

Bayesian Networks and Decision Graphs

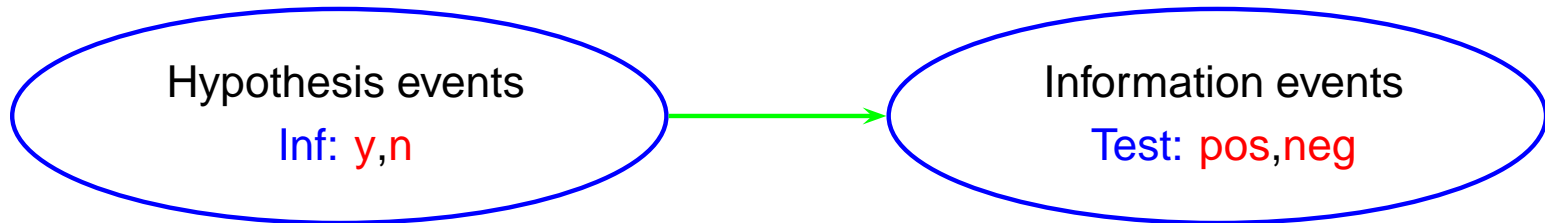
Chapter 3

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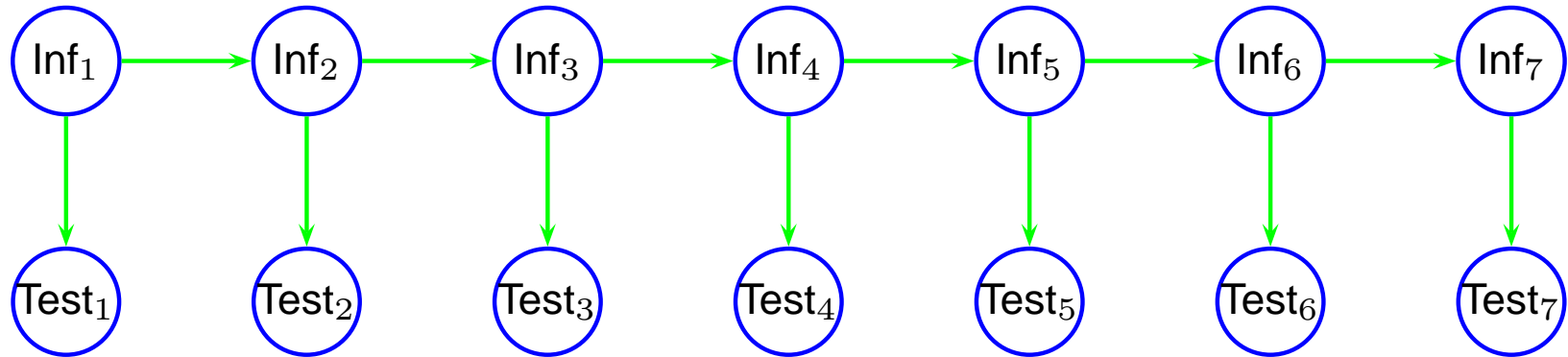
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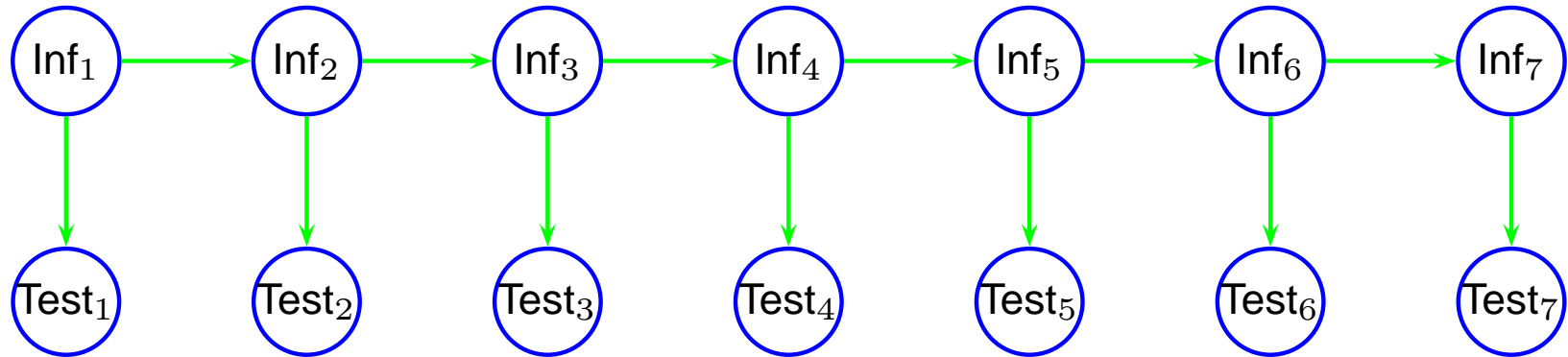
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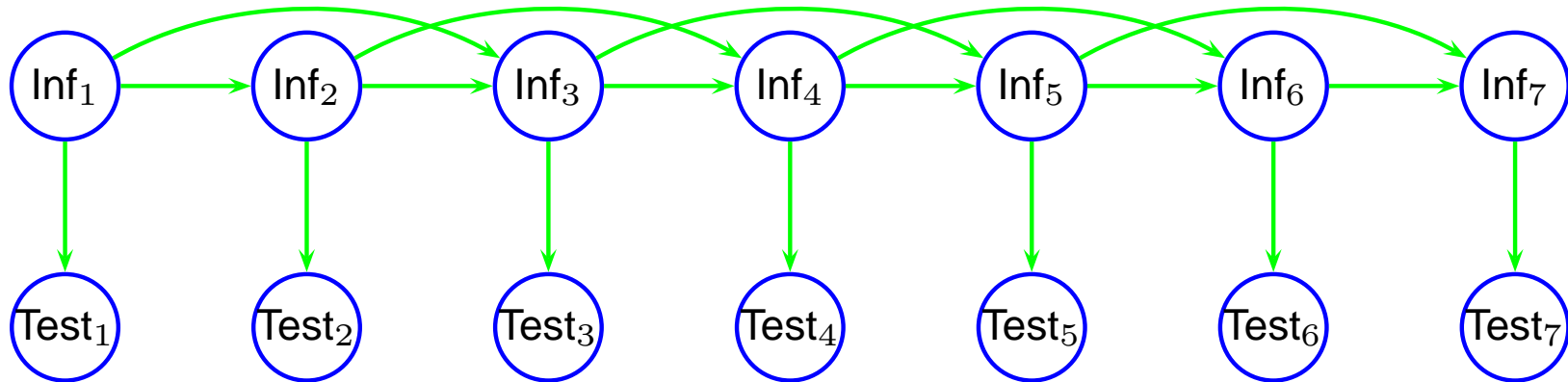
- The **Markov property**: If I know the present, then the past has no influence on the future, i.e.

Inf_{i-1} is d-separated from Inf_{i+1} given Inf_i .

But what if yesterday's Inf-state has an impact on tomorrow's Inf-state?

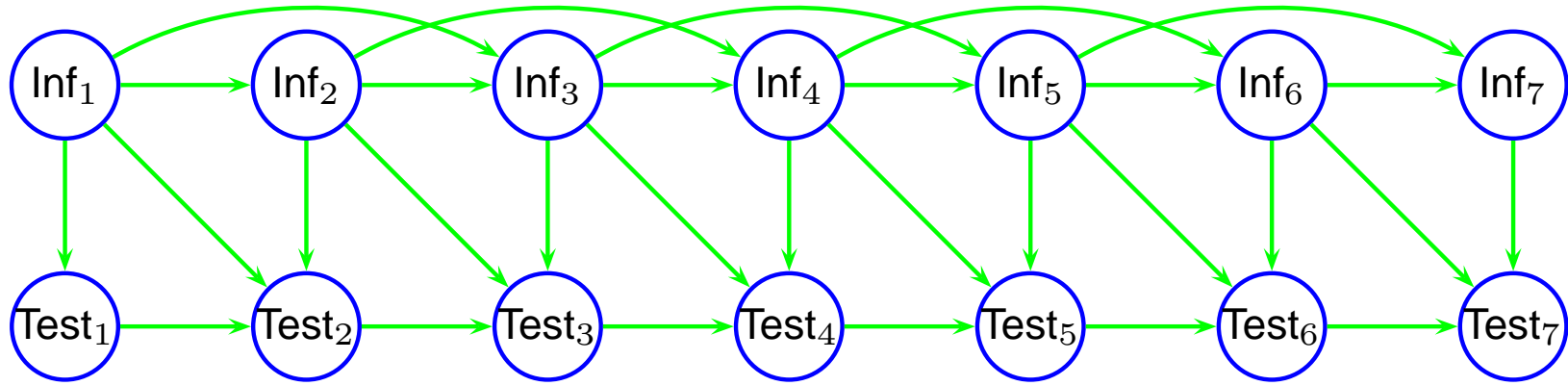
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7-day model III

The test-failure is dependent on whether or not the test failed yesterday:



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Hypothesis variables:

Cold? - {n, y}

Angina? - {no, mild, severe}

Information variables:

Sore throat? - {n, y}

See spots? - {n, y}

Fever? - {no, low, high}

Model for sore throat

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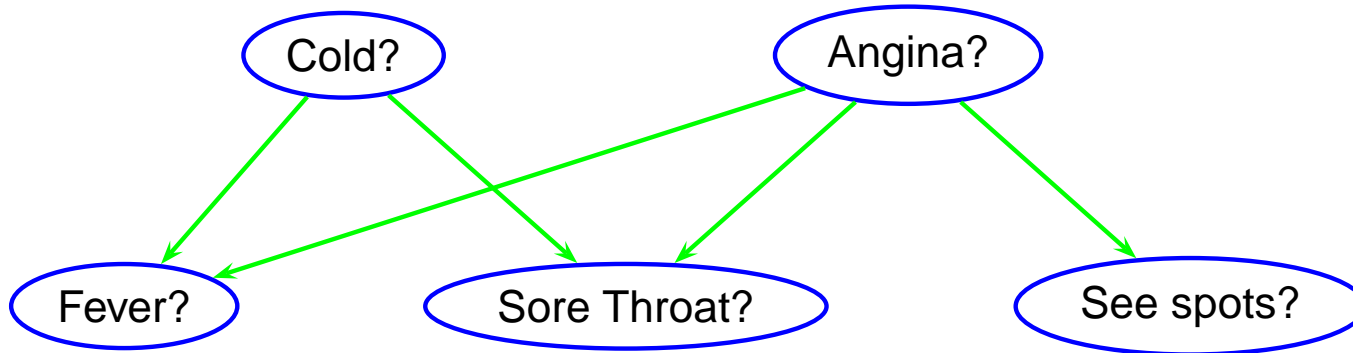
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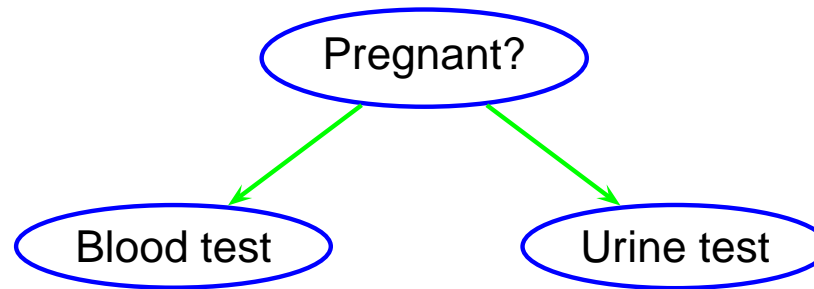
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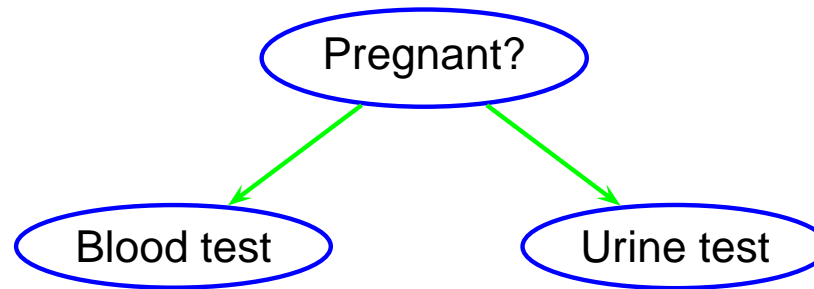
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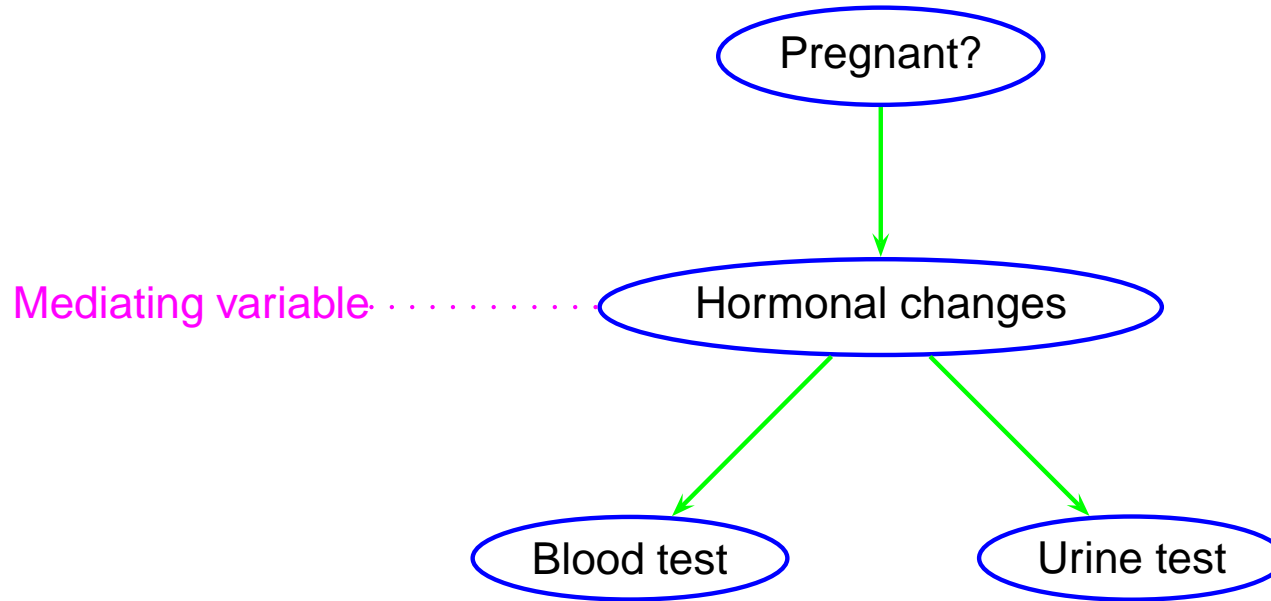


Check the conditional independences:

If we know that the cow is pregnant, will a negative blood test then change our expectation for the urine test?

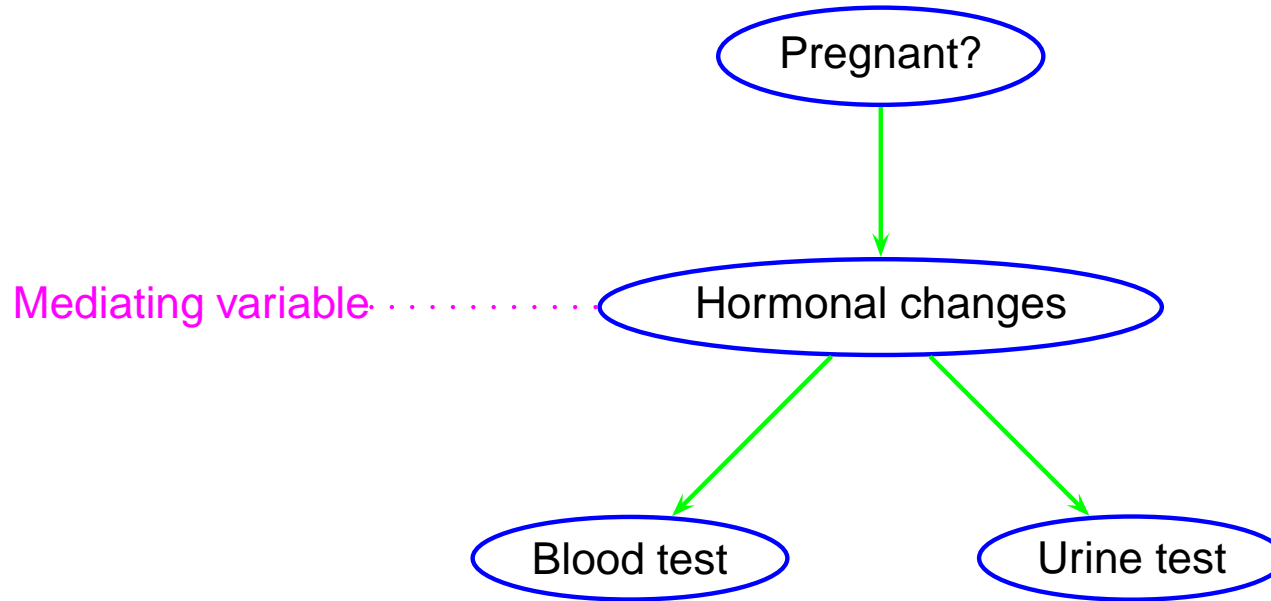
If **it will**, then the model does not reflect reality!

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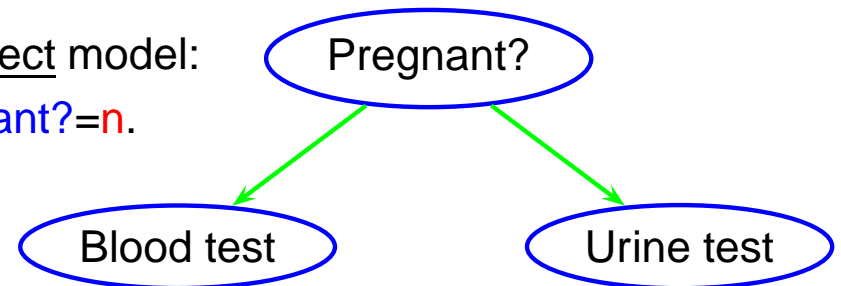
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This will overestimate the probability for Pregnant?=n.

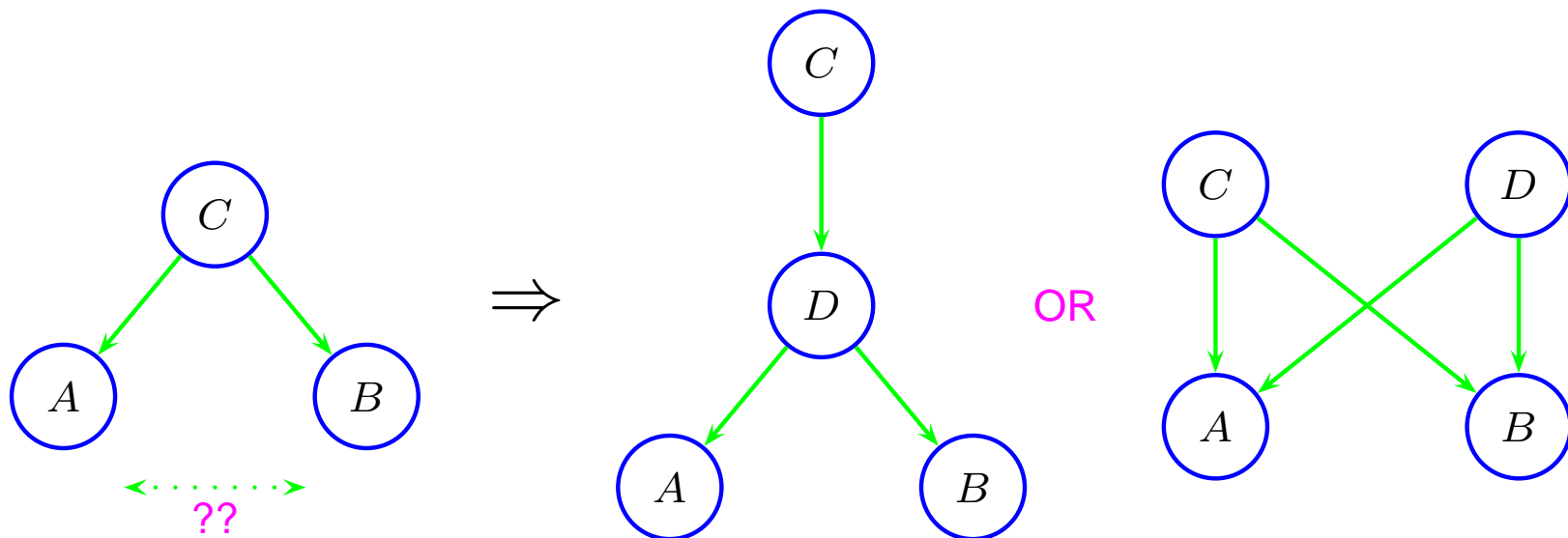


Why mediating variables?

Why do we introduce **mediating variables**:

- Necessary to catch the correct conditional independences.
- Can ease the specification of the probabilities in the model.

For example: If you find that there is a dependence between two variables A and B , but cannot determine a causal relation: Try with a **mediating variable**!



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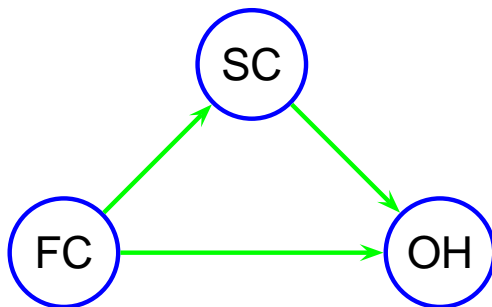
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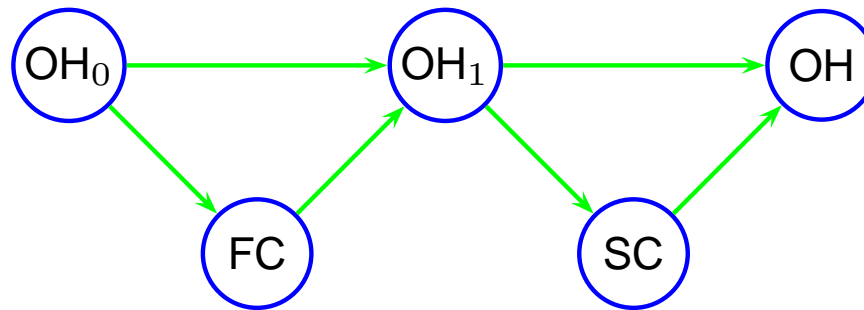
But how do we find:

$P(\text{FC})$, $P(\text{SC}|\text{FC})$ and $P(\text{OH}|\text{SC}, \text{FC})$??

A simplified poker game: Mediating variables

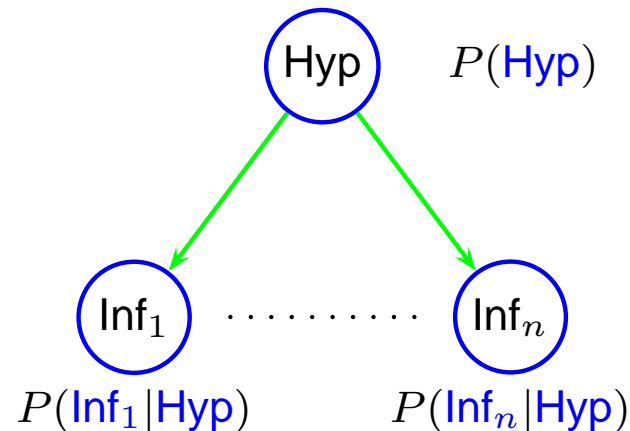
Introduce mediating variables:

- The opponent's initial hand, OH_0 .
- The opponent's hand after the first change of cards, OH_1 .



Note: The states of OH_0 and OH_1 are different from OH .

Naïve Bayes models



We want the posterior probability of the hypothesis variable **Hyp** given the observations $\{\text{Inf}_1 = e_1, \dots, \text{Inf}_n = e_n\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Hyp} | \text{Inf}_1 = e_1, \dots, \text{Inf}_n = e_n) &= \frac{P(\text{Inf}_1 = e_1, \dots, \text{Inf}_n = e_n | \text{Hyp}) P(\text{Hyp})}{P(\text{Inf}_1 = e_1, \dots, \text{Inf}_n = e_n)} \\ &= \mu \cdot P(\text{Inf}_1 = e_1 | \text{Hyp}) \cdot \dots \cdot P(\text{Inf}_n = e_n | \text{Hyp}) P(\text{Hyp}) \end{aligned}$$

Note: The model assumes that the **information variables** are independent given the **hypothesis variable**.

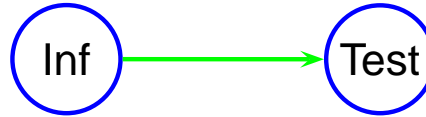
Summary: Catching the structure

1. Identify the relevant events and organize them in variables:
 - Hypothesis variables - Includes the events that are not directly observable.
 - Information variables - Information channels.
2. Determine causal relations between the variables.
3. Check conditional independences in the model.
4. Introduce mediating variables.

Where do the numbers come from?

- Theoretical insight.
- Statistics (large databases)
- Subjective estimates

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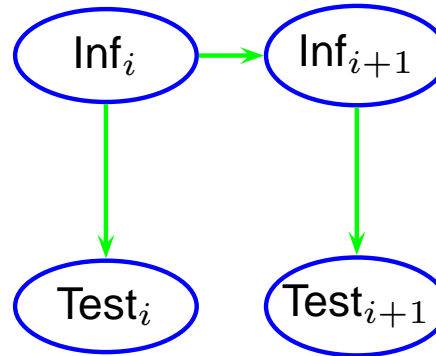
$$P(\#\text{Cows-infected} \geq 1) = \frac{1}{30} \quad \text{hence} \quad P(\#\text{Cows-infected} < 1) = 1 - \frac{1}{30} = \frac{29}{30}.$$

If $P(\text{Inf} = y) = x$, then $P(\text{Inf} = n) = (1 - x)$ and:

$$(1 - x)^{50} = \frac{29}{30} \Leftrightarrow x = 1 - \left(\frac{29}{30}\right)^{\frac{1}{50}} \approx 0.00067$$

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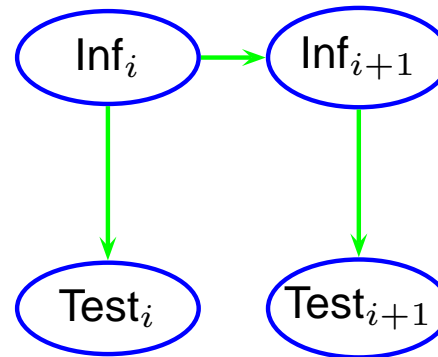


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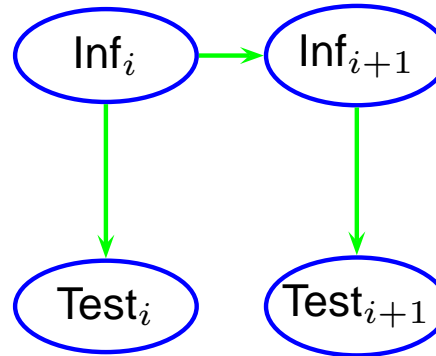
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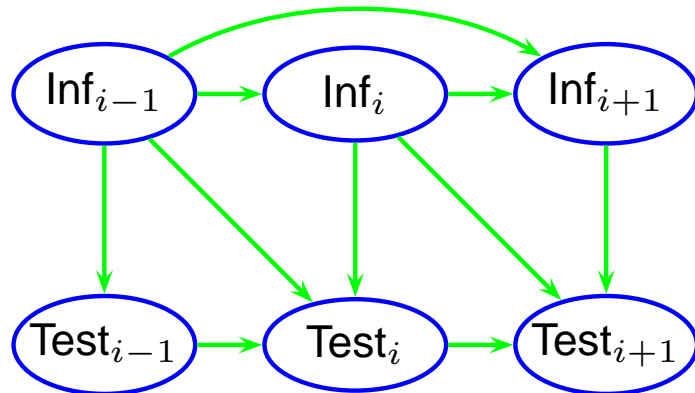
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	n	0.3	0.9998

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7-day model II



		Inf _{i-1}	
		y	n
Inf _i	y	0.6	1
	n	0.0002	0.0002

$P(\text{Inf}_{i+1} = y | \text{Inf}_{i-1}, \text{Inf}_i)$

That is:

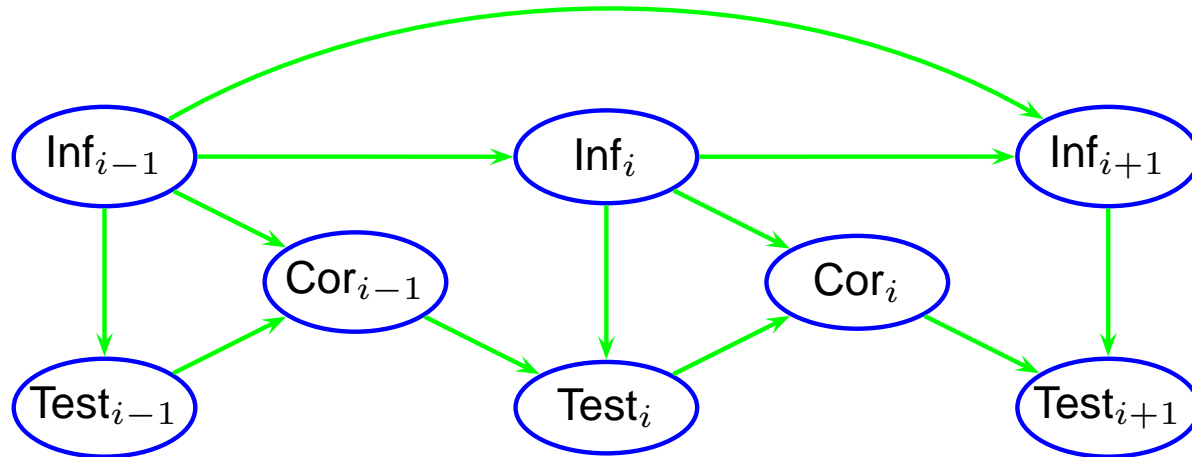
- An infection always lasts at least two days.
- After two days, the chance of being cured is 0.4.

However, we also need to specify $P(\text{Test}_{i+1} | \text{Inf}_{i+1}, \text{Test}_i, \text{Inf}_i)$:

- A correct test has a 99.9% of being correct the next time.
- An incorrect test has a 90% of being incorrect the next time.

This can be done much easier by introducing mediating variables!

7-day model III

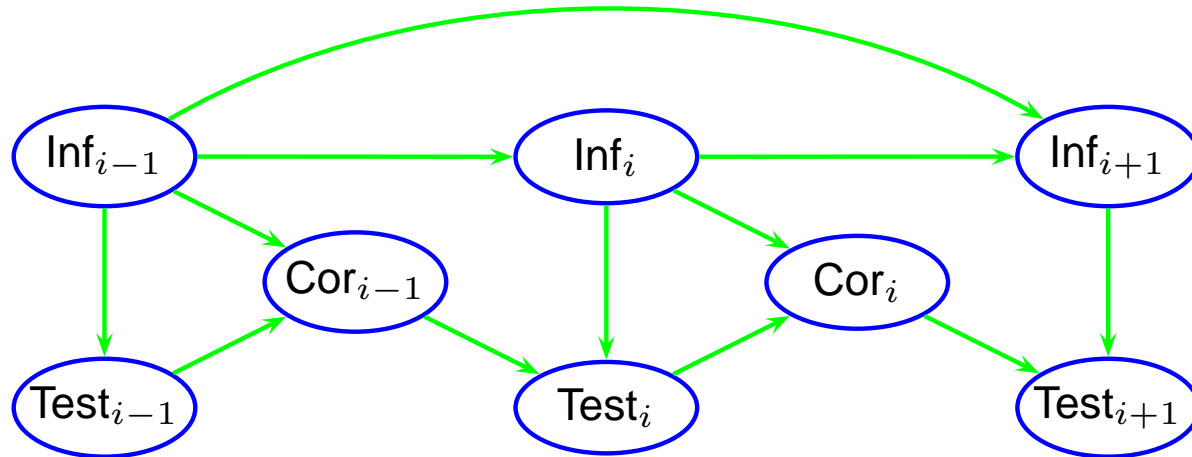


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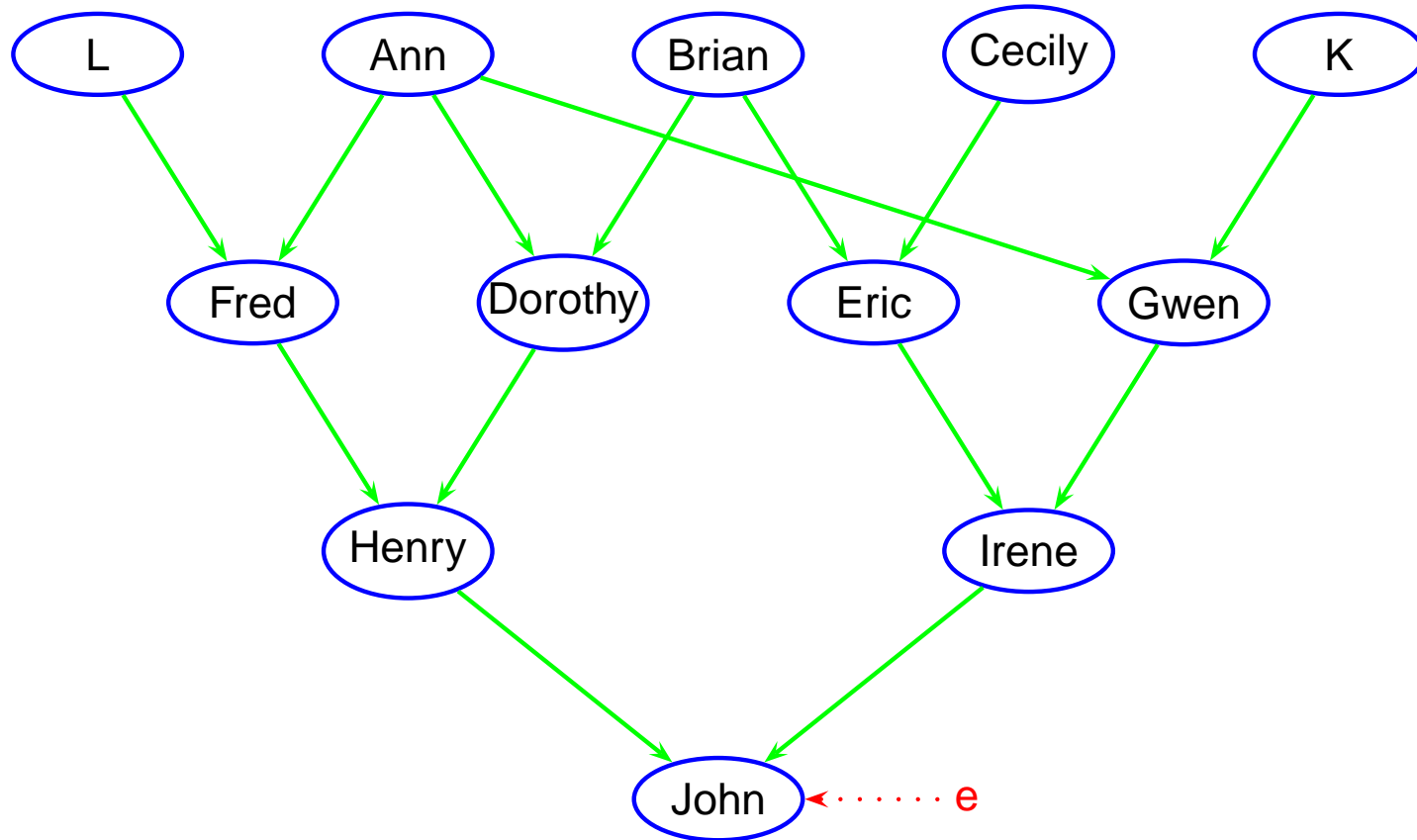
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Cor _{i-1}	y	0.999	0.001
	n	0.1	0.9

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Stud farm

Genealogical structure for the horses in a stud farm:



We get evidence e that John is sick.

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	AA	(0, 1, 0)	(0, 0.5, 0.5)	(0, 0, 1)

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Stud farm: Conditional probabilities II

But the other horses are not sick:

- John: aa, aA, AA.
- Other horses: aA, AA.

Prior probabilities:

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		aA	AA
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$P(\text{John} | \text{Henry, Irene})$

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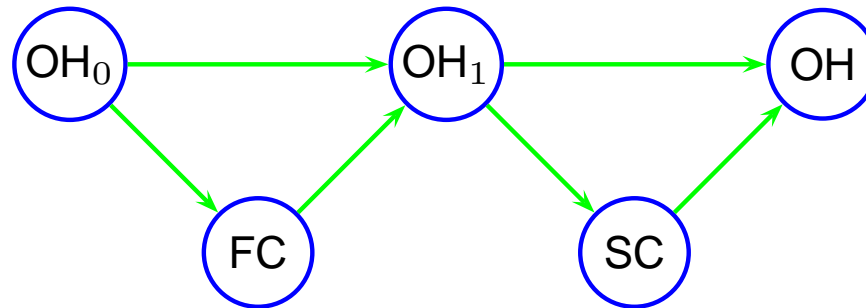
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Drop the first state and normalize:

$$(\boxed{0.25}, 0.5, 0.25) \Rightarrow (2/3, 1/3)$$

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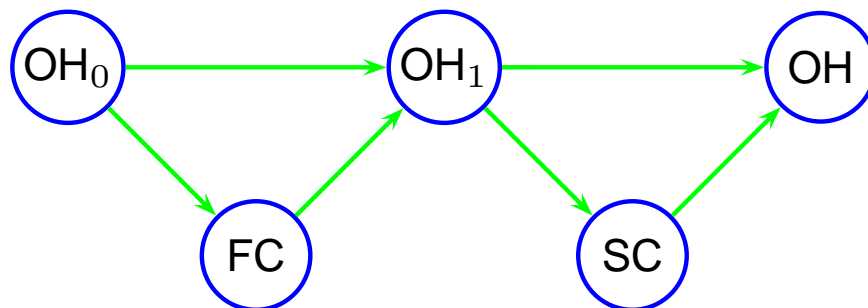


In order to find:

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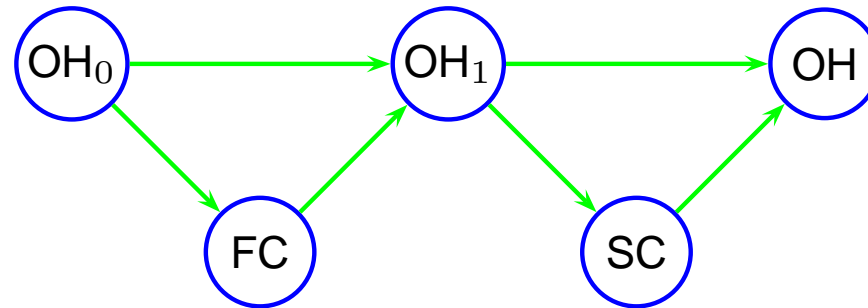
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$$P(\text{OH}_0 = \text{st}) = \frac{54 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 - 52}{\binom{52}{3}}.$$

Similar considerations apply to $P(\text{OH}_1 | \text{OH}_0, \text{FC})$. E.g.

$$P(\text{OH}_1 | 2\text{cons}, 1) = (0_{\text{No}}, 0_{1a}, 0.374_{2\text{cons}}, 0.367_{2s}, 0.122_{2v}, 0_{\text{fl}}, 0.163_{\text{st}}, 0_{3v}, 0_{\text{sf}})$$

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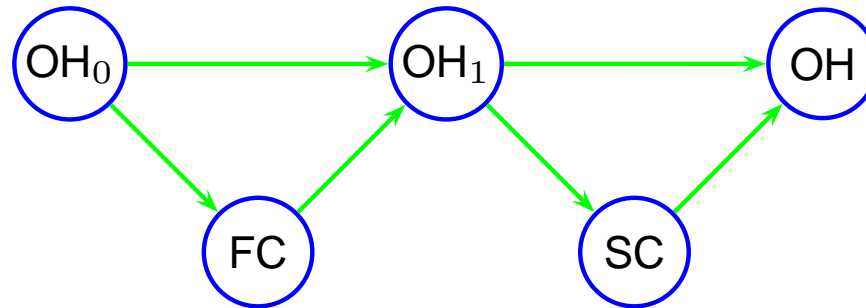
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However, knowing my system my opponent may “bluff”.

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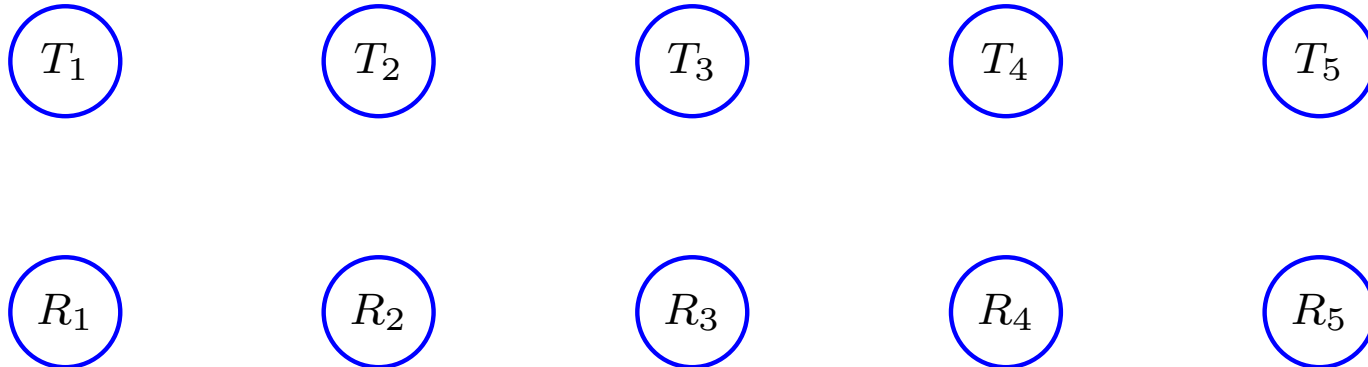
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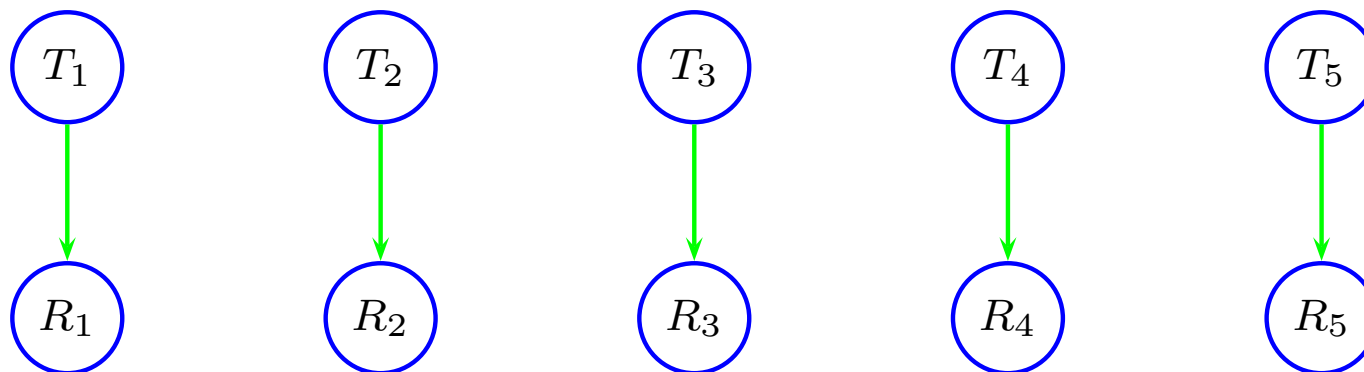
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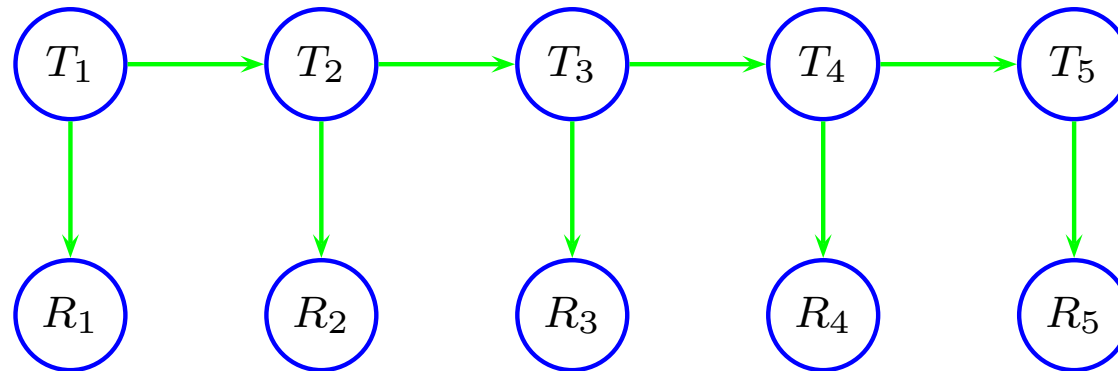


$P(R_i|T_i)$ can be determined through statistics:

		R_i		
		$R_i = a$	$R_i = b$	$R_i = c$
T_i	a	0.8	0.1	0.1
	b	0.15	0.8	0.05

Are the T_i 's independent?

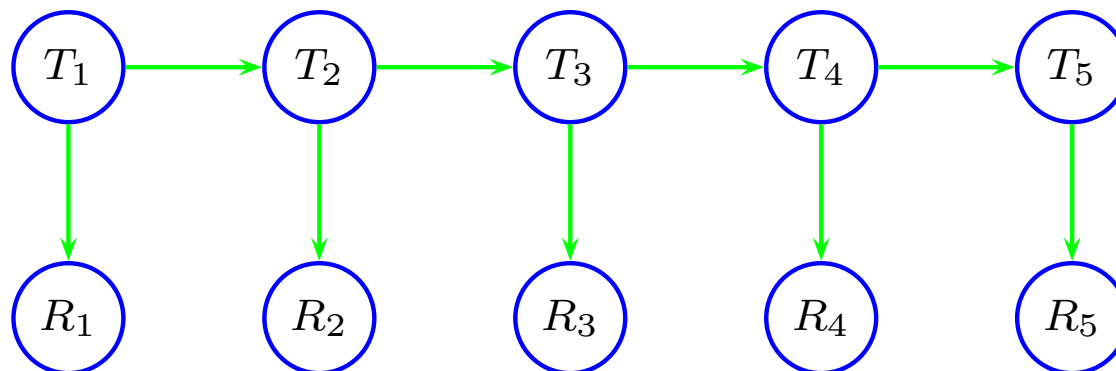
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	<i>ab</i>	0.033	0.040	0.037	0.038	0.011	0.016	0.010	0.015
	<i>ba</i>	0.011	0.014	0.010	0.010	0.031	0.046	0.031	0.045
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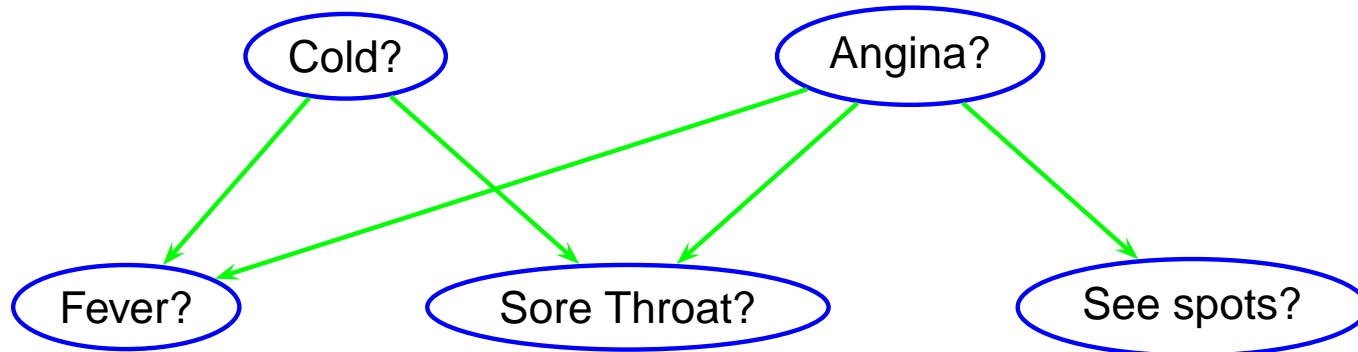


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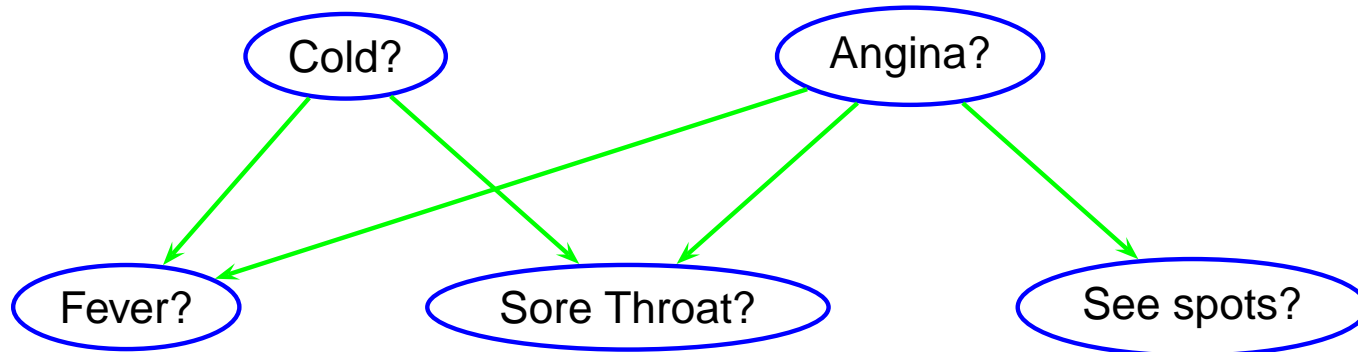
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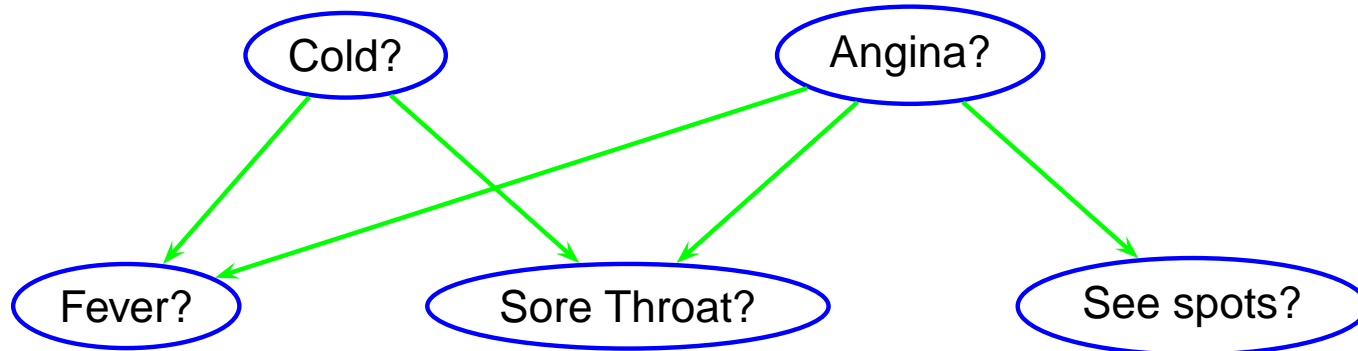
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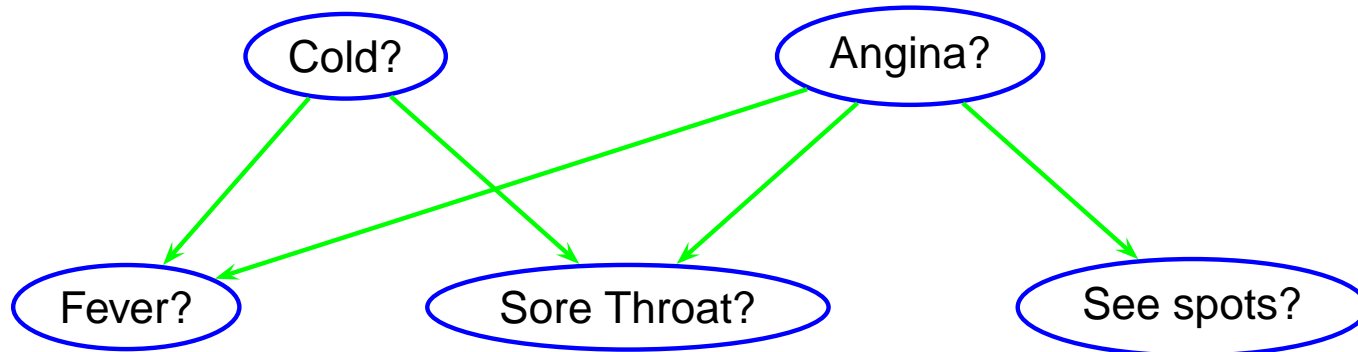
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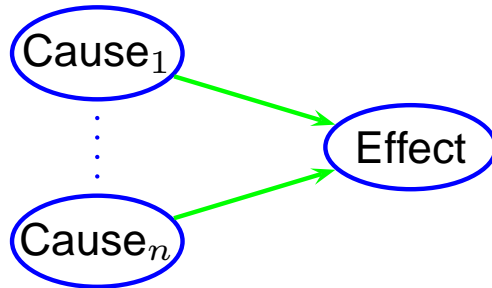
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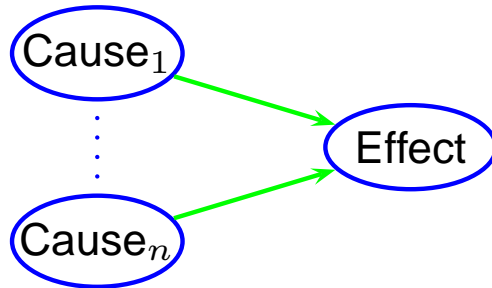
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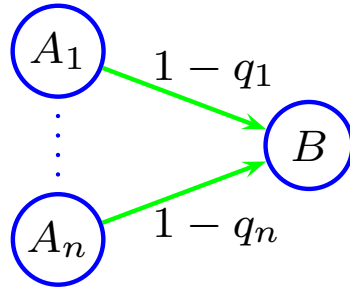
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That is, the probability of “Inh_{*i*} and Inh_{*j*}” = $q_i q_j$.

Thus,

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Noisy or



All nodes are binary.

All causes for B are listed explicitly.

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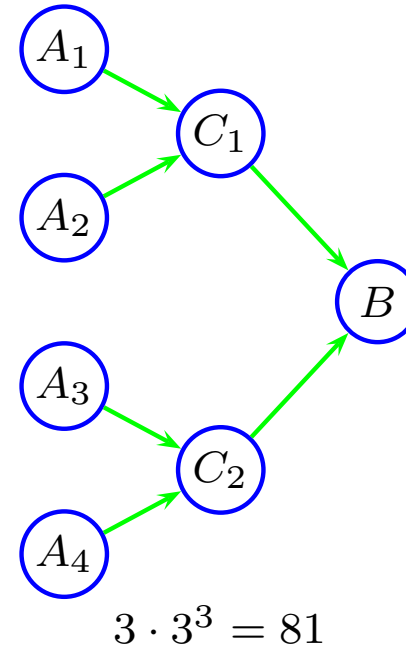
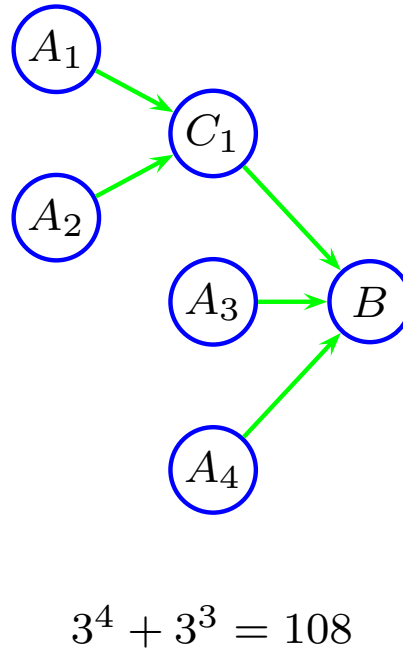
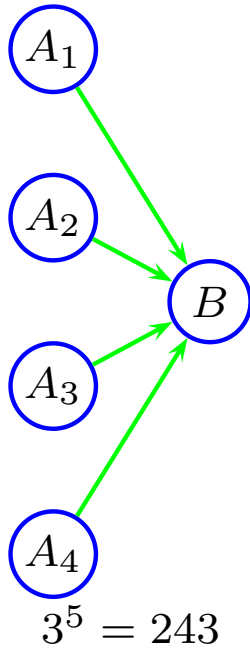
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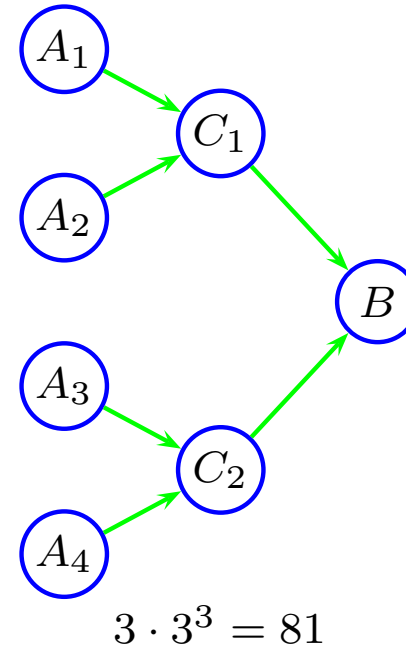
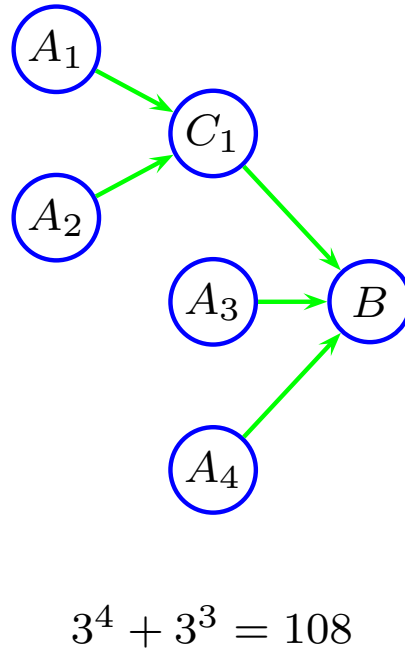
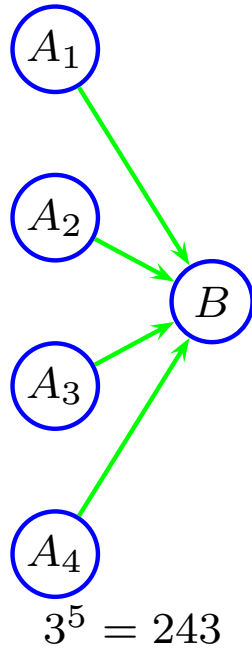
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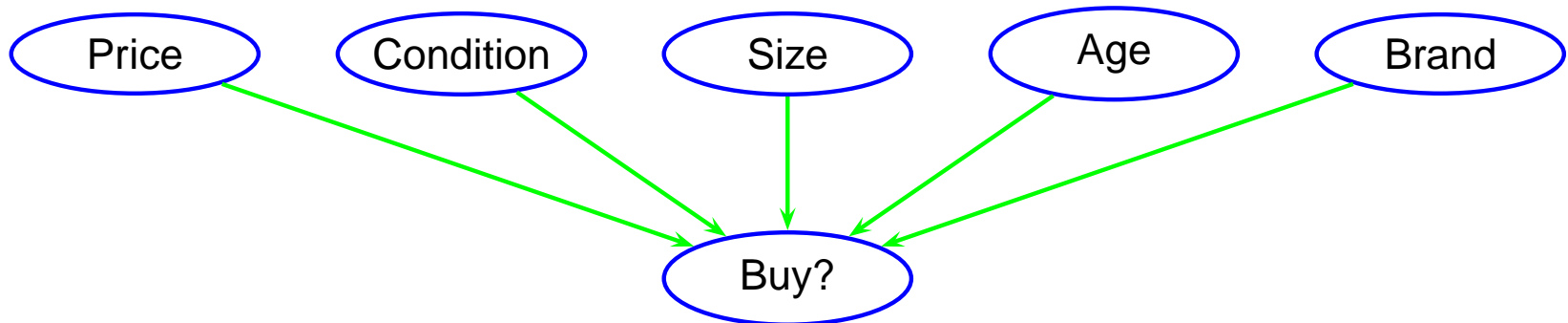


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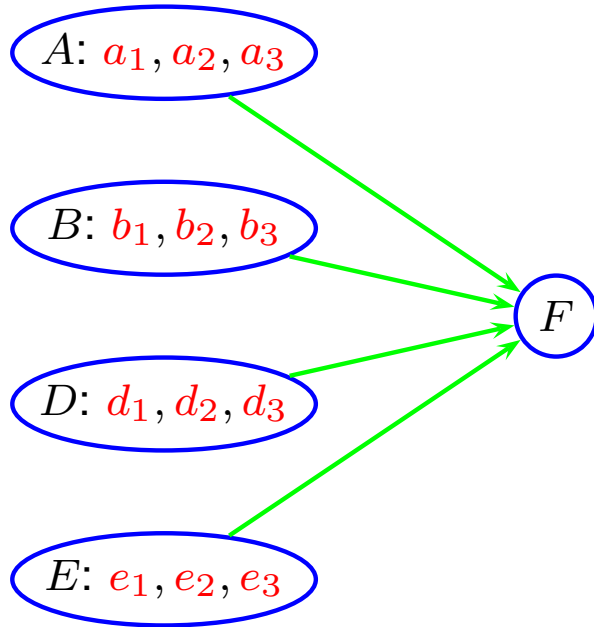
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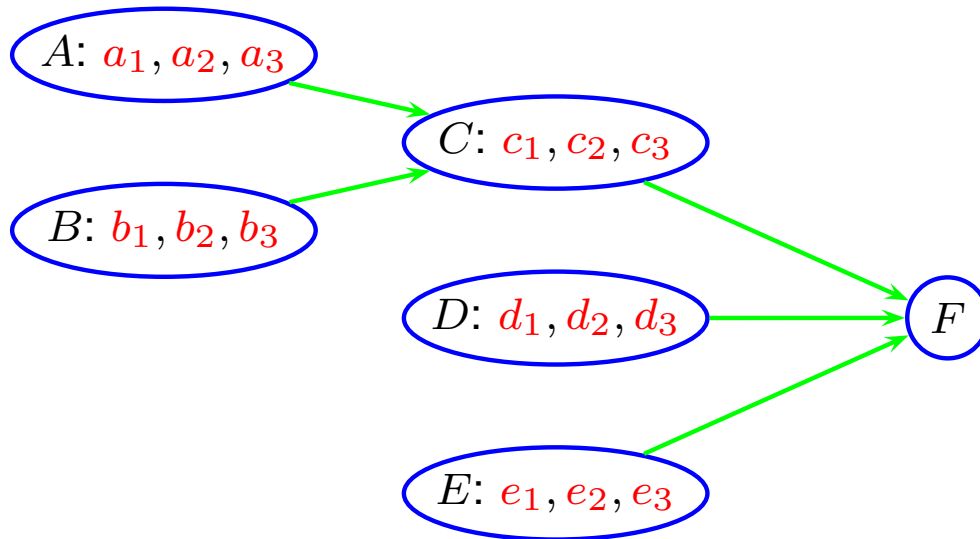


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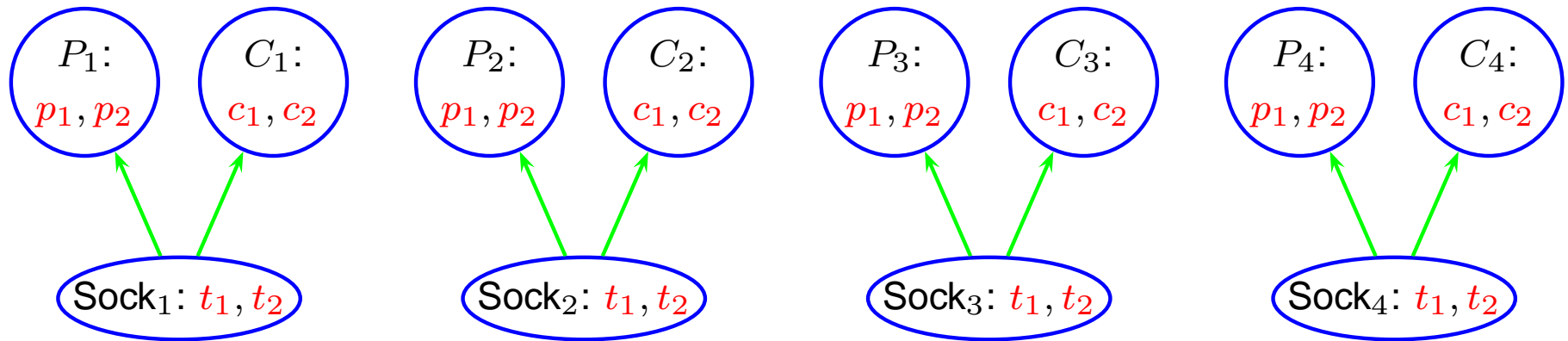
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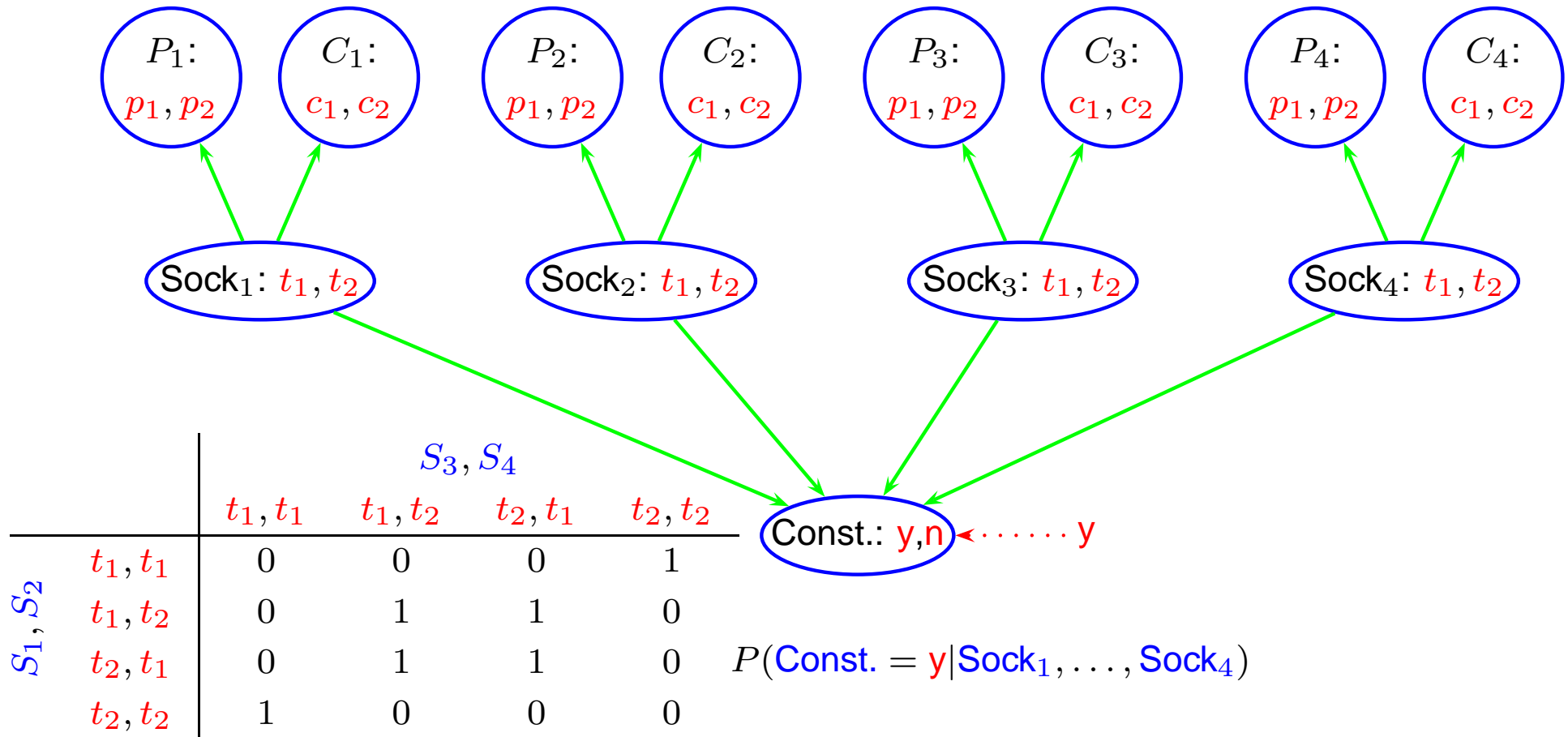
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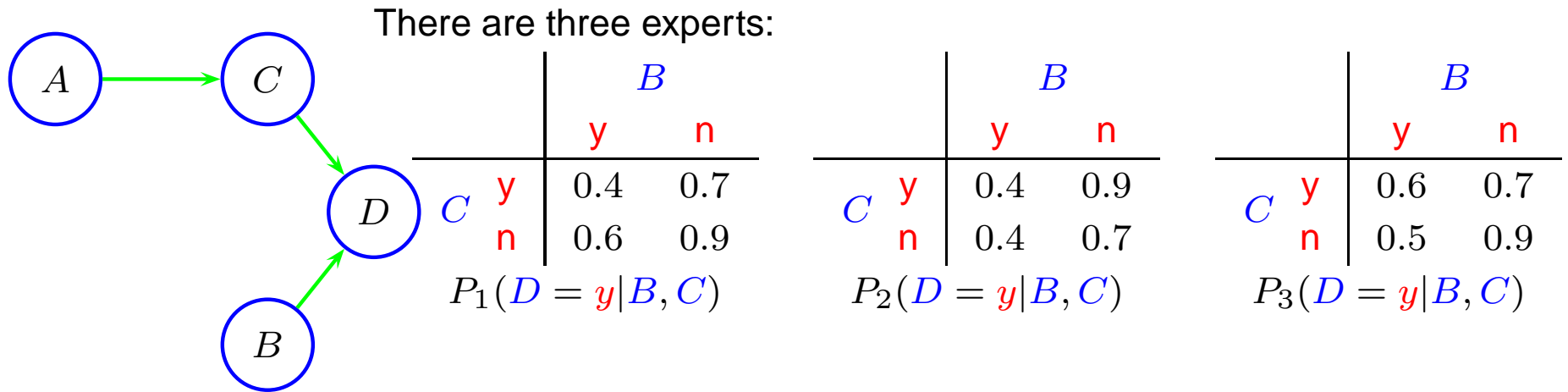


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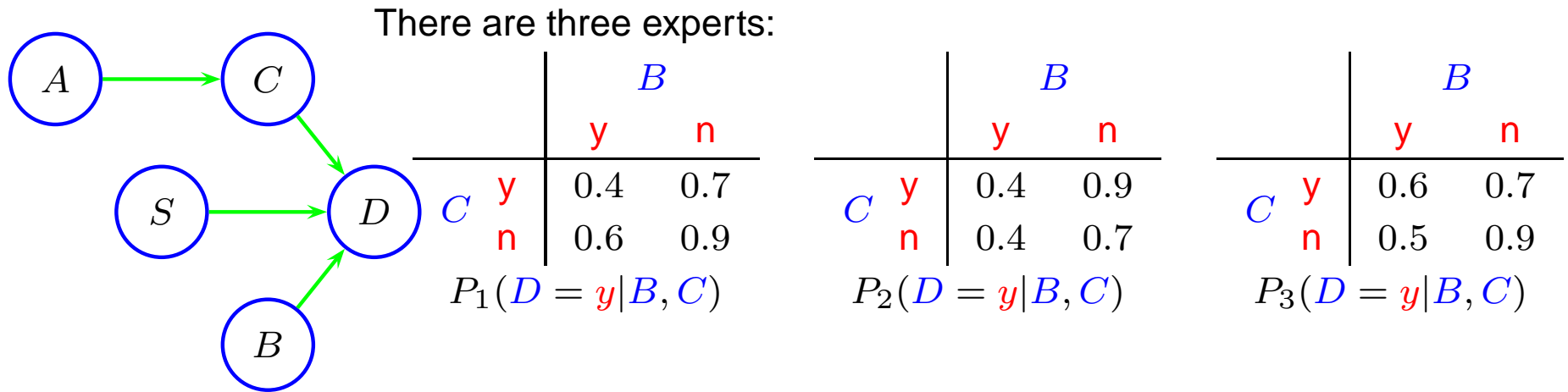


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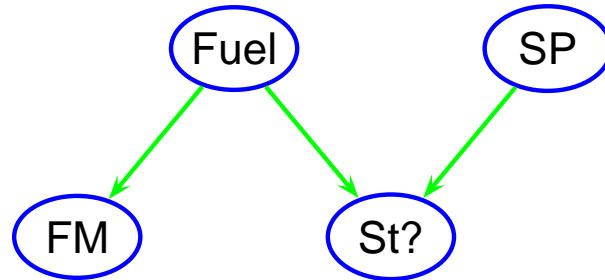
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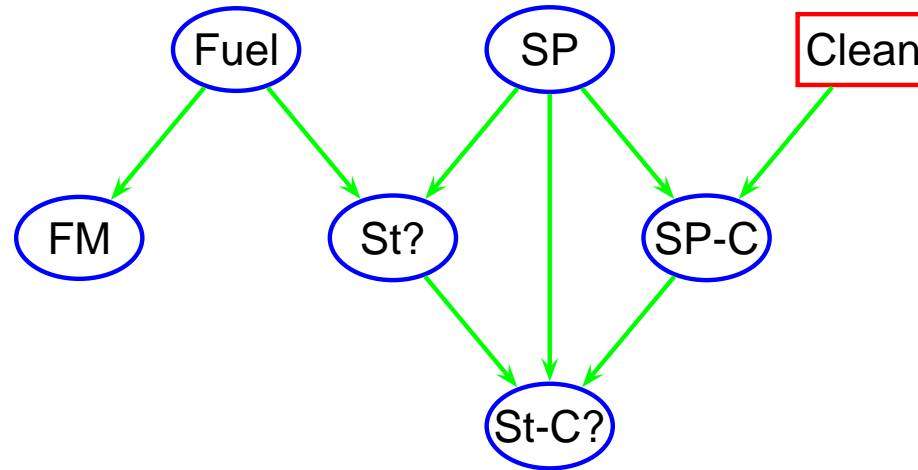
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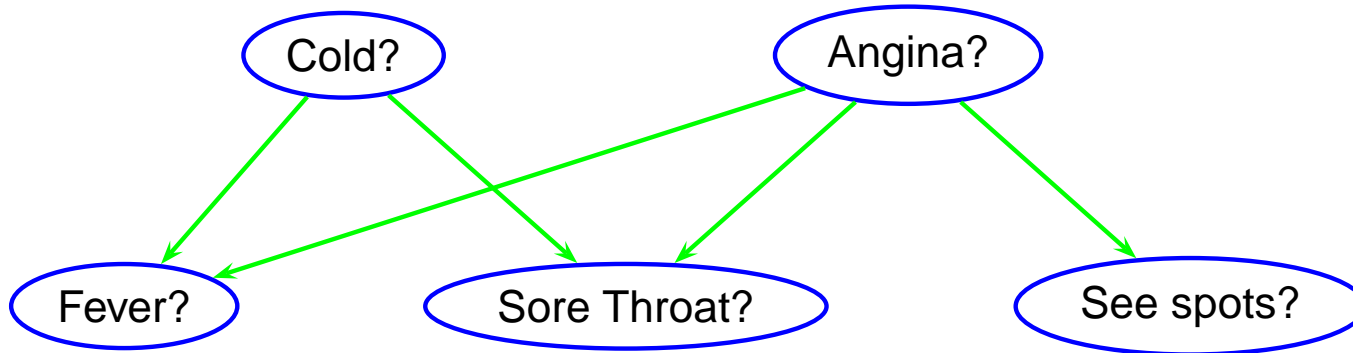


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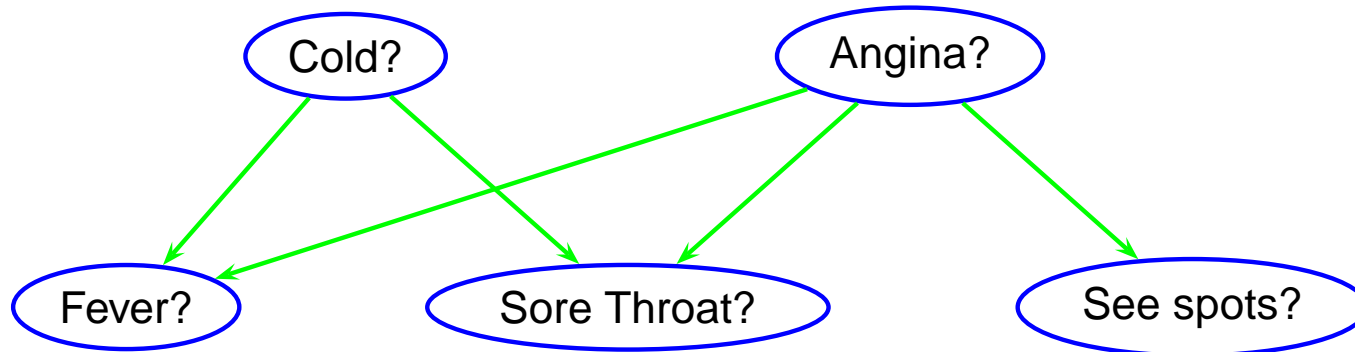
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Example

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However, $\text{SeeSpots?} = \text{yes}$ and $\text{SoreThroat?} = \text{no}$ is sufficient:

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In this case findings on Fever? is irrelevant, e.g.:

- $P(\text{Angina?} | \text{SeeSpots?} = \text{yes}, \text{SoreThroat?} = \text{no}, \text{Fever?} = \text{high}) = (0(n), 0.683(m), 0.317(s))$

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If we change t to 0.002 and propagate we get:

$$x(0.002) = 7.7286 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad y(0.002) = 7.2975 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

We can now determine the coefficients α , β , a and b !