

COMPRESSION VS. ACCURACY: COMPACT MODELS FOR EFFICIENCY AND INTERPRETATION

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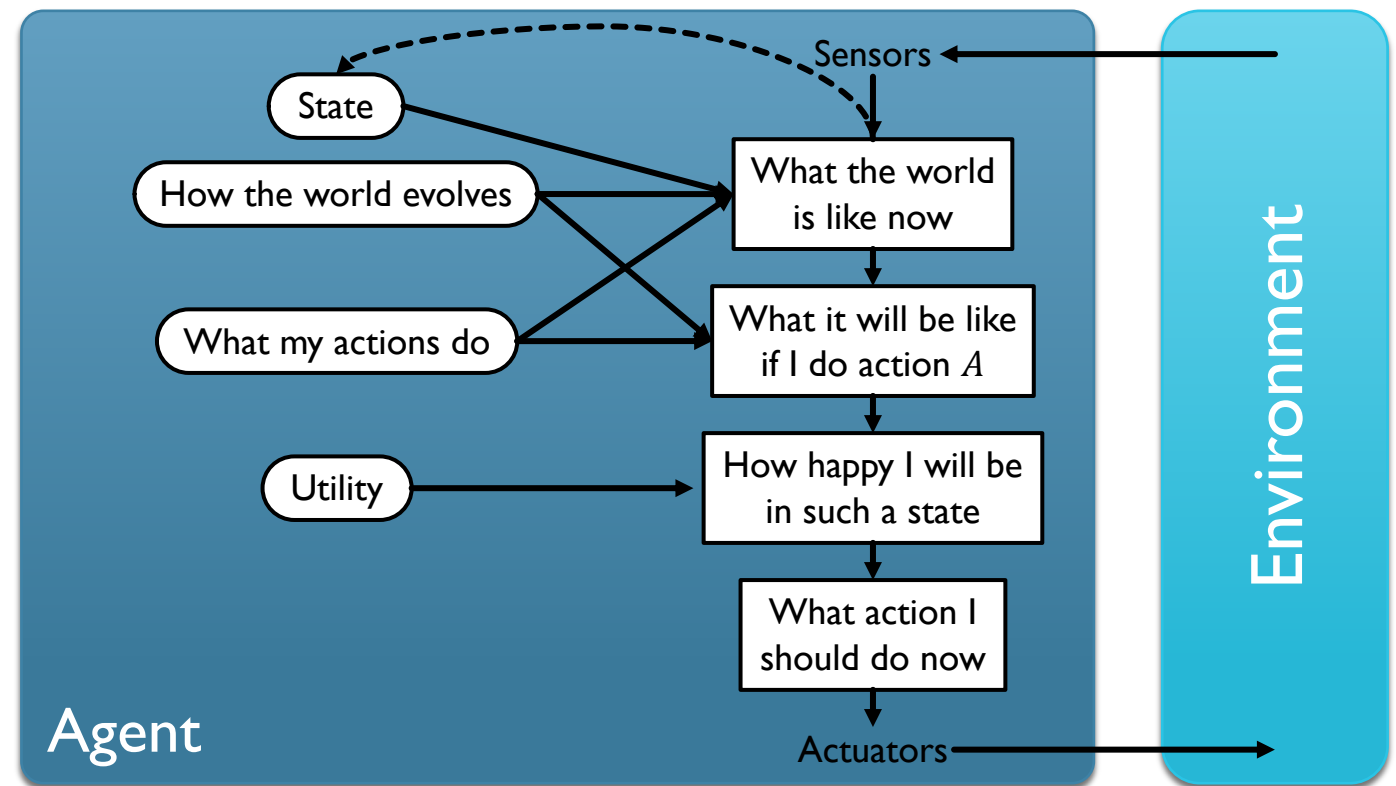


AGENDA

1. Introduction and background [Tanya]
 - Motivation, use cases
 - Probabilistic (relational) models
 - Lifted probabilistic inference
2. Compressing models [Malte]
3. Accuracy considerations [Jan]
4. Summary and future directions [Tanya]

GENERAL AGENT SETTING

- Architecture
 - Entity with corresponding physical sensors and actuators
- Program
 - Implementation of an agent function
 - Utility function as a description of desirable states
 - Maximise expected utility
 - Rational agent behaviour
 - Runs on an architecture
- Both depend on task environment

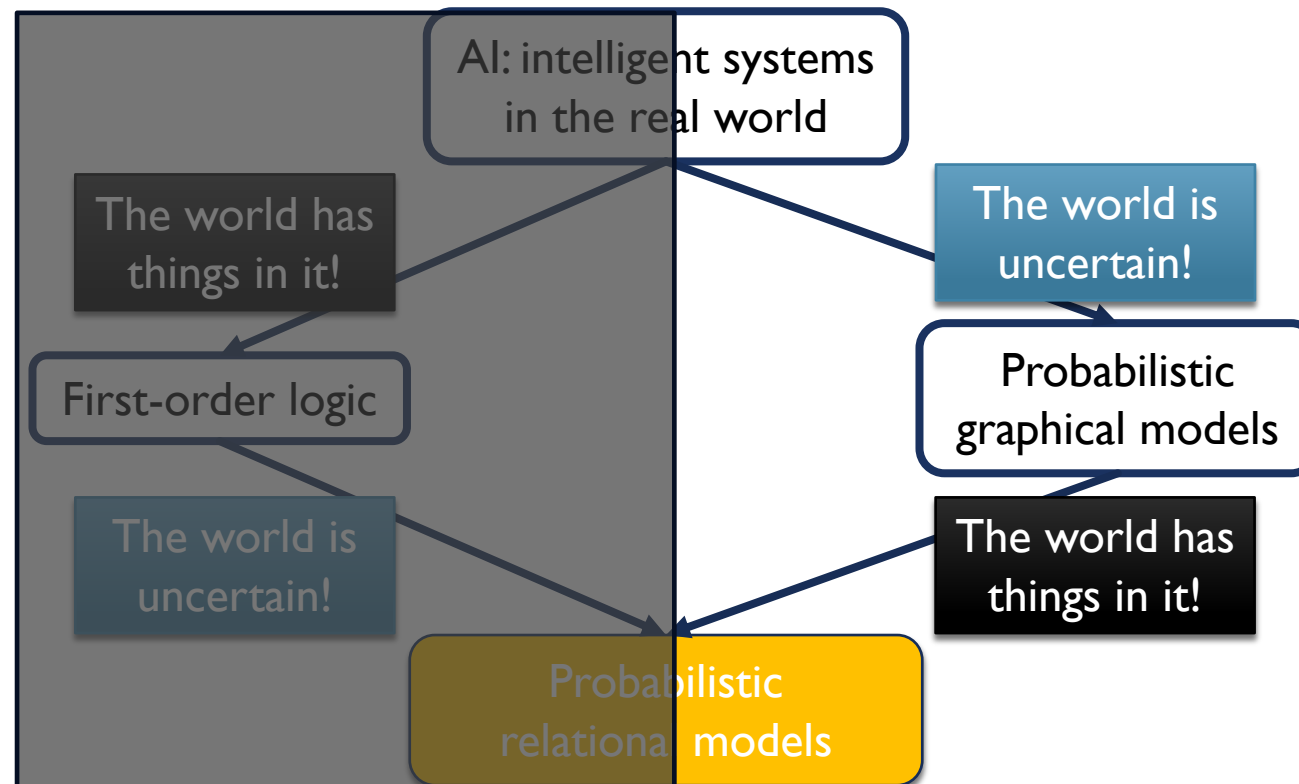




HOW DO WE REPRESENT THE STATE?

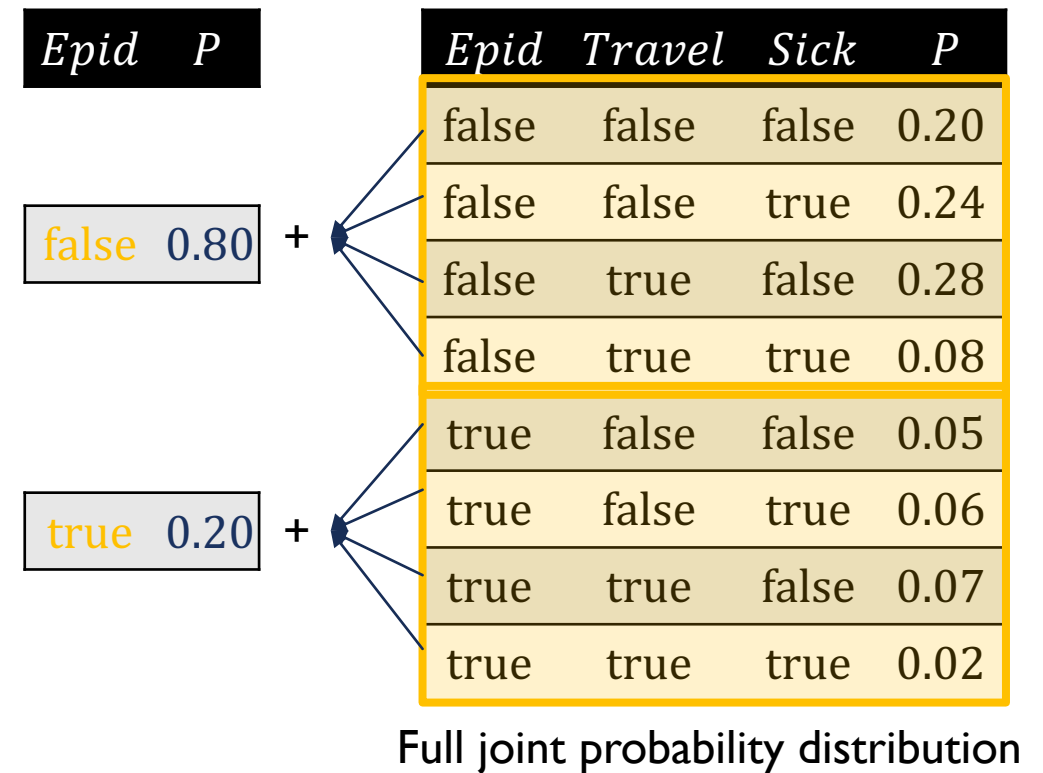
COMPACTLY AND ACCURATELY

DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT



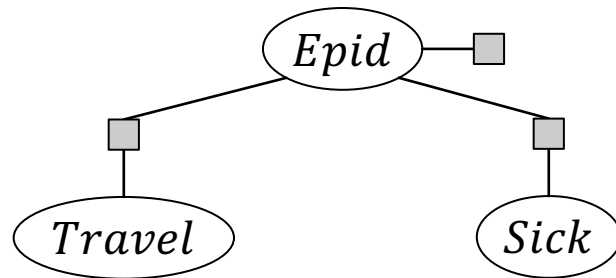
THE WORLD IS UNCERTAIN: PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- Random variables to encode features of the environment
- Probability distribution over possible worlds
- Probabilistic reasoning
 - E.g., what is the probability of there being an epidemic?
 - Sum over all random variables not occurring in the query
- Size and runtime *exponential* in the number of random variables: $O(r^n)$
 - n number of random variables
 - r largest number of feature values among all random variables

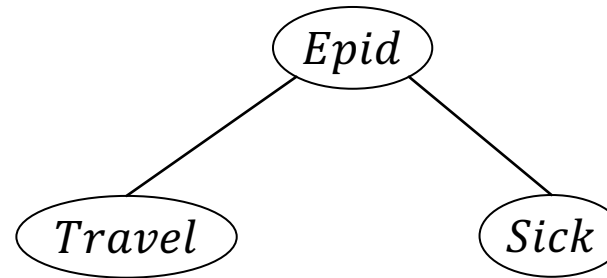


PROBABILISTIC GRAPHICAL MODELS (PGMS)

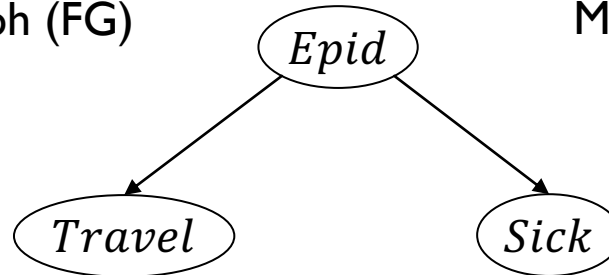
- Factorisation of a full joint according to (conditional) independences in the full joint



Factor graph (FG)



Markov network (MN)



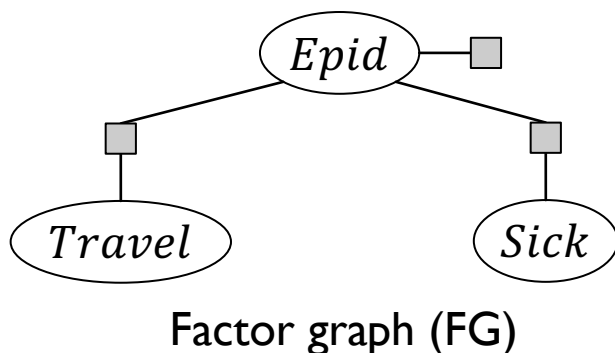
Bayesian network (BN)

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true	false	true	0.06
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Full joint probability distribution

PROBABILISTIC GRAPHICAL MODELS (PGMS)

- Semantics given by (normalised) product of m local factors



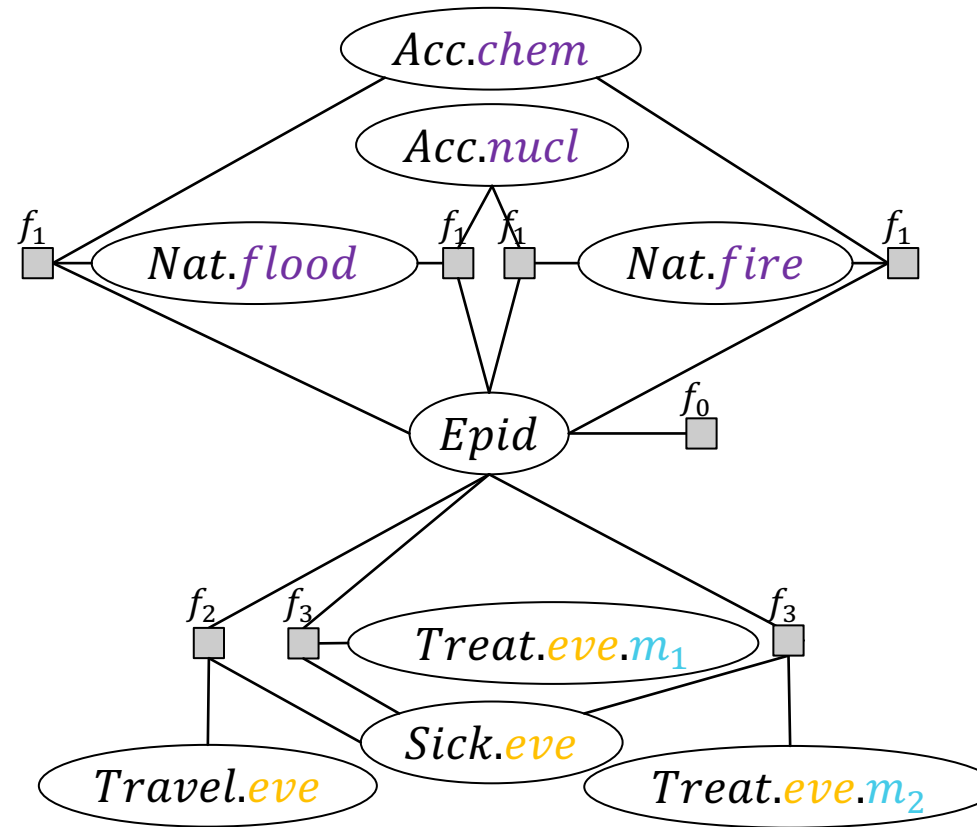
$$P_F = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^m \phi_i(R_{i,1}, \dots, R_{i,k_i})$$
$$Z = \sum_{r_1 \in \text{ran}(R_1)} \dots \sum_{r_n \in \text{ran}(R_n)} \prod_{i=1}^m \phi_i(r_{i,1}, \dots, r_{i,k_i})$$

- Probabilistic reasoning: Exploit factorisation $\rightarrow$ push sums into the product
- Size exponential in the largest number of arguments s of a factor: $O(m \cdot r^s)$
- Runtime exponential in the largest interim factor during reasoning: $O(m \cdot r^w)$

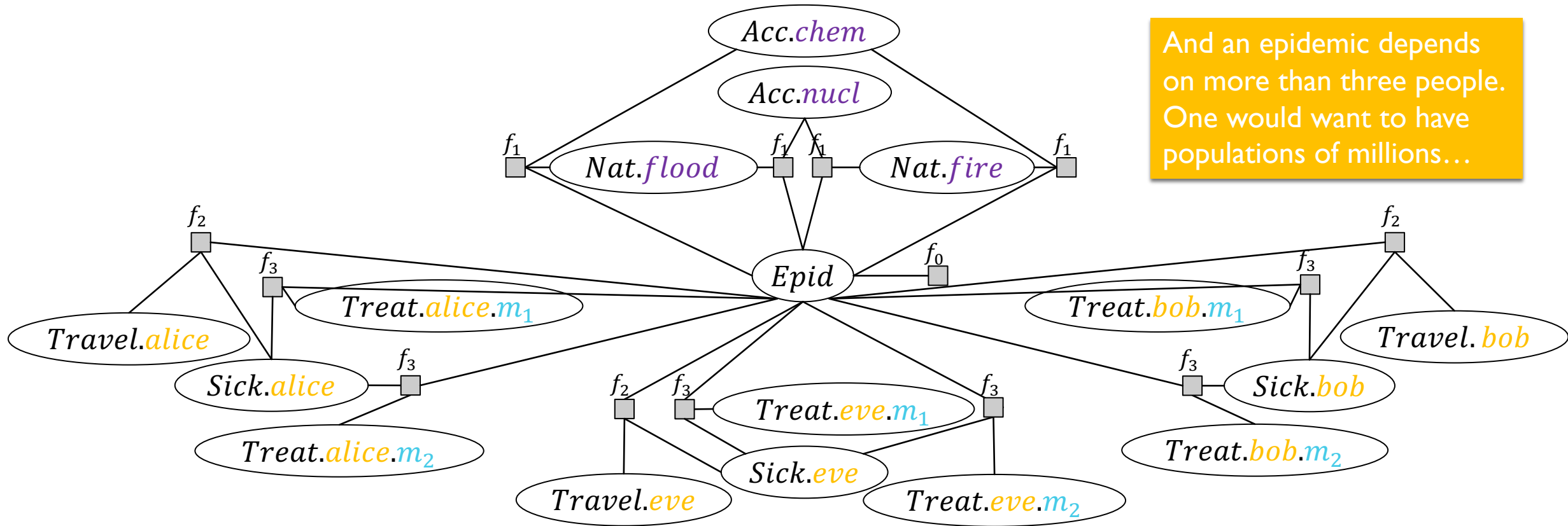
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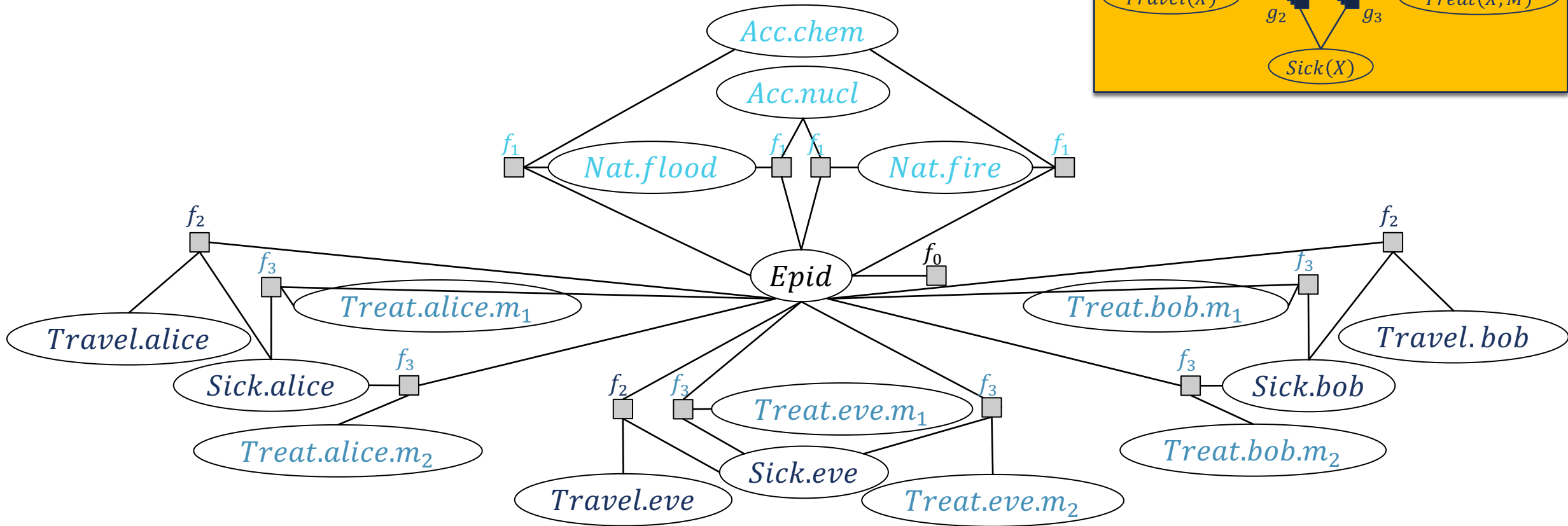
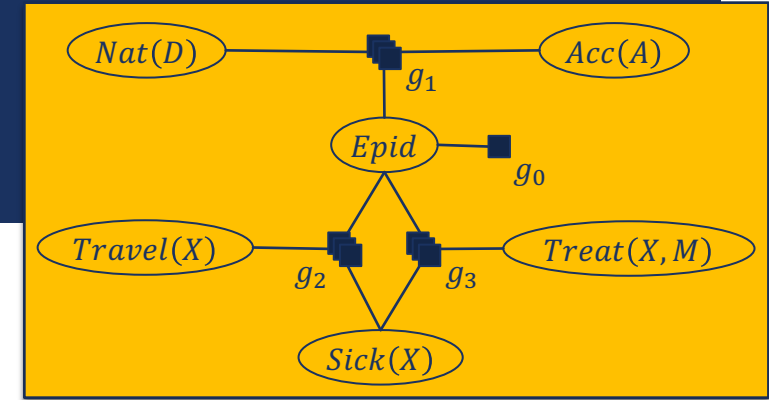
PROBLEM: ADDING OBJECTS AND RELATIONS IN PROPOSITIONAL FORMALISMS CLUNKY...



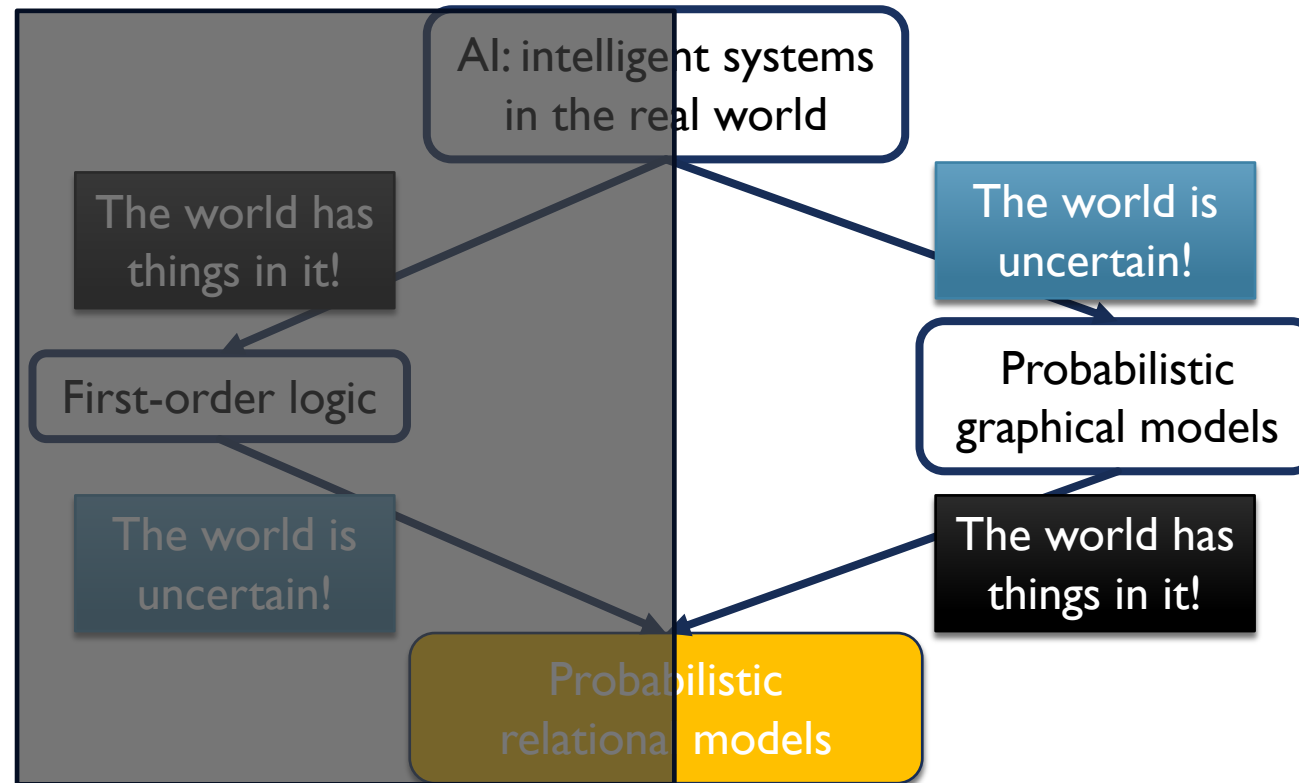
PROBLEM: ... AND MODELS EXPLODE WITH THEM



PROPOSITIONAL → FIRST-ORDER VIEW



DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT



THE WORLD HAS THINGS IN IT: LOGIC

- Describe hard constraints about a world
- Components

- Logical language Andy likes Cody. Abby does **not** like Dana. Bess likes **everyone** that Bess likes.
Dana does **not** like Abby. Bess likes Cody **or** Dana.

- Logical reasoning

Premises:

Dana likes Cody.

Abby does not like Dana.

Everybody likes somebody.

Bess likes Cody or Dana.

Abby likes everyone that Bess likes.

Cody likes everyone who likes her.

Nobody likes herself.

Truths:

Bess likes Cody.

Bess does not like Dana.

Everybody likes someone.

Falsehoods:

Bess likes Dana.

Everybody likes everybody.

Unknowns:

Dana likes Bess.

- Set of constants (lowercase)
- Logical operators ($\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$)
- (Parentheses)

PROPOSITIONAL → FIRST-ORDER LOGIC

∞ $Presents(X, P, C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$

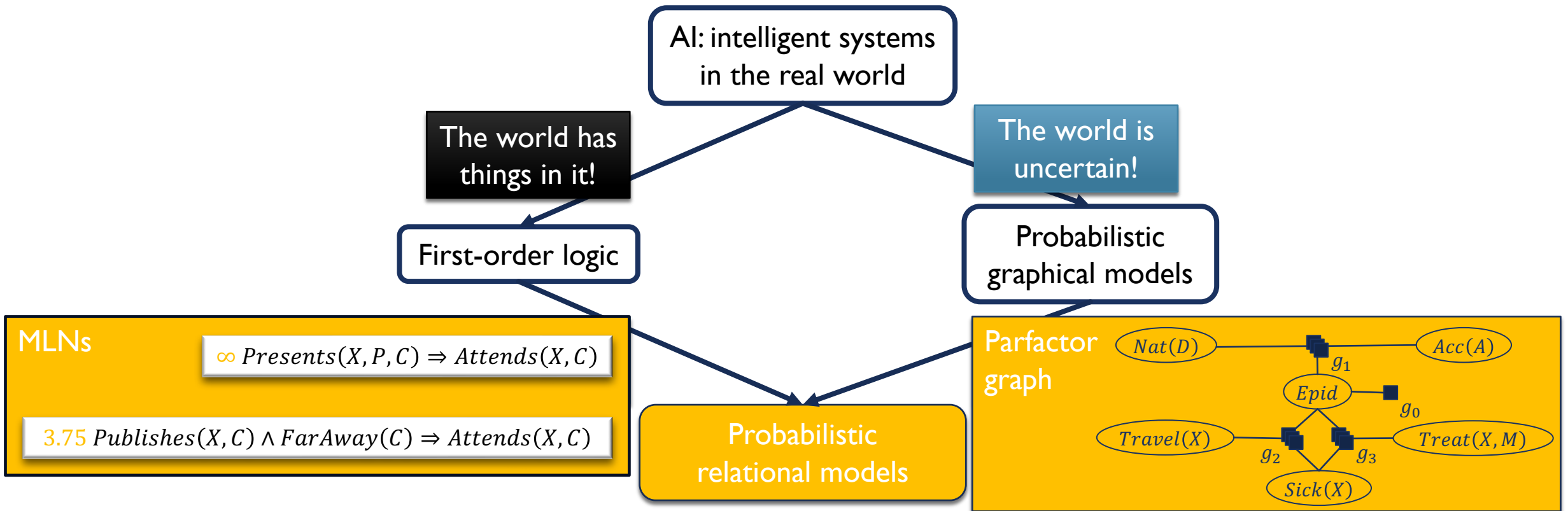
3.75 $Publishes(X, C) \wedge FarAway(C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$

- Motivation: Being able to talk about objects and relations among them
 - Example: propositional thinking
 - Premises:
If Jack knows Jill, then Jill knows Jack. Jack knows Jill.
 - Conclusion: Does Jill know Jack? (Yes.)
 - Example: first-order (or relational) thinking
 - Premises:
If one person knows another person, then the other person knows the first person. Jack knows Jill.
 - Conclusion: Does Jill know Jack? (Yes.)

- Example: in first-order (relational) logic
 - Premises
 - $\forall X. \forall Y. (knows(X, Y) \Rightarrow knows(Y, X))$
 - $knows(jack, jill)$
 - Conclusion: $knows(jill, jack)?$

- (Logical) variables (uppercase)
- Quantifiers ($\forall, \exists$)
- Set of constants (lowercase)
- Logical operators ($\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$)
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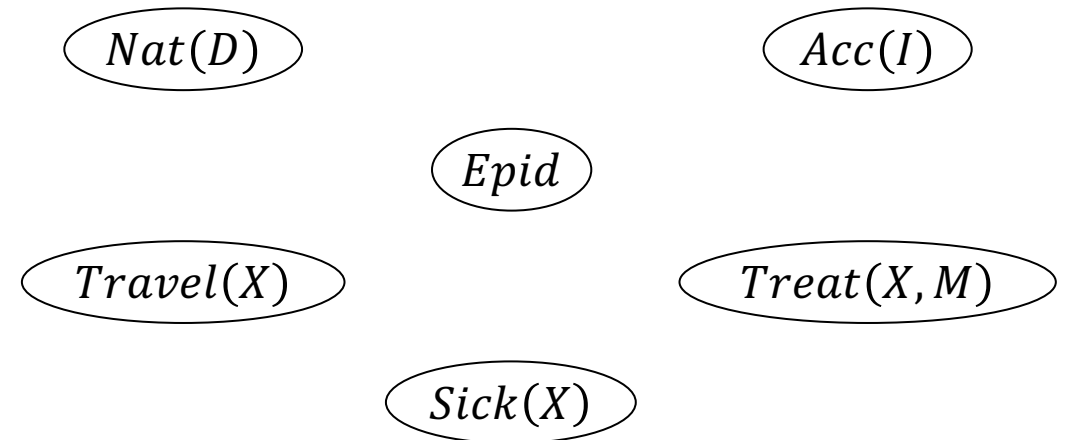
PROBABILISTIC (RELATIONAL) MODELS

PARFACTORS, MARKOV LOGIC NETWORKS

LOGICAL VARIABLES IN RANDOM VARIABLES

- Atoms: Parameterised random variables = PRVs
 - With logical variables
 - E.g., X, M
 - Possible values (domain):
$$\text{dom}(X) = \{\text{alice}, \text{eve}, \text{bob}\}$$
$$\text{dom}(M) = \{\text{injection}, \text{tablet}\}$$
 - With range
 - E.g., Boolean, but any discrete, finite set possible
 - $\text{ran}(\text{Travel}(X)) = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$
- Represent sets of *indistinguishable* random variables

$\text{Nat}(D) = \text{natural disaster } D$
 $\text{Acc}(A) = \text{accident } A$



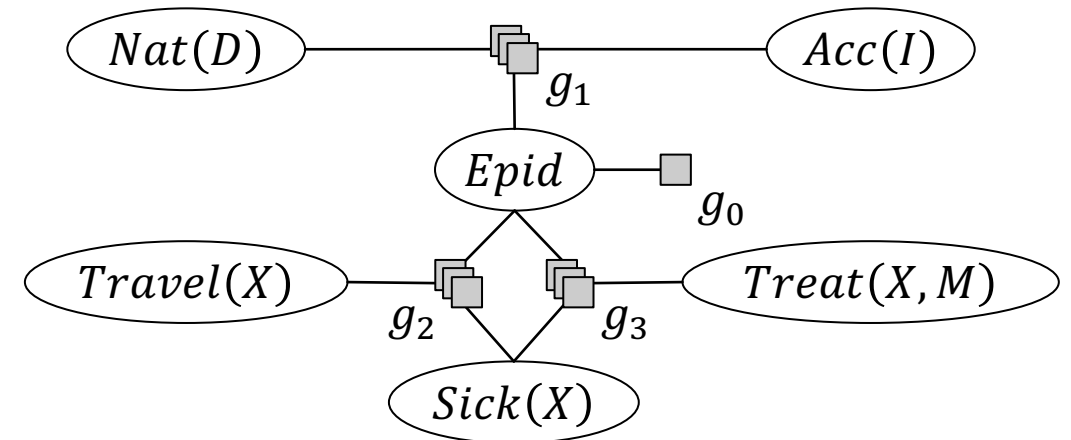
PARFACTORS

- Factors with PRVs = parfactors

$Travel(X)$	$Epid$	$Sick(X)$	g_2
false	false	false	5
false	false	true	0
false	true	false	4
false	true	true	6
true	false	false	4
true	false	true	6
true	true	false	2
true	true	true	9

Potentials

- In parfactors, just like in factors, no probability distribution as factors required



FACTORS

■ Grounding

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<i>Travel(eve)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(eve)</i>	g_2
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<i>Travel(alice)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(alice)</i>	g_2
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	5
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<i>Travel(bob)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(bob)</i>	g_2
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at(X, M)

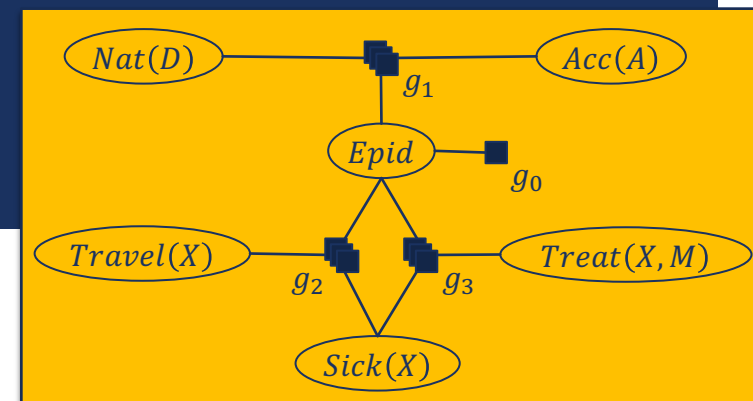
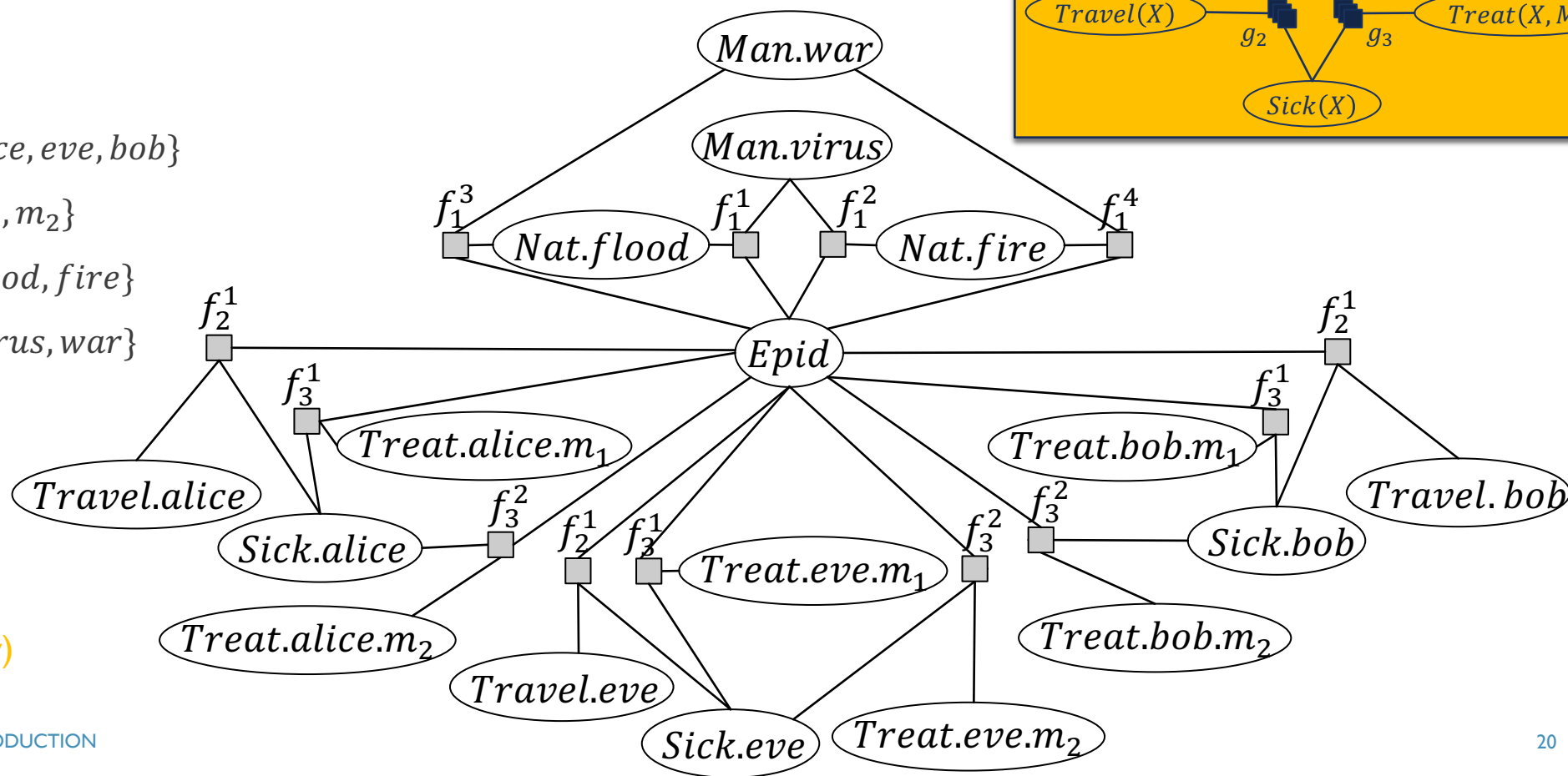
GROUNDING MODEL

Given domains

- $dom(X) = \{alice, eve, bob\}$
- $dom(M) = \{m_1, m_2\}$
- $dom(D) = \{flood, fire\}$
- $dom(W) = \{virus, war\}$

Symmetry in

- Graph structure (isomorphism)
- Factors (identity)



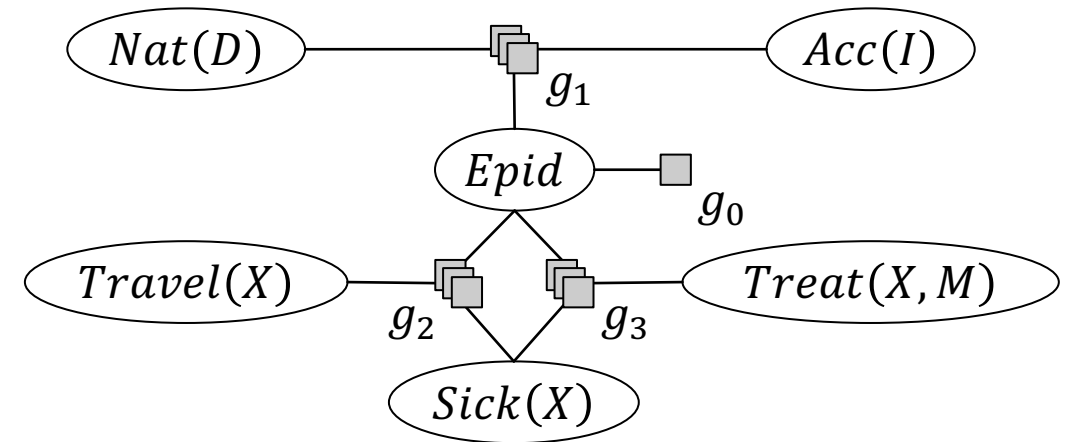
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$$Z = \sum_{r_1 \in \text{ran}(R_1)} \dots \sum_{r_N \in \text{ran}(R_N)} \prod_{f \in \text{gr}(G)} f$$

- Equivalence over semantics: $P_G = P_F = P_R$



SYMMETRIES WITHIN

- Assume four epidemics with identical characteristics
 - $Epid_1, Epid_2, Epid_3, Epid_4$
 - Reasonable to model the epidemics such that it does not matter which $Epid$ variables specifically are *true* or *false*, i.e., they are interchangeable

- All *false* maps to 8
 - 1 *true*, 3 *false* maps to 6
 - 2 *true*, 2 *false* maps to 4
 - 3 *true*, 1 *false* maps to 2
 - All *true* maps to 0
- Five lines enough to describe

	$\#_{true}$	$\#_{false}$
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[1,3]	6	
[2,2]	4	
[3,1]	2	
[4,0]	0	

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COUNTING RANDOM VARIABLE (CRV)

- New PRV type: (Parameterised) counting random variable ((P)CRV) $\#_X[A|C]$
 - $A|C$ a PRV under constraint C
 - $X \in \text{lv}(A)$
 - Range values: Histogram $h = \{(v_i, n_i)\}_{i=1}^m$
 - $m = |\text{ran}(A)|$ (number of buckets)
 - $n = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i = |\text{gr}(A|_{\pi_X(C)})|$ (number of instances to distribute into buckets)
 - $v_i \in \text{ran}(A)$ (buckets)
 - $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ (number of instances in bucket v_i)
 - Shorthand: $[n_1, \dots, n_m]$
- Range of a (P)CRV = space of histograms fulfilling the conditions on the histograms
 - (All possible ways of distributing n interchangeable instances into m buckets)
- Single histogram encodes several interchangeable assignments at once
 - Given by multinomial coefficient $\text{Mul}(h)$
$$\text{Mul}(h) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^m n_i!}$$
 - If $m = 2$, binomial coefficient:
$$\binom{n}{n_1} = \frac{n!}{(n - n_1)! n_1!} = \frac{n!}{n_2! n_1!}$$

CRV: EXAMPLE

- (P)CRV $\#_X[A|_C]$
 - Range values: Histogram $h = \{(v_i, n_i)\}_{i=1}^m$
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 - Single histogram encodes several interchangeable assignments at once: $\text{Mul}(h) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^m n_i!}$

- E.g., CRV: $\#_E[\text{Epid}(E)]$
 - $\text{ran}(\text{Epid}(E)) = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\} \rightarrow m = 2$
 - $\text{dom}(E) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\} \rightarrow n = 4$
 - Range values and multiplicities

$$\begin{aligned} \{(\text{true}, 0), (\text{false}, 4)\} &= [0, 4] & \text{Mul}([0, 4]) &= \frac{4!}{0! \cdot 4!} = 1 \\ \{(\text{true}, 1), (\text{false}, 3)\} &= [1, 3] & \text{Mul}([1, 3]) &= \frac{4!}{1! \cdot 3!} = 4 \\ \{(\text{true}, 2), (\text{false}, 2)\} &= [2, 2] & \text{Mul}([2, 2]) &= \frac{4!}{2! \cdot 2!} = 6 \\ \{(\text{true}, 3), (\text{false}, 1)\} &= [3, 1] & \text{Mul}([3, 1]) &= \frac{4!}{3! \cdot 1!} = 4 \\ \{(\text{true}, 4), (\text{false}, 0)\} &= [4, 0] & \text{Mul}([4, 0]) &= \frac{4!}{4! \cdot 0!} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

CRV: EXAMPLE

- E.g., (continued)
 - CRV: $\#_E[Epid(E)]$
 - Range values
 $[0,4], [1,3], [2,2], [3,1], [4,0]$
 1 4 6 4 1
 how many assignments encoded
 - $g' = \phi(\#_E[Epid(E)])$

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CRVS CONTINUED

- (P)CRV $\#_X[A|_C]$ with
 - $m = |\text{ran}(A)|$ (number of buckets)
 - $n = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i = |\text{gr}(A|_{\pi_X(C)})|$ (number of instances to distribute into buckets)
- Instead of m^n mappings in the ground factor, the counted factor has

$$\binom{n + m - 1}{n - 1}$$

mappings

- Upper bound of range size of a CRV:

$$\binom{n + m - 1}{n - 1} \leq n^m$$

Exponential in number of
random variables n



Polynomial in number of
random variables n

SEMANTICS – REPRISE

- Given model $G = \{g_i\}_{i=1}^n$
 - Over PRVs $\text{rvs}(G)$
 - Equivalent propositional model $F = \text{gr}(G)$ over random variables $\text{gr}(\text{rv}(G)) = \{R_1, \dots, R_N\} =: \mathbf{R}$ with semantics P_R
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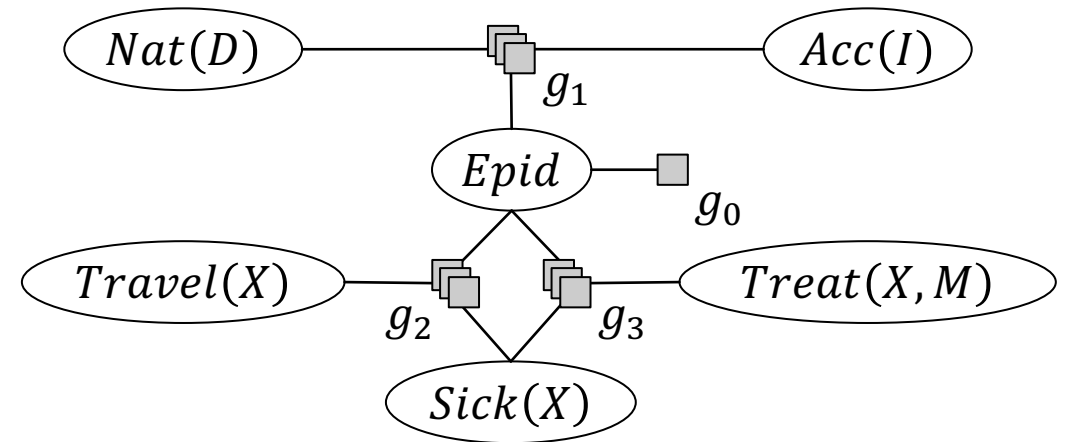
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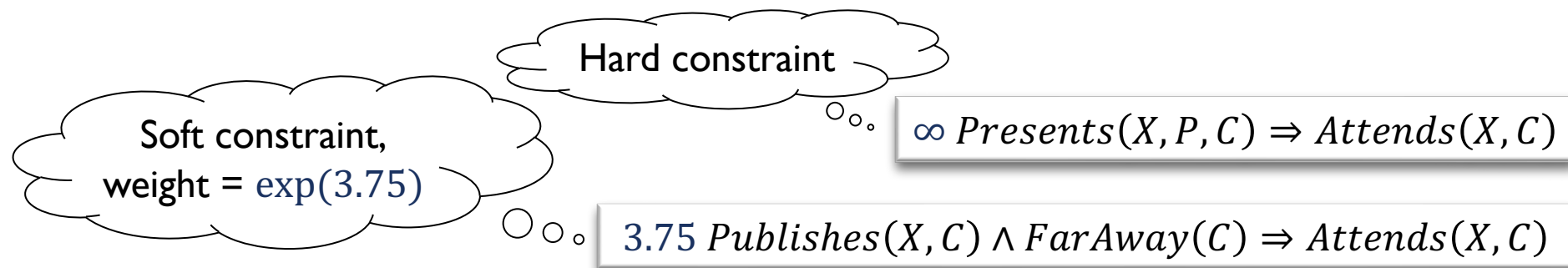
Semantics stay the same

→ CRVs need to be grounded by expanding the histograms into the mappings they encode



MARKOV LOGIC NETWORKS (MLNs)

- Again: First-order view on probabilistic modelling
- Use logical formulas to specify potential functions
 - Weights for each formula induce a full joint again
 - Lower weight if constraint does not hold all the time
 - ∞ weight for hard constraints, in practice either a high weight or only worlds considered that satisfy hard constraints



GROUNDING

- Each (w_i, ψ_i) represents a set of *propositional* sentences, each sentence with weight w_i
 - One sentence for each possible substitution of the free variables $\text{free}(\psi_i)$ in ψ_i given a finite domain (or a constraint set) D over $\text{free}(\psi_i)$

$$\theta_D = \bigcup_{d \in D} \{ \bigcup_{t \in d} \{ X_d \rightarrow t \} \}$$
 - Example: MLN $\Psi = \{(w_i, \psi_i)\}_{i=1}^2$
 - Domains
 - $\text{dom}(X) = \{\text{alice}\}$
 - $\text{dom}(P) = \{p_1, p_2\}$
 - $\text{dom}(C) = \{\text{ijcai}, \text{ki}\}$
 - Groundings on the right

$(10, \text{Presents}(\text{alice}, p_1, \text{ijcai}) \Rightarrow \text{Attends}(\text{alice}, \text{ijcai}))$

$(10, \text{Presents}(\text{alice}, p_1, \text{ki}) \Rightarrow \text{Attends}(\text{alice}, \text{ki}))$

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$\infty \text{Presents}(X, P, C) \Rightarrow \text{Attends}(X, C)$

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MLNS: SEMANTICS

- MLN $\Psi = \{(w_i, \psi_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, with $w_i \in \mathbb{R}$, induces a probability distribution over possible interpretations ω (world) of the grounded atoms in Ψ

$$\omega \in \{true, false\}^N$$

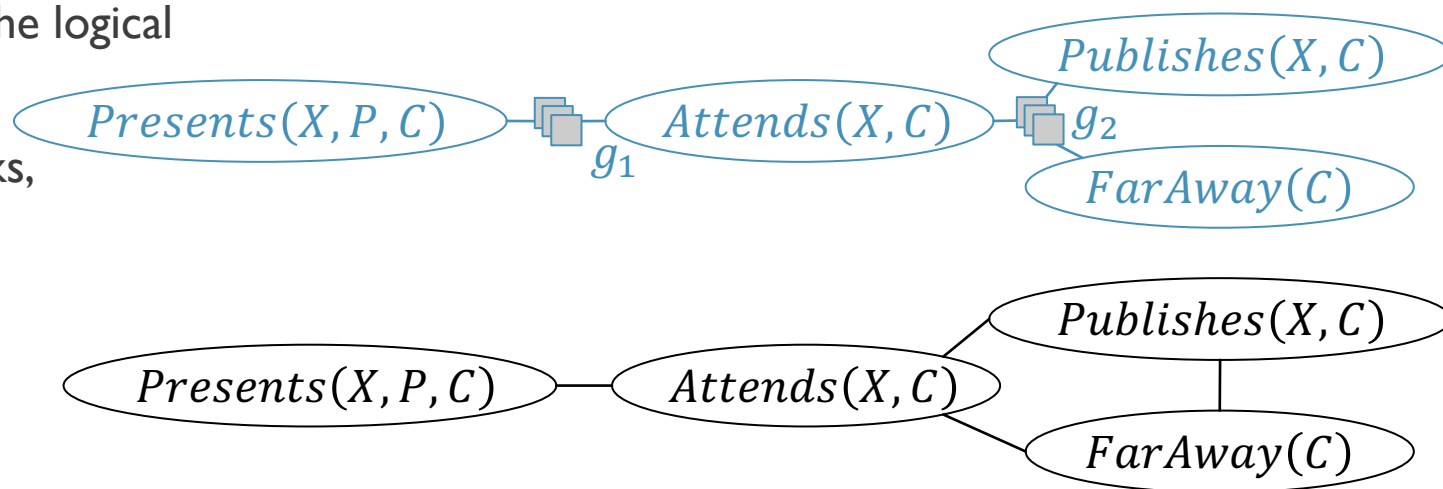
- N = the number of ground atoms in the grounded Ψ
- Probability of one interpretation ω

$$P(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i n_i(\omega) \right)$$

- $n_i(\omega)$ = number of propositional sentences of ψ_i that evaluate to *true* given the assignments of ω

MLN: GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION?

- Usually not depicted by a graph but by the logical formulas with their weights to the left
- Since the name invokes Markov networks, let us build an analogue:
 - Logical atoms as nodes
 - Edges between atoms whenever atoms occur together in a formula
 - Form cliques in graph
 - Potential functions (factors) for cliques from weights
 - Can also build an equivalent parfactor graph as graphical representation



$$10 \text{ } Presents(X, P, C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$$

$$3.75 \text{ } Publishes(X, C) \wedge FarAway(C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$$

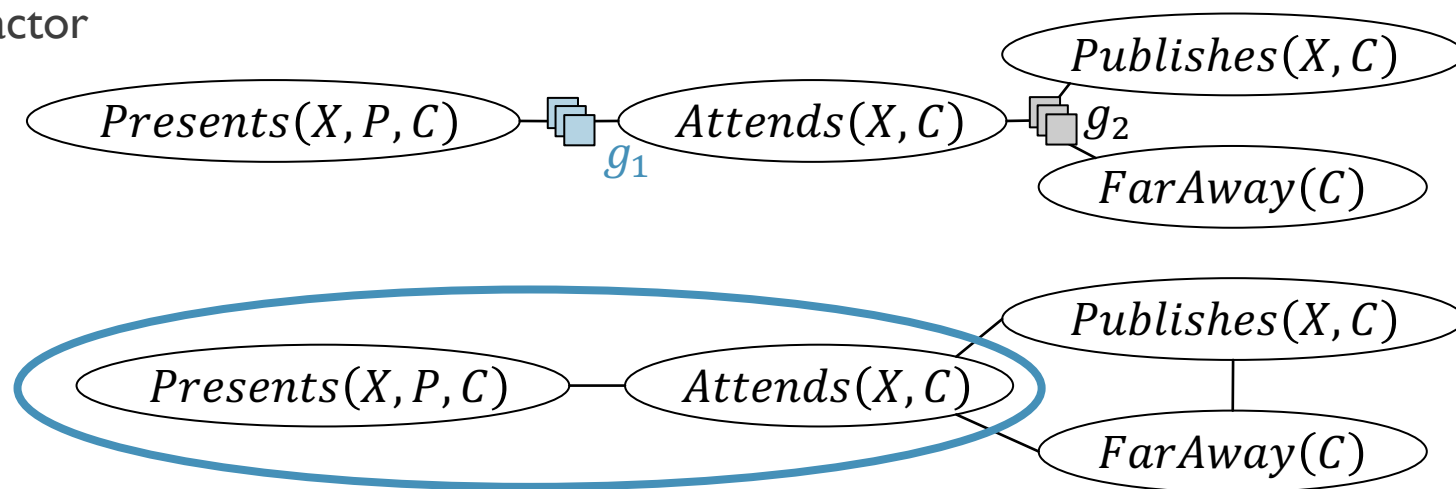
FROM WEIGHTED FORMULAS TO PARFACTORS

An MLN can be translated into a set of parfactors and vice versa
[Van den Broeck 13]

- For each weighted formula, build a parfactor

- Atoms as arguments
- For assignment $\mathbf{a}$ that makes ψ_i true, map $\mathbf{a}$ to $\exp(w_i)$

$Pr(X, P, C)$	$Att(X, C)$	ϕ_1
false	false	$\exp 10$
false	true	$\exp 10$
true	false	$\exp 0$
true	true	$\exp 10$



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A SELECTION OF OTHER PROBABILISTIC RELATIONAL MODELS

Distribution semantics

- Probabilistic extensions to Datalog [Fuhr 1995]
- Relational Bayesian networks [Jaeger 1997]
- Bayesian Logic Programming [Milch et al. 2005], ProbLog [De Raedt et al. 2007]
- **Parfactor models** [Poole 03, Taghipour et al. 2013]
- **MLNs** [Richardson & Domingos 2006]

Other semantics

- Hinge-loss Markov networks, Probabilistic Soft Logic (PSL) [Bach et al. 2017]
 - Define density function using log-linear model
- Maximum entropy semantics [Thimm et al. 2010]
 - Partial specification of discrete joint with “uniform completion”

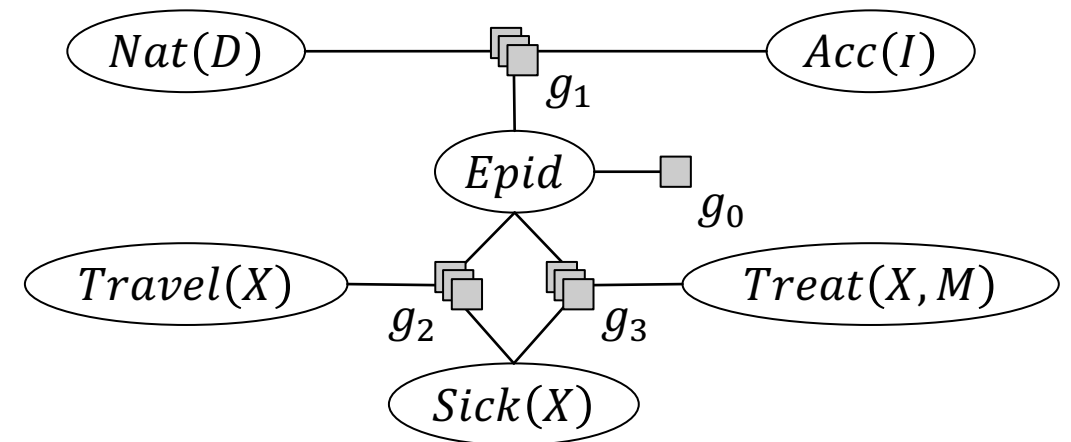


PROBABILISTIC REASONING IN PROBABILISTIC RELATIONAL MODELS

EXPLOITING SYMMETRIES FOR EFFICIENCY

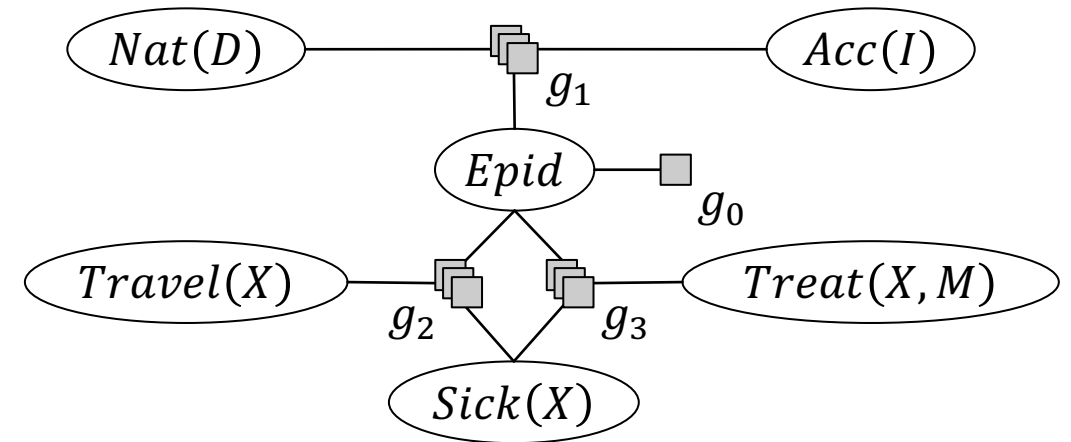
INFERENCE PROBLEMS WITH AND WITHOUT EVIDENCE

- Query answering problem (QA) given a model:
 - Probability of events, e.g., $P(Att(eve, ki) = true), P(Epid = true)$
 - Conditional (marginal) probability distributions, e.g., $P(Att(ev, ki)|FarAway(ki)), P(Epid|sick(alice), sick(eve))$
 - Assignment queries:
 - Most probable states of random variables
 - Most-probable explanation (MPE), Maximum a posteriori (MAP)
- Lifted inference:
Work with representatives for exchangeable random variables
 - Avoid grounding for as long as possible



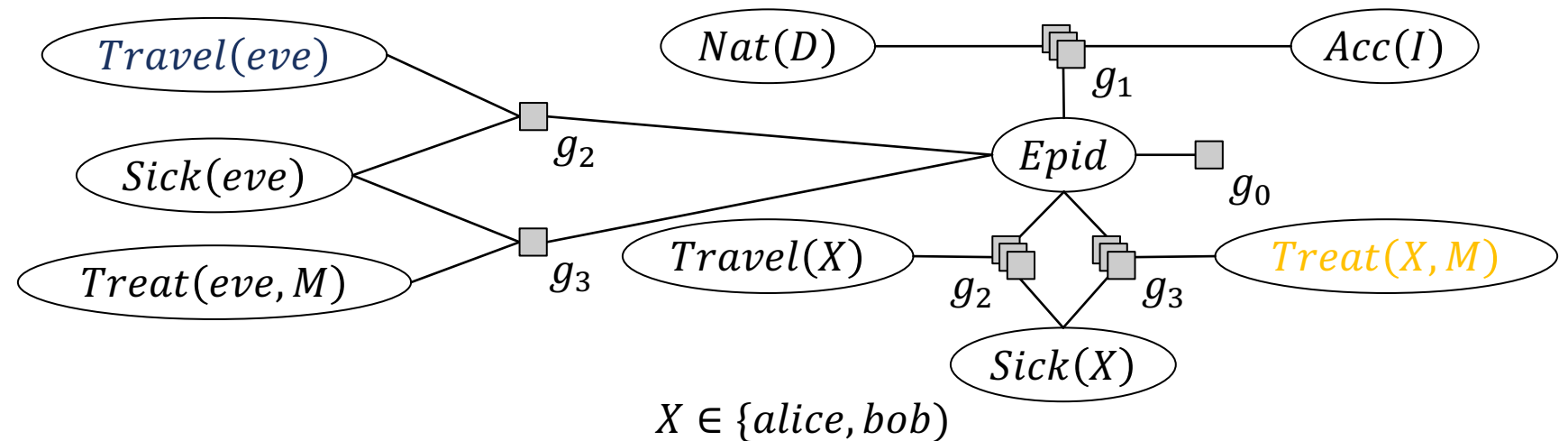
QA IN PARFACTOR MODELS: LIFTED VARIABLE ELIMINATION (LVE)

- Eliminate all variables not appearing in query
 - [Poole 2003, de Salvo Braz et al. 2005+2006, Milch et al. 2008, Taghipour et al. 2013, B & Möller 2018]
- Lifted summing out
 - Sum out *representative* instance as in propositional variable elimination
 - Exponentiate result for exchangeable instances
- Correctness: Equivalent ground operation
 - Each instance is summed out
 - Result: factor f that is identical for all instance
 - Multiplying indistinguishable results
→ exponentiation of one representative f



QA: LVE IN DETAIL

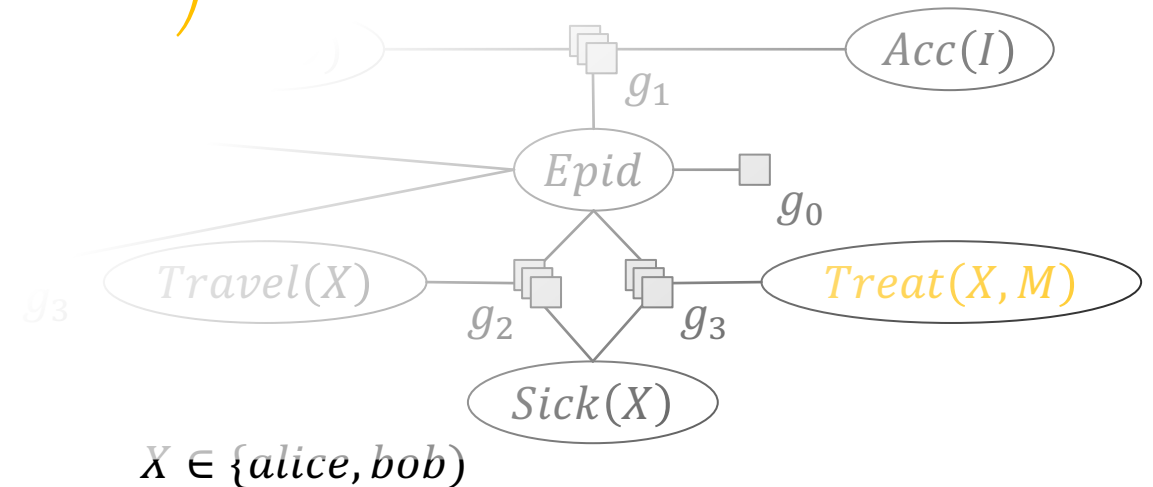
- Eliminate $Treat(X, M)$
 - Appears in only one $g: g_3$
 - Contains all logical variables of $g_3: X, M$
 - For each X constant: the same number of M constants
- ✓ Preconditions of lifted summing out fulfilled, lifted summing out possible



LVE IN DETAIL: LIFTED SUMMING OUT

- Eliminate $Treat(X, M)$ by lifted summing out
 - Sum out representative

$$\left(\sum_{t \in r(Treat(X, M))} g_3(Epid = e, Sick(X) = s, Treat(X, M) = t) \right)^{\#M|X}$$



LVE IN DETAIL: LIFTED SUMMING OUT

<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	<i>Treat(X,M)</i>	g_3		<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	Σ		<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	$\wedge$
false	false	false	9	+	false	false	10	$\wedge$	false	false	10^2
false	false	true	1								
false	true	false	6	+	false	true	9	$\wedge$	false	true	9^2
false	true	true	3								
true	false	false	7	+	true	false	12	$\wedge$	true	false	12^2
true	false	true	5								
true	true	false	4	+	true	true	12	$\wedge$	true	true	12^2
true	true	true	8								

$$\left(\sum_{t \in \text{Tr}(\text{Treat}(X,M))} g_3(\text{Epid} = e, \text{Sick}(X) = s, \text{Treat}(X,M) = t) \right)^{\#M|X}$$

A SELECTION OF OTHER LIFTED INFERENCE ALGORITHMS

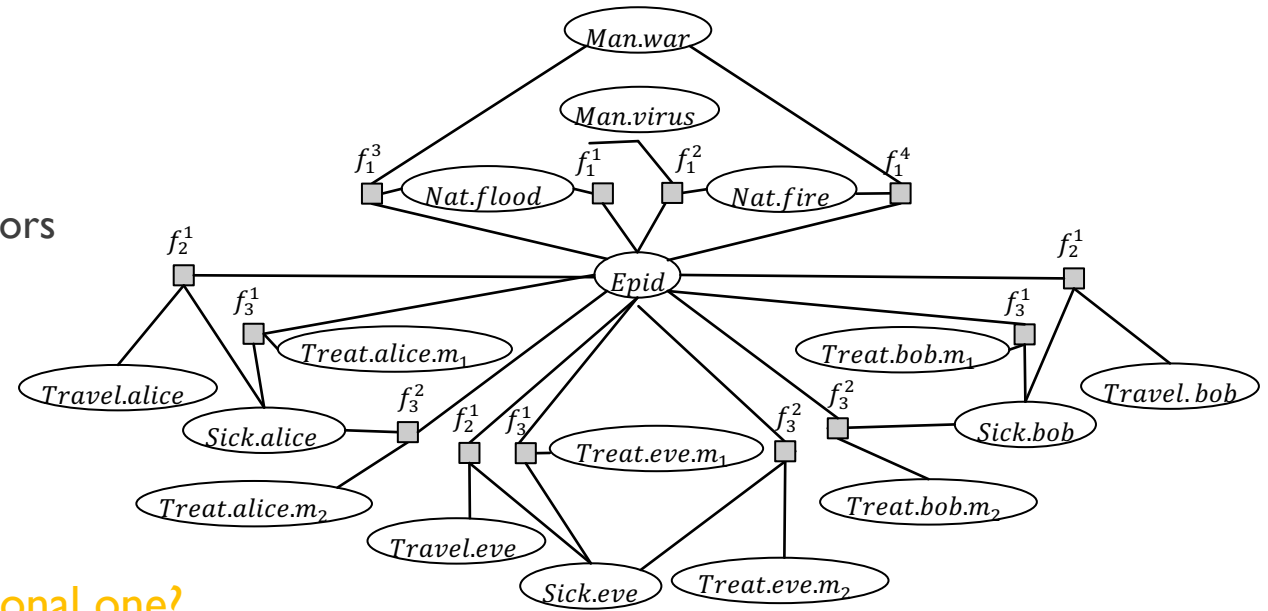
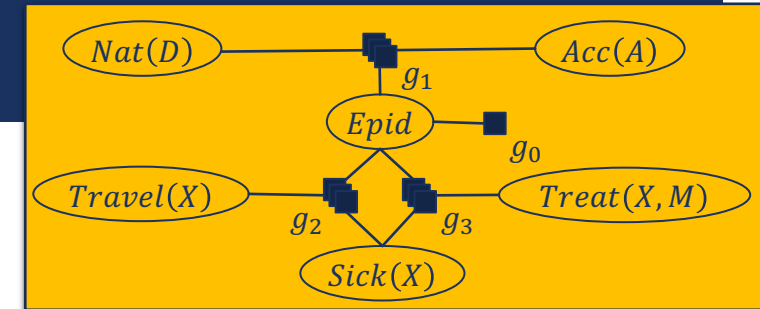
- For multiple queries
 - Parfactor graphs: Lifted junction tree algorithm [B and Möller 2016]
 - MLNs: First-order knowledge compilation [Van den Broeck et al. 2011], probabilistic theorem proving [Gogate & Domingos 2011]
- Approximate inference
 - Symmetric factor graphs: Lifted belief propagation [Ahmadi et al. 2013]
 - MLNs: Lifted importance sampling [Venegupal & Gogate 2014]
 - Symmetries within Markov chains: Lifted MCMC [Niepert 2012]
 - Factor graphs: Local symmetries [Holtzen et al. 2019]

COMPLEXITY & TRACTABILITY

- Given a model that allows for lifted calculations
 - I.e., no groundings during solving an instance of the problem
- Solving an instance of the problem is possible in time **polynomial in domain sizes**
 - The query answering algorithm is **domain-lifted**
- A query answering problem is **tractable**
 - when it is solved by an efficient algorithm, running in time polynomial in the number of random variables
- Assume that the number of random variables is characterised by domain sizes
 - Then, solving a query answering problem is tractable under domain-liftability
 - Runtime might still be exponential in other terms
 - More general results by Niepert & Van den Broeck [2014]

SUMMARY

- (Exchangeable) objects and relations in an uncertain world
- Probabilistic relational models
 - Parfactor graphs: Adding logical variables to factors
 - MLNs: Adding weights to logical formulas
 - Grounding semantics with symmetries in weights / factors
- Lifted inference
 - Exploit symmetries for efficient inference
 - Tractability by exchangeability
- **Open problem:**
How do we get a first-order model from a propositional one?



AGENDA

1. Introduction and background [Tanya]
2. Compressing models [Malte]
 - The basics of colour passing
 - Recent advances in colour passing
3. Accuracy considerations [Jan]
4. Summary and future directions [Tanya]



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