



Data acquisition, extraction, and storage

Probabilistic Databases

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- How to **represent** probabilistic instances?



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- Assume **independence** between tuples
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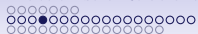
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Is it a probability distribution?

Do the probabilities always **sum to 1**?

- Let N be the **number of tuples**
 - There are 2^N **possible worlds**
 - They are all products of p_i or $1 - p_i$ for each $1 \leq i \leq N$
- This is the result of **expanding** the expression:
- $$(p_1 + (1 - p_1)) \times \cdots \times (p_n + (1 - p_n))$$
- All factors are **equal to 1**, so the probabilities **sum to 1**



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 $\pi_{\text{date}}(U)$

date



Implementing project

 U

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→ Is this correct? ... So far, so good.



Implementing join

U

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04	Pierre	S06	0.2



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Repair

room	cause
S06	leopard 0.1



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 $U \bowtie \text{Repair}$

date	teacher	room	cause
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 $U \bowtie Repair$

date	teacher	room	cause	
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Implementing join

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room	cause
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 $U \bowtie Repair$

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→ Is this **correct**?



Implementing join ... OR NOT!

 U

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04	Pierre	S06	0.2

 Repair

room	cause
S06	leopard 0.1

 $U \bowtie \text{Repair}$

date	teacher	room	cause	
04	Michaël	S06	leopard	0.8×0.1
04	Pierre	S06	leopard	0.2×0.1

→ Is this **correct**?

→ It's **WRONG!**



Why is it wrong?

U

date	teacher	room	
04	Michaël	S06	1
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 Repair

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 $U \bowtie \text{Repair}$

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Repair

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$U \bowtie$ Repair

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 Repair

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 $U \bowtie \text{Repair}$

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04	Michaël	S06	leopard	1/2
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- The two tuples are **not independent!**
- The first is there **iff** the second is there.



Why does it matter?

$U \bowtie \text{Repair}$

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$\pi_{\text{room}}(U \bowtie \text{Repair})$

room
S06



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→ Probability of $3/4$...

→ But the leopard had probability $1/2$!



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- List all **possible worlds** and count the probabilities



Query evaluation done right

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S06



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room	
S06	0.084

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 U_2

 teacher

 Pierre

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U	
teacher	
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→ We **cannot** forbid that both teach the class!



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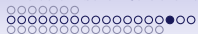
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Outline

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Boolean c-tables

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→ We have seen this: this is encoding a mutually exclusive choice 41/92



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TID instance V

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Query Q

$$\pi_{\text{prof}}(U' \bowtie V)$$

Tuple \vec{t}

S
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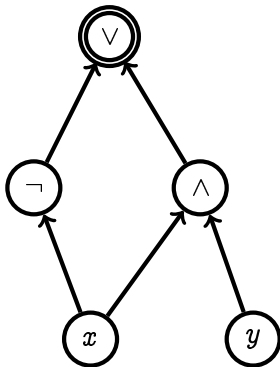


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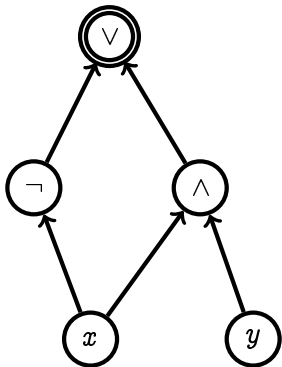


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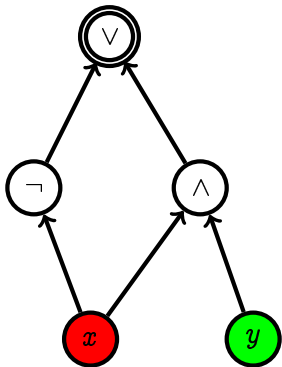
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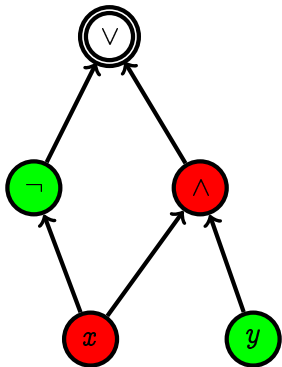
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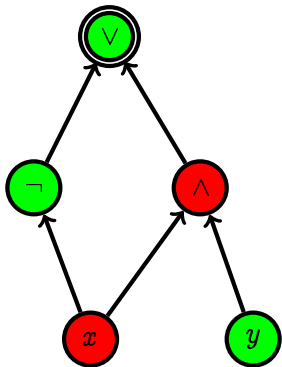
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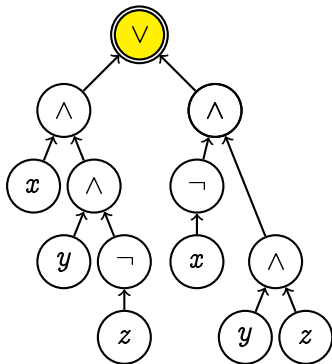
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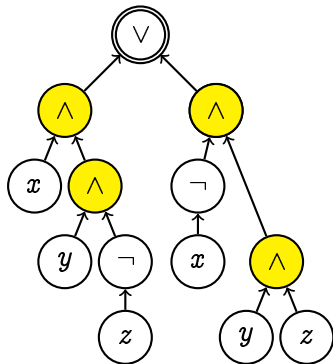
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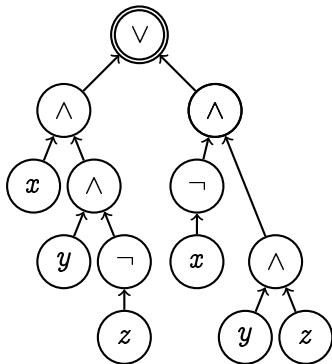
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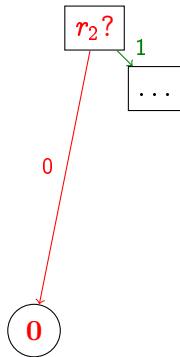
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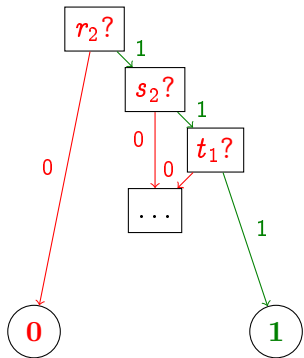
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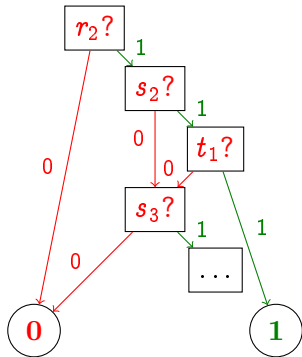
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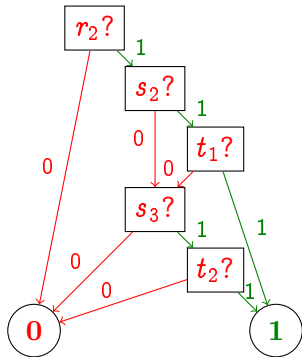
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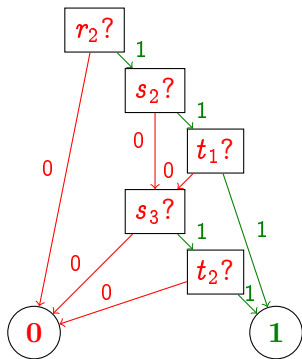
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- Specialized software to compute the probability of a formula:
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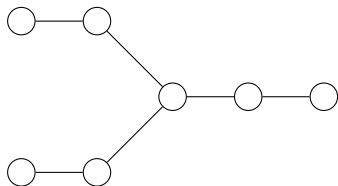


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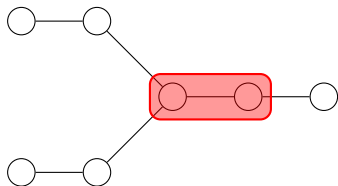
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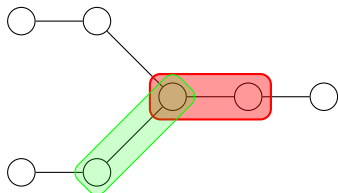
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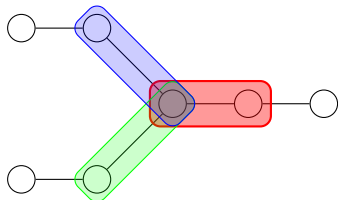
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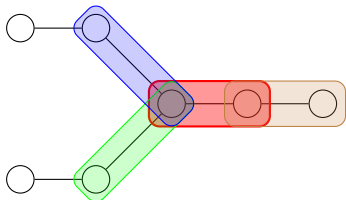
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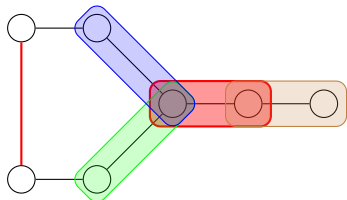
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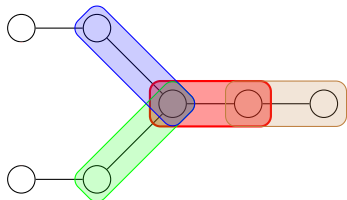
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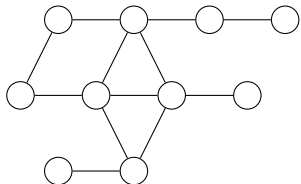
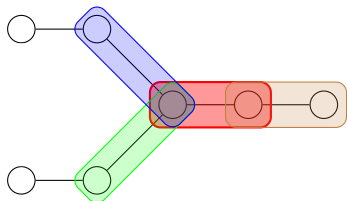
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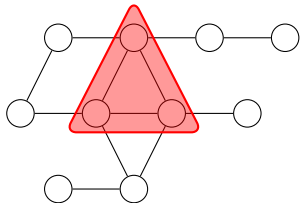
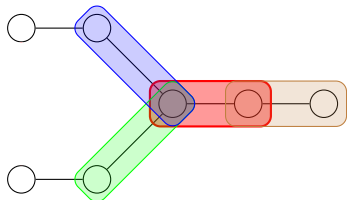
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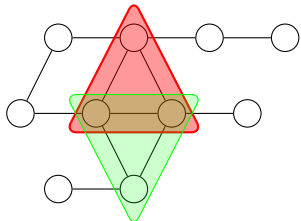
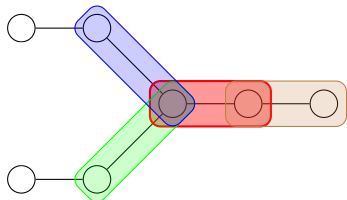
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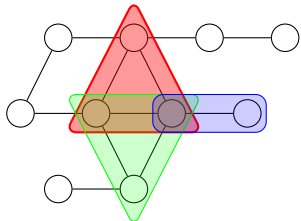
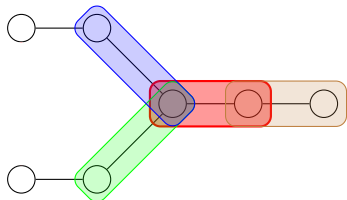
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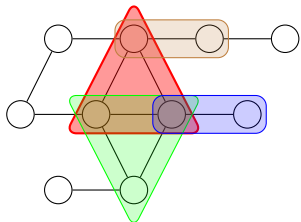
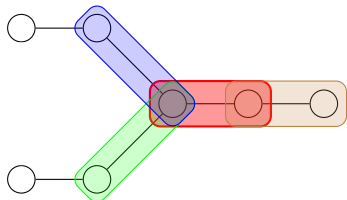
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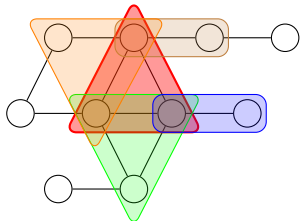
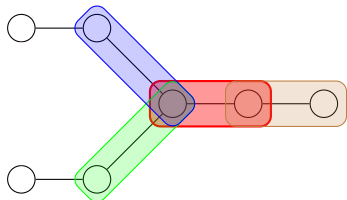
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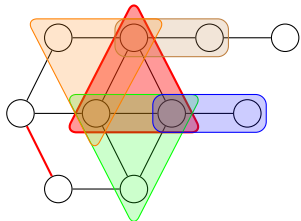
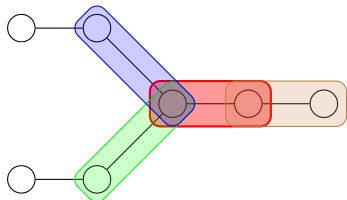
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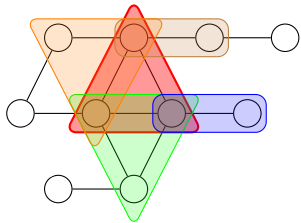
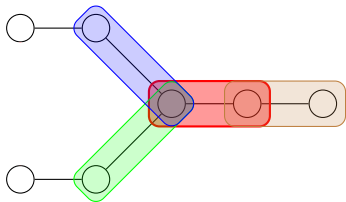
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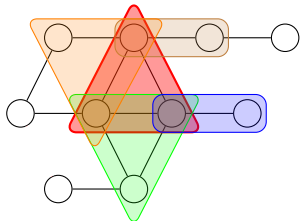
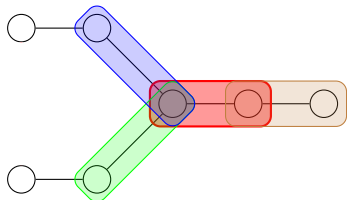
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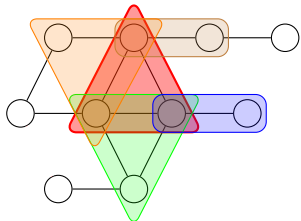
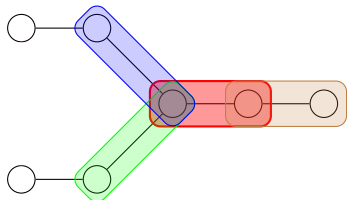
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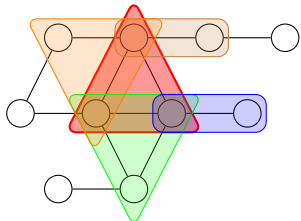
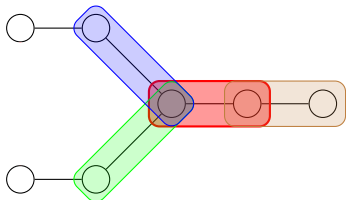
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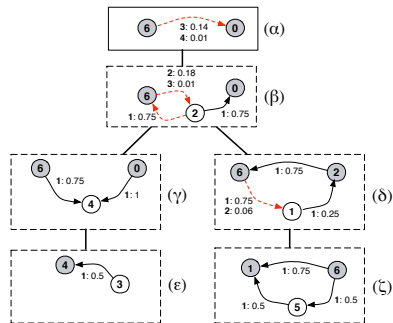
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[Maniu et al., 2017]



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