

Logic, Probability and Computation: Statistical Relational AI and Beyond

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There is a real world with real structure. The program of mind has been trained on vast interaction with this world and so contains code that reflects the structure of the world and knows how to exploit it. This code contains representations of real objects in the world and represents the interactions of real objects. . . .

You exploit the structure of the world to make decisions and take actions. Where you draw the line on categories, what constitutes a single object or a single class of objects for you, is determined by the program of your mind, which does the classification. This classification is not random but reflects a compact description of the world, and in particular a description useful for exploiting the structure of the world.

Eric Baum, *What is Thought?*, 2004, pages 169-170

AI: computational agents that act intelligently



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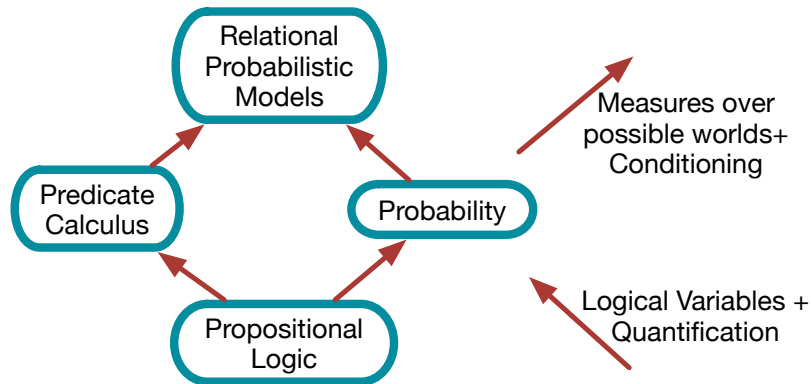
Classical (first order) logic lets us represent:

- individuals in the world
- relations amongst those individuals
- conjunctions, disjunctions, negations of relations
- quantification over individuals

Why Probability?

- There is lots of uncertainty about the world, but agents still need to act.
- Predictions are needed to decide what to do:
 - definitive predictions: you will be run over tomorrow
 - point probabilities: probability you will be run over tomorrow is 0.002 if you are not careful and 0.000001 if you are careful.
 - probability ranges: you will be run over with probability in range $[0.001, 0.34]$
- Acting is gambling: agents who don't use probabilities will lose to those who do — Dutch books.
- Probabilities can be learned from data.
Bayes' rule specifies how to combine data and prior knowledge.

Statistical Relational AI



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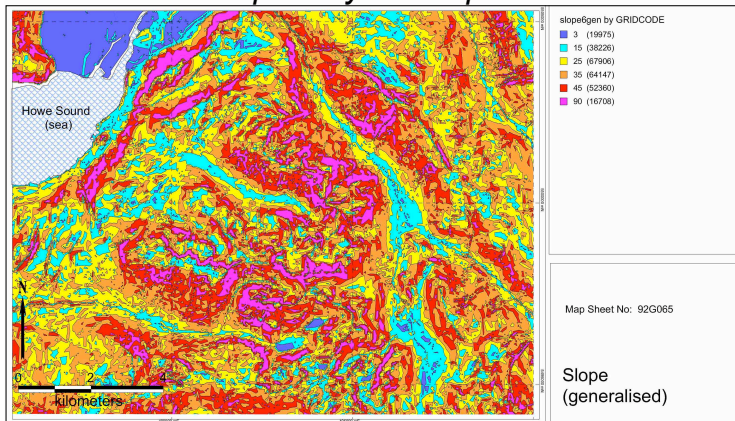
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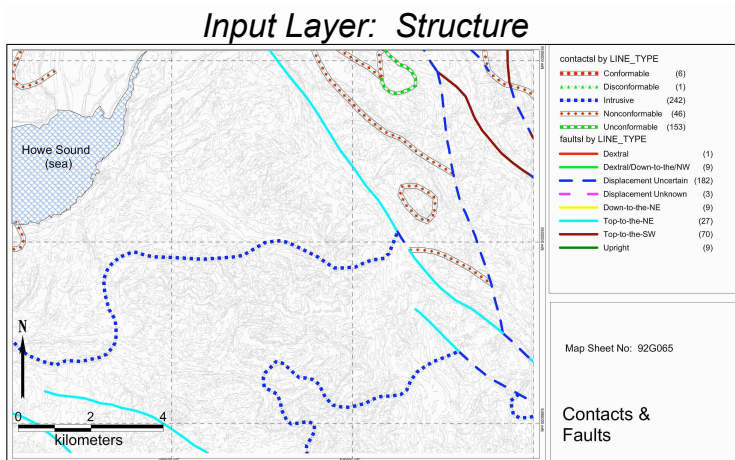
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Input Layer: Slope



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Relational Learning

- Machine learning typically assumes informative feature values. But often the values are names of individuals.
- It is the properties of these individuals and their relationship to other individuals that needs to be learned.
- Relational learning has been studied under the umbrella of “Inductive Logic Programming” as the representations were traditionally logic programs.

Example: trading agent

What does Joe like?

Individual	Property	Value
<i>joe</i>	<i>likes</i>	<i>resort_14</i>
<i>joe</i>	<i>dislikes</i>	<i>resort_35</i>
...
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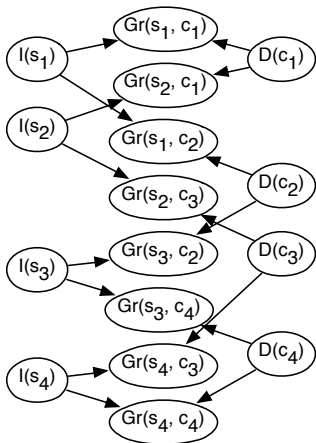
- But we want probabilistic predictions.

Example: Predicting Relations

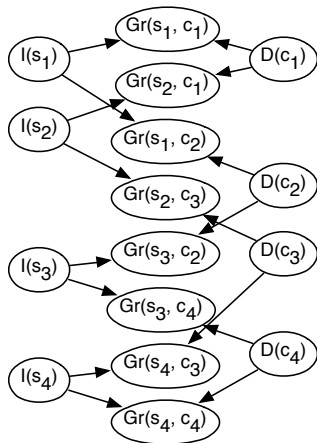
<i>Student</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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s_2	c_1	C
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s_4	c_3	B
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- Students s_3 and s_4 have the same averages, on courses with the same averages.
- Which student would you expect to better?

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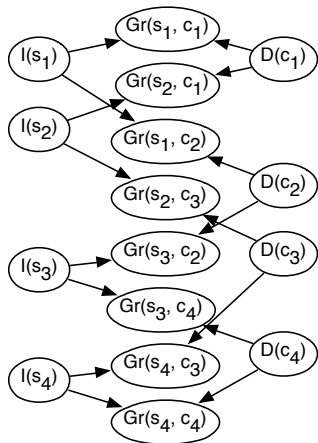
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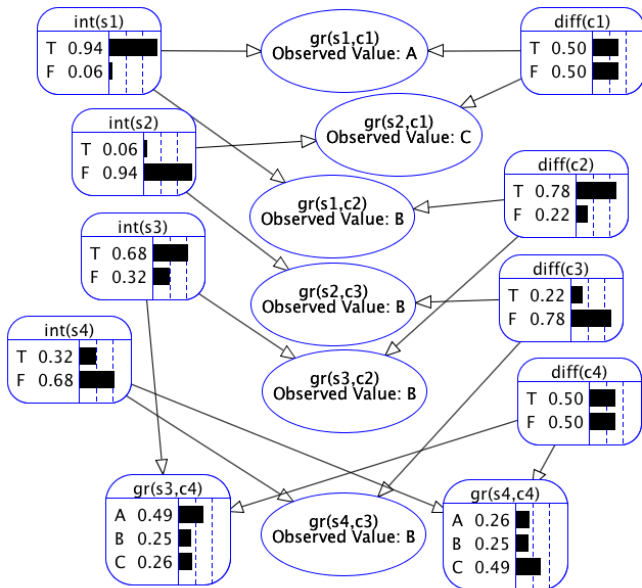
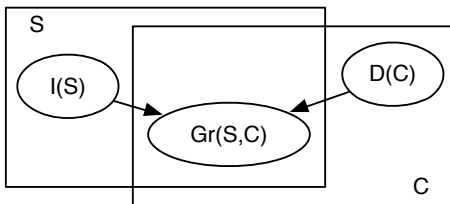
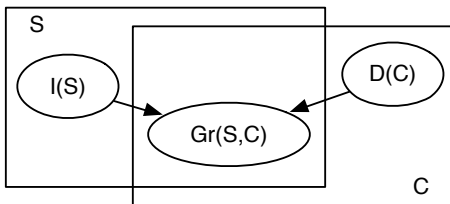


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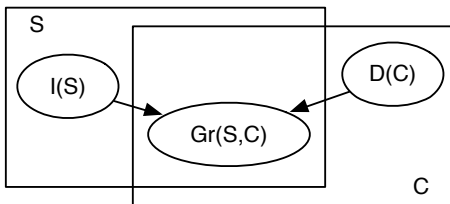


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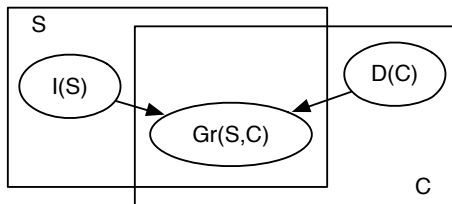


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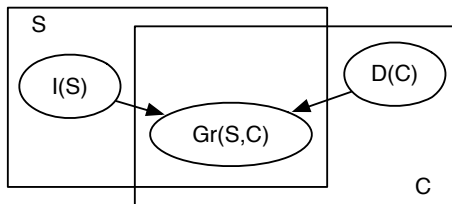


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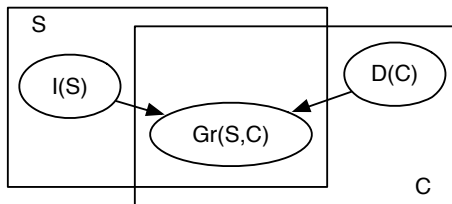


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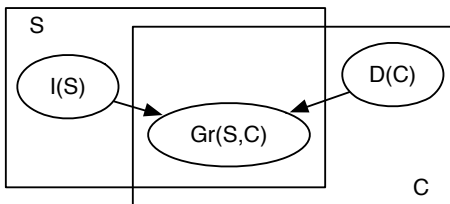


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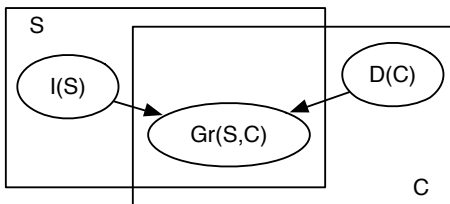
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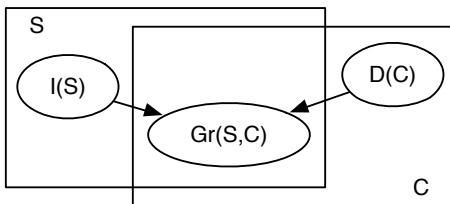
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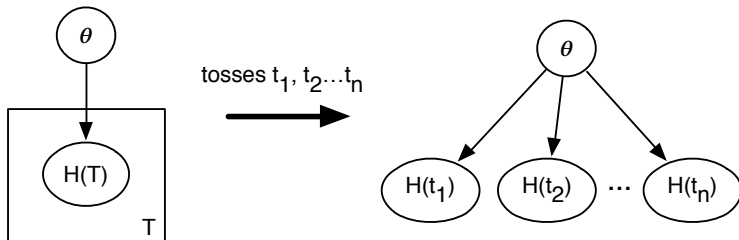
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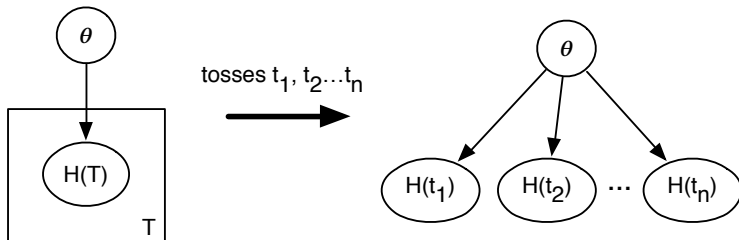
- Properties of individuals
- Relationships among individuals
- How properties and relations interrelate
- Identity (equality) of individuals
- Existence (and number) of individuals

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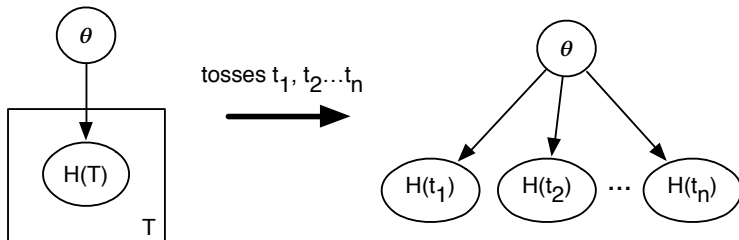
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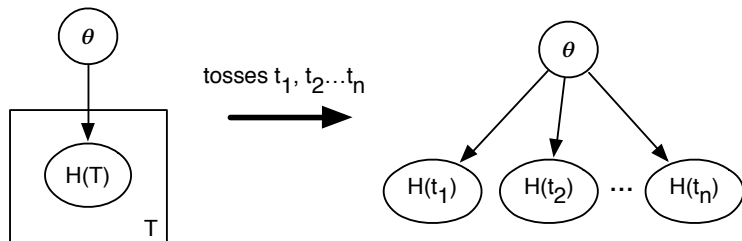
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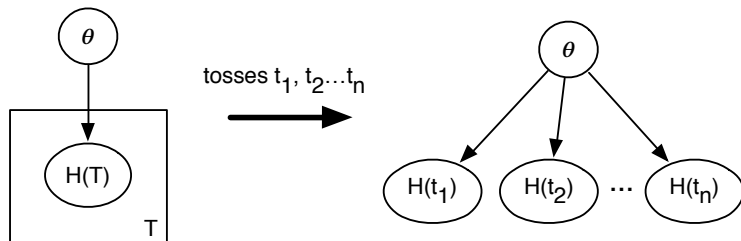
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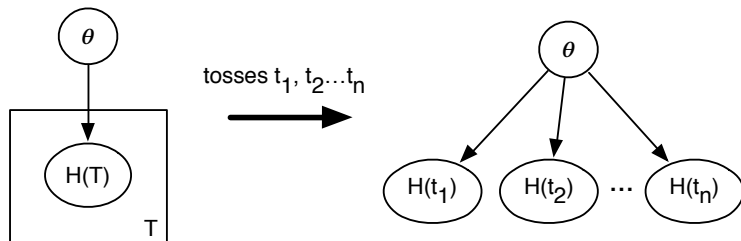
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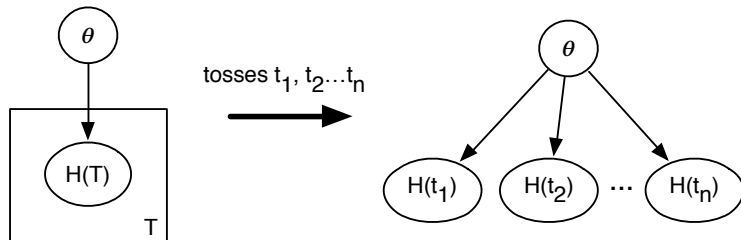
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- Independence: for $i \neq j$, $H(t_i)$ is independent of $H(t_j)$ given θ : **i.i.d.** or **independent and identically distributed**.

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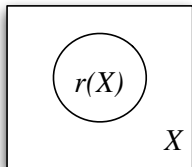
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- Parametrized belief network means its grounding: an instance of each random variable for each assignment of an individual to a logical variable. $interested(p_1) \dots interested(p_{1000000})$
- Instances are independent (but can have common ancestors and descendants).

Parametrized Bayesian networks / Plates

Parametrized Bayes Net:



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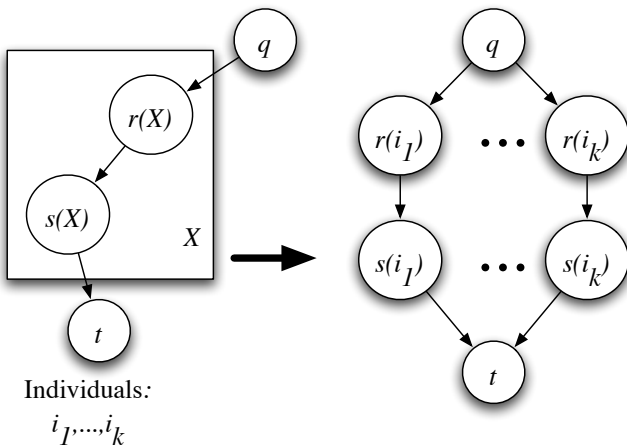
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Individuals:

i_1, \dots, i_k

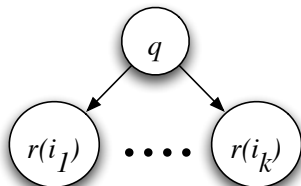
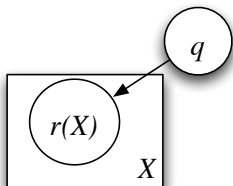
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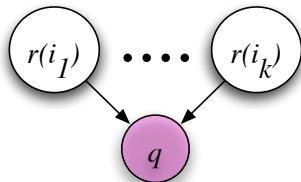
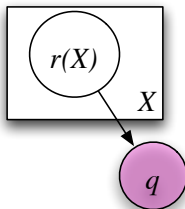
Creating Dependencies

Instances of plates are independent, except by common parents or children.

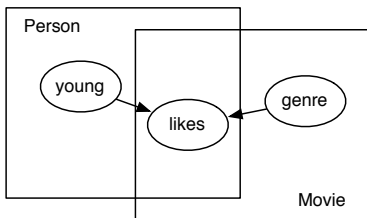
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Observed
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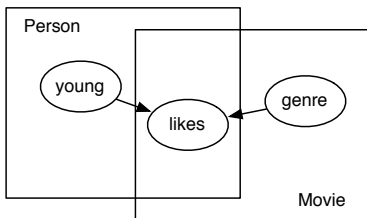


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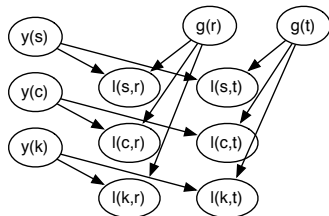
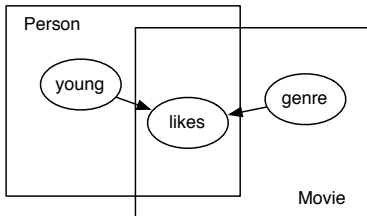
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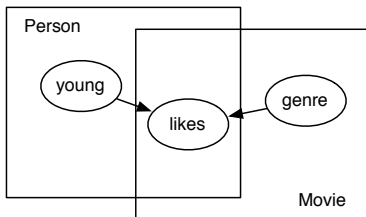
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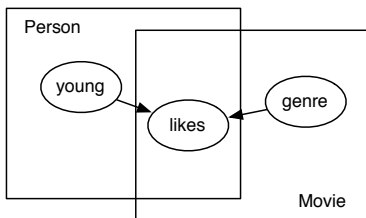
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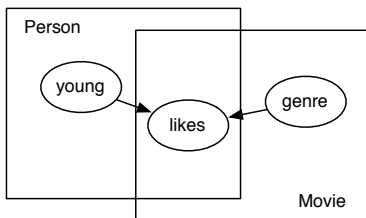
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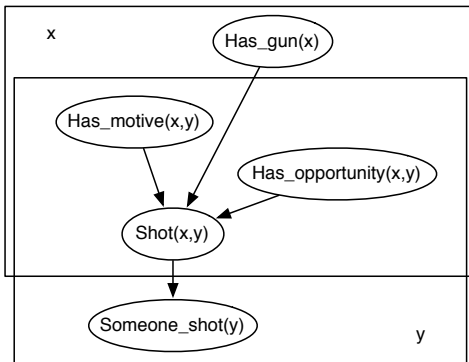


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- $likes$ is Boolean, $young$ is Boolean, $genre$ has range $\{action, romance, family\}$
- If there are 1000 people and 100 movies,
Grounding contains: 100,000 likes + 1,000 age + 100 genre
= 101,100 random variables
- How many numbers need to be specified to define the probabilities required?
1 for $young$, 2 for $genre$, 6 for $likes$ = 9 total.

Representing Conditional Probabilities

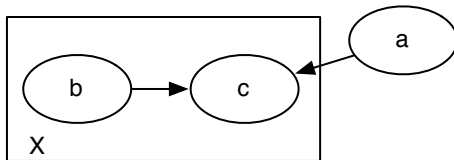
- $P(\text{likes}(P, M) | \text{young}(P), \text{genre}(M))$ — **parameter sharing** — individuals share probability parameters.
- $P(\text{happy}(X) | \text{friend}(X, Y), \text{mean}(Y))$ — needs **aggregation** — $\text{happy}(a)$ depends on an unbounded number of parents.
- There can be more structure about the individuals. . .

Example: Aggregation



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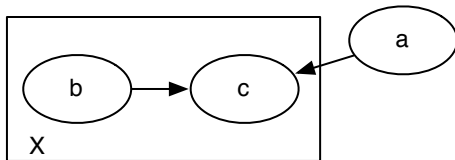


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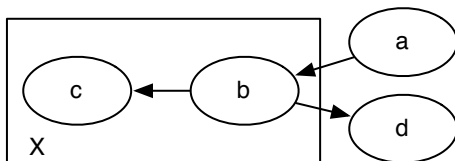


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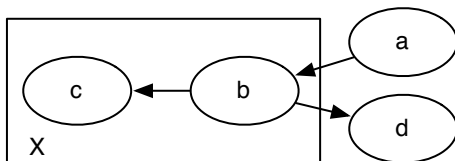


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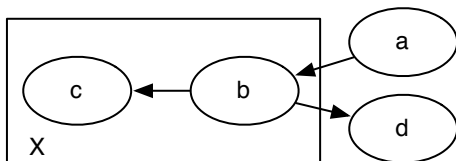


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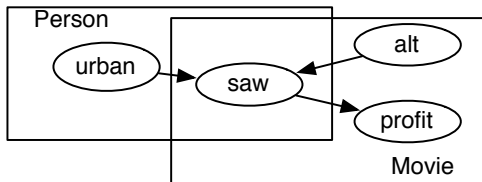


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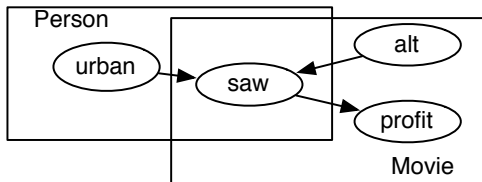


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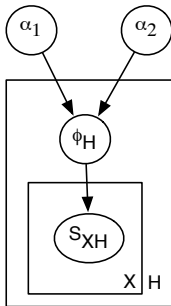
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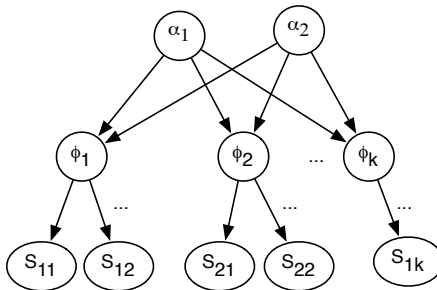
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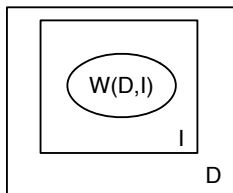
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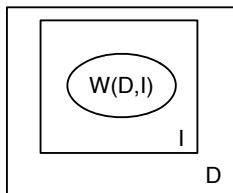
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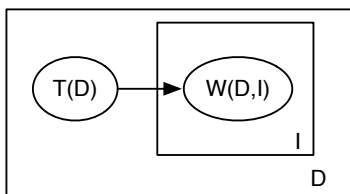
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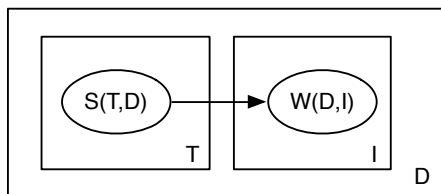
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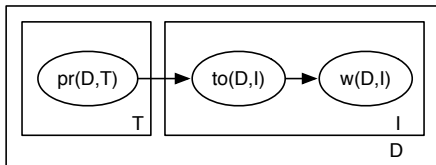
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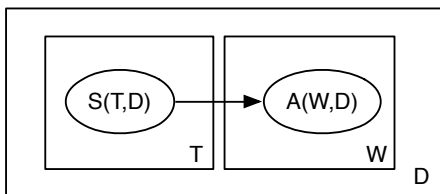
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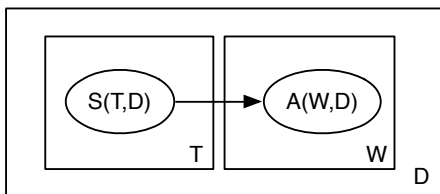
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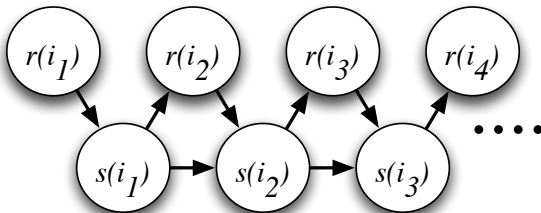
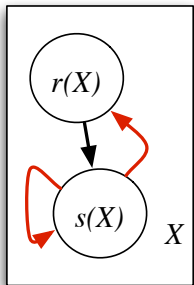
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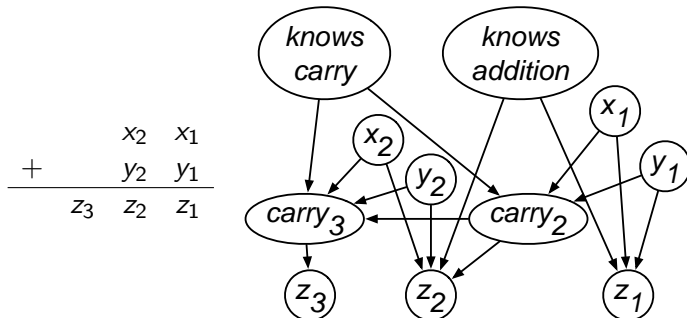
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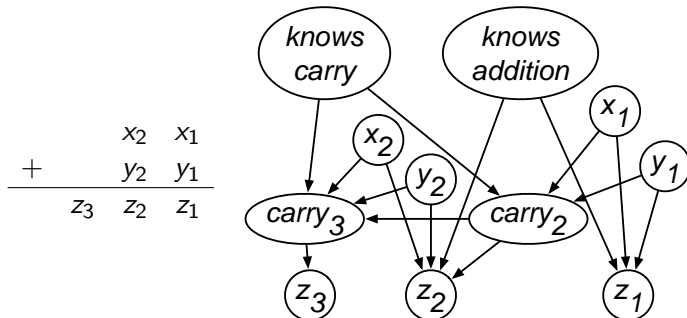
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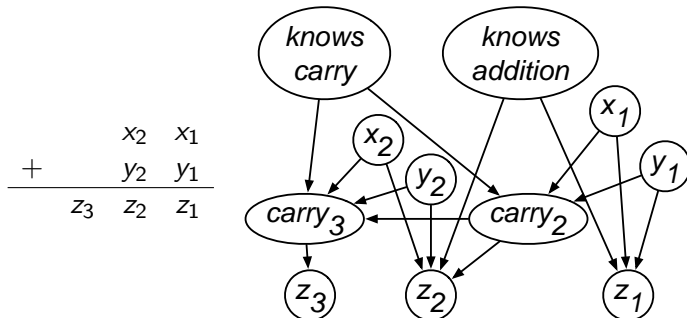


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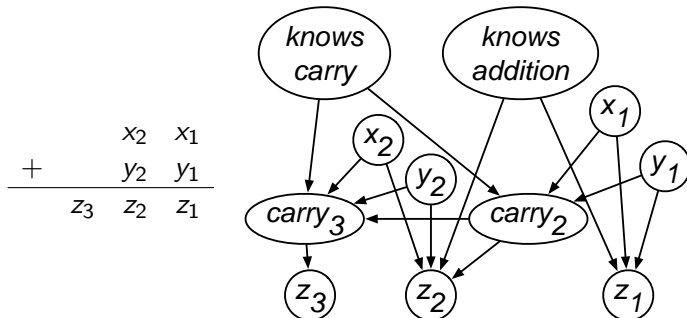
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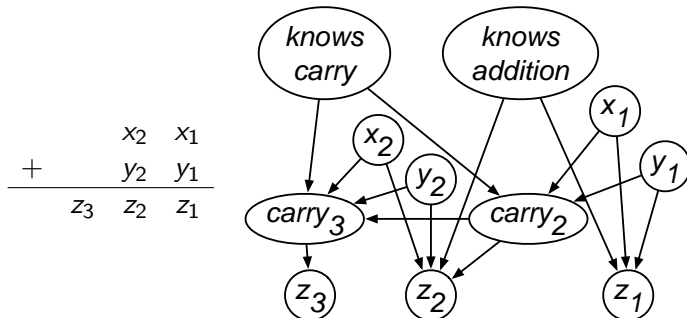
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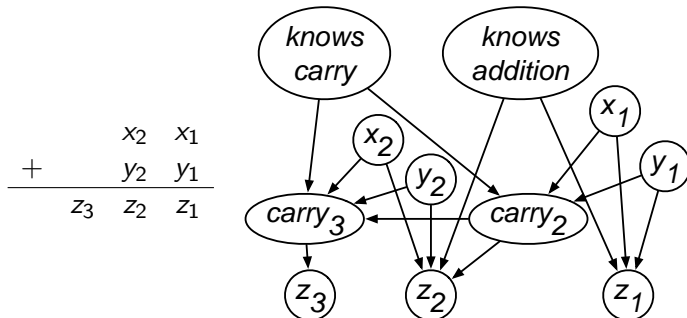
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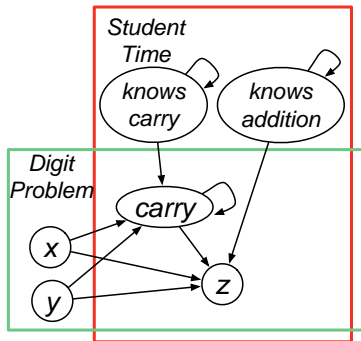
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Multi-digit addition with parametrized BNs / plates

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 + \quad y_{j_z} \quad \cdots \quad y_2 \quad y_1 \\
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Random Variables: $x(D, P)$, $y(D, P)$, $knowsCarry(S, T)$, $knowsAddition(S, T)$, $carry(D, P, S, T)$, $z(D, P, S, T)$
 for each: digit D , problem P , student S , time T

Relational Probabilistic Models

Often we want random variables for combinations of individuals in populations

- build a probabilistic model before knowing the individuals
- learn the model for one set of individuals
- apply the model to new individuals
- allow complex relationships between individuals

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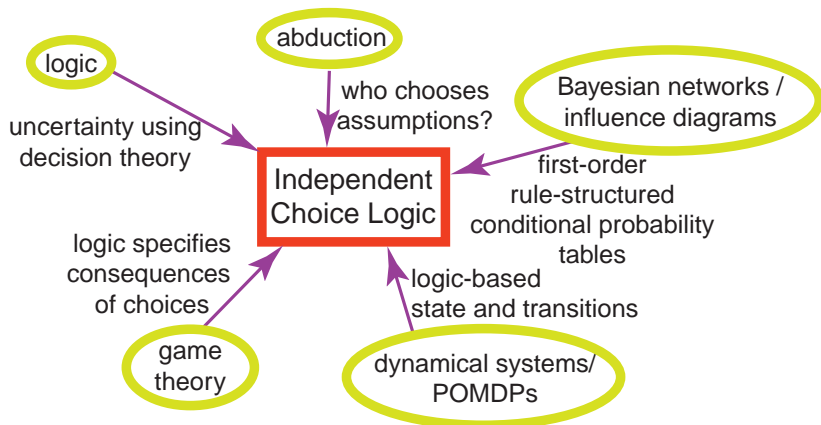
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The independent choice logic influences



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- P_0 a probability distribution over alternatives:

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{C} \sum_{a \in A} P_0(a) = 1.$$

Meaningless Example

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Semantics of ICL

- There is a possible world for each selection of one element from each alternative.
- The logic program together with the selected atoms specifies what is true in each possible world.
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$$P(e) = 0.45 + 0.27 + 0.03 + 0.02 = 0.77$$

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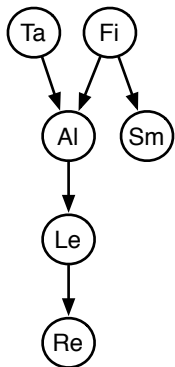
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only one body will be true in any possible world.

Belief Networks, Decision trees and ICL rules

- There is a local mapping from Bayesian belief networks into ICL.



prob *ta* : 0.02.

prob *fire* : 0.01.

alarm $\leftarrow ta \wedge fire \wedge atf$.

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prob *atnf* : 0.85.

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smoke $\leftarrow fire \wedge sf$.

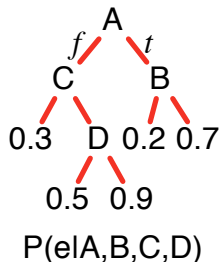
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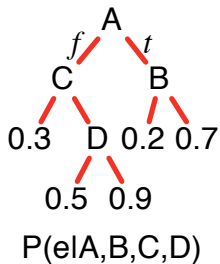
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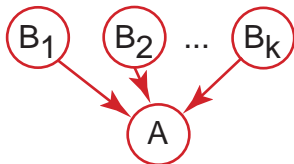
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Mapping belief networks into ICL

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is translated into the rules

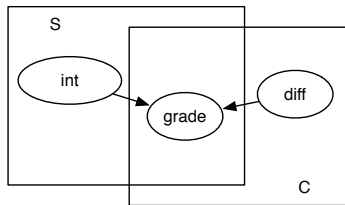
$$a(V) \leftarrow b_1(V_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge b_k(V_k) \wedge h(V, V_1, \dots, V_k).$$

and the alternatives

$$\forall v_1 \cdots \forall v_k \{h(v, v_1, \dots, v_k) \mid v \in \text{domain}(a)\} \in \mathcal{C}$$

Predicting Grades

Plates correspond to logical variables.



$\text{prob } \textit{int}(S) : 0.5.$

$\text{prob } \textit{diff}(C) : 0.5.$

$\textit{grade}(S, C, G) \leftarrow \textit{int}(S) \wedge \textit{diff}(C) \wedge \textit{idg}(S, C, G).$

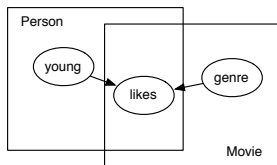
$\text{prob } \textit{idg}(S, C, a) : 0.5, \textit{idg}(S, C, b) : 0.4, \textit{idg}(S, C, c) : 0.1.$

$\textit{grade}(S, C, G) \leftarrow \textit{int}(S) \wedge \sim \textit{diff}(C) \wedge \textit{indg}(S, C, G).$

$\text{prob } \textit{indg}(S, C, a) : 0.9, \textit{indg}(S, C, b) : 0.09, \textit{indg}(S, C, c) : 0.01.$

...

Movie Ratings



$\text{prob } \text{young}(P) : 0.4.$

$\text{prob } \text{genre}(M, \text{action}) : 0.4, \text{genre}(M, \text{romance}) : 0.3,$
 $\text{genre}(M, \text{family}) : 0.4.$

$\text{likes}(P, M) \leftarrow \text{young}(P) \wedge \text{genre}(M, G) \wedge \text{ly}(P, M, G).$

$\text{likes}(P, M) \leftarrow \sim \text{young}(P) \wedge \text{genre}(M, G) \wedge \text{lny}(P, M, G).$

$\text{prob } \text{ly}(P, M, \text{action}) : 0.7.$

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$\text{prob } \text{ly}(P, M, \text{family}) : 0.8.$

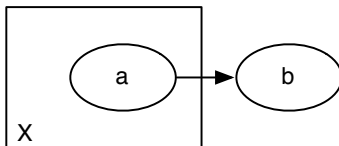
$\text{prob } \text{lny}(P, M, \text{action}) : 0.2.$

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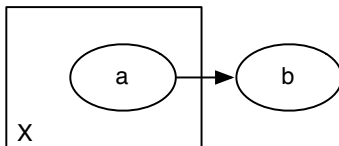
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- This can be represented in ICL by

$$b \leftarrow a(X) \& n(X).$$

“noisy-or”, where $n(X)$ is a noise term, $\{n(c), \sim n(c)\} \in \mathcal{C}$ for each individual c .

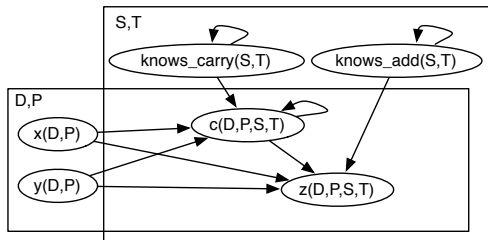
- If $a(c)$ is observed for each individual c :

$$P(b) = 1 - (1 - p)^k$$

Where $p = P(n(X))$ and k is the number of $a(c)$ that are true.

Example: Multi-digit addition

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x_{j_x} \quad \cdots \quad x_2 \quad x_1 \\
 + \quad y_{j_y} \quad \cdots \quad y_2 \quad y_1 \\
 \hline
 z_{j_z} \quad \cdots \quad z_2 \quad z_1
 \end{array}$$



ICL rules for multi-digit addition

$$\begin{aligned}
 z(D, P, S, T) = V \leftarrow & \\
 x(D, P) = Vx \wedge & \\
 y(D, P) = Vy \wedge & \\
 c(D, P, S, T) = Vc \wedge & \\
 \text{knows_add}(S, T) \wedge & \\
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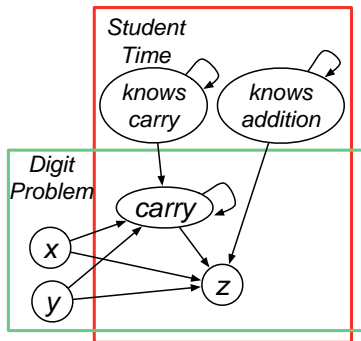
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Multi-digit addition with parametrized BNs / plates

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Random Variables: $x(D, P)$, $y(D, P)$, $knowsCarry(S, T)$, $knowsAddition(S, T)$, $carry(D, P, S, T)$, $z(D, P, S, T)$
 for each: digit D , problem P , student S , time T

👉 parametrized random variables

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- Basis for efficient approximate inference:
 - Rao-Blackwellization
 - Variational Methods

A simple example



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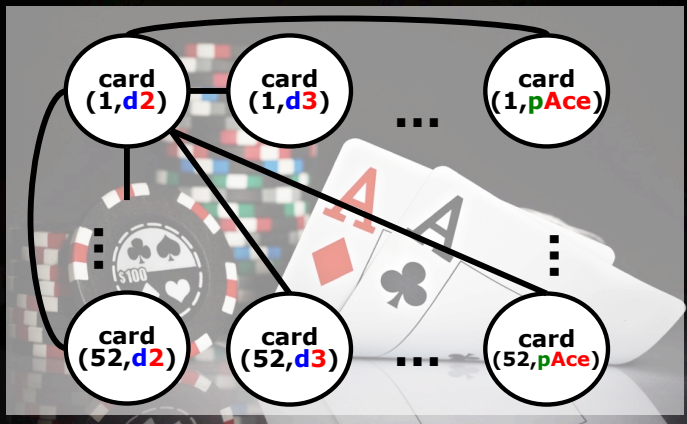
What is the probability that the first card of a randomly shuffled deck with 52 cards is an Ace?



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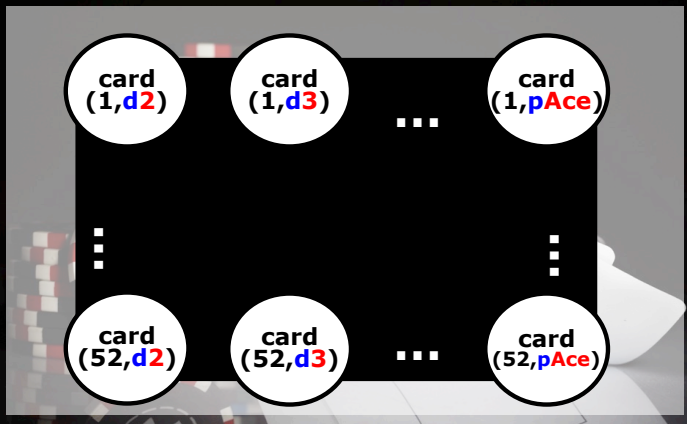
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card
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...

card
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No independencies.
Fully connected.

2²⁷⁰⁴ states

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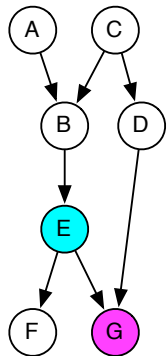
- Idea: treat those individuals about which you have the same information as a block; just count them.
- Use the ideas from lifted theorem proving - no need to ground.
- Potential to be exponentially faster in the number of non-differentiated individuals.
- Relies on knowing the number of individuals (the population size).

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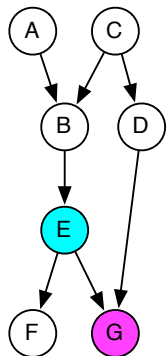
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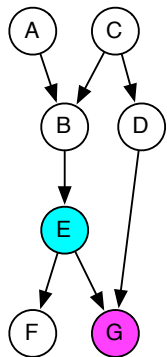


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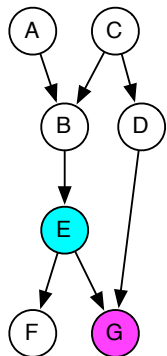
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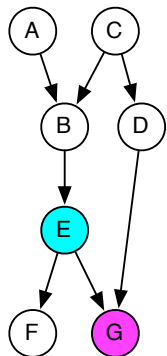
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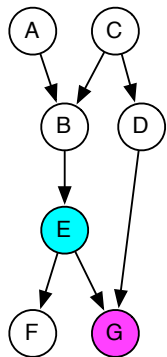
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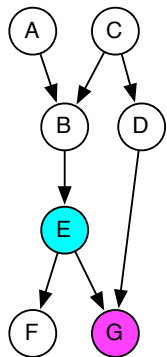
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Recursive Conditioning

- Computes sum (partition function) from outside in

Input:

- Context - assignment of values to variables
- Set of factors

Output: value of summing out other variables (partition function)

- Evaluate a factor as soon as all its variables are assigned
- Cache values already computed
- Recognize disconnected components
- Recursively branch on a variable

Variable Elimination and Recursive Conditioning

- Variable elimination is the dynamic programming variant of recursive conditioning.
- Recursive Conditioning is the search variant of variable elimination
- They do the same additions and multiplications.
- Complexity $O(nr^t)$, for n variables, range size r , and treewidth t .

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Weighted Formula

A **Weighted formula** is a pair $\langle F, v \rangle$ where

- F a formula on parametrized random variables
- v number

Example:

$\langle X \neq Y \wedge \text{likes}(X, Y) \wedge \text{rich}(Y), 0.001 \rangle$

$\langle \text{likes}(X, X) \wedge \text{rich}(X), 0.7 \rangle$

...

Lifted Recursive Conditioning

LiftedRC(Context, WeightedFormulas)

- *Context* is a set of assignments to random variables and counts to assignments of instances of relations. e.g.:

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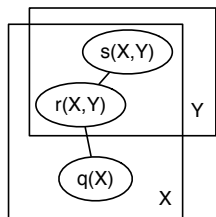
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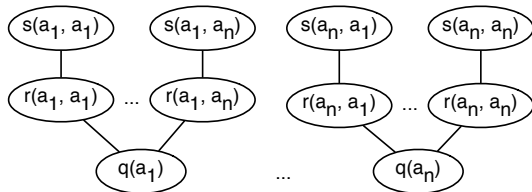
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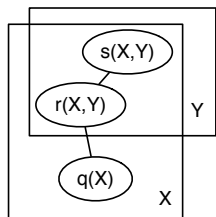


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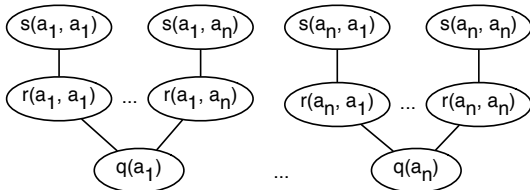
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Observations and Queries

- Observations become the initial context.
Observations can be ground or lifted.
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$$P(q|obs) = \frac{LiftedRC(q \wedge obs, WFs)}{LiftedRC(q \wedge obs, WFs) + LiftedRC(\neg q \wedge obs, WFs)}$$

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- The computation reduces to products and sums
- The structure can be determined at compile time
- Orders of magnitude faster than lifted recursive conditioning
- Often abstracted as weighted model counting (WMC)

Take Home

- Lifted inference exploits symmetries (“for all”)
- Instead of considering which individuals a predicate is true for, count how many individuals it is true for, and determine appropriate probabilities.
- Always exponentially better in the number of undifferentiated individuals than grounding everything.
- Open problem: finding a dichotomy of those problems we know we can lift and those we know it is impossible to lift.

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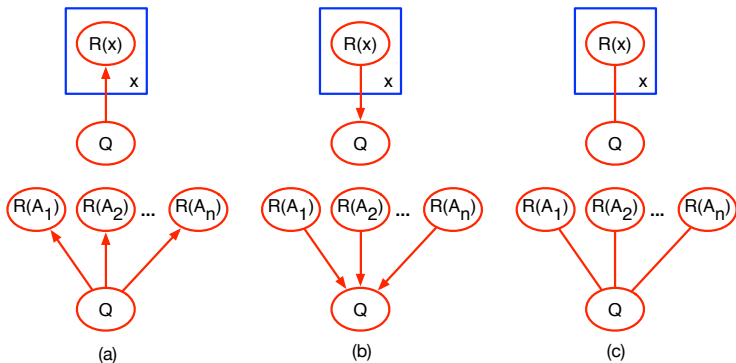
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- We can now lift all unary relations, but we know we can't do all binary relations [Guy Van den Broeck, 2013]. Always exponentially faster.
- Current most efficient algorithm compile to secondary representations. (E.g. Mehran Kazemi compiles to C++).
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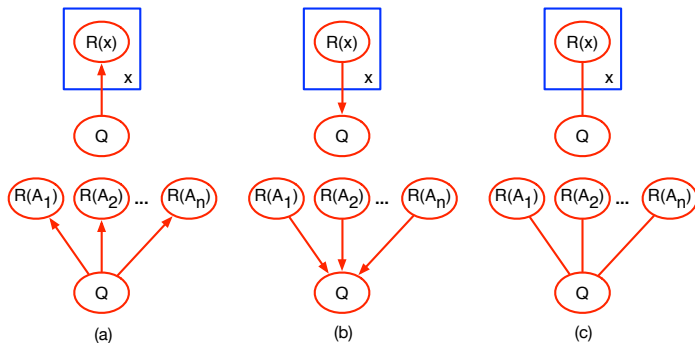
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- (a) Naïve Bayes
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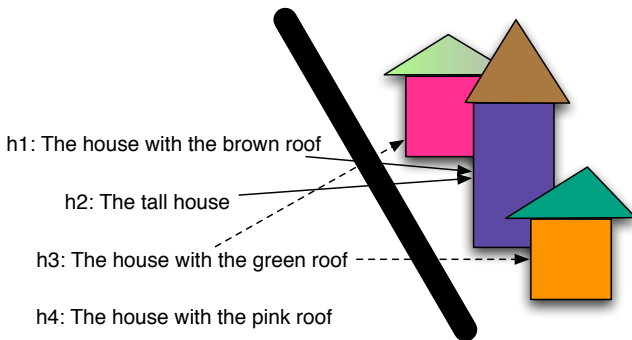
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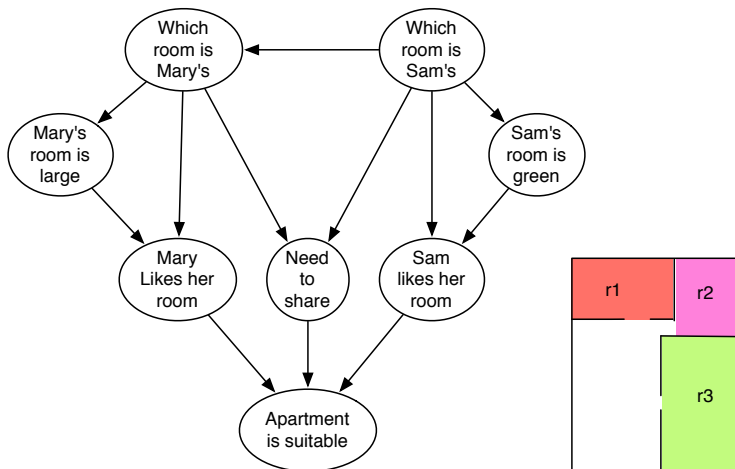
Role assignments

Hypothesis about what apartment Mary would like.

Whether Mary likes an apartment depends on:

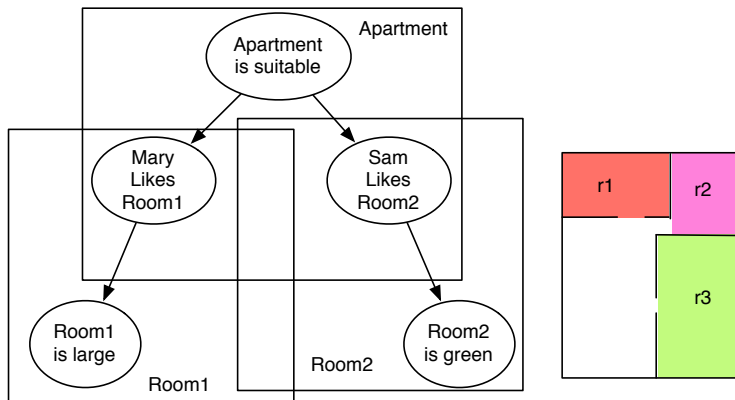
- Whether there is a bedroom for daughter Sam
- Whether Sam's room is green
- Whether there is a bedroom for Mary
- Whether Mary's room is large
- Whether they share

Bayesian Belief Network Representation



How can we condition on the observation of the apartment?

Naive Bayes representation



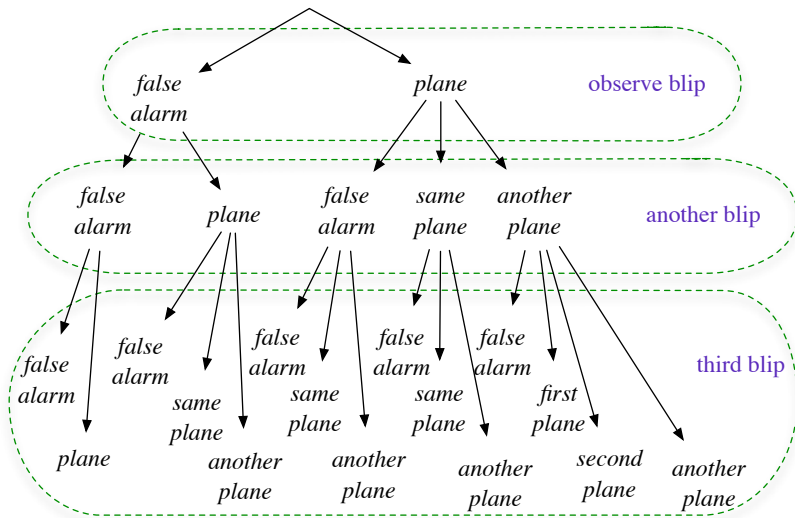
How do we specify that Mary chooses a room?

What about the case where they (have to) share?

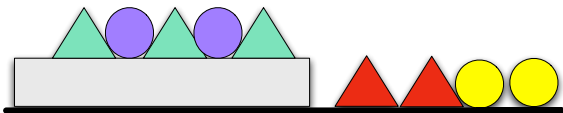
Number and Existence Uncertainty

- PRMs (Pfeffer et al.), BLOG (Milch et al.): distribution over the number of individuals. For each number, reason about the correspondence.
- NP-BLOG (Carbonetto et al.): keep asking: is there one more?
e.g., if you observe a radar blip, there are three hypotheses:
 - the blip was produced by plane you already hypothesized
 - the blip was produced by another plane
 - the blip wasn't produced by a plane

Existence Example



Observation Protocols



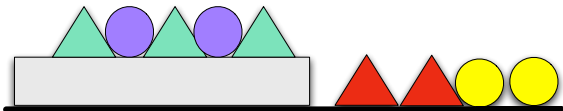
Observe a triangle and a circle touching. What is the probability the triangle is green?

$$P(\text{green}(x))$$

$$|\text{triangle}(x) \wedge \exists y \text{ circle}(y) \wedge \text{touching}(x, y)|$$

The answer depends on how the x and y were chosen!

Protocol for Observing



$$P(\text{green}(x))$$

$$| \text{triangle}(x) \wedge \exists y \text{ circle}(y) \wedge \text{touching}(x, y)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{select}(x) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{select}(y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ 3/4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{select}(y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{select}(x) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ 2/3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{select}(x, y) \end{array}$$

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Other Issues

- Probabilistic programming
- Much data is being published with respect to formal ontologies.
How can probabilistic models interact with such data?
- We'd like to publish hypotheses that make probabilistic predictions so they interoperate with data.
- Identity uncertainty. Probability of equality.
Do these citations refer to the same publication?
- To make decisions, probabilistic models need to interact with utility models.
- Representing actions, time,...

Conclusion

- The field of “statistical relational AI” studies how to combine first-order logic and probabilistic reasoning.

Challenges

- **Representation**: heuristically and epistemologically adequate representations for probabilistic models + observations (+ causation + actions + utilities + ontologies)
- **Inference**: exploit structure + exchangeability
compute posterior probabilities (or optimal actions) quickly enough to be useful
- **Learning**: find best hypotheses conditioned on all observations
...just inference?

Age of Relations (100 years later)

What is now required is to give the greatest possible development to mathematical logic, to allow to the full the importance of relations, and then to found upon this secure basis a new philosophical logic, which may hope to borrow some of the exactitude and certainty of its mathematical foundation. If this can be successfully accomplished, there is every reason to hope that the near future will be as great an epoch in pure philosophy as the immediate past has been in the principles of mathematics. Great triumphs inspire great hopes; and pure thought may achieve, within our generation, such results as will place our time, in this respect, on a level with the greatest age of Greece.

– Bertrand Russell [1917]

AI: computational agents that act intelligently

