

Representation

**Bayesian Networks** 

## Application: Diagnosis

## Medical Diagnosis: Pathfinder (1992)

- Help pathologist diagnose lymph node pathologies (60 different diseases)
- Pathfinder I: Rule-based system
- Pathfinder II used naïve Bayes and got superior performance

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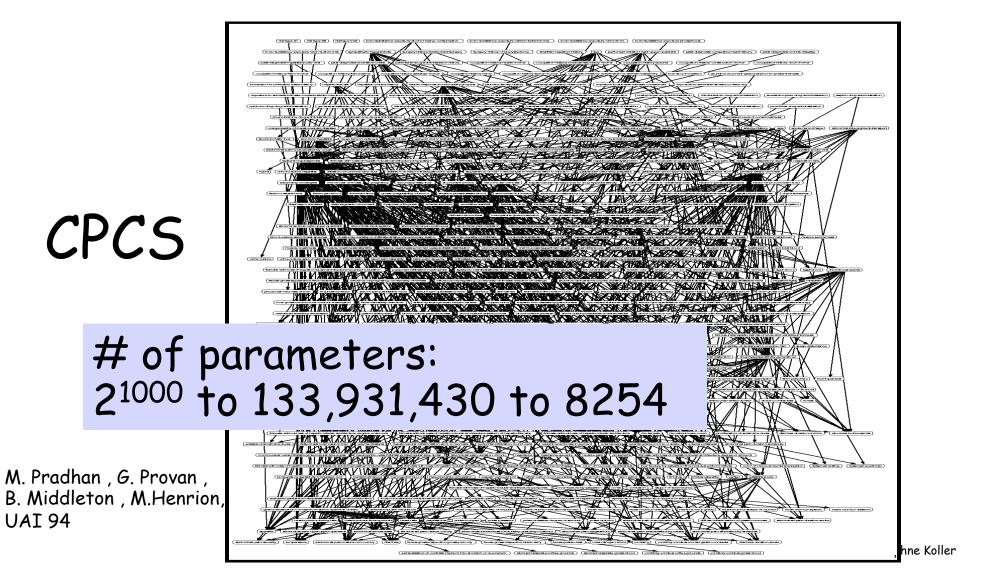
- Pathfinder III: Naïve Bayes with better knowledge engineering
- No incorrect zero probabilities
- Better calibration of conditional probabilities
  - $P(finding | disease_1) to P(finding | disease_2)$
  - Not  $P(finding_1 | disease)$  to  $P(finding_2 | disease)$

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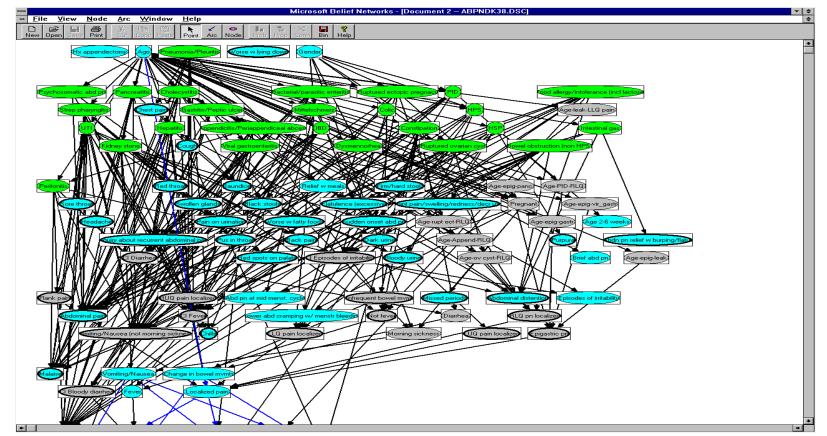
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- Pathfinder IV: Full Bayesian network
  - Removed incorrect independencies
  - Additional parents led to more accurate estimation of probabilities
- BN model agreed with expert panel in 50/53 cases, vs 47/53 for naïve Bayes model
- Accuracy as high as expert that designed the model

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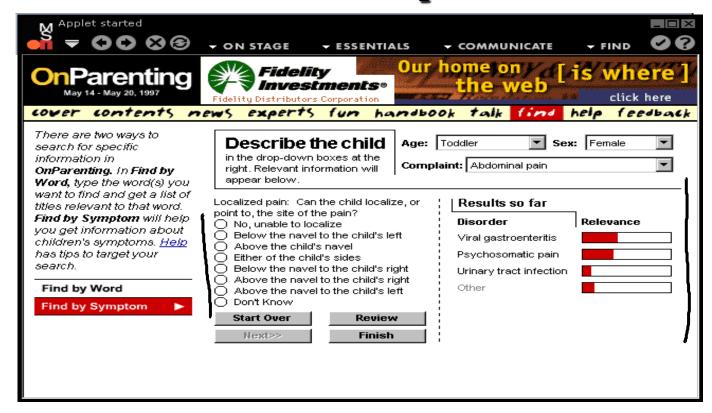


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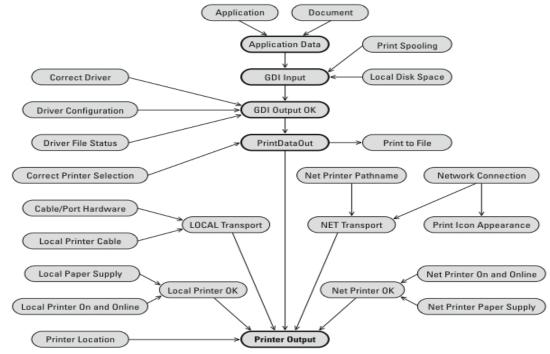
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# Fault Diagnosis Microsoft troubleshooters



## Fault Diagnosis

- Many examples:
  - Microsoft troubleshooters
  - Car repair
- Benefits:
  - Flexible user interface
  - Easy to design and maintain  $\leftarrow$