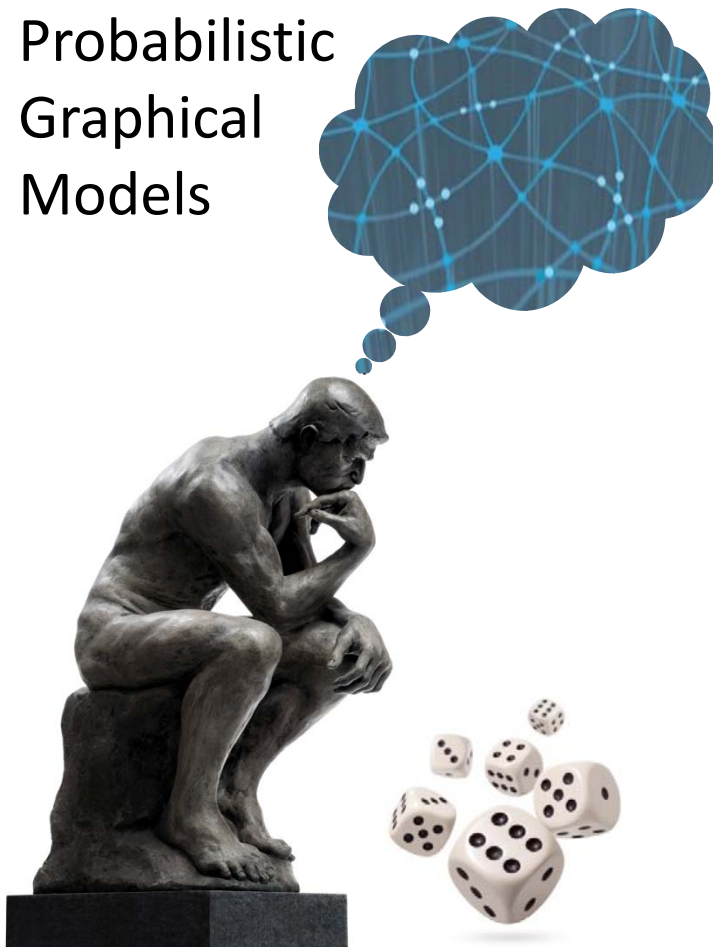


Probabilistic
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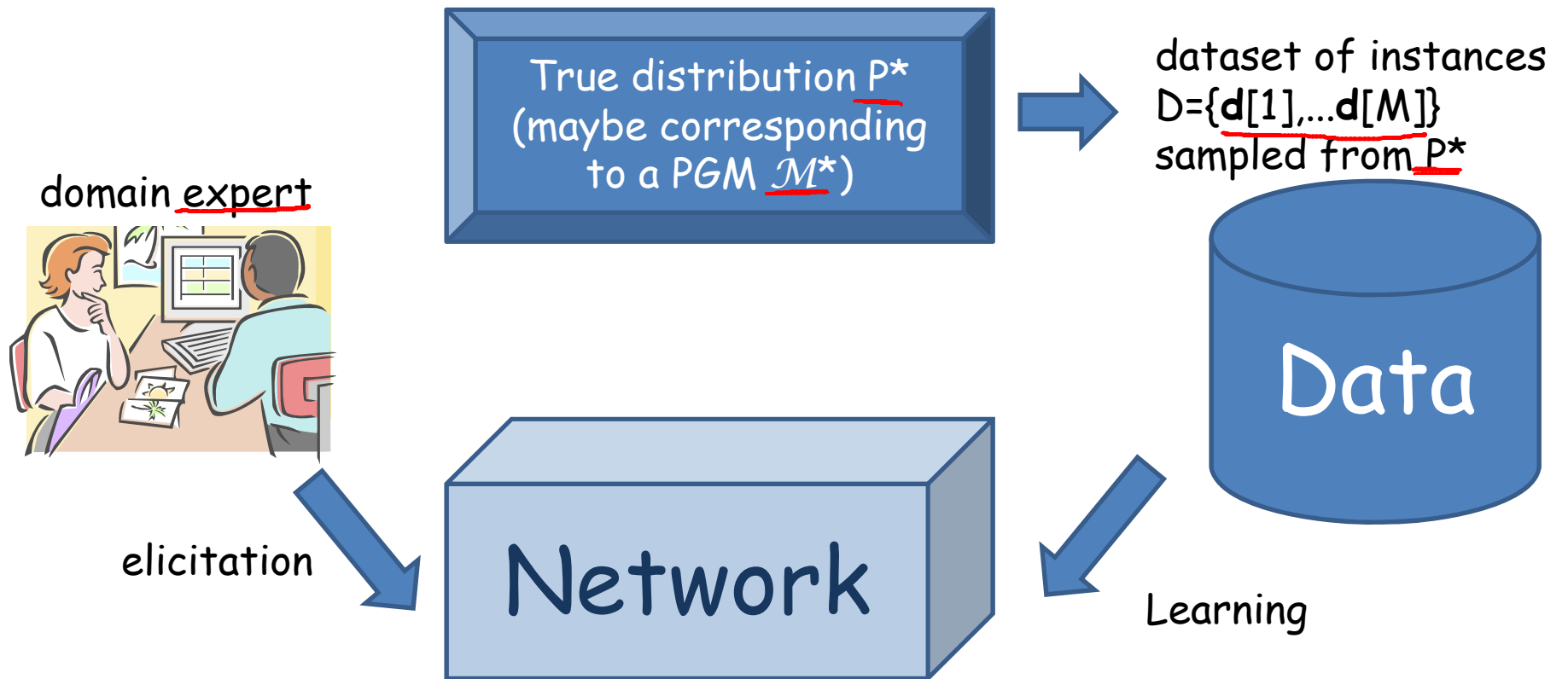


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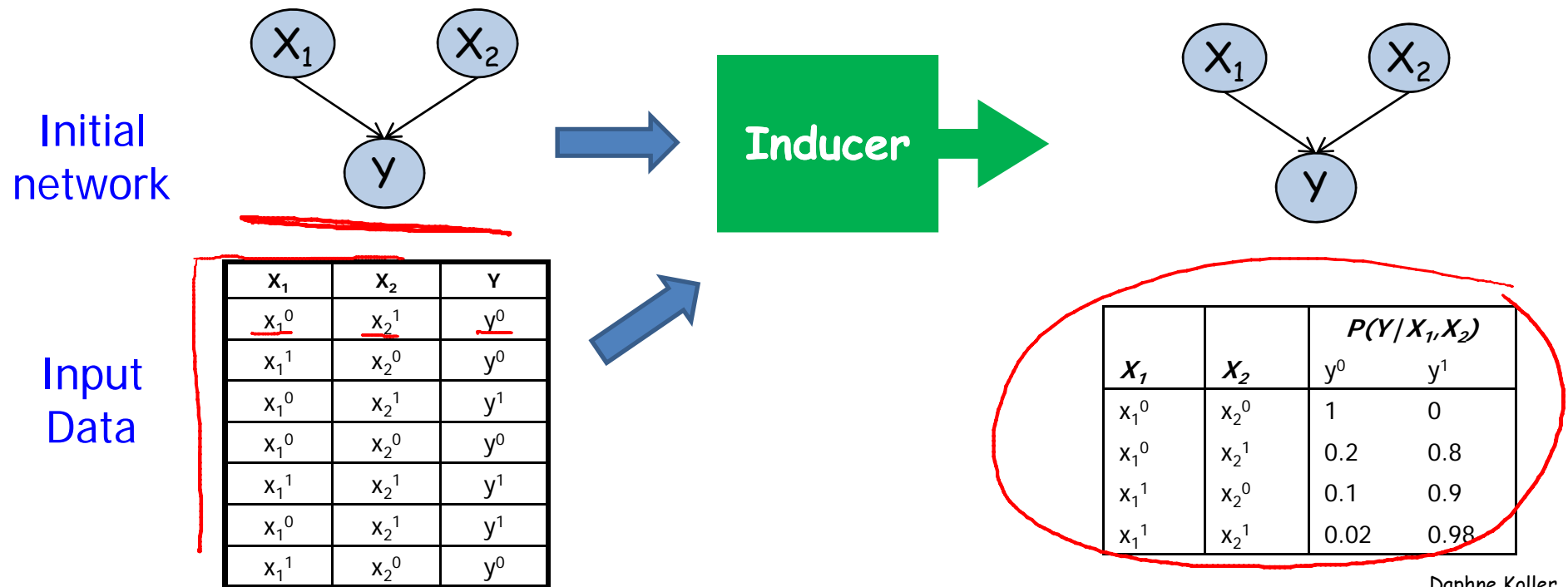
Overview

PGM Learning Tasks and Metrics

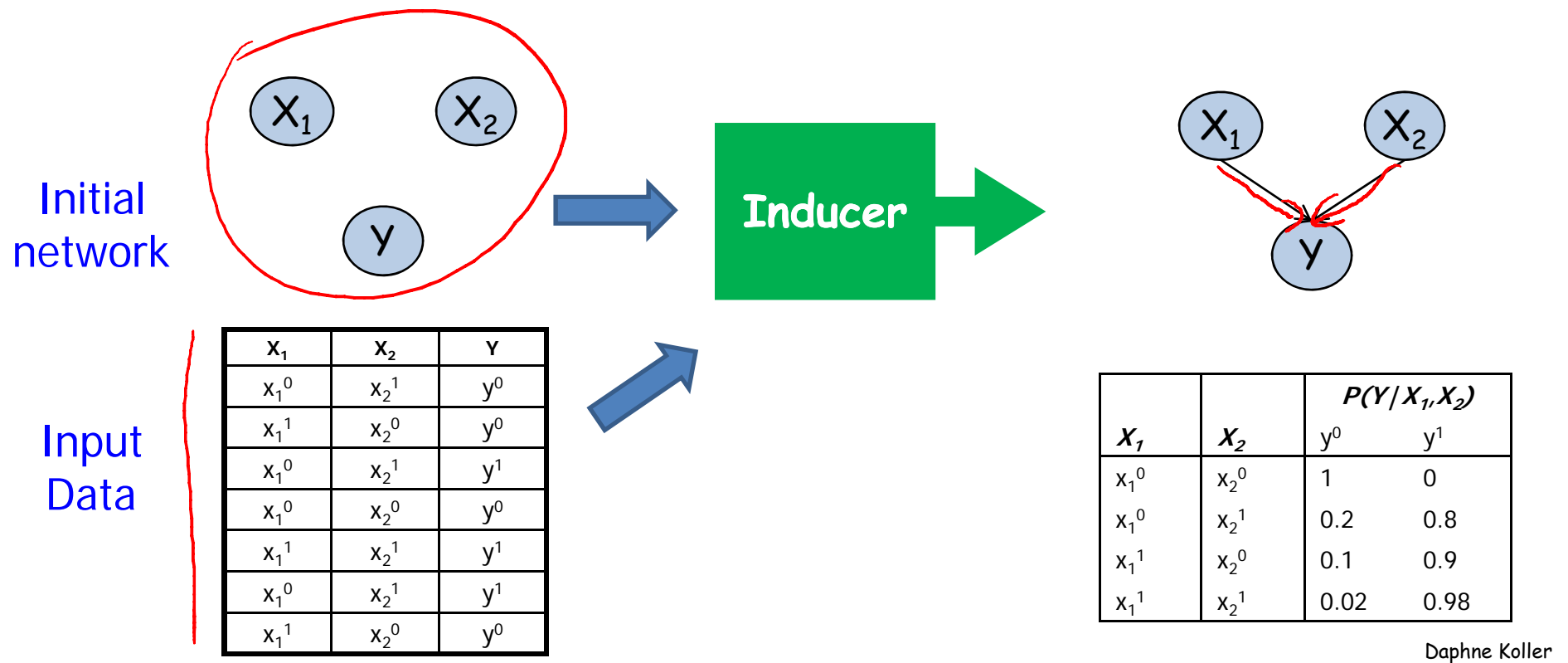
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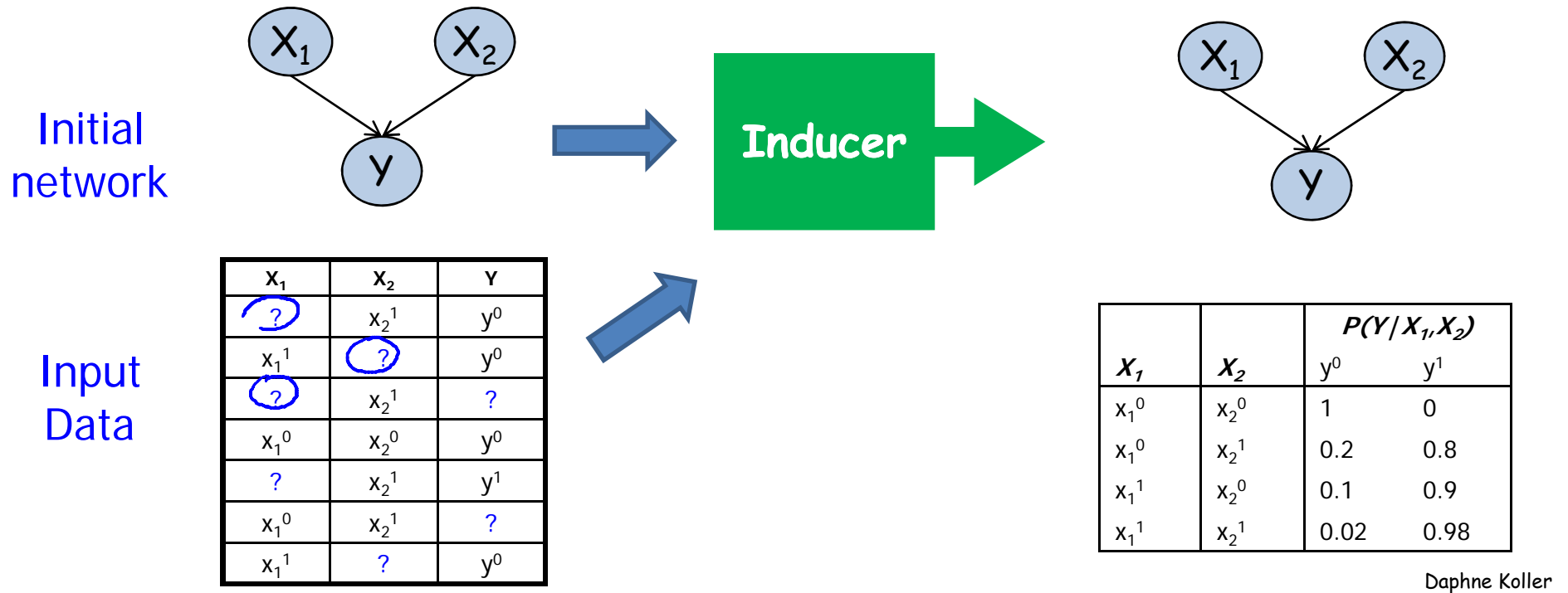
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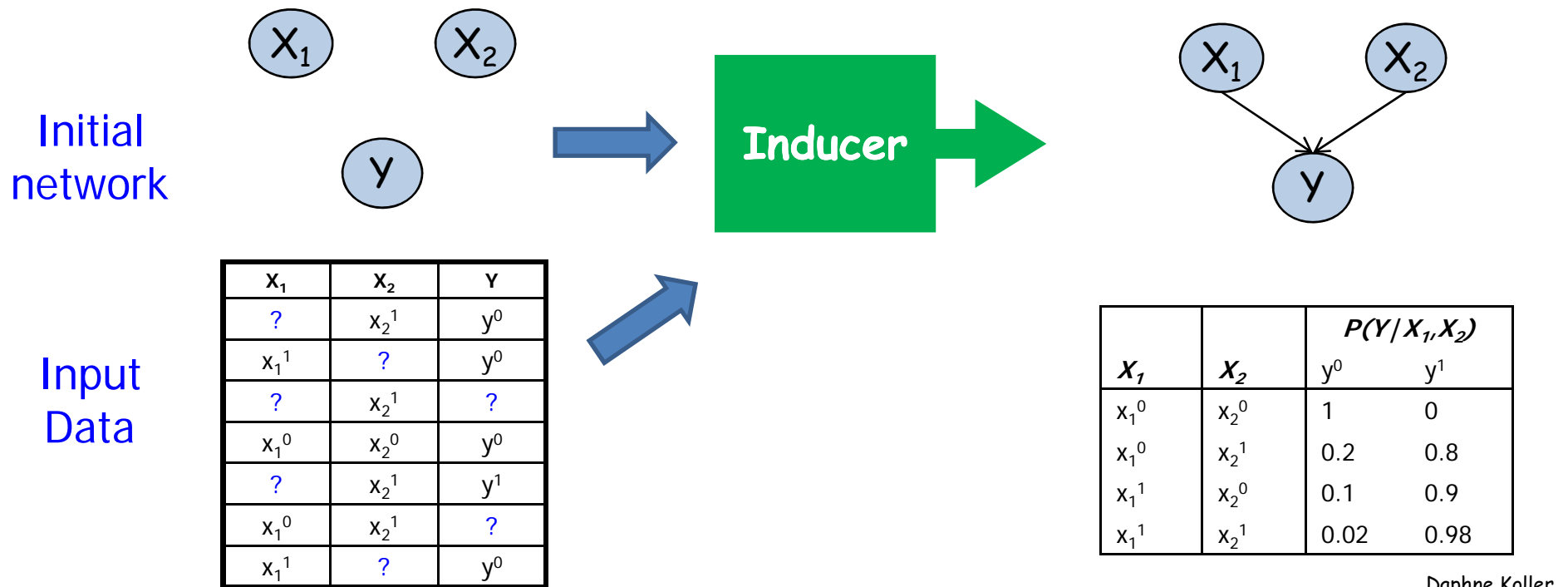
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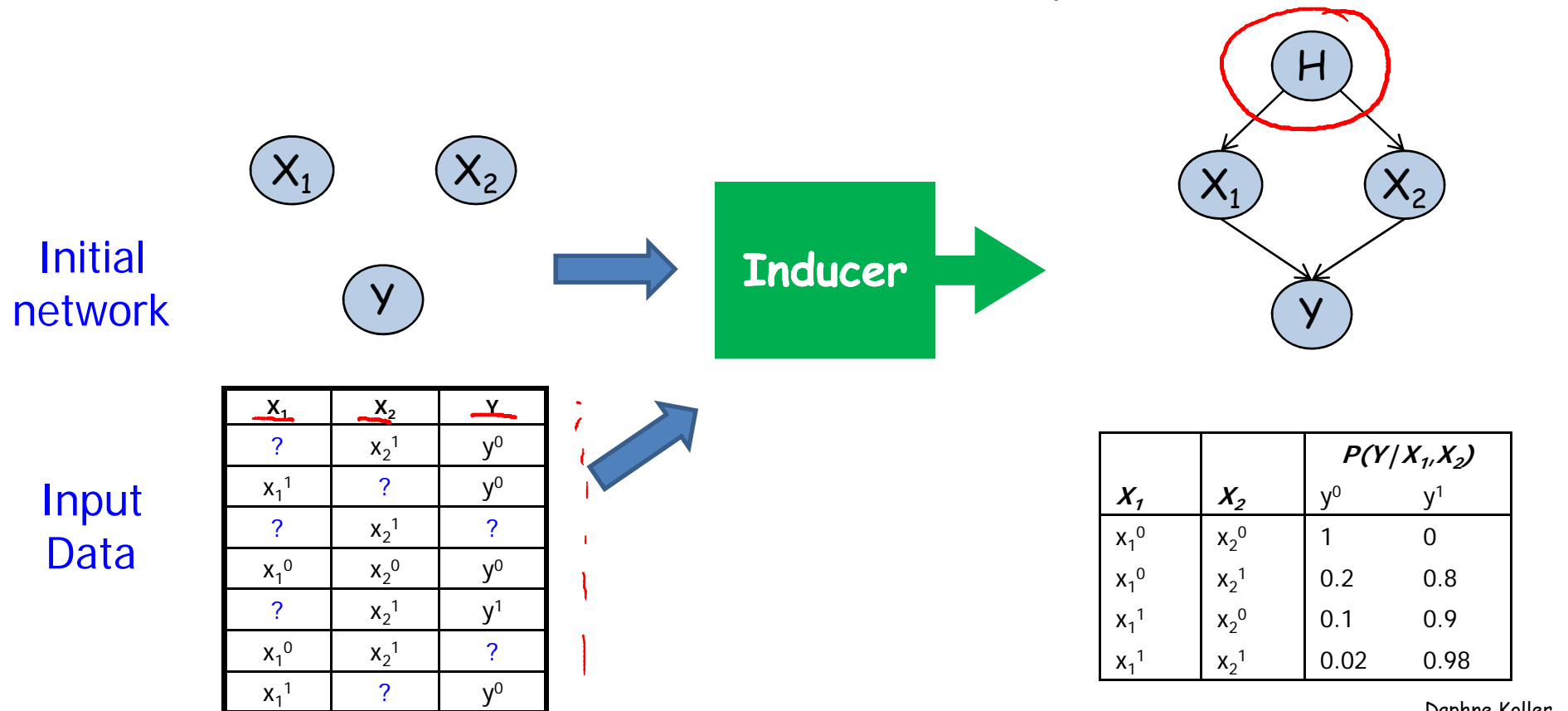
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Unknown Structure, Incomplete Data



Latent Variables, Incomplete Data



PGM Learning Tasks I

- Goal: Answer general probabilistic queries about new instances
- Simple metric: Training set likelihood
 - $P(\overset{\text{data}}{\mathcal{D}} : \mathcal{M}) = \prod_m P(\underline{d[m]} : \mathcal{M})$ (ILD)
- But we really care about new data
 - Evaluate on test set likelihood - $P(\mathcal{D}' : \mathcal{M})$
generalization performance

PGM Learning Tasks II

- Goal: Specific prediction task on new instances
 - Predict target variables y from observed variables x
 - E.g., image segmentation, speech recognition
- Often care about specialized objective
 - E.g., pixel-level segmentation accuracy
- Often convenient to select model to optimize
 - likelihood $\prod_m P(\mathbf{d}[m] : \mathcal{M})$ or
 - conditional likelihood $\prod_m P(\mathbf{y}[m] | \mathbf{x}[m] : \mathcal{M})$
- Model evaluated on "true" objective over test data

PGM Learning Tasks III



- Goal: Knowledge discovery of \mathcal{M}^*
 - Distinguish direct vs indirect dependencies
 - Possibly directionality of edges
 - Presence and location of hidden variables
- Often train using likelihood
 - Poor surrogate for structural accuracy
- Evaluate by comparing to prior knowledge

Avoiding Overfitting

- Selecting \mathcal{M} to optimize training set likelihood overfits to statistical noise
- Parameter overfitting
 - Parameters fit random noise in training data
 - Use regularization / parameter priors
- Structure overfitting
 - Training likelihood always increases for more complex structures
 - Bound or penalize model complexity

Selecting Hyperparameters

- Regularization for overfitting involves hyperparameters:
 - Parameter priors (regularization)
 - Complexity penalty
- Choice of hyperparameters makes a big difference to performance
- Must be selected on validation set ~~training test~~ (cross-validation)

Why PGM Learning

- Predictions of structured objects
(sequences, graphs, trees)
 - Exploit correlations between several predicted variables
- Can incorporate prior knowledge into model
- Learning single model for multiple tasks
- Framework for knowledge discovery