

Imprecise Probabilistic Graphical Models

Credal Networks and Other Guys

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- Imprecise Probability Group
 - (1 professor, 4 researchers, 1 phd)
 - Theory of imprecise probability
 - Probabilistic graphical models
 - Data mining and classification
 - Observations modelling (missing data)
 - Data fusion and filtering
 - Applications to environmental modelling, military decision making, risk analysis, bioinformatics, biology, tracking, vision, . . .

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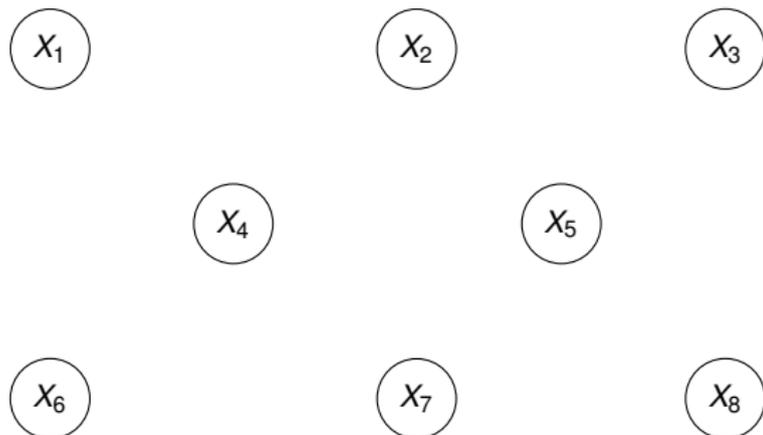
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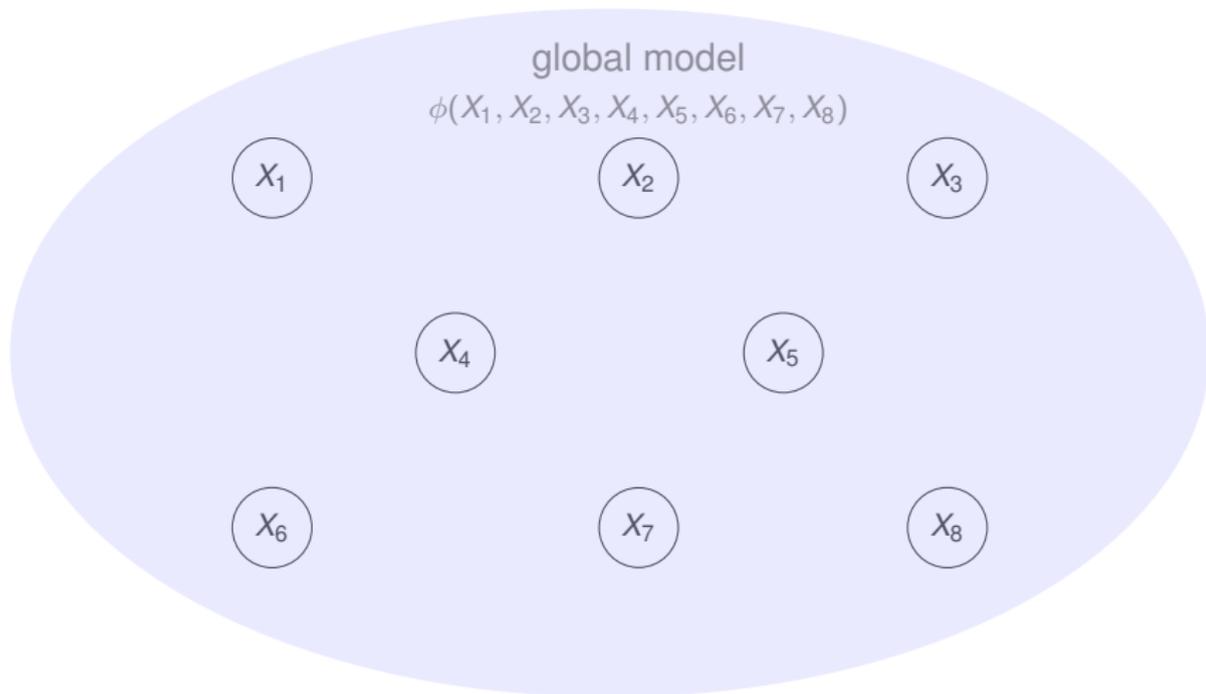
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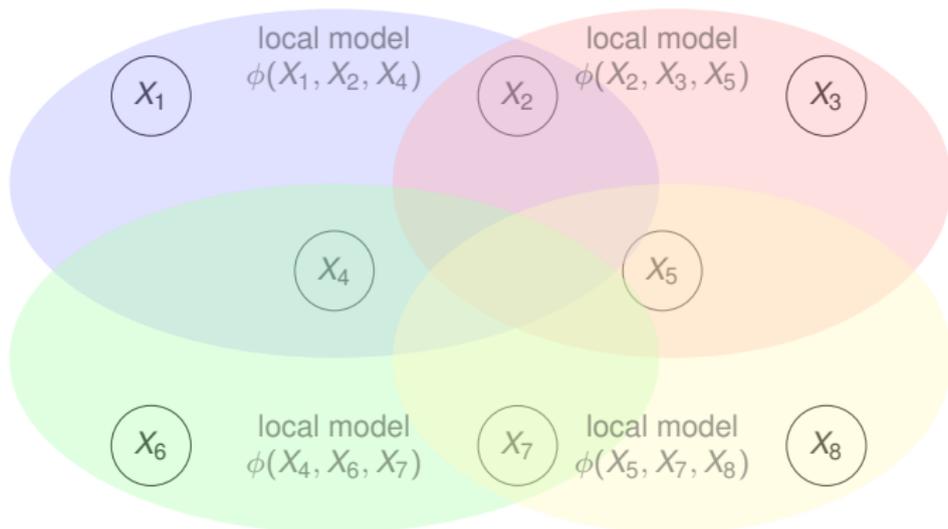


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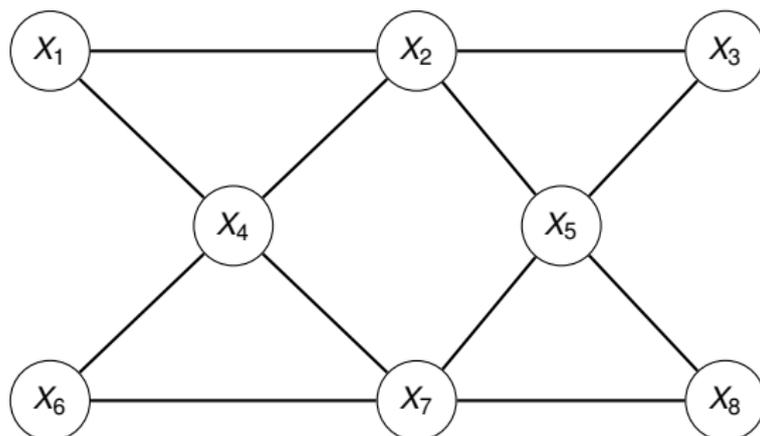
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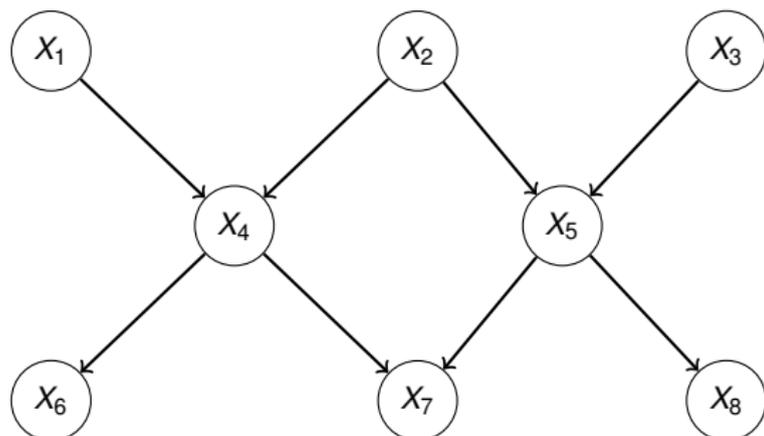
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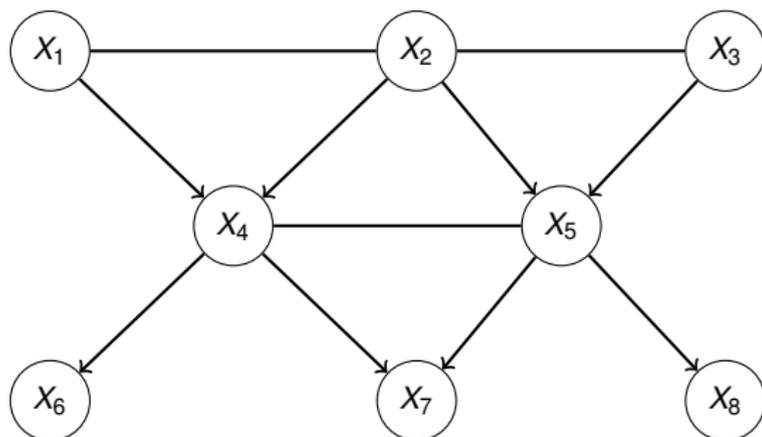
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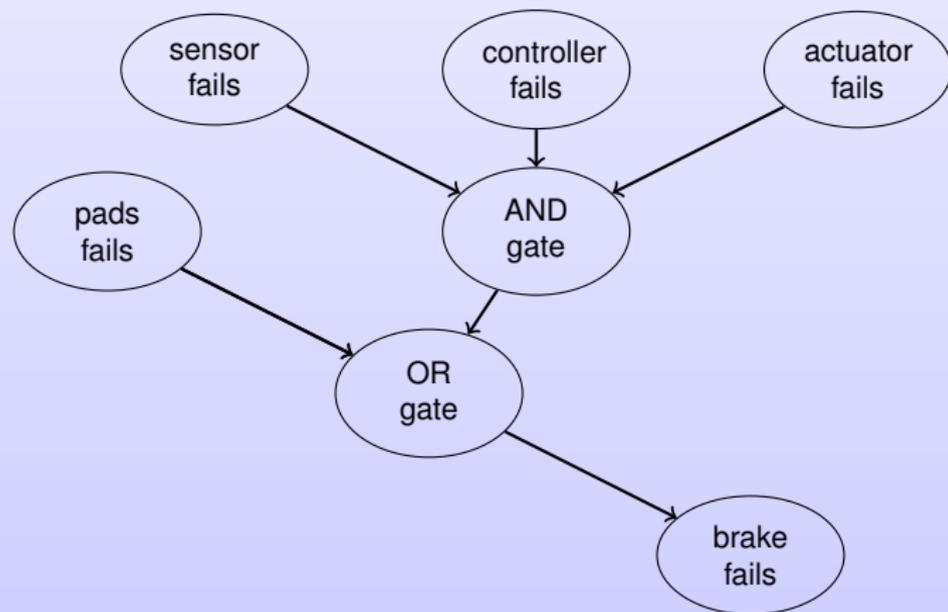
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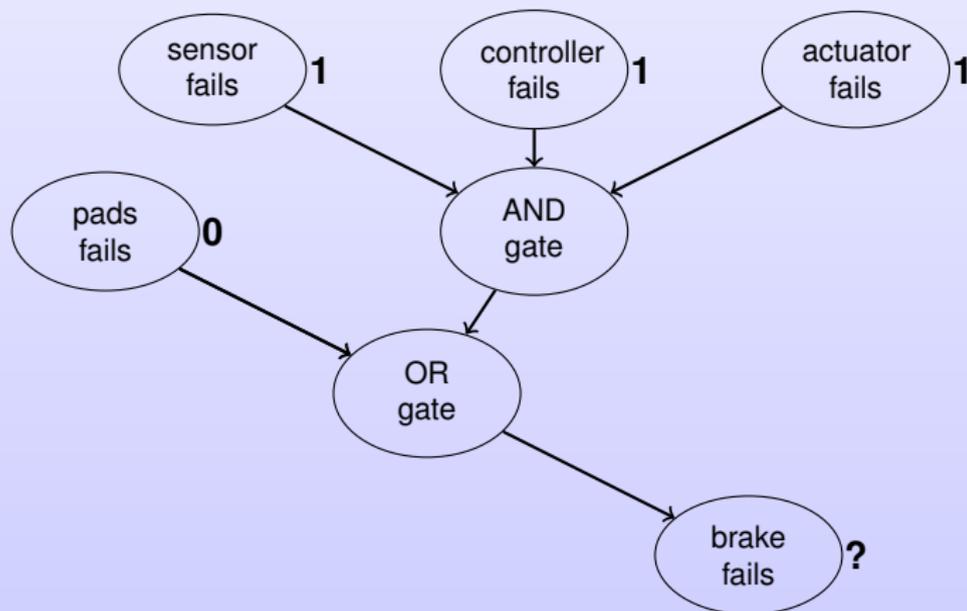
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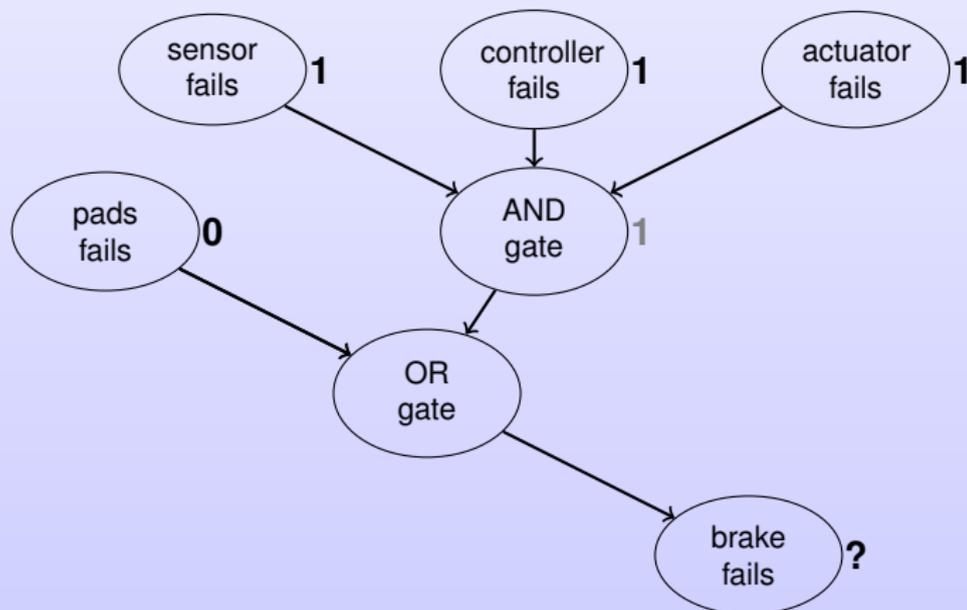
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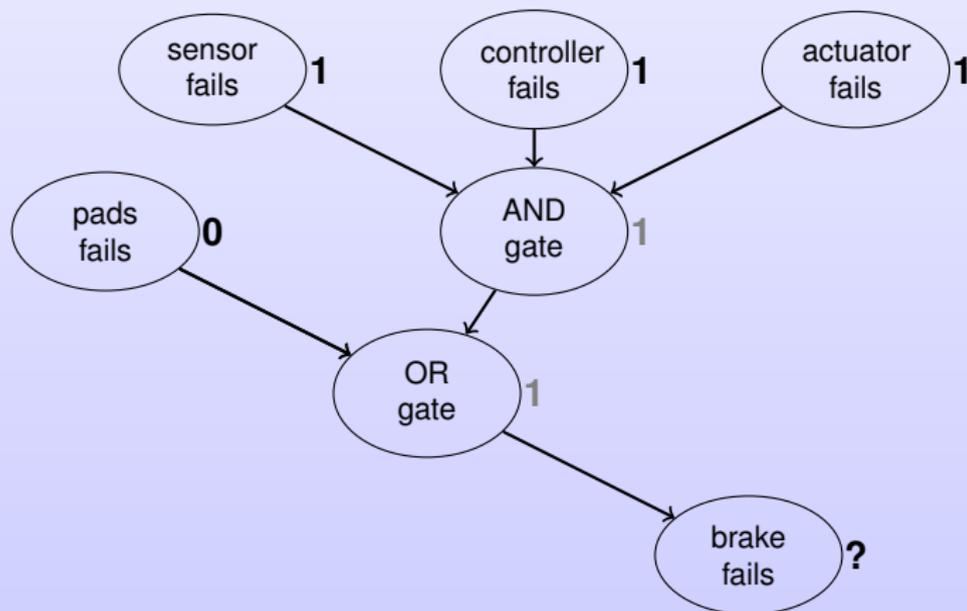
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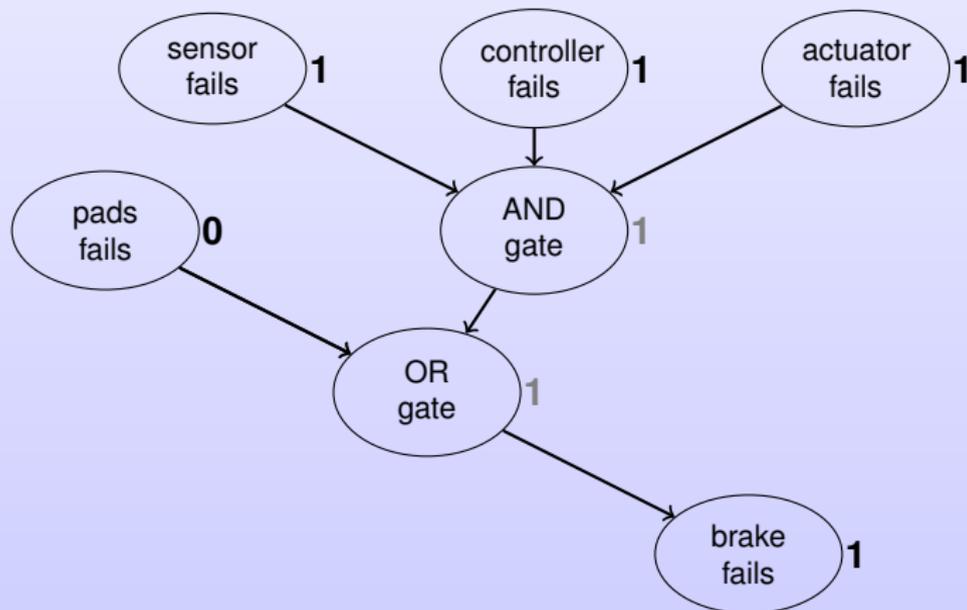
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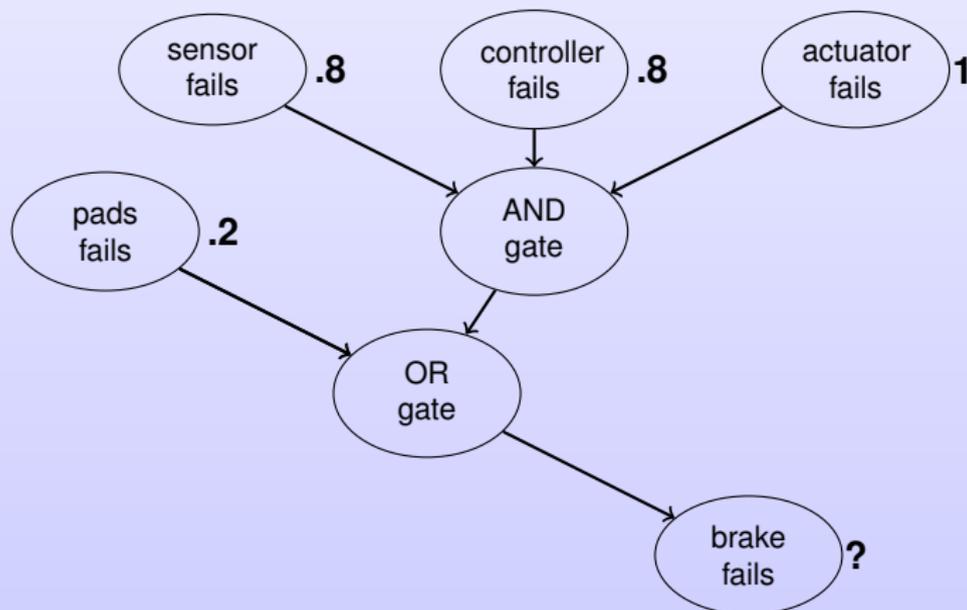
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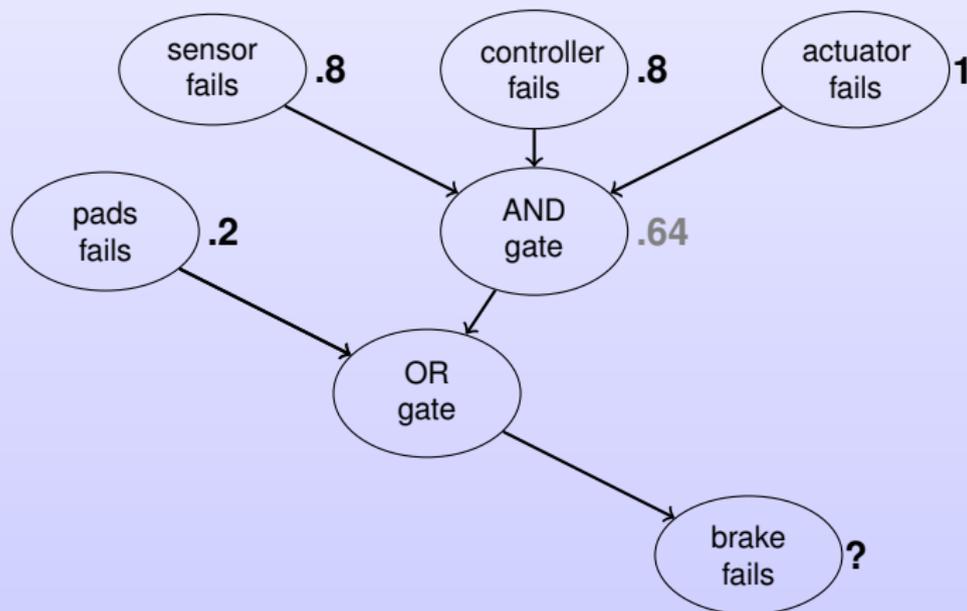
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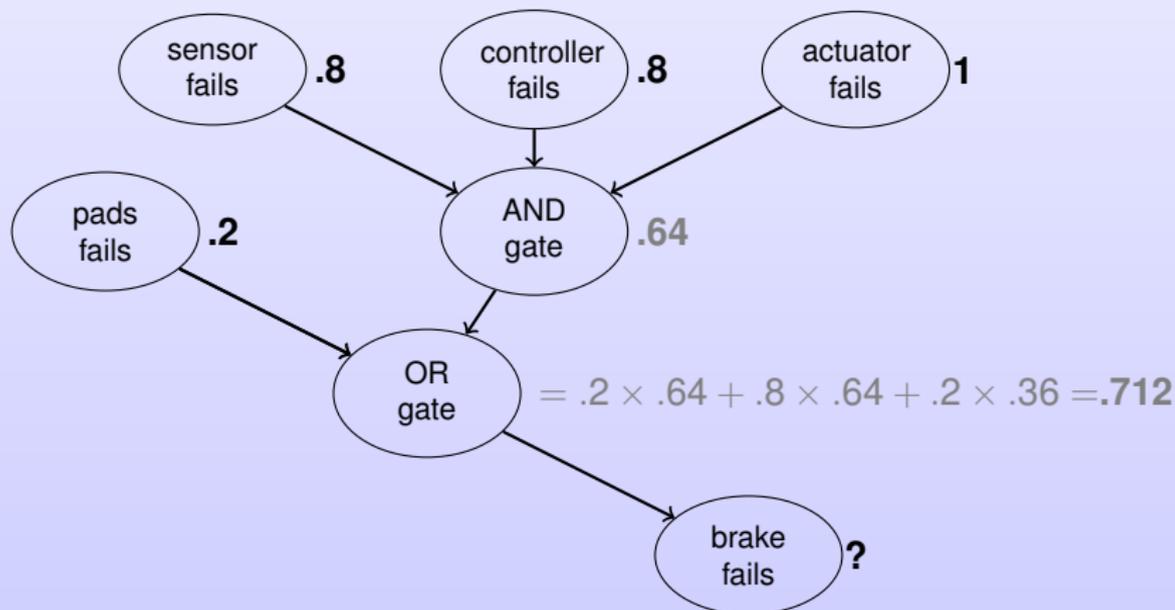
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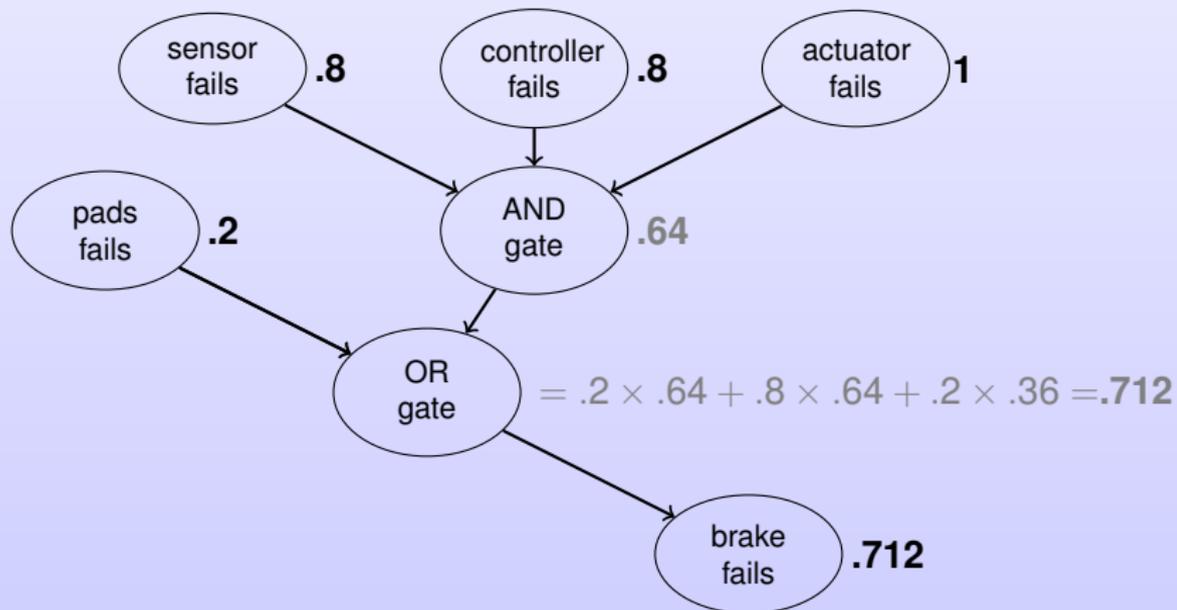
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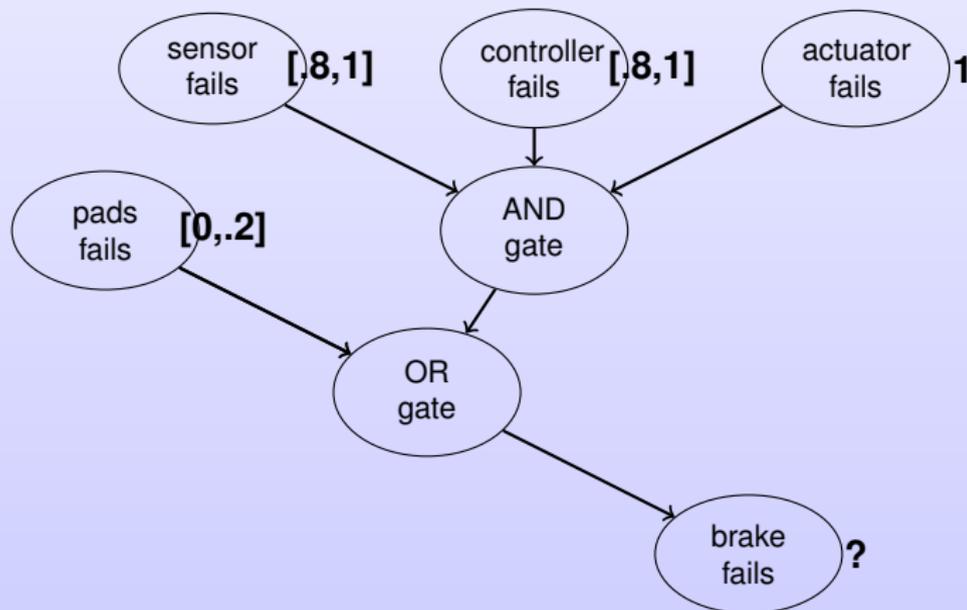
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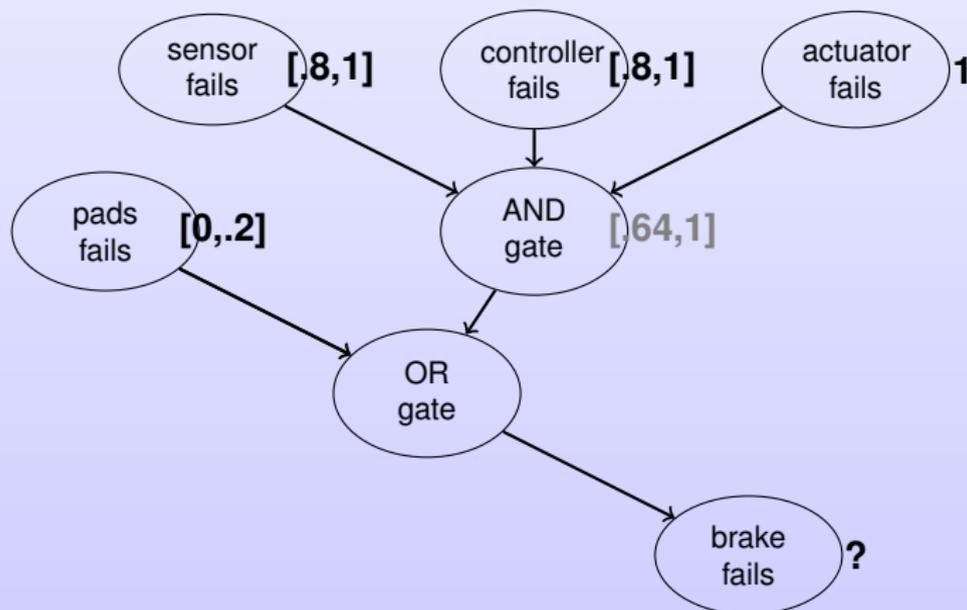
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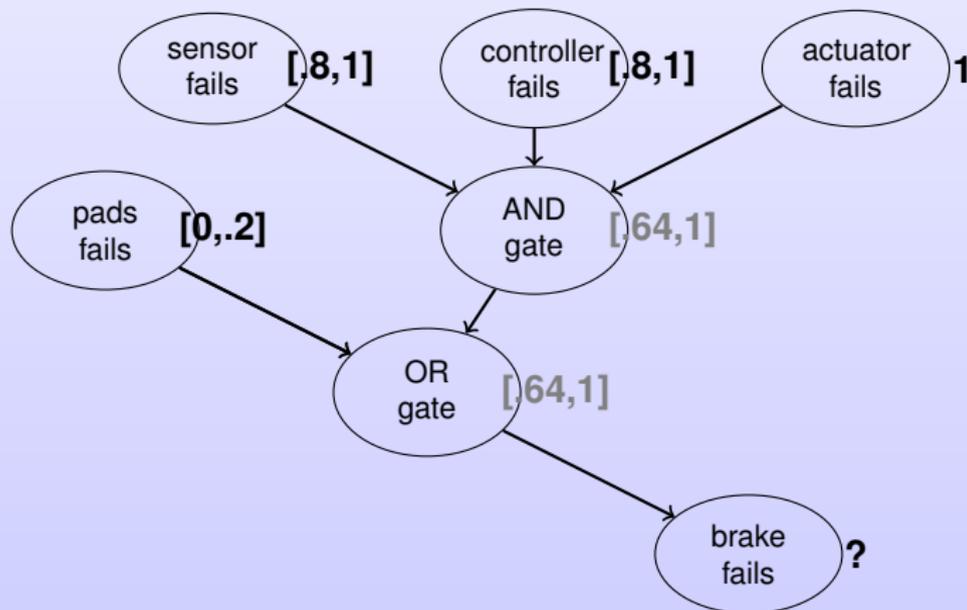
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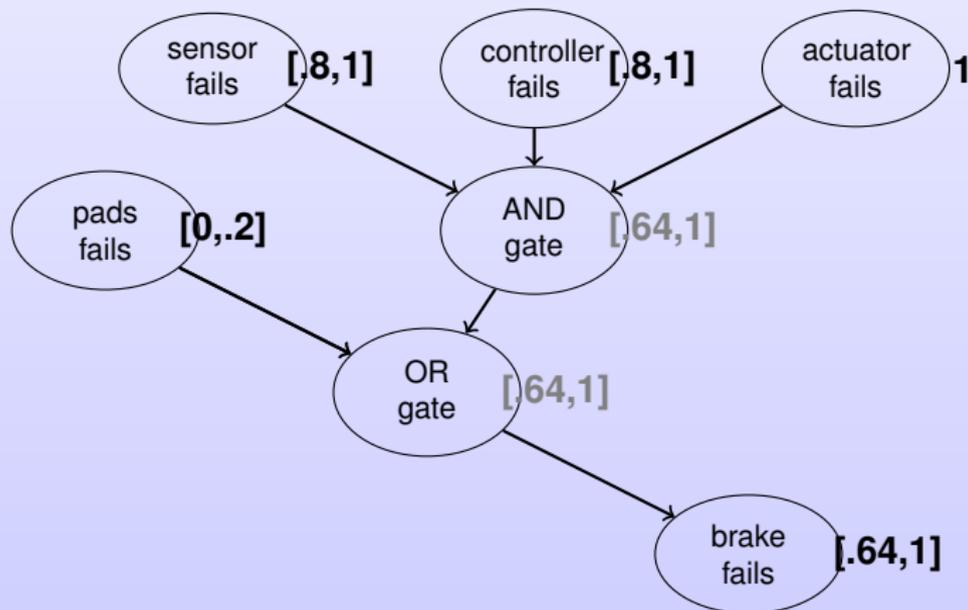
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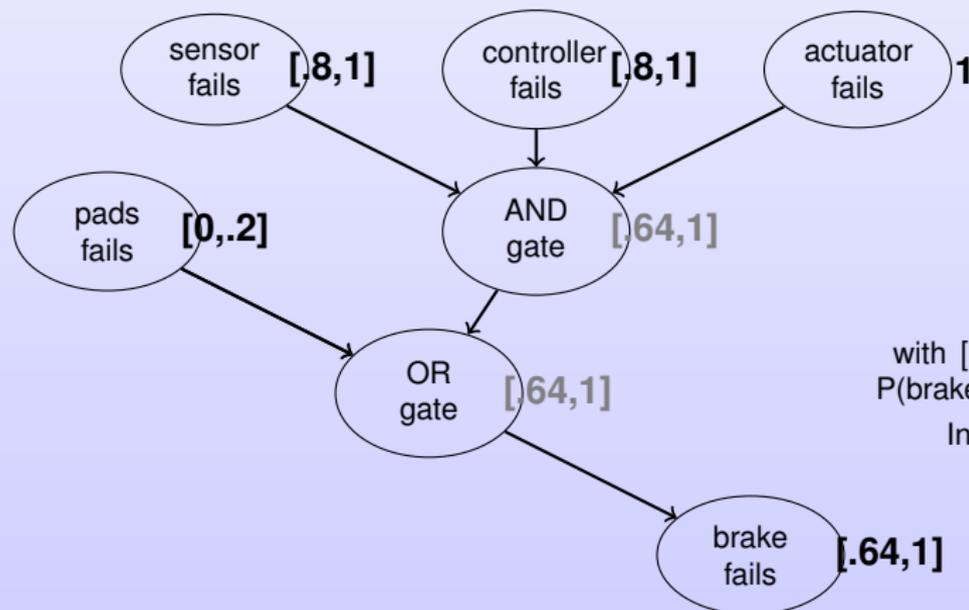
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 $P(\text{brake fails}) \in [.49, 1]$
 Indecision!

Outline

- Motivations for imprecise probability
- Credal sets (basic concepts and operations)
- Independence relations
- Credal networks
- Modelling observations/missingness
- Decision making
- Inference algorithms
- Other probabilistic graphical models
- Conclusions

Three different levels of knowledge

- FIFA'10 final match between Holland and Spain
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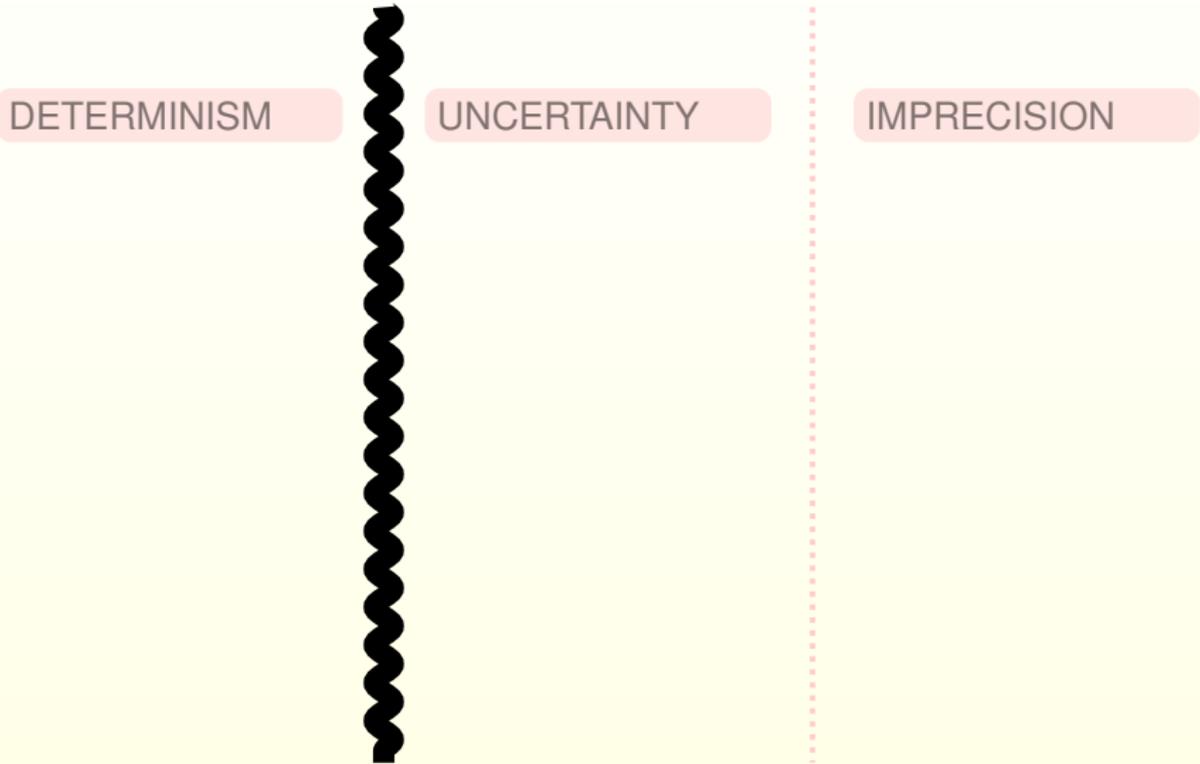
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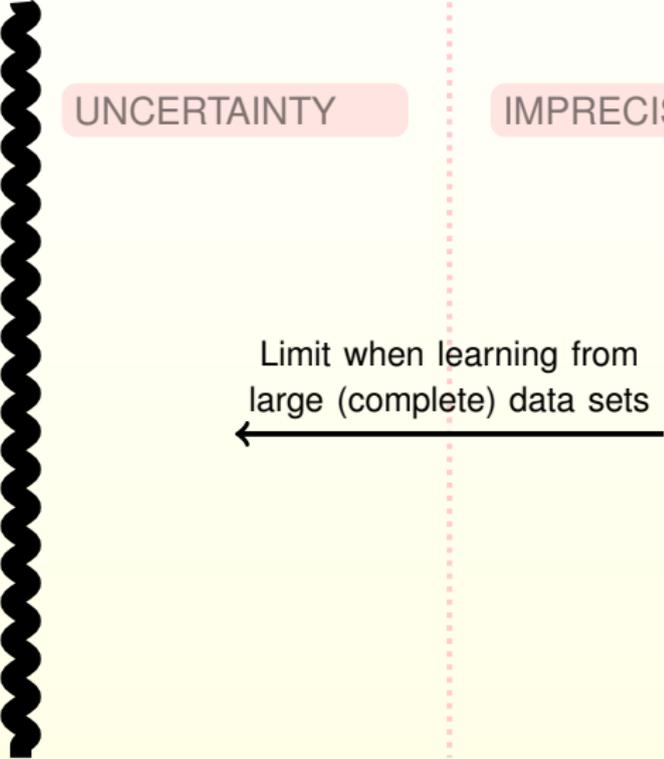
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Propositional
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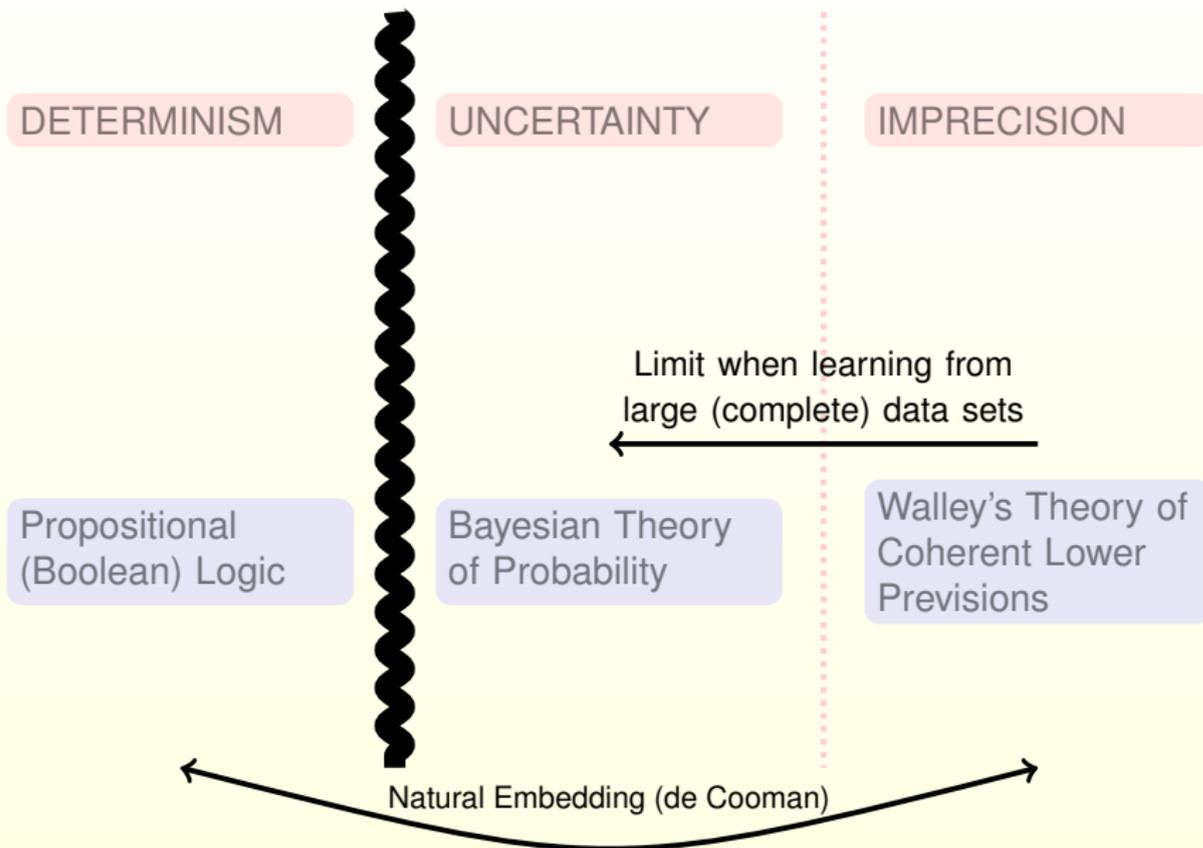
Bayesian Theory
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Walley's Theory of
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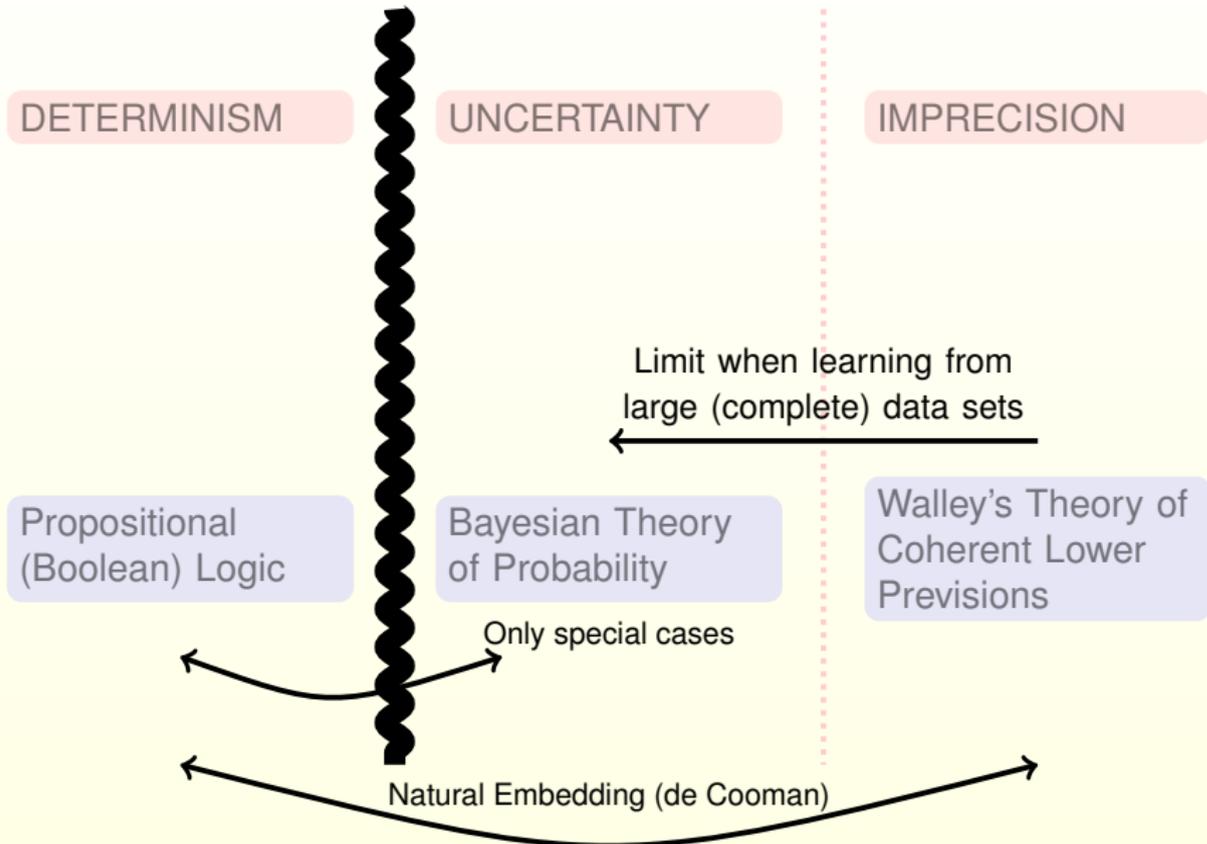
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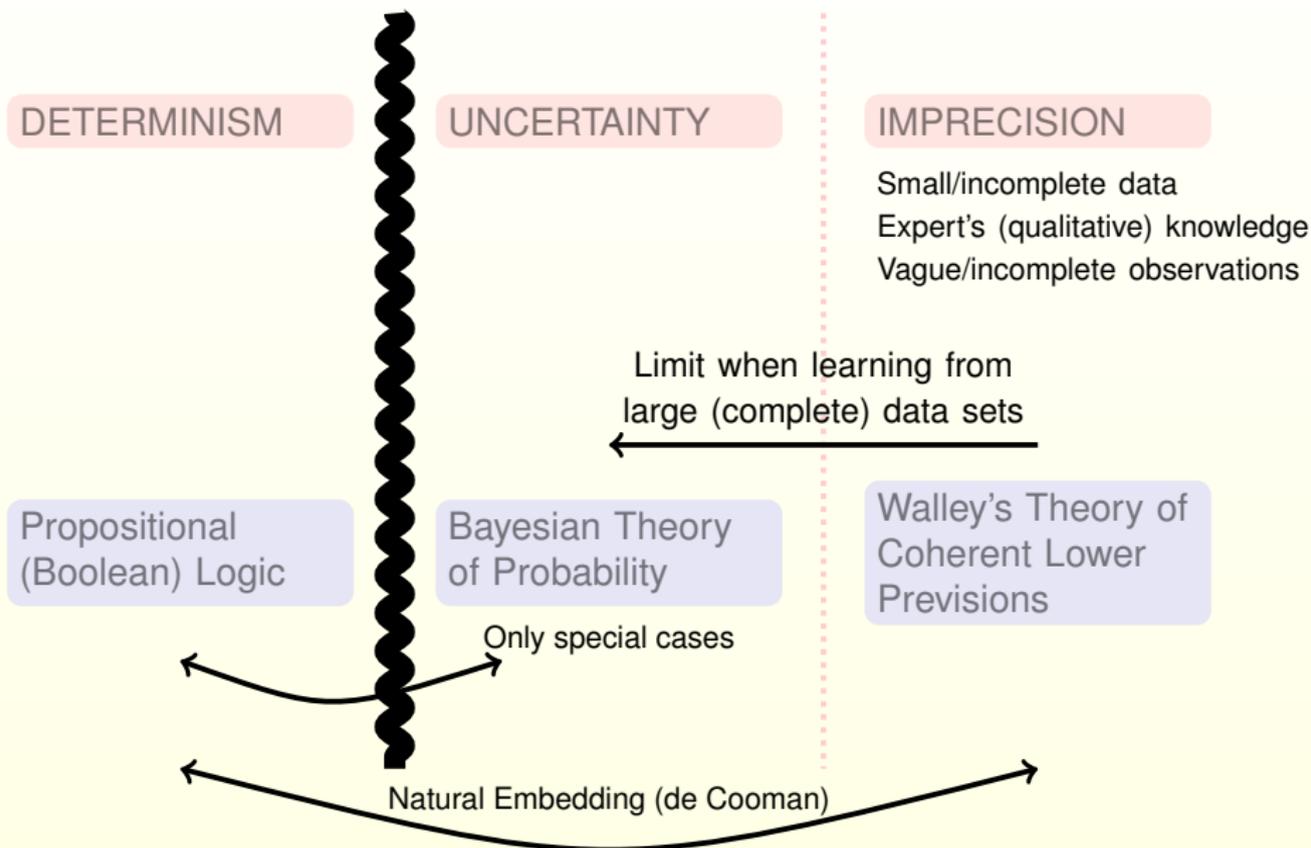
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and **finitely generated** CSs (polytopes, $|\text{ext}[K(X)]| < +\infty$)

V-representation

enumerate the

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LRS software

(Avis & Fukuda)

H-representation

linear constraints

on the probabilities

- Given a function (gamble) $f(X)$, lower expectation:

$$\underline{E}[f(X)] := \min_{P(X) \in K(X)} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) f(x)$$

- LP task: the optimum is on an extreme!

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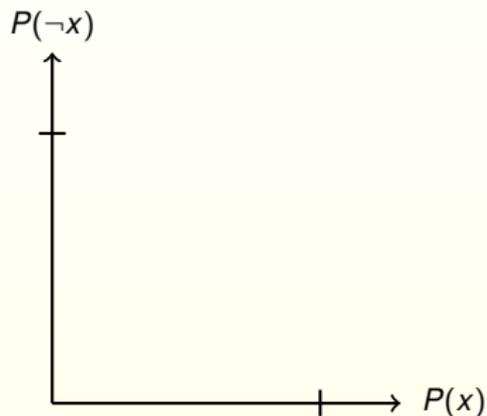
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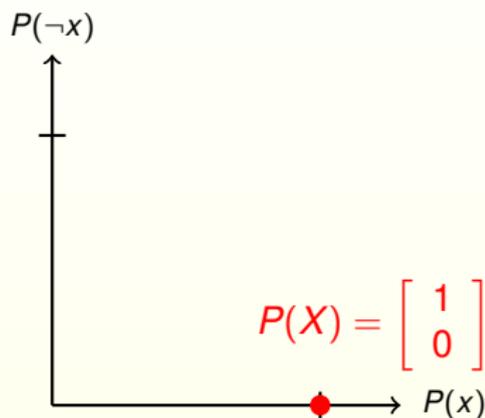
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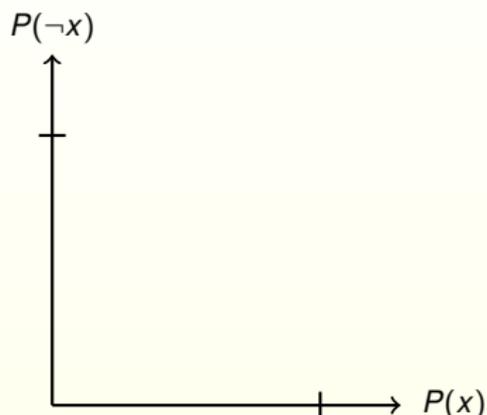
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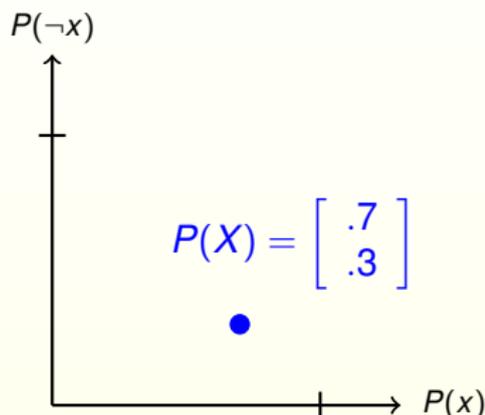
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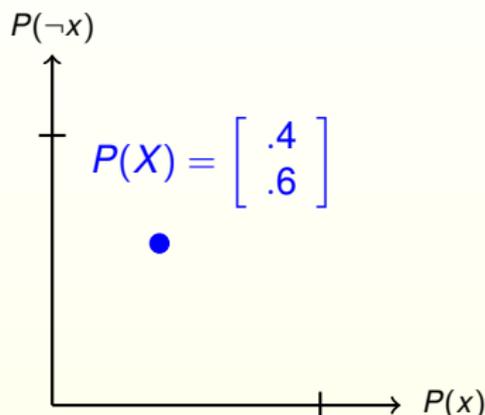
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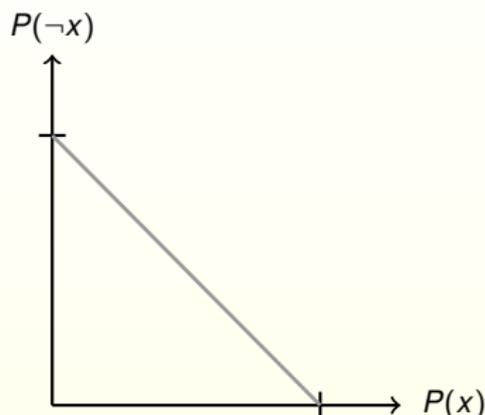
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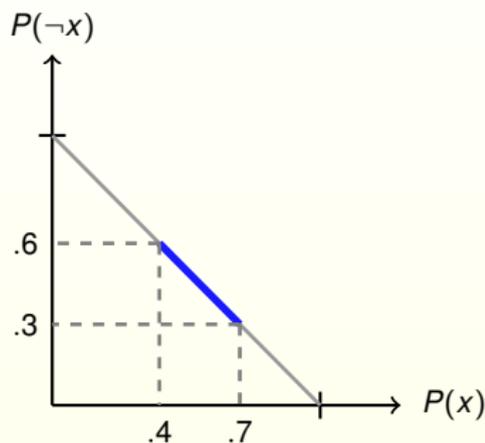
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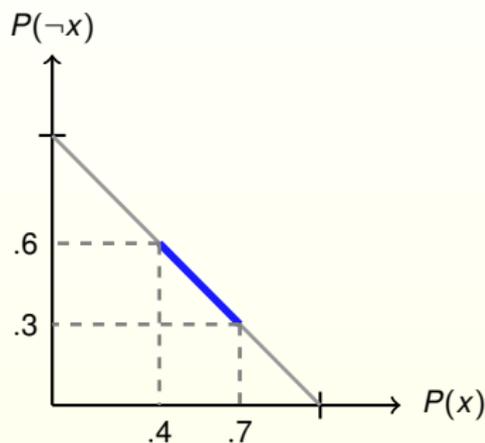
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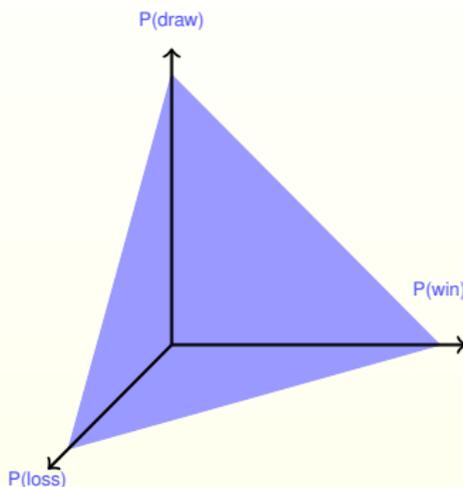
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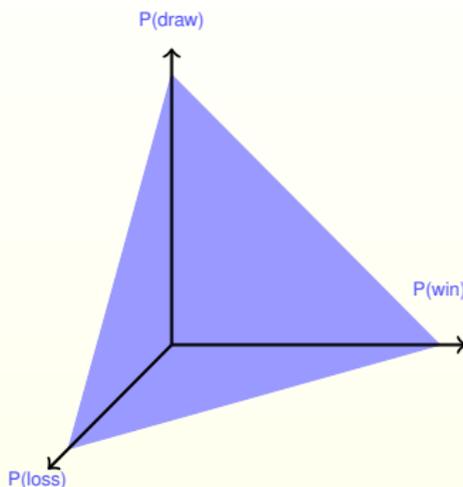
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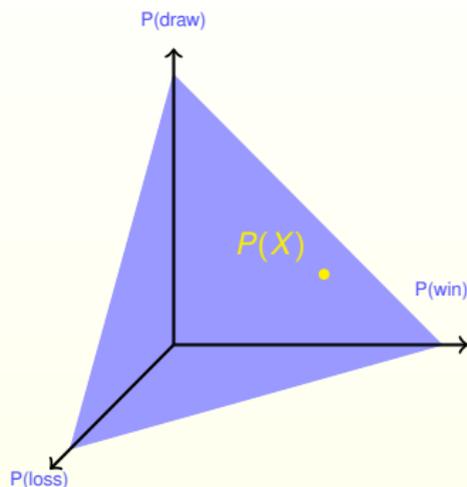
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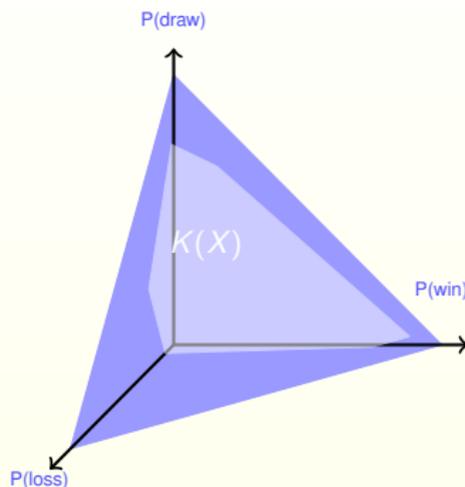
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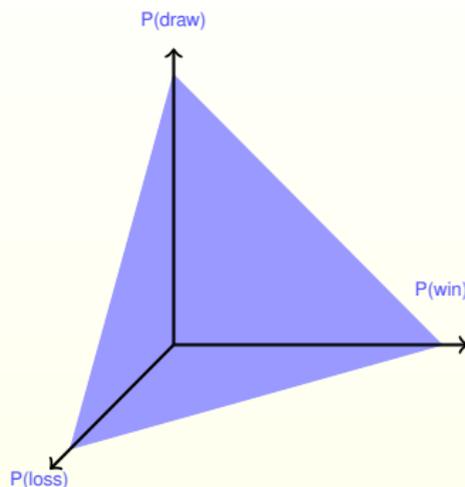
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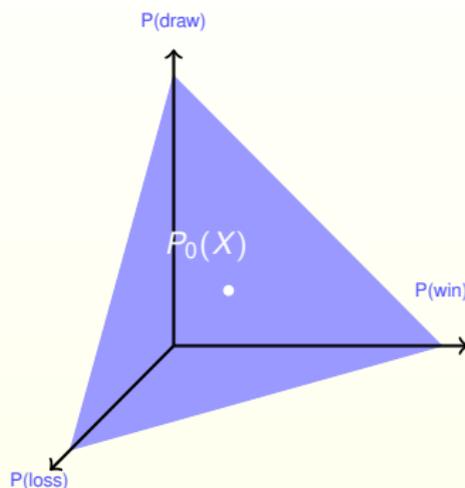
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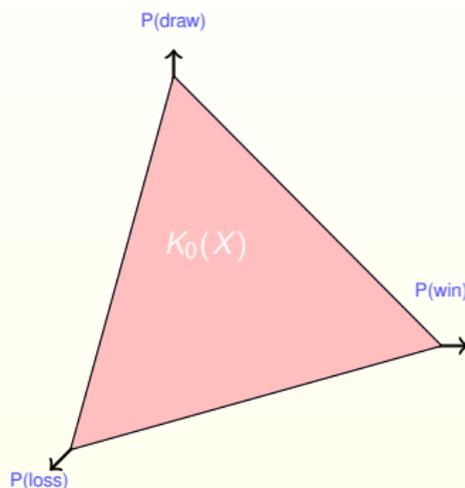
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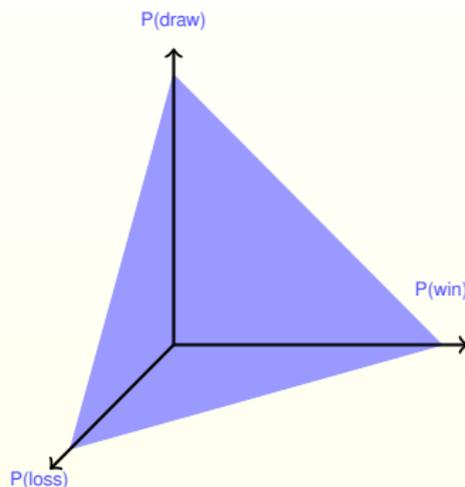
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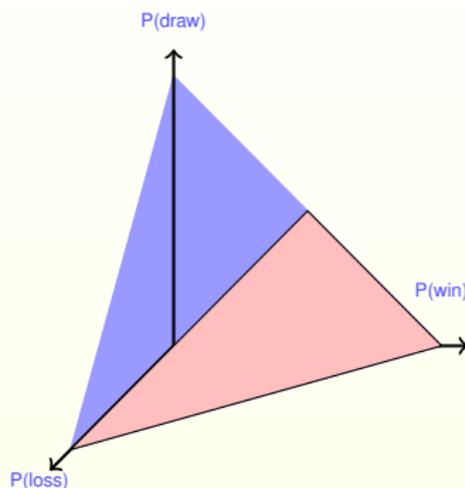
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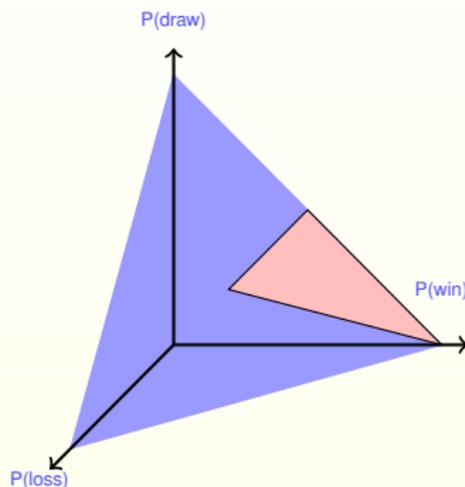
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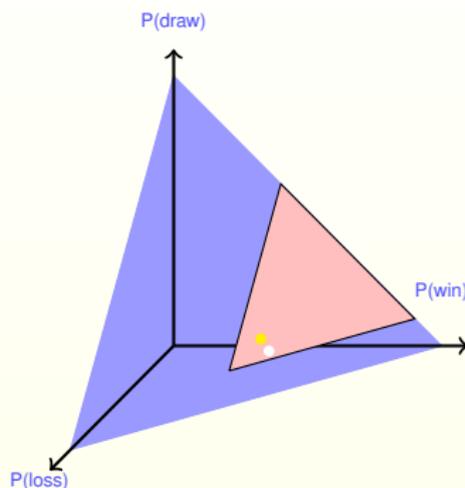
From natural language to linear constraints on probabilities

(Walley, 1991)

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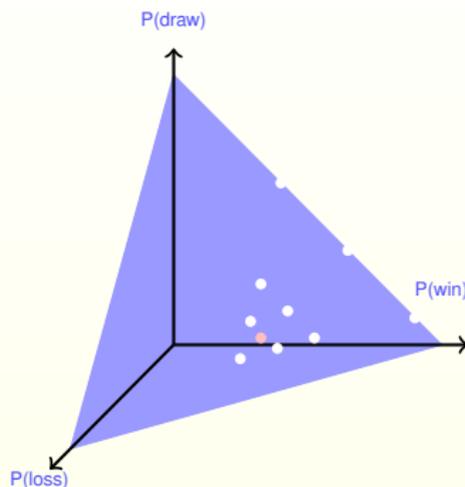
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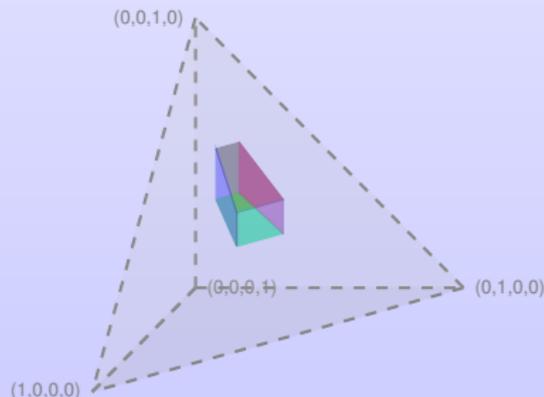
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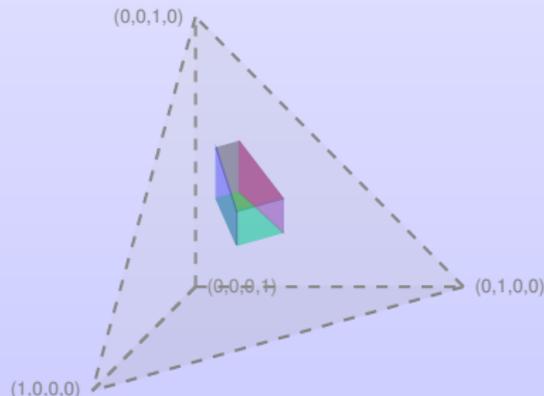
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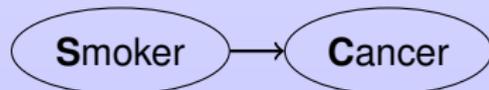


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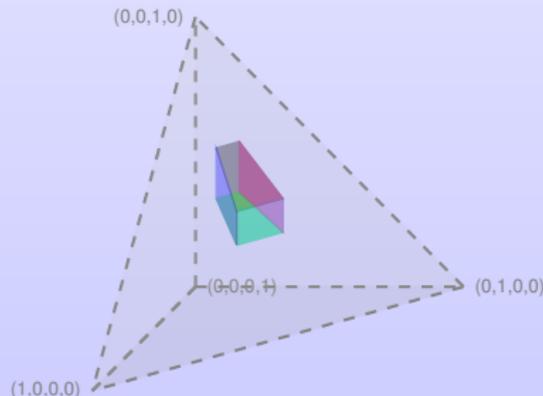
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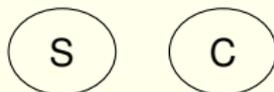


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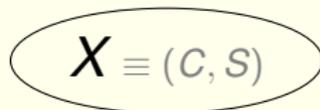
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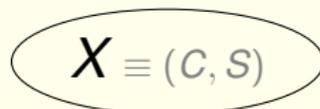
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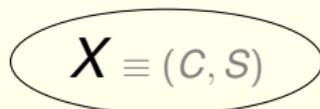
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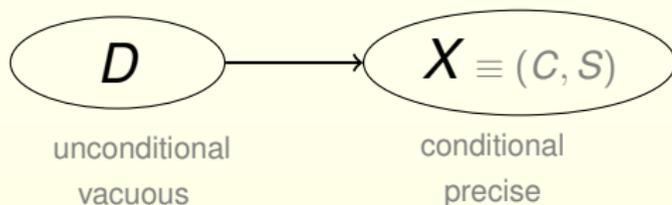
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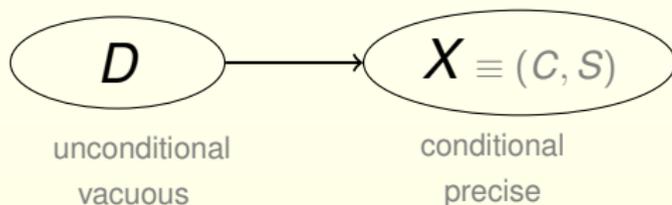
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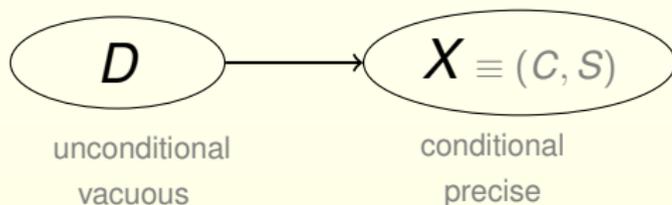
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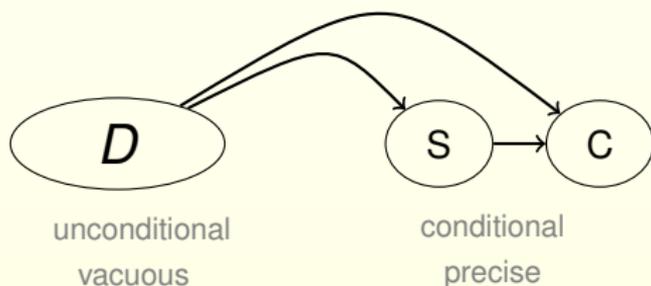
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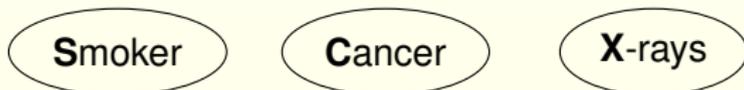
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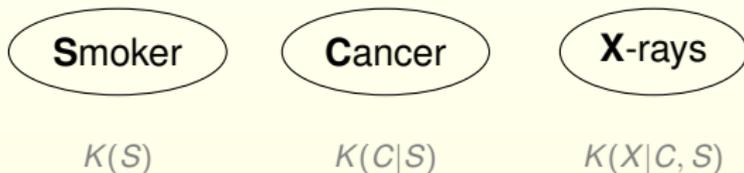
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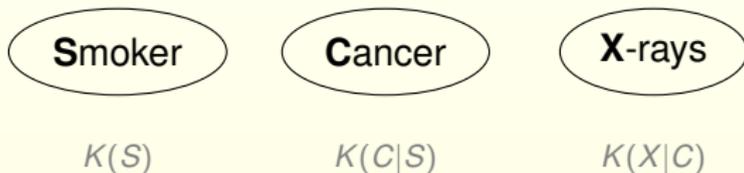
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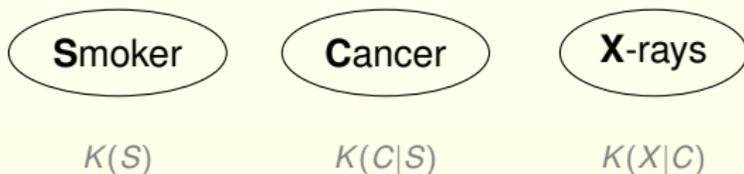
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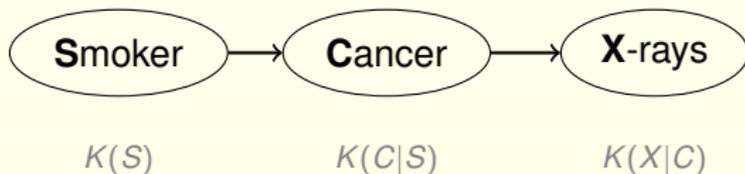
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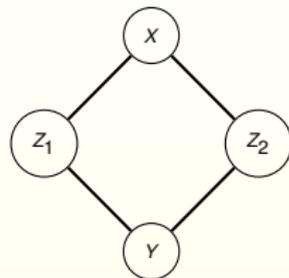
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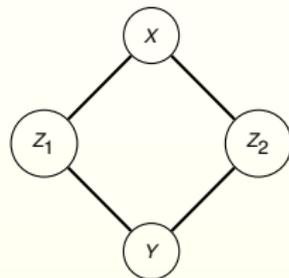


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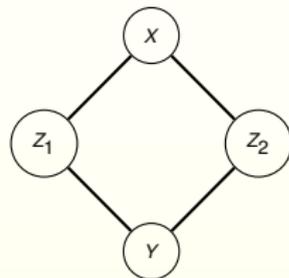
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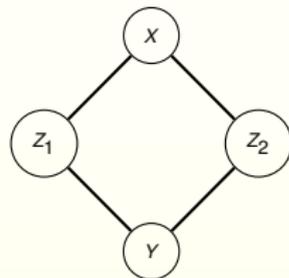
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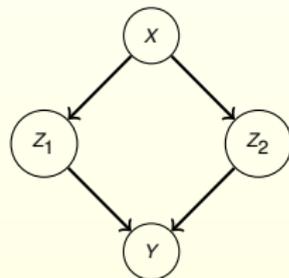
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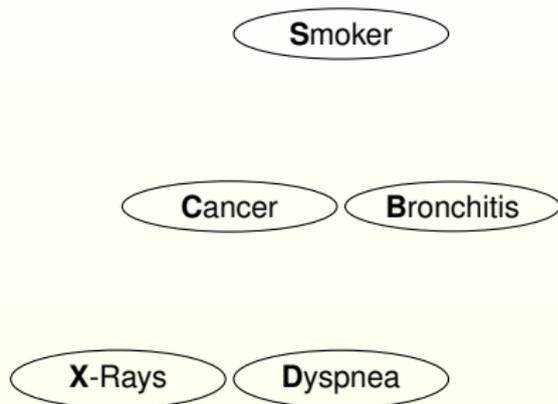
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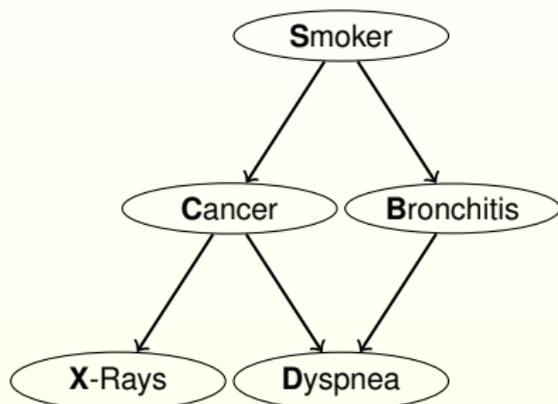
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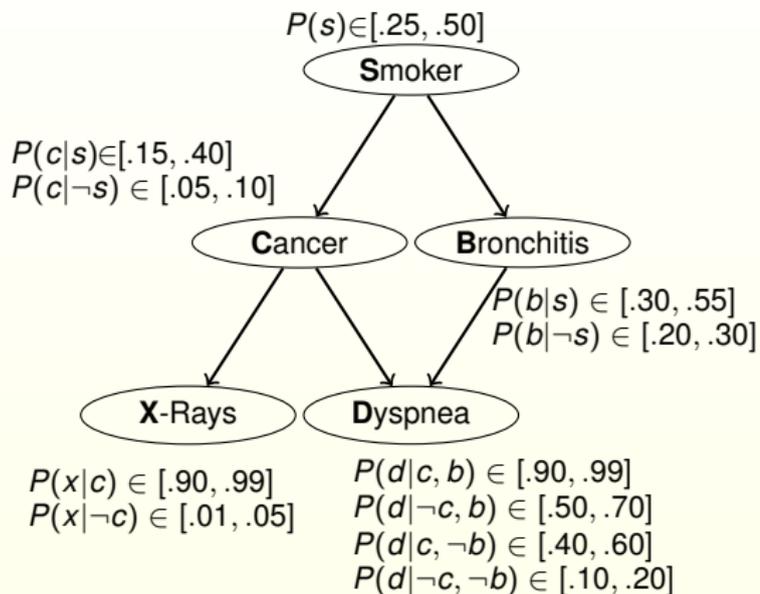
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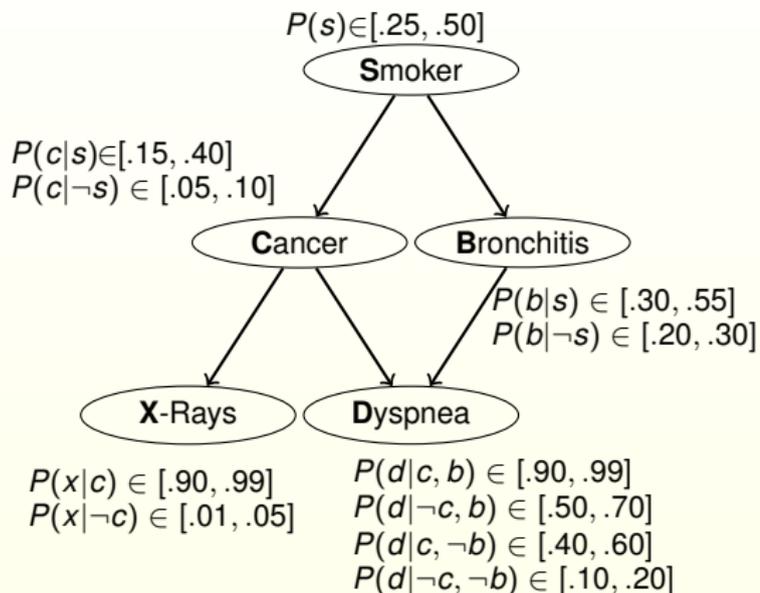
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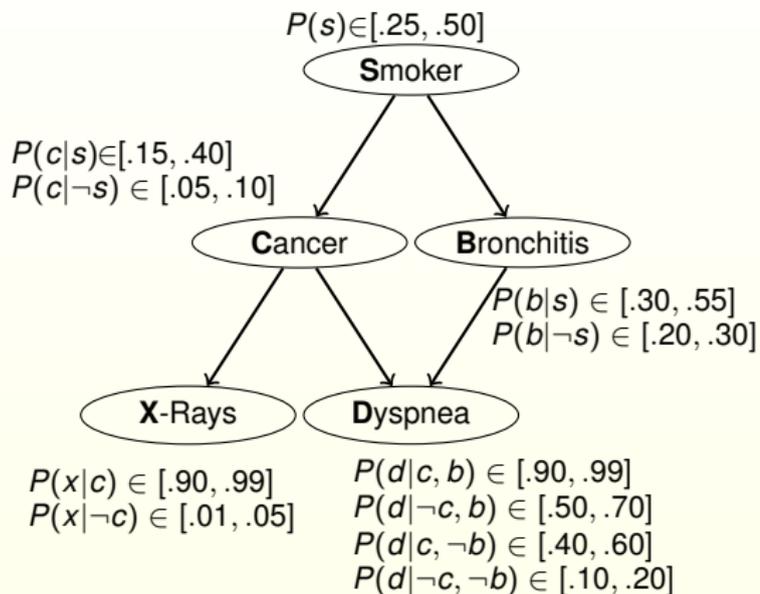
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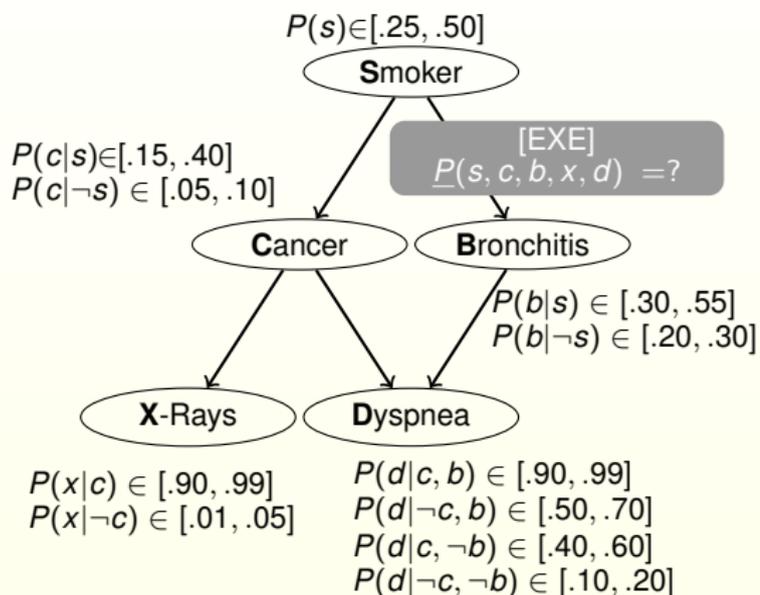
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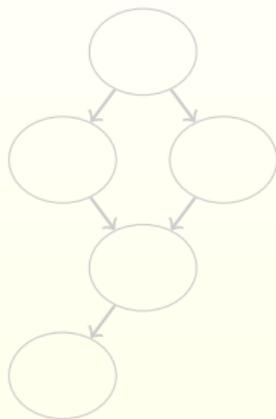
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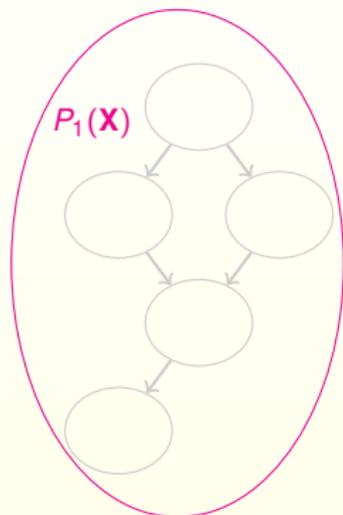
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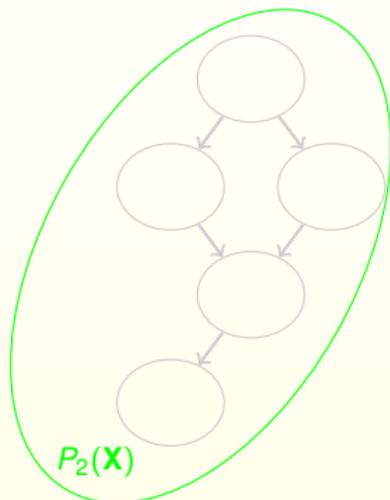
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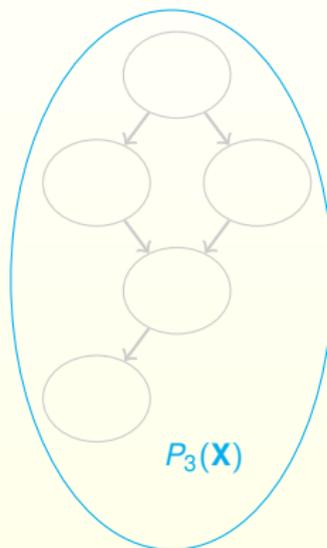
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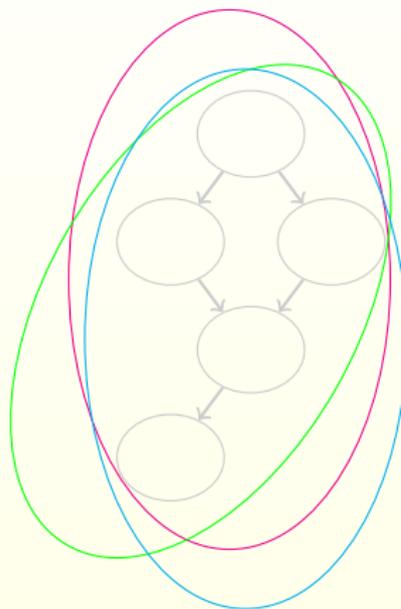
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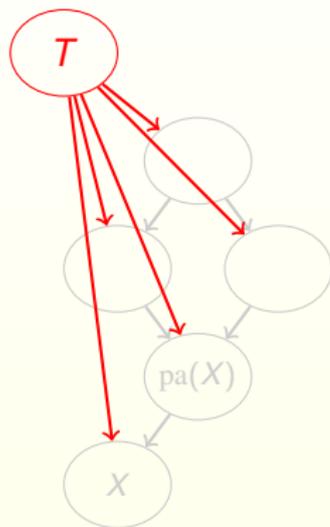
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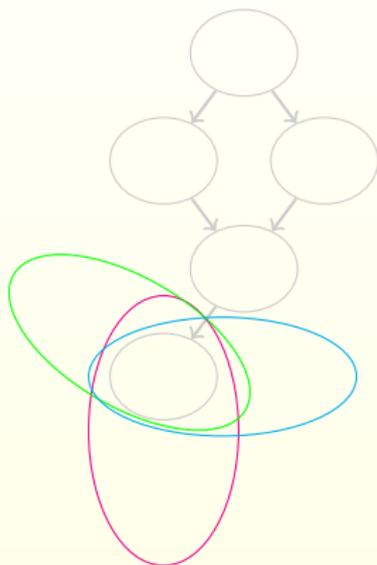
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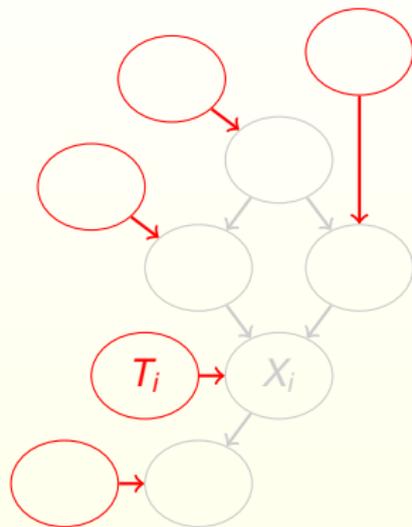
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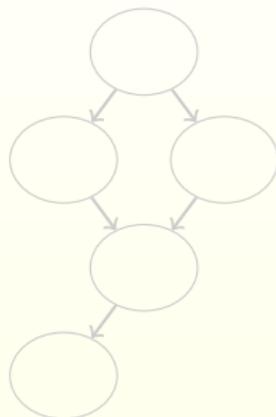
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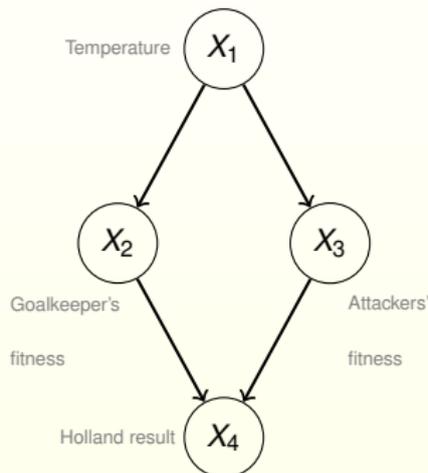
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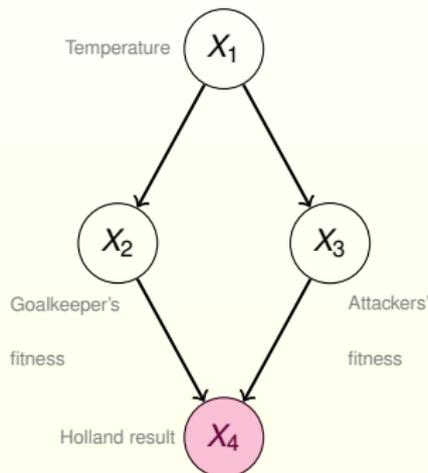
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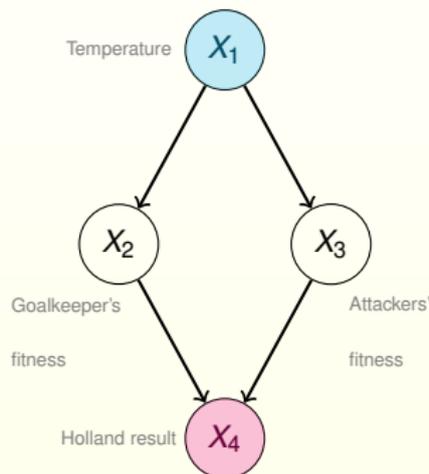
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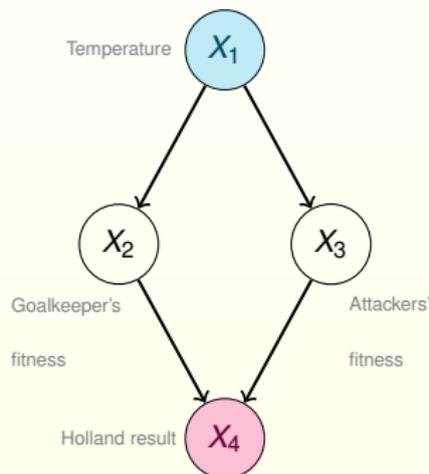
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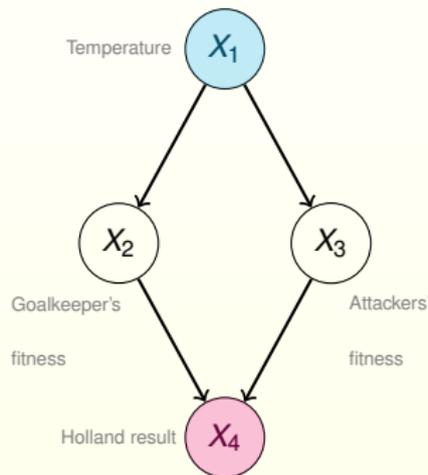
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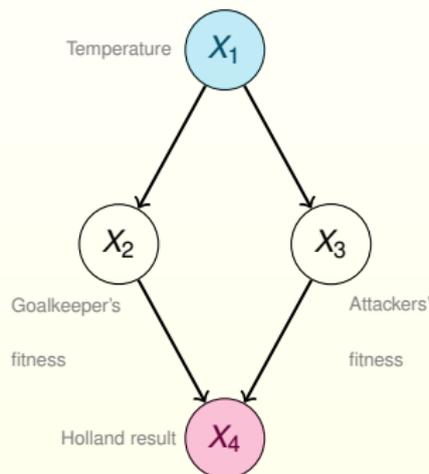
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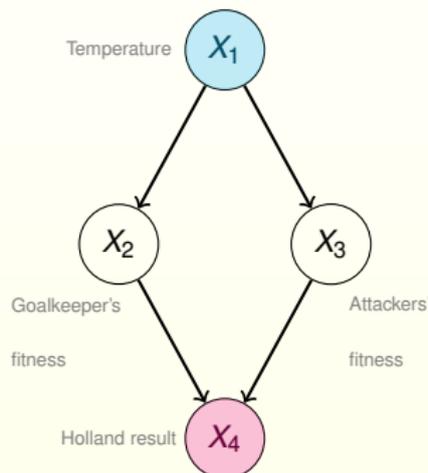
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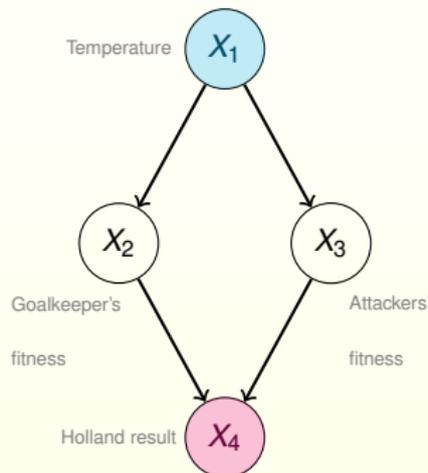
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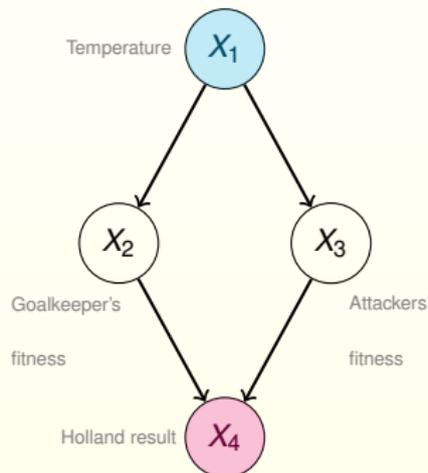
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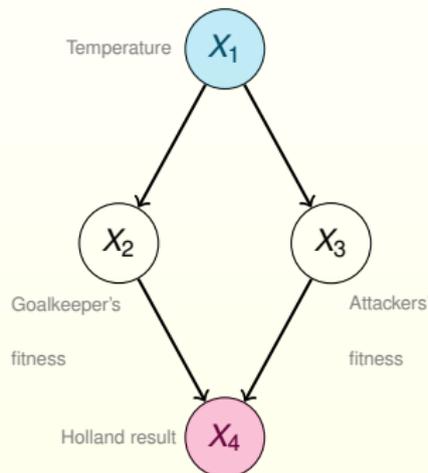
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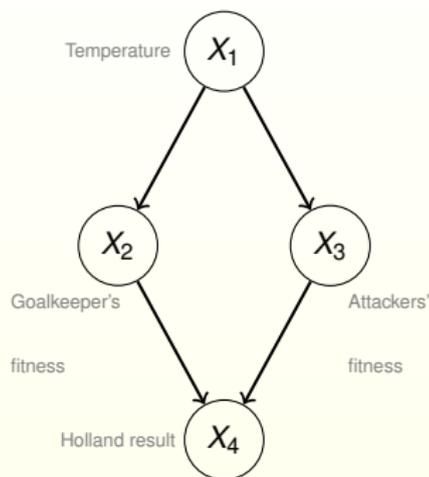
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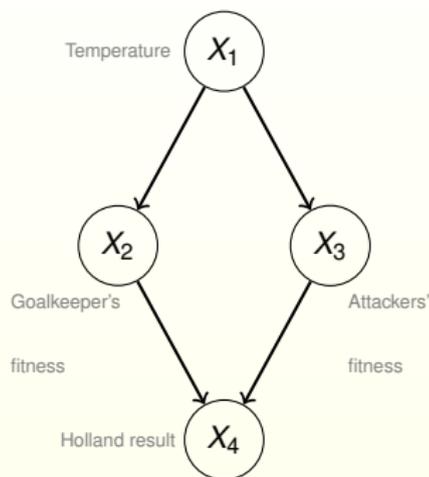
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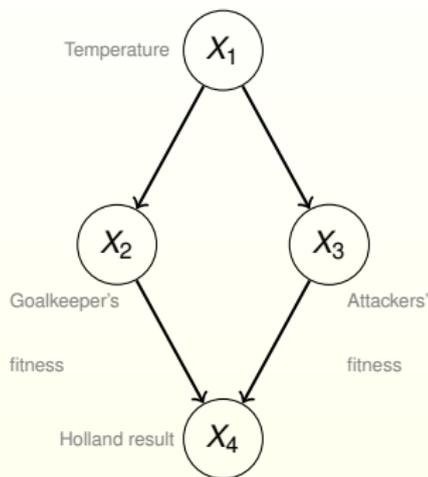
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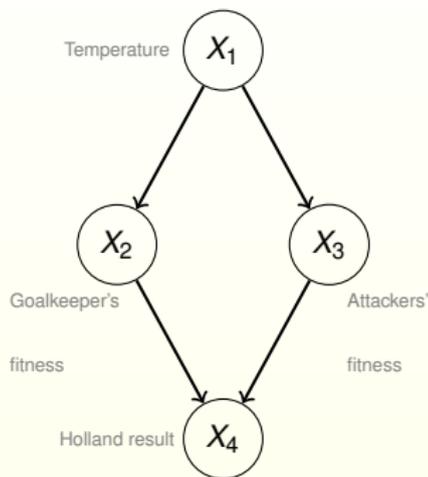
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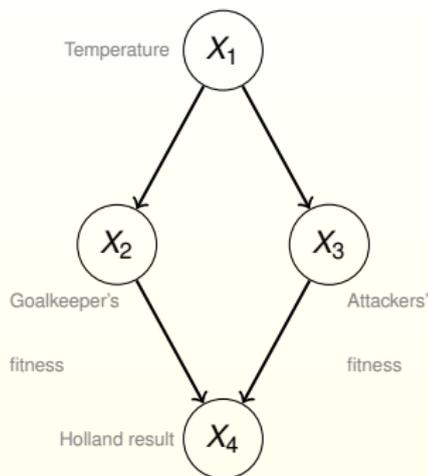


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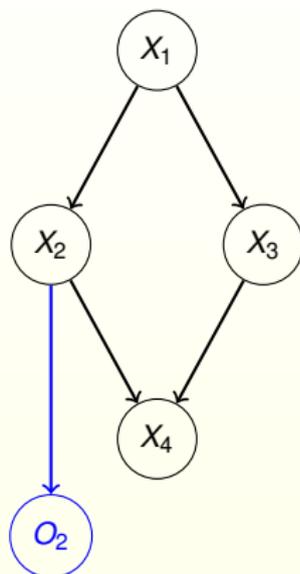
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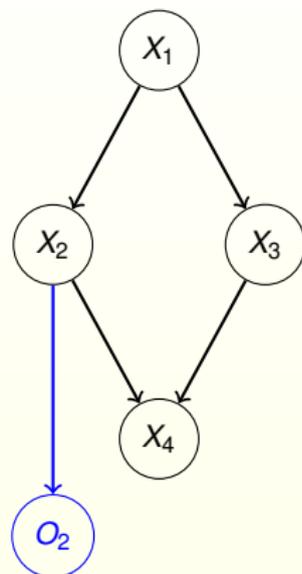
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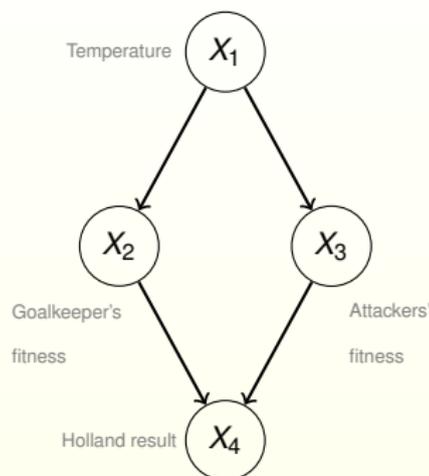


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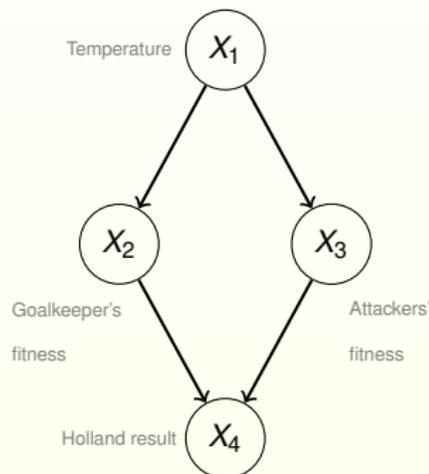
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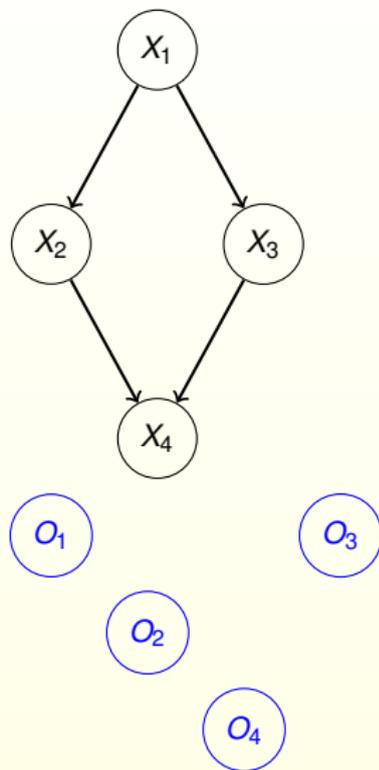
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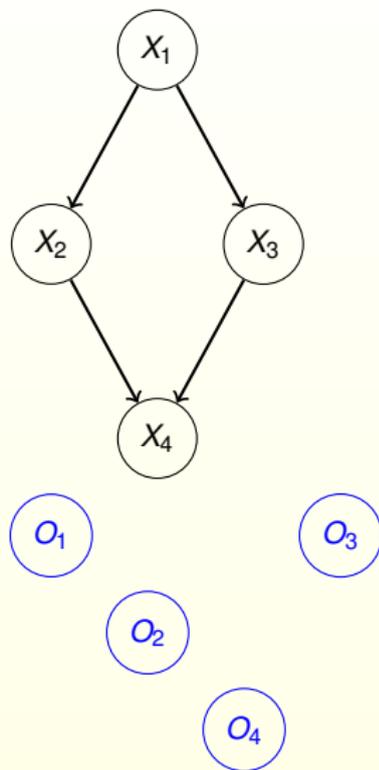
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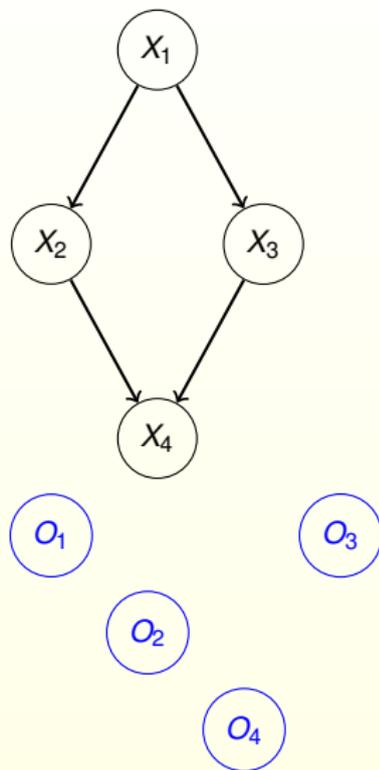
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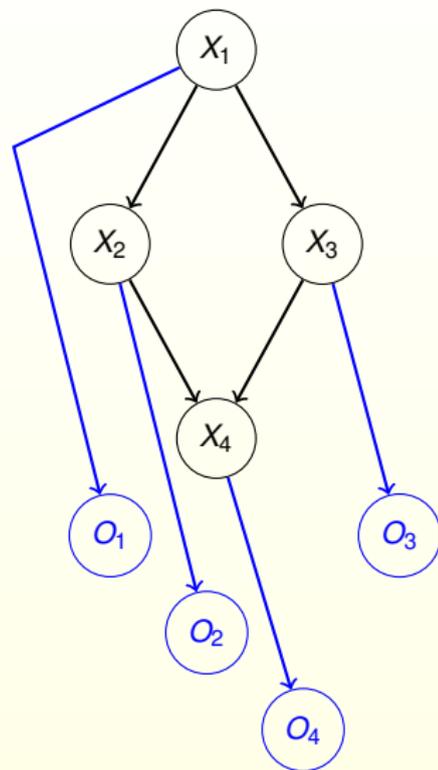
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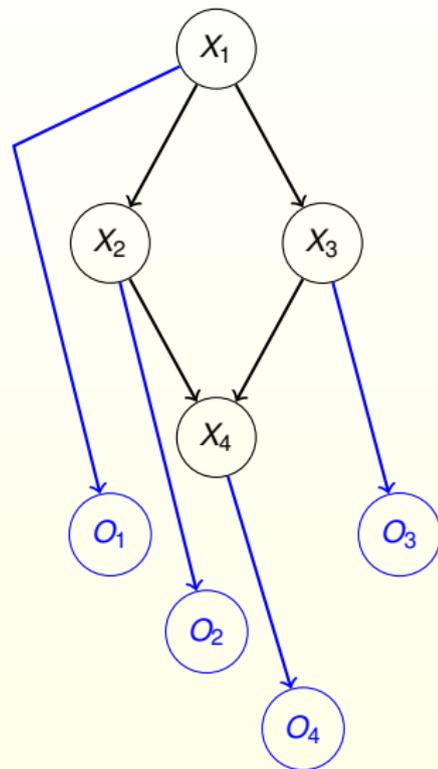
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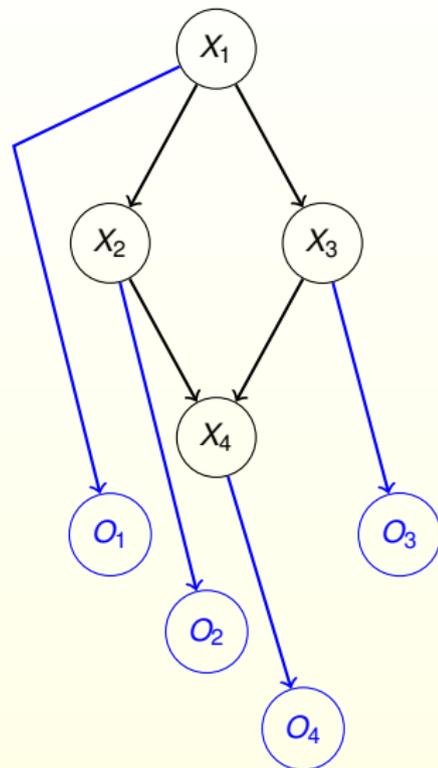


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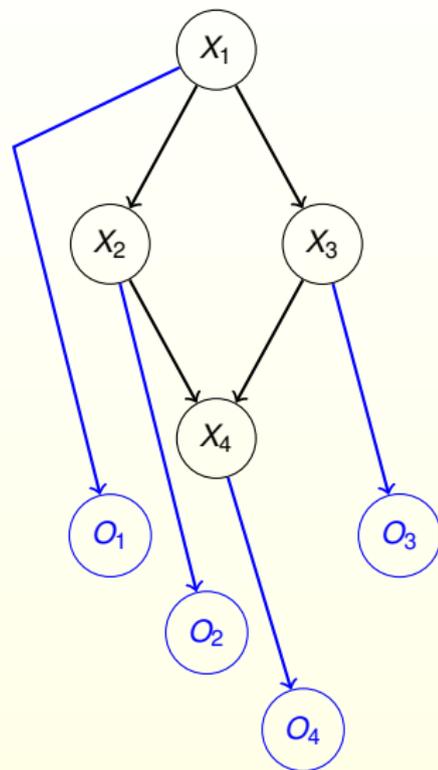
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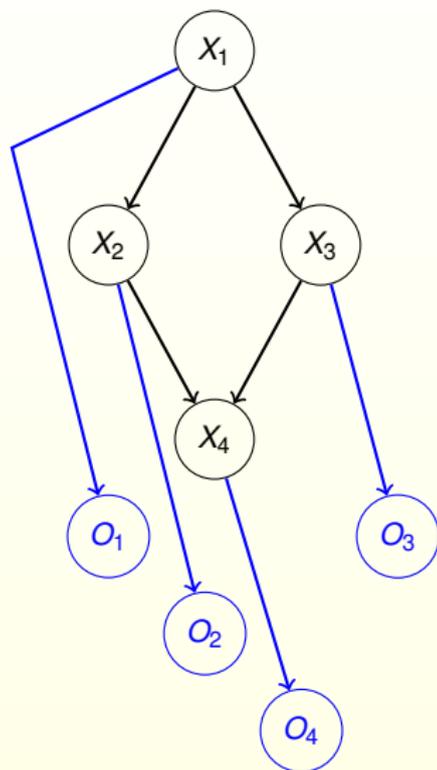
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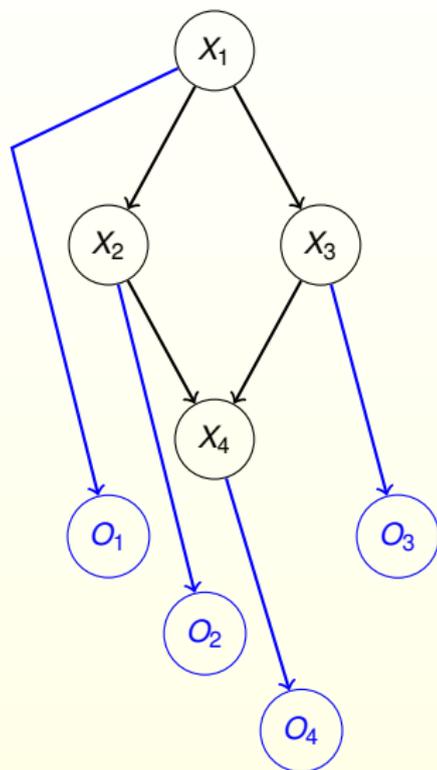
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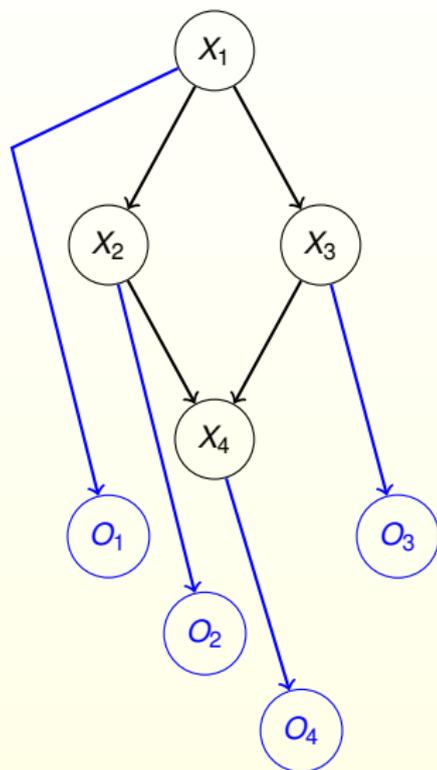
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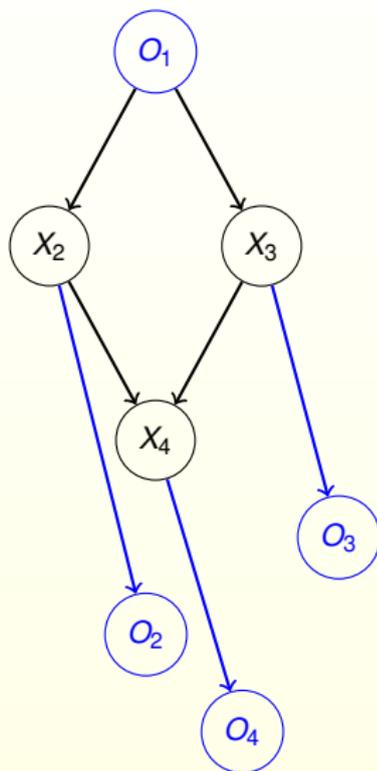
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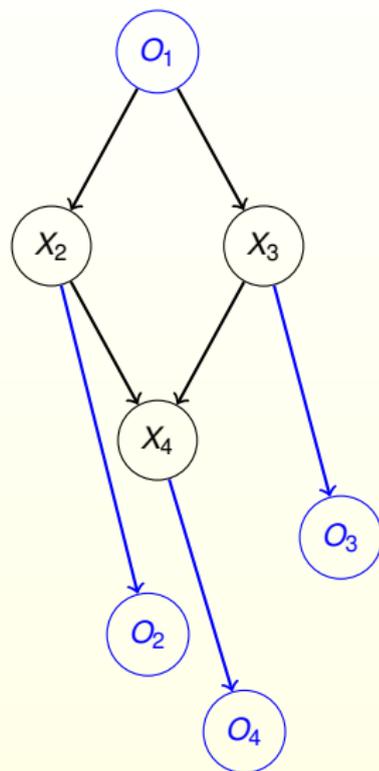
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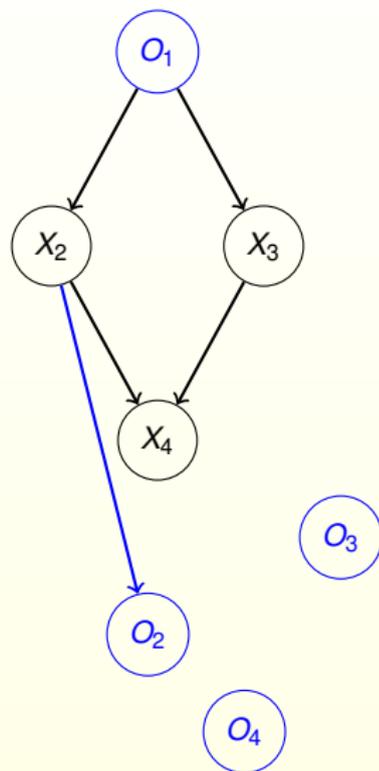
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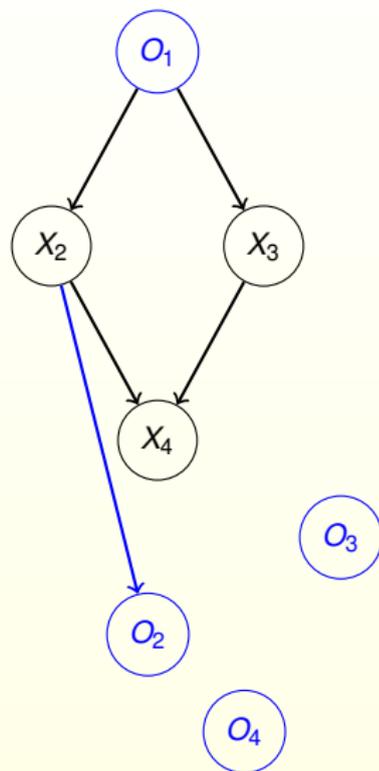
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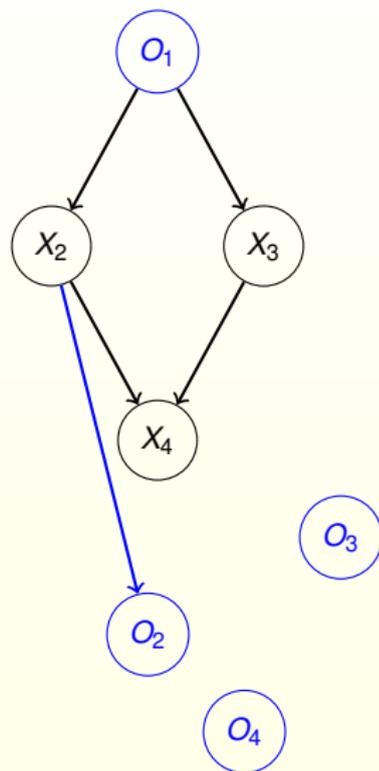
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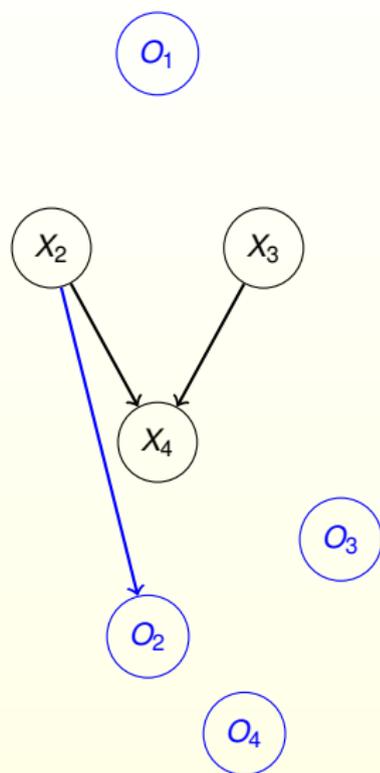
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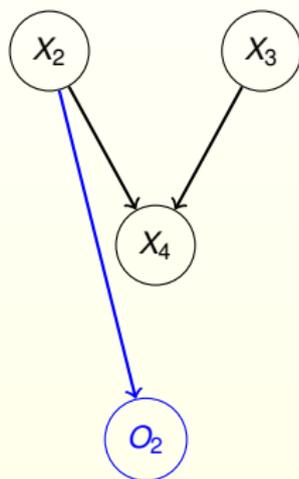
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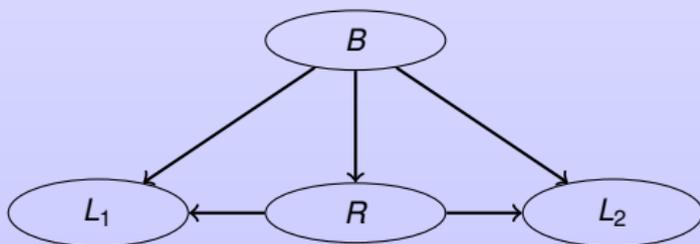


[Exe # 3] Is the ball in or out?

- B , with $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 0\}$, means the ball was in
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- A CN over these variables
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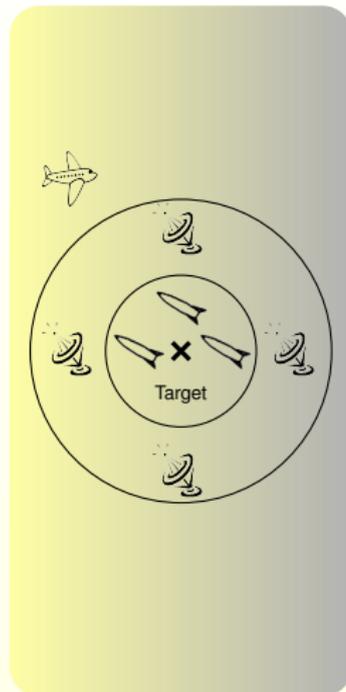


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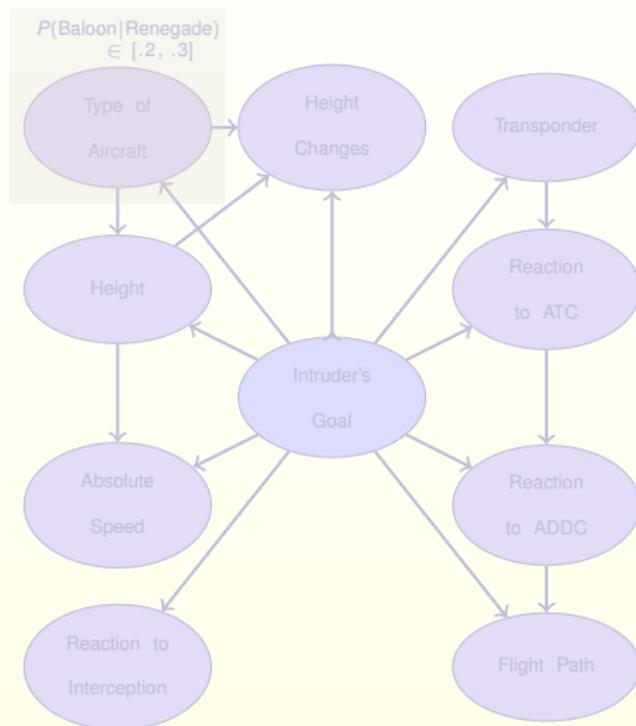
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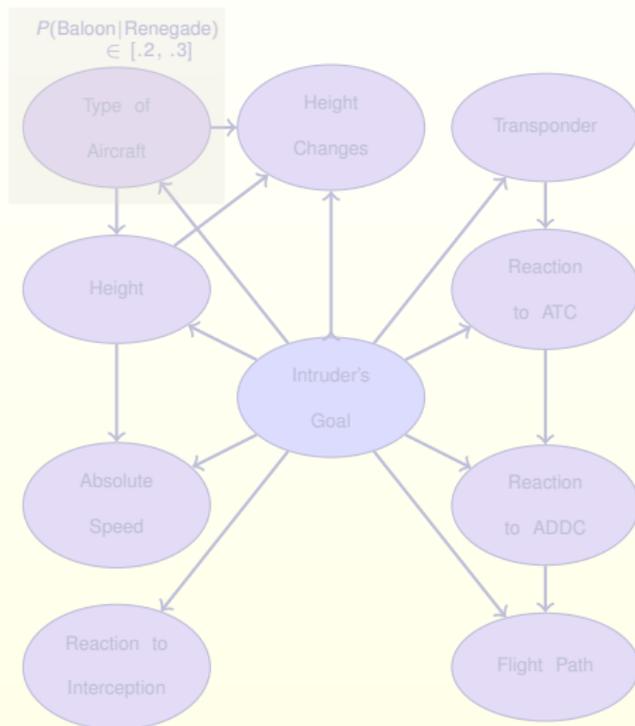
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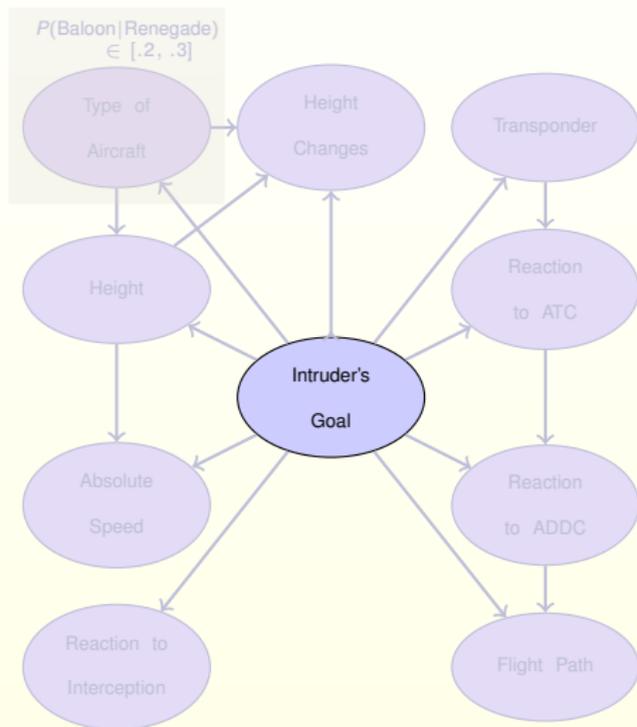
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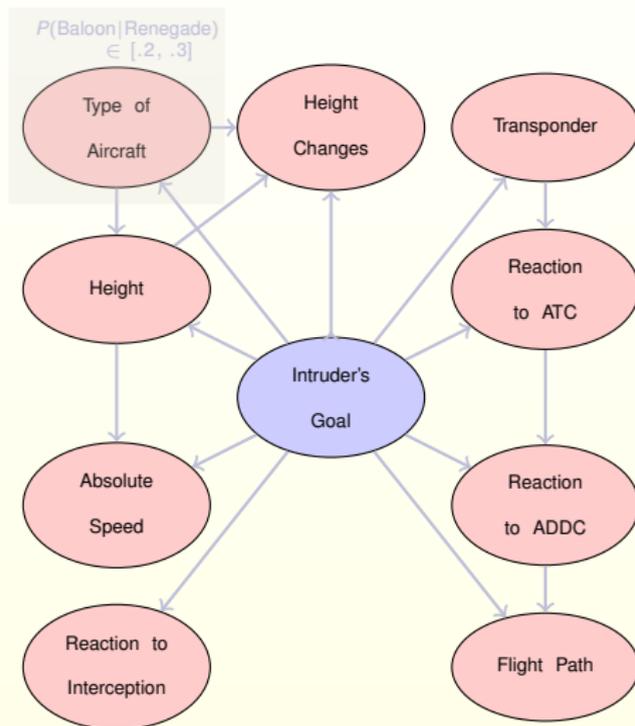
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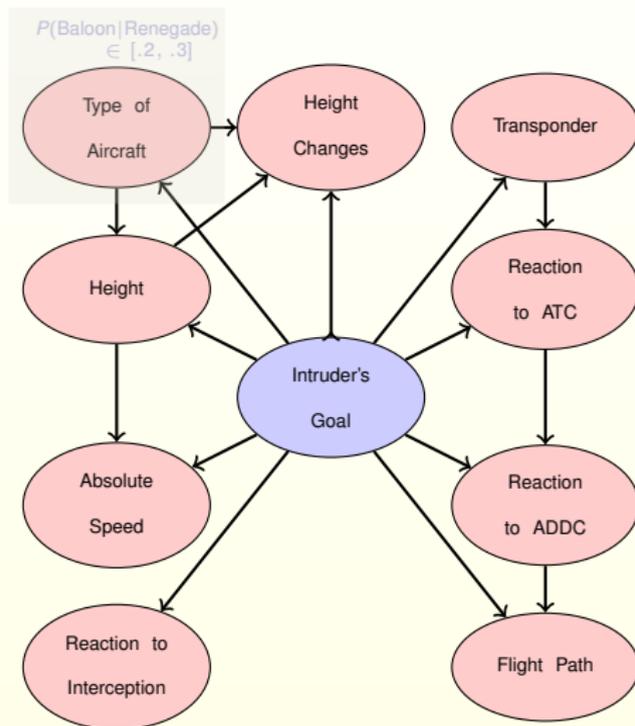
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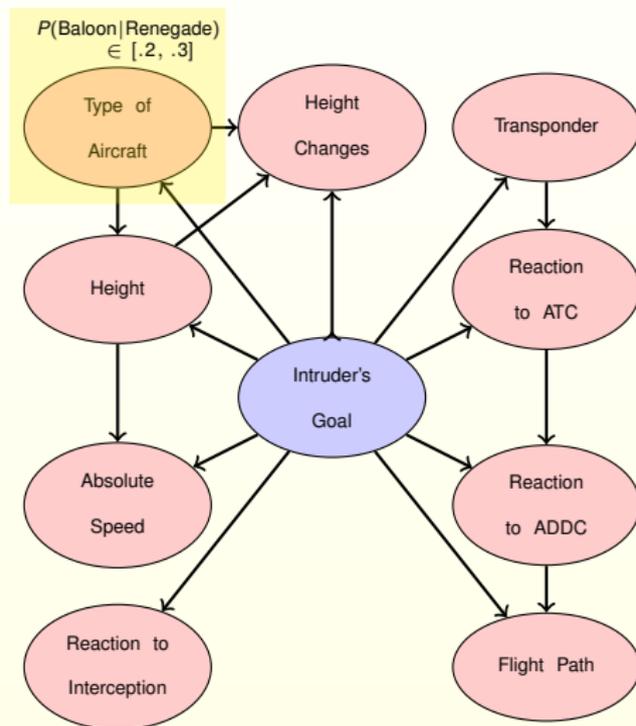
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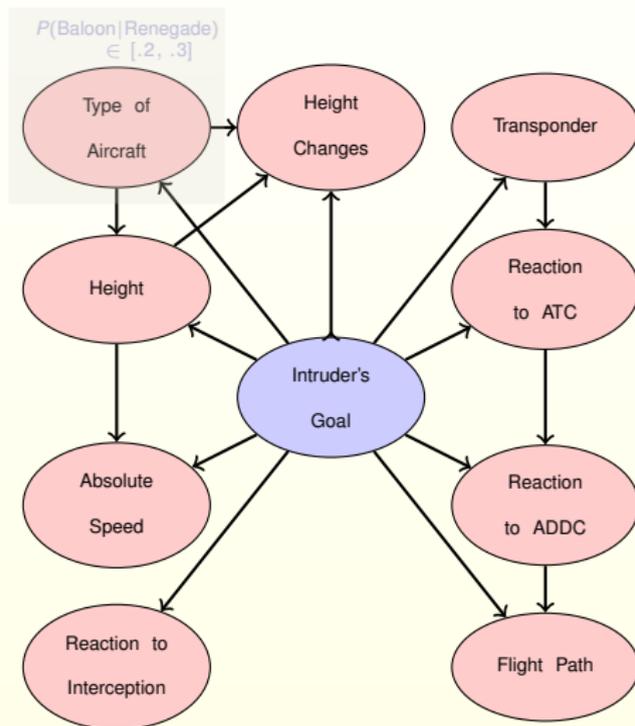
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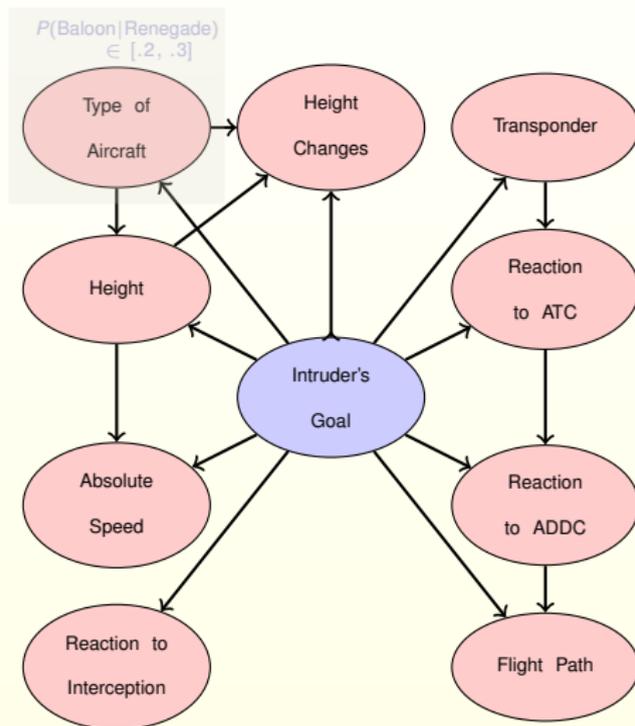
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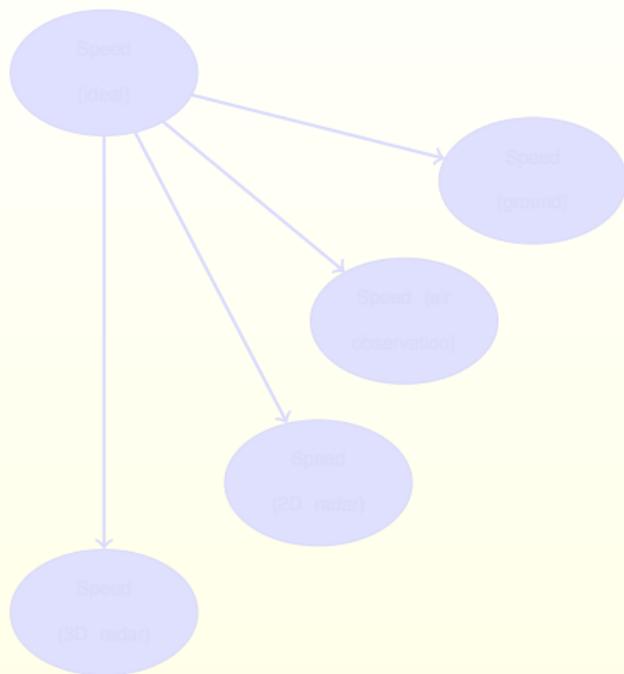
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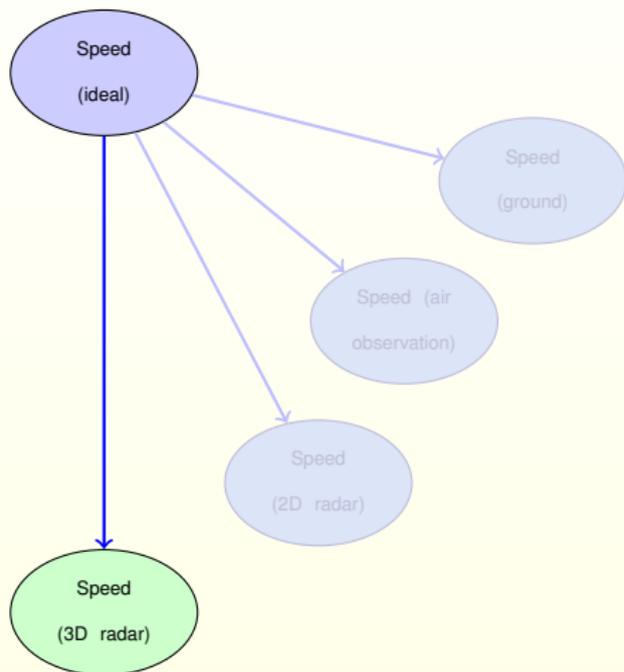
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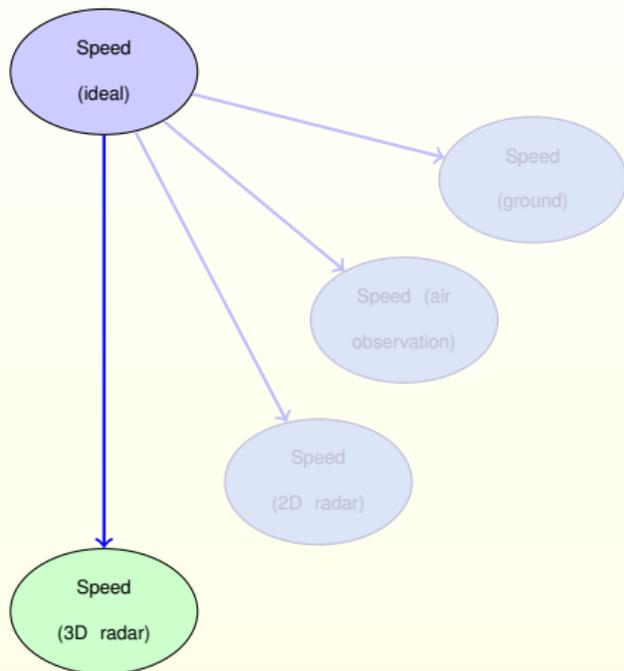
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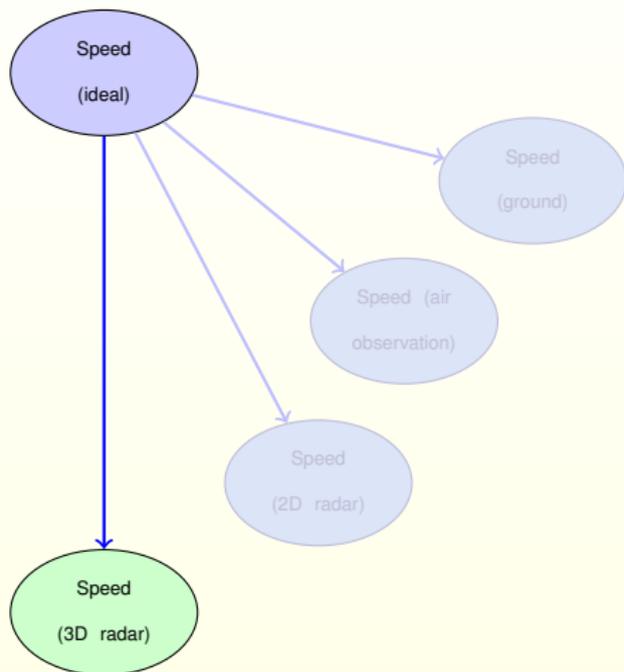
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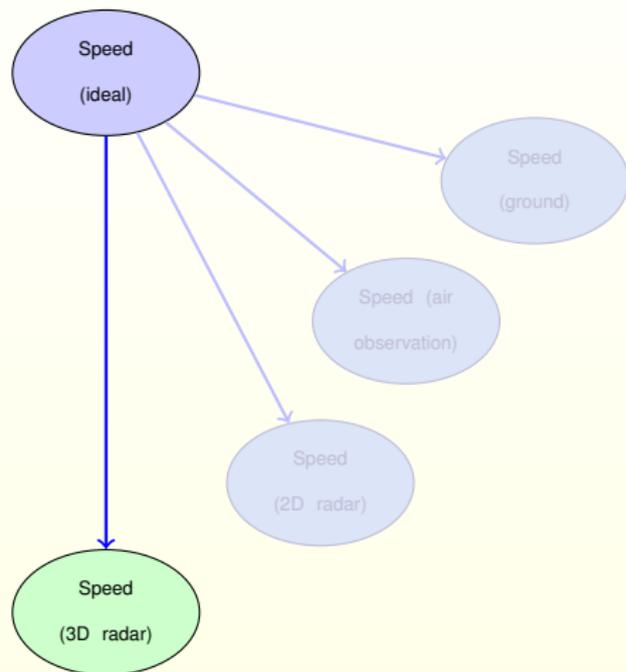
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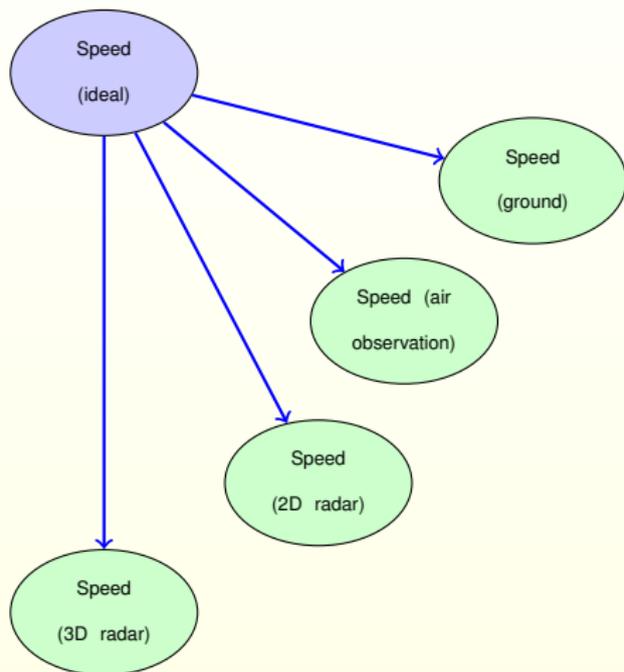
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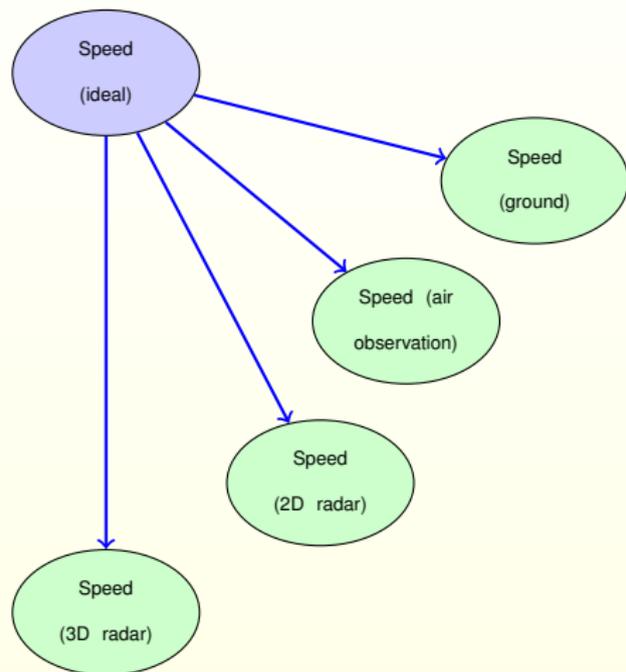
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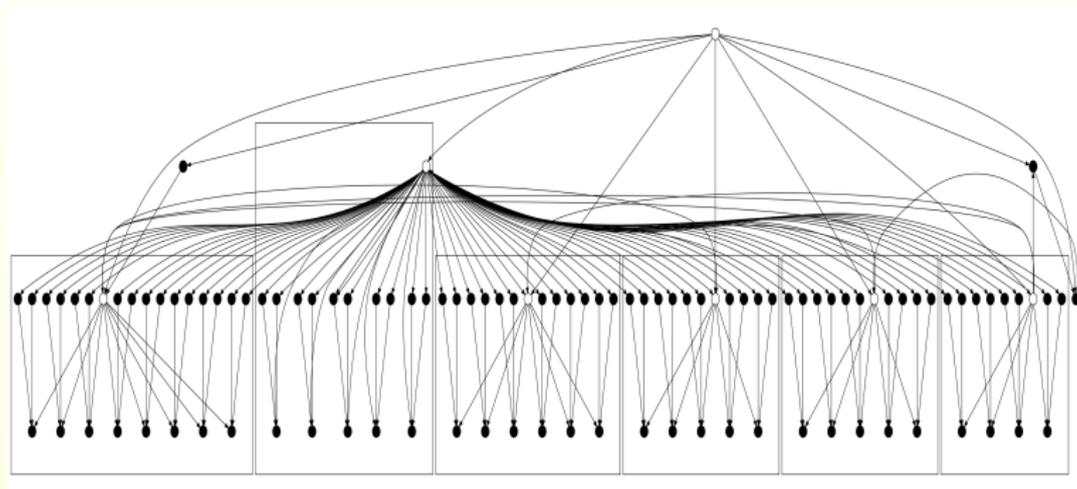
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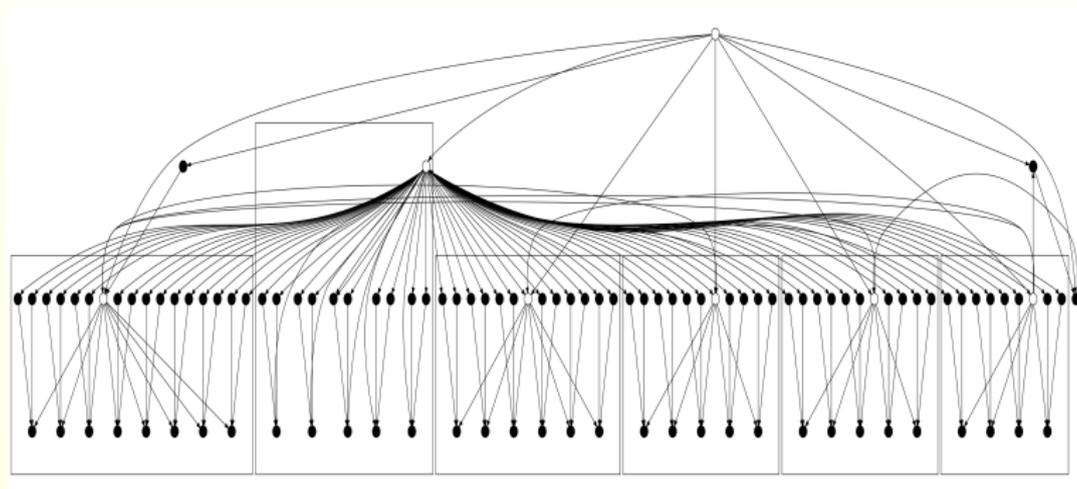
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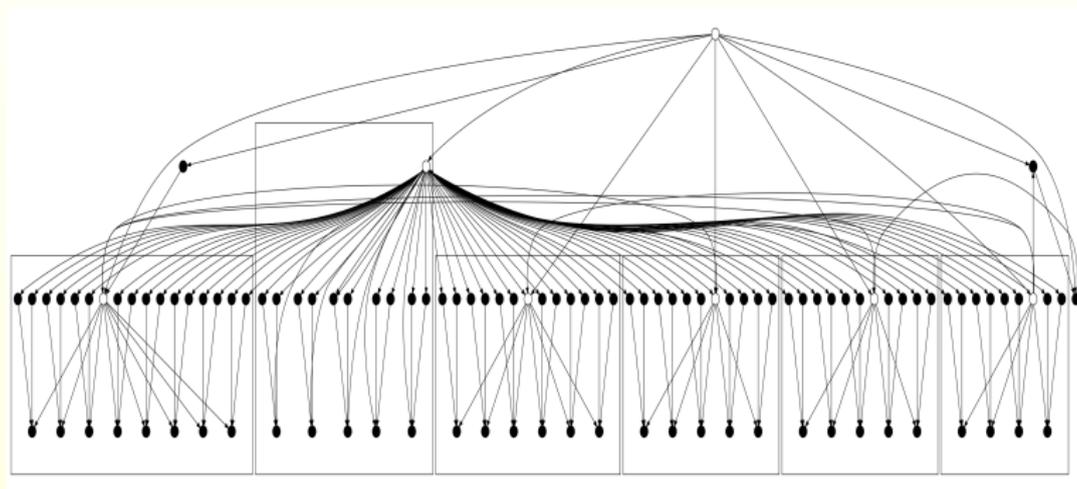
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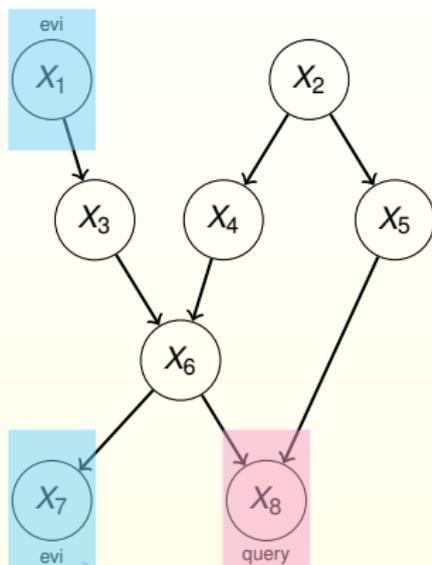
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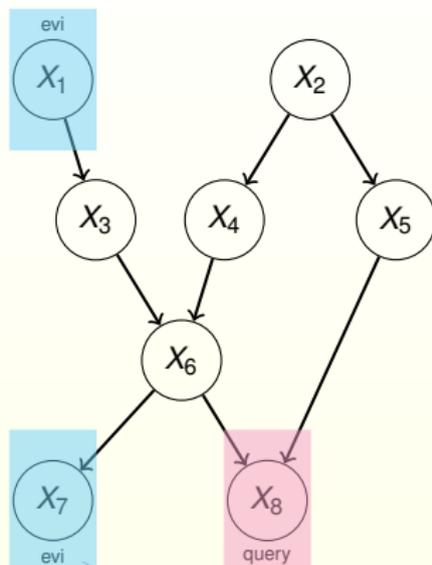
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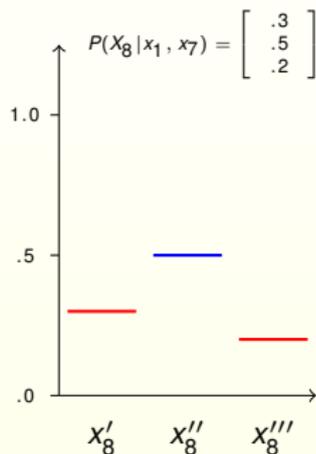
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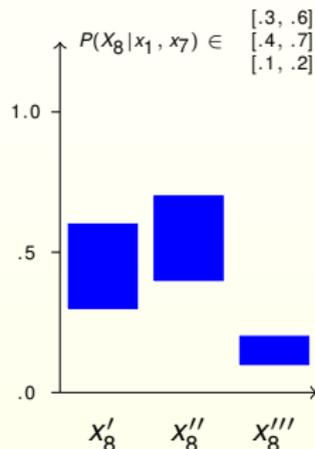
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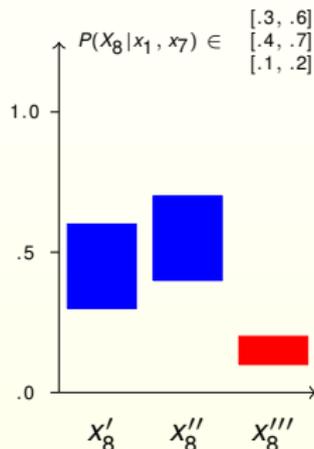
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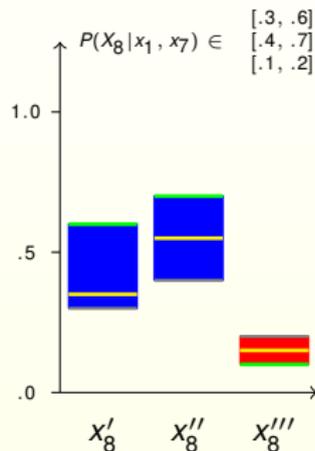
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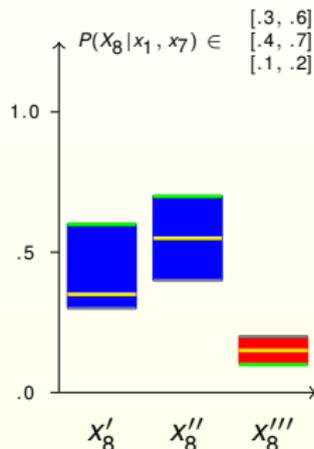
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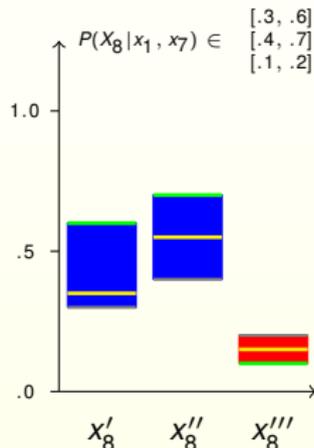
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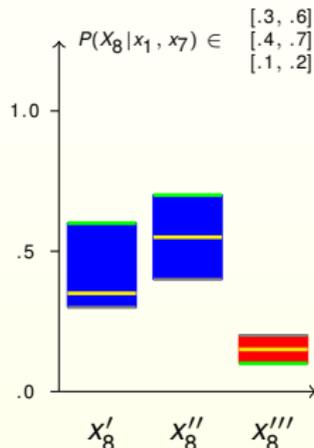
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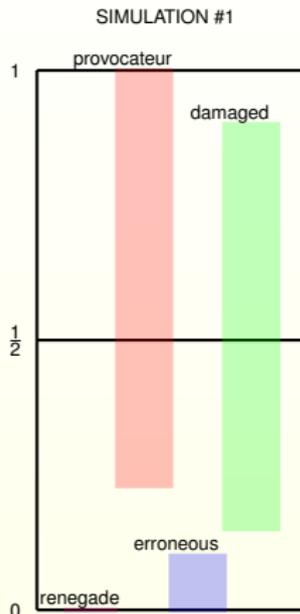
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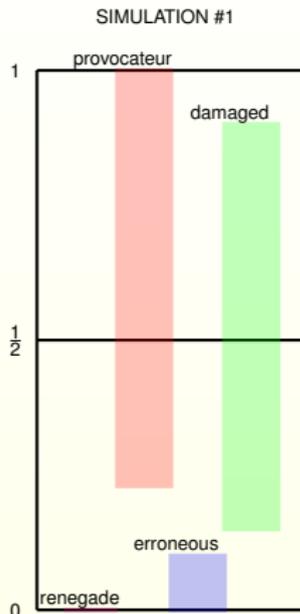
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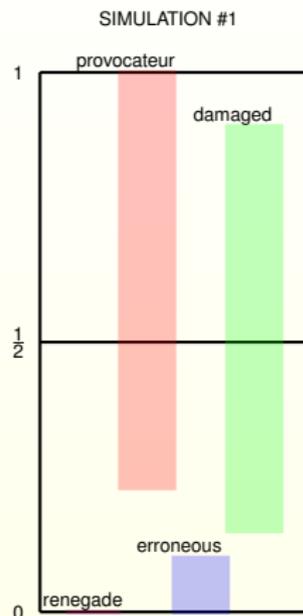
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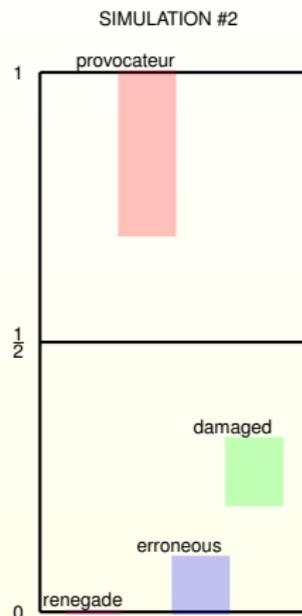
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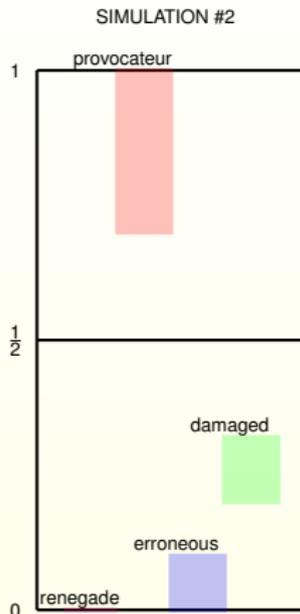
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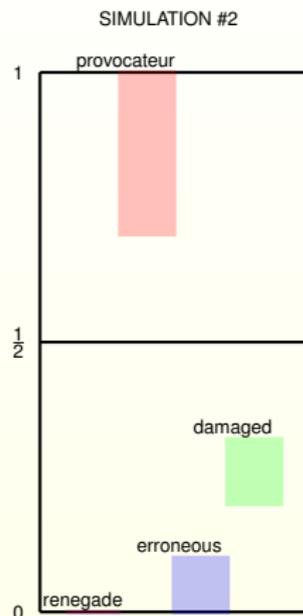
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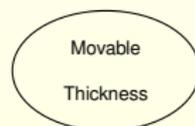
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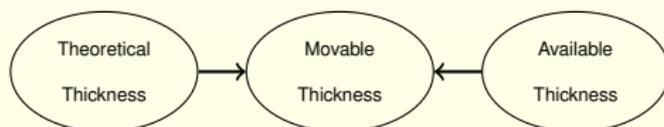
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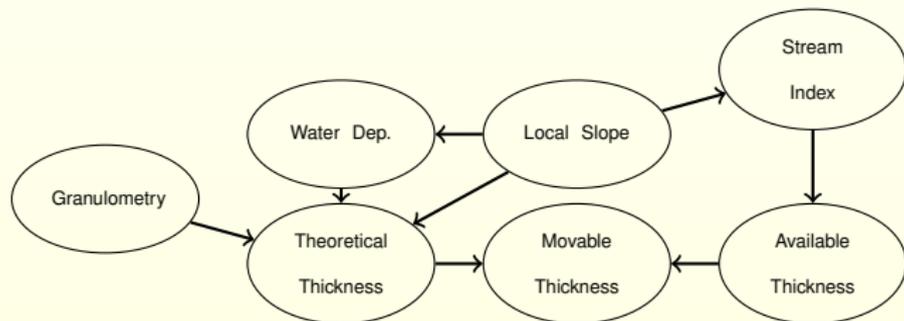


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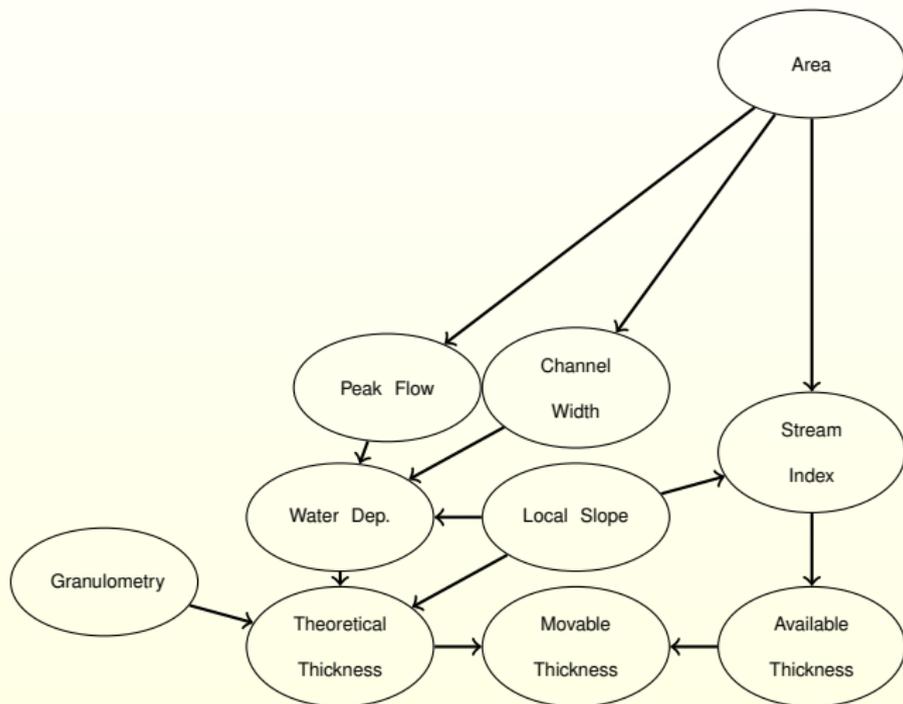
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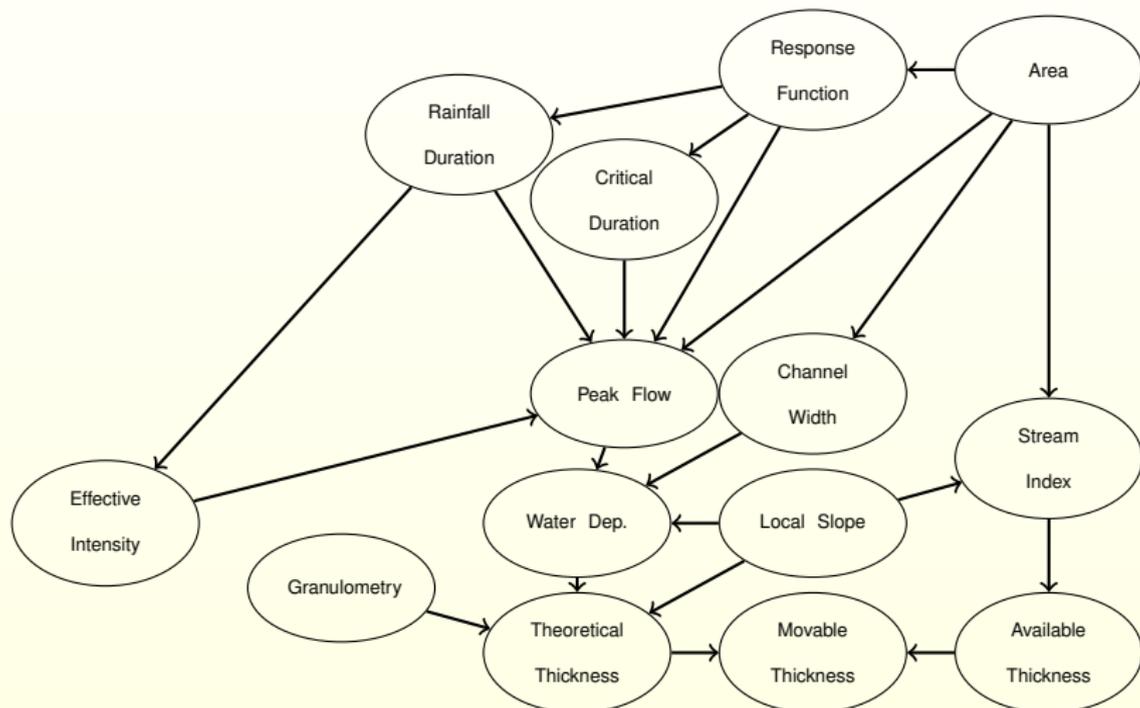
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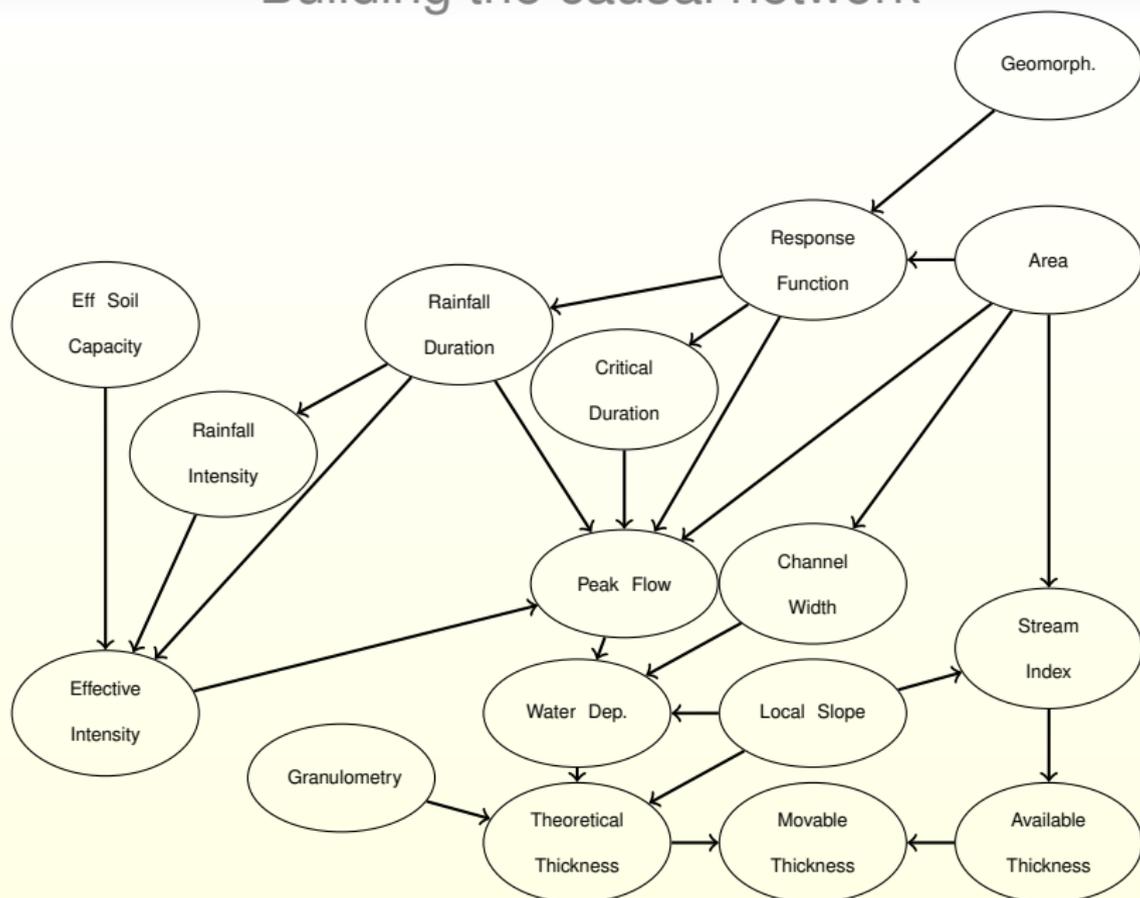
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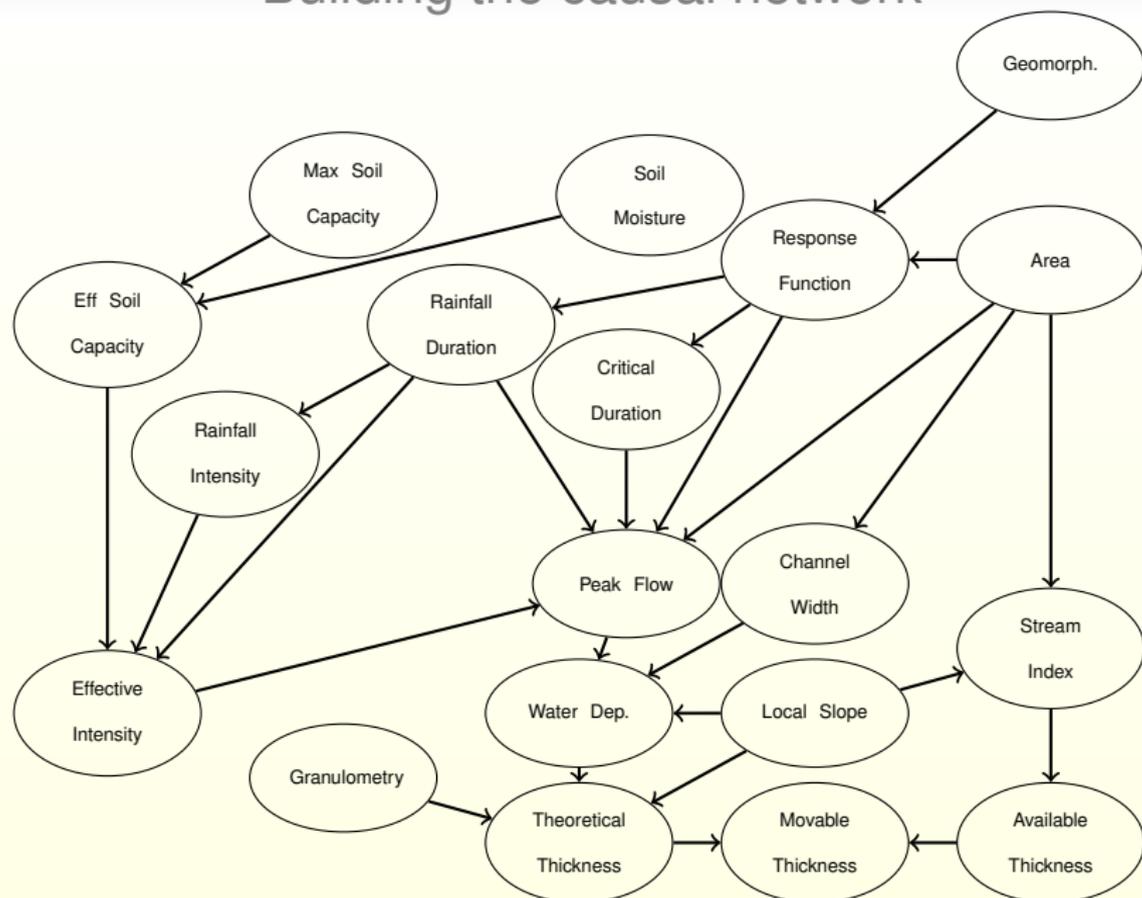
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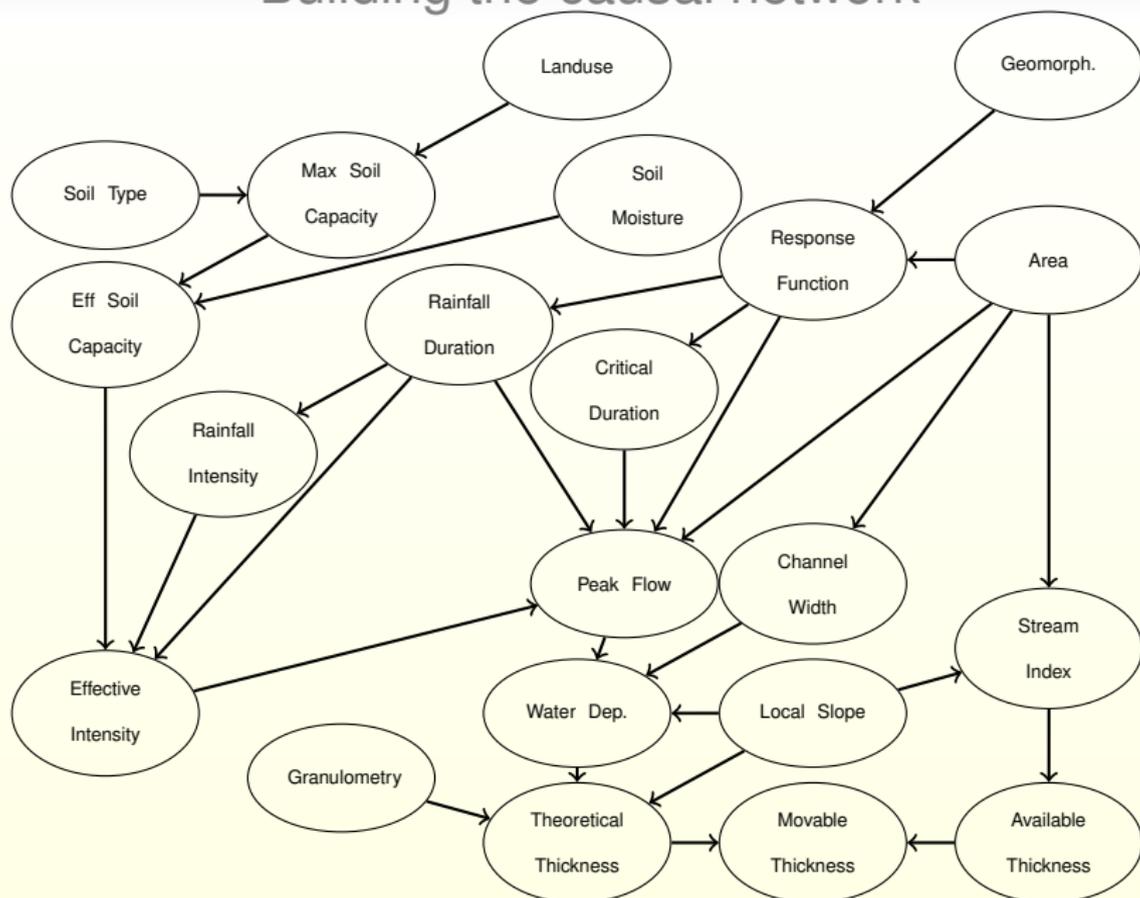
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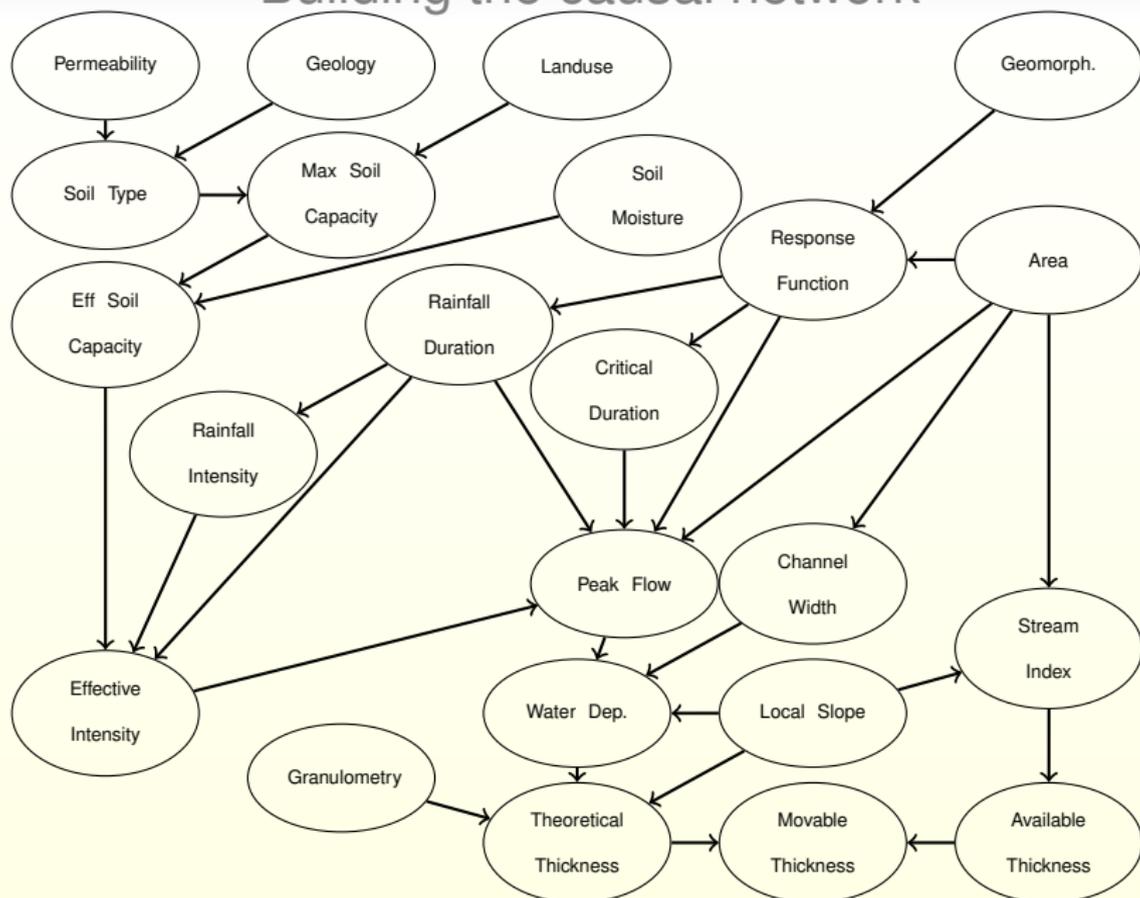
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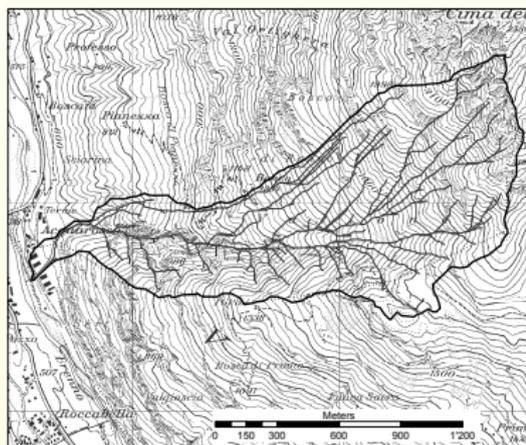


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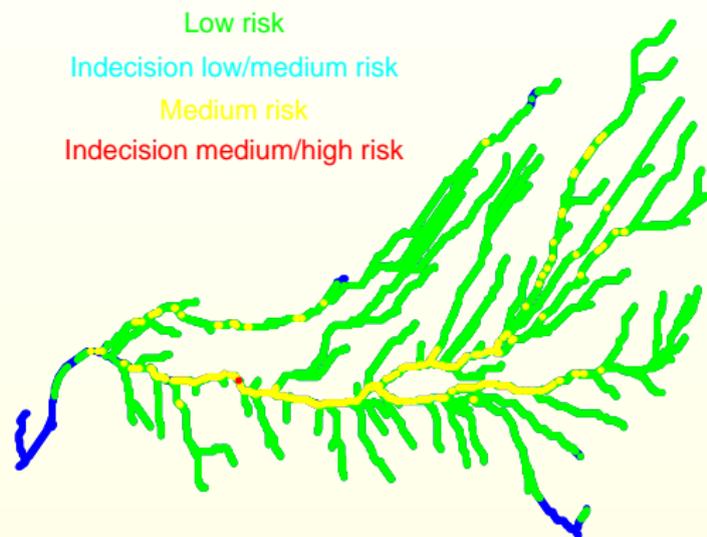
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Inference based on message propagation

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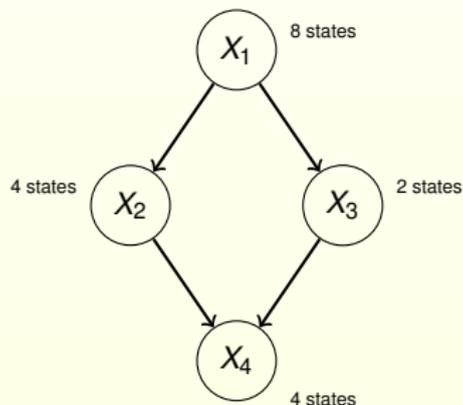
- Only outer approximation for general polytrees
(Tessem, 1992)
(da Rocha & Cozman, A/R+, 2005)
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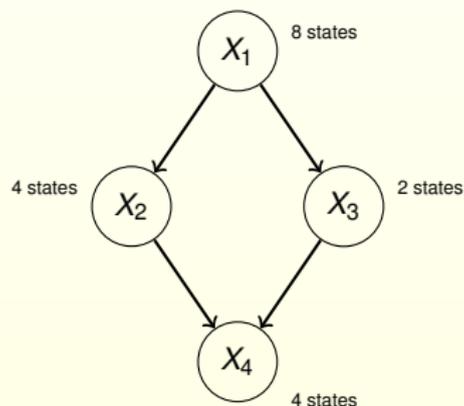
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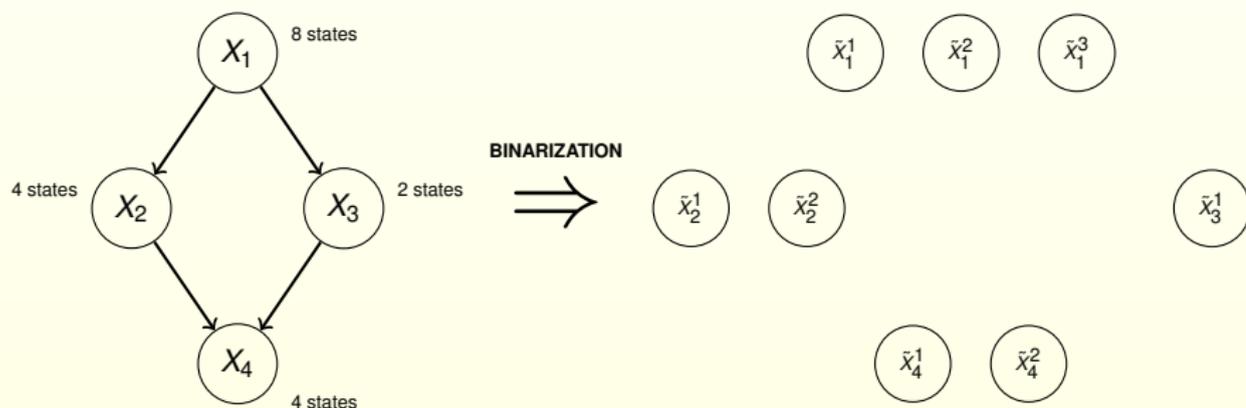
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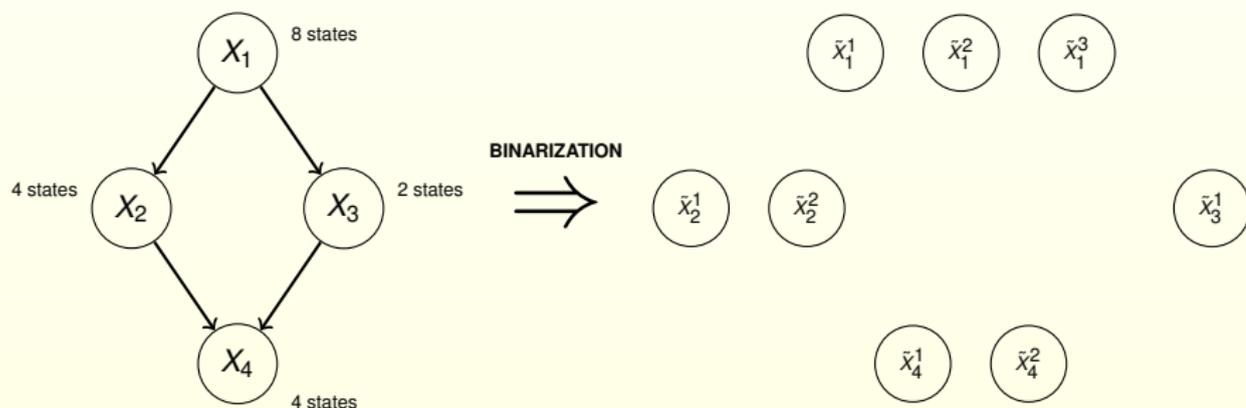
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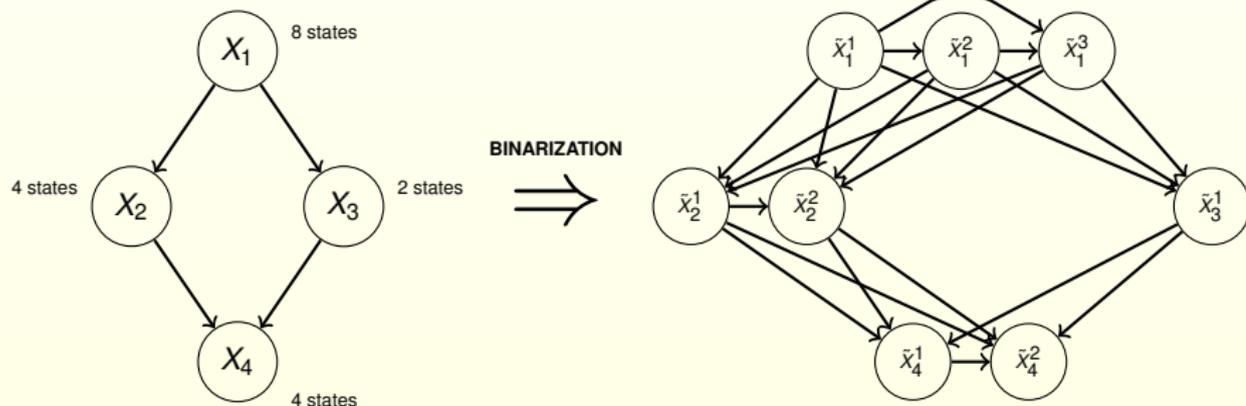
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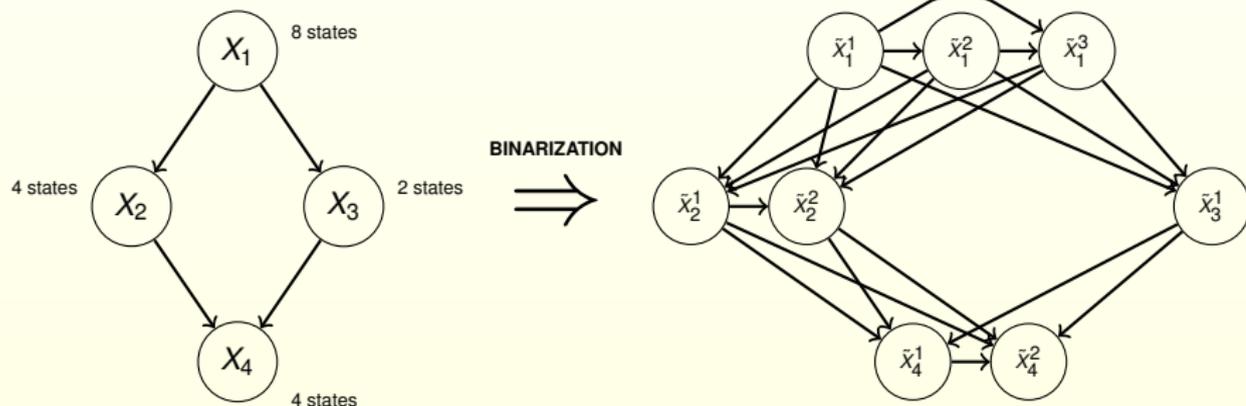
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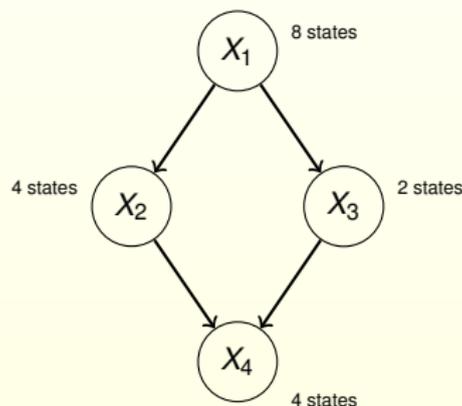
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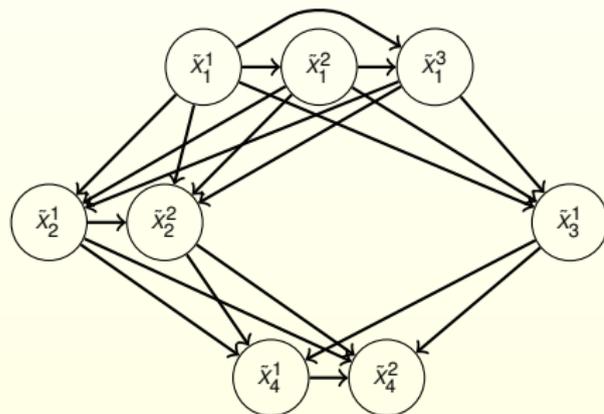


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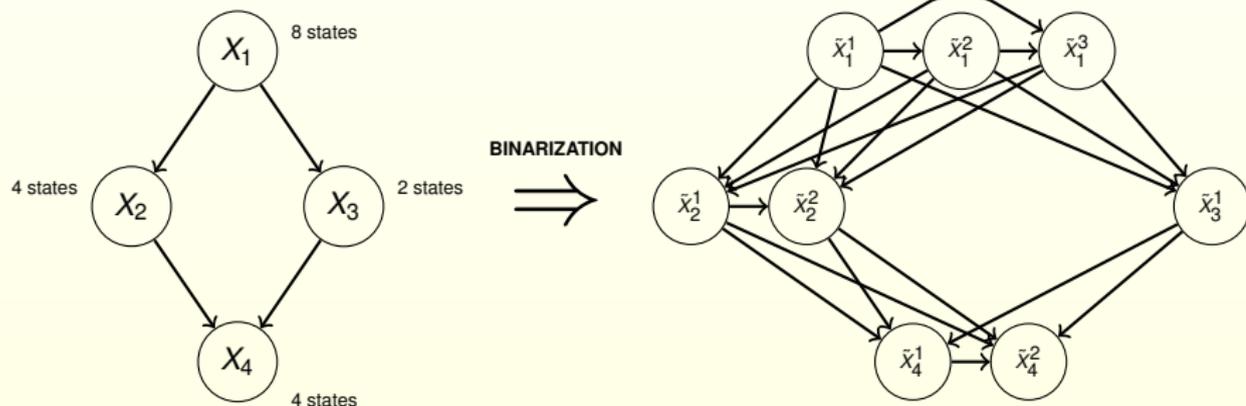


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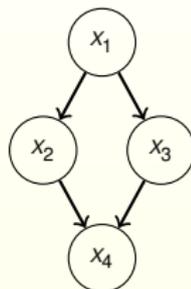
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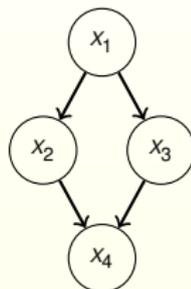
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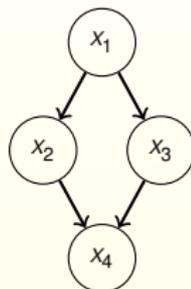
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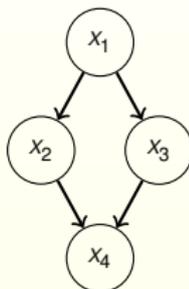
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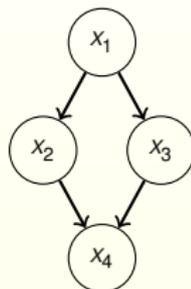
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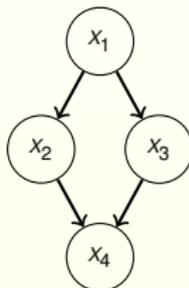
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- Hierarchical models (Cattaneo)
- Imprecise Markov decision processes (MDP) (Cozman)
- Qualitative probabilistic nets (Van der Gaag)
- Possibilistic networks (PGM with BFs)
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Still to be formalized

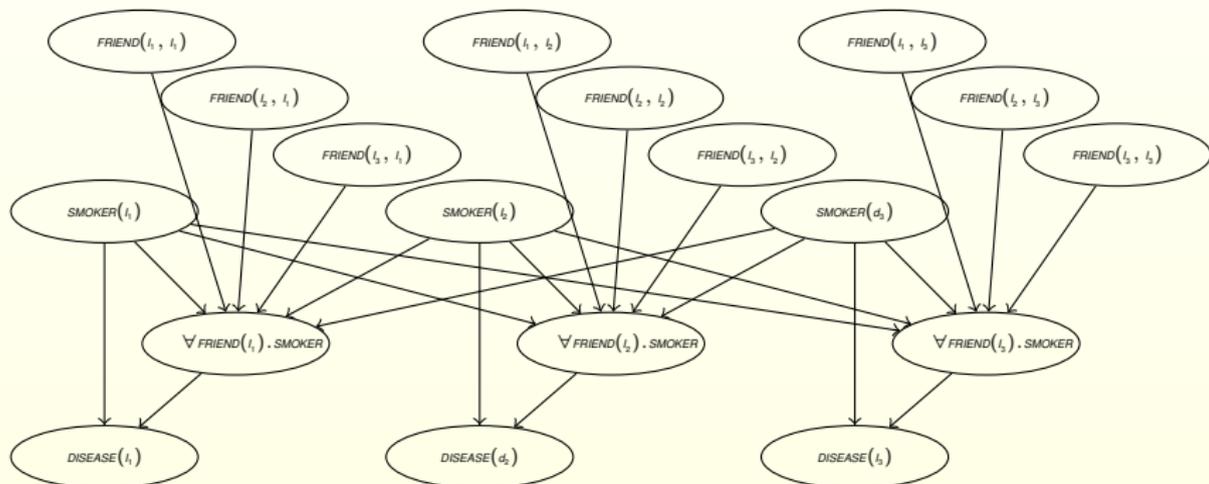
- Imprecise Markov random fields and iHMM
- Imprecise influence diagrams

Links with CNs

- Precise influence diagrams, MAP problems on BNs, ...

CRALC probabilistic logic with IPs (Cozman, 2008)

- Description logic with interval of probabilities
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- In a sens symbolic (or OO) CNs



Future directions for CNs

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 - Inference based on Pareto set (de Campos)
 - Gibb's sampling
 - Joint tree
- Learning CNs from data
 - Structural learning (next talk)
 - Imprecise EM
- More “bridges” with BNs world
- Continuous variables (Benavoli)
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- Applications, applications, applications, applications, applications