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**MULTI-LAYER**

**BELIEF MODEL**

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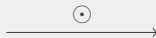
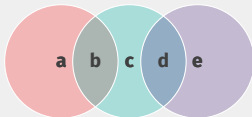
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**Do I believe in  $P = \{a, b, e\}$ ?**

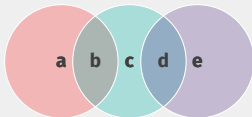


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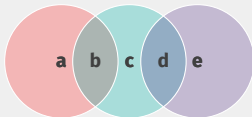
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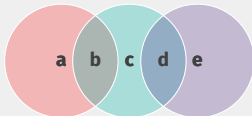
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**Uncertain Evidence****Conflictive Evidence**

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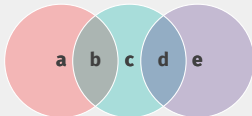


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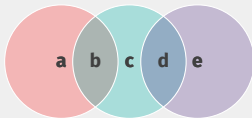
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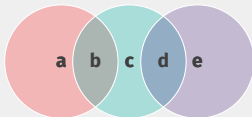


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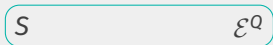


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$\mathcal{E}^Q$

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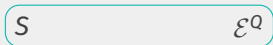


Domain:  $2^S \times [0, 1]$

Example:  $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$



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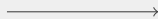
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$$\mathcal{J} = \left\{ \{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\} \right\}$$



: High level of skepticism

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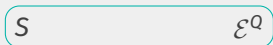
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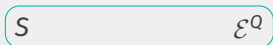
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**Frame of Justification:**

$\mathcal{J}^\#$

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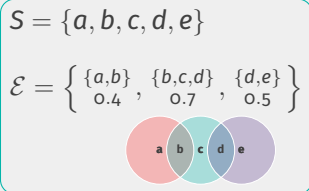
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$\{\{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, S\}$



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$$\{\{a, b\}\} \mapsto 0.06$$

$$\{\{b, c, d\}, \{d, e\}\} \mapsto 0.21$$

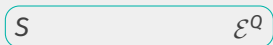
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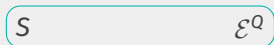
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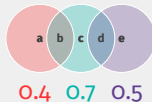
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: Yes, with degree 0.30.



: No, I don't.

# NEXT STEPS

## AN EPISTEMIC LOGIC FOR THE MODEL

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✓  
x/? **Uncertain Evidence**  
**Conflicting Evidence**

EPISTEMIC LOGIC

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- Theoretical results
- Computational results
- Experimental results

1. Are there any special cases to check with this model?
2. Do you have other theoretical results to prove in mind?
3. How to test the model experimentally?