

# Approximate Lifted Inference with Probabilistic Databases

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# Why Approximate Lifted Inference?

- First-Order Logic and Probabilities ☺

e.g.,  $\text{Smokes}(x) \wedge \text{Friends}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smokes}(y)$ , weight=3

e.g.,  $Q(z) :- \text{Smoker}(x, '2009'), \text{Friend}(x,z)$

Russell [CACM'15]

Richardson, Domingos [ML'06]

Kautz, Singla [CACM'16]

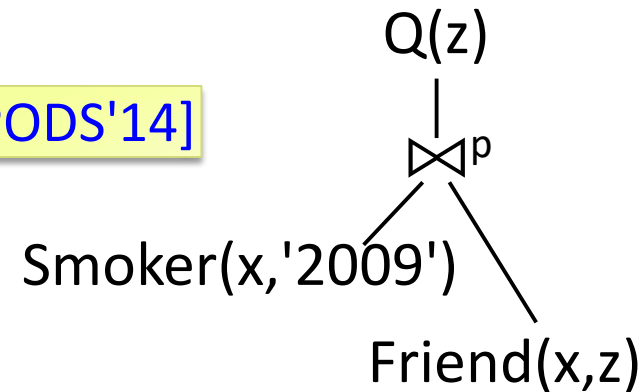
Requires grounding and sampling ☹

- Dichotomy results in databases, e.g.:

Dalvi, Suciu [VLDB'04, JACM'12]

Fink, Olteanu [PODS'14]

PTIME cases ("liftable") require no grounding → super fast



- How to perform approximate lifted inference for hard cases?

G., Suciu [VLDB'15, VLDBJ'16]


# Lifted Inference (LI) and Approximate LI (ALI)

"reason about multiple individuals... treat (them) as a group"

Poole [IJCAI'03]

"exploiting symmetries ... in the relational structure of the model"

V.d.Broeck, Darwiche [NIPS'13]

$$x f + x g = x (f + g)$$


symmetric in  $f$  and  $g$

*Discovering or introducing symmetries is algebraically equivalent to finding efficient factorizations*

**Approximate Lifted Inference:**

Finding approximate factorizations

from the relational structure of the model

that allow evaluation polynomial in the data size

# Roadmap

1. **Theory:** Bounds on the probability of monotone Boolean functions

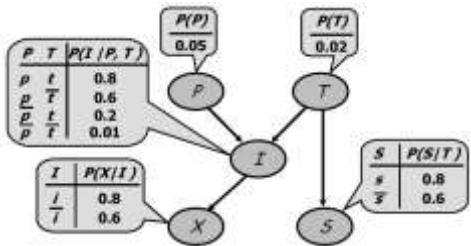
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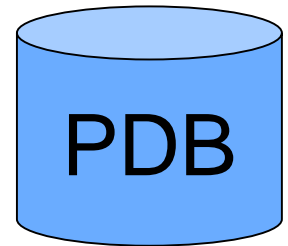
# Boolean Functions and Applications

## Graphical Models



Weighted Model Counting  
Chavira, Darwiche [AI'00]

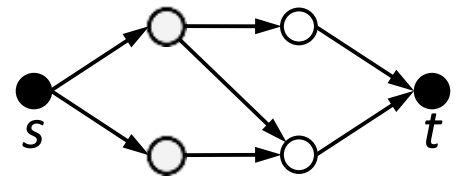
## Probabilistic Databases



Possible Worlds Model

## Network Reliability

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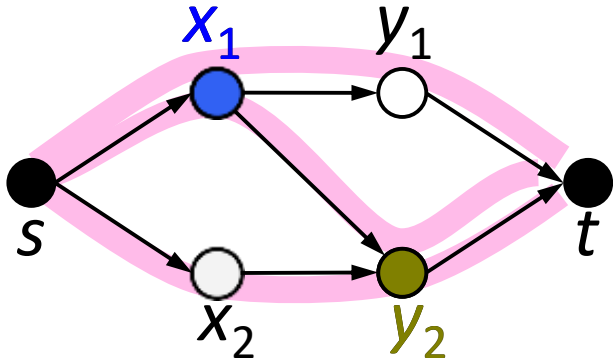
Possible Worlds Model

Boolean Functions

$$f = x_1 y_1 \vee x_1 y_2 \vee x_2 y_2 \quad P[f] ?$$

# Network reliability

$f = \text{true}$  iff  $s$  &  $t$  connected



$$P[x_i] = p_i, P[y_j] = q_j$$

# Boolean functions

$f = \text{path 1} \vee \text{path 2} \vee \text{path 3}$

paths are not independent!

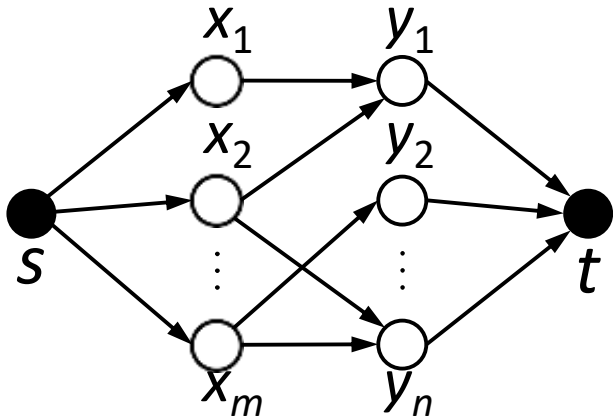
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$$P[f] = P[x_1]P[y_1 \vee y_2] + P[\bar{x}_1]P[x_2 y_2]$$

$$= p_1 (q_1 \otimes q_2) + \bar{p}_1 p_2 q_2$$

"independent-or":  $1 - (1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)$

## More general:



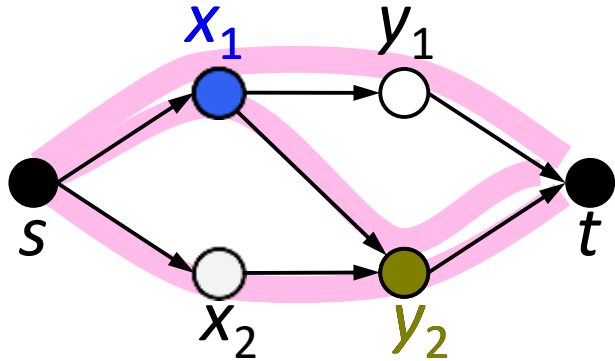
$$f = \bigvee_{(i,j) \in E} x_i y_j \quad E \subseteq m \times n$$

Calculating  $P[f]$  for monotone 2DNF is #P-hard ☹️

Provan, Ball [SICOMP'83]

# Intuition for Dissociation

## Original network

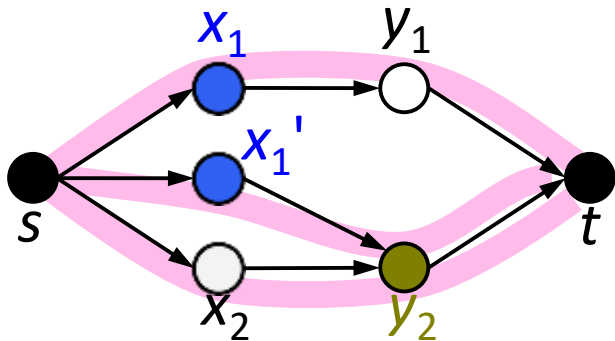


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## "Dissociated" network



$$f' = x_1 y_1 \vee x_1' y_2 \vee x_2 y_2$$

$$= x_1 y_1 \vee (x_1' \vee x_2) y_2$$

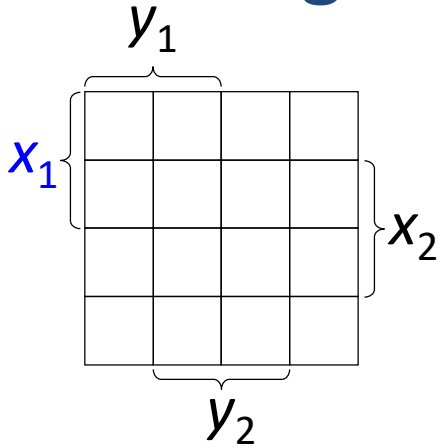
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Serial-parallel graph

Calculating  $P[f]$  for read-once formula is in PTIME 😊 Gurvich [1977]

How to choose  $P[x_1]$ ,  $P[x_1']$  to get upper or lower bounds?

# Bounding monotone Boolean formulas by models

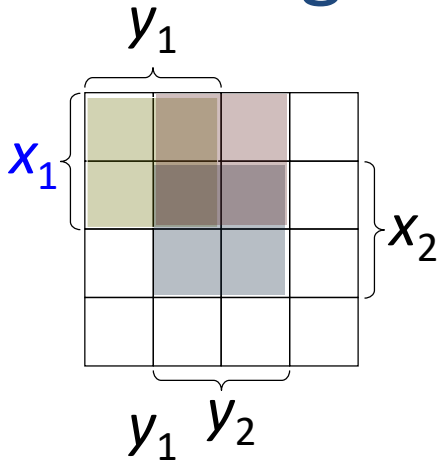


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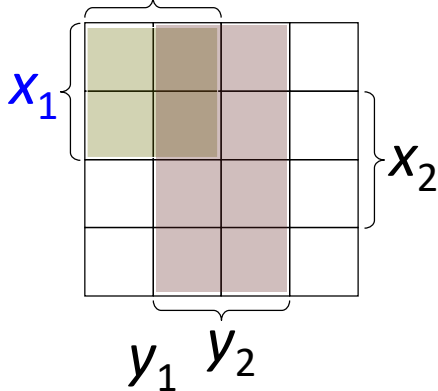
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$$f' = x_1 y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \cancel{x_2 y_2}$$

Read-once, PTIME 😊



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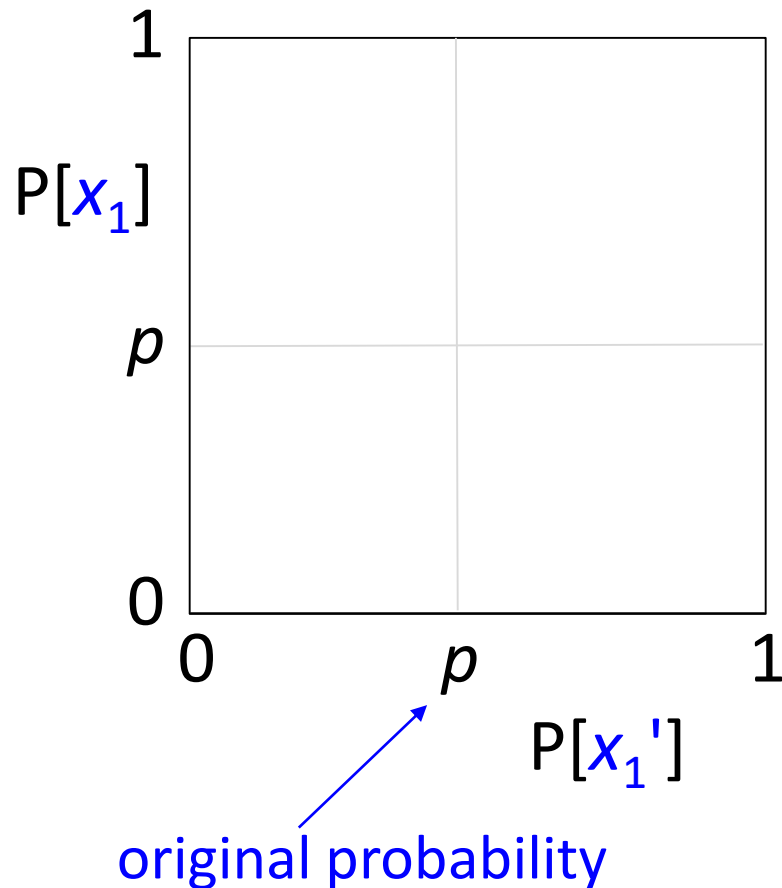
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*Can we do better (outside standard models)?*

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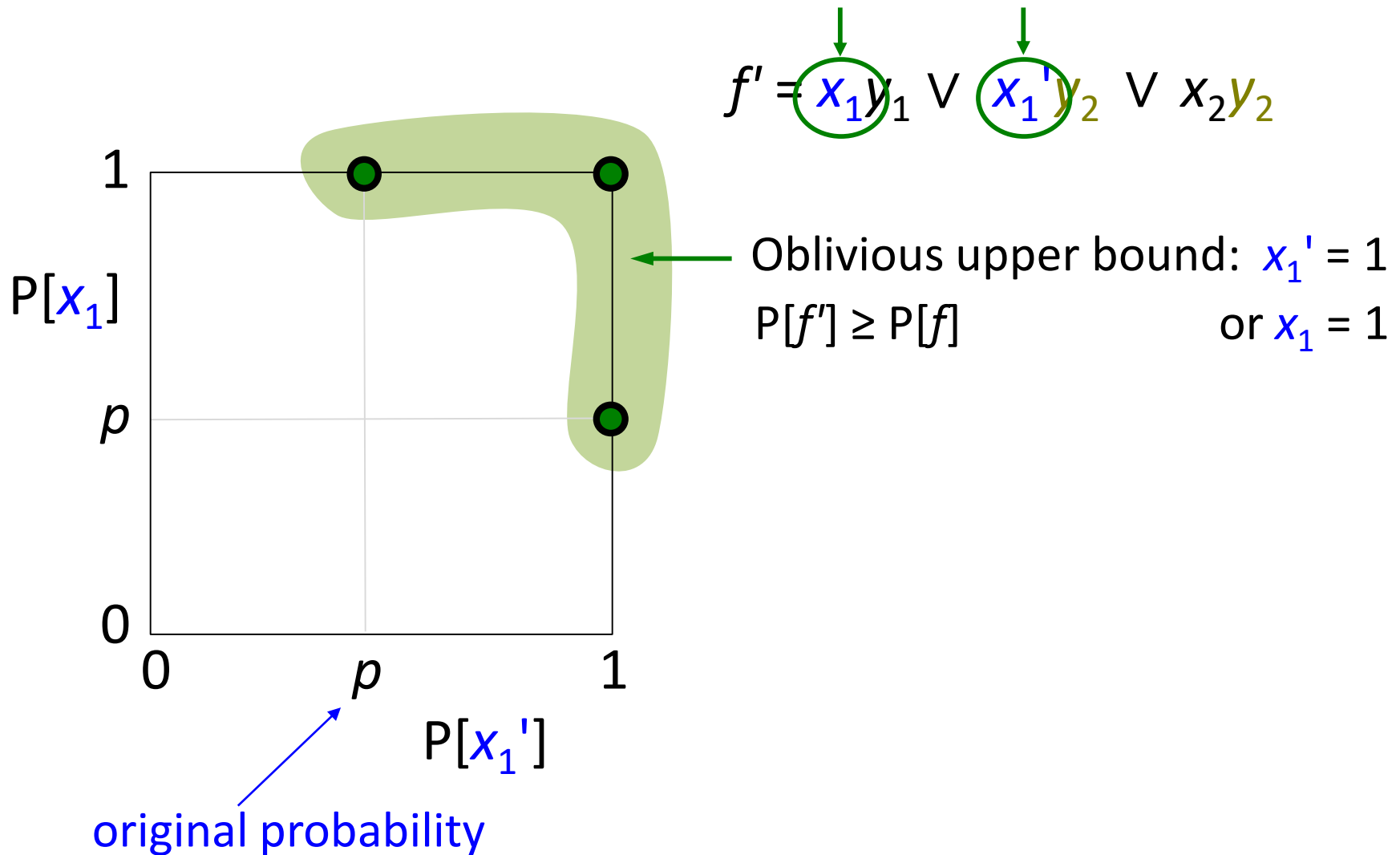
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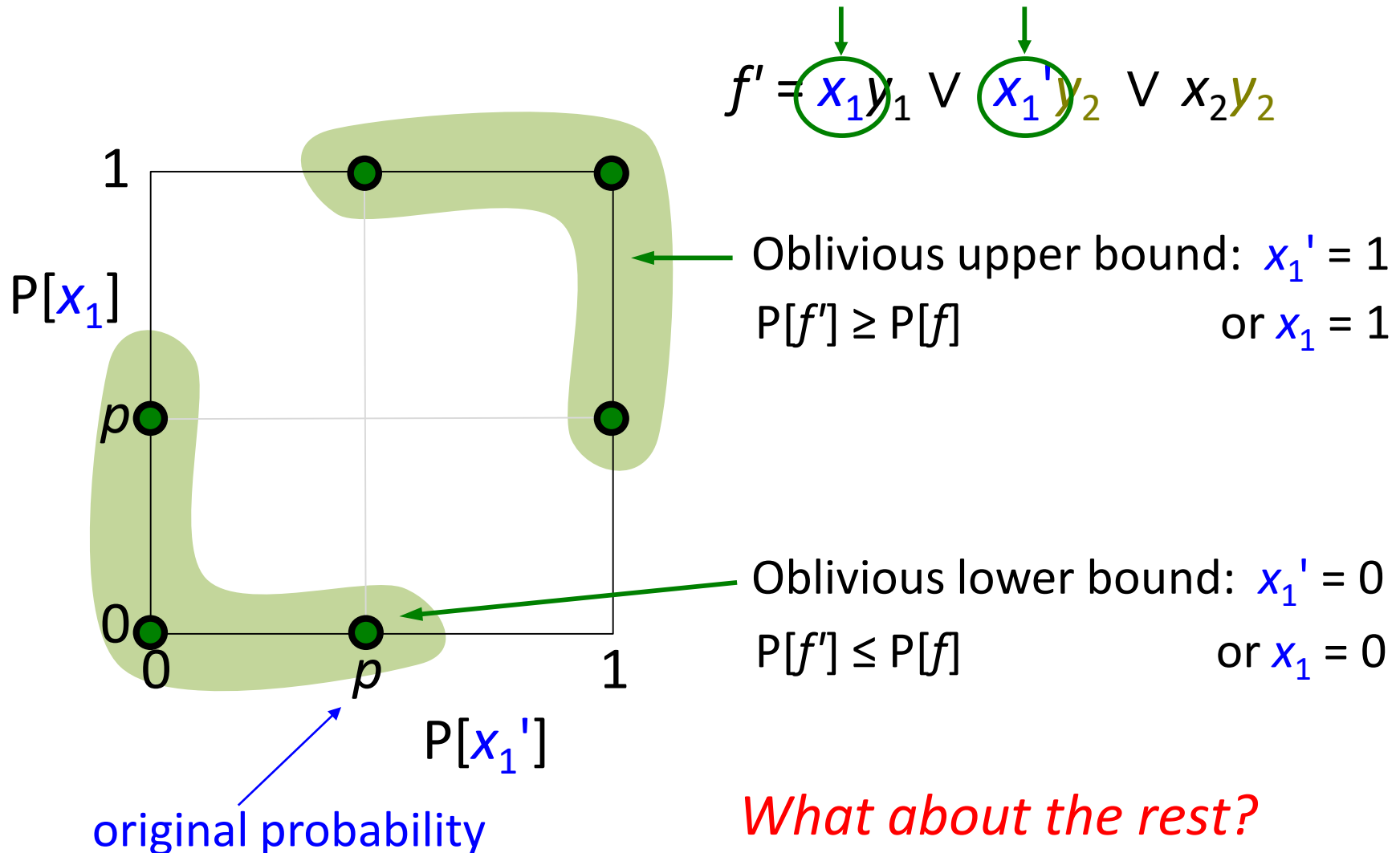
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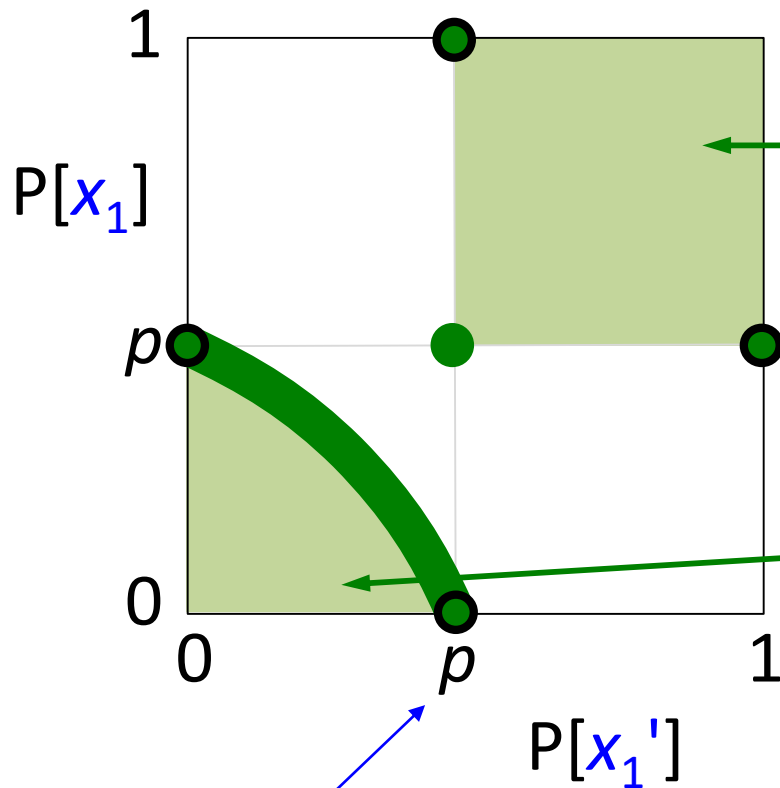
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# Oblivious Bounds from Dissociations (an algebraic framework)

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original probability

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$$p_1 \geq p, p_1' \geq p$$

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$$p_1 \otimes p_1' \leq p$$

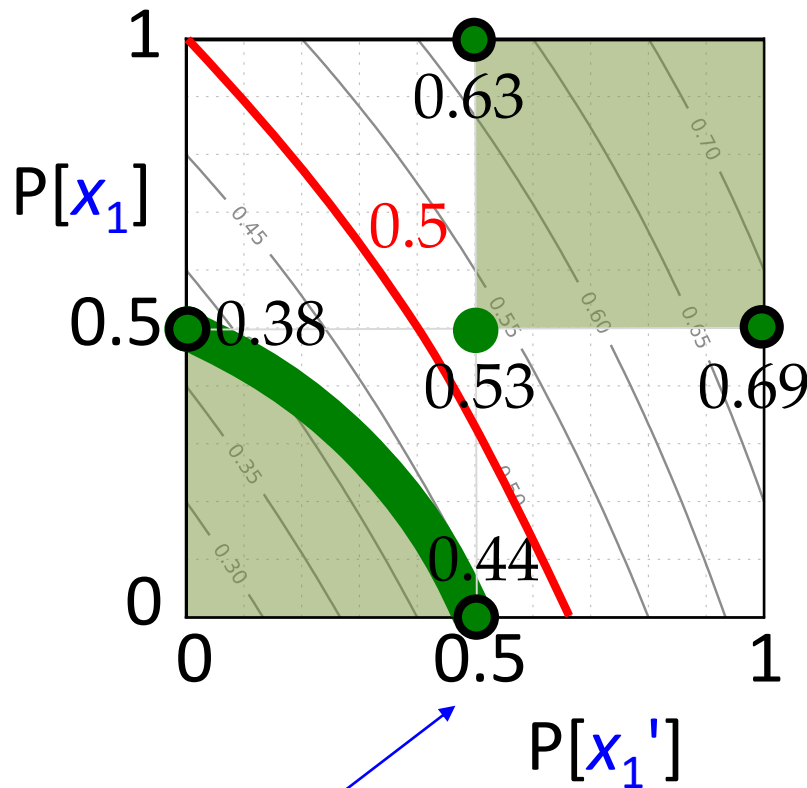
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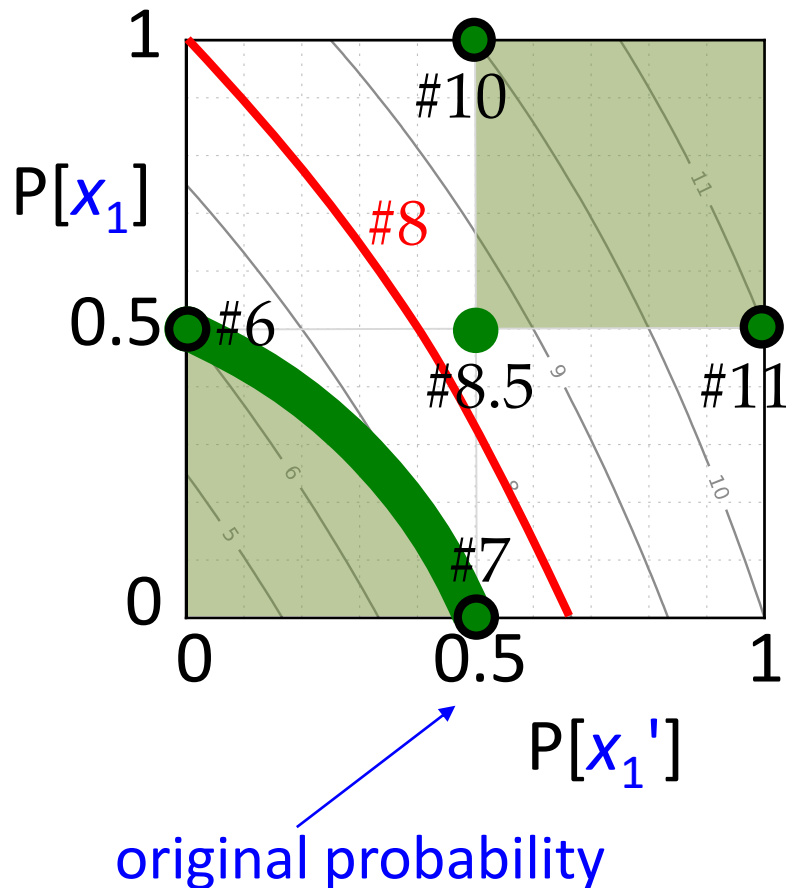
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- **Oblivious bounds**      Upper  
                                 Lower
- **Model-based bounds**    Upper  
                                 Lower
- × **Relaxation & Comp.**

$$p' \cdot p'' \geq p$$

$$p' \leq p, p'' \leq p$$

$$p' = p, p'' = 1 \text{ (optimal)}$$

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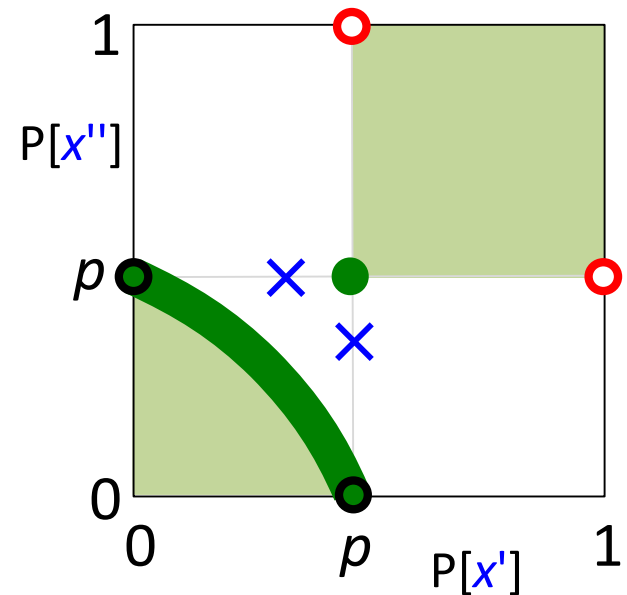
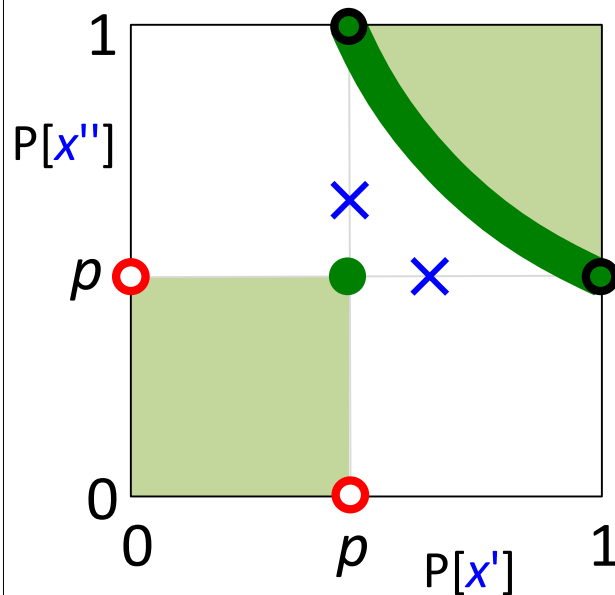
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● Optimal oblivious Upper

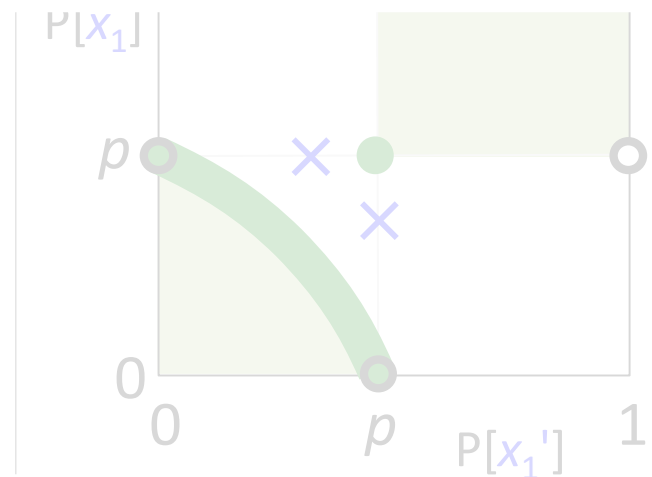
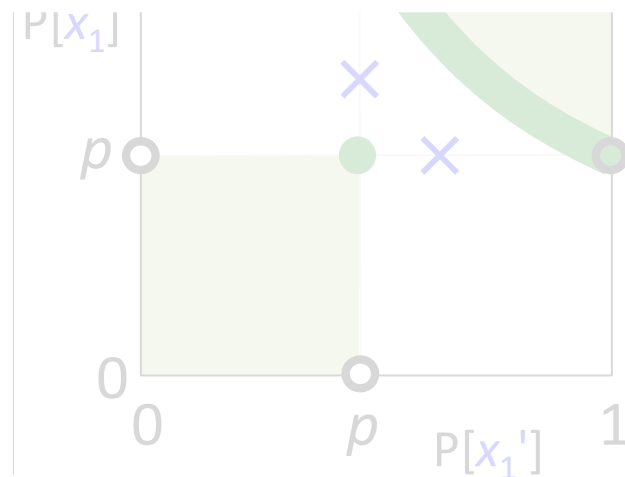
$n \cdot n = n$

$n = n \quad n = n$

- Method that allows to upper and lower bound monotone Boolean functions.
- Upper bounds work very well for DNF.

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# Conjunctive Queries & Probabilistic Databases (PDBs)

## (1) Query in SQL Schema

```
SELECT distinct T.C
FROM R,S,T
WHERE R.A=S.A
and S.B=T.B
```

```
R(A)
  |
S(A,B)
  / \
T(B,C)
```

Join

## (2) Query in Datalog

$Q(z) :- R(x), S(x,y), T(y,z)$

### Instance

R	A	S	A	B	T	B	C
0.5	a	0.7	a	b	0.7	b	e
0.7	d	0.8	a	c	0.8	c	e
		0.7	d	d	0.8	d	f

Independent tuples

### Results

Q	C
0.41	e
0.39	f

Promise of PDBs: ranking of output, due to uncertainty of input

## (3) Incidence matrix for SJ-free CQs

	x	y	z
R	○		
S	○	○	
T		○	○

	DBs	PDBs
Query complexity	NP-hard	$\geq \#P$ hard
Data complexity	<b>PTIME</b> 😊	<b>#P hard</b> 😞

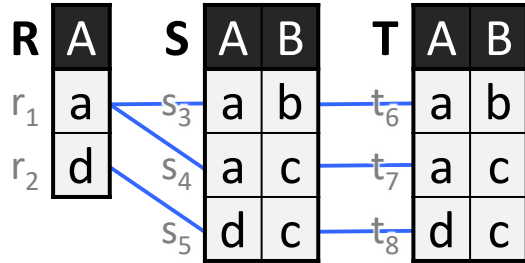
Problem of PDBs: ranking is hard

Vardi [STOC'82]

Dalvi, Suciu [VLDB'04]

# Background: Evaluating Probabilistic Queries

$Q_1$ :- R(x), S(x,y), T(x,y)

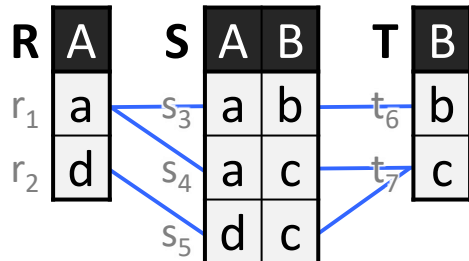


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Read-Once formula

$Q_2$ :- R(x), S(x,y), T(y)



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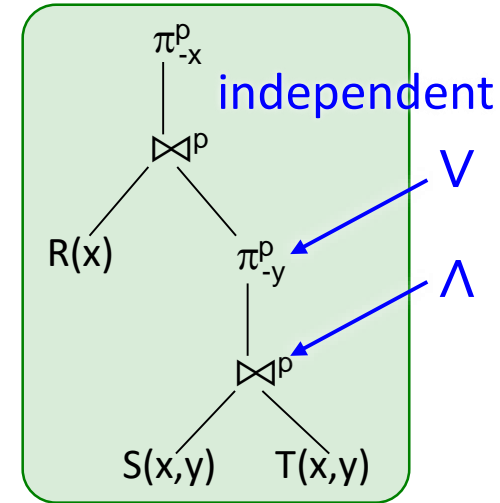
NO Read-Once formula

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"hierarchical"

Incidence matrix

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R	○	
S	○	○
T	○	○

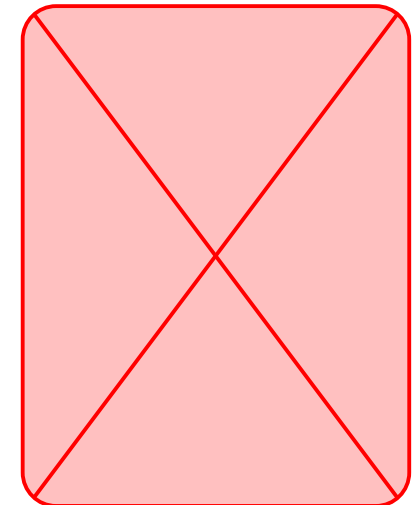


probabilistic query plan

**#P hard** 😞

not "hierarchical"

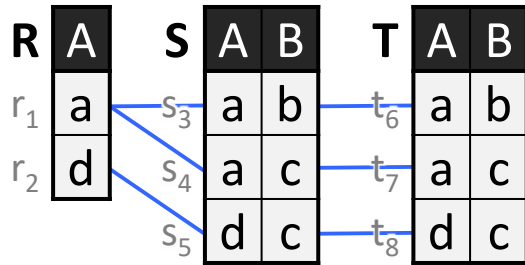
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Dalvi, Suciu [VLDB'04]

# The idea: Dissociation

$Q_1 :- R(x), S(x,y), T(x,y)$

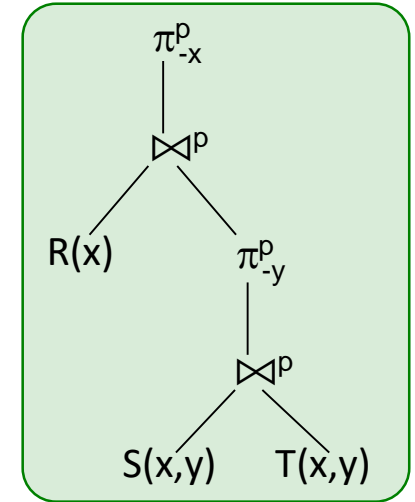


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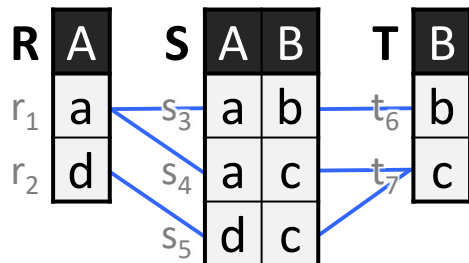
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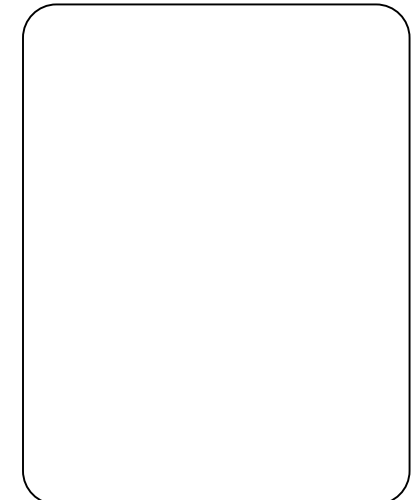


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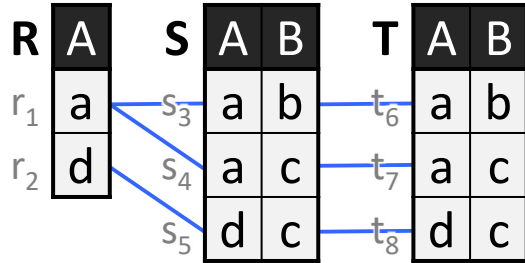
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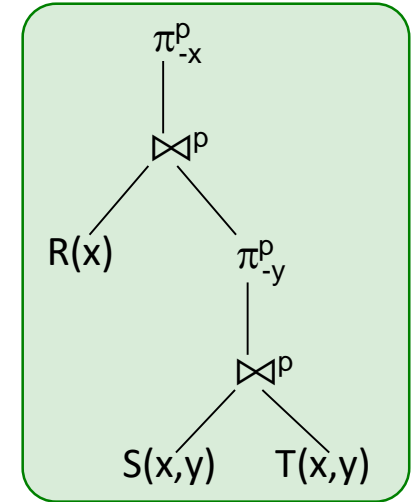
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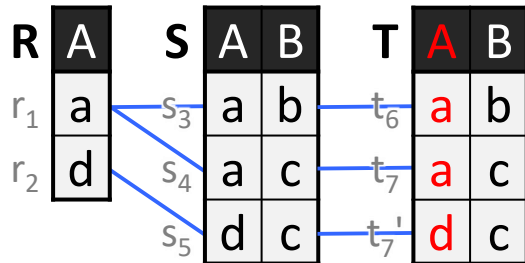
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$Q_2^{\Delta} :- R(x), S(x,y), T(x,y)$



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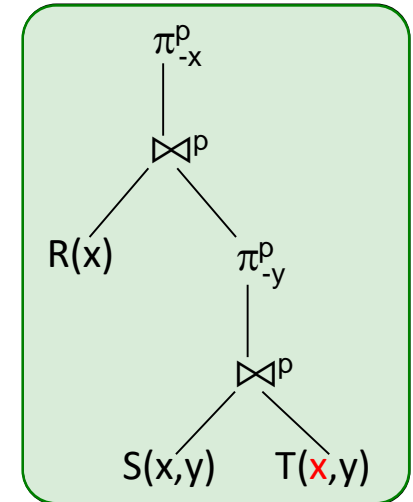
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Query  
Dissociation

**PTIME** 😊

"hierarchical"

	x	y
R	○	
S	○	○
T	●	○



dissociation of tuples

Read-Once formula 😊

# The idea: Dissociation

$Q_2^{\Delta'} :- R(x,y), S(x,y), T(y)$

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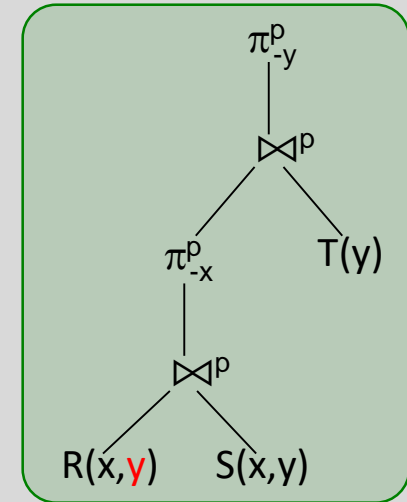
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$r_1$	a	b	$s_3$	a	b	$r_6$		b	
$r_1'$	a	c	$s_4$	a	c	$r_7$		c	
$r_2$	d	c	$s_5$	d	c				

Query  
Dissociation

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$$= r_1 s_3 t_6 \vee (r_1' s_4 \vee r_2 s_5) t_7$$

	x	y
R	○	●
S	○	○
T		○



$Q_2^{\Delta} :- R(x), S(x,y), T(x,y)$

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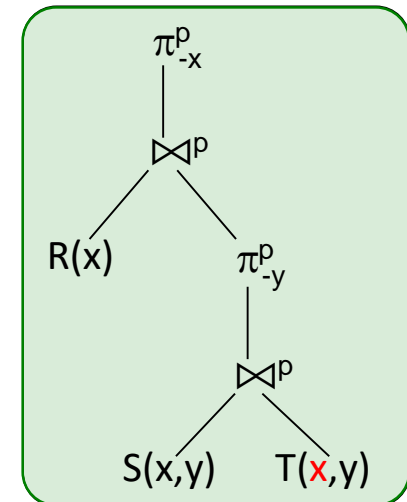
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Can be evaluated  
with a DMBS

Read-Once formula 😊 dissociation of tuples

# Partial Dissociation Order and Propagation

$Q_3$ :- R(x), S(x), T(x,y), U(y)

Def. "Partial dissociation order"  $\leq$ :

$$\Delta \leq \Delta' \Leftrightarrow \forall \text{relations } R : \text{Var}(R^\Delta) \supseteq \text{Var}(R^{\Delta'})$$

Theorem 1:

$$\Delta \leq \Delta' \Leftrightarrow P[Q^\Delta] \leq P[Q^{\Delta'}]$$

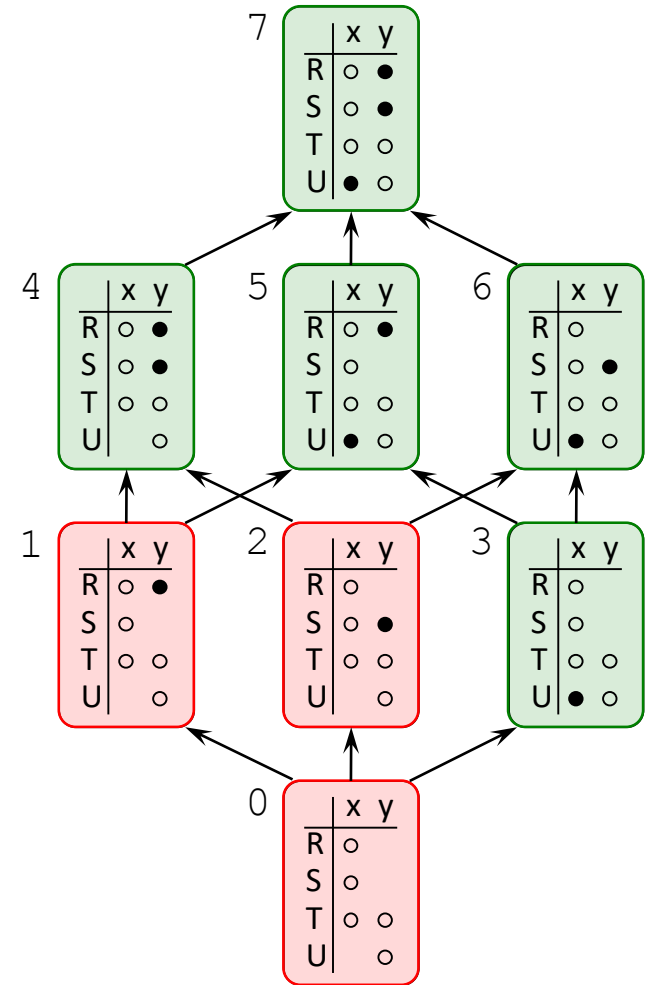
Def. "PTIME dissociation":

$$\Delta \text{ is PTIME} \Leftrightarrow Q^\Delta \text{ is PTIME}$$

Def. "Propagation score":

minimum prob. of all PTIME dissociations

$$\rho[Q] := \text{MIN}_{\Delta : \text{safe}} P[Q^\Delta]$$



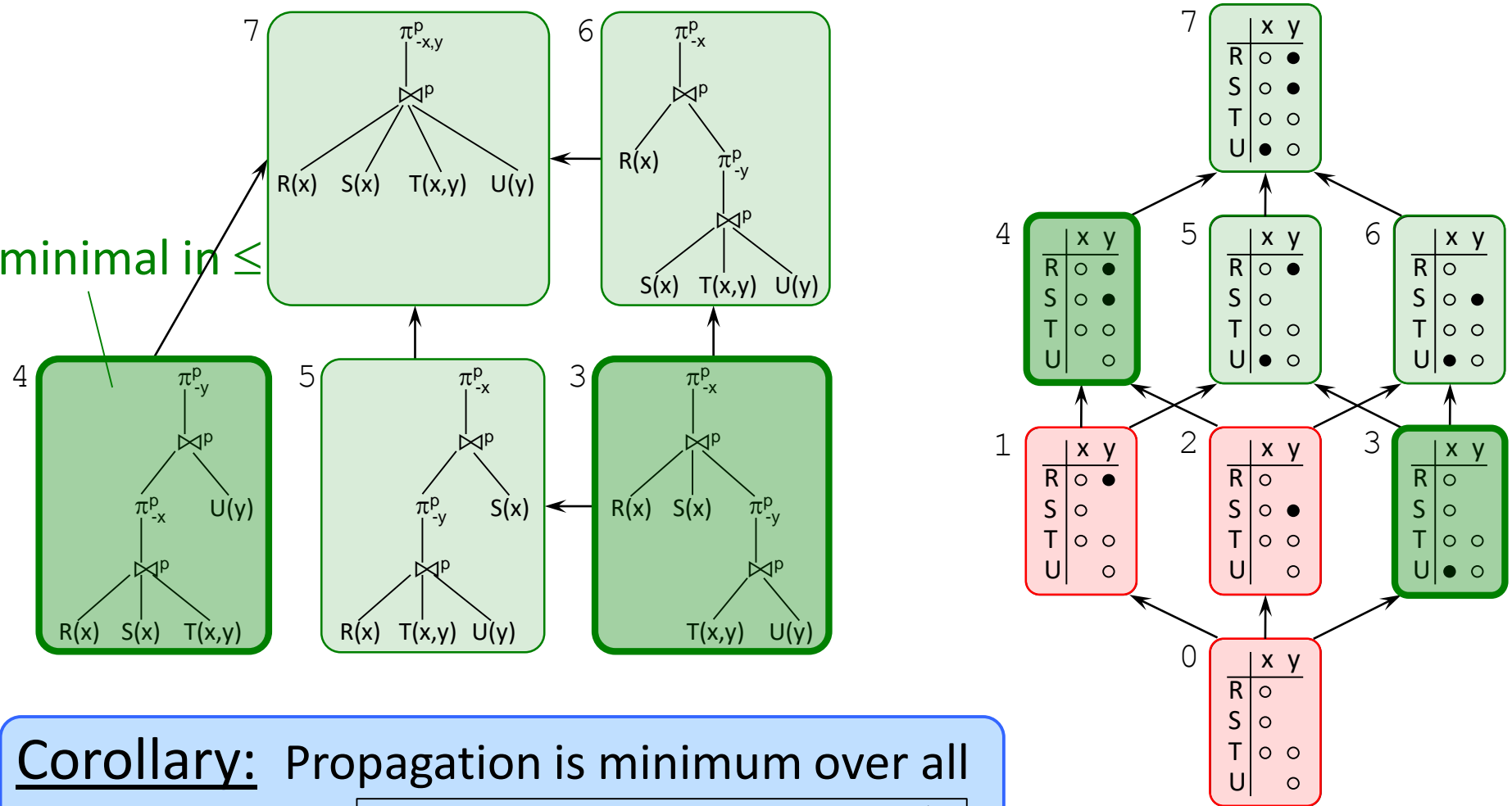


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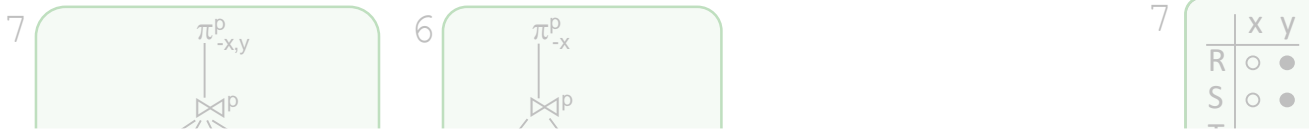
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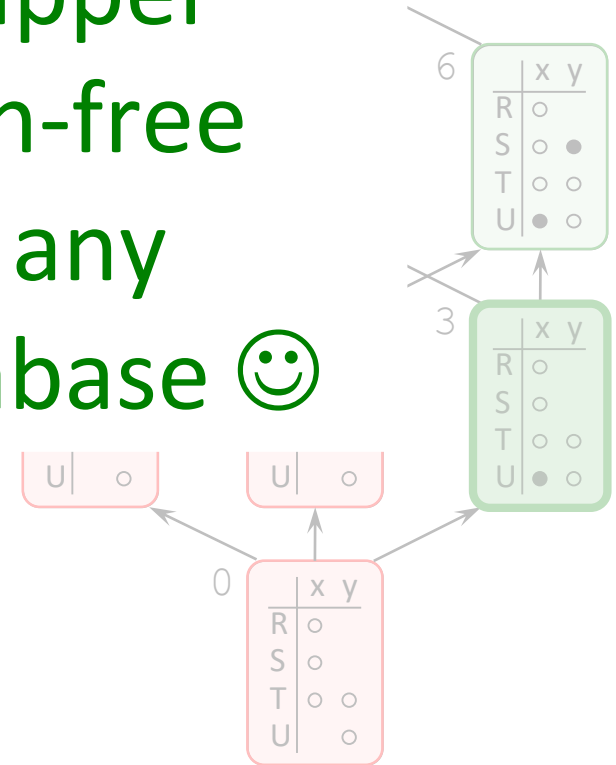
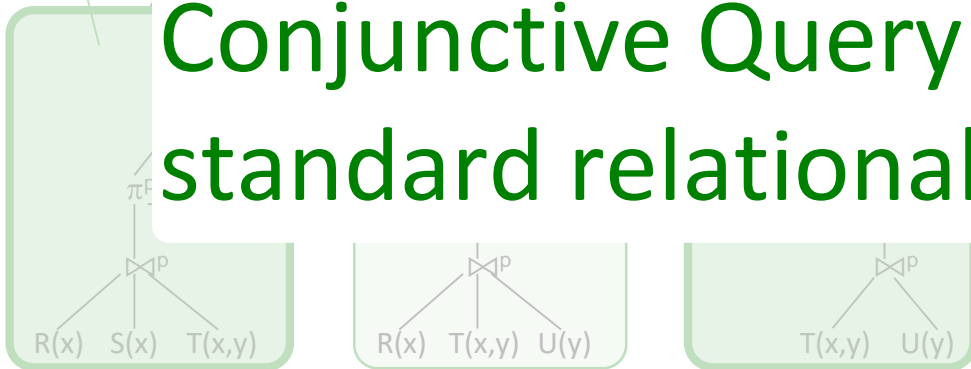
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Method that allows to upper bound any hard Self-Join-free Conjunctive Query with any standard relational database 😊

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# Questions for Experiments

Average Precision (ranking)

	Quality (AP@10)	Efficiency (Time)
1. Dissociation	✓	✓
2. Monte Carlo	MC(10k), MC(1k), ...	✓
3. Exact Probabilistic Inference	serves as ground truth, if possible ...	SampleSearch Gogate, Dechter [AI'11]
4. Ranking by Lineage Size (# of clauses)	✓	✓
5. Deterministic Query Evaluation	random ranking	✓

# Experimental Setup

## 1: TPC-H random database

Supplier(s\_suppkey, s\_nationkey) ← (10k tuples)  
PartSupp(ps\_suppkey, ps\_partkey) ← (800k tuples)  
Part(p\_partkey, p\_name) ← (200k tuples)

We add a random probability to each tuple with  $\text{avg}[p_i]$  as parameter

## 2. Parameterized test query

```
SELECT distinct s_nationkey ← 25 nations
FROM Supplier, Partsupp, Part
WHERE s_suppkey = ps_suppkey
      and ps_partkey = p_partkey ← 500 – 10k
      and s_suppkey <= $1 ← '%red%green%'
      and p_name like $2 ← '%red%', '%', etc.
```

	<i>a</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>S</i>	○	○		
<i>PS</i>		○	○	
<i>P</i>			○	○

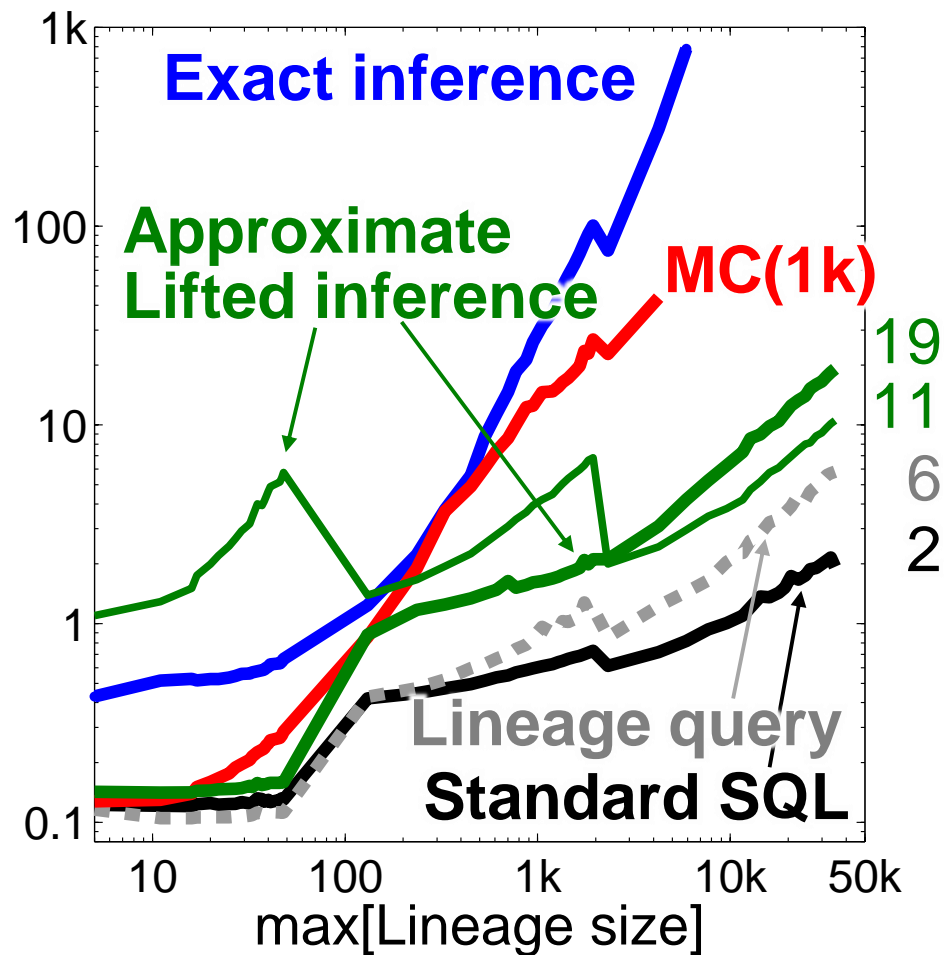
"Which nations (as determined by the attribute nationkey) are most likely to have suppliers with suppkey  $\leq$  \$1 that supply parts with a name like \$2?"

$Q(a) :- S(s, a), PS(s, u), P(u, n), s \leq \$1, n \text{ like } \$2$

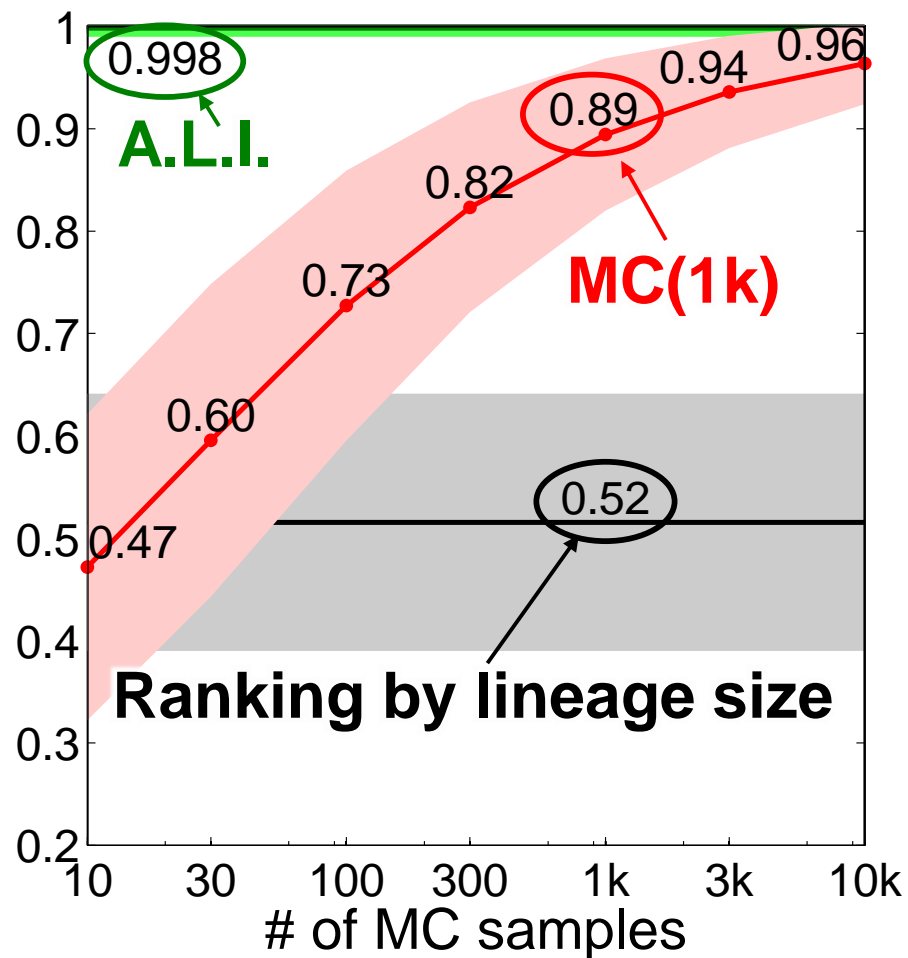
## 3. PostgreSQL, Translation happens in Java

# Experiments: results on synthetic TPC-H data

## Time (sec)



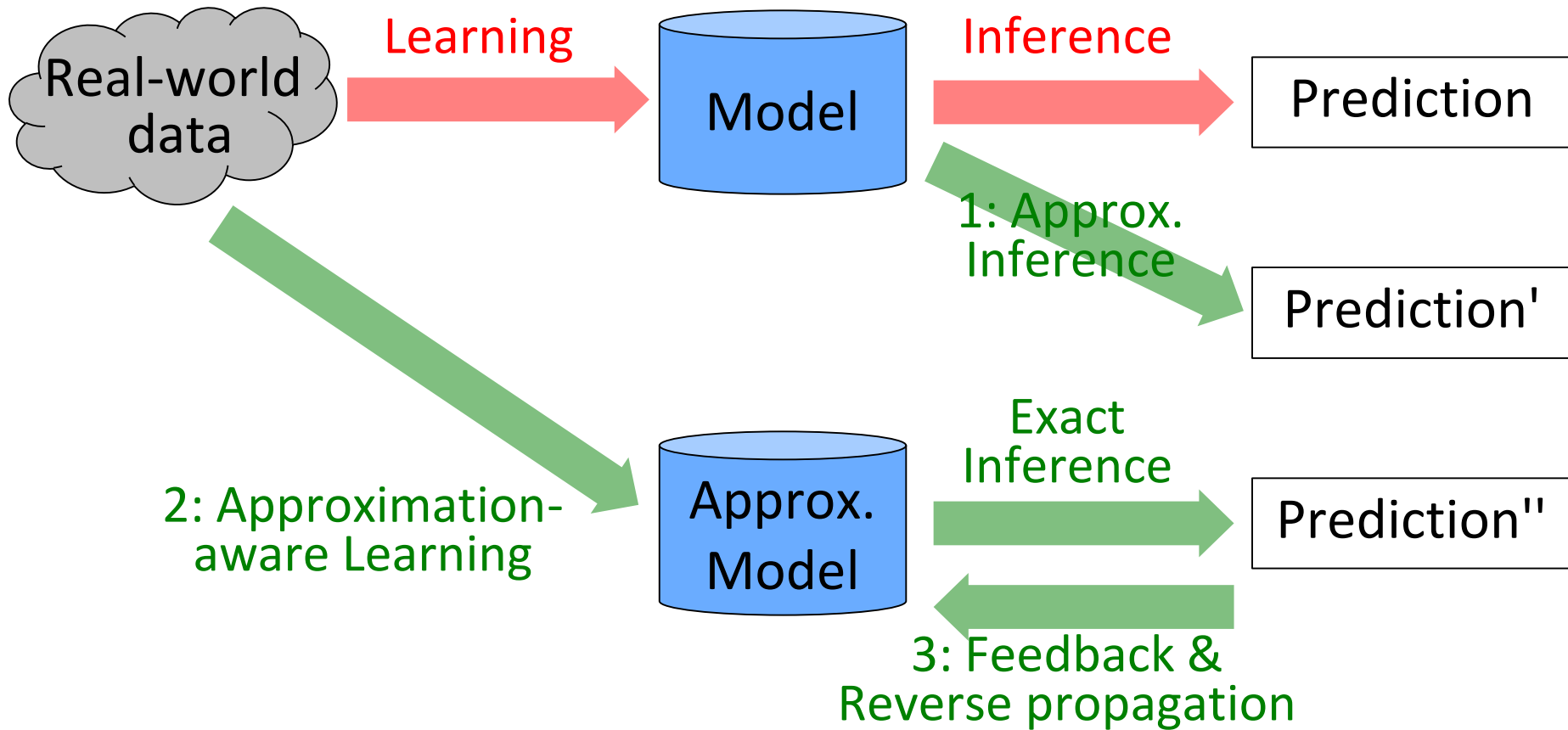
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# Approximation-aware learning & inference



Closely related to approximate message passing methods, convex relaxations. See e.g., [Wainwright \[JMLR'06\]](#) [Gomely+\[TACL'15\]](#)



# Important Open Problems

## 1. Self-joins

*"Find students who take class1 and class2."*

```
Q(name) :- Student(sid, name), Enrolled(sid, 'class1'),  
          Enrolled(sid, 'class2')
```

## 2. Disjoint-independent databases

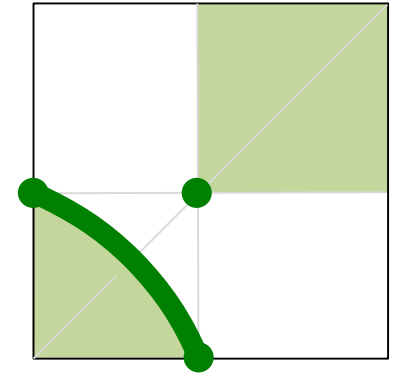
*"A student can take **either** class 201 **or** class 202."*

## 3. Learning the probabilities from predictions

# Take-aways

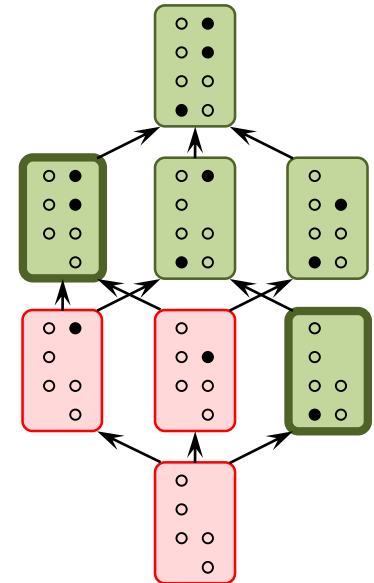
## 1. Probability of Boolean Functions

- Upper and Lower bounds for monotone Boolean functions by dissociation
- Improve on model-based bounds



## 2. Approximate Lifted Inference

- for Self-Join-free Conjunctive Queries
- Apply dissociation at query level in multiple ways, then pick "best"
- Generalizes all PTIME cases
- Fast and good for ranking



Thanks 😊