

Probabilistic Programming

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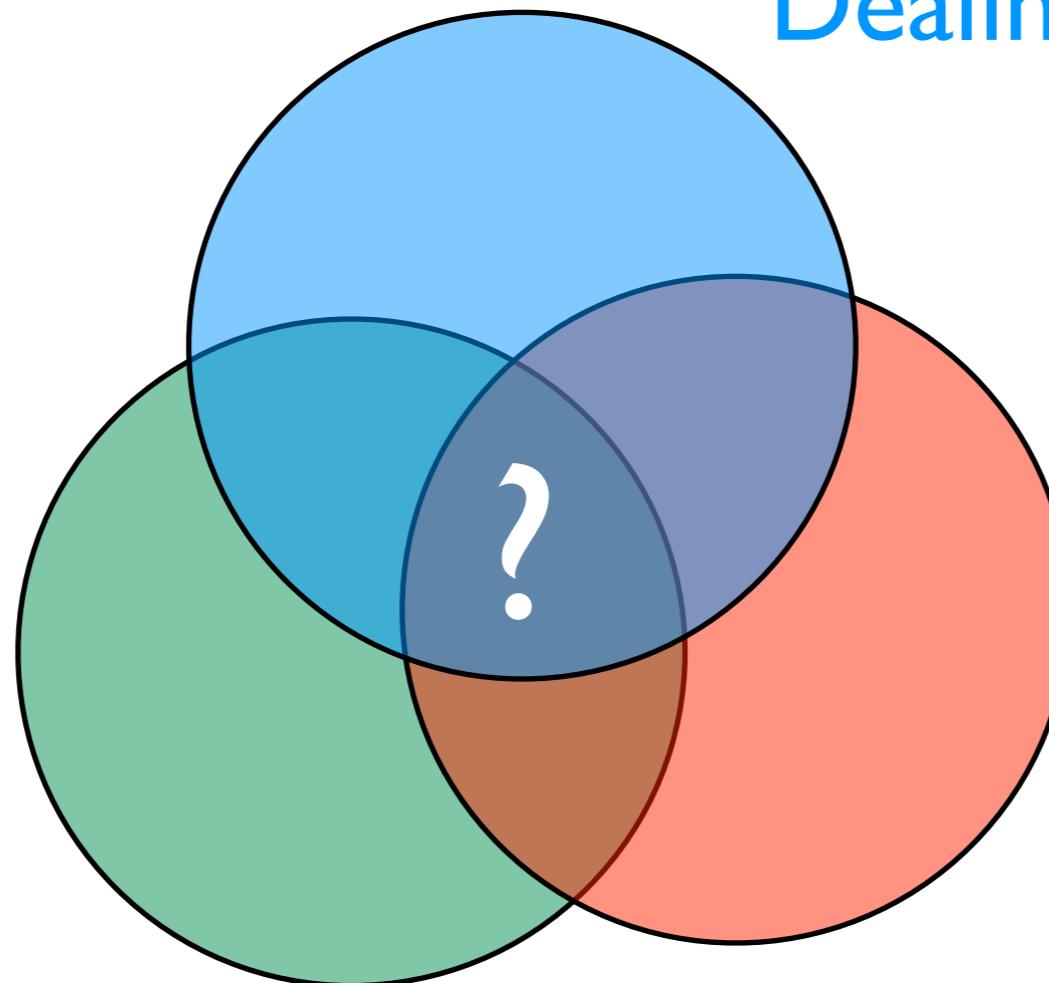
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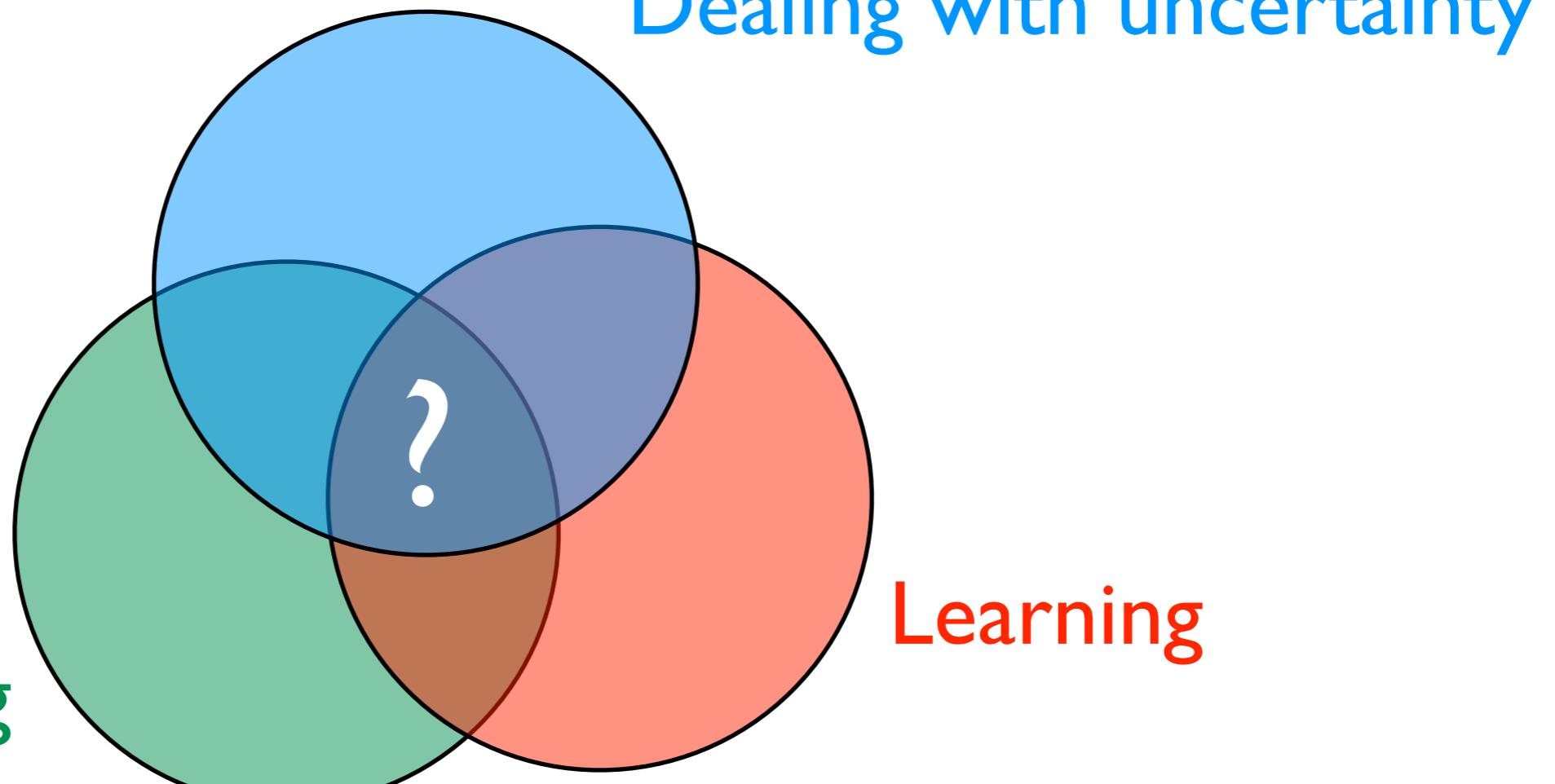
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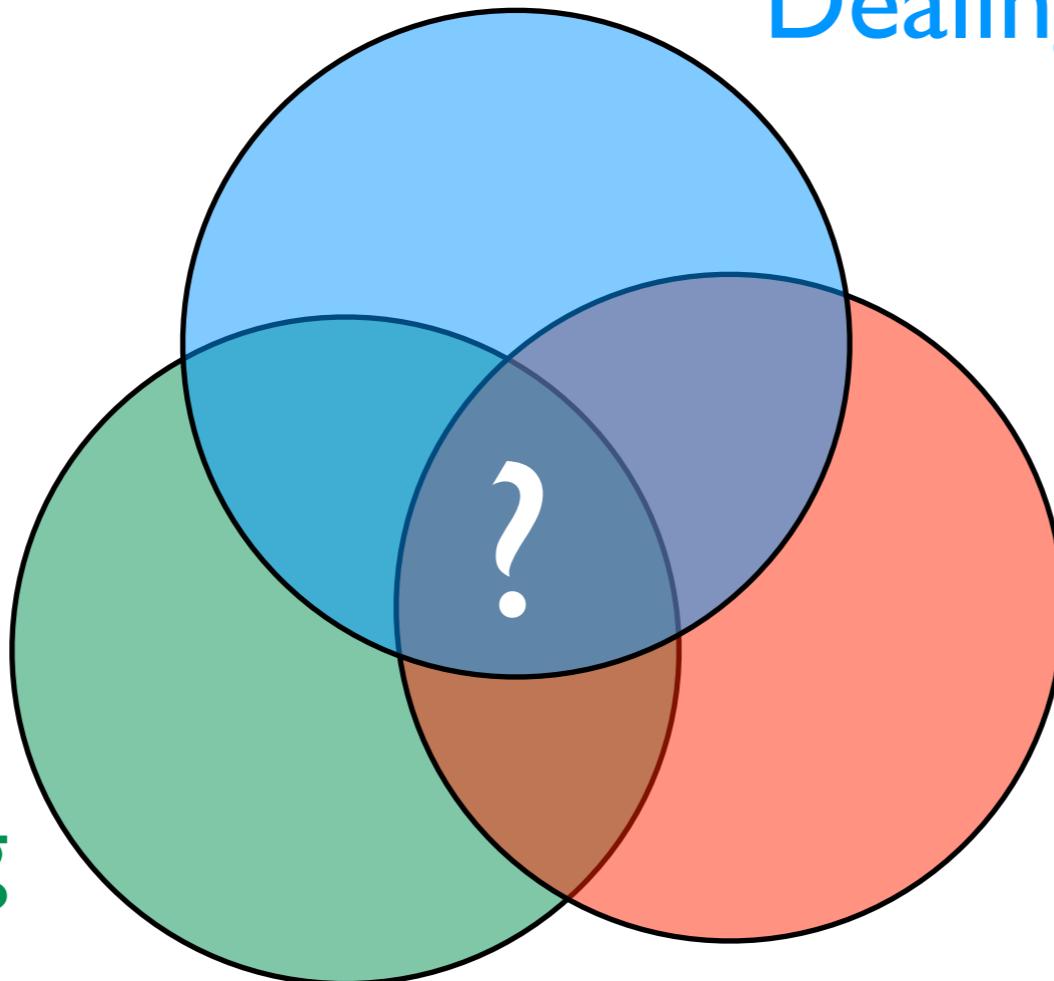
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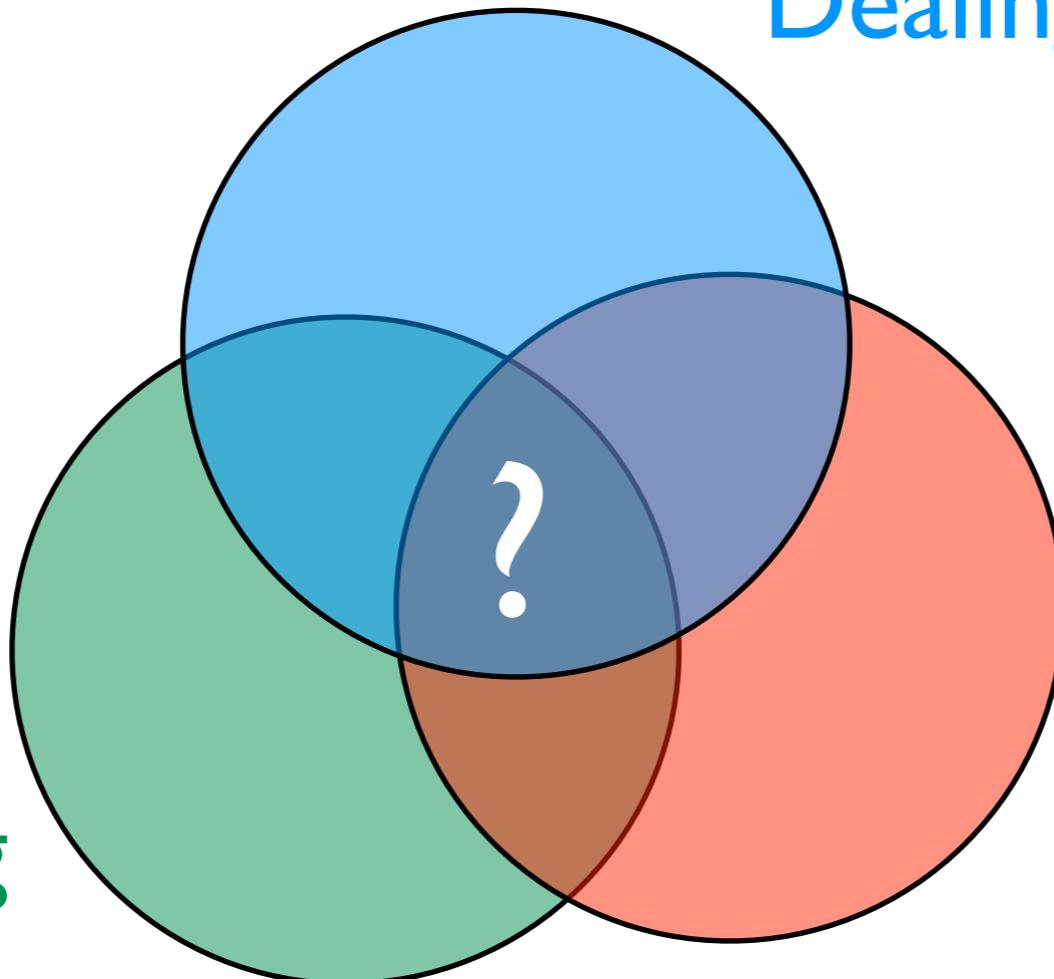
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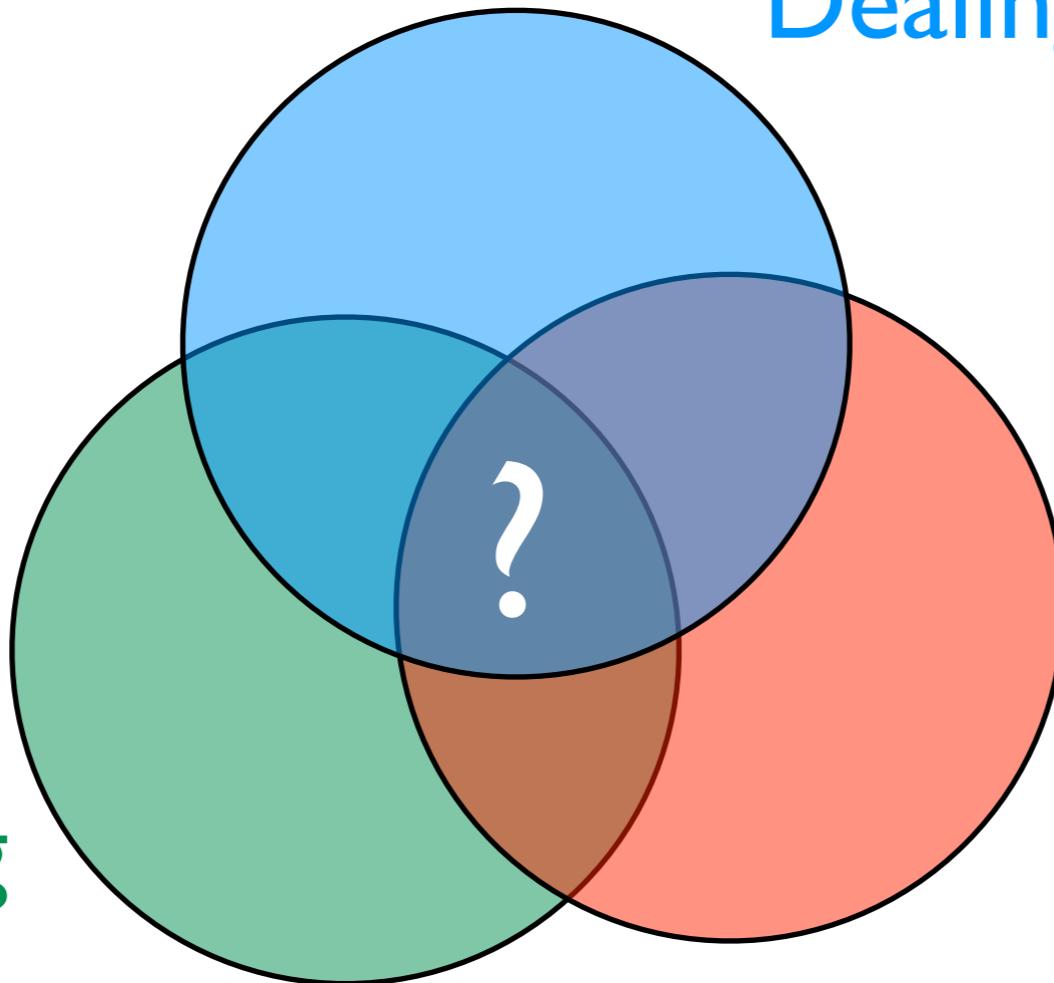
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Statistical relational learning
& Probabilistic Programming

The need for relations

Dynamics: Evolving Networks



- *Travian*: A massively multiplayer real-time strategy game
 - Commercial game run by TravianGames GmbH
 - ~3.000.000 players spread over different “worlds”
 - ~25.000 players in one world

[Thon et al. ECML 08]



World Dynamics

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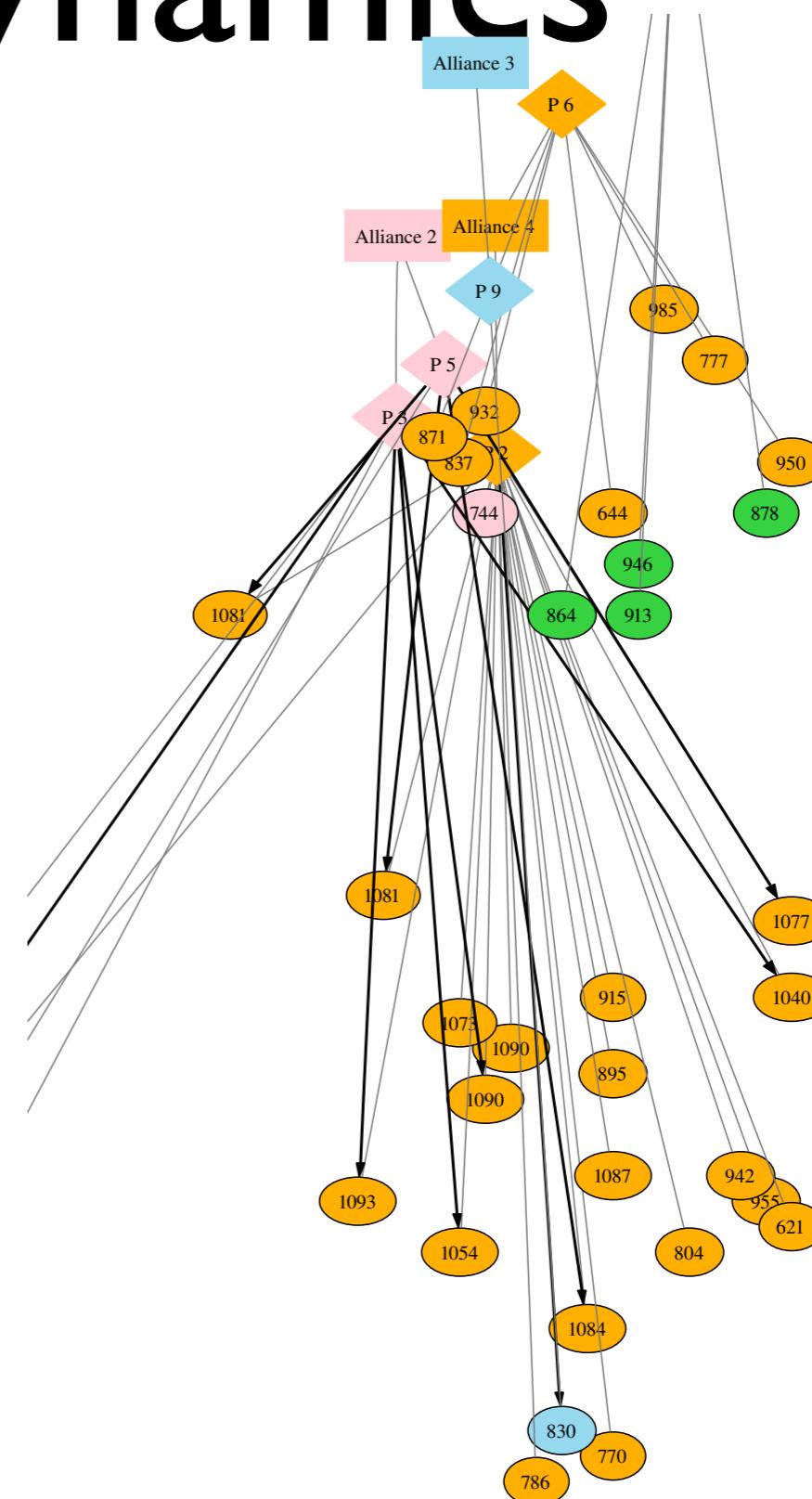
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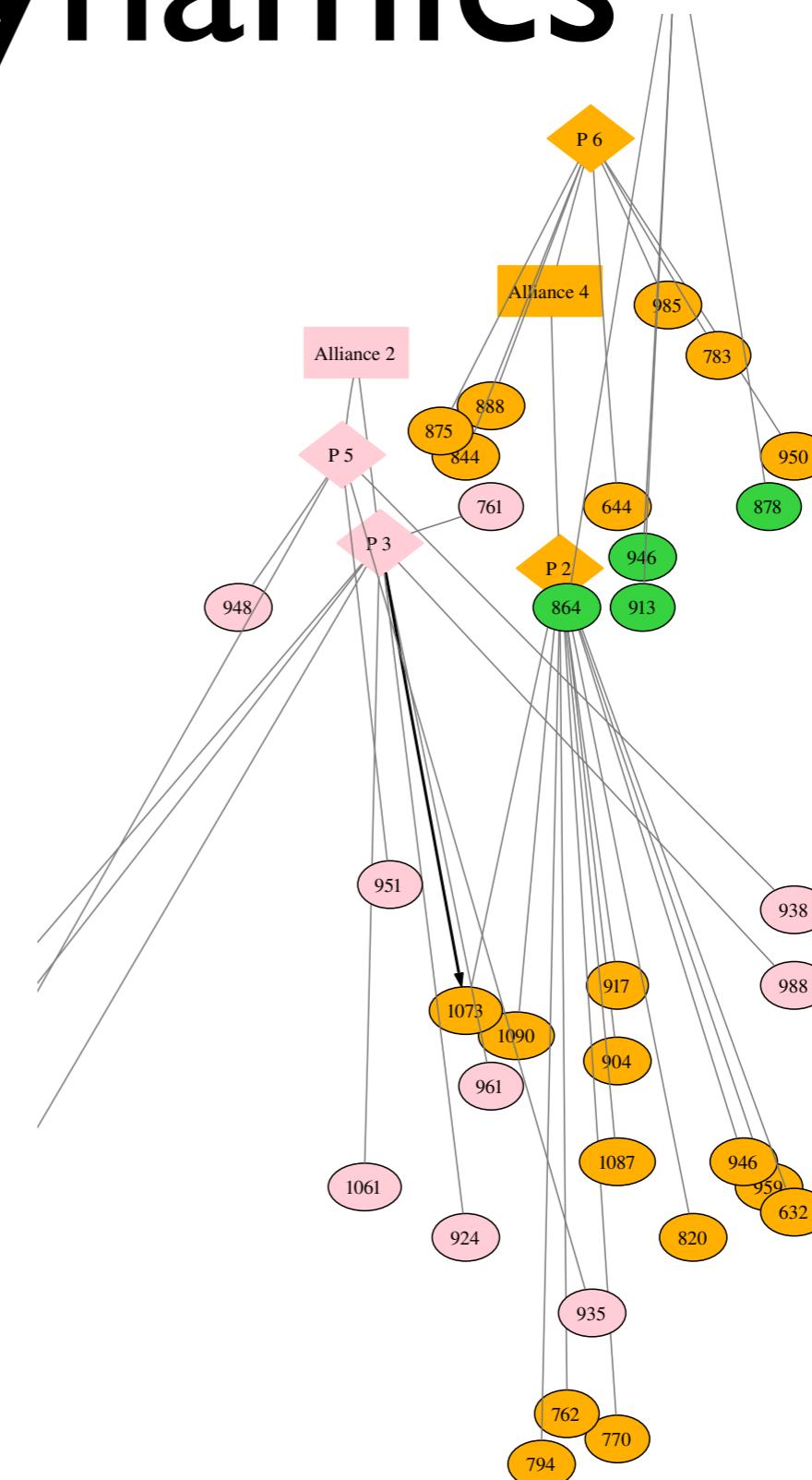
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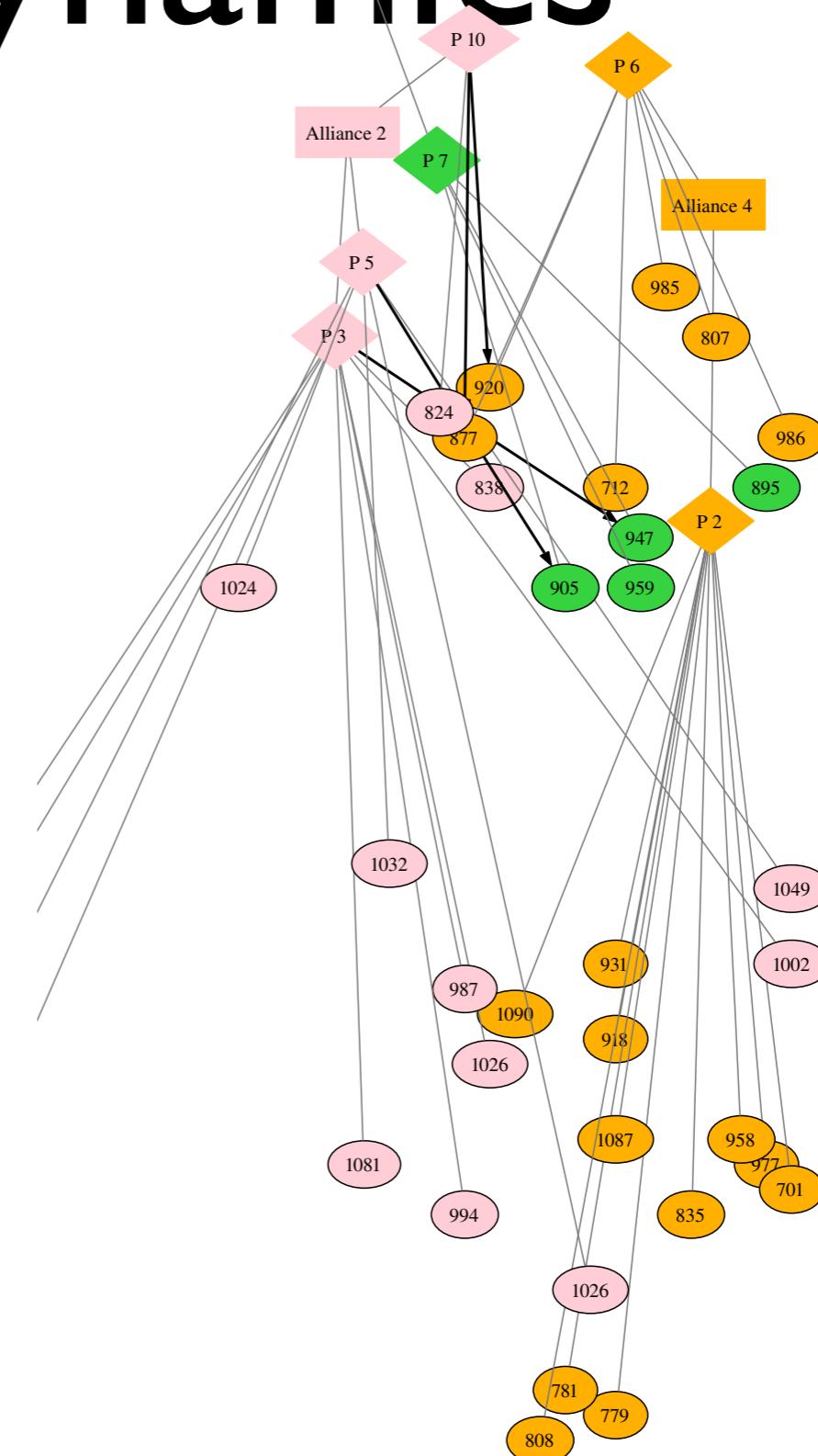
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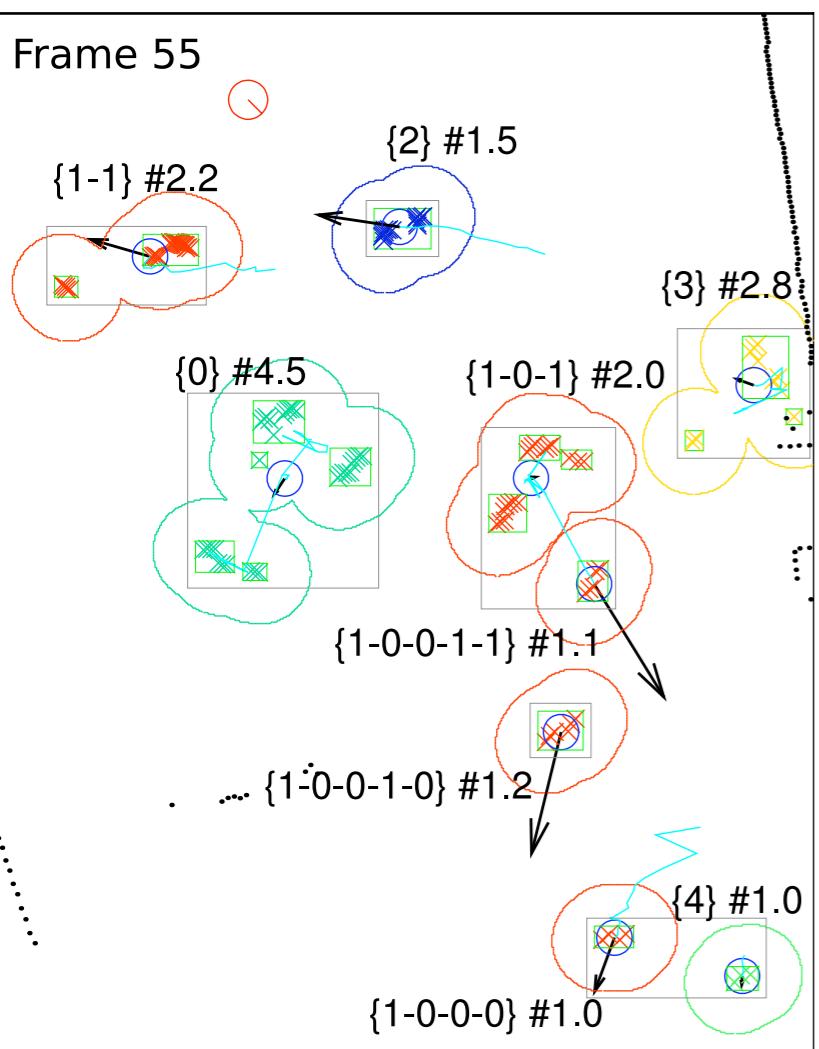
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Analyzing Video Data



- Track people or objects over time? Even if temporarily hidden?
[Skarlatidis et al, TPLP 14; Nitti et al, IROS 13, ICRA 14]
- Recognize activities?
- Infer object properties?

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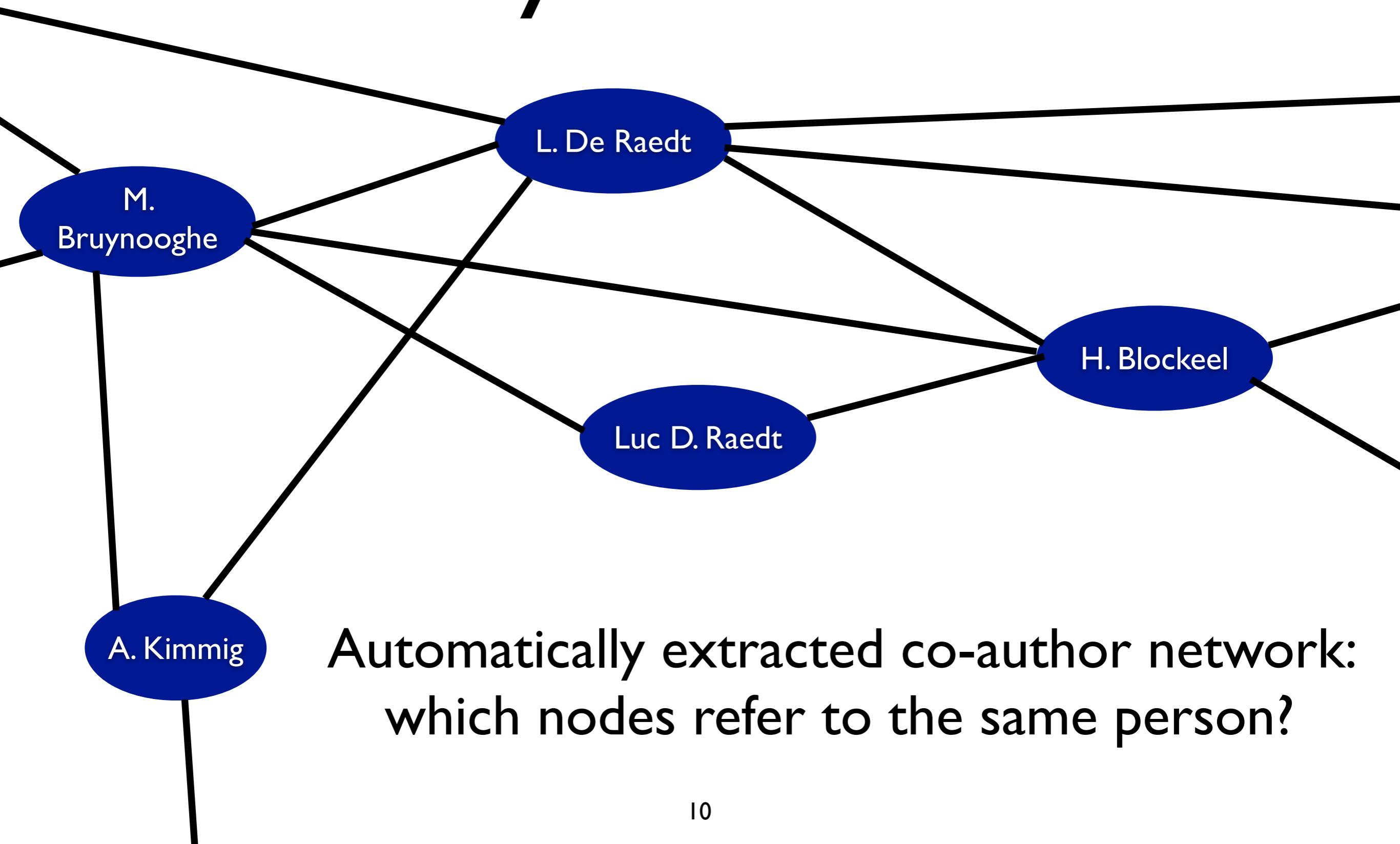
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Entity Resolution





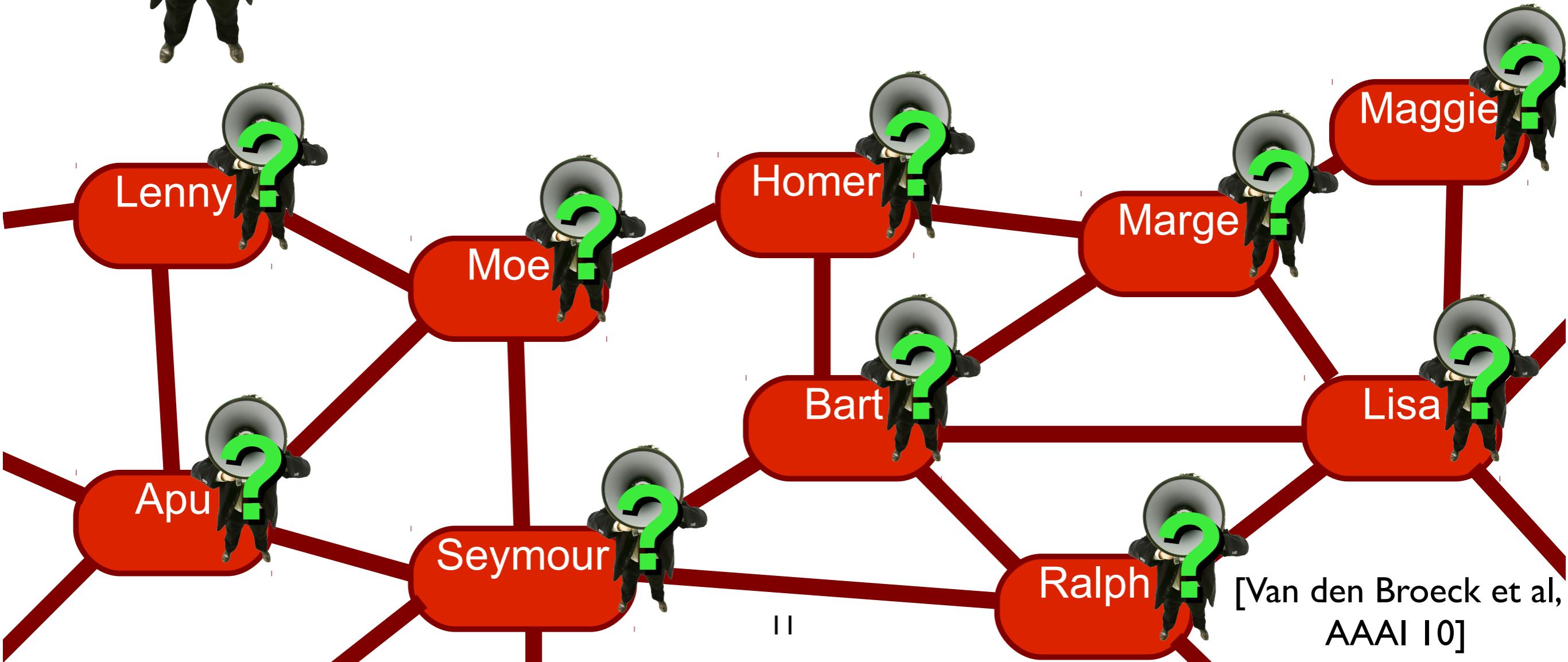
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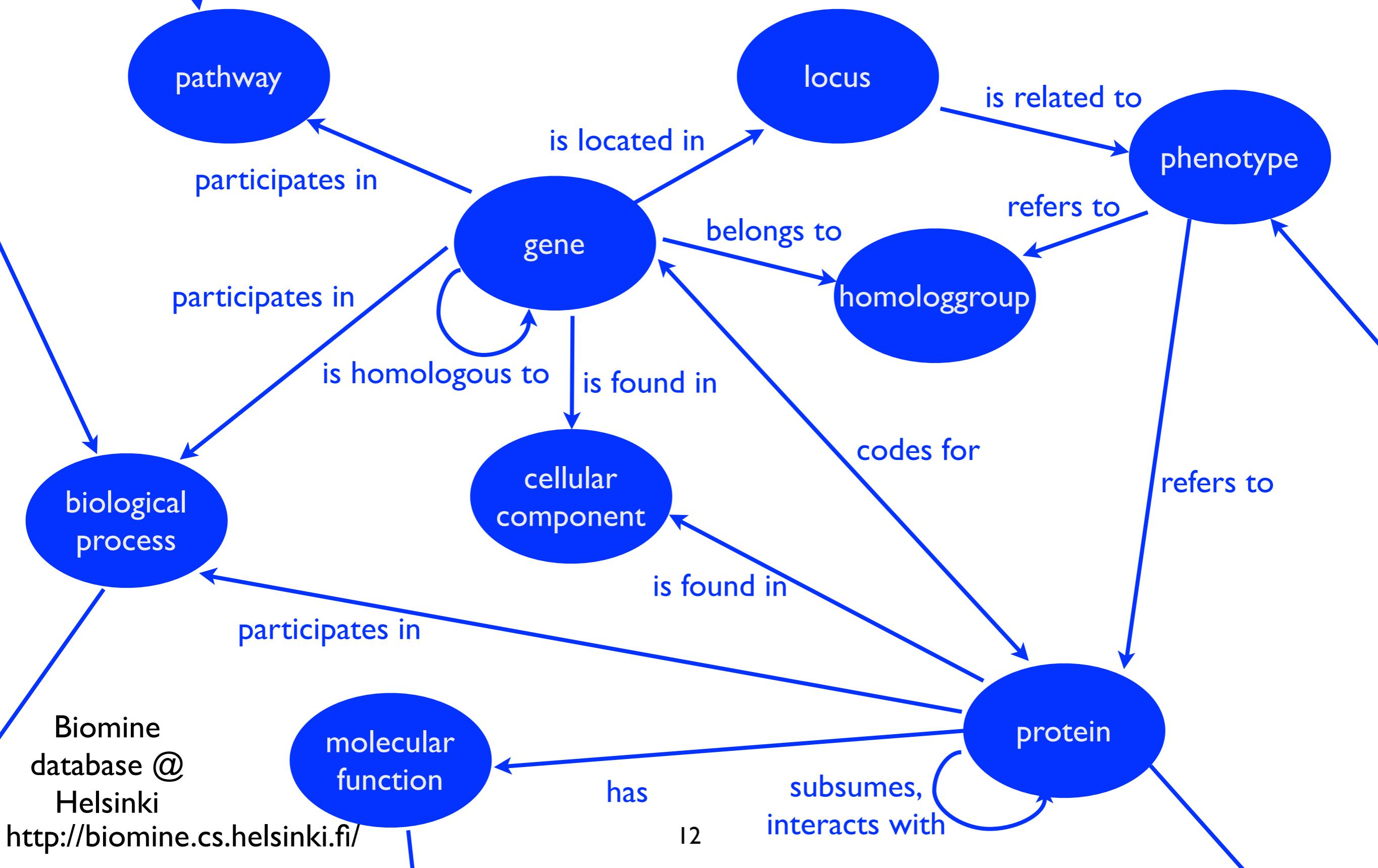
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Viral Marketing

Which advertising strategy maximizes expected profit?



Biological Networks



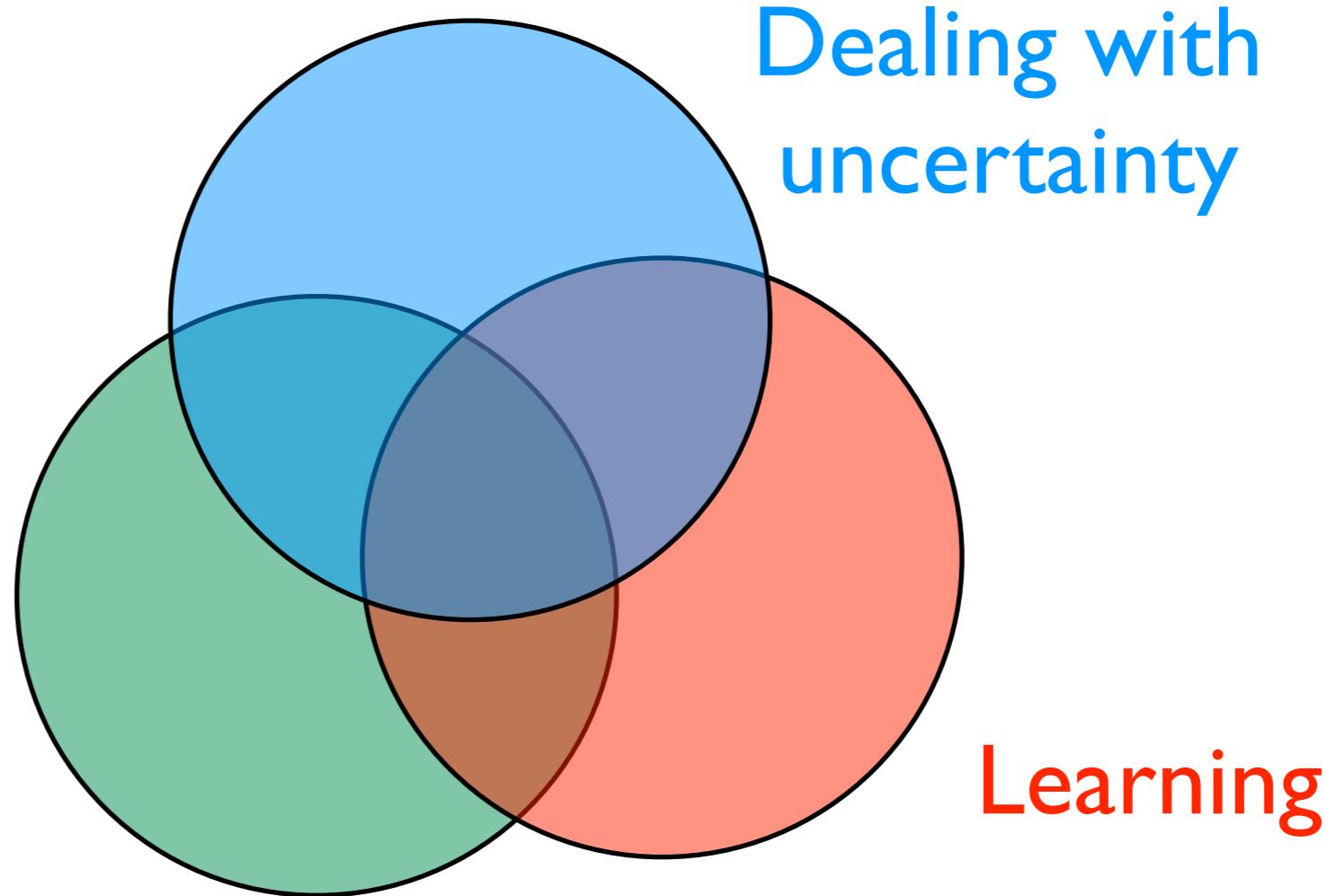
This requires dealing with

- Structured environments
 - objects, and
 - relationships amongst them
- and possibly
 - using background knowledge
- cope with uncertainty
- learn from data

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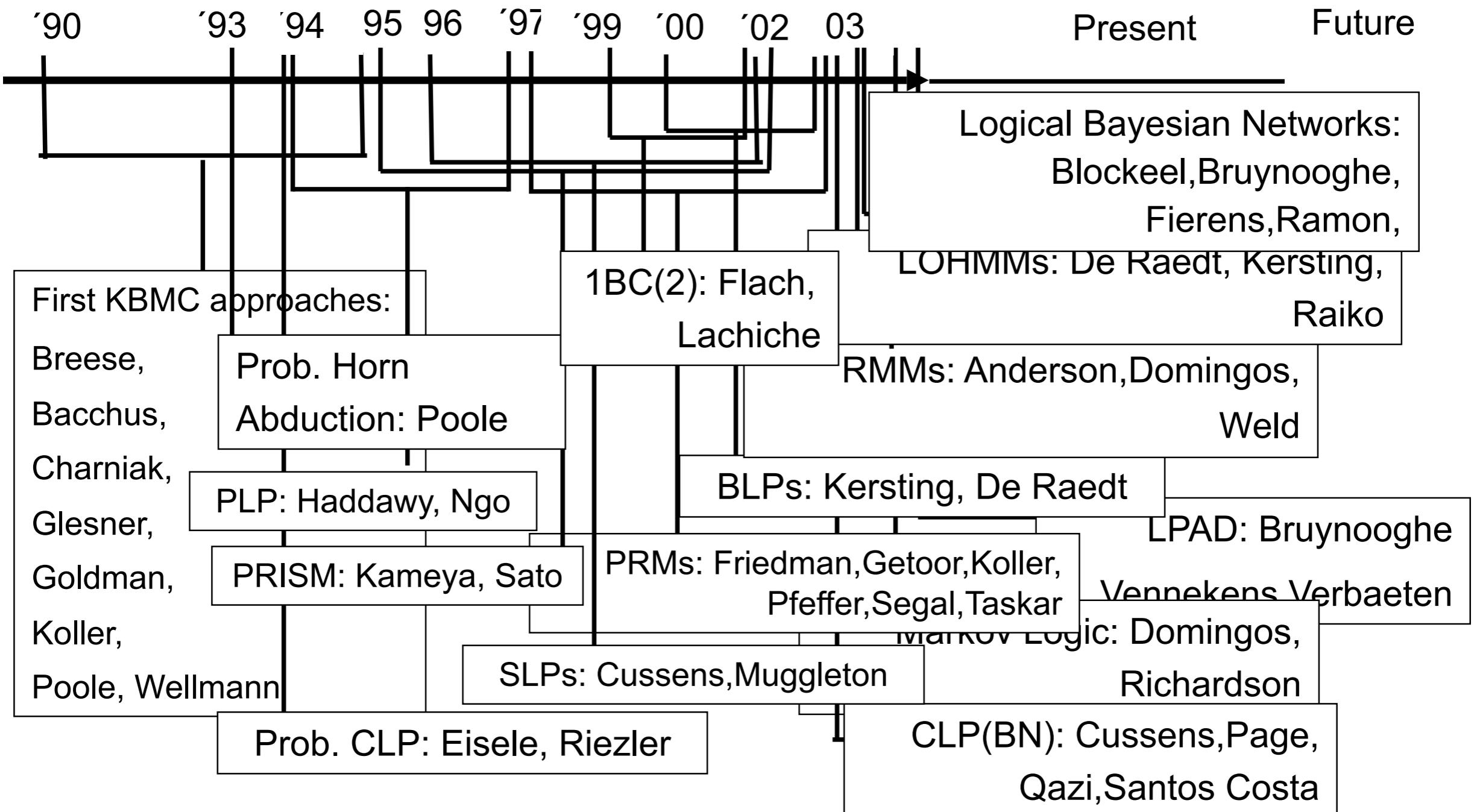
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Some formalisms



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- many different formalisms
- our focus: probabilistic
(logic) programming

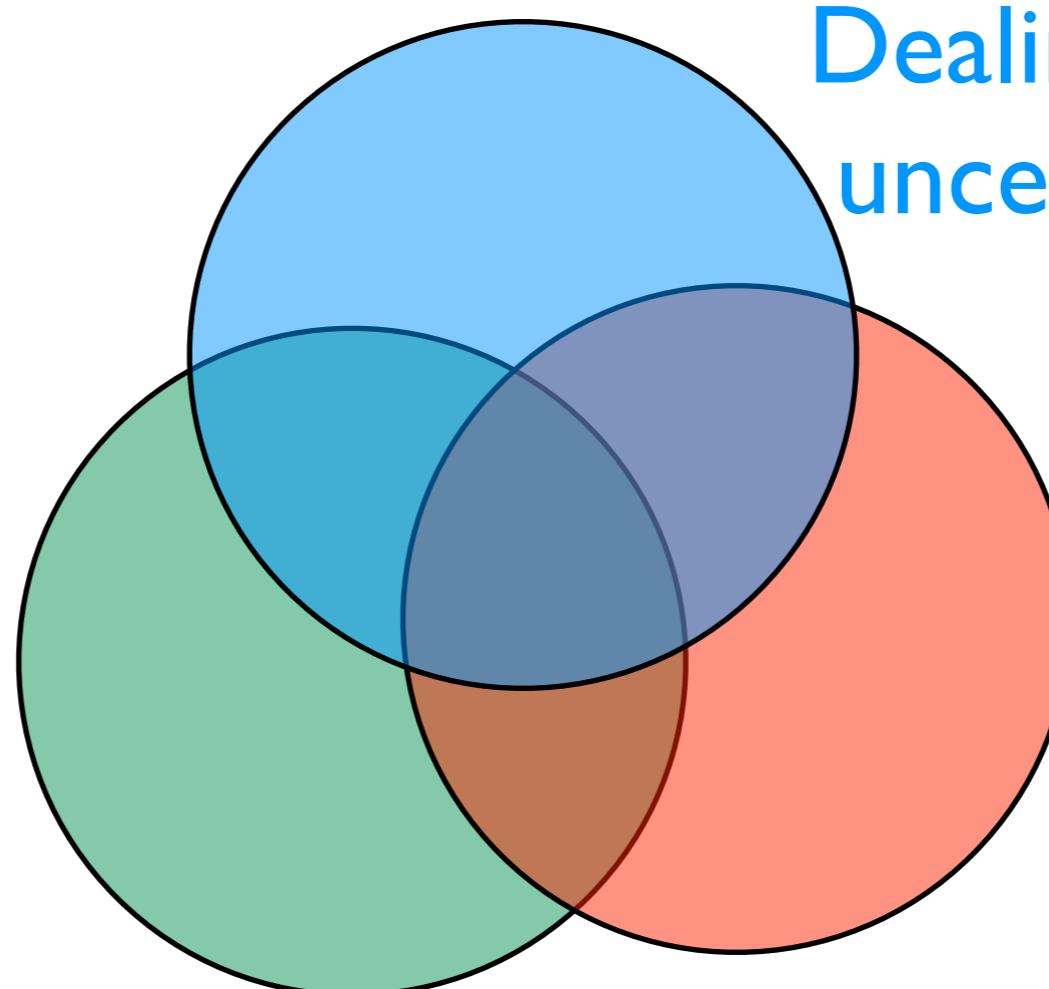
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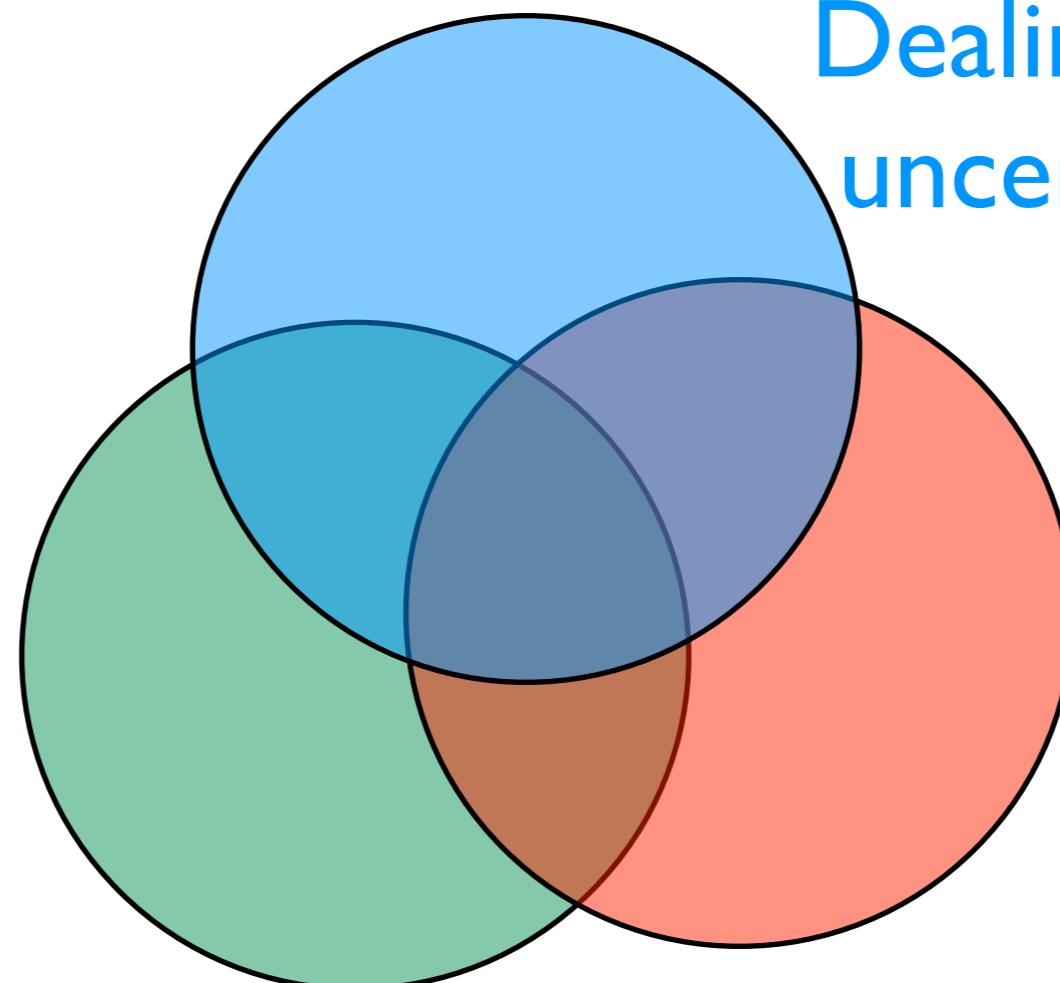
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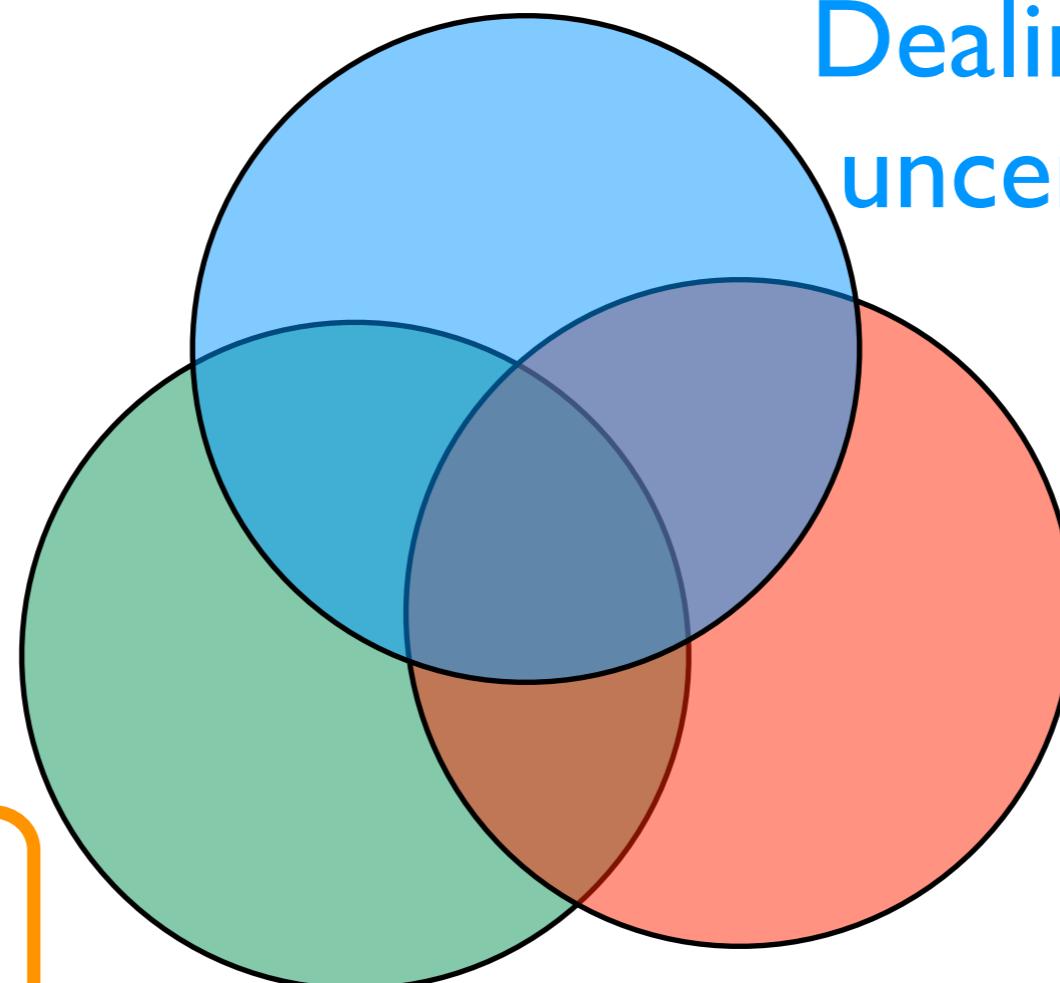
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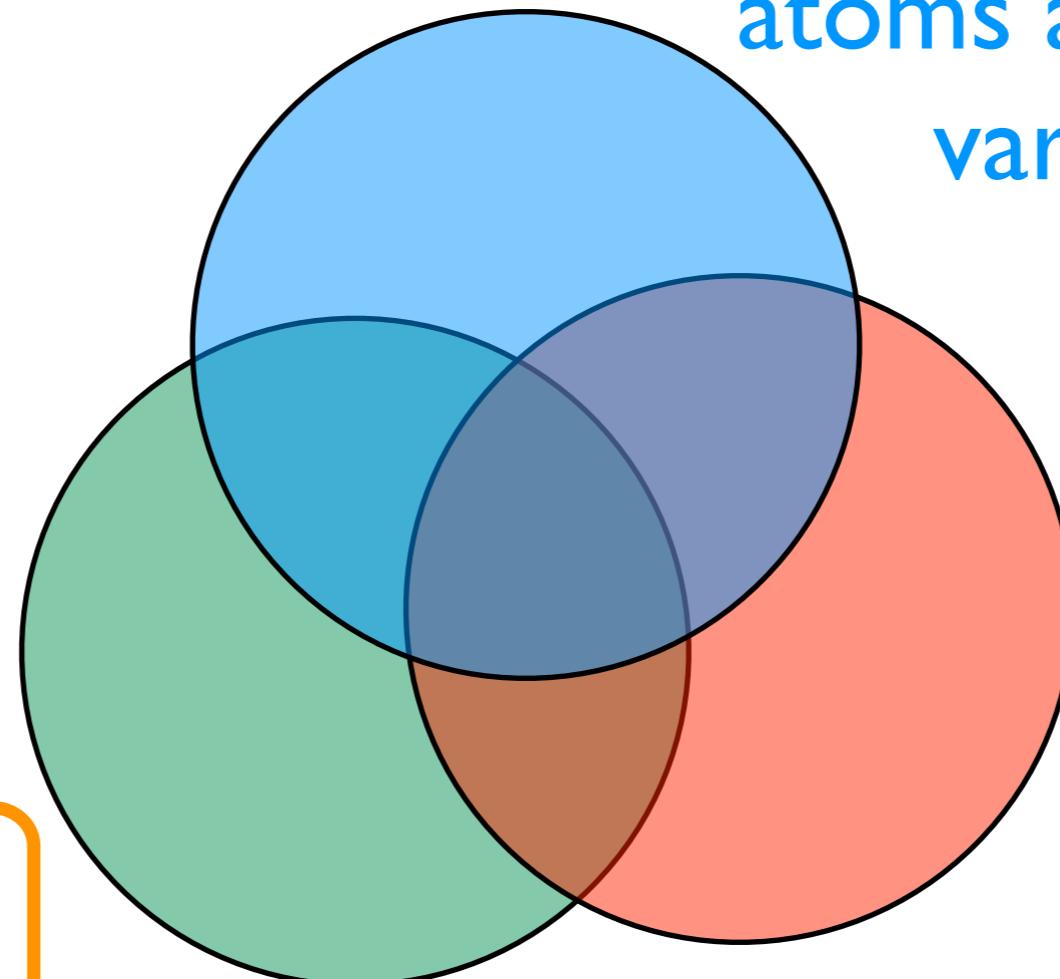
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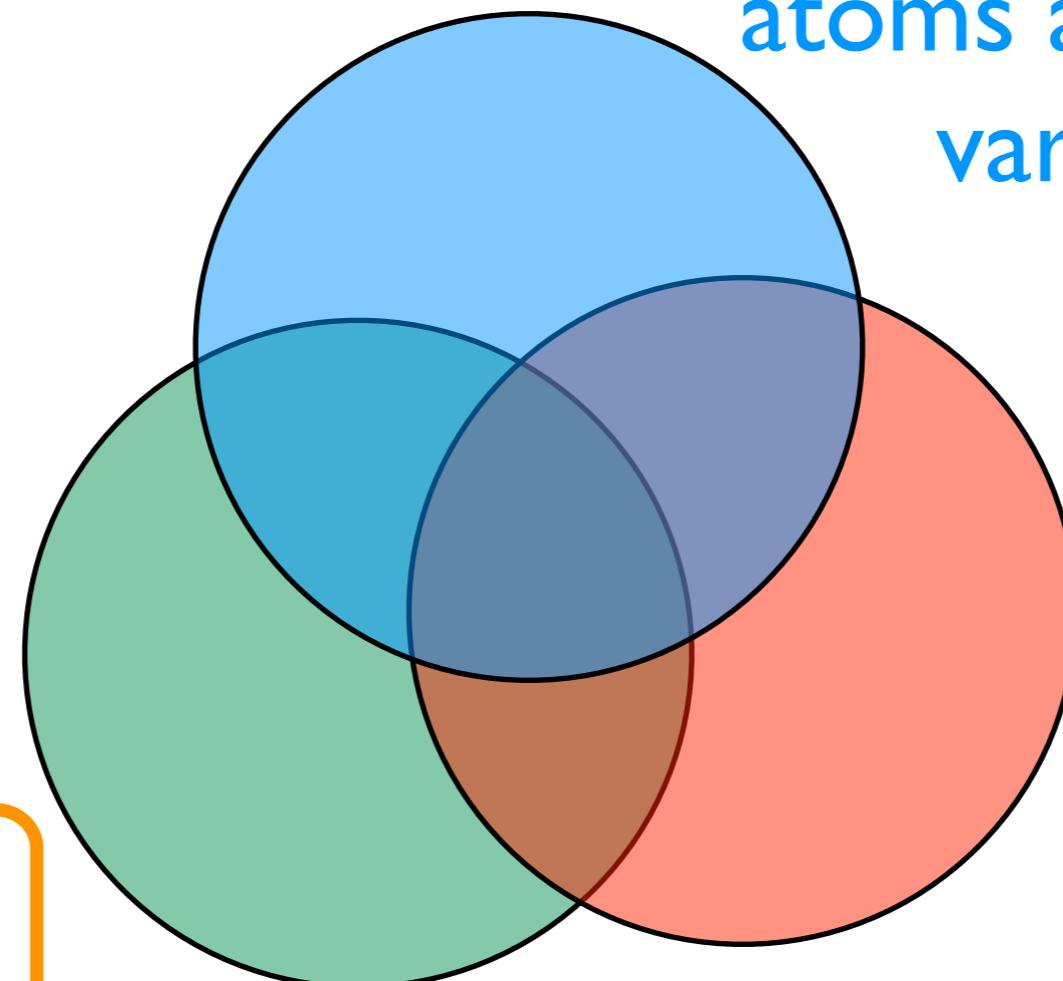
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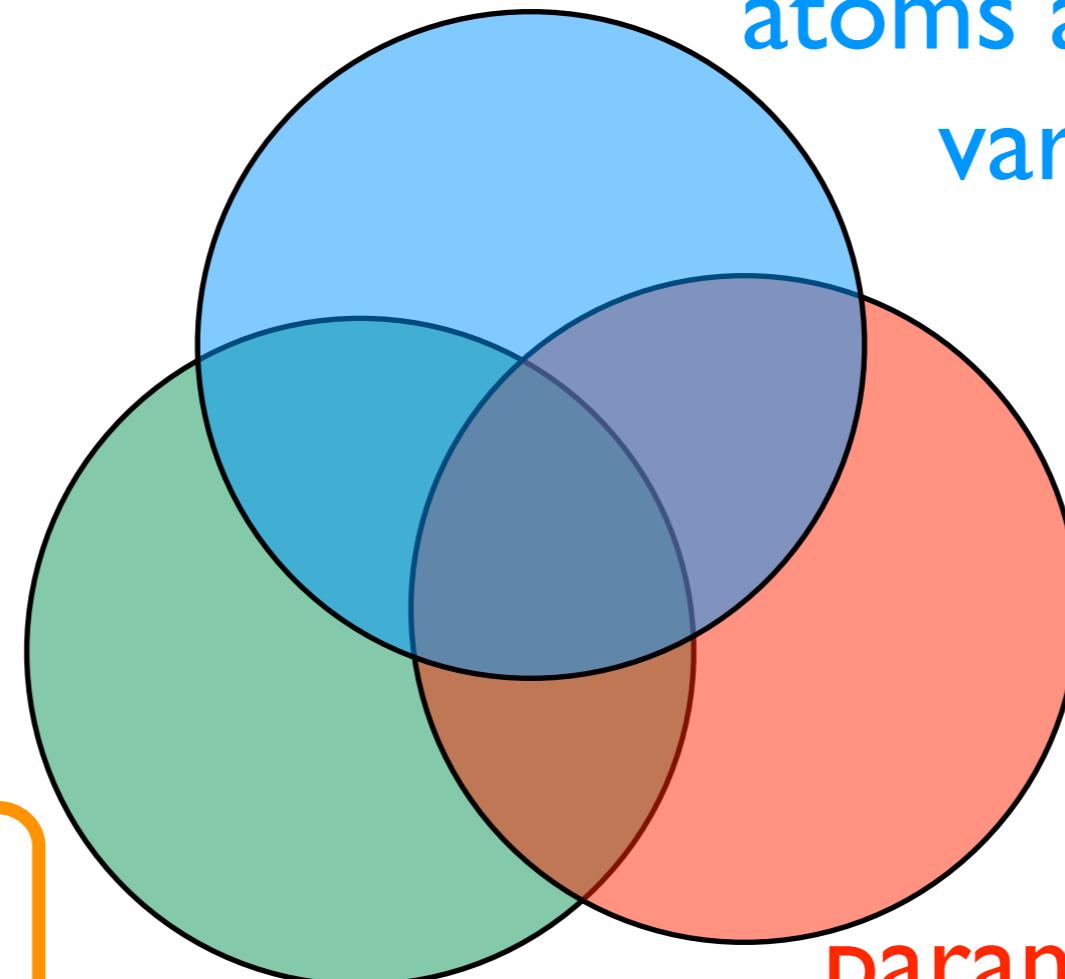
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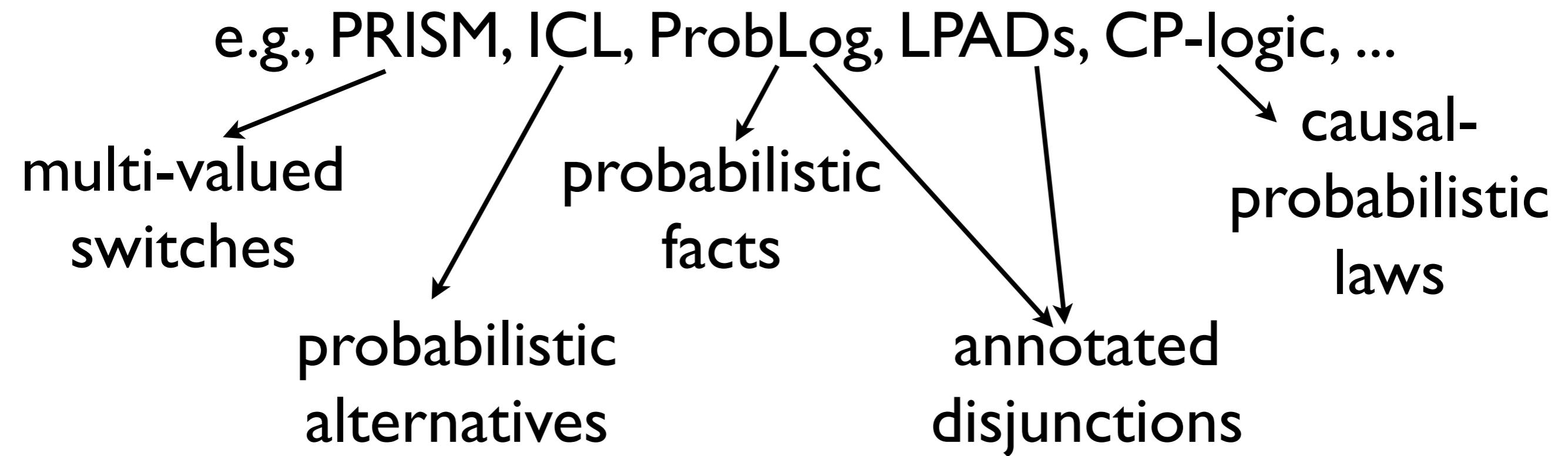
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parameter learning,
adapted relational
learning techniques

Probabilistic Logic Programming

Distribution Semantics [Sato, ICLP 95]:
probabilistic choices + logic program
→ distribution over possible worlds



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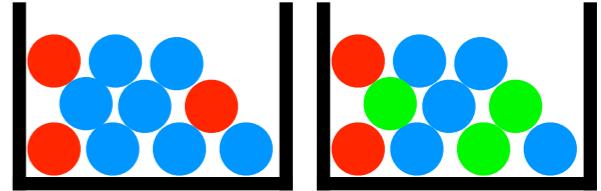
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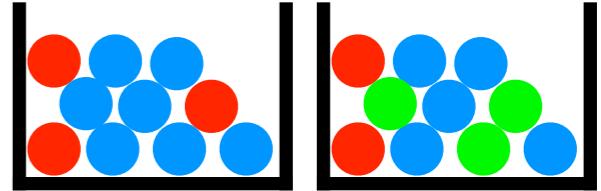


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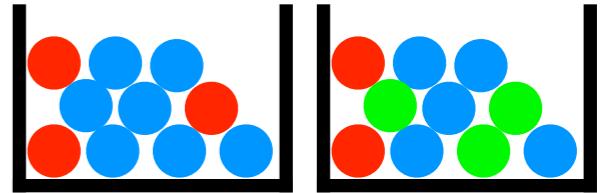


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probabilistic fact: heads is true with probability 0.4 (and false with 0.6)

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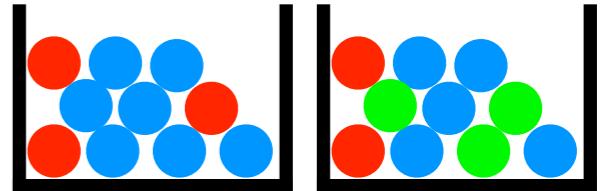
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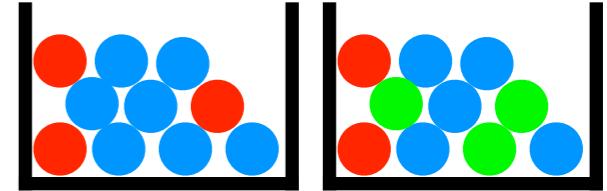
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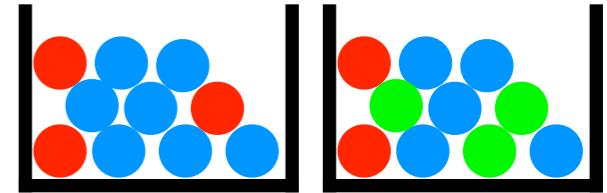
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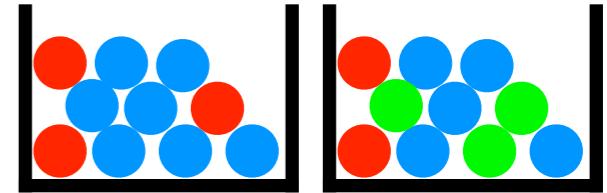
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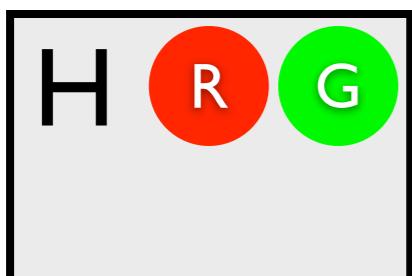


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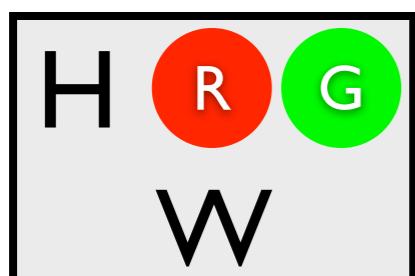
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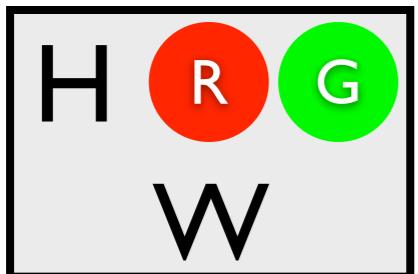
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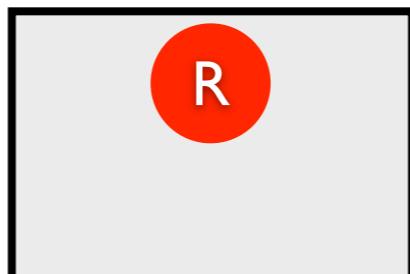
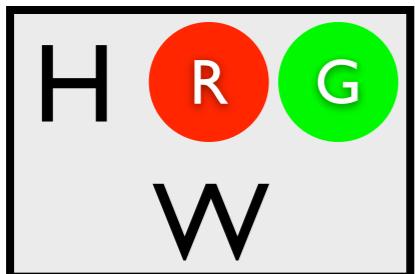
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$$0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.3 \quad (1-0.4) \times 0.3$$

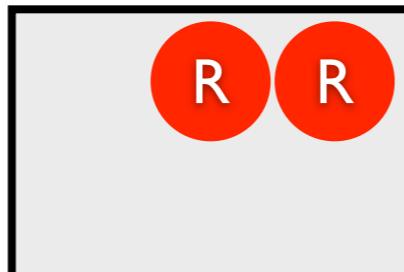
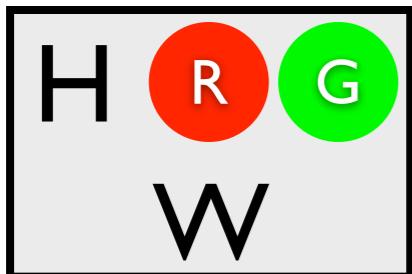


# Possible Worlds

```
0.4 :: heads.
0.3 :: col(1,red) ; 0.7 :: col(1,blue).
0.2 :: col(2,red) ; 0.3 :: col(2,green) ; 0.5 :: col(2,blue).

win :- heads, col(_,red).
win :- col(1,C), col(2,C).
```

$$0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.3 \quad (1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$$



# Possible Worlds

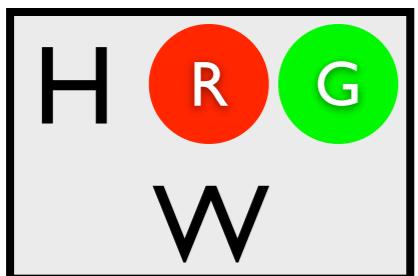
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0.4 :: heads.
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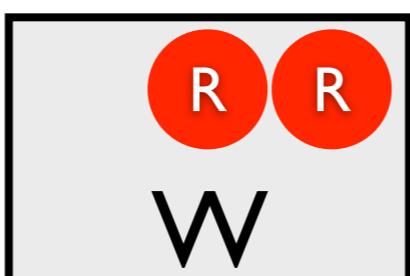
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win :- heads, col(_,red).
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$$0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.3$$



$$(1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$$



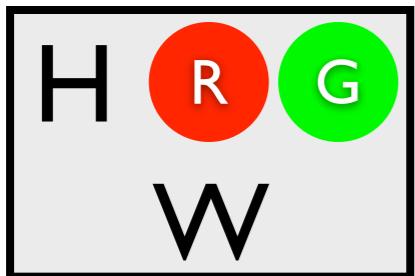
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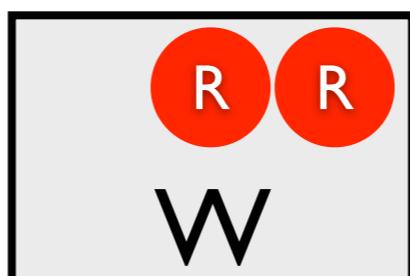
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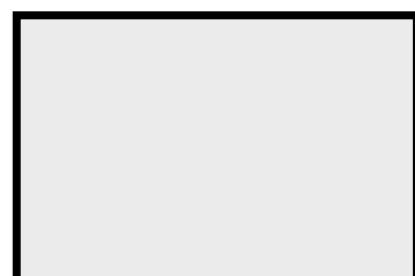
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$$(1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$$



$$(1-0.4)$$



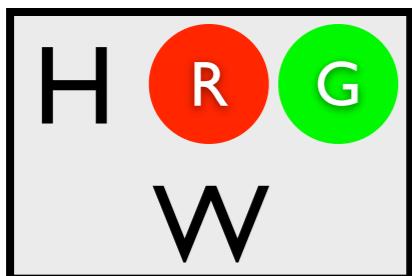
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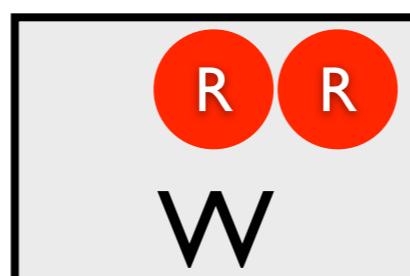
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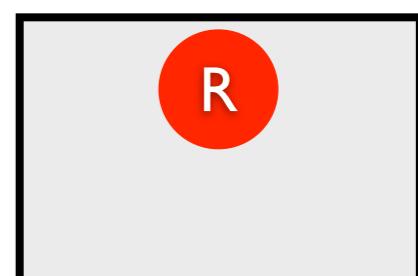
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$$(1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$$



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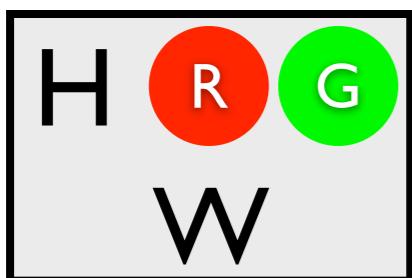
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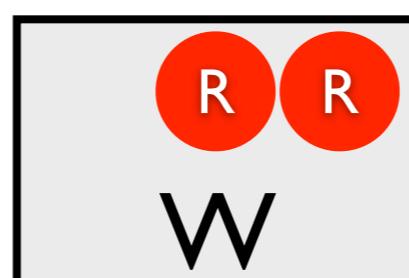
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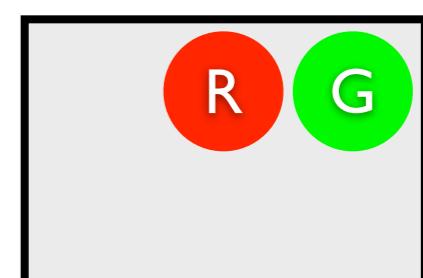
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$(1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$



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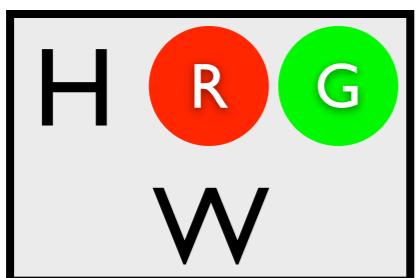
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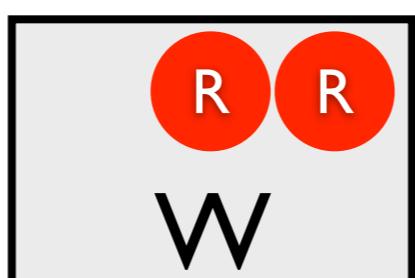
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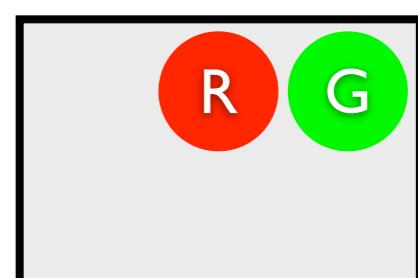
$0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.3$



$(1-0.4) \times 0.3 \times 0.2$



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# Possible Worlds

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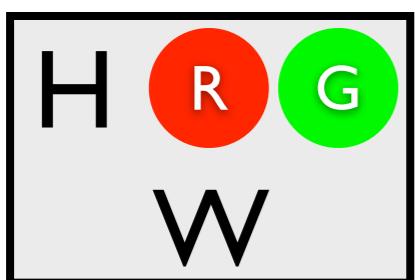
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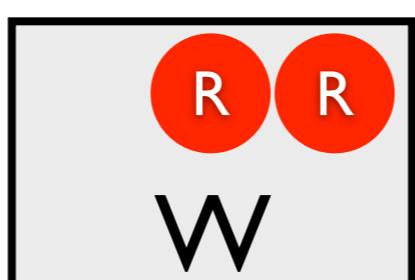
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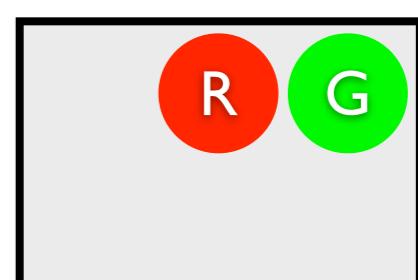
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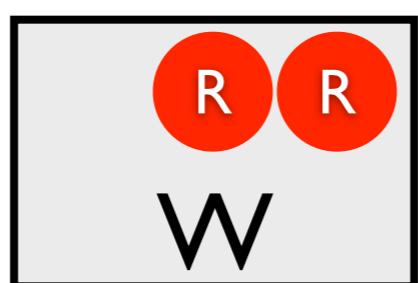


# All Possible Worlds

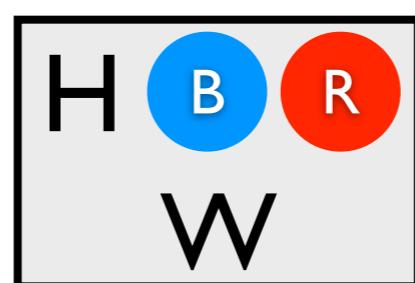
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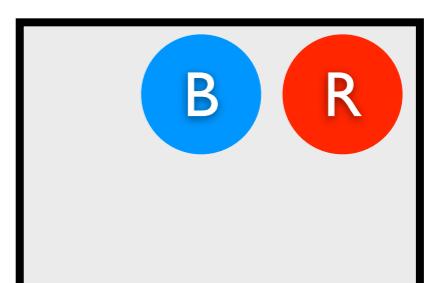
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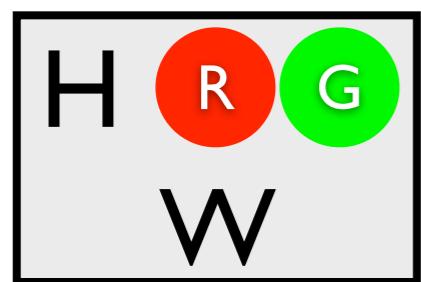
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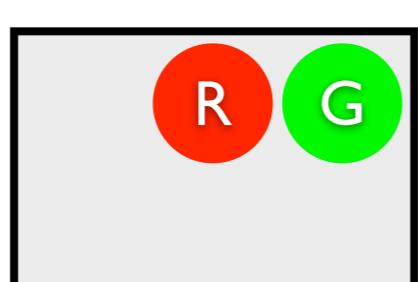
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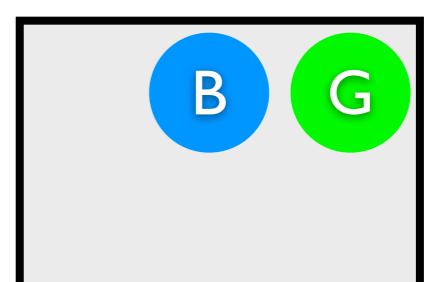
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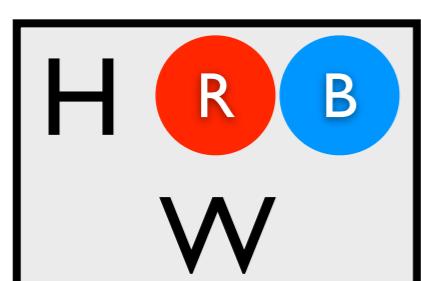
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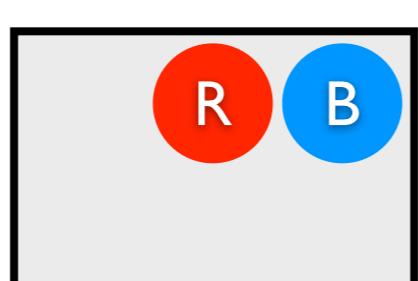
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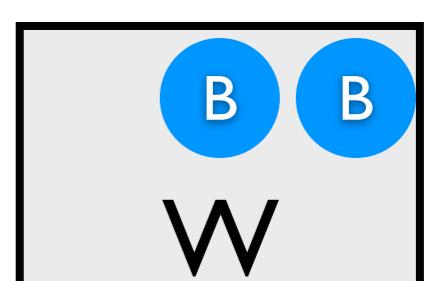
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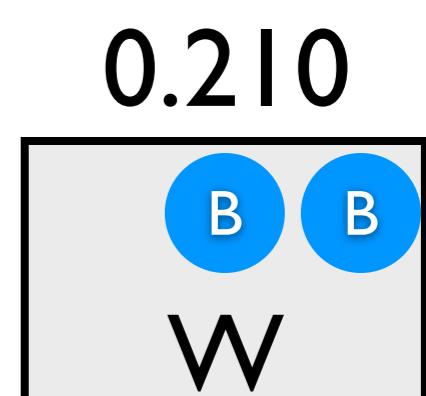
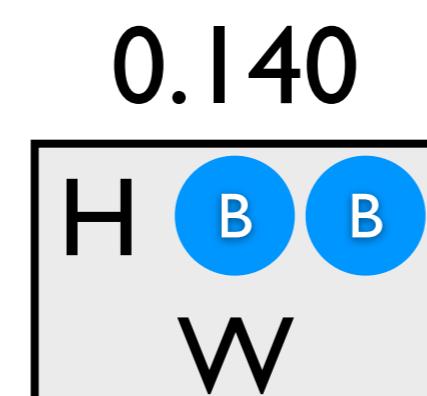
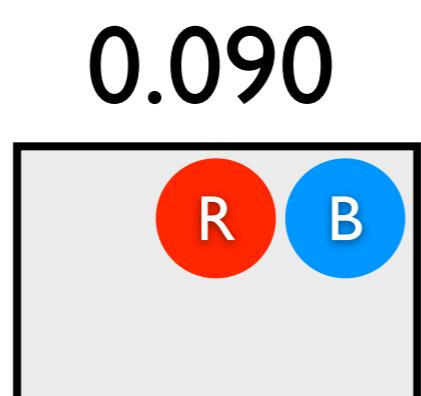
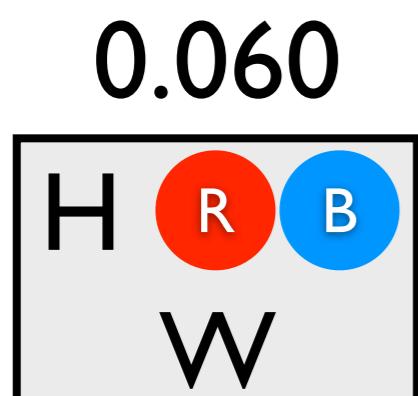
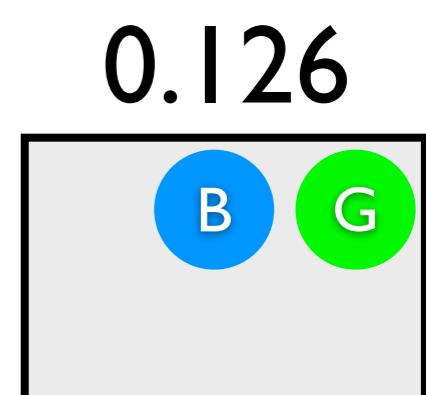
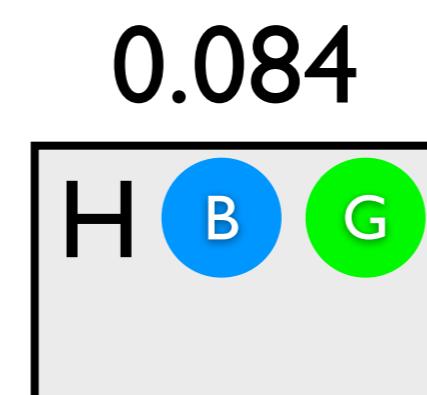
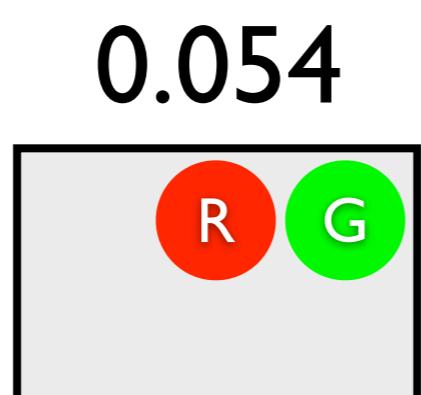
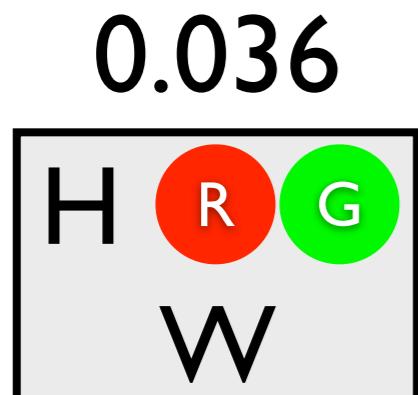
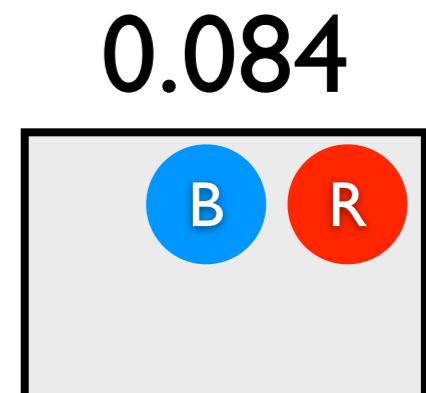
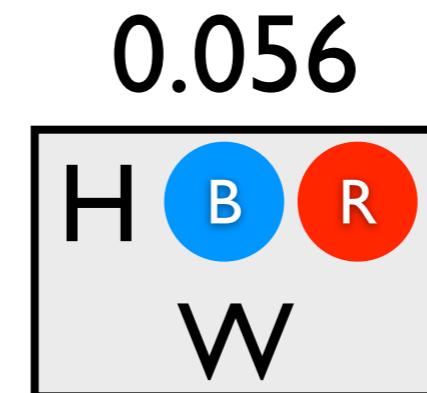
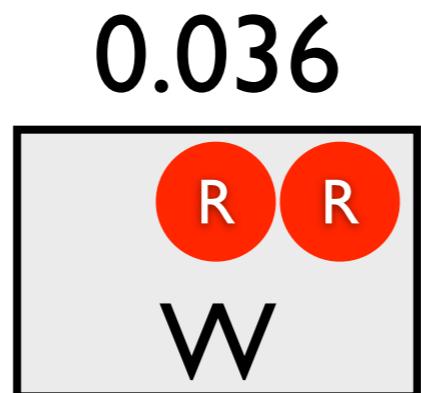
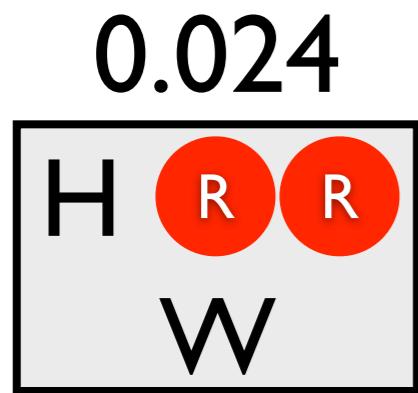


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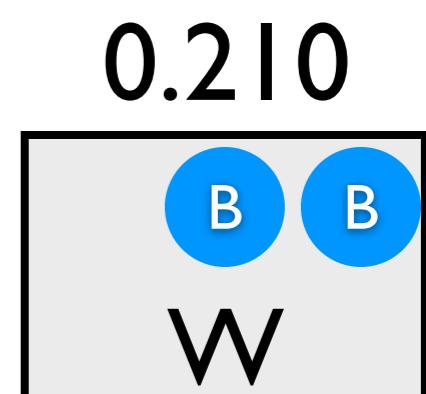
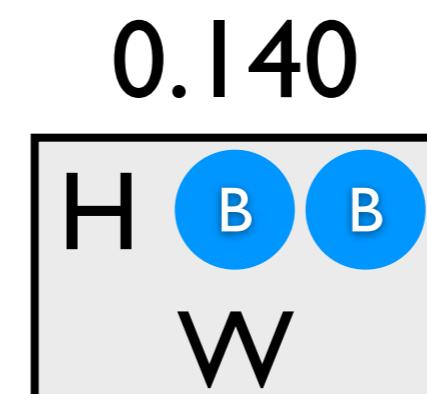
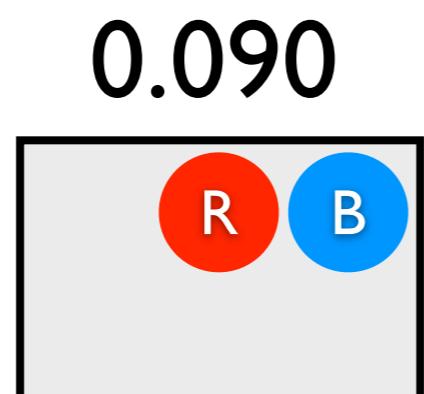
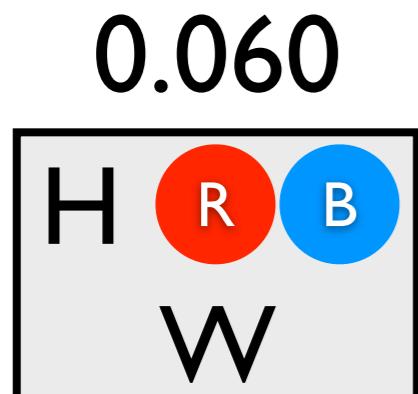
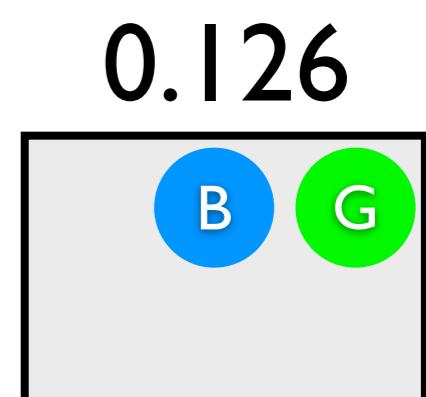
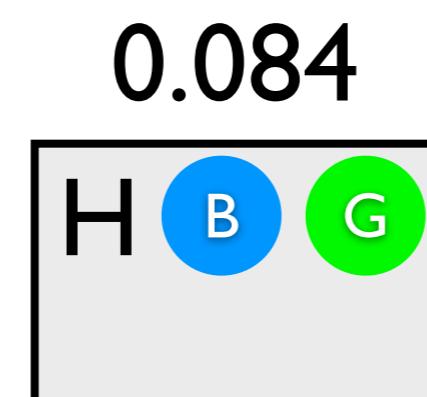
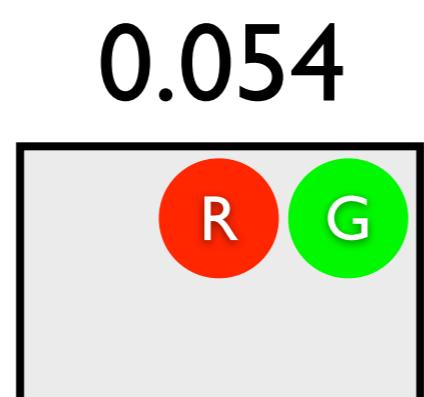
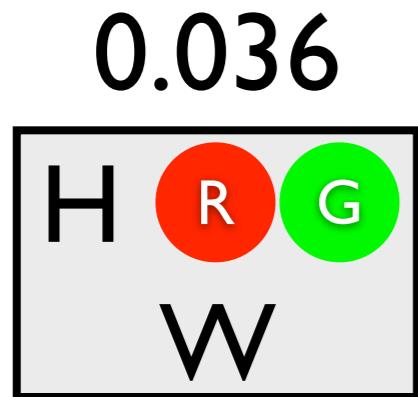
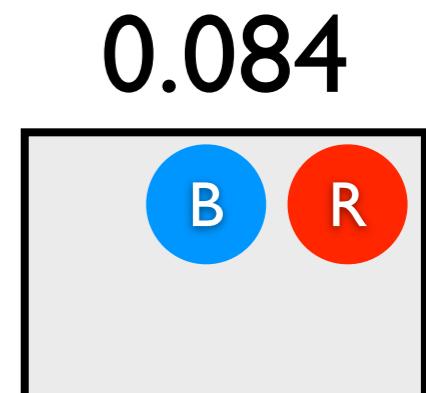
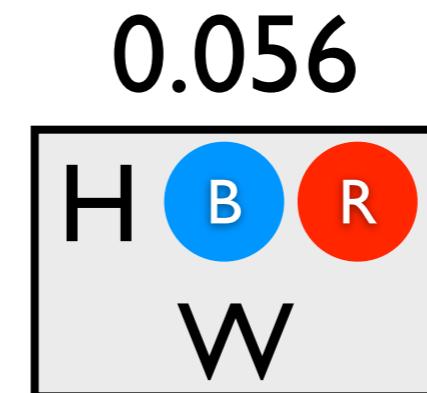
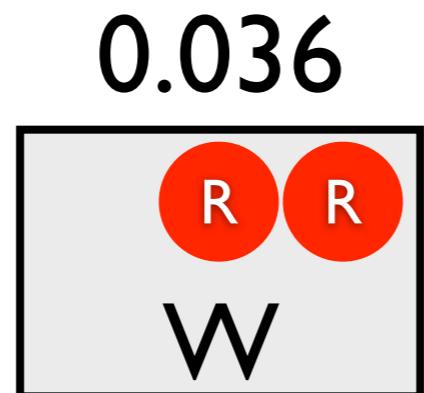
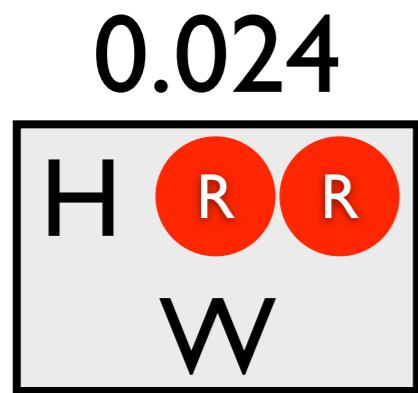
# Most likely world where **win** is true?

MPE Inference



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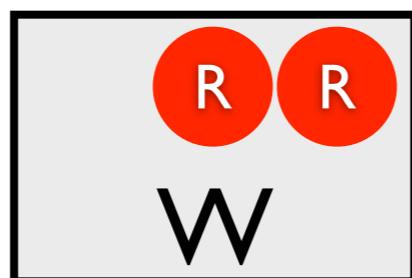
# Most likely world where col(2,blue) is false?

MPE Inference

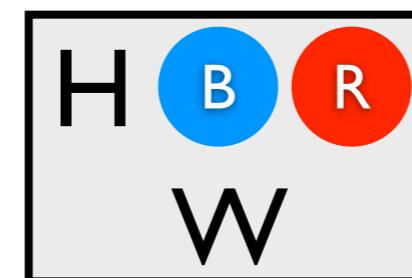
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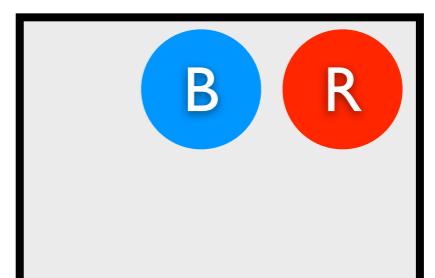
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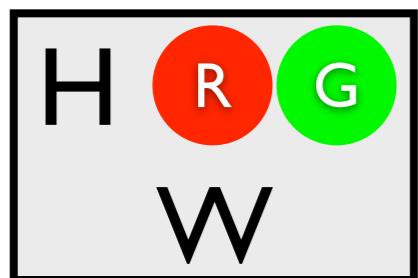
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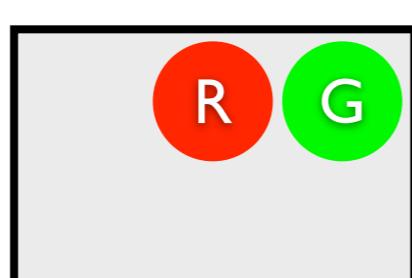
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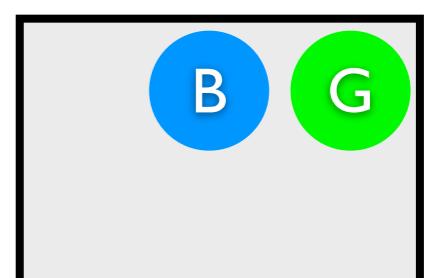
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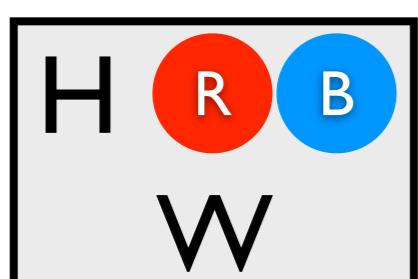
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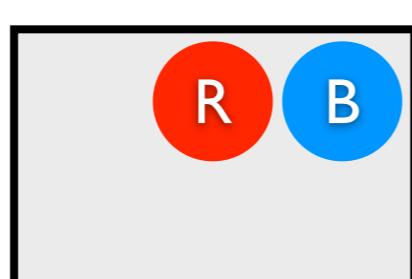
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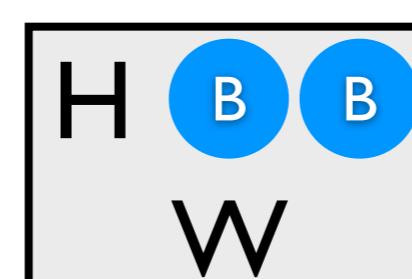
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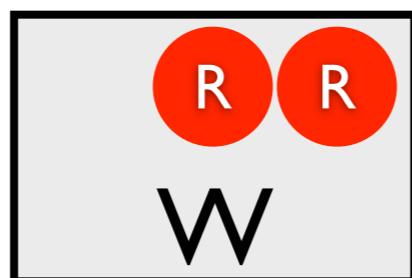
# Most likely world where col(2,blue) is false?

MPE Inference

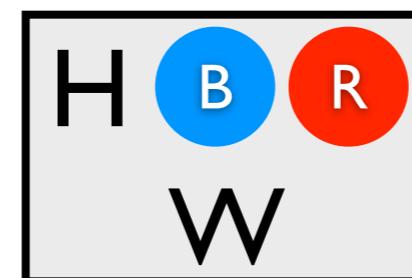
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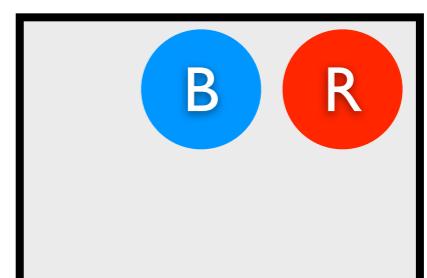
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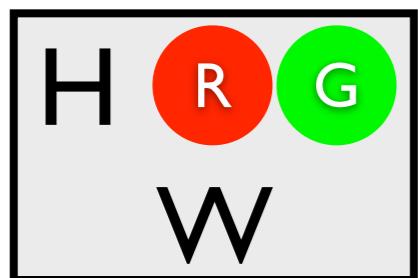
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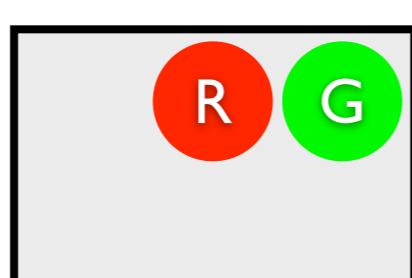
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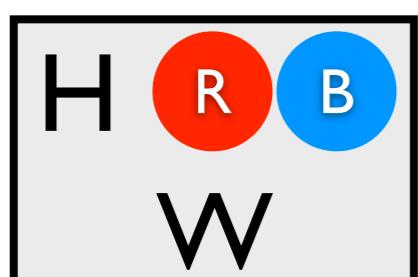
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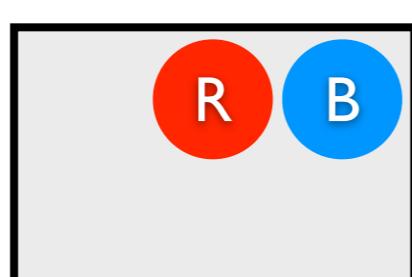
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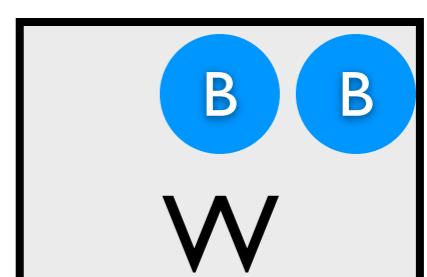
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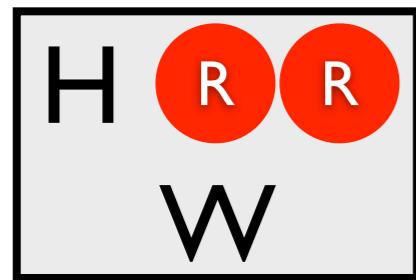
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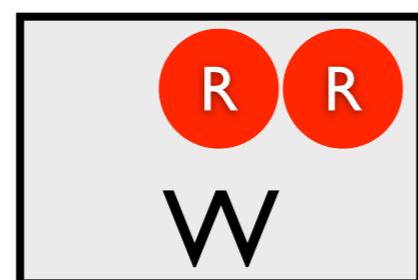
# $P(\text{win})=?$

Marginal  
Probability

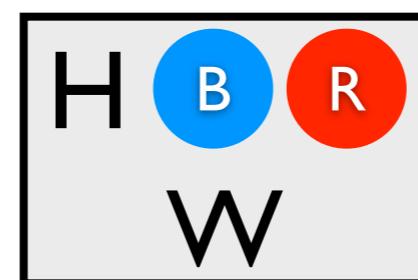
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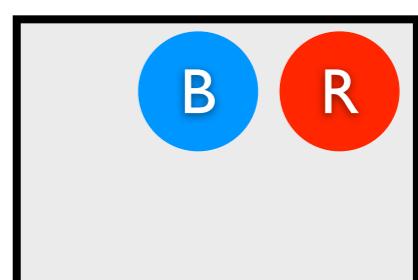
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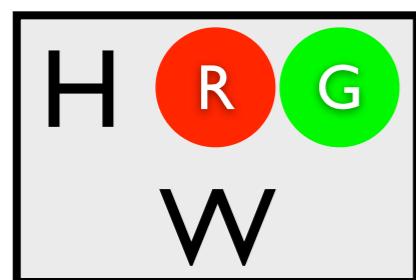
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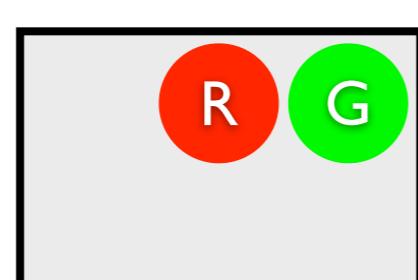
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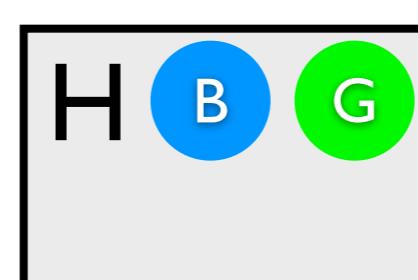
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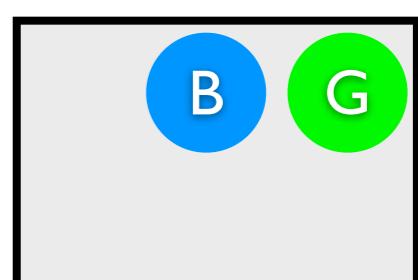
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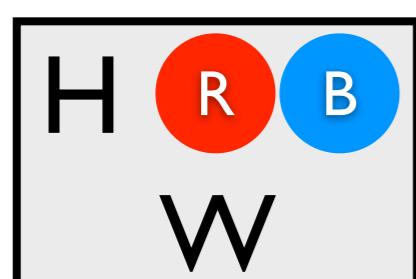
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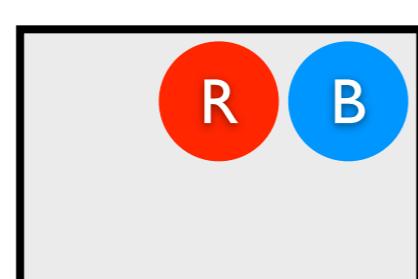
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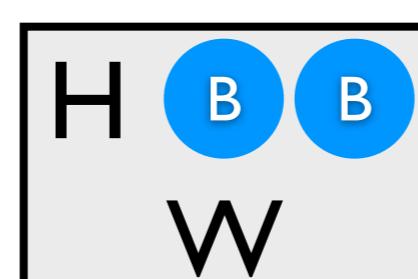
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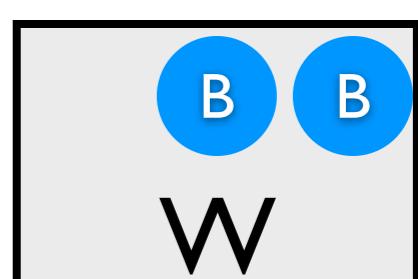
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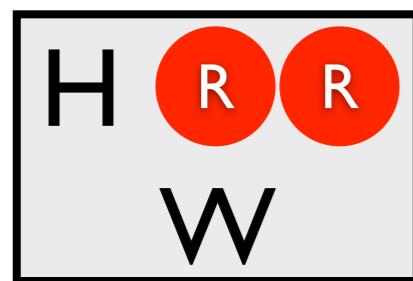
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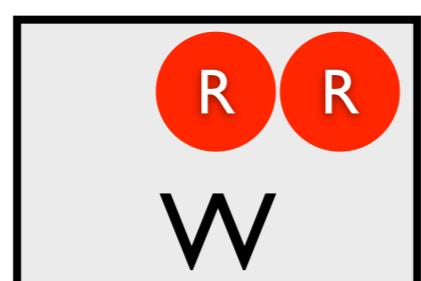
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Probability

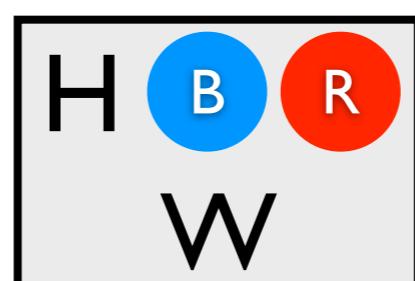
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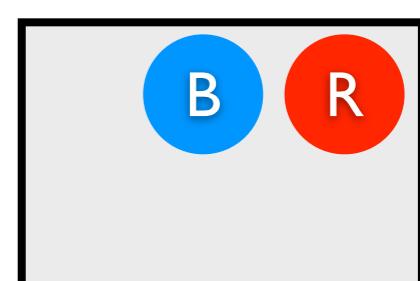
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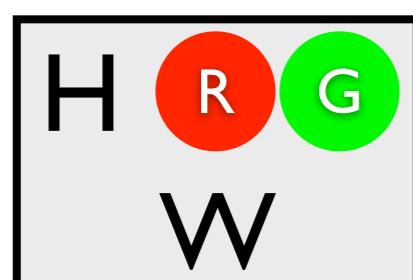
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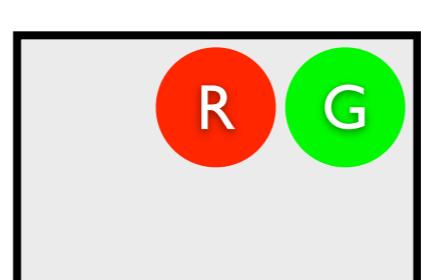
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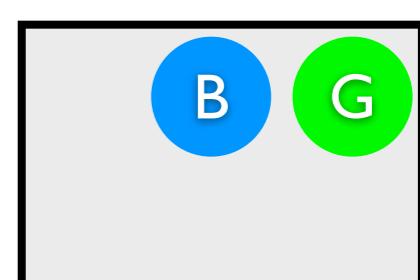
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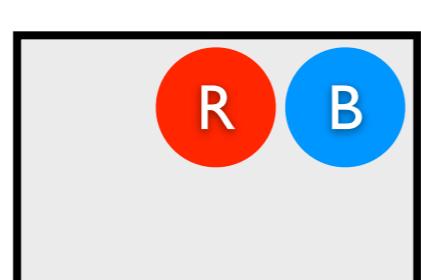
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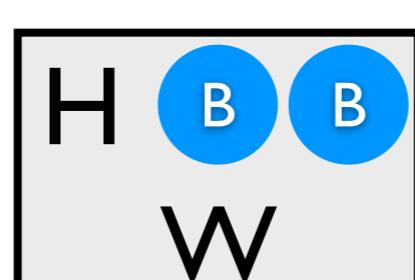
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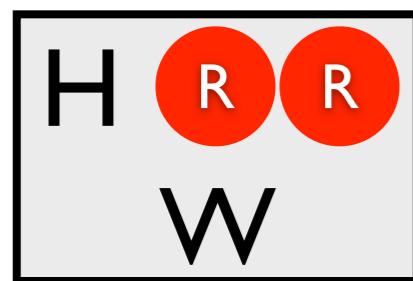
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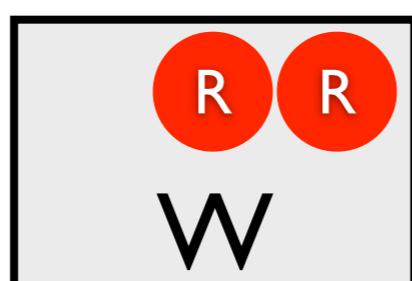
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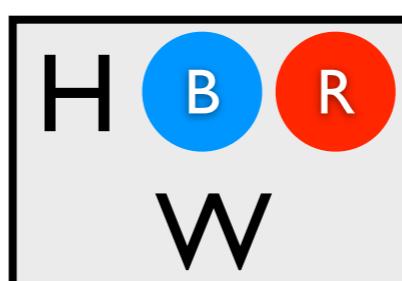
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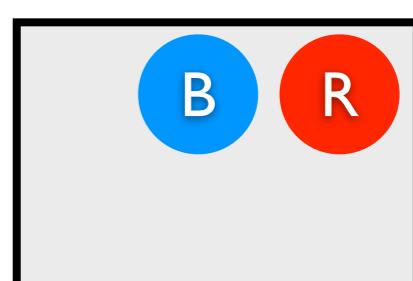
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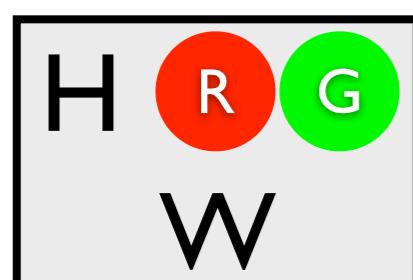
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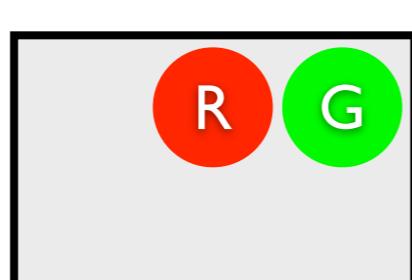
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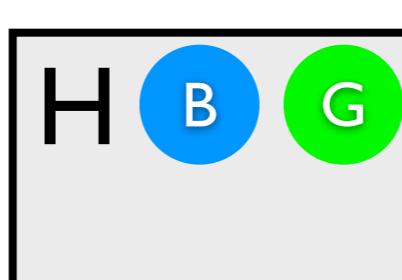
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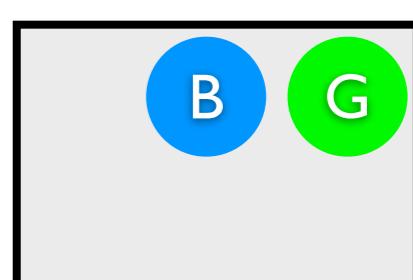
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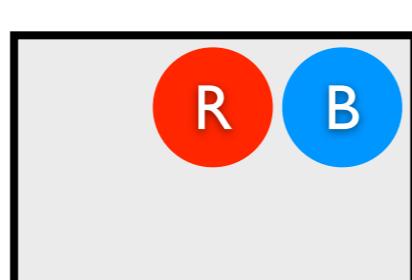
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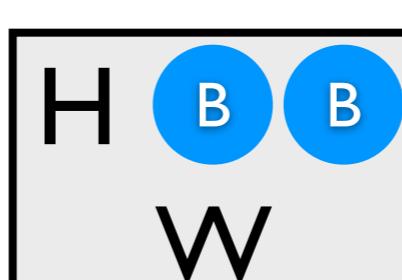
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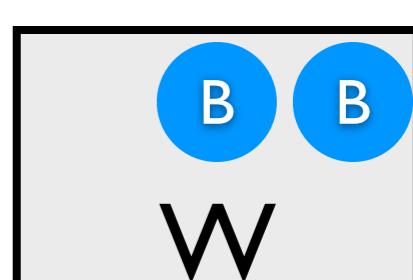
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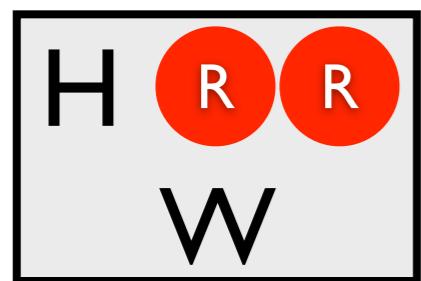
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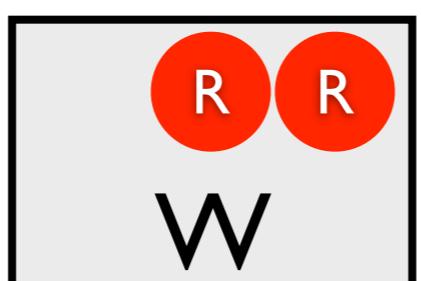
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Conditional  
Probability

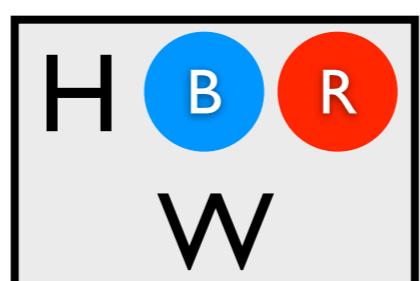
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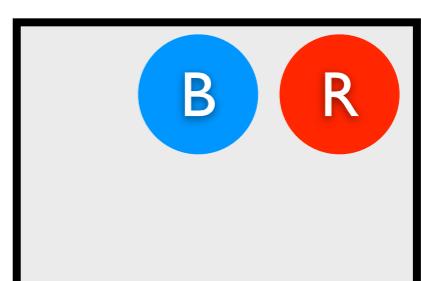
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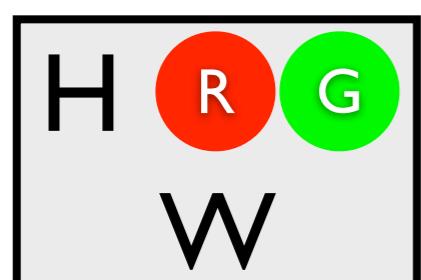
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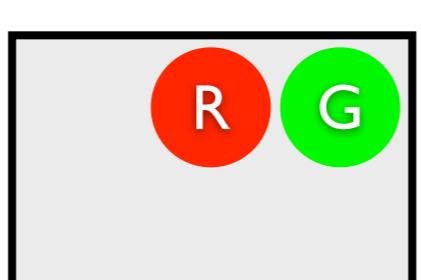
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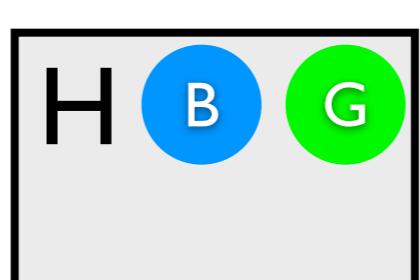
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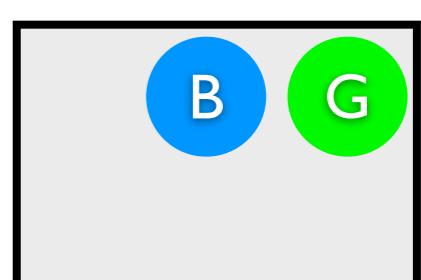
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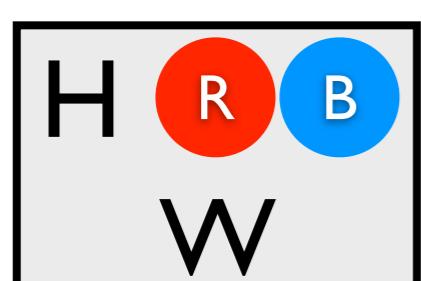
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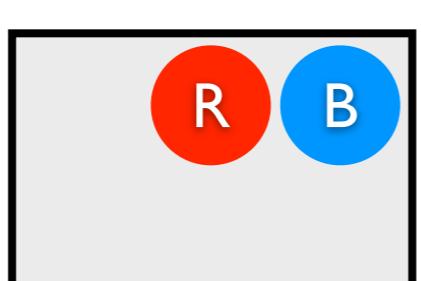
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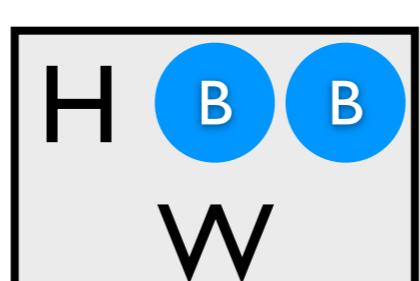
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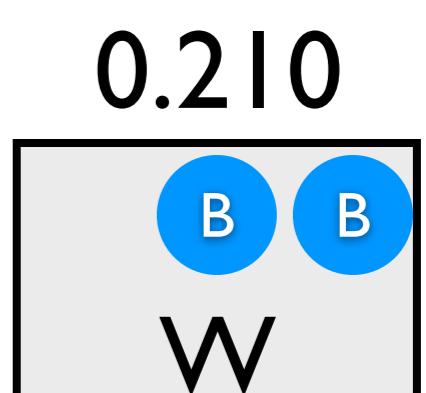
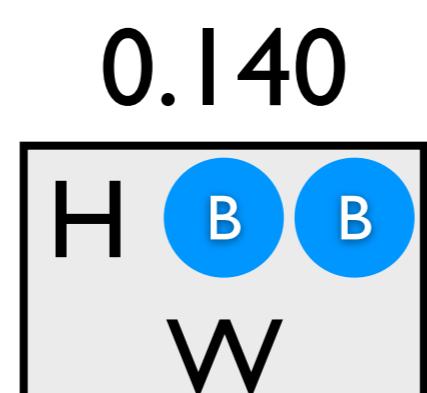
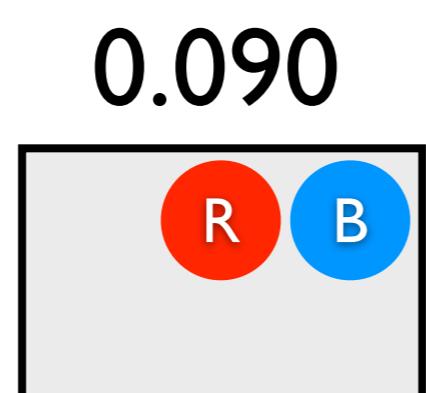
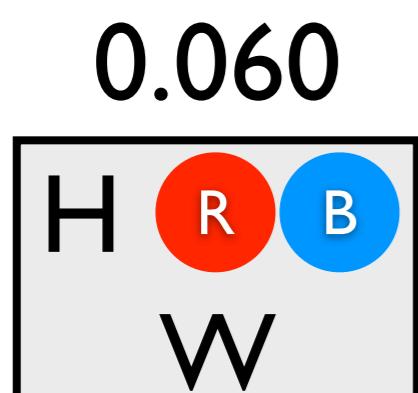
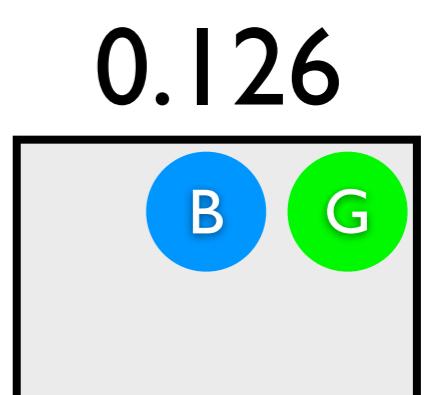
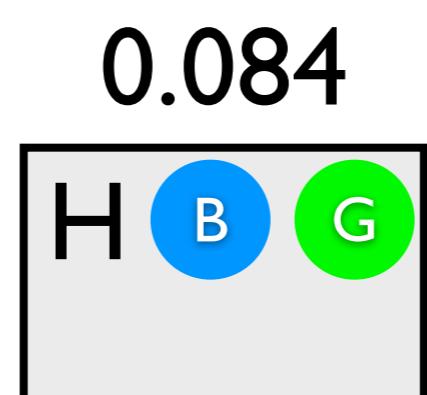
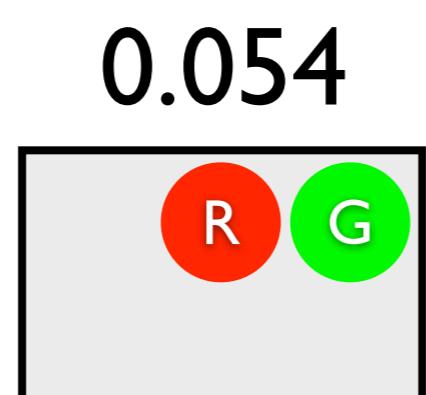
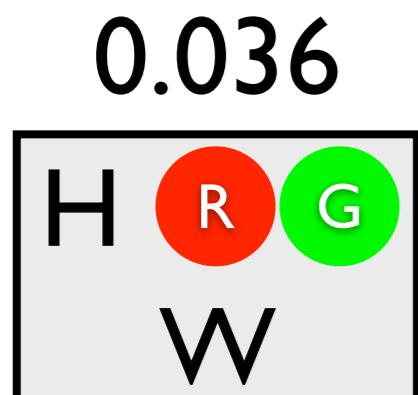
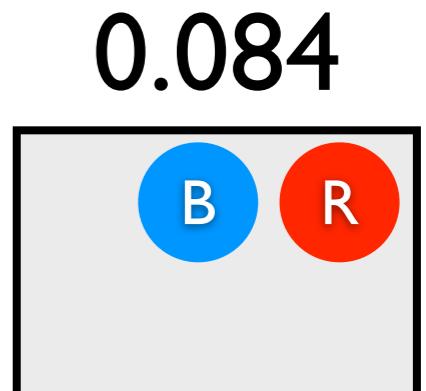
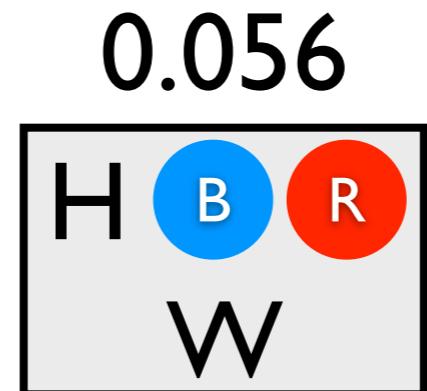
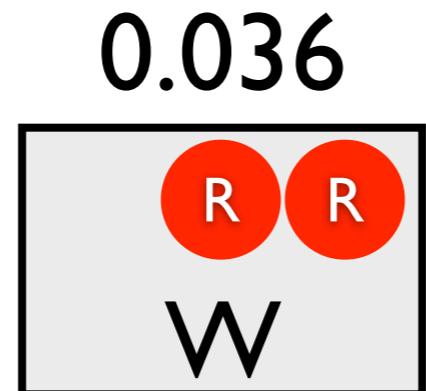
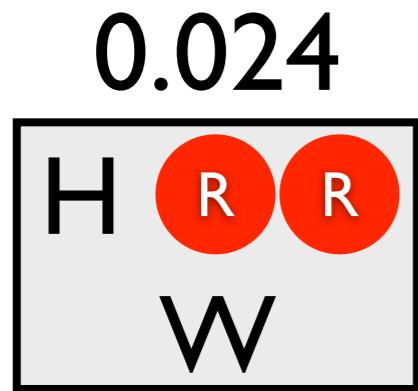
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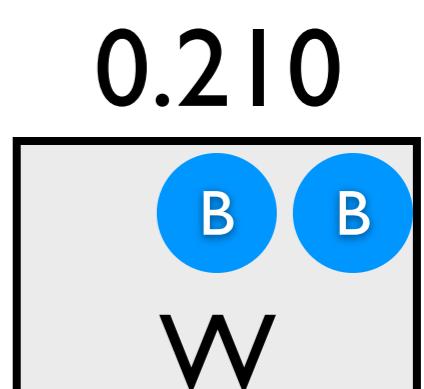
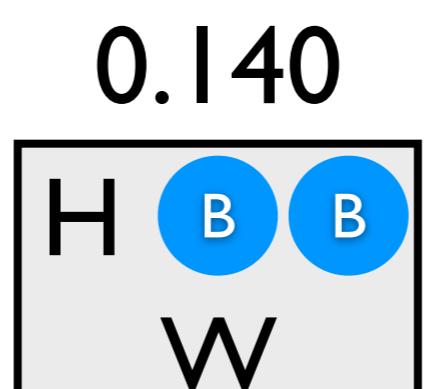
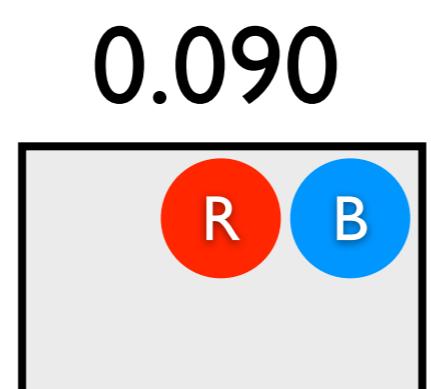
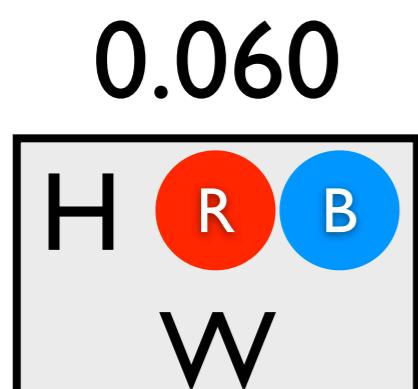
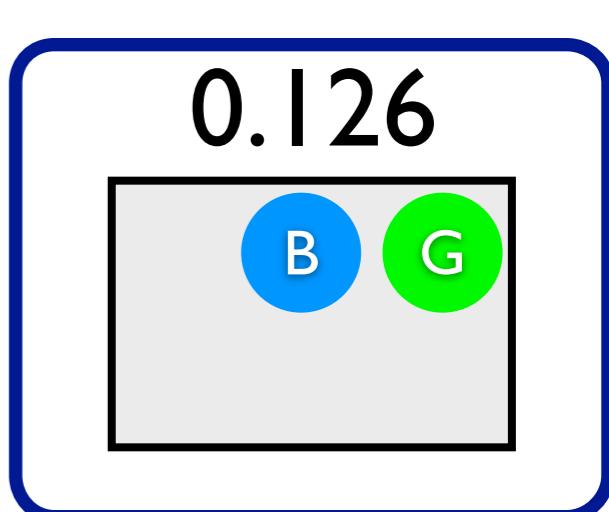
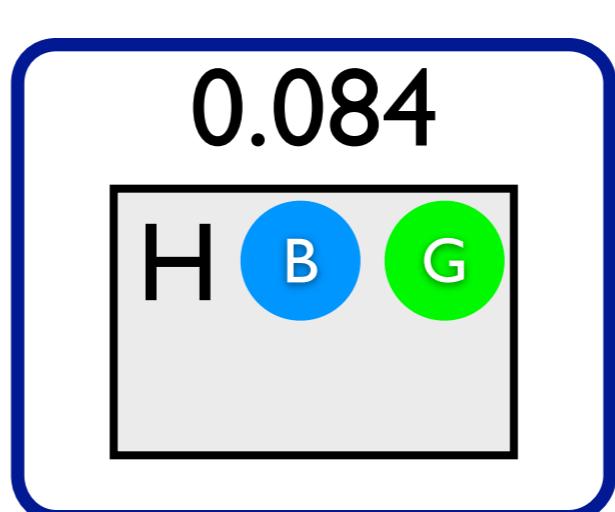
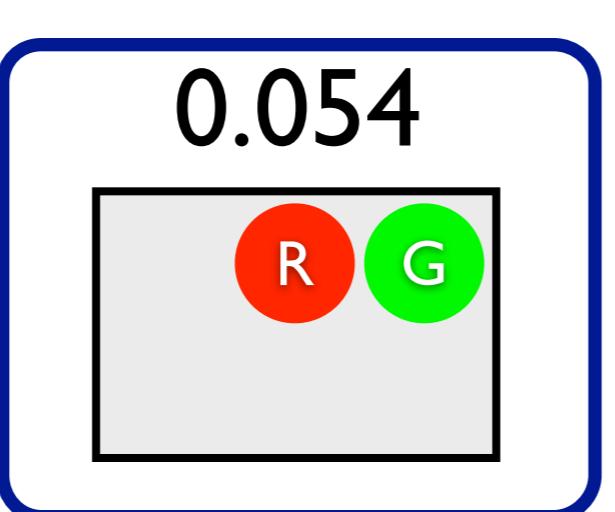
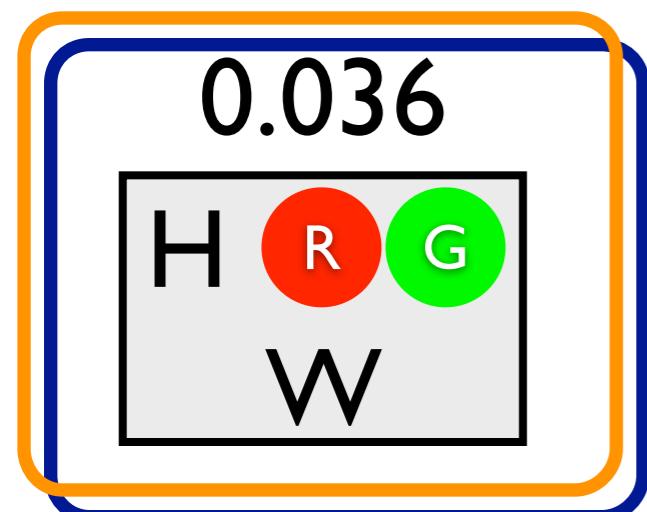
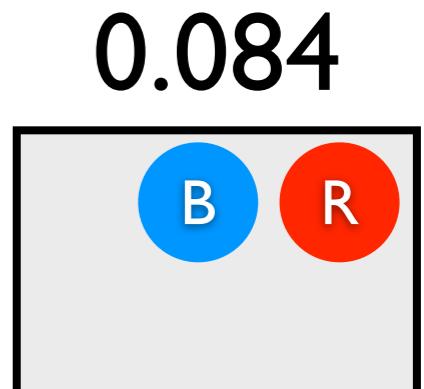
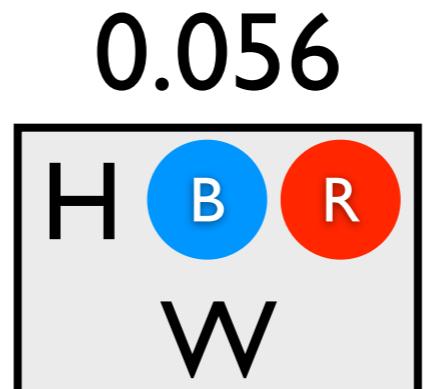
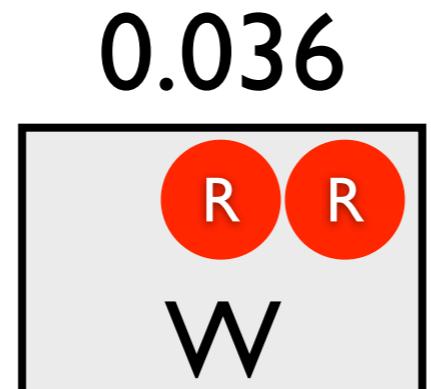
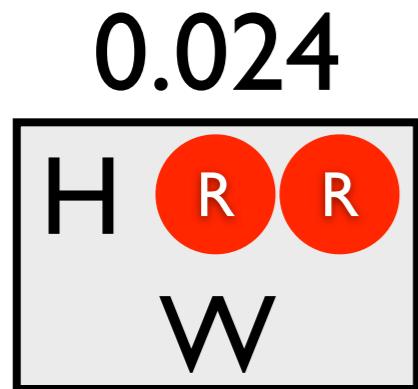
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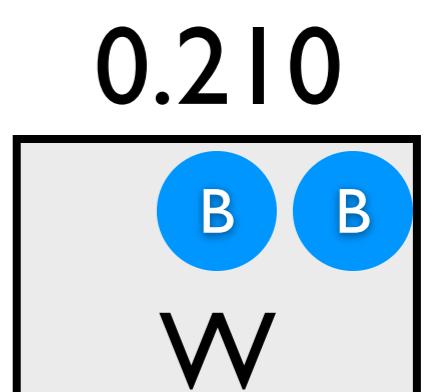
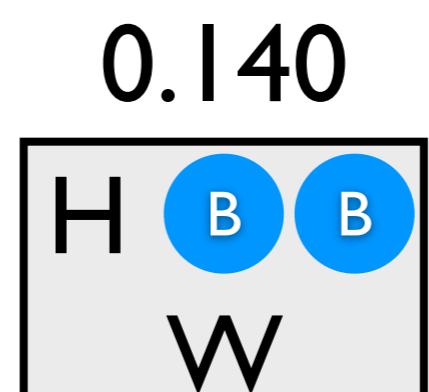
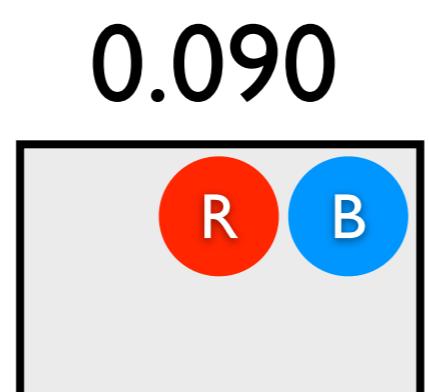
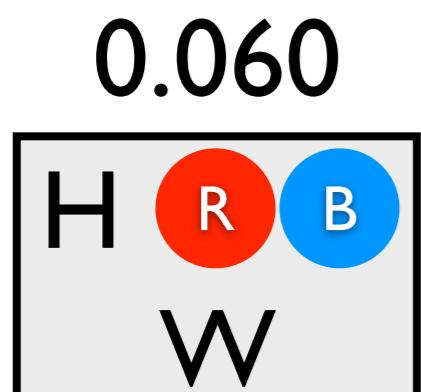
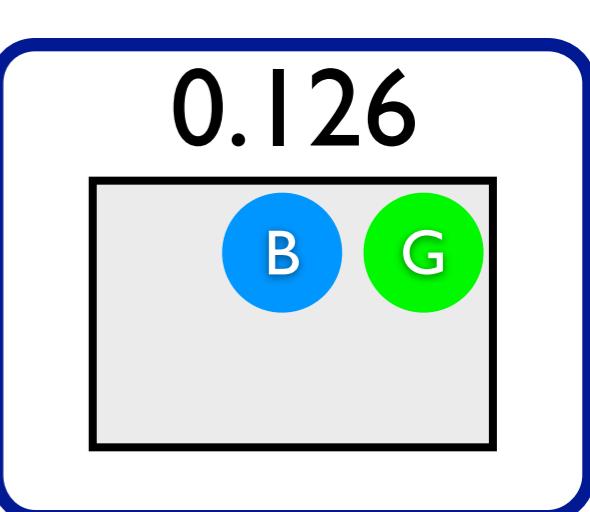
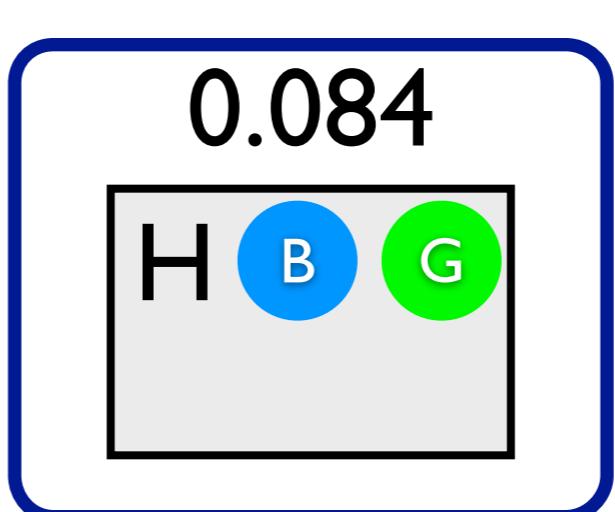
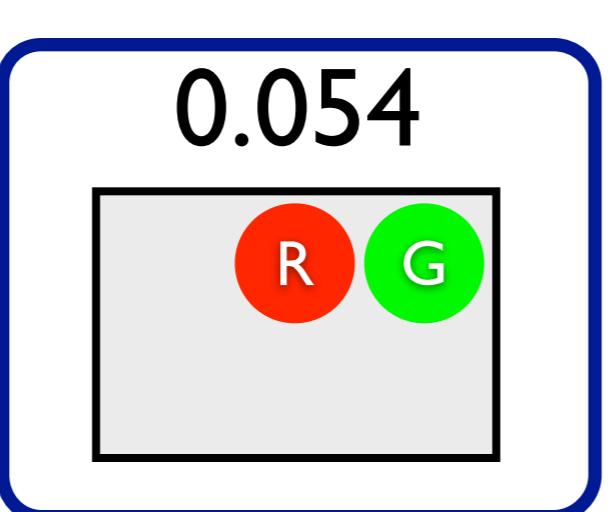
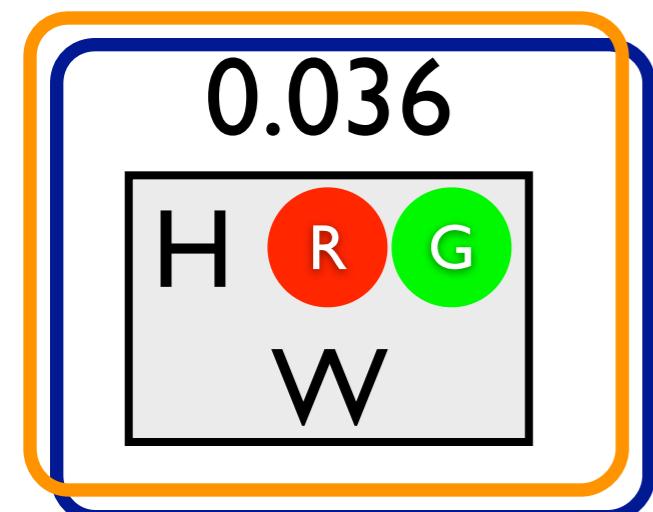
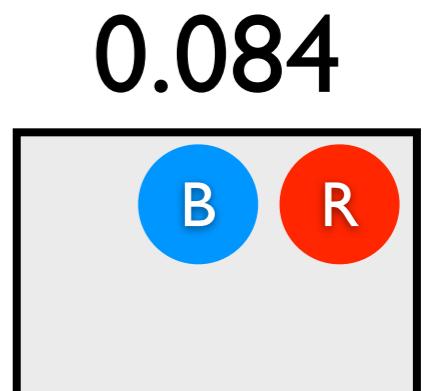
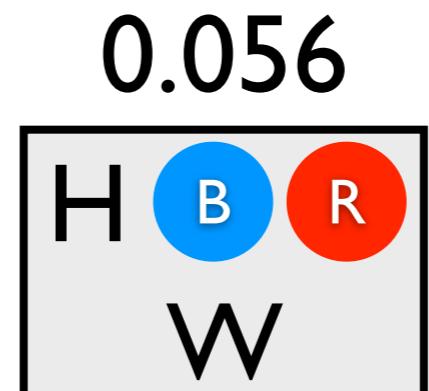
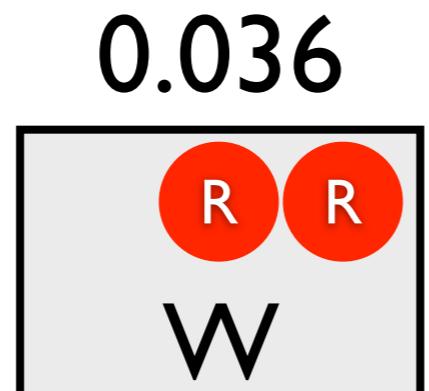
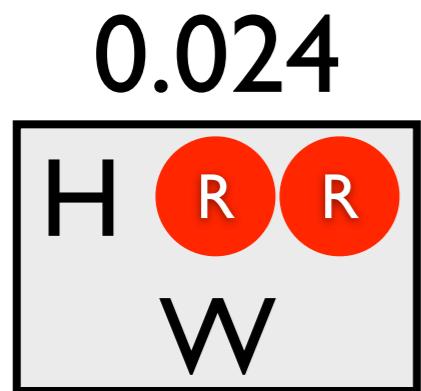
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= 0.036 / 0.3 = 0.12
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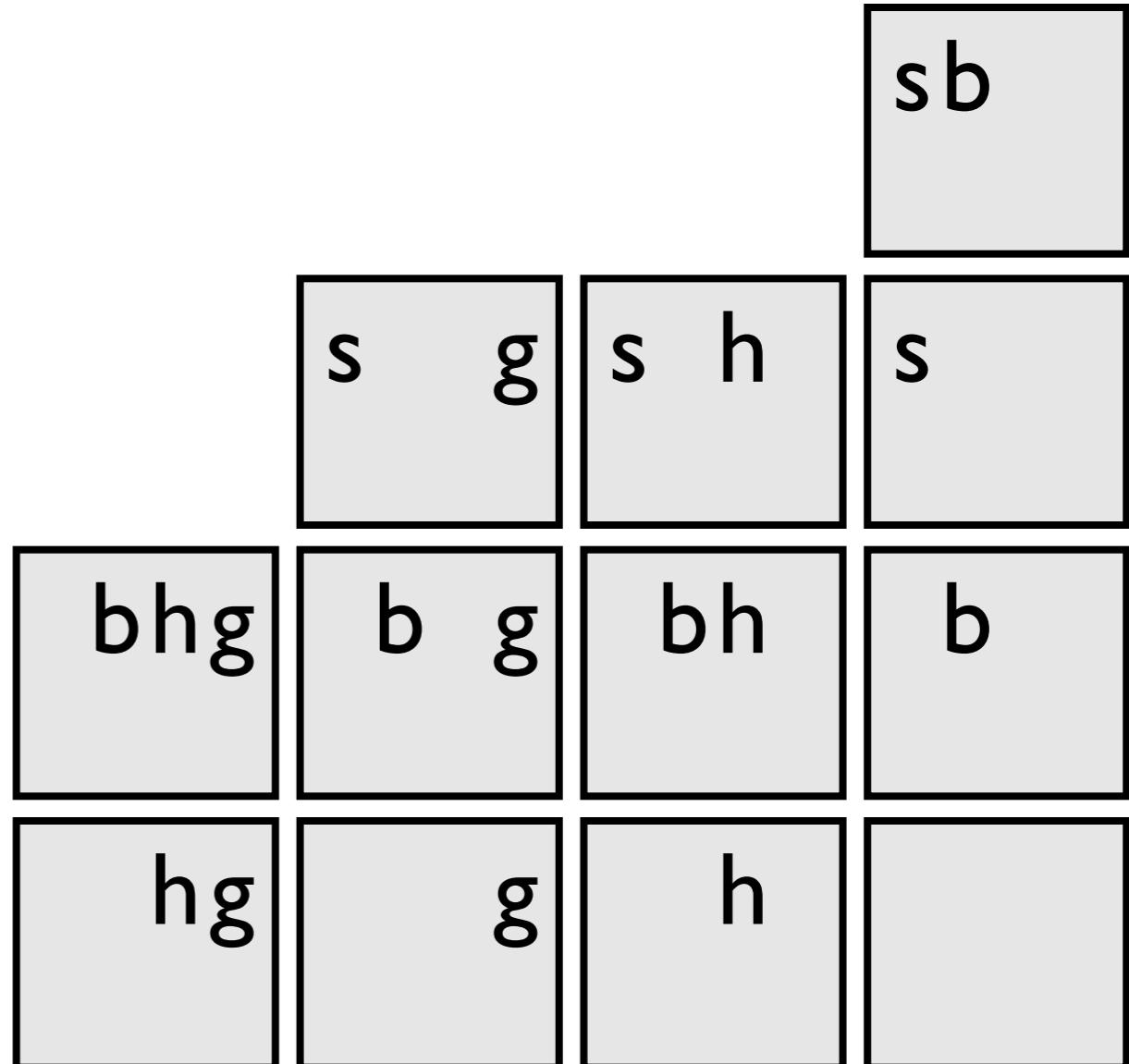
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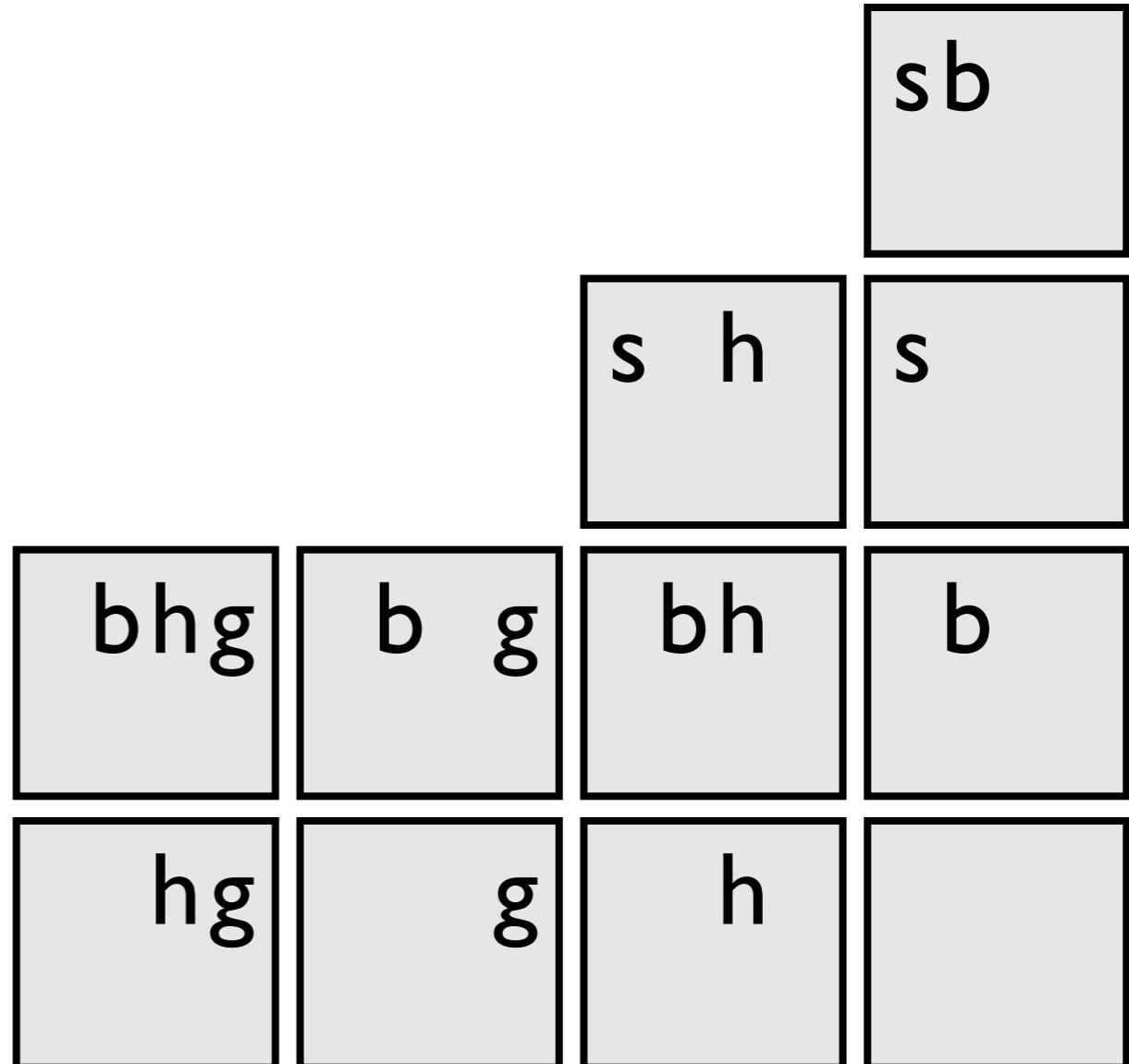
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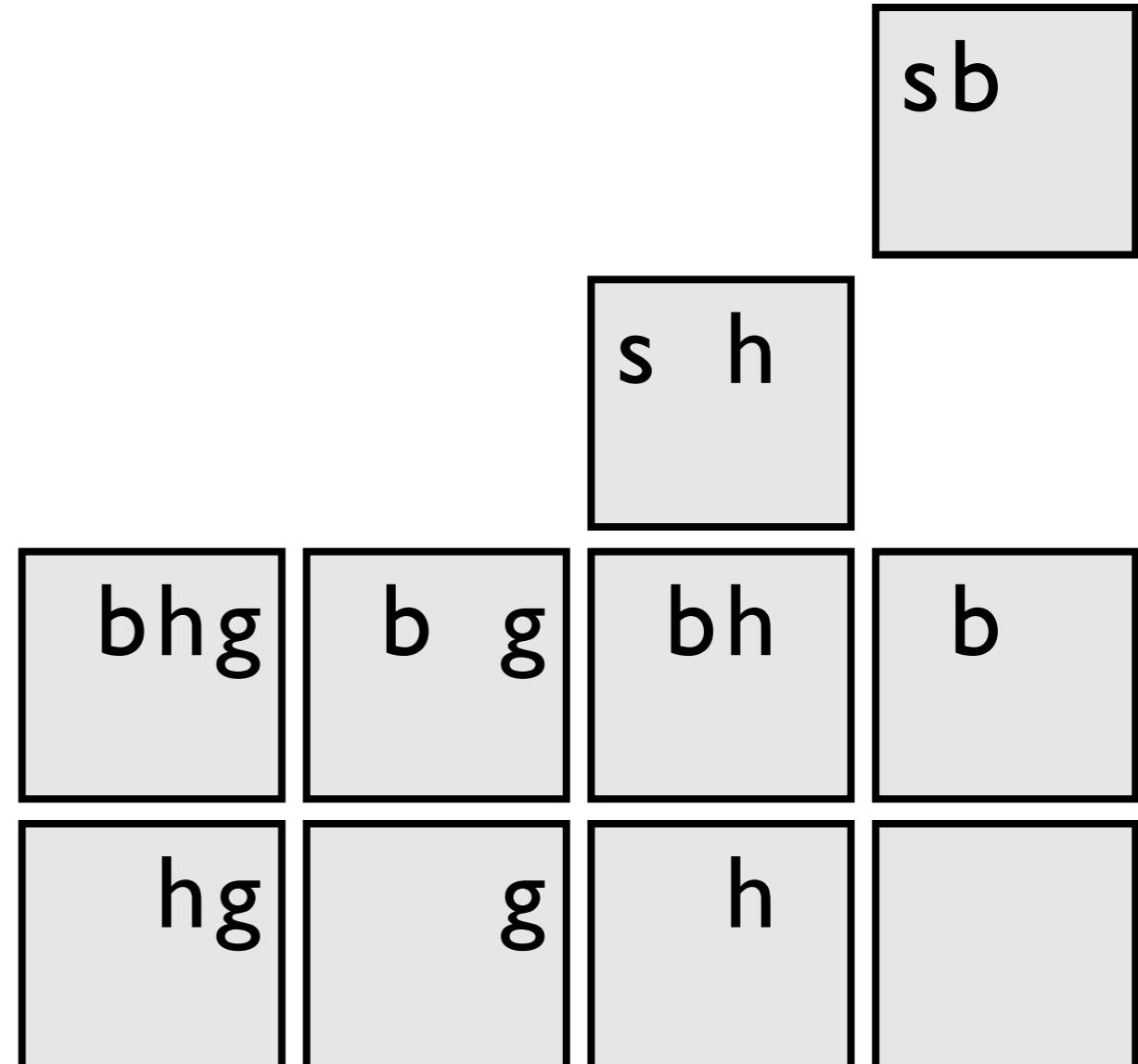
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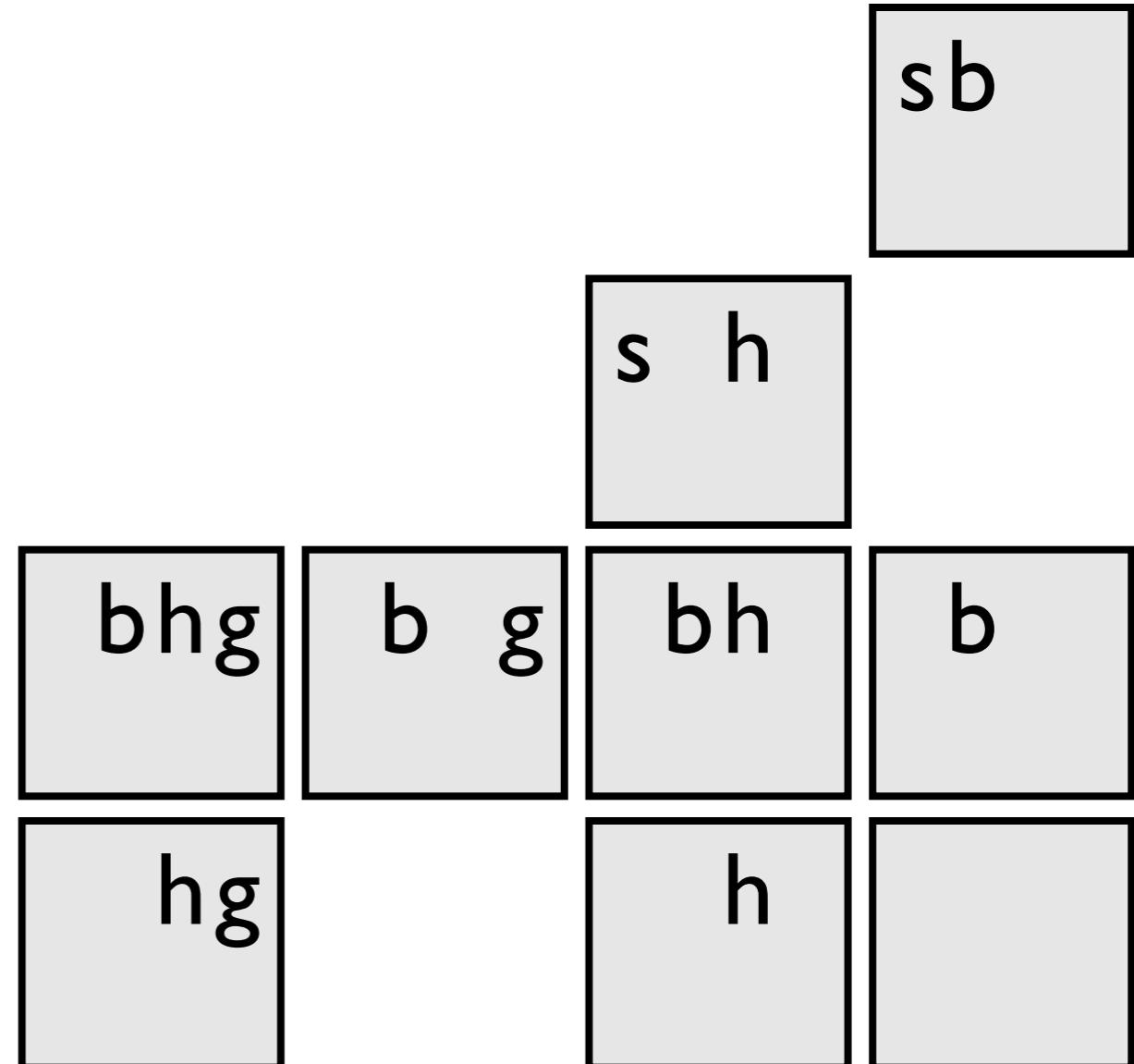
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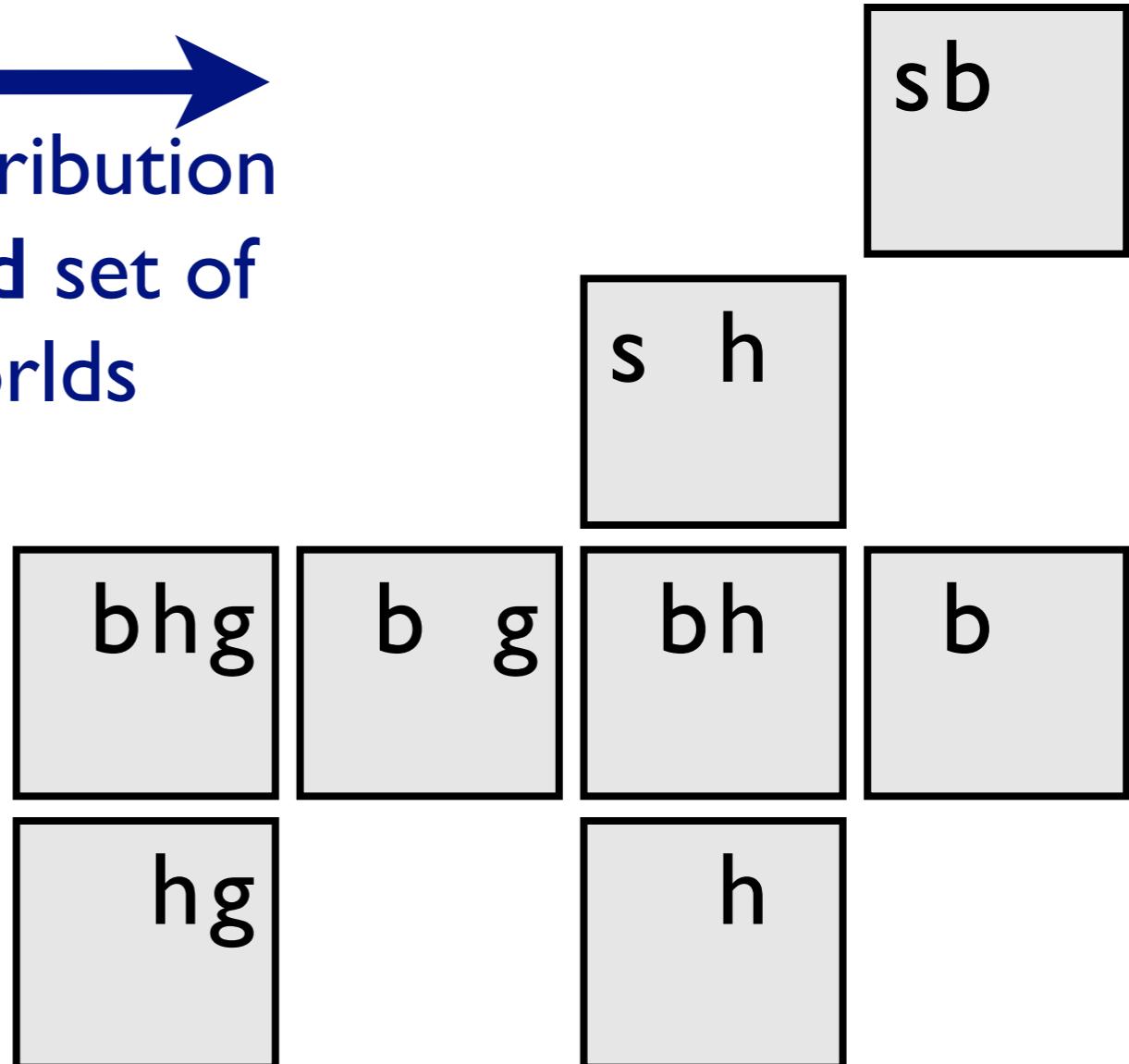
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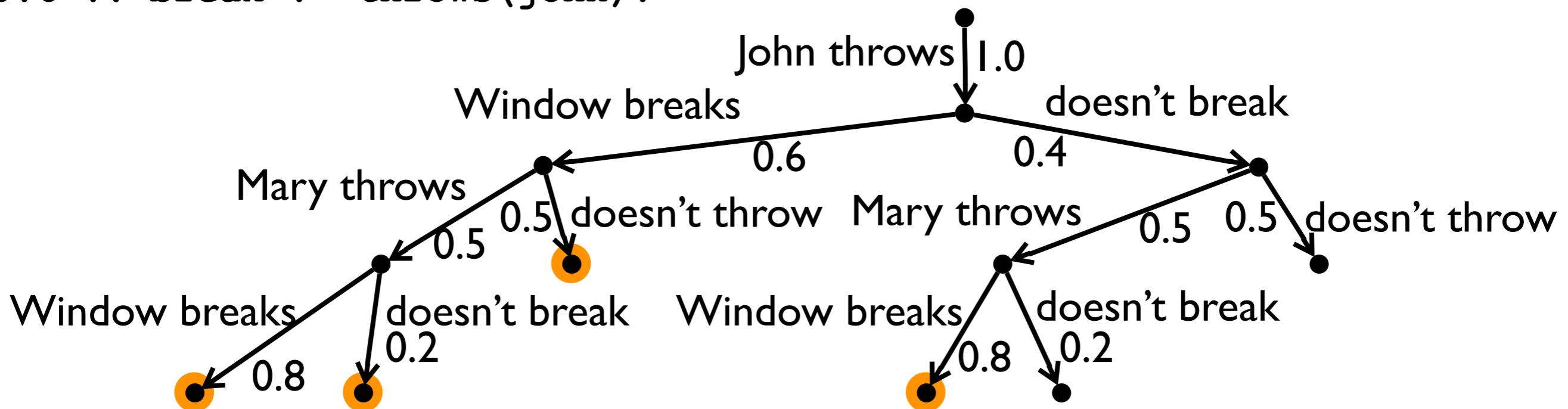
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# Alternative view: CP-Logic

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throws(john).
0.5::throws(mary).
```

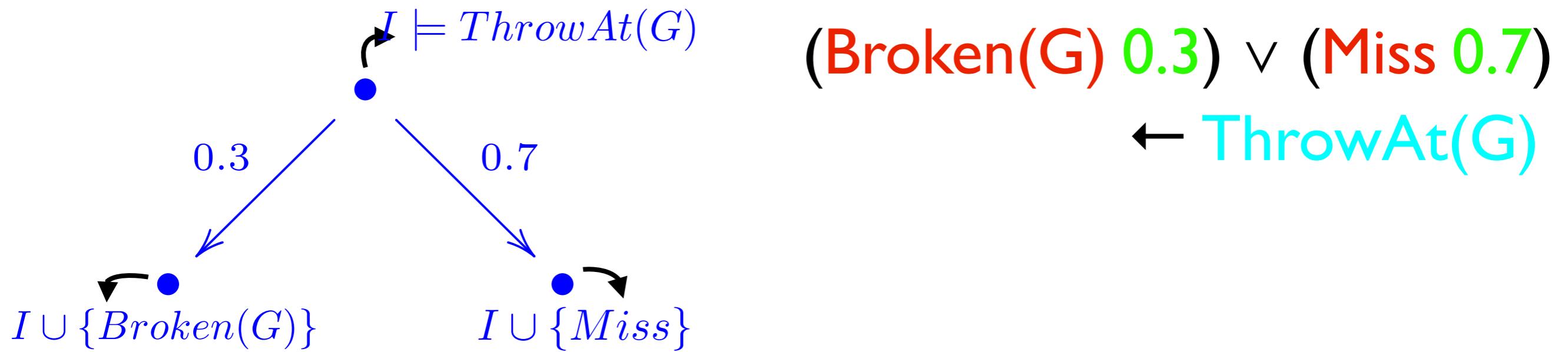
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0.8 :: break :- throws(mary).
0.6 :: break :- throws(john).
```

probabilistic causal laws



$$P(\text{break}) = 0.6 \times 0.5 \times 0.8 + 0.6 \times 0.5 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.5 + 0.4 \times 0.5 \times 0.8$$

# Semantics



Probability tree is an execution model of theory iff:

- Each tree-transition **matches** causal law
- The tree cannot be extended

Each execution model defines the same probability distribution over final states

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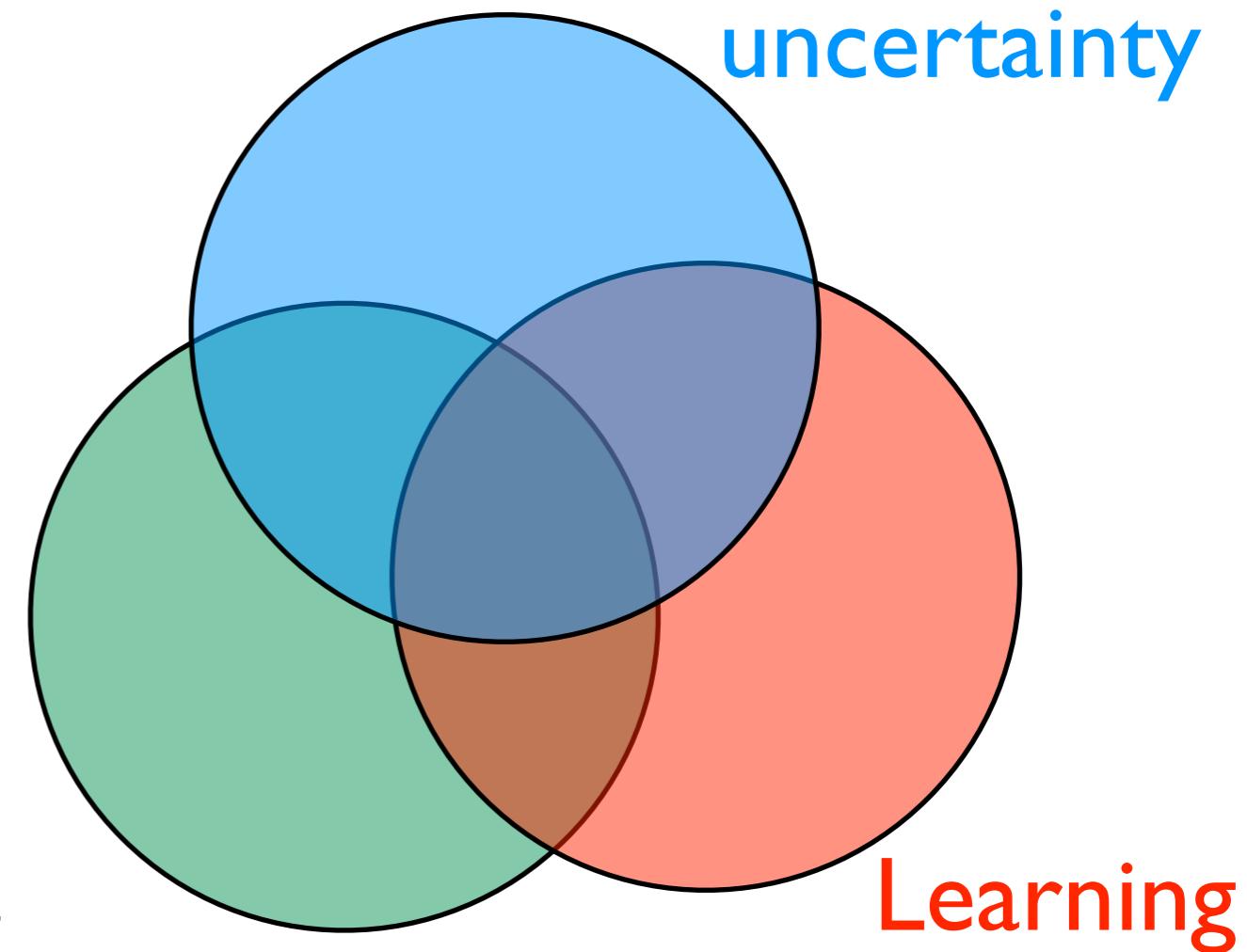


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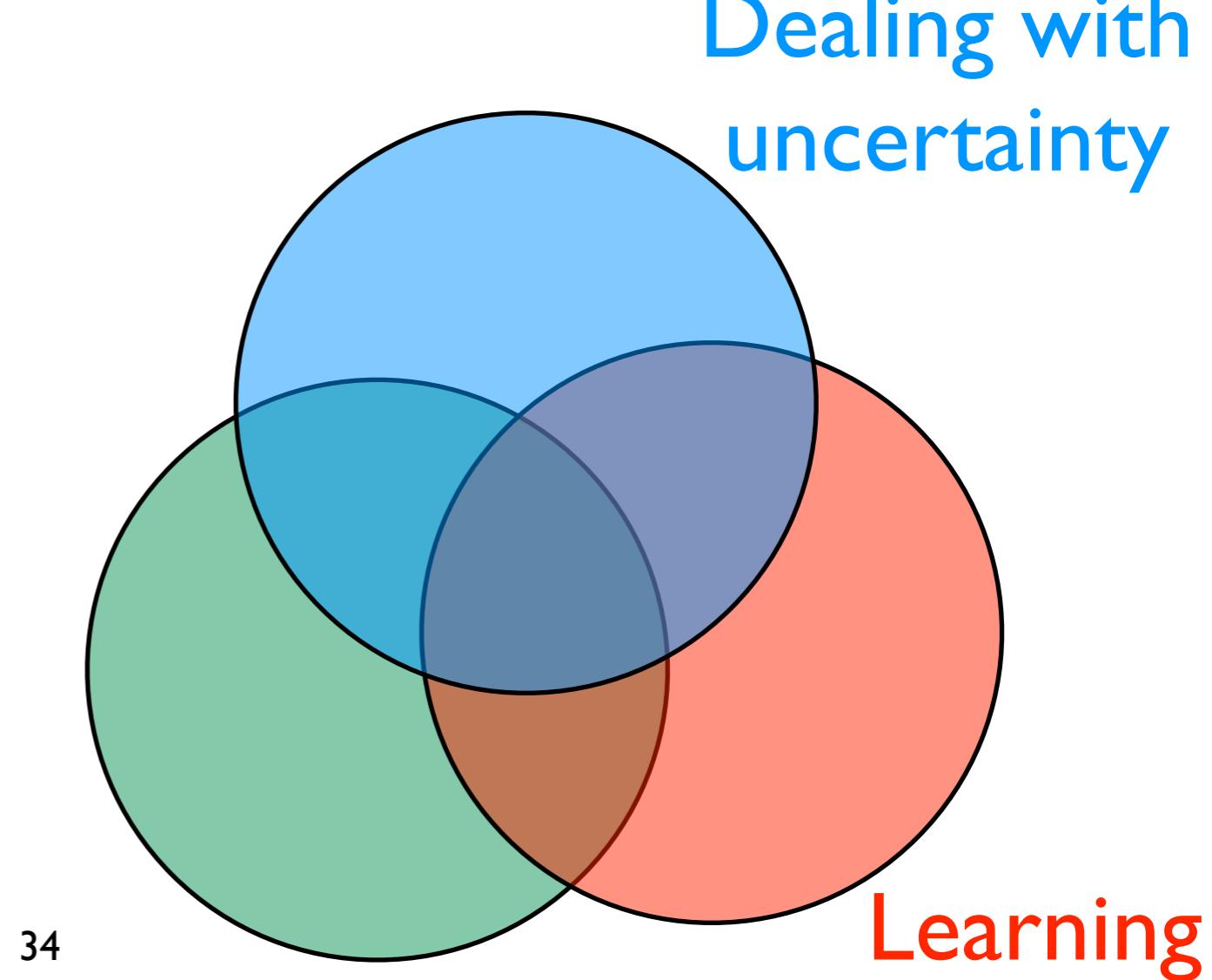
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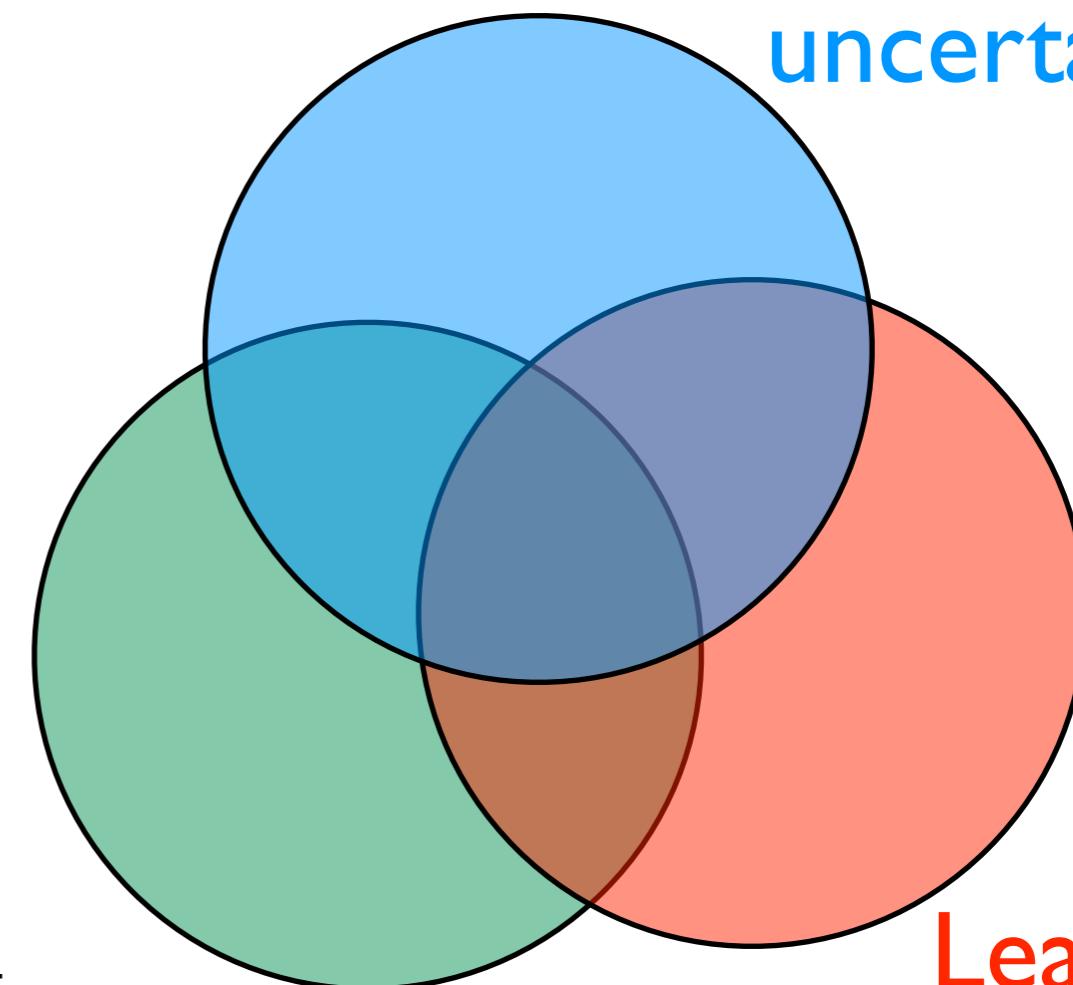
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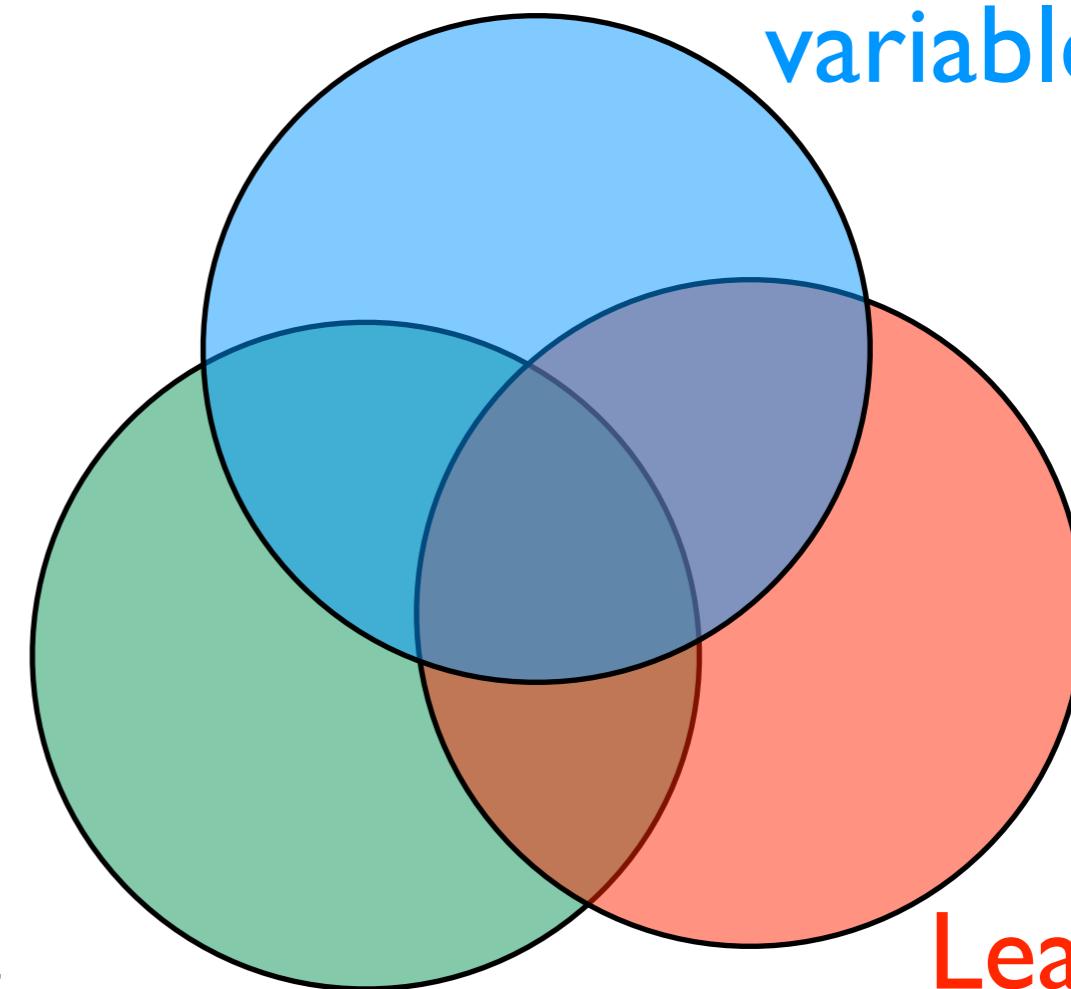
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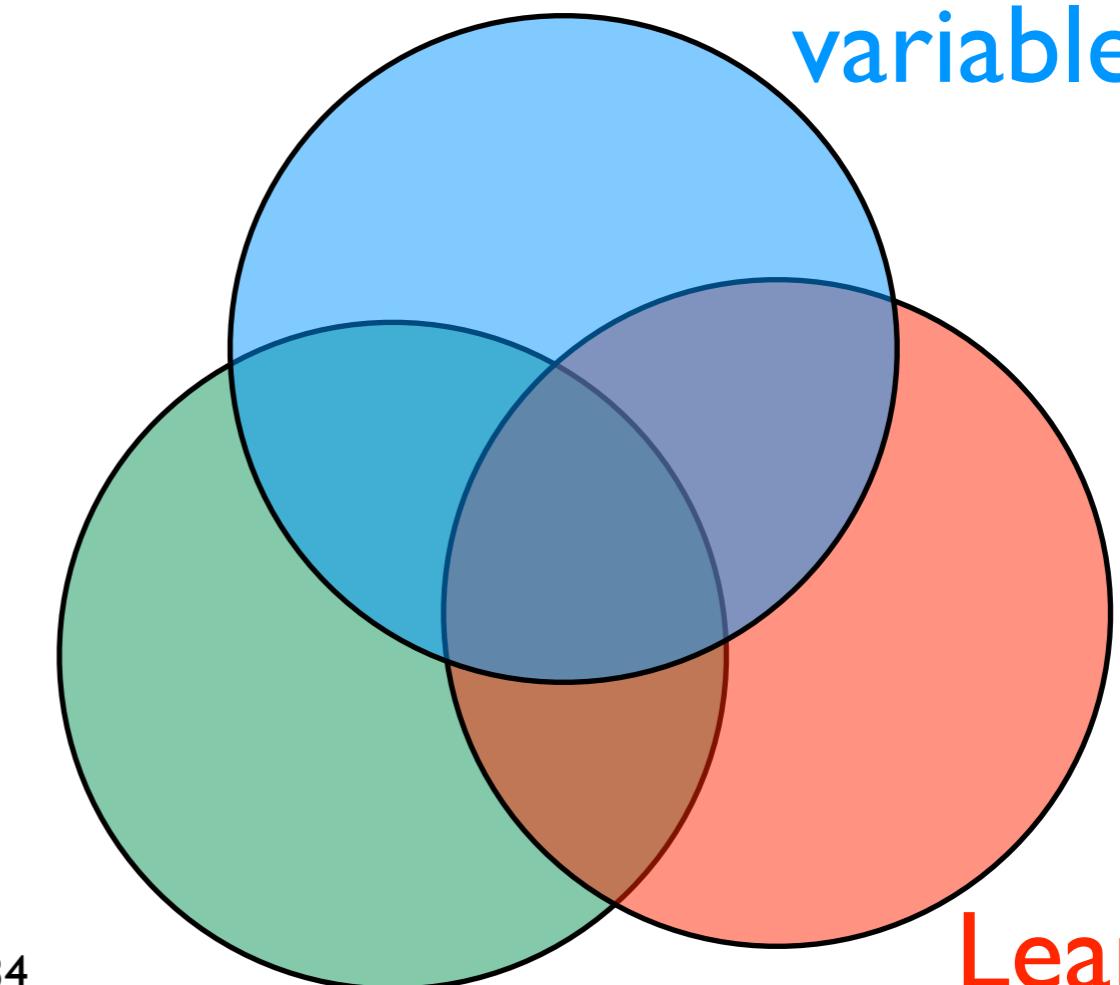
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probabilistic tables + database queries  
→ distribution over possible worlds

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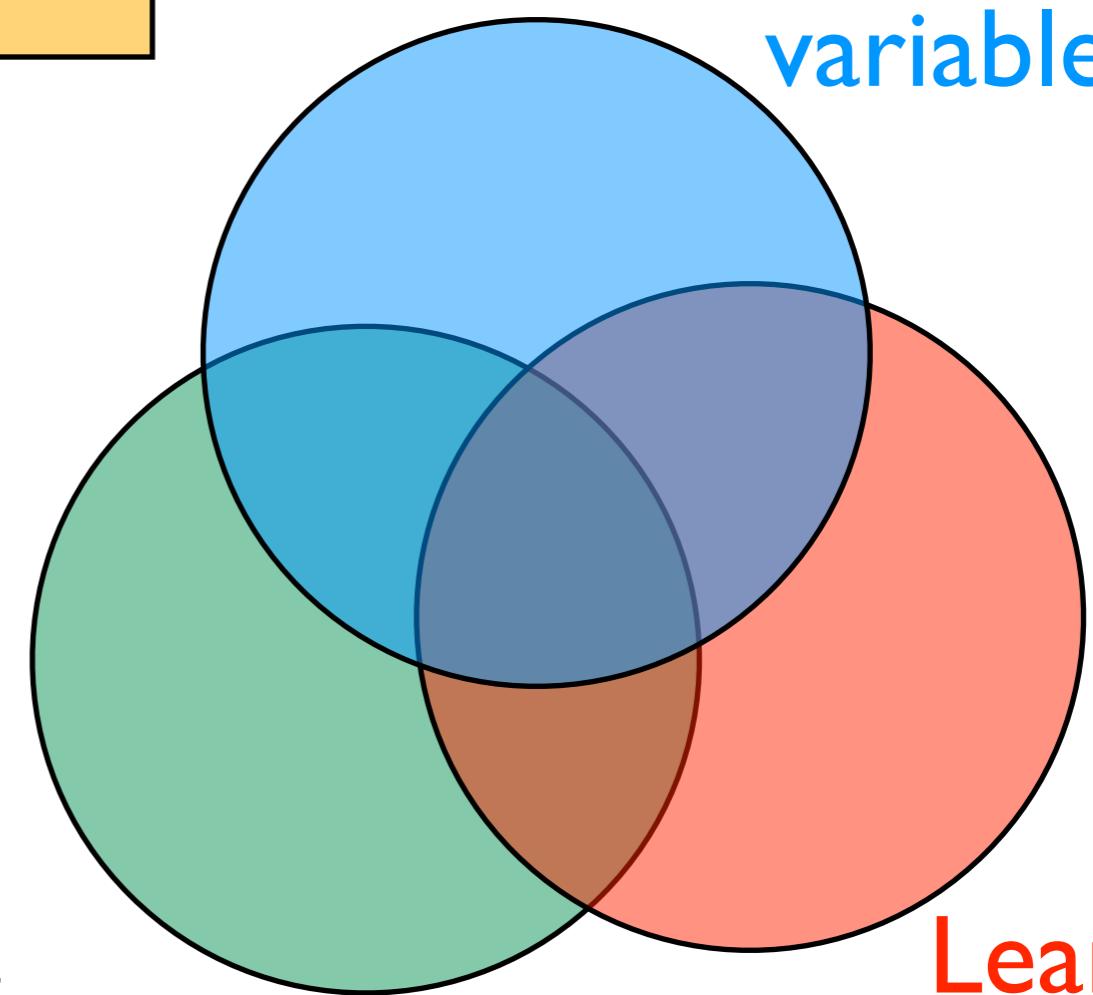
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# Example: Information Extraction

| instance                                                                                                | iteration | date learned | confidence                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">kelly andrews</a> is a <a href="#">female</a>                                               | 826       | 29-mar-2014  | 98.7        |
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instances for many  
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degree of certainty

# Querying: probabilistic db

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| sony      | walkman           | 0.96 |
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| ...       | ...               | ...  |

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**same query -**  
**probabilities handled implicitly**

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| ...       | ...               | ...  |

HeadquarteredIn

| Company           | City     | P    |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| microsoft         | redmond  | 1.00 |
| ibm               | san_jose | 0.99 |
| emirates_airlines | dubai    | 0.93 |
| honda             | torrance | 0.93 |
| horizon           | seattle  | 0.93 |
| egyptair          | cairo    | 0.93 |
| adobe             | san_jose | 0.93 |
| ...               | ...      | ...  |

```
select x.Product, x.Company
from ProducesProduct x, HeadquarteredIn y
where x.Company=y.Company and
y.City='san_jose'
```

answer tuples ranked by  
probability

| Product           | Company | P    |
|-------------------|---------|------|
| personal_computer | ibm     | 0.95 |
| adobe_indesign    | adobe   | 0.83 |
| adobe_dreamweaver | adobe   | 0.80 |

# PDB with tuple-level uncertainty in ProbLog?

| ProducesProduct |                   |      |
|-----------------|-------------------|------|
| Company         | Product           | P    |
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result(Product,Company) :-
 producesProduct(Company,Product),
 headquarteredIn(Company,san_jose).
query(result(_,_)).
```

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# PDB with attribute-level uncertainty in ProbLog?

color

| item  | color  | P    |
|-------|--------|------|
| mug   | green  | 0.65 |
|       | blue   | 0.35 |
| plate | pink   | 0.23 |
|       | red    | 0.14 |
|       | purple | 0.63 |

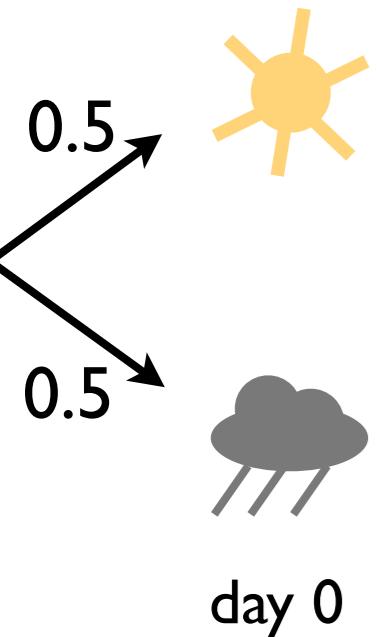
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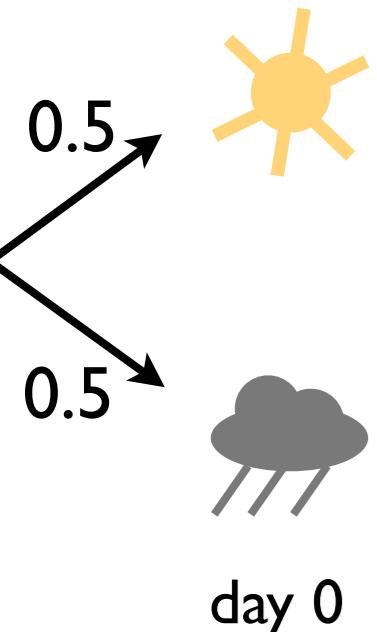
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0.65::color(mug,green) ; 0.35::color(mug,blue) .
0.23::color(plate,pink) ; 0.14::color(plate,red) ;
 0.63::color(plate,purple) .
```

ProbLog by example:  
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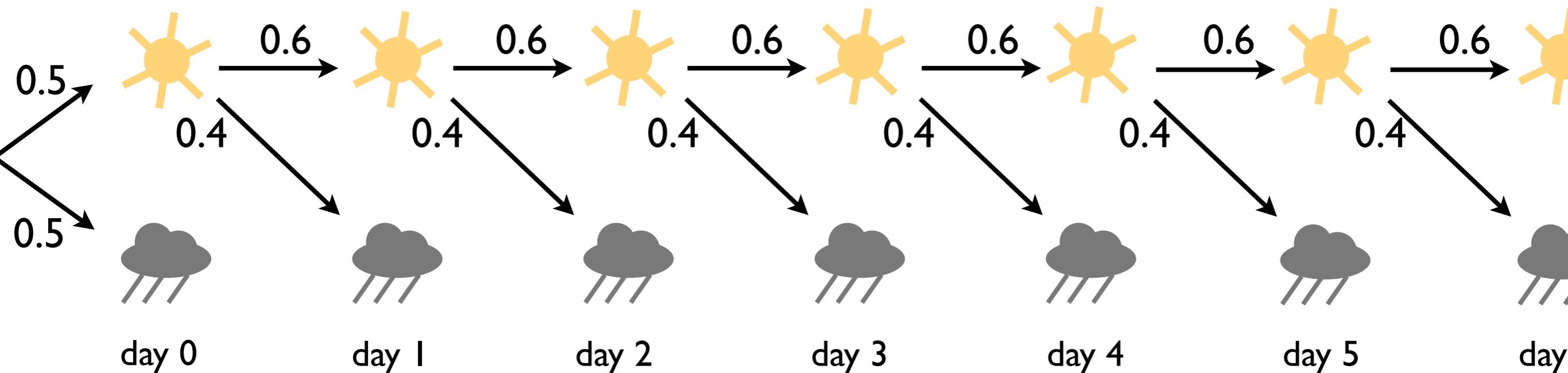
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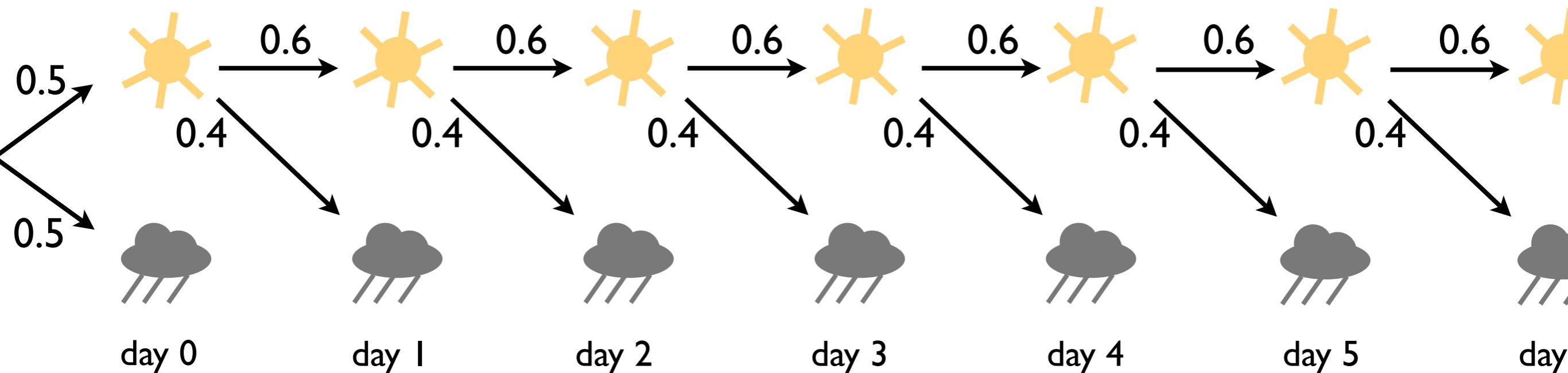
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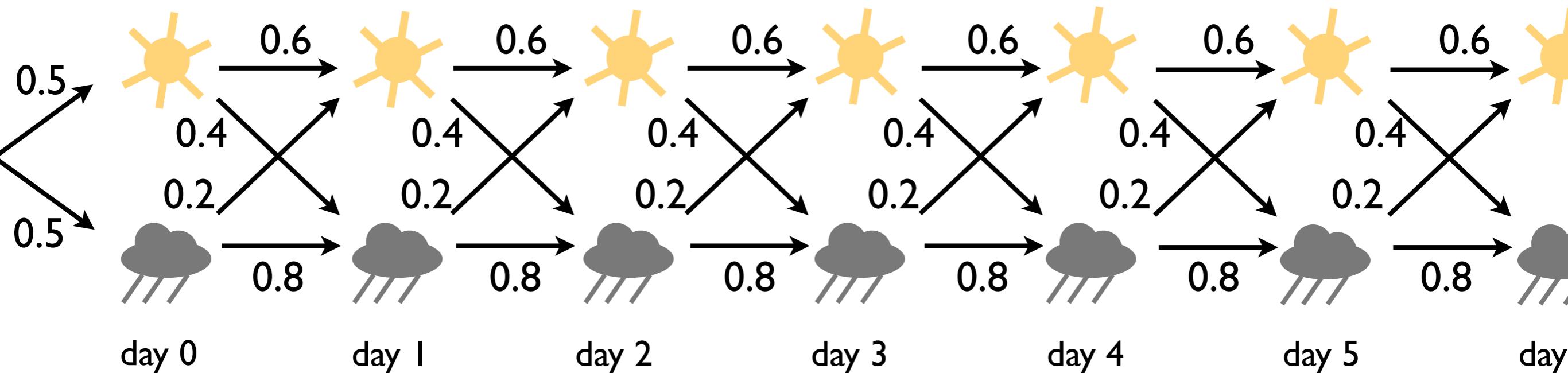
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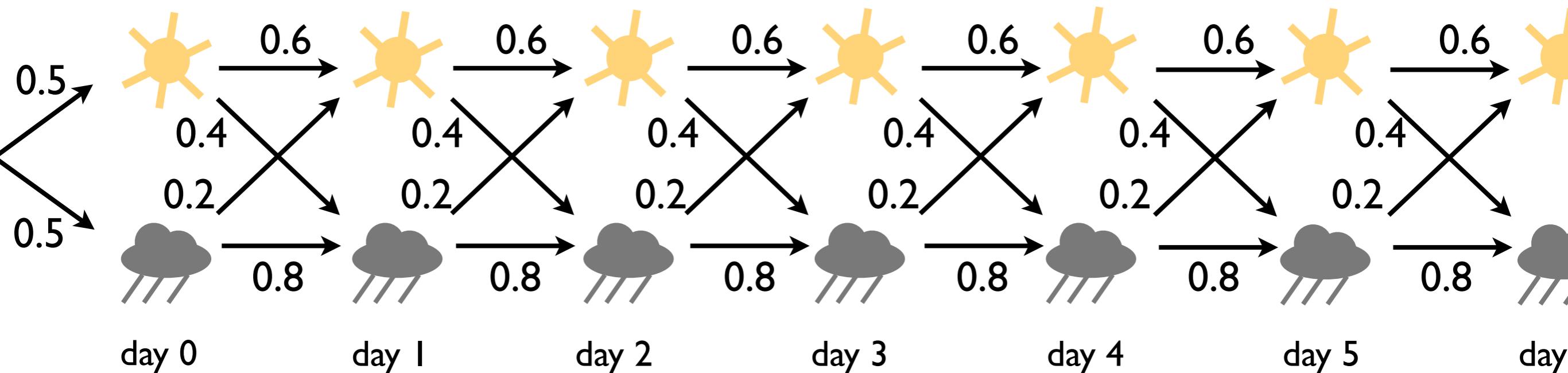
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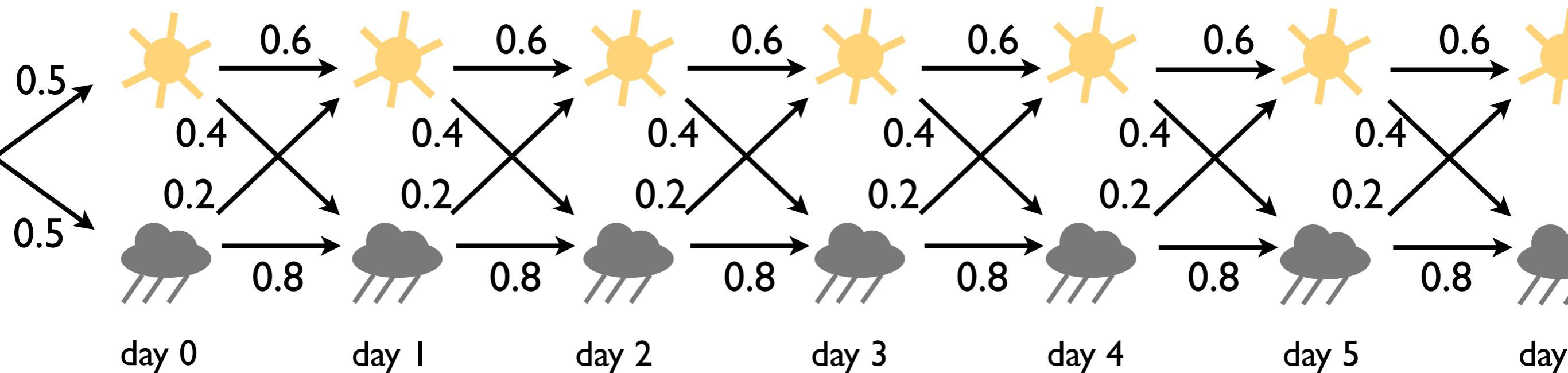


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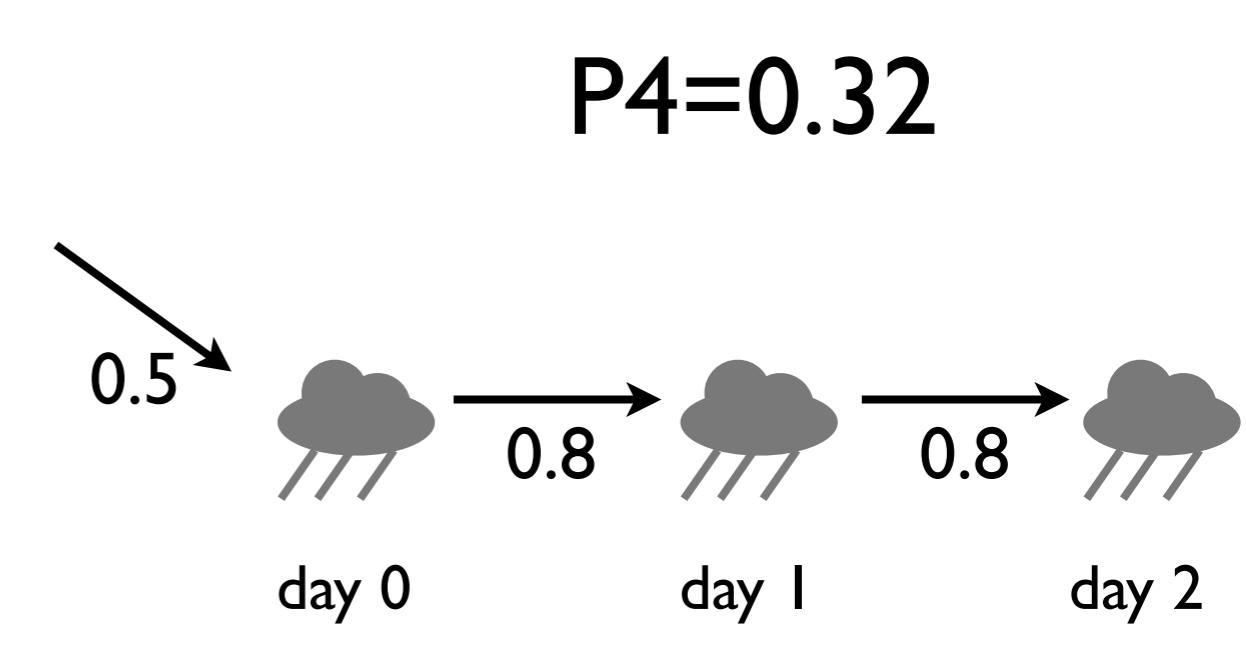
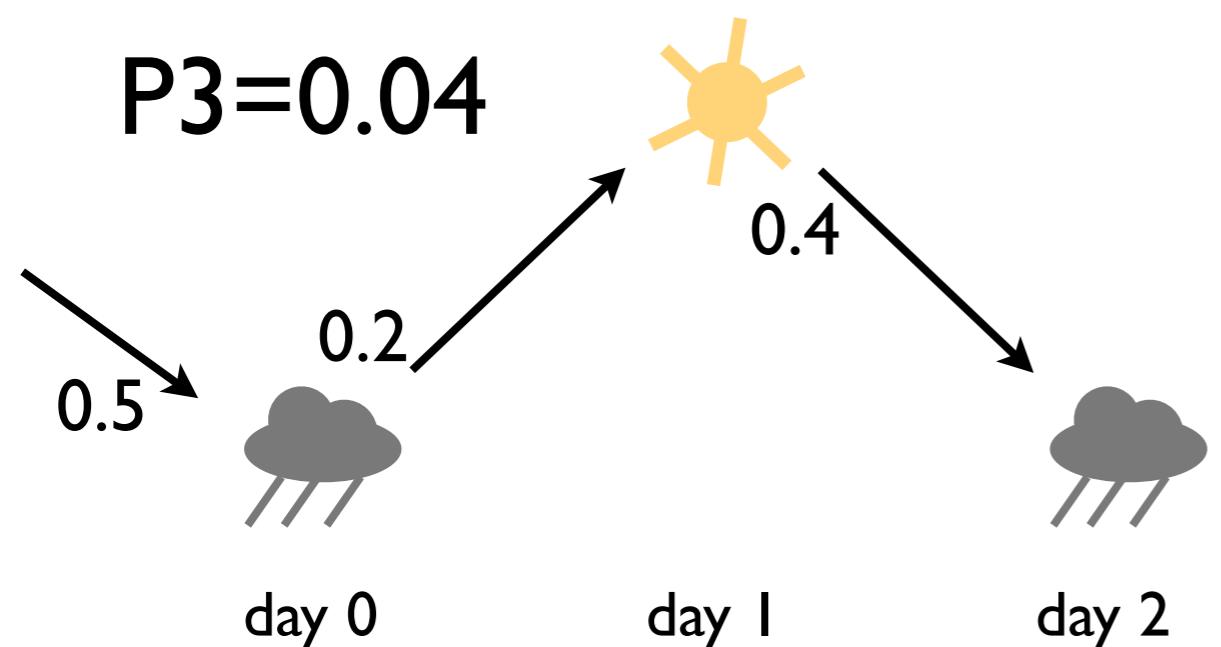
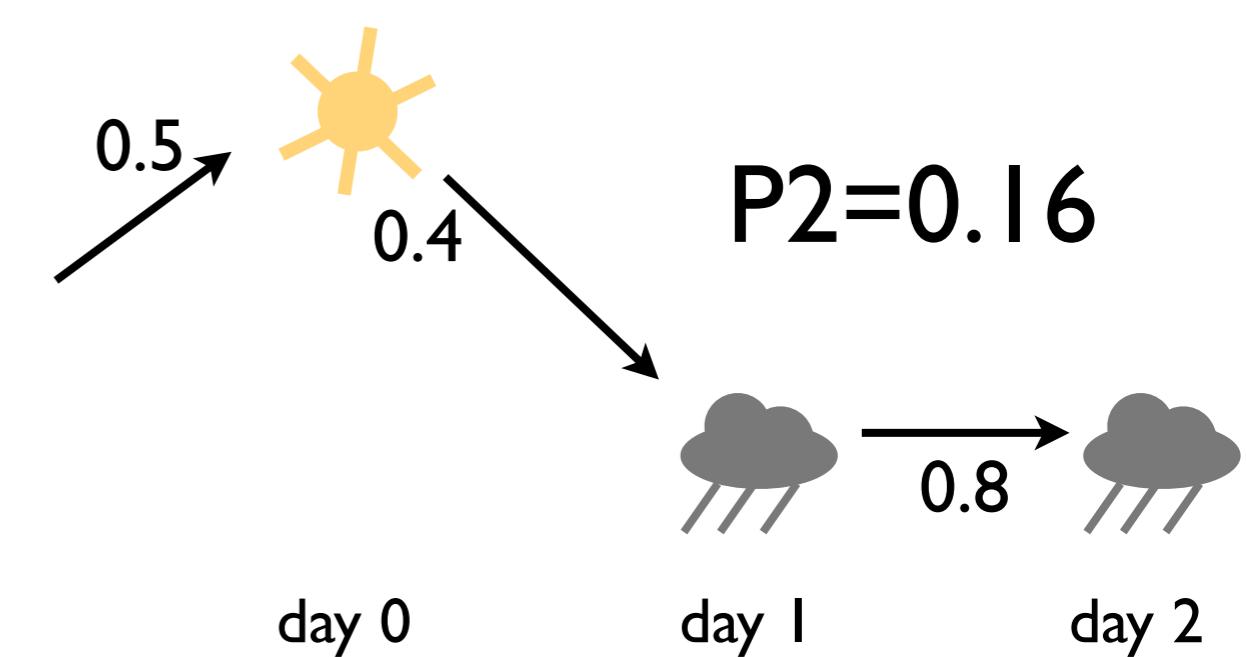
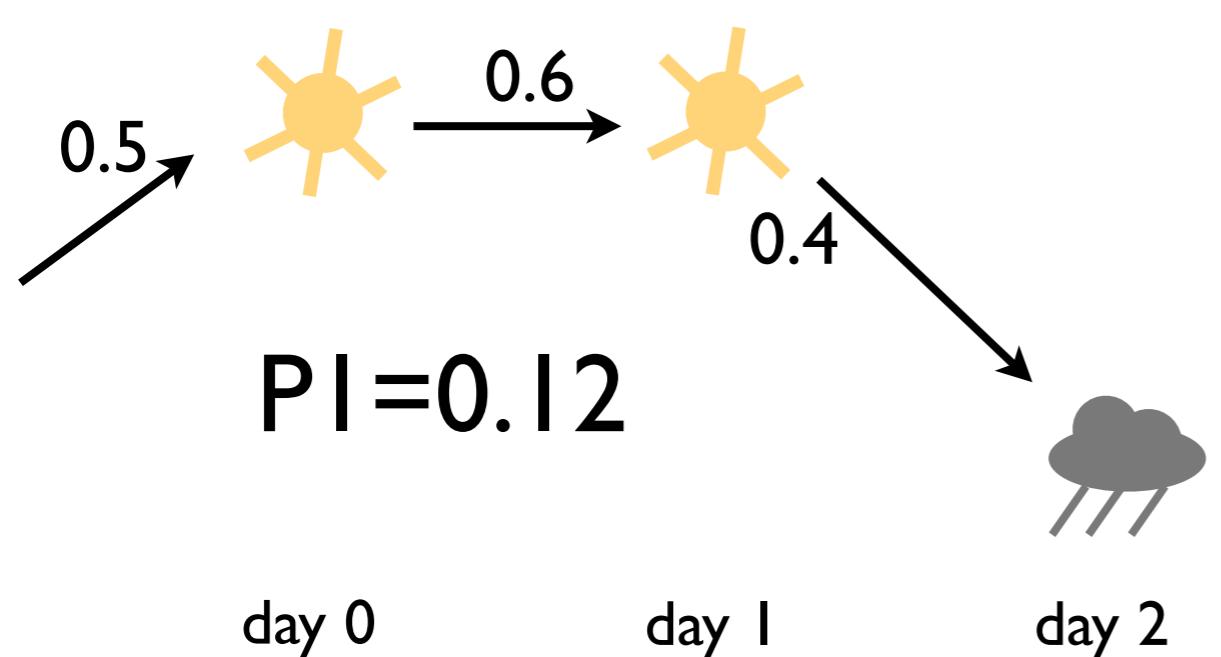
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**infinite** possible worlds! BUT: finitely many partial  
worlds suffice to answer any given ground query

# Possible worlds

?- `weather(rain,2)` .

$$P = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4$$



# Mutually Exclusive Rules:

no two rules apply simultaneously

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```
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:- T>0, Tprev is T-1, weather(rain,Tprev).
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rules for  $T>0$  cover mutually exclusive cases  
on previous day

# PRISM

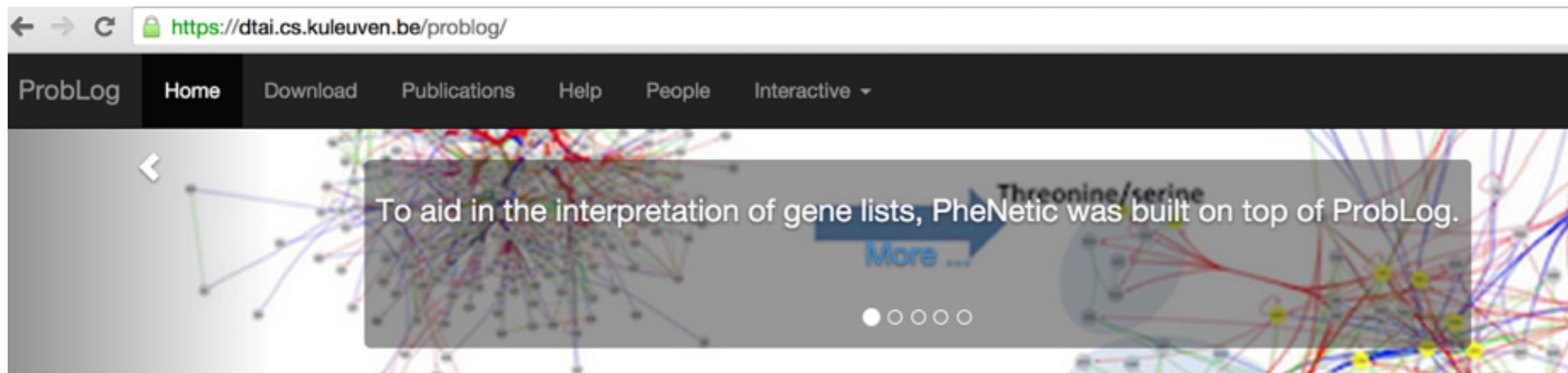
- Another probabilistic Prolog based on the distribution semantics
- Mutual exclusiveness assumption
  - allows for efficient inference by dynamic programming, cf. probabilistic grammars
  - but excludes certain models, e.g., smokers
- a different syntax
- <http://sato-www.cs.titech.ac.jp/prism/>

# Distribution Semantics

- **probabilistic choices** + their **consequences**
- probability distribution over **possible worlds**
- how to efficiently answer **questions?**
  - most probable world (MPE inference)
  - probability of query (computing marginals)
  - probability of query given evidence

# Summary: ProbLog Syntax

- input database: ground facts  
`person(bob) .`
- probabilistic facts  
`0.5::stress(bob) .`
- annotated disjunctions  
`0.5::stress(X) :- person(X) .  
0.4::a(X) ; 0.3::b(X) ; 0.2::c(X) ; 0.1::d(X) :- q(X) .  
0.5::weather(sun,0) ; 0.5::weather(rain,0) .`
- flexible probabilities  
`P::pack(Item) :- weight(Item,W), P is 1.0/W.`
- Prolog clauses  
`smokes(X) :- influences(Y,X), smokes(Y) .  
excess([I|R],Limit) :- \+pack(I), excess(R,Limit) .`



## Introduction.

Probabilistic logic programs are logic programs in which some of the facts are annotated with probabilities.

ProbLog is a tool that allows you to intuitively build programs that do not only encode **complex interactions** between a large sets of **heterogenous components** but also **uncertainties** that are present in real-life situations.

The engine tackles several tasks such as computing the marginals given evidence and learning from (partial) interpretations. ProbLog is a suite of efficient algorithms for these tasks. It is based on a conversion of the program and the queries and evidence to a weighted Boolean formula. This allows us to reduce the inference tasks to well-known weighted model counting, which can be solved using state-of-the-art methods known from the graphical model and knowledge compilation literature.

## The Language. Probabilistic Logic Programming.

ProbLog makes it easy to express complex, probabilistic models.

```
0.3::stress(X) :- person(X).
0.2::influences(X,Y) :- person(X), person(Y).

smokes(X) :- stress(X).
smokes(X) :- friend(X,Y), influences(Y,X), smokes(Y).
```

# Some Probabilistic Programming Languages outside LP

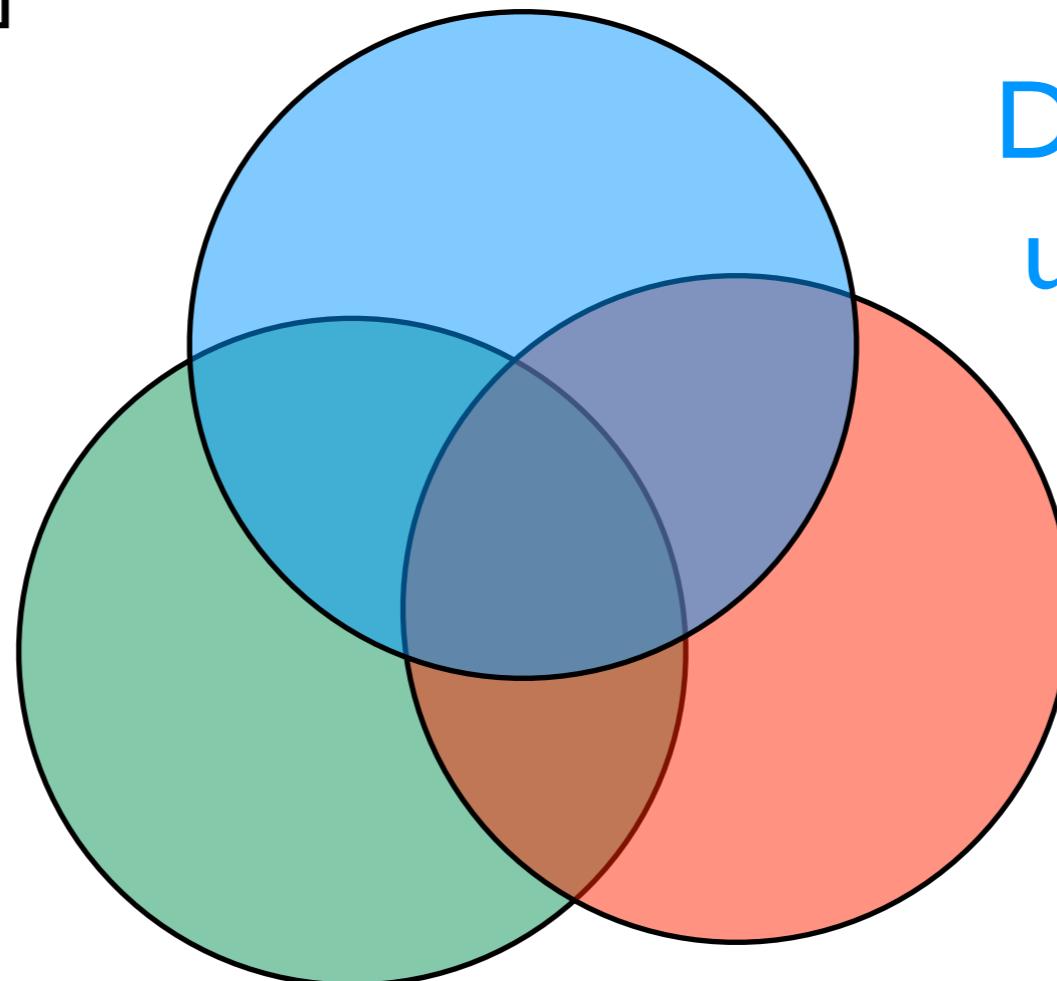
- IBAL [Pfeffer 01]
- Figaro [Pfeffer 09]
- Church [Goodman et al 08 ]
- BLOG [Milch et al 05]
- Venture [Mansingha et al.]
- Anglican and Probabilistic-C [Wood et al].
- and many more appearing recently

# Church

## probabilistic functional programming

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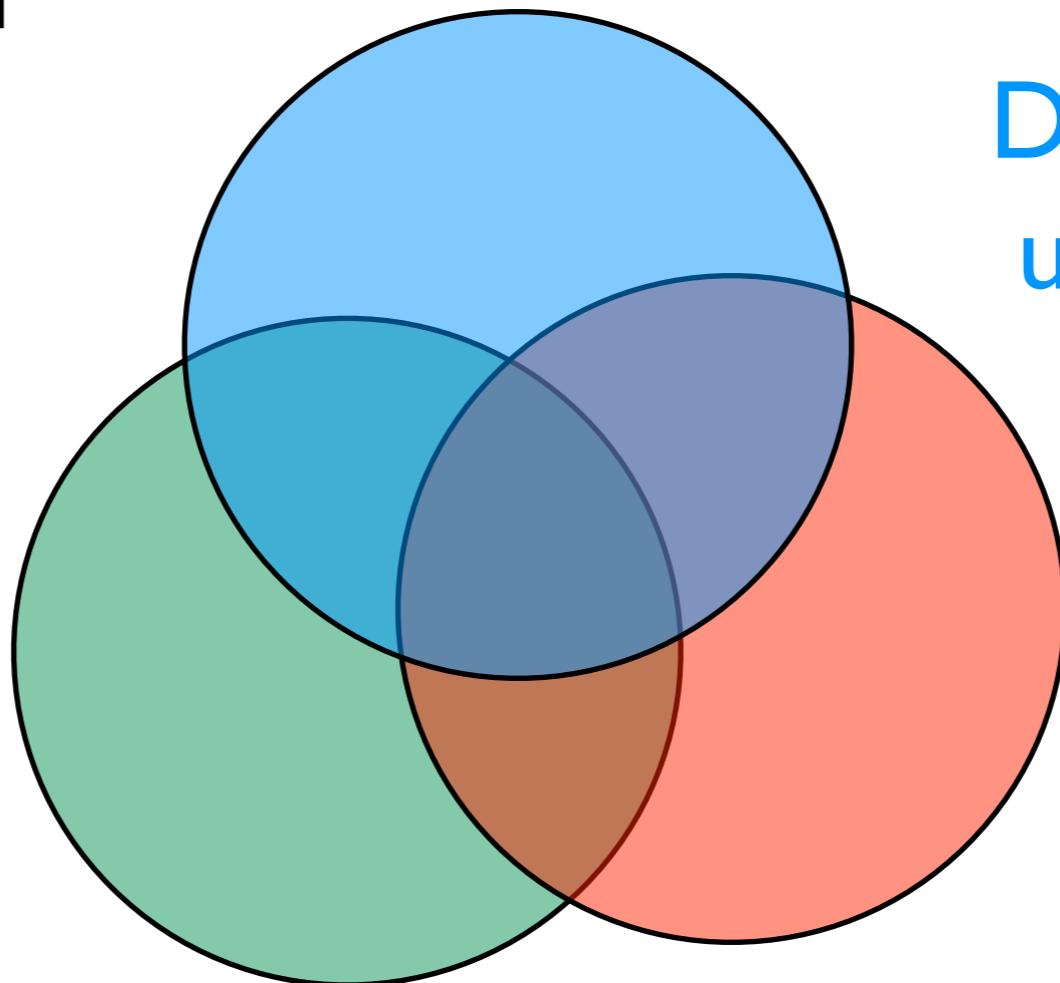
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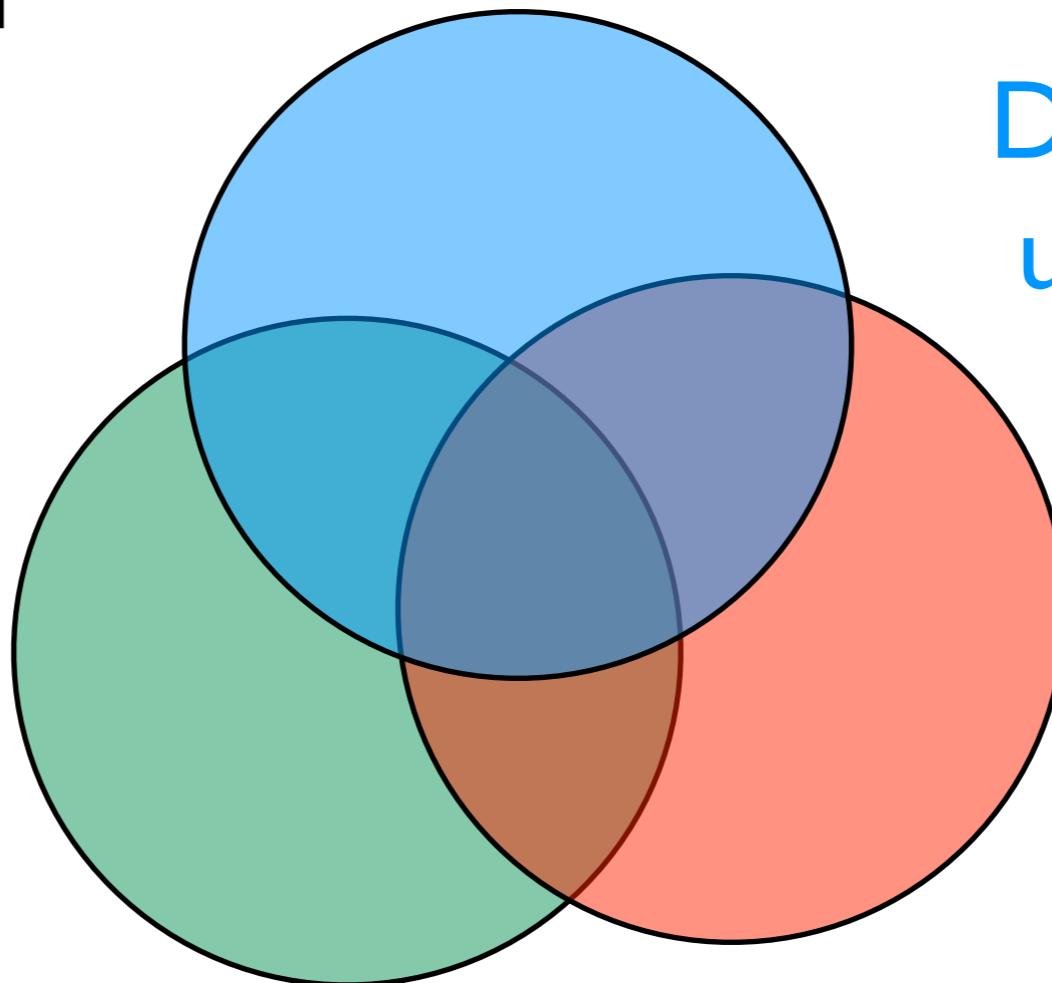
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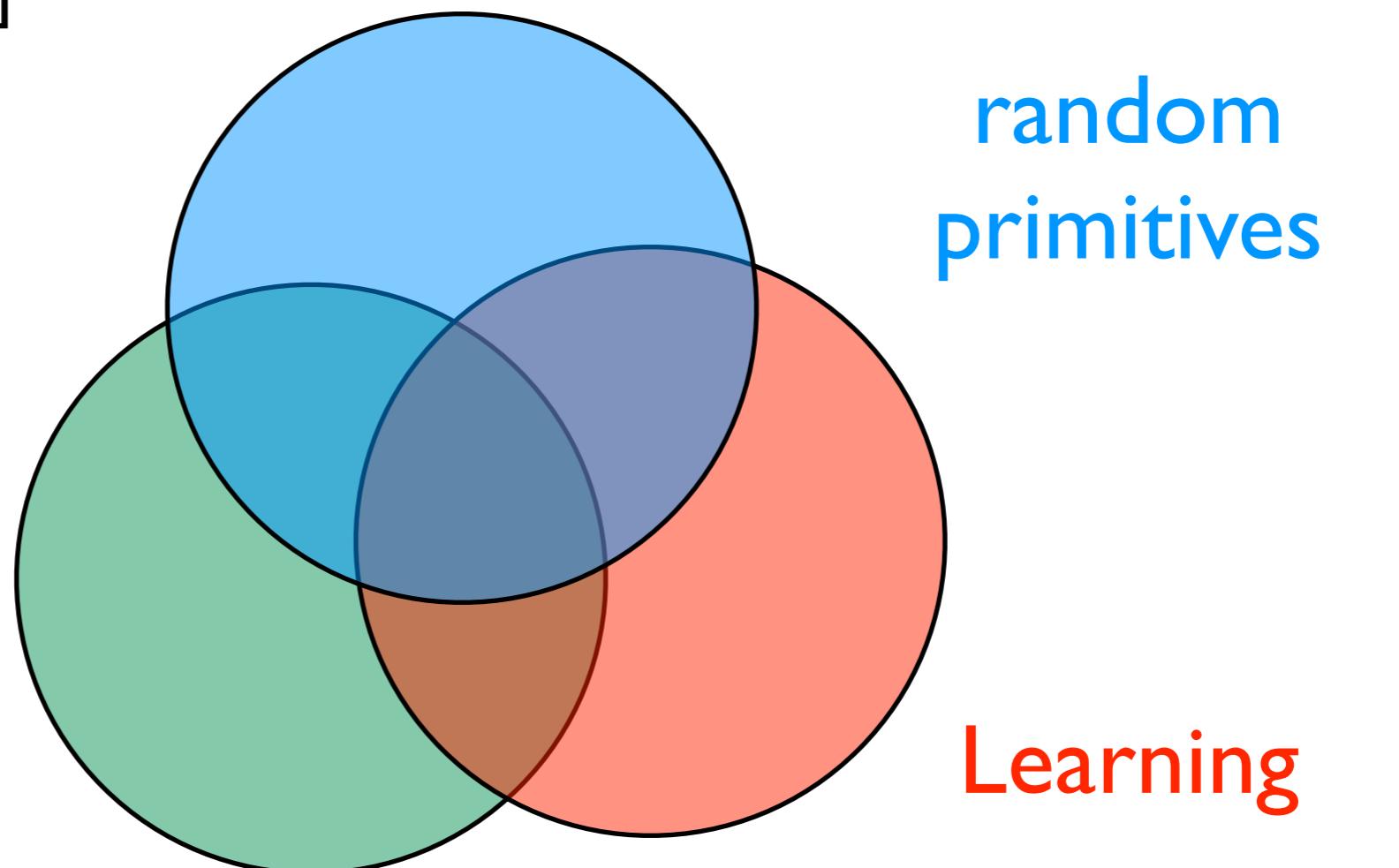


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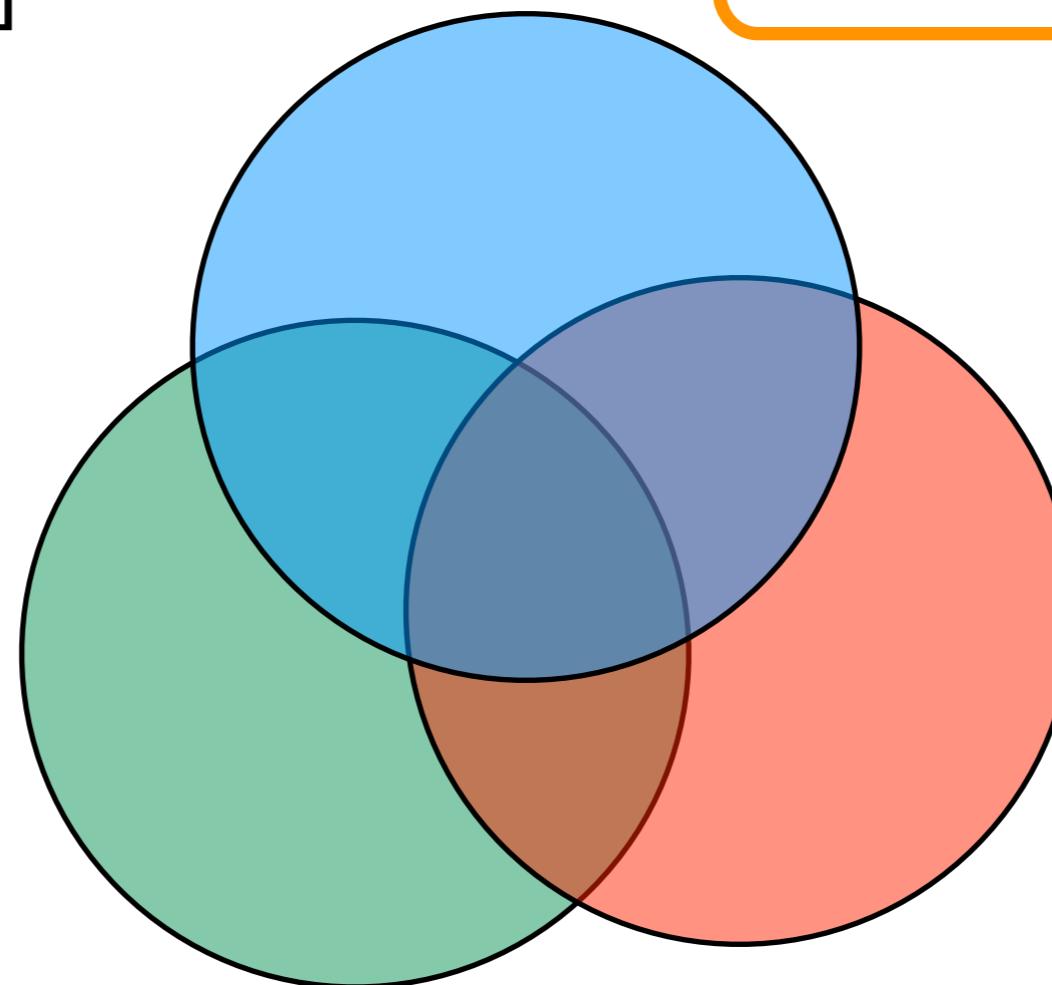
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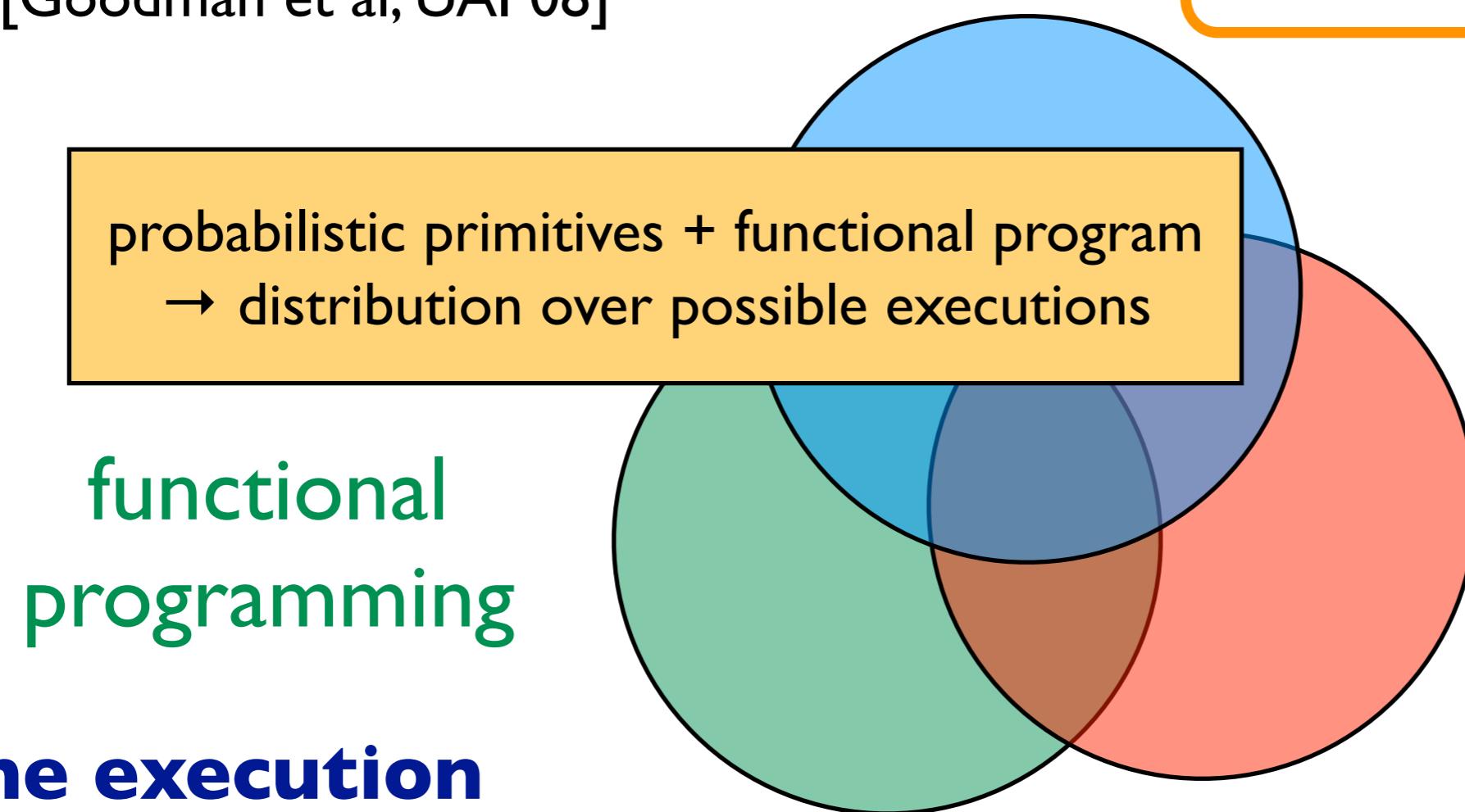
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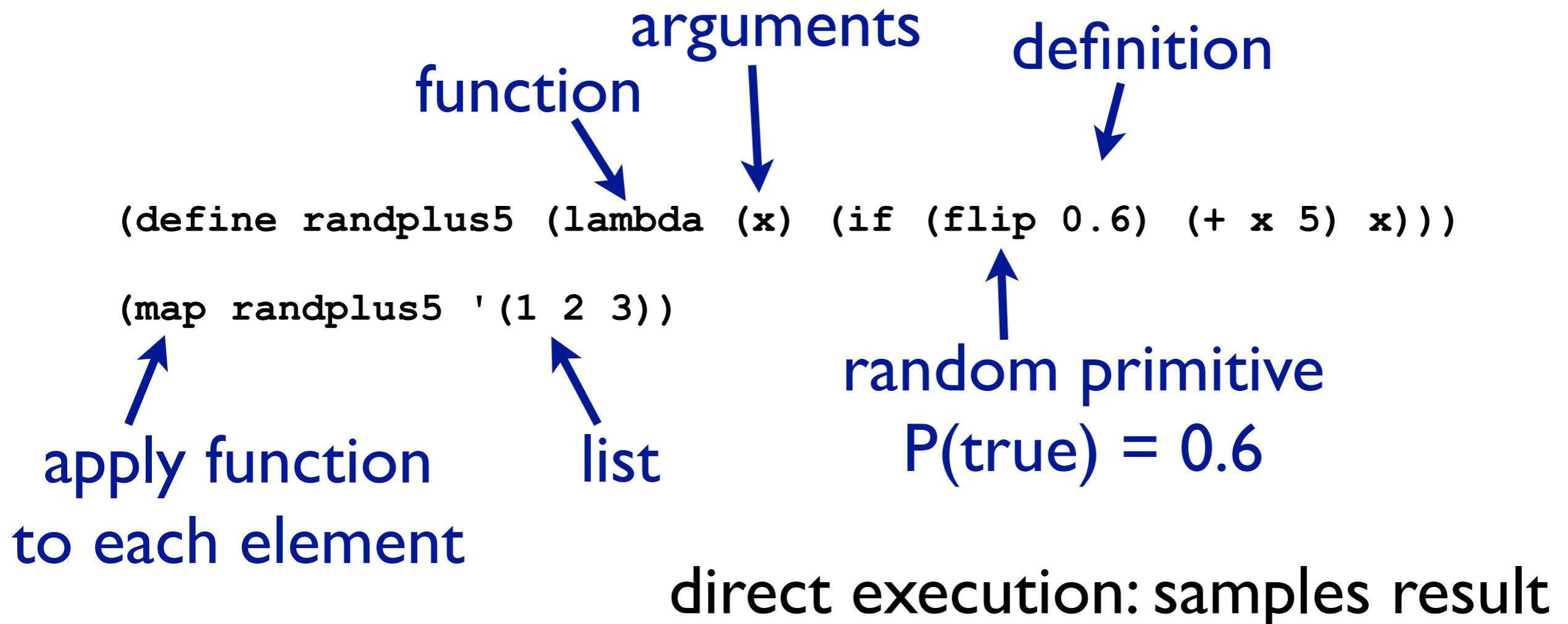
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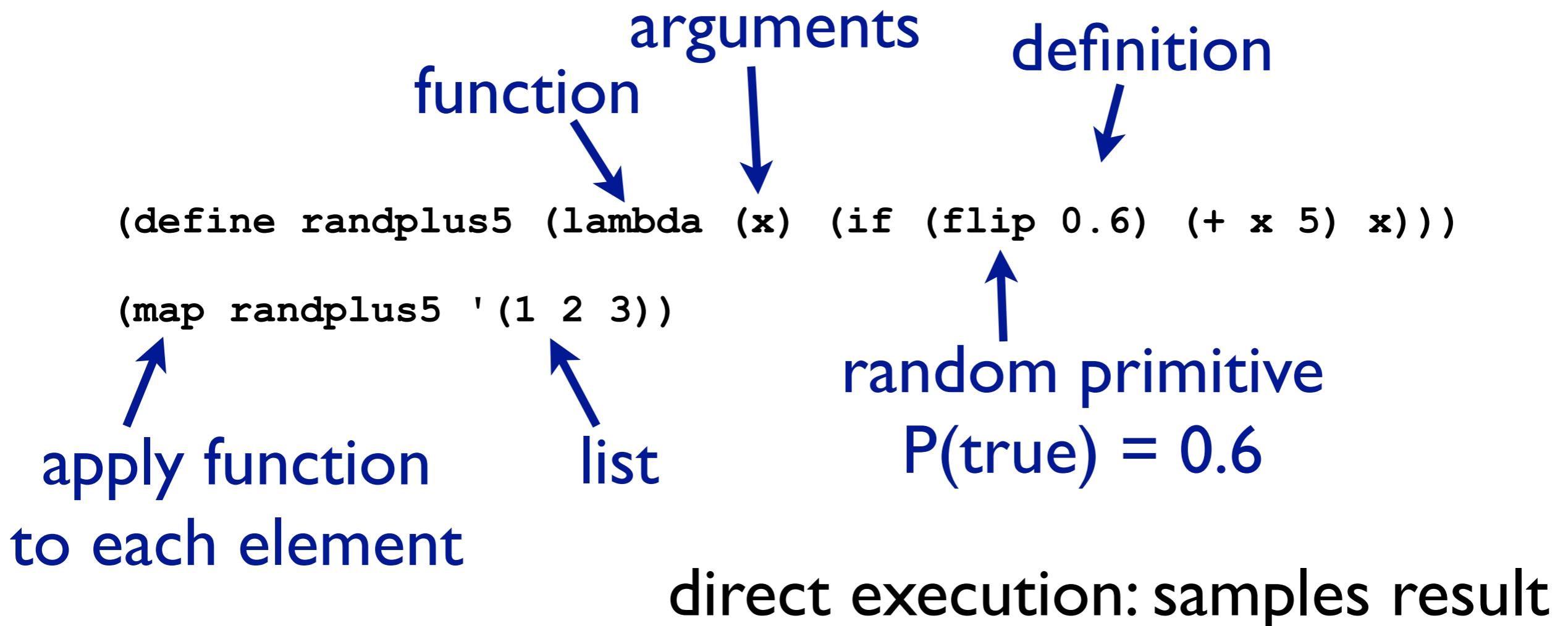
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function                          arguments                          definition  
↓                               ↓                                   ↓  
**apply function**              **list**                          **random primitive**  
**to each element**                                                      P(true) = 0.6

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sampling also supports continuous RVs, e.g.,  
`(* (gaussian 0 1) (gaussian 0 1))`

# Computing probability distribution

```
(
enumeration-query
(define randplus5 (lambda (x) (if (flip 0.6) (+ x 5) x)))

(map randplus5 '(1 2))
true
)
```

enumerates all executions &  
sums probabilities per result

query

evidence

```
((((1 2) (1 7) (6 2) (6 7)) (0.16 0.24 0.24 0.36))
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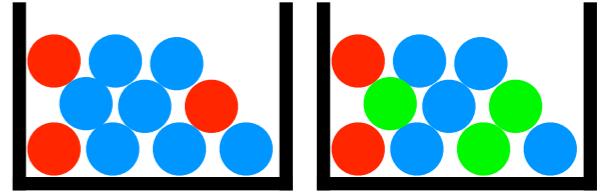
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ProbLog always memoizes  
PRISM never memoizes  
Church allows fine-grained choice

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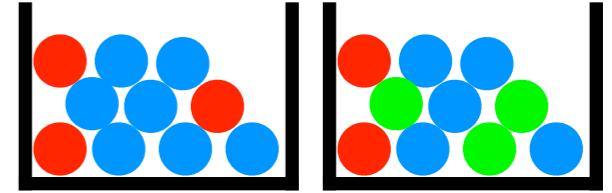


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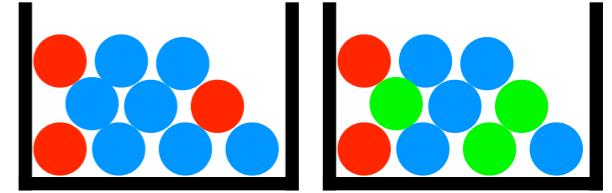


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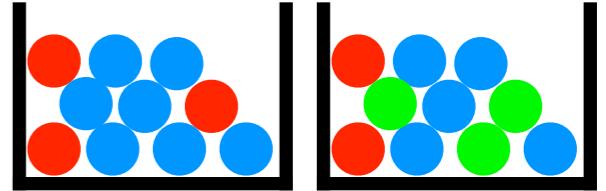
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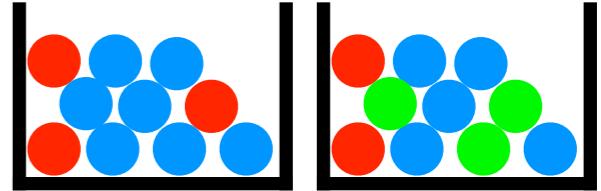
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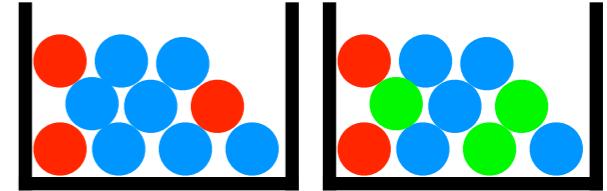


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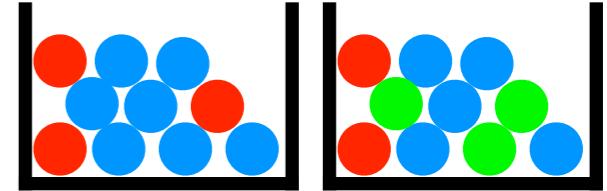
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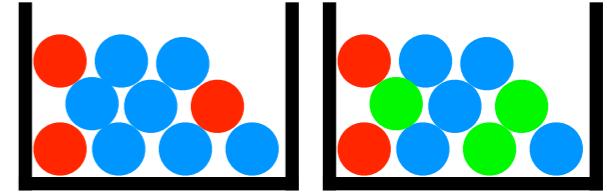
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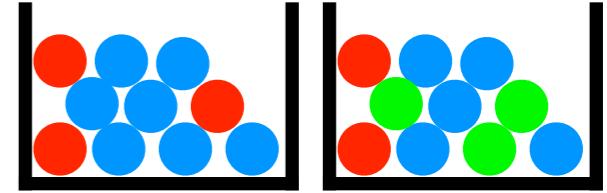
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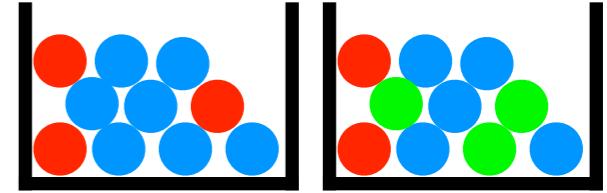
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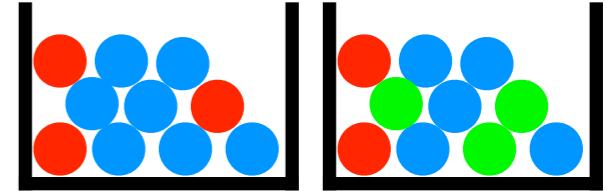
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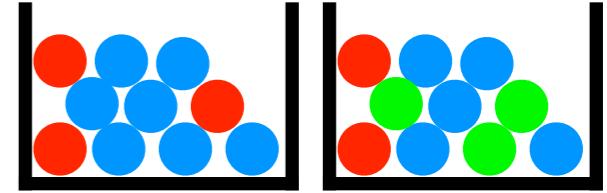
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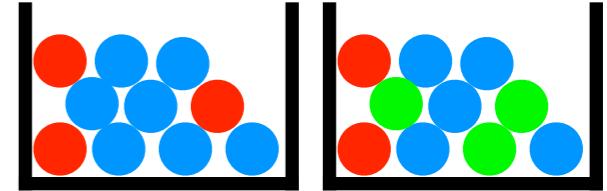
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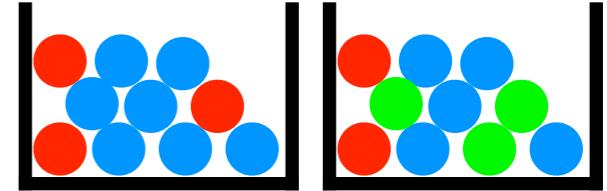
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true )  
evidence

# Histogram via sampling

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 (rejection-query

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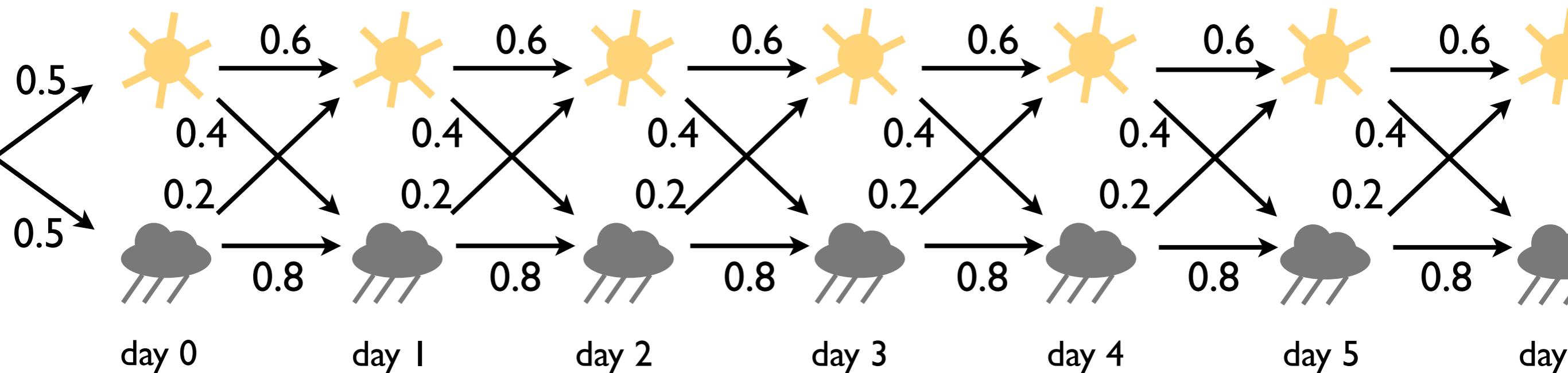
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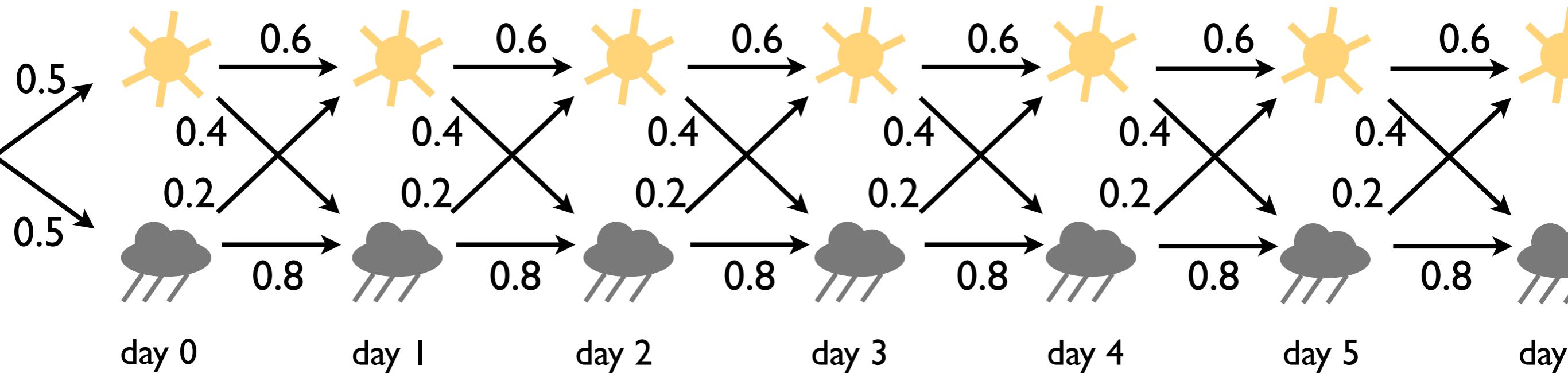
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# exact inference with / without memoization

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# Probabilistic Programming Summary

- Church: functional programming + random primitives
- probabilistic generative model
- stochastic memoization
- sampling
- increasing number of probabilistic programming languages using various underlying paradigms

| <b>ProbLog</b>                | <b>PRISM</b>                               | <b>Church</b>                            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| probabilistic facts & choices | probabilistic choices                      | random primitives                        |
| all RVs memoized              | no RVs memoized                            | user-defined per RV                      |
| Prolog                        | Prolog with mutually exclusive derivations | $\lambda$ -calculus functions            |
| distribution over worlds      | distribution over derivations / answers    | distribution over computations / answers |

# Roadmap

- Modeling (ProbLog and Church, another representative of PP)
- Inference
- Learning
- Dynamics and Decisions
- Markov Logic another representative of SRL

... with some detours on the way

# Inference

- Exact inference with knowledge compilation
  - using proofs
  - using models
- Approximate inference by sampling

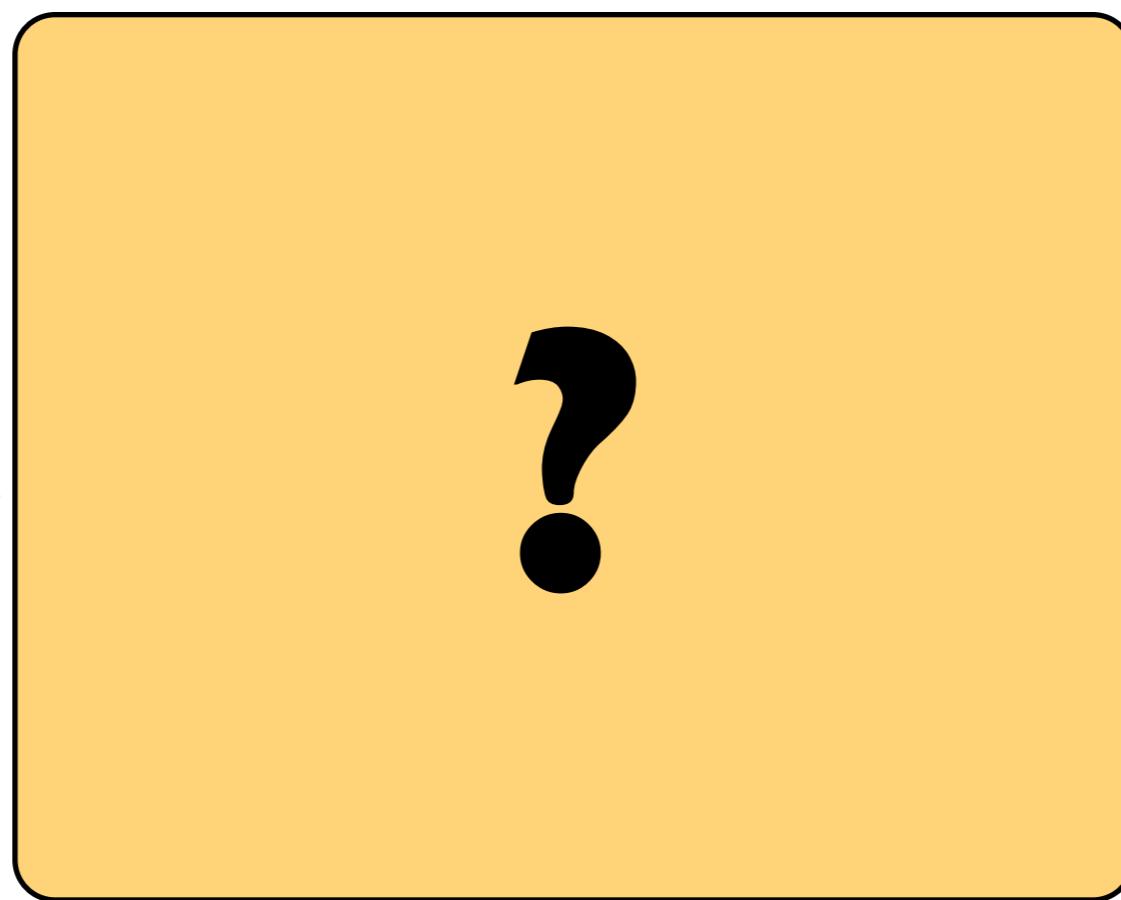
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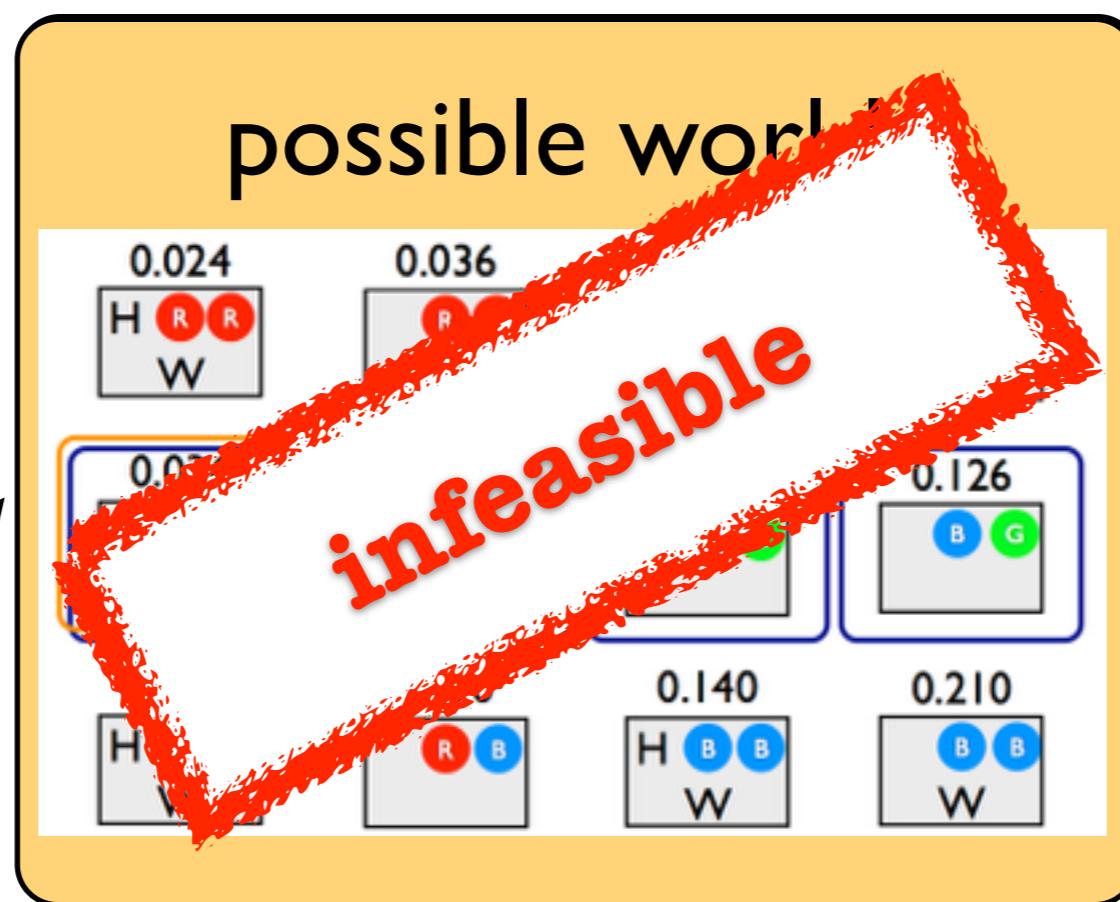
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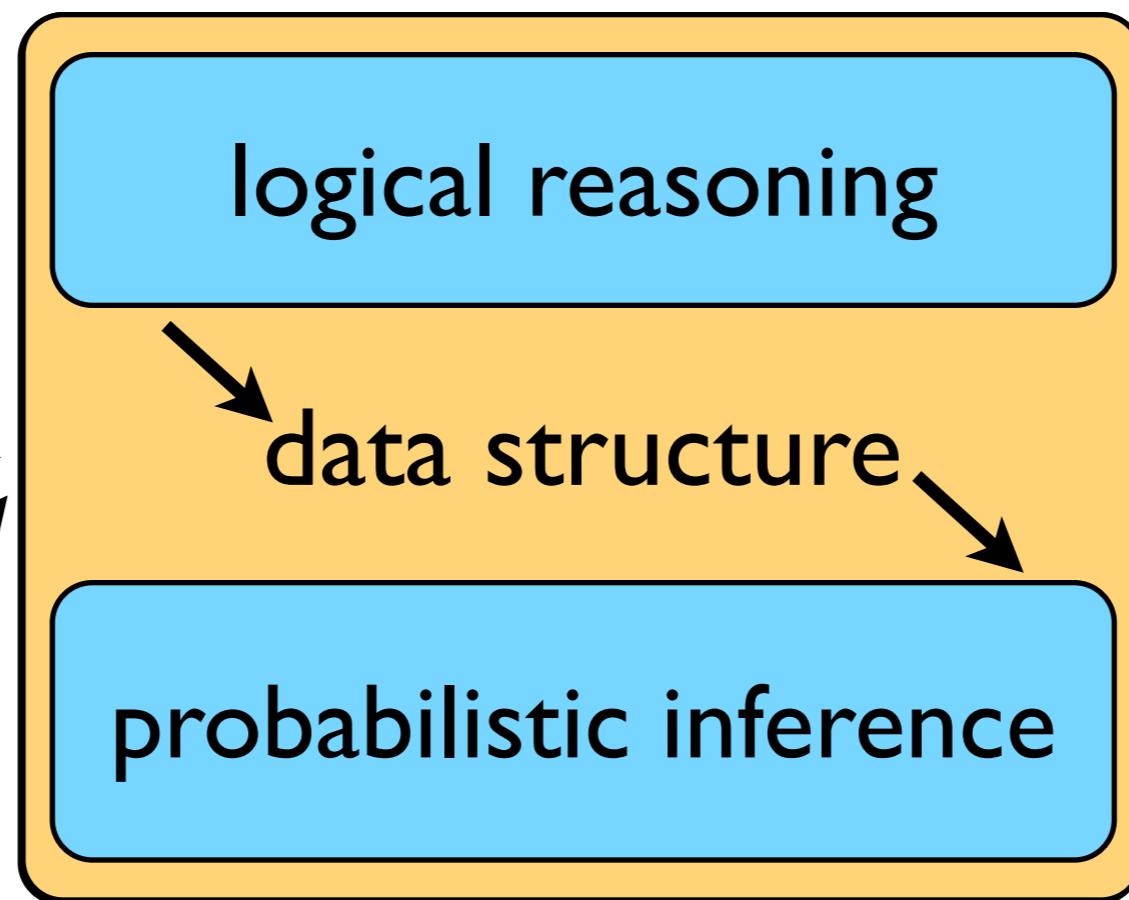
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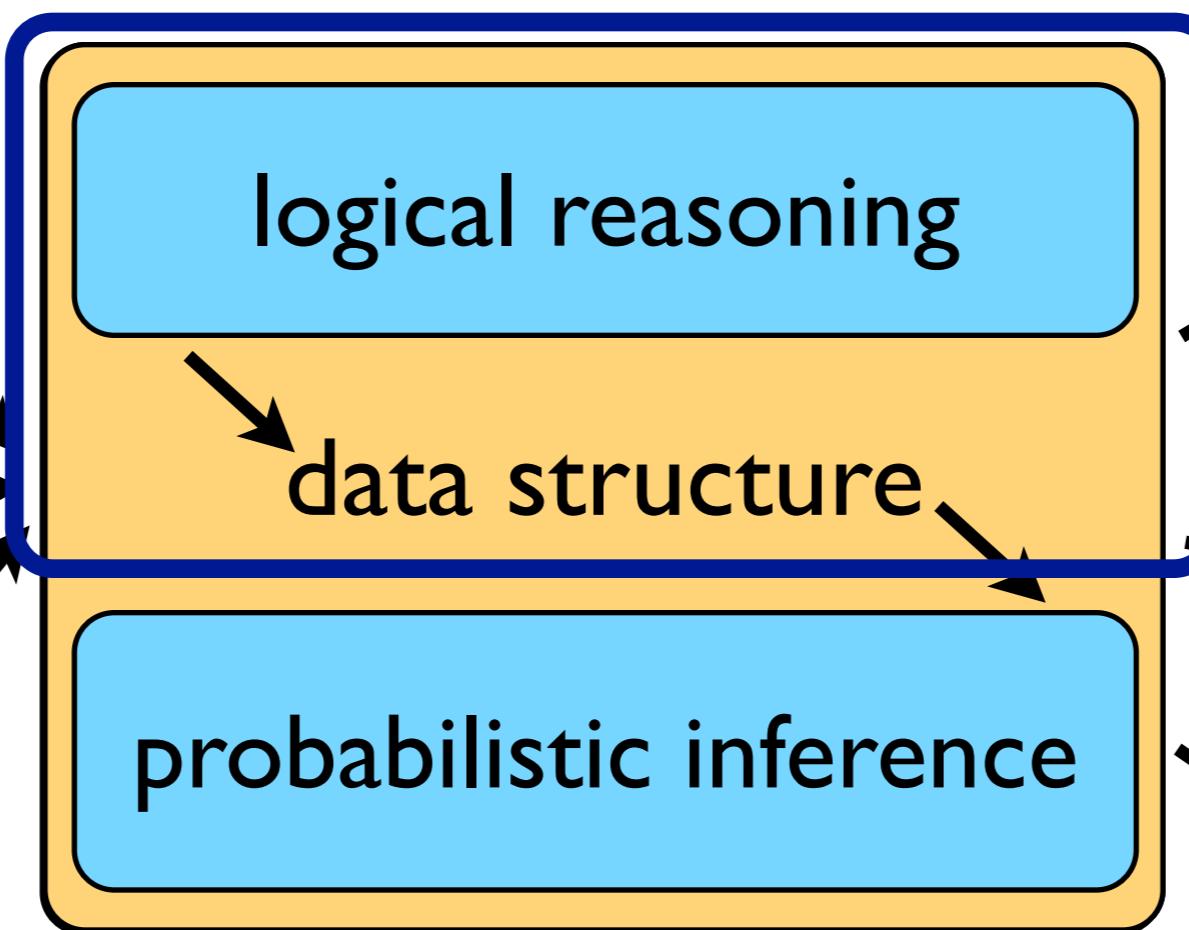
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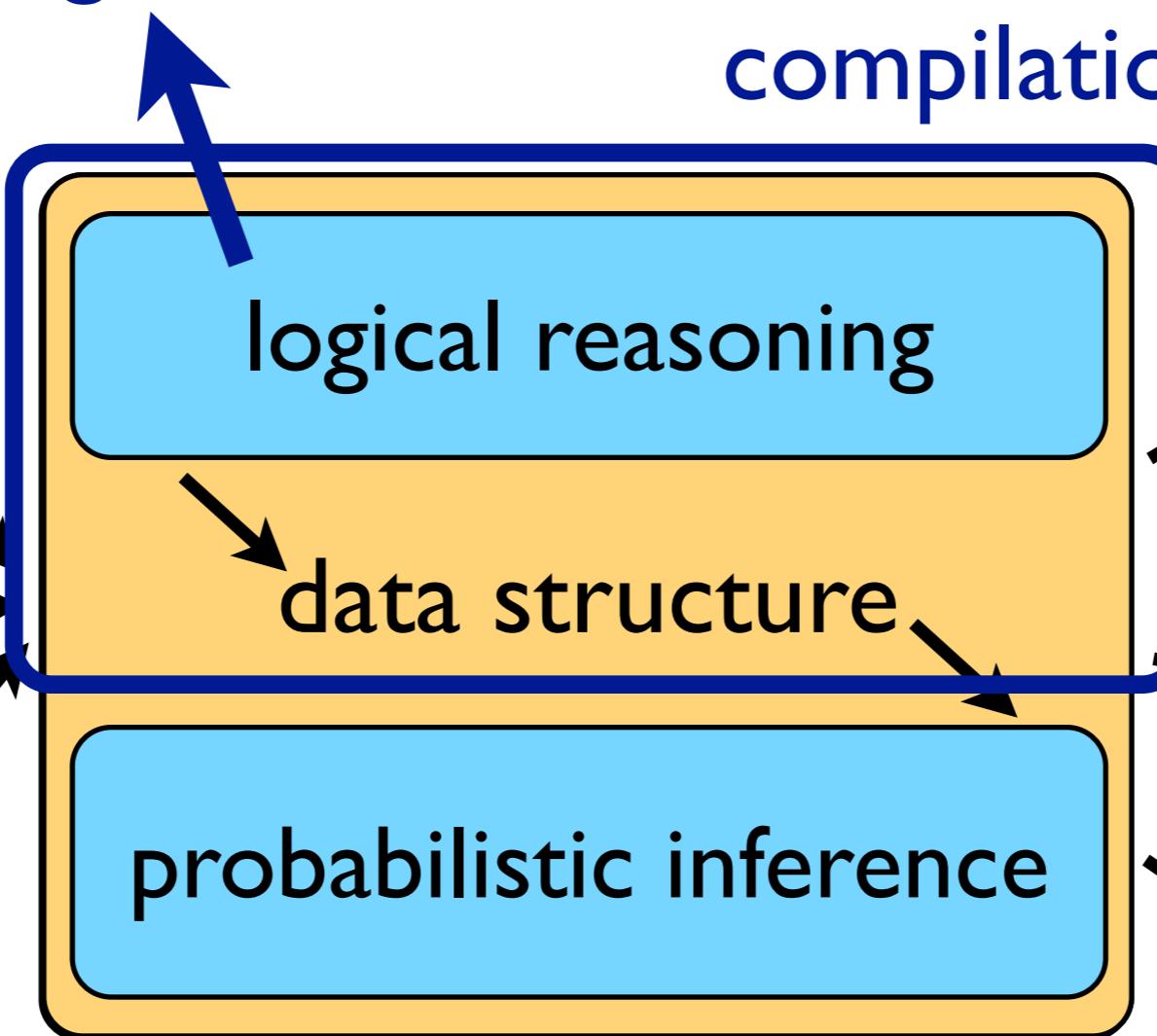
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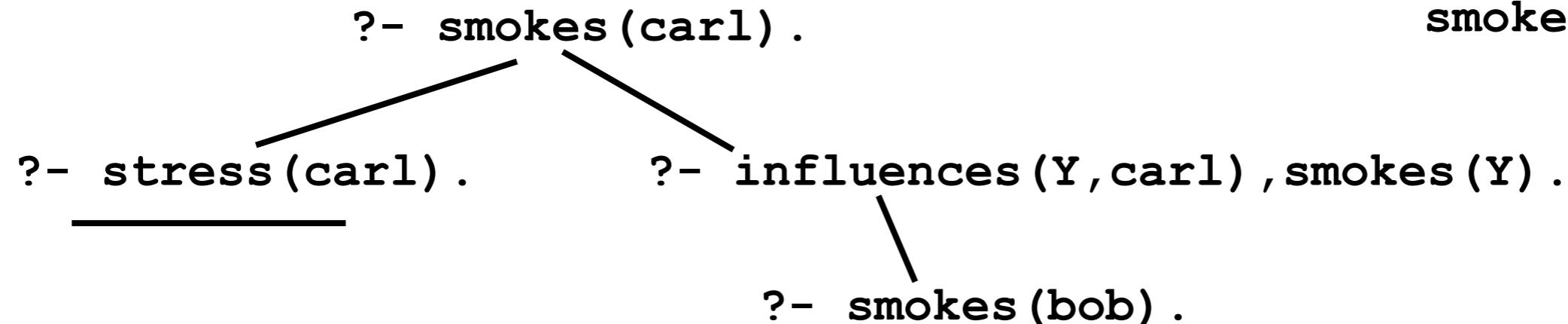
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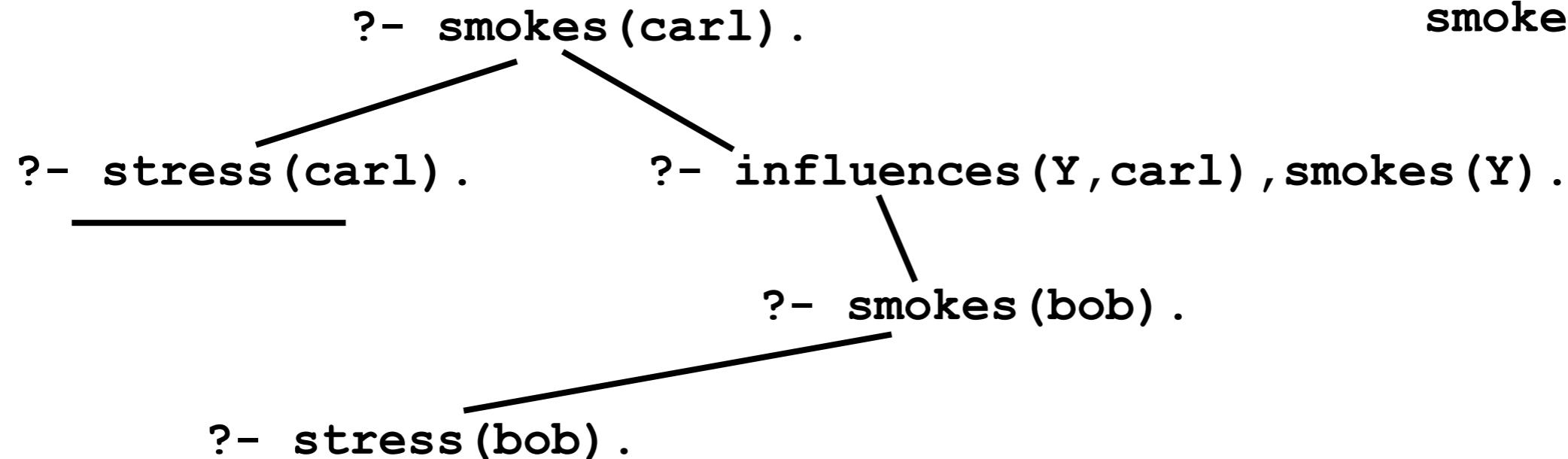
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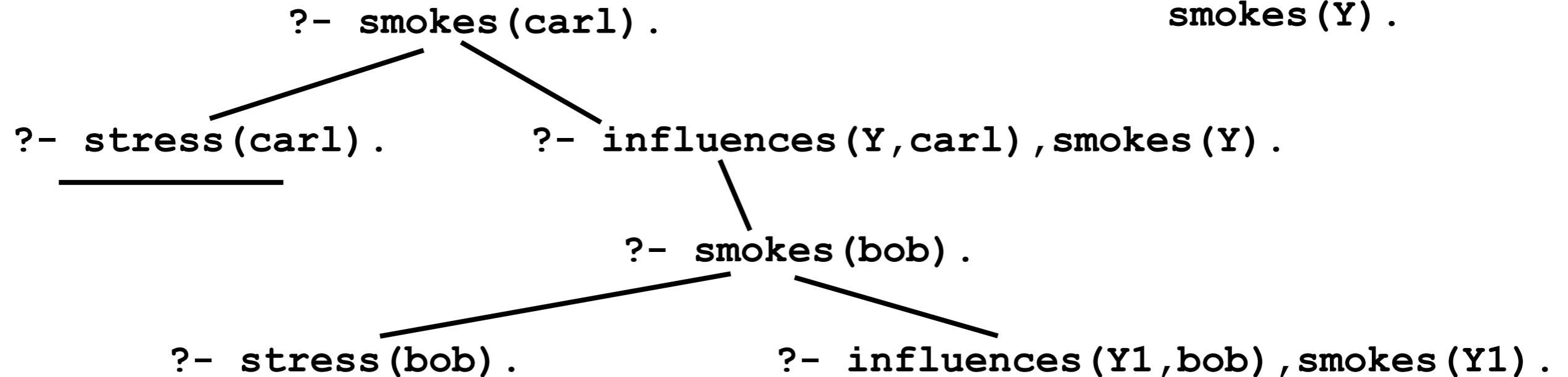
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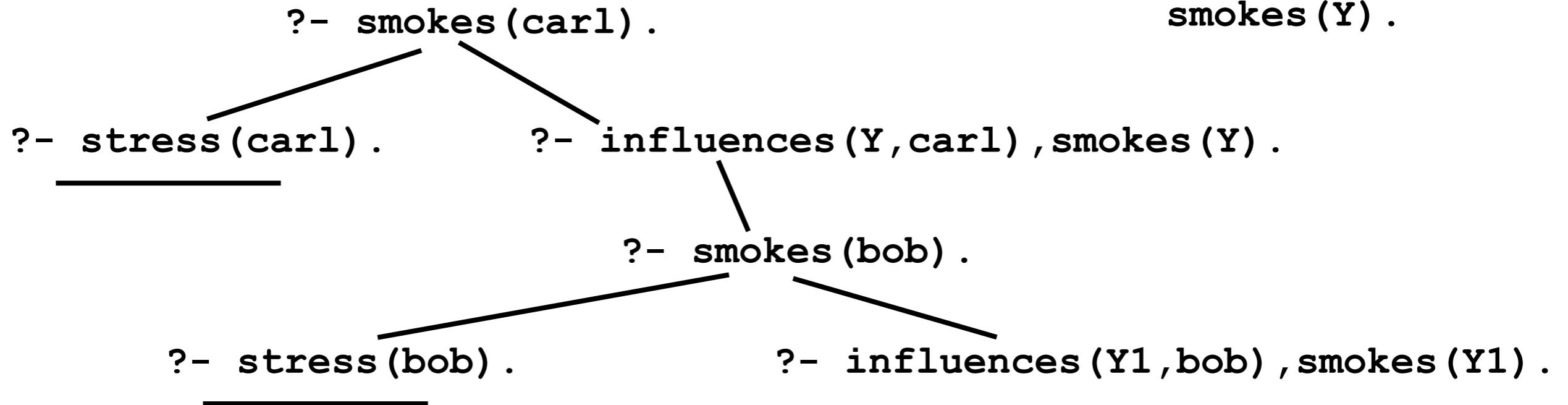
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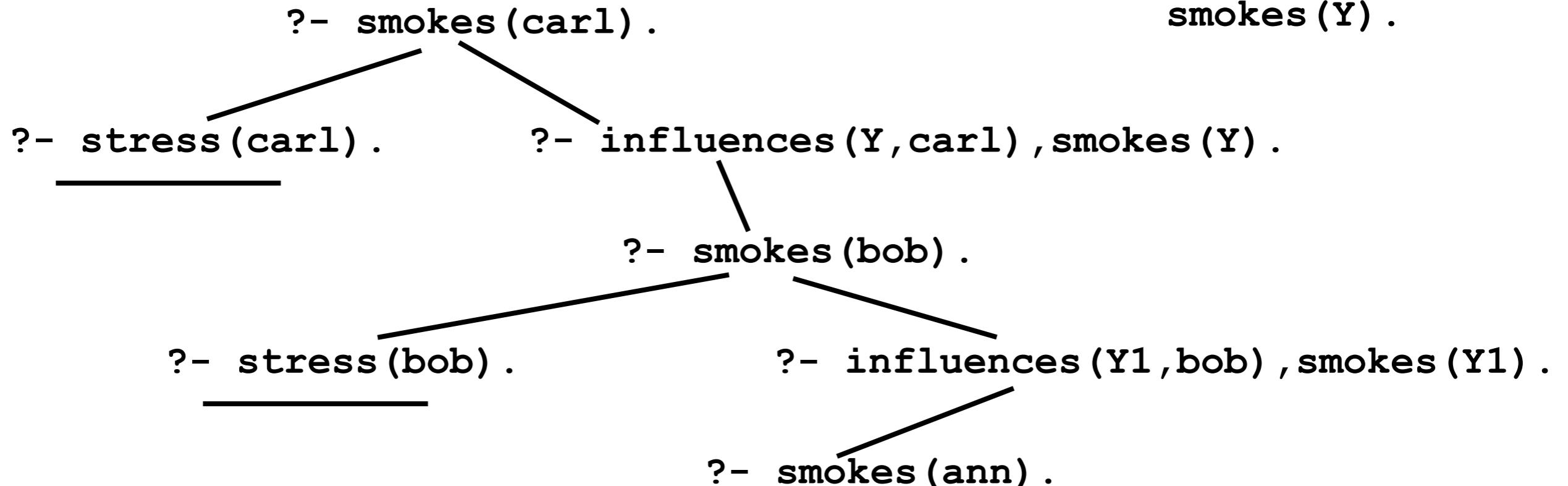
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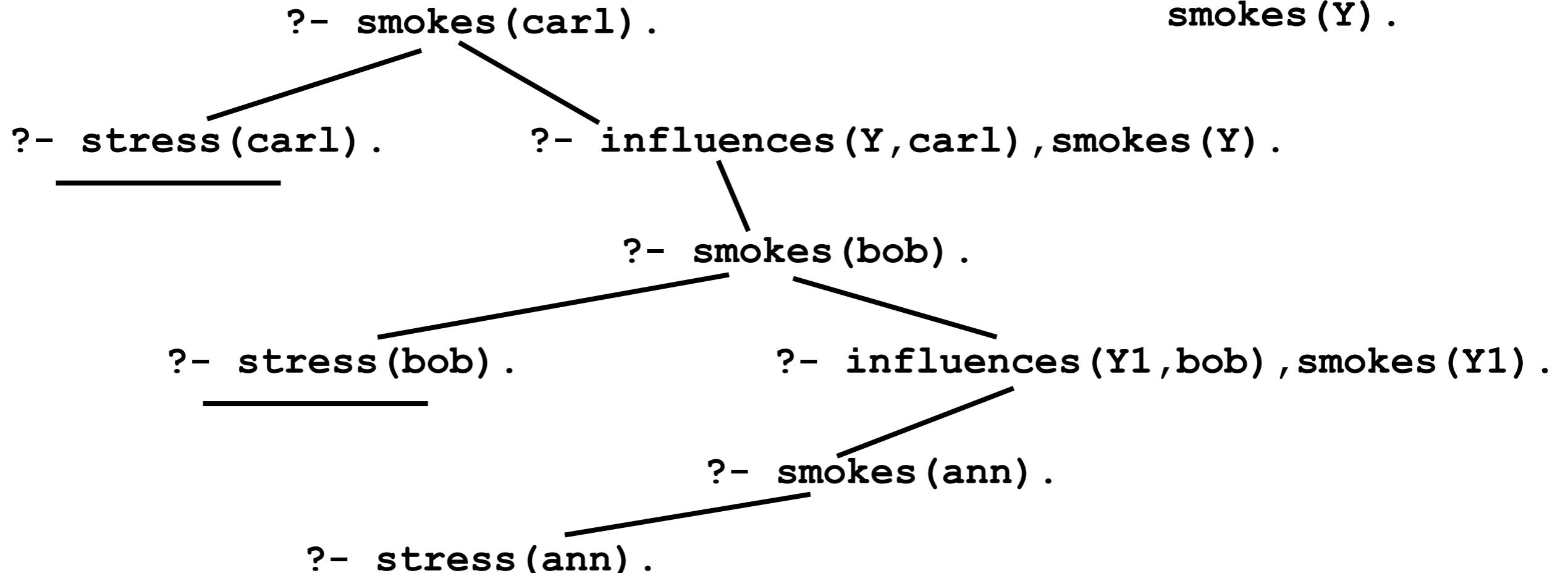
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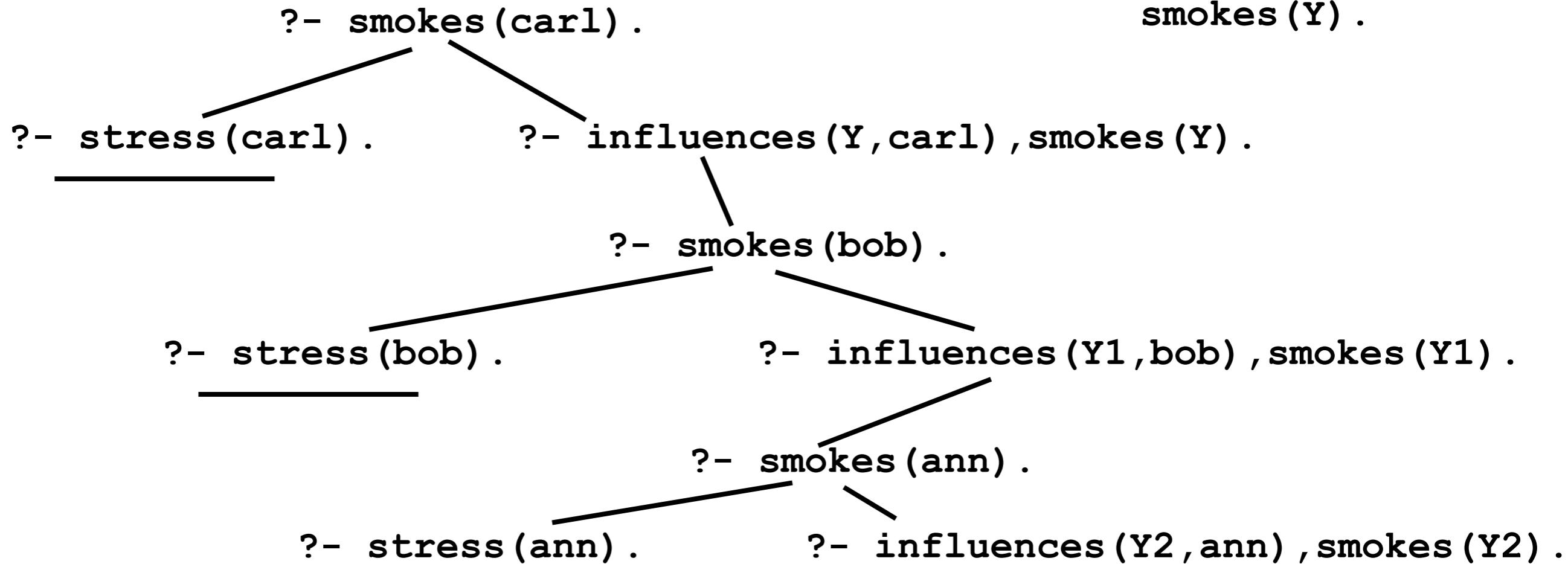
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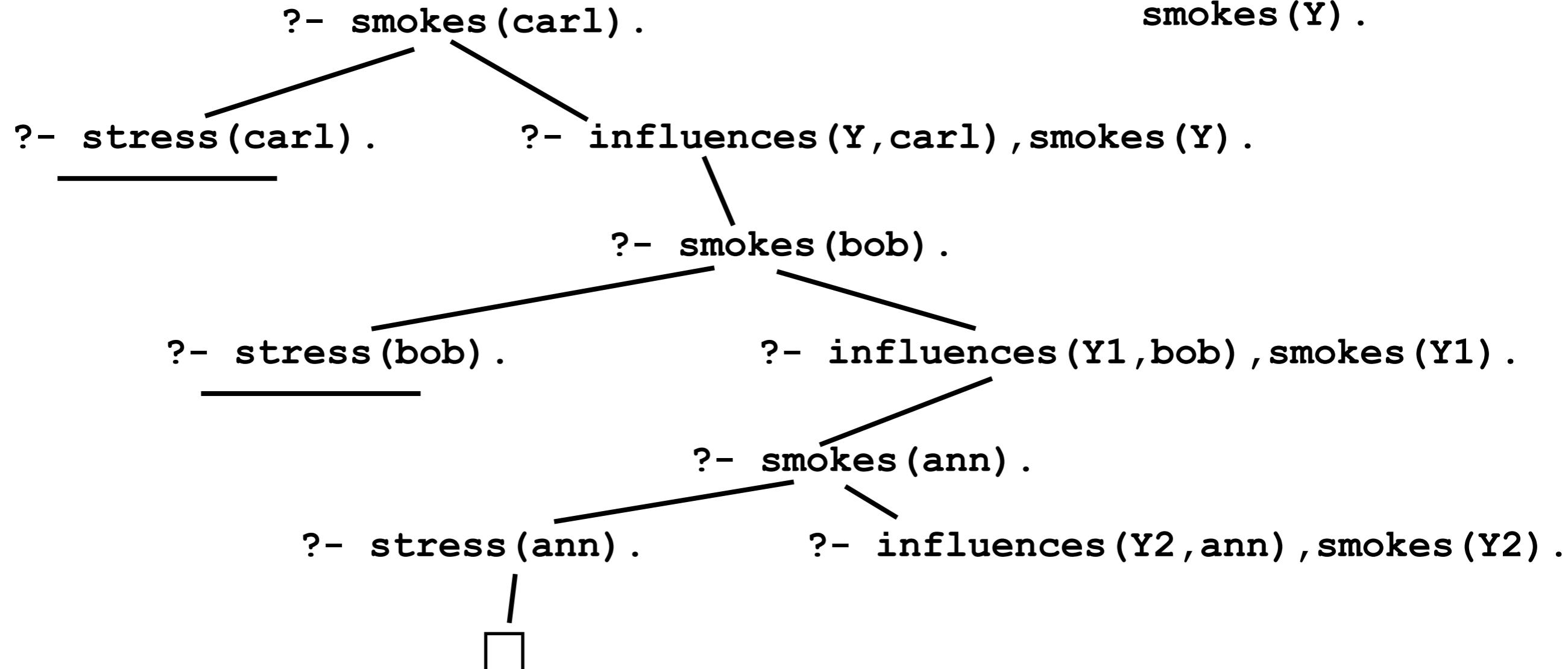
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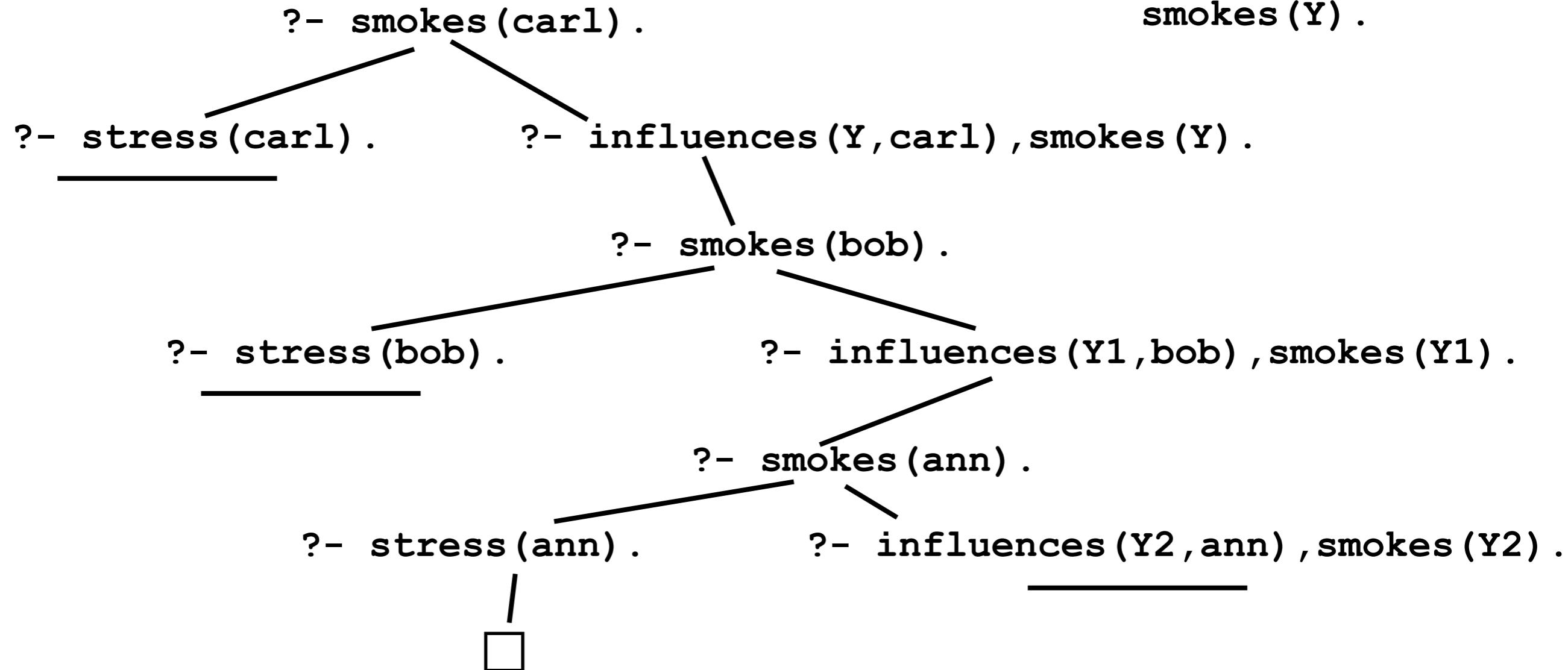
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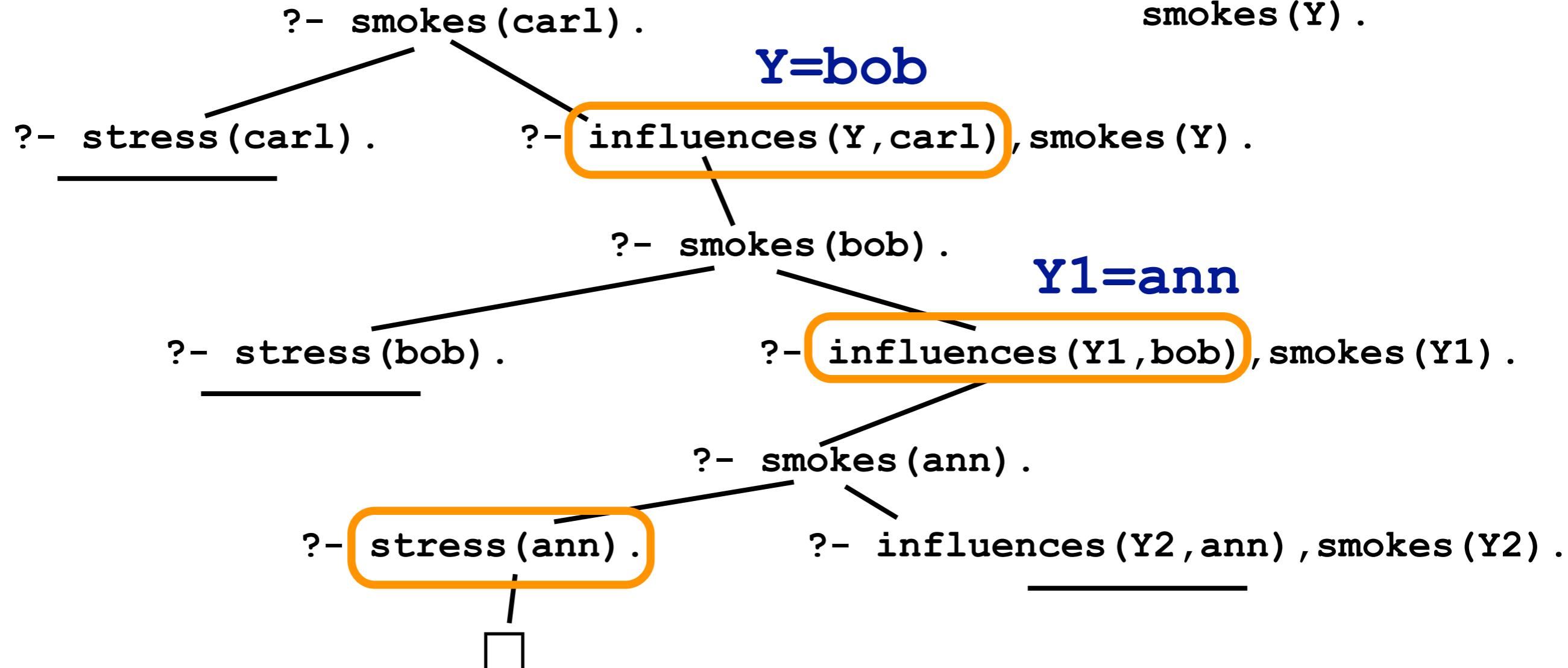
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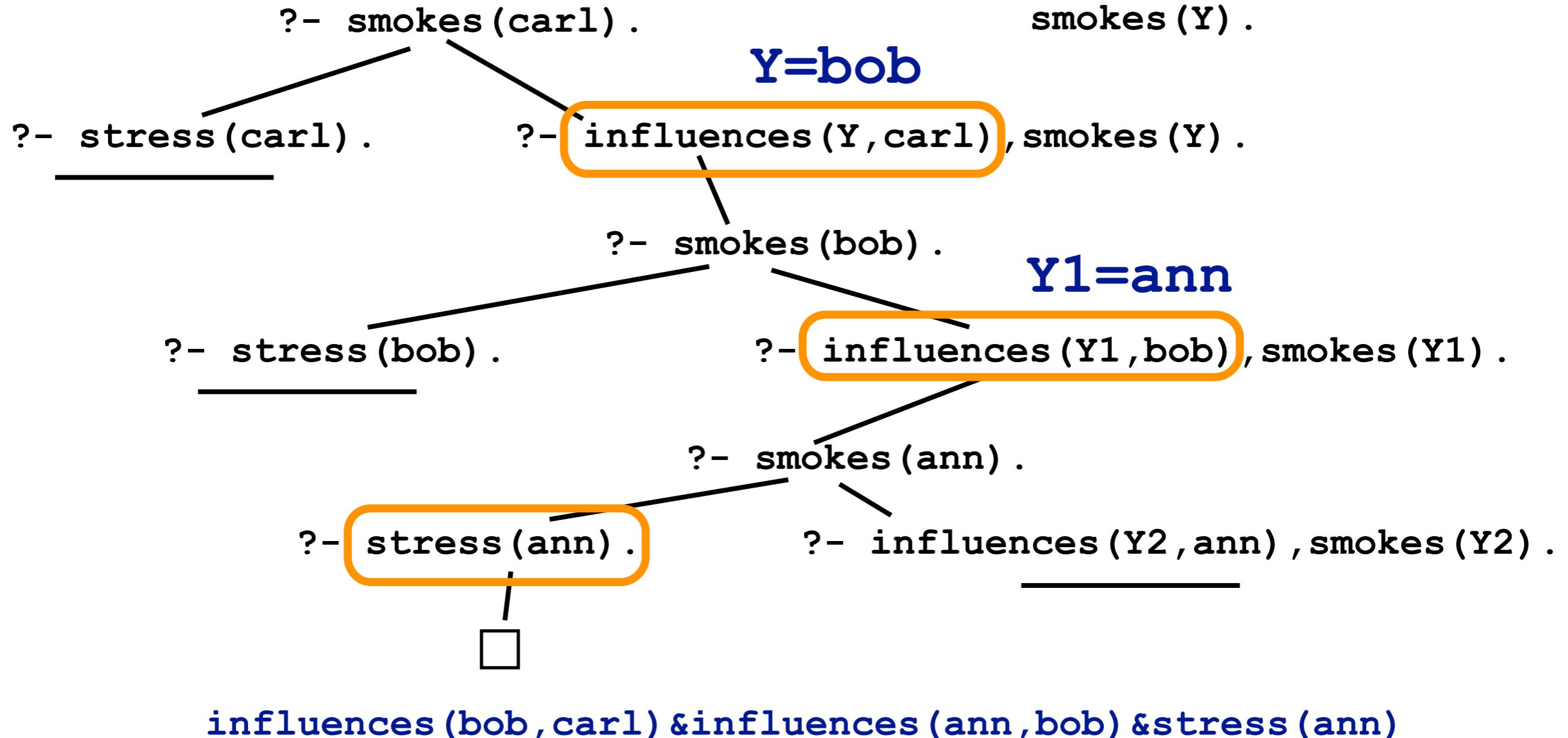
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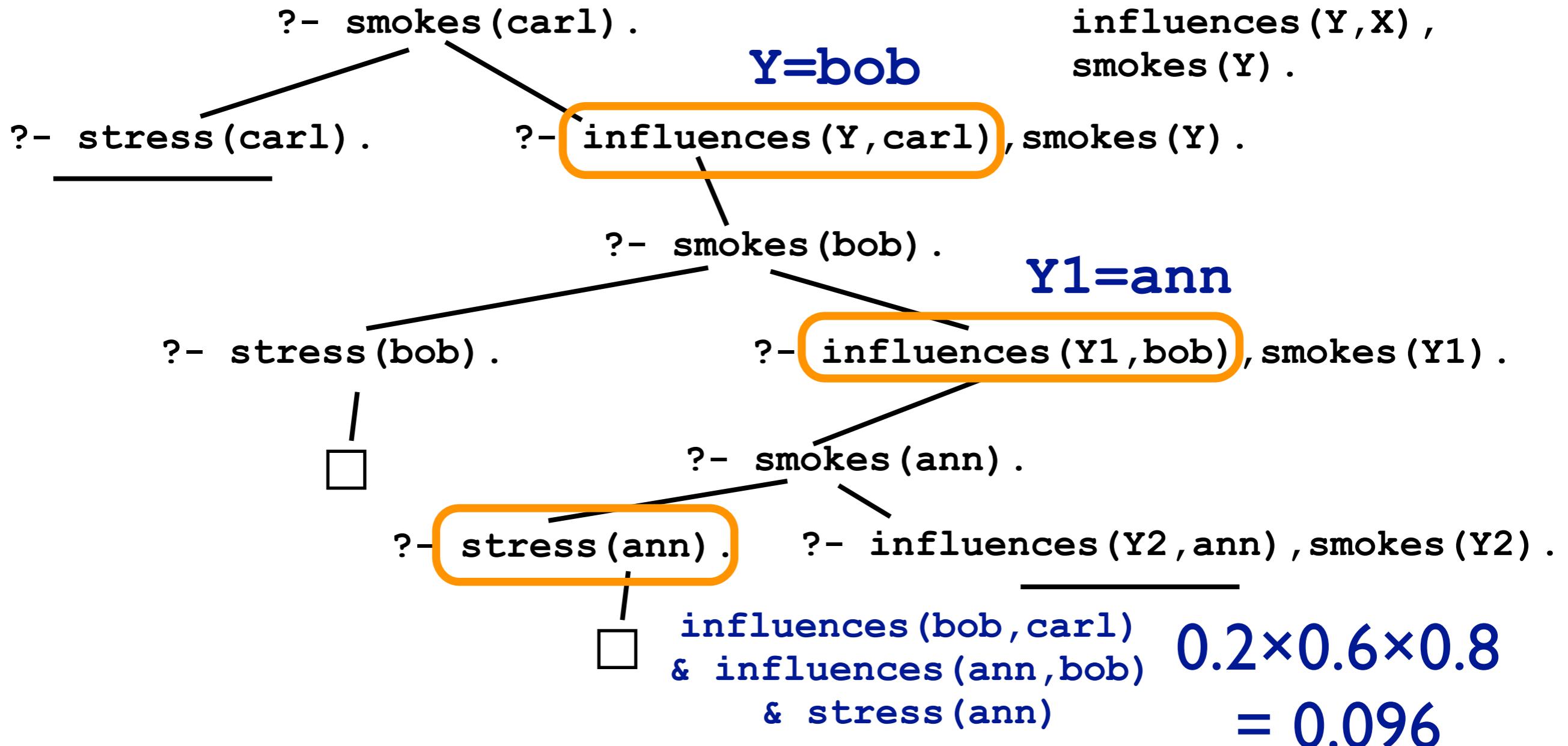
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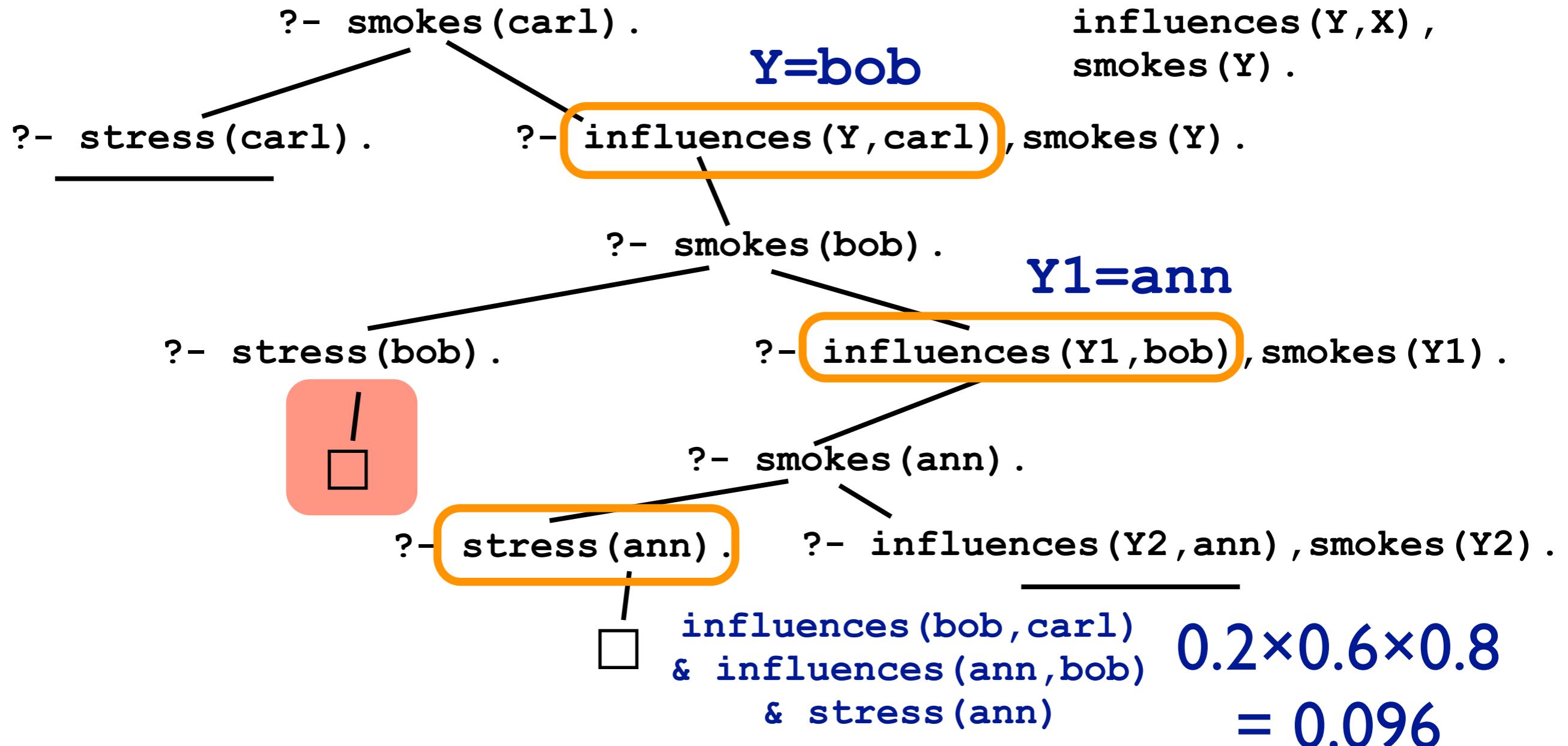


probability of proof =  $0.2 \times 0.6 \times 0.8 = 0.096$

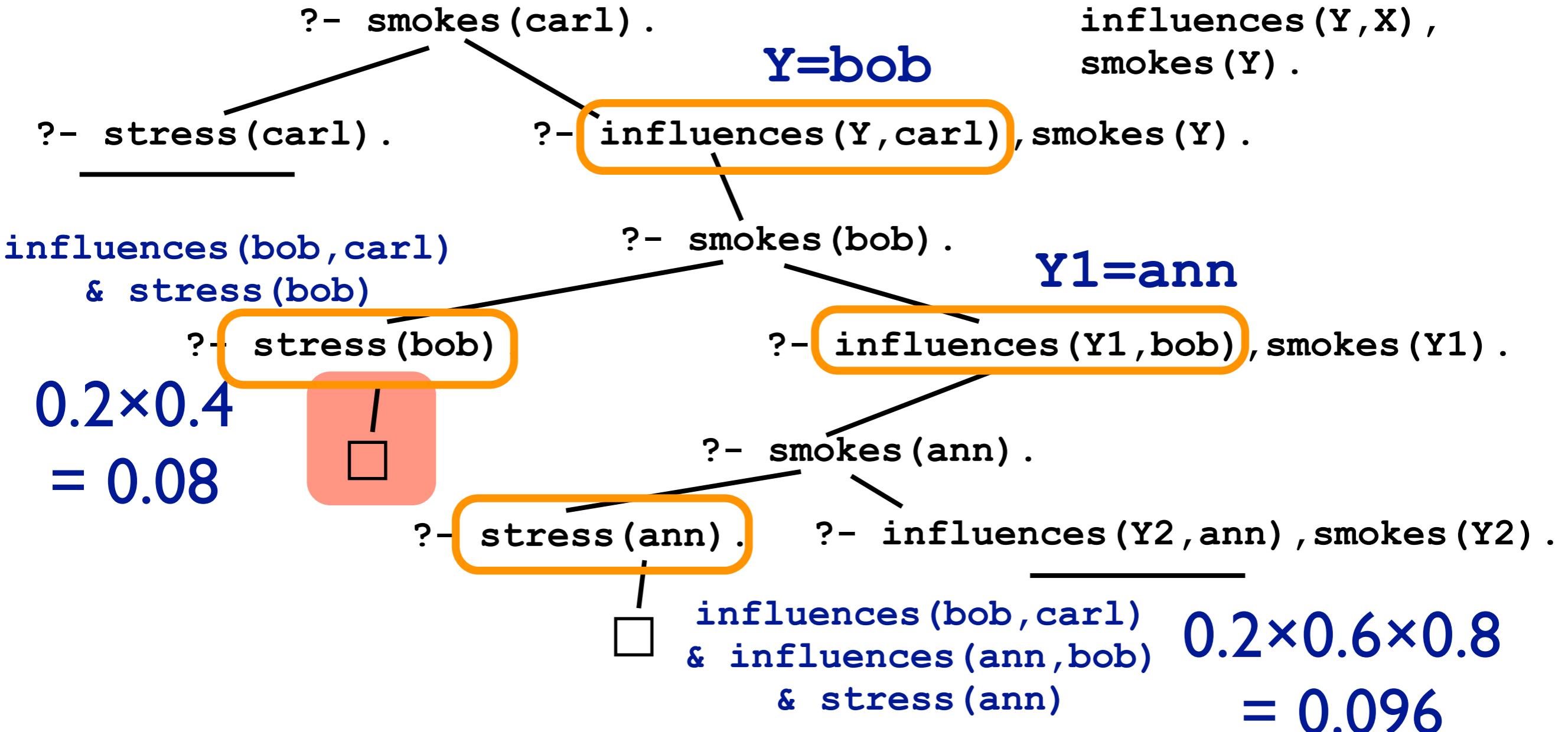
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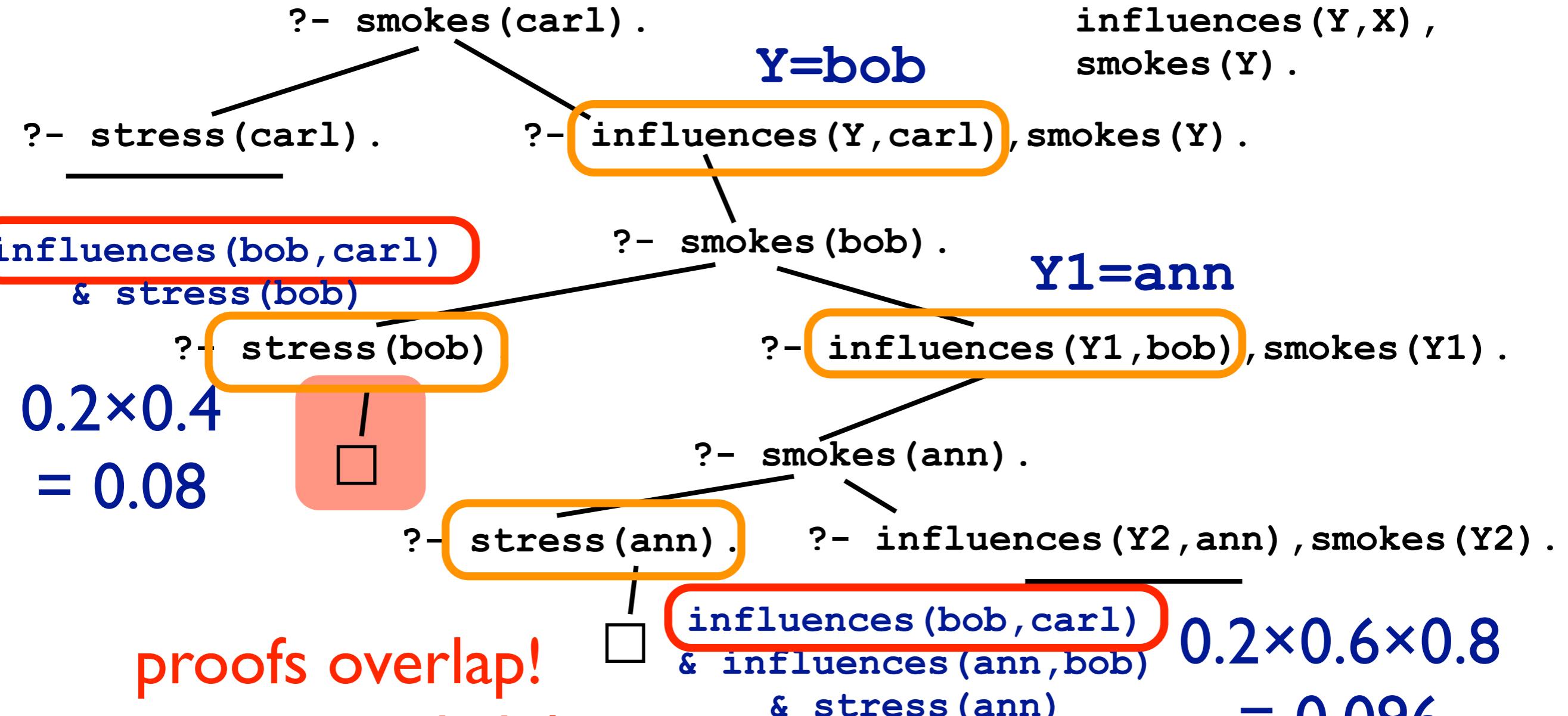
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proofs overlap!  
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(disjoint-sum-problem)

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|                                                            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
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| infl(bob, carl) & \+infl(ann, bob) & st(ann) & st(bob)     | 0.0256            |
| infl(bob, carl) & infl(ann, bob) & \+st(ann) & st(bob)     | 0.0096            |
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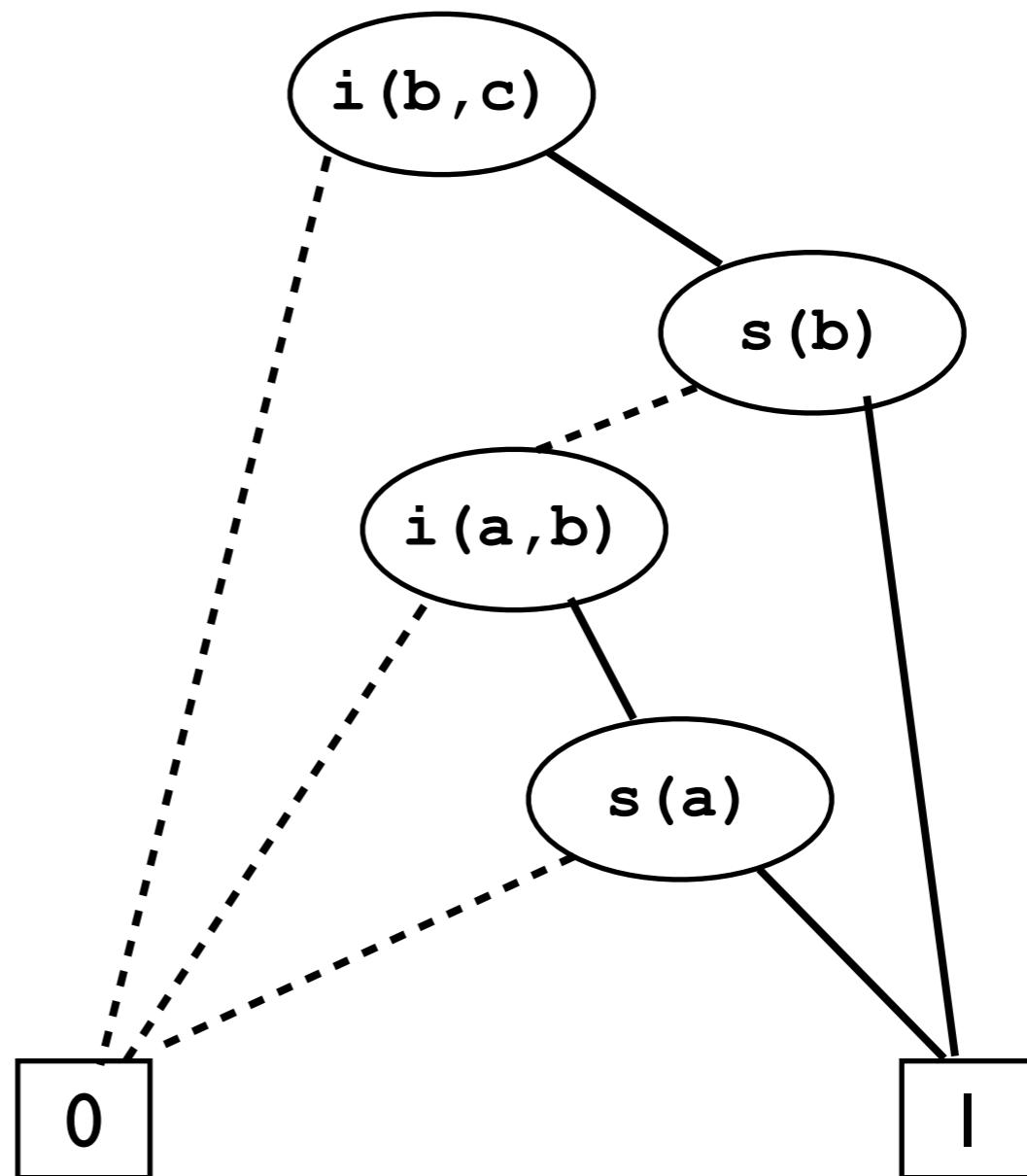
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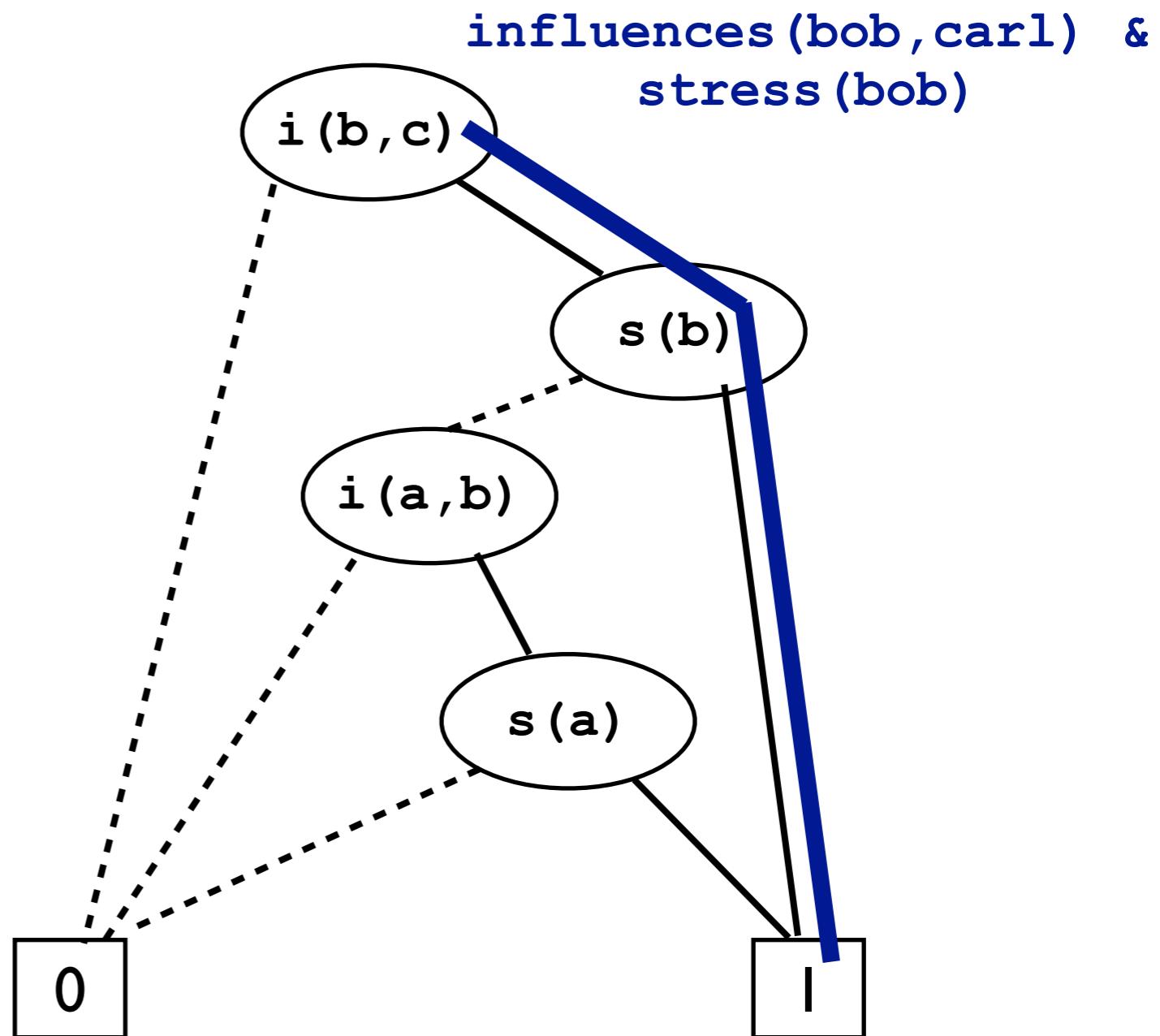
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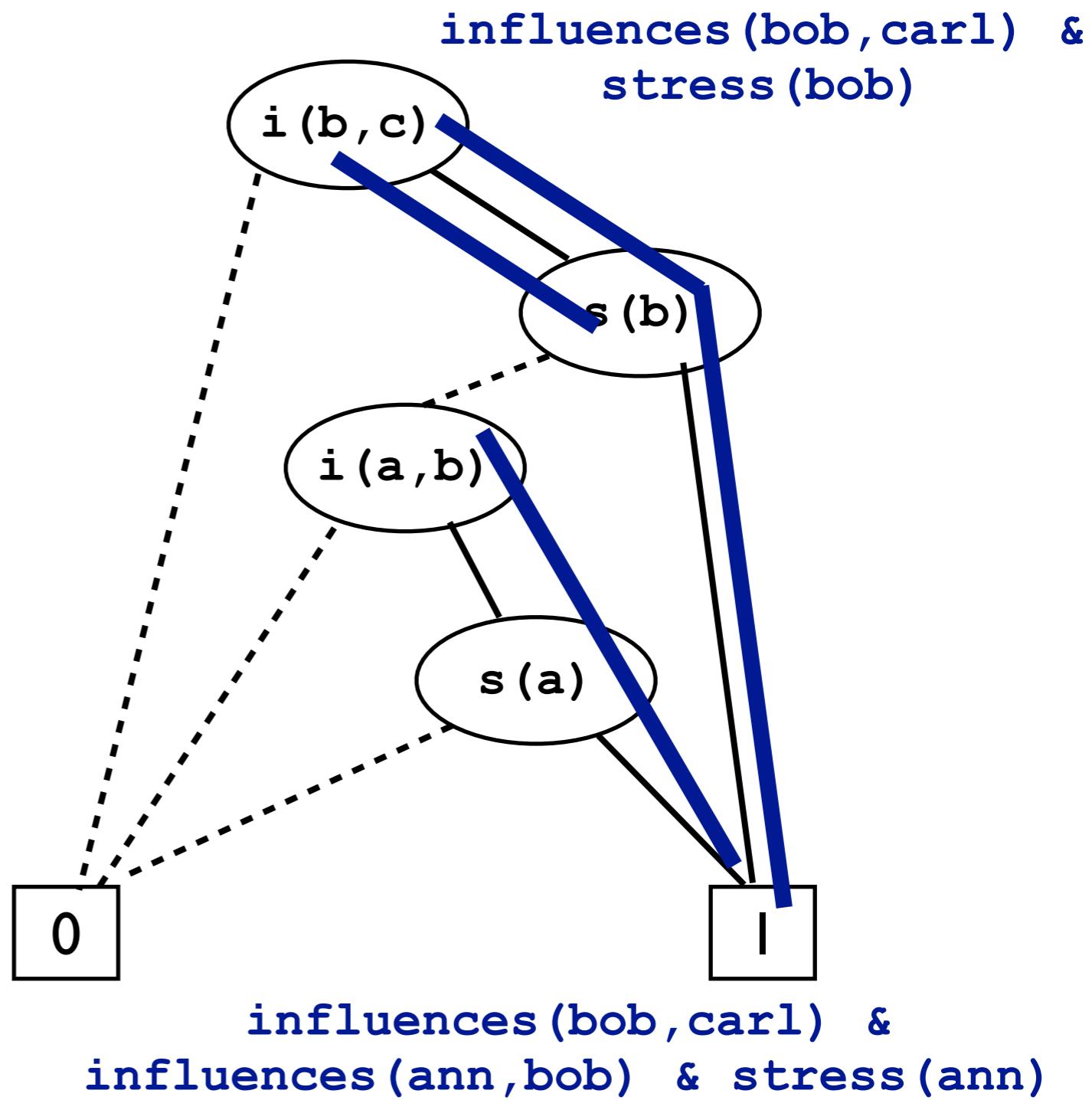
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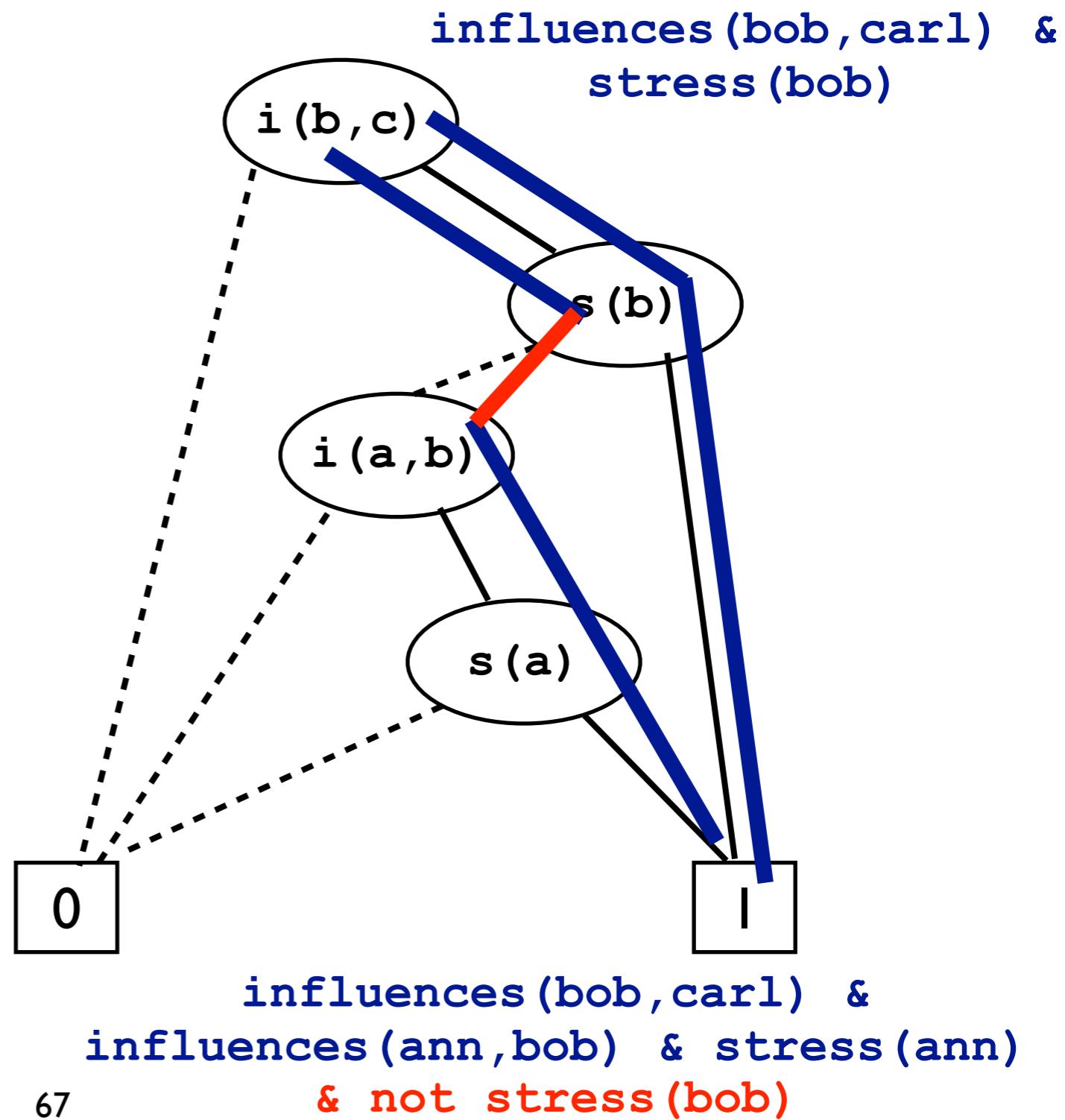
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→ efficient probability computation
- other representations exist (SDDs, d-DNNFs)
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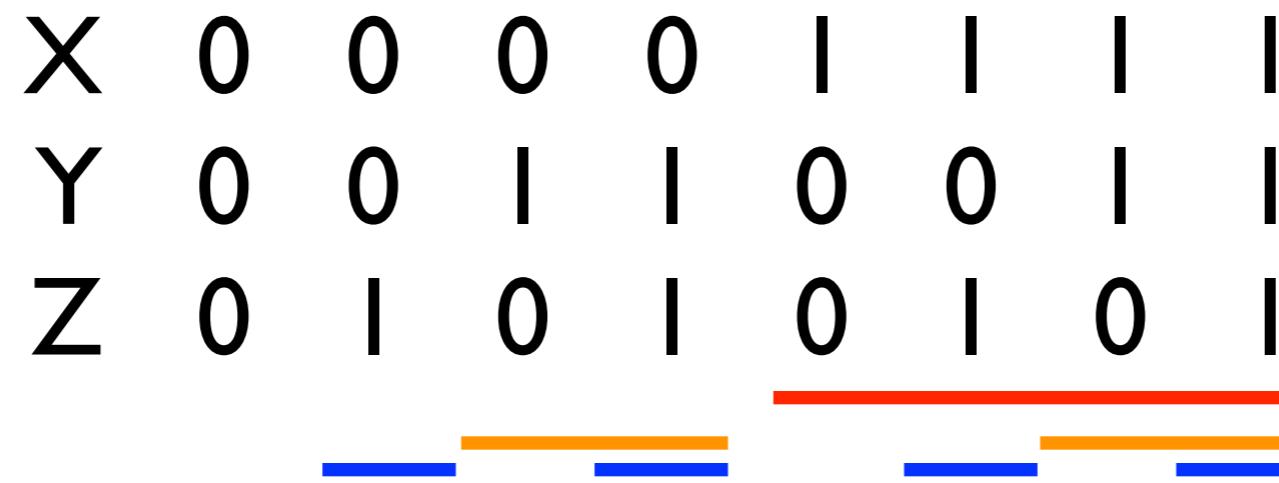
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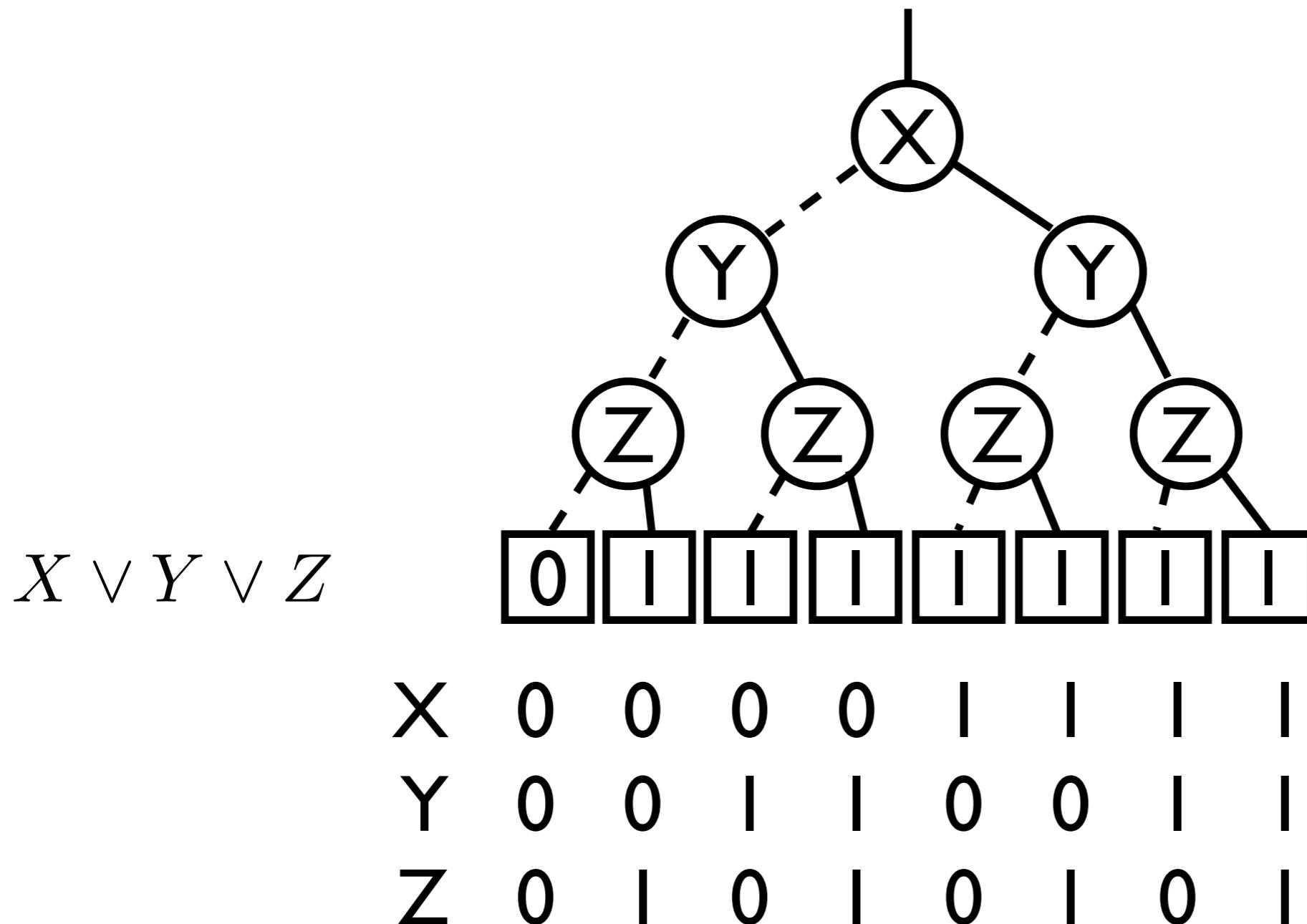
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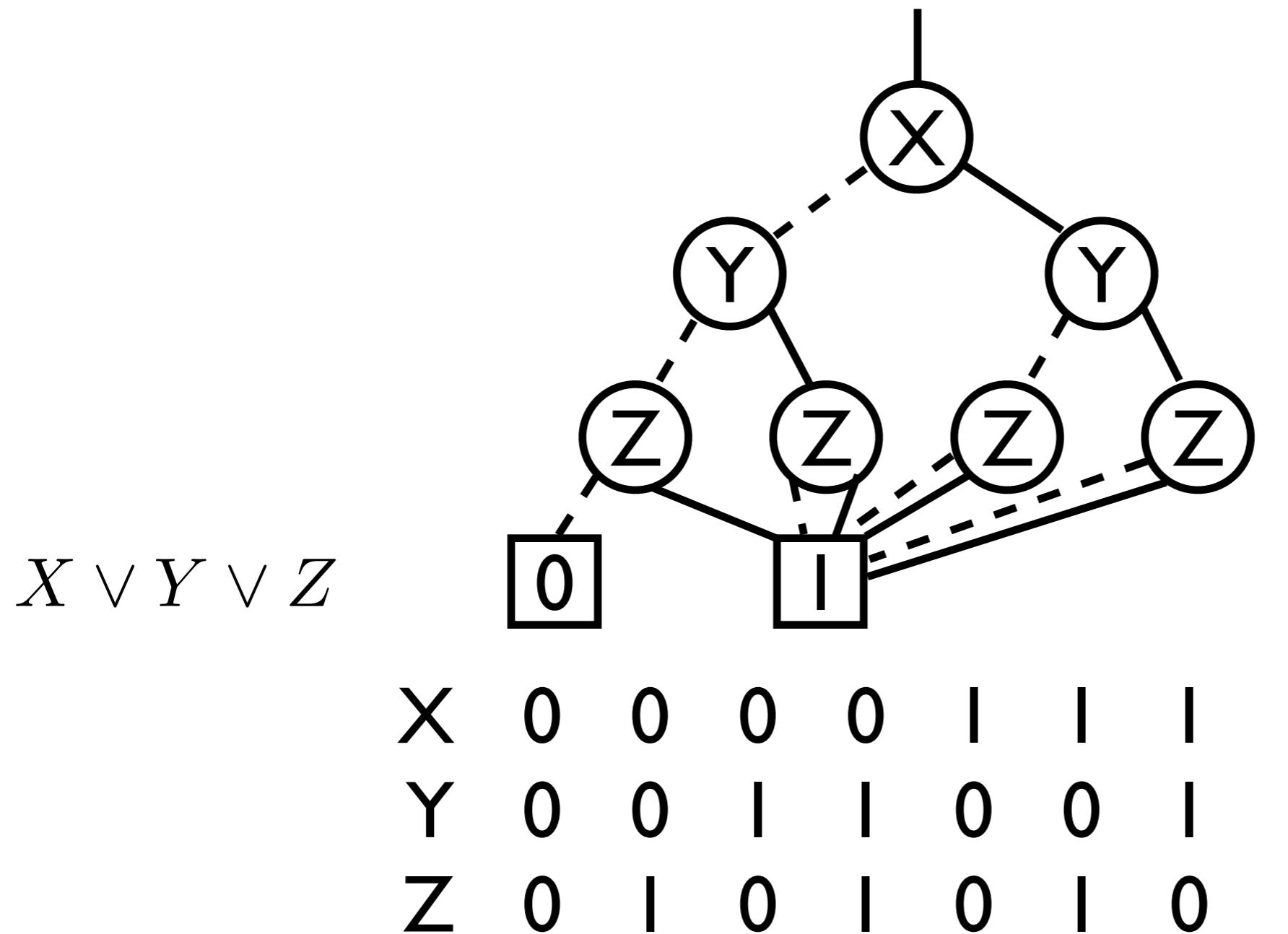
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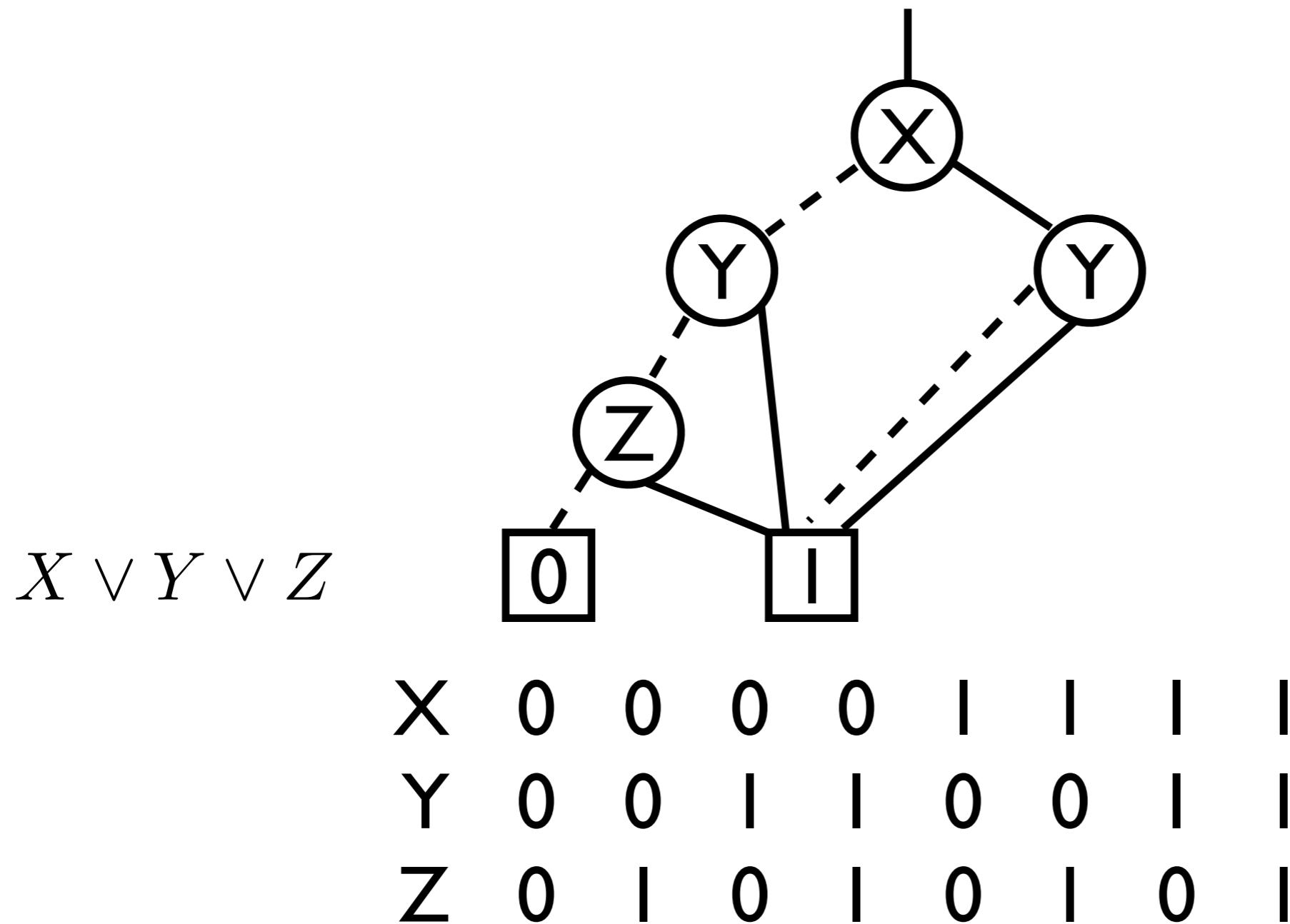
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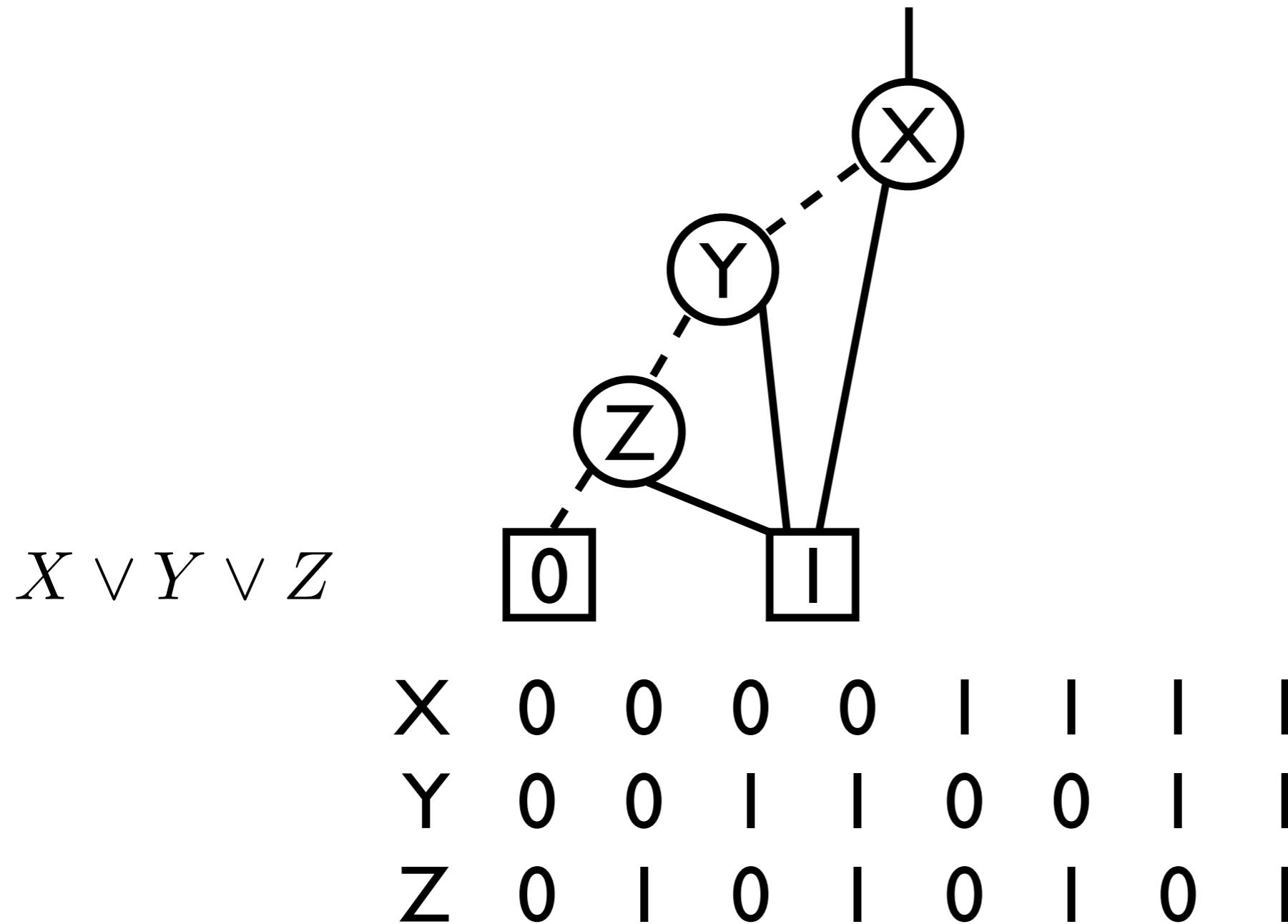
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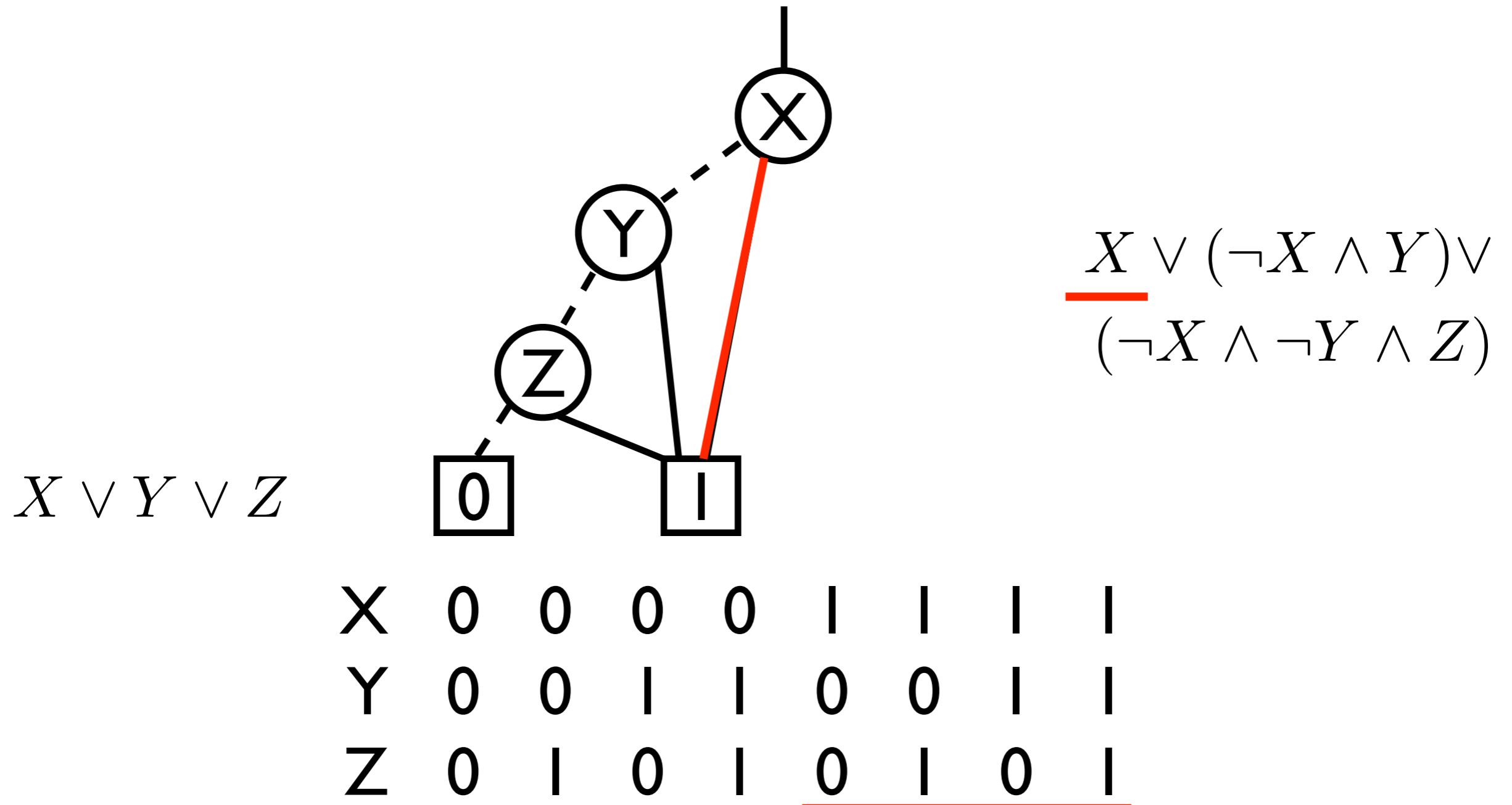
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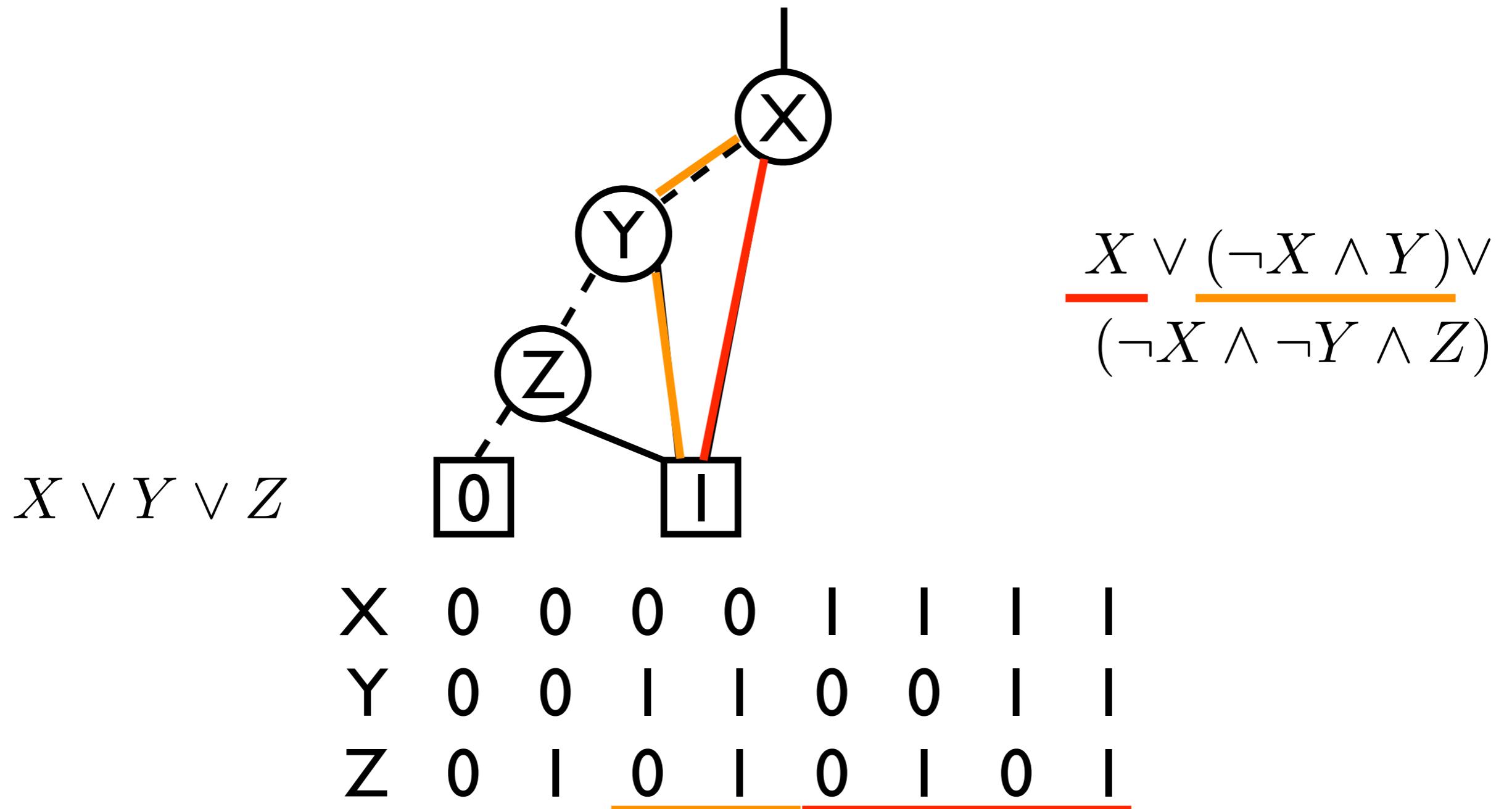
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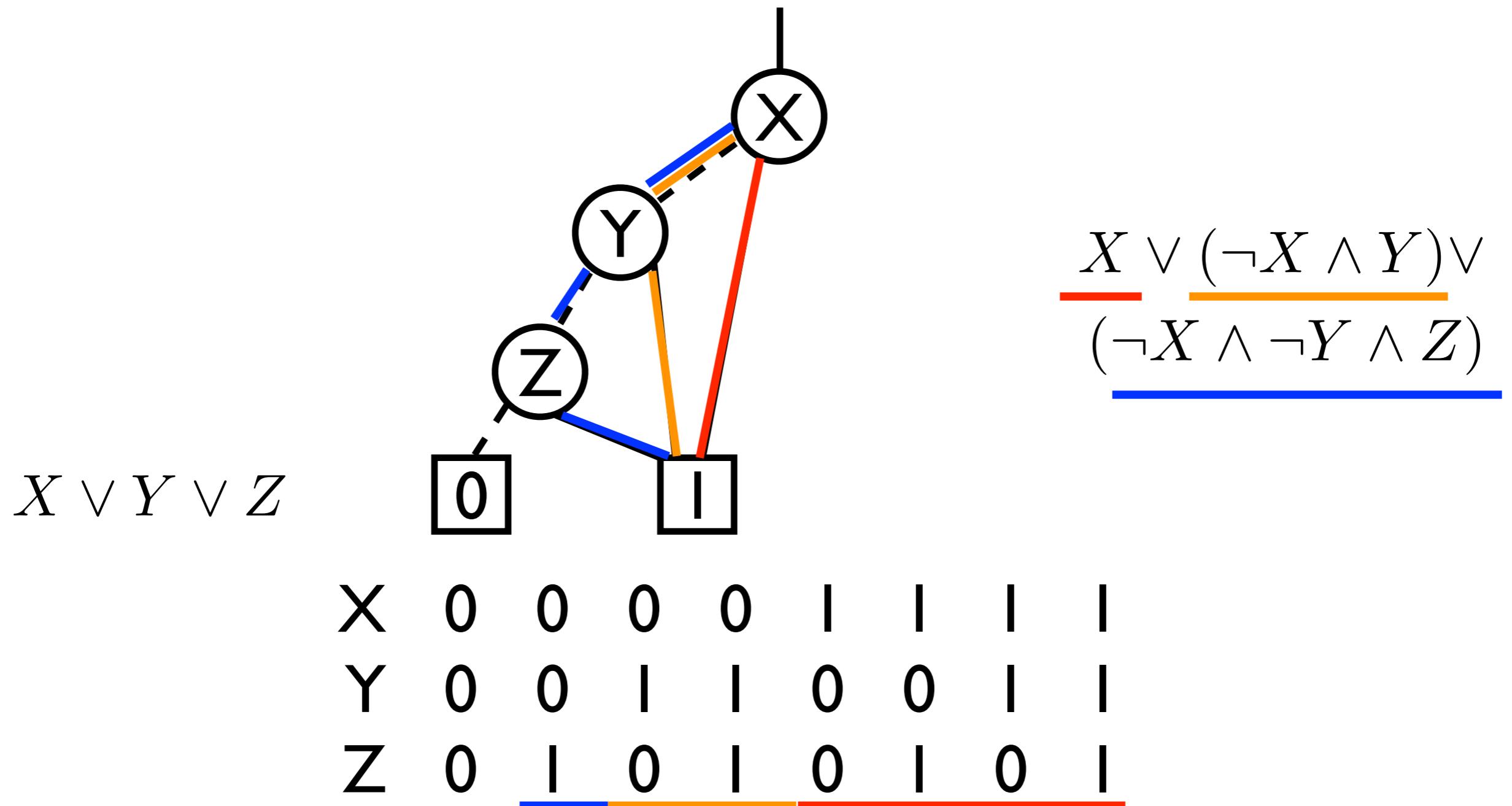
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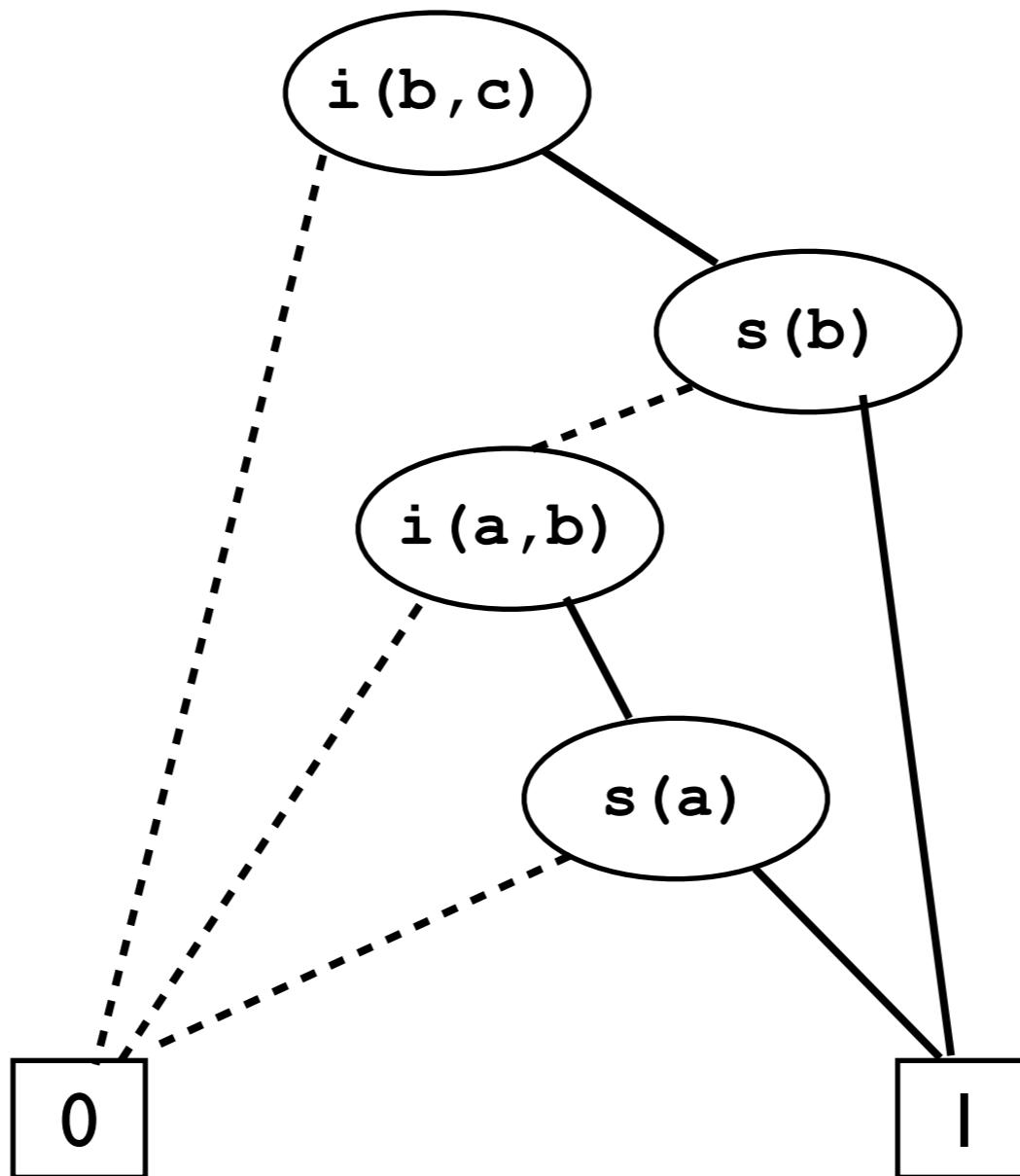
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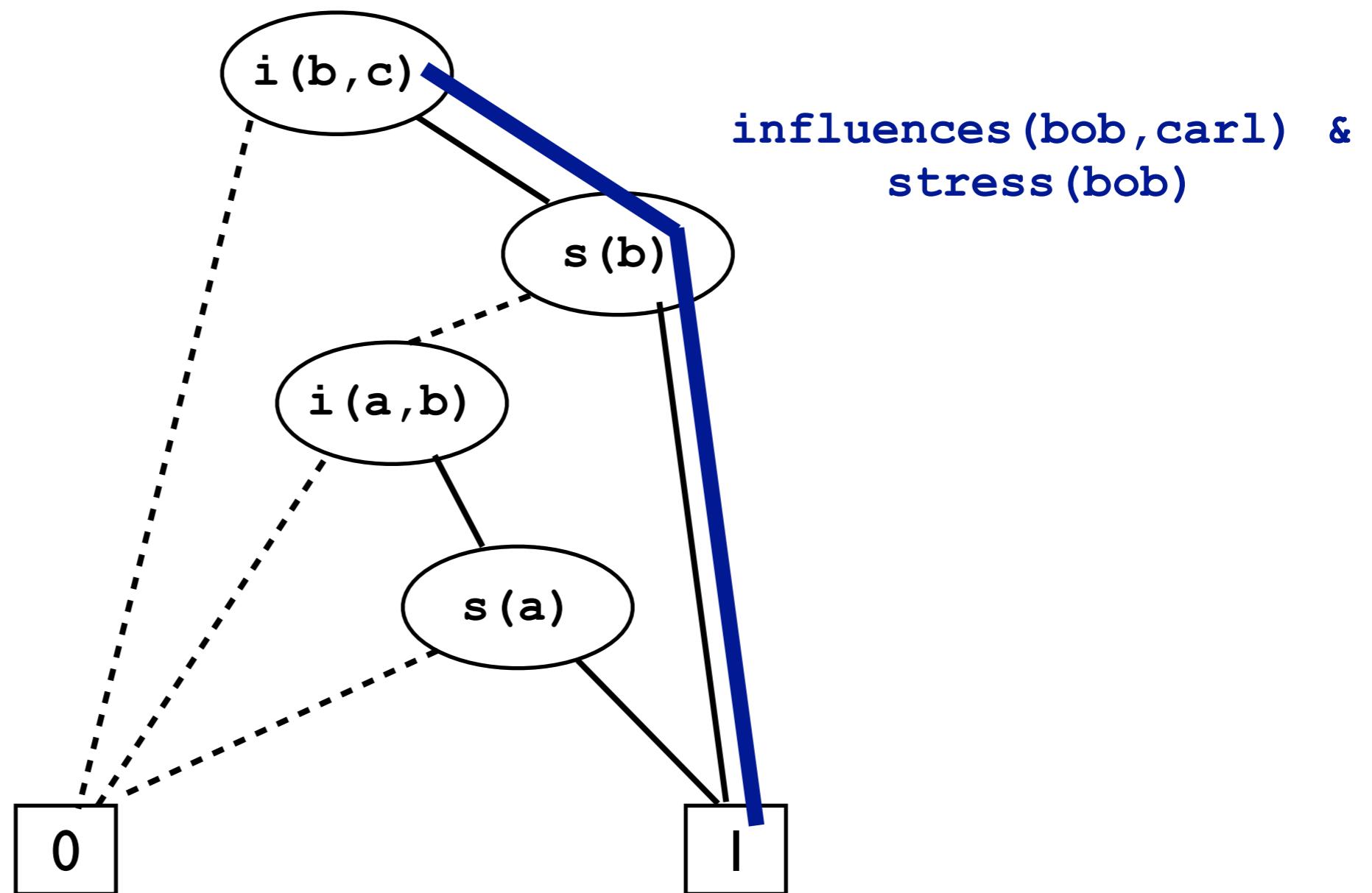
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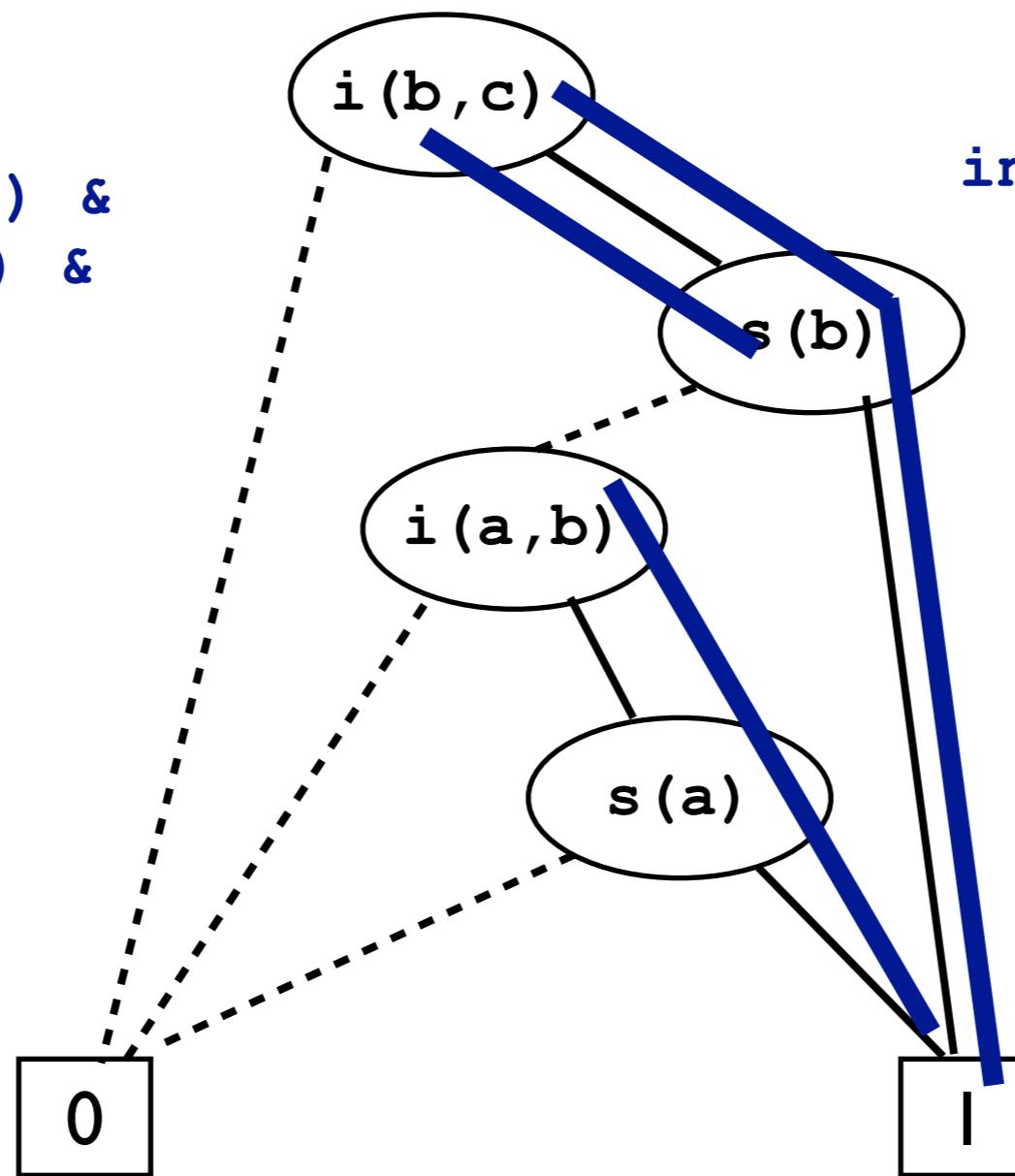


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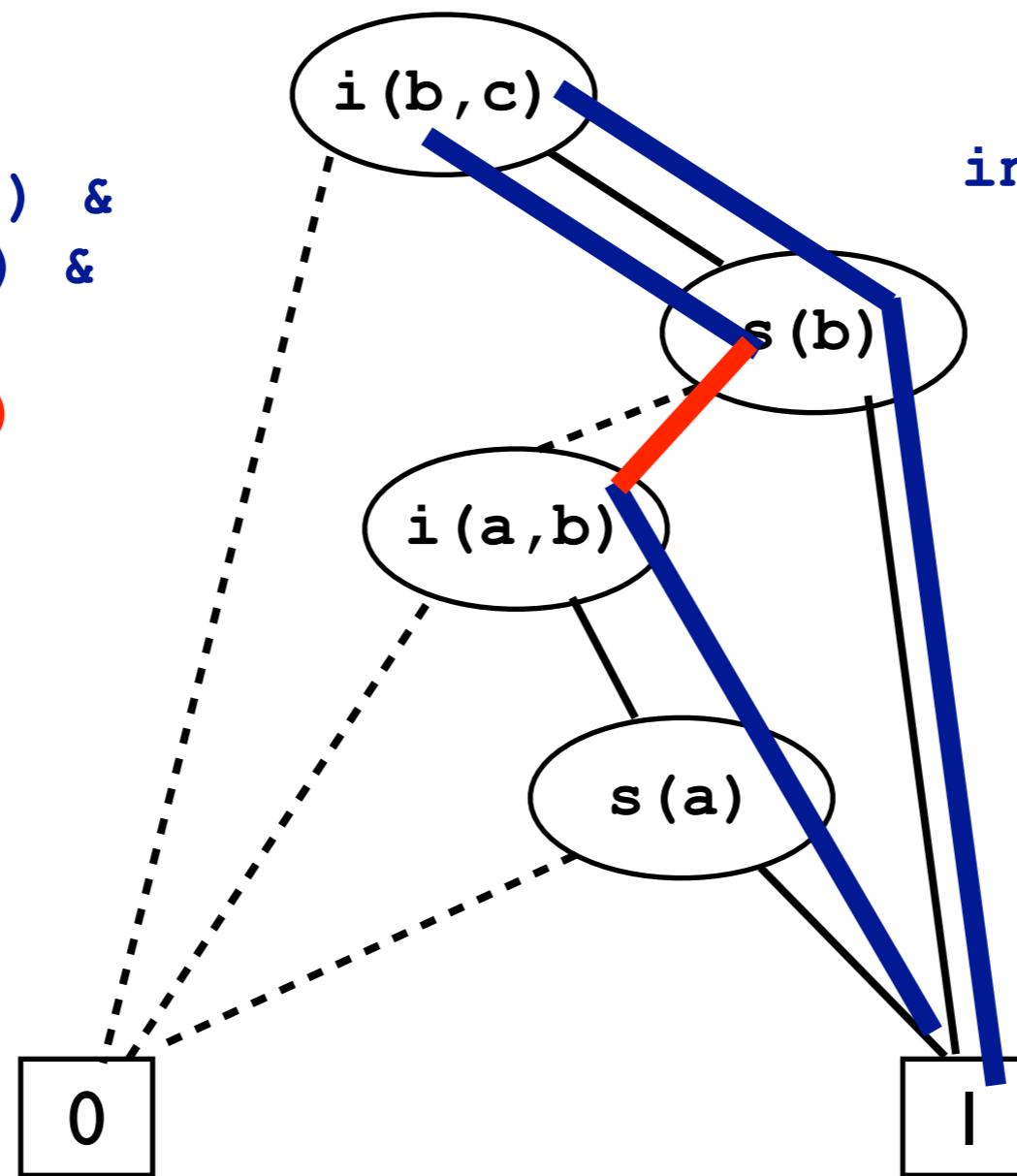


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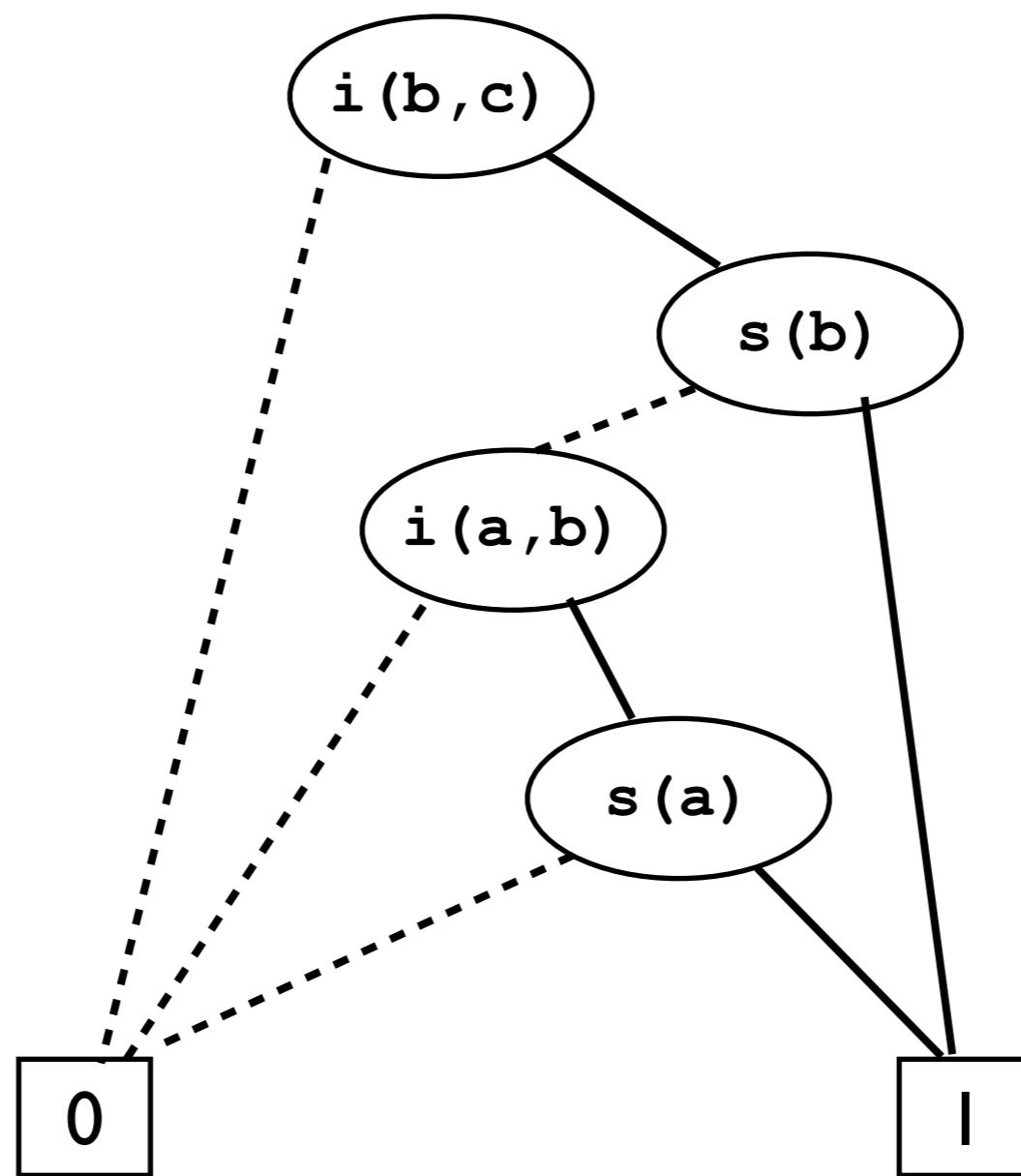
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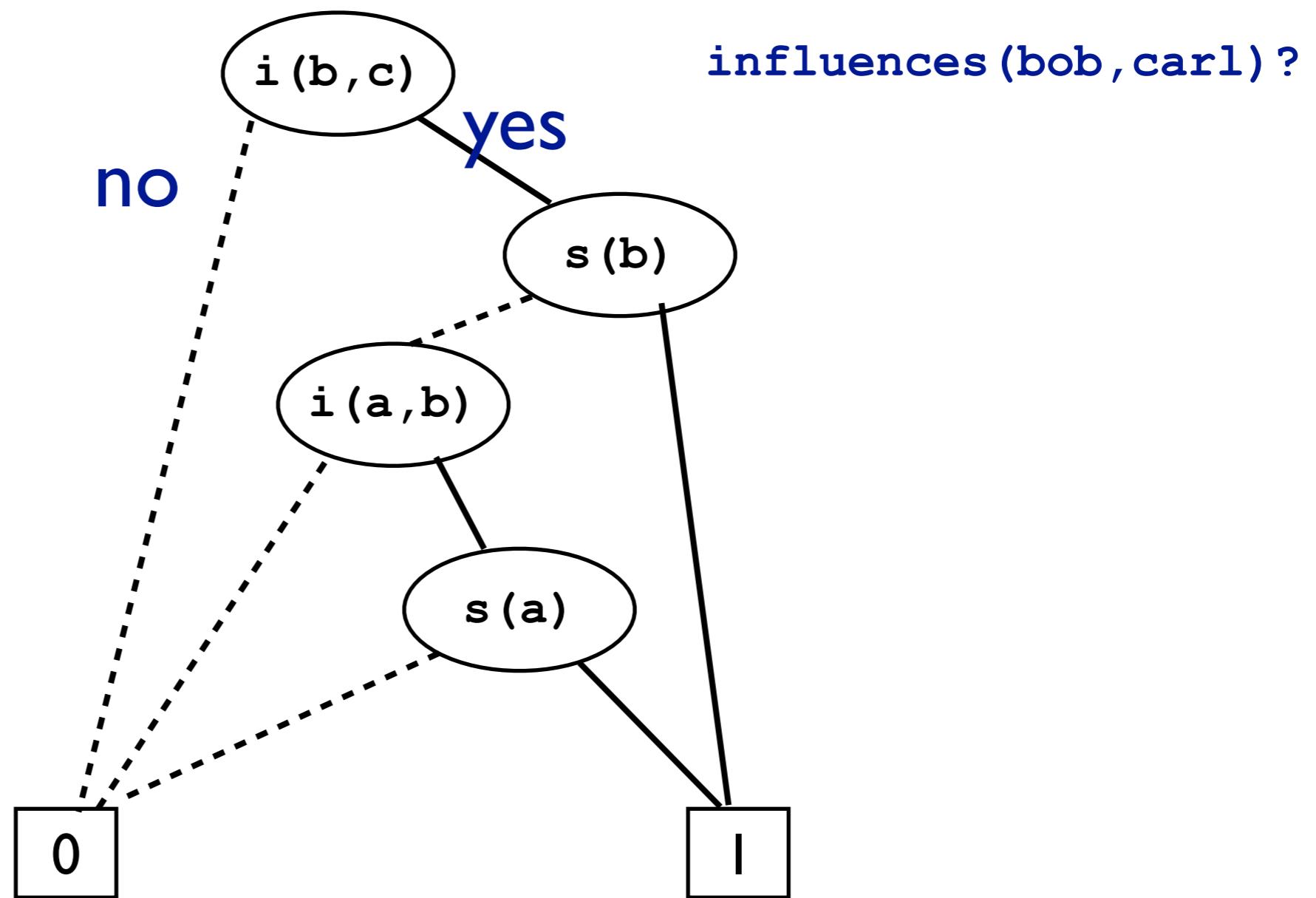
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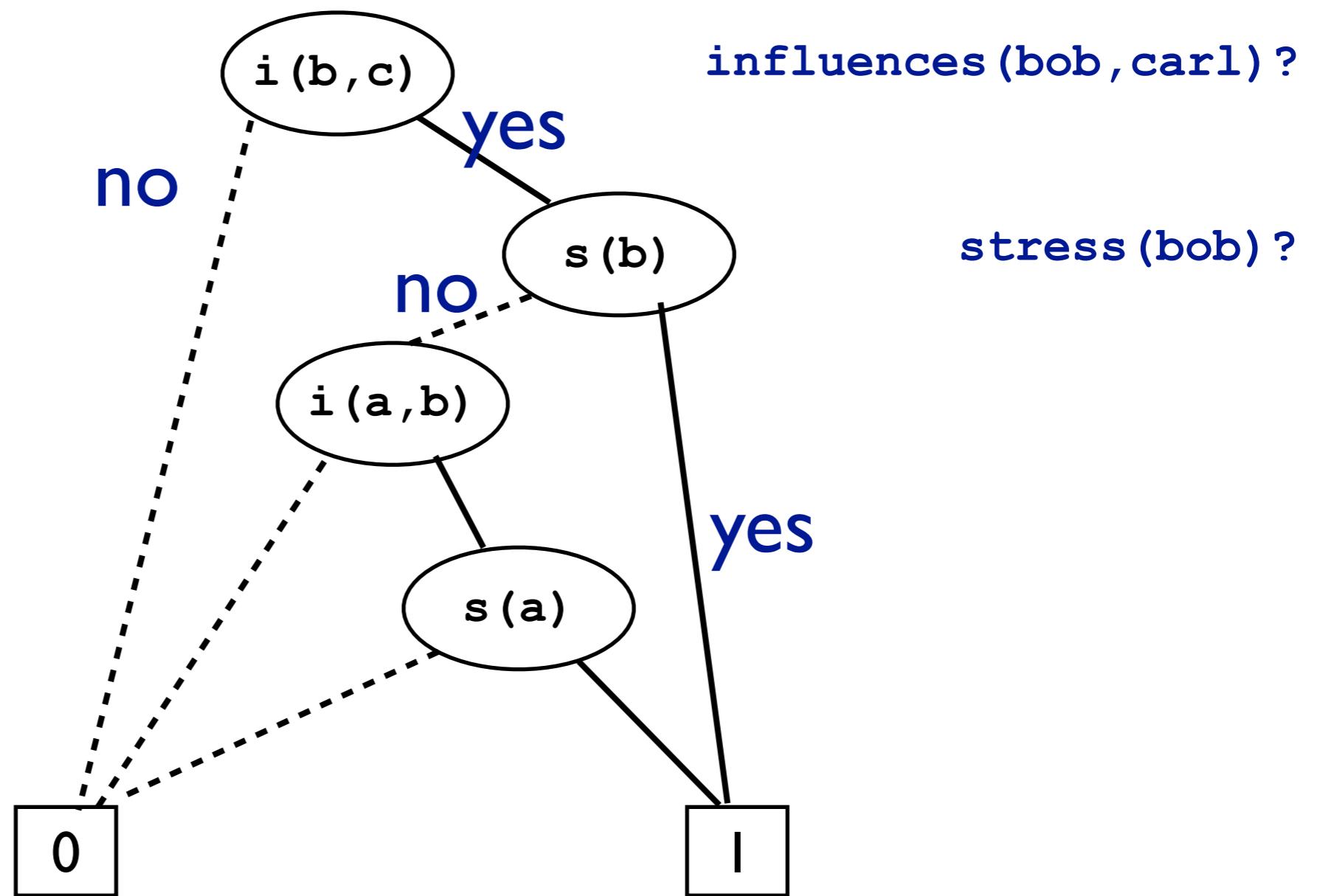
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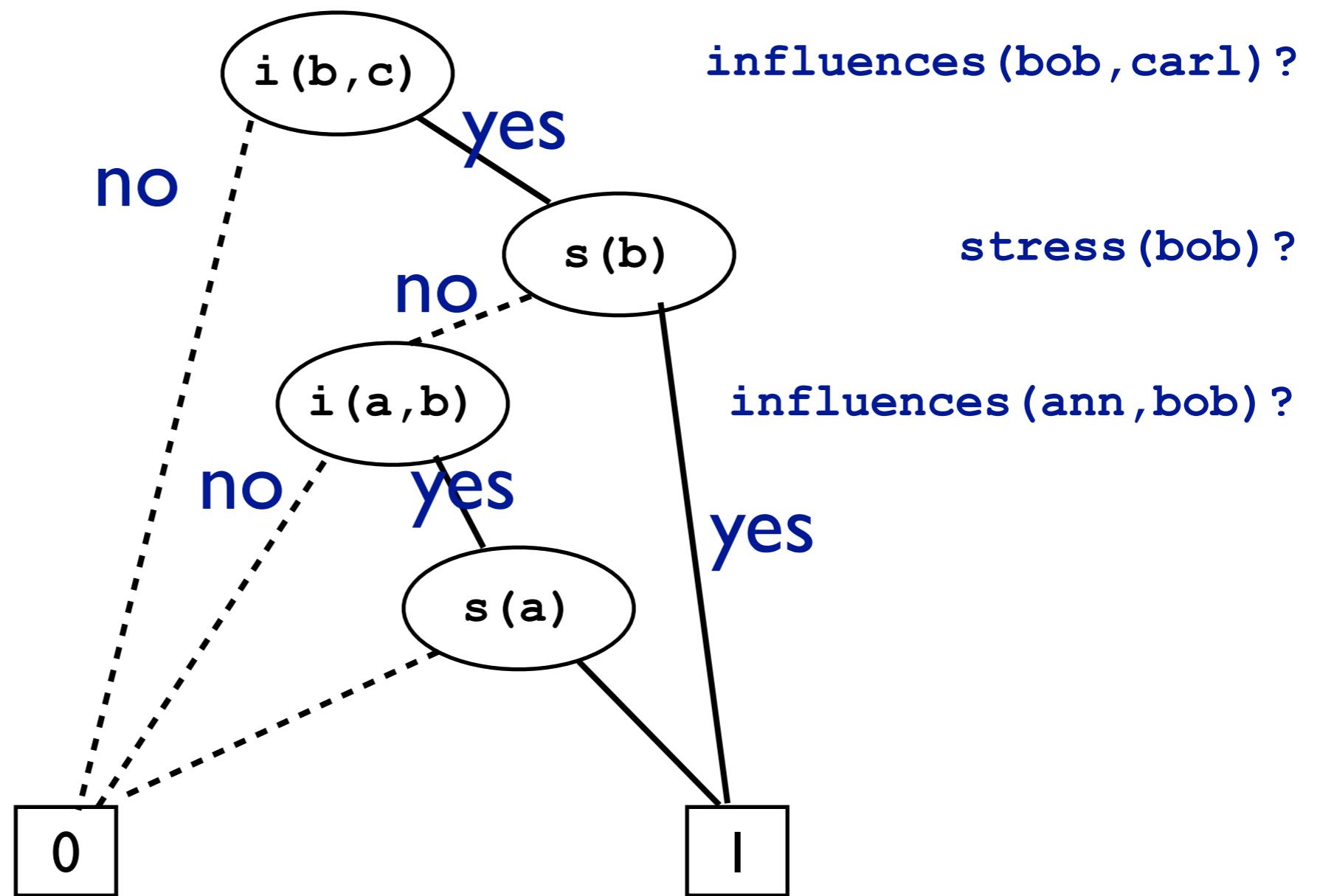
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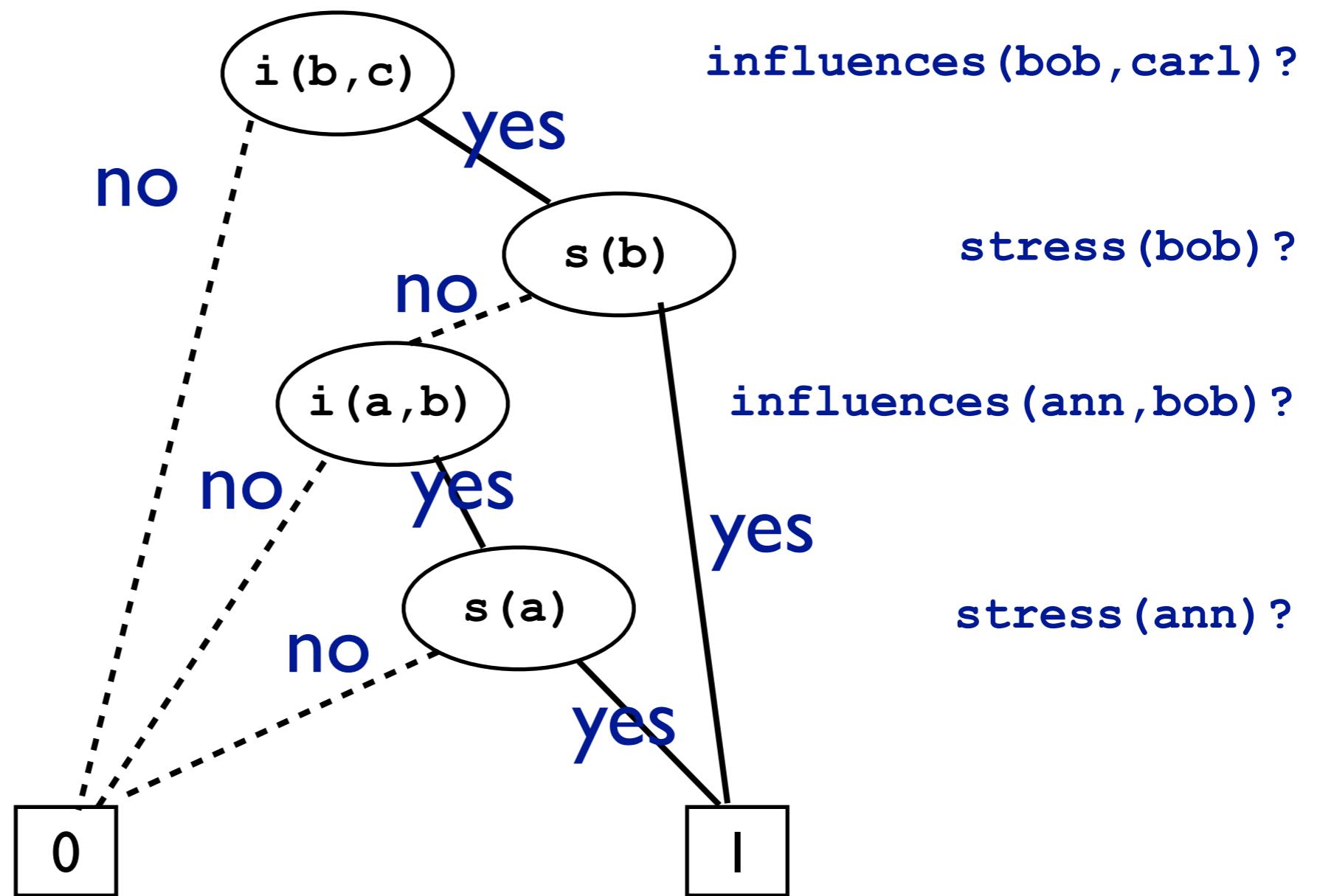
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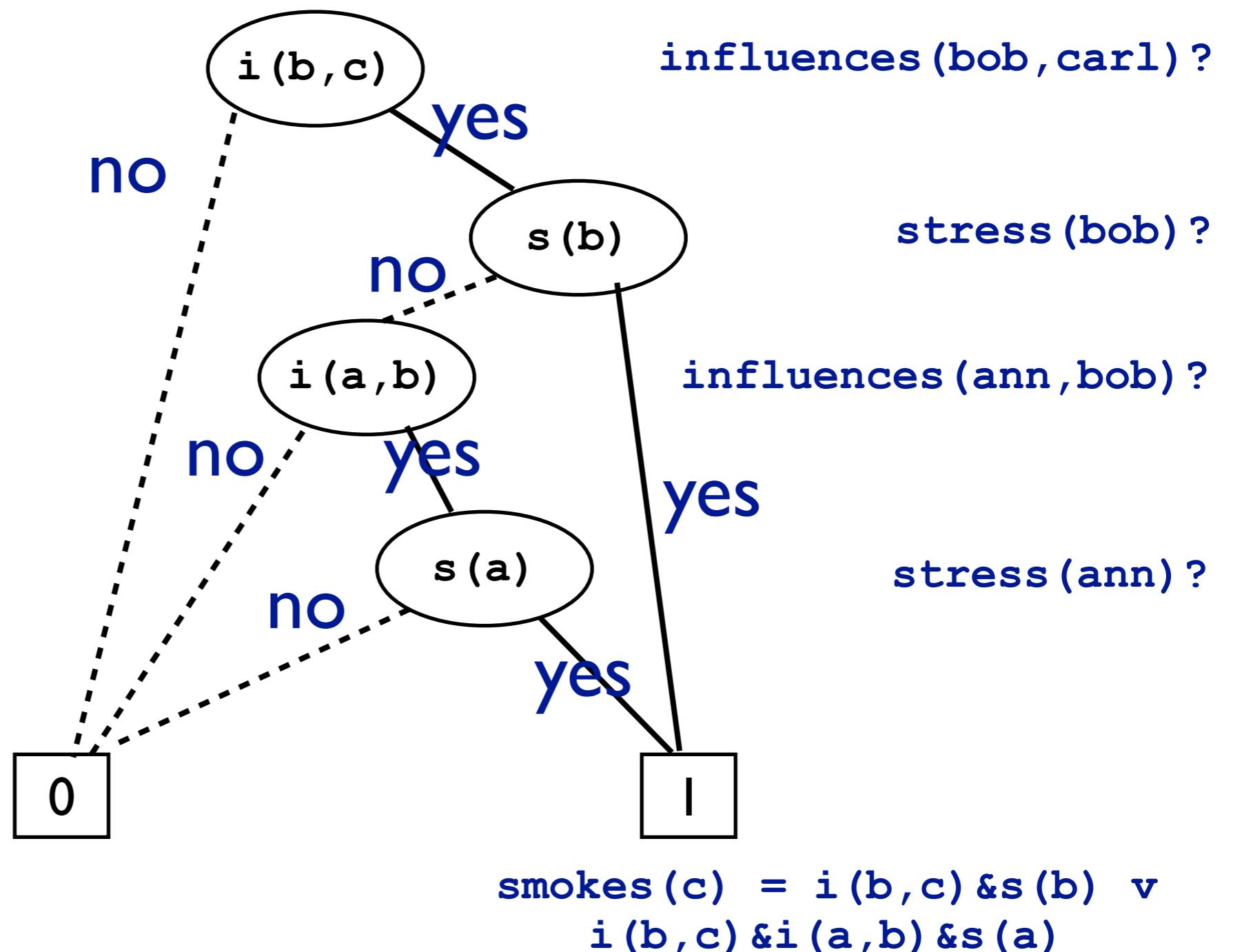
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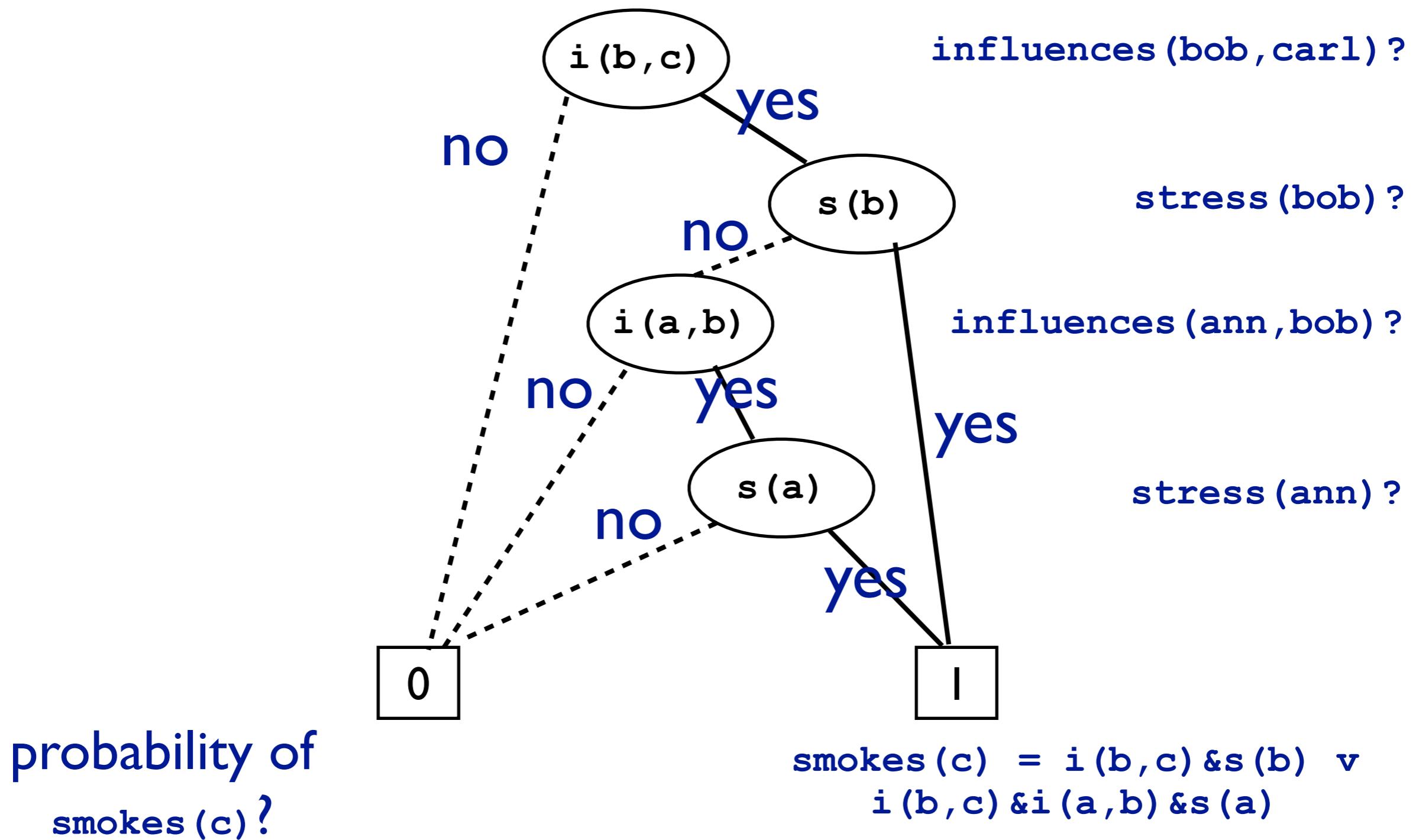
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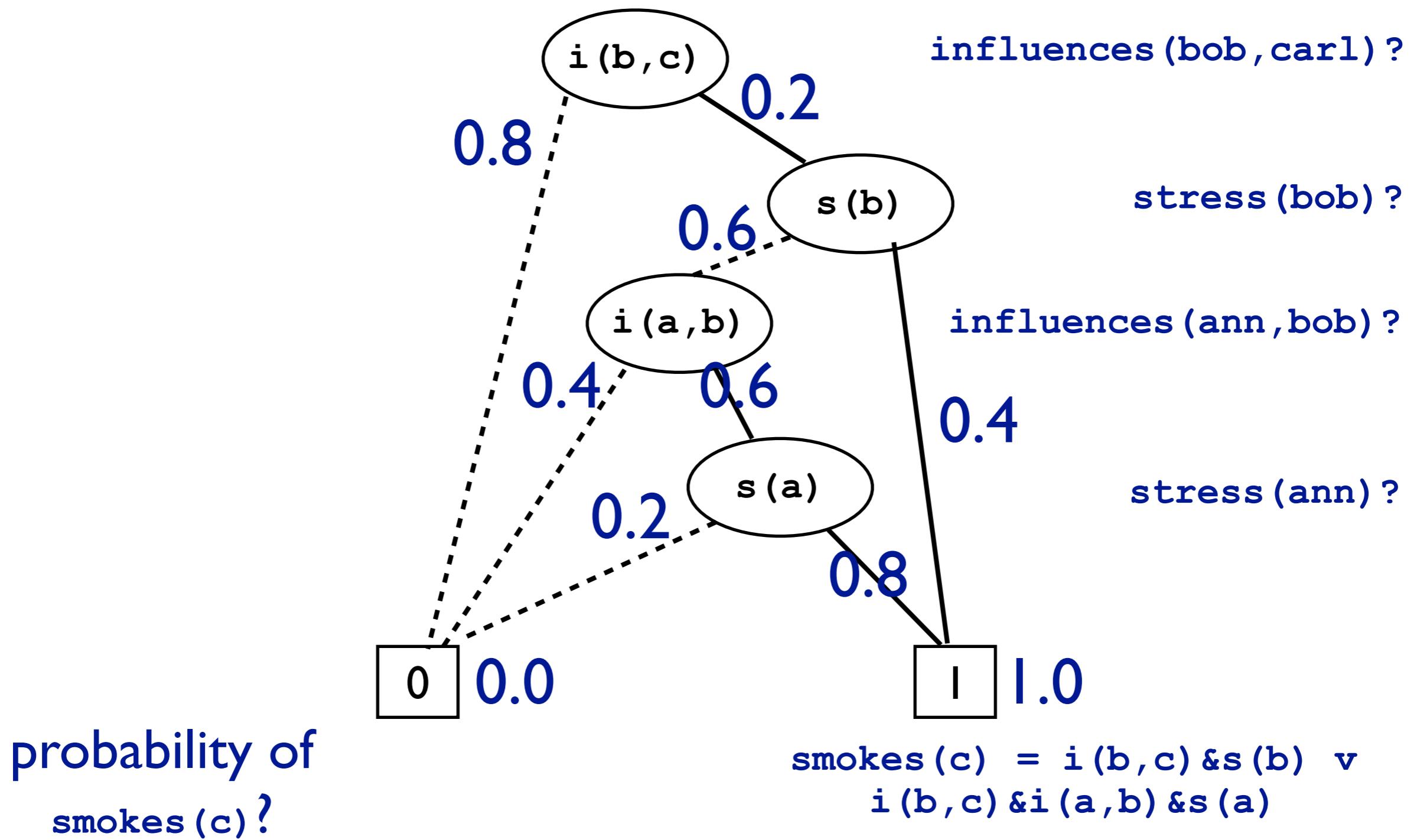
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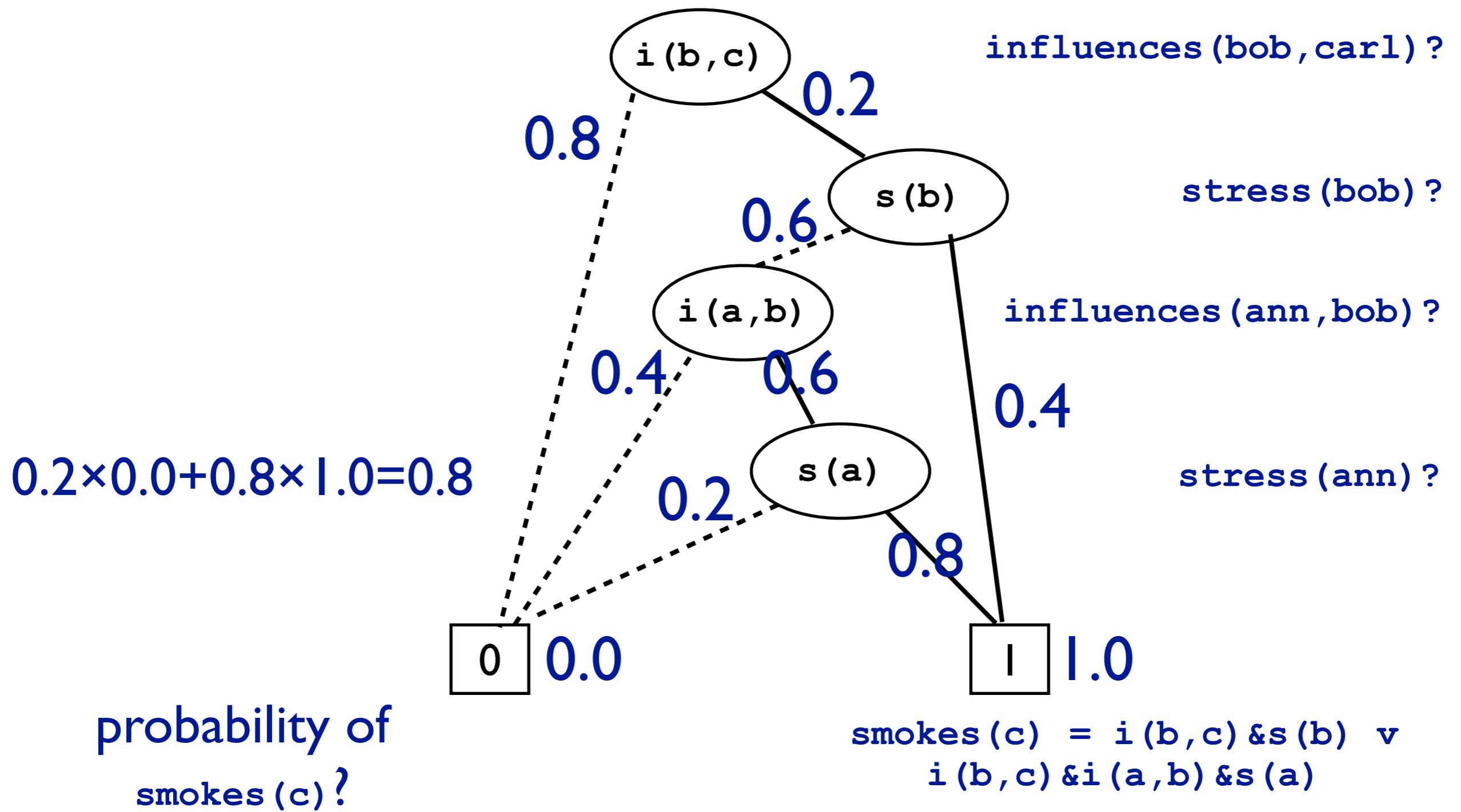
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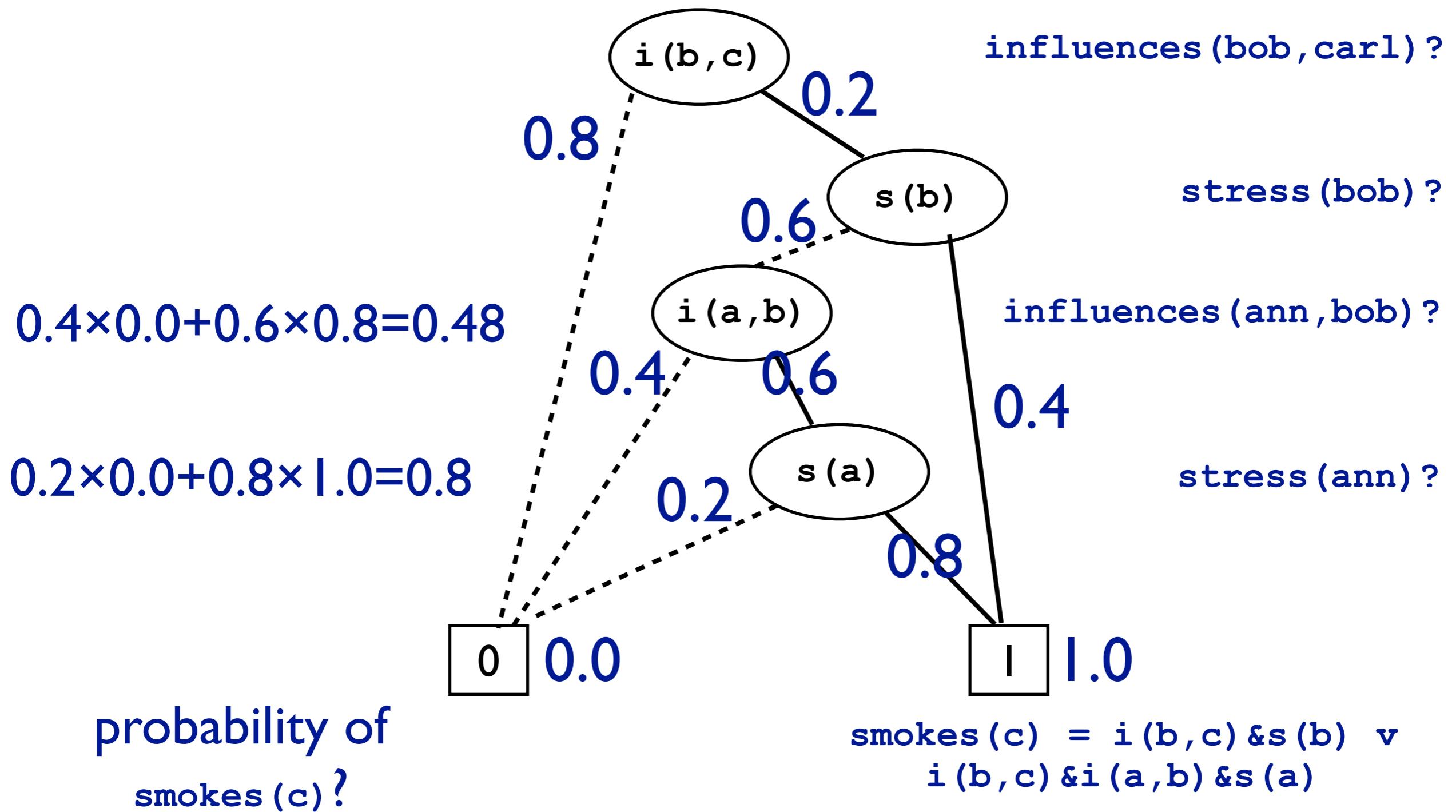
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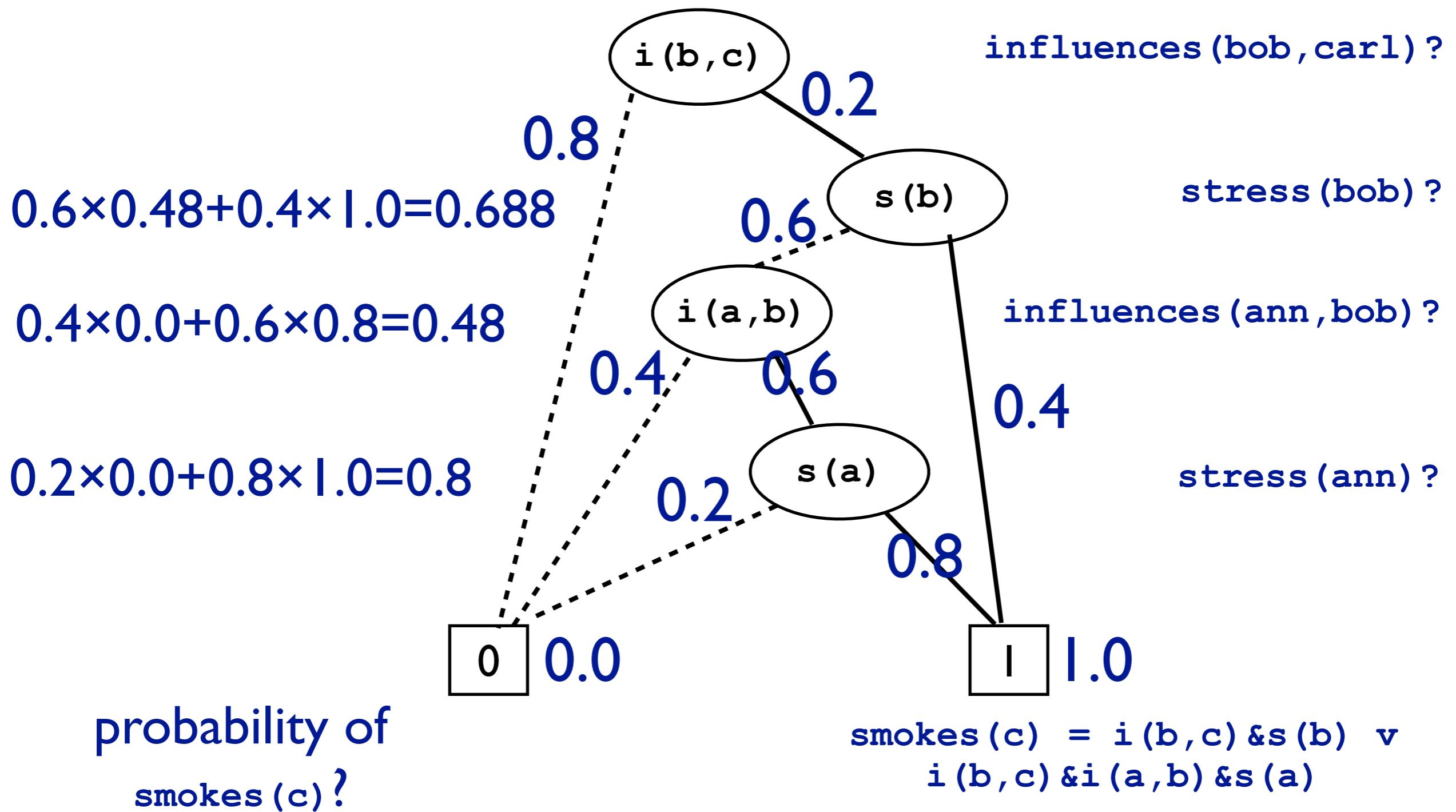
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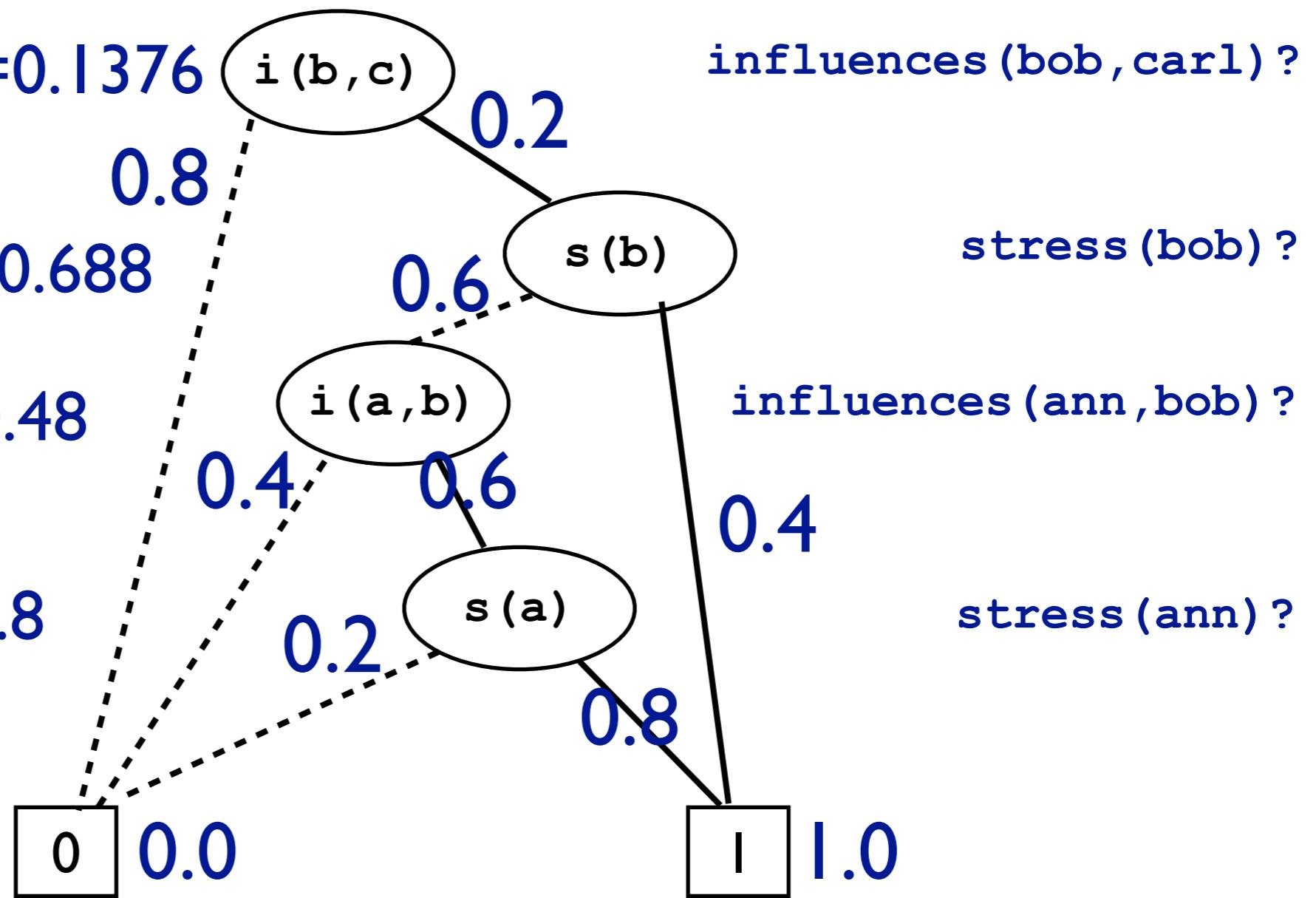
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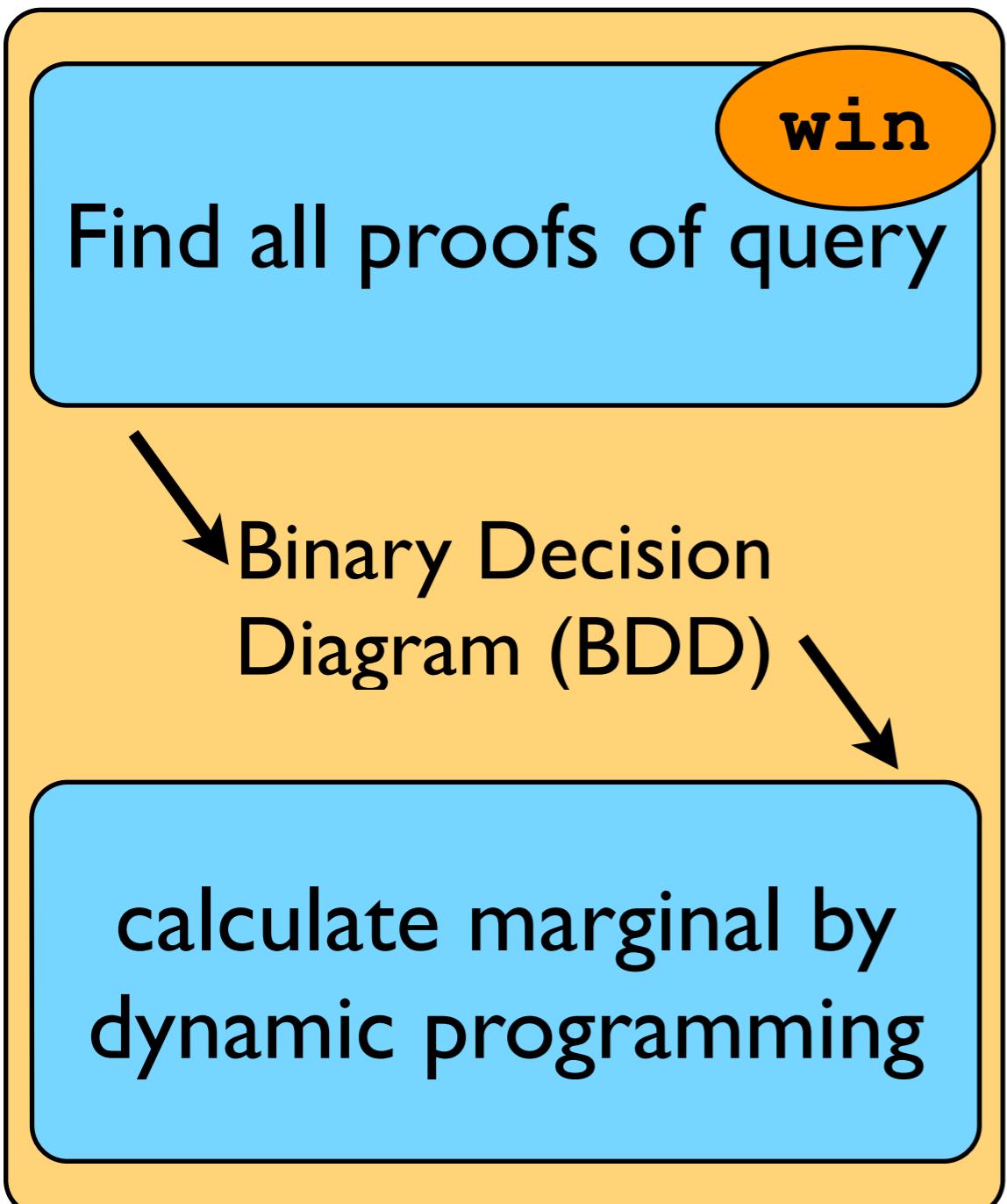
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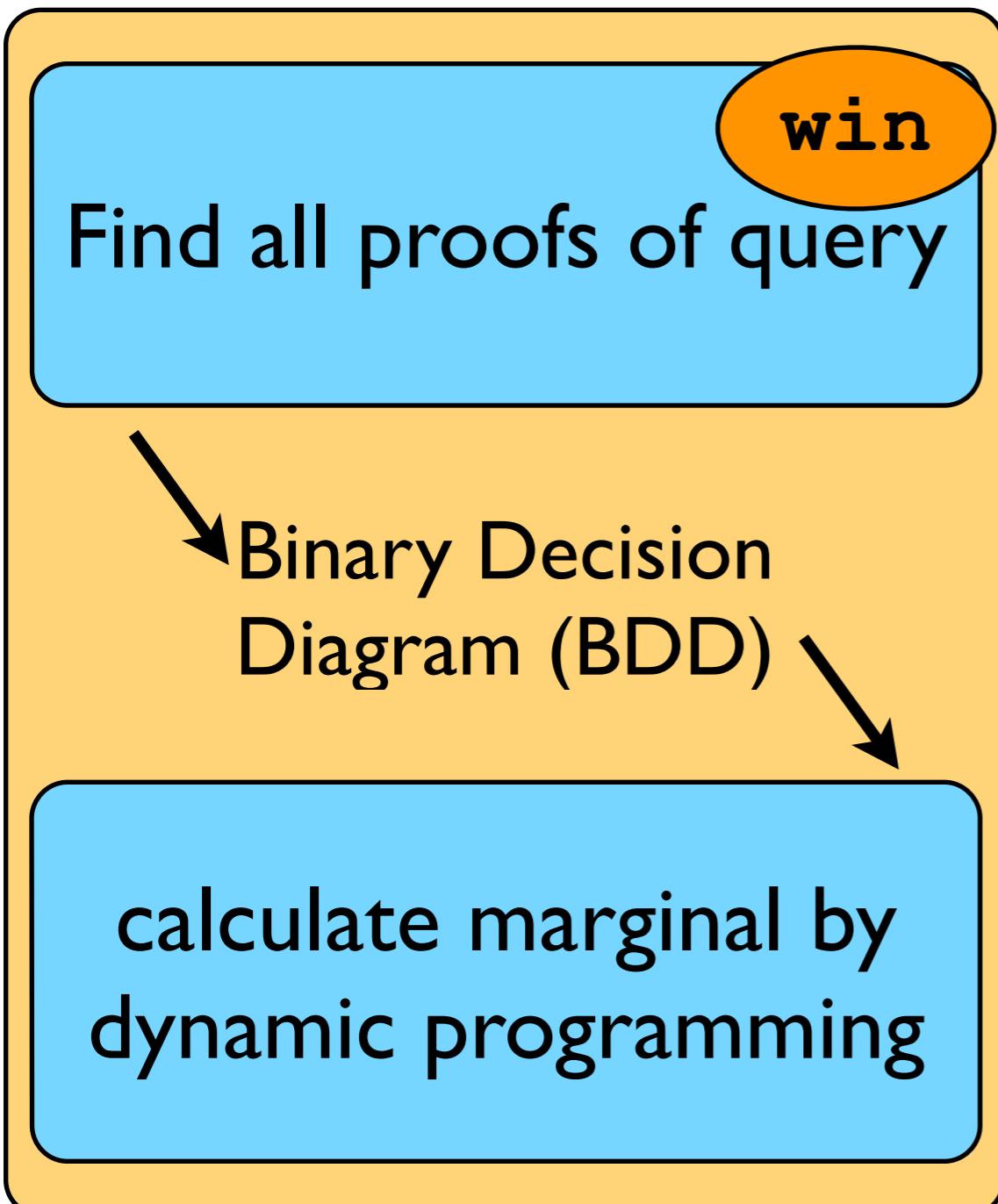
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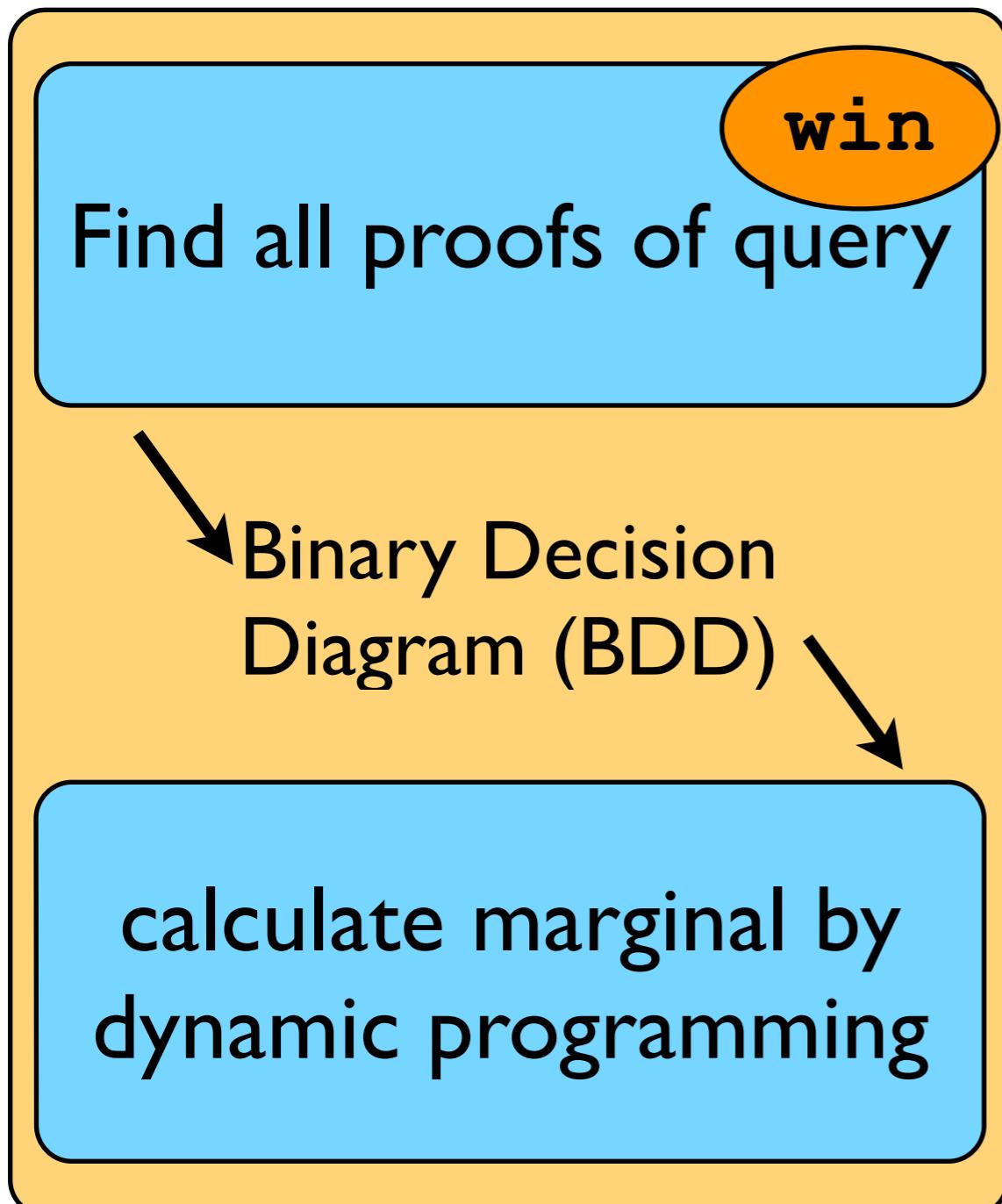
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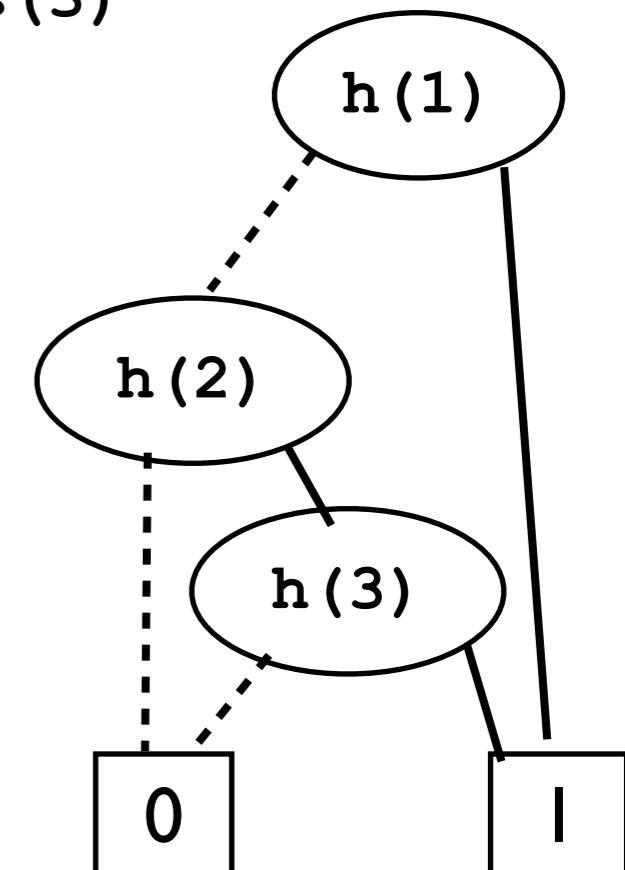
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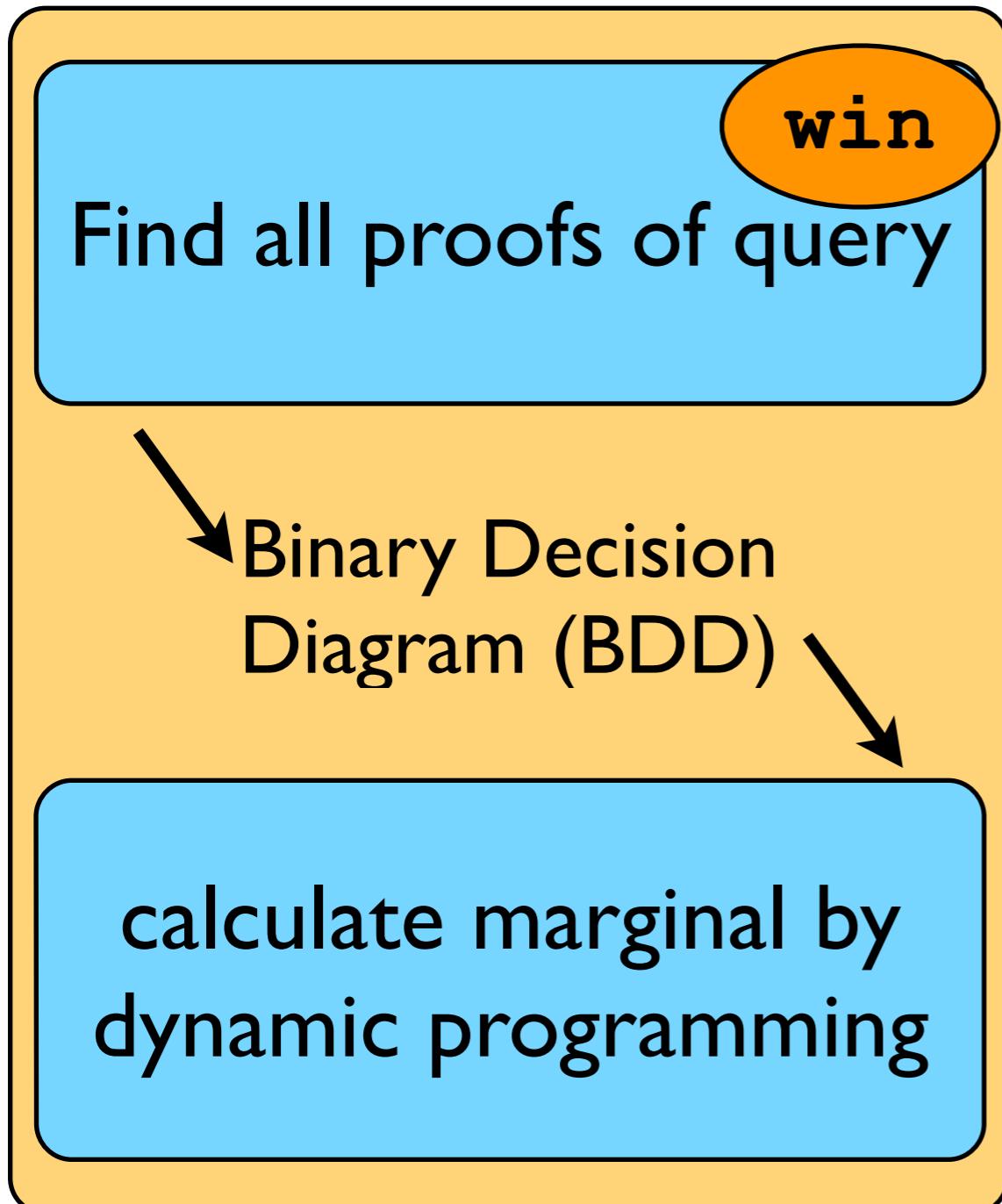
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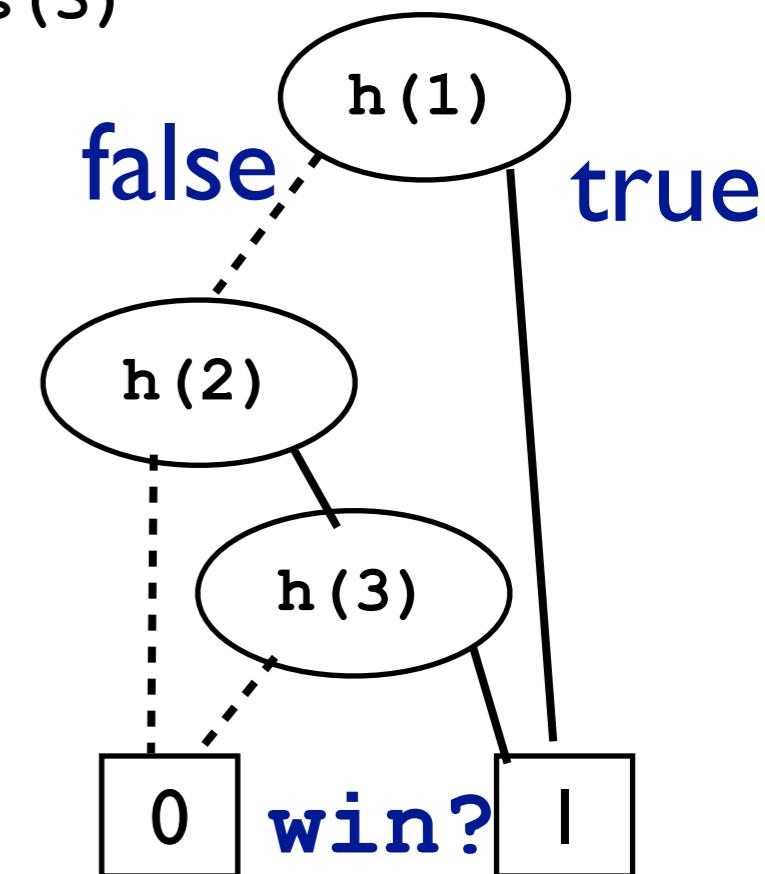
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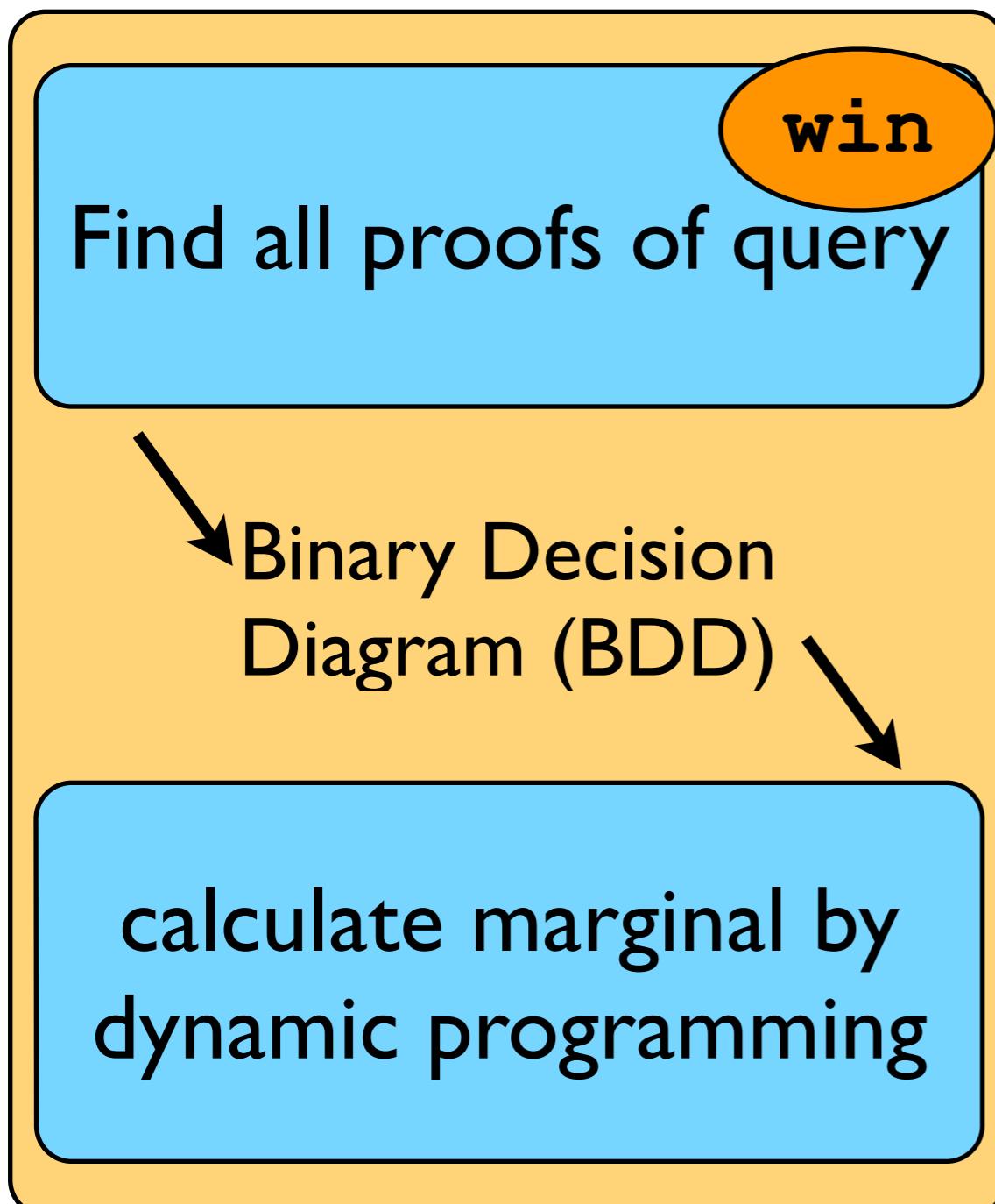
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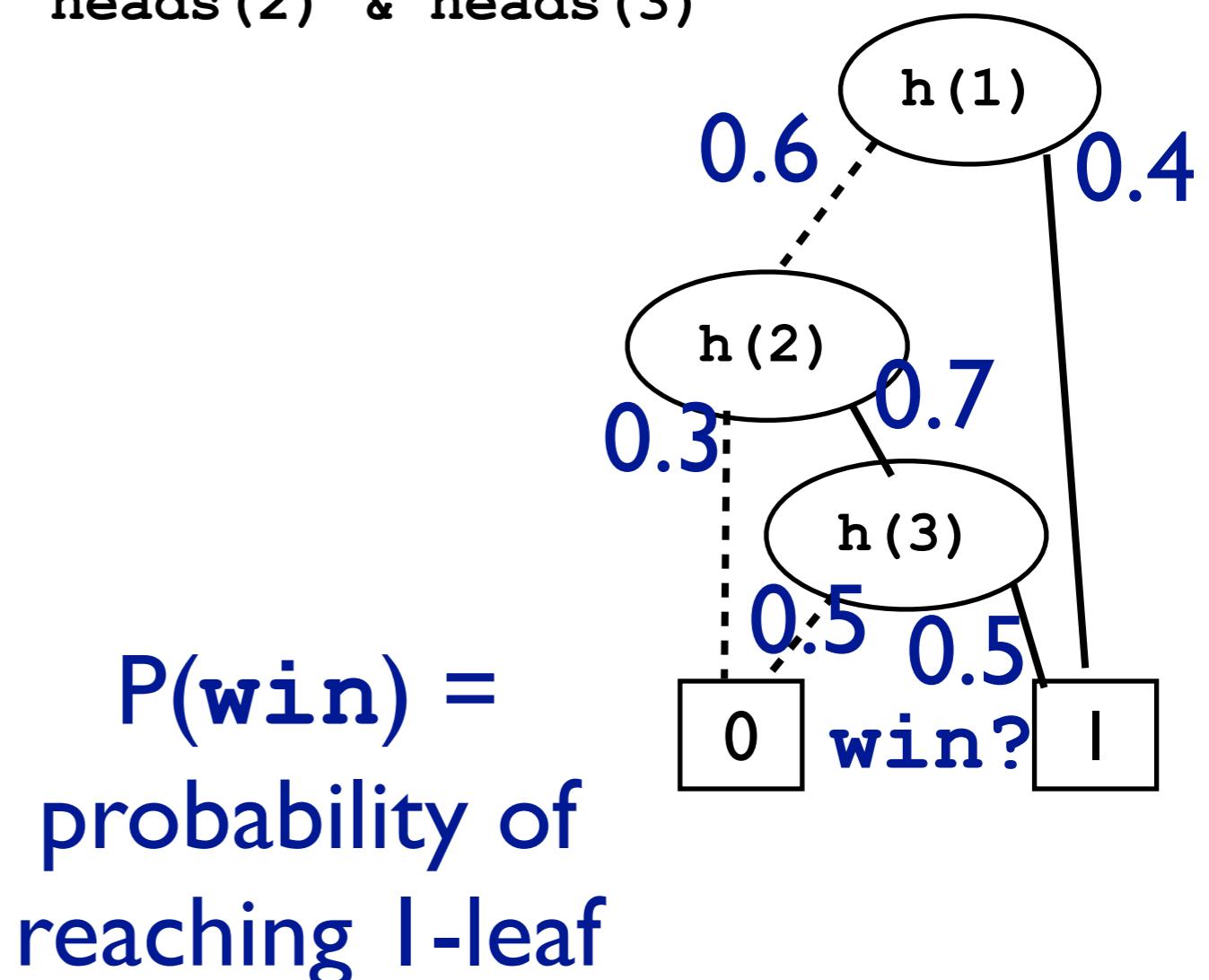
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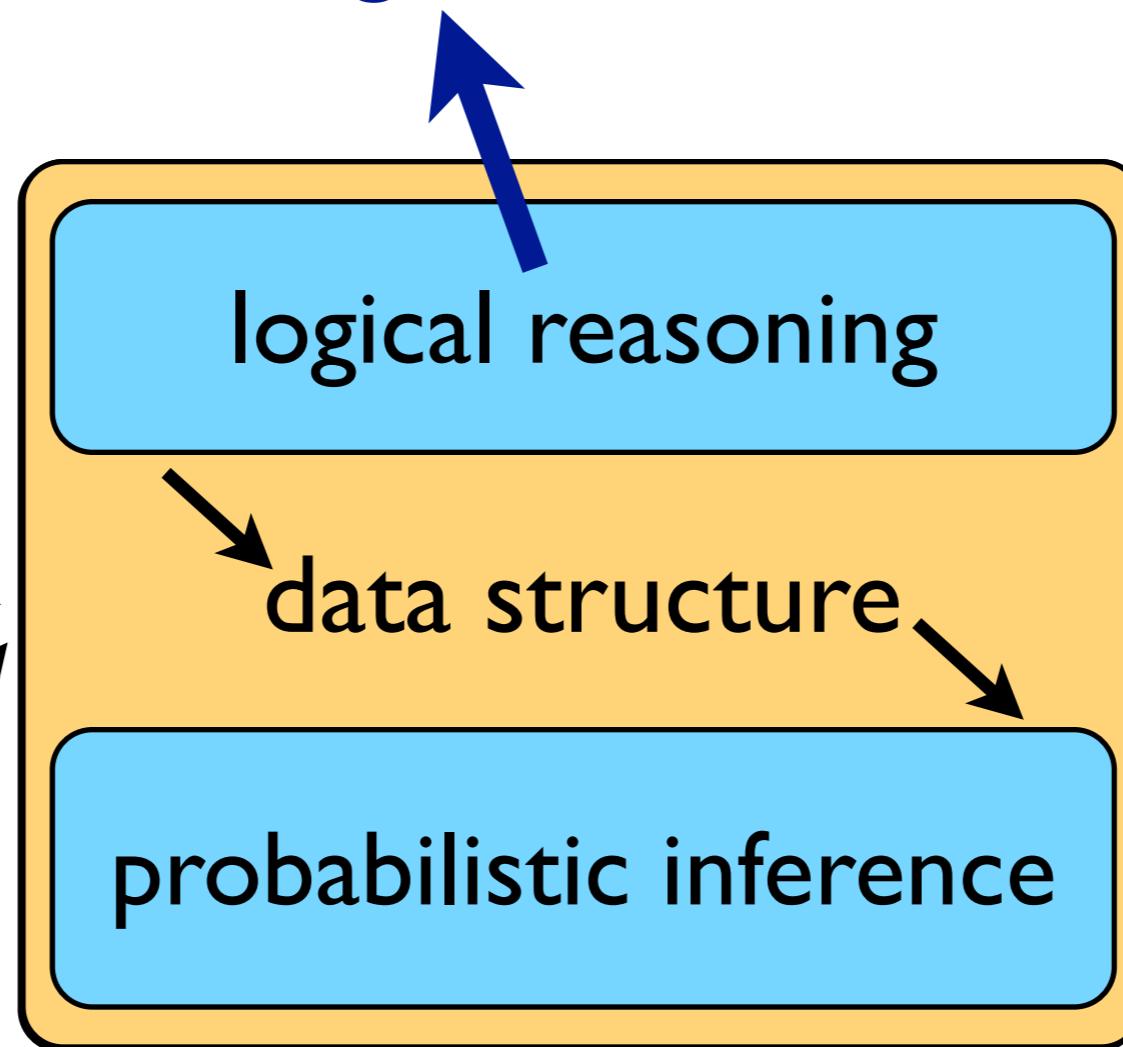
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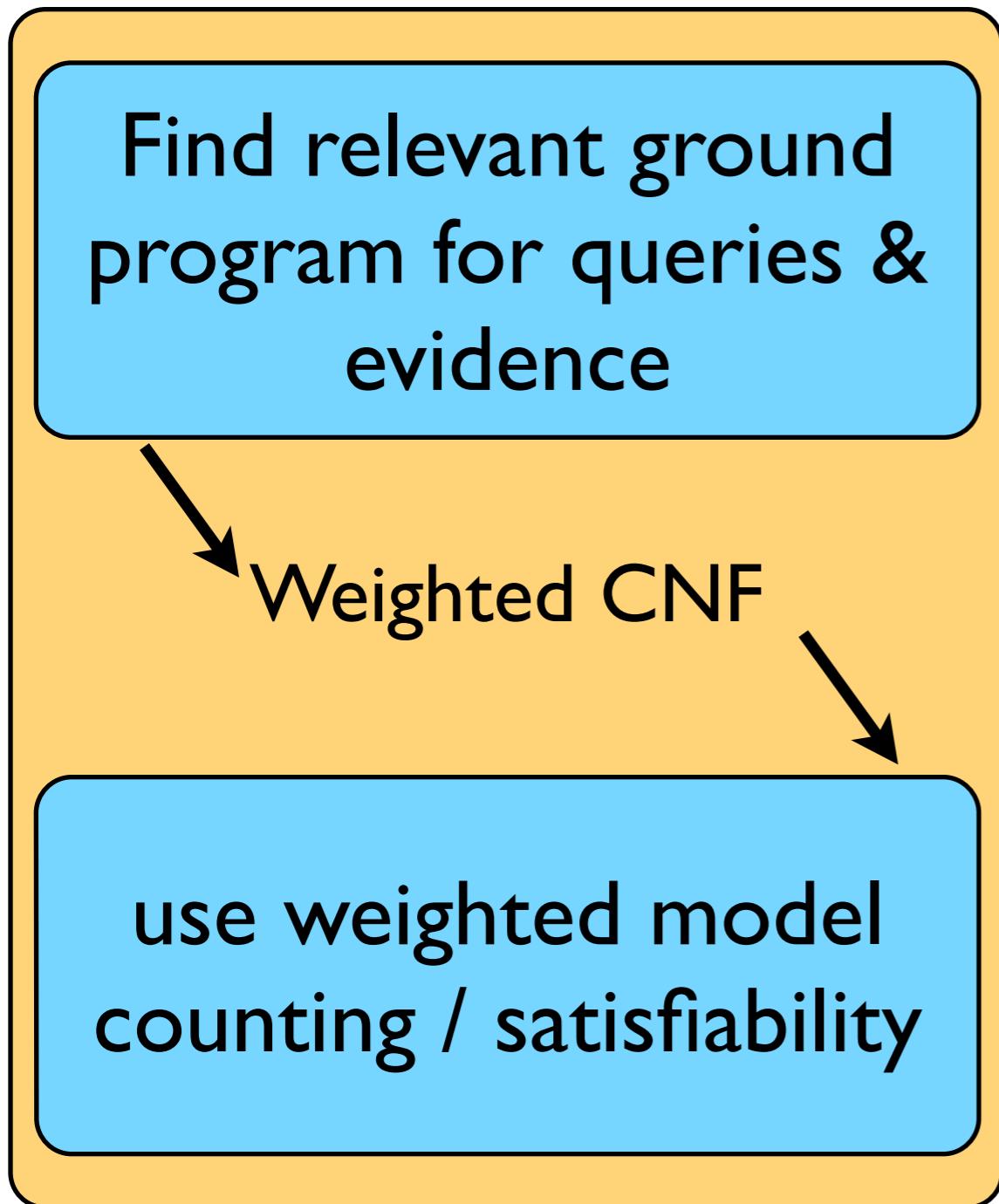
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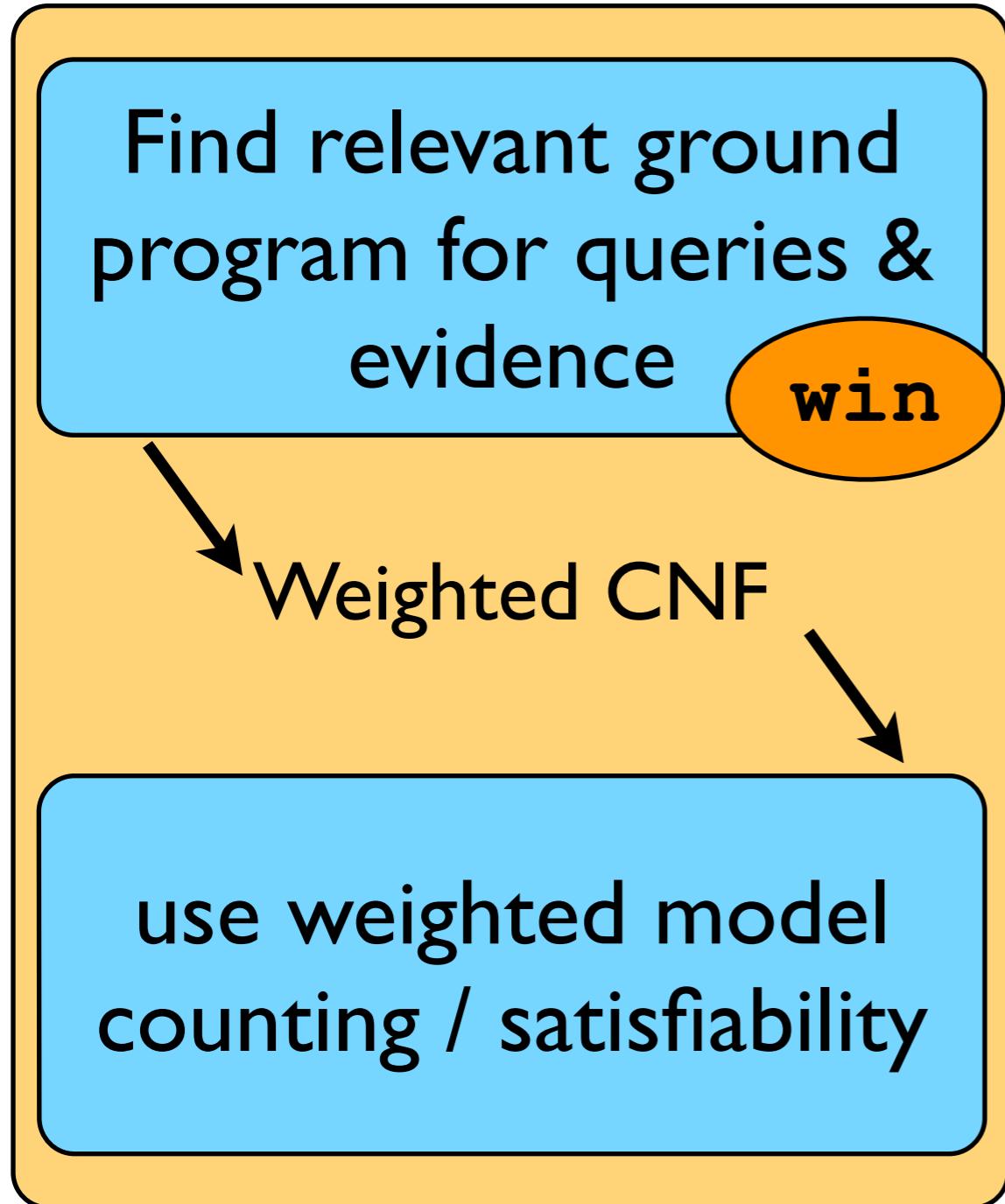
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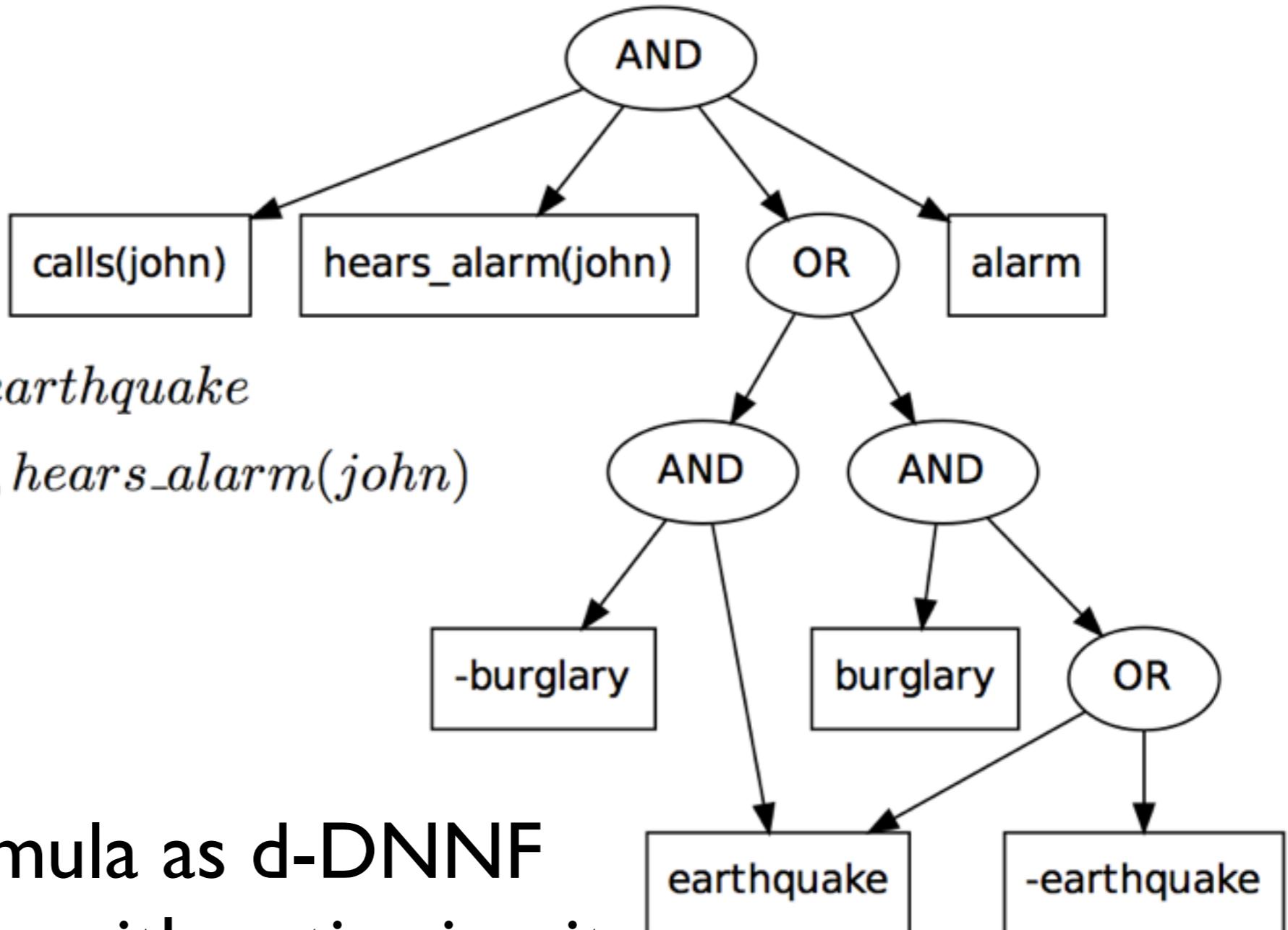
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# WMC using d-DNNFs

$alarm \leftrightarrow burglary \vee earthquake$

$calls(john) \leftrightarrow alarm, hears\_alarm(john)$

$calls(john)$



1. represent formula as d-DNNF
2. transform into arithmetic circuit
3. evaluate bottom-up

# ProbLog Inference

- reduction to propositional formula
- addresses disjoint-sum-problem
- but: not all probabilistic logic programs face this problem! e.g., weather
- more generally: mutually exclusive proofs as assumed in PRISM

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  - all queries

same idea as  
for ProbLog

# Approximate Inference

- Lower and upper bounds

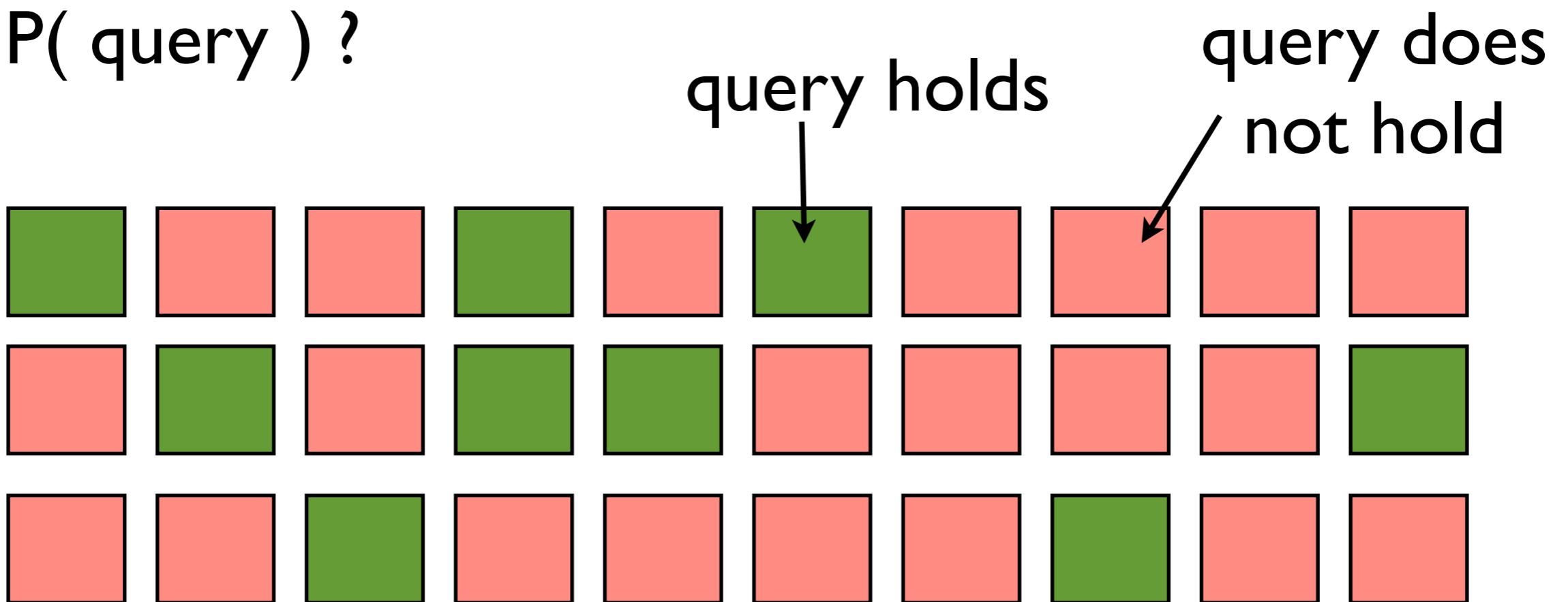
$$\phi_L \models \phi \models \phi_U$$

$$P(\phi_L) \leq P(\phi) \leq P(\phi_U)$$

- Sampling

# Sampling

- $P(\text{ query }) ?$



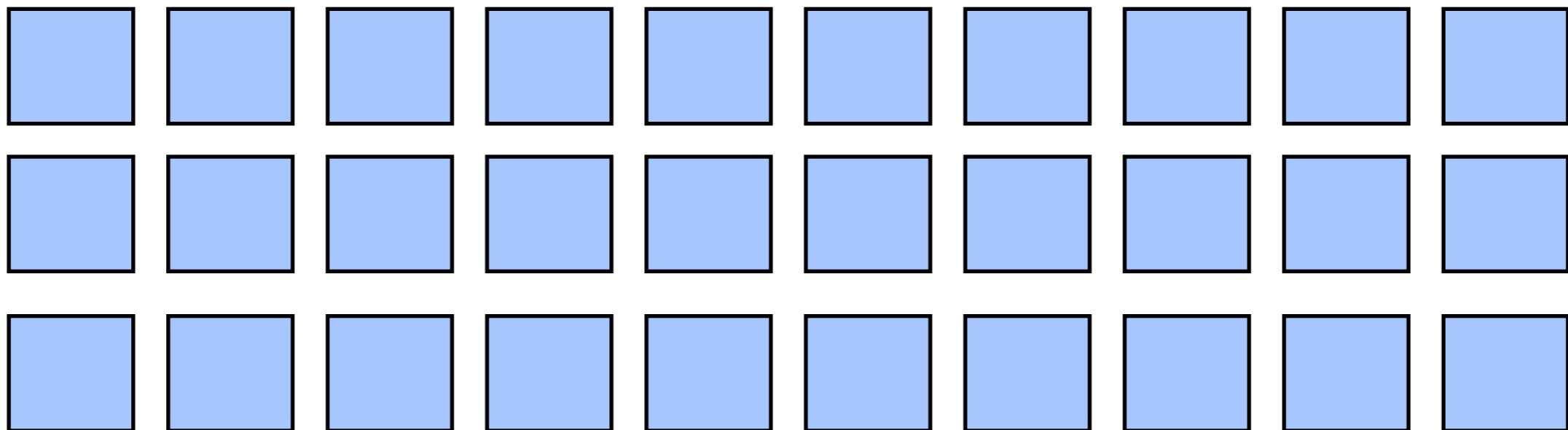
$$P(\text{query}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ query holds}}{\# \text{ worlds sampled}}$$

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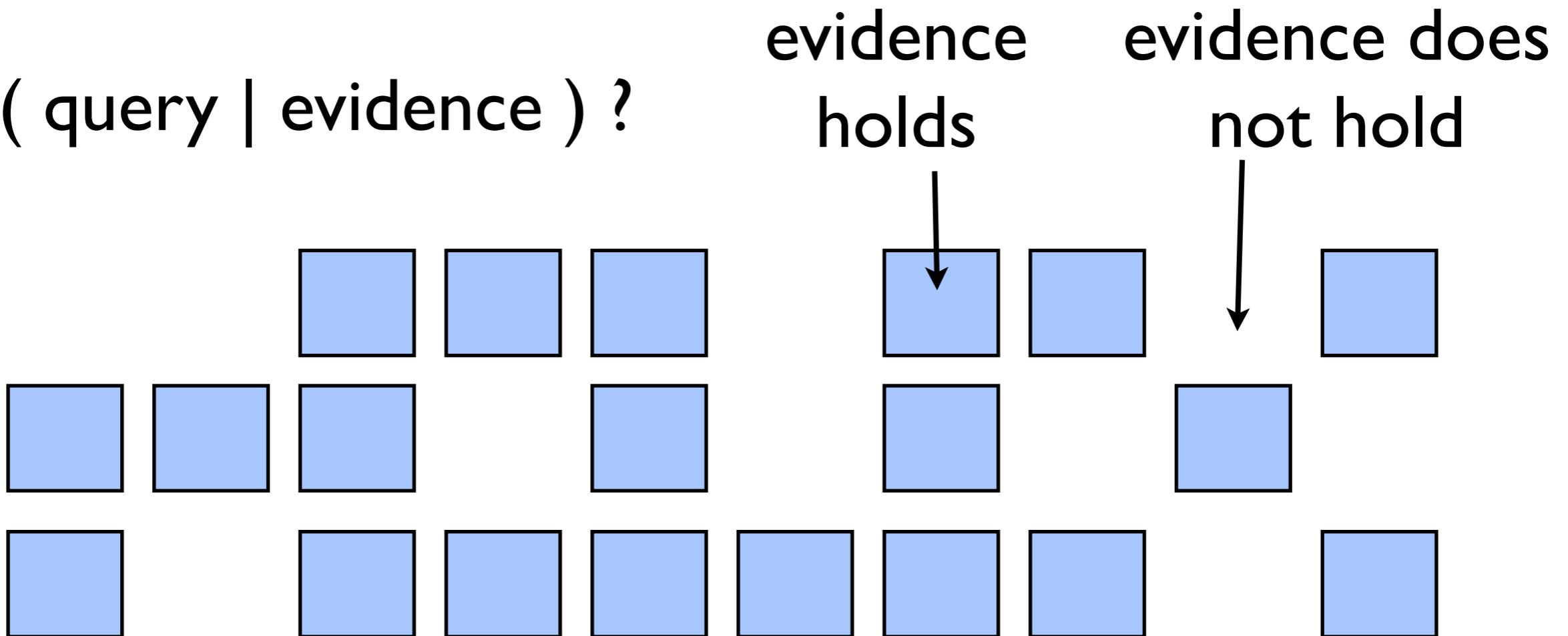
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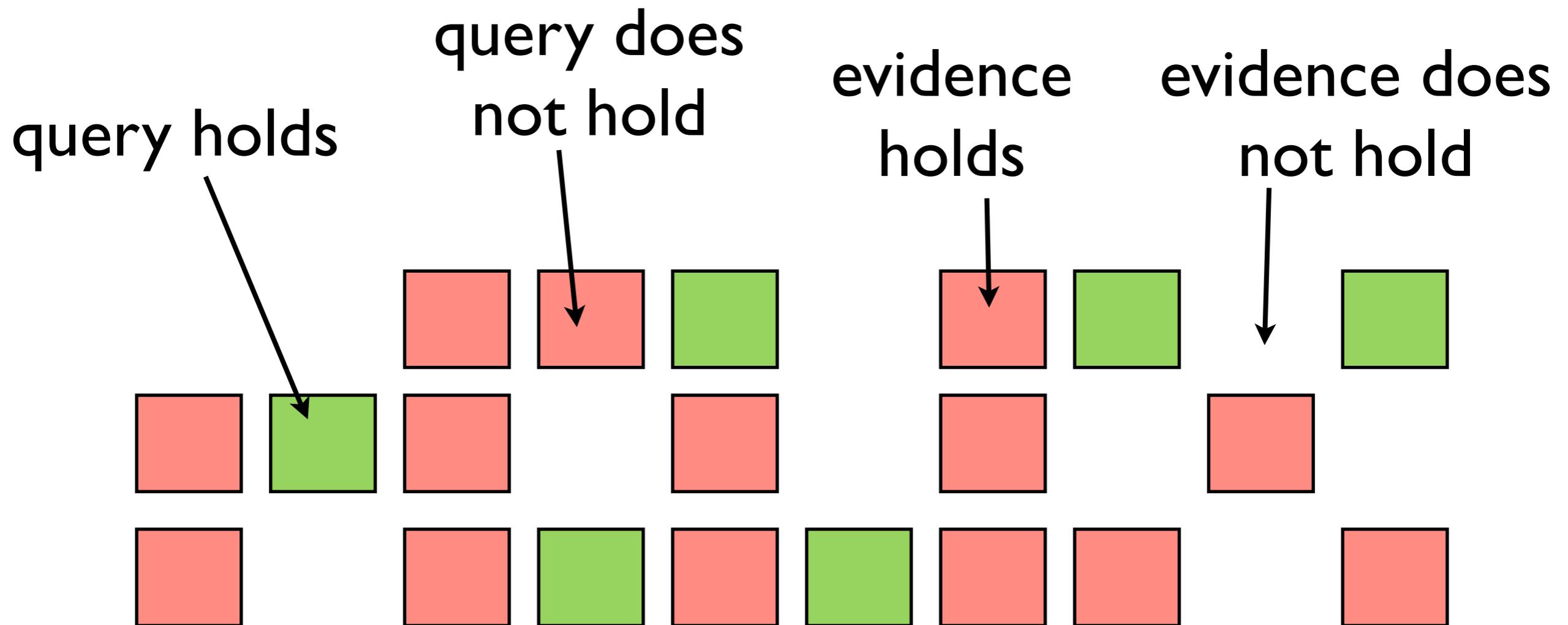


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# Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

- Generate next sample by modifying current one
- Most common inference approach for PP languages such as Church, BLOG, ...
- Also considered for PRISM and ProbLog

## Key challenges:

- how to propose next sample
- how to handle evidence

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# Parameter Learning

e.g., webpage classification model

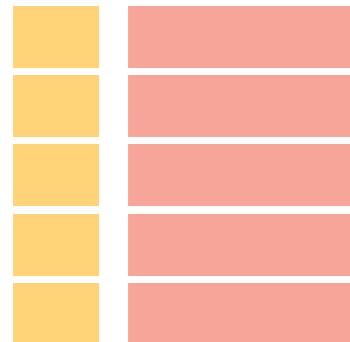
for each *CLASS1*, *CLASS2* and each *WORD*

```
?? :: link_class(Source,Target,CLASS1,CLASS2).
?? :: word_class(WORD,CLASS).
```

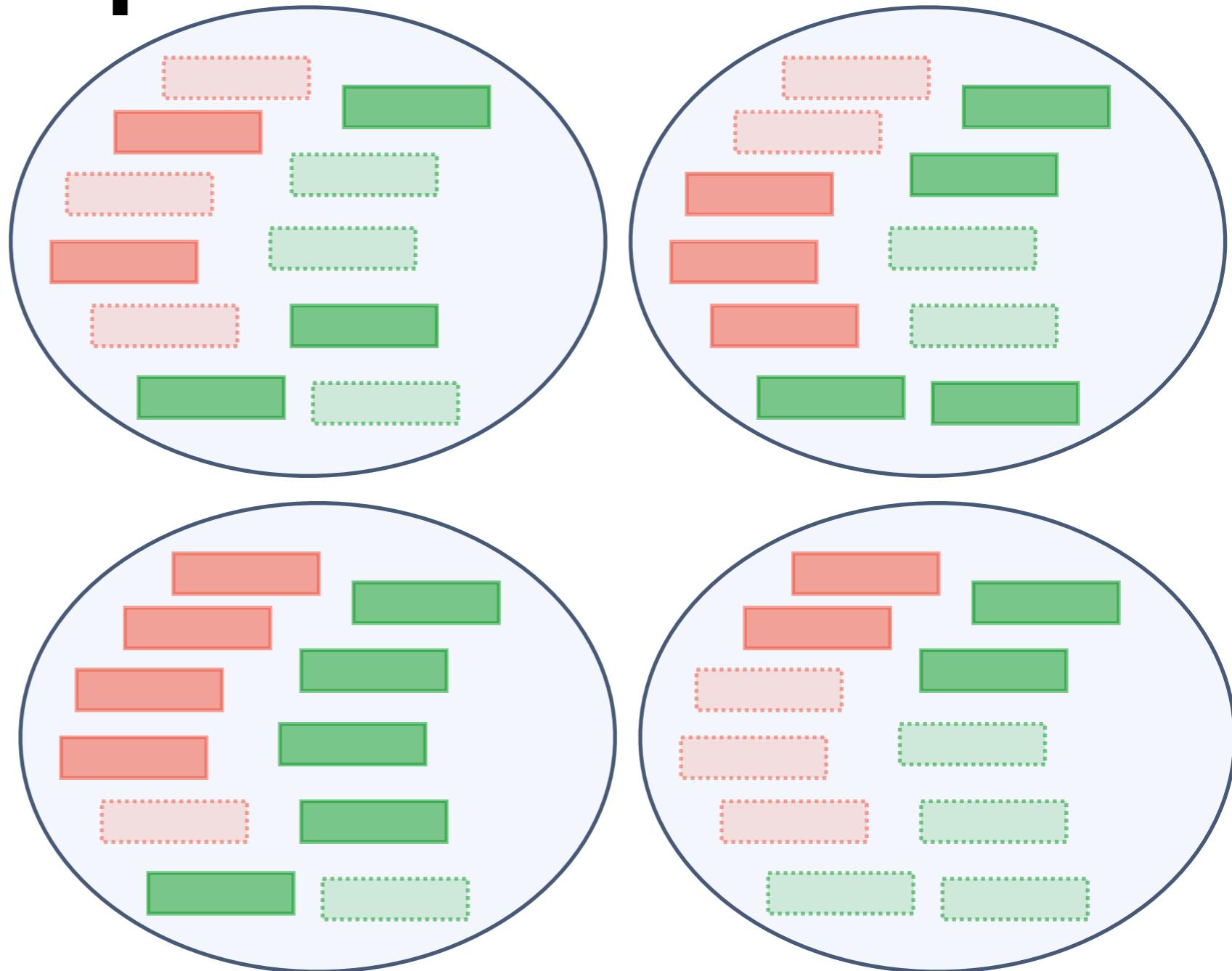
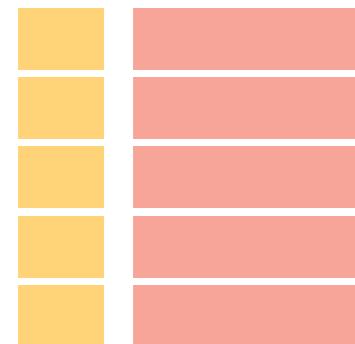
```
class(Page,C) :- has_word(Page,W), word_class(W,C).
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class(Page,C) :- links_to(OtherPage,Page),
class(OtherPage,OtherClass),
link_class(OtherPage,Page,OtherClass,C).
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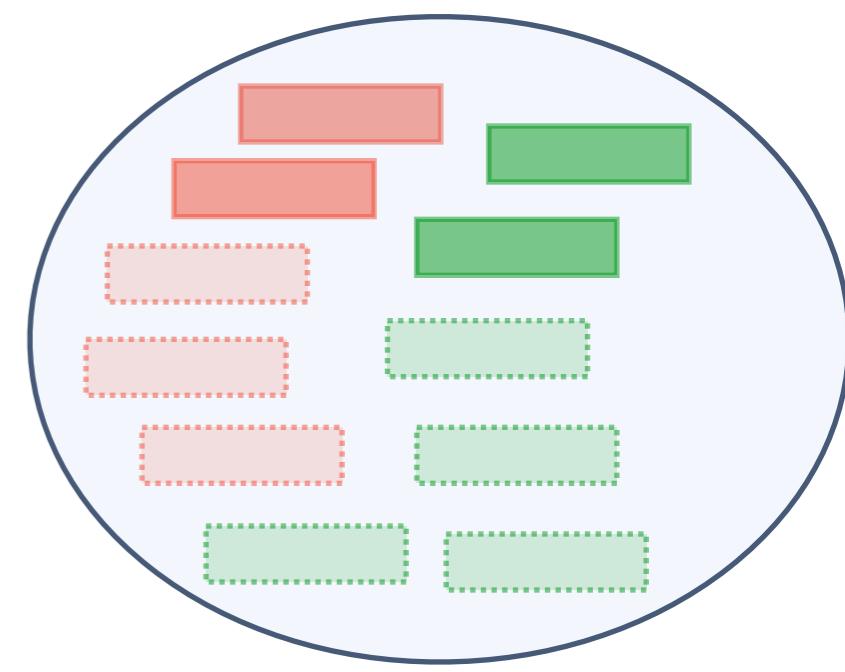
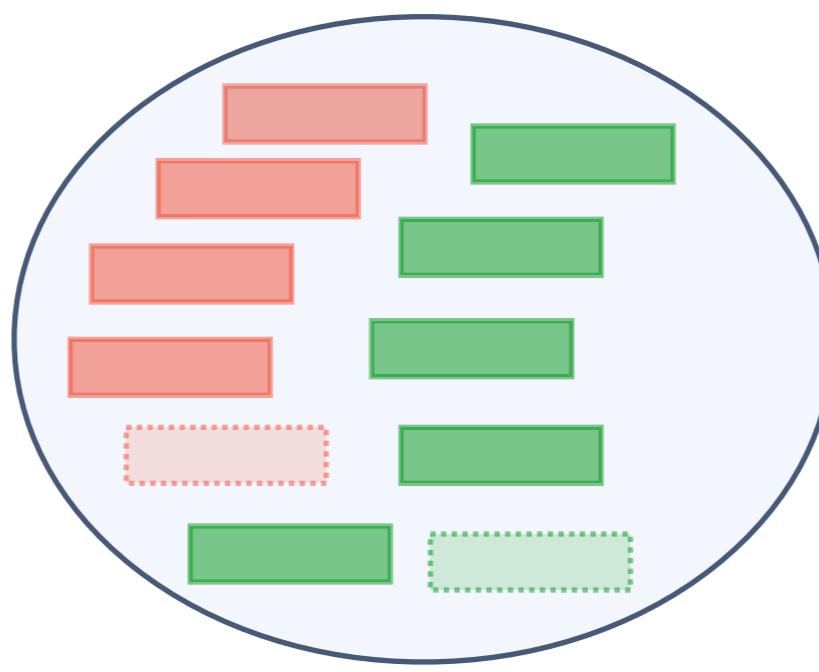
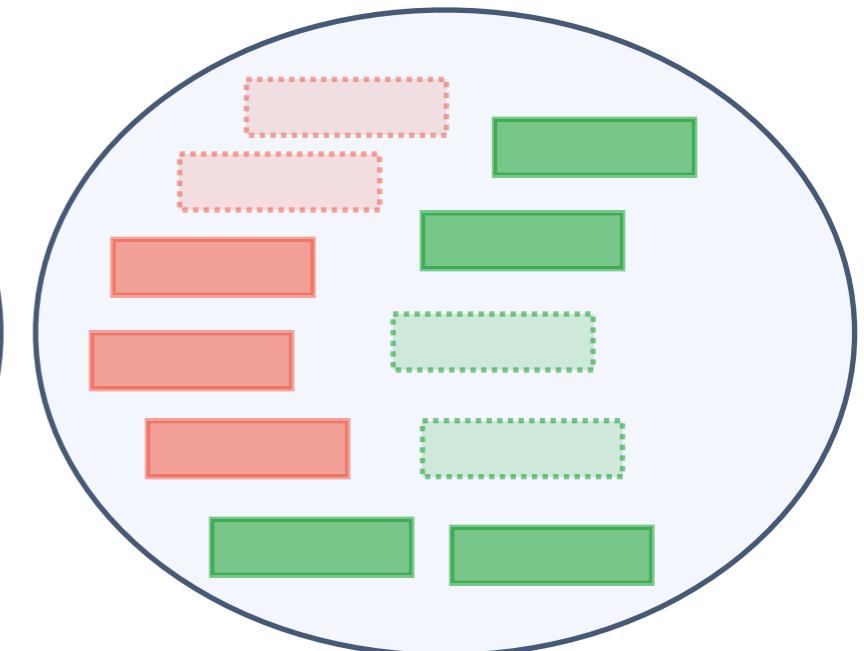
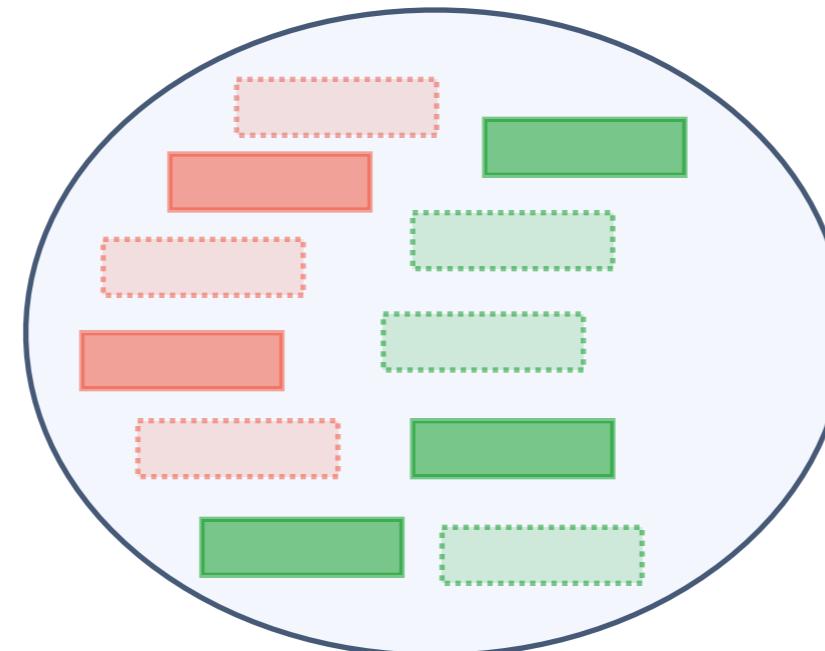
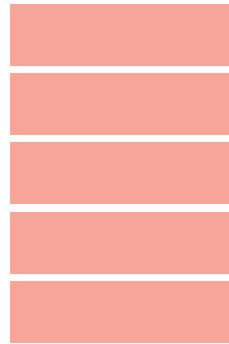
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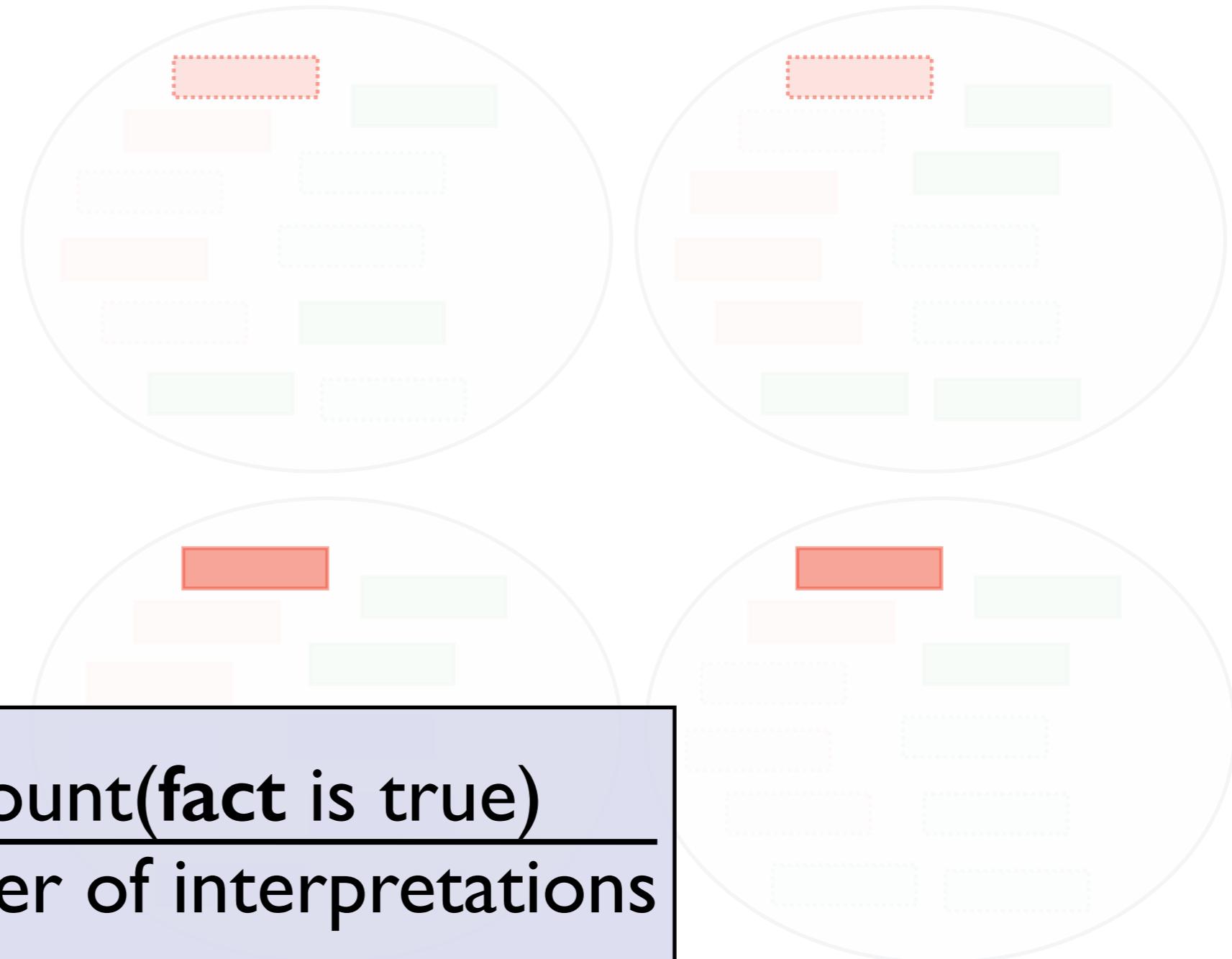
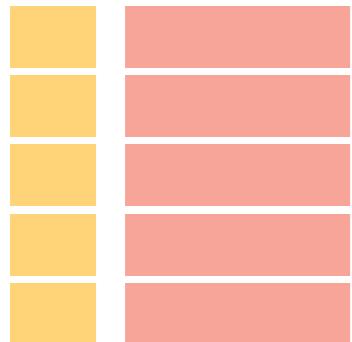
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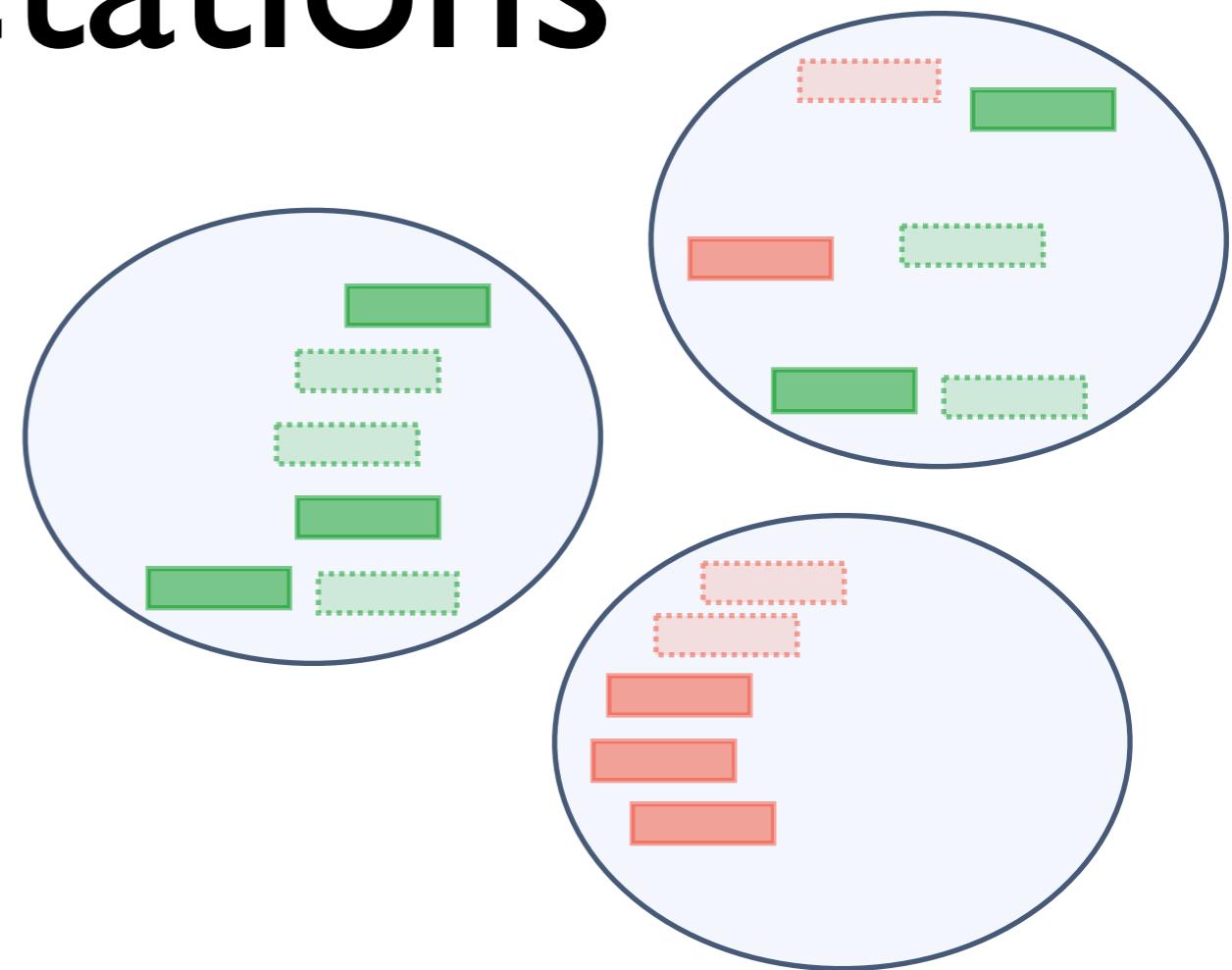
# Parameter Estimation



$$p(\text{fact}) = \frac{\text{count}(\text{fact is true})}{\text{Number of interpretations}}$$

# Learning from partial interpretations

- Not all facts observed
- Soft-EM
- use **expected count** instead of **count**
- $P(Q | E)$  -- conditional queries !

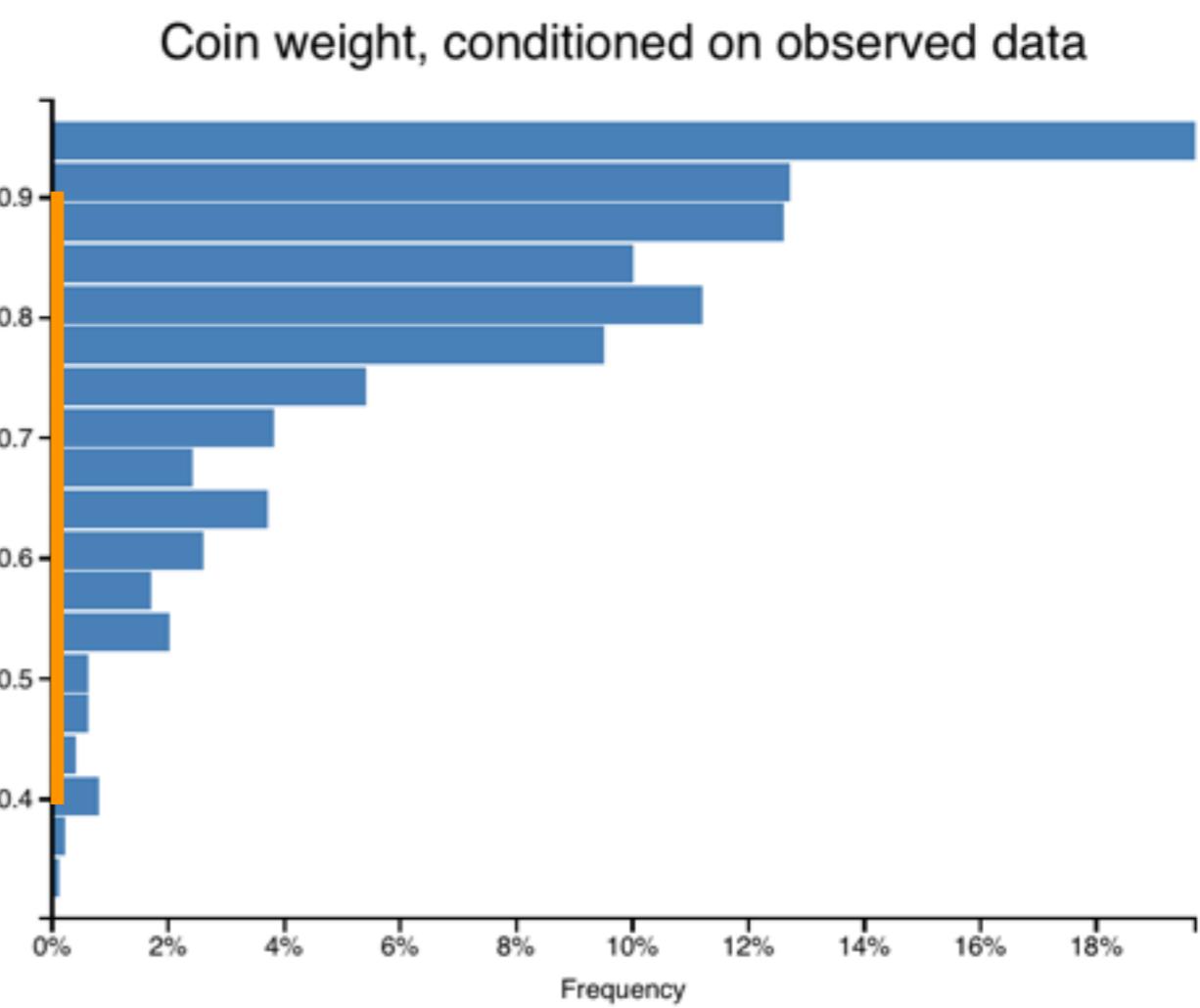
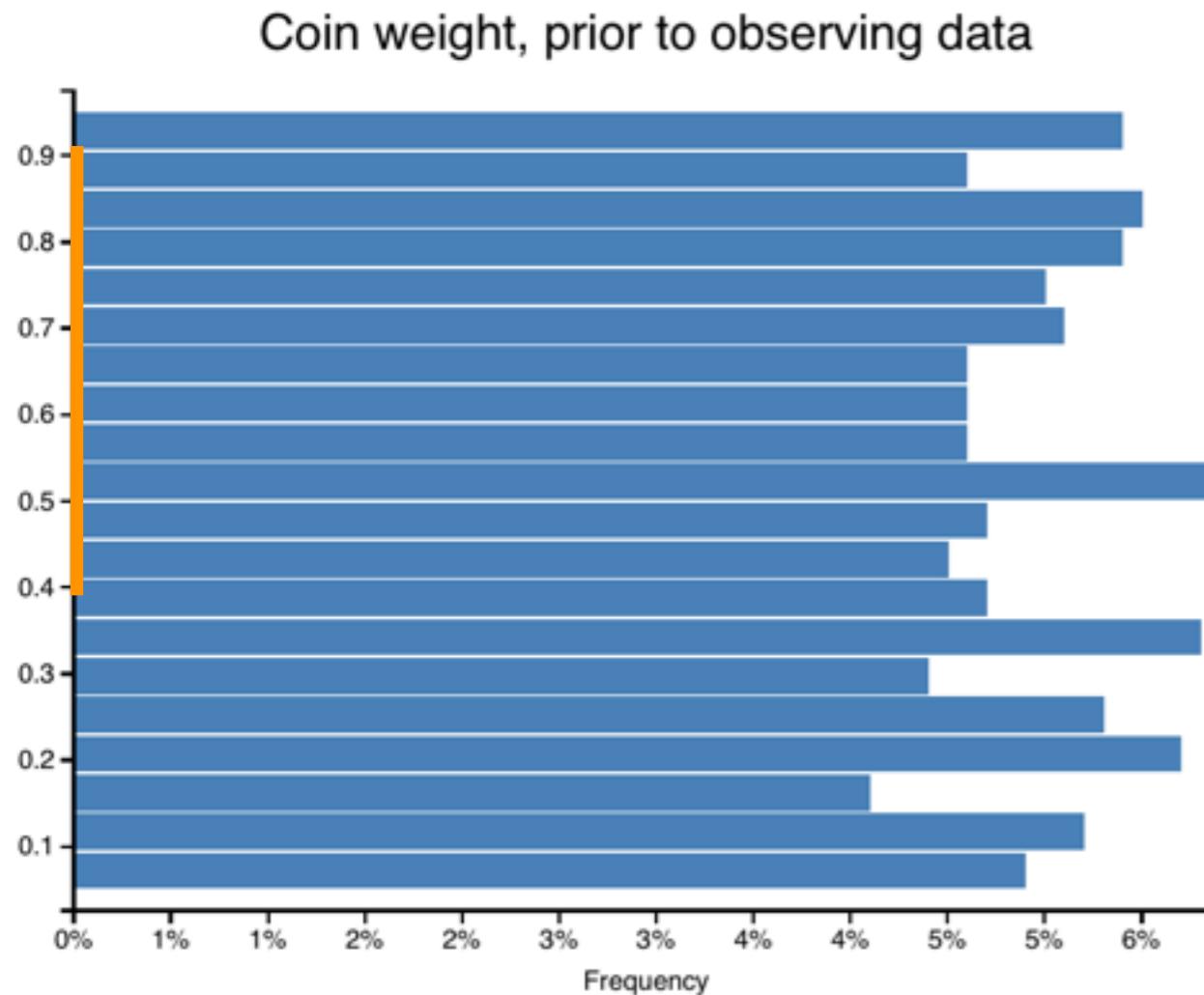


# Bayesian Parameter Learning

- Learning as inference (e.g., Church)
- Prior distributions for parameters
- Given data, find most likely parameter values

# Example

- Flipping a coin with unknown weight
- Prior: uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$
- Observation: 5x heads in a row
- Sampling from Church model:



# ProbLog Example

**prior**

```
0.05::weight(C,0.1) ; 0.2::weight(C,0.3) ; 0.5::weight(C,0.5) ;
0.2::weight(C,0.7) ; 0.05::weight(C,0.9) :- coin(C) .
```

```
Param::toss(_,Param,_).
```

```
coin(c1).
```

```
heads(C,R) :- weight(C,Param),toss(C,Param,R).
```

```
coin(c2).
```

```
tails(C,R) :- weight(C,Param),\+toss(C,Param,R).
```

```
param(0.1).
```

```
data(C,[]).
```

```
param(0.3).
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```
data(C,[h|R]) :- heads(C,R), data(C,R).
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```
param(0.5).
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data(C,[t|R]) :- tails(C,R), data(C,R).
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param(0.7).
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query(weight(C,X)) :- coin(C), param(X). **ask for posterior**

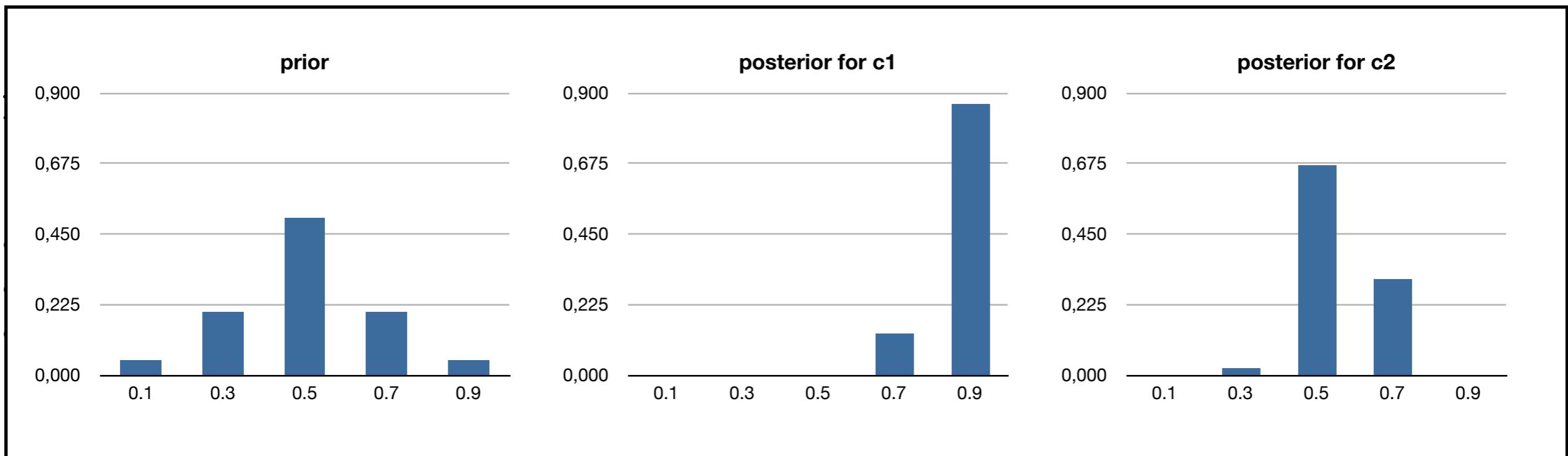
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evidence(data(c1,[h,h,h,h,h,h,h,h,h,h,h]),true).
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**data**

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evidence(data(c2,[h,t,h,h,h,h,t,t,h,t,t,h]),true).
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Fragment of world with

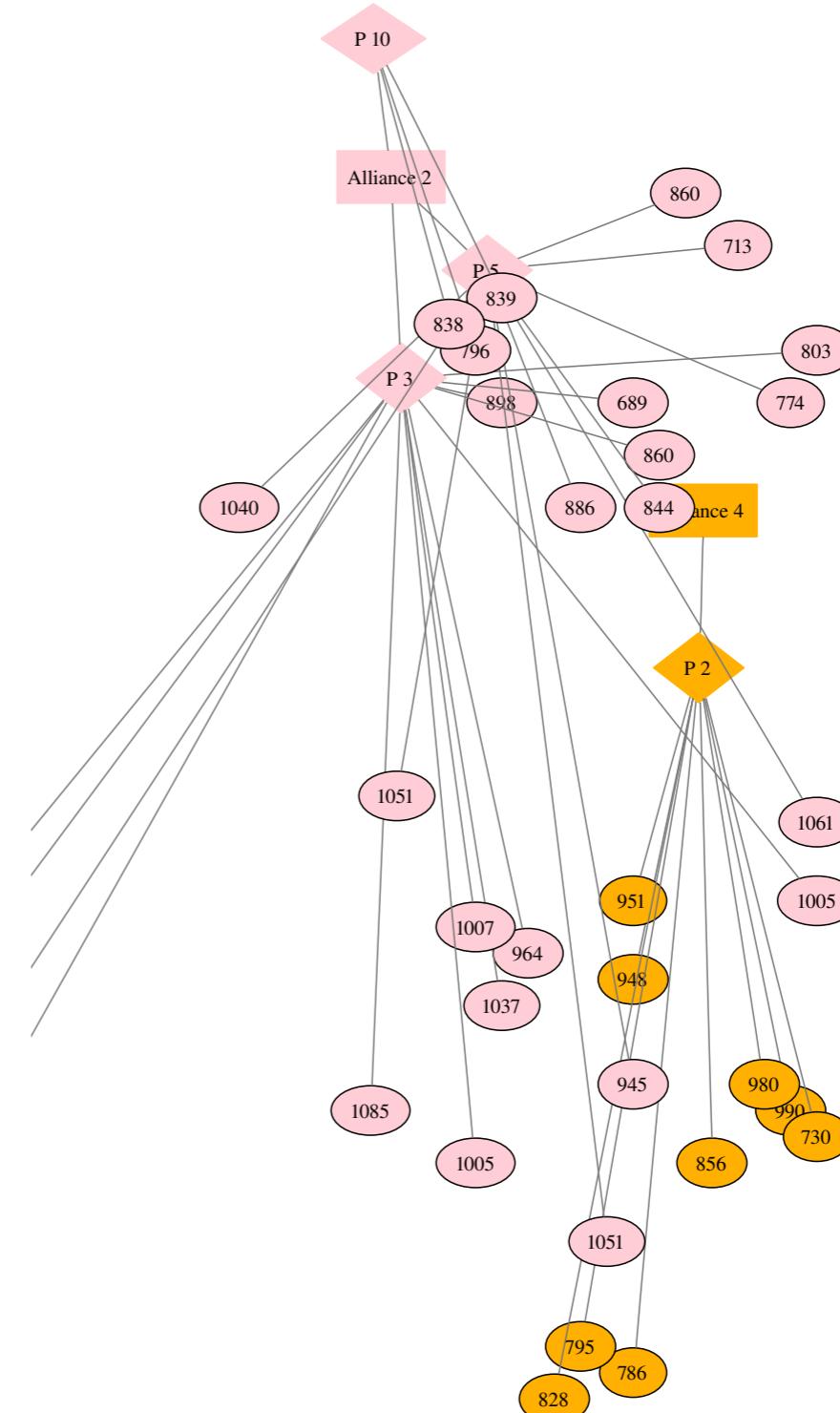
- ~10 alliances
- ~200 players
- ~600 cities

alliances color-coded

Can we build a model  
of this world ?

Can we use it for playing  
better ?

[Thon, Landwehr, De Raedt, ECML08]

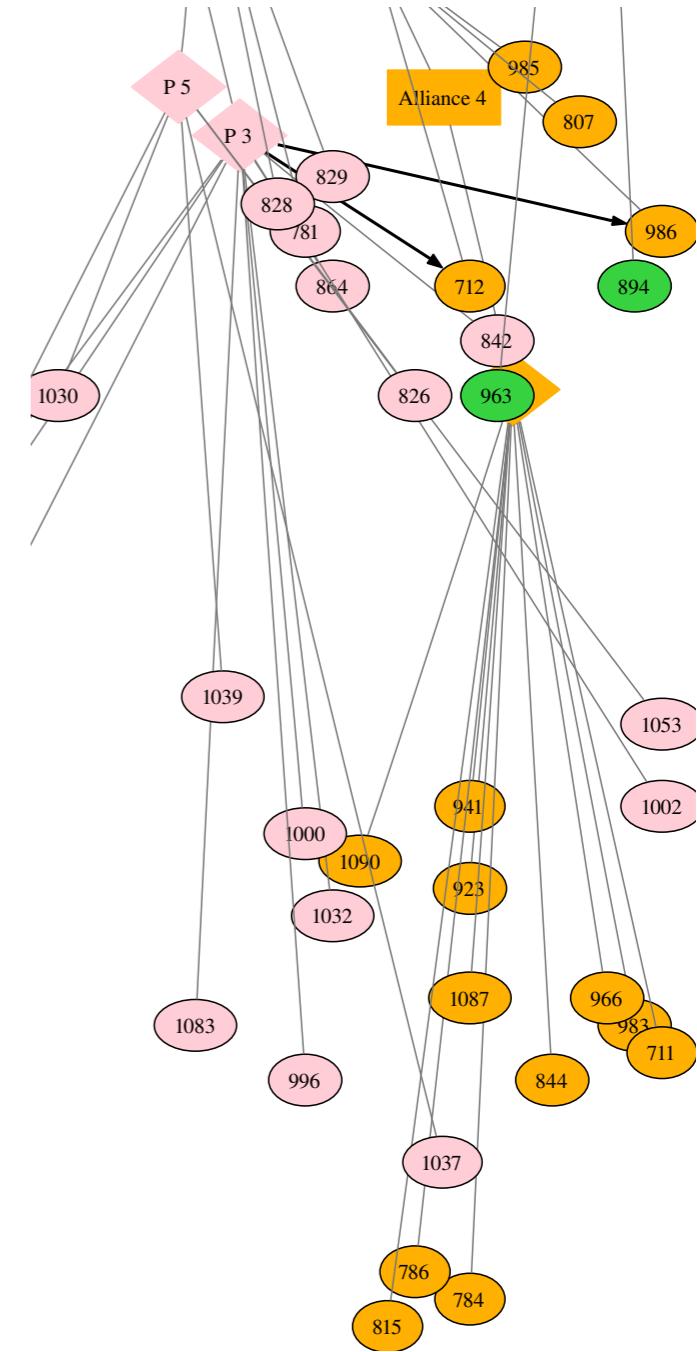


# CPT-Rules

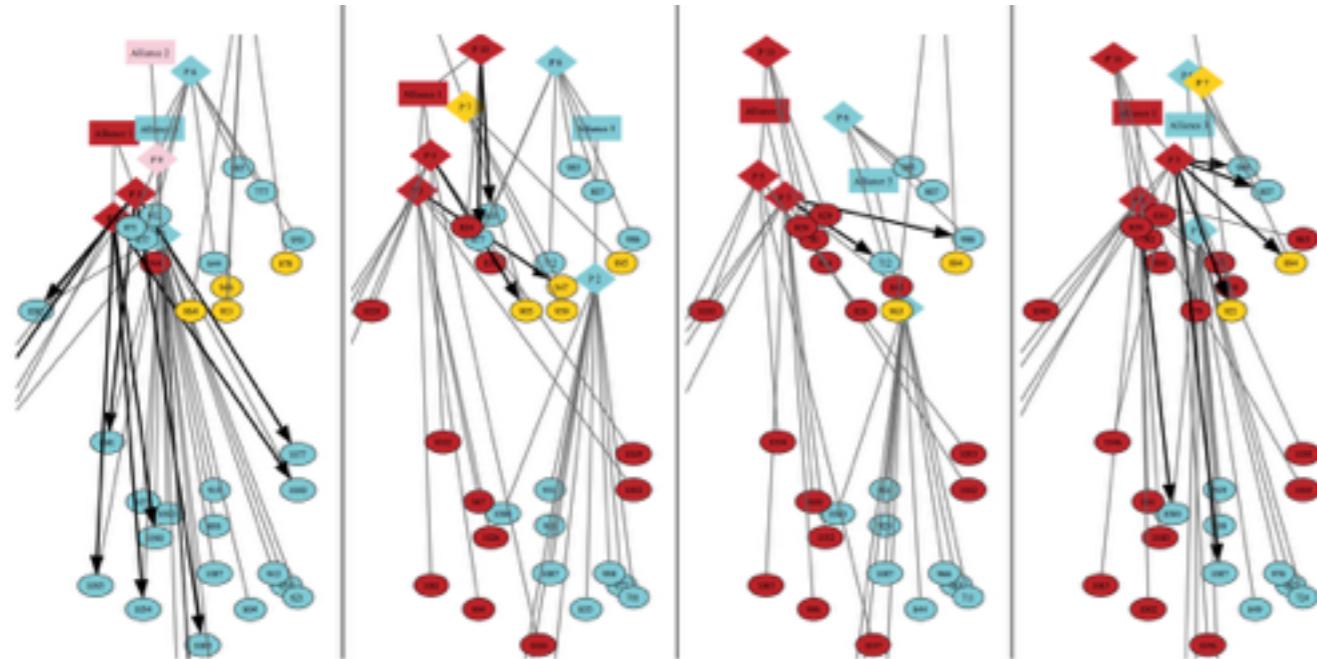
$$\frac{b_1, \dots, b_n \rightarrow h_1 : p_1 \vee \dots \vee h_m : p_m}{\text{cause} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{effect}}$$

*city(C, Owner), city(C2, Attacker), close(C, C2) → conquest(Attacker, C2) : p ∨ nil : (1 − p)*

*conquer a city which is close  
P(conquest(), Time+5) ?  
learn parameters*

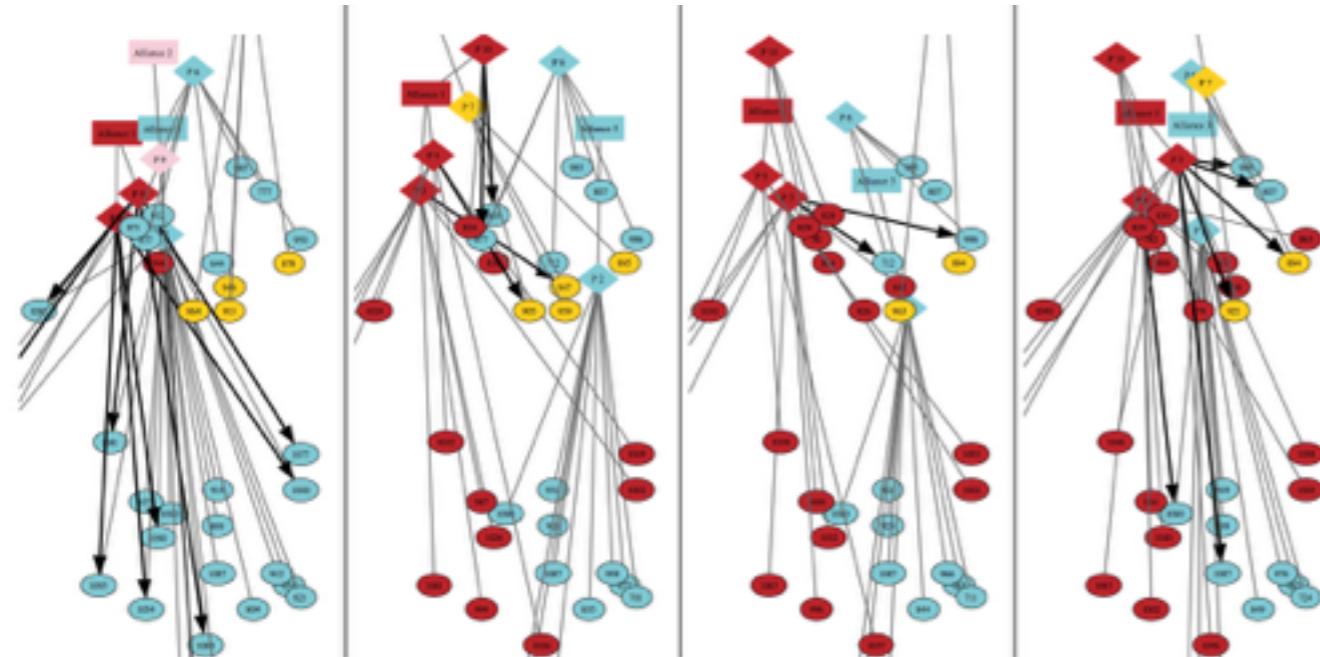


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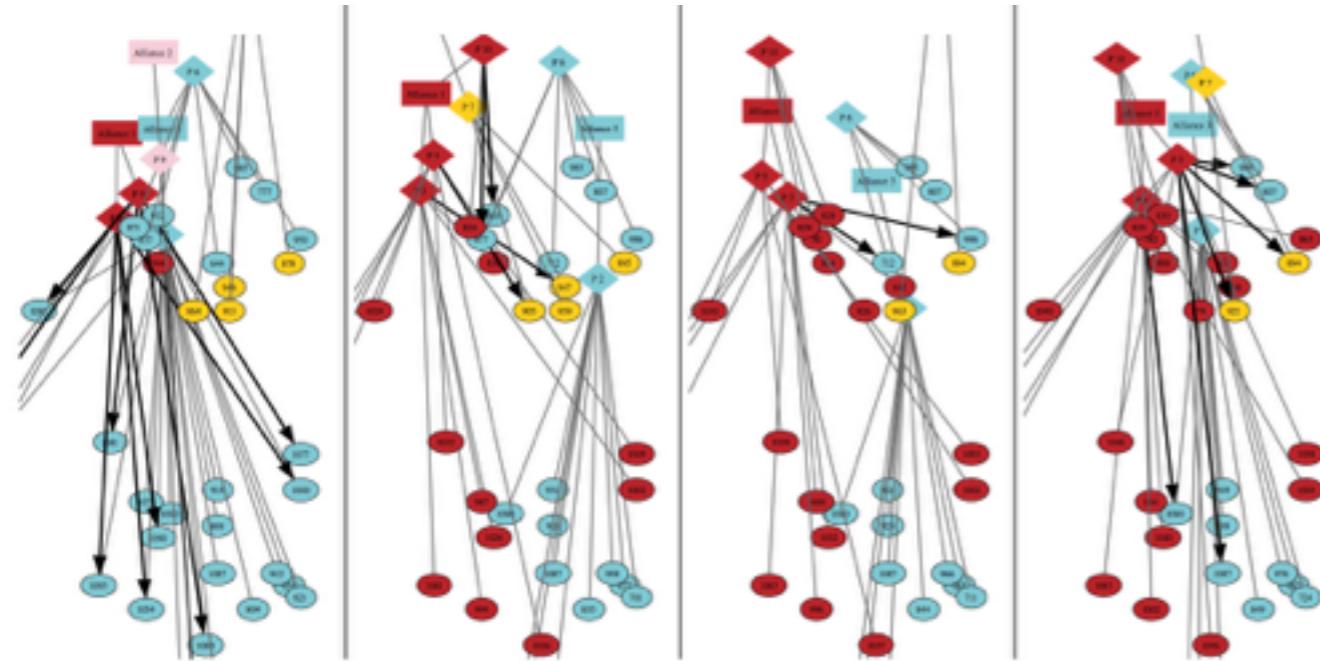
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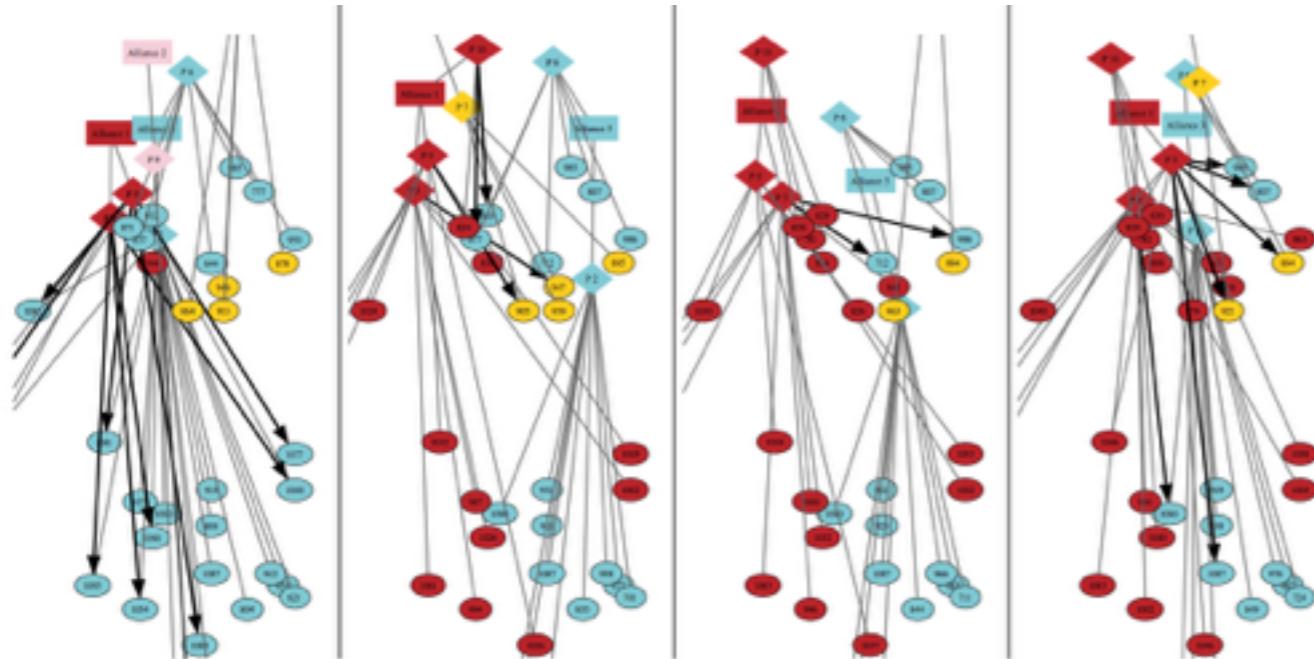
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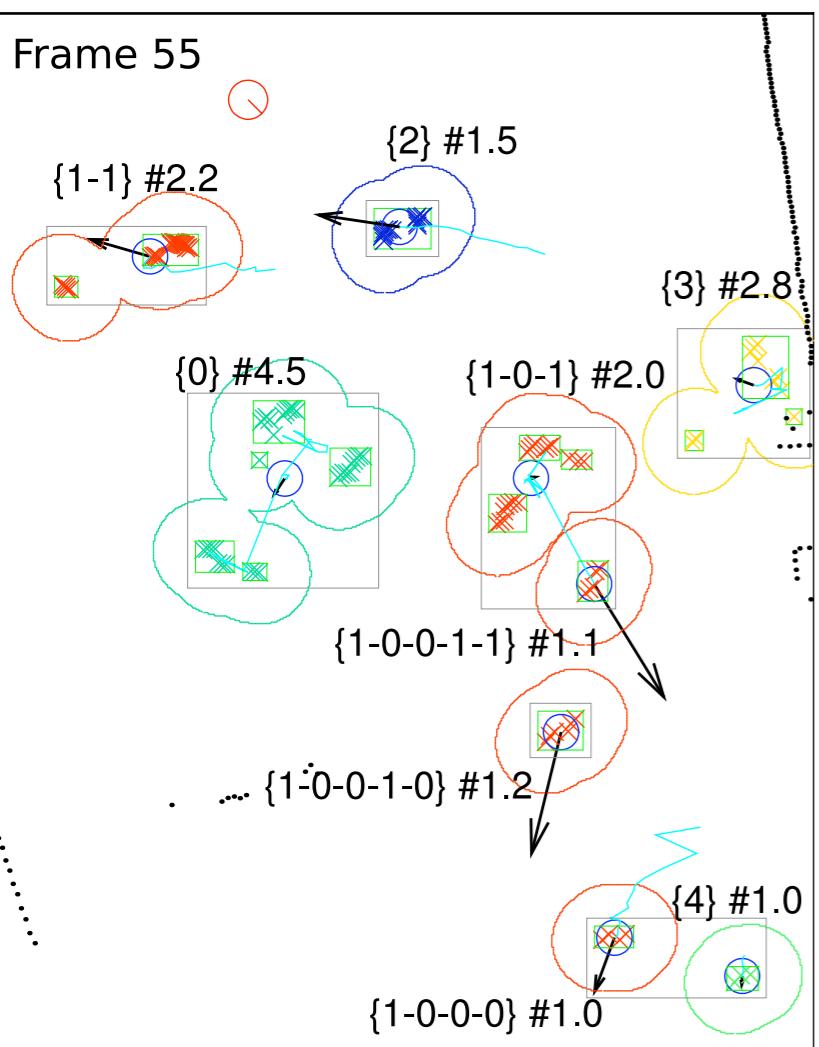
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# Analyzing Video Data



- Track people or objects over time? Even if temporarily hidden?  
[Skarlatidis et al, TPLP 14; Nitti et al, IROS 13, ICRA 14]
- Recognize activities?
- Infer object properties?

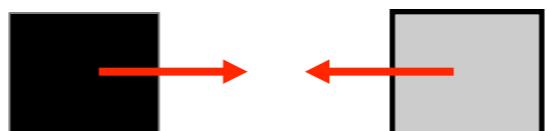


# Magnetic scenario

- 3 object types: magnetic, ferromagnetic, nonmagnetic

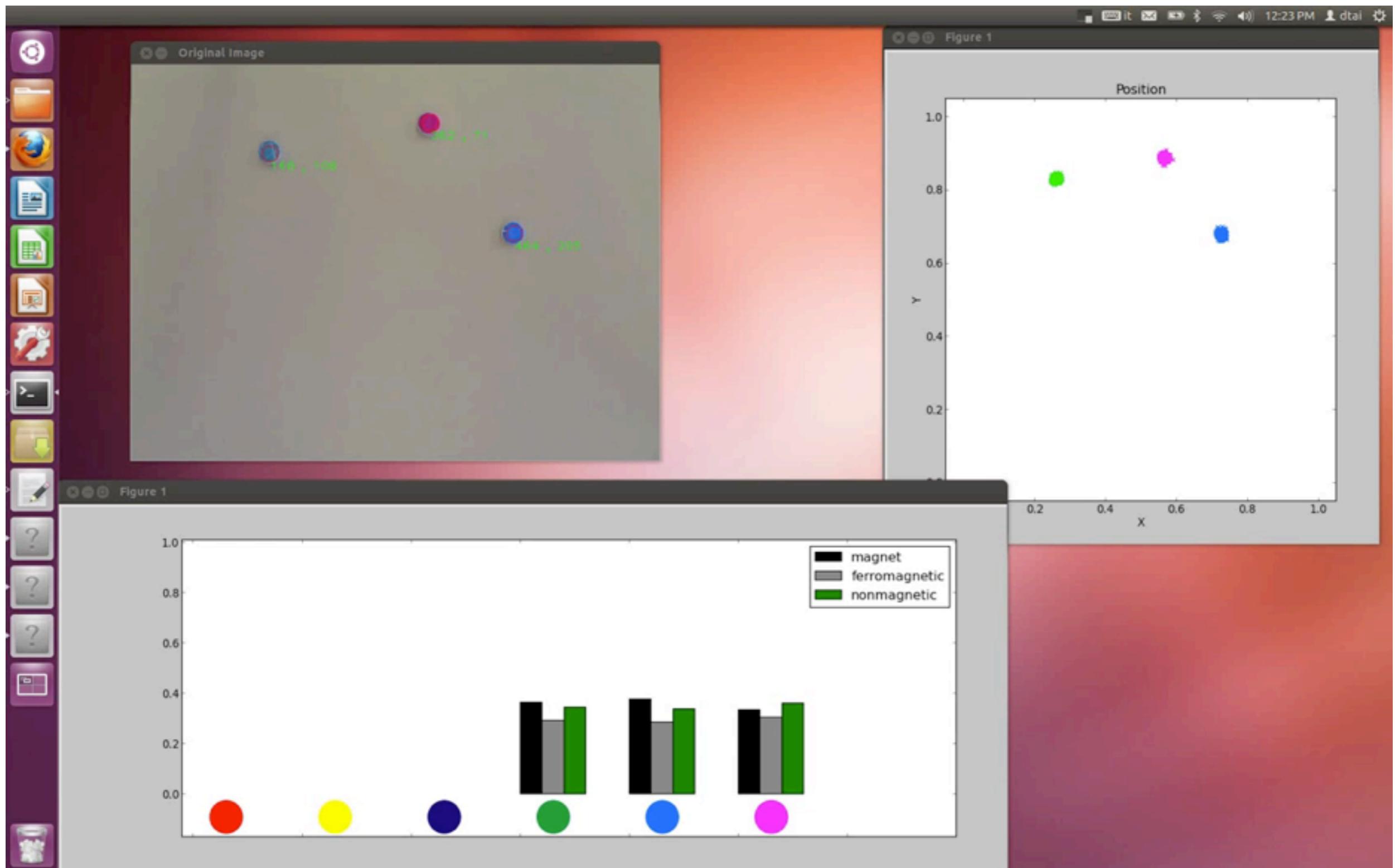


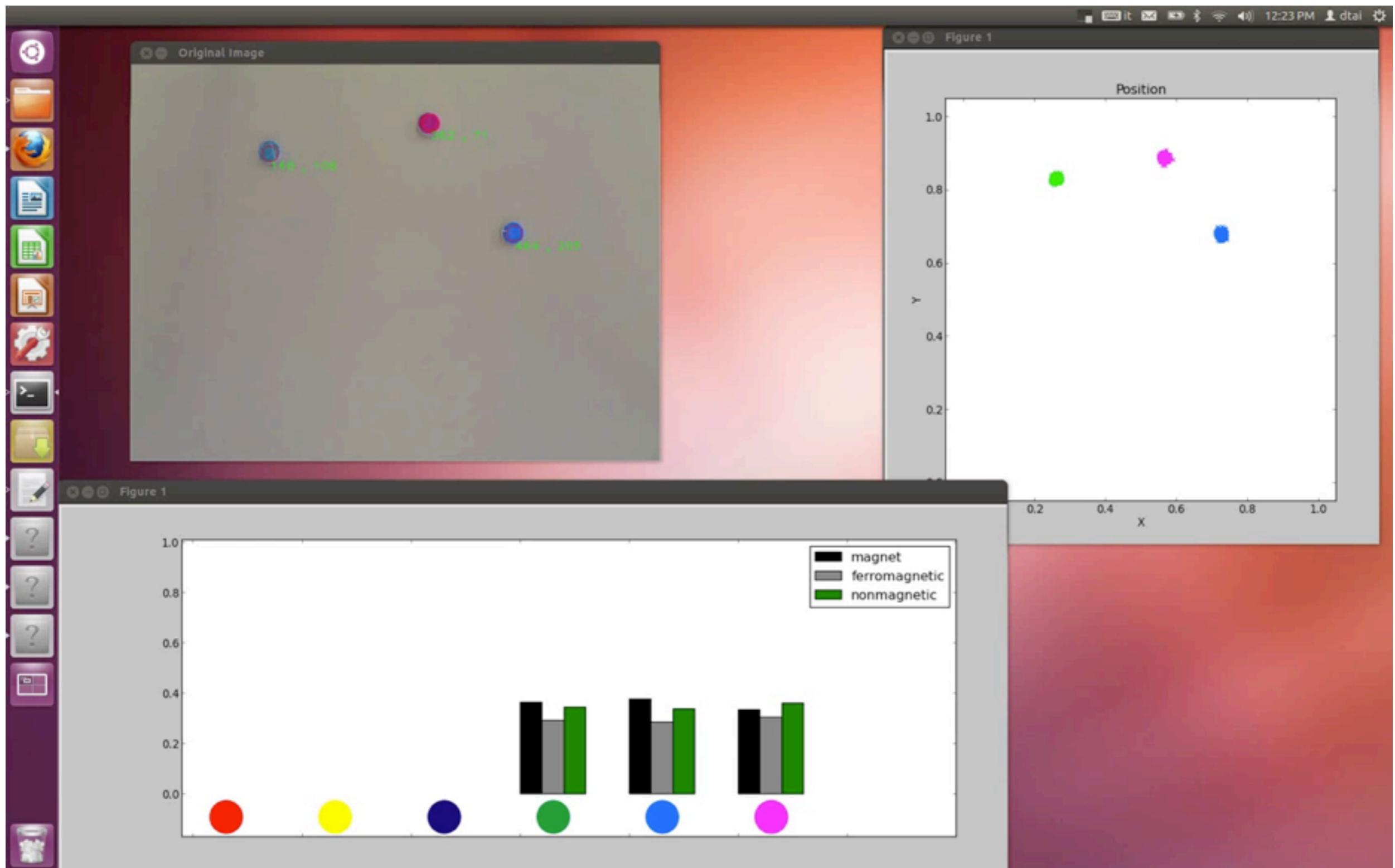
- Nonmagnetic objects do not interact
- A magnet and a ferromagnetic object attract each other



- Magnetic force that depends on the distance
- If an object is held magnetic force is compensated.







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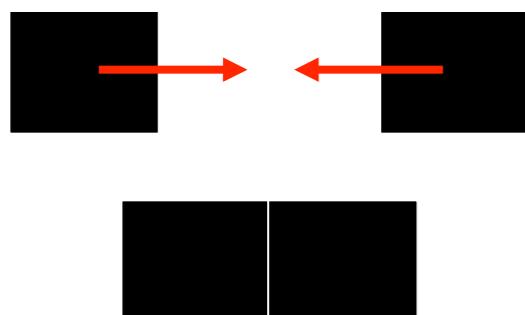
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$\text{type}(X)_t \sim \text{finite}([1/3:\text{magnet}, 1/3:\text{ferromagnetic}, 1/3:\text{nonmagnetic}]) \leftarrow \text{object}(X).$

- 2 magnets attract or repulse

$\text{interaction}(A,B)_t \sim \text{finite}([0.5:\text{attraction}, 0.5:\text{repulsion}]) \leftarrow \text{object}(A), \text{object}(B), A < B, \text{type}(A)_t = \text{magnet}, \text{type}(B)_t = \text{magnet}.$

- Next position after attraction



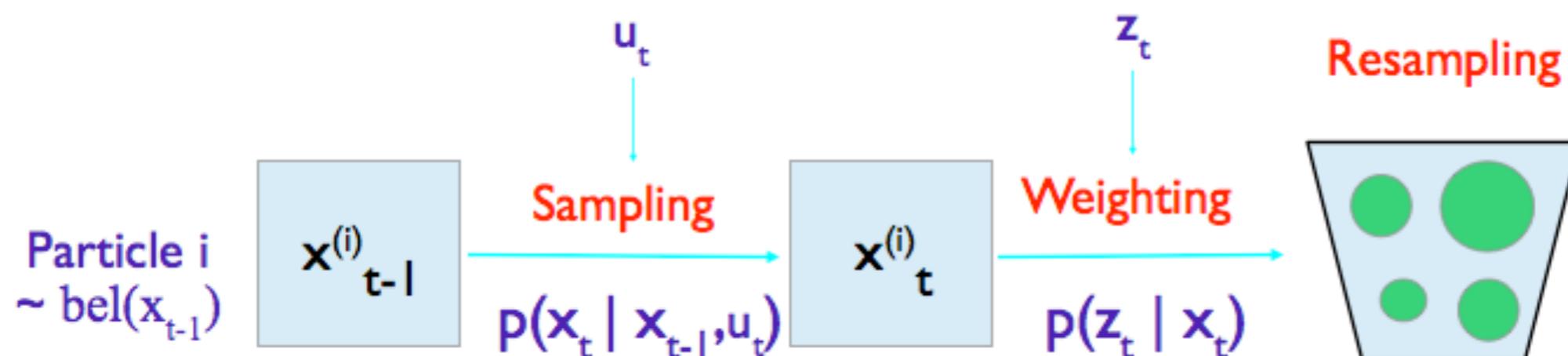
$\text{pos}(A)_{t+1} \sim \text{gaussian}(\text{middlepoint}(A,B)_t, \text{Cov}) \leftarrow$   
 $\text{near}(A,B)_t, \text{not}(\text{held}(A)), \text{not}(\text{held}(B)),$   
 $\text{interaction}(A,B)_t = \text{attr},$   
 $c/\text{dist}(A,B)_t^2 > \text{friction}(A)_t.$

$\text{pos}(A)_{t+1} \sim \text{gaussian}(\text{pos}(A)_t, \text{Cov}) \leftarrow \text{not}(\text{attraction}(A,B)).$

# Particle Filter

## (Sequential Monte Carlo)

- Based on sampling → approximate inference
- Particles (samples) to represent  $\text{bel}(x_t)$





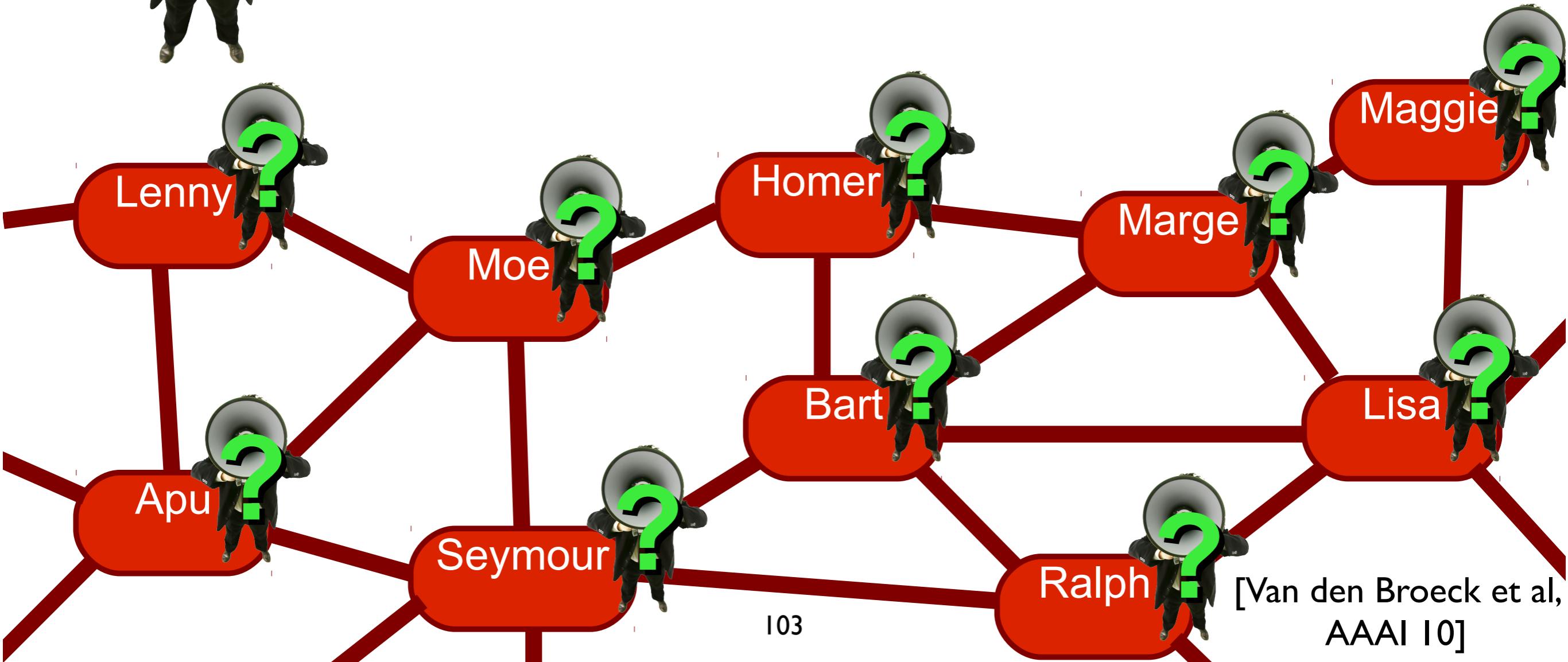
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# Viral Marketing

Which advertising strategy maximizes expected profit?





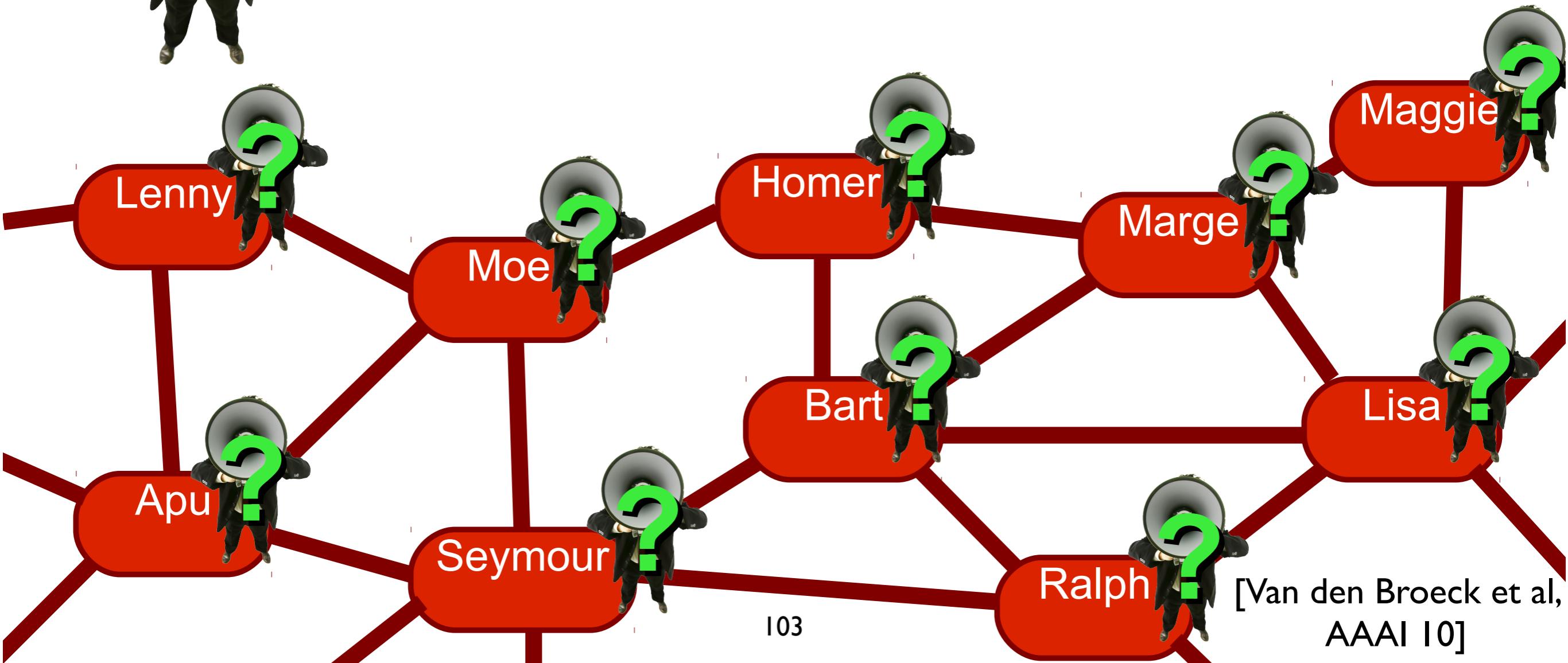
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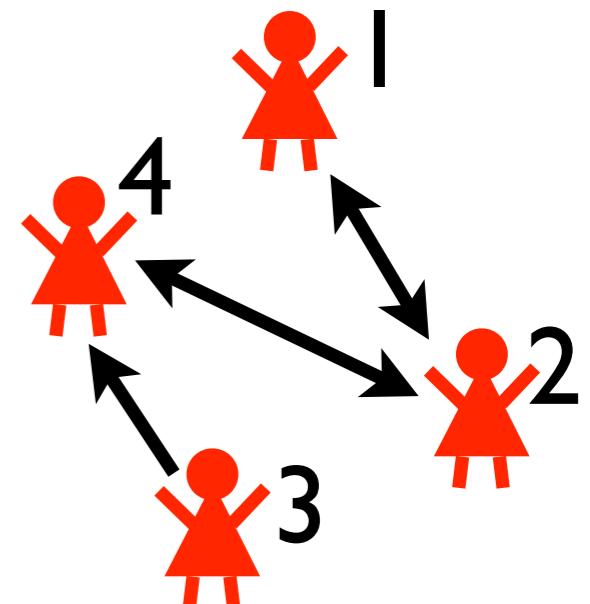
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# Viral Marketing

**decide** truth values of  
some atoms



# DTProbLog



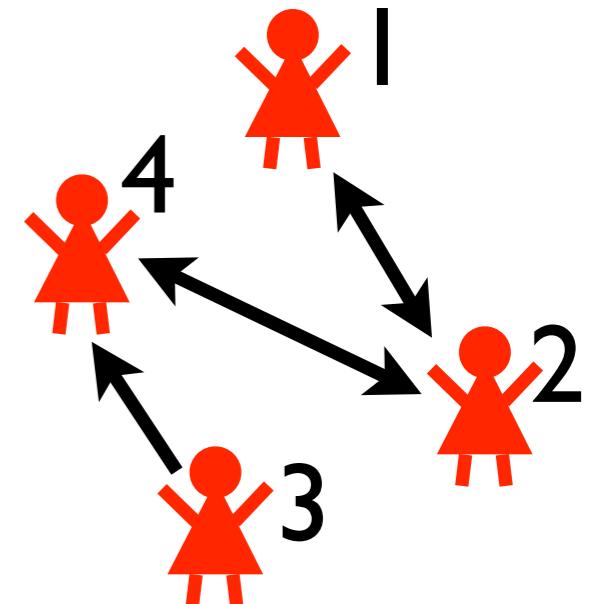
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**decision fact:** true or false?



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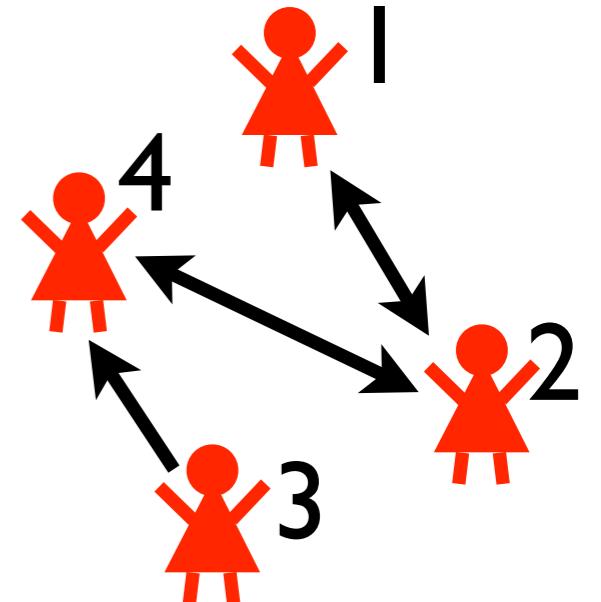
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**probabilistic facts  
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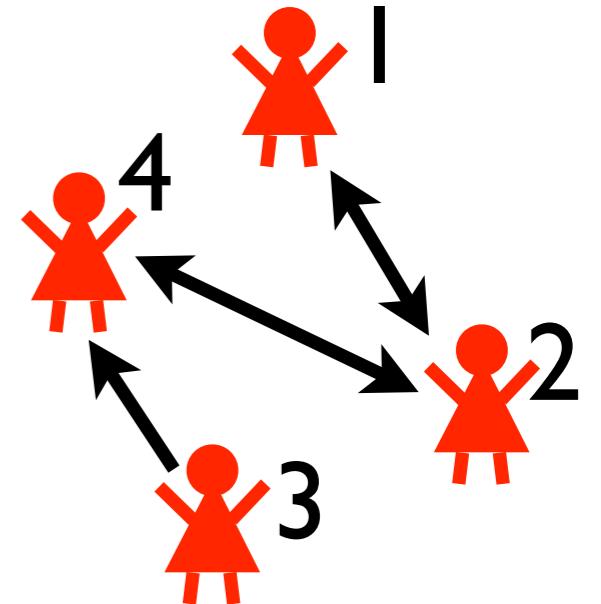
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**utility facts: cost/reward if true**



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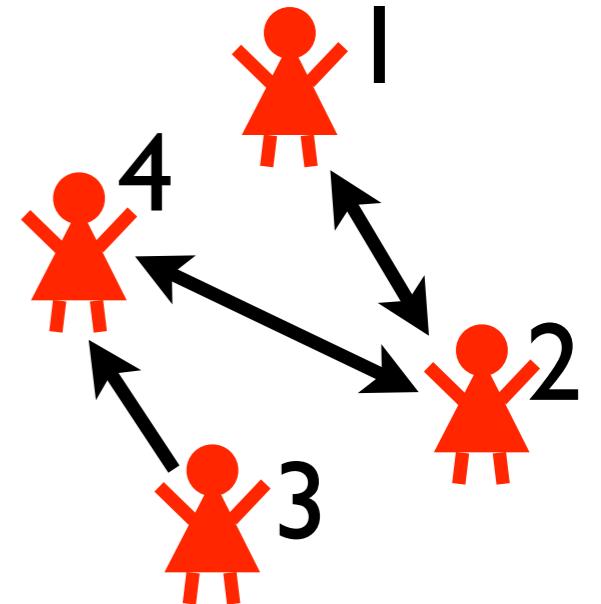
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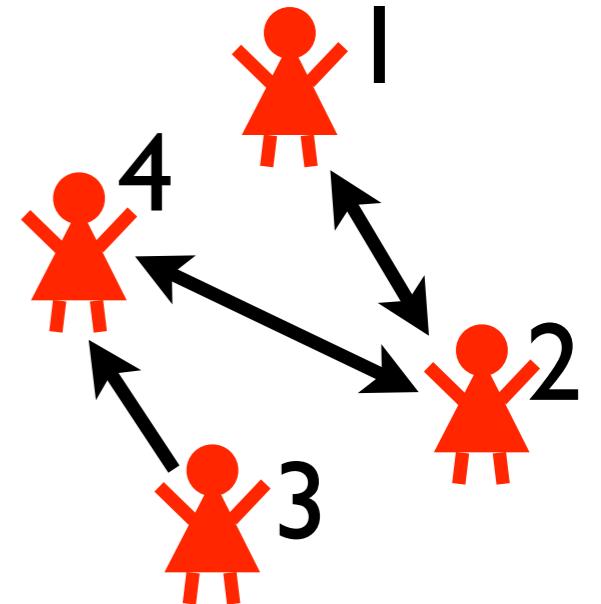
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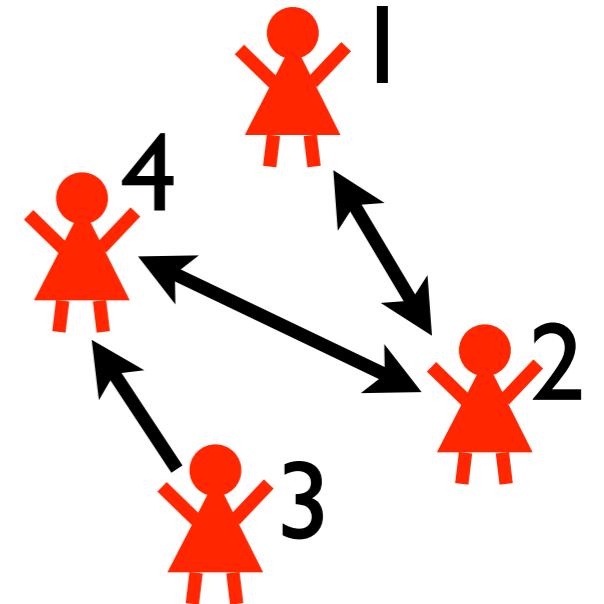
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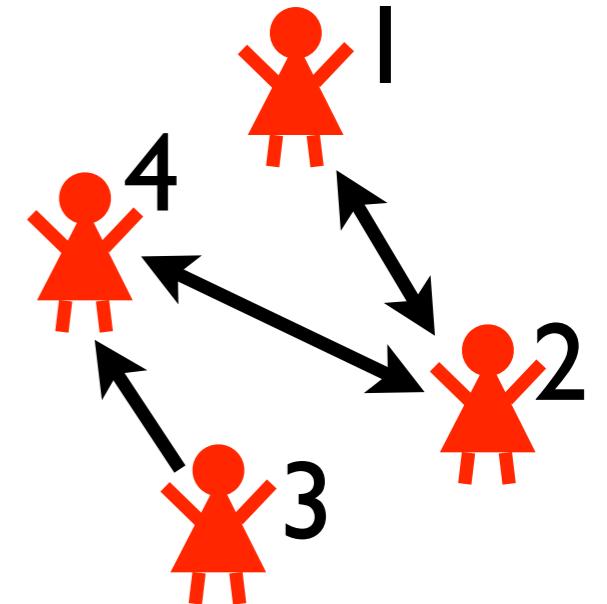
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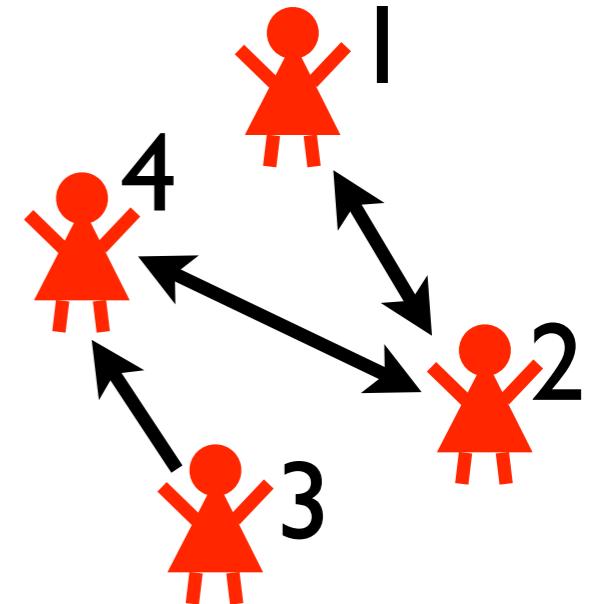
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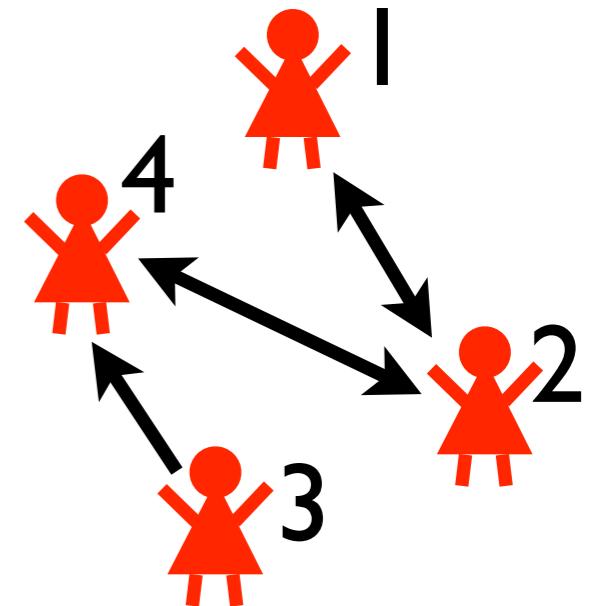
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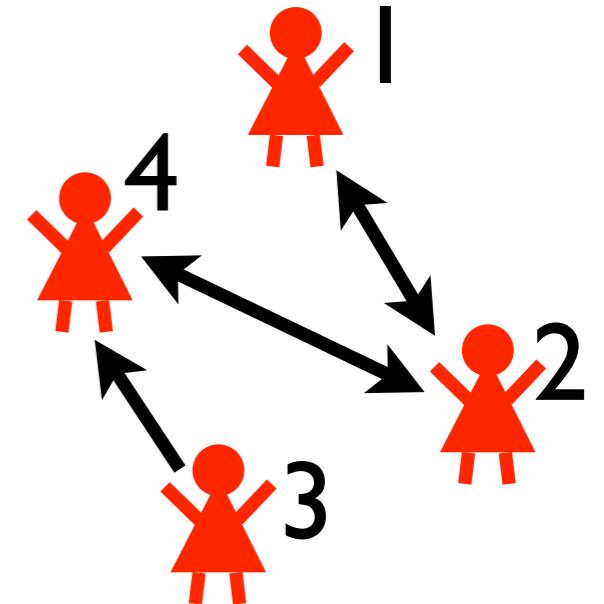
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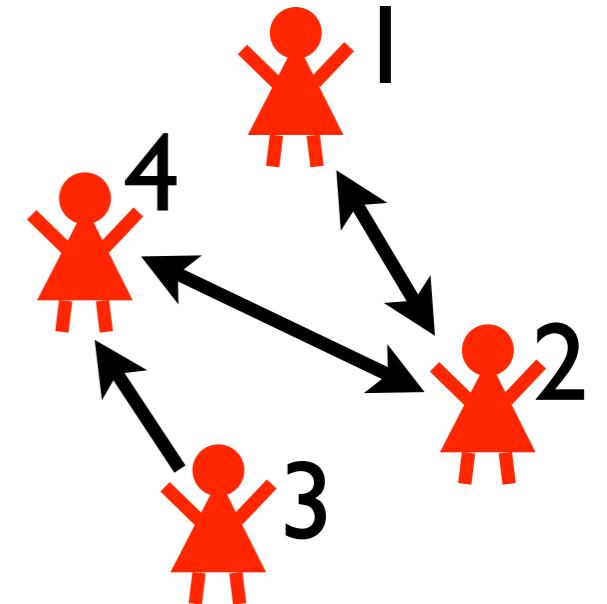
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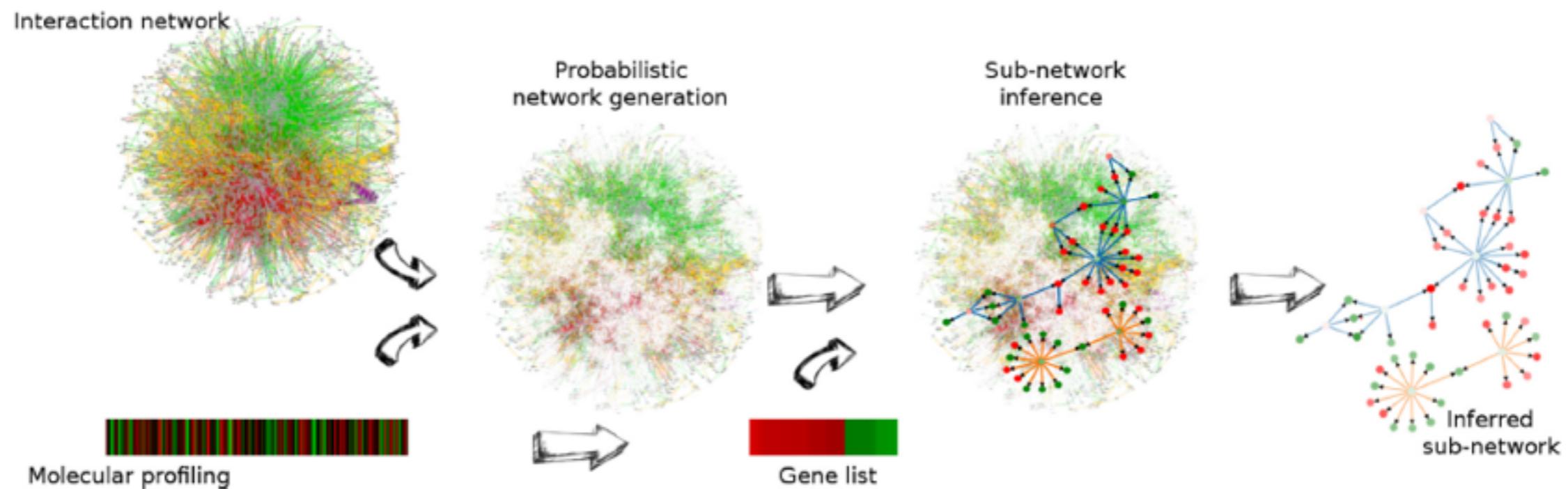
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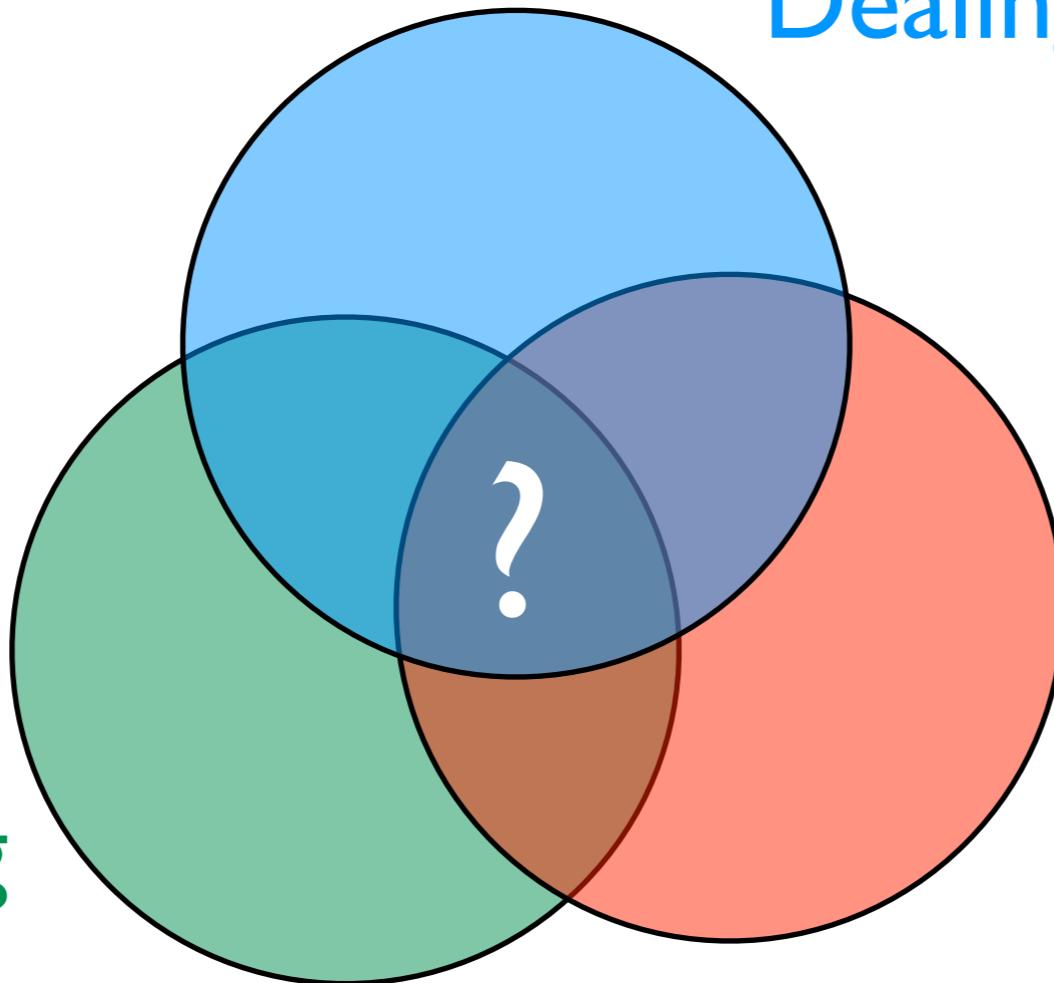


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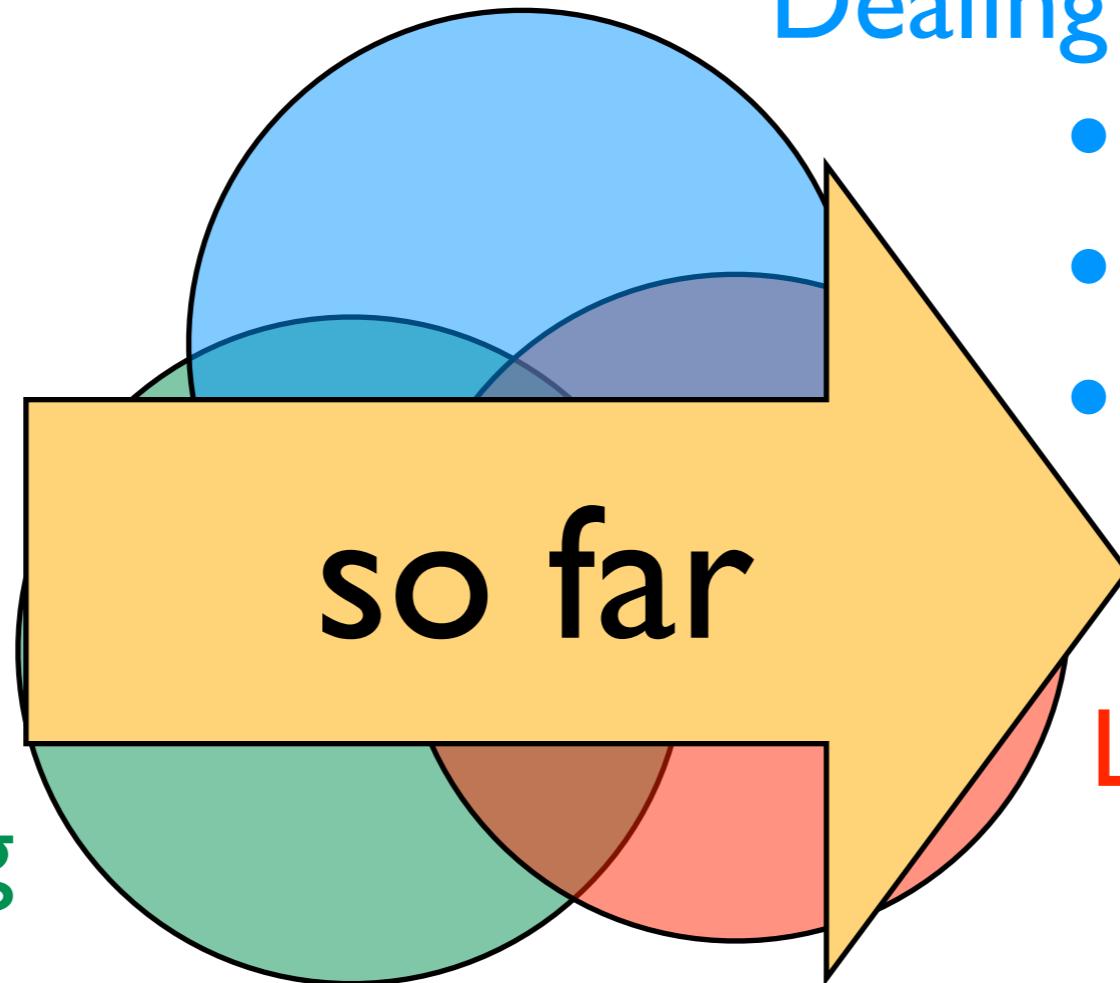
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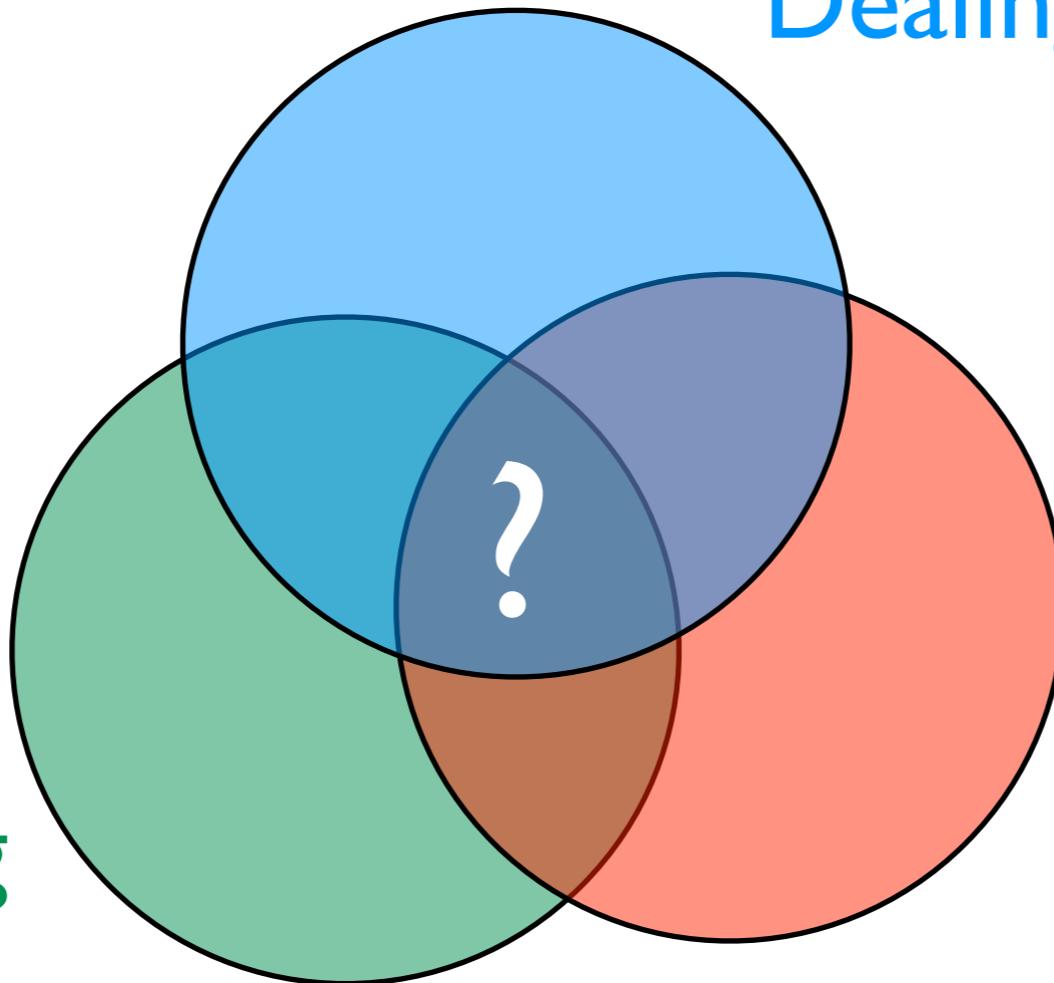
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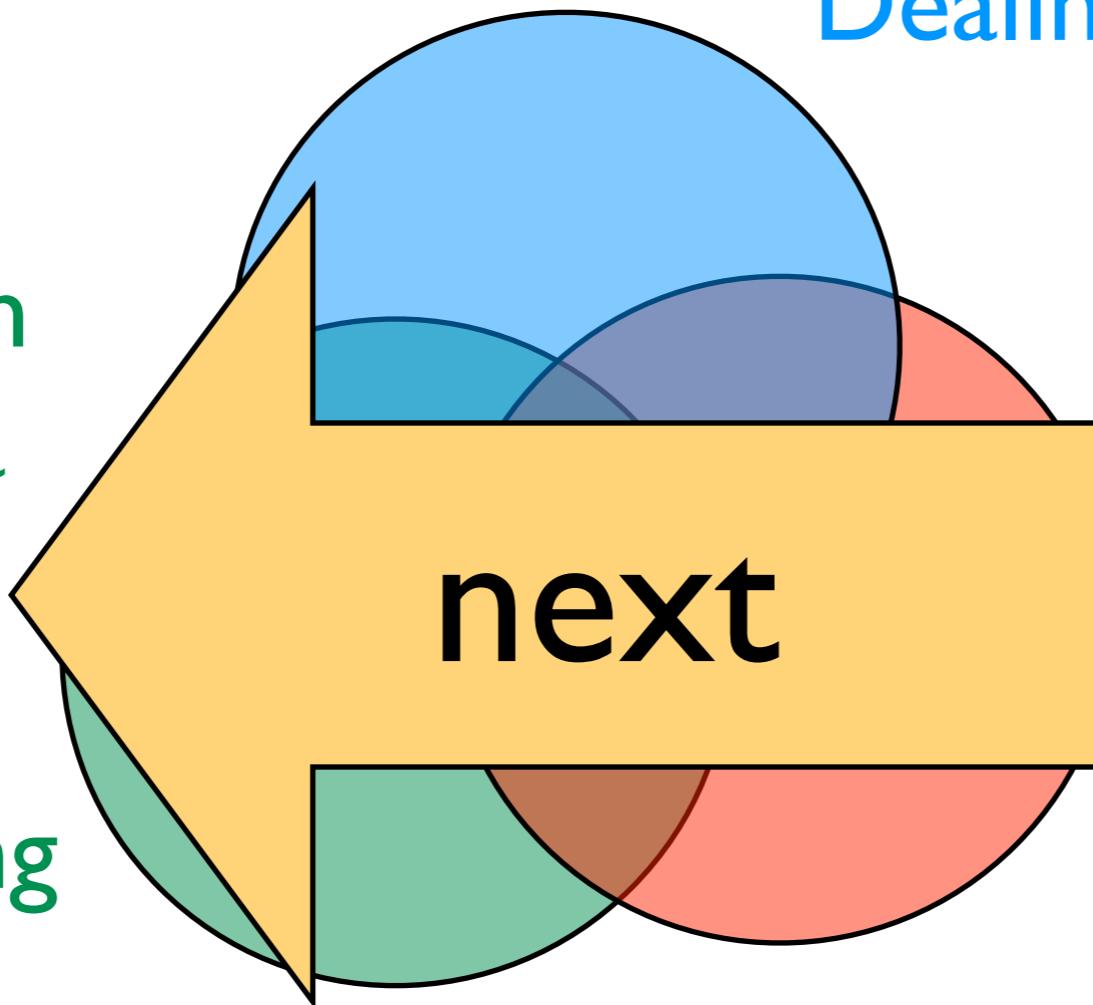
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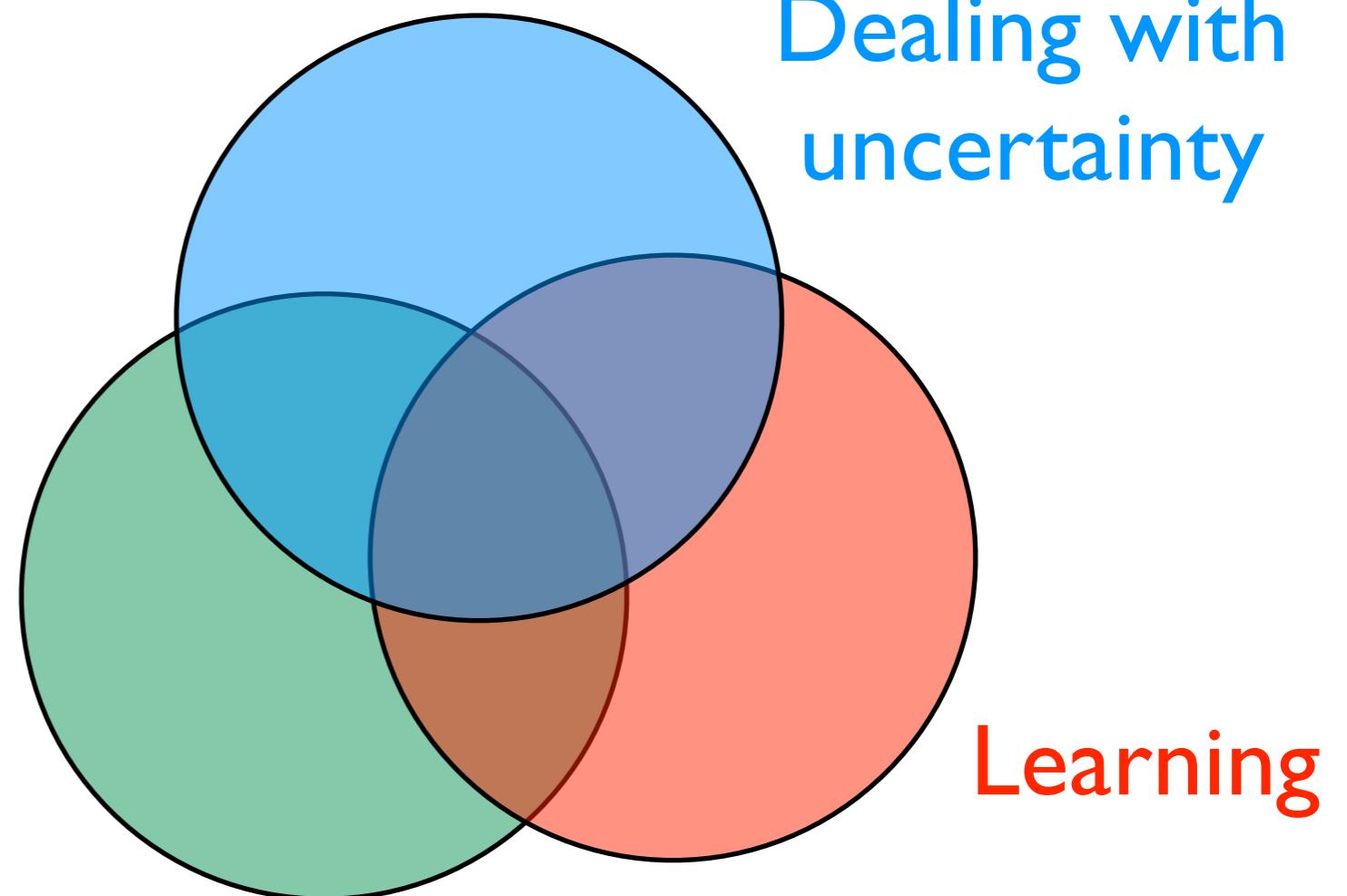
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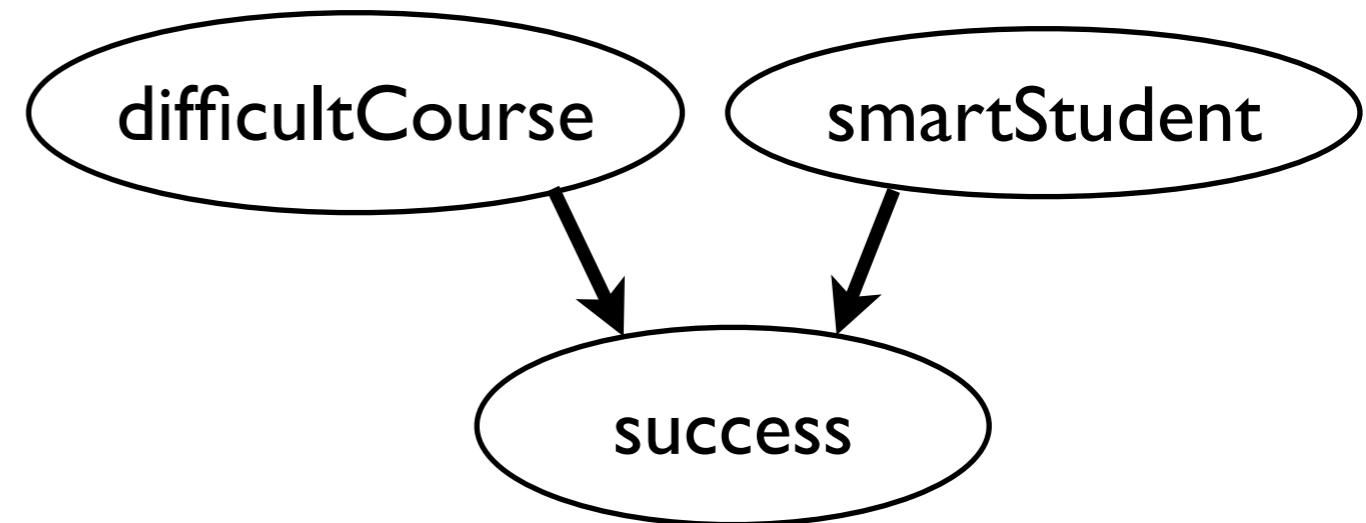
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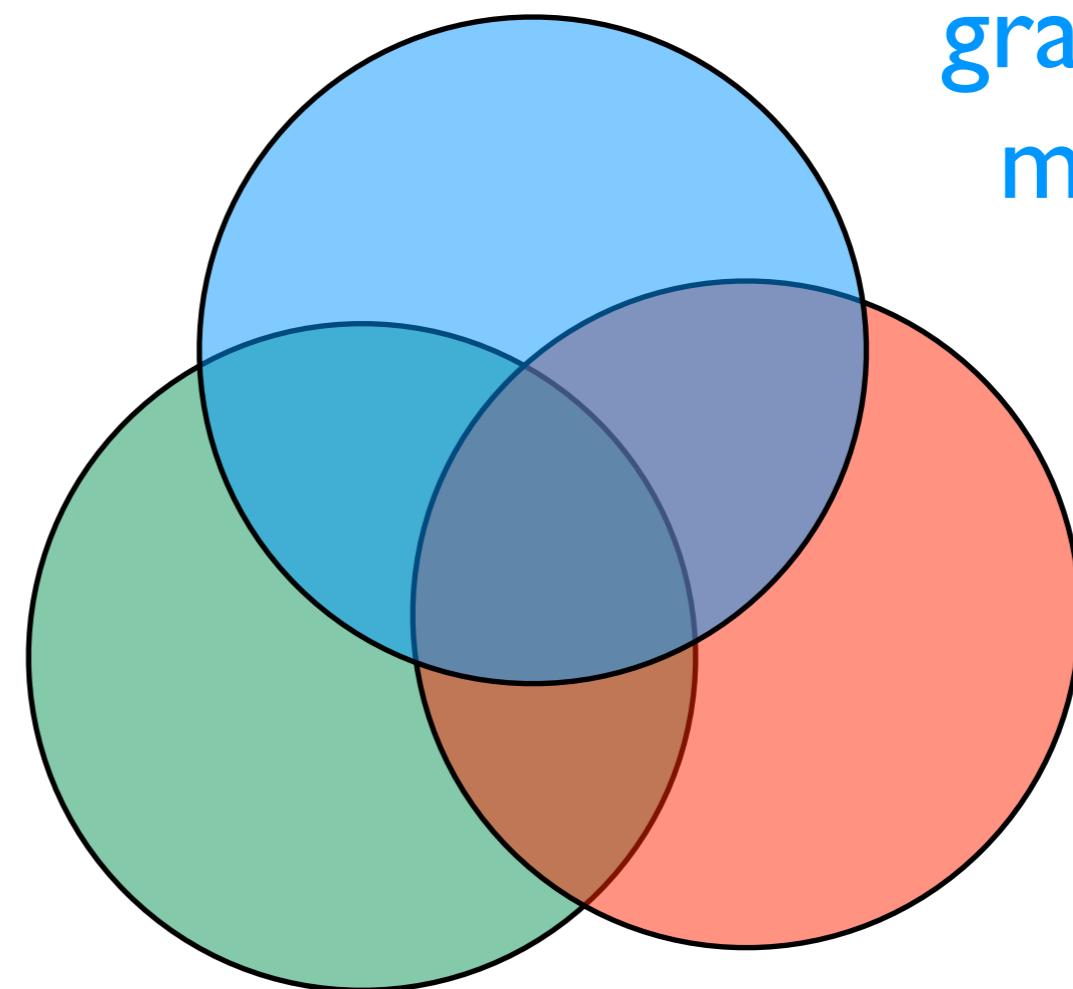


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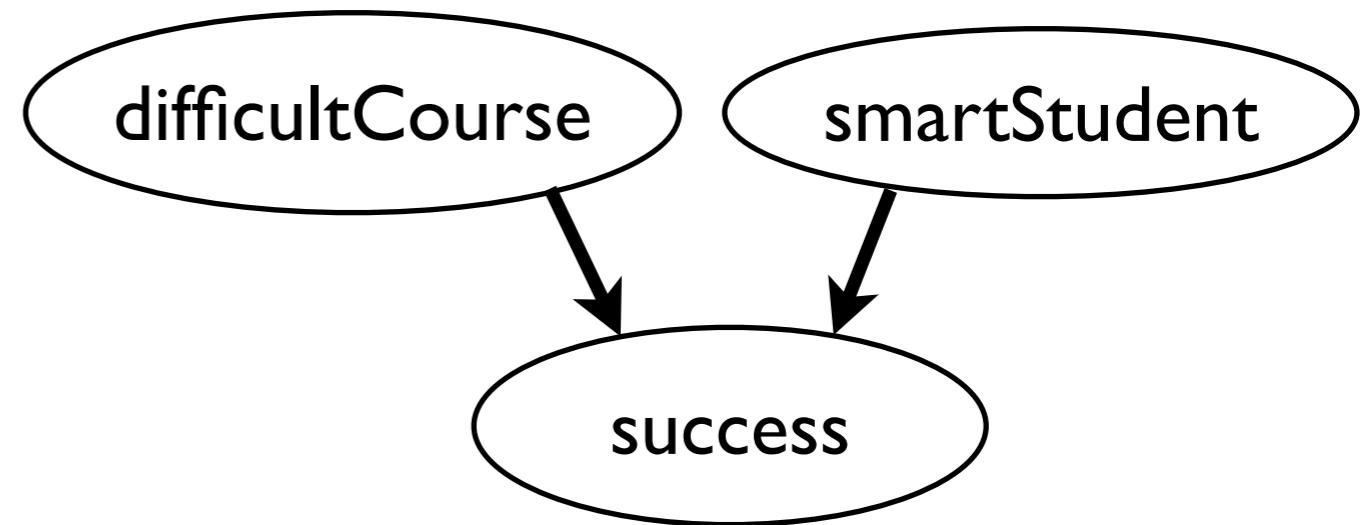
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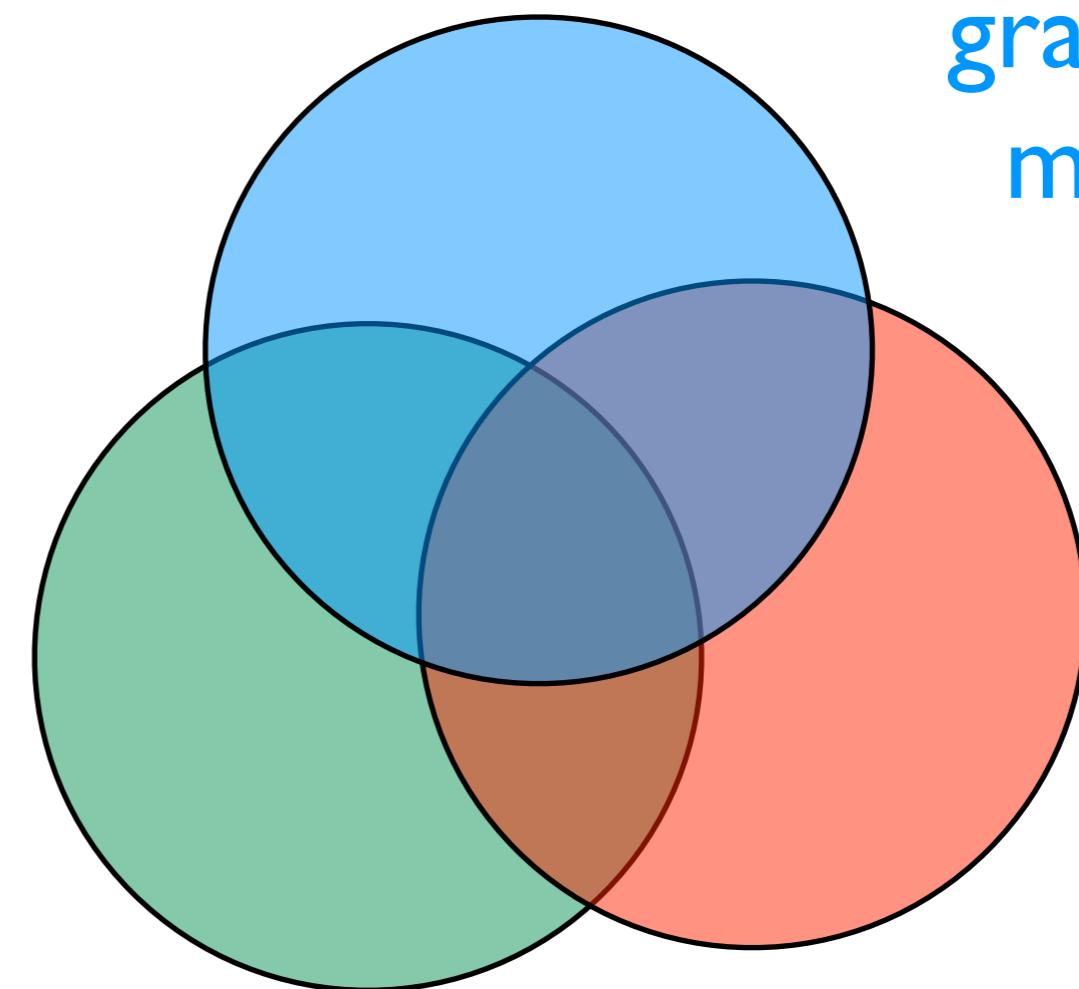
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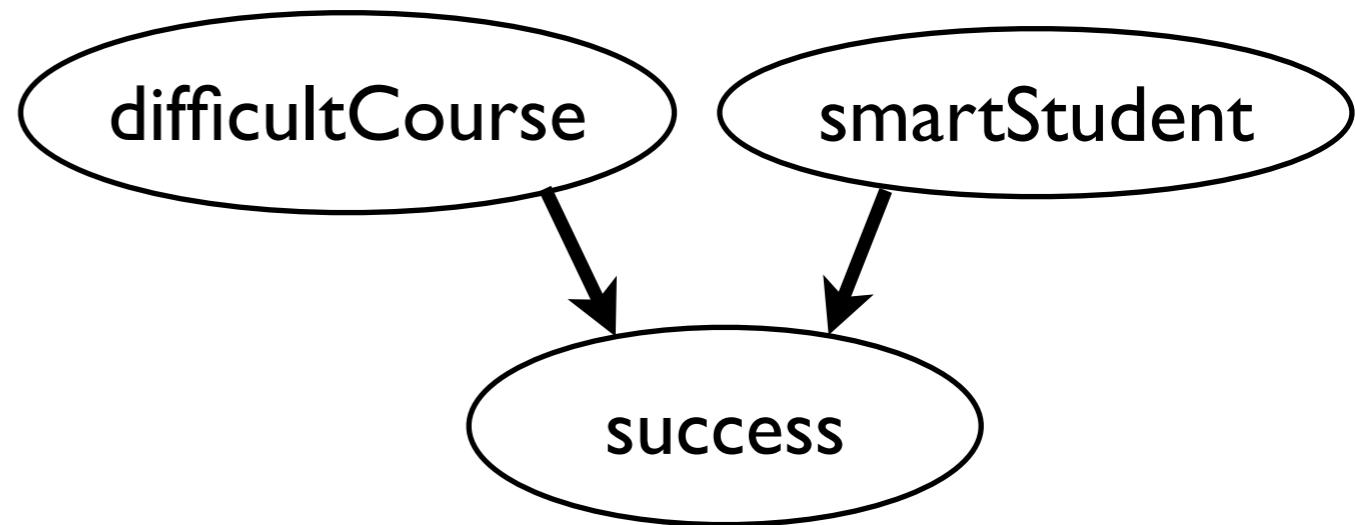
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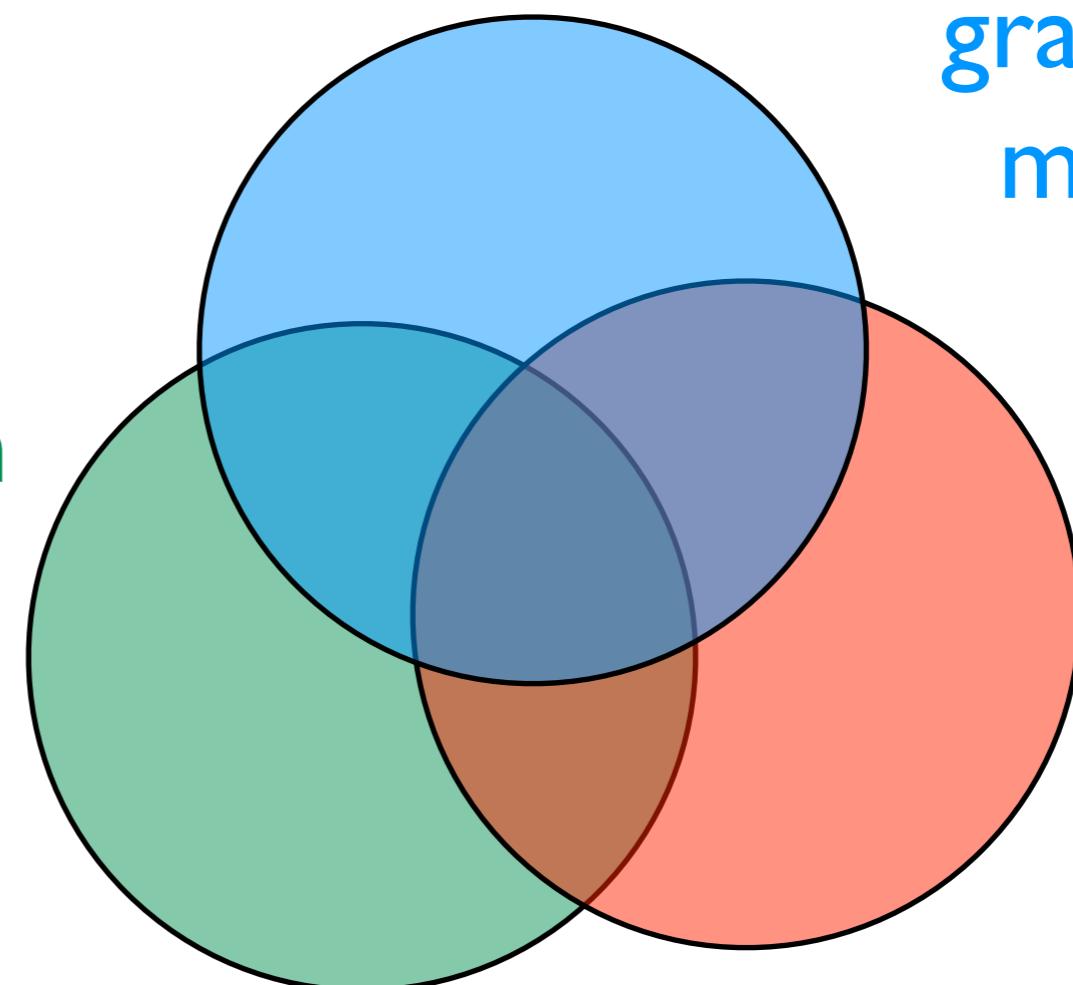
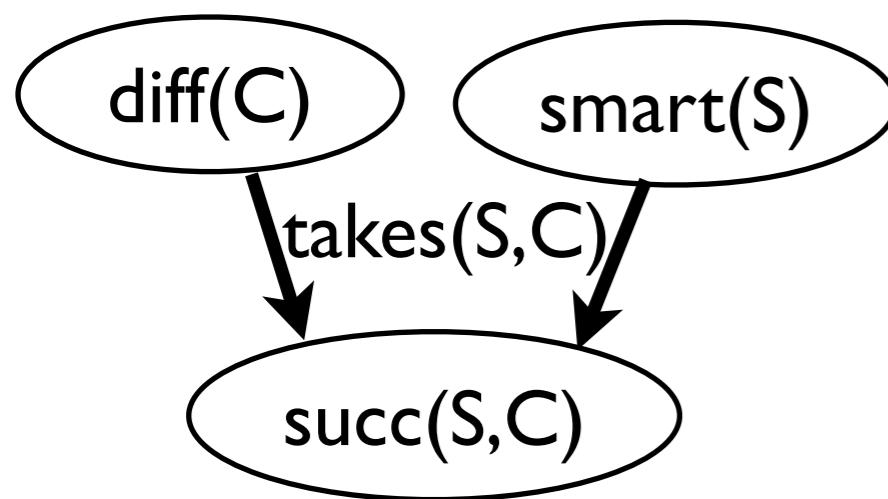
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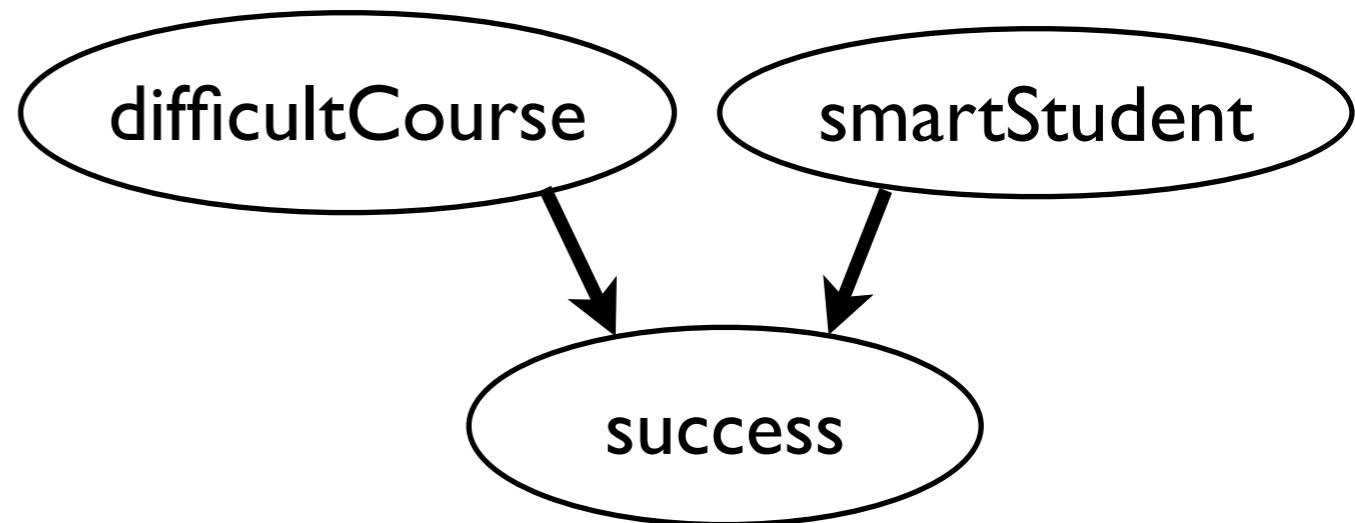
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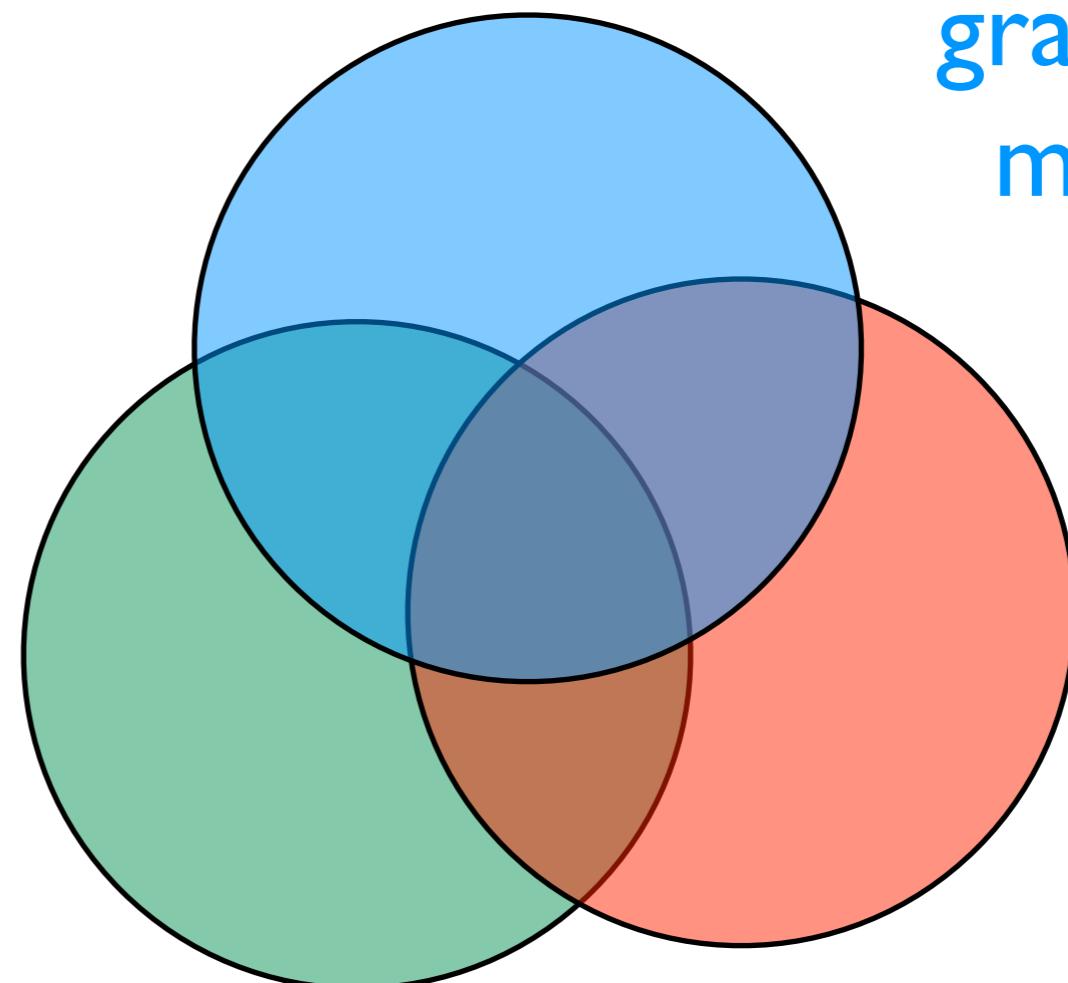
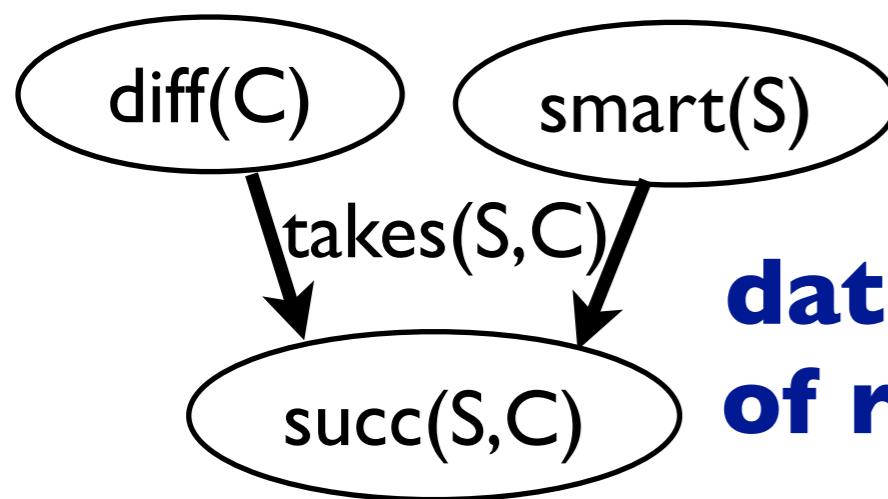
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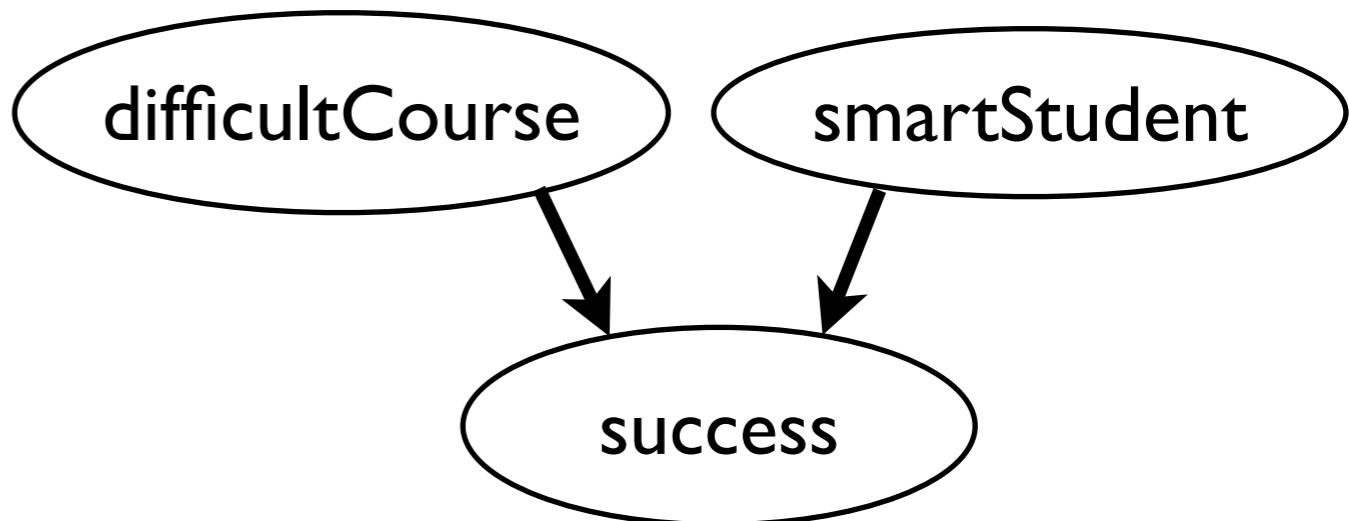


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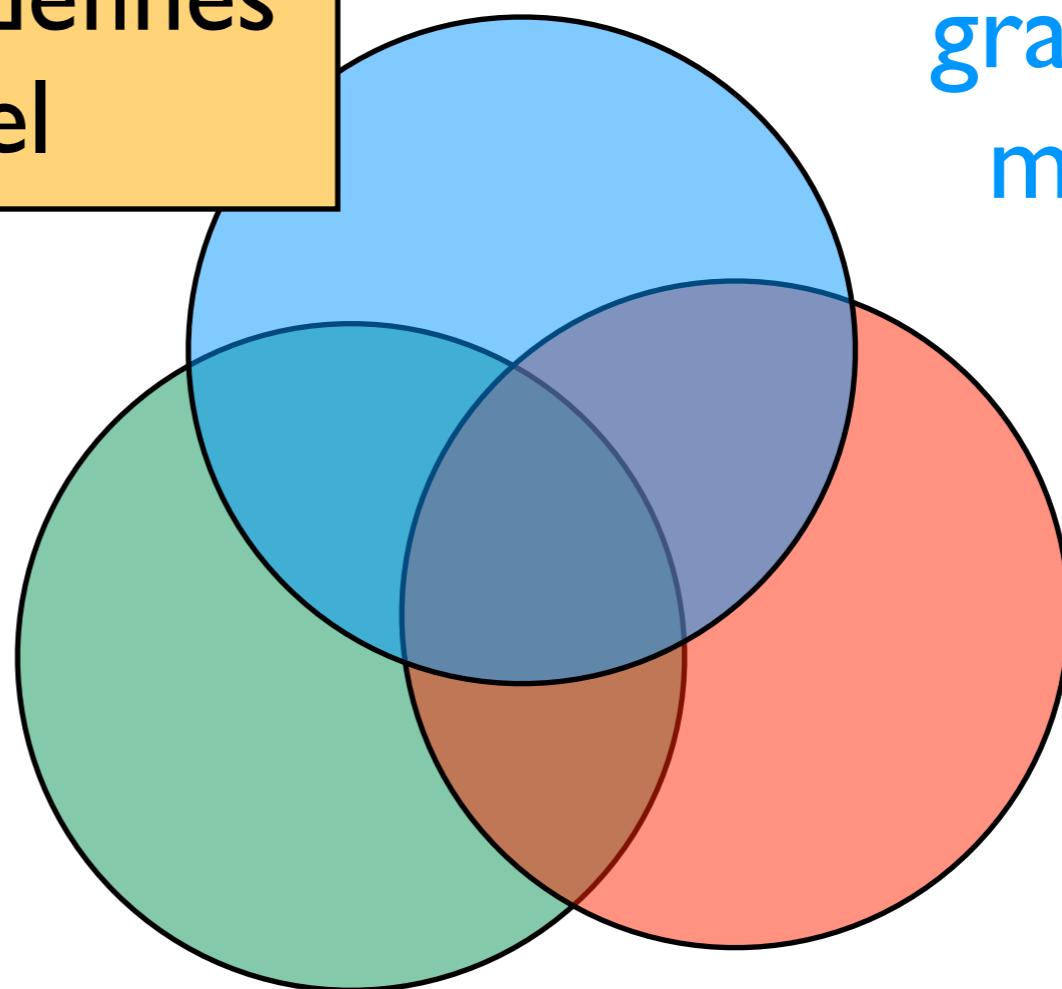
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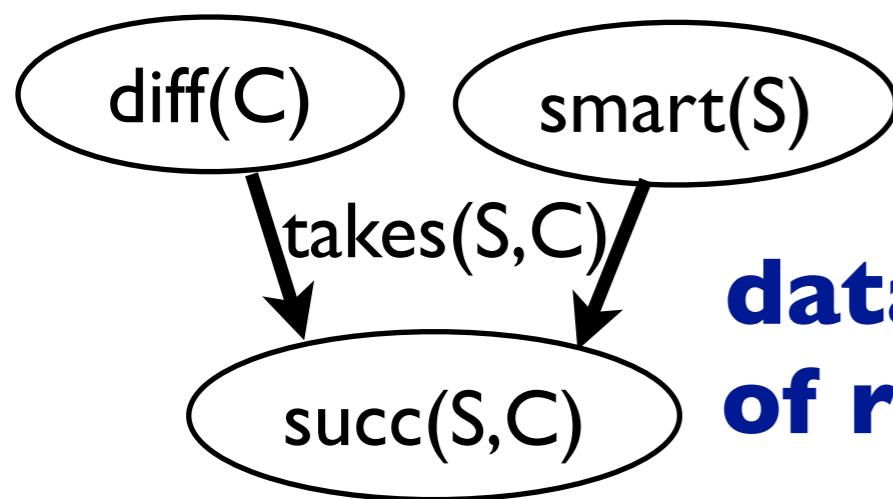
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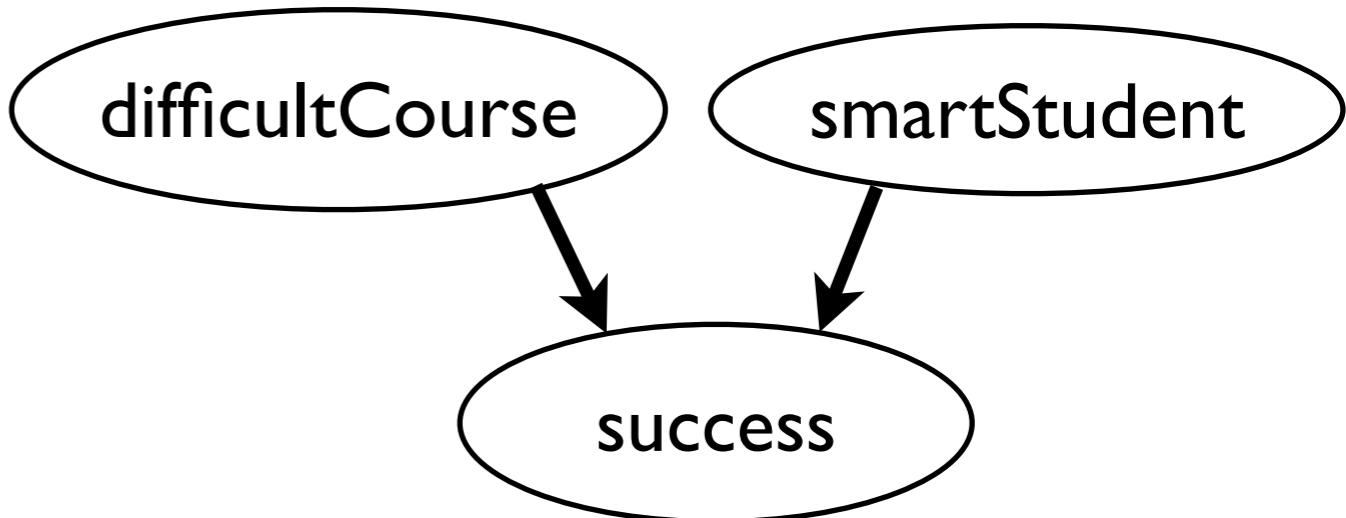
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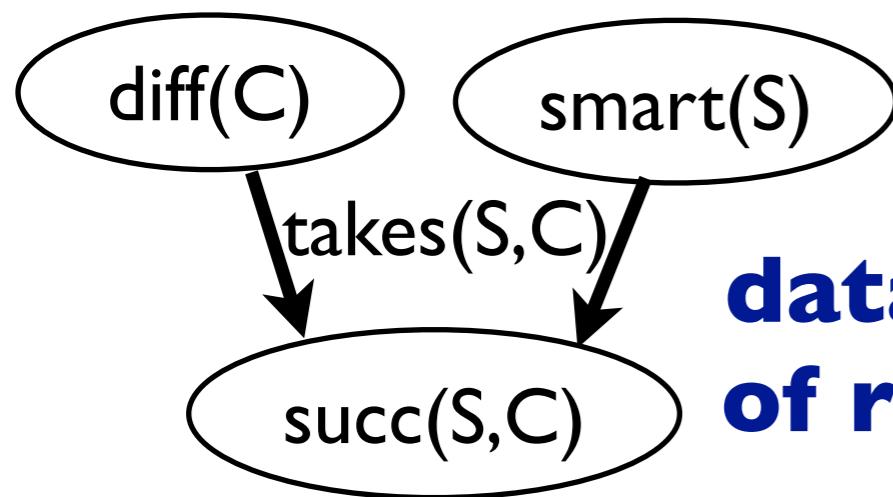
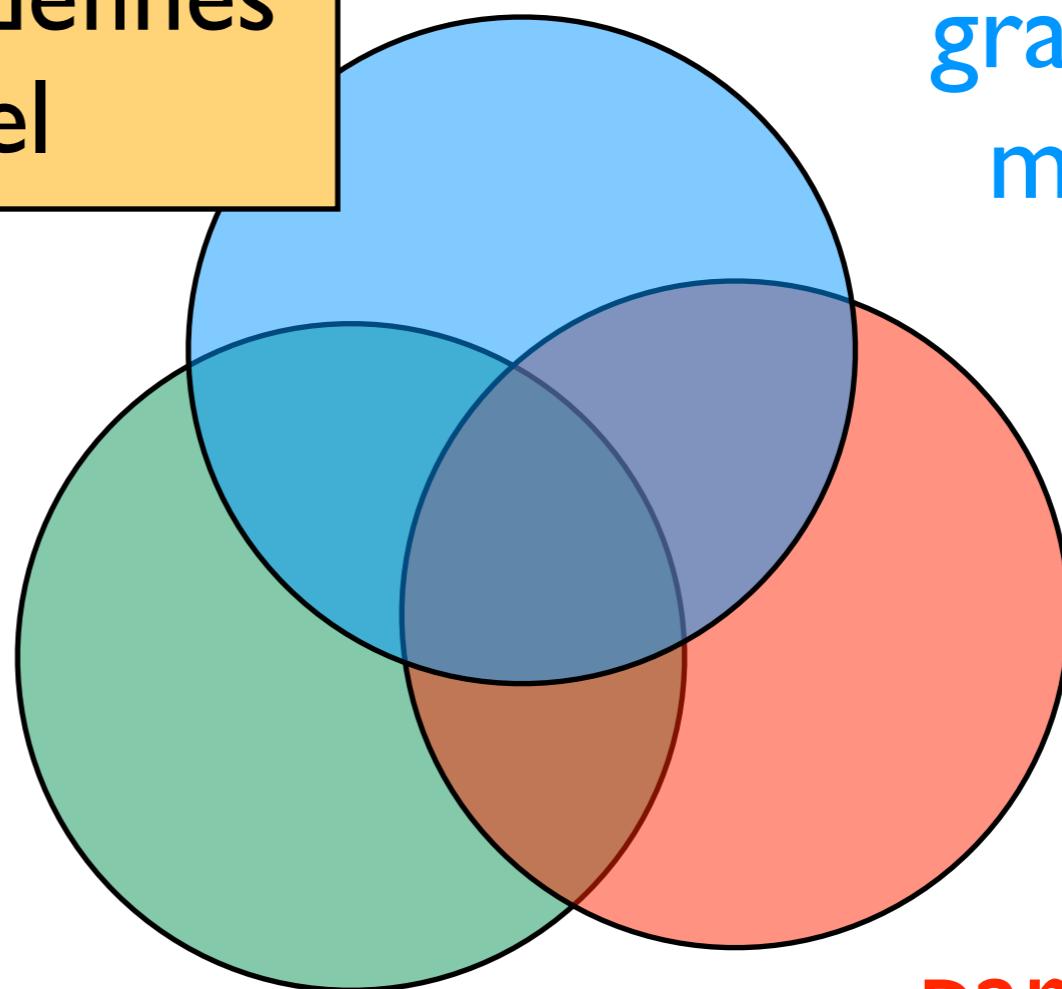
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# Lots of proposals in the literature, e.g.

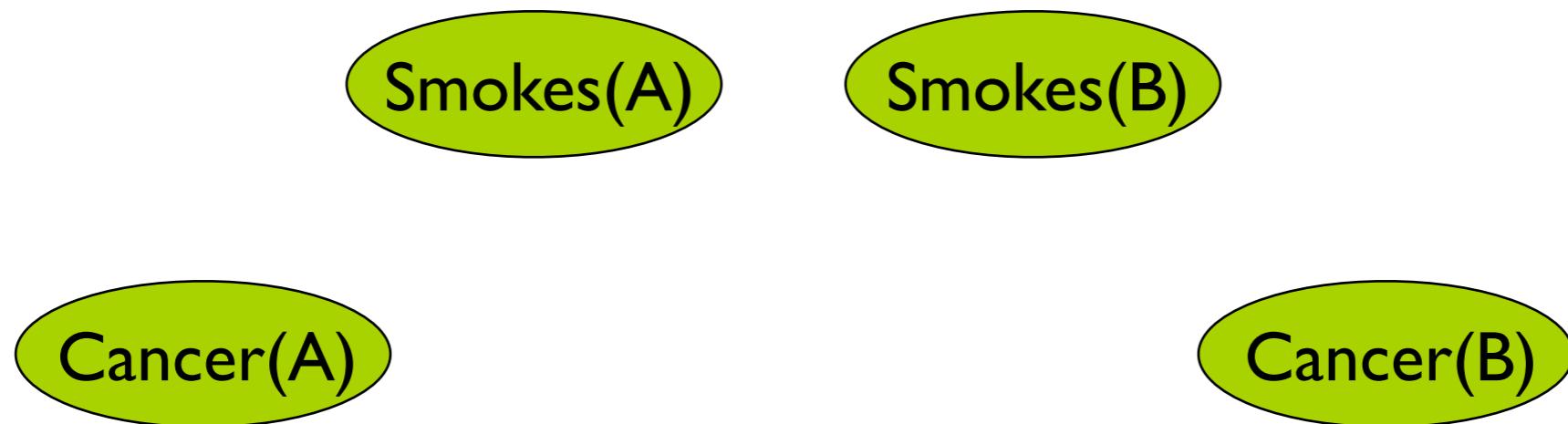
- relational Markov networks (RMNs) [Taskar et al 2002]
- **Markov logic networks (MLNs)** [Richardson & Domingos 2006]
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- FACTORIE [McCallum et al 2009]
- Bayesian logic programs (BLPs) [Kersting & De Raedt 2001]
- relational Bayesian networks (RBNs) [Jaeger 2002]
- logical Bayesian networks (LBNs) [Fierens et al 2005]
- probabilistic relational models (PRMs) [Koller & Pfeffer 1998]
- Bayesian logic (BLOG) [Milch et al 2005]
- CLP(BN) [Santos Costa et al 2008]
- and many more ...

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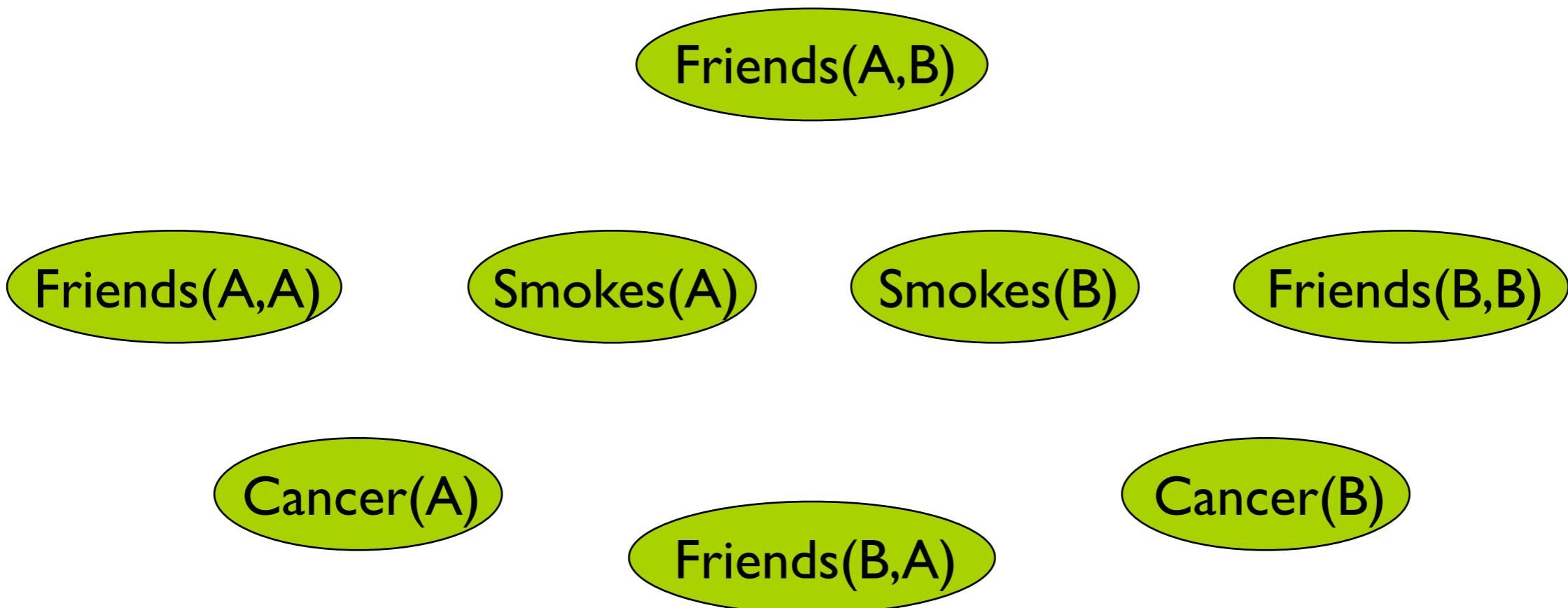


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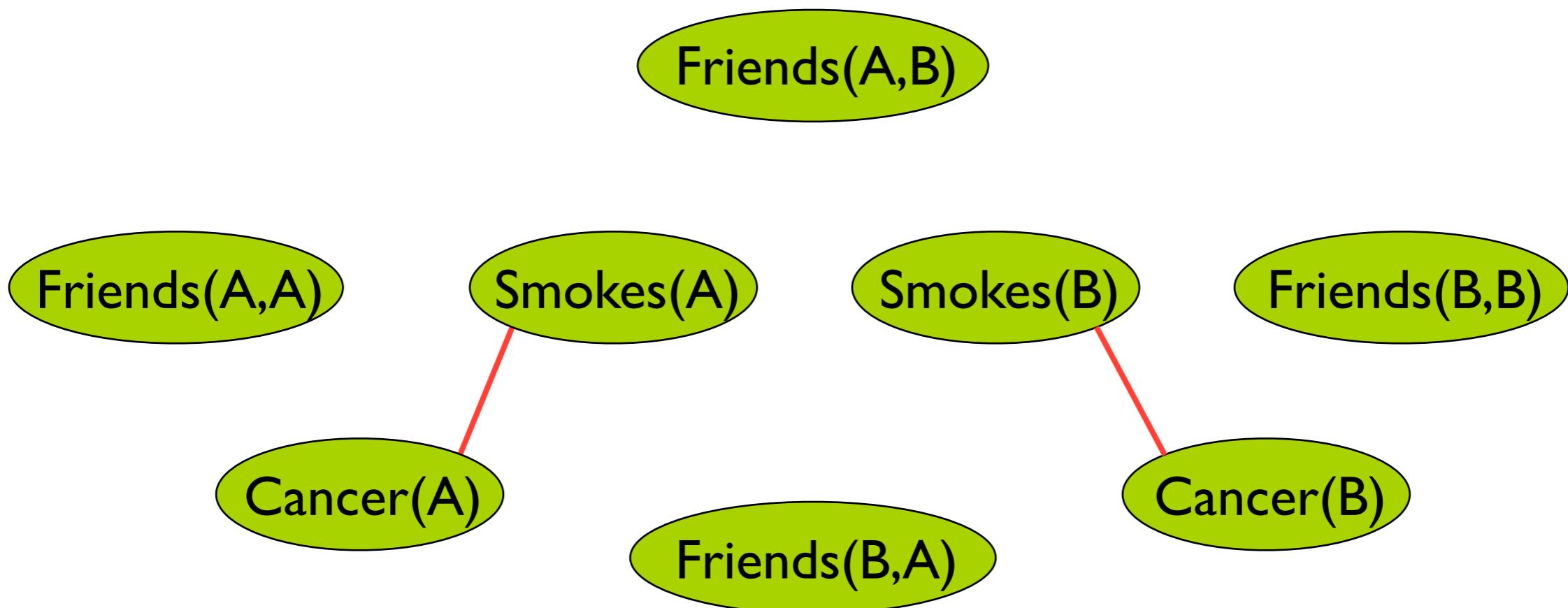


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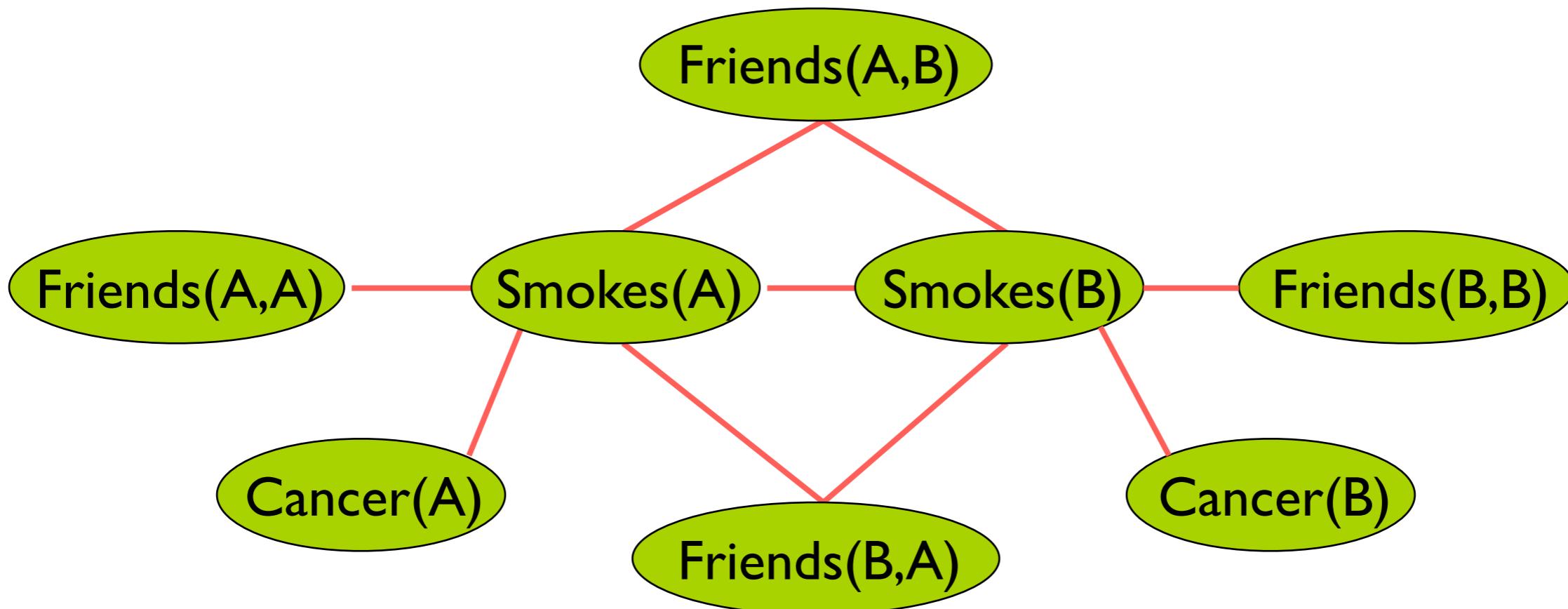


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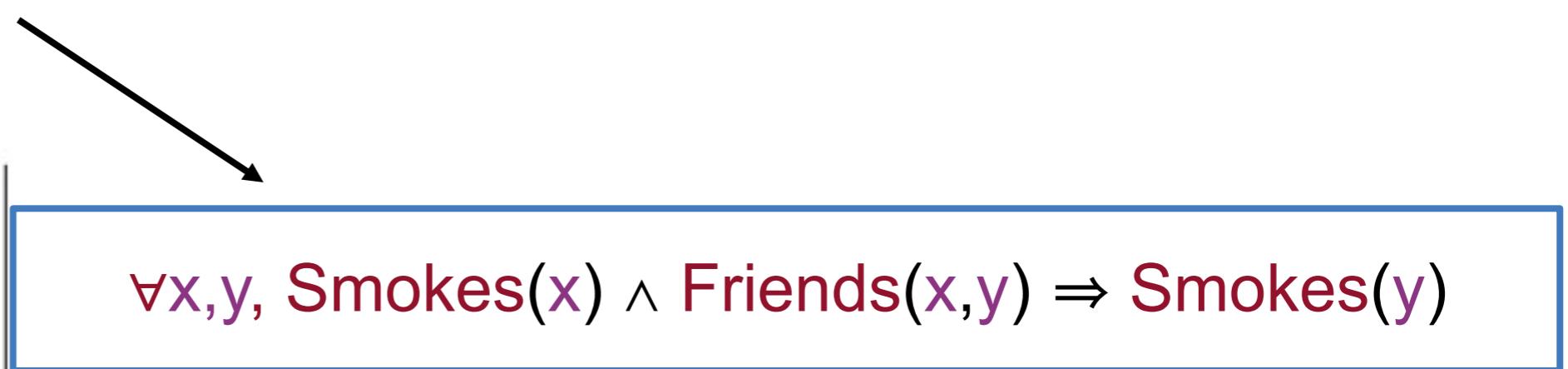
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Possible worlds  
Logical interpretations

# Possible Worlds

A logical theory

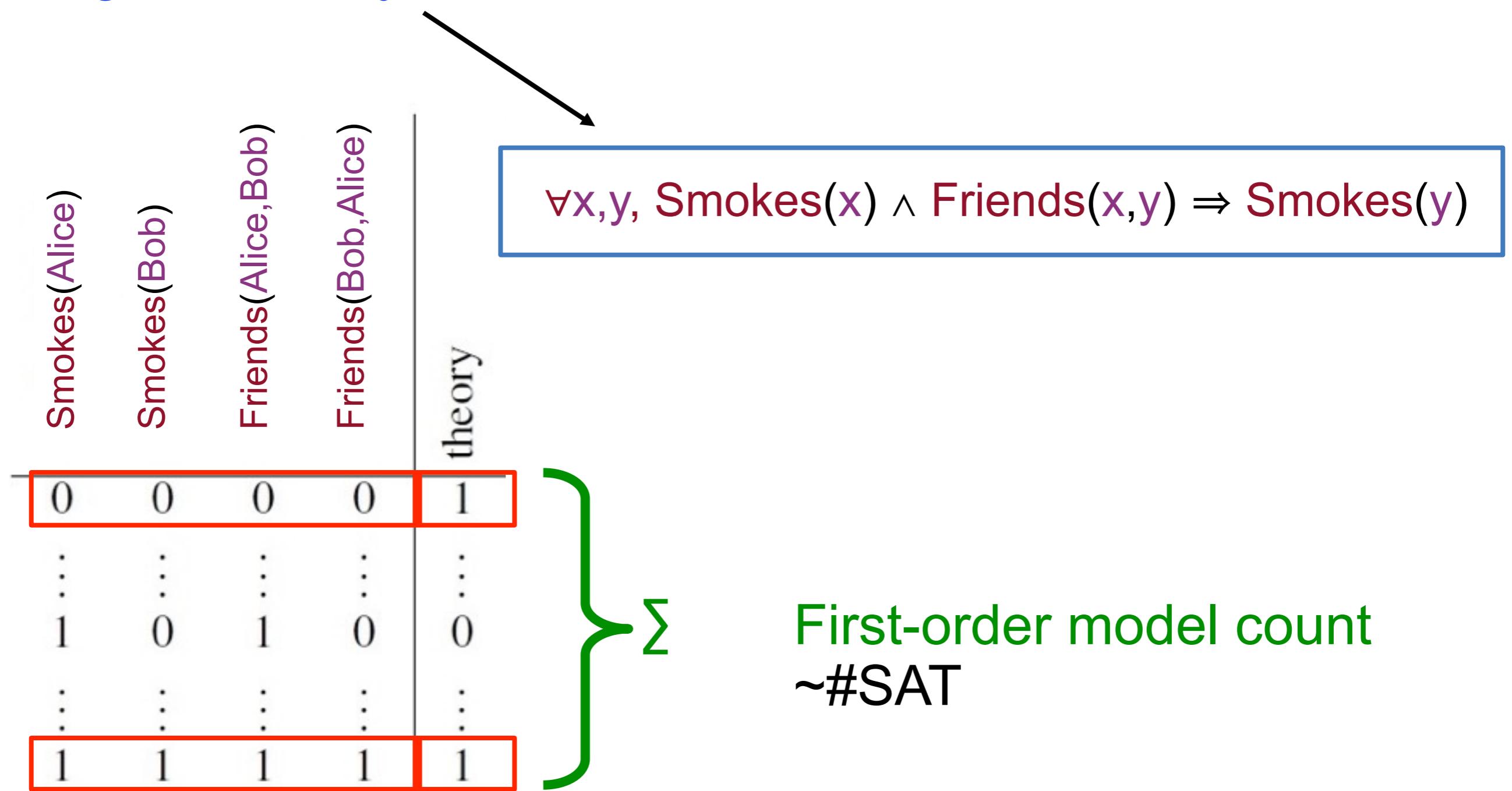
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**Models**

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| 0             | 0           | 0                  | 0                  | $\frac{1}{Z} \exp(1.5 * 2)$ |
| :             | :           | :                  | :                  |                             |
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1.5  $\forall x,y, Smokes(x) \wedge Friends(x,y) \Rightarrow Smokes(y)$

counting only substitutions for which  $X =/ Y$   
X=Alice, Y=Bob  
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A black arrow points from the word "theory" to the formula  $1.5 \forall x,y, \text{Smokes}(x) \wedge \text{Friends}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smokes}(y)$ .

A green curly brace groups the three rows where the sum of the column values is greater than zero, and it is associated with the formula  $\sum Z$  partition function.

# Weighted First-Order Model Counting

A logical theory and a weight function for predicates

| Smokes(Alice) | Smokes(Bob) | Friends(Alice,Bob) | Friends(Bob,Alice) | theory | weight                      |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0             | 0           | 0                  | 0                  | 1      | $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$ |
| :             | :           | :                  | :                  | :      | :                           |
| 1             | 0           | 1                  | 0                  | 0      | 0                           |
| :             | :           | :                  | :                  | :      | :                           |
| 1             | 1           | 1                  | 1                  | 1      | $1 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$ |

↓

|              |
|--------------|
| Smokes → 1   |
| ¬Smokes → 2  |
| Friends → 4  |
| ¬Friends → 1 |

Weighted first-order  
model count

Related to ProbLog Inference !

# Markov Logic and FOWMC

MLN

1.5

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Relational Logic

$\text{Smokes} \rightarrow 1$   
 $\neg \text{Smokes} \rightarrow 1$   
 $\text{Friends} \rightarrow 1$   
 $\neg \text{Friends} \rightarrow 1$   
 $F \rightarrow \exp(3.14)$   
 $\neg F \rightarrow 1$

Weight Function

# Lifted Inference

- Usual approach is to ground out and apply propositional WMC solver
- Lifted inference : Can we avoid grounding out ?
- Focus of current research in SRL, prob. Databases
- Key to efficient inference — exploit symmetries
- A lot of progress in the last five years.
- See work by Van den Broeck, Suciu, Poole, Darwiche

# Example: First-Order Model Counting

Logical sentence

Domain

$$\forall x, y, \text{Smokes}(x) \wedge \text{Friends}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Smokes}(y)$$

n people

If you know there are  $k$  smokers

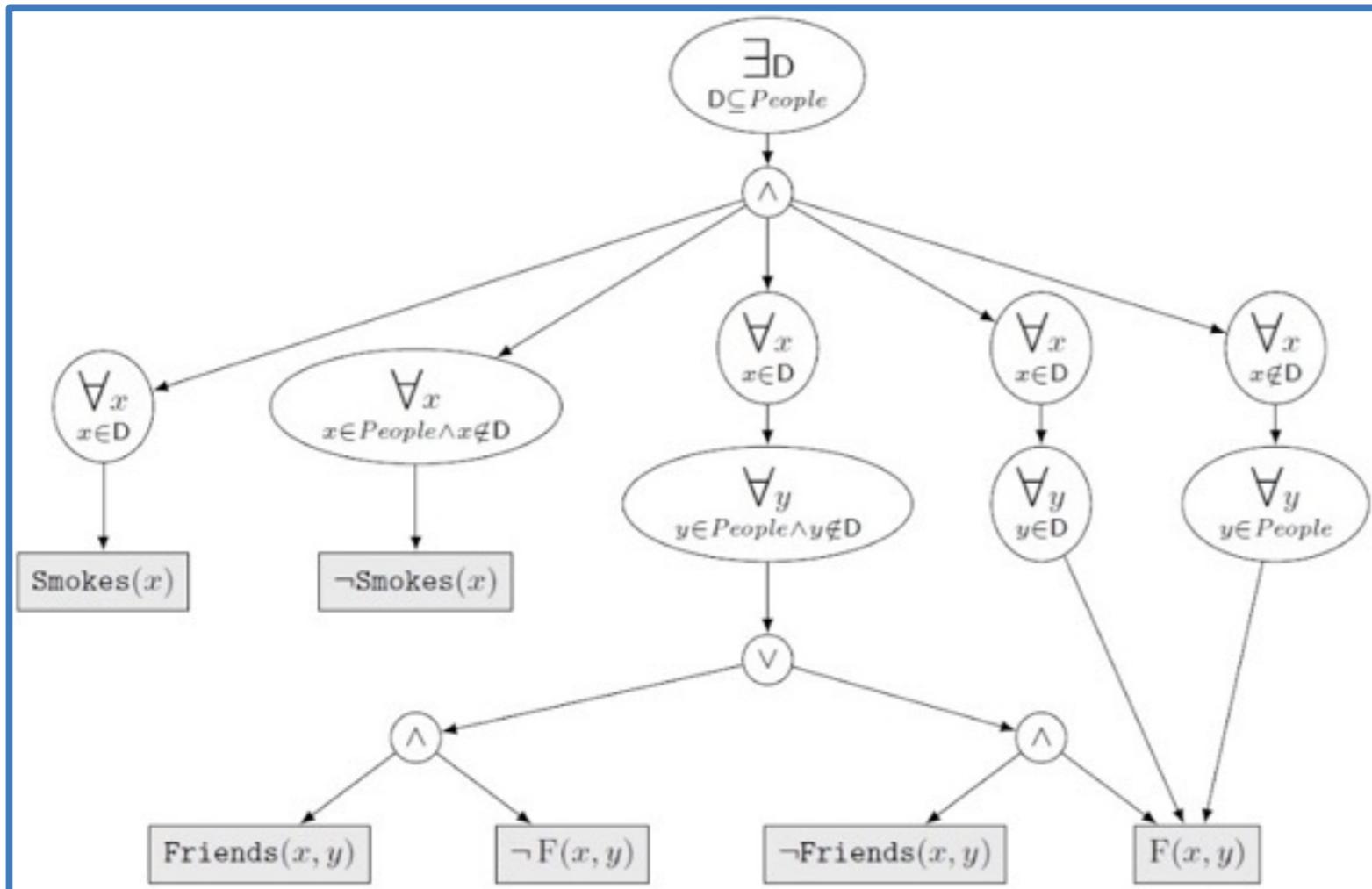
$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{n^2 - k(n-k)}$$

# The Full Pipeline

$$\forall x, y, F(x, y) \Leftrightarrow [ \text{Smokes}(x) \wedge \text{Friends}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Smokes}(y) ]$$



Relational Logic



First-Order  
d-DNNF Circuit

# Parameter Learning

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} \log P_w(x) = n_i(x) - E_w[n_i(x)]$$

No. of times clause  $i$  is true in data

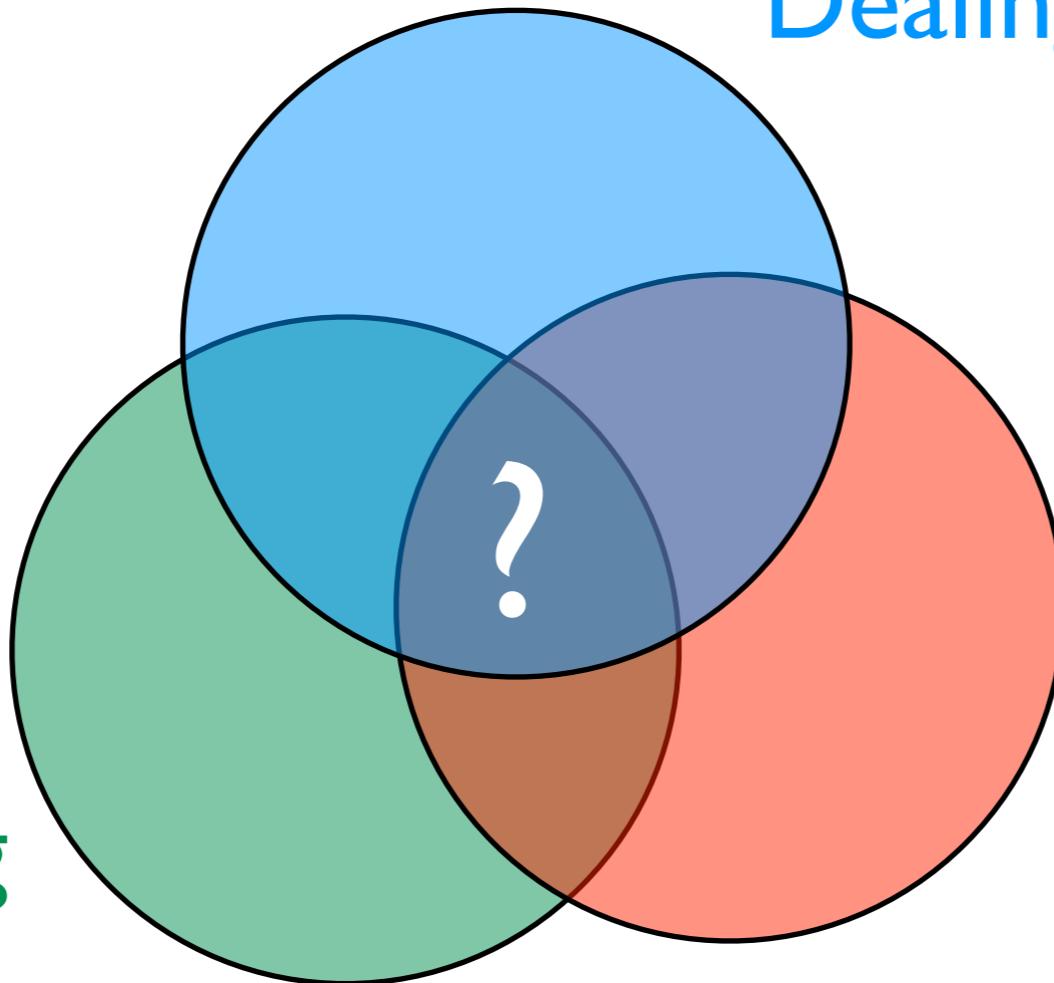
Expected no. times clause  $i$  is true according to MLN

Has been used for generative and discriminative learning  
Many applications in networks, NLP, bioinformatics, ...

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- Many languages, systems, applications, ...
- logic  
• not yet a technology ! but a lot of progress
- data  
• and a lot more to do !
- probability  
• ... excellent area for PhDs ...
- ...

structured

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# Further Reading

- Three websites to start
  - <http://probmods.org/> Probabilistic Models of Cognition — Church
  - <http://dtai.cs.kuleuven.be/problog/> — check also [DR & Kimmig, MLJ 15]
  - <http://alchemy.cs.washington.edu/> —Markov Logic, check also [Domingos & Lowd] Markov Logic, Morgan Claypool.