Reasoning with Bayesian Networks

Overview

- Bayesian Belief Networks (BBNs) can reason with networks of propositions and associated probabilities
- Useful for many AI problems
  - Diagnosis
  - Expert systems
  - Planning
  - Learning

Recall Bayes Rule

$$P(H,E) = P(H \mid E)P(E) = P(E \mid H)P(H)$$

$$P(H \mid E) = \frac{P(E \mid H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

Note the symmetry: we can compute the probability of a hypothesis given its evidence and vice versa.

Simple Bayesian Network

P(S=no)	0.80
P(S=light)	0.15
P(S=heavy)	0.05

$C \in \{none, benign, malignant\}$

Smoking=	*no*	*light*	*heavy*
P(C=none)	0.96	0.88	0.60
P(C=benign)	0.03	0.08	0.25
P(C=malig)	0.01	0.04	0.15

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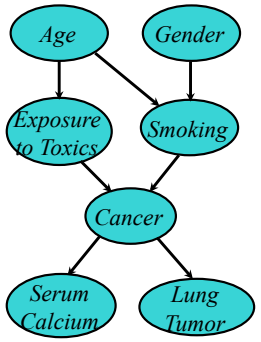

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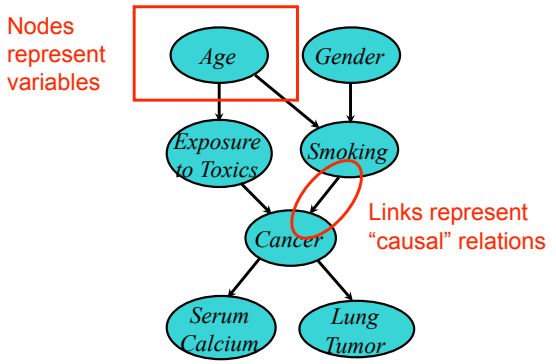

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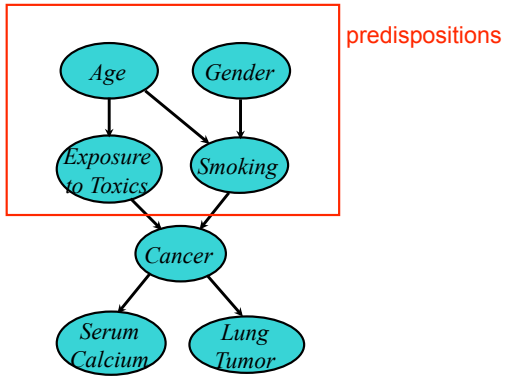

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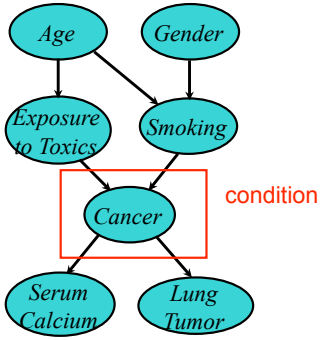

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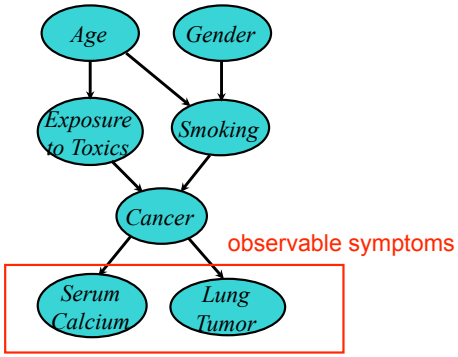

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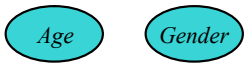

Age and *Gender* are independent.

$P(A,G) = P(G)P(A)$

$P(A|G) = P(A) \quad A \perp G$
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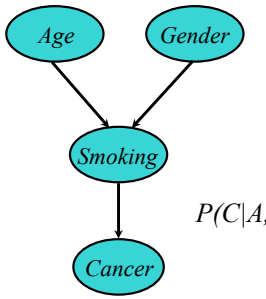
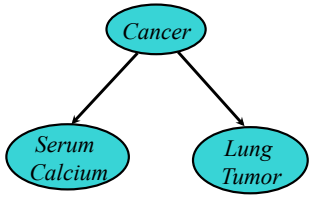
Conditional Independence



Cancer is independent of *Age* and *Gender* given *Smoking*.

$P(C|A,G,S) = P(C|S) \quad C \perp A,G \mid S$

Conditional Independence: Naïve Bayes



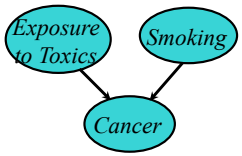
Serum Calcium and *Lung Tumor* are dependent

Serum Calcium is independent of *Lung Tumor*, given *Cancer*

$P(L|SC,C) = P(L|C)$

Naïve Bayes assumption: evidence (e.g., symptoms) is independent given the disease. This make it easy to combine evidence

Explaining Away



Exposure to Toxics and *Smoking* are independent

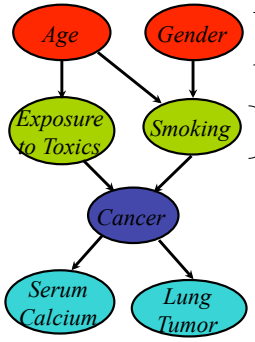
Exposure to Toxics is **dependent** on *Smoking*, given *Cancer*

$P(E = heavy \mid C = malignant) >$
$P(E = heavy \mid C = malignant, S=heavy)$

"Explaining away" is like abductive inference in that it moves from observation to possible causes or explanations.

Conditional Independence

A variable (node) is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents



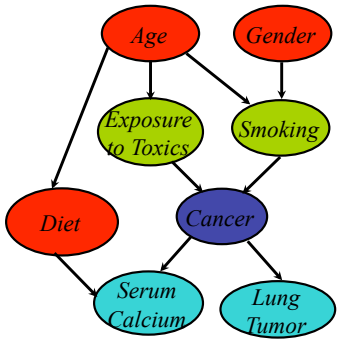
Non-Descendants

Parents

Descendants

Cancer is independent of *Age* and *Gender* given *Exposure to Toxics* and *Smoking*.

Another non-descendant



A variable is conditionally independent of its non-descendants given its parents

Cancer is independent of *Diet* given *Exposure to Toxics* and *Smoking*

BBN Construction

The knowledge acquisition process for a BBN involves three steps

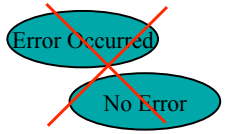
- Choosing appropriate variables
- Deciding on the network structure
- Obtaining data for the conditional probability tables

(1) Choosing variables

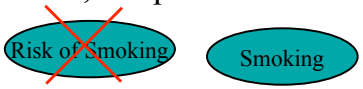
Variables should be collectively exhaustive, mutually exclusive values

$$x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4$$

$$\neg (x_i \wedge x_j) \quad i \neq j$$



They should be values, not probabilities

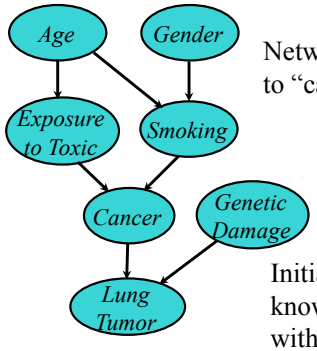


Heuristic: Knowable in Principle

Example of good variables

- Weather {Sunny, Cloudy, Rain, Snow}
- Gasoline: Cents per gallon
- Temperature { ≥ 100F , < 100F}
- User needs help on Excel Charting {Yes, No}
- User's personality {dominant, submissive}

(2) Structuring

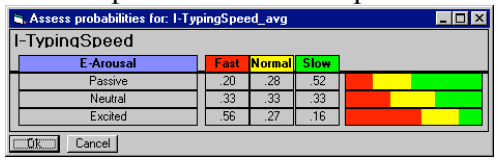


Network structure corresponding to "causality" is usually good.

Initially this uses the designer's knowledge but can be checked with data

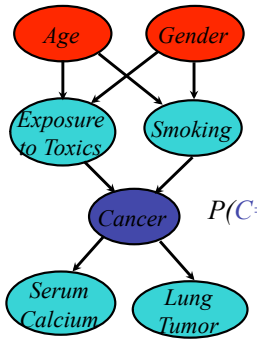
(3) The numbers

- Second decimal usually doesn't matter
- Relative probabilities are important



- Zeros and ones are often enough
- Order of magnitude is typical: 10^{-9} vs 10^{-6}
- Sensitivity analysis can be used to decide accuracy needed

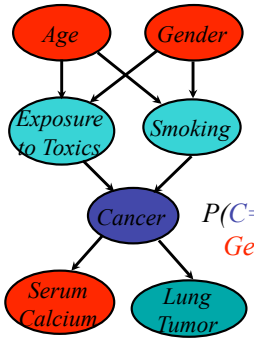
Predictive Inference



How likely are elderly males to get malignant cancer?

P(C=malignant | Age>60, Gender=male)

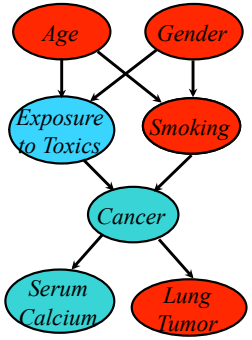
Predictive and diagnostic combined



How likely is an elderly male patient with high Serum Calcium to have malignant cancer?

P(C=malignant | Age>60, Gender= male, Serum Calcium = high)

Explaining away



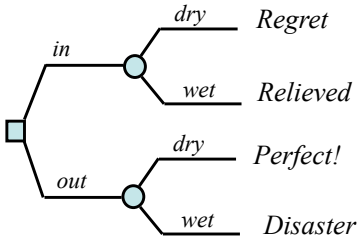
- If we see a lung tumor, the probability of heavy smoking and of exposure to toxics both go up.
- If we then observe heavy smoking, the probability of exposure to toxics goes back down.

Decision making

- Decision - an irrevocable allocation of domain resources
- Decision should be made so as to maximize expected utility.
- View decision making in terms of
  - Beliefs/Uncertainties
  - Alternatives/Decisions
  - Objectives/Utilities

A Decision Problem

Should I have my party inside or outside?



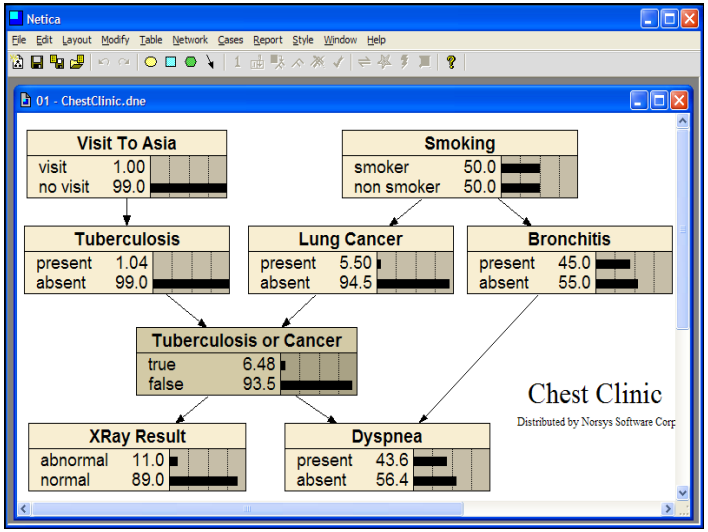
Value Function

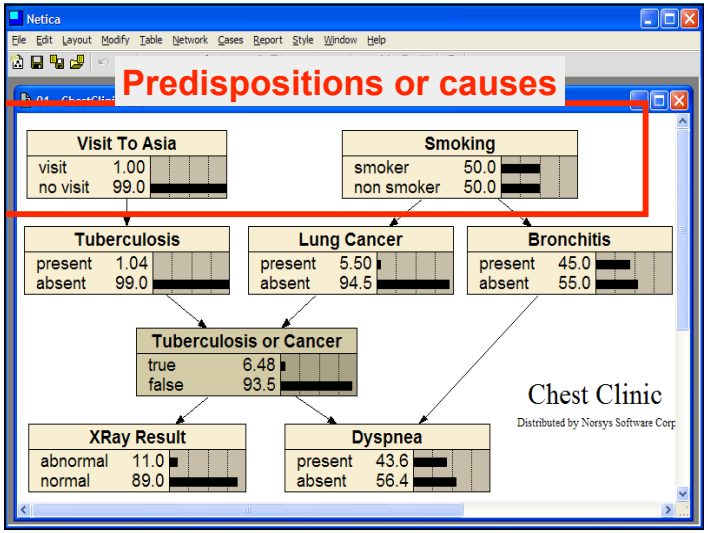
A numerical score over all possible states of the world allows BBN to be used to make decisions

Location?	Weather?	Value
in	dry	$50
in	wet	$60
out	dry	$100
out	wet	$0

Netica

- Software for working with Bayesian belief networks and influence diagrams
- A commercial product but free for small networks
- Includes a graphical editor, compiler, inference engine, etc.
- http://www.norsys.com/

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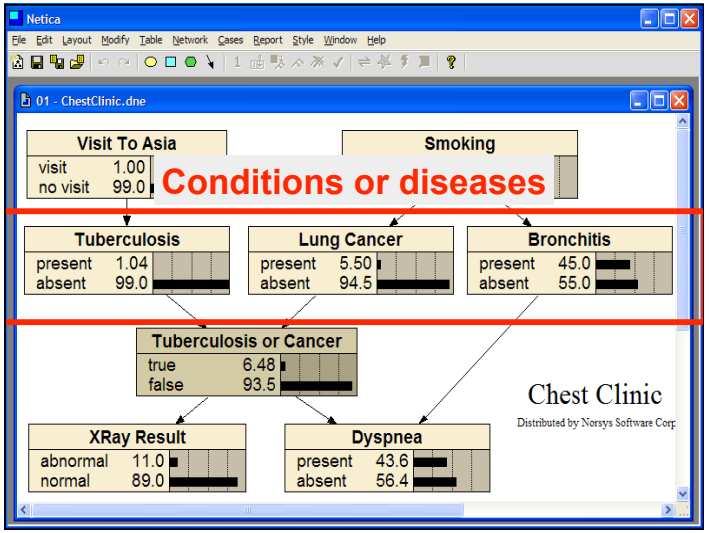
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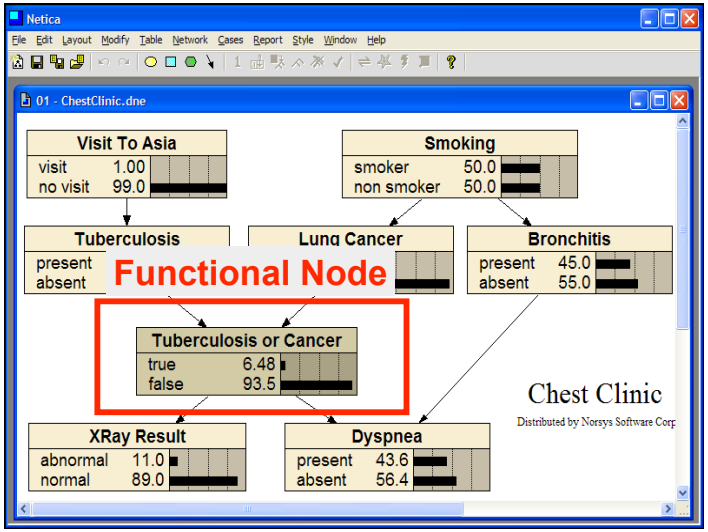
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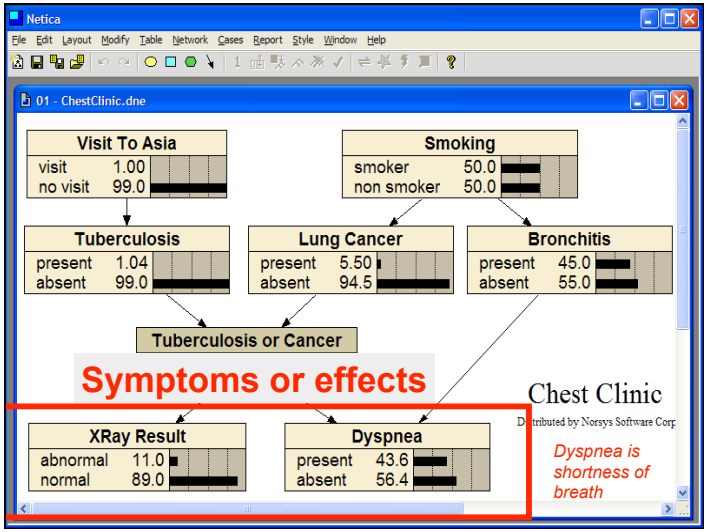
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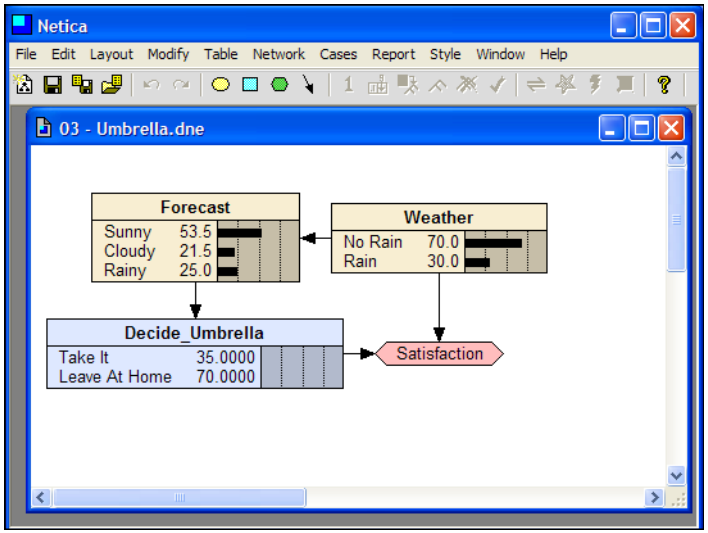
Dyspnea is shortness of breath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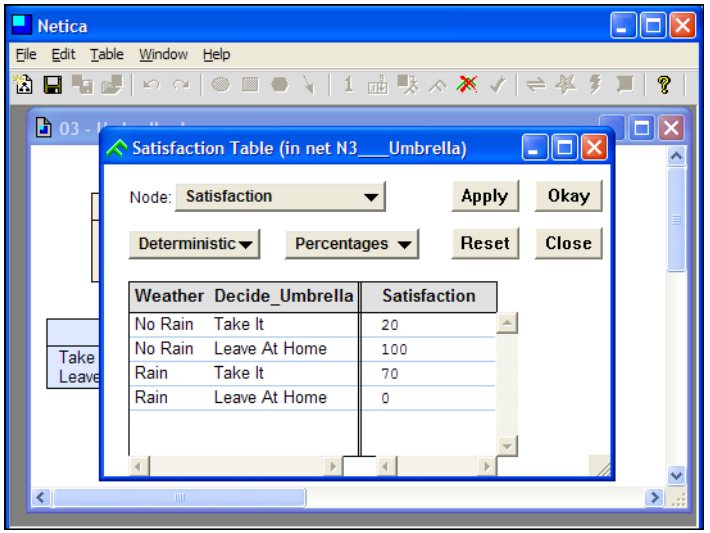
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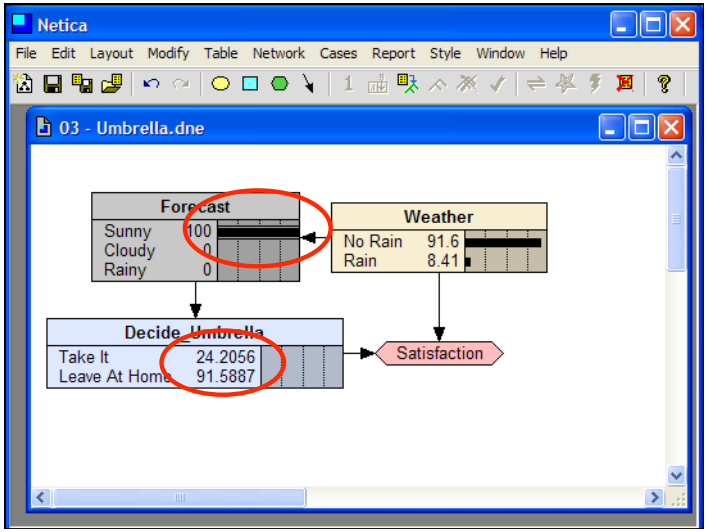
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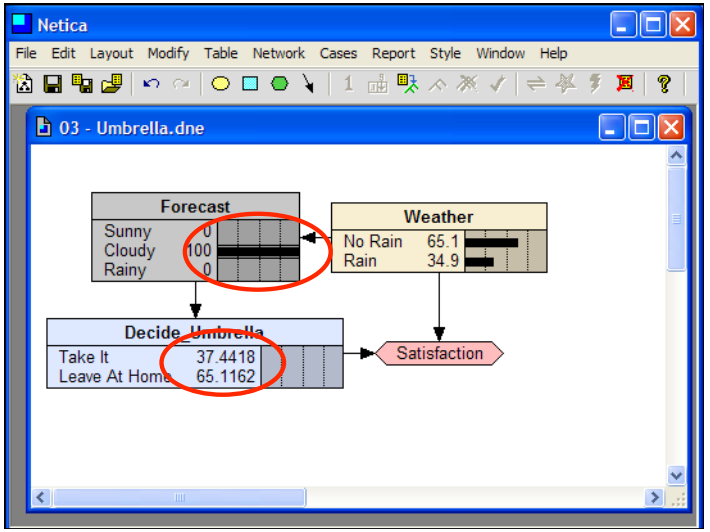
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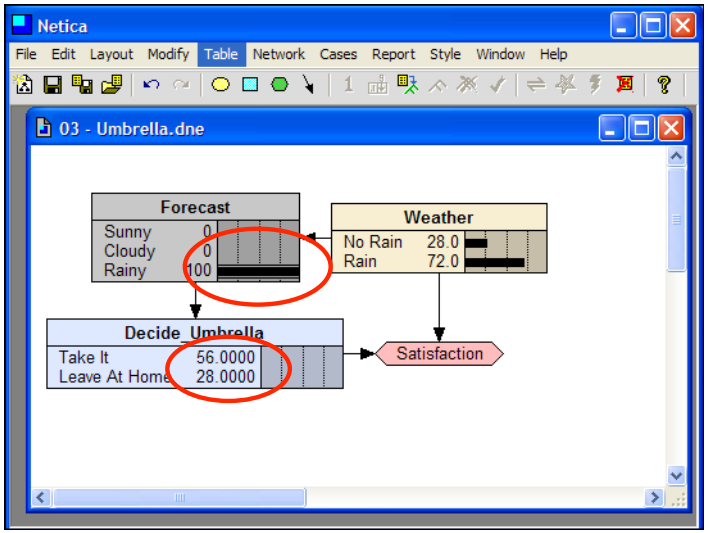
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