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State sequence estimation in imprecise hidden Markov models

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Precise hidden Markov model

A sequence of hidden state variables

X_1

X_2

X_3

O_1

O_2

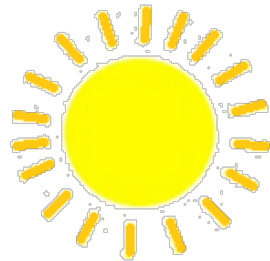
O_3

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$X_i =$



or



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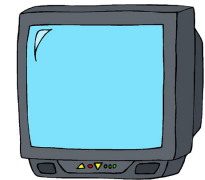
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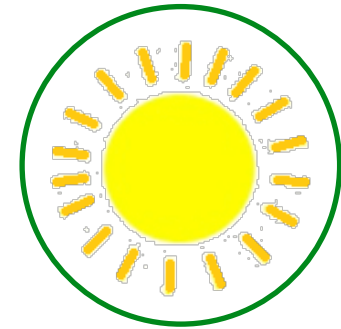
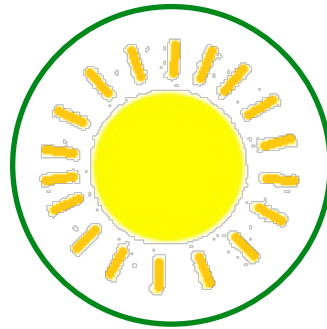
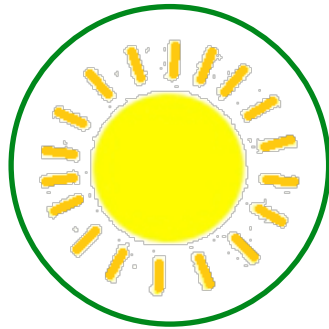
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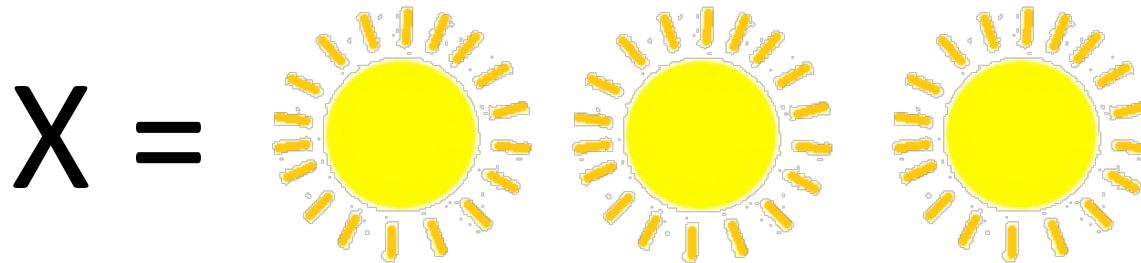
$$X = X_1 X_2 X_3$$

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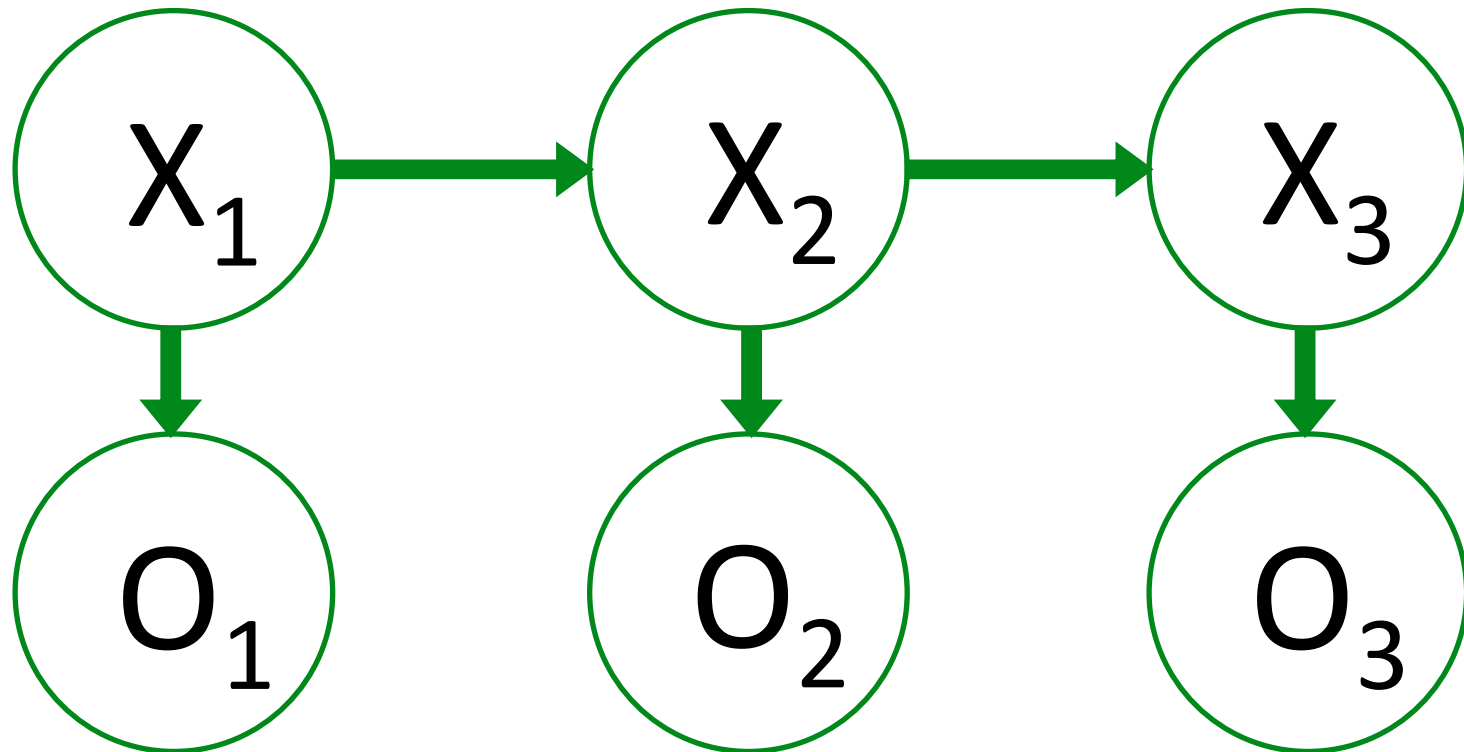
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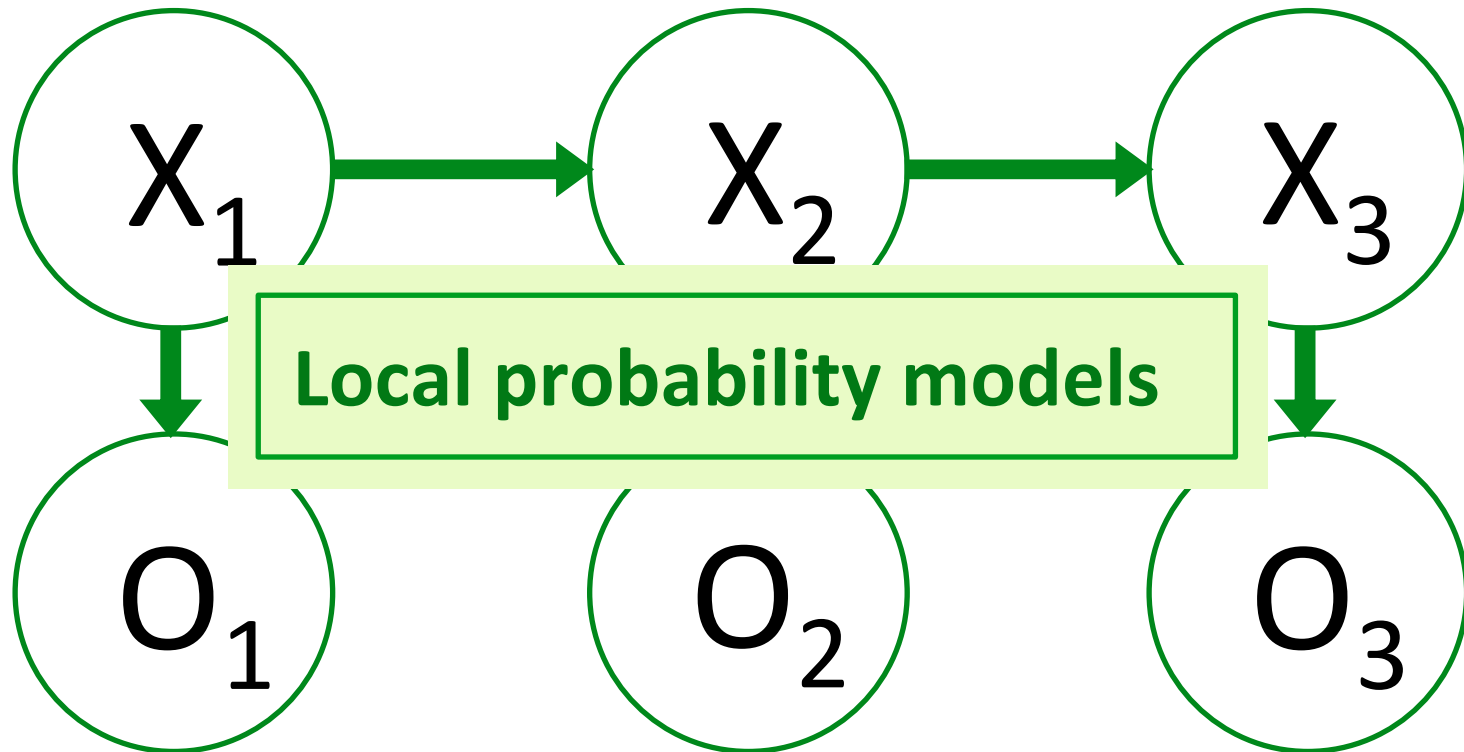
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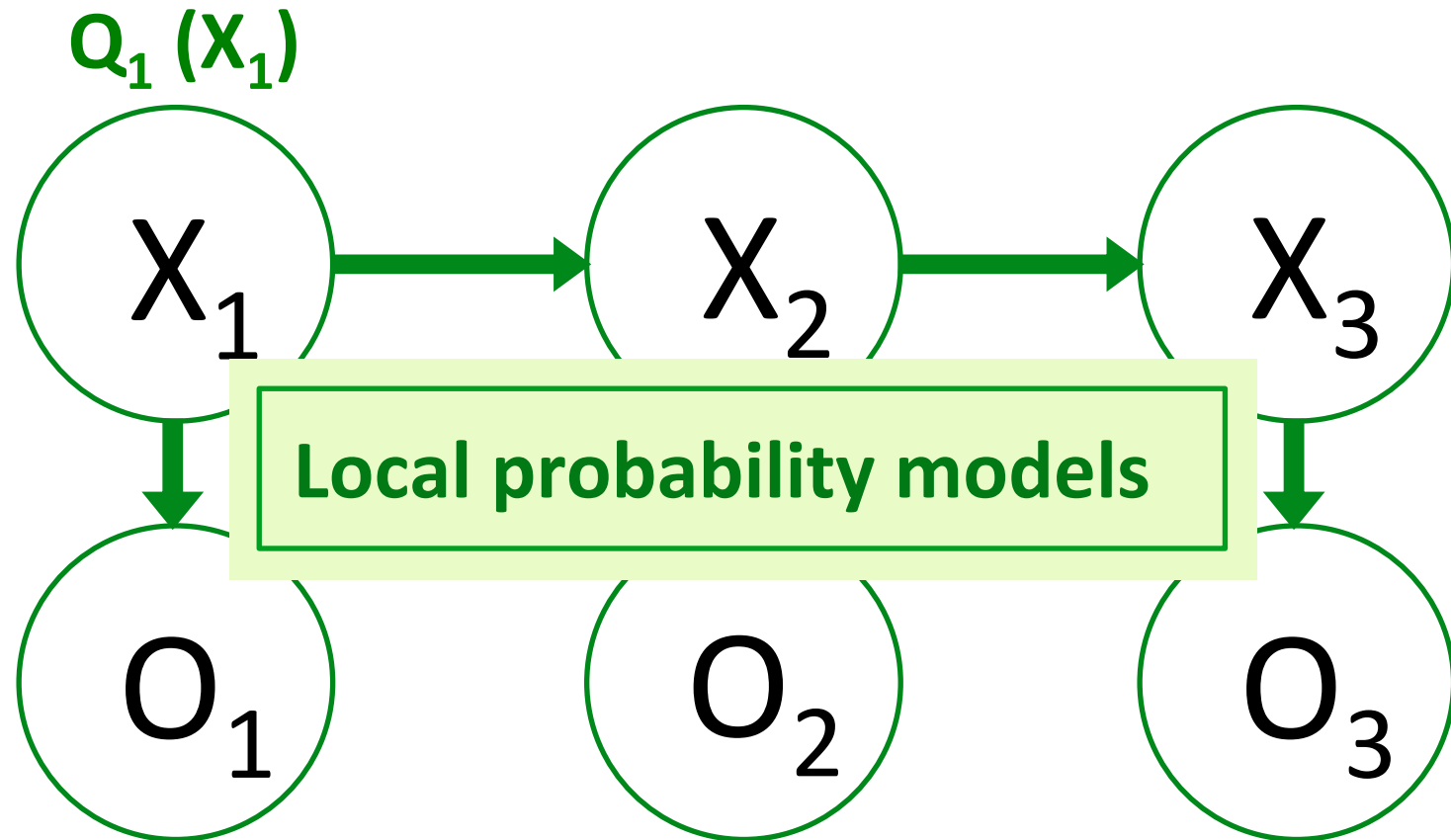
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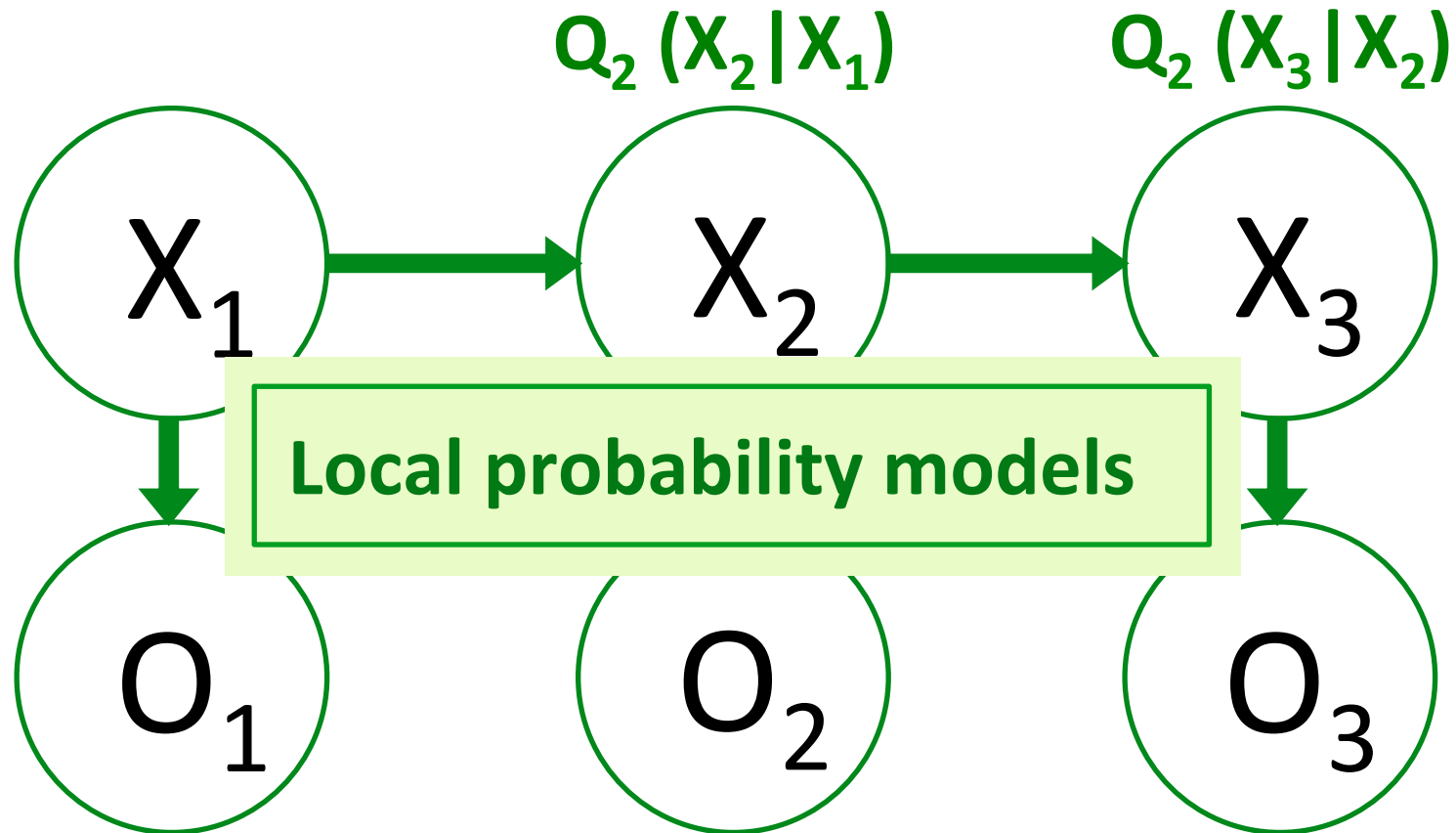
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Marginal model for the first hidden variable

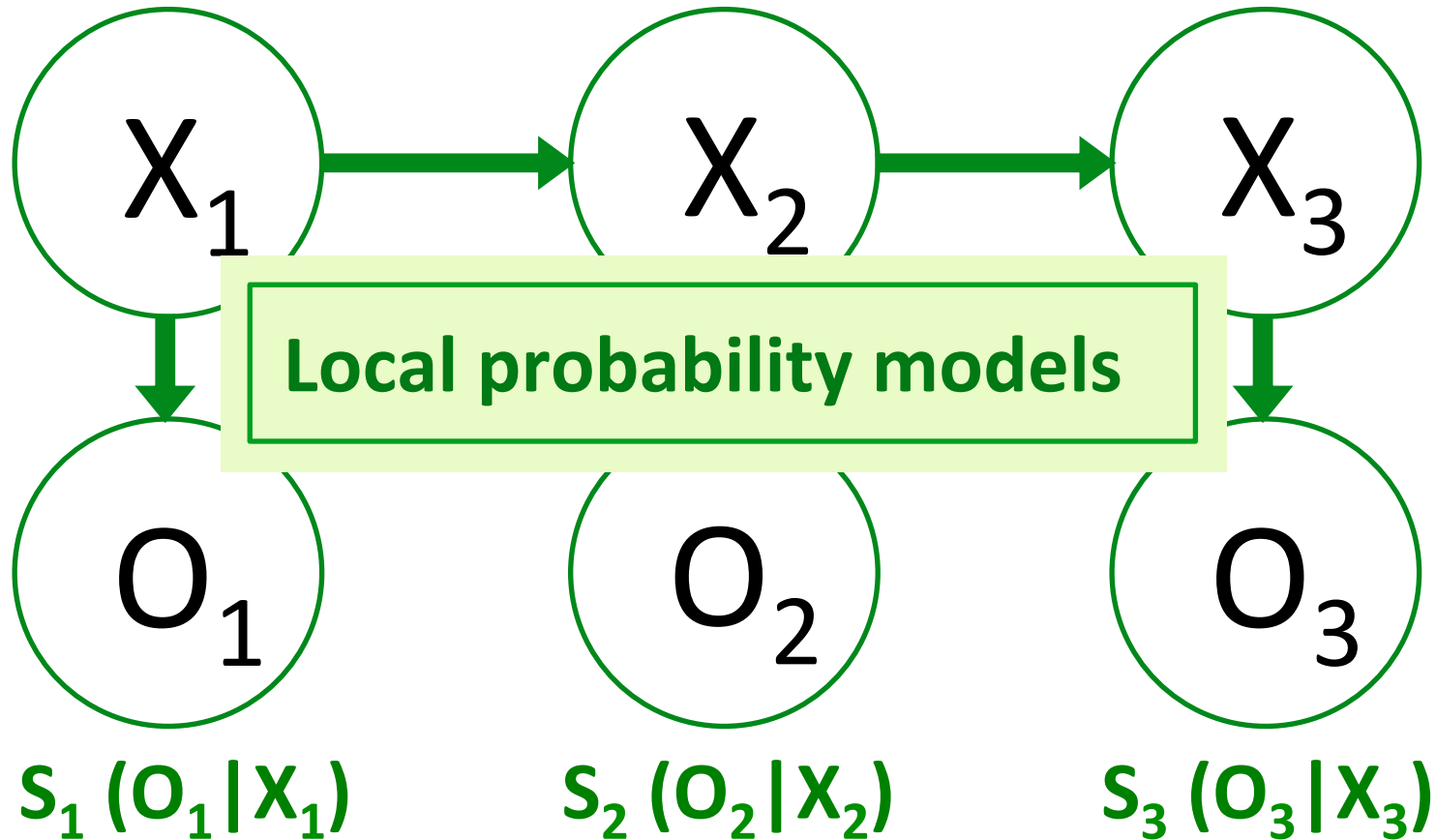
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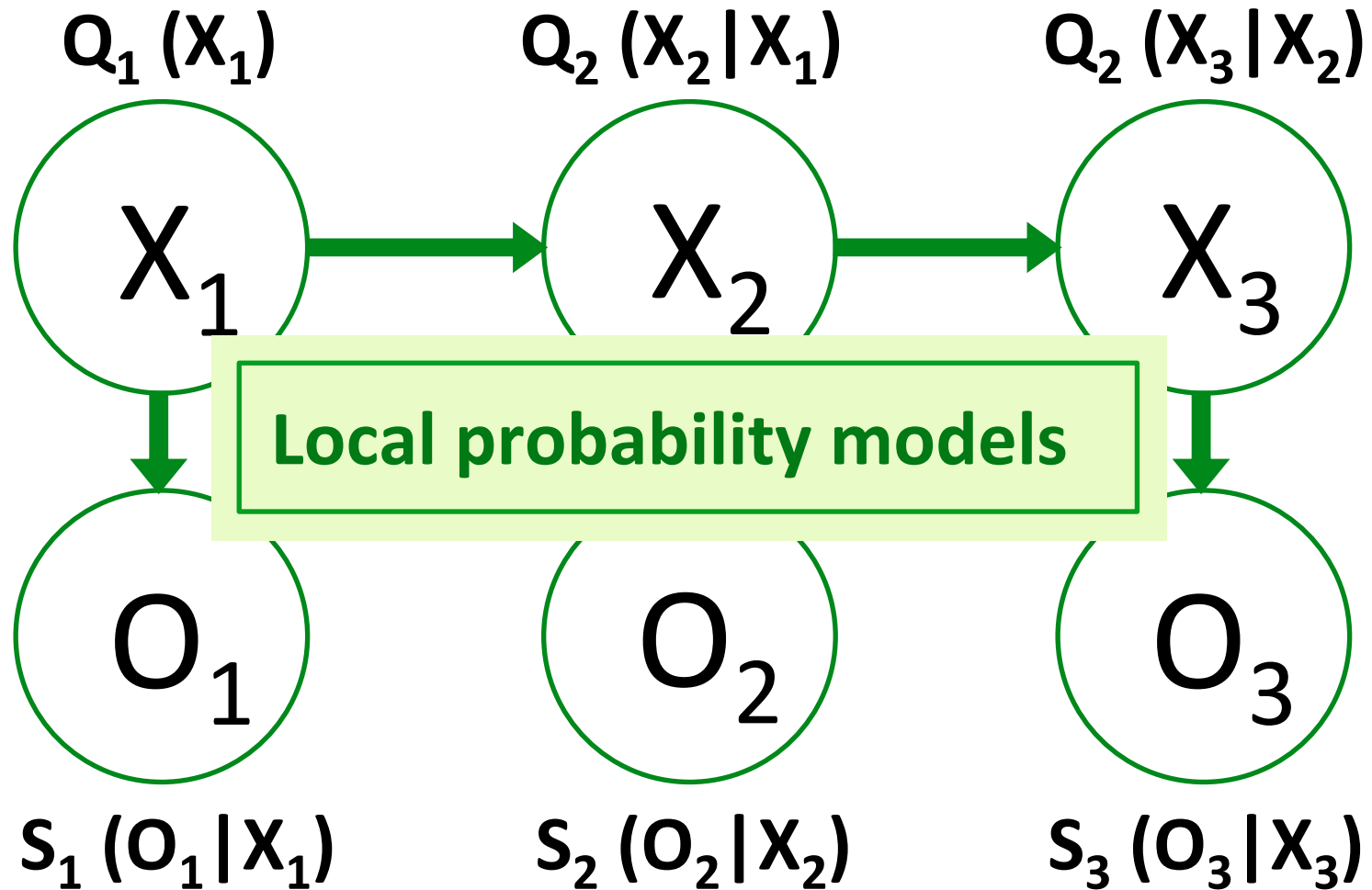
Transition models for the next hidden variables

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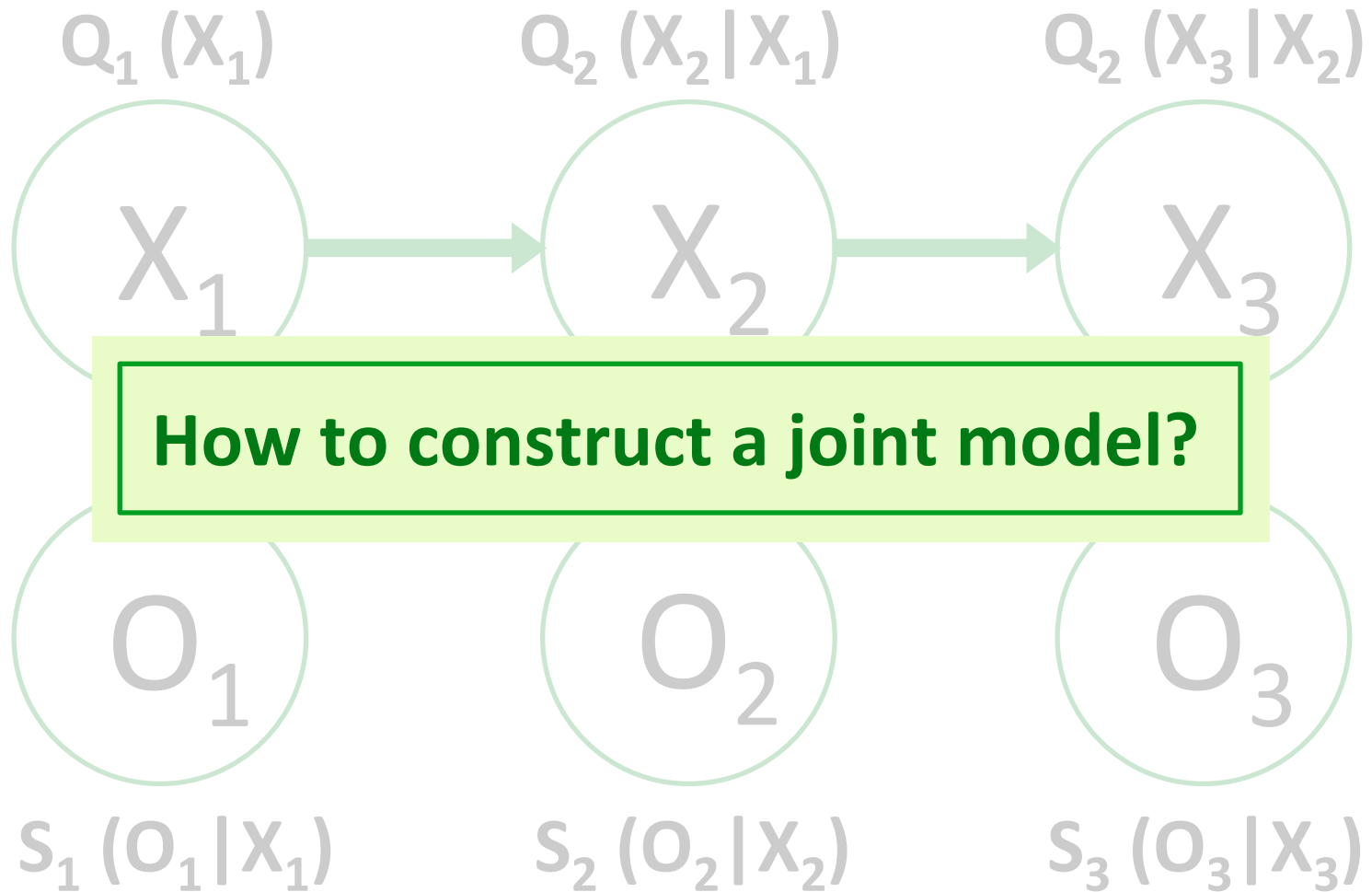
Output models for the observable output variables



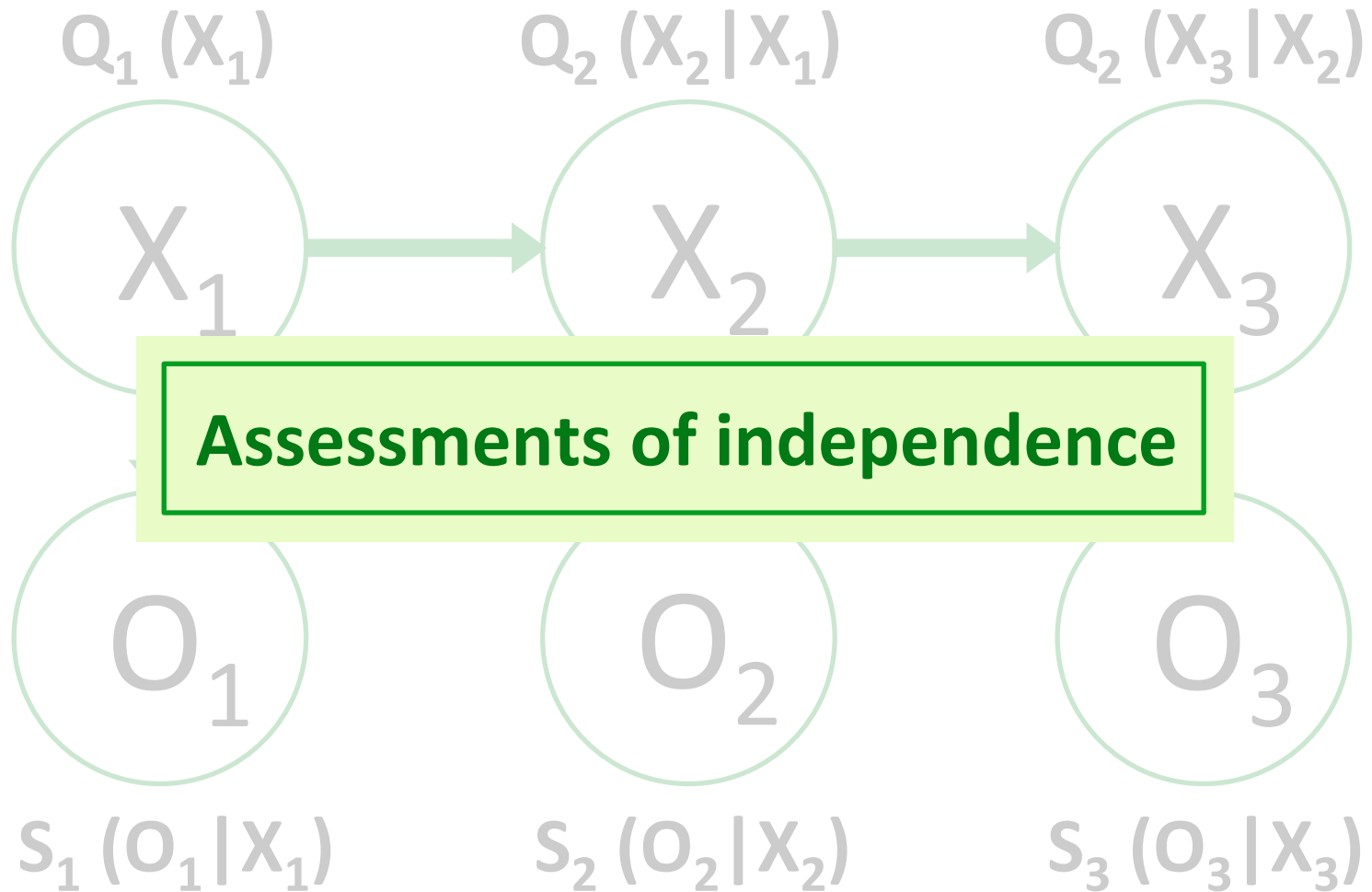
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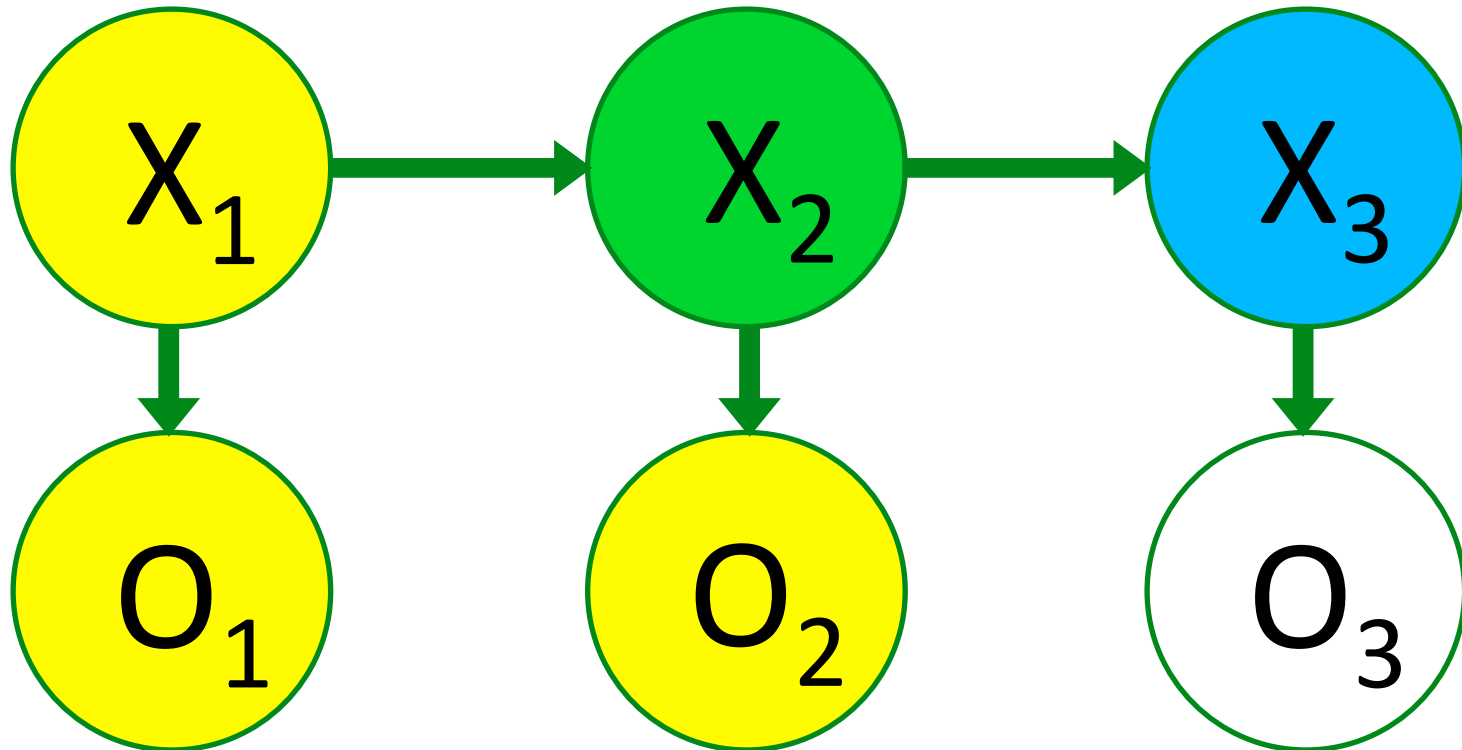


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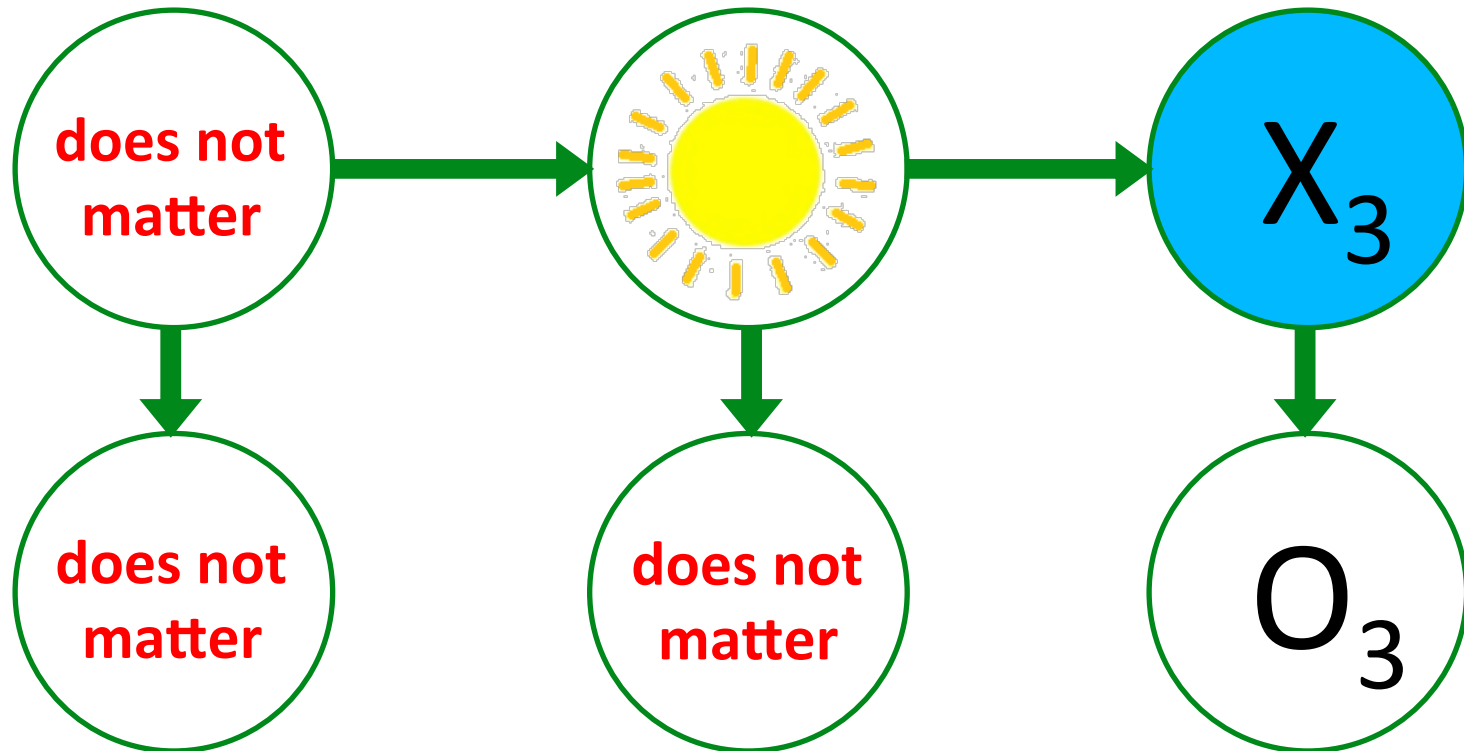
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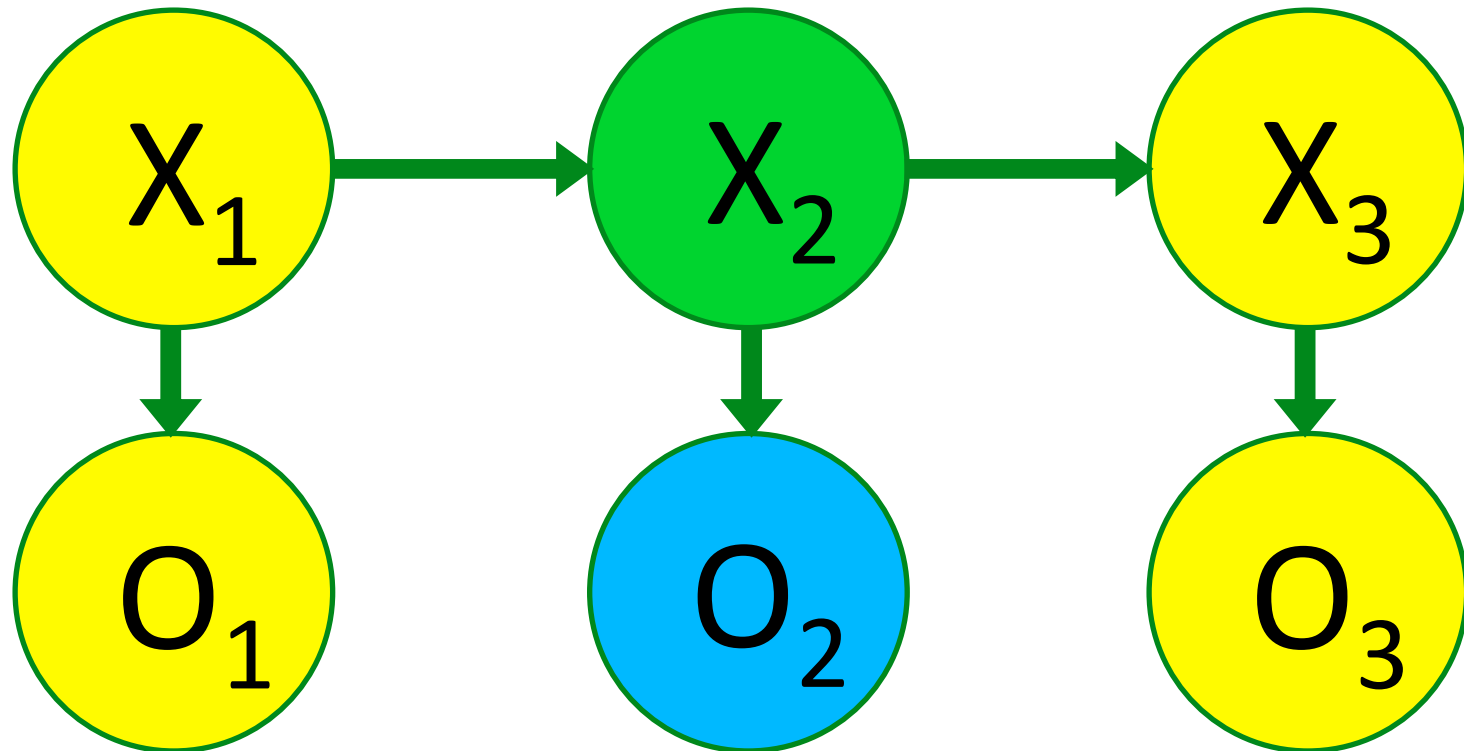
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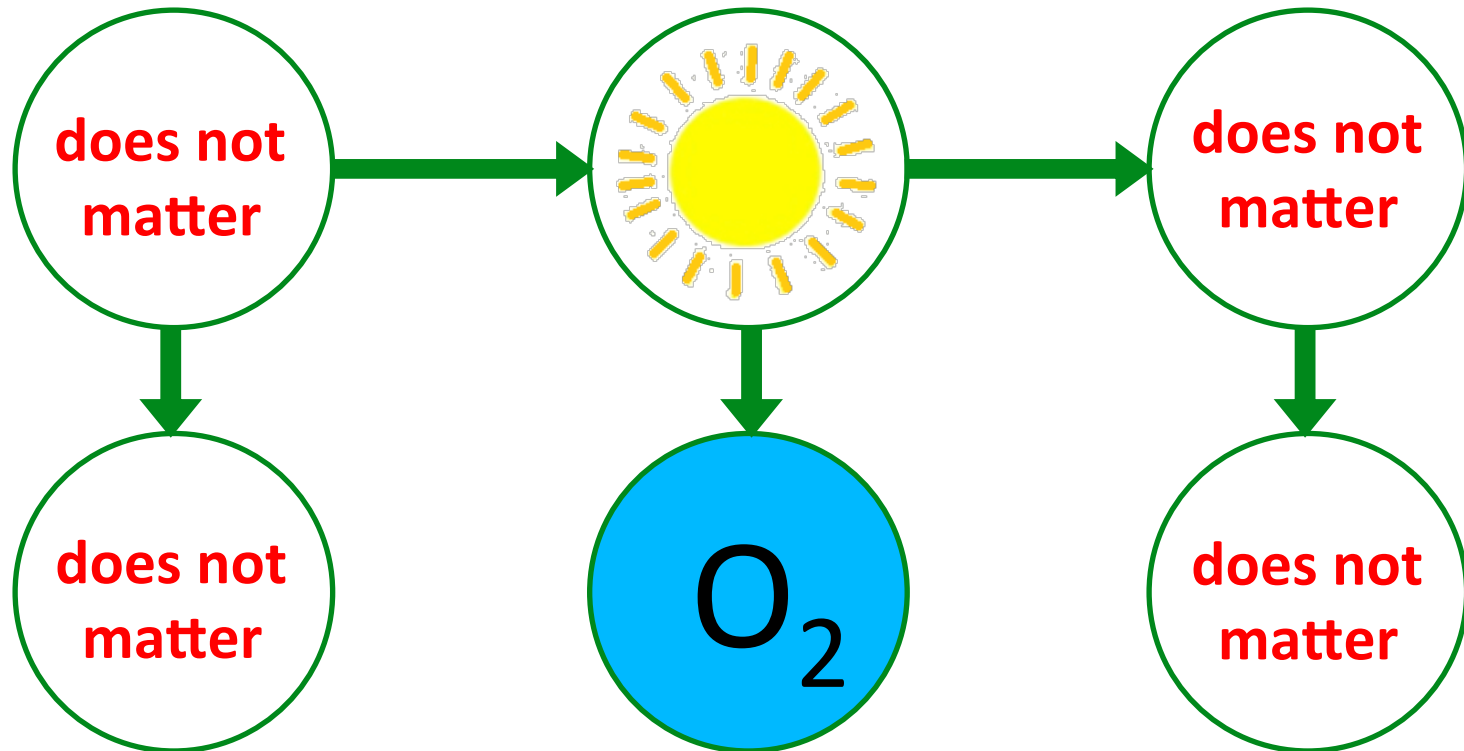
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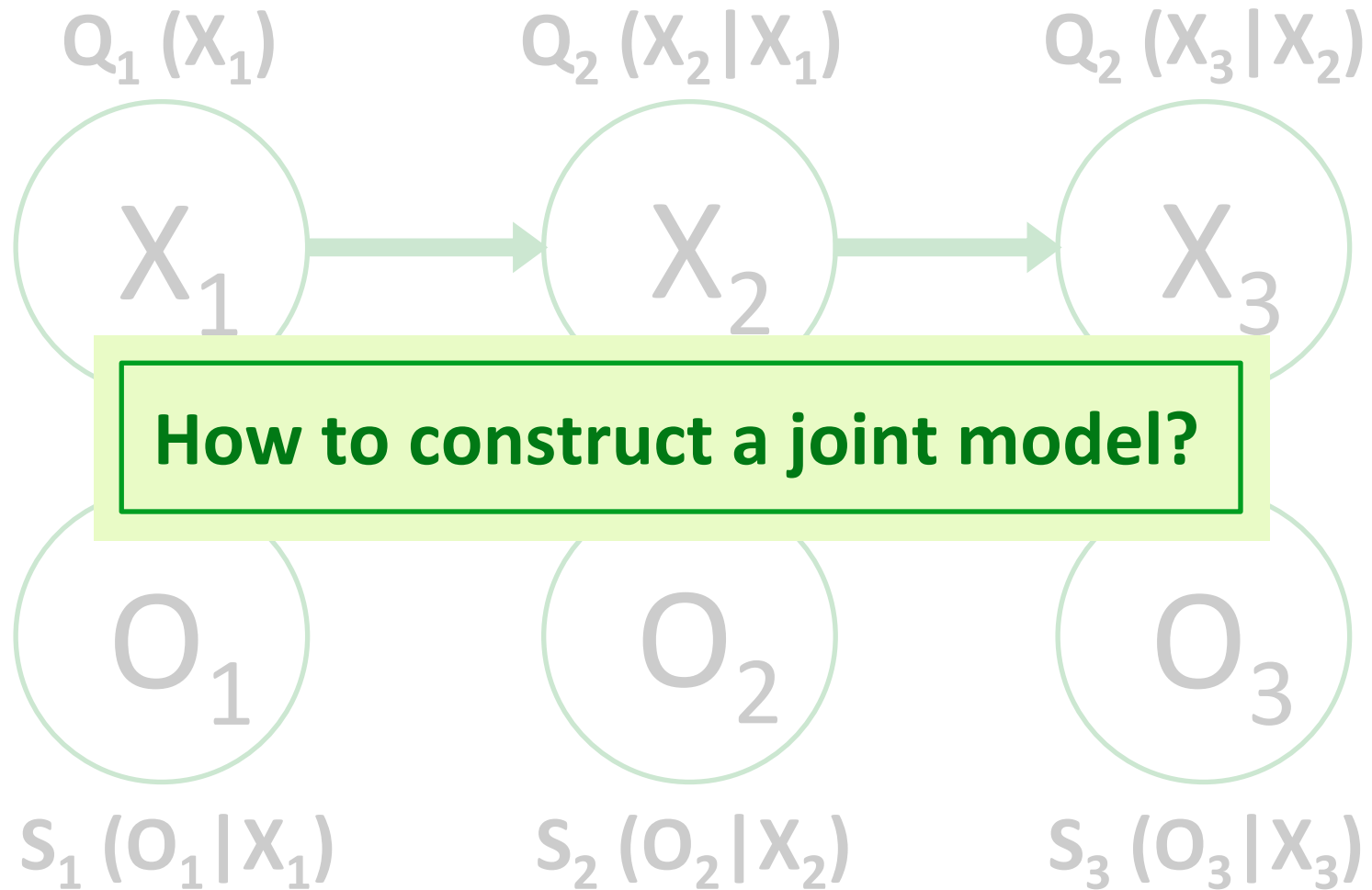


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$$Q_1 (X_1)$$

$$Q_2 (X_2 | X_1)$$

$$Q_2 (X_3 | X_2)$$

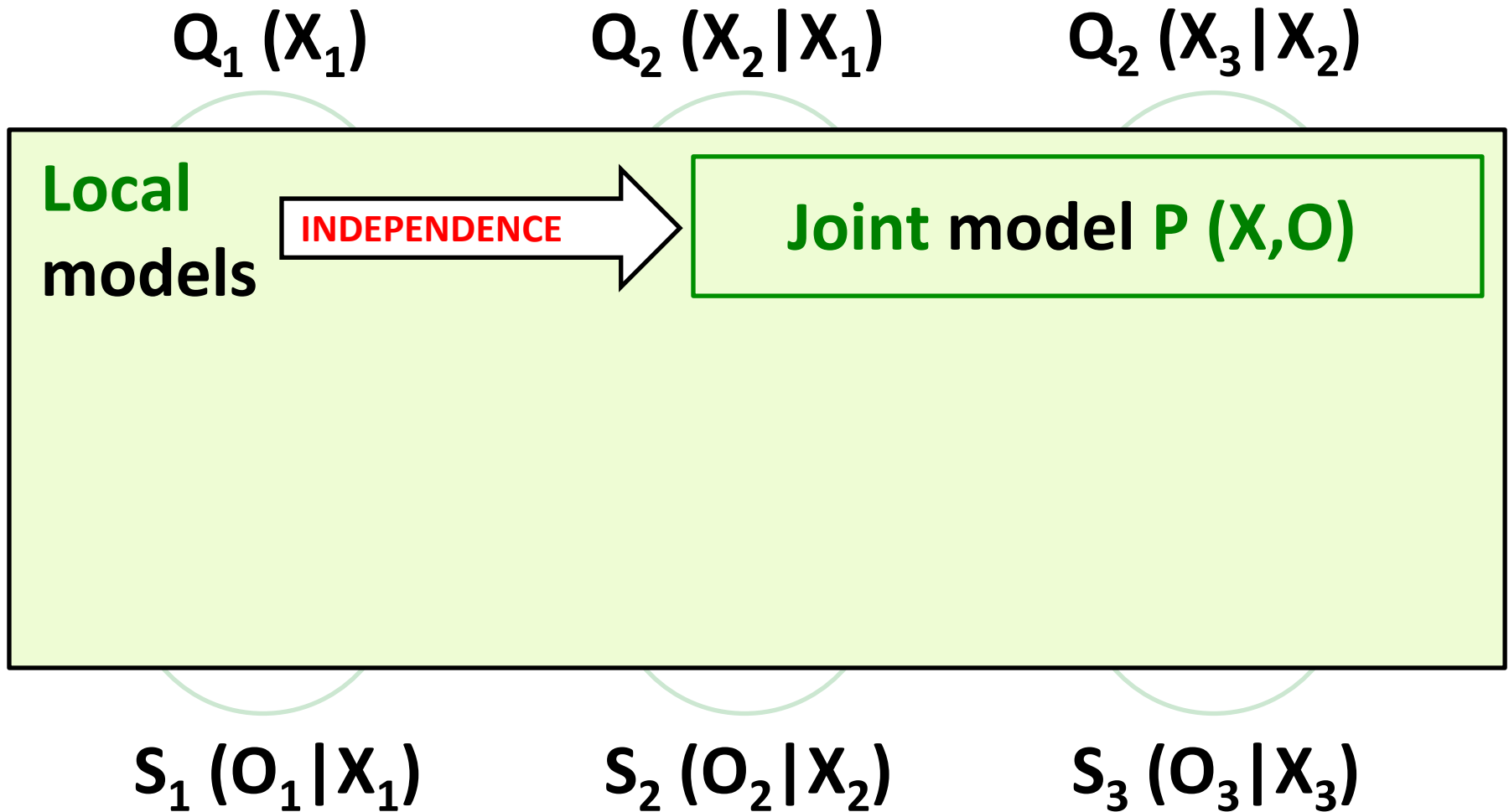
**Local
models**

$$S_1 (O_1 | X_1)$$

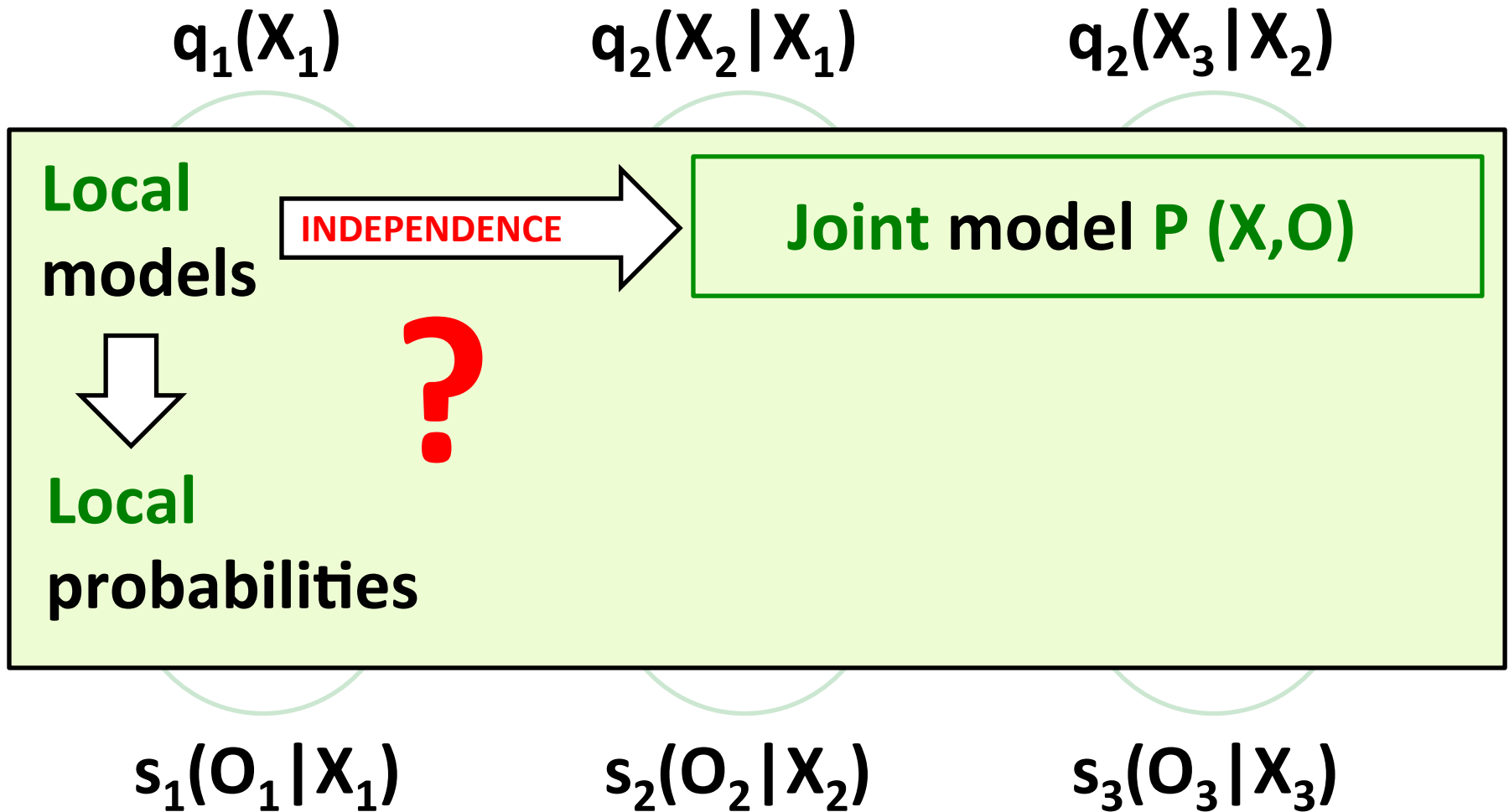
$$S_2 (O_2 | X_2)$$

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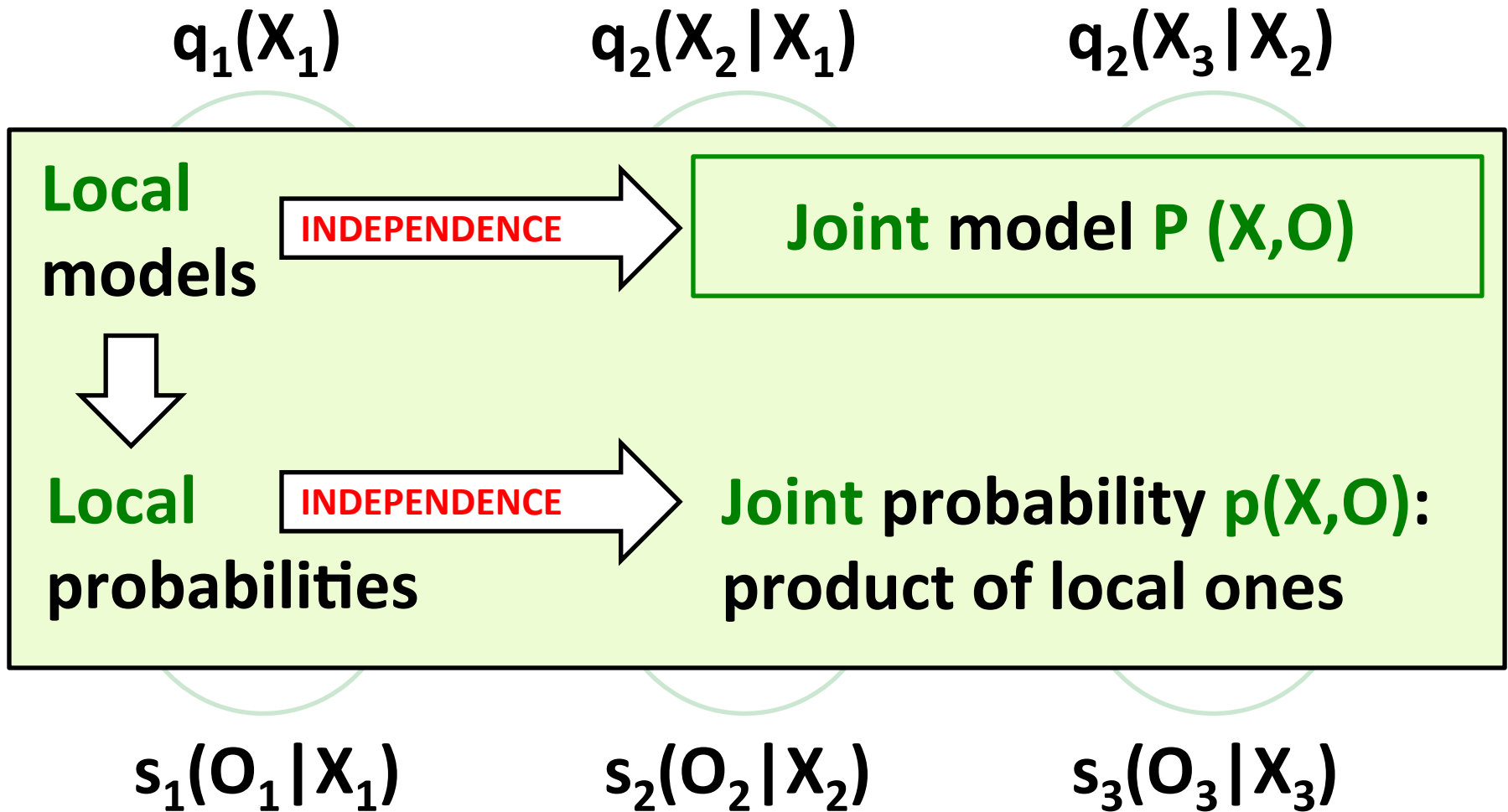
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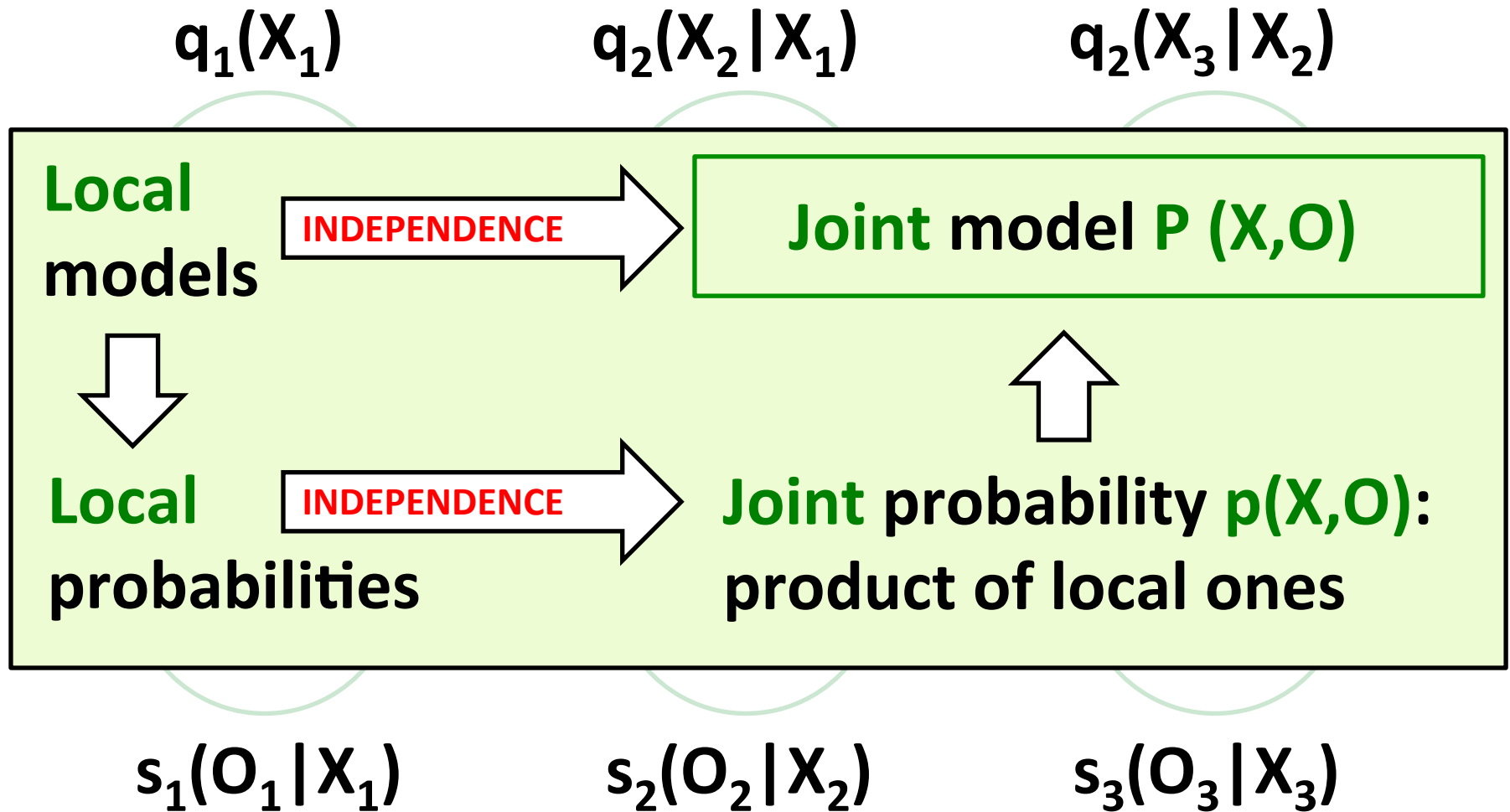
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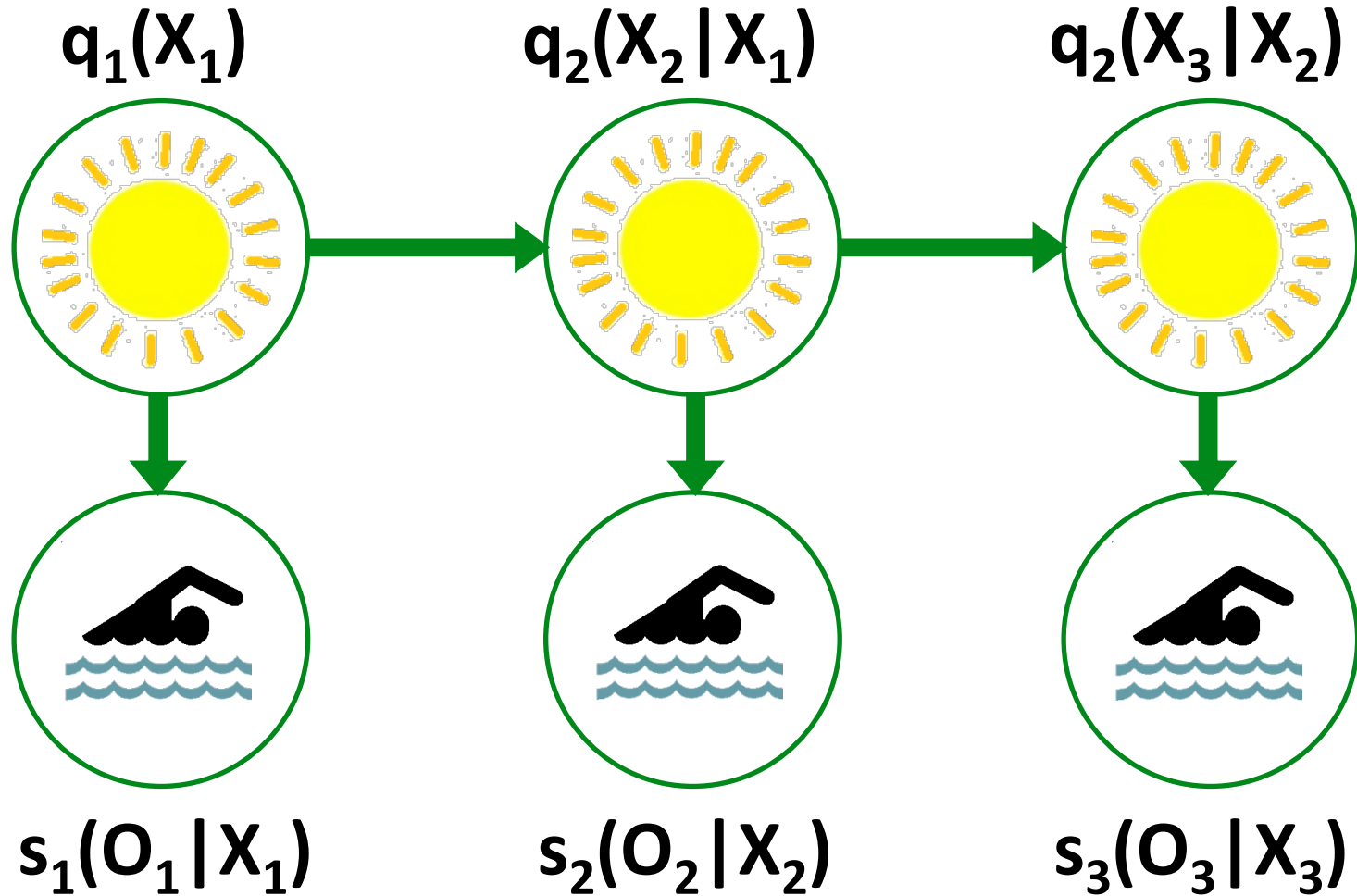
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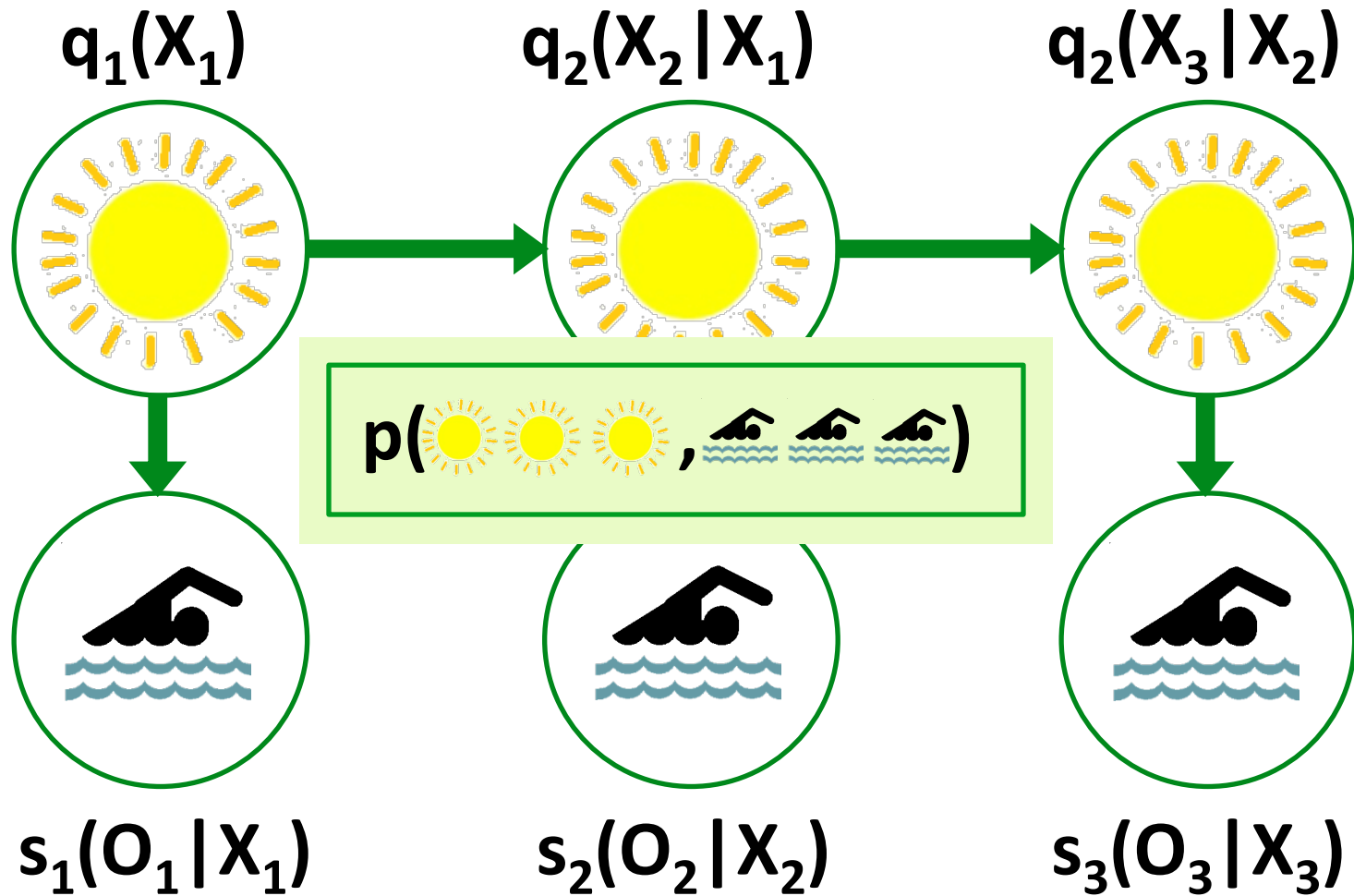
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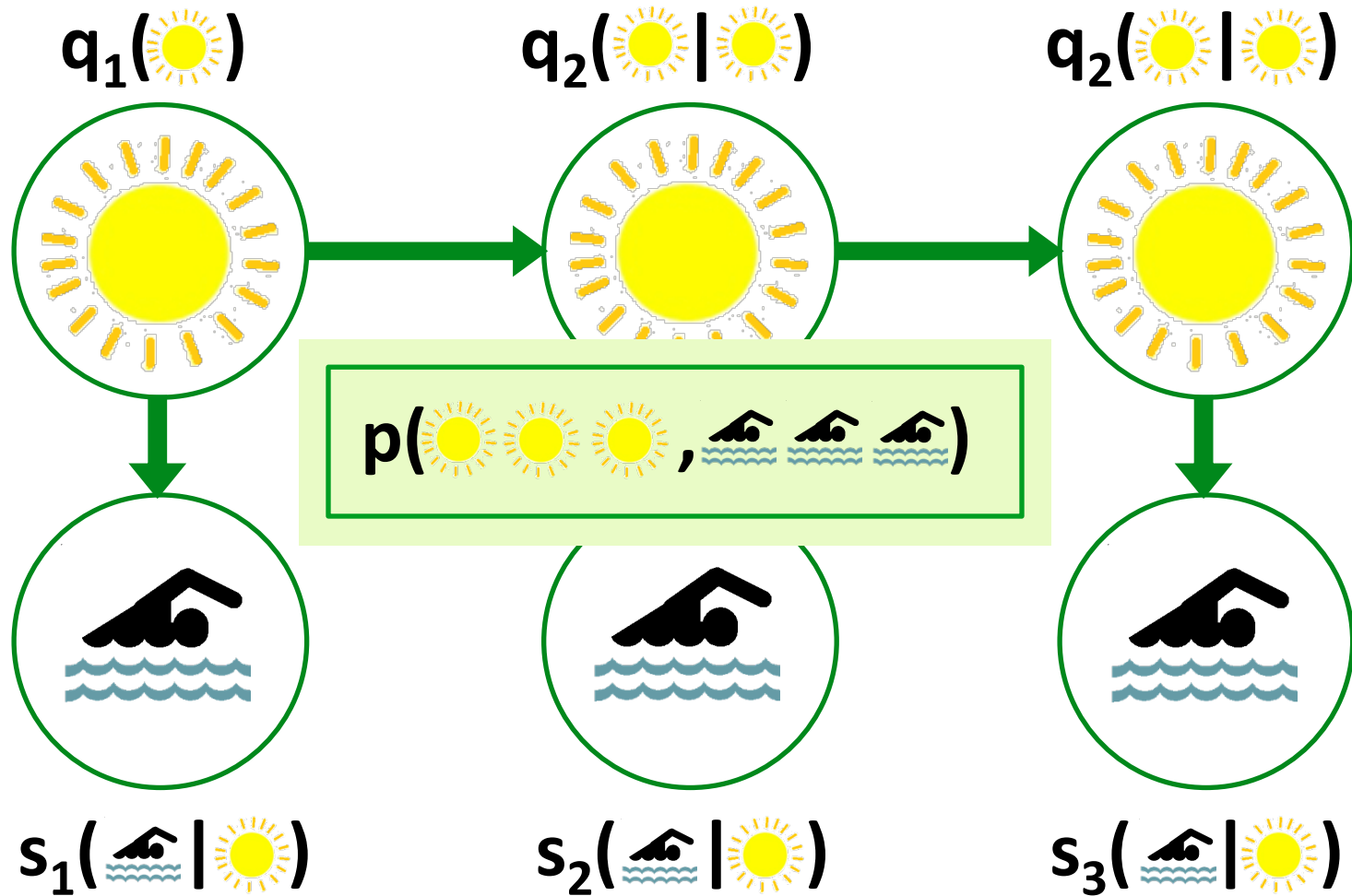
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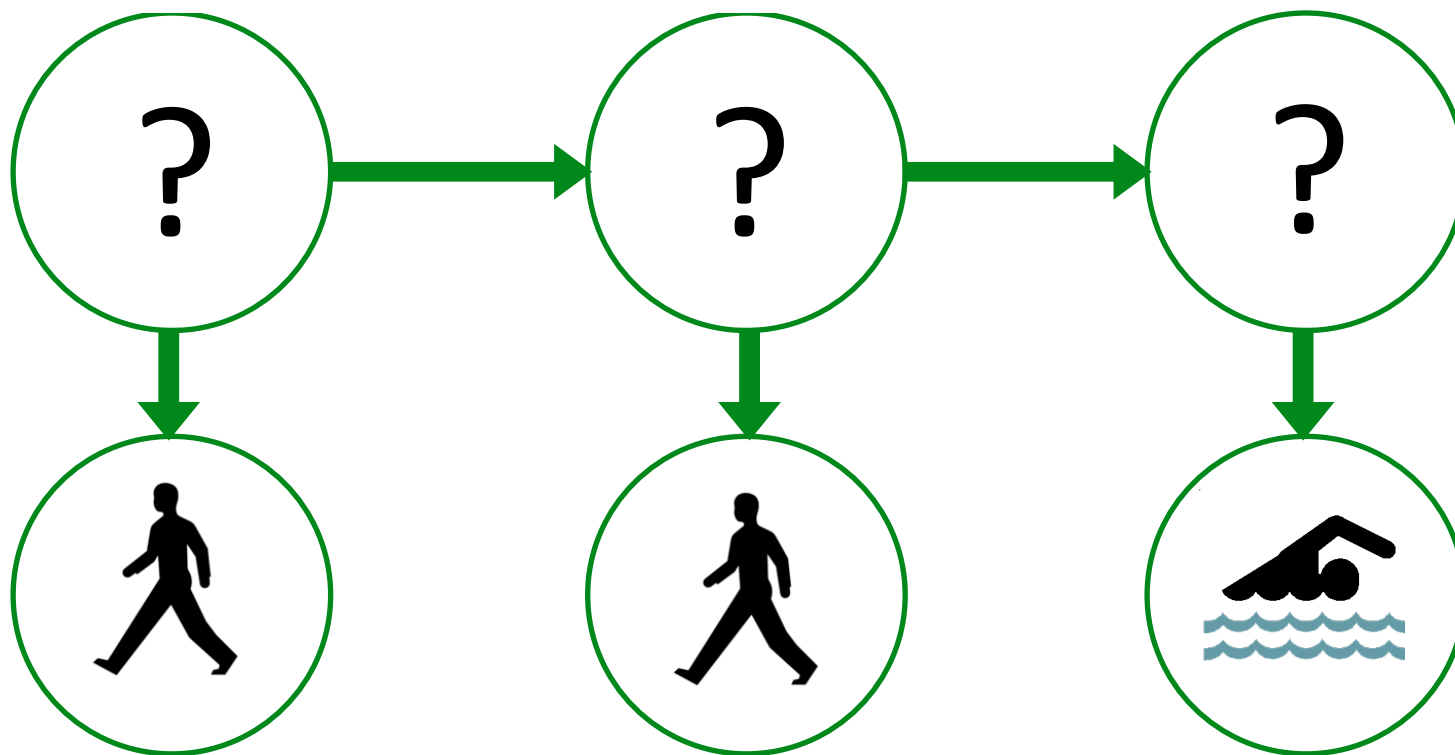
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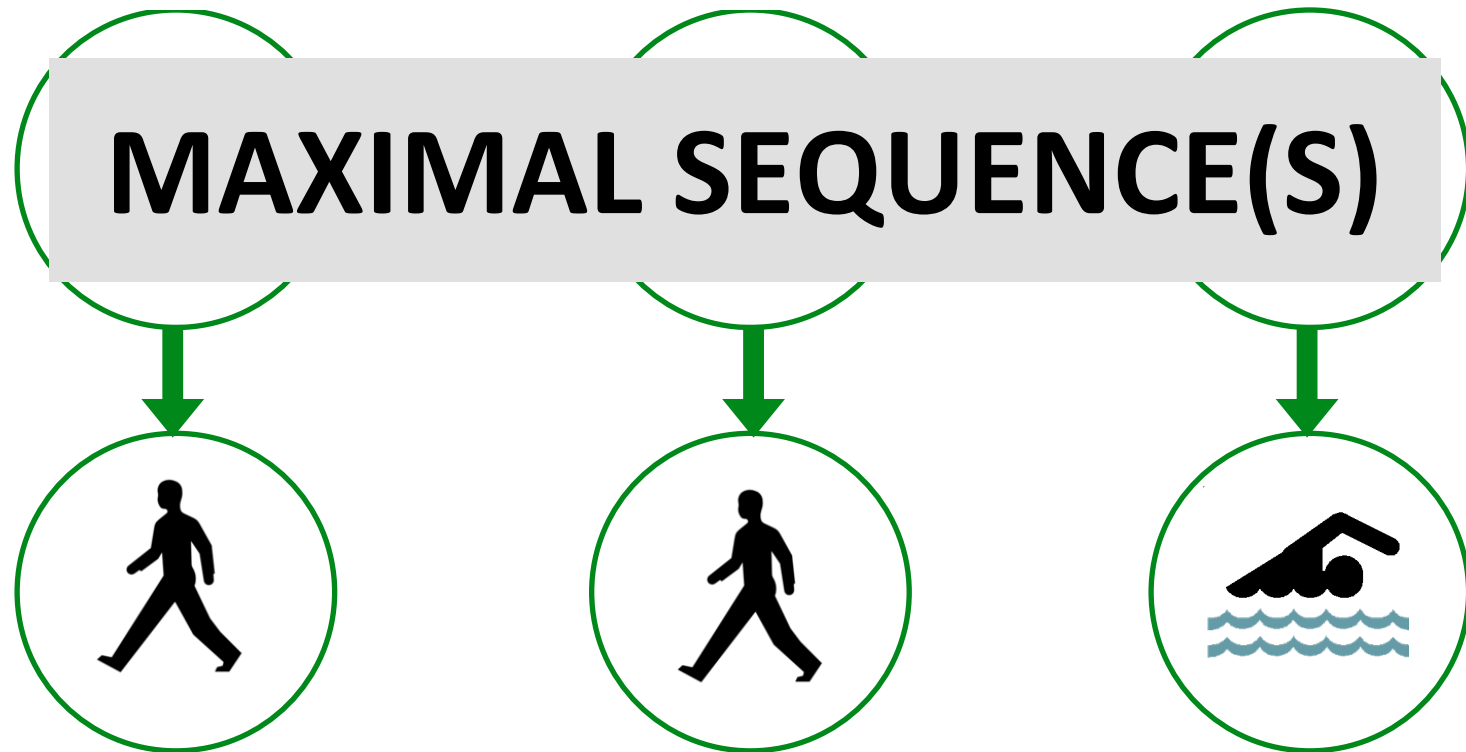
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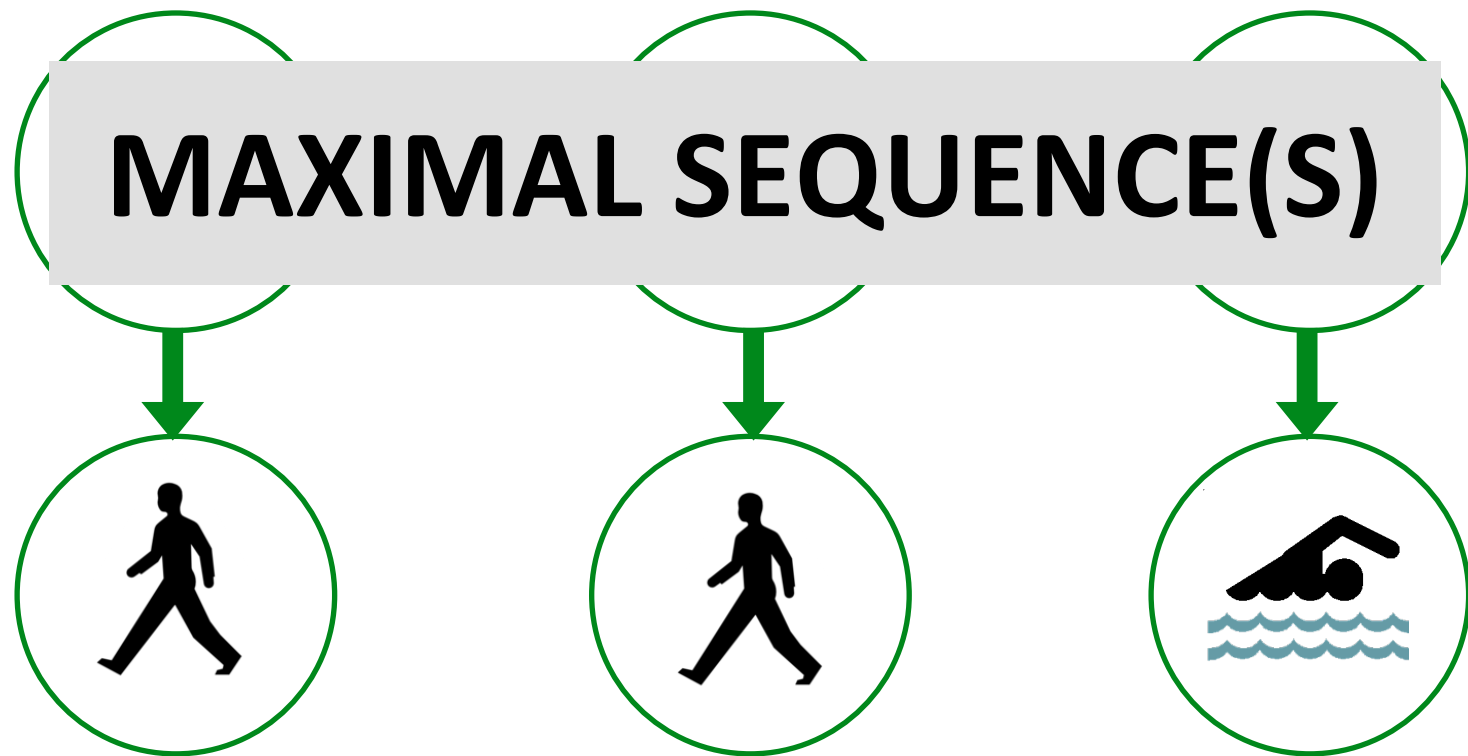
State sequence estimation

How to estimate the hidden state sequence



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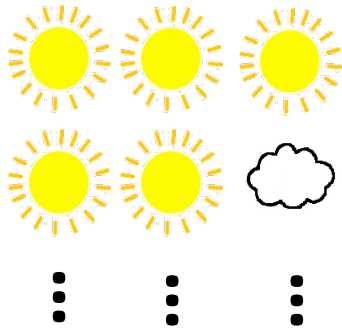
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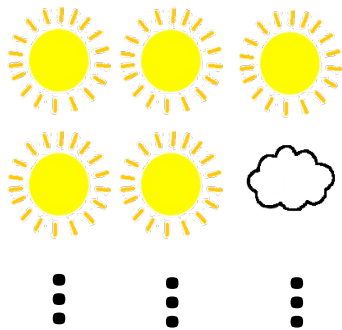


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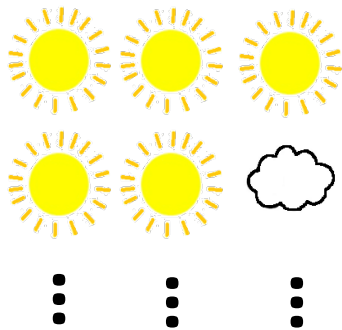


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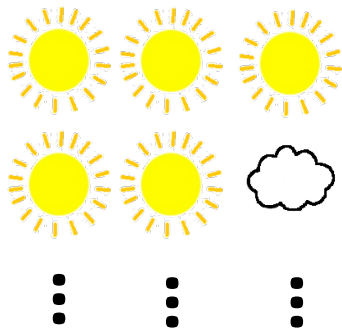
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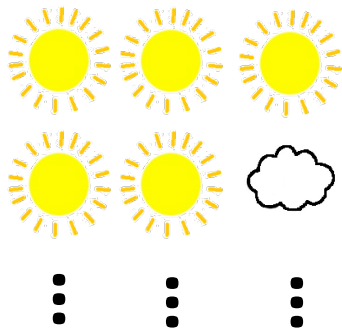
What do we do if
this is not fulfilled?

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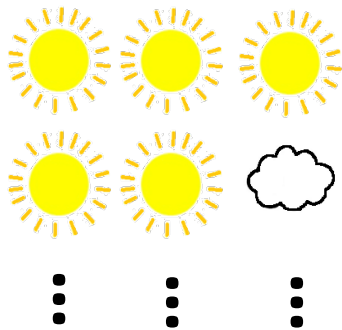
How to make our criterion
easier to check and include the
zero-case at the same time?

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Highest **un**conditional probability $p(X, \text{人} \text{人} \text{游泳})!$
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$$p(X | \text{人} \text{人} \text{游泳}) = \frac{p(X, \text{人} \text{人} \text{游泳})}{p(\text{人} \text{人} \text{游泳}) \neq 0}$$

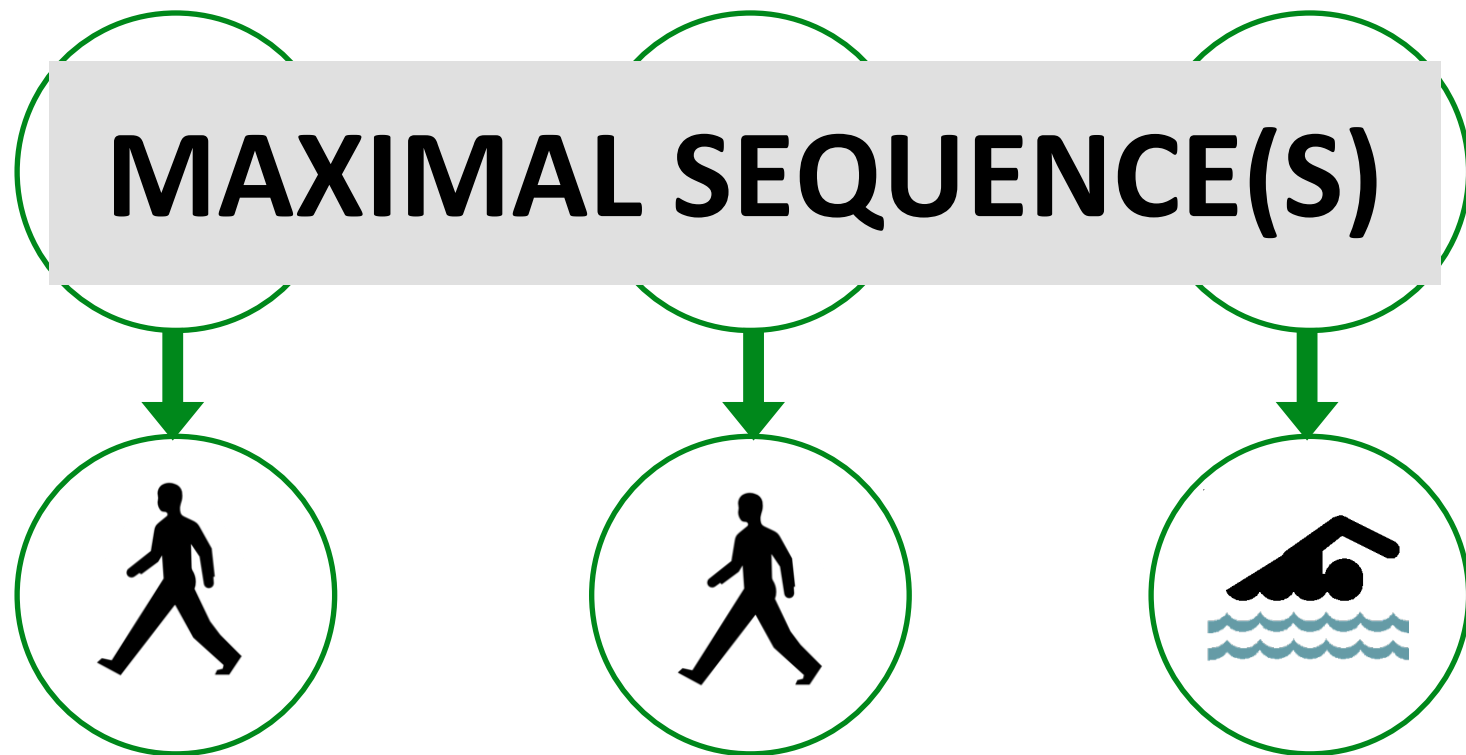
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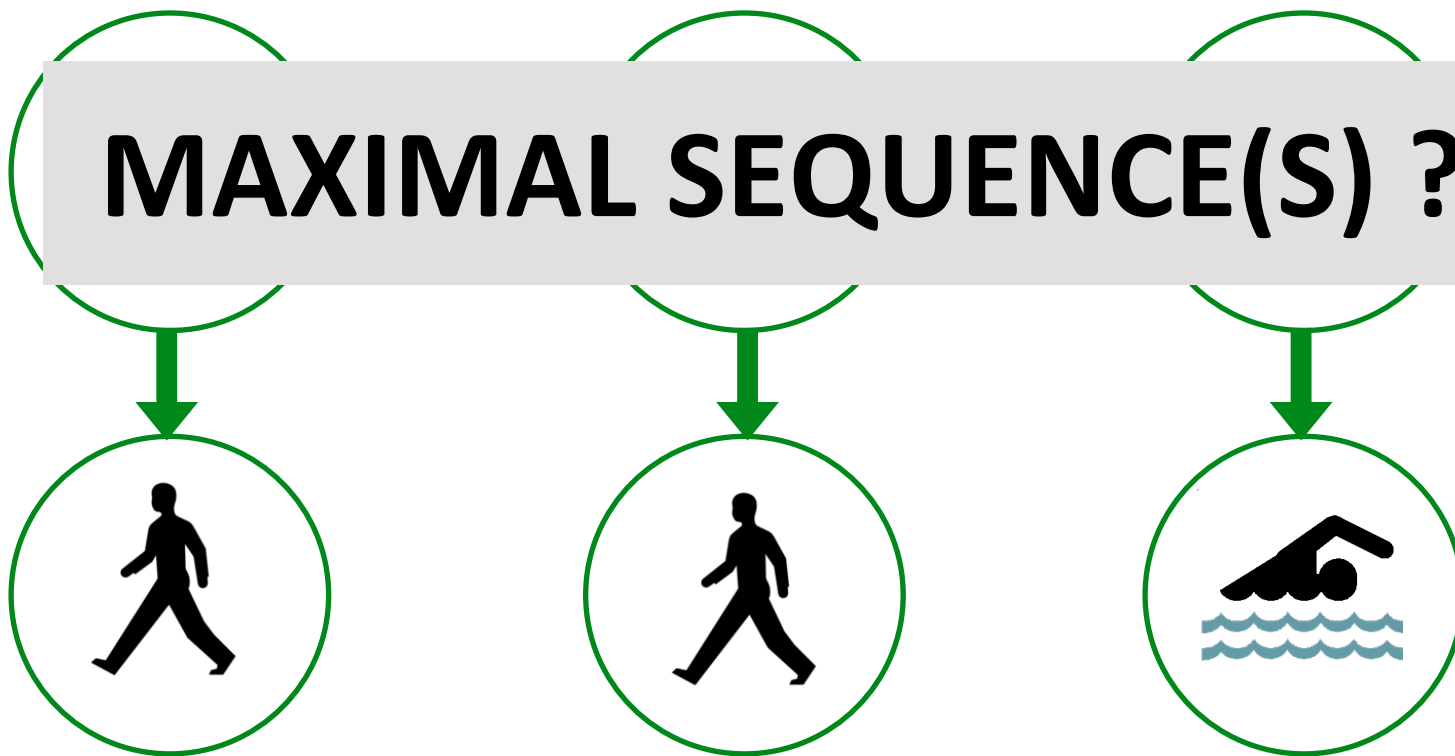
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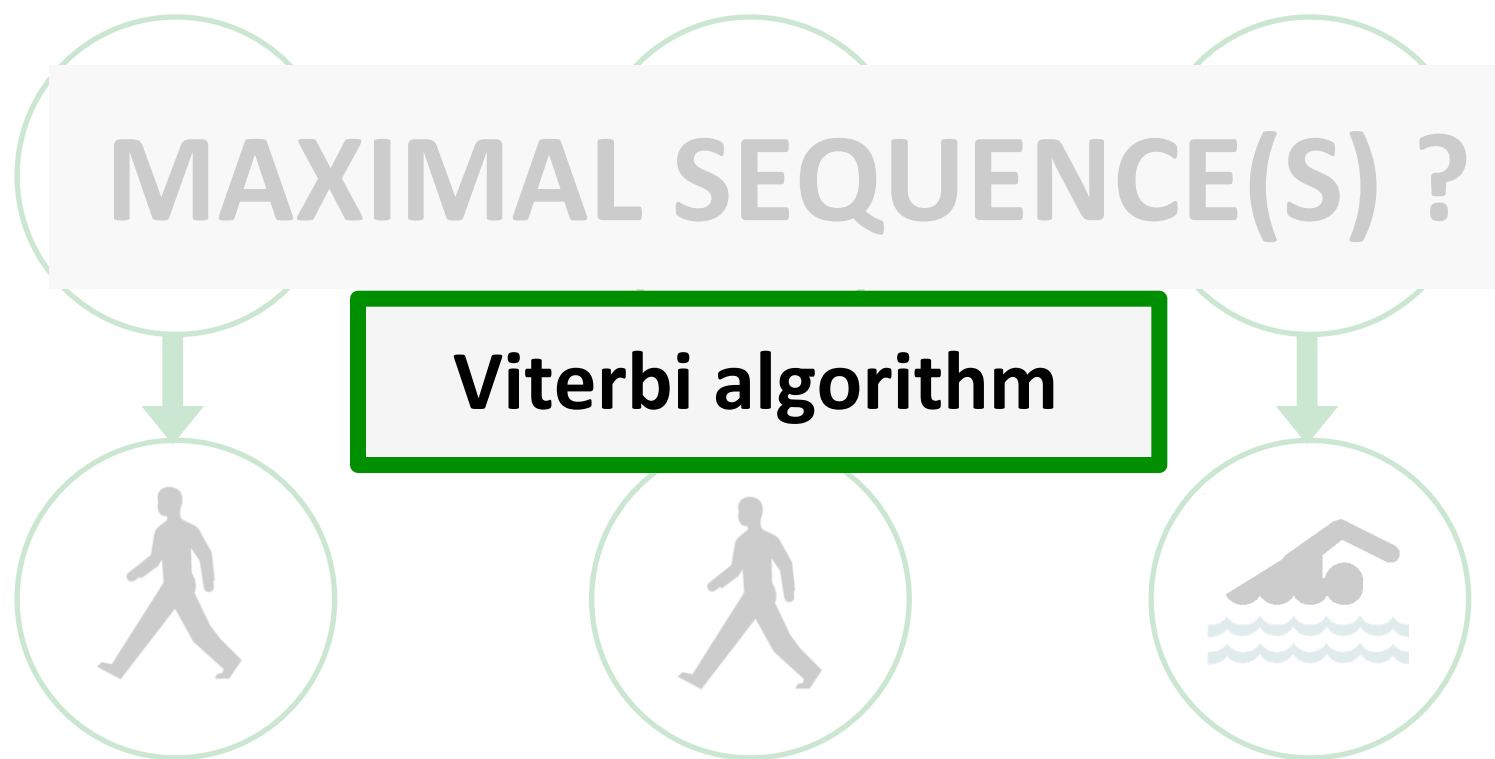
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MAXIMAL SEQUENCE(S) ?



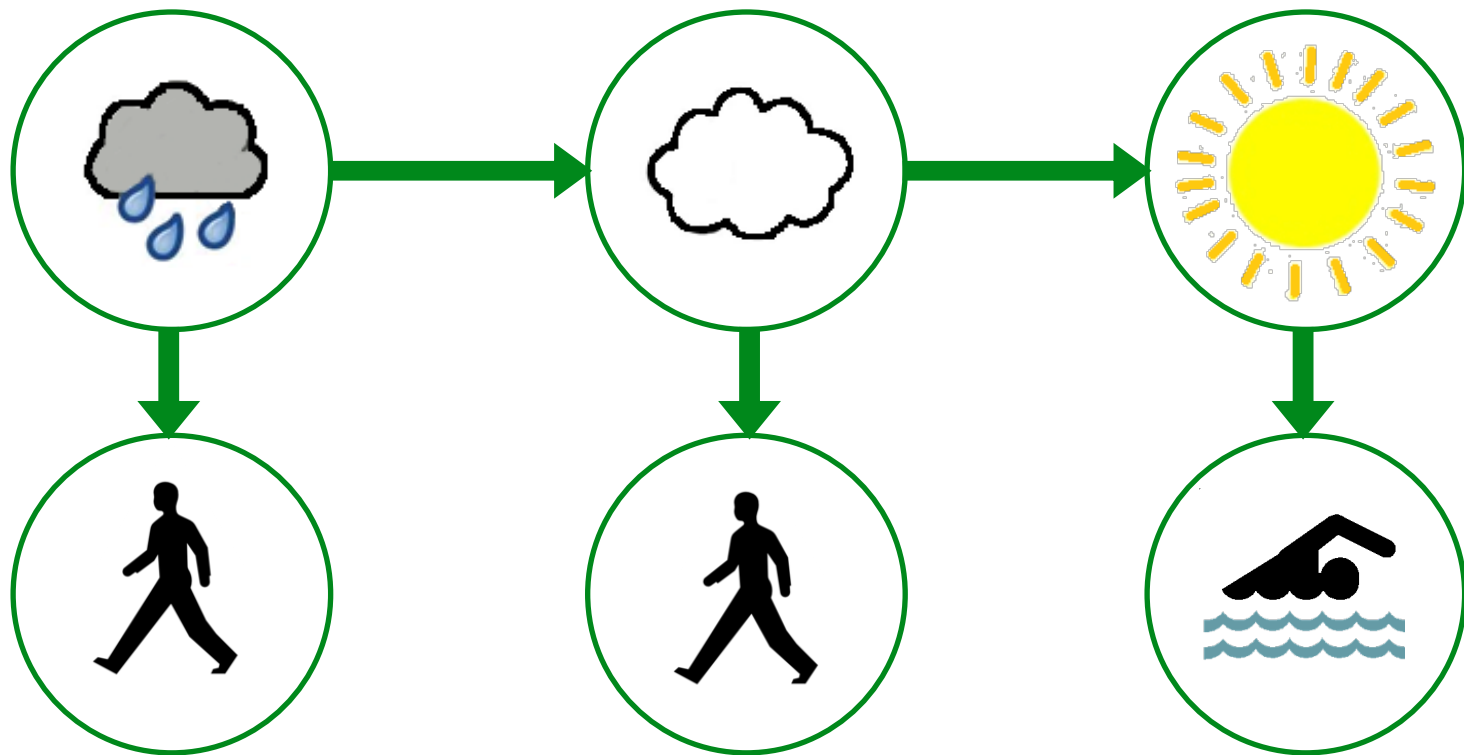
State sequence estimation

Highest unconditional probability $p(X, \text{walk} \text{ walk} \text{ swim})$?



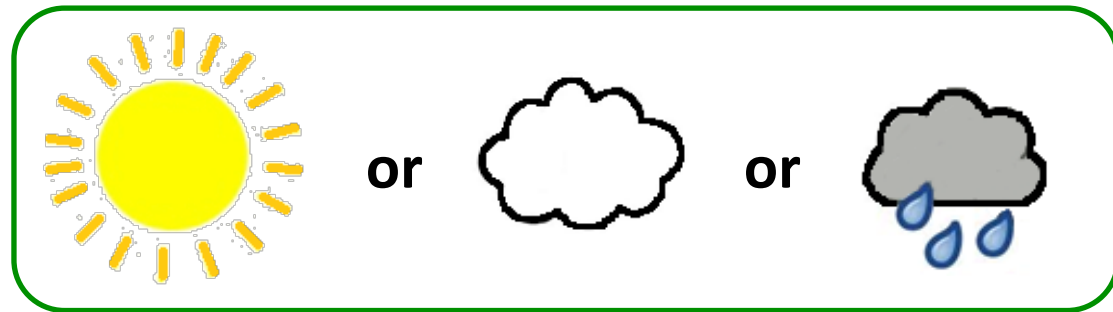
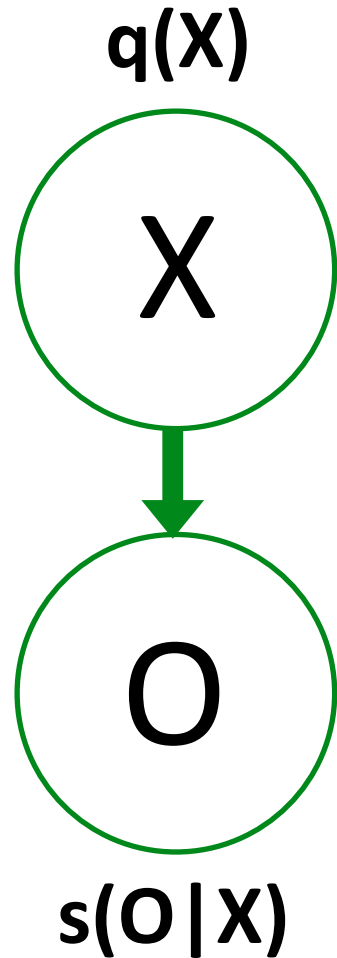
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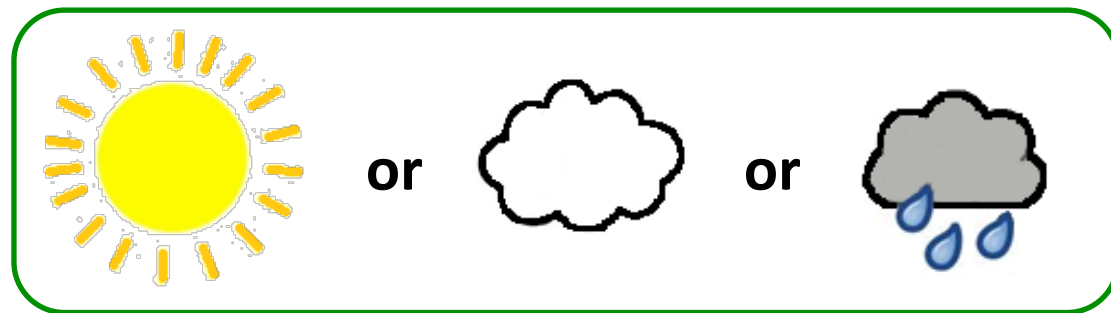
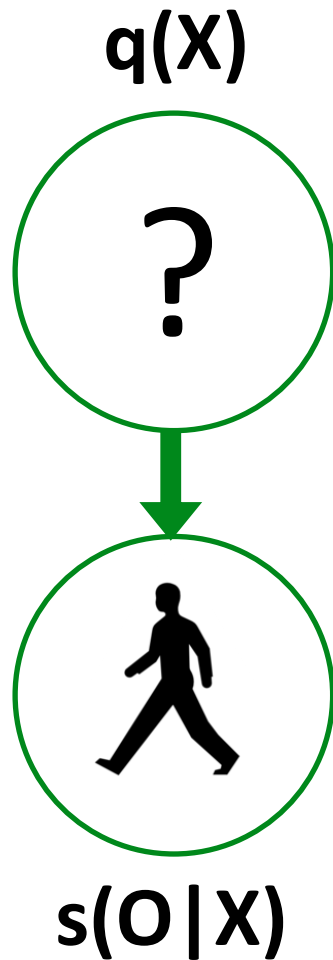
EXERCISE!

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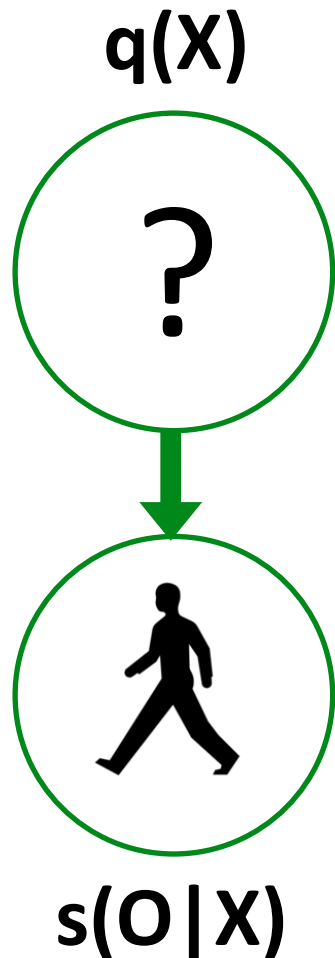


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Estimate the (hidden) state!



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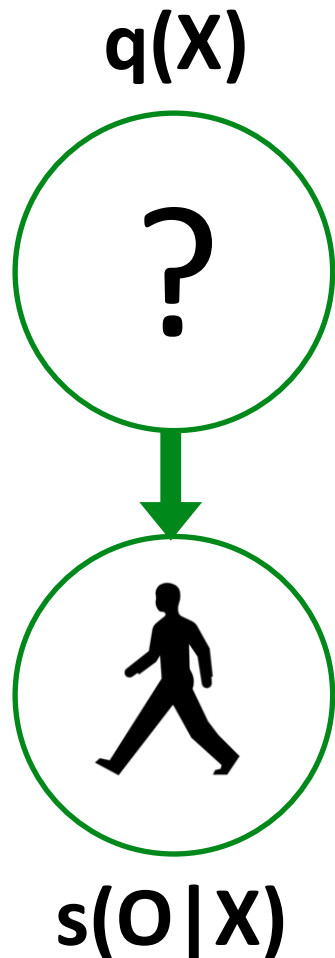
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$$q(\text{☀️}) = 70\% \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☀️}) = 20\%$$

$$q(\text{☁️}) = 20\% \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☁️}) = 60\%$$

$$q(\text{☁️🌧️}) = 10\% \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☁️🌧️}) = 10\%$$

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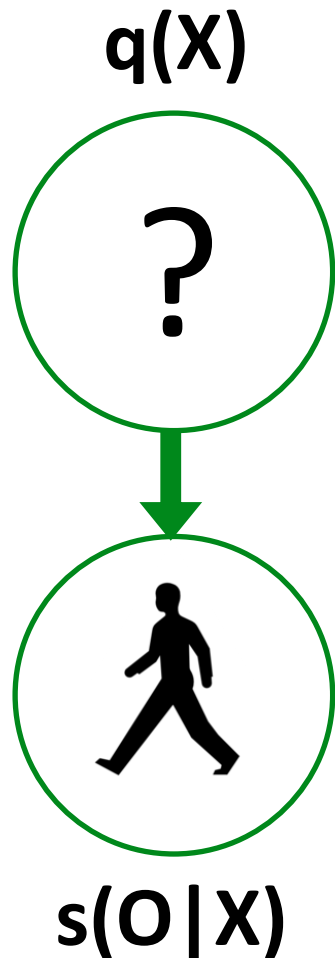
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$$q(\text{☁️}) = 2/10 \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☁️}) = 6/10$$

$$q(\text{☁️🌧️}) = 1/10 \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☁️🌧️}) = 1/10$$

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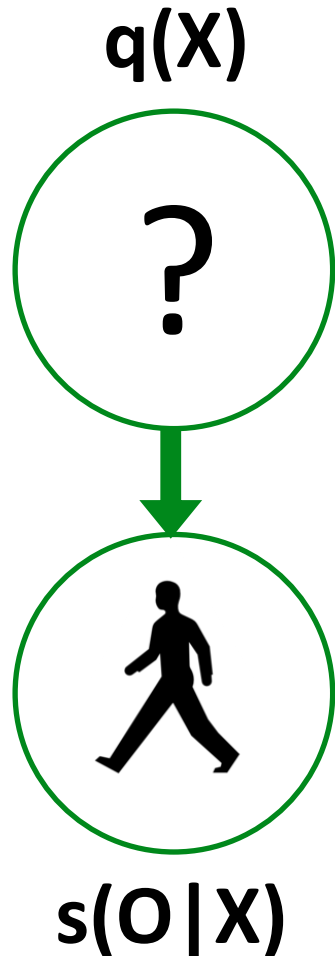
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$$q(\text{☁🌧}) = 1/10 \quad s(\text{🚶} | \text{☁🌧}) = 1/10$$

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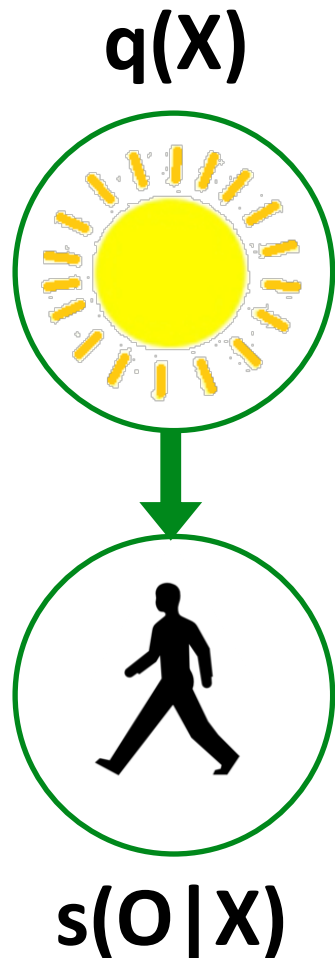
$$p(\text{☀️}, \text{🚶}) = 0.14 = 14/100$$

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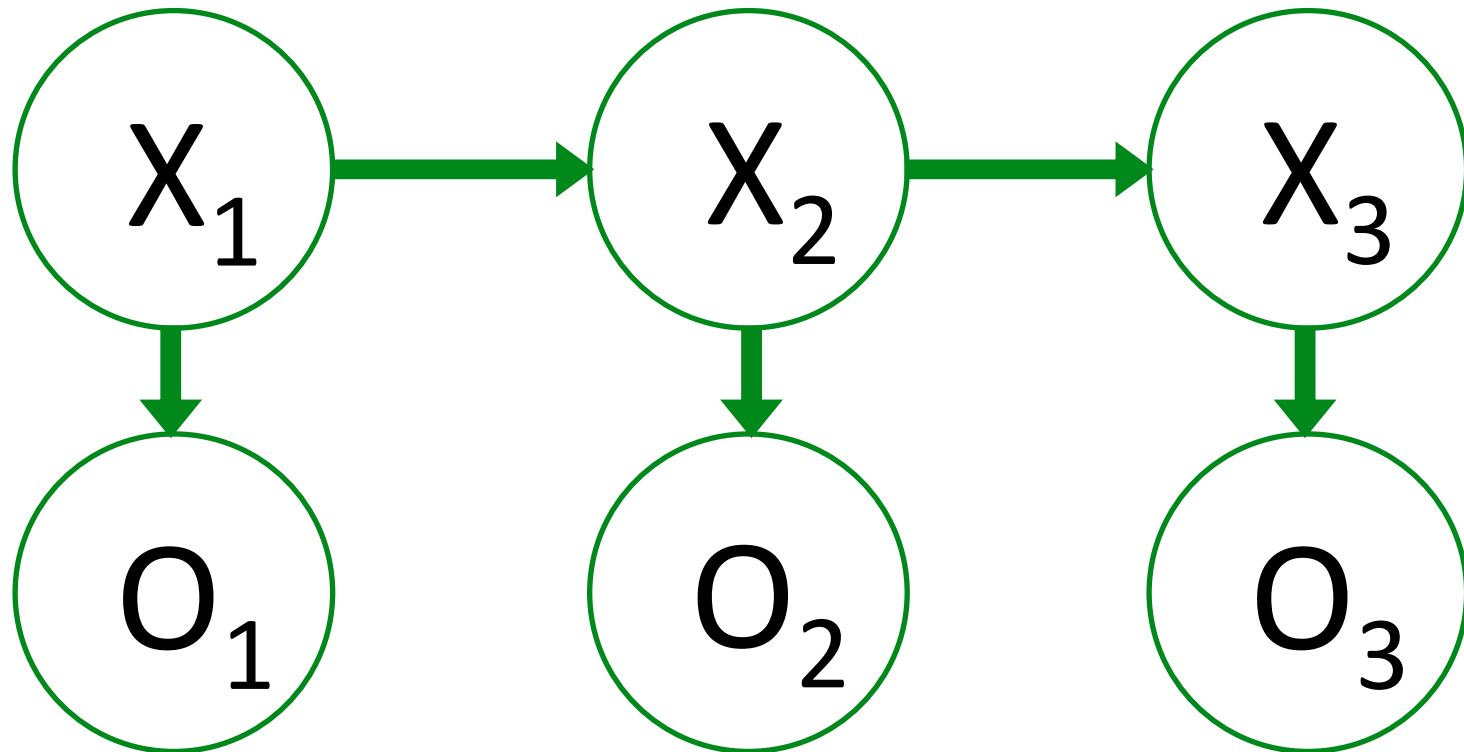
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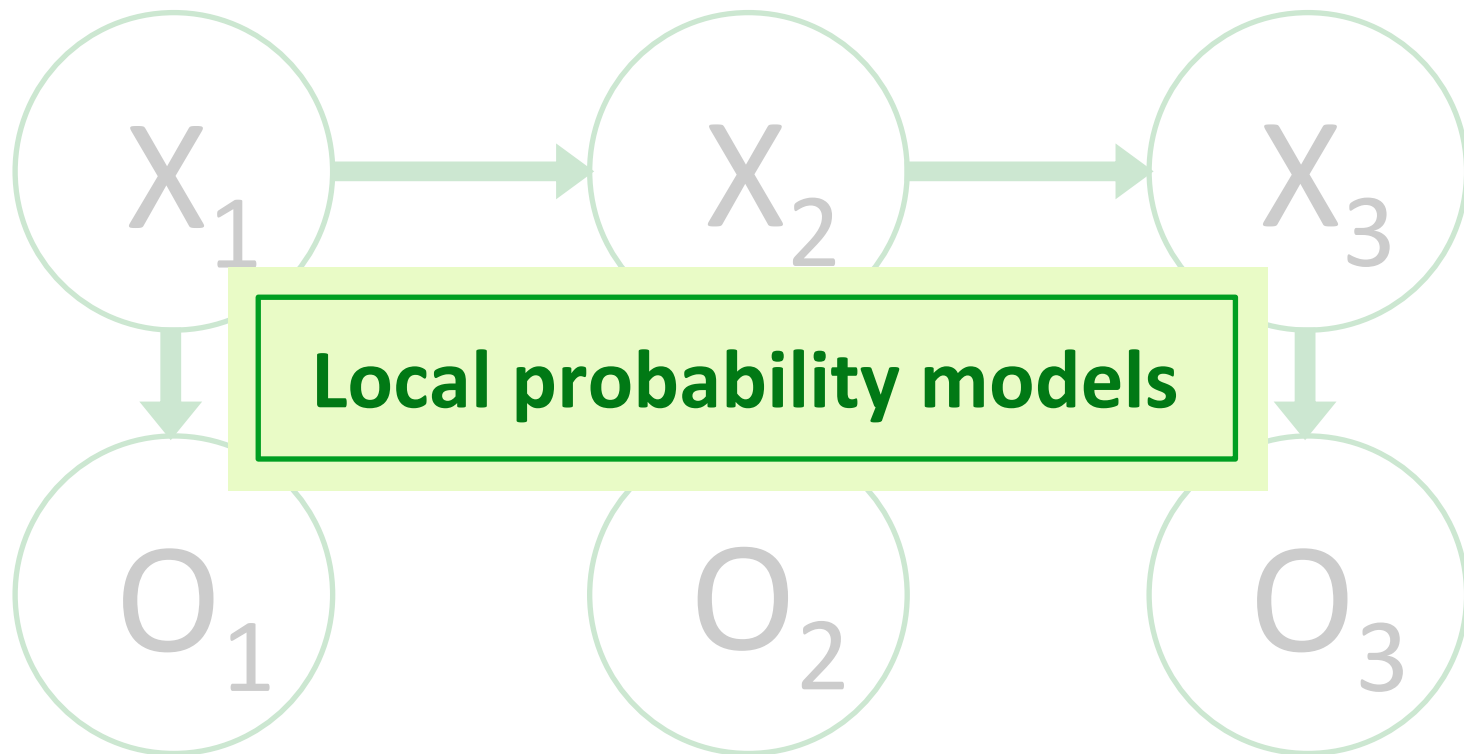
$$p(X, \text{🚶})? \Rightarrow \text{☀️}$$

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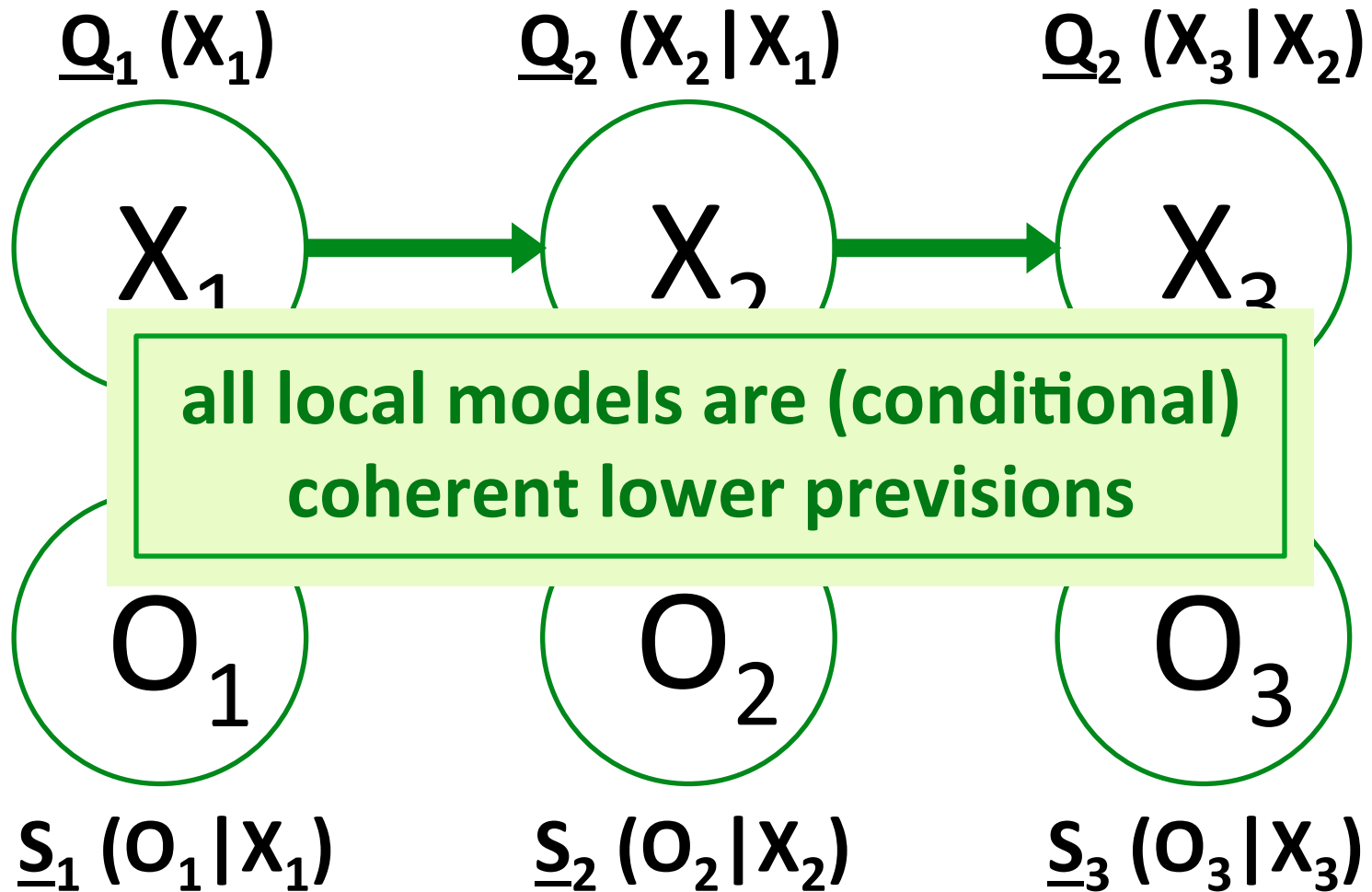
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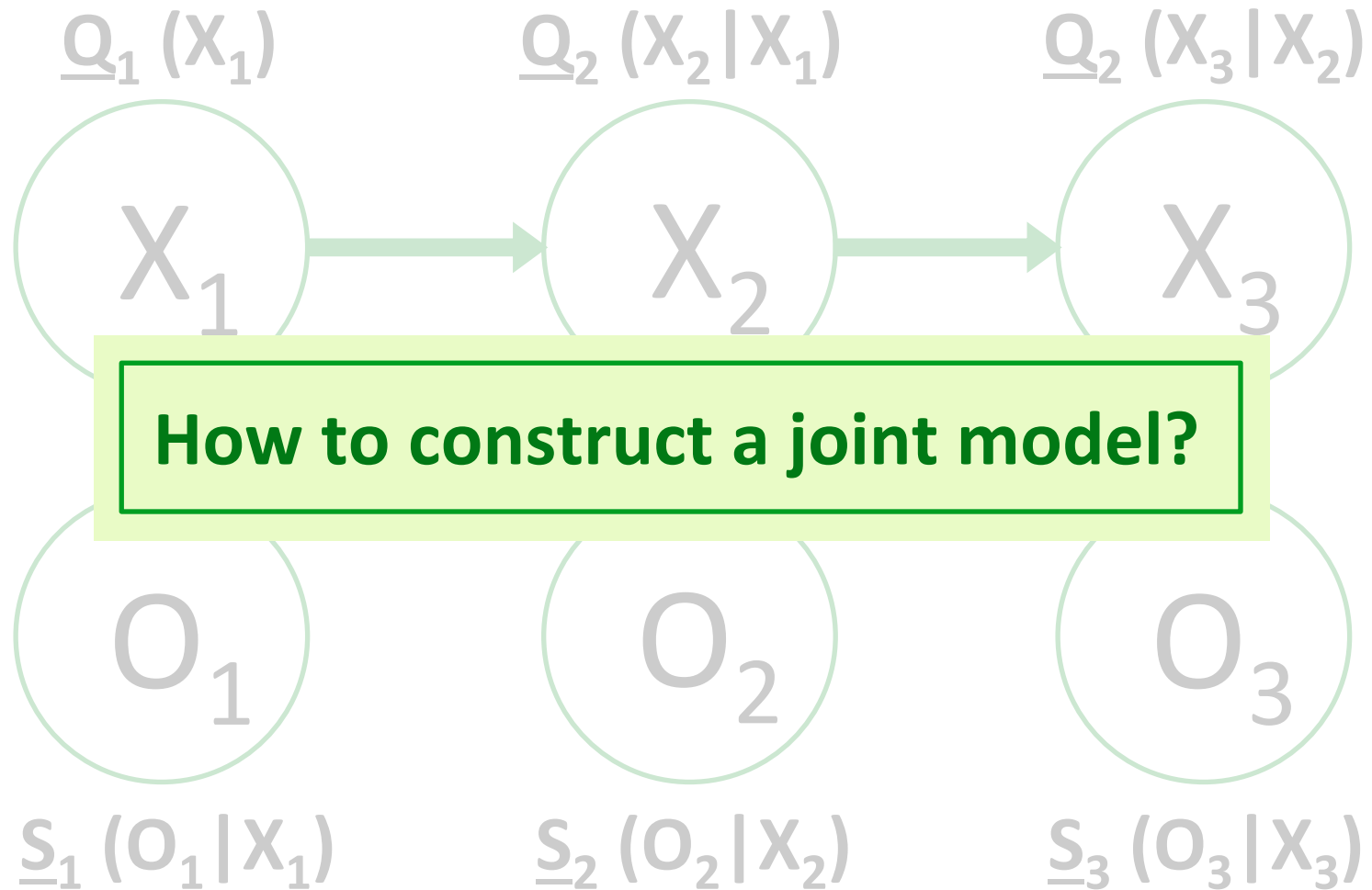
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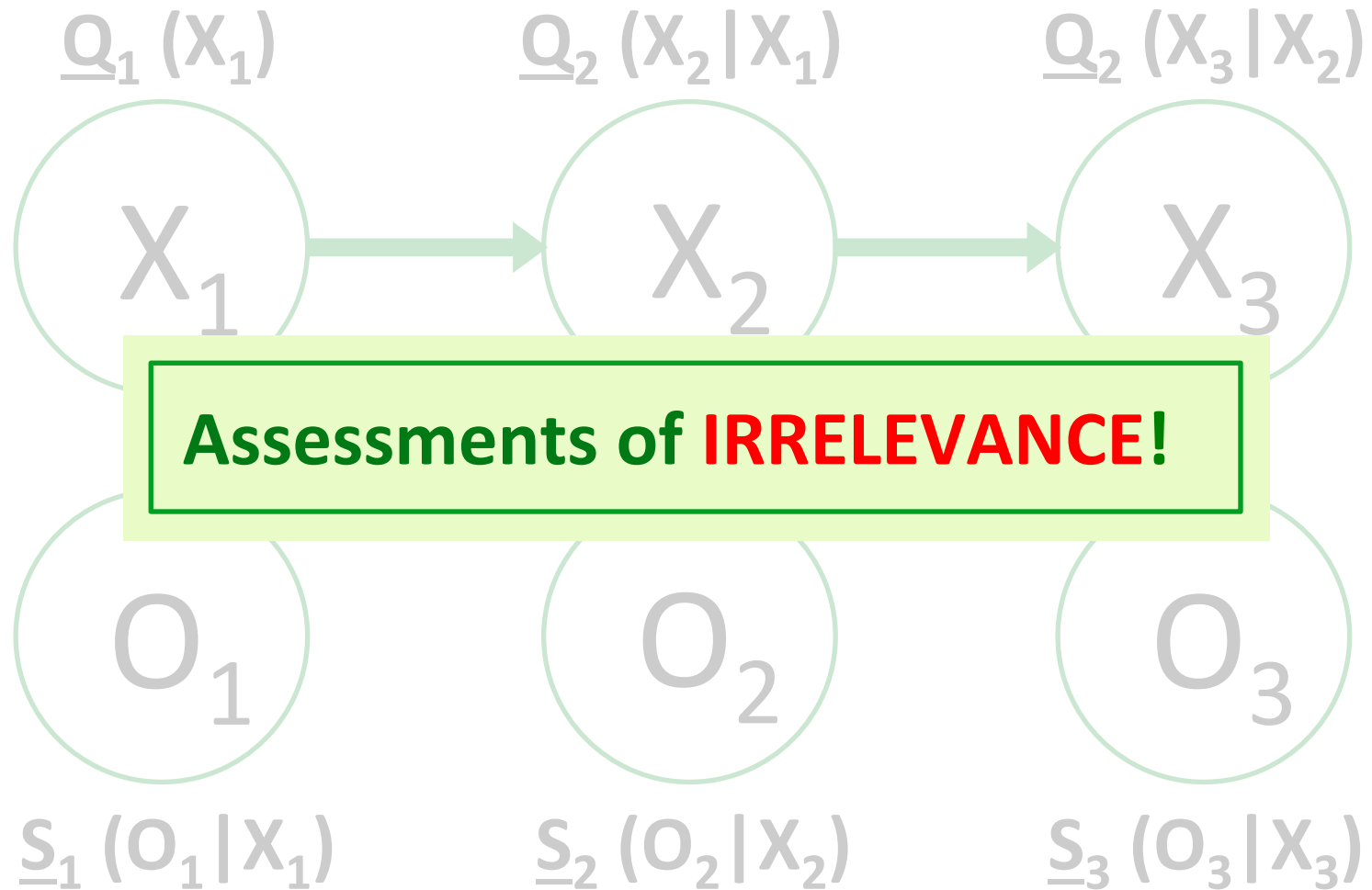
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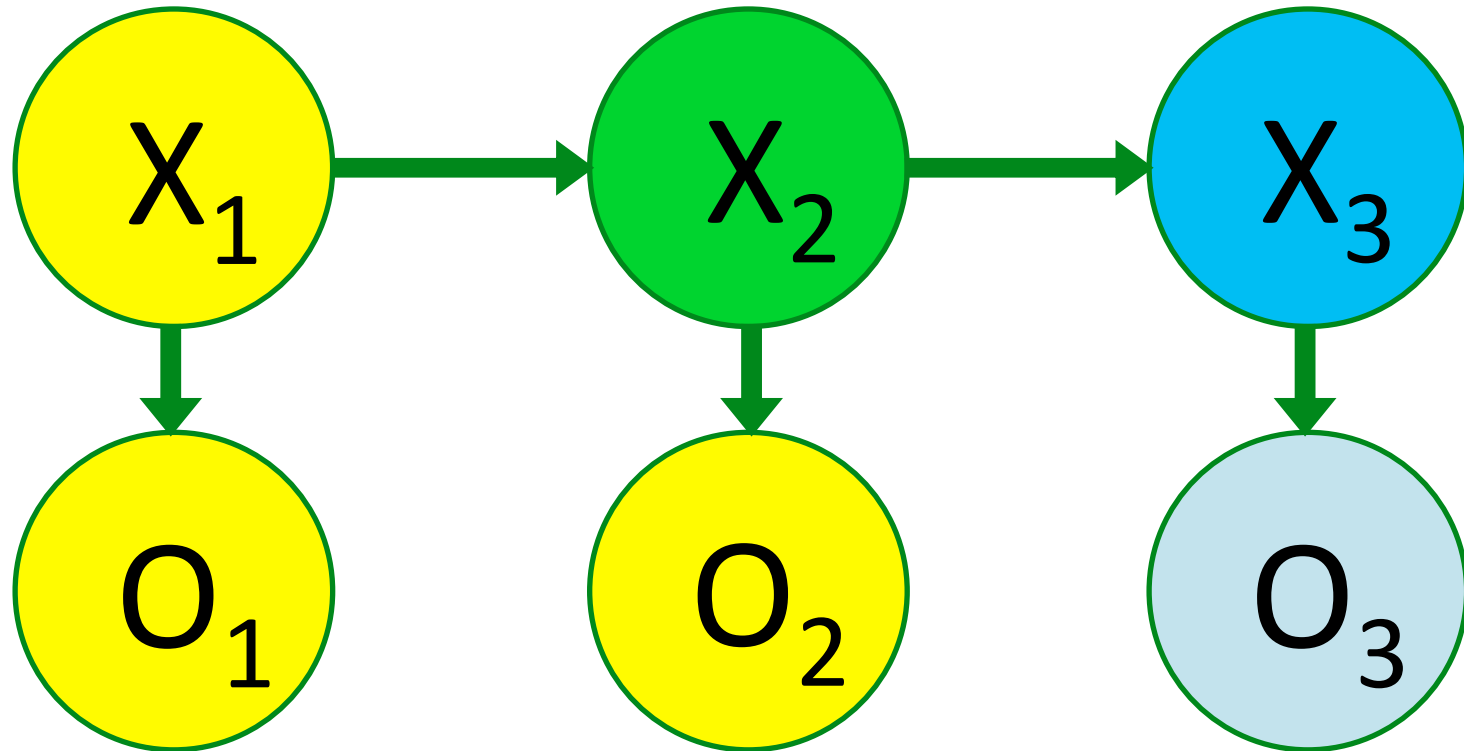
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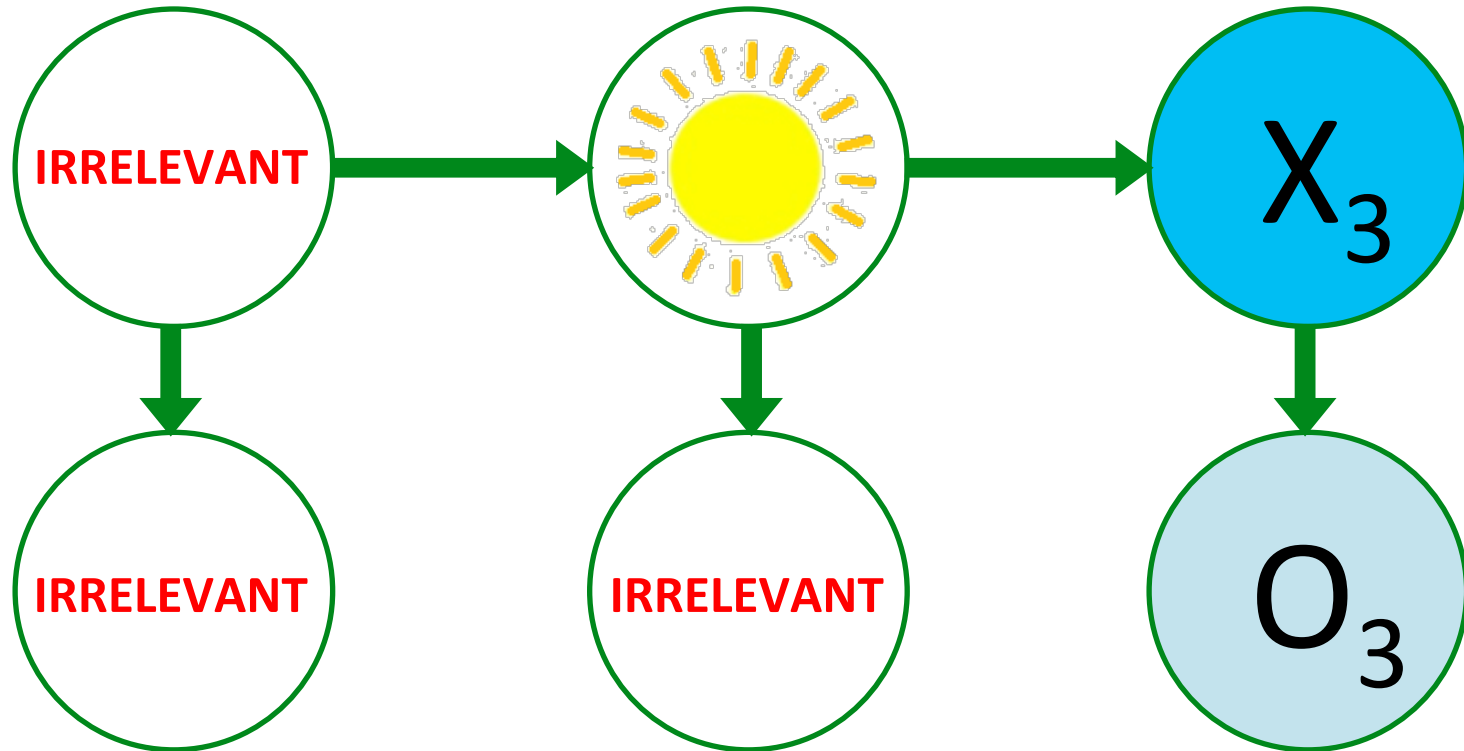


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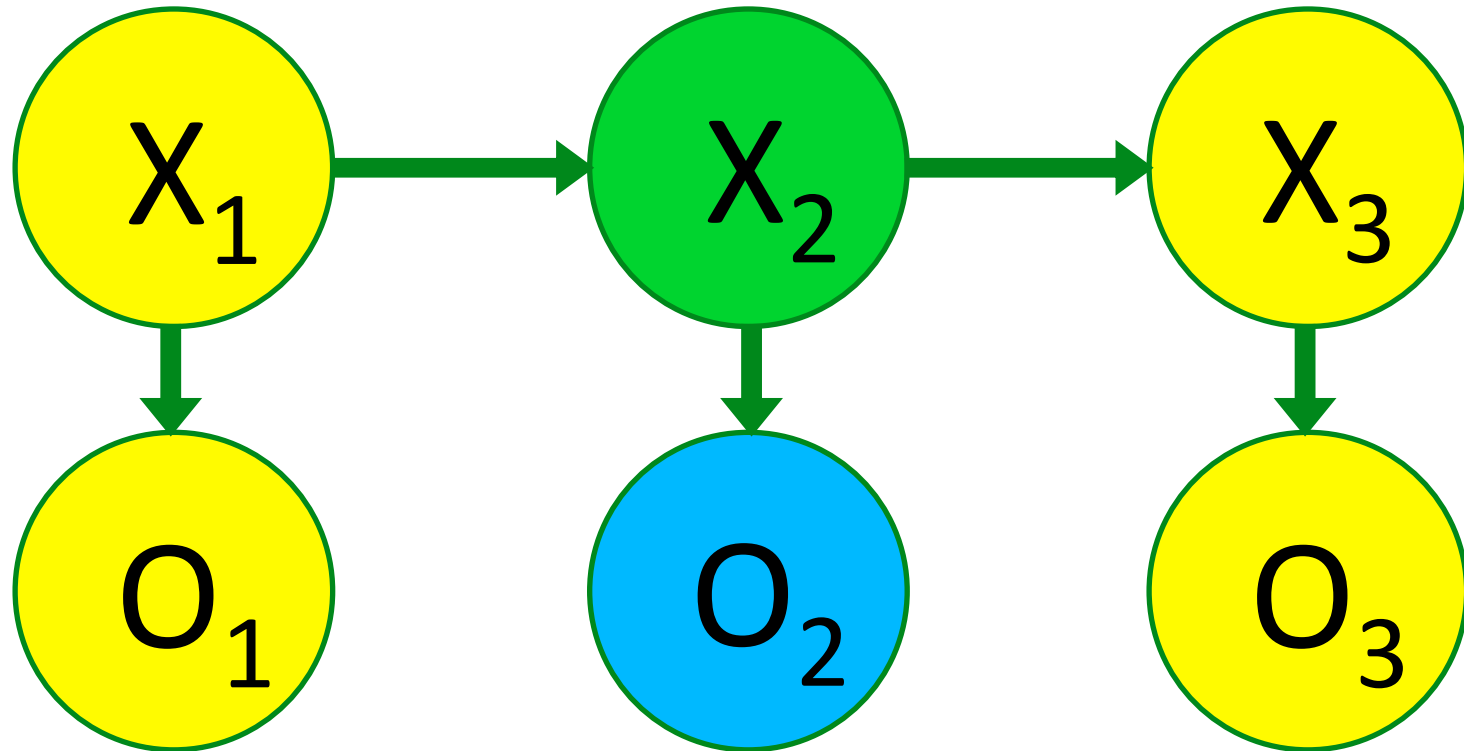
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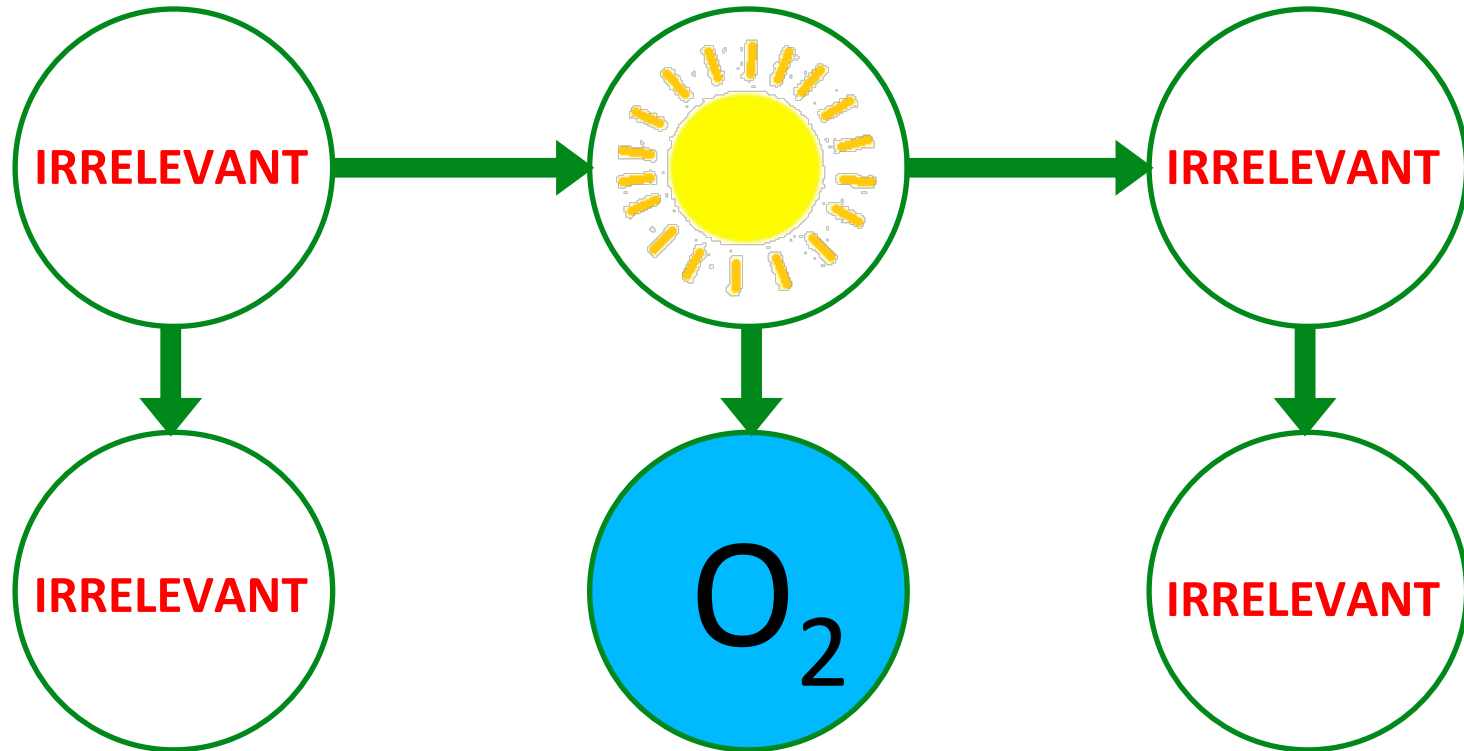
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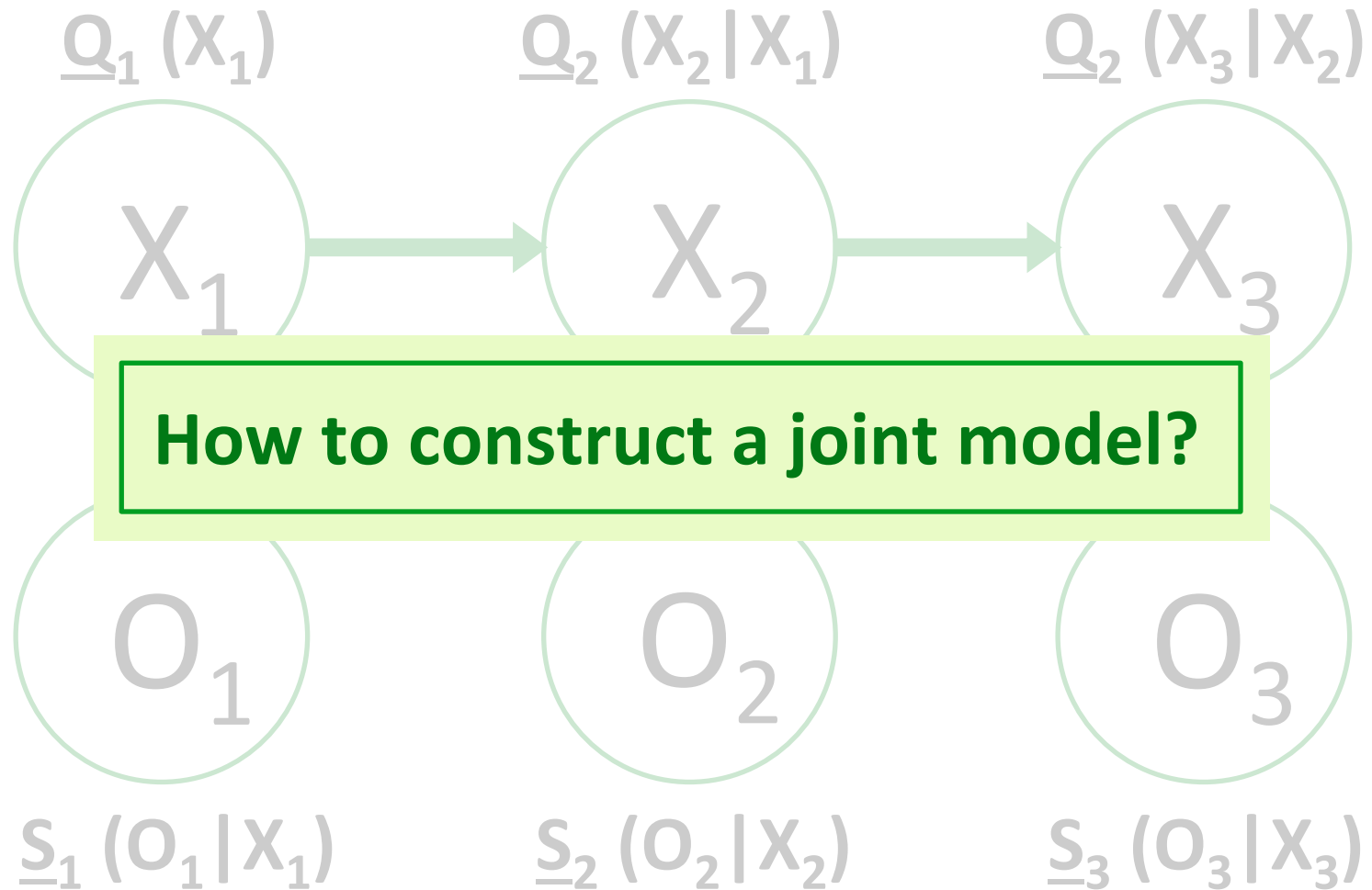
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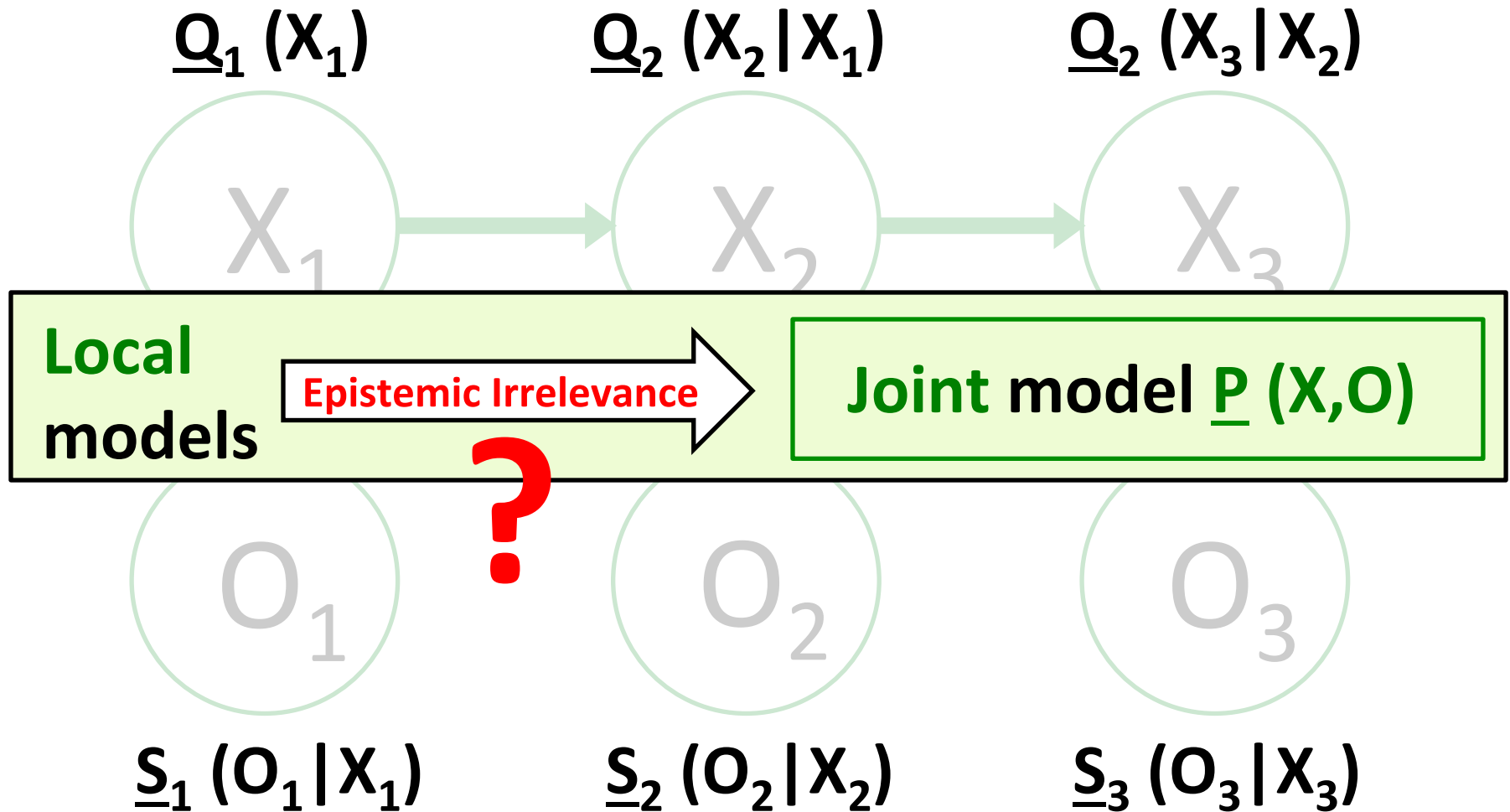


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Epistemic Irrelevance yields formulas that recursively construct a global model (Details: see lesson by Gert)

Local models

Epistemic Irrelevance

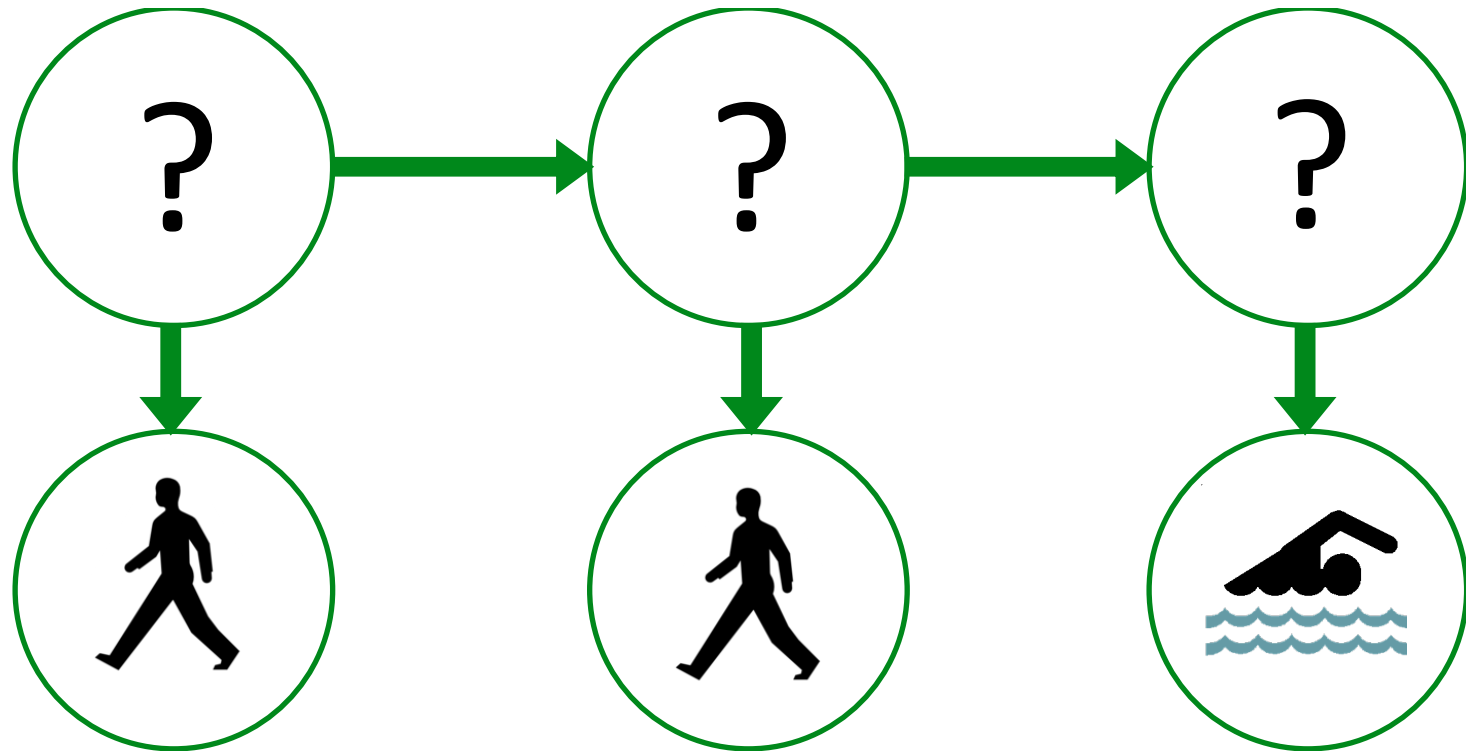
Joint model $\underline{P}(X,O)$

- Independent natural extension
- Marginal extension

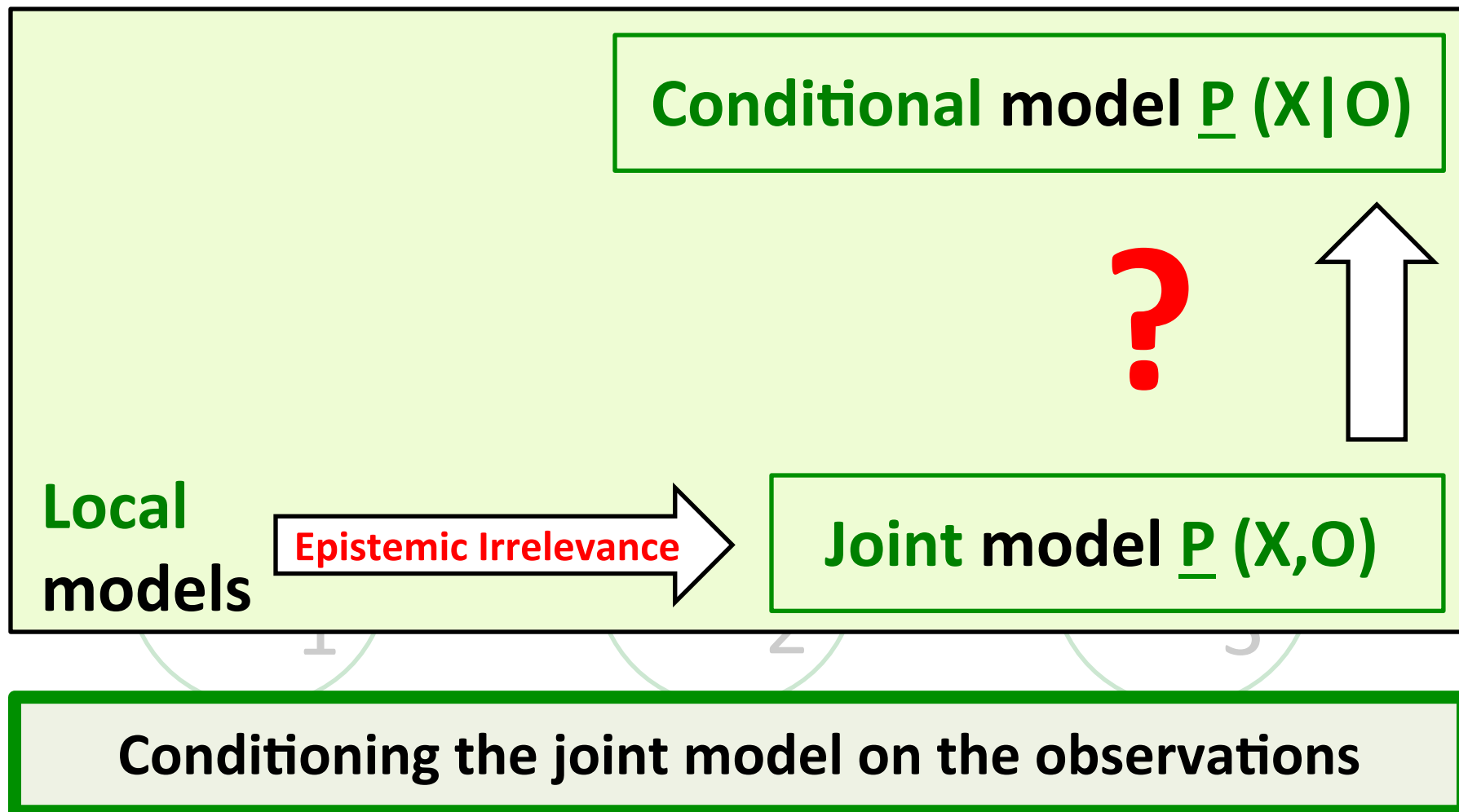
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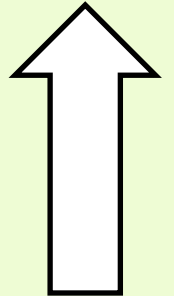
Set of conditional mass functions

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Conditional model $\underline{P}(X|O)$

Condition the mass functions for which $p(O) > 0$ on the observations and take the lower envelope of them (works only if $\bar{P}(O) > 0$)

Regular extension



Local models

Epistemic Irrelevance

Joint model $\underline{P}(X,O)$

Conditioning the joint model on the observations

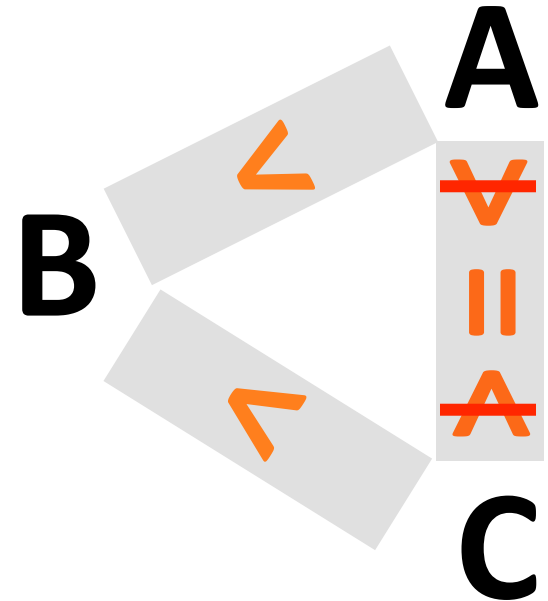
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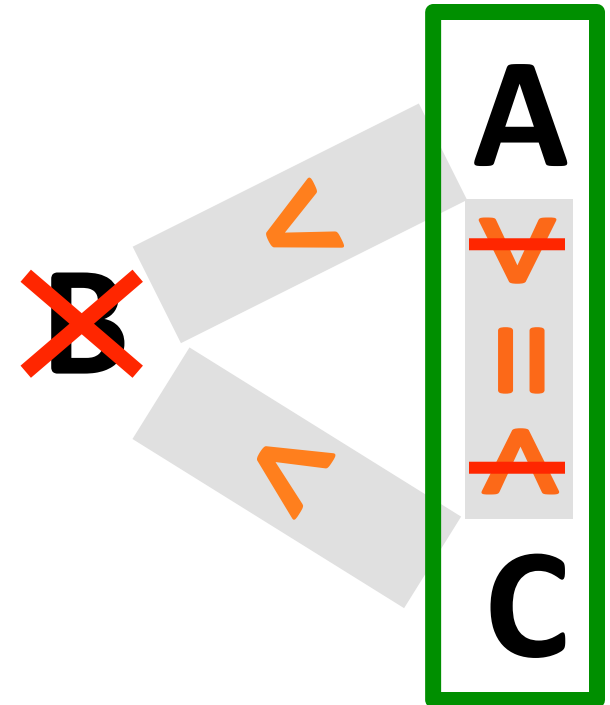


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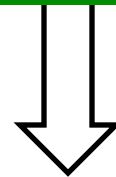
IMPRECISE ?

A > B if ~~$p(A|O) > p(B|O)$~~ ?

(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

IMPRECISE:

$A > B$ if $p(A|O) > p(B|O)$ for all $p(X|O)$ in $\underline{P}(X|O)$



Criterion of **MAXIMALITY!**
(hence the name: **maximal** sequences)

(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

IMPRECISE:

$A > B$ if $p(A | O) > p(B | O)$ for all $p(X | O)$ in $\underline{P}(X | O)$

$\Leftrightarrow P(I_A | O) > P(I_B | O)$ for all $P(X | O)$ in $\underline{P}(X | O)$

$\Leftrightarrow P(I_A - I_B | O) > 0$ for all $P(X | O)$ in $\underline{P}(X | O)$

$\Leftrightarrow \underline{P}(I_A - I_B | O) > 0$

Always correct, but hard to calculate...

Can we use the joint directly?

(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

IMPRECISE:

$A > B$ if $p(A|O) > p(B|O)$ for all $p(X|O)$ in $\underline{P}(X|O)$

 if $p(O) > 0$ for all $p(X,O)$ in $\underline{P}(X,O)$
 $(\underline{P}(O) > 0)$

$p(A,O) > p(B,O)$ for all $p(X,O)$ in $\underline{P}(X,O)$

 $P(I_A | O) > P(I_B | O)$ for all $P(X,O)$ in $\underline{P}(X,O)$

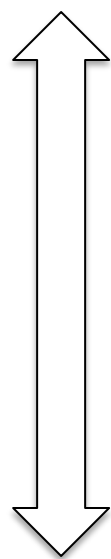
 $P([I_A - I_B] | O) > 0$ for all $P(X,O)$ in $\underline{P}(X,O)$

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(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

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 $(\underline{P}(O) > 0)$ necessary?

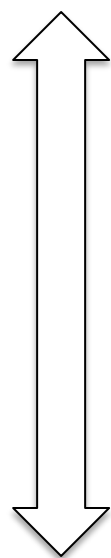
We want to allow local
lower probabilities to be
zero!

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(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

IMPRECISE:

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For forward irrelevant HMMs:
if all local **upper** probabilities
are strictly positive (**lower**
probabilities may be zero)
DOES NOT HOLD IN GENERAL!

$$\underline{P}([I_A - I_B] | O) > 0$$

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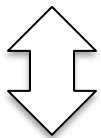
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IMPRECISE: partial ordering

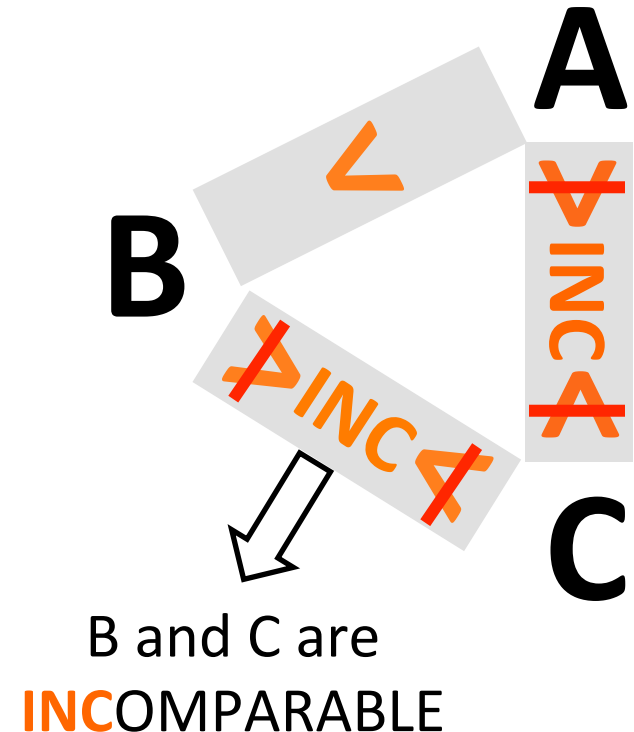
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Maximal sequence(s):
undominated sequence(s)
in this partial ordering

X is maximal



For all Y : $Y \not> X$ \iff For all Y : $\underline{P}([I_Y - I_X] | I_O) \leq 0$



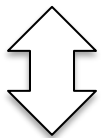
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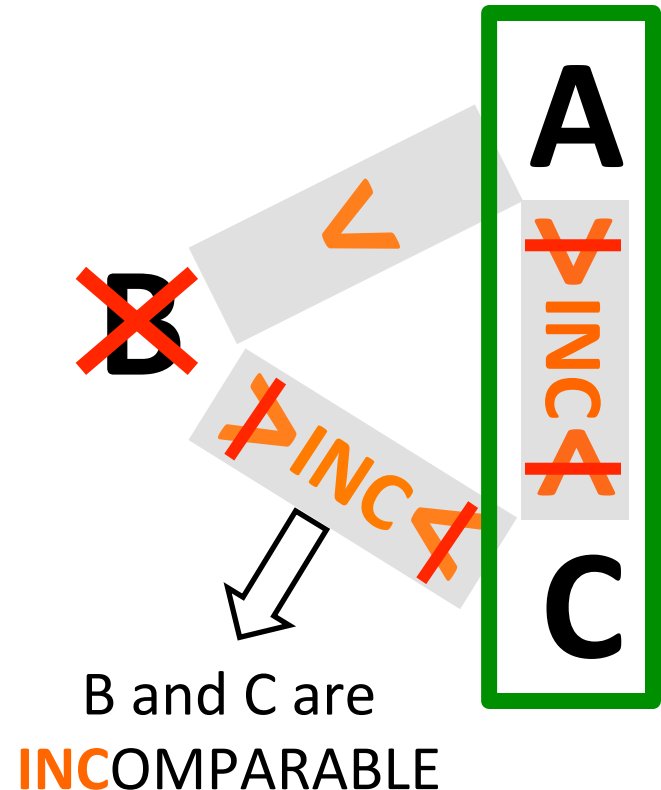
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(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

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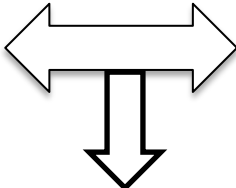
EstiHMM: an **efficient algorithm** to determine the maximal state sequences in an imprecise hidden Markov model

(Imprecise) state sequence estimation

How can we determine the **set of maximal sequences** efficiently?

Trick nr. 1

Using the joint model instead of the conditional one

$$Y > X \text{ if } \underline{P}(I_Y - I_X | O) > 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \underline{P}([I_Y - I_X] | O) > 0$$


In forward irrelevant HMMs with strictly positive local upper probabilities

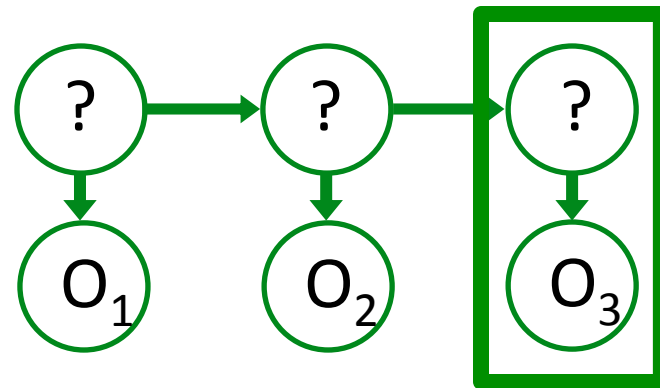
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Working recursively

Principle of optimality
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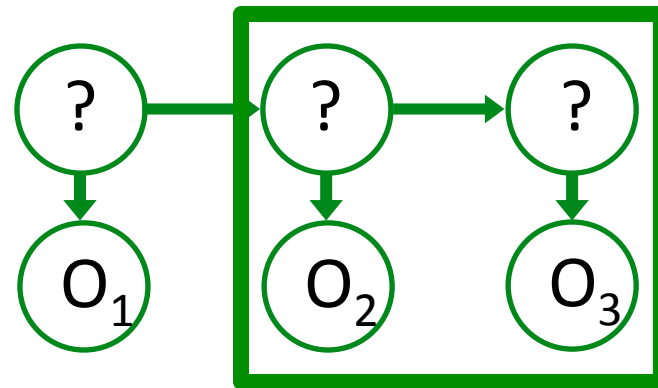
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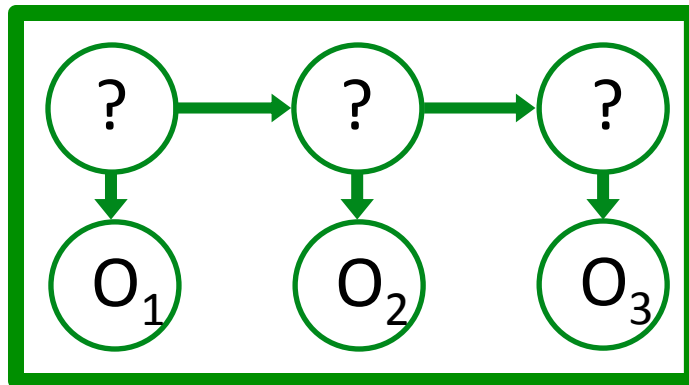
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Trick nr. 3

Reformulating the criterion of maximality

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$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha_k^{\text{opt}}(\hat{x}_k | x_{k-1}) \leq \alpha_k(\hat{x}_{k:n}).$$

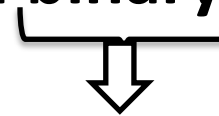
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Trick nr. 4

Storing solutions efficiently

6 (possibly) maximal sequences for a **binary** HMM of length 8:



Two state values: **0** or **1**

{00001000, 00001010, 00001110, 00011110, 10001010, 10001110}

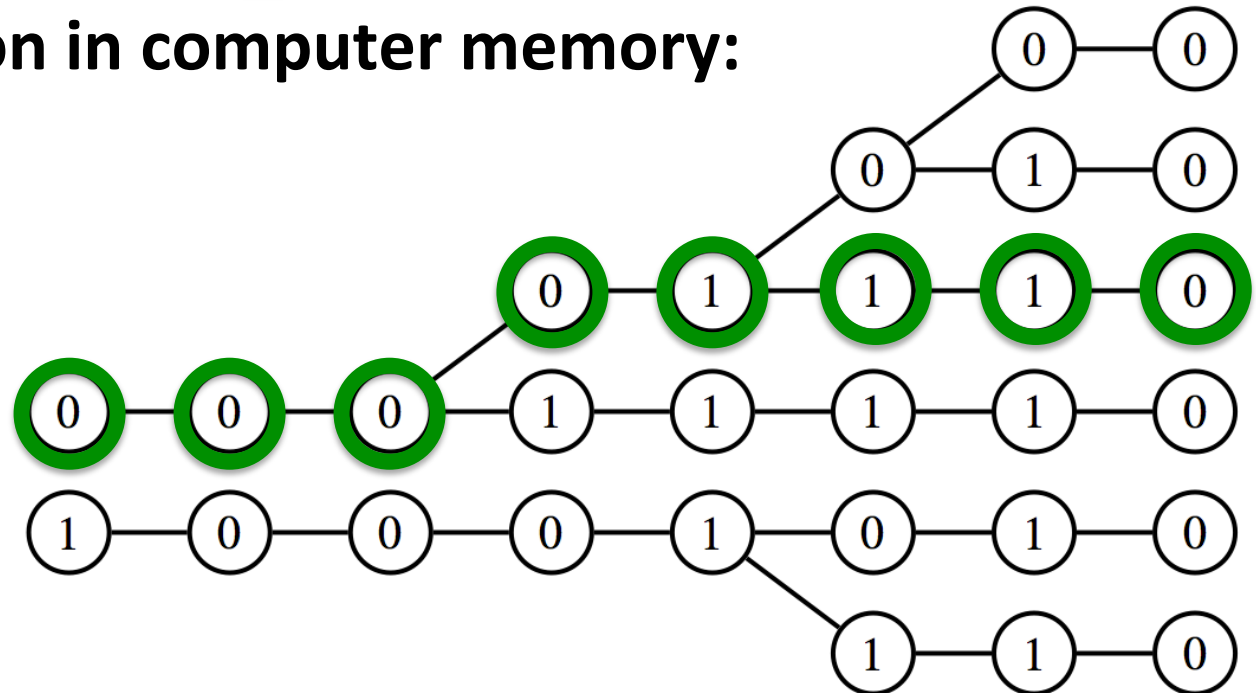
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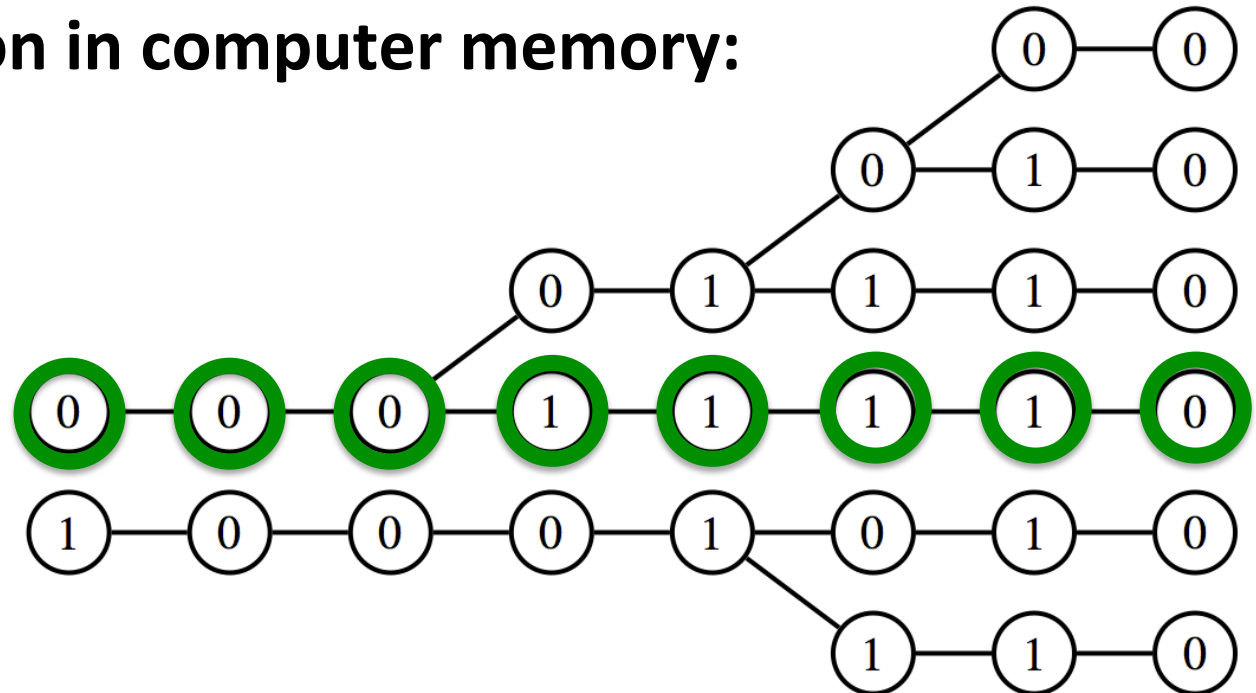
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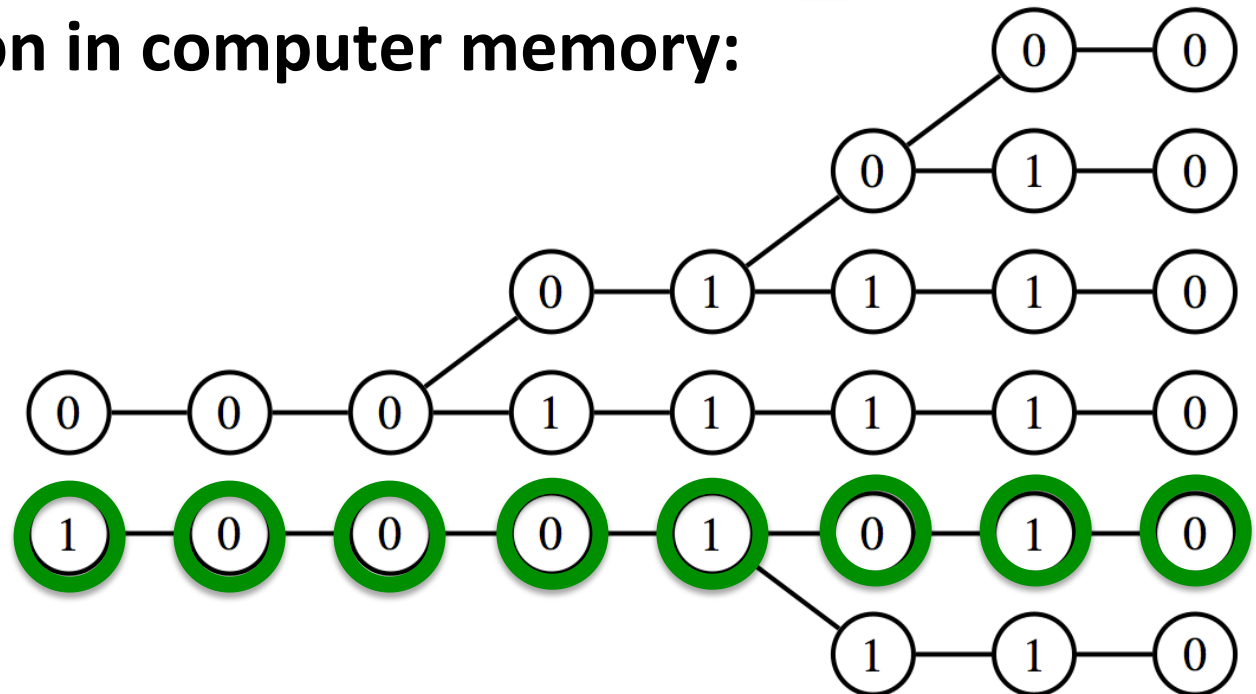
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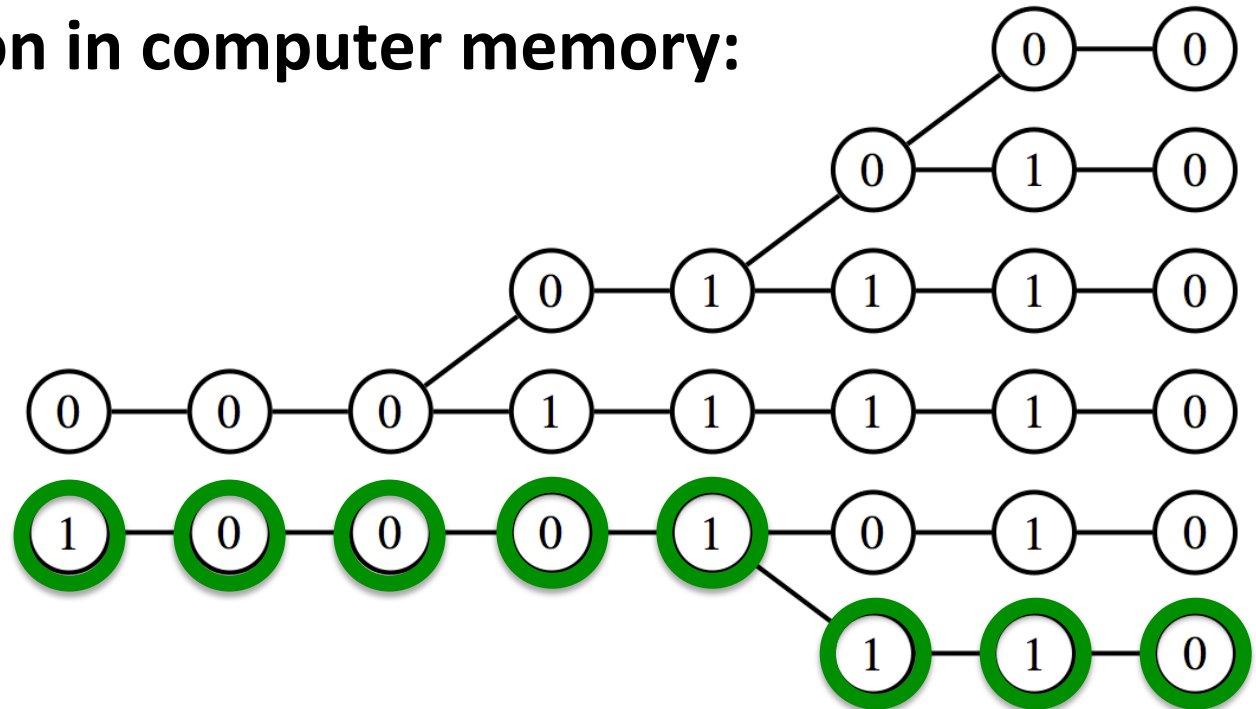
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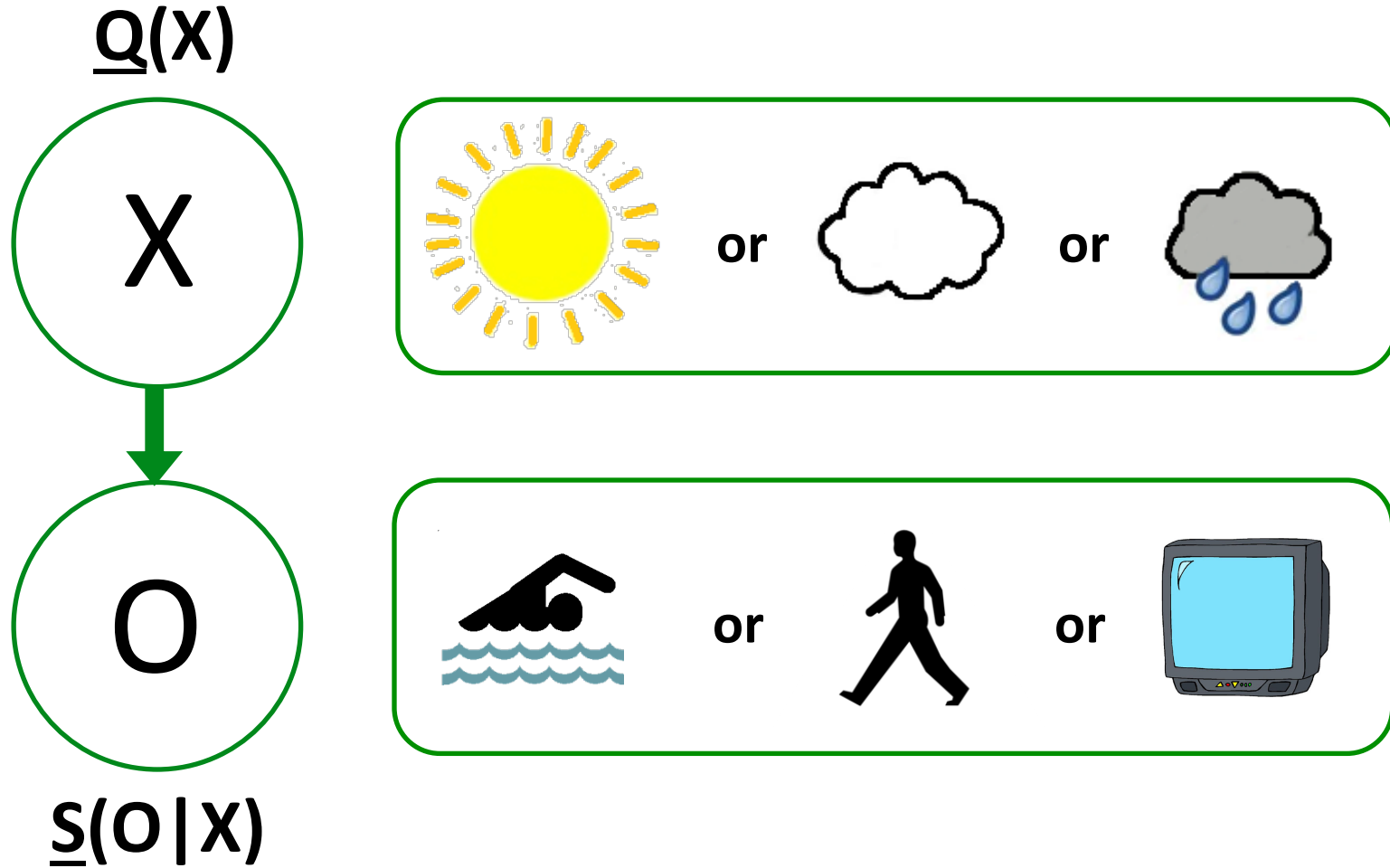
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Computational complexity

- **Linear in the number of maximal sequences!**
- **Quadratic in the length of the HMM**
- **Cubic in the number of possible states**

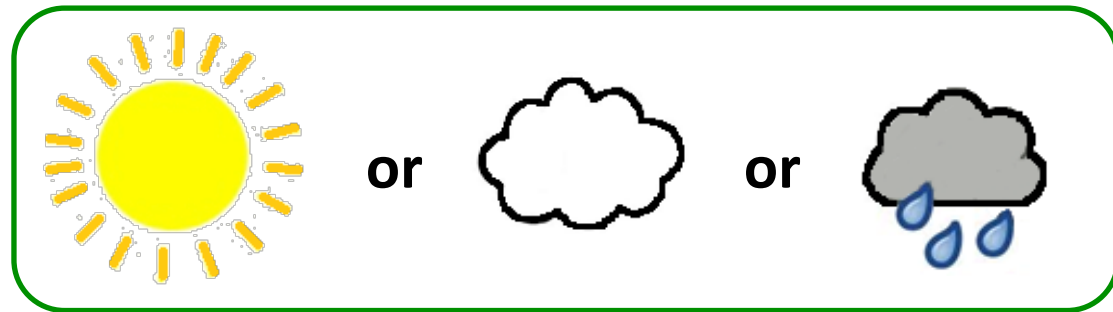
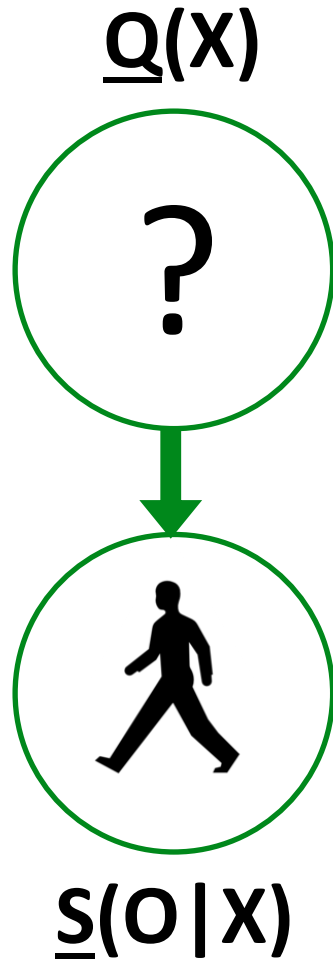
EXERCISE!

Exercise (part 2)

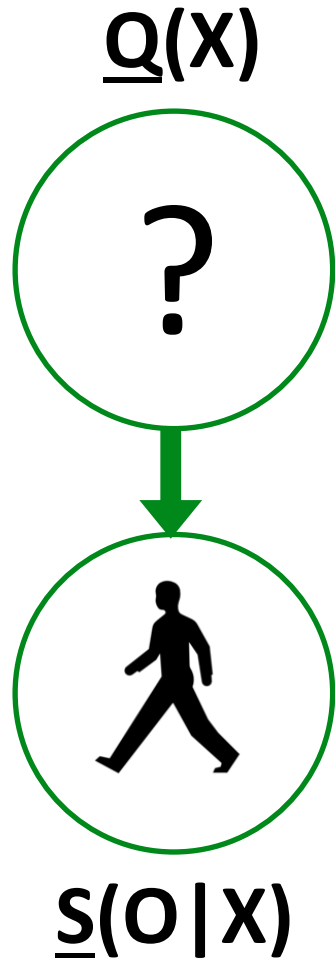


Exercise (part 2)

Estimate the (hidden) state!



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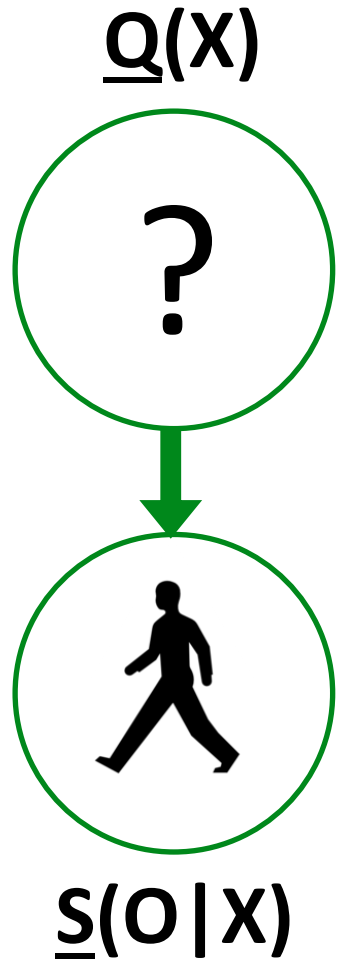
For all gambles f on O :

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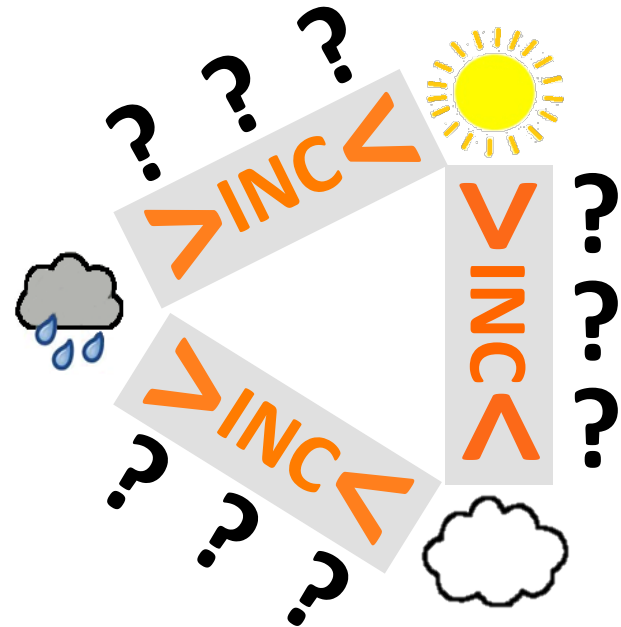
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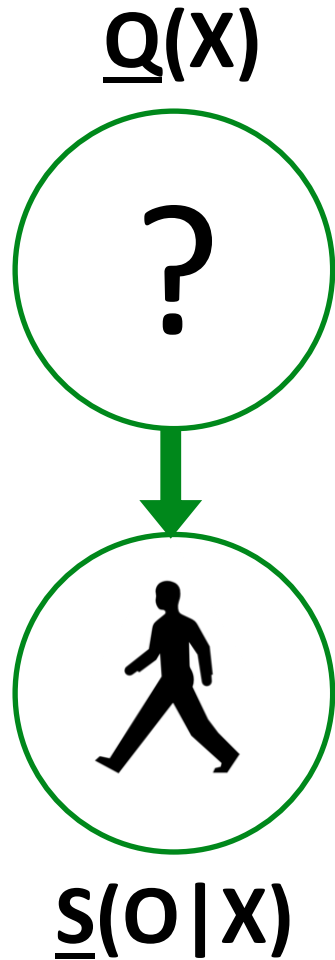
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Maximal estimates:
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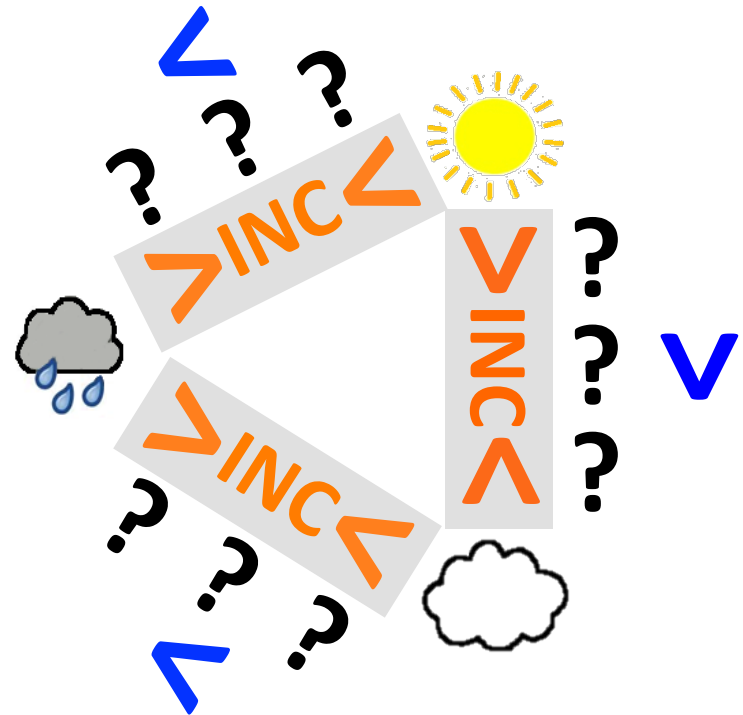


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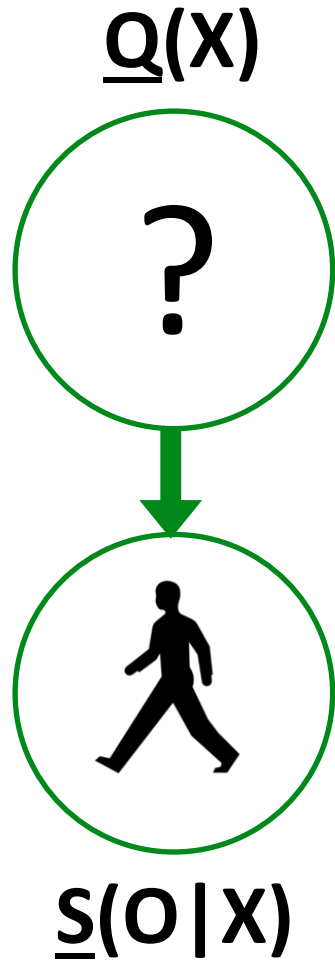


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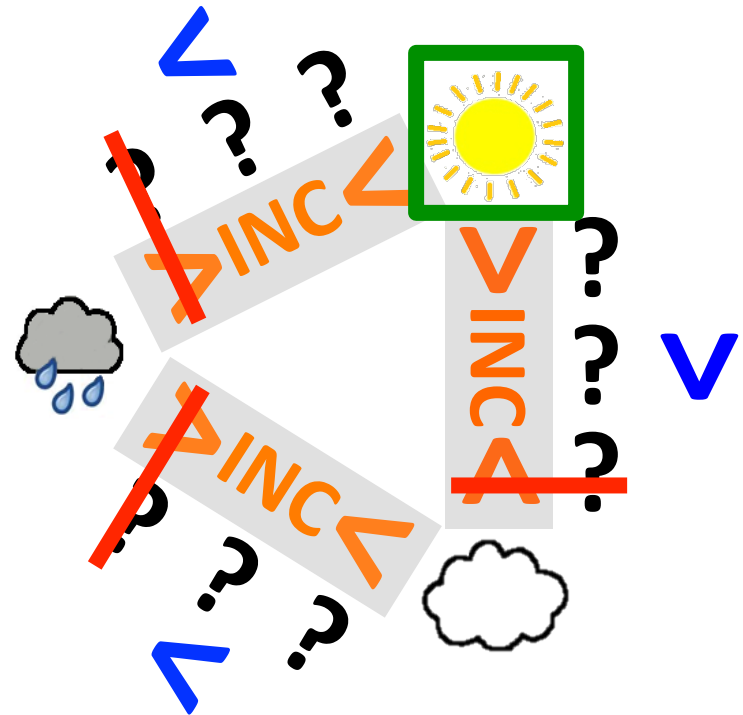


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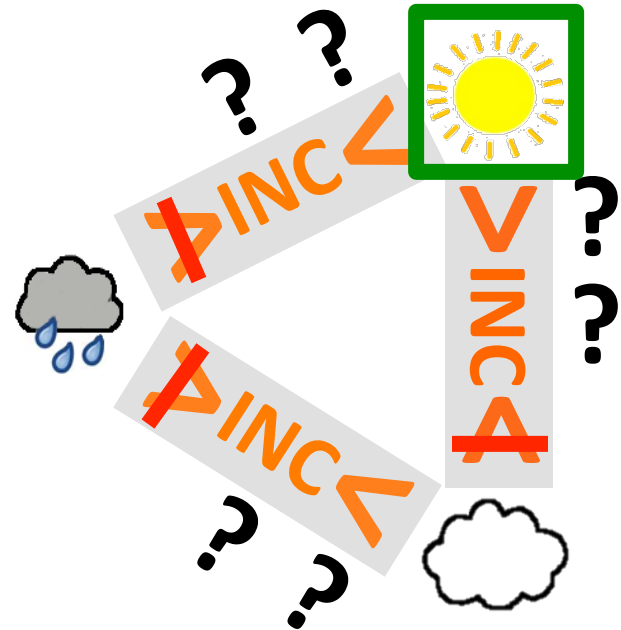
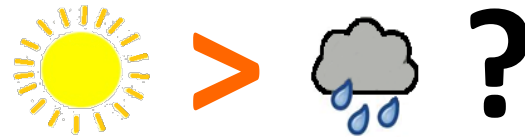
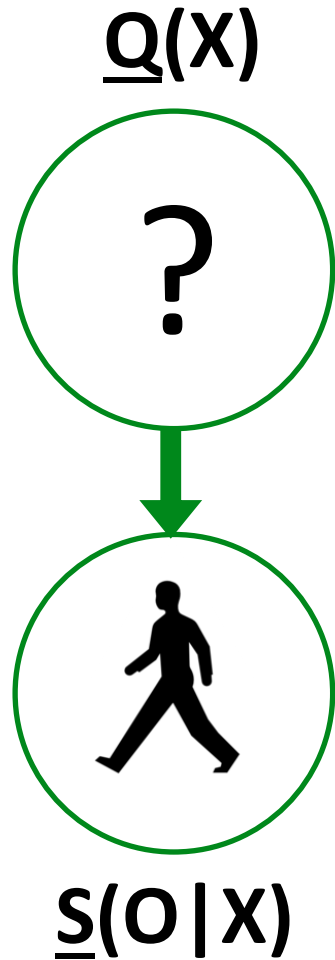
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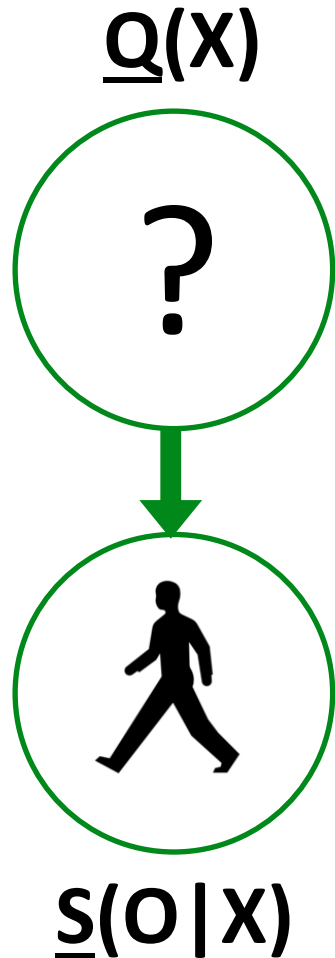
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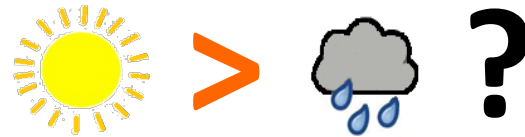
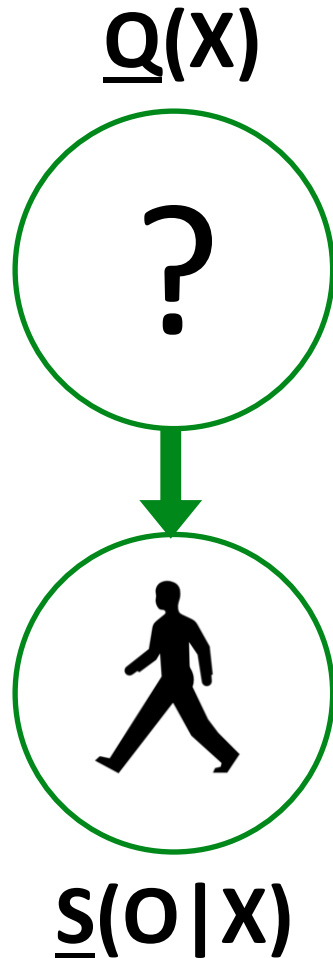


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$\underline{P}([I_{\text{sun}} - I_{\text{rain}}] | I_{\text{person}}) > 0 ?$

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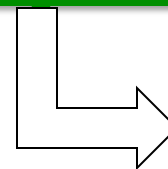
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|| (marginal extension)

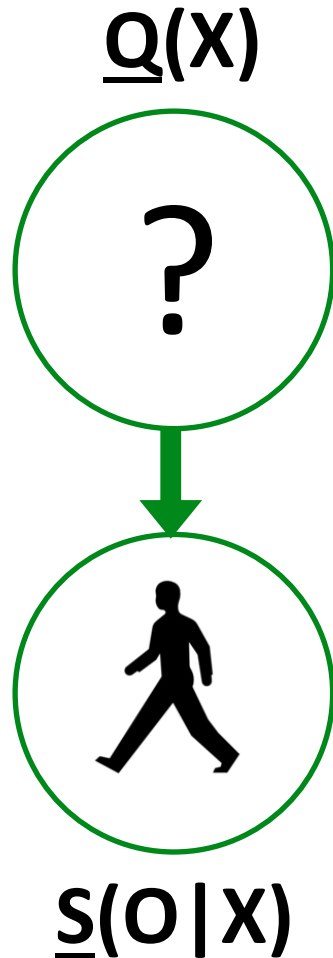
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function of X!

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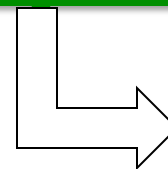
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II (marginal extension)

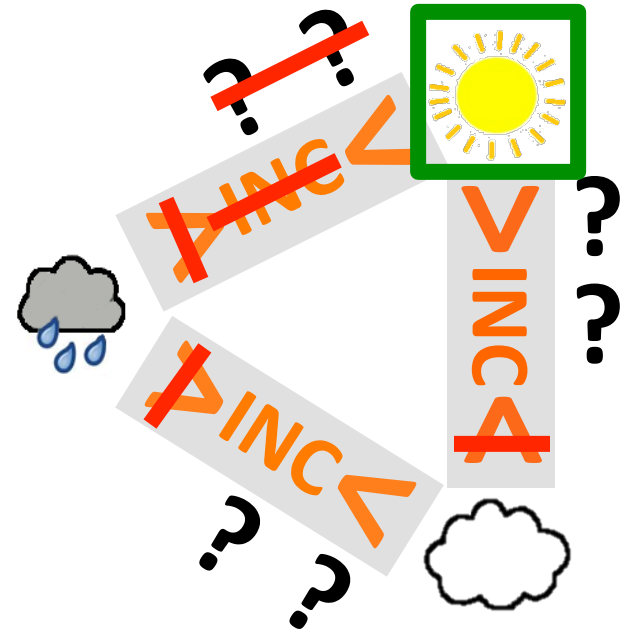
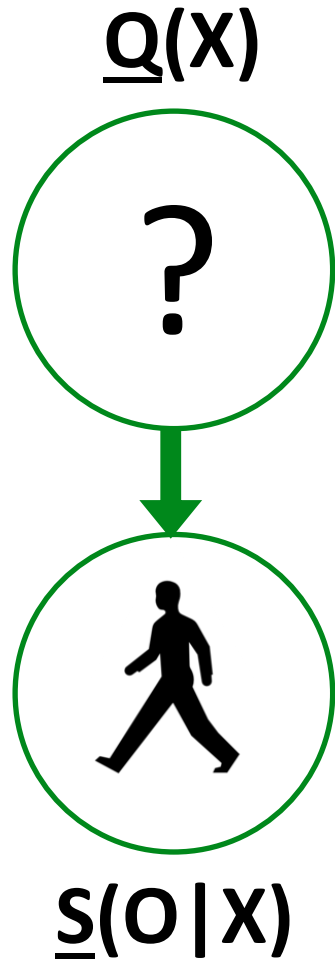
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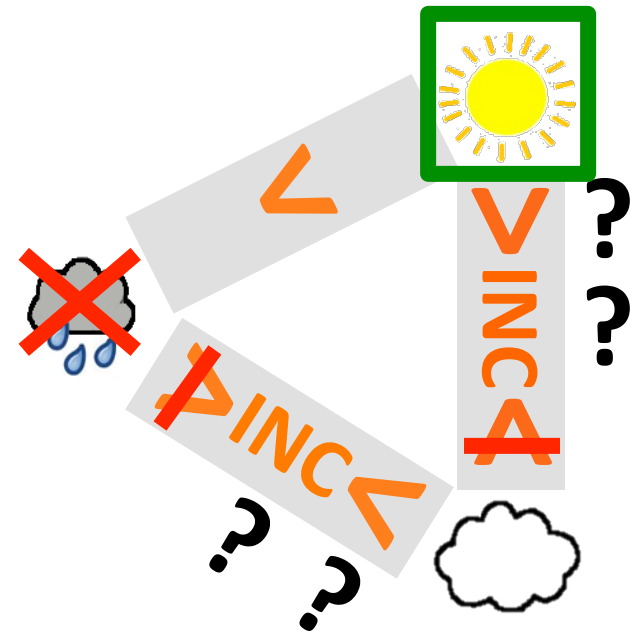
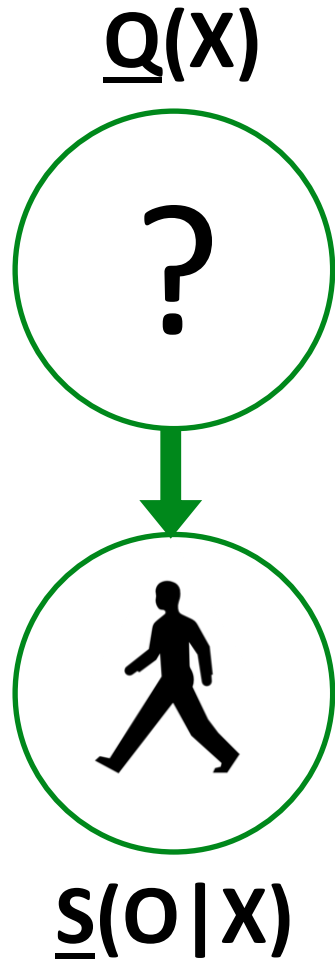
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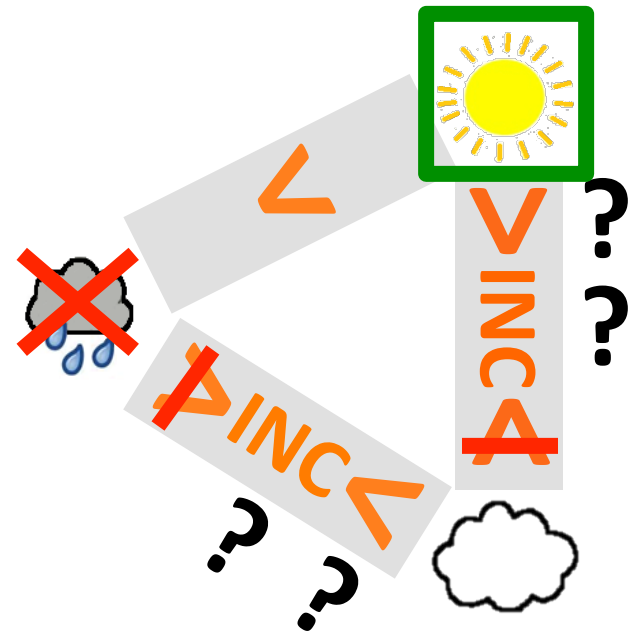
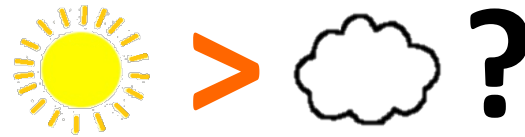
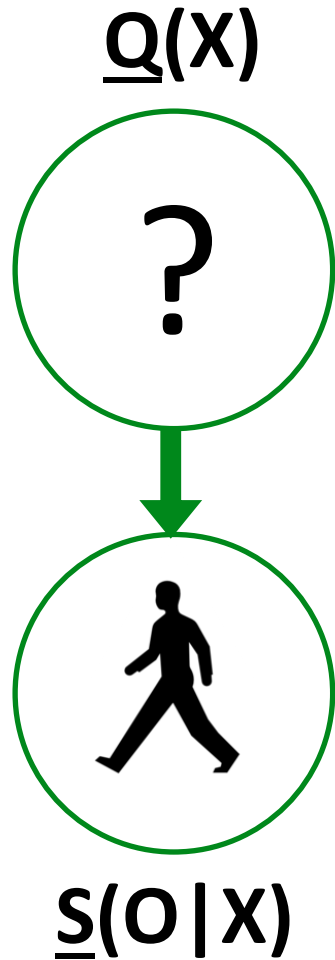
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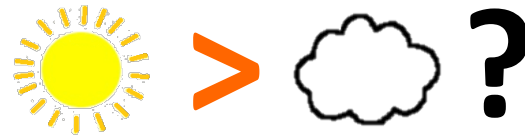
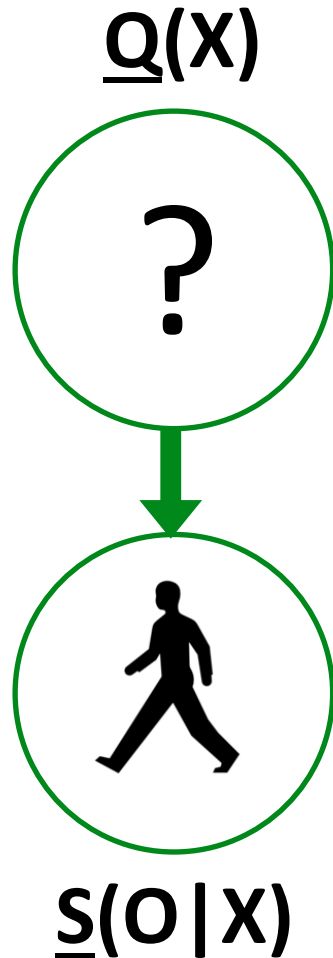
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$$P([I_{\text{Sun}} - I_{\text{Cloud}}] | I_{\text{Person}}) > 0 ?$$

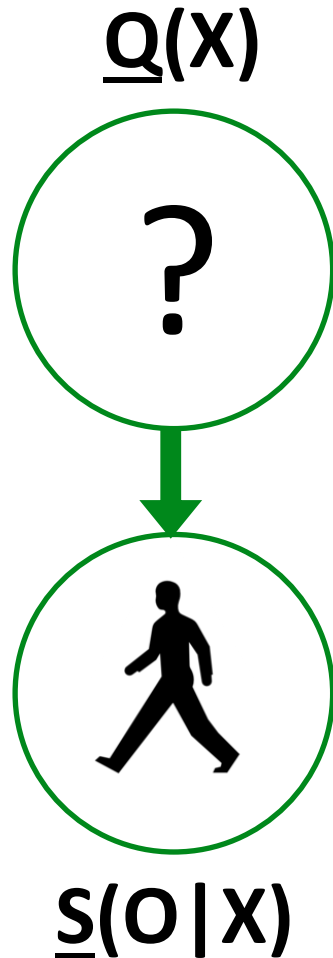
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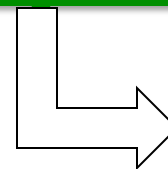
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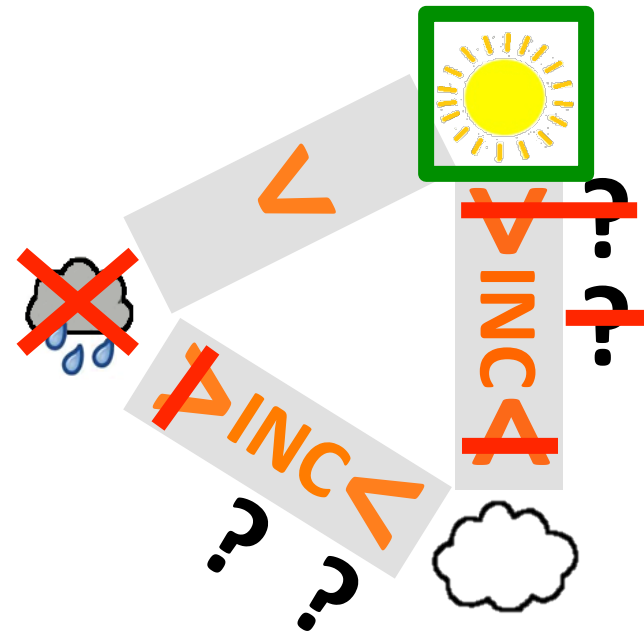
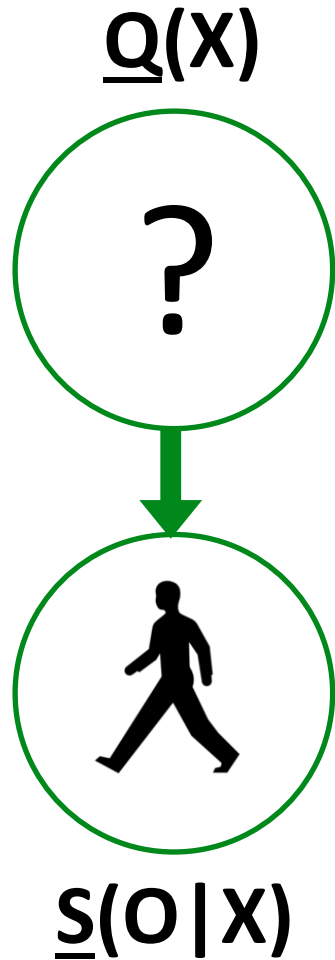
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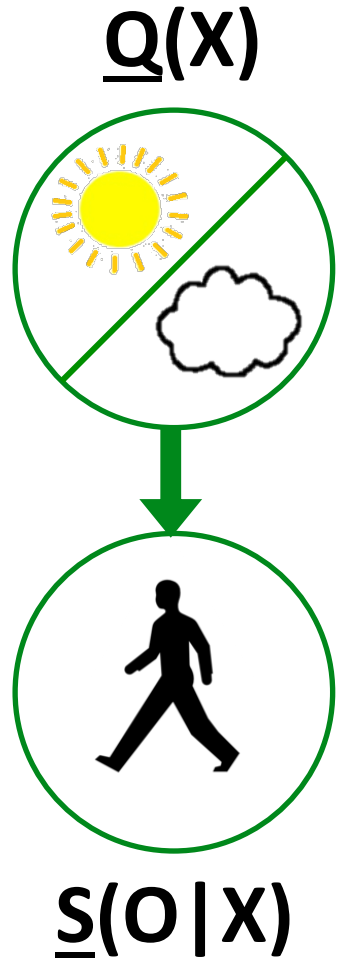
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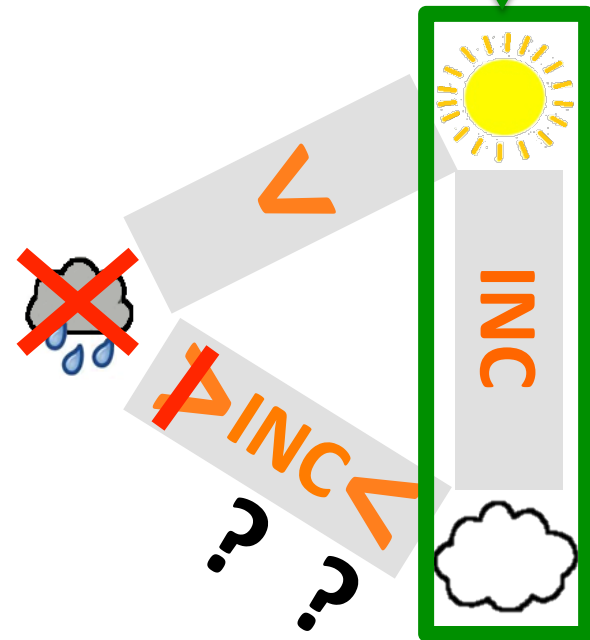
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APPLICATIONS ?



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