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# Uncertainty reasoning and machine learning

## Some first probabilistic and credal classifiers

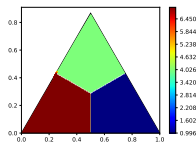
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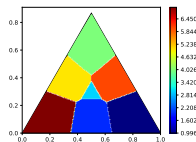
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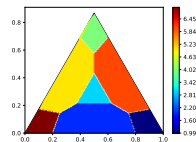
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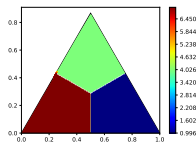
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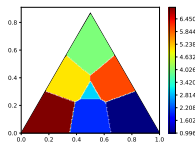
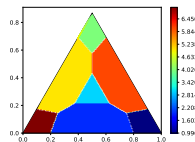
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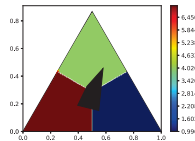
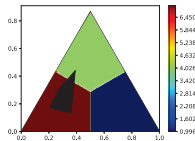
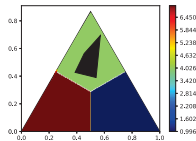
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### E-admissibility Rule [11, 13]:

- Let  $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  be a loss. An optimal prediction is

$$Y_{\ell, \Theta|\mathbf{x}}^E = \{y \in \mathcal{Y} | \exists \theta | \mathbf{x} \in \Theta | \mathbf{x} \text{ s.t. } y = y_{\ell}^{\theta|\mathbf{x}}\}.$$

- Computation: Solving linear programs, etc.

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## Practical Challenges:

- Mixed features (e.g., Multimodal inputs)
- Insufficient training data: Imbalance, Scarce, Incomplete, Noise
- Incomplete test inputs

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### Multilabel Classification with Partial Abstention: Bayes-Optimal Prediction under Label Independence

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# Objectives

After this lecture, students should be able to

- use IDM and related models in Naïve credal classifier (NCC) [3]
- use IDM and related models in decision trees [9]

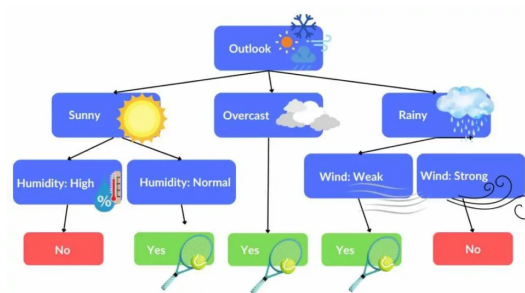
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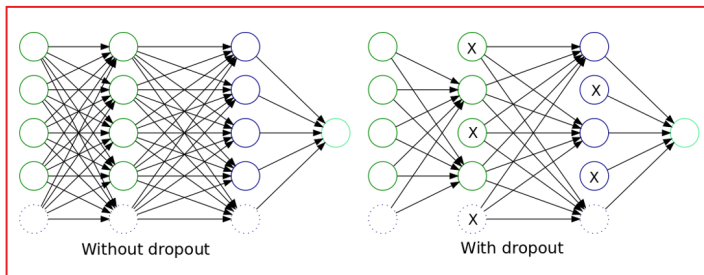
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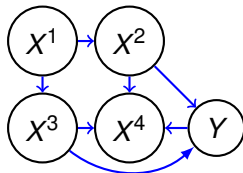
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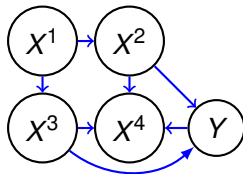
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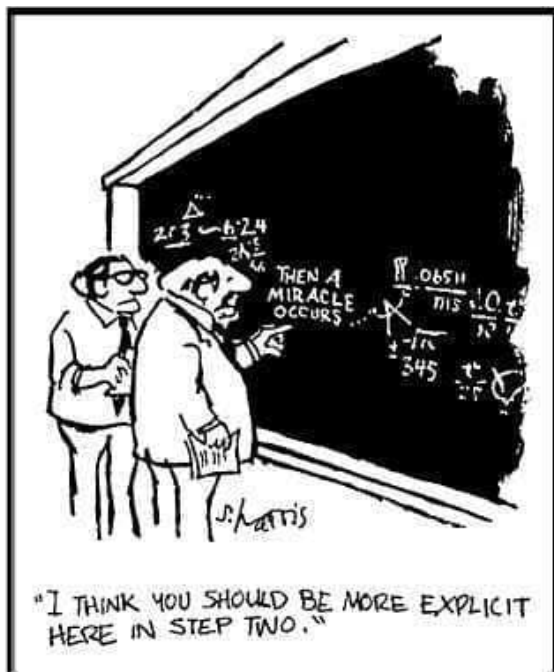
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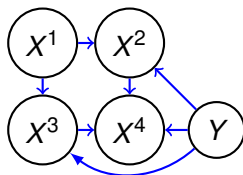
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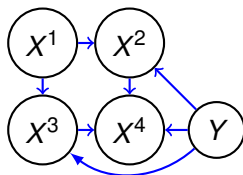
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MLE gives us the best estimates

$$\theta_k := n_k / N \quad (2)$$

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IDM +  $\epsilon$  regularization [2]

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## Making Set-Valued Predictions (Recap)

For **each instance**  $\mathbf{x}$ , let

- $\theta \leftarrow P(\mathcal{Y}|\mathbf{x})$  and  $\Theta \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y}|\mathbf{x})$

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  - Naive solutions are computationally expensive (in exponential time)
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# NCC: Technical Details + Performance

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## Learning Reliable Classifiers From Small or Incomplete Data Sets: The Naïve Credal Classifier 2

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## Probabilistic Models:

- Estimate  $P(Y, \mathbf{X})$
- Chain rule (probability):

$$P(Y, \mathbf{X}) = P(Y|\text{pa}(Y)) \prod_{m=1}^M P(X^m|\text{pa}(X^m)).$$

## Extreme Cases:

- Discriminative models:  $Y \notin \text{pa}(X^m)$ ,  $m \in [M]$
- Generative models:  $\text{pa}(Y) = \emptyset$  and  $Y \in \text{pa}(X^p)$ ,  $m \in [M]$ .

## Model Families:

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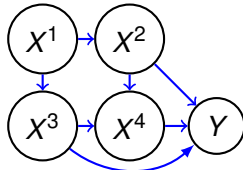
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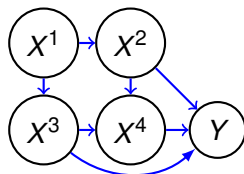
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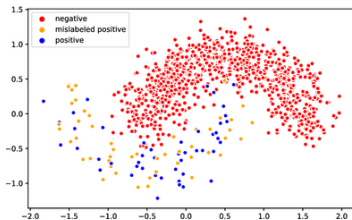
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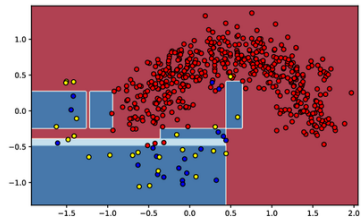
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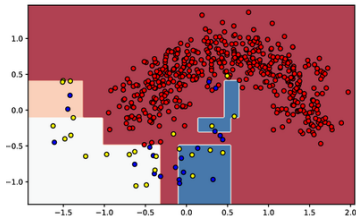
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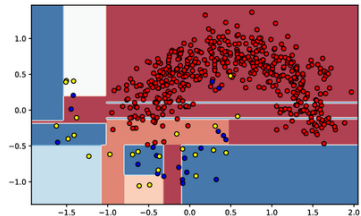
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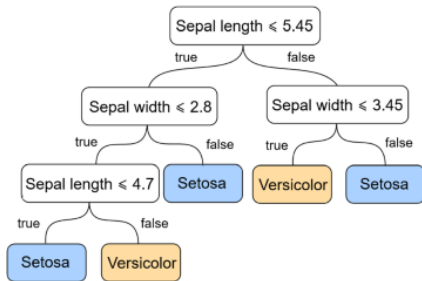
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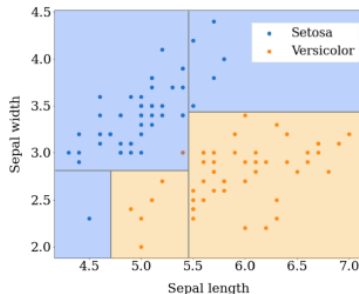
Learning an optimal decision tree from training data

- can be extremely hard (due to huge numbers of possible trees)
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## Top-Down Induction (Example) [4]



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(b) Partitioning visualization

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- From the current node, choose the best split which improves the evaluation criterion
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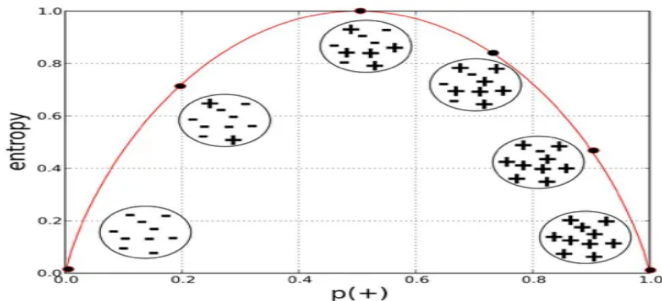
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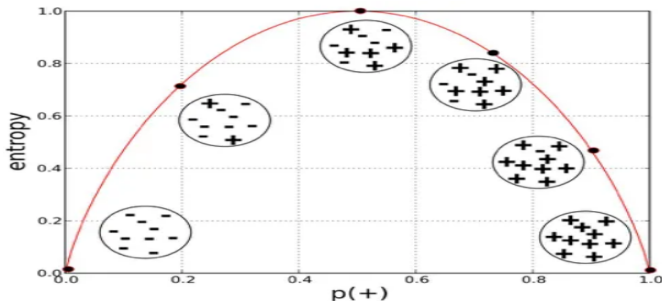
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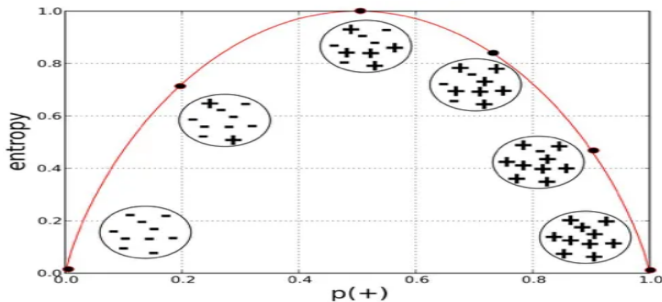
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- Each leaf is equipped a  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y}|\mathbf{L}_h) \rightarrow$  Precise predictions.

## Credal Decision Trees: Performance [8]

Splitting criterion	0% noise	10% noise	20% noise
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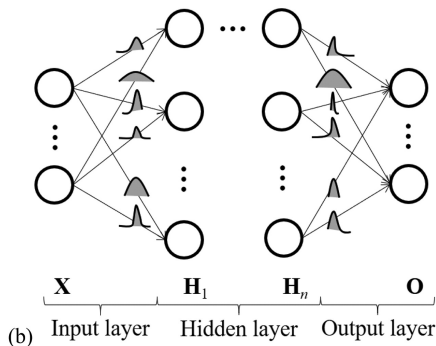
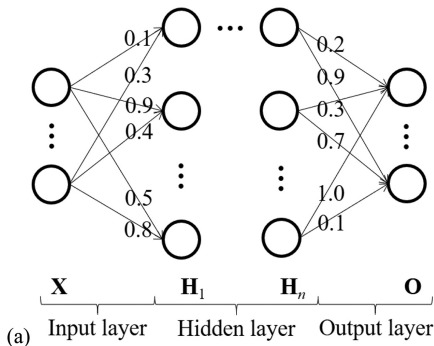
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# BNNpriors: A library for Bayesian neural network inference with different prior distributions

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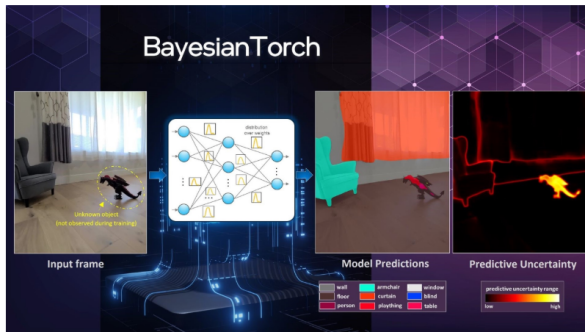
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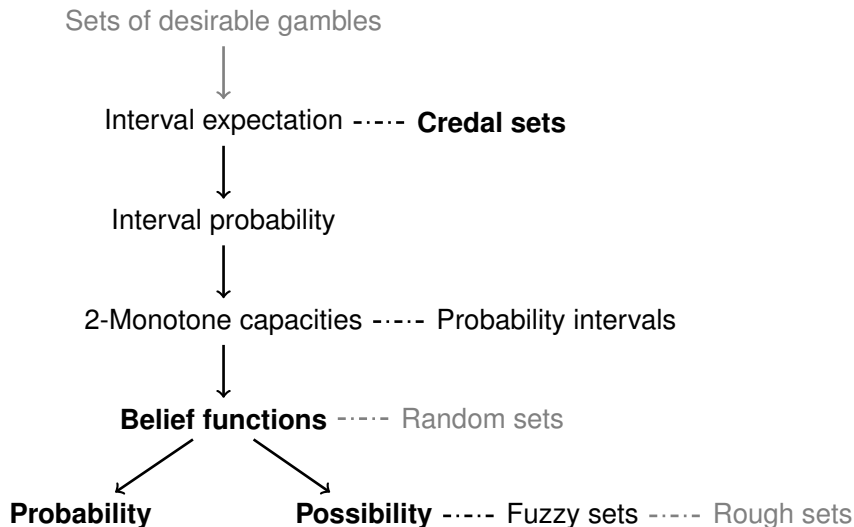
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