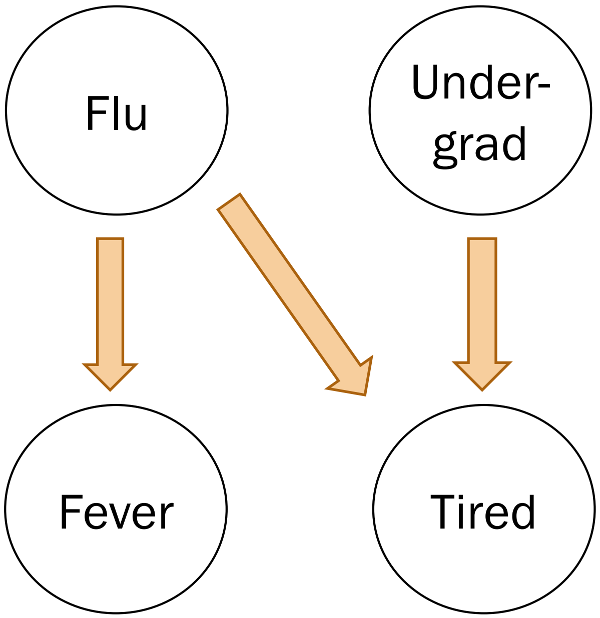
Great! Just specify $2^4 = 16$ joint probabilities…?

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

What would a Stanford flu expert do?

Describe the joint distribution using causality!

Constructing a Bayesian Network



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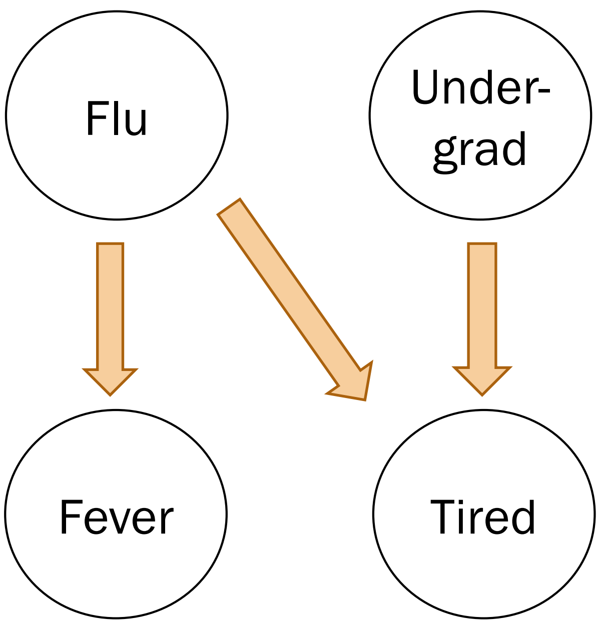

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Each random variable is conditionally independent of its non-descendants, given its parents.

- 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

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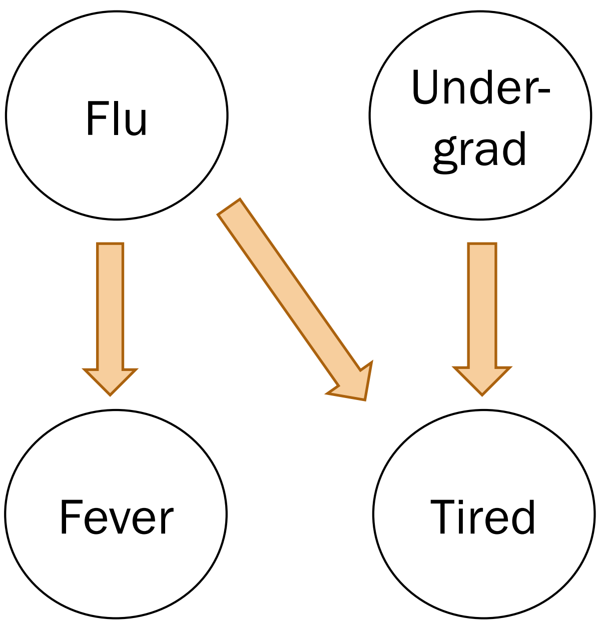

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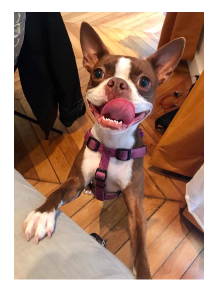

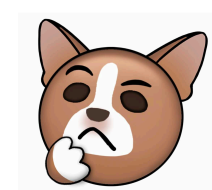

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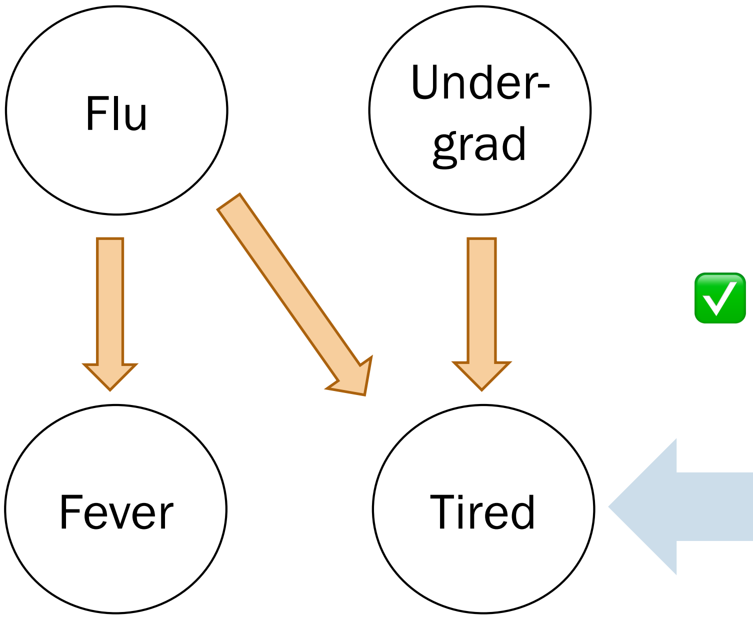

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Using a Bayes Net

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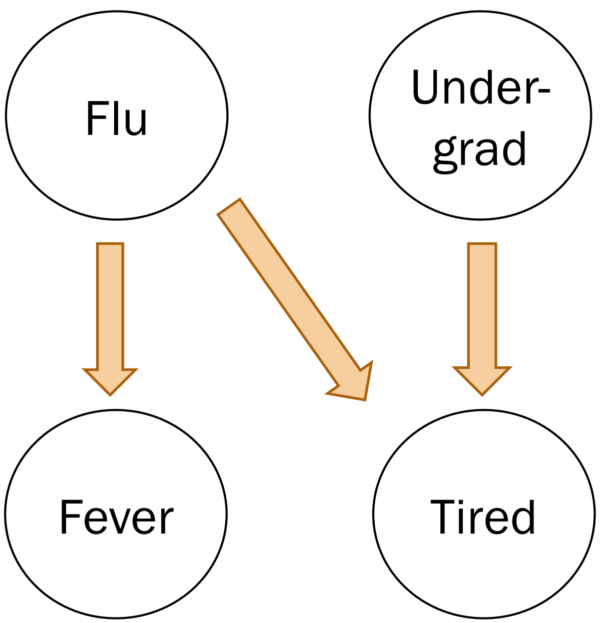

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What would a CS109 student do?

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

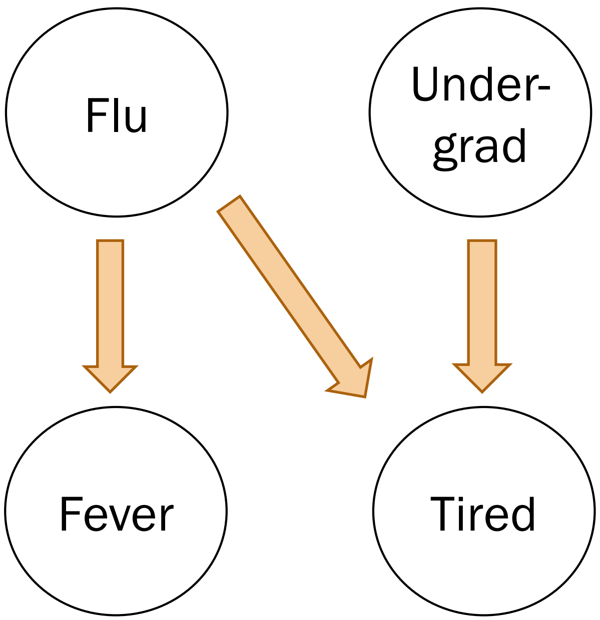
2. **Answer inference questions**

Our focus today

Inference (I): Math

Bayes Nets: Conditional independence

Review



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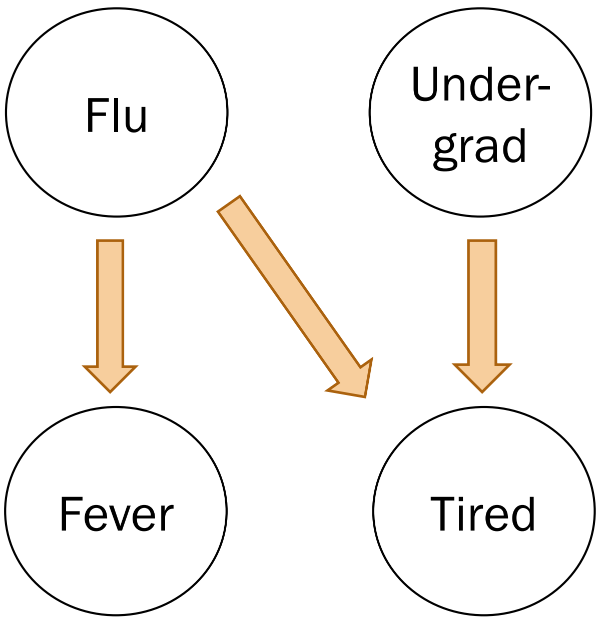

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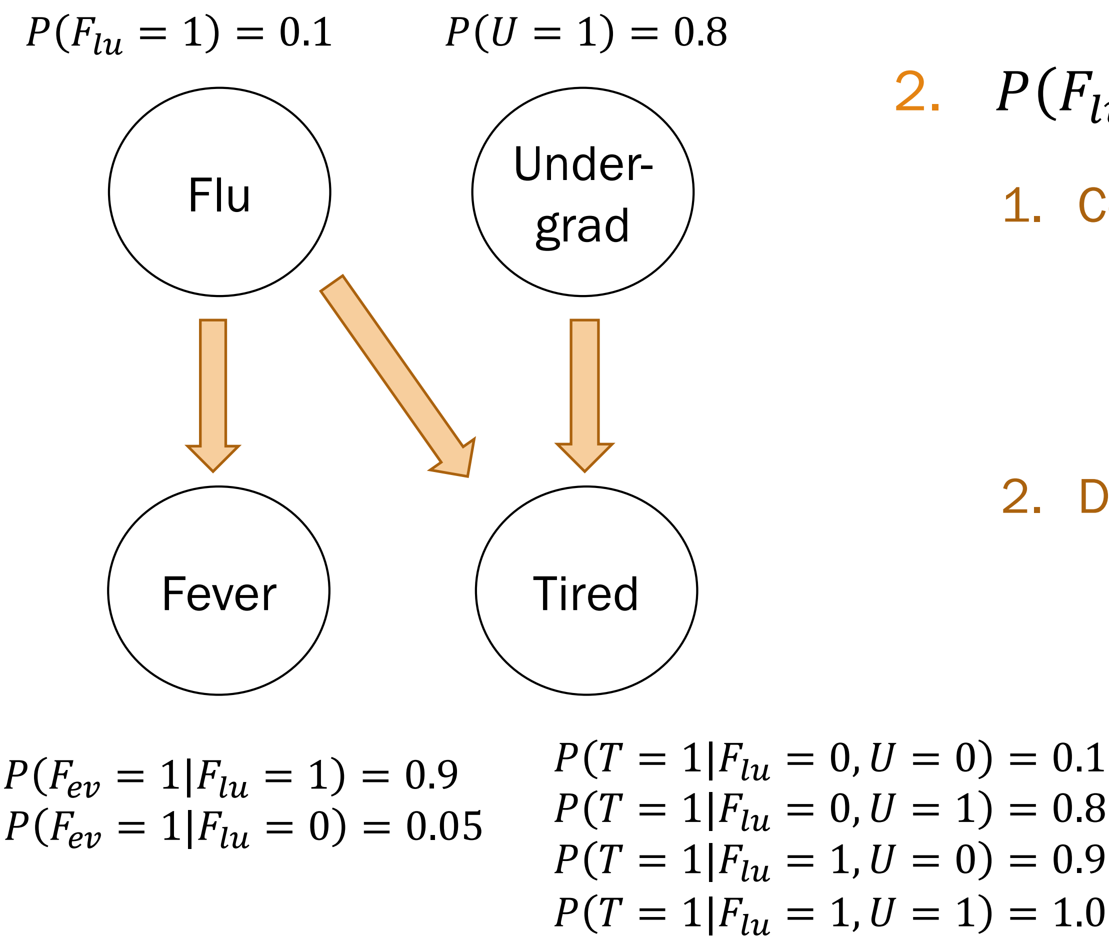
   Compute joint probabilities using chain rule.

Inference via math



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

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

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

   2. Definition of conditional probability

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

$$= 0.095$$

Inference via math

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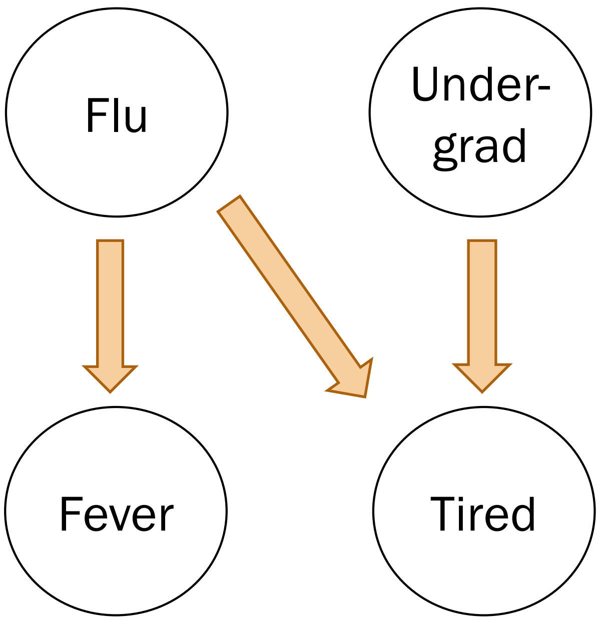

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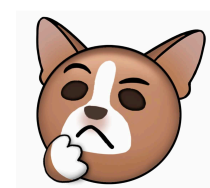

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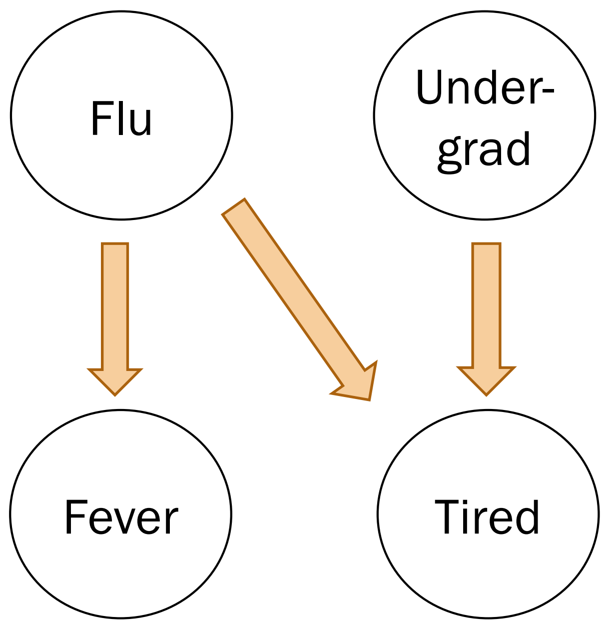

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      ...

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

$= 0.122$

Bayesian Brain Food

Let's take a two-minute break to brush our teeth and gargle with plaque-deterring peppermint mouthwash.

Once our teeth are clean and our breath minty fresh, we'll come back and take on this next problem about Bayesian Inference.

Inference via math

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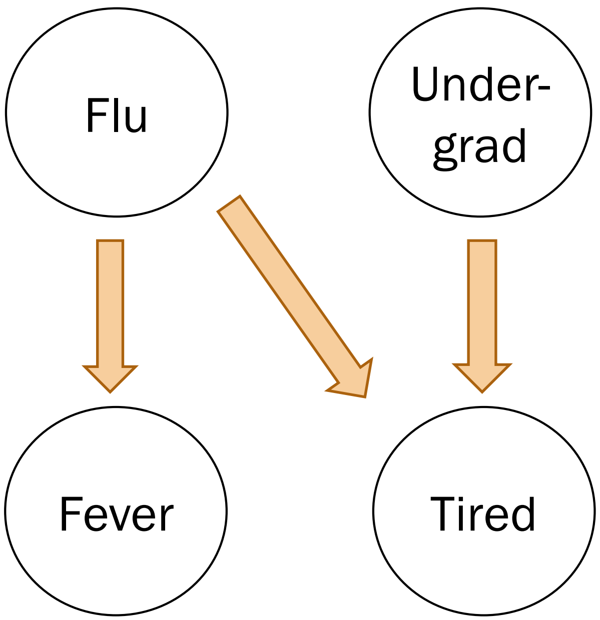

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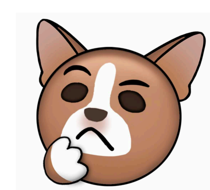

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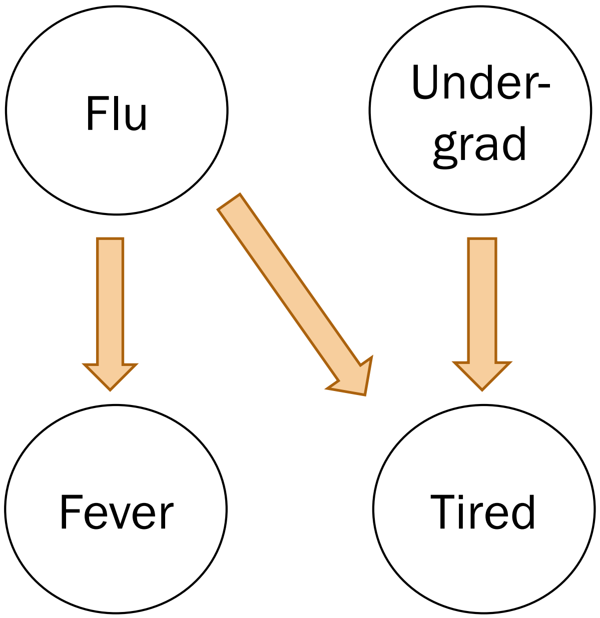

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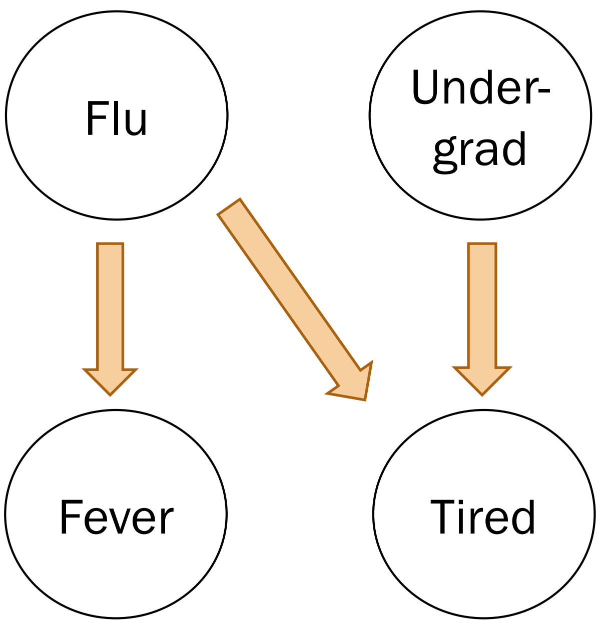

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(from earlier slide)

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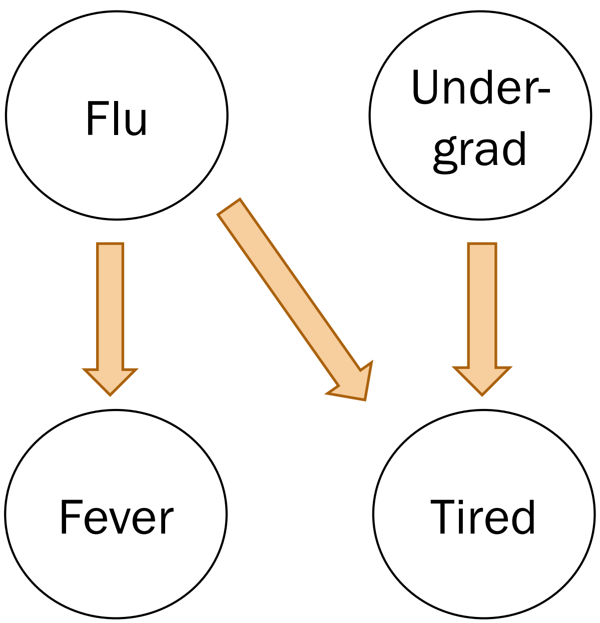

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Solving inference questions precisely is possible, but sometimes tedious.

Can we use sampling to solve inference questions *approximately*, but with high enough confidence that it deserves to be taught in CS109?

Yes!

Rejection sampling algorithm

Step 0:

Have a fully specified Bayesian Network

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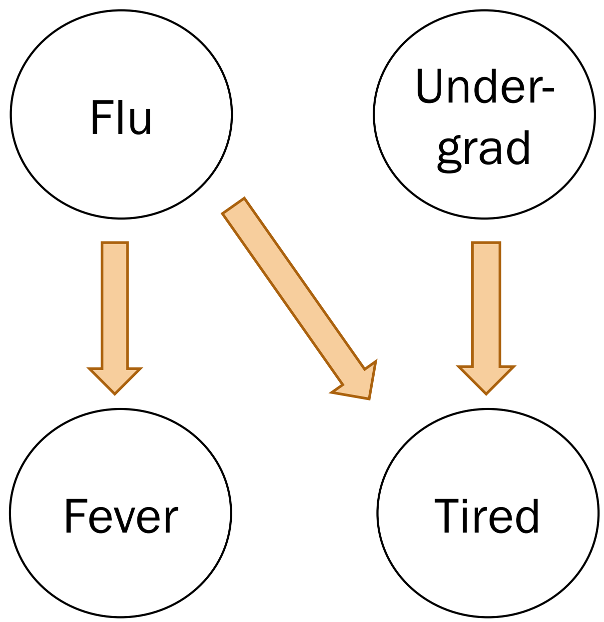

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Rejection sampling algorithm

Inference question: What is $P(F_{lu} = 1 | U = 1, T = 1)$?

```
def rejection_sampling(event, observation):
  samples = sample_a_ton()
  samples_observation = …
        # number of samples with (U = 1, T = 1)
  samples_event =
        # number of samples with (F_lu = 1, U = 1, T
  return len(samples_event)/len(samples_obser
```

[flu, und, fev, tir]

```
Sampling...
[0, 1, 0, 1]
[0, 1, 0, 1]
[0, 1, 0, 1]
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...
[0, 1, 0, 1]
Finished sampling
```

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 construct a sample $(F_{lu} = a, U = b, F_{ev} = c, T = d)$ that respects all joint probability distributions?

Create a sample using the Bayesian Network!!

Rejection sampling algorithm

```python
# Method: Make Sample
# -------------------
# construct one sample from the joint distribution
# based on the medical "WebMD" Bayesian Network
def make_sample():
    # prior on causal factors
    flu = bernoulli(0.1)
    und = bernoulli(0.8)

    # choose fever based on flu
    if flu == 1: fev = bernoulli(0.9)
    else:        fev = bernoulli(0.05)

    # choose tired based on (undergrad and flu)
    #
    # TODO: fill in
    #
    #

    # a sample from the joint has an
    # assignment to *all* random variables
    return [flu, und, fev, tir]
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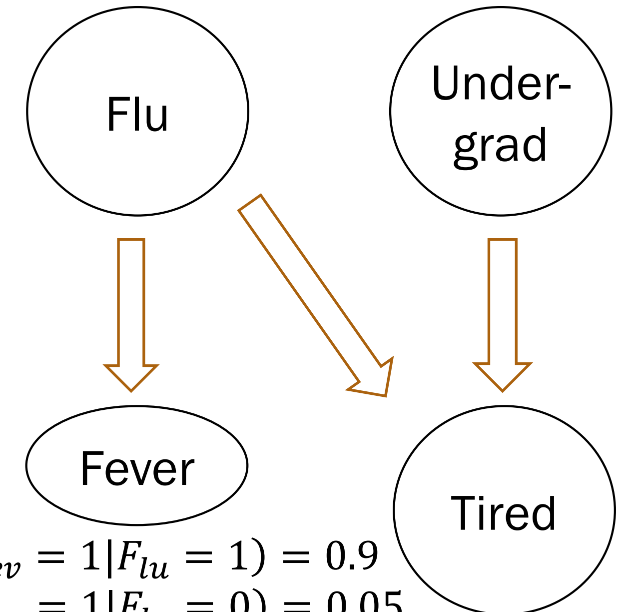

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# create a single sample from the joint distribution
# based on the medical "WebMD" Bayesian Network
def make_sample():
    # prior on causal factors
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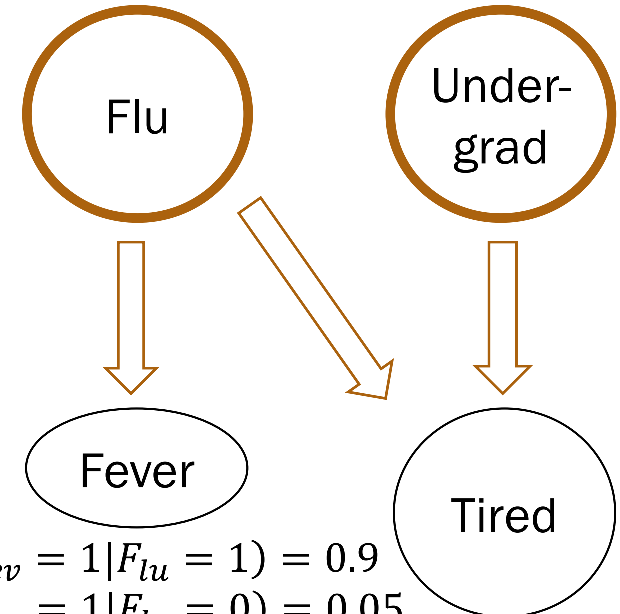

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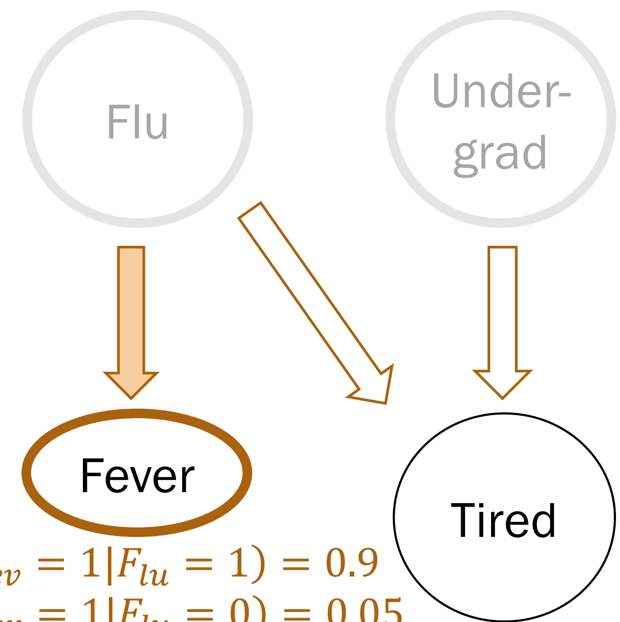

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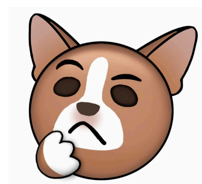

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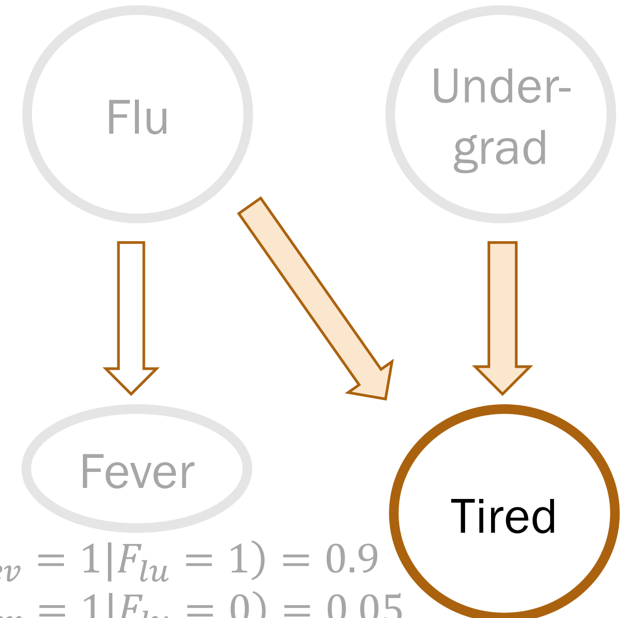

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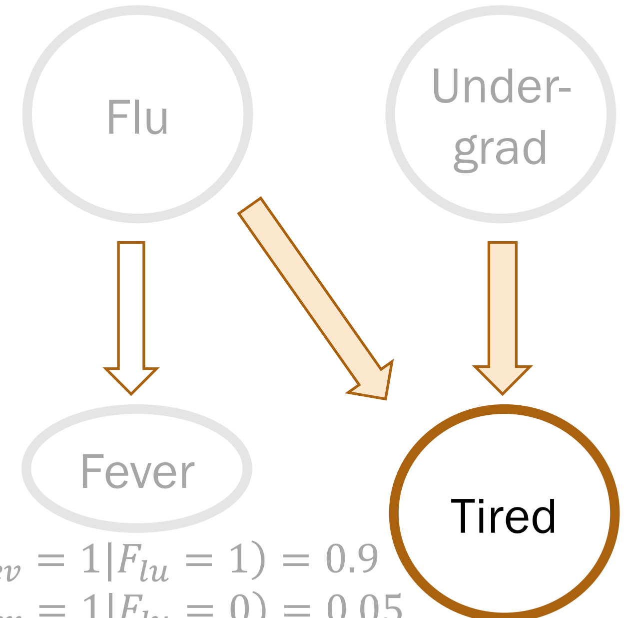

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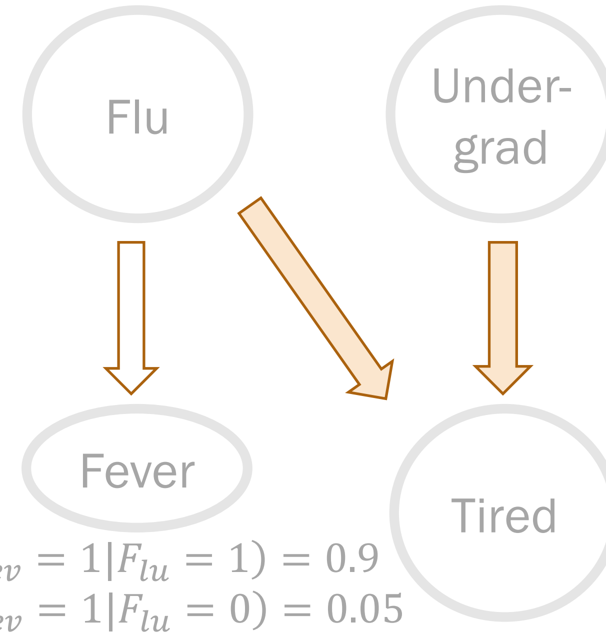

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# Rejects all samples that do not align with the outcome.
# Returns a list of consistent samples.
def reject_inconsistent(samples, outcome):
    consistent_samples = []
    for sample in samples:
        if check_consistent(sample, outcome):
            consistent_samples.append(sample)
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$(U = 1, T = 1)$

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samples: $(F_{lu} = x, U = 1, F_{ev} = y, T = 1)$

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Recall our definition of probability as a frequency:

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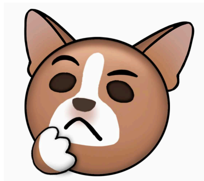
n = # of total trials
$n(E)$ = # trials where E occurs



To the code!

Rejection sampling

If you can sample enough from the joint distribution, you can answer any probability inference question.

With enough samples, you can correctly compute:

- Probability estimates
- Conditional probability estimates
- Expectation estimates

Because your samples are a representation of the joint distribution!

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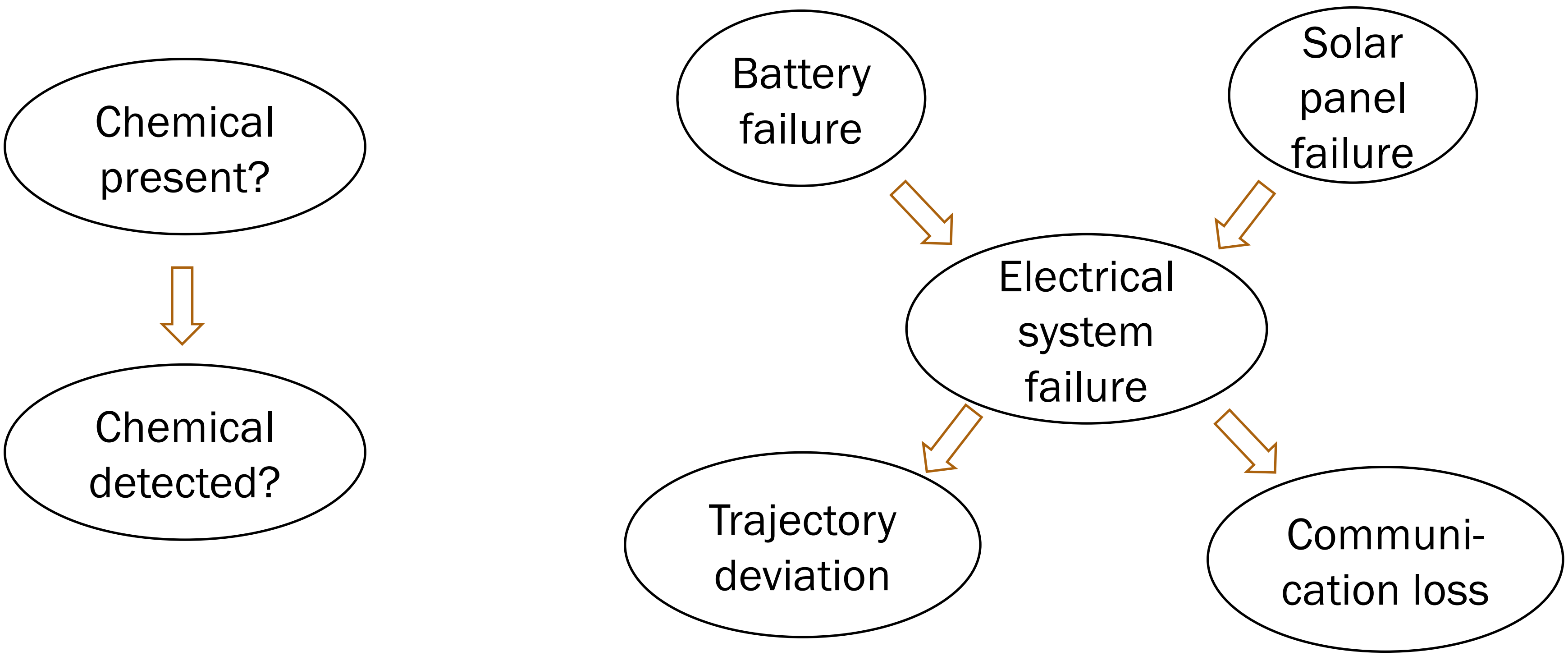
Other applications



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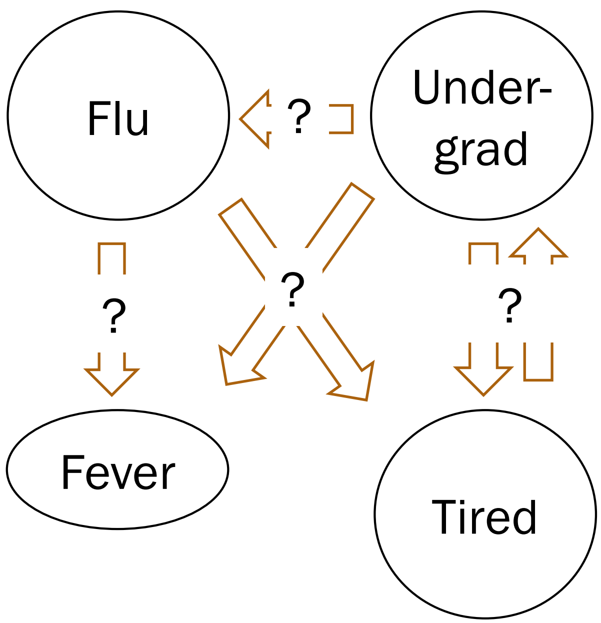
Challenge with Bayesian Networks



What if we don't know the structure?

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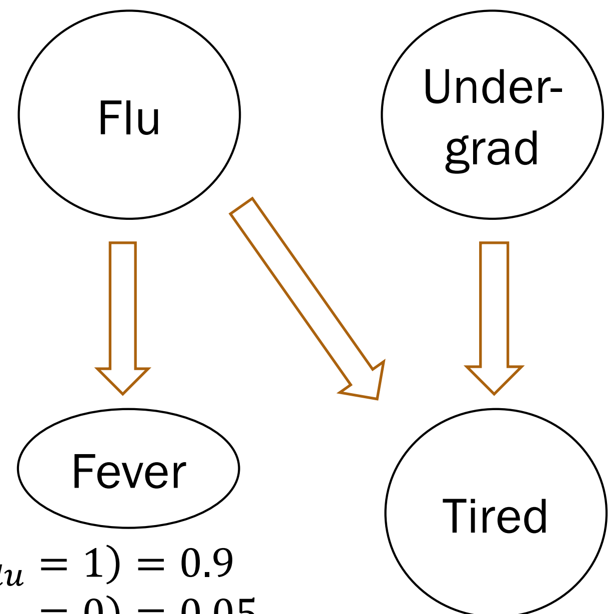

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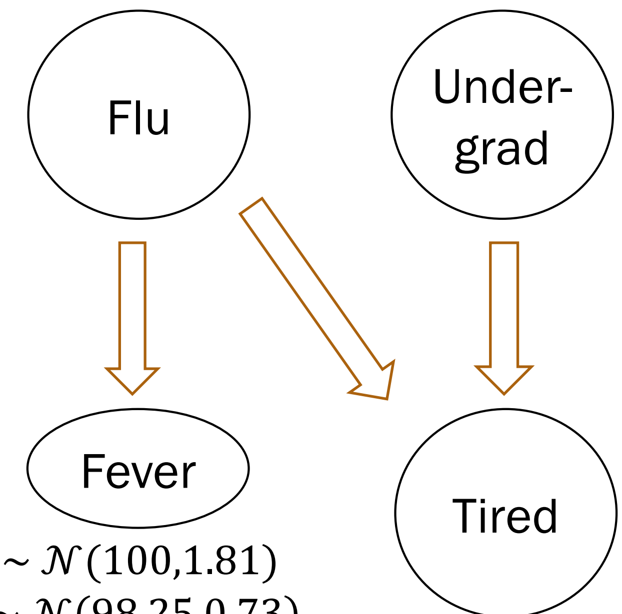

$$P(F_{lu} = 1 | F_{ev} = 99.4)?$$

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What if random variables are continuous?

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