

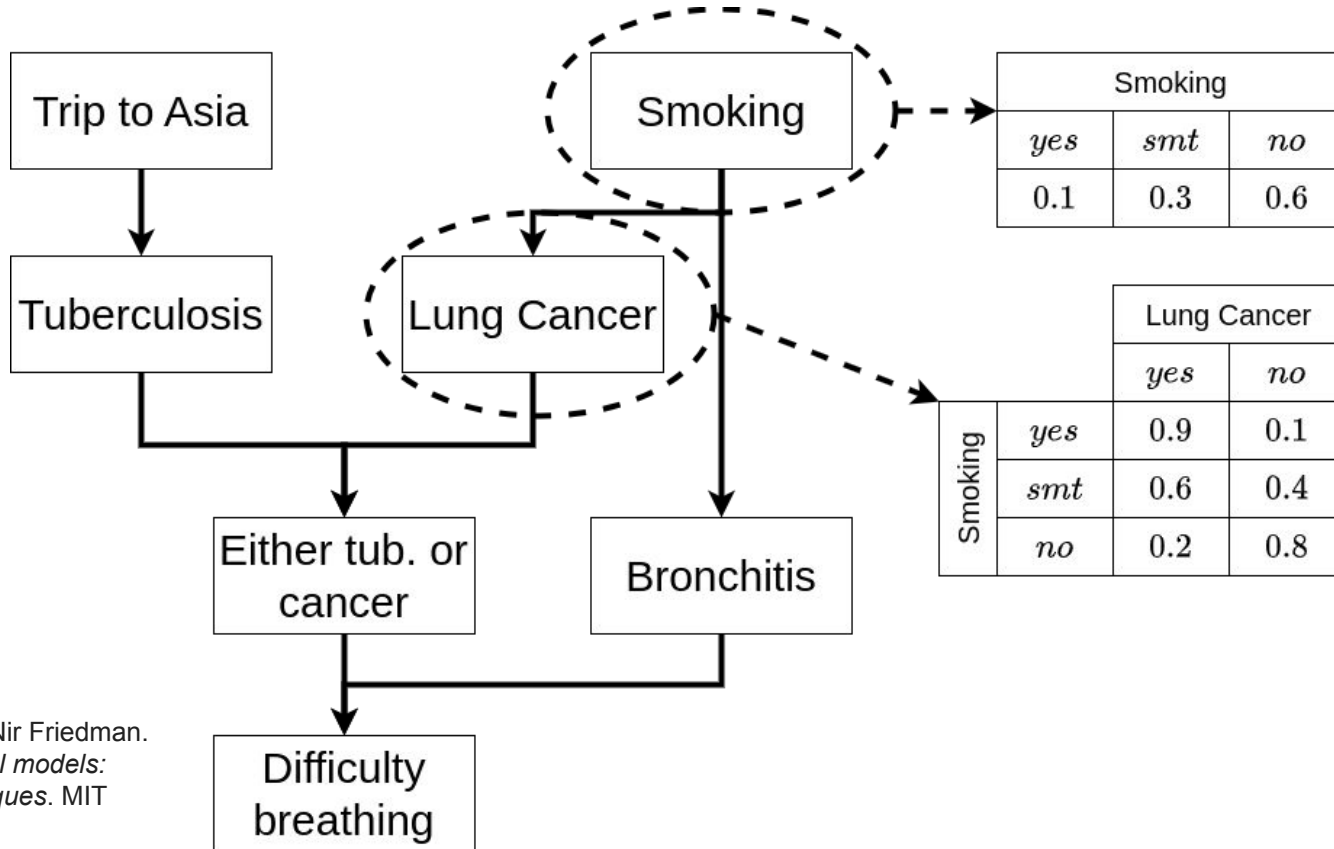
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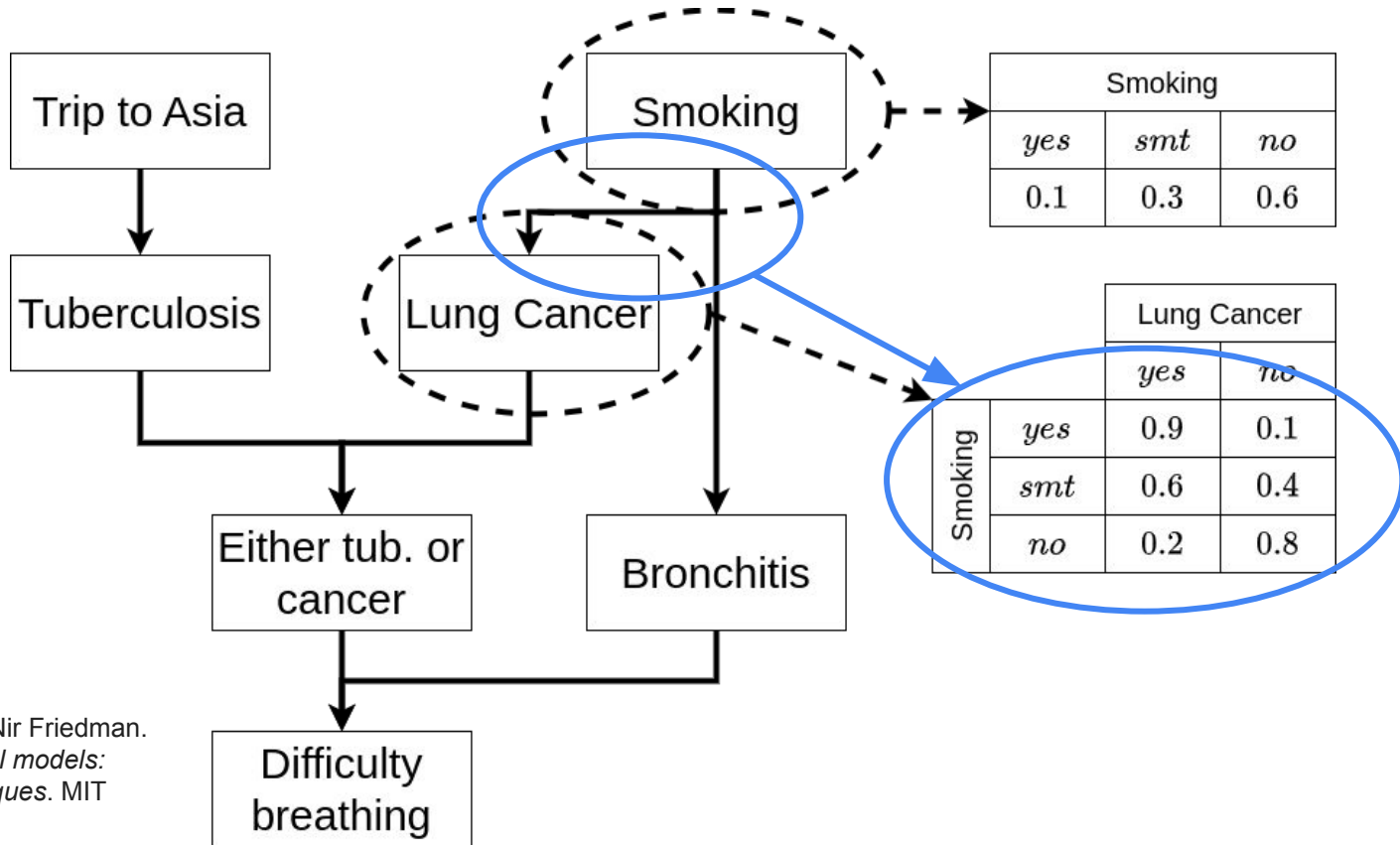
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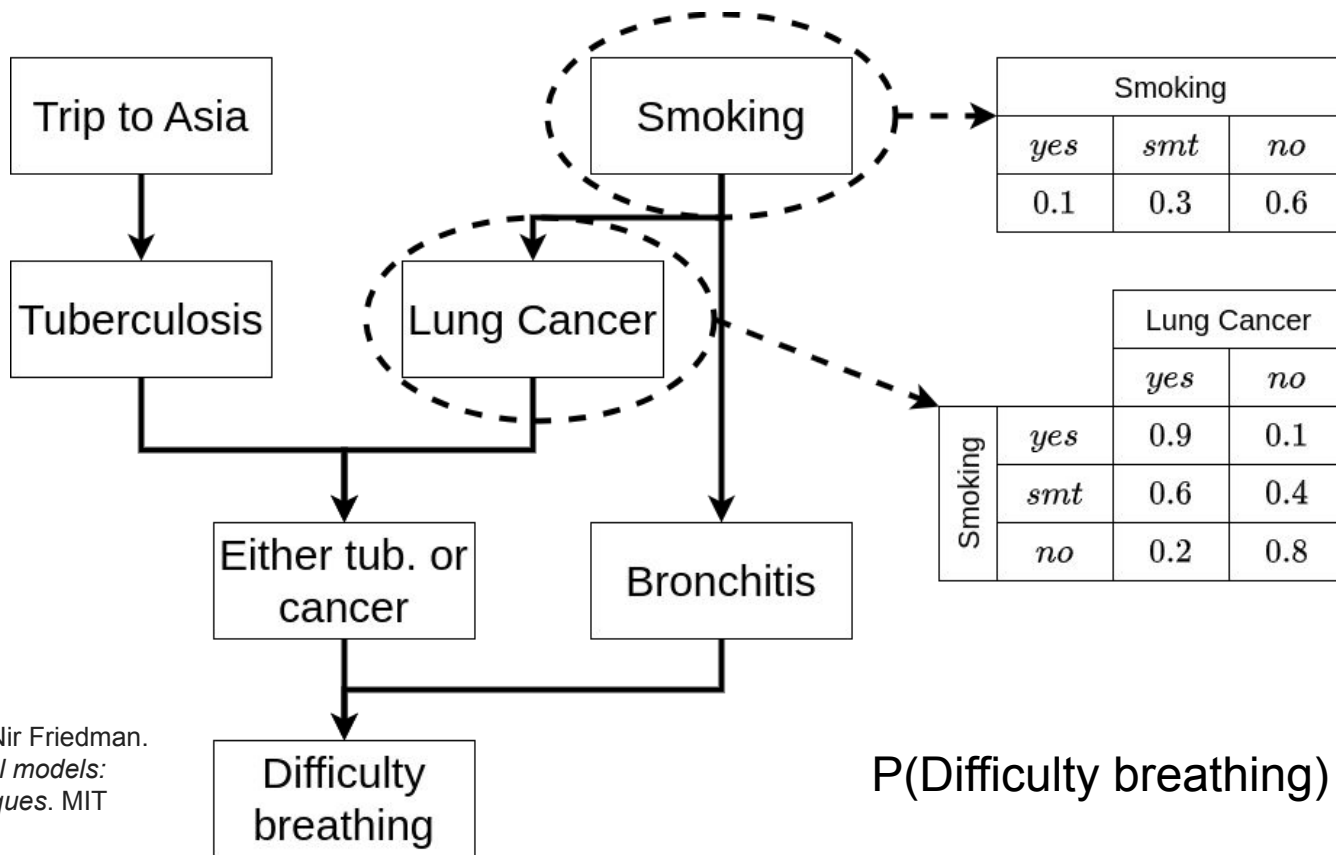
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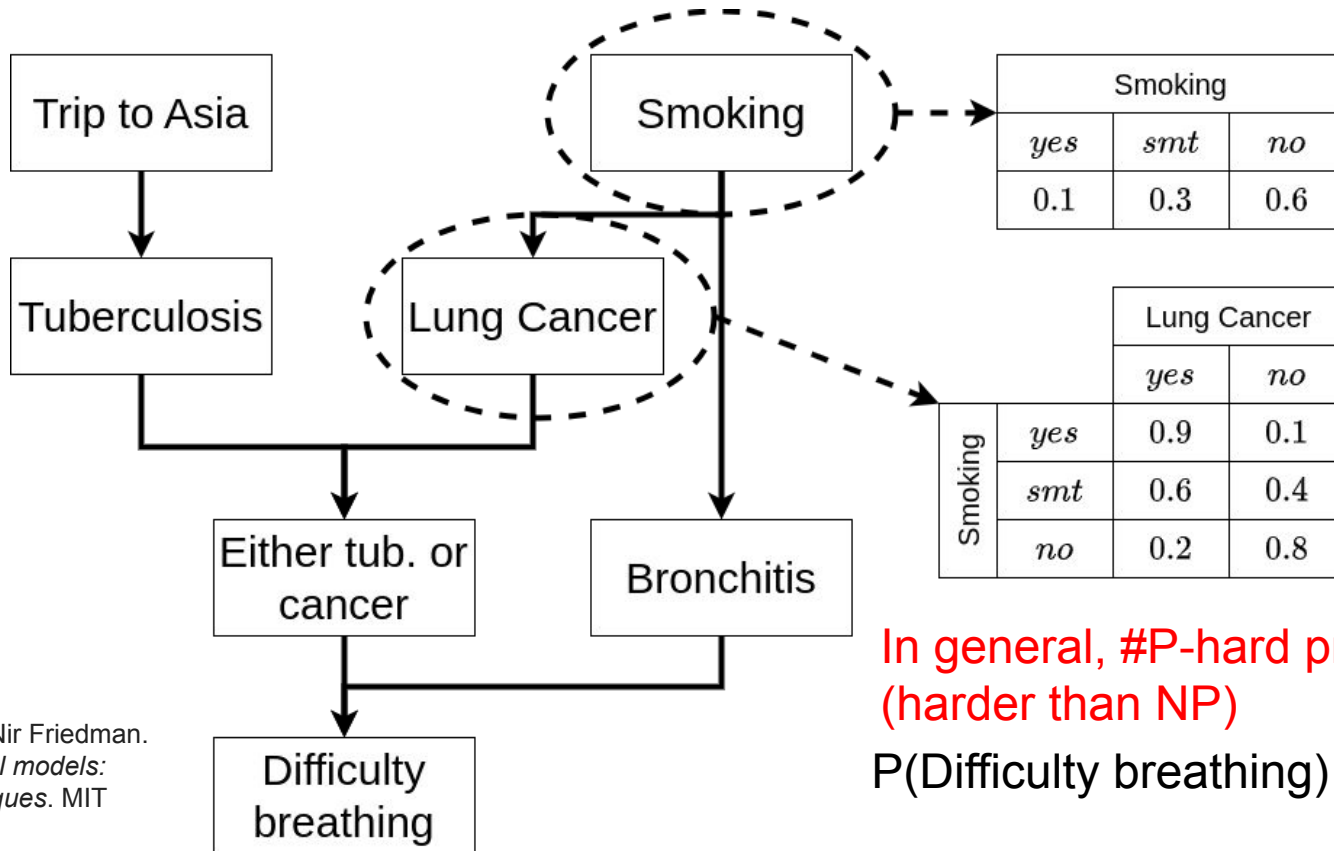


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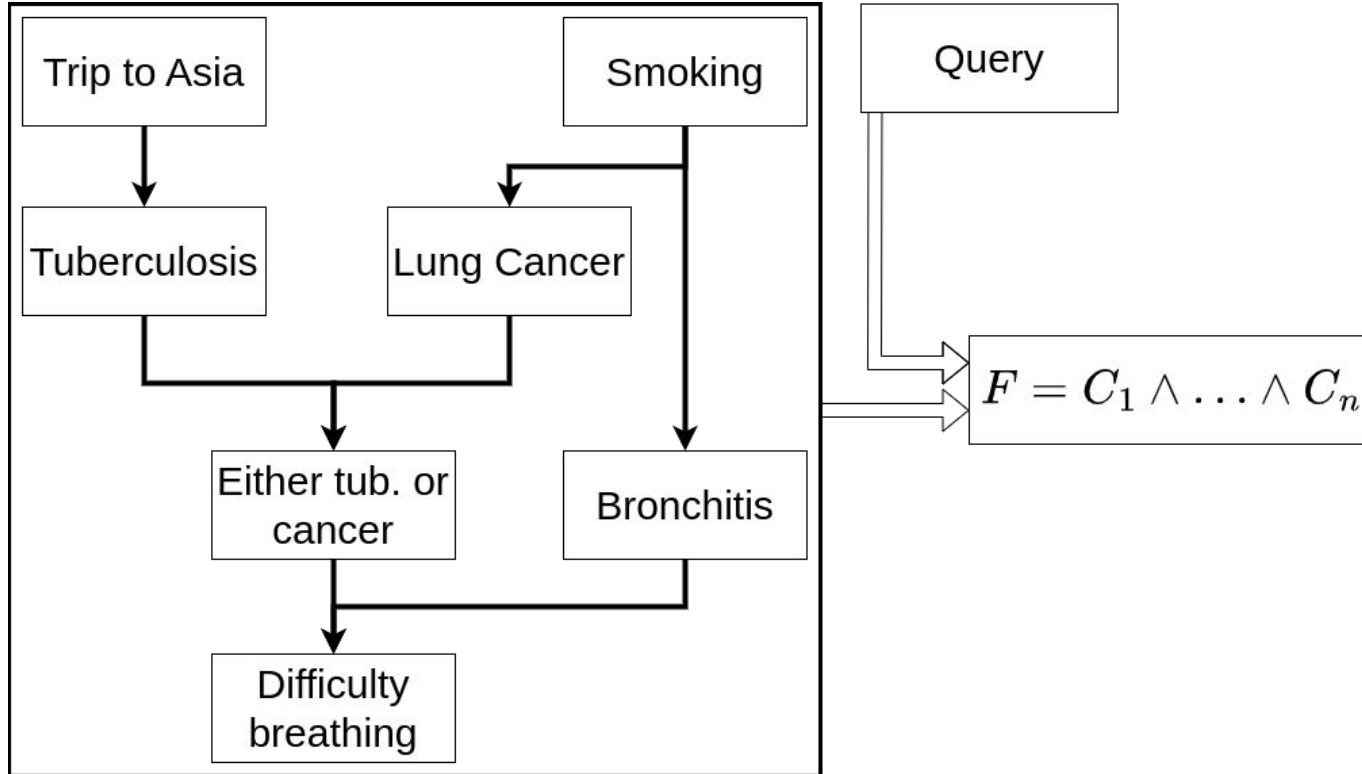
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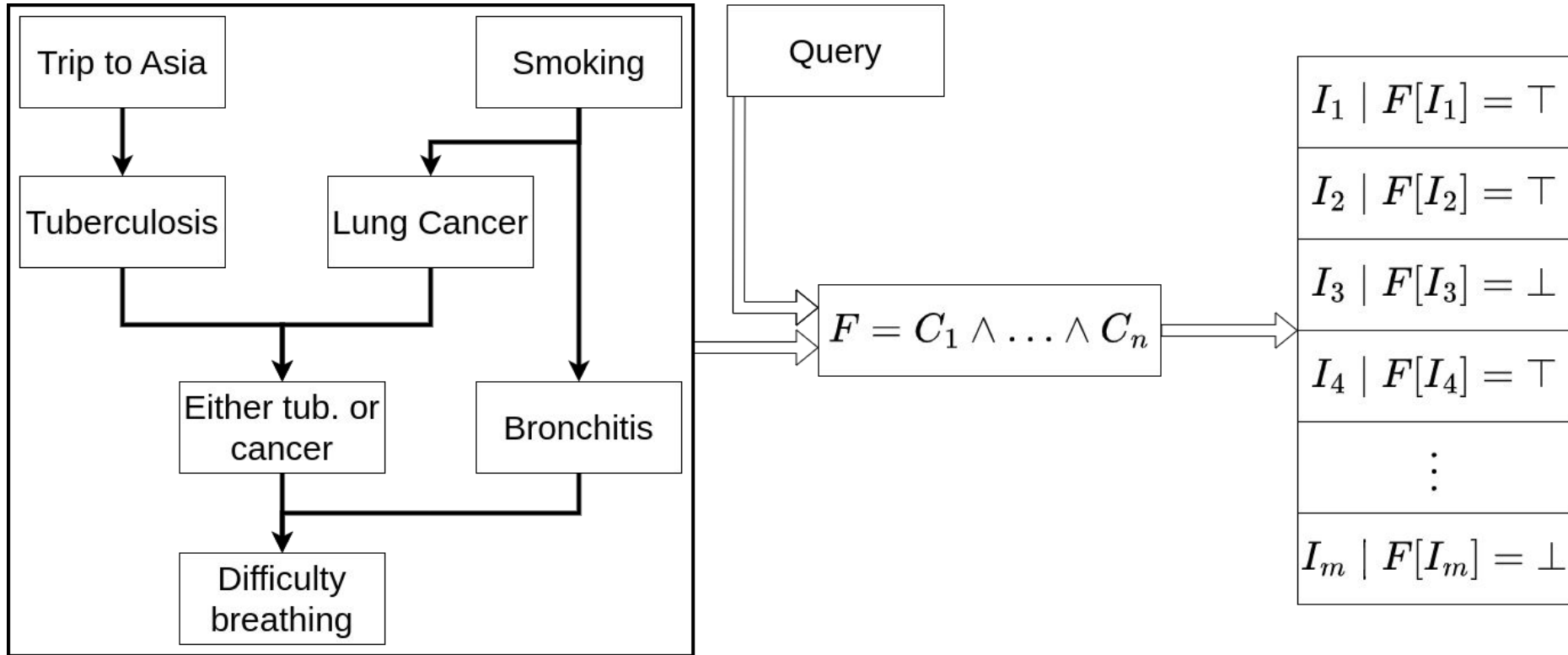
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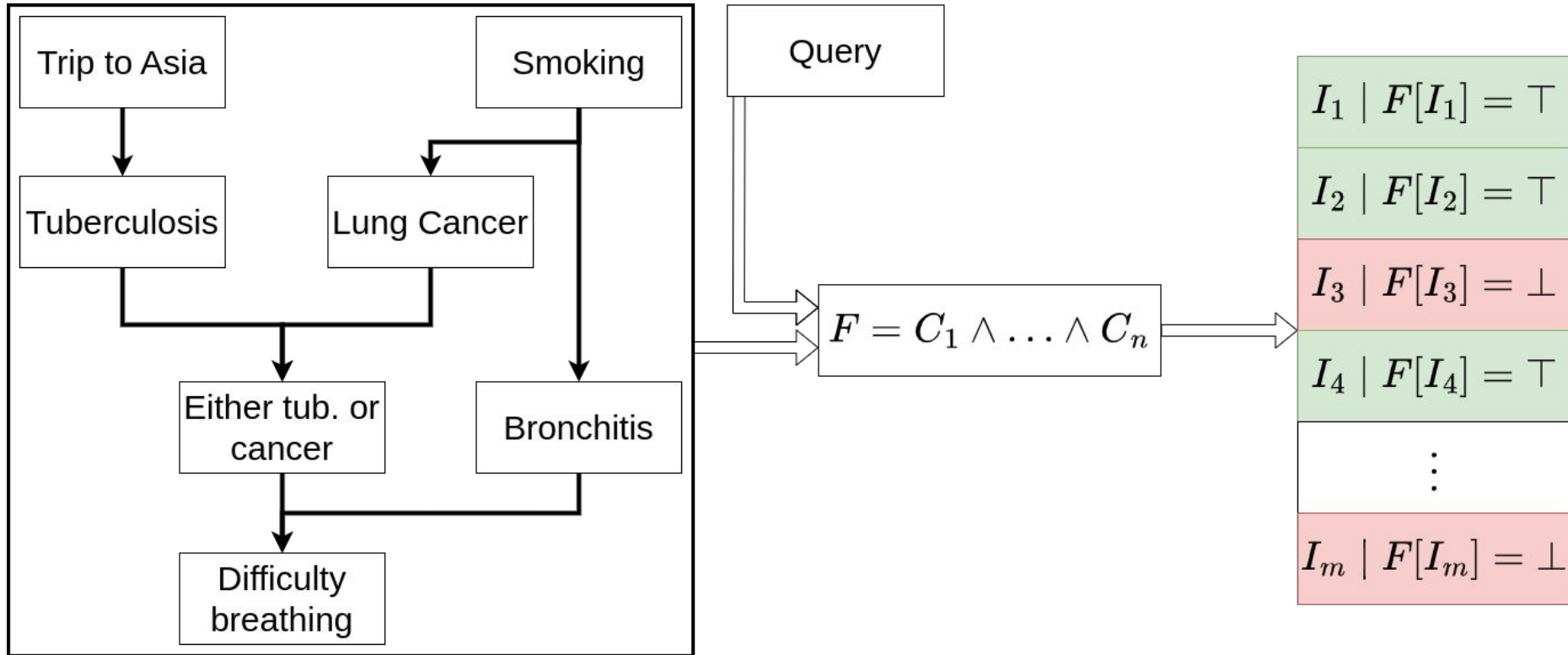
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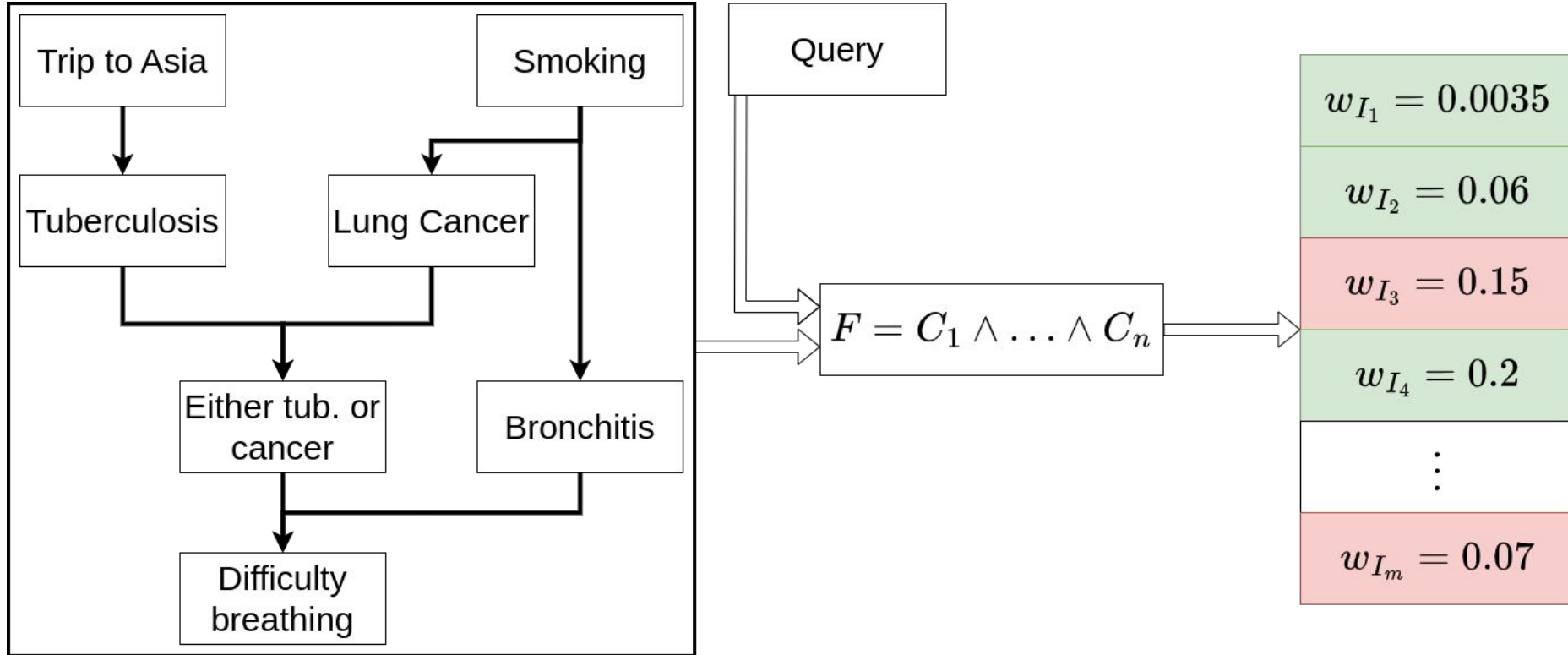
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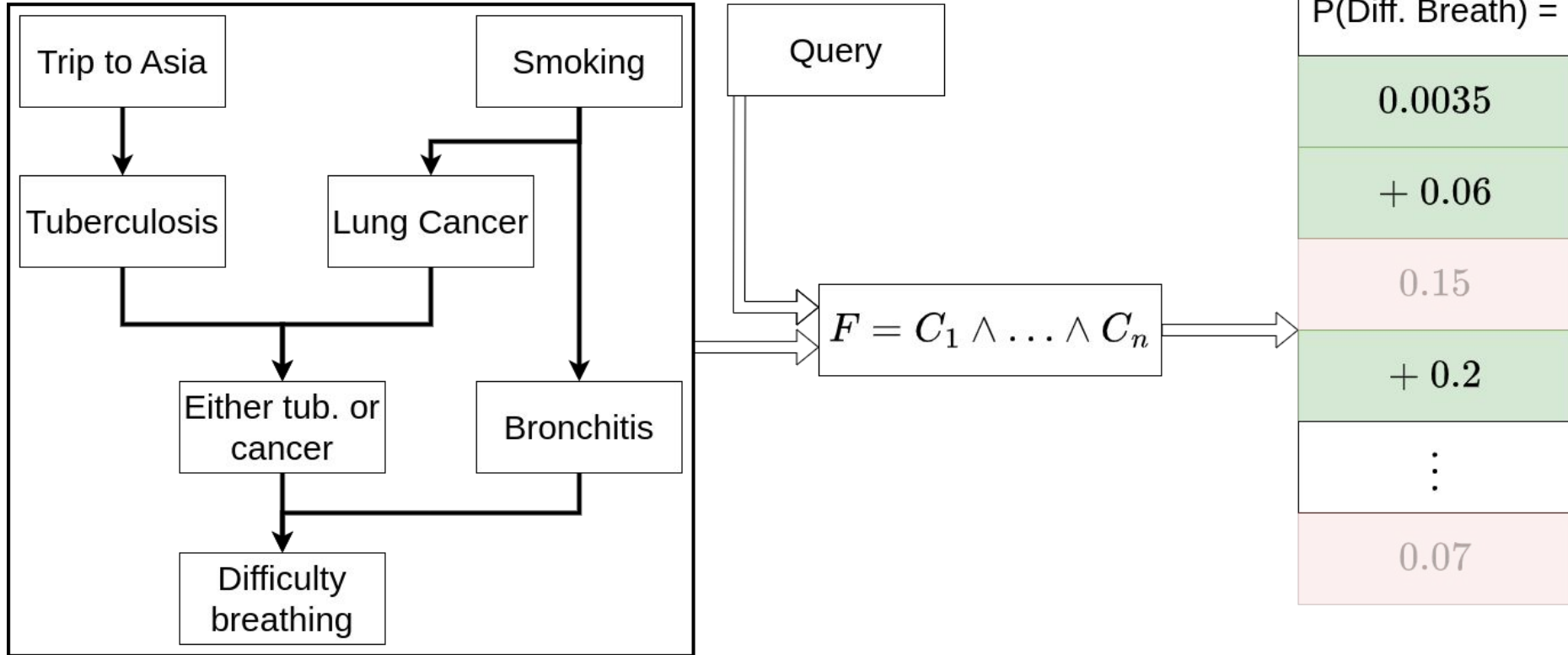
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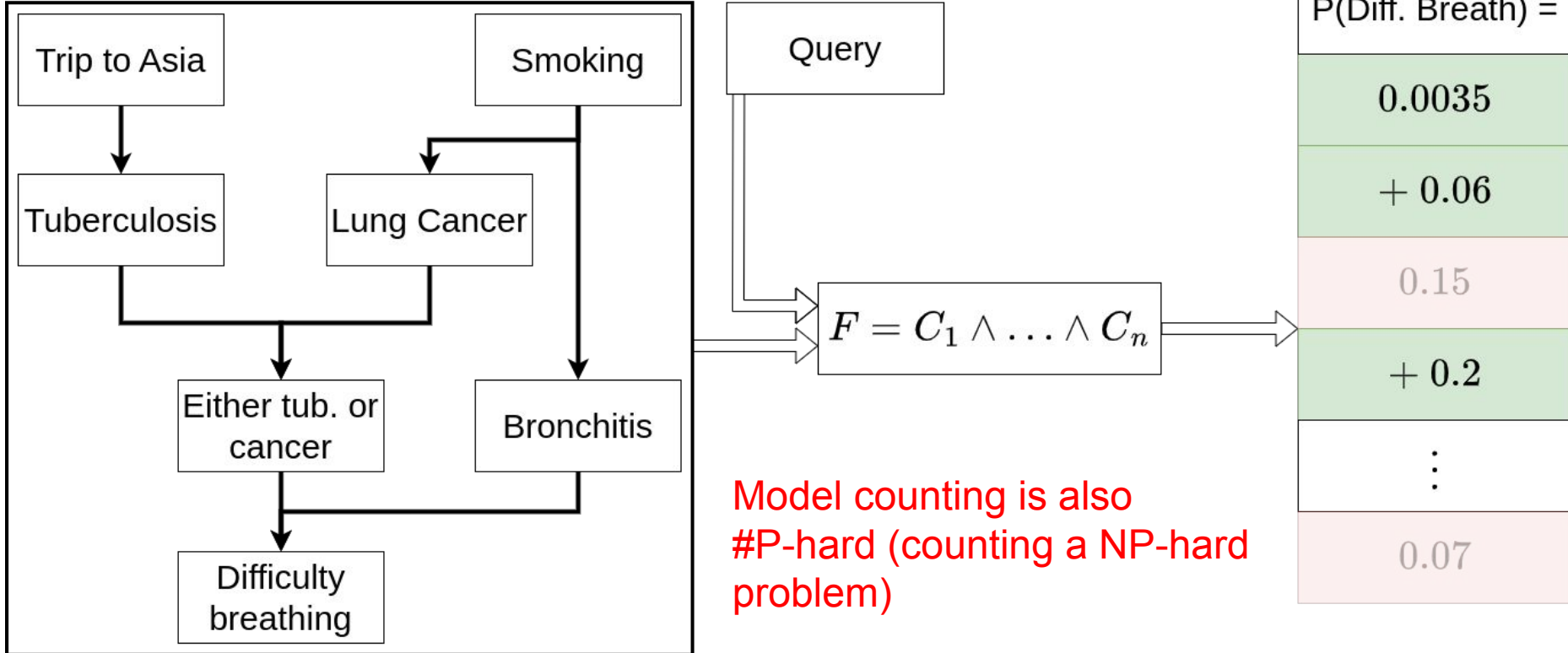
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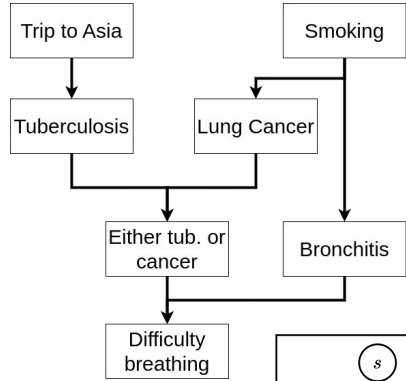
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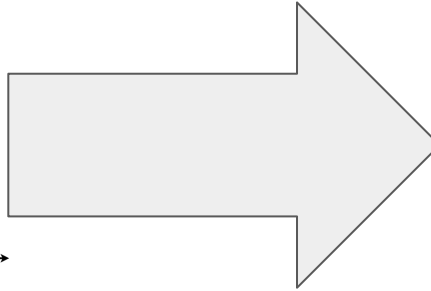
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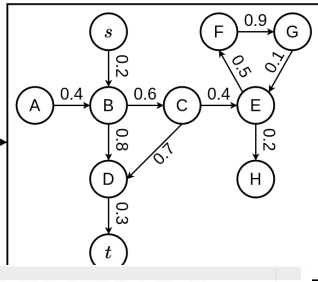
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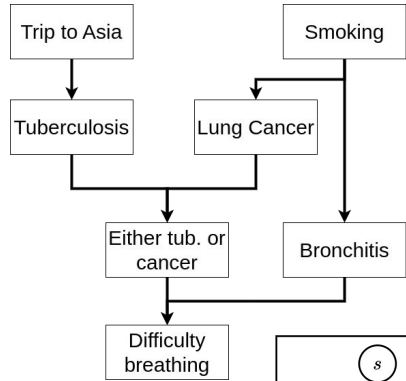


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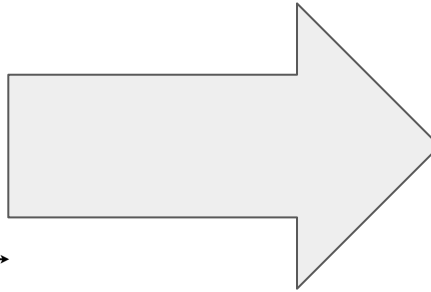
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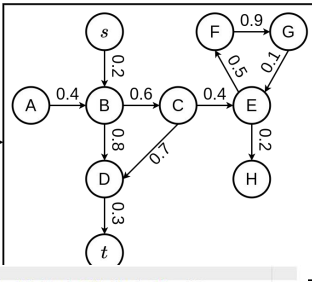
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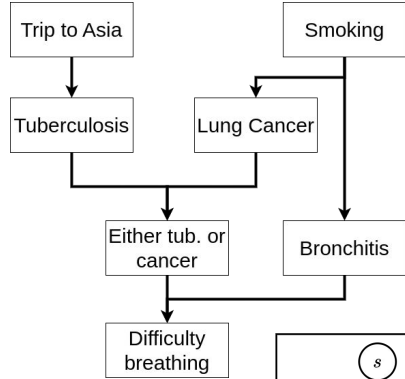


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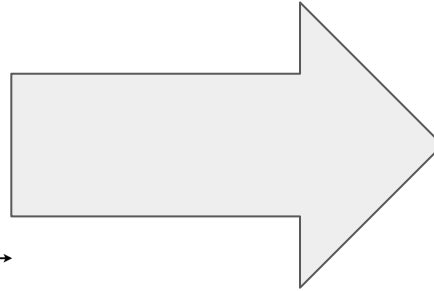
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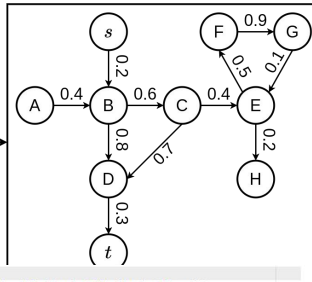
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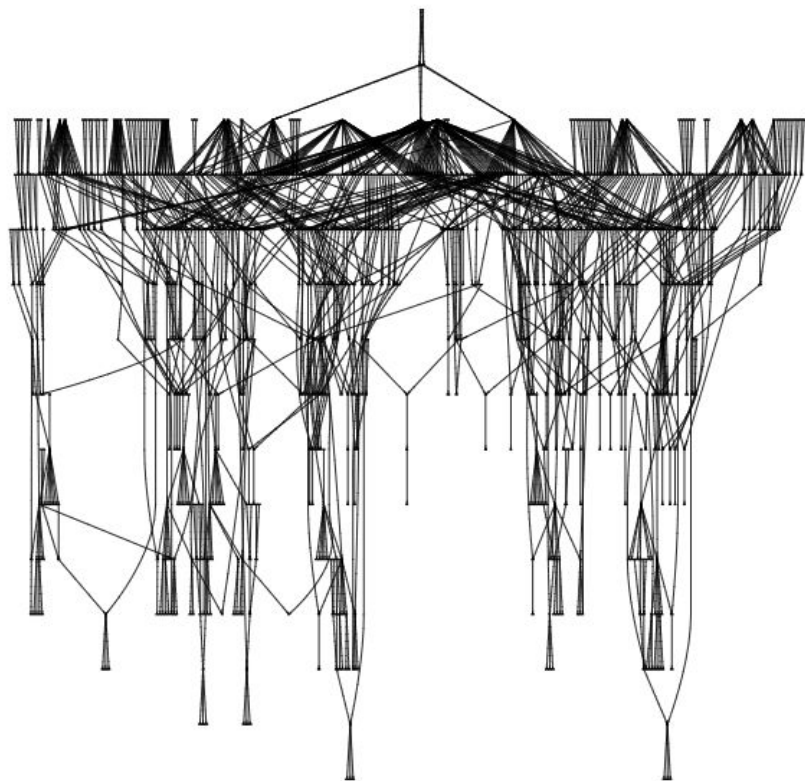
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Probabilistic Inference for Large ~~language~~ Models



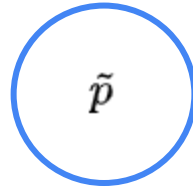
Computing exact probabilities
“That’s a no-no” - Donald Trump

Computing **approximate** probabilities
“Yes we can” - Barack Obama

Approximate Inference: Bounding the Error

\tilde{p}

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Approximated probability

Approximate Inference: Bounding the Error

$$\frac{p^*}{1 + \varepsilon} \leq \tilde{p}$$

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True probability

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$$\frac{p^*}{1 + \varepsilon} \leq \tilde{p}$$



$$p^* \leq \tilde{p}(1 + \varepsilon)$$

Upper bound on the true probability !

Approximate Inference: Bounding the Error

Epsilon guarantee bounds the true probability with relative error

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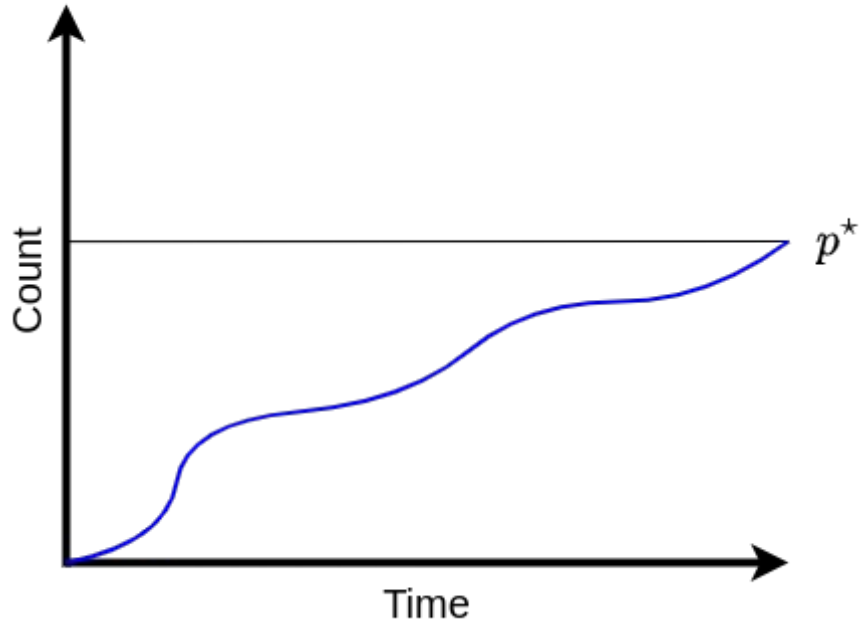
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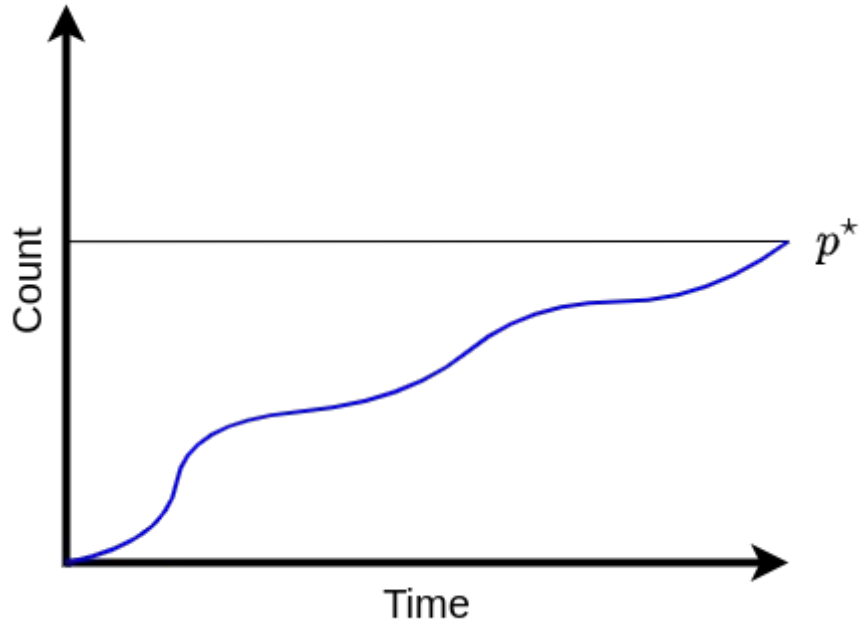
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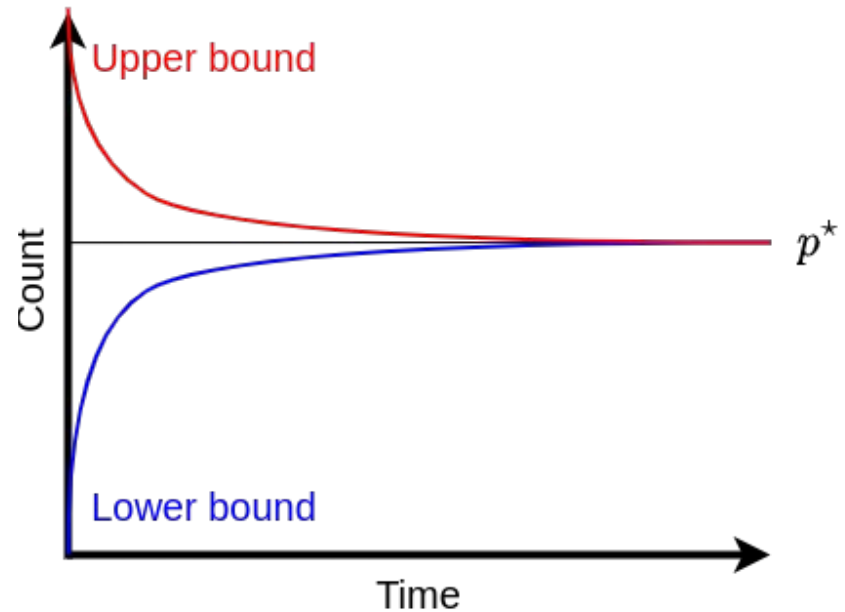


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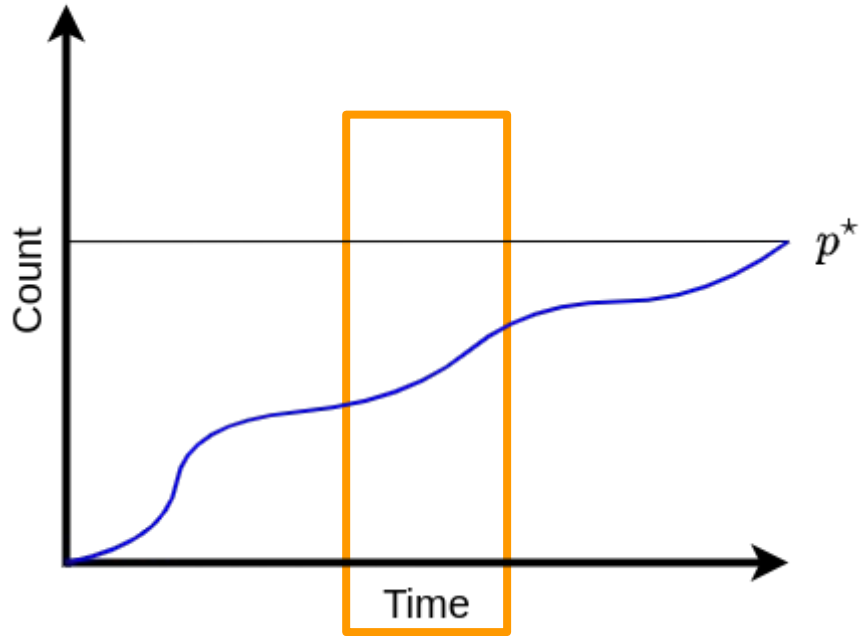


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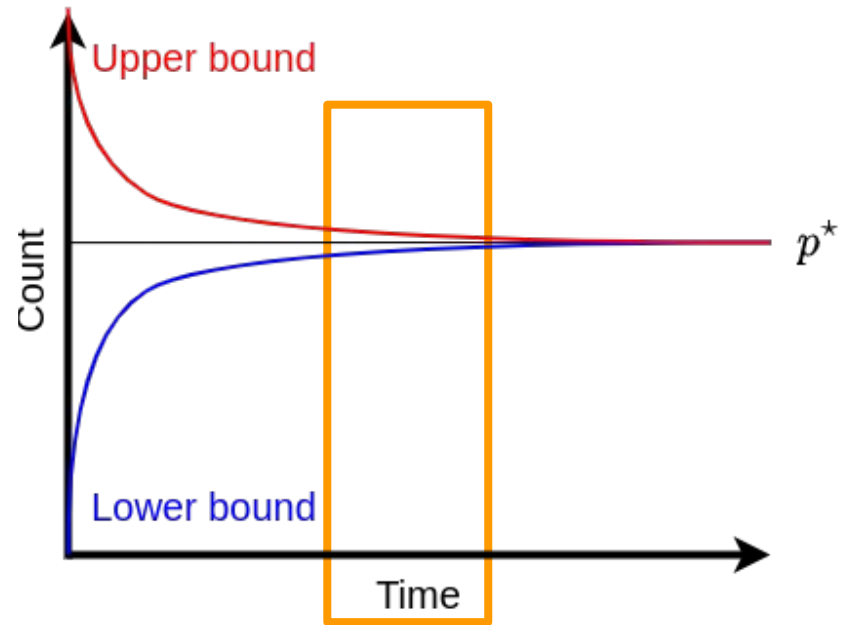


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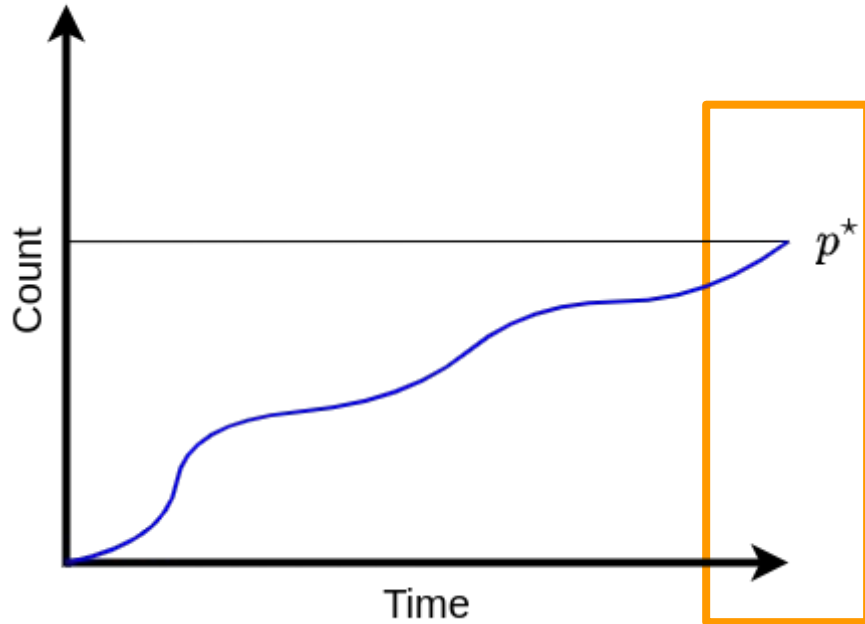


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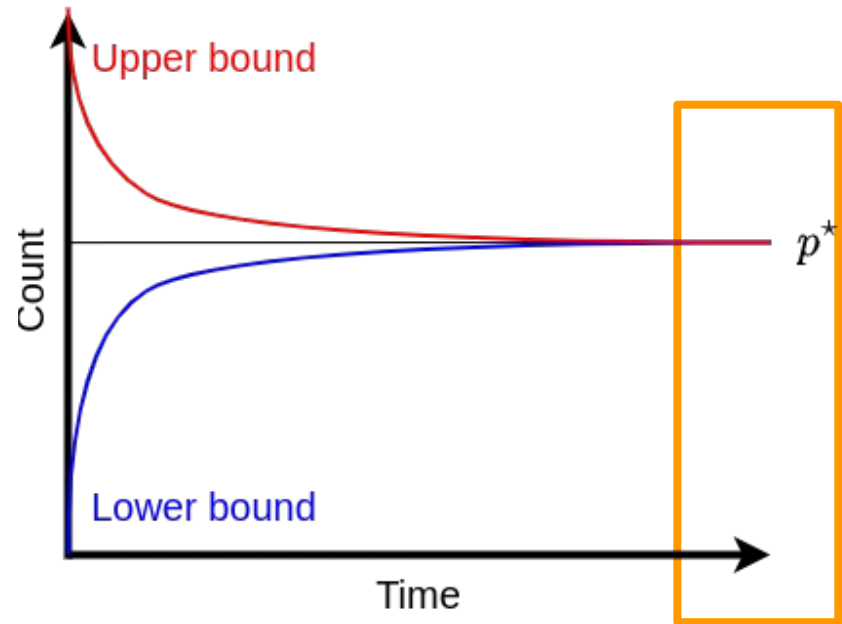


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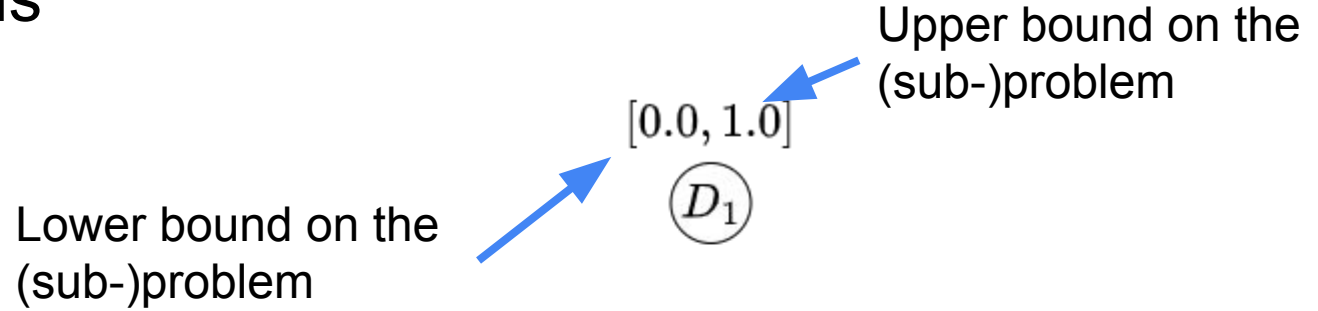
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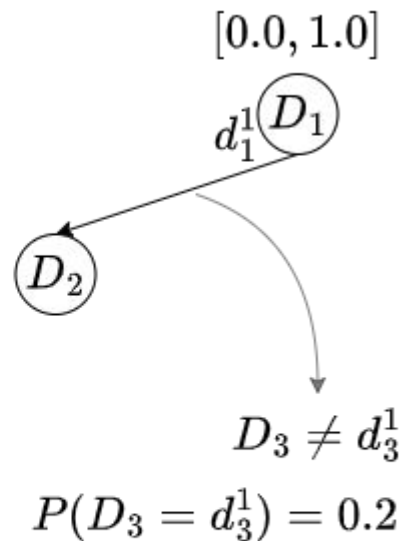
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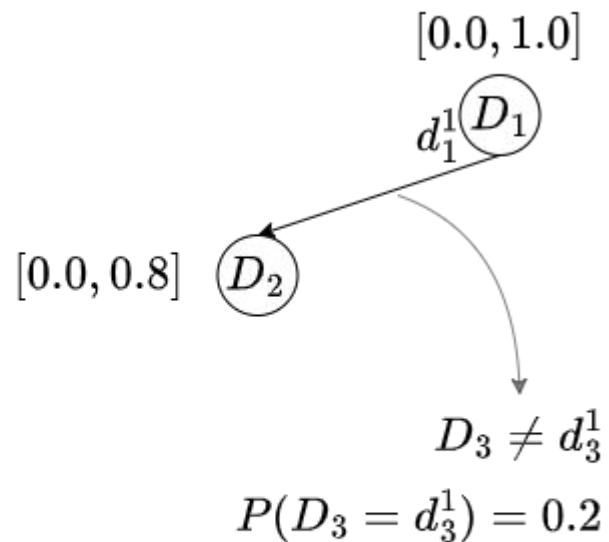


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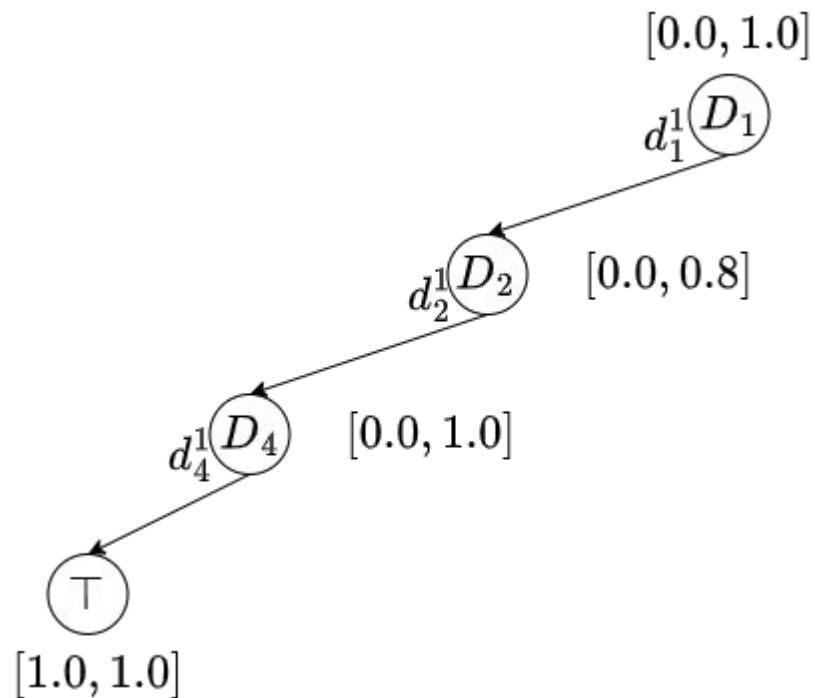
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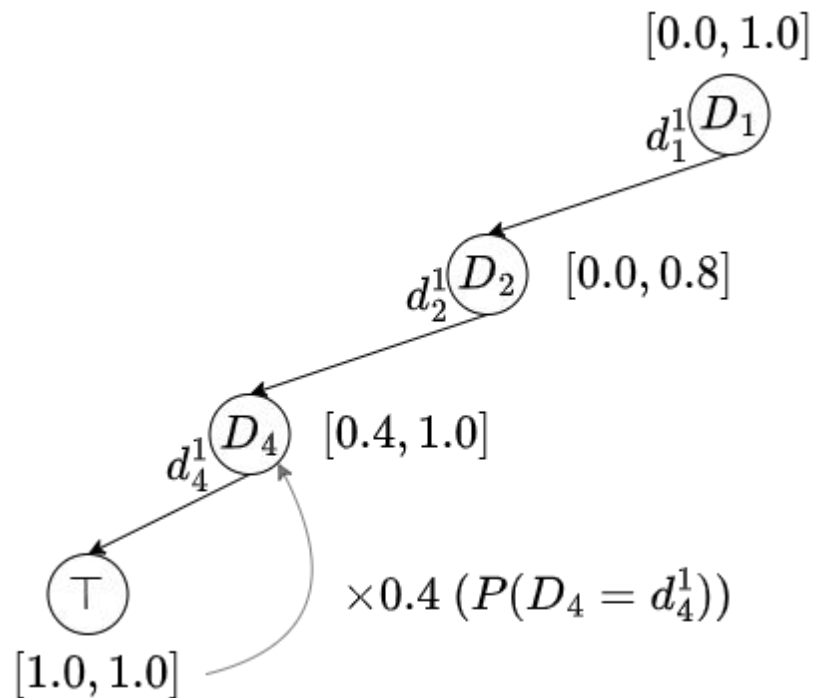
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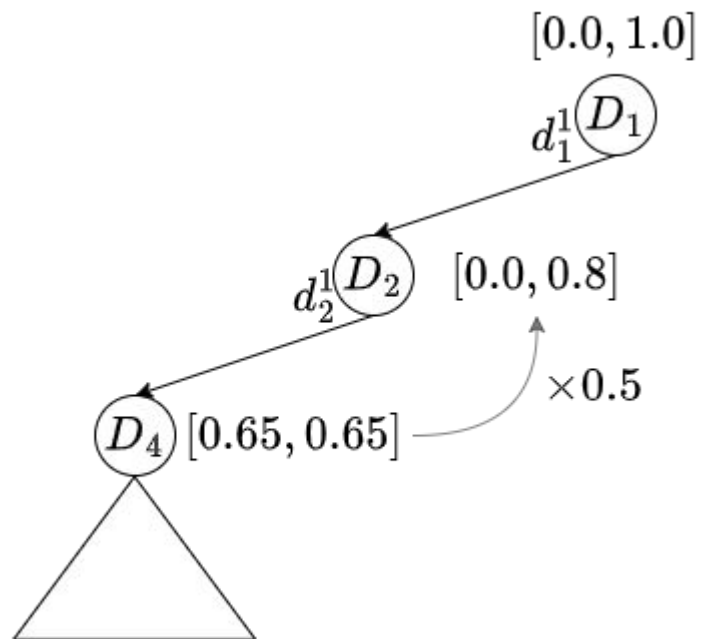
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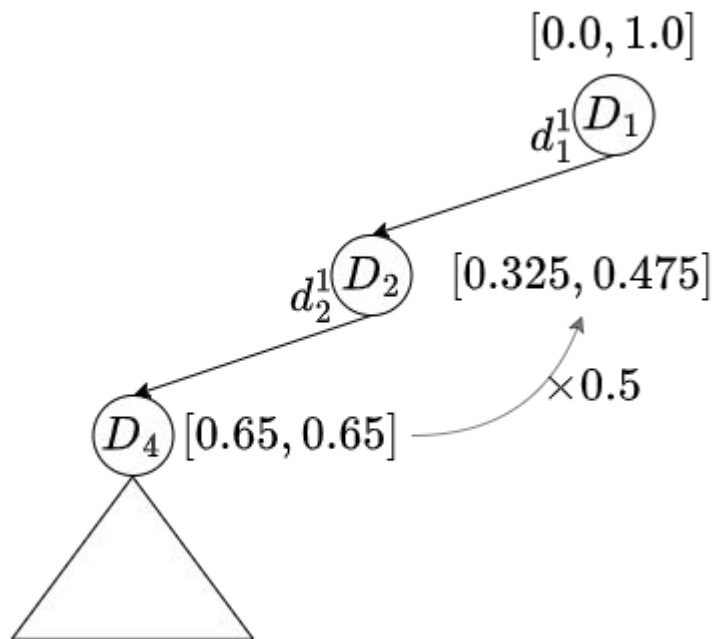
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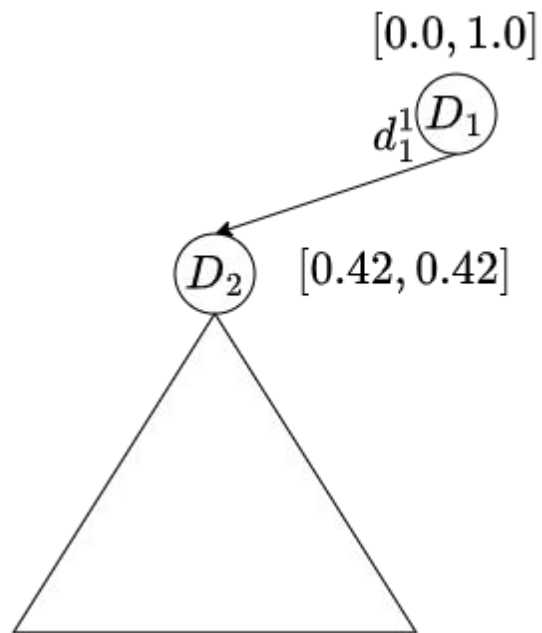
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Proof in the paper !

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Lower- and upper-bounds
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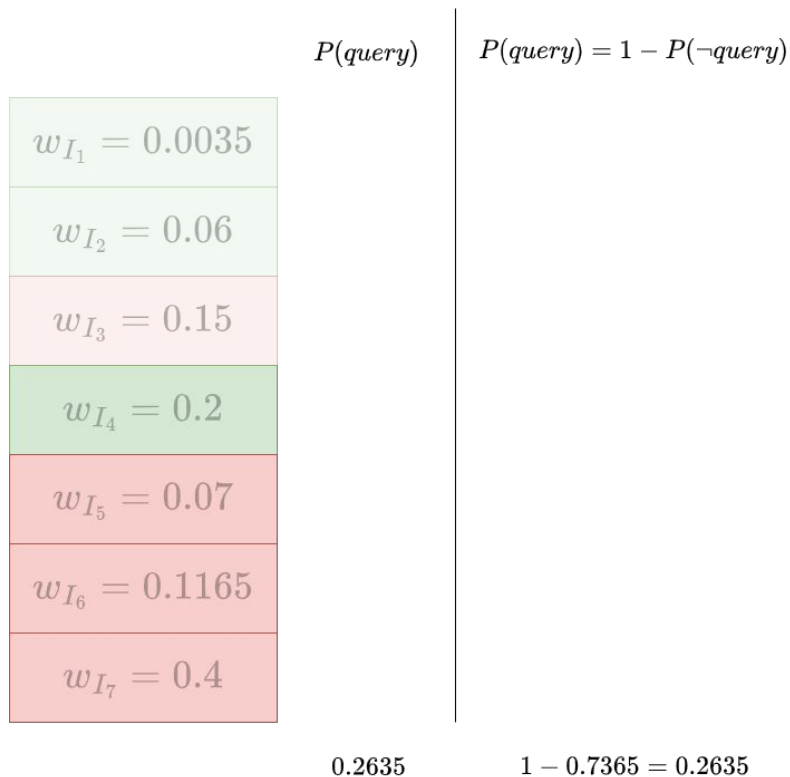
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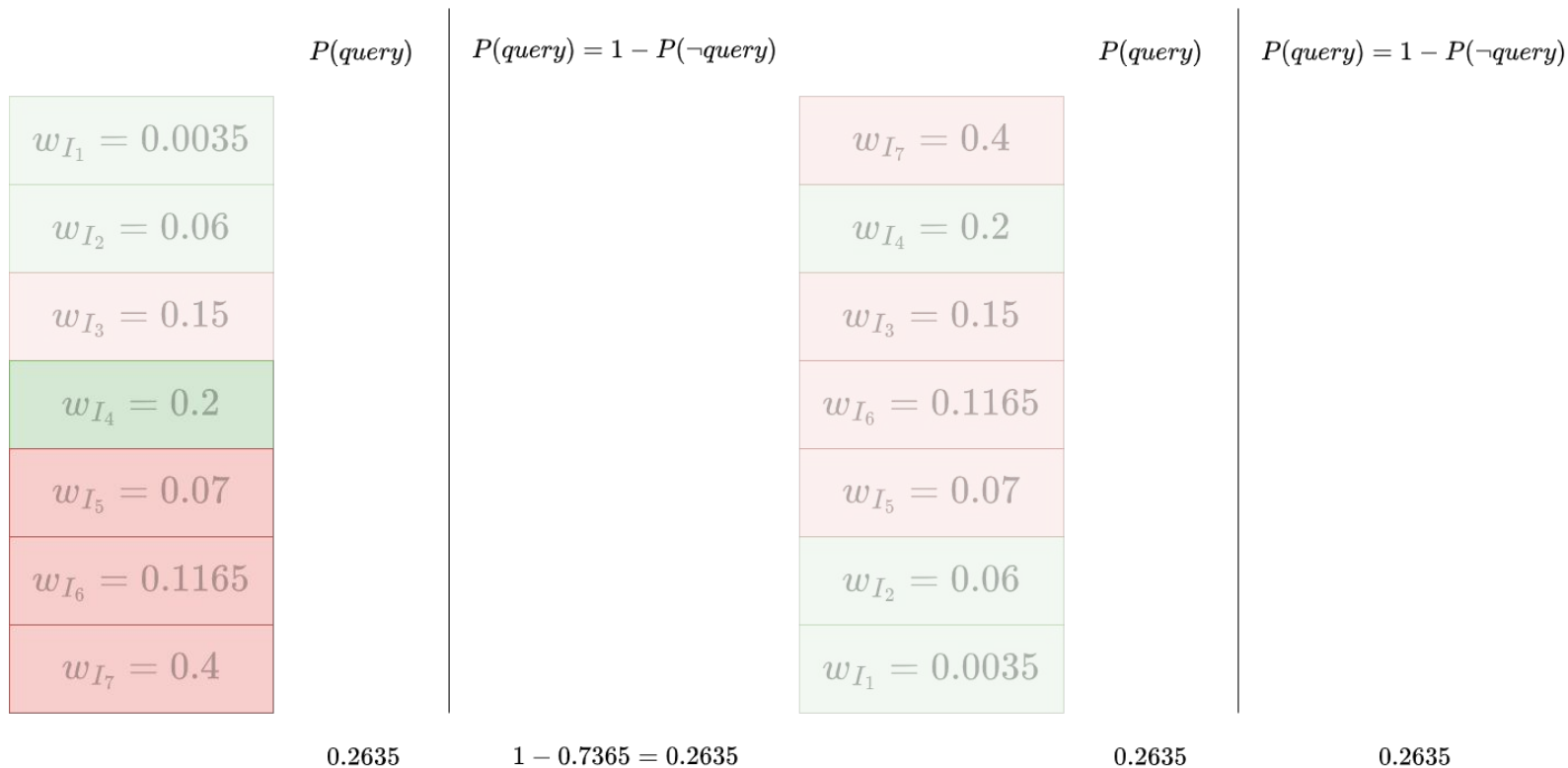
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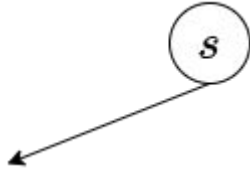
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Finding Most Likely Interpretations First



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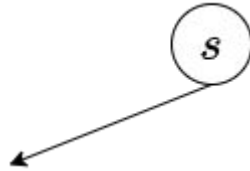
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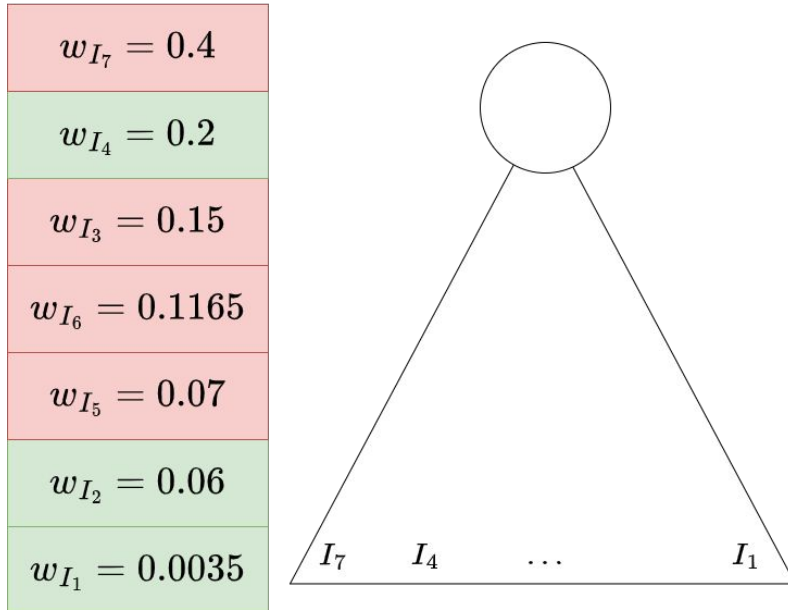
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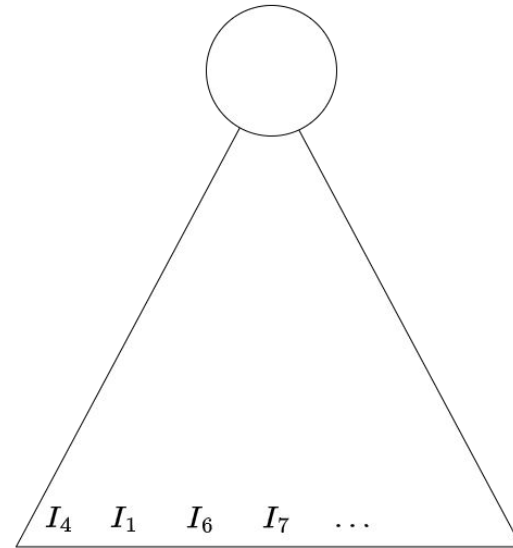
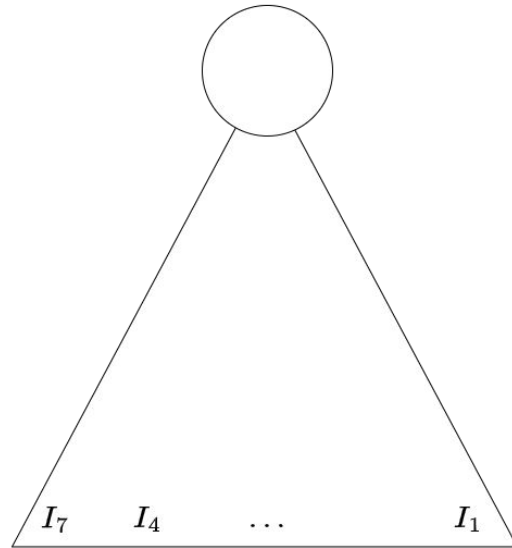
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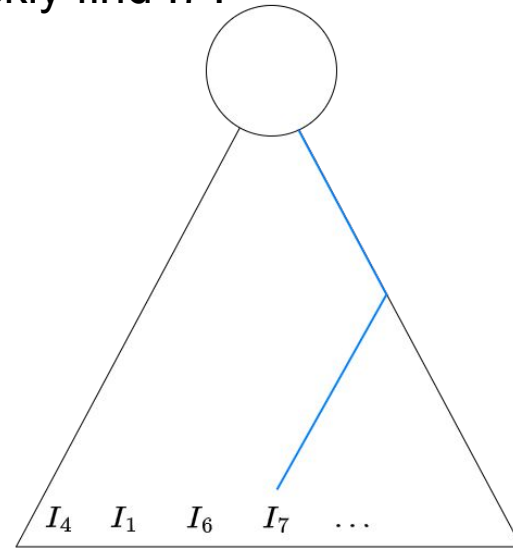
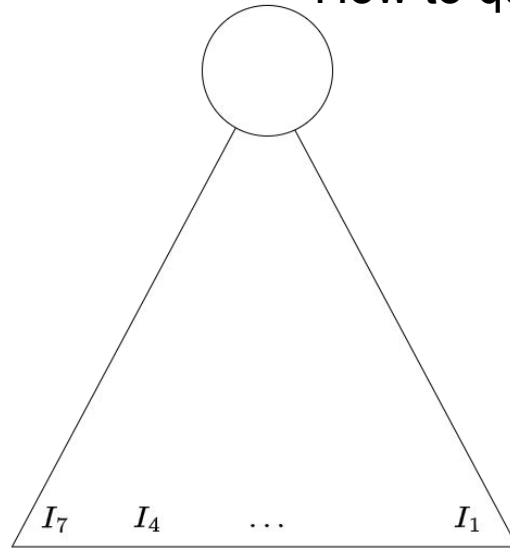


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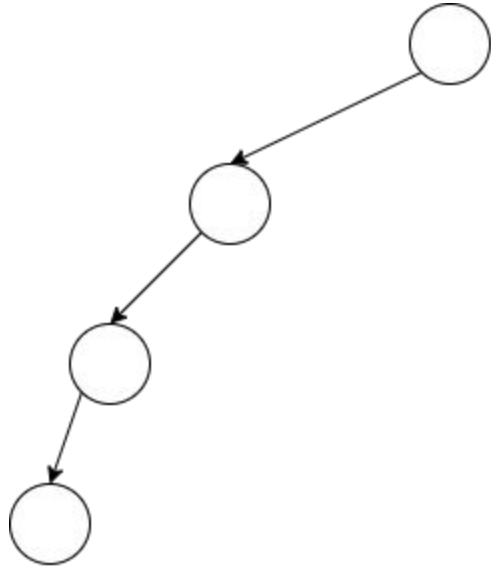
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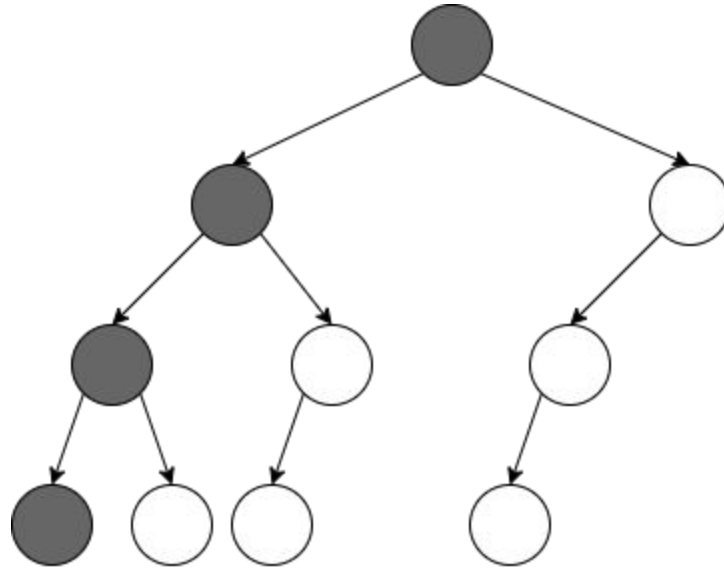
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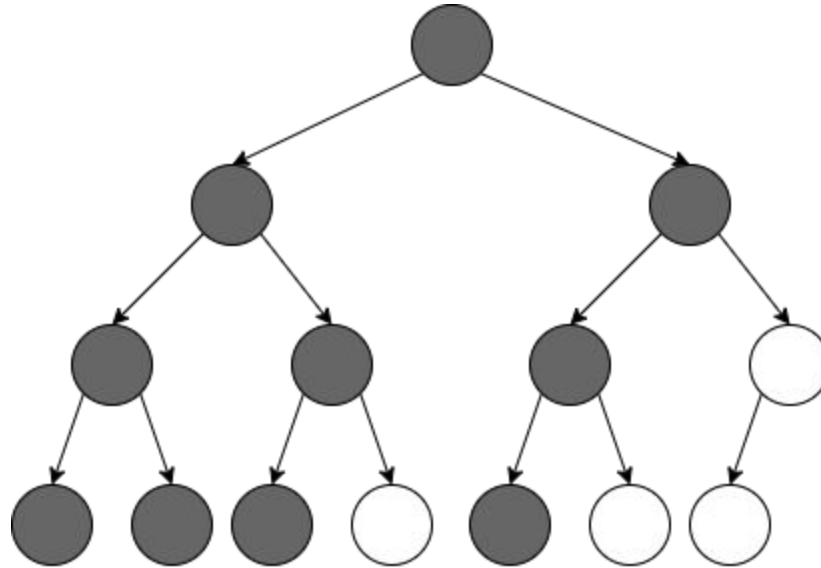
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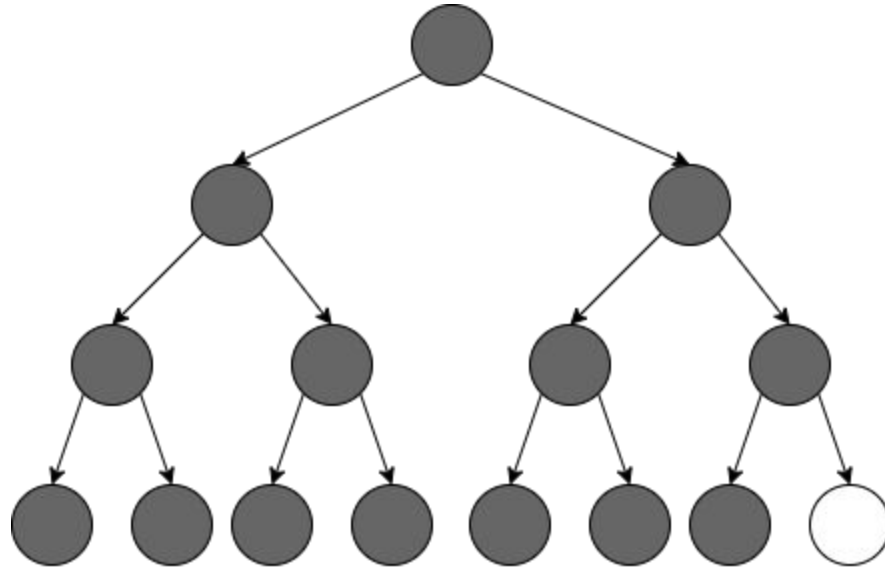
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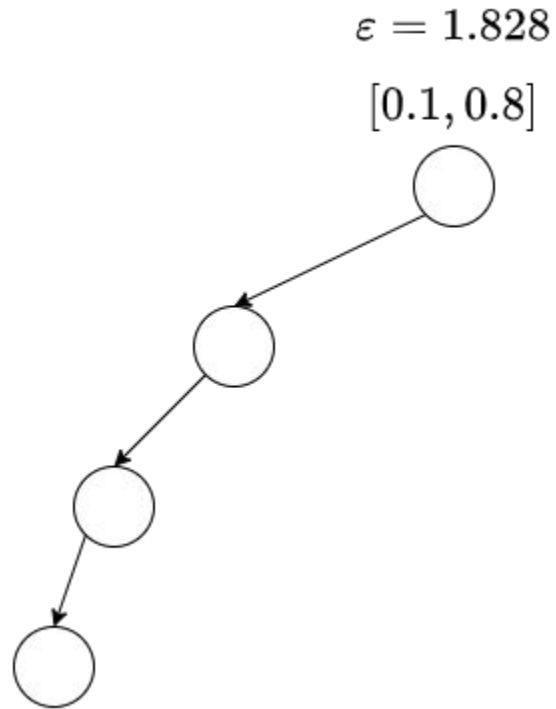
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$$\varepsilon = \infty$$

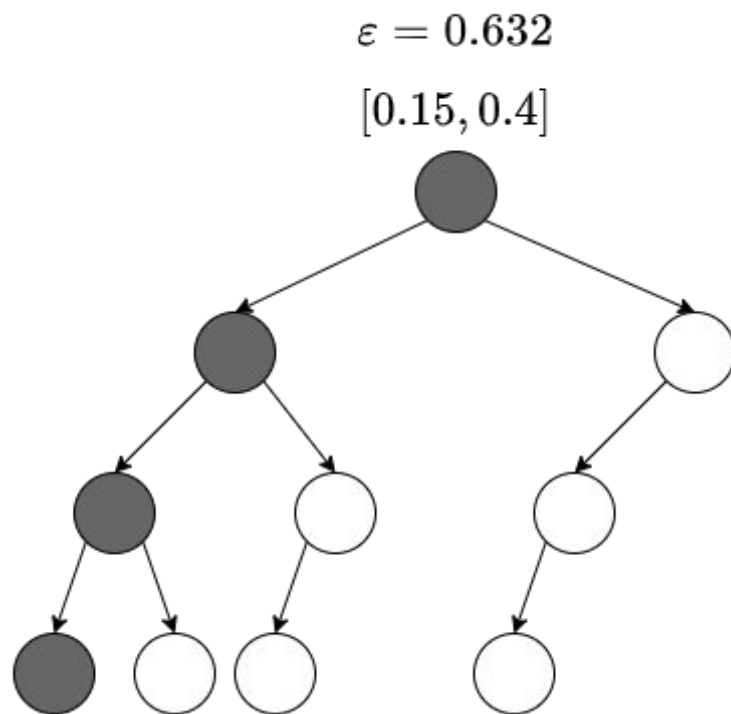
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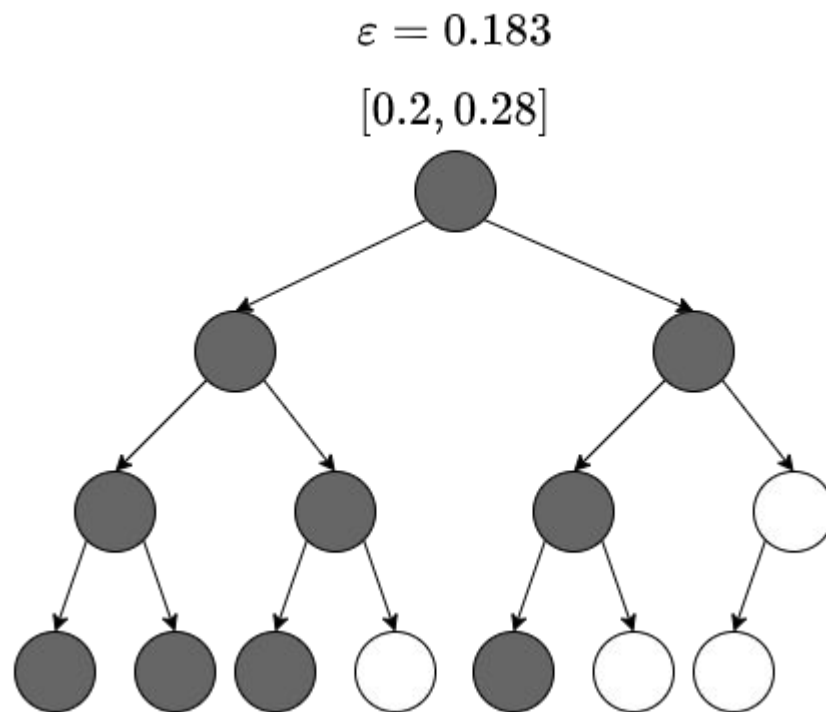
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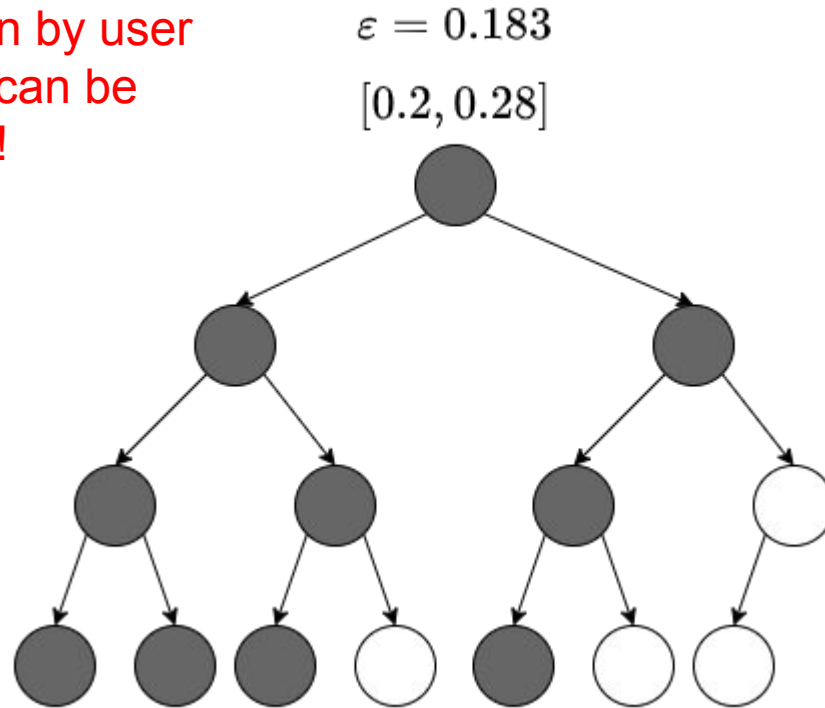


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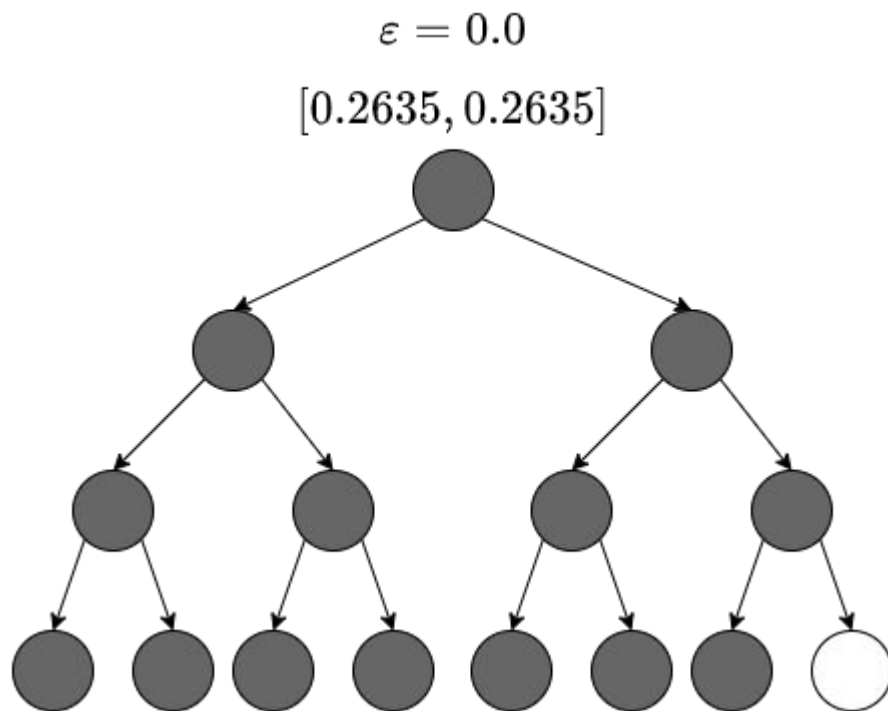


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Fifty shades of Approximate Inference

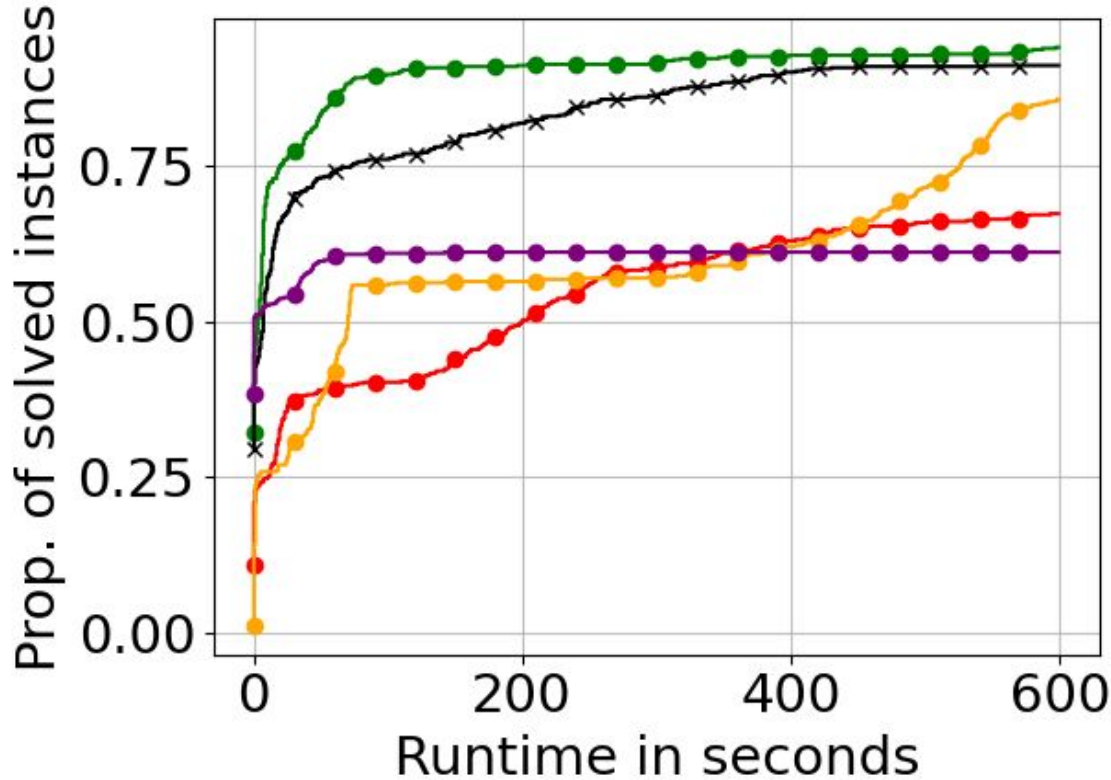
	Anytime	Guarantees	Lower bound	Upper bound
d4/gPMC/ exactMC/...		Exact on completion		
ApproxMC/ WeightMC		(ϵ, δ)		
PartialKC / SampleSAT		Probability on the LB		
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Experiments

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- Difficult query if solving time $> 100s$

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Experiments: Cactus Plot



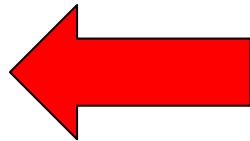
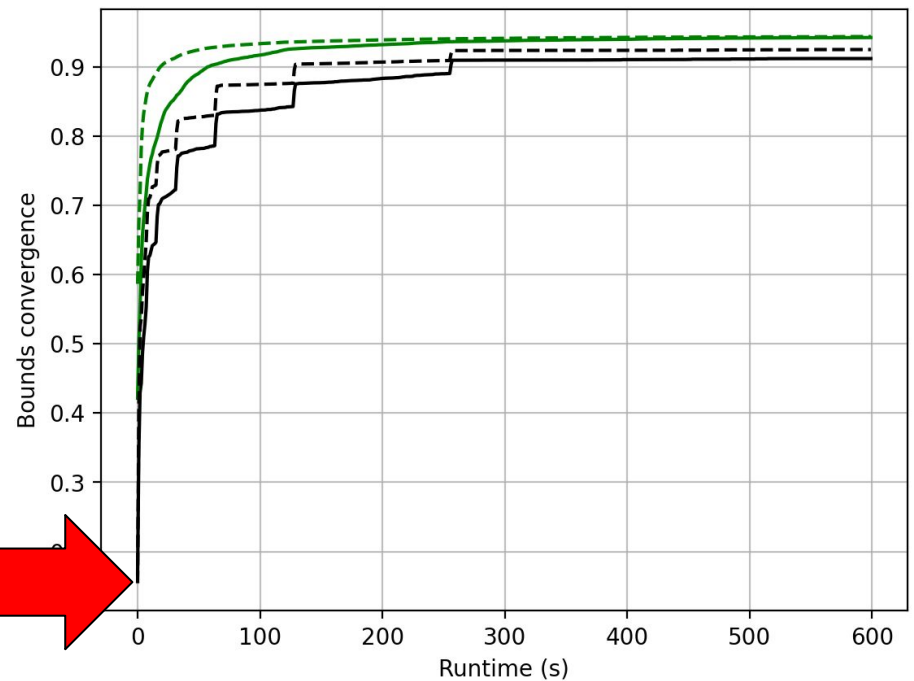
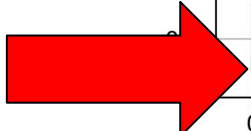
Schlandals, Schlandals-LDS(0.0)

ExactMC

d4, Toulbar

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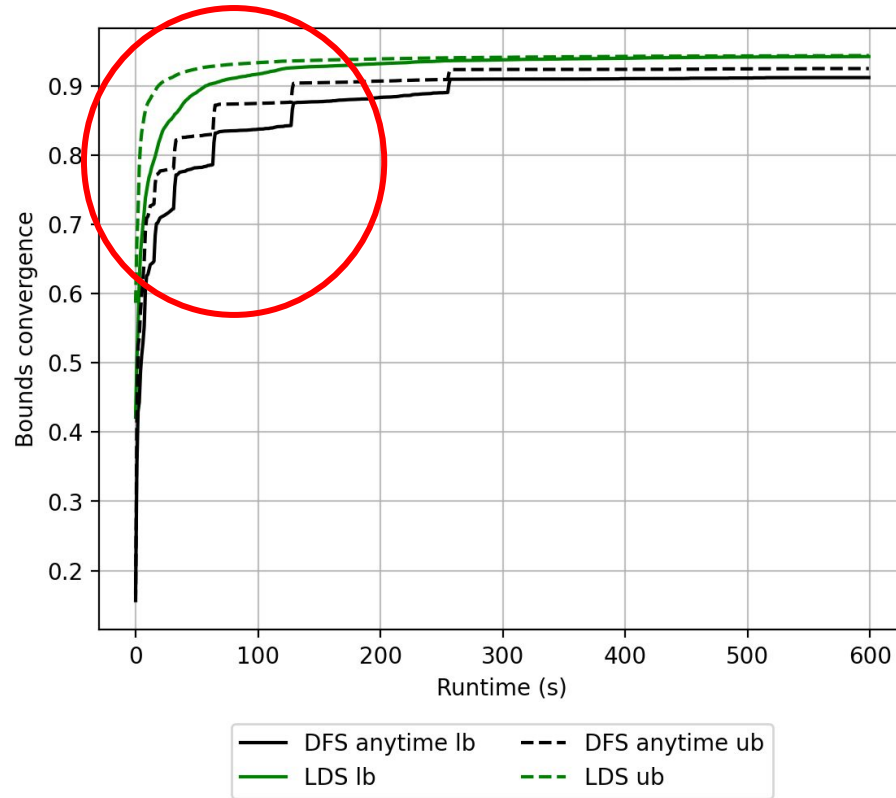
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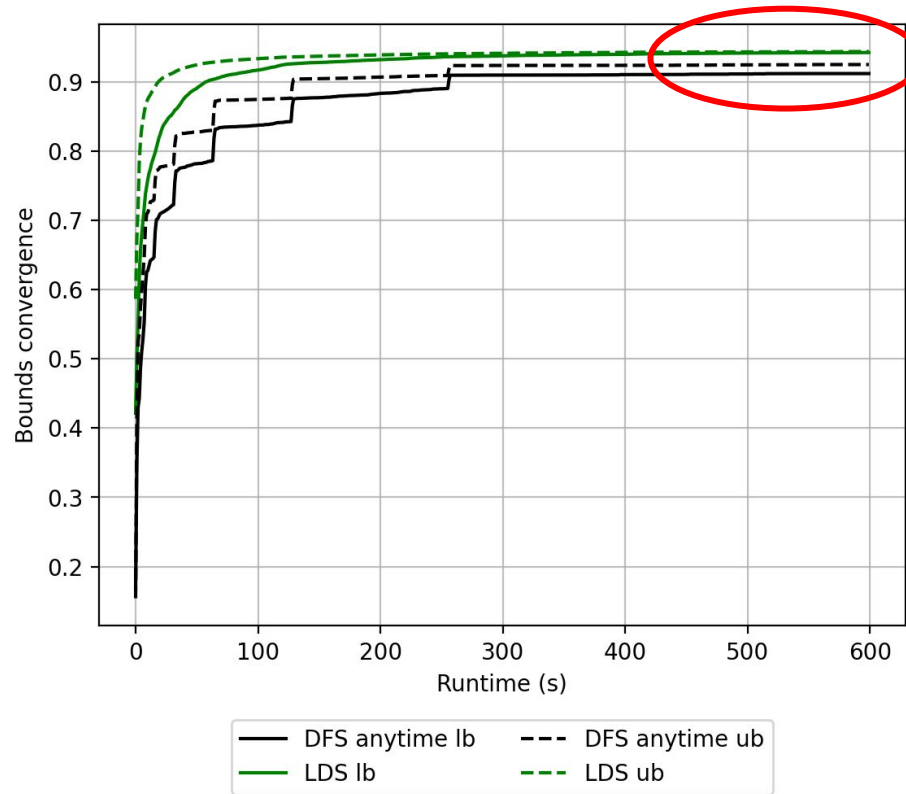
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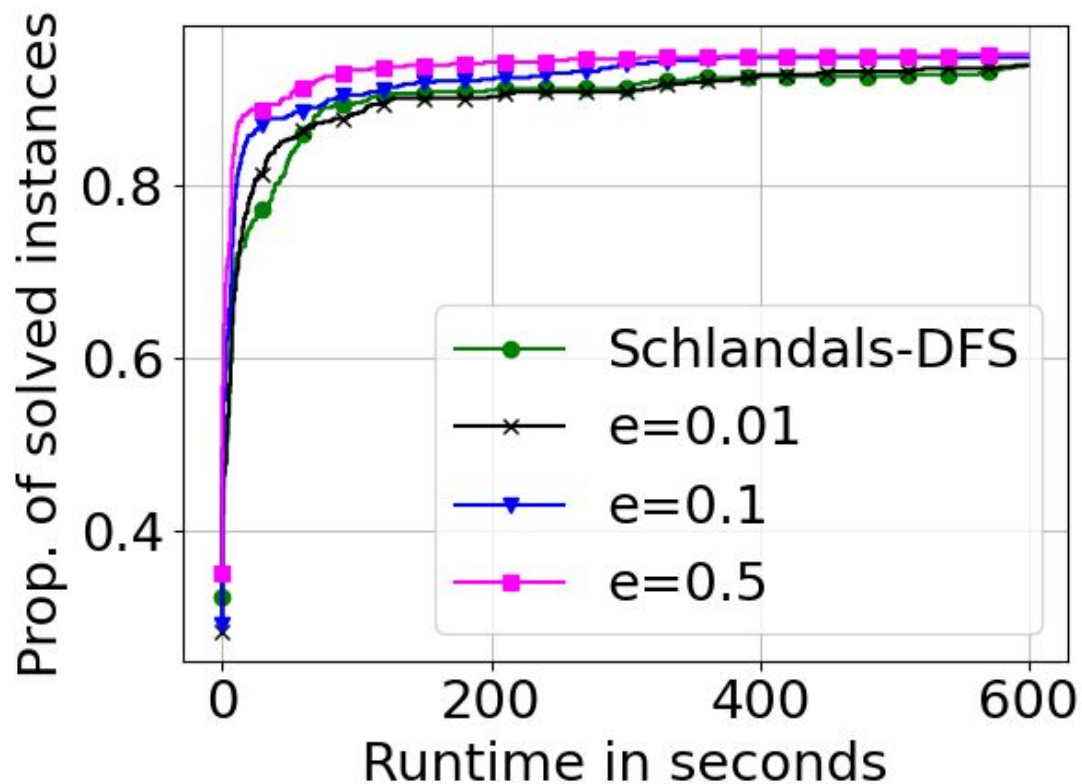
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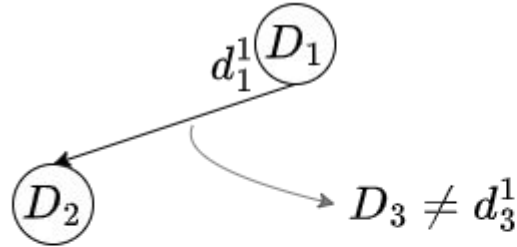


Deterministic Bounds: Lower Bound

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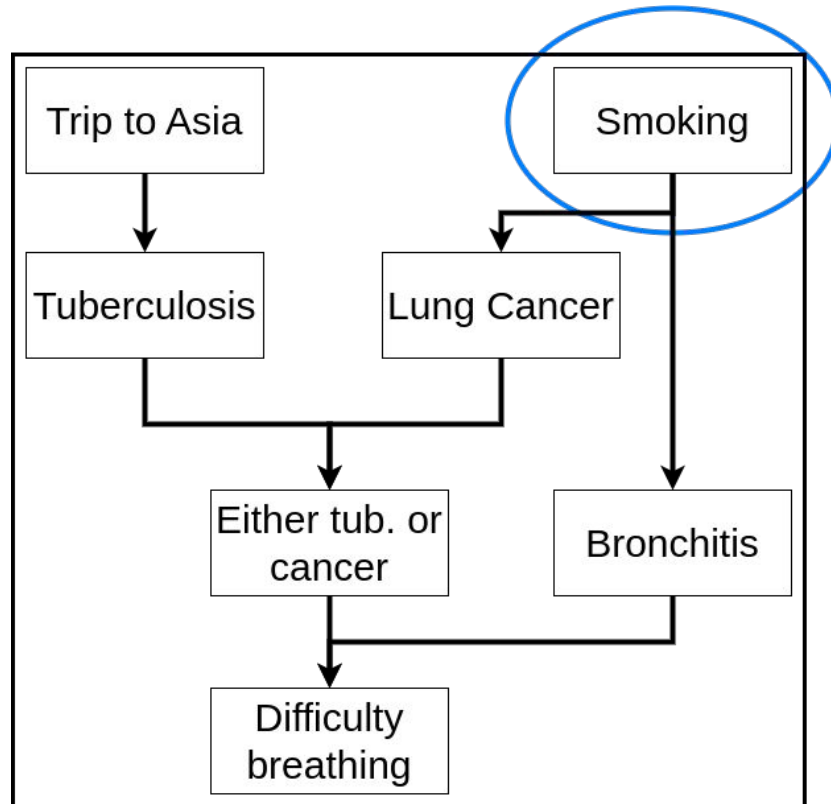
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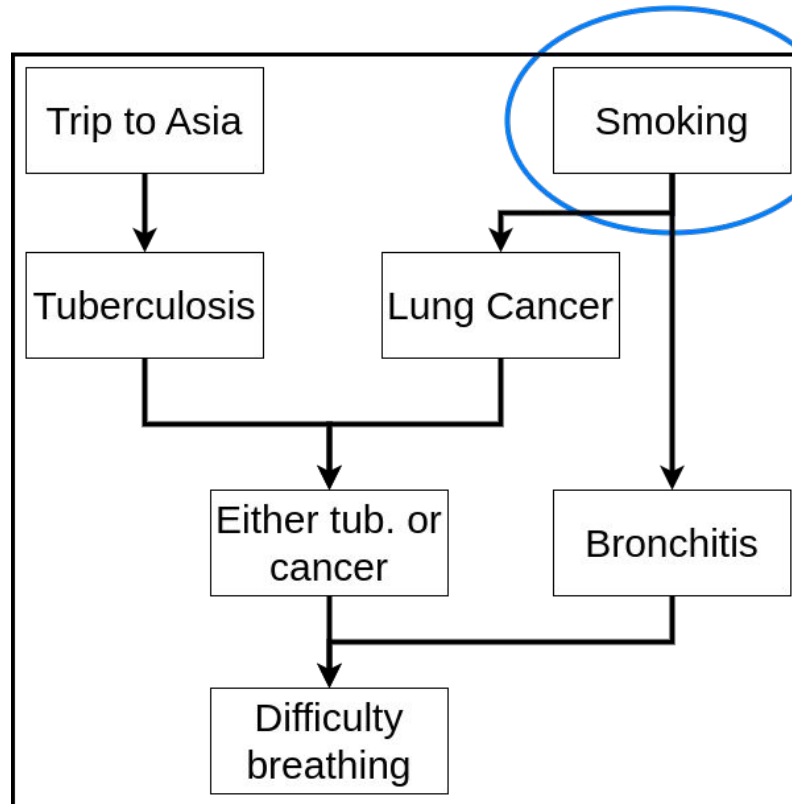
Max. before propagation - Max. after propagation

$$\prod_{D_i \in F} \left(\sum_{d \in \text{dom}(D_i)} P(D_i = d) \right) - \prod_{D_i \in F} \left(\sum_{d \in \text{dom}'(D_i)} P(D_i = d) \right)$$

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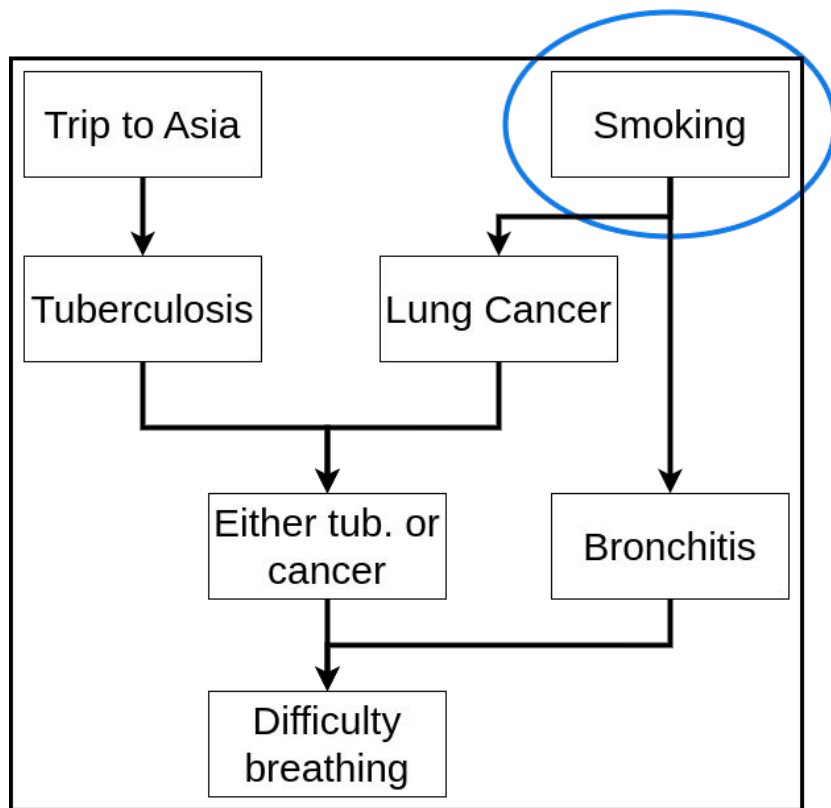
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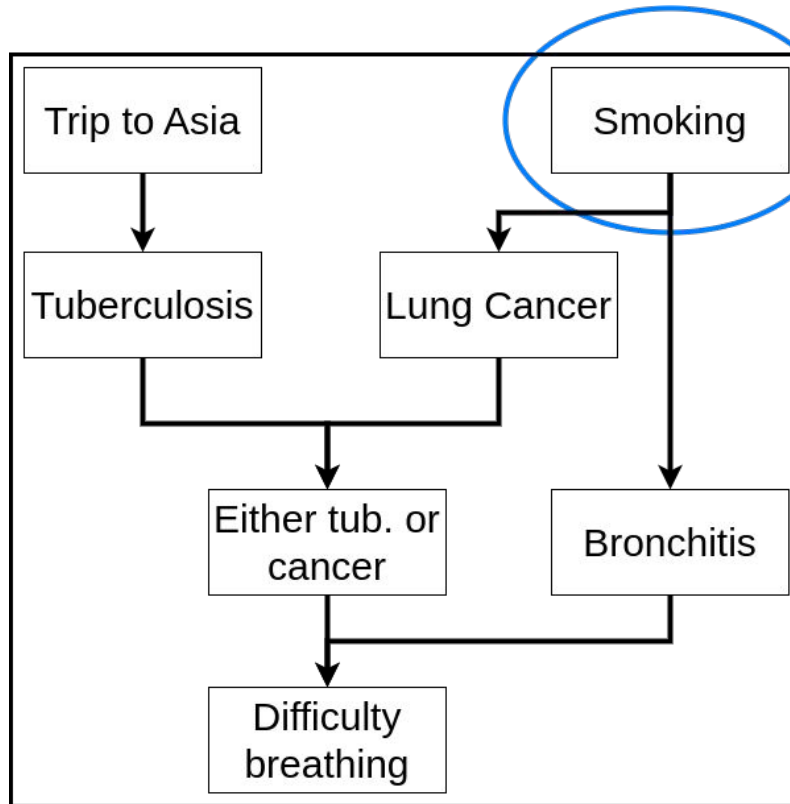
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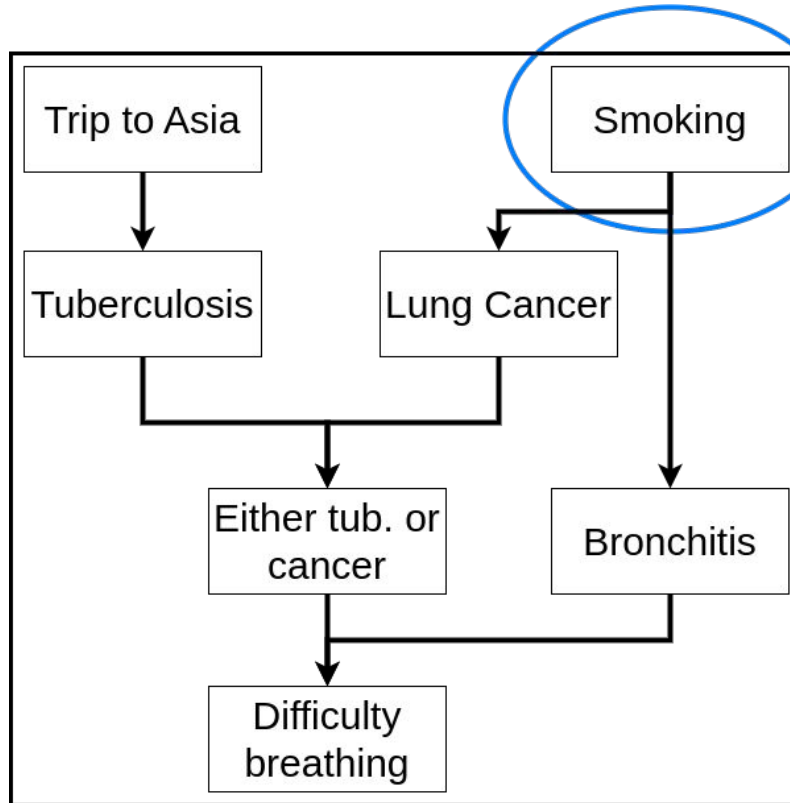
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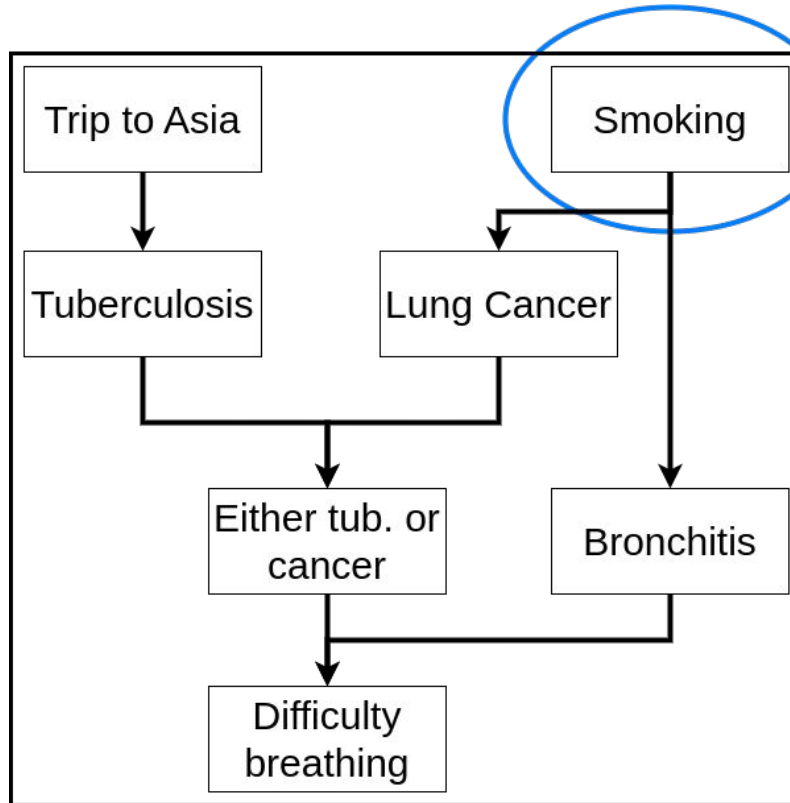
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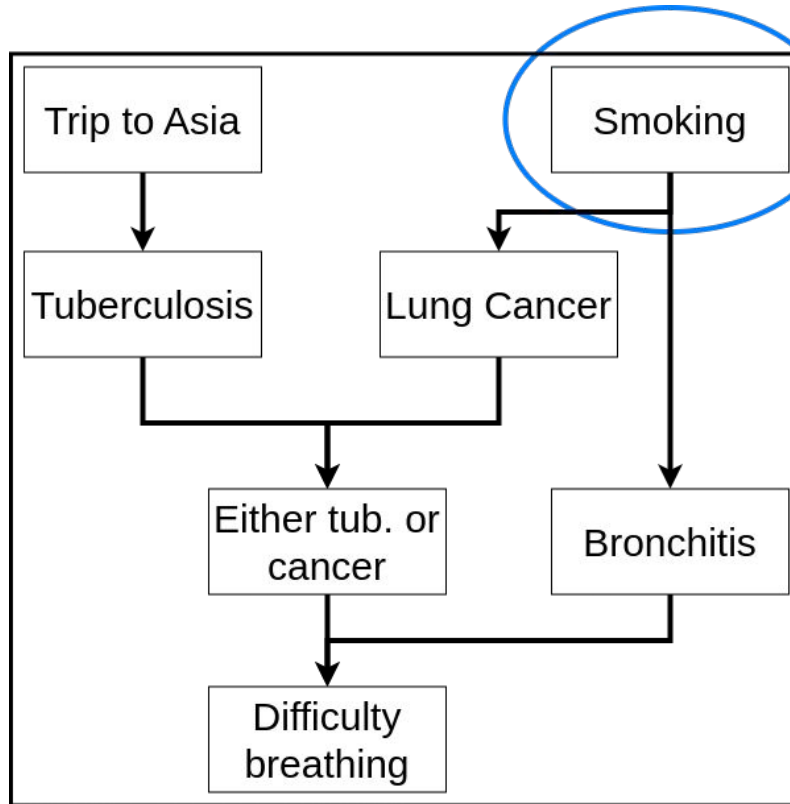
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Distribution 1st-class citizens

Branching: classical CNF v.s. Schlandals

