Reasoning with Probabilities

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The main reference

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Notice:posterior probability of disease still quite small!

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- Absolute Independence is very rare
- Can we use Bayes' rule?

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Still not good: with n evidence variables 2^n possible combinations for which we would need to know the conditional probabilities

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I.e., 2 + 2 + 1 = 5 independent numbers (equations 1 and 2 remove 2)

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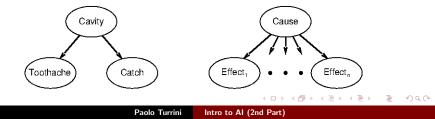
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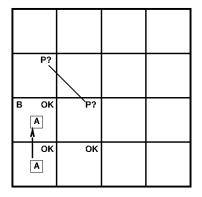
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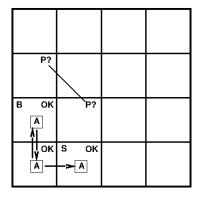
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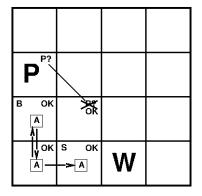
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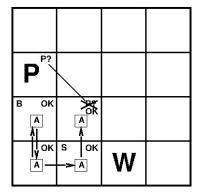
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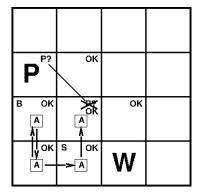


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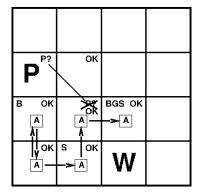


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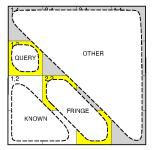
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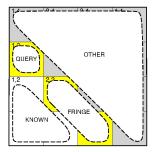
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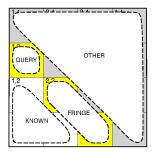


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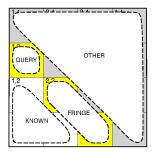
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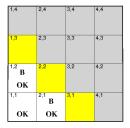
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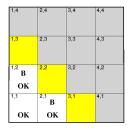
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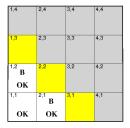
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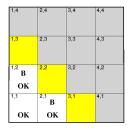
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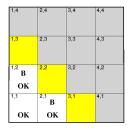
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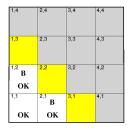
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Pushing the sums inwards

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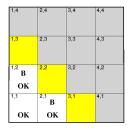
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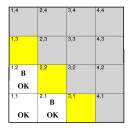
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Reordering and pushing sums inwards

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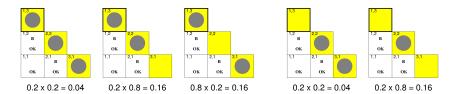
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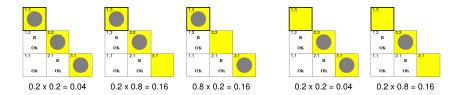
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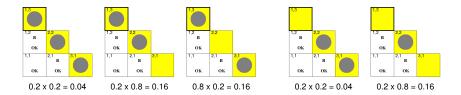
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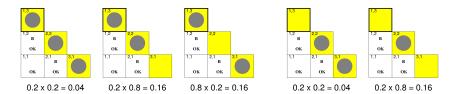


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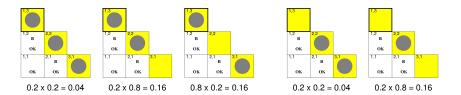


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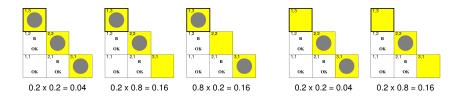
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