

# Probabilistic Reasoning by First-Order Model Counting

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*What is this good for?*

# What we'd like to do...

$\exists x \text{ Coauthor}(\text{Einstein}, x) \wedge \text{ Coauthor}(\text{Erdos}, x)$



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He **published** more **papers** during his lifetime (at least 1,525) than any other ...

**Anybody** else's Erdős number is  $k + 1$  where  $k$  is the lowest Erdős number of any coauthor. ... Albert **Einstein** and Sheldon Lee Glashow **have** an Erdős number of 2. ... and mathematician Ruth Williams, **both** of whom **have** an Erdős number of 2.

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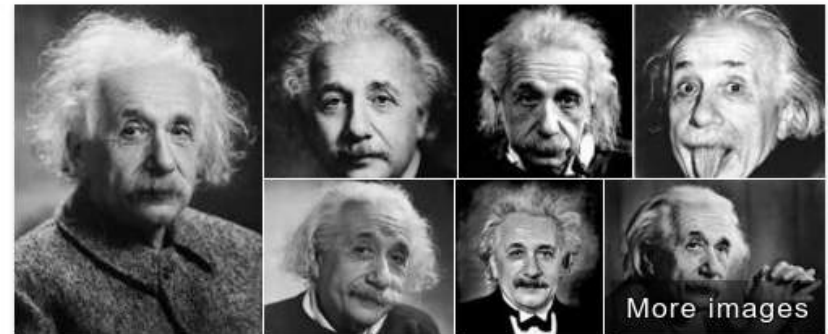


## Albert Einstein - Biographical - Nobelprize.org

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**Albert Einstein** was born at Ulm, in Württemberg, Germany, on March 14, 1879. ...

Later, they moved to Italy and Albert continued his education at Aarau



## Albert Einstein

Theoretical Physicist

Albert Einstein was a German-born theoretical physicist. He developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics. Einstein's work is also known for its influence on the philosophy of science. [Wikipedia](#)

**Born:** March 14, 1879, [Ulm, Germany](#)

**Died:** April 18, 1955, [Princeton, NJ](#)

**Influenced by:** [Isaac Newton](#), [Mahatma Gandhi](#), [More](#)

**Children:** [Eduard Einstein](#), [Lieserl Einstein](#), [Hans Albert Einstein](#)

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## The Man Who Loved Only Numbers - The New York Times

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Paul Erdős was one of those very special geniuses, the kind who comes along only once in a very long while yet he chose, quite consciously I am sure, to share ...

## Paul Erdos | Hungarian mathematician | Britannica.com

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## Paul Erdős - University of St Andrews

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Paul Erdős came from a Jewish family (the original family name being Engländer) although neither of his parents observed the Jewish religion. Paul's father ...

## [PDF] Paul Erdős Mathematical Genius, Human - UnTruth.org

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## Paul Erdős

Mathematician

Paul Erdős was a Hungarian Jewish mathematician. He was one of the most prolific mathematicians of the 20th century. He was known both for his social practice of mathematics and for his eccentric lifestyle.

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**Born:** March 26, 1913, Budapest, Hungary

**Died:** September 20, 1996, Warsaw, Poland

**Education:** Eötvös Loránd University (1934)

**Books:** Probabilistic Methods in Combinatorics, [More](#)

**Notable students:** Béla Bollobás, Alexander Soifer, George B. Purdy, Joseph Kruskal

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**Ernst Straus's** mother was Rahel Goitein who had the distinction of being one of the first women medical students officially studying at a German university.

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Mathematician

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... and he published with both Einstein and Erdos!

# Desired Query Answer

Has anyone published a paper with both Erdos and Einstein



Ernst Straus



Barack Obama, ...



Justin Bieber, ...



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1. Fuse uncertain information from web

⇒ **Embrace probability!**

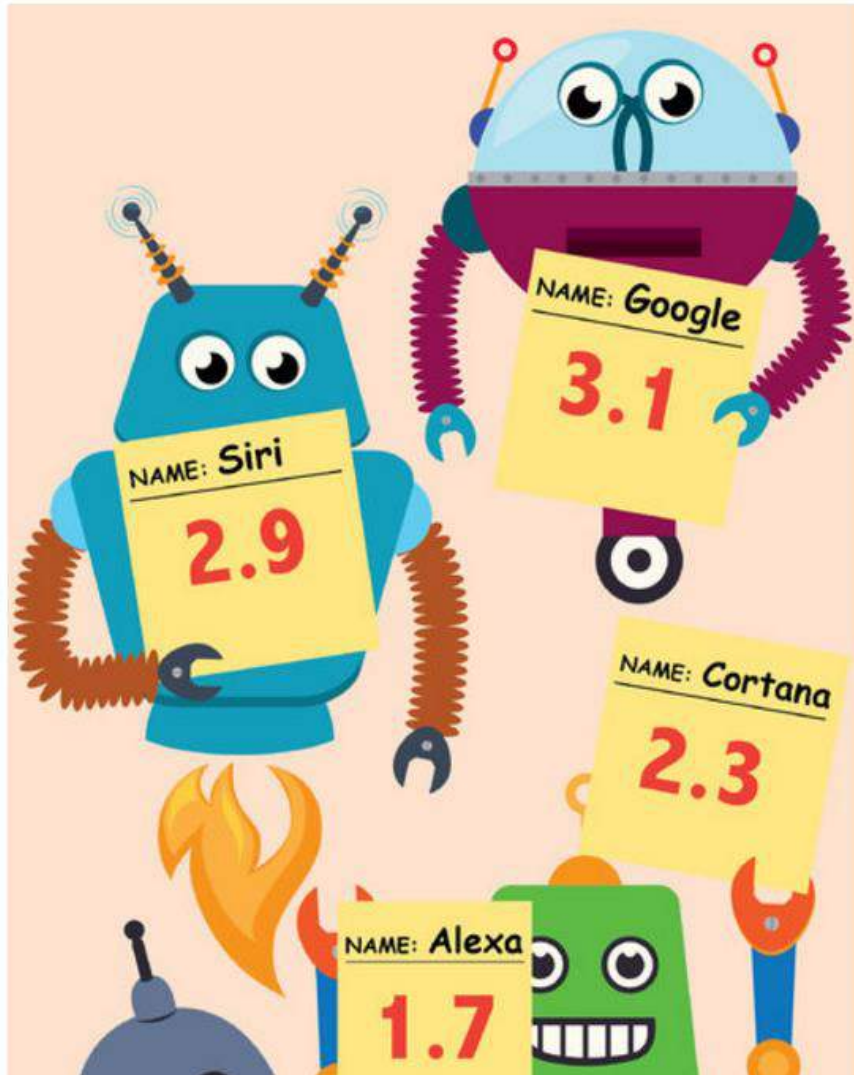
2. Cannot come from labeled data

⇒ **Embrace query eval!**

# Siri, Alexa and Other Virtual Assistants Put to the Test

## Tech Fix

By BRIAN X. CHEN JAN. 27, 2016



WHEN I asked Alexa earlier this week who was playing in the [Super Bowl](#), she responded, somewhat monotonously, “[Super Bowl](#) 49’s winner is New England Patriots.”

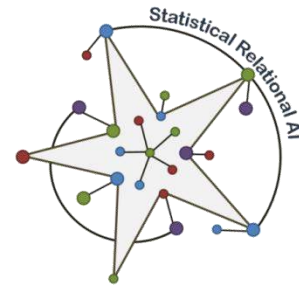
“Come on, that’s last year’s Super Bowl,” I said. “Even I can do better than that.”

At the time, I was actually alone in my living room. I was talking to the virtual companion inside [Amazon](#)’s wireless speaker, Echo, which was released last June. Known as Alexa, she has gained raves from Silicon Valley’s tech-obsessed digerati and has become one of the newest members of the virtual assistants club.

All the so-called [Frightful Five](#) tech

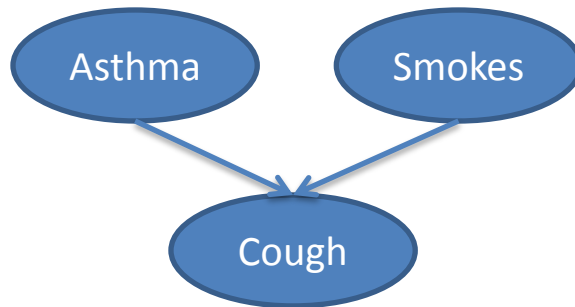
[Chen’16]  
(NYTimes)

# Statistical Relational Learning



Augment graphical model with relations between entities (rows).

## Intuition



- + Friends have similar smoking habits
- + Asthma can be hereditary

## Markov Logic

$$2.1 \text{ Asthma}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Cough}(x)$$

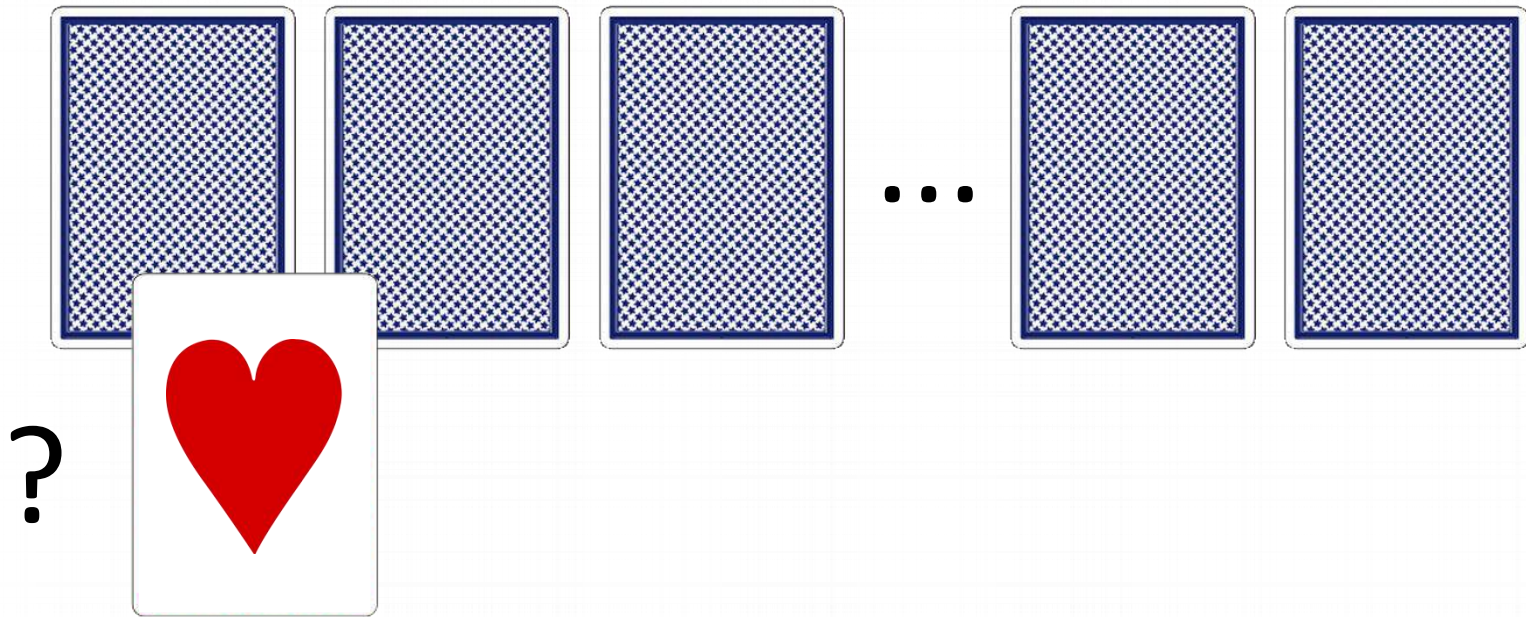
$$3.5 \text{ Smokes}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Cough}(x)$$

$$1.9 \text{ Smokes}(x) \wedge \text{Friends}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smokes}(y)$$

$$1.5 \text{ Asthma}(x) \wedge \text{Family}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Asthma}(y)$$

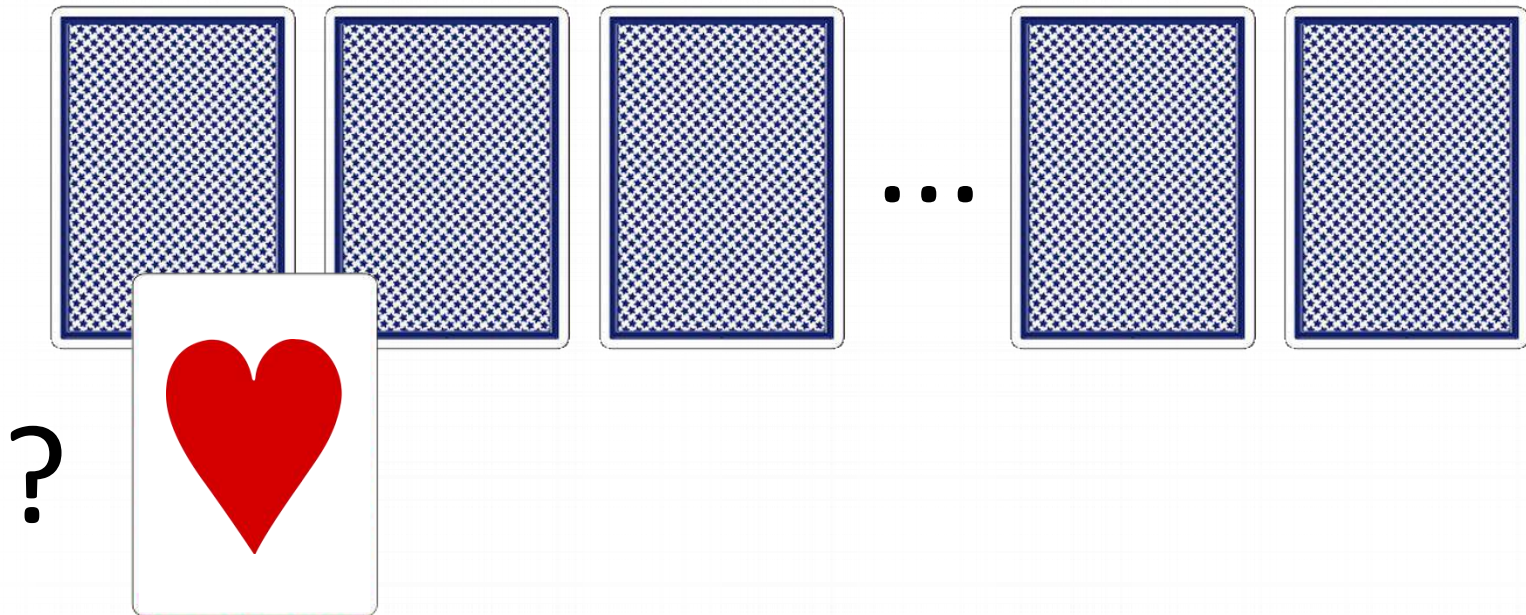
*Why do we need  
first-order probabilistic  
reasoning?*

# A Simple Reasoning Problem



*Probability that Card1 is Hearts?*

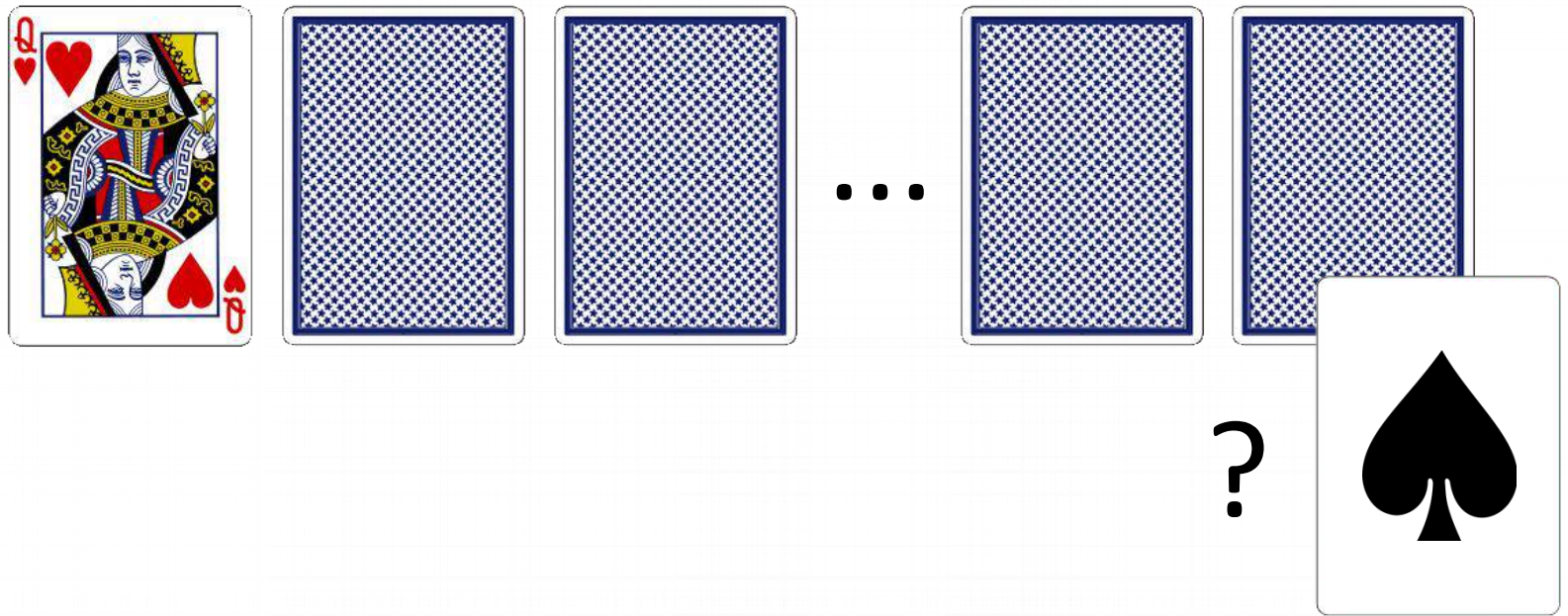
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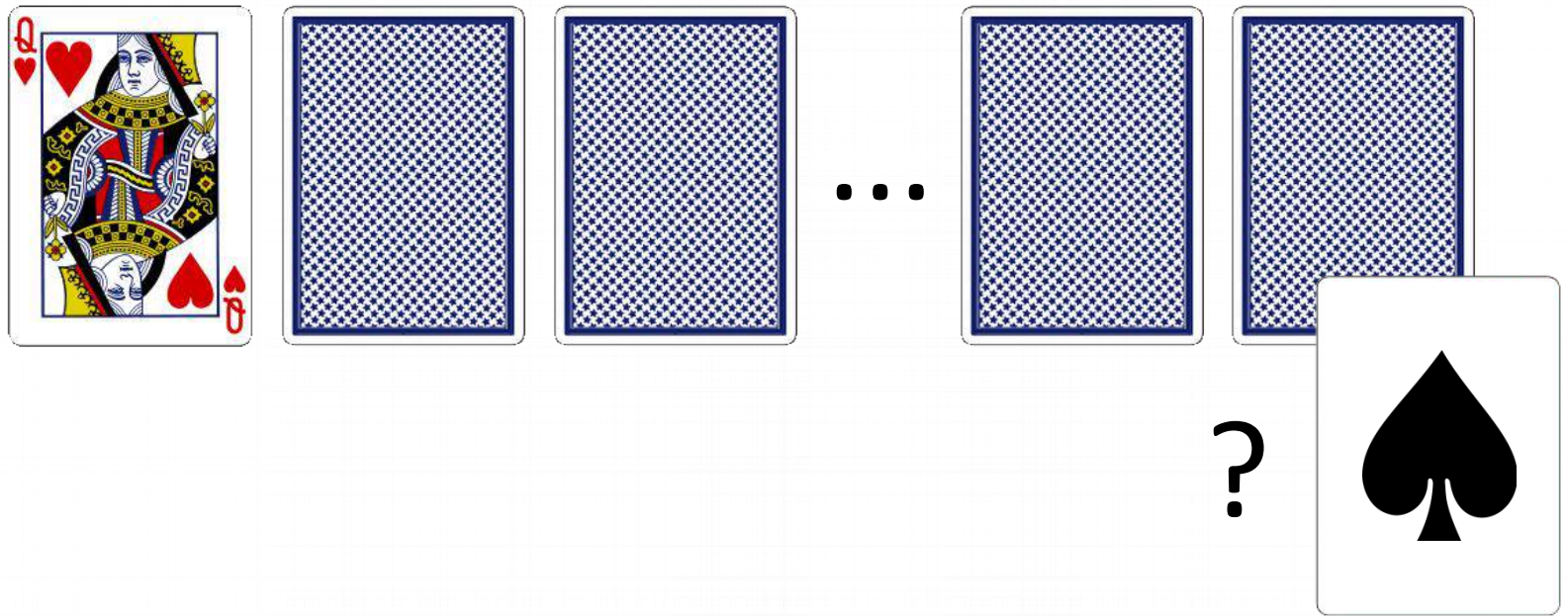
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# A Simple Reasoning Problem



*Probability that Card52 is Spades  
given that Card1 is QH?*

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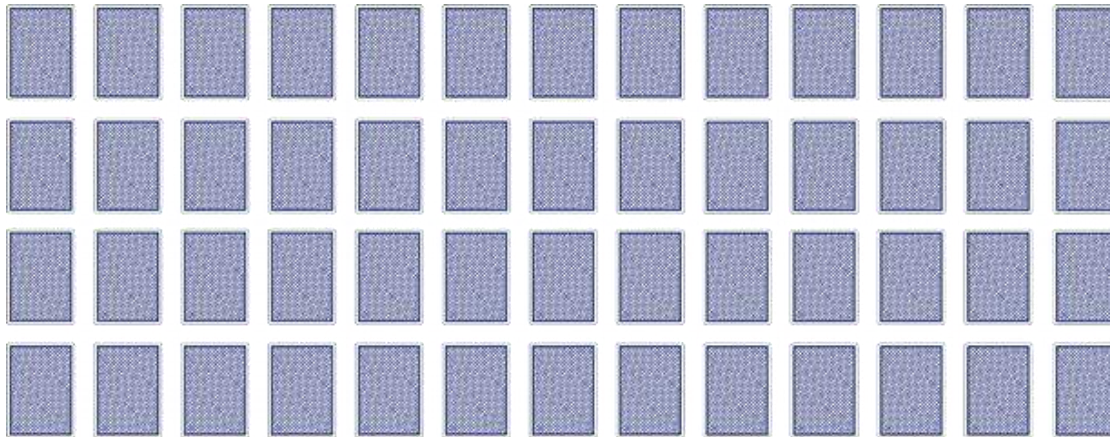
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# Automated Reasoning

Let us automate this:

1. Probabilistic graphical model (e.g., factor graph)

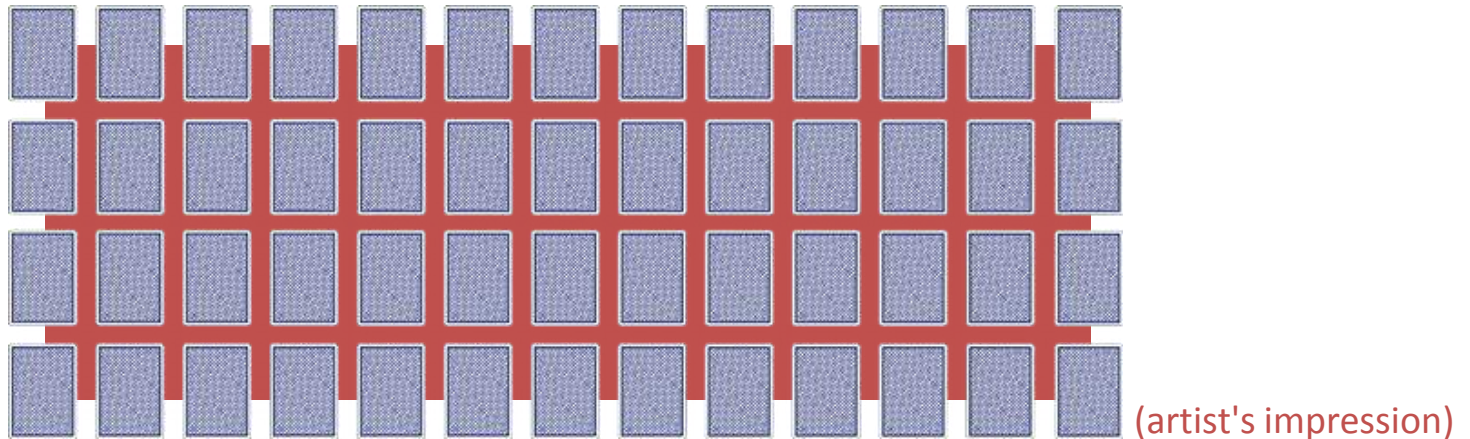


2. Probabilistic inference algorithm  
(e.g., variable elimination or junction tree)

# Automated Reasoning

Let us automate this:

1. Probabilistic graphical model (e.g., factor graph)  
is fully connected!



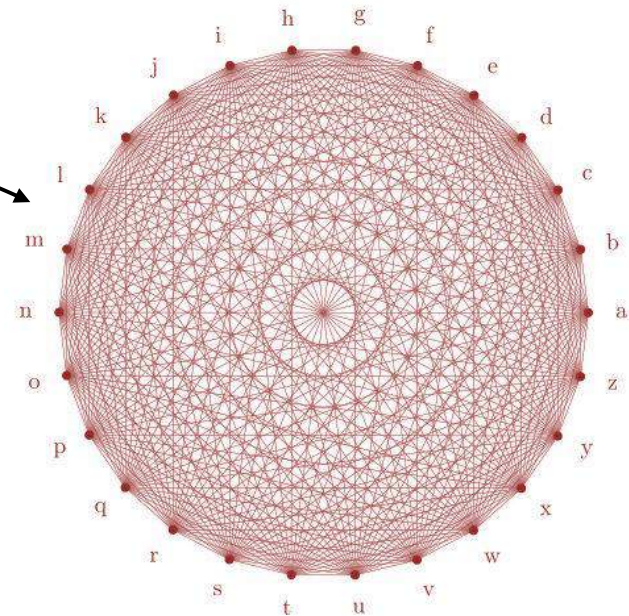
2. Probabilistic inference algorithm  
(e.g., variable elimination or junction tree)  
builds a table with  $52^{52}$  rows

# Statistical Relational Learning

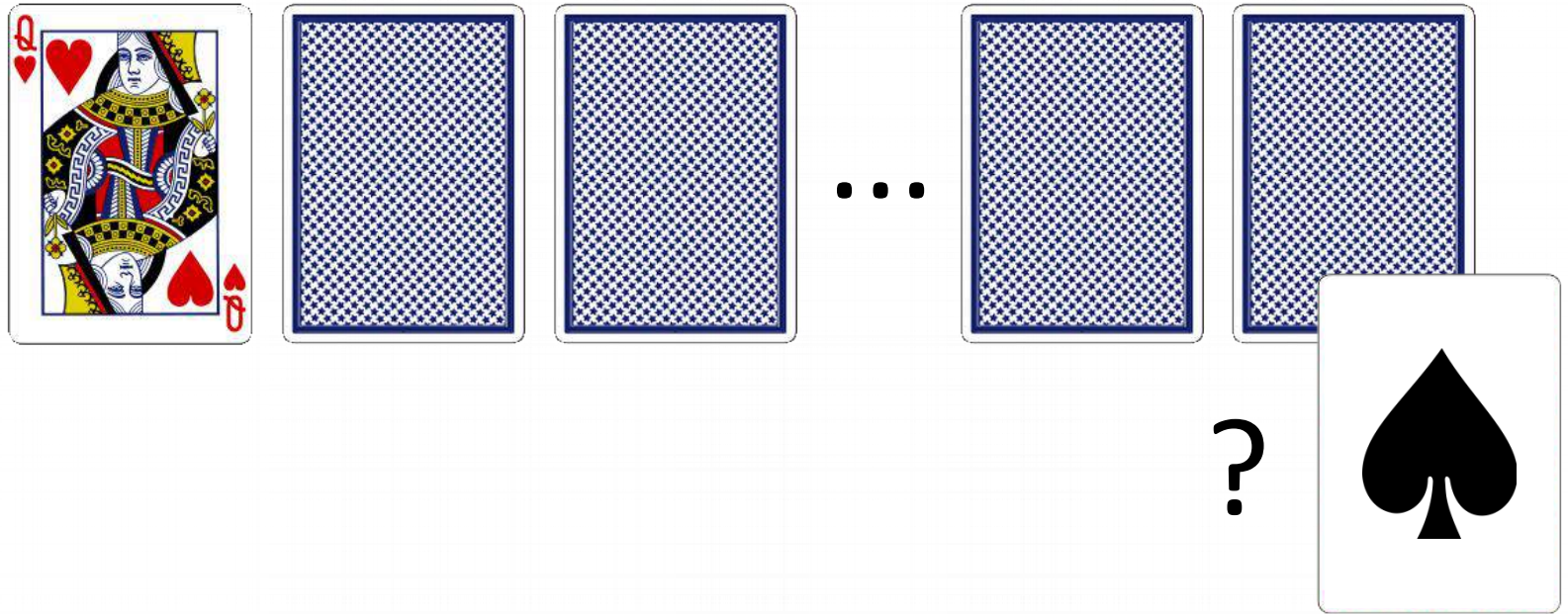
- Statistical relational model (e.g., MLN)

3.14  $\text{FacultyPage}(x) \wedge \text{Linked}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{CoursePage}(y)$

- As a probabilistic graphical model:
  - 26 pages; 728 variables; 676 factors
  - 1000 pages; 1,002,000 variables; 1,000,000 factors
- Highly intractable?

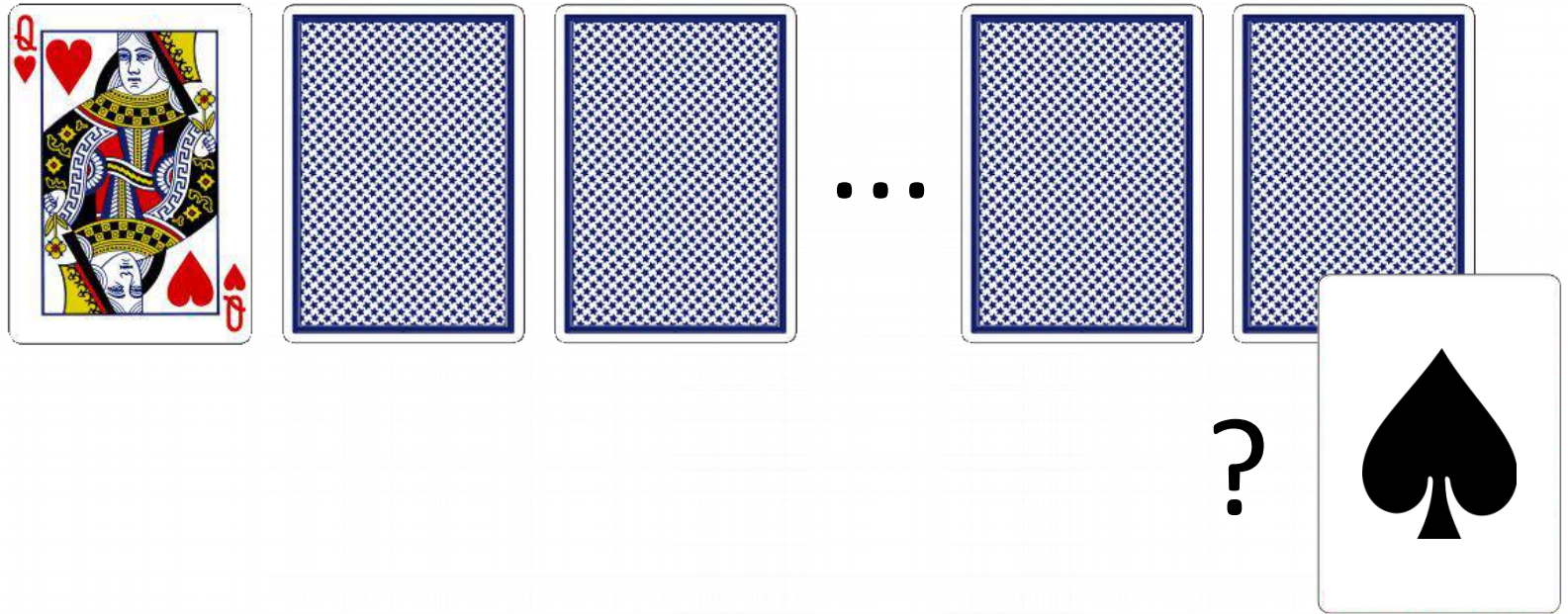


# What's Going On Here?



*Probability that Card52 is Spades  
given that Card1 is QH?*

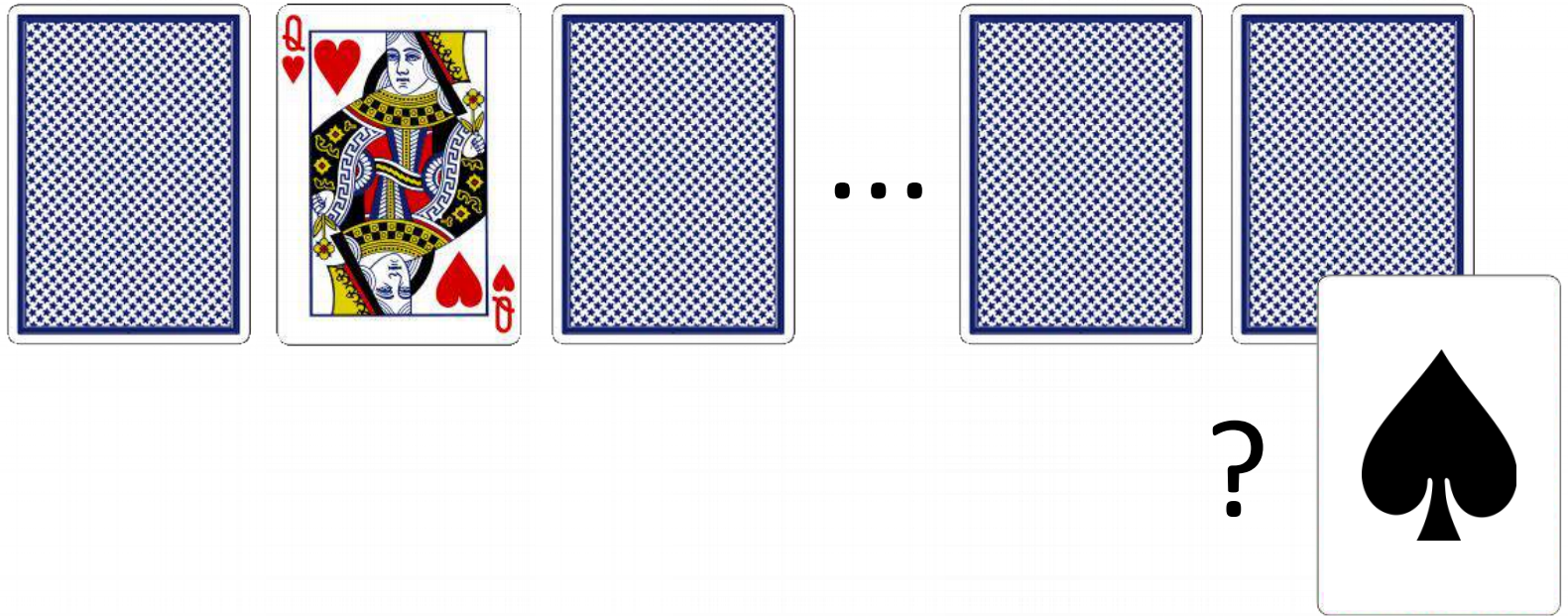
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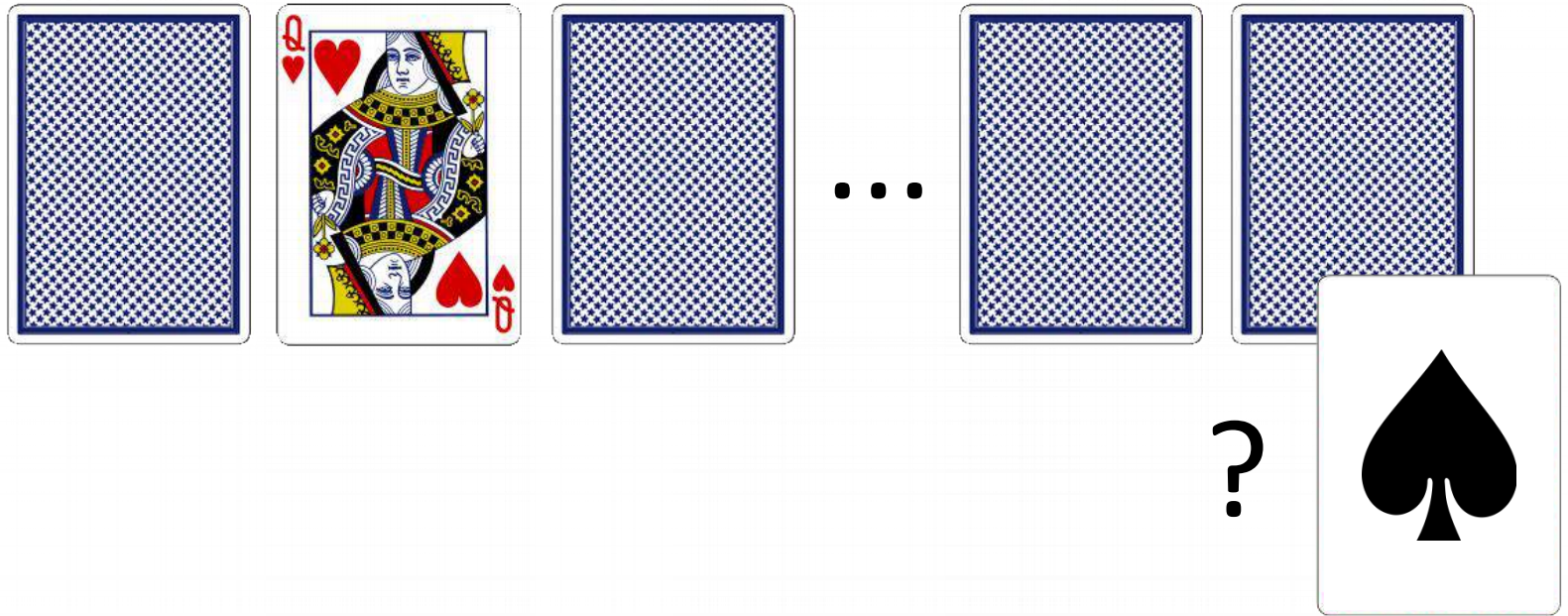
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# What's Going On Here?



*Probability that Card52 is Spades  
given that Card2 is QH?*

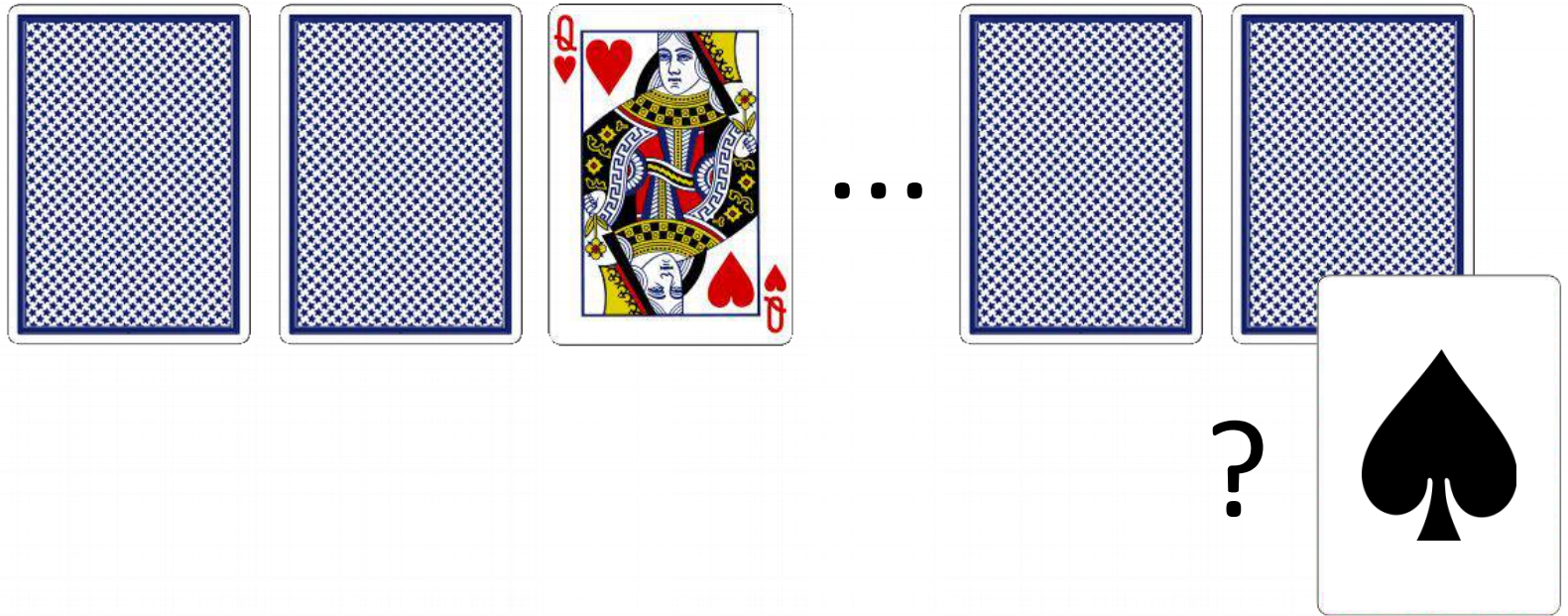
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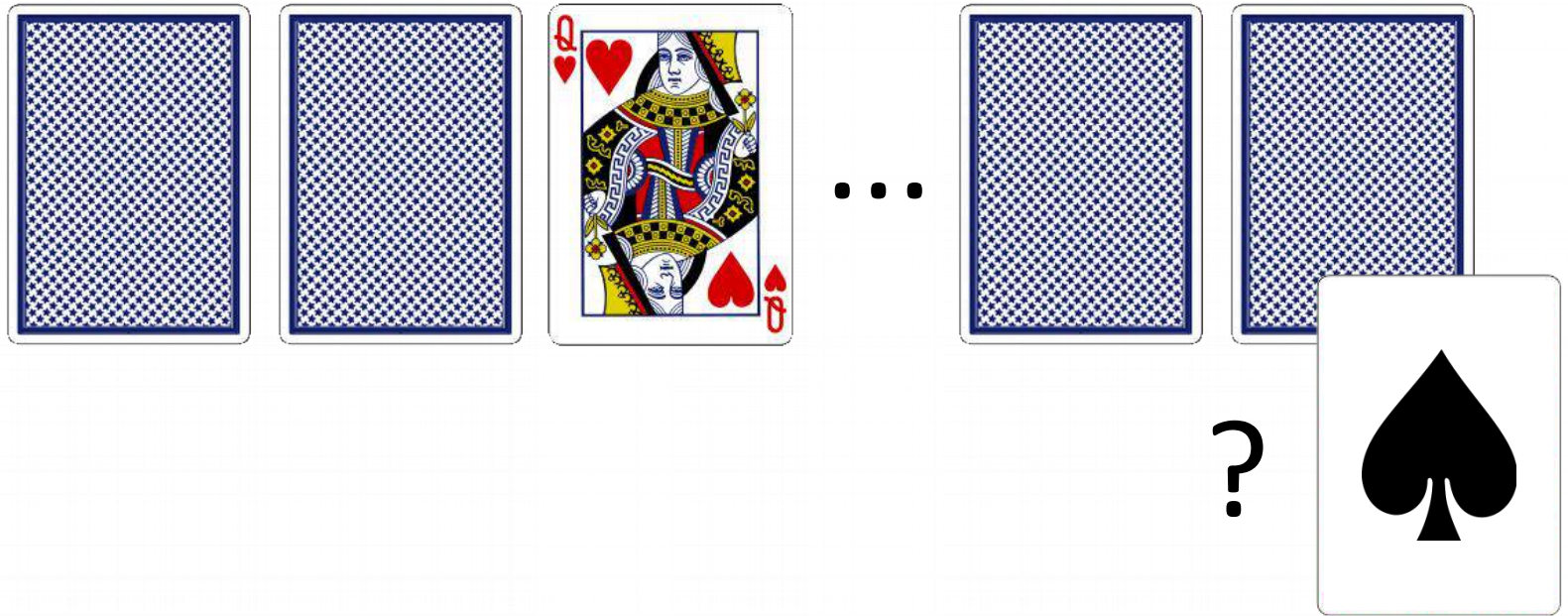
# What's Going On Here?



*Probability that Card52 is Spades  
given that Card3 is QH?*



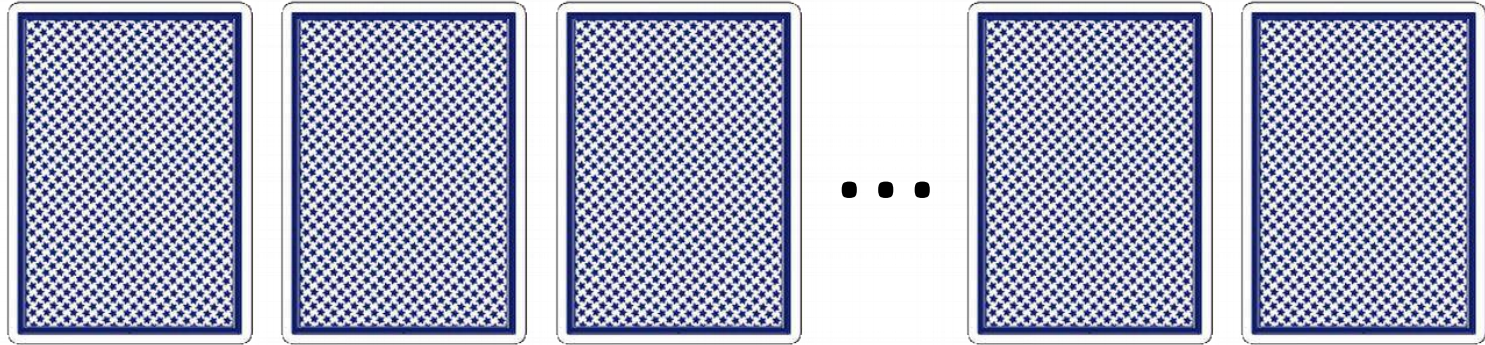
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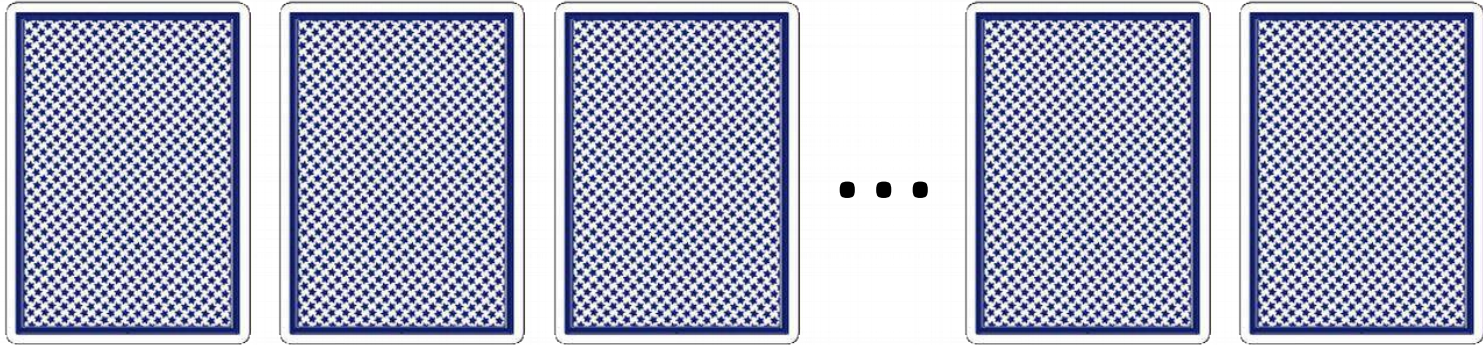
# Tractable Reasoning



What's going on here?

Which property makes reasoning tractable?

# Tractable Reasoning



What's going on here?

Which property makes reasoning tractable?

- High-level (first-order) reasoning
- Relational structure
- Symmetry
- Exchangeability

⇒ **Lifted Inference**

*How does lifted inference **work**?*

# First-Order Model Counting

Model = solution to  
**first-order** logic  
formula  $\Delta$

$$\Delta = \forall d (\text{Rain}(d) \Rightarrow \text{Cloudy}(d))$$
$$\text{Days} = \{\text{Monday}\}$$

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Days = {Monday}

Rain(M)	Cloudy(M)	Model?
T	T	Yes
T	F	No
F	T	Yes
F	F	Yes

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**FOMC = 3**

# First-Order Model Counting

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$$\Delta = \forall d (\text{Rain}(d) \Rightarrow \text{Cloudy}(d))$$

Days = {Monday  
**Tuesday**}

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Days = {Monday  
**Tuesday**}

Rain(M)	Cloudy(M)	Rain(T)	Cloudy(T)	Model?
T	T	T	T	Yes
T	F	T	T	No
F	T	T	T	Yes
F	F	T	T	Yes
T	T	T	F	No
T	F	T	F	No
F	T	T	F	No
F	F	T	F	No
T	T	F	T	Yes
T	F	F	T	No
F	T	F	T	Yes
F	F	F	T	Yes
T	T	F	F	Yes
T	F	F	F	No
F	T	F	F	Yes
F	F	F	F	Yes

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**#SAT = 9**



# Weighted First-Order Model Counting

Model = solution to **first-order** logic formula  $\Delta$

$$\Delta = \forall d (\text{Rain}(d) \Rightarrow \text{Cloudy}(d))$$

Days = {Monday  
**Tuesday**}

Rain

d	$w(\text{R}(d))$	$w(\neg\text{R}(d))$
M	1	2
T	4	1

Cloudy

d	$w(\text{C}(d))$	$w(\neg\text{C}(d))$
M	3	5
T	6	2

Rain(M)	Cloudy(M)	Rain(T)	Cloudy(T)	Model?
T	T	T	T	Yes
T	F	T	T	No
F	T	T	T	Yes
F	F	T	T	Yes
T	T	T	F	No
T	F	T	F	No
F	T	T	F	No
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T	T	F	T	Yes
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$$\Delta = \forall d (\text{Rain}(d) \Rightarrow \text{Cloudy}(d))$$

Days = {Monday  
**Tuesday**}

Rain

d	$w(R(d))$	$w(\neg R(d))$
M	1	2
T	4	1

Cloudy

d	$w(C(d))$	$w(\neg C(d))$
M	3	5
T	6	2

Rain(M)	Cloudy(M)	Rain(T)	Cloudy(T)	Model?	Weight
T	T	T	T	Yes	$1 * 3 * 4 * 6 = 72$
T	F	T	T	No	0
F	T	T	T	Yes	$2 * 3 * 4 * 6 = 144$
F	F	T	T	Yes	$2 * 5 * 4 * 6 = 240$
T	T	T	F	No	0
T	F	T	F	No	0
F	T	T	F	No	0
F	F	T	F	No	0
T	T	F	T	Yes	$1 * 3 * 1 * 6 = 18$
T	F	F	T	No	0
F	T	F	T	Yes	$2 * 3 * 1 * 6 = 36$
F	F	F	T	Yes	$2 * 5 * 1 * 6 = 60$
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T	F	F	F	No	0
F	T	F	F	Yes	$2 * 3 * 1 * 2 = 12$
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+ **#SAT = 9**

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M	1	2
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Cloudy

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M	3	5
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Rain(M)	Cloudy(M)	Rain(T)	Cloudy(T)	Model?	Weight
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$\sum$   $\sum$   
**#SAT = 9**      **WFOMC = 608**

# Probabilistic Database Rules

$$P(\neg Q) = 1 - P(Q)$$

Negation

$$P(Q1 \wedge Q2) = P(Q1) P(Q2)$$

$$P(Q1 \vee Q2) = 1 - (1 - P(Q1)) (1 - P(Q2))$$

Decomposable  $\wedge, \vee$

$$P(\exists z Q) = 1 - \prod_{A \in \text{Domain}} (1 - P(Q[A/z]))$$

$$P(\forall z Q) = \prod_{A \in \text{Domain}} P(Q[A/z])$$

Decomposable  $\exists, \forall$

$$P(Q1 \wedge Q2) = P(Q1) + P(Q2) - P(Q1 \vee Q2)$$

$$P(Q1 \vee Q2) = P(Q1) + P(Q2) - P(Q1 \wedge Q2)$$

Inclusion/  
exclusion

# Asymmetric WFOMC Rules

$$\text{WMC}(\neg\Delta) = Z - \text{WMC}(\Delta)$$

Normalization constants Z  
(easy to compute)

Negation

$$\text{WMC}(\Delta_1 \wedge \Delta_2) = \text{WMC}(\Delta_1) * \text{WMC}(\Delta_2)$$

$$\text{WMC}(\Delta_1 \vee \Delta_2) = Z - (Z_1 - \text{WMC}(\Delta_1)) * (Z_2 - \text{WMC}(\Delta_2))$$

Decomposable  $\wedge, \vee$

$$\text{WMC}(\exists z \Delta) = Z - \prod_{C \in \text{Domain}} (Z_C - \text{WMC}(\Delta[C/z]))$$

$$\text{WMC}(\forall z \Delta) = \prod_{C \in \text{Domain}} \text{WMC}(\Delta[C/z])$$

Decomposable  $\exists, \forall$

$$\text{WMC}(\Delta_1 \wedge \Delta_2) = \text{WMC}(\Delta_1) + \text{WMC}(\Delta_2) - \text{WMC}(\Delta_1 \vee \Delta_2)$$

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Inclusion/  
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# Example MLN to WFOMC

3.75  $\text{Smoker}(x) \wedge \text{Friend}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smoker}(y)$

1. Formula  $\Delta$

2. Weight function  $w(\cdot)$

# Example MLN to WFOMC

$$3.75 \quad \text{Smoker}(x) \wedge \text{Friend}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smoker}(y)$$

## 1. Formula $\Delta$

$$\Delta = \forall x \forall y (\mathbf{F}(x,y) \Leftrightarrow [\text{Smoker}(x) \wedge \text{Friend}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Smoker}(y)])$$

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## 2. Weight function $w(\cdot)$

$F$

x	y	$w(\mathbf{F}(x,y))$	$w(\neg \mathbf{F}(x,y))$
A	A	$\exp(3.75)$	1
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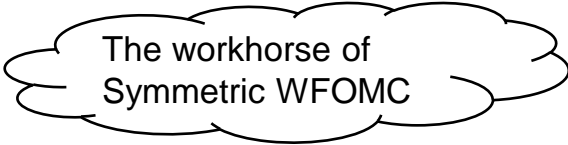
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The workhorse of  
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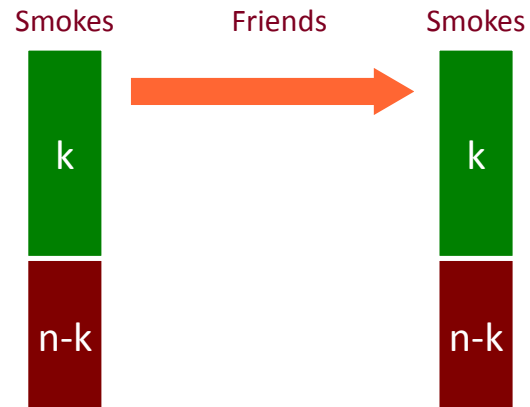
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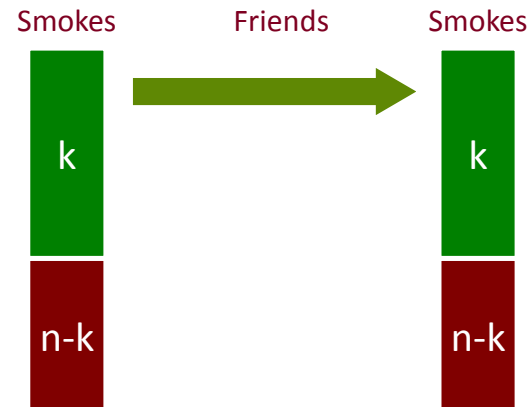
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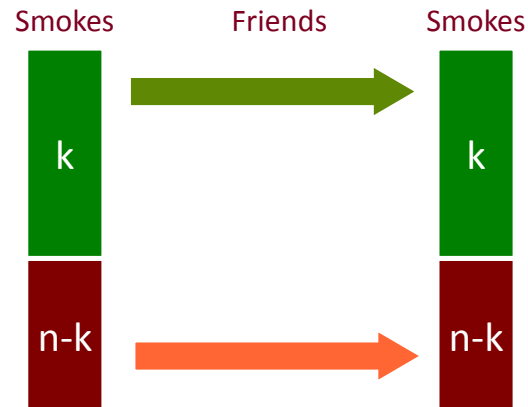
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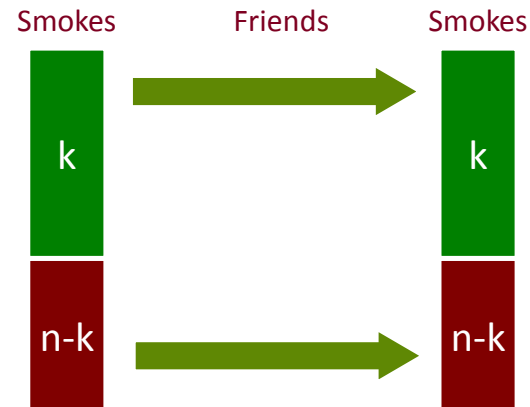
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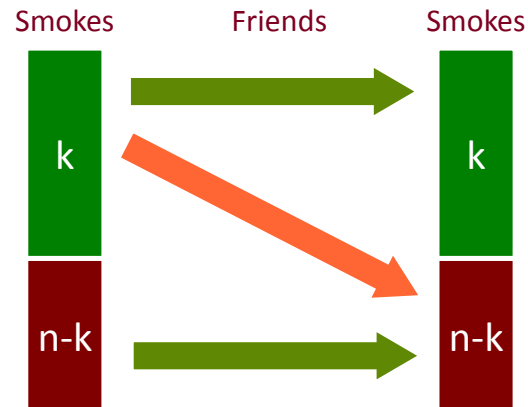
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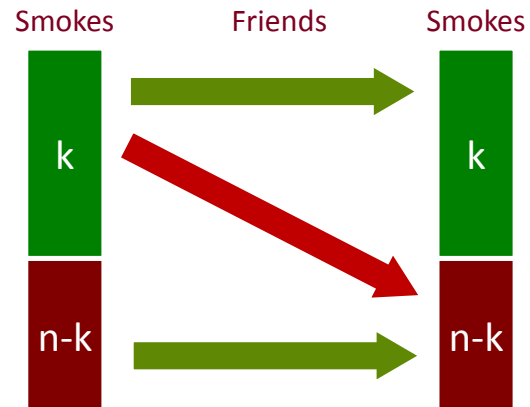
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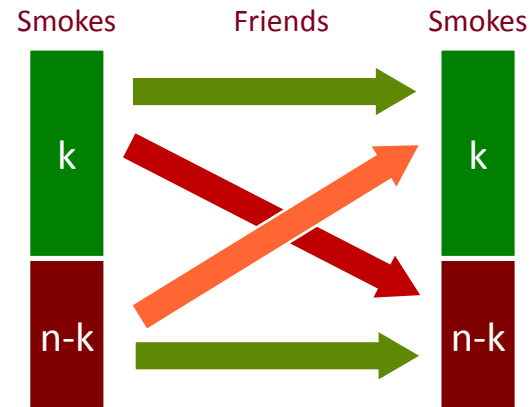
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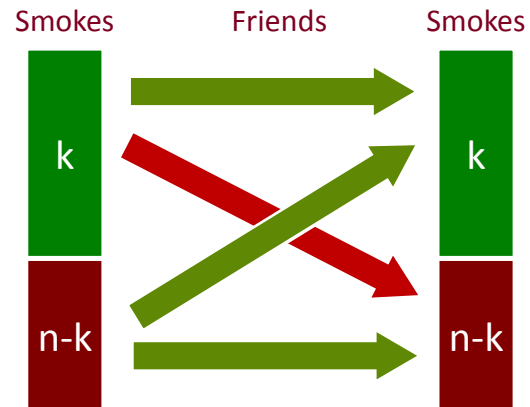
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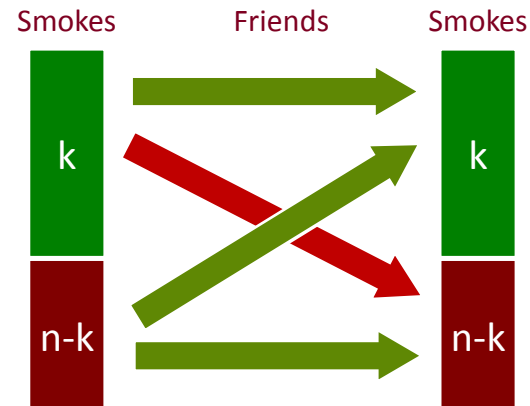
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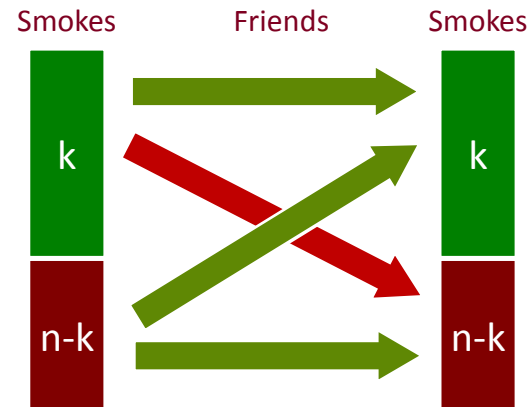
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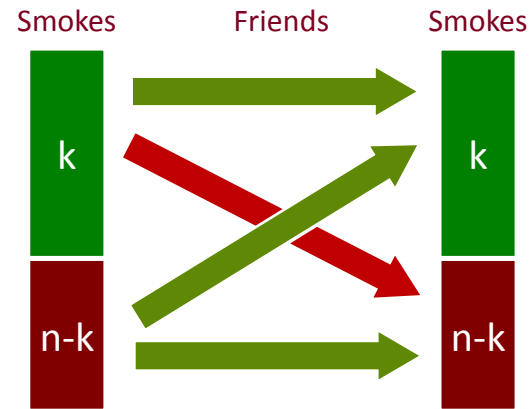
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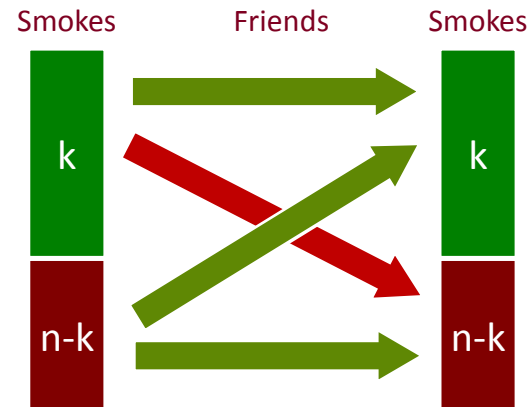
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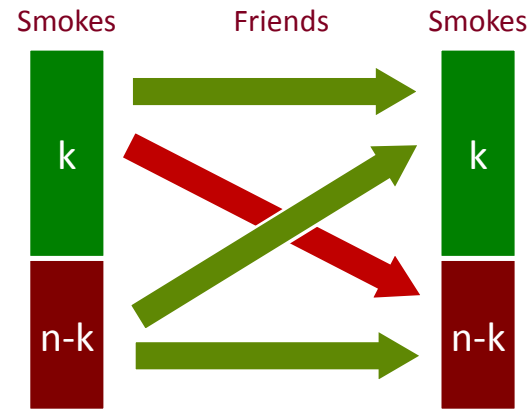
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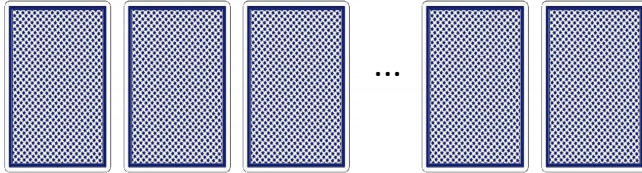
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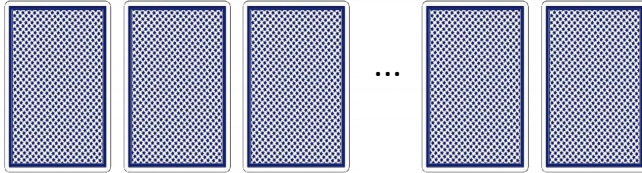
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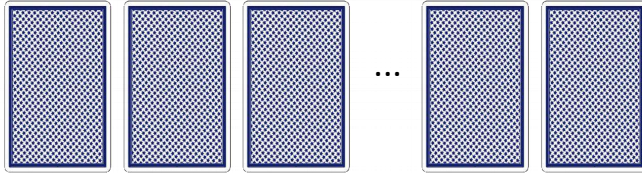


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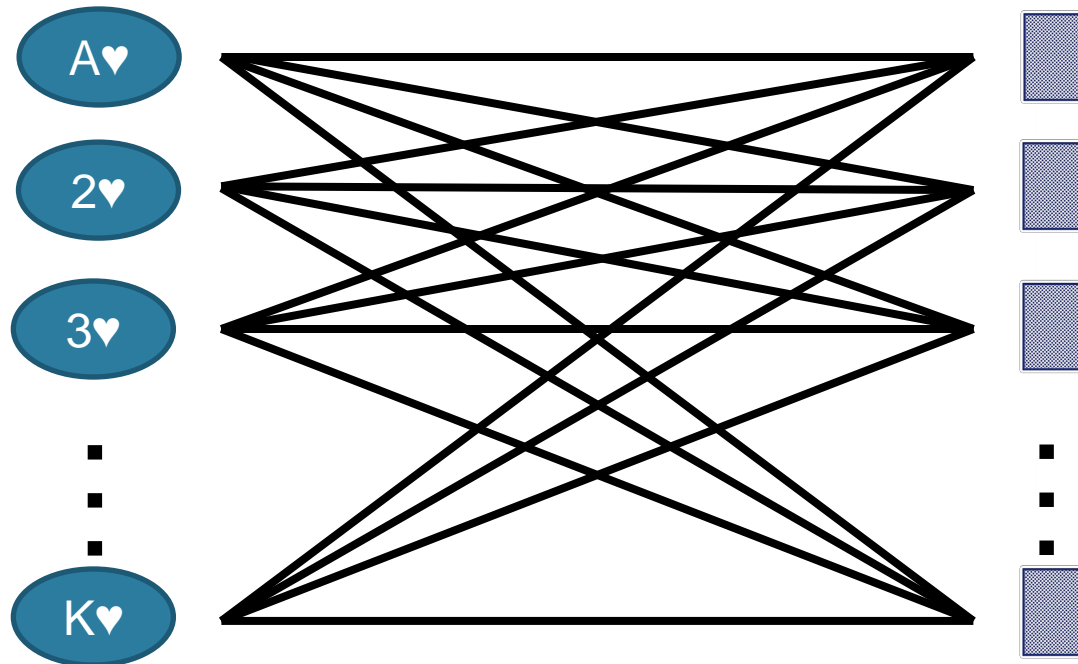
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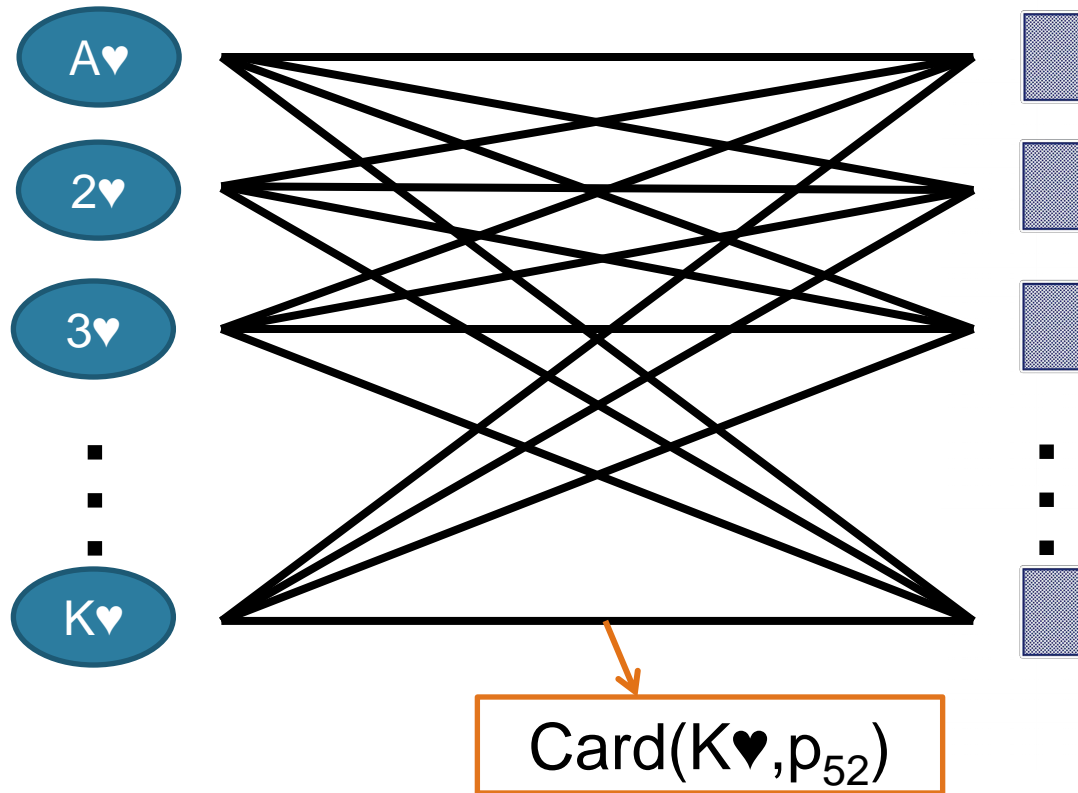
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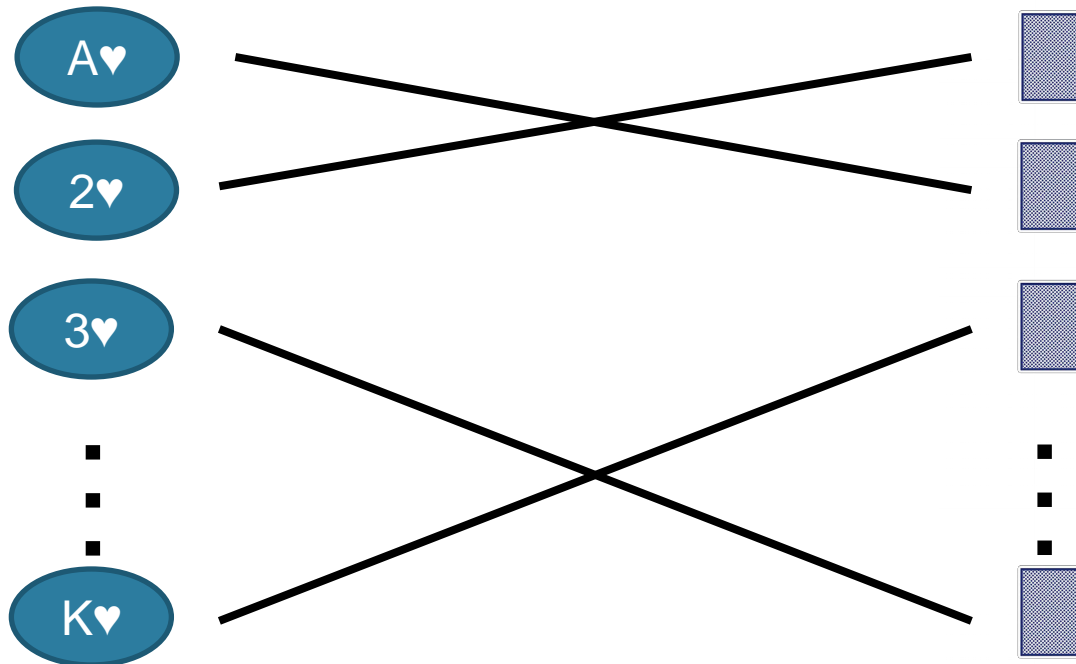
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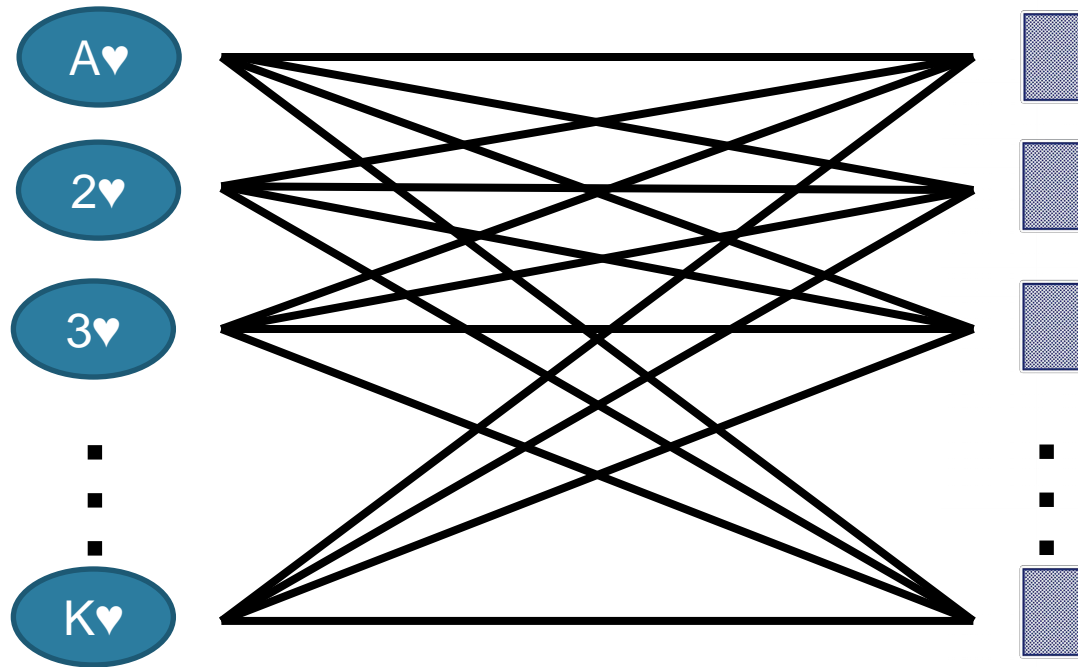


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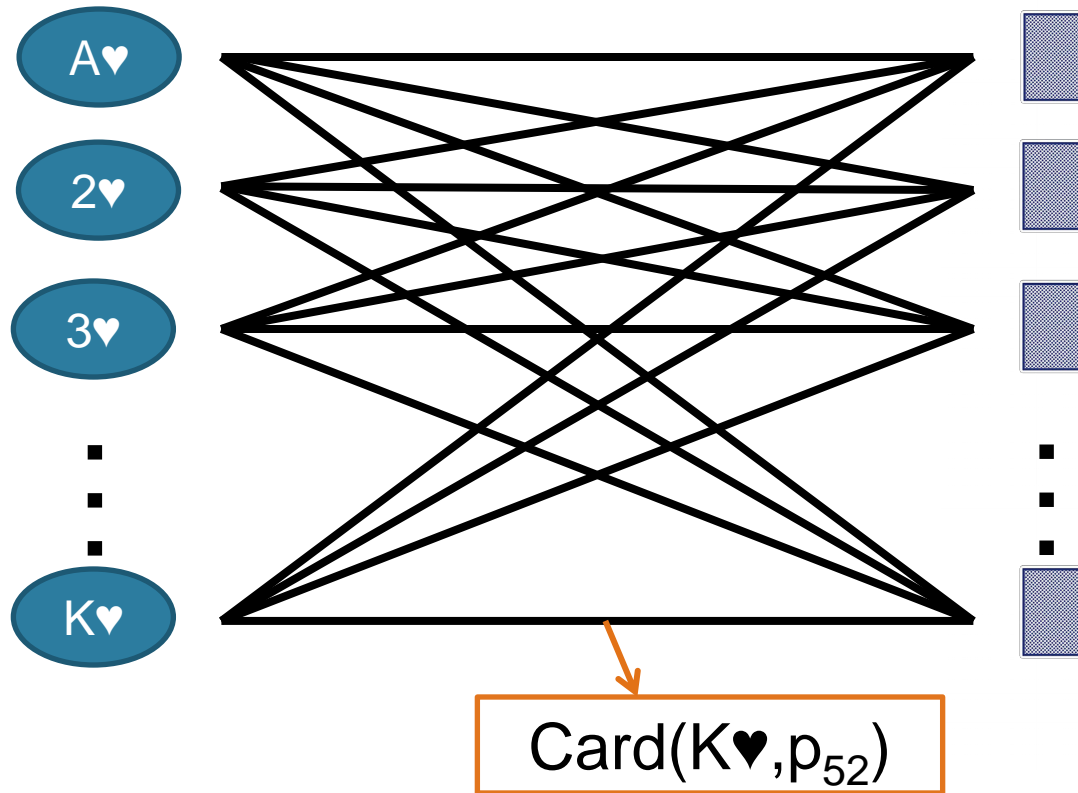


One model/*perfect matching*

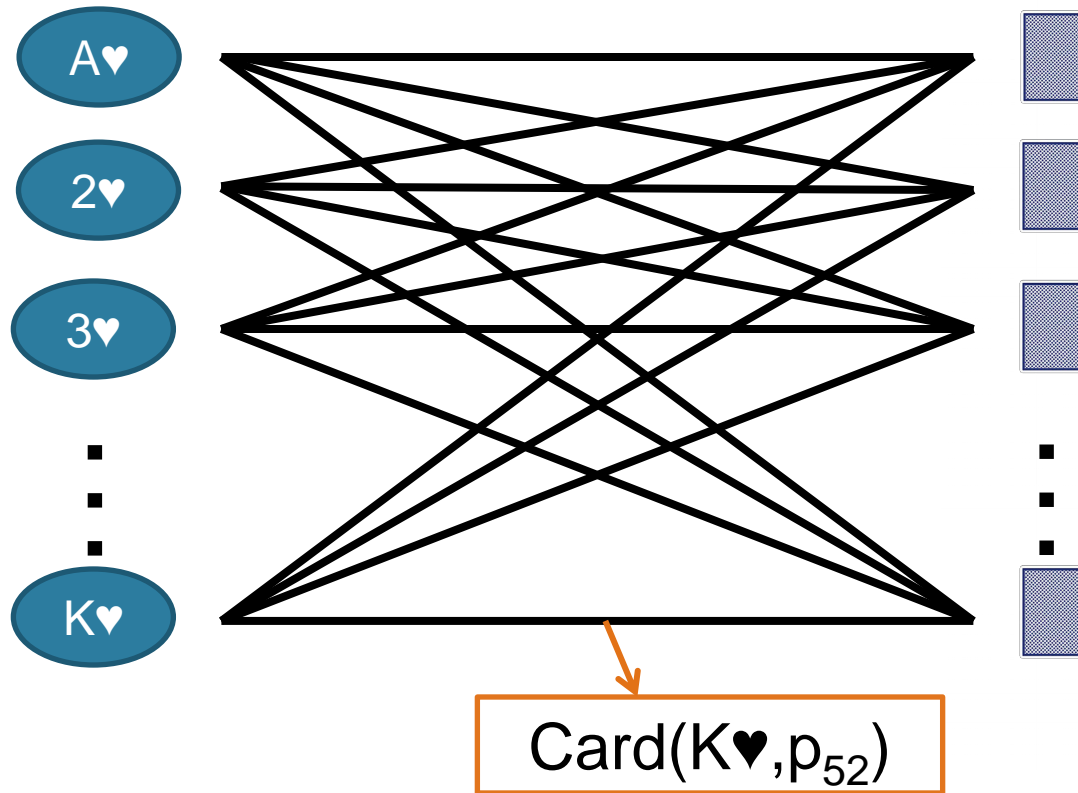
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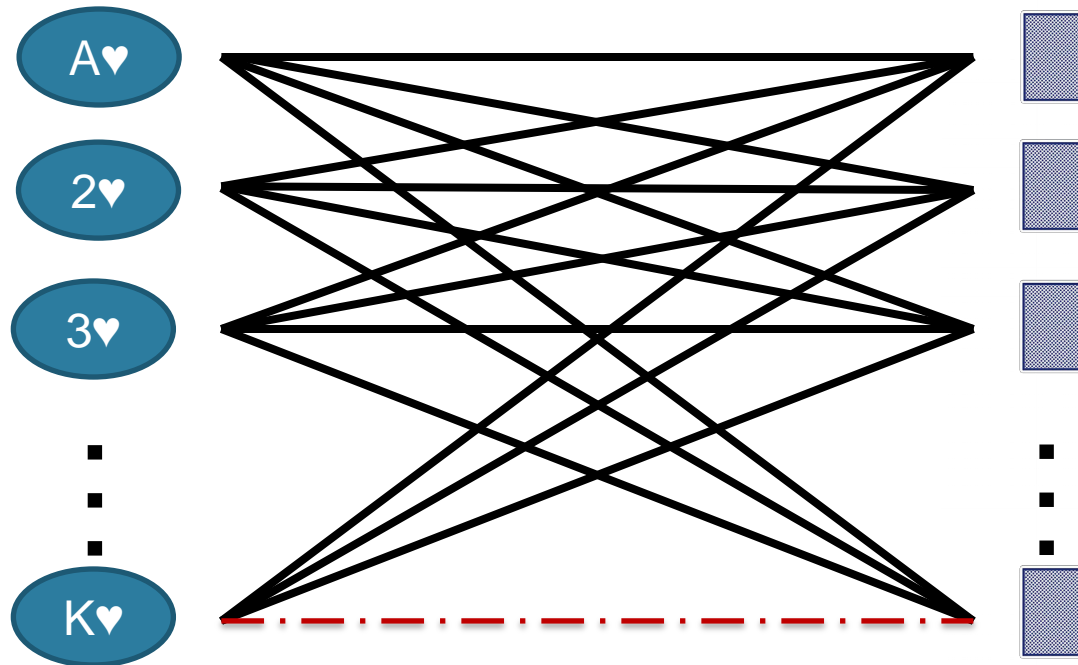


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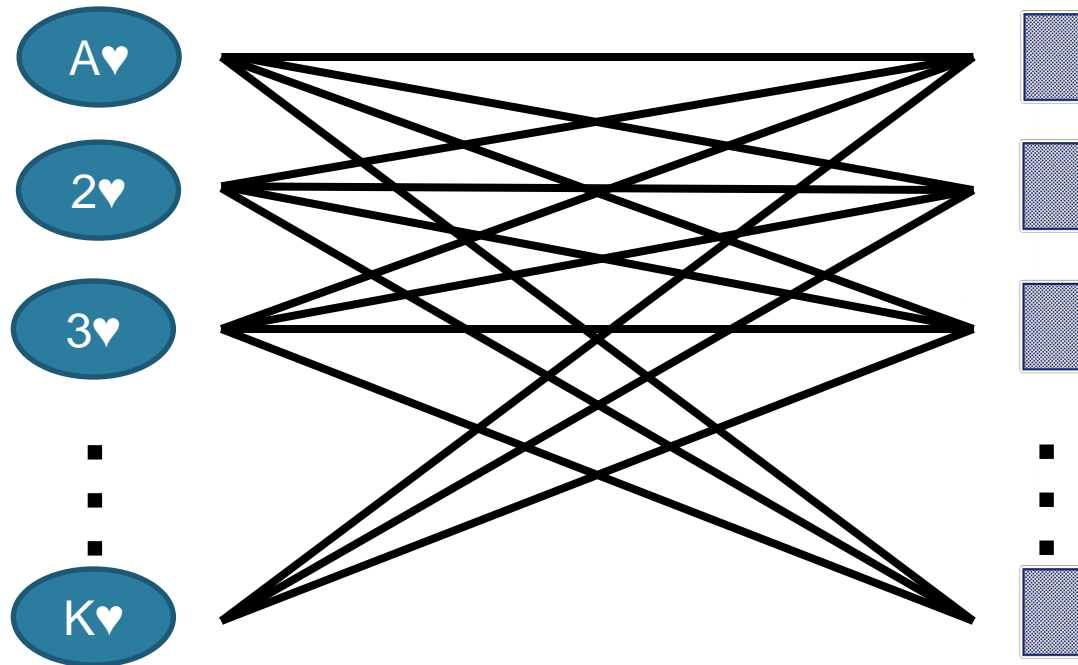
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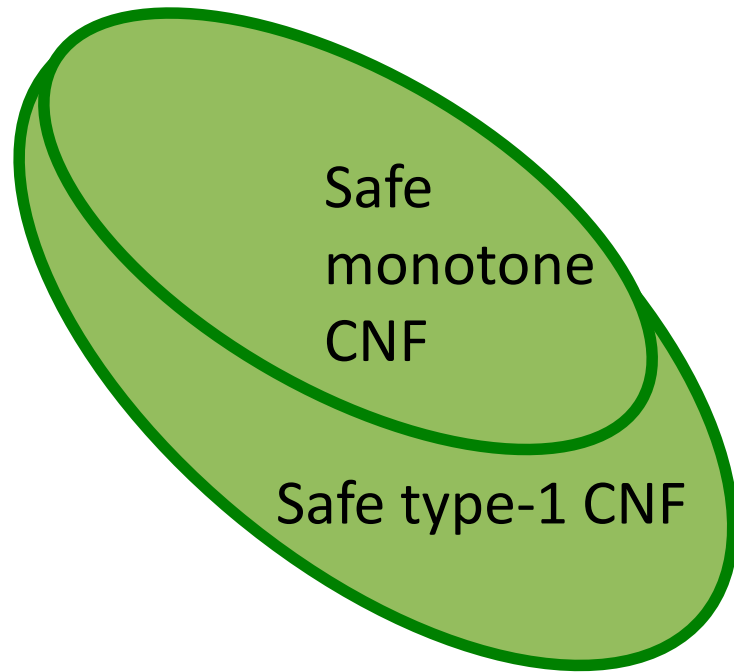


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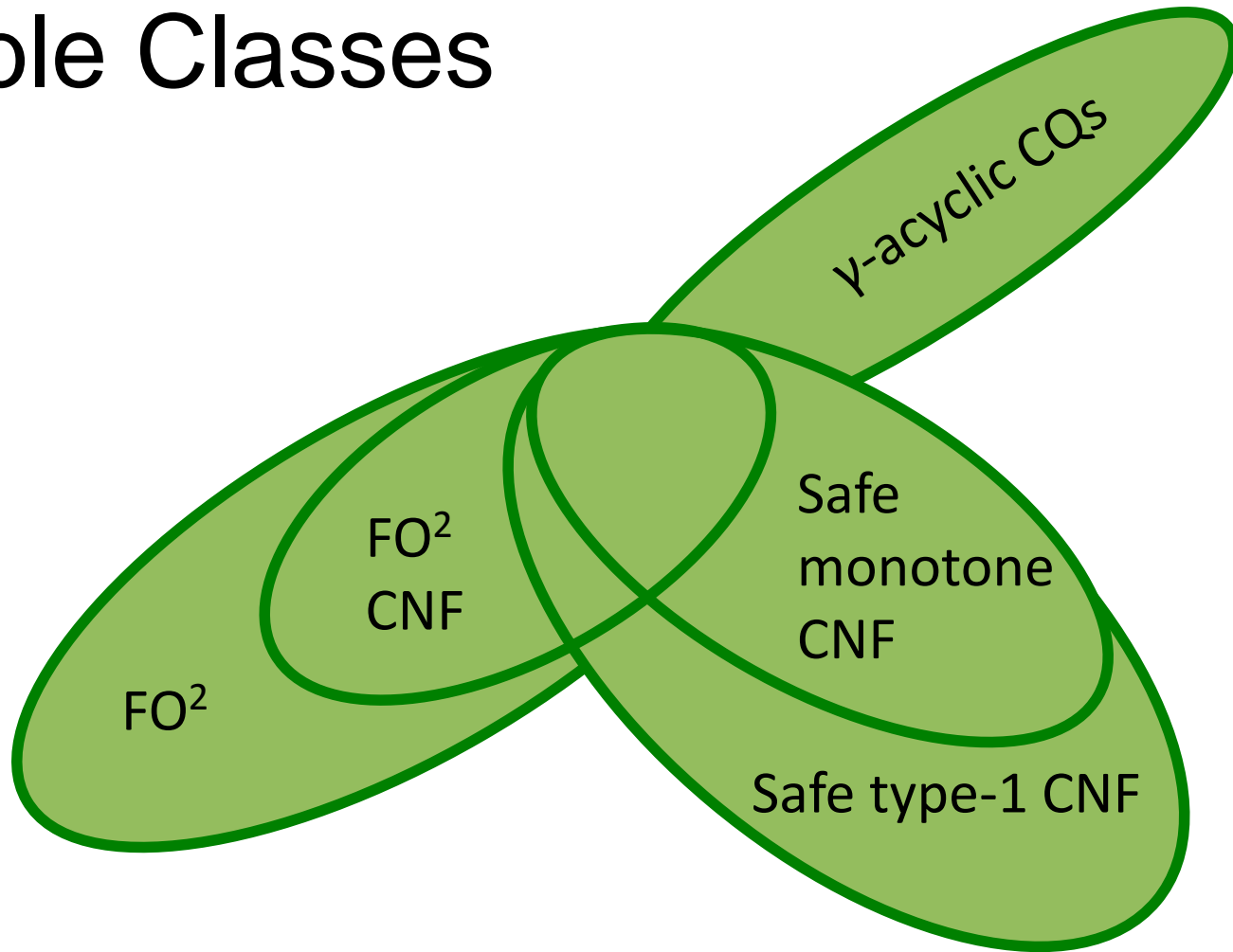
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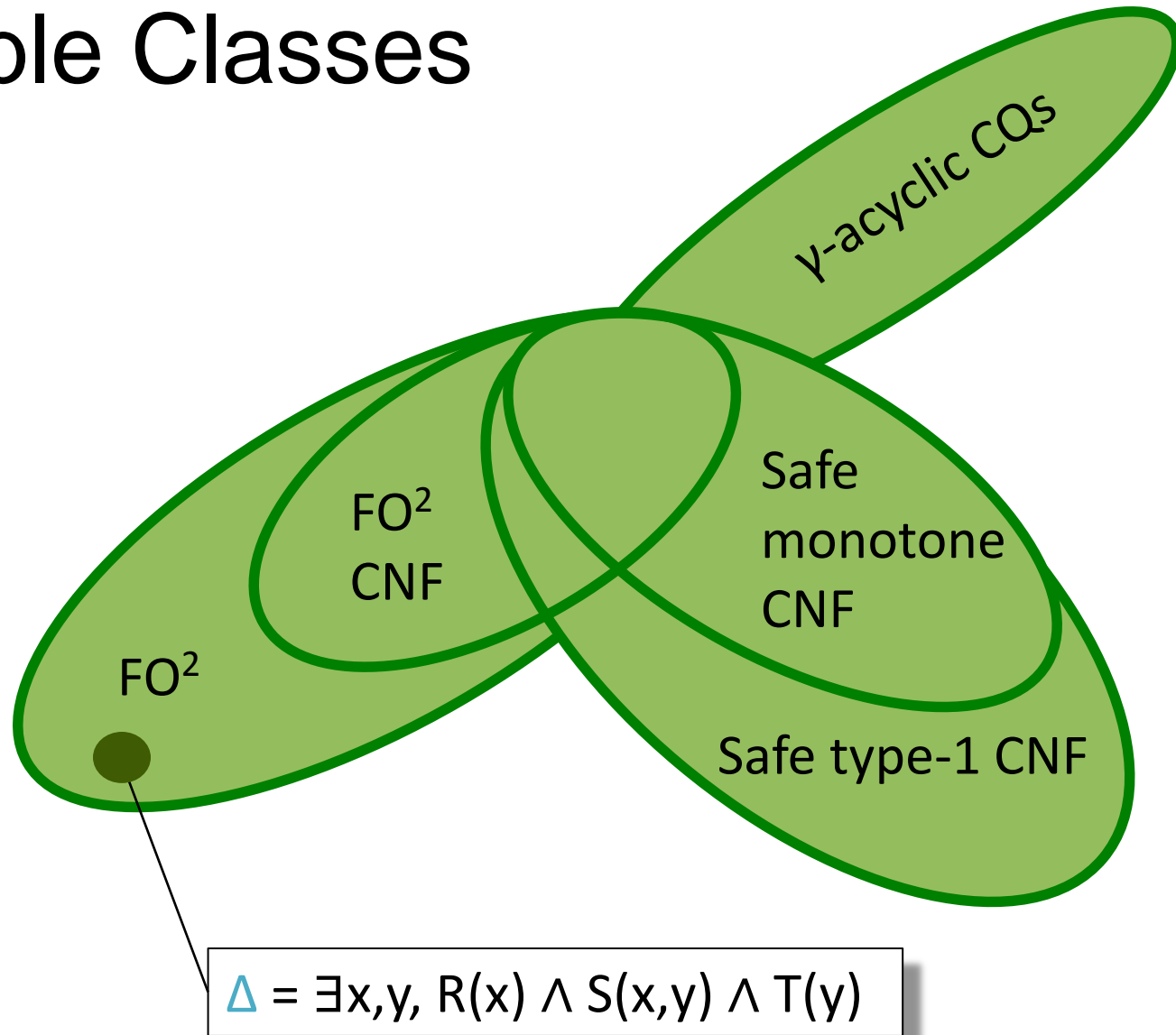
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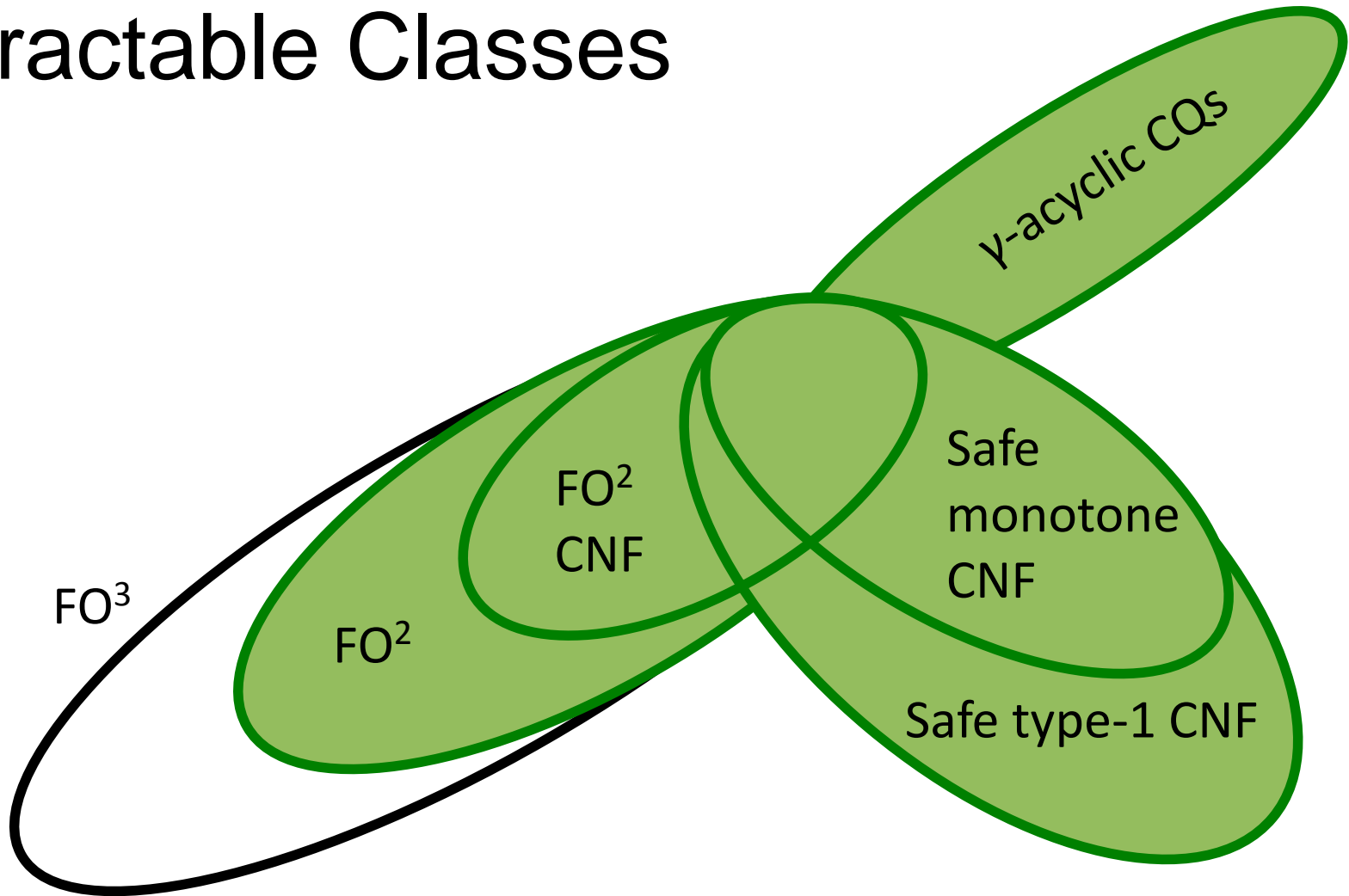
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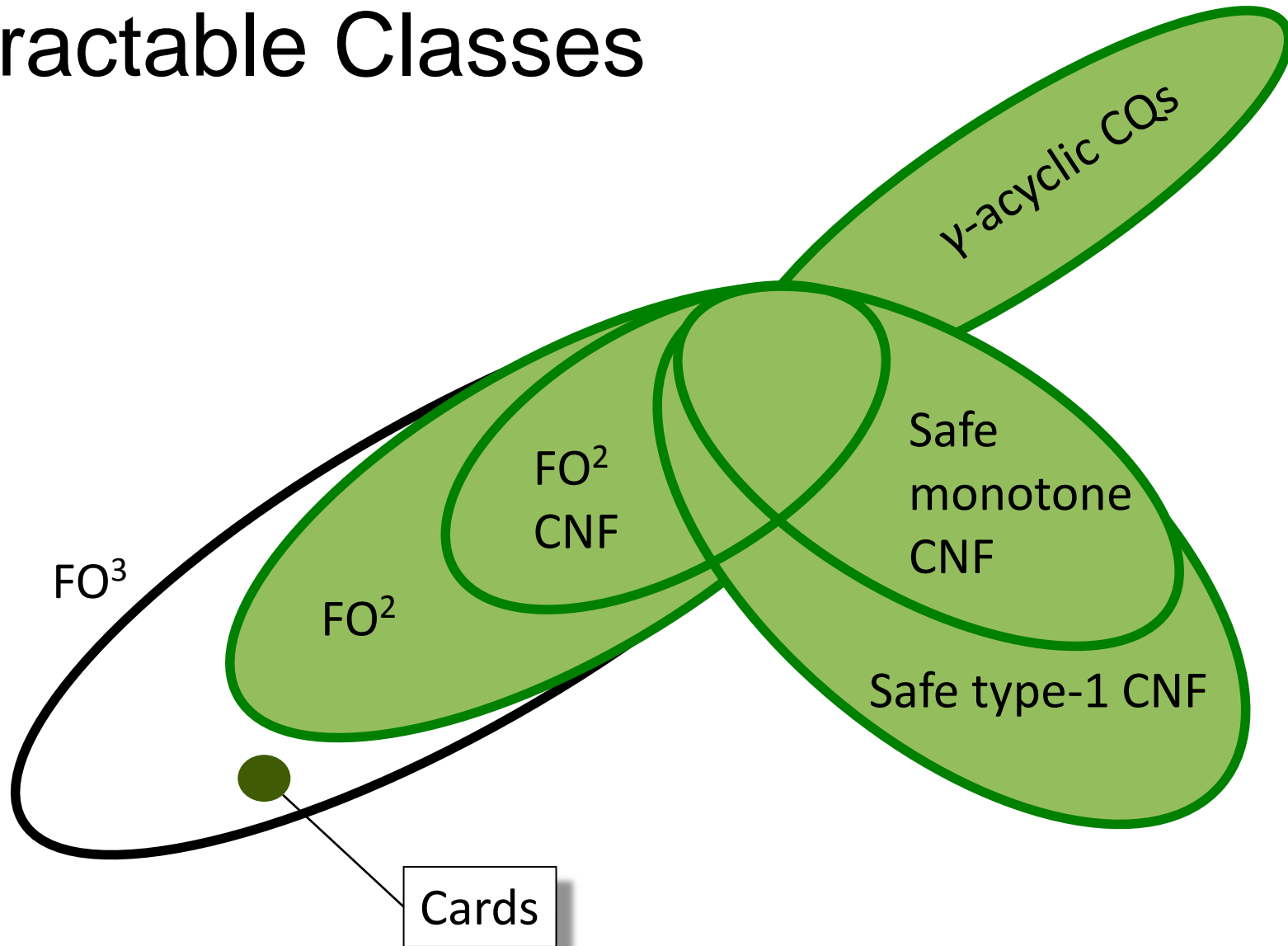
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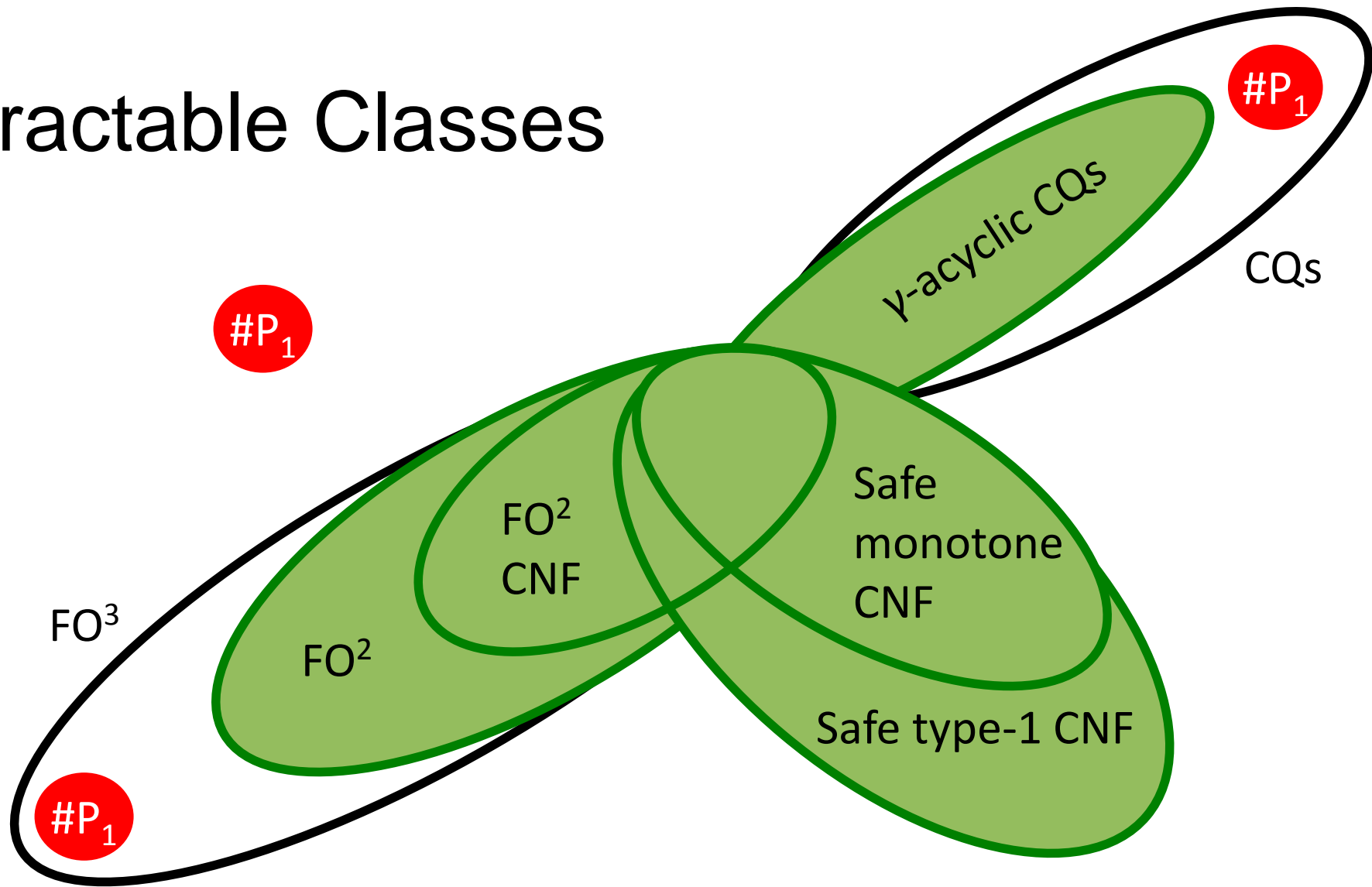
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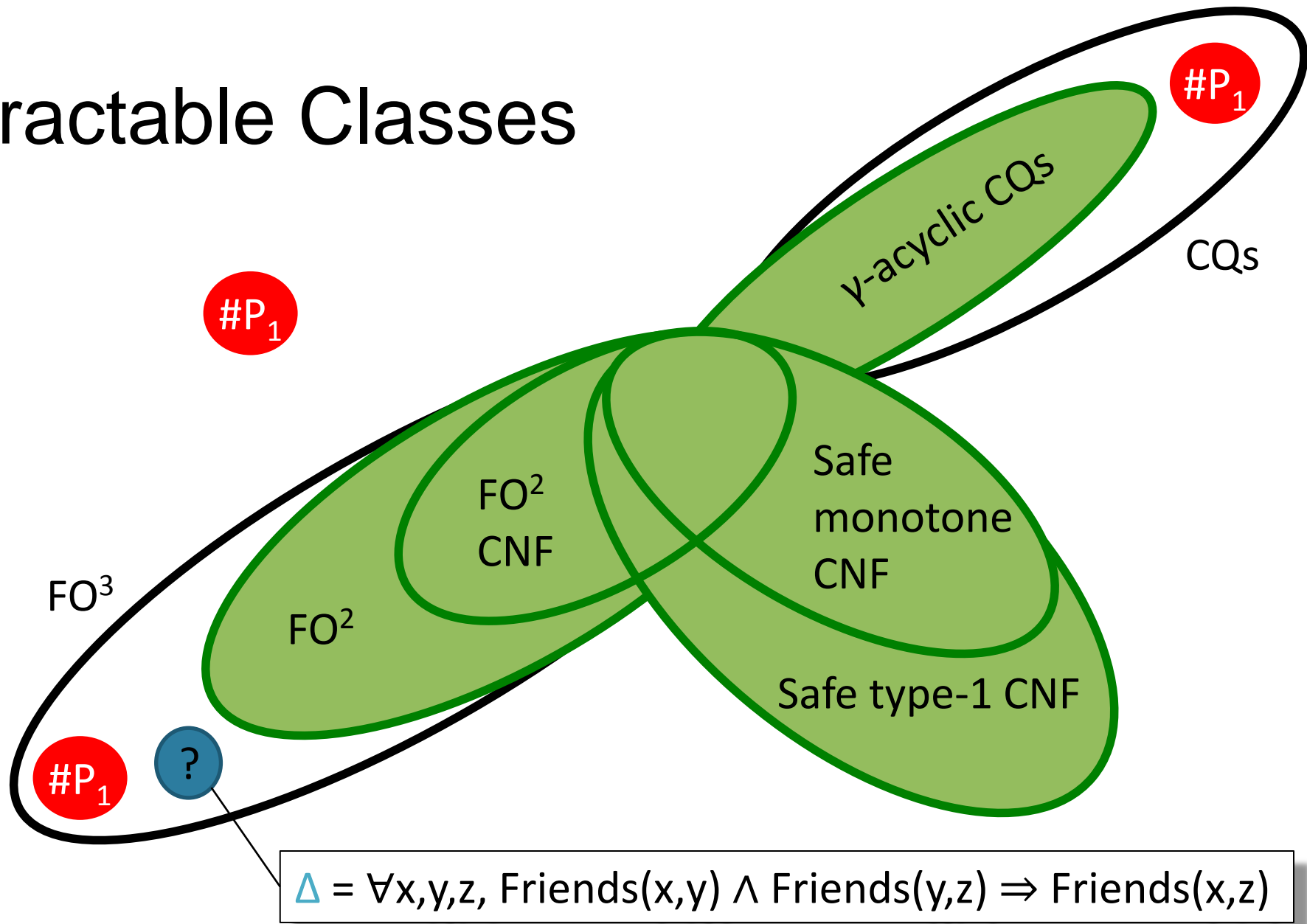


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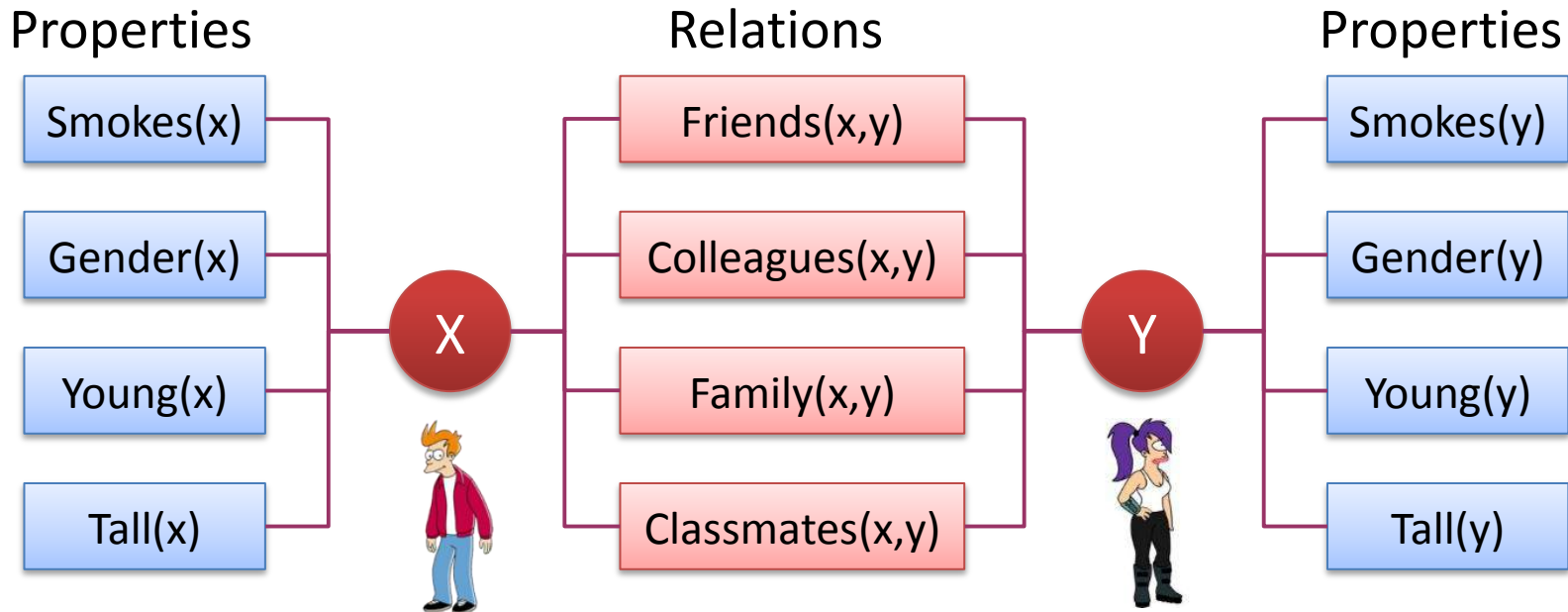


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# FO<sup>2</sup> is liftable!



“Smokers are more likely to be friends with other smokers.”

“Colleagues of the same age are more likely to be friends.”

“People are either family or friends, but never both.”

“If X is family of Y, then Y is also family of X.”

“If X is a parent of Y, then Y cannot be a parent of X.”

*What is this really good for?*

# What we'd like to do...

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Ernst Straus



Kristian Kersting, ...



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Principled and sound reasoning!

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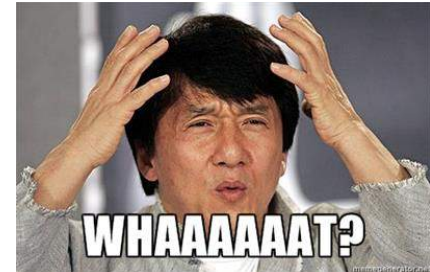
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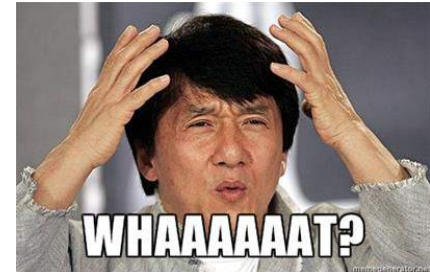
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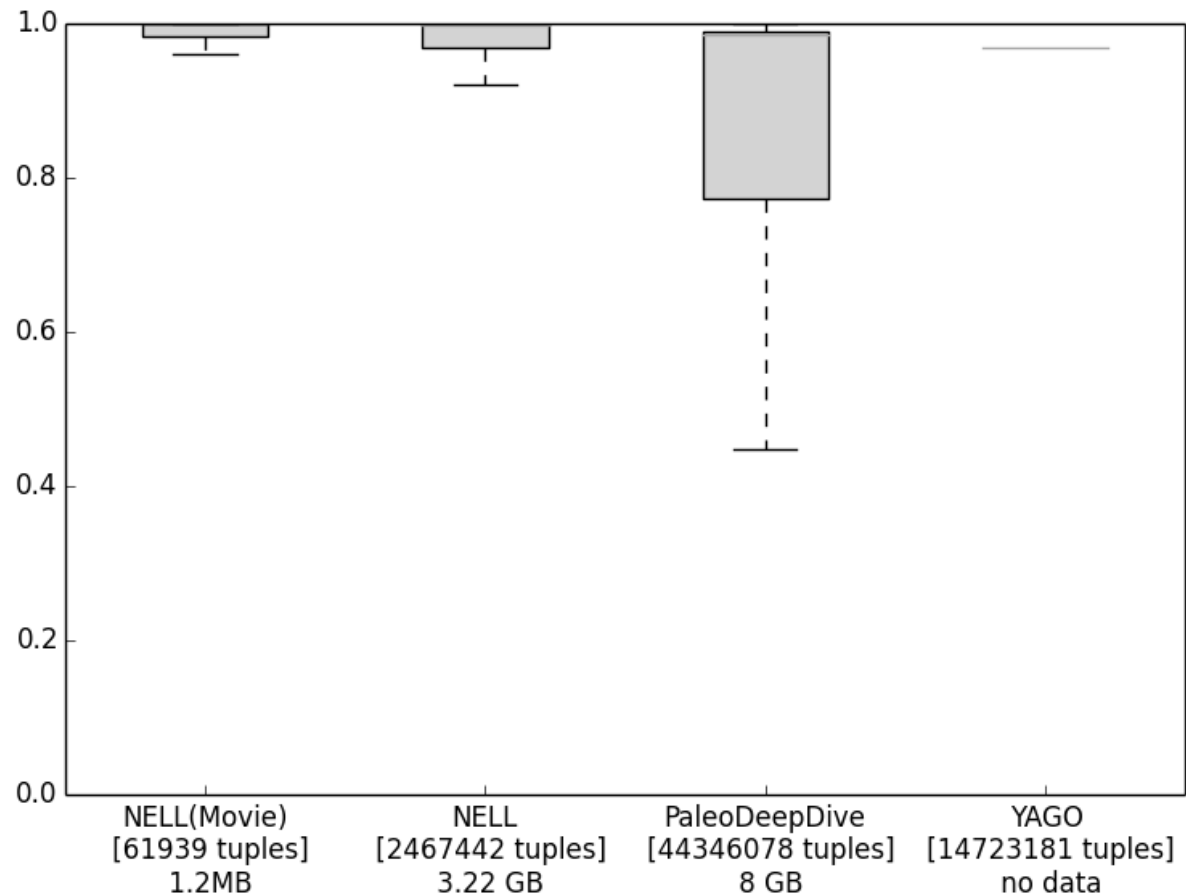
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*All Google storage is a couple exabytes...*

Randall Munroe. Google’s datacenters on punch cards, 2015.



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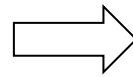
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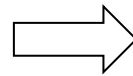
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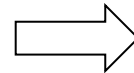
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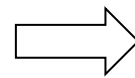
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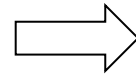
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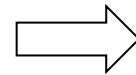
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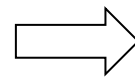
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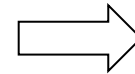
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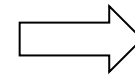
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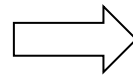
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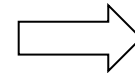
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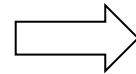
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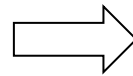
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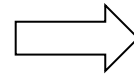
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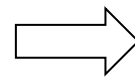
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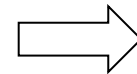
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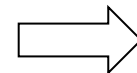
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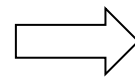
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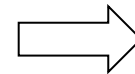
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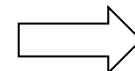
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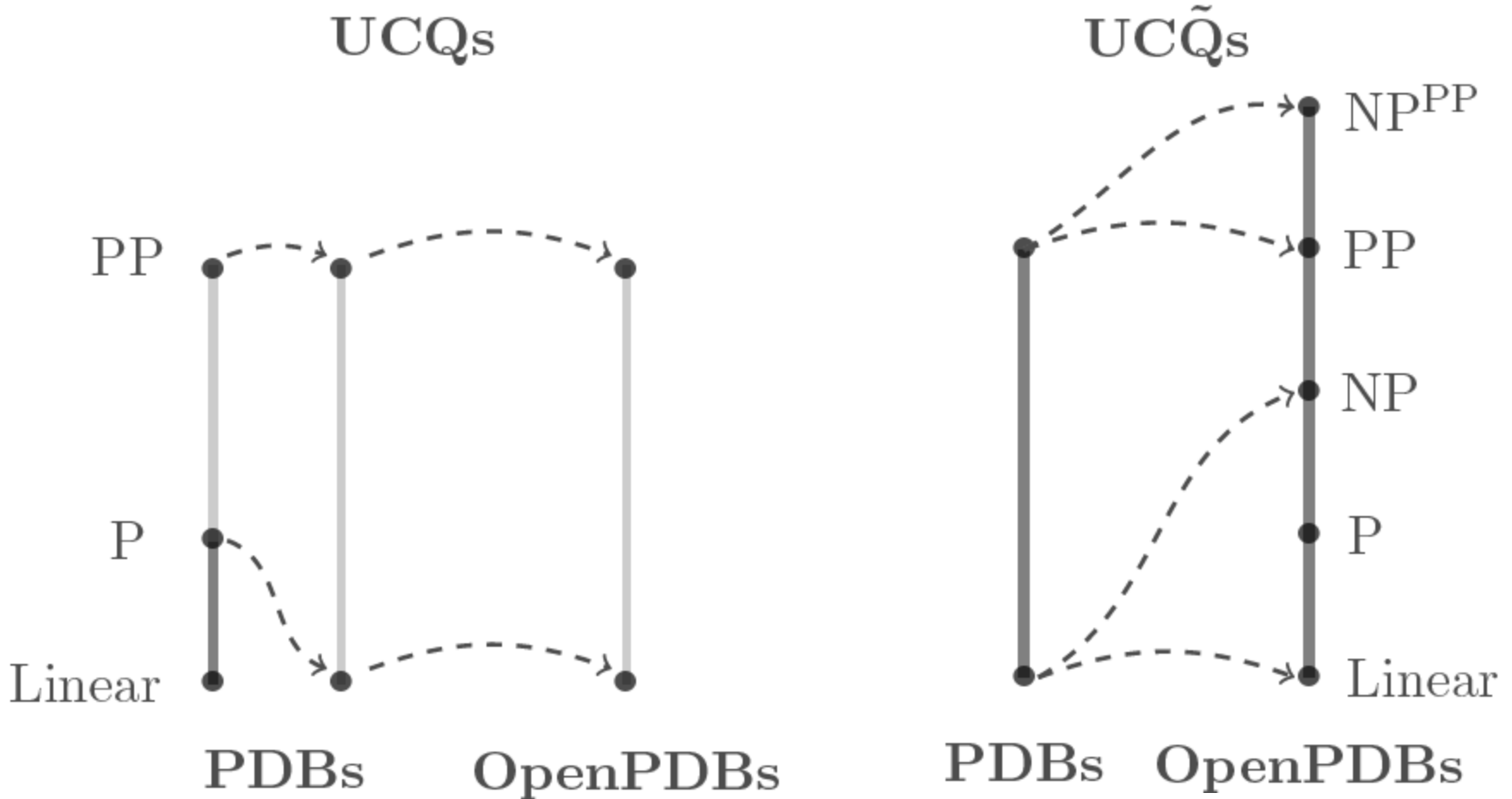
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# Complexity Results



$Linear \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq PP \subseteq P^{PP} \subseteq NP^{PP} \subseteq PSpace \subseteq ExpTime$

# Parameter Learning

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$$w \text{ FacultyPage}(x) \wedge \text{Linked}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{CoursePage}(y)$$

A set of training **databases**

- **Learn:** The associated maximum-likelihood **weights**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \log \Pr_w(db) = n_j(db) - \mathbb{E}_w[n_j]$$

Count in databases

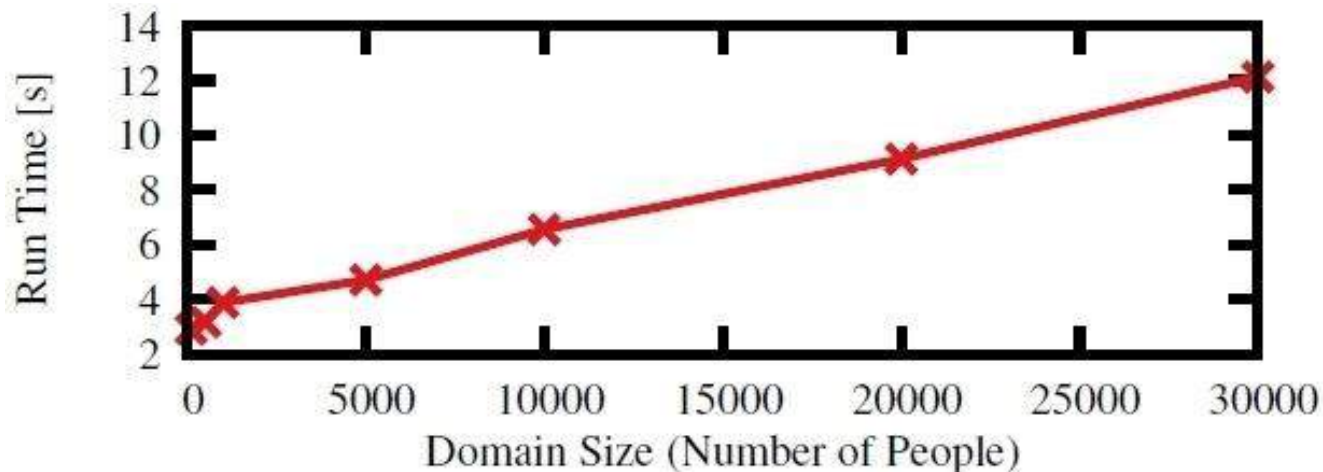
Efficient

Expected counts  
Requires **inference**

$$\mathbb{E}_w[n_F] = \Pr(F\theta_1) + \dots + \Pr(F\theta_m)$$

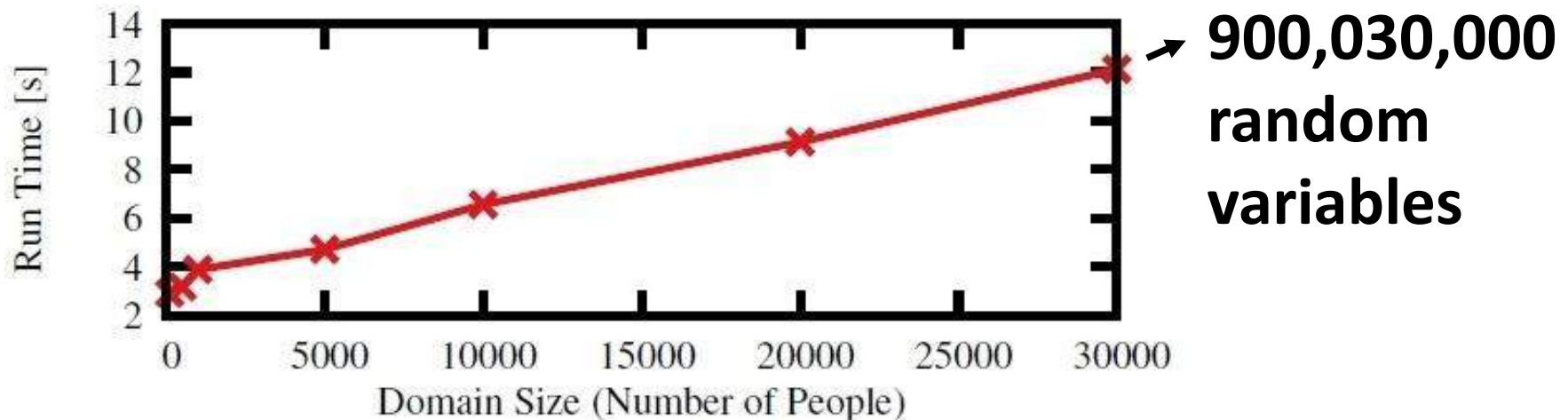
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- **Idea:** Learn liftable models (regularize with symmetry)

	<i>IMDb</i>			<i>UWCSE</i>		
	Baseline	Lifted Weight Learning	Lifted Structure Learning	Baseline	Lifted Weight Learning	Lifted Structure Learning
Fold 1	-548	-378	<b>-306</b>	-1,860	-1,524	<b>-1,477</b>
Fold 2	-689	-390	<b>-309</b>	-594	-535	<b>-511</b>
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Fold 4	-415	-285	<b>-224</b>	-2,820	-2,510	<b>-2,442</b>
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*What is the broader picture?*

# Uncertainty in AI

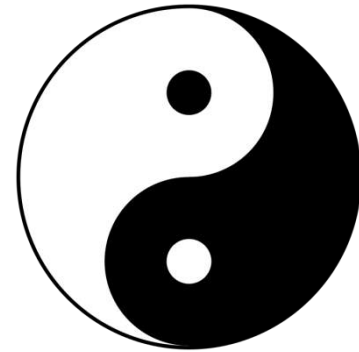
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Qualitative

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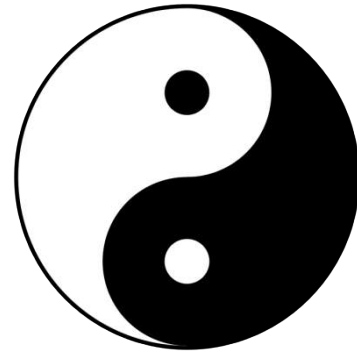
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Logical Syntax

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Weight function  $w(\cdot)$

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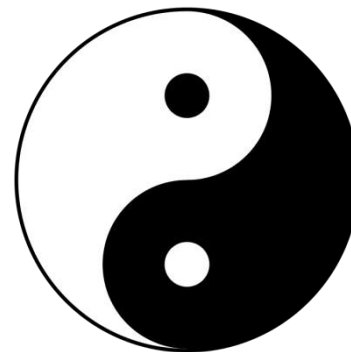
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$0 \leq \text{height} \leq 200$

$0 \leq \text{weight} \leq 200$

$0 \leq \text{age} \leq 100$

$\text{age} < 1 \Rightarrow$

$\text{height} + \text{weight} \leq 90$

+

$w(\text{height}) = \text{height} - 10$

$w(\neg \text{height}) = 3 * \text{height}^2$

$w(\neg \text{weight}) = 5$

...

# Probabilistic Programming

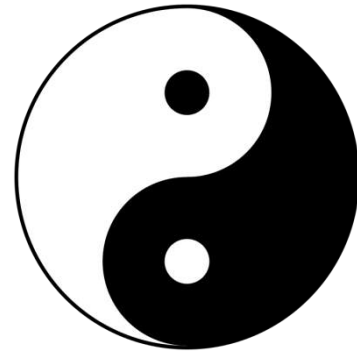
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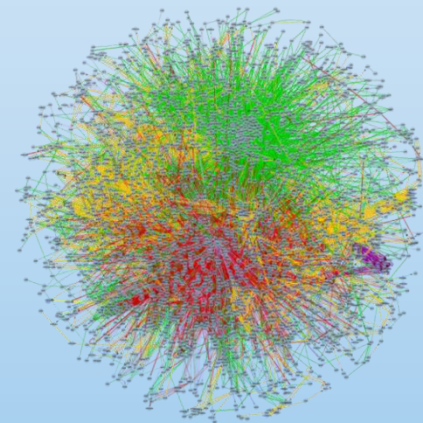
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```
path(X,Y) :-  
    edge(X,Y).  
path(X,Y) :-  
    edge(X,Z), path(Z,Y).
```

+





# Probabilistic Functional Programming

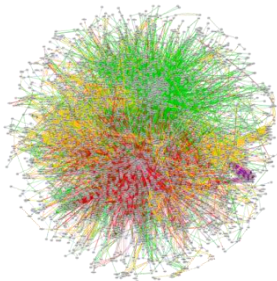
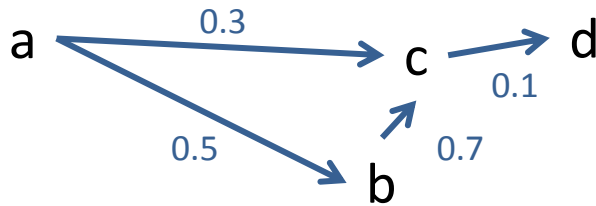
Discrete probabilistic reachability program:

Logic Program (ProbLog)

```
path(X, Y) :- edge(X, Y) .  
path(X, Y) :- edge(X, Z),  
                path(Z, Y) .  
edge(X, Y) :- ...random vars...
```

= Functional Program (Scala-like)

```
def path(start, end, visited=List())={  
  if(start == end)  
    return true  
  if(visited.contains(start))  
    return false  
  return start.neighbors.exists{  
    path(_, end, (visited+start))  
  }  
}  
nodeA.neighbors = ...random vars...  
nodeB.neighbors = ...random vars...
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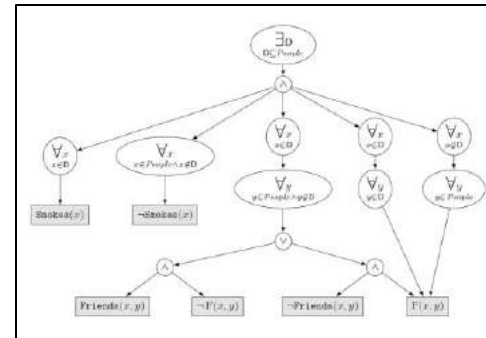
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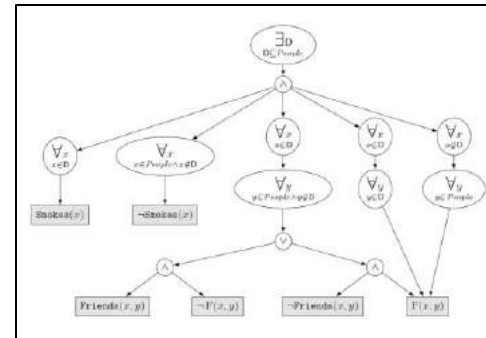
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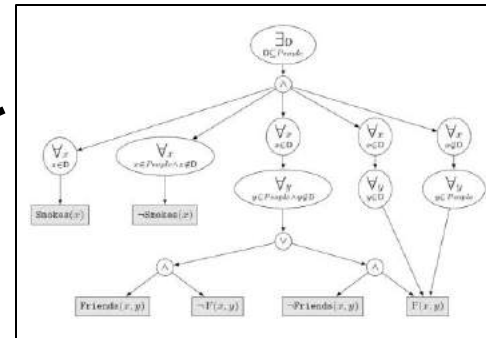
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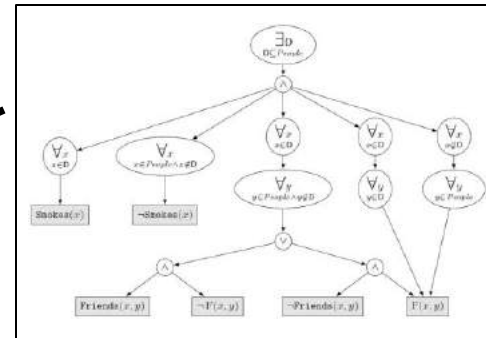
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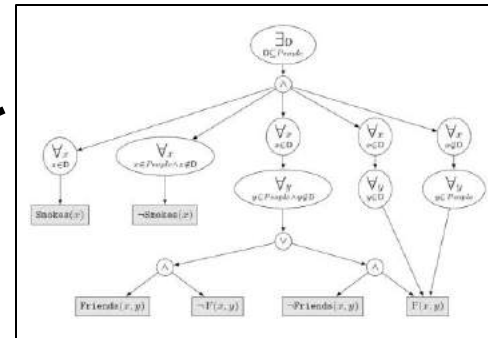
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# Approximate Symmetries in MCMC

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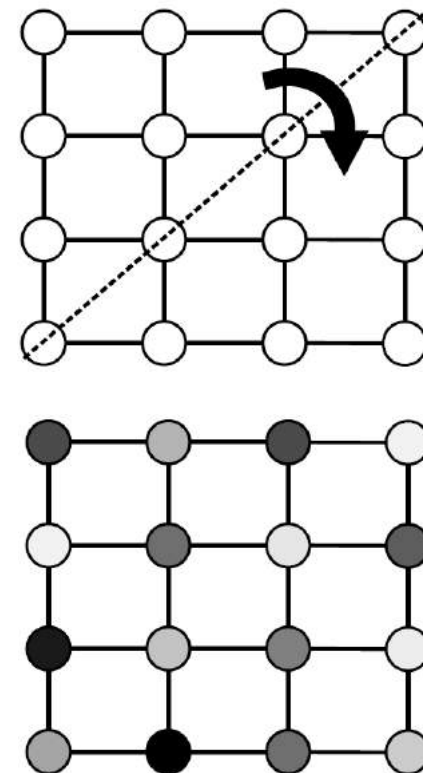
- Exact symmetry  $g$

$$\Pr(\mathbf{x}) = \Pr(\mathbf{x}^g)$$

- Approximate symmetry  $g$

$$\Pr(\mathbf{x}) \approx \Pr(\mathbf{x}^g)$$

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Image of a woman's face} \end{array} \right) \approx \Pr \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Image of a woman's face} \end{array} \right)$$



- Approximate lifted inference (MCMC)

# Exchangeability

- FO2 characterized by a particular form of partial exchangeability
  - You can construct a statistic that defines probability
  - This is what our algorithms do
- Other forms of exchangeability open ...
- Connection to computability?

# Results for Symmetric Inference

## Theorem

There exists  $Q$  in  $FO^3$  s.t.  $FOMC(Q, n)$  is  $\#P_1$  hard  
There exists CQ  $Q$  s.t.  $WFOMC(Q, n)$  is  $\#P_1$  hard

## Theorem $WFOMC(Q, n)$ is in PTIME

- For any  $Q$  in  $FO^2$
- For any gamma-acyclic  $Q$

- Corresponding decision problem = the spectrum problem
- Data complexity:  $\{ \text{Spec}(Q) \mid Q \text{ in } FO \} = NP_1$  [Fagin'74]
- Combined complexity: NP-complete for  $FO^2$ , PSPACE-complete for FO
- 0-1 Laws connection

# Conclusions

- Relational probabilistic reasoning is **frontier** and **integration** of AI, KR, ML, DB, TH, etc.
- We need
  - relational models and logic
  - probabilistic models and statistical learning
  - algorithms that scale
- Open-world data model
  - semantics make sense
  - FREE for UCQs
  - expensive otherwise

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