

# Causal Inference - Part A

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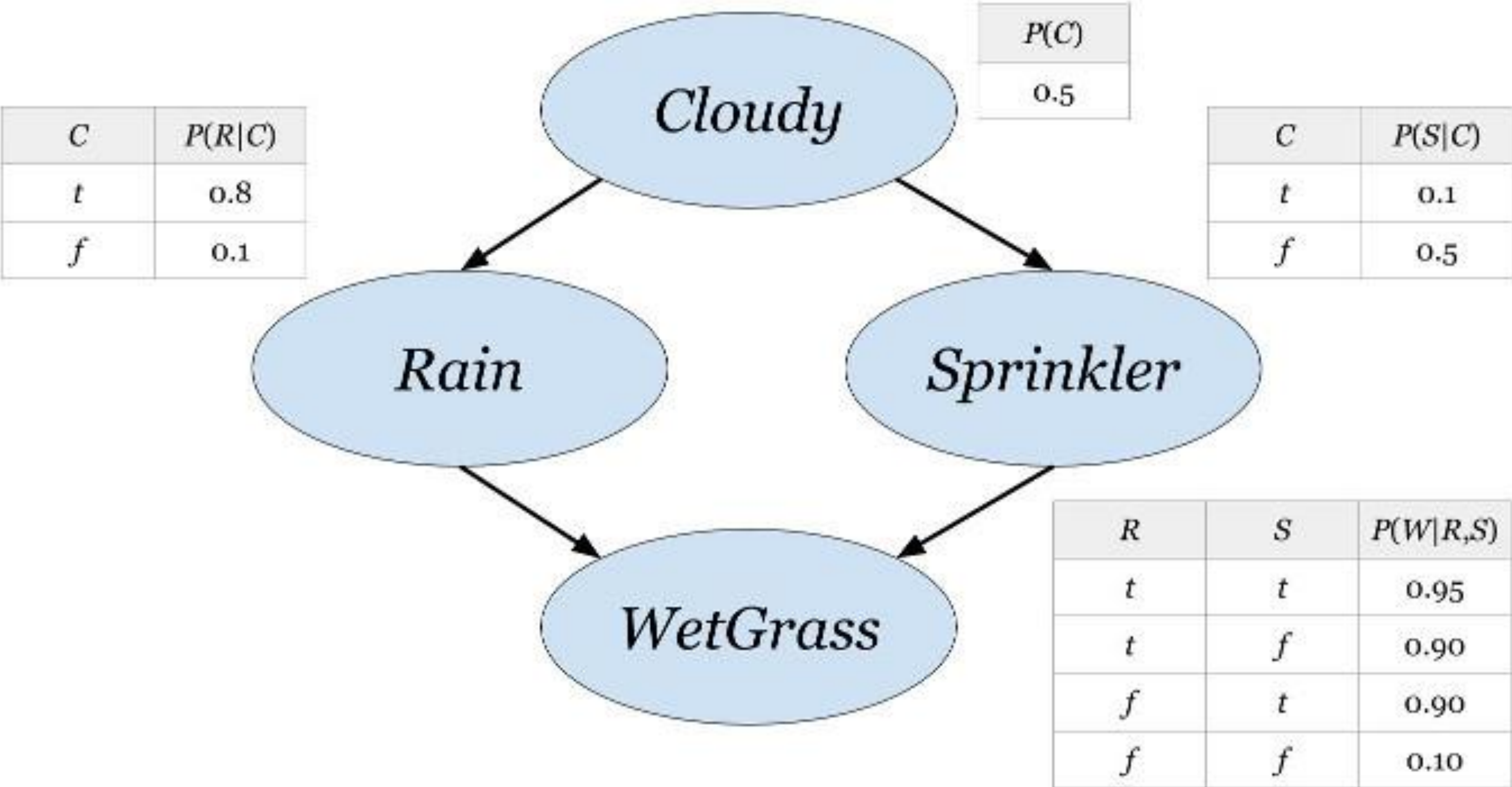
## Topics:

- Causal effect of rain on wet grass: Sprinkler example
- Recap on Interventions
- Recap on adjustment formula
- pyAgrum
- Simpson's paradox
- Example Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum



# Causal effect of rain on wet grass: Sprinkler example

Let's consider again our Sprinkler network, assuming this is a reliable description of the causal relationships between its four variables:



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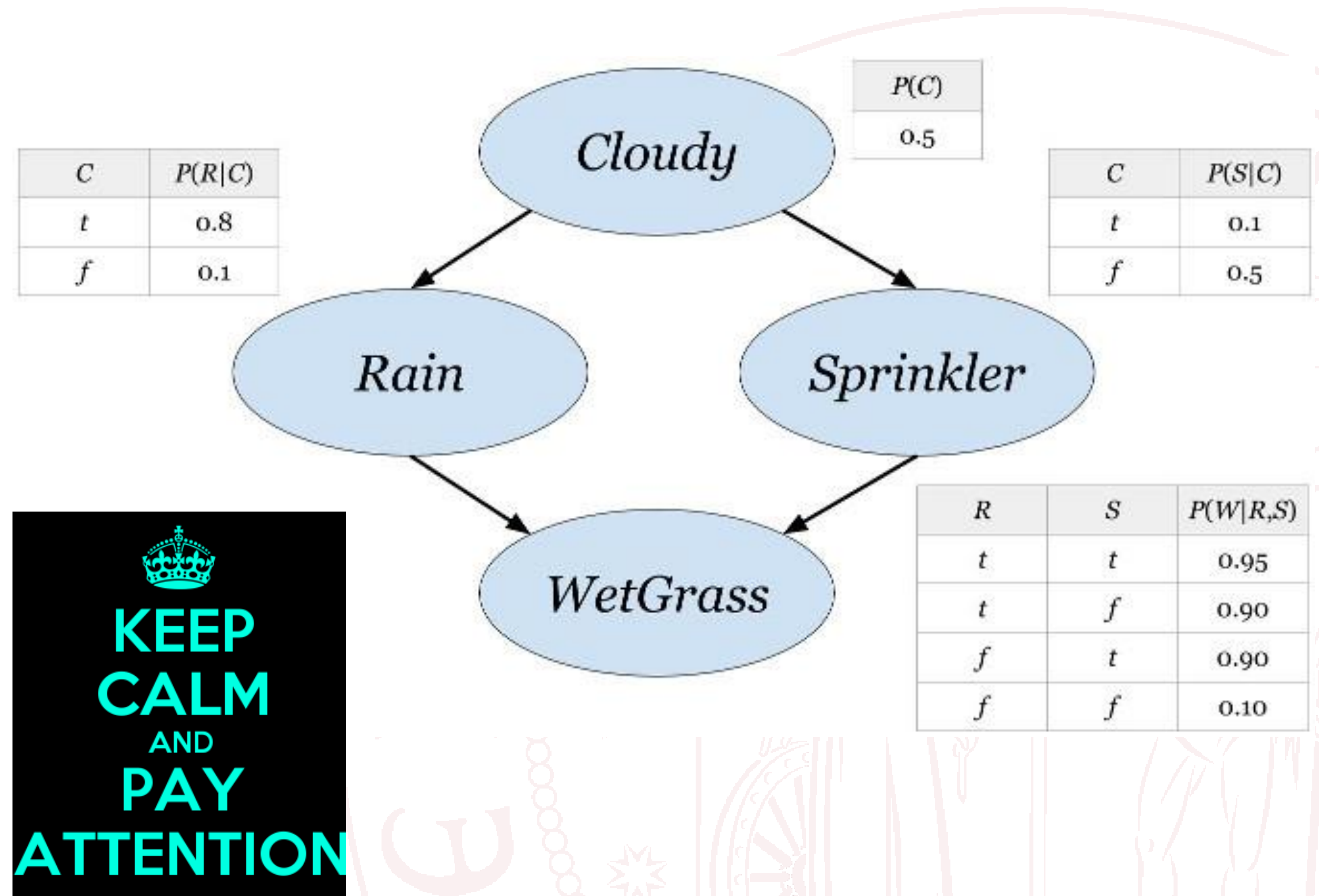


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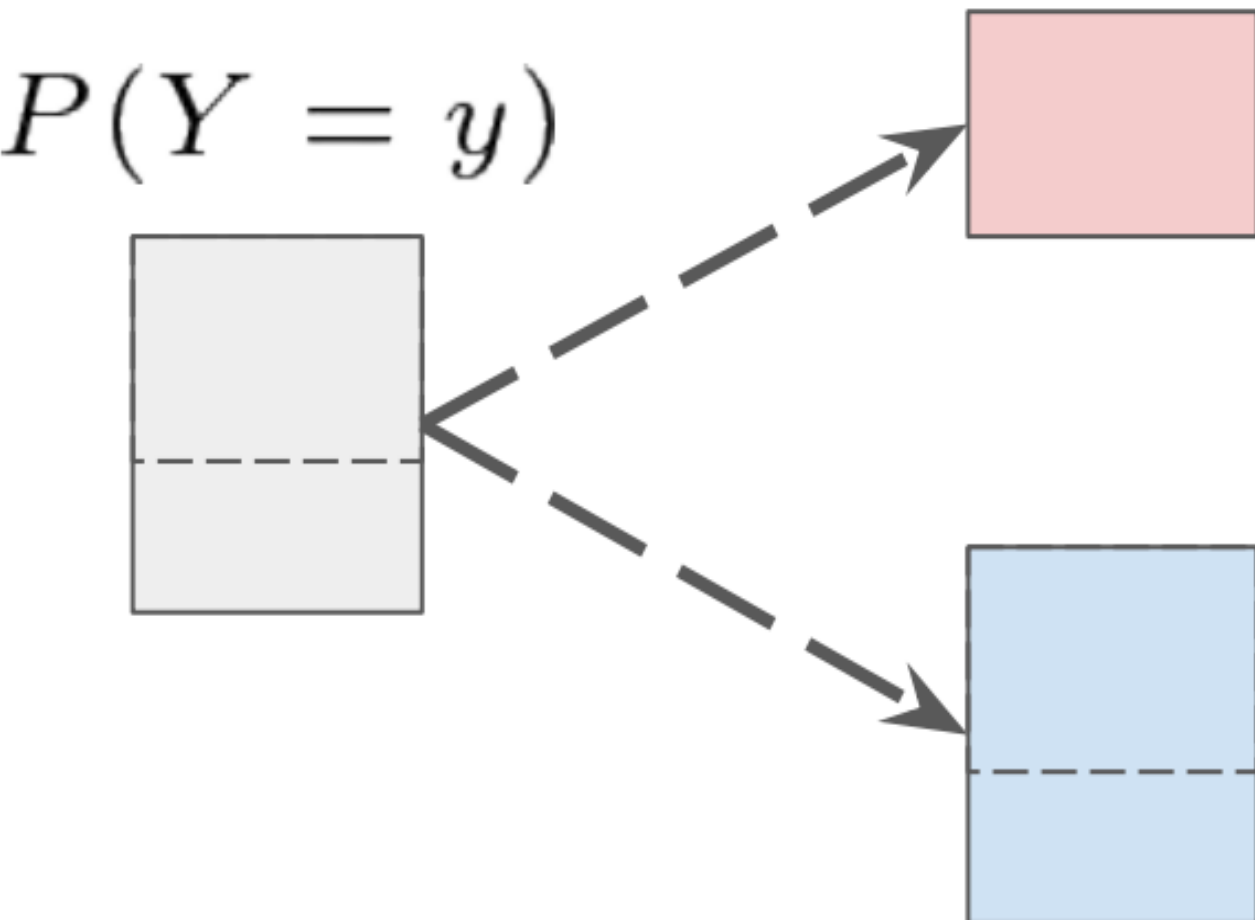
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## Interventions

- In a dataset, when we condition the outcome  $Y = y$  on an **observation**  $X = x$ , we simply consider the subset of  $Y$  where we observe that  $X$  is equal to  $x$
- But when we condition  $Y = y$  on an **intervention**  $do(X = x)$ , we force the value of  $X$  for the entire set  $Y$



$P(Y = y)$

$$P(Y = y | X = x) = \frac{P(Y = y, X = x)}{P(X = x)}$$

$P(Y = y | do(X = x)) = ?$



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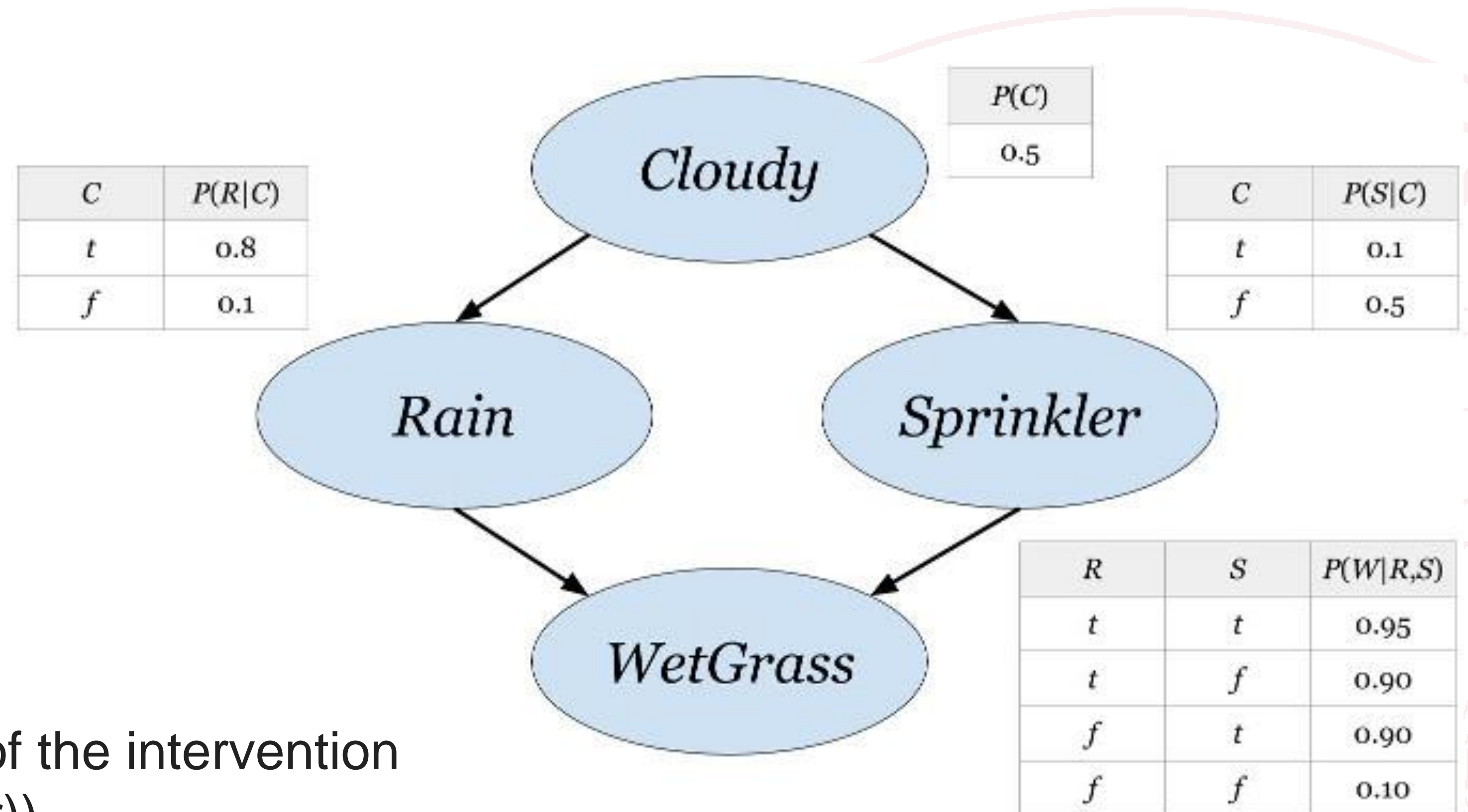
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To this end, we can compute the effect of the intervention  $P(G=\text{true}|\text{do}(R=\text{true}))$ , or simply  $P(g|\text{do}(r))$ ,

by using the **adjustment formula** for the only parent of  $R$ , which is  $C$



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## Adjustment formula

$$P(y|do(x)) = P_m(y|x)$$

from definition of intervention

$$= \sum_z P_m(y|x, z)P_m(z|x)$$

from Law of Total Probability

$$= \sum_z P_m(y|x, z)P_m(z)$$

from independence of  $X$  and  $Z$

$$= \sum_z P(y|x, z)P(z)$$

from previous slide's equalities

- More in general, we can write the **adjustment formula**, or **causal effect rule**:

$$P(y|do(x)) = \sum_{z \in \Lambda} P(y|x, z)P(z)$$

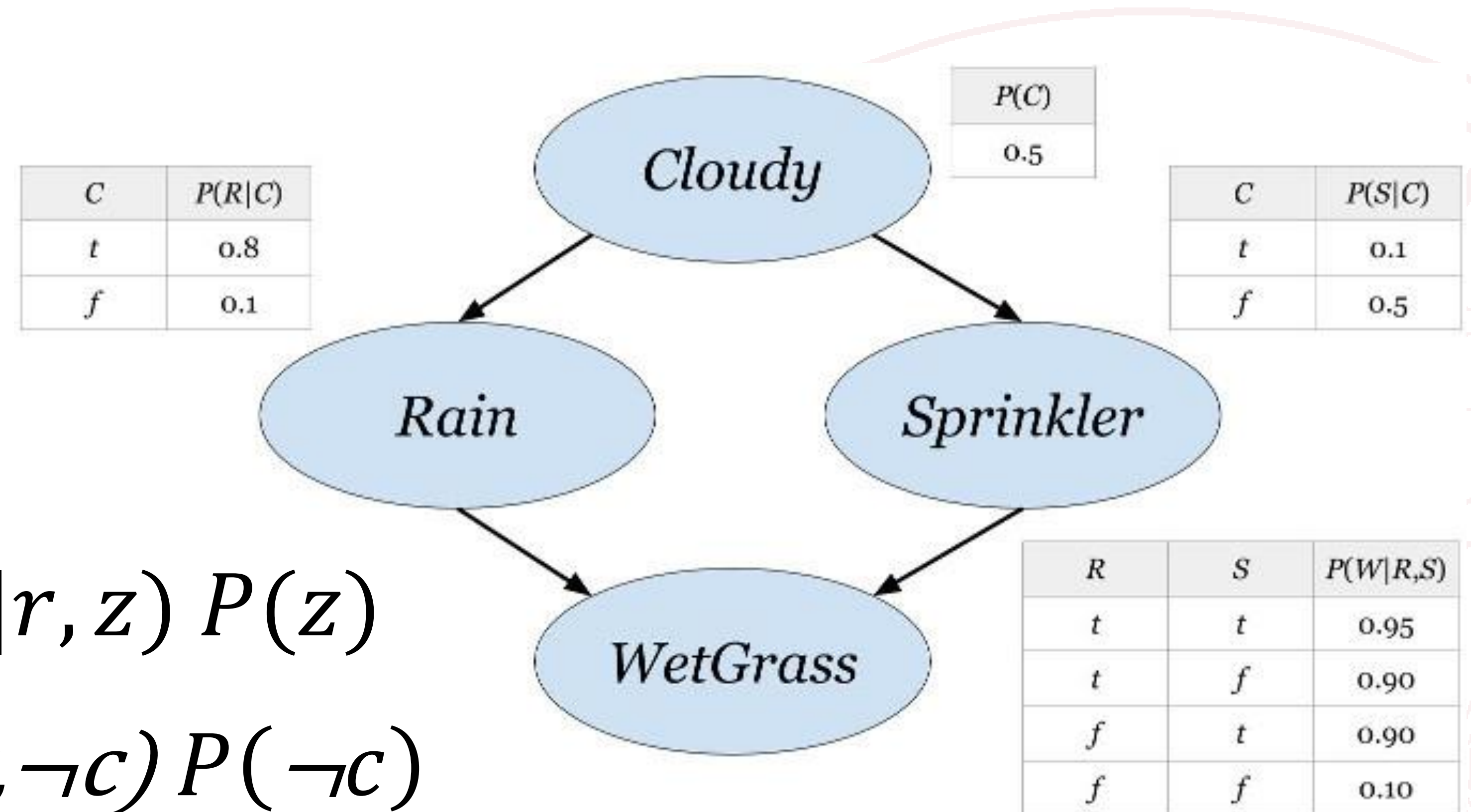
where  $\Lambda$  is the set of parents of  $X$





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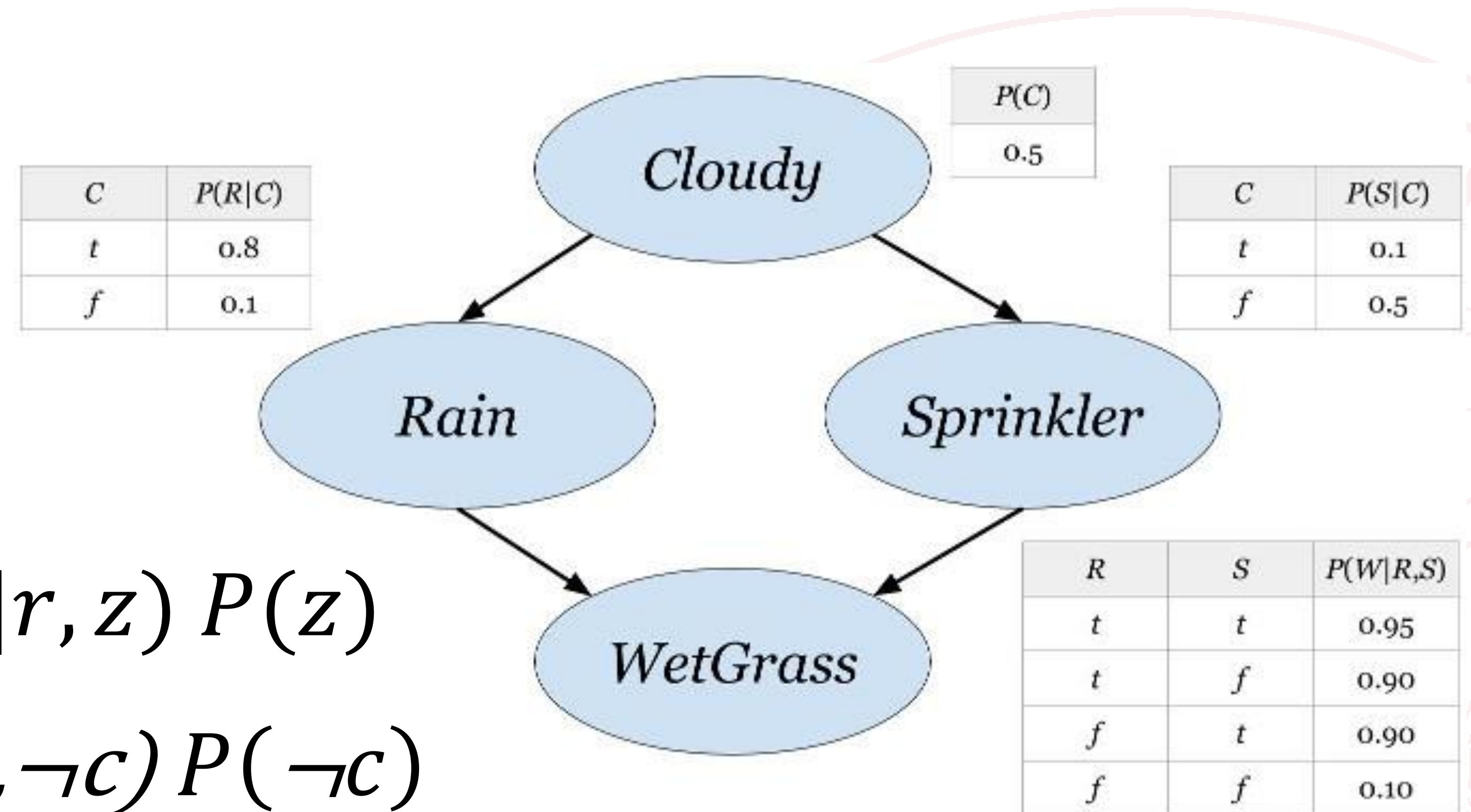
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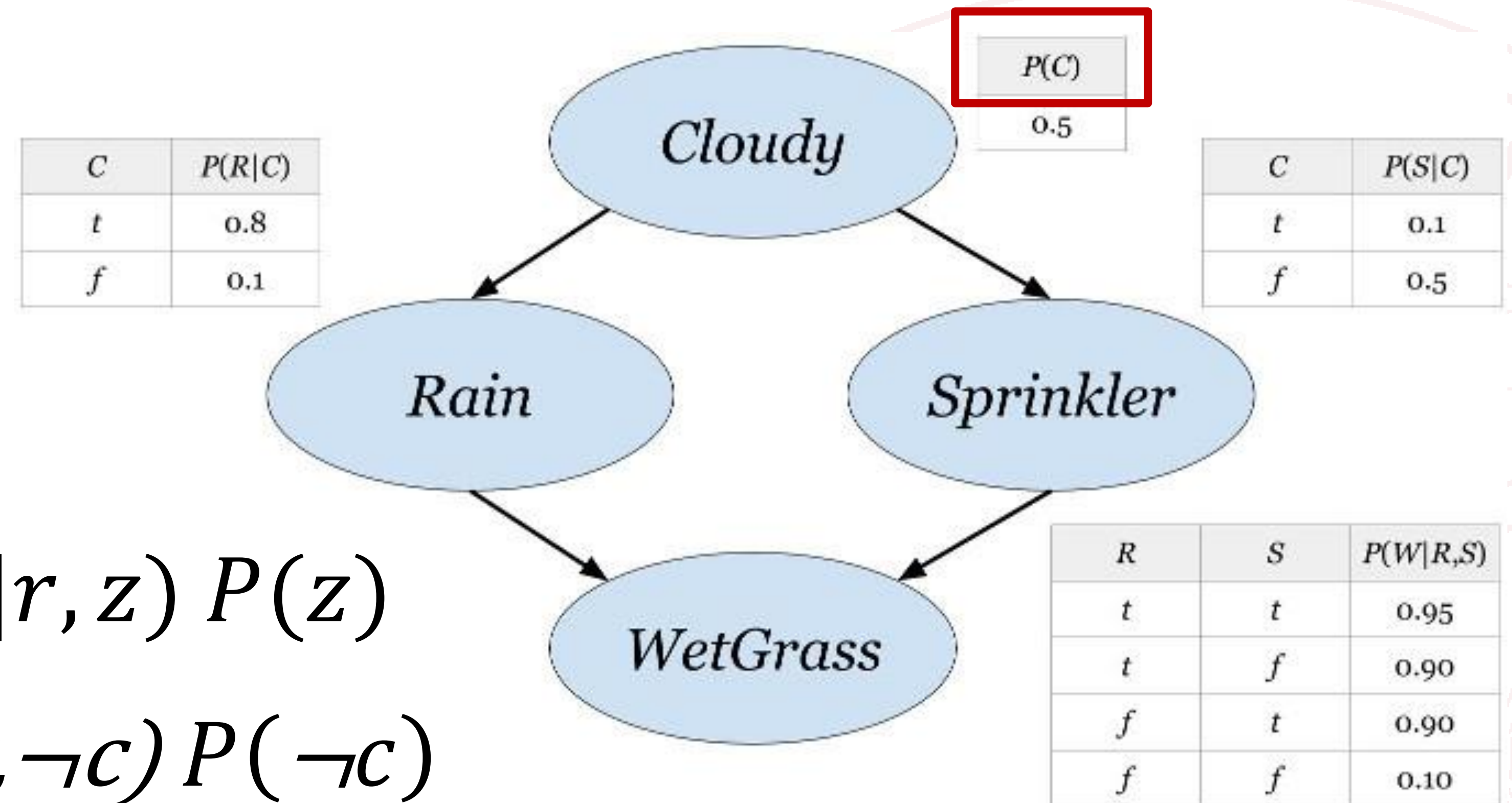
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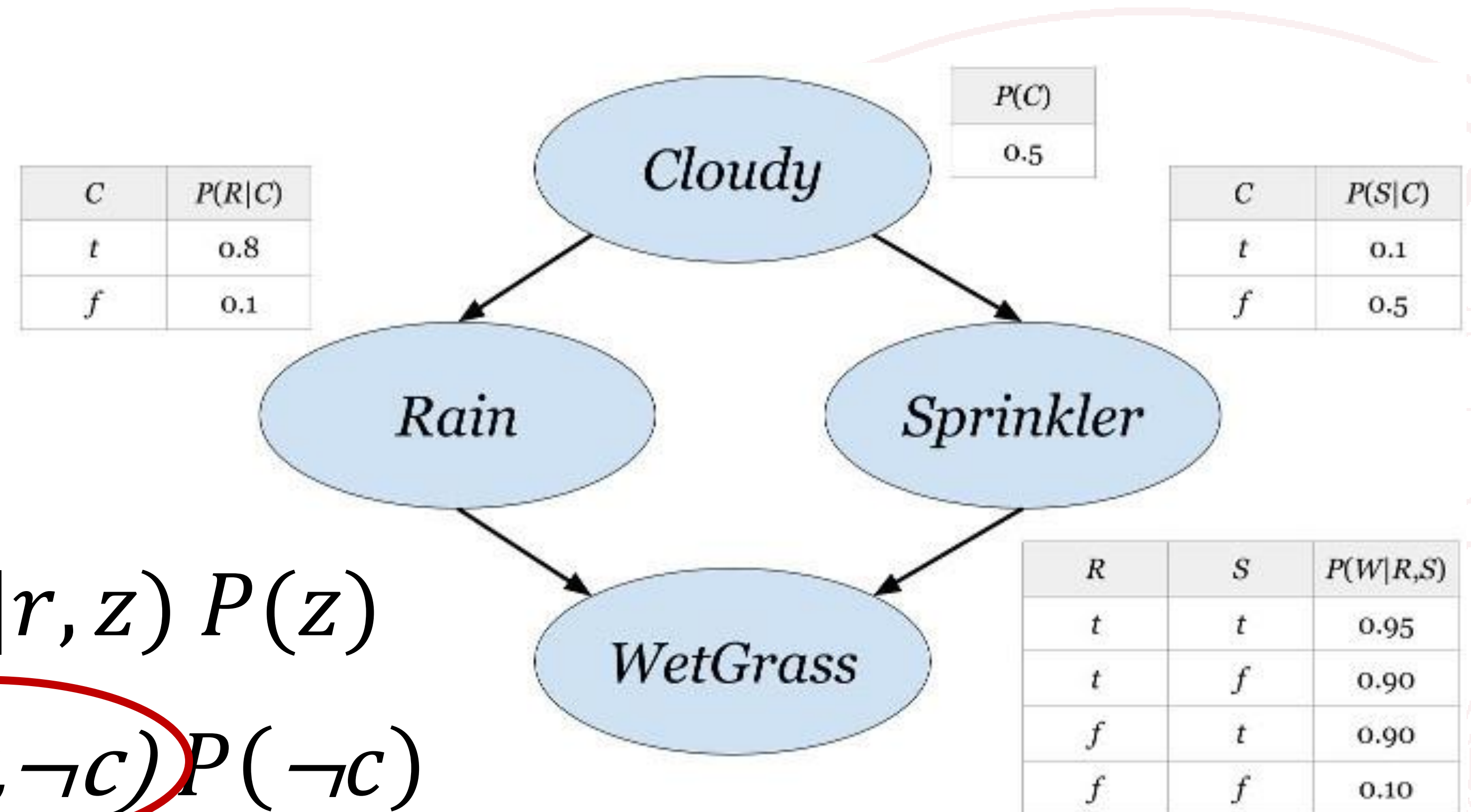


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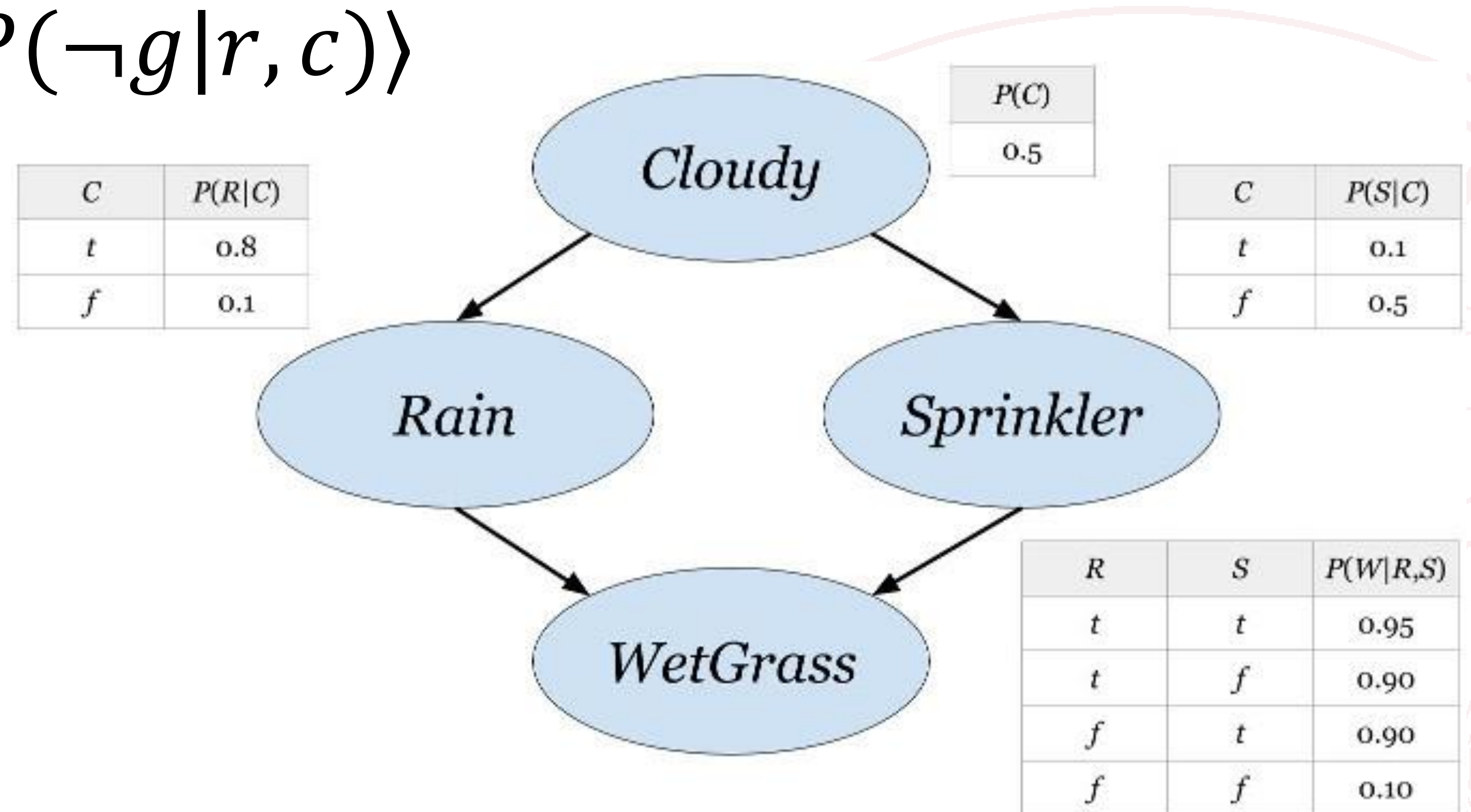
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The conditional distribution

$$\mathbf{P}(G|r, c) = \langle P(g|r, c), P(\neg g|r, c) \rangle$$

can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(G|r, c) &= \frac{P(G, r, c)}{P(r, c)} \\ &= \alpha P(G, r, c)\end{aligned}$$

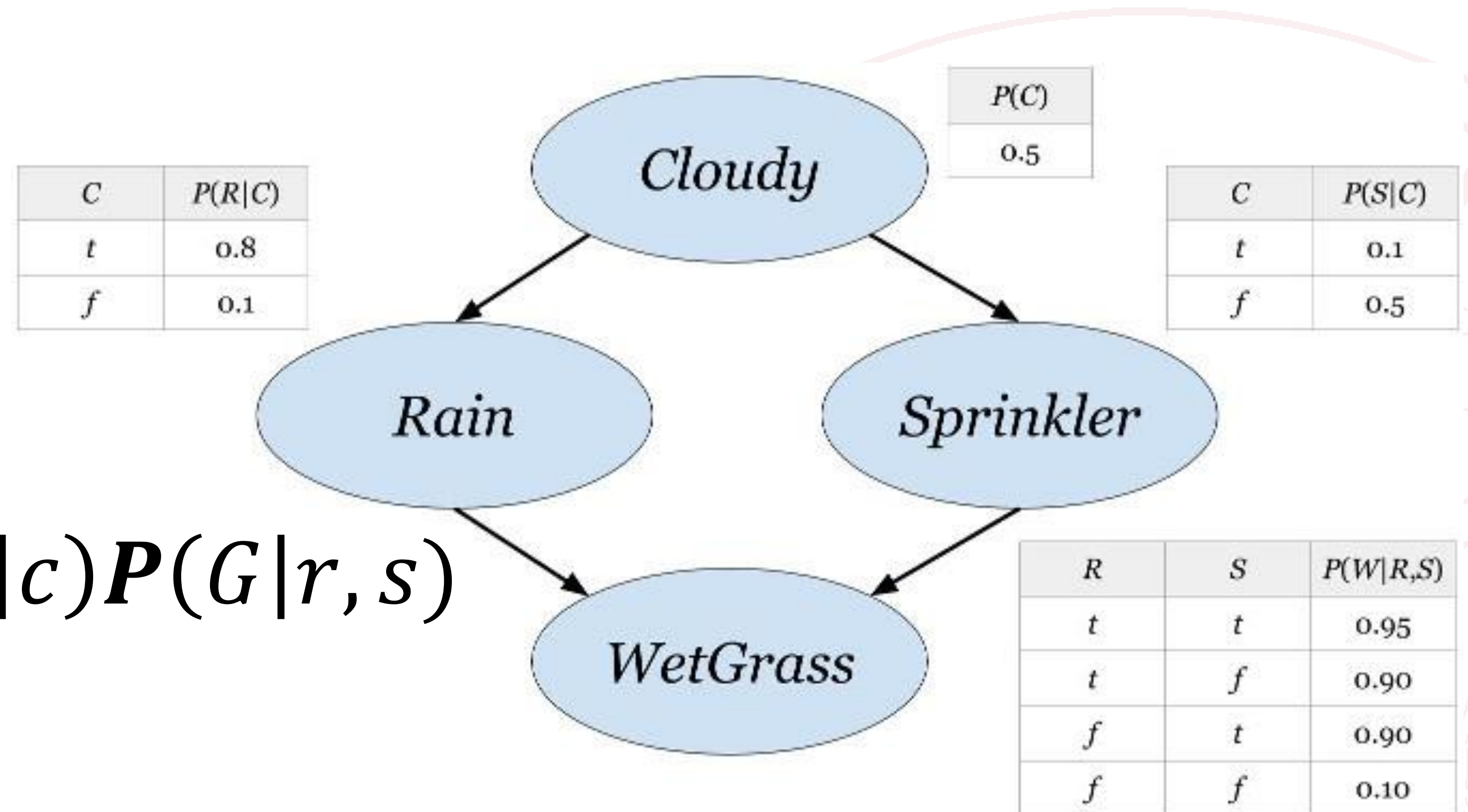


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As we did in Lab 5



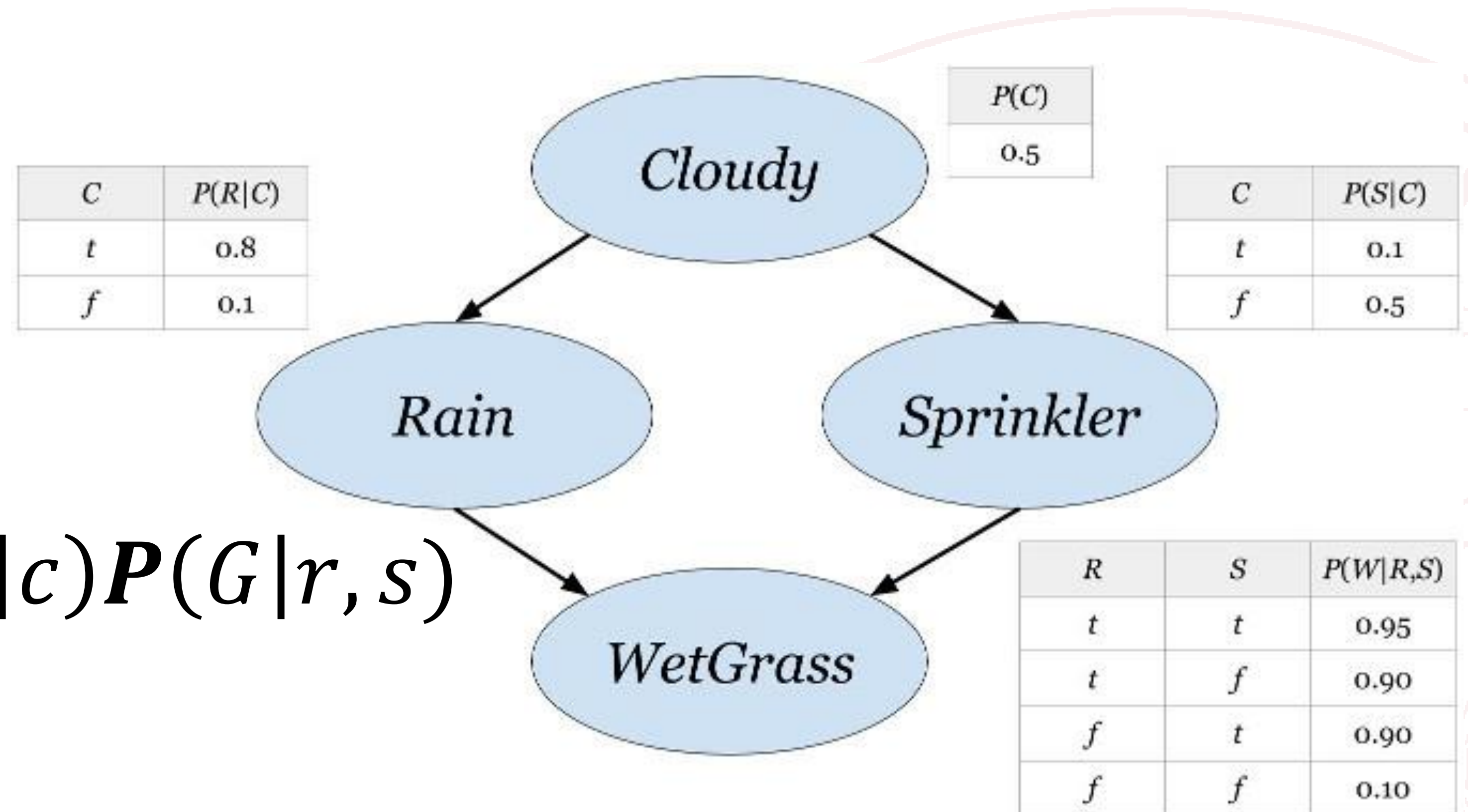
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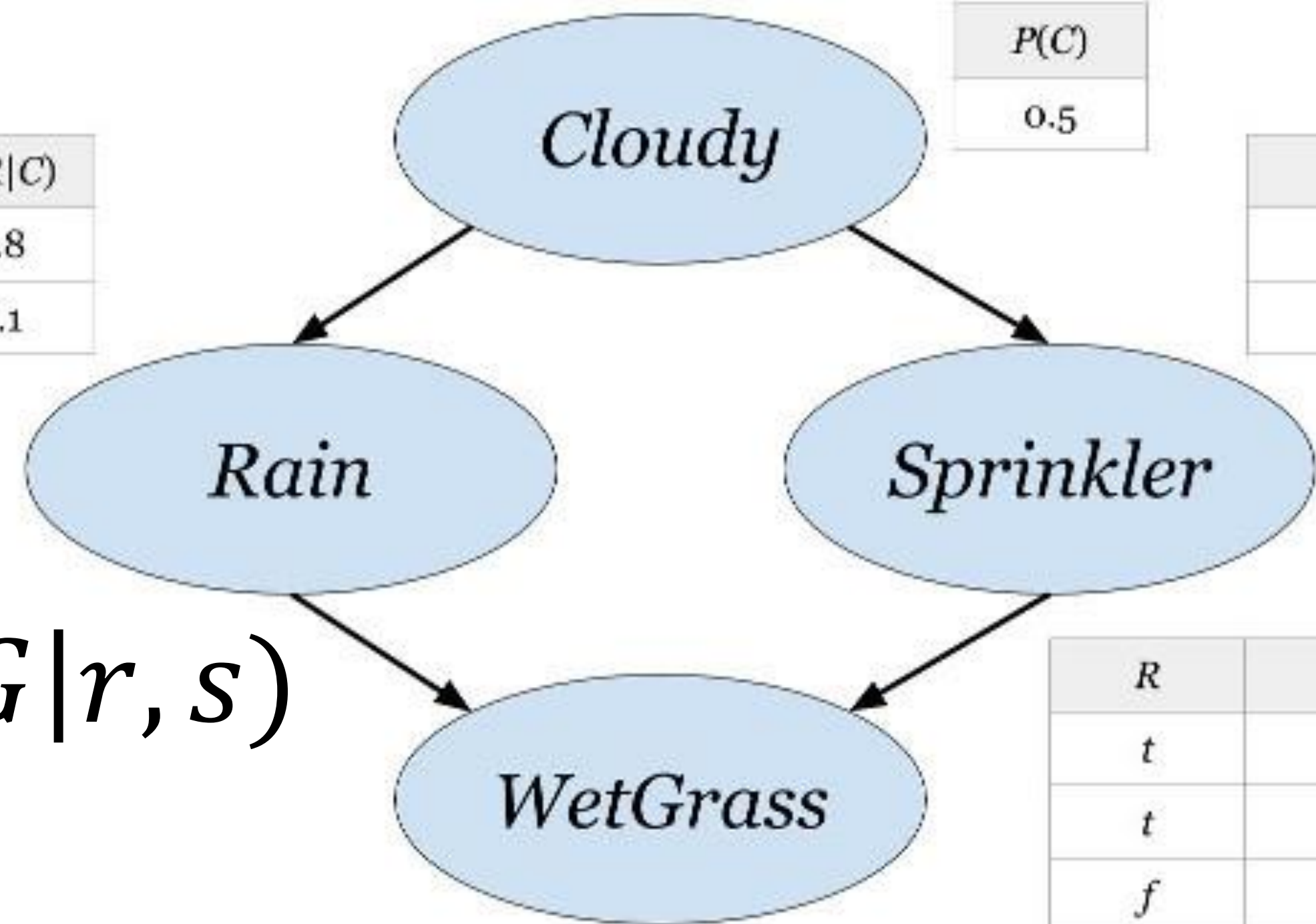
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$\alpha'$  is a new normalization factor



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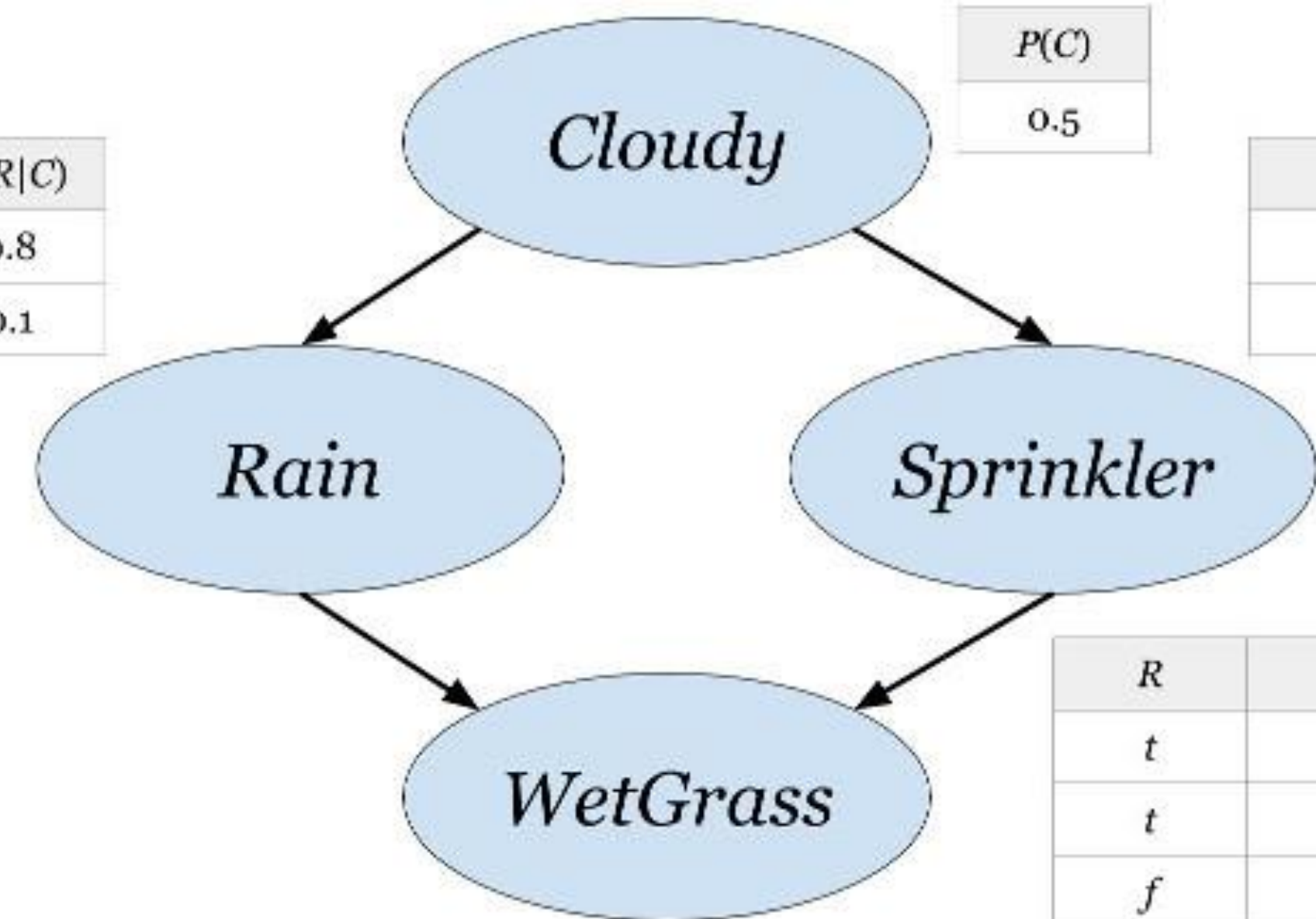
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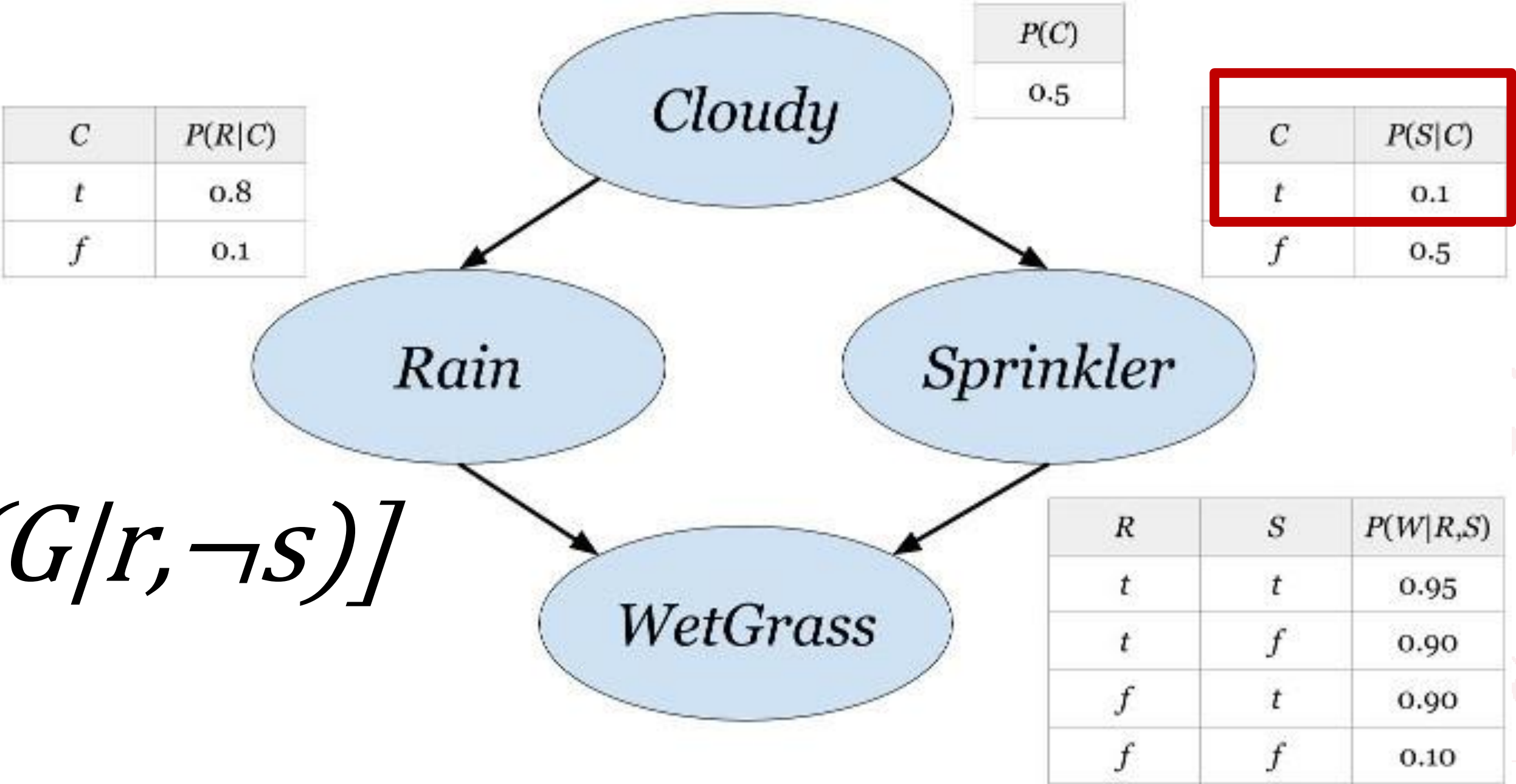
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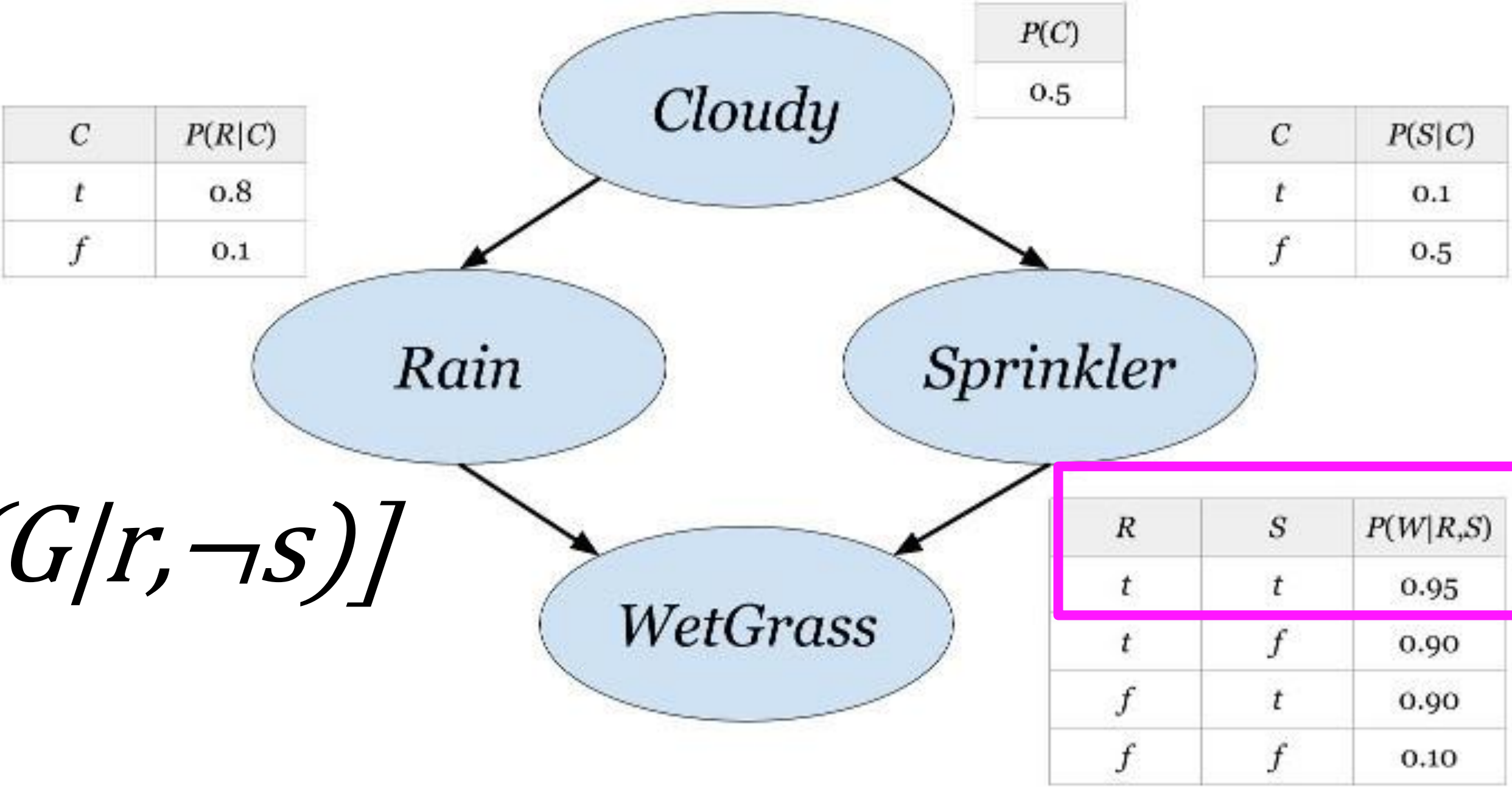
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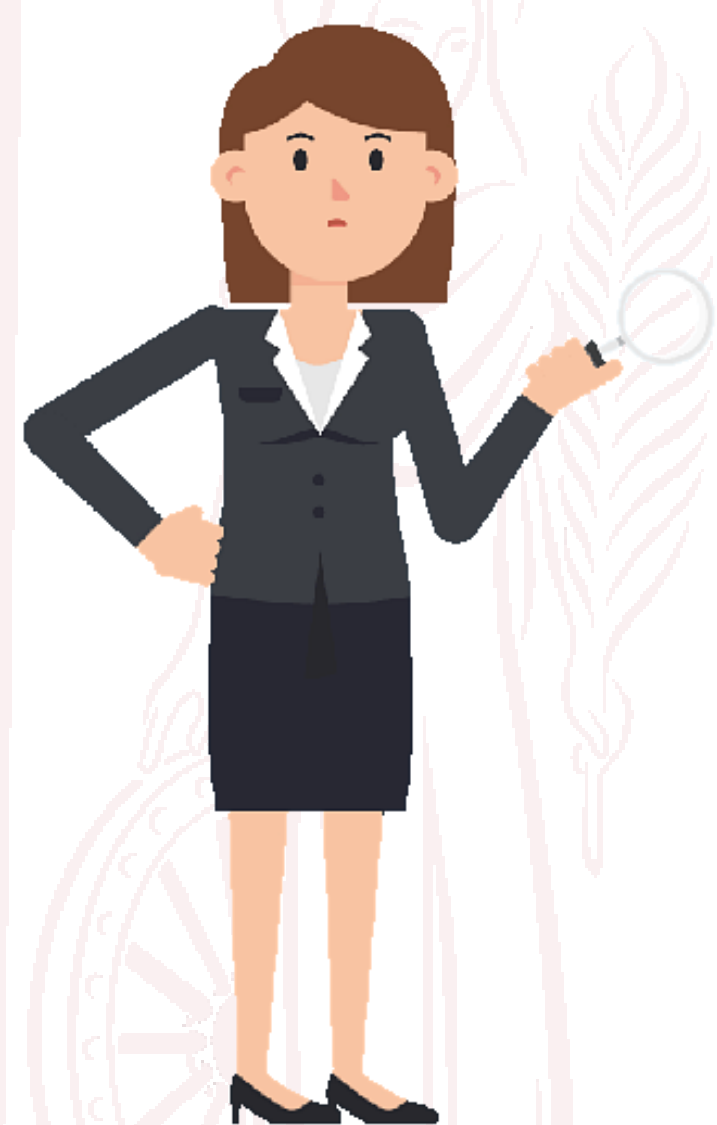
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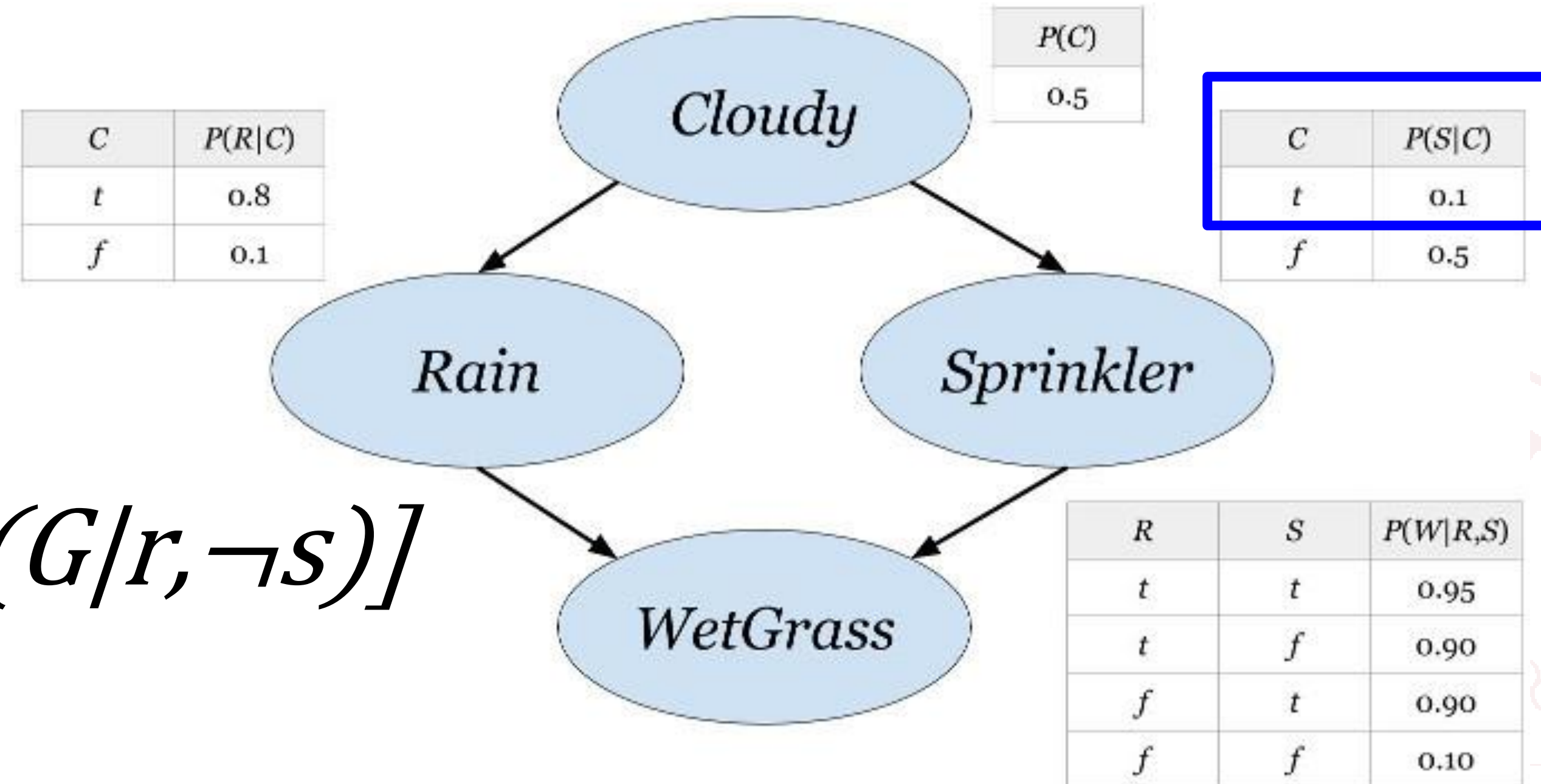
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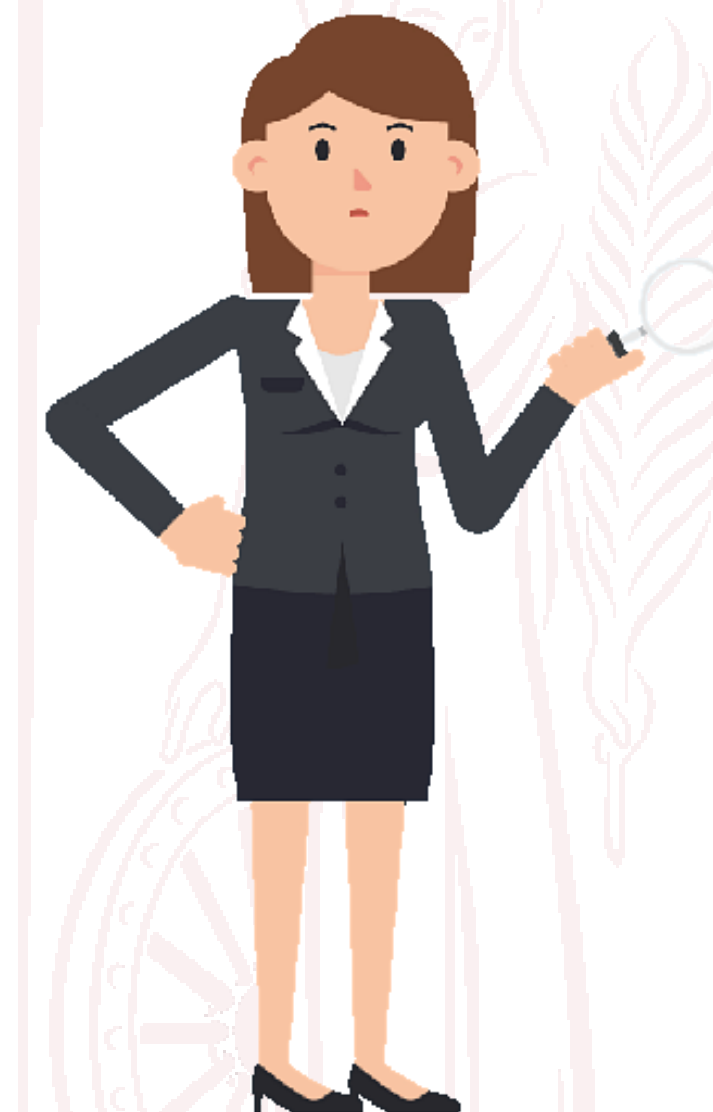
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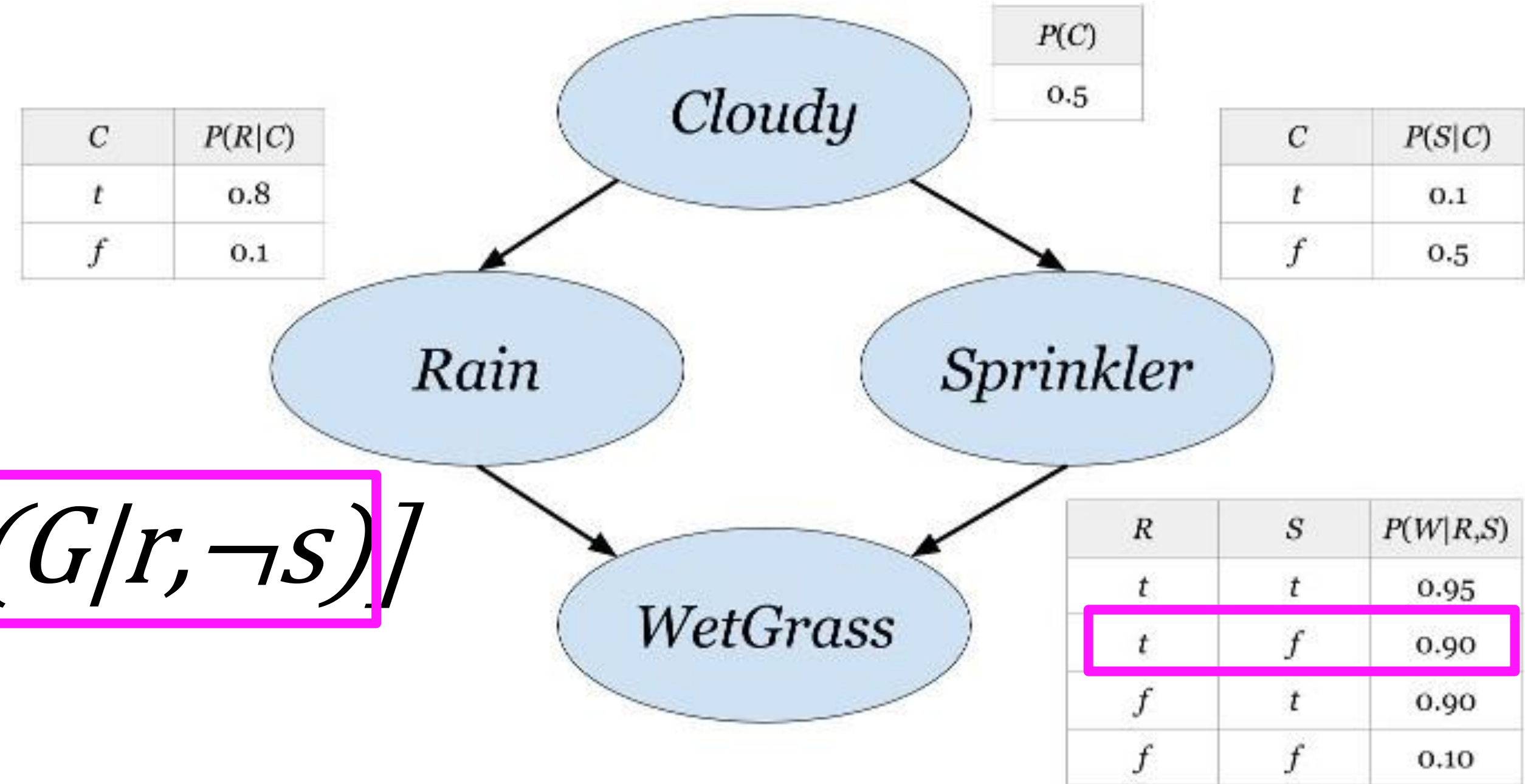
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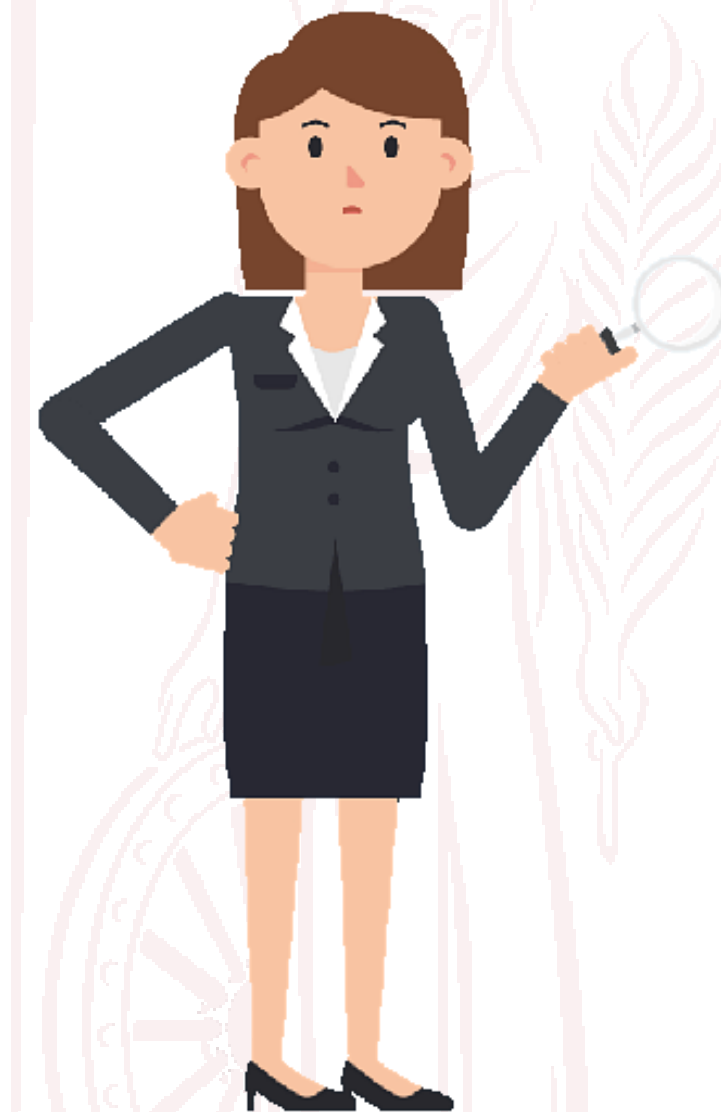
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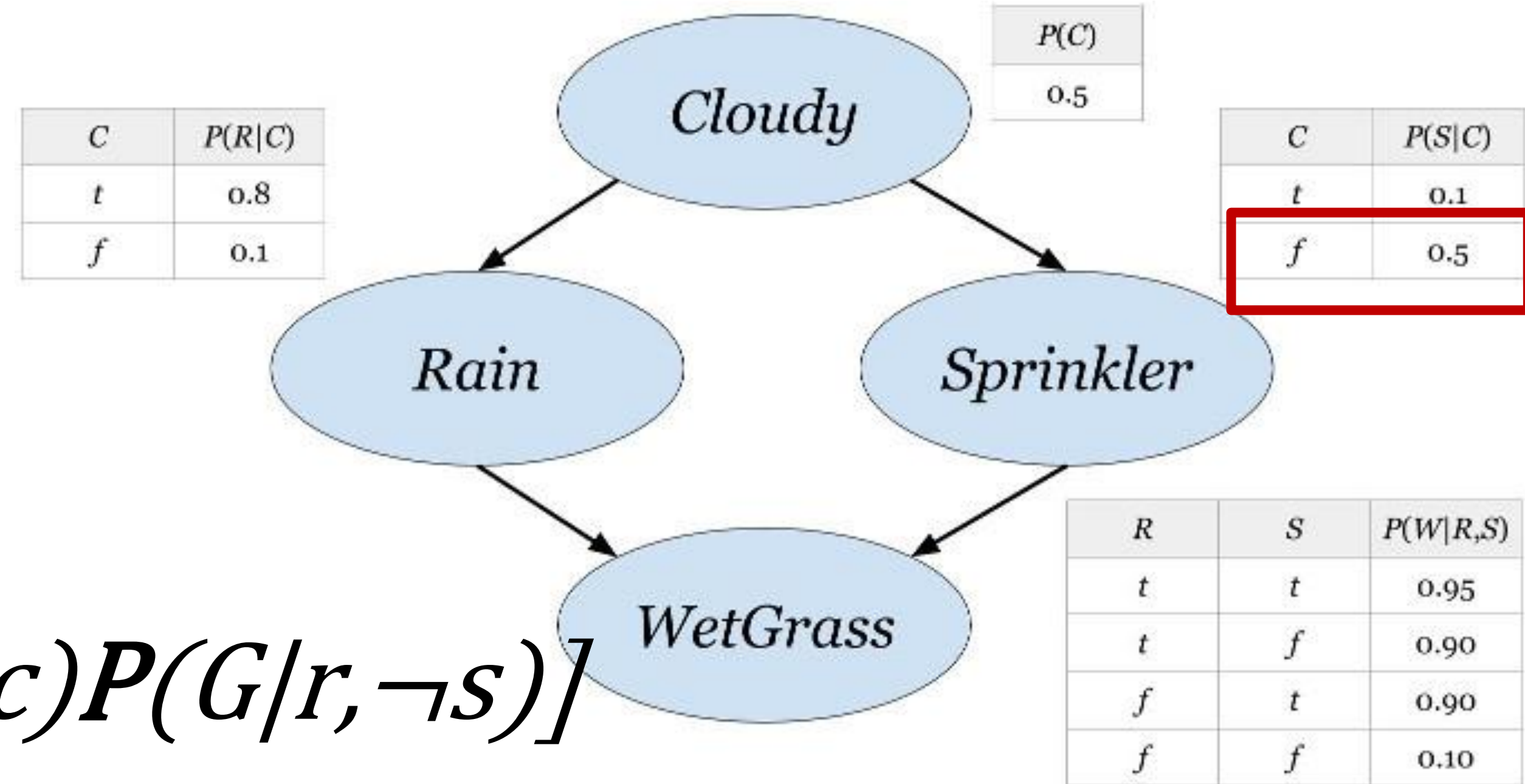
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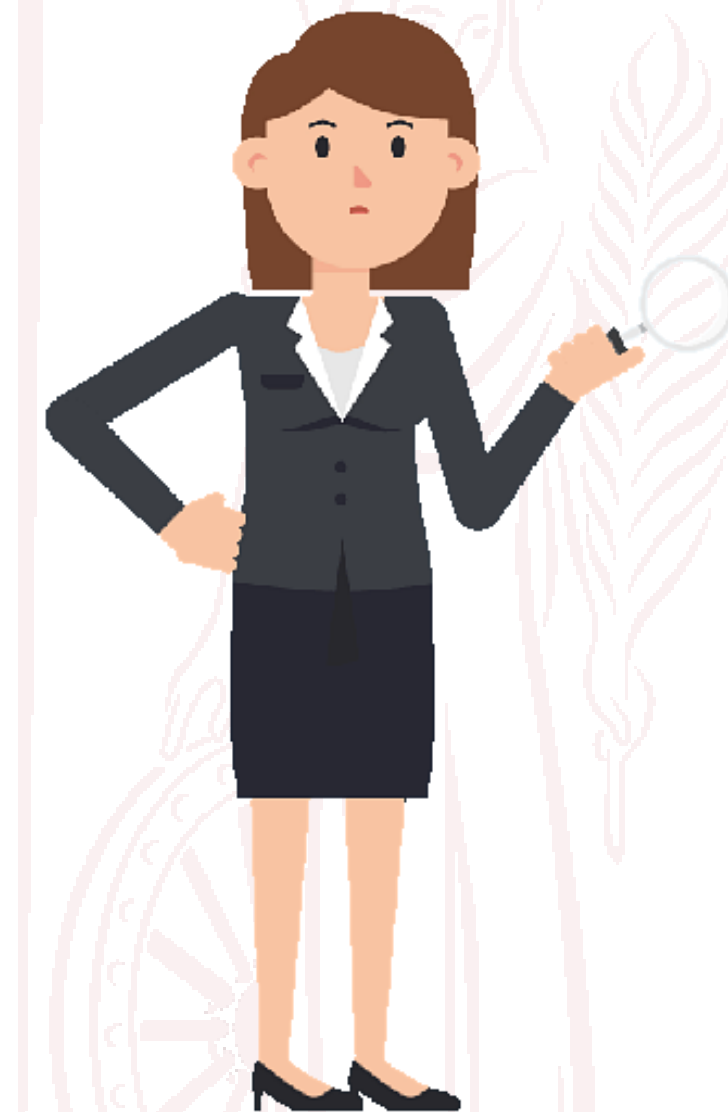
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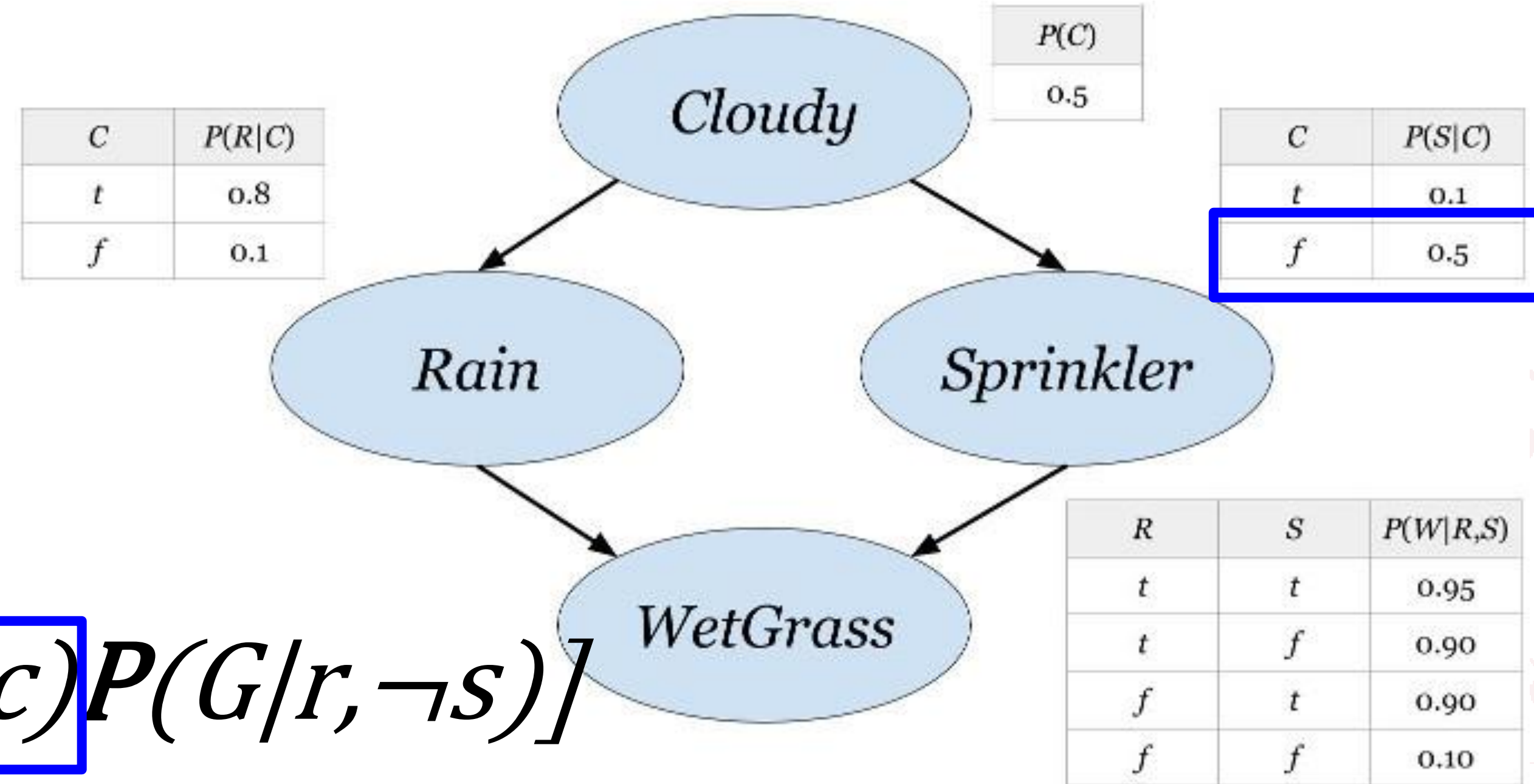
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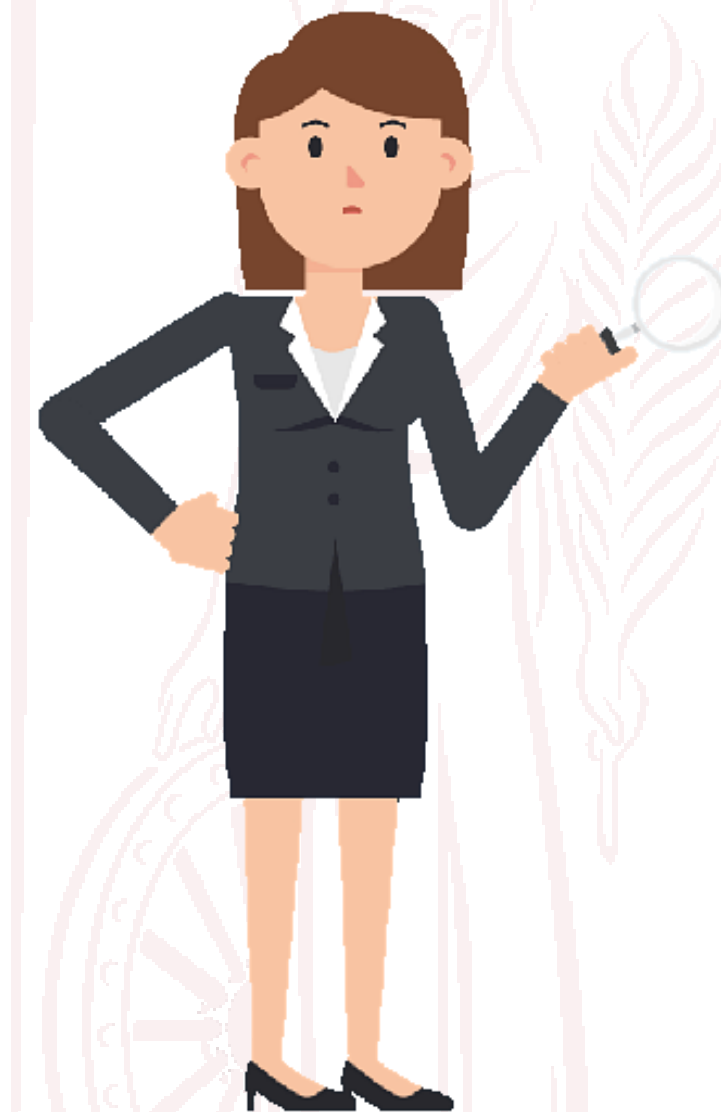
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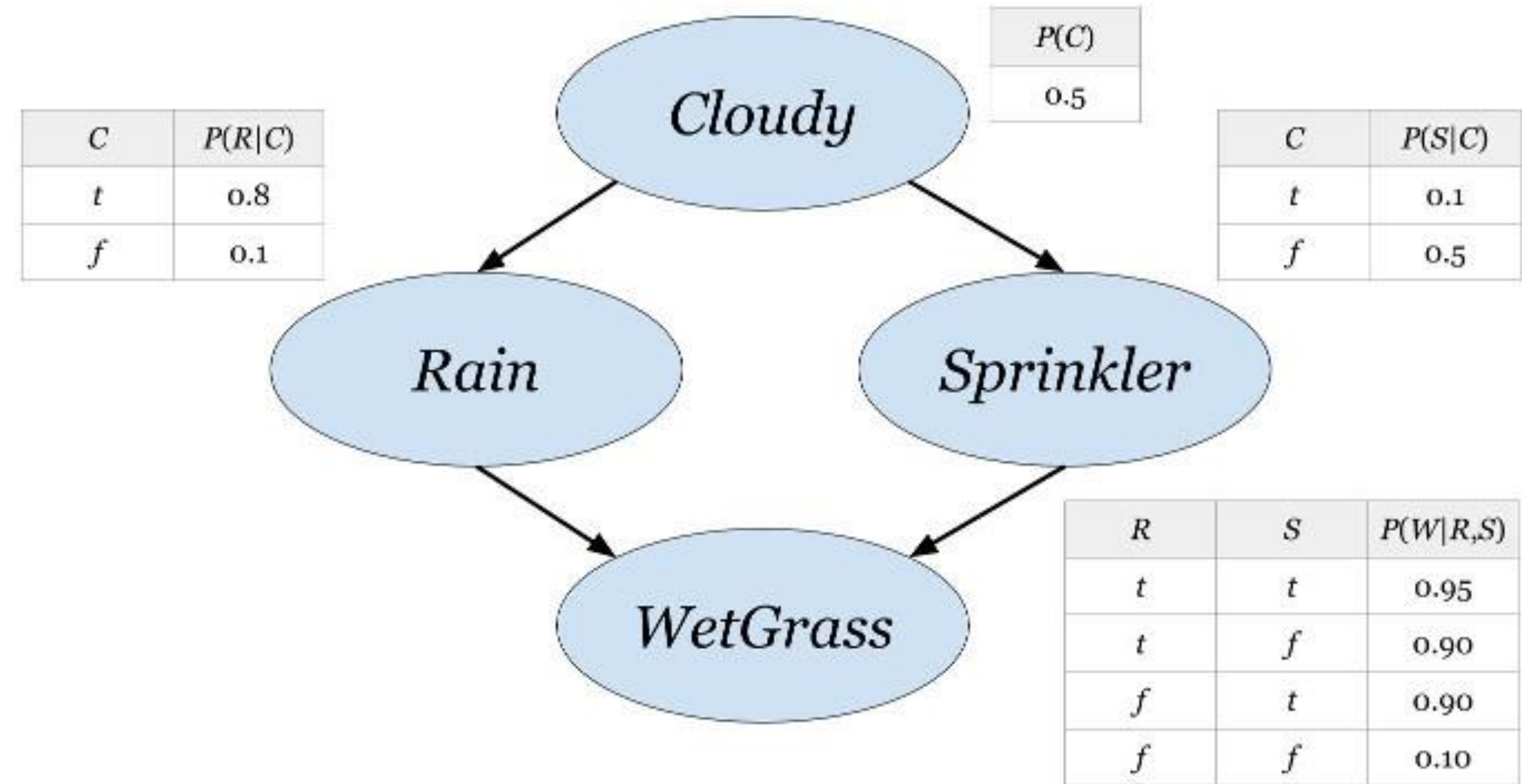
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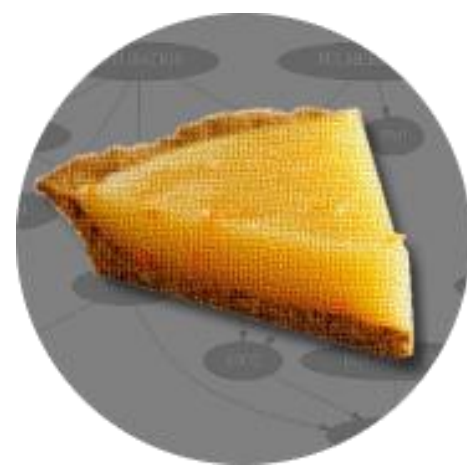
in the previous adjustment formula  
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which is our causal effect of the intervention  $R=\text{true}$  on the wetness  $G=\text{true}$ .







pyAgrum is a scientific C++ and Python library dedicated to Bayesian networks (BN) and other Probabilistic Graphical Models.

Based on the C++ aGrUM library, it provides a high-level interface to the C++ part of aGrUM allowing to create, manage and perform efficient computations with Bayesian networks and others probabilistic graphical models:

Markov random fields (MRF),  
influence diagrams (ID) and LIMIDs,  
credal networks (CN),  
dynamic BN (dBN),  
probabilistic relational models (PRM).



# Simpson's paradox

Simpson's paradox is a phenomenon in probability and statistics in which a trend appears in several groups of data but disappears or reverses when the groups are combined.

- A new medicine was offered to 700 patients: 350 of them chose to take it, while 350 did not.

	Medicine	No medicine
Men	81 out of 87 recovered (93%)	234 out of 270 recovered (87%)
Women	192 out of 263 recovered (73%)	55 out of 80 recovered (69%)
Combined data	273 out of 350 recovered (78%)	289 out of 350 recovered (83%)

- The medicine worked for the two subgroups, men and women, but not for the population as a whole. How is that possible?



# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum

Let's apply pyAgrum to the Simpson's paradox with this example

```
!pip install pyAgrum
from IPython.display import display, Math, Latex

import pyAgrum as gum
import pyAgrum.lib.notebook as gnb
import pyAgrum.causal as cs1
import pyAgrum.causal.notebook as cs1nb
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Looking in indexes: <https://pypi.org/simple>, <https://us-python.pkg.dev/colab-wheels/public/simple/>

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<https://pyagrums.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>



# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum

In a statistical study about a drug, we try to evaluate the latter's efficiency among a population of men and women.

Let's note: - Drug : drug taking - Patient : cured patient - Gender : patient's gender

The model from the observed data is as follow :

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                    [0.75, 0.25]] #Gender=M

m1.cpt("Patient")[{ 'Drug': 'Without', 'Gender': 'F' }] = [0.2, 0.8] #No Drug, Male -> healed in 0.8 of cases
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gnb.flow.row(m1, m1.cpt("Gender"), m1.cpt("Drug"), m1.cpt("Patient"))
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`pyAgrum.fastBN(structure, domain_size=2)`

Create a Bayesian network with a dot-like syntax which specifies:

- the structure 'a->b->c;b->d<-e;',
- the type of the variables with different syntax (cf documentation).

Examples

```
>>> import pyAgrum as gum
>>> bn=gum.fastBN('A->B[1,3]<-C{yes|No}->D[2,4]<-E[1,2.5,3.9]',6)
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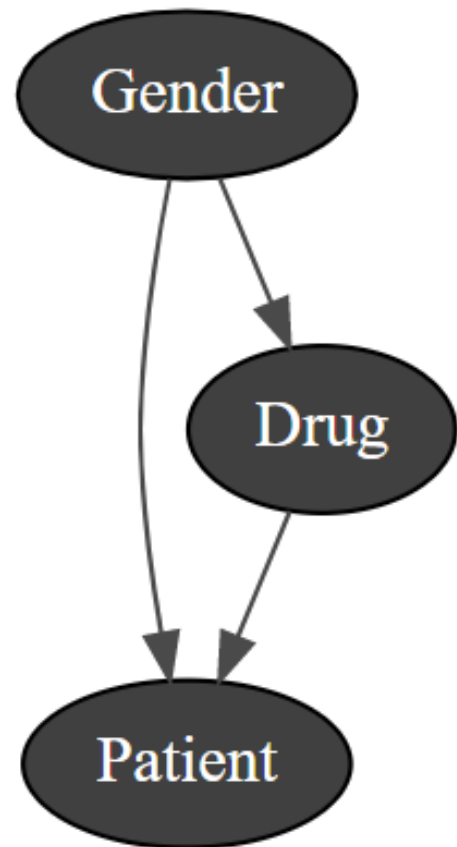
Parameters

- **structure** (*str*) – the string containing the specification
- **domain\_size** (*int*) – the default domain size for variables

Returns

the resulting bayesian network

Return type

`pyAgrum.BayesNet`

Gender	
F	M
0.5000	0.5000

Gender	Drug	
	Without	With
F	0.2500	0.7500
M	0.7500	0.2500

Gender	Drug	Patient	
		Sick	Healed
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	With	0.3000	0.7000
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	With	0.8000	0.2000



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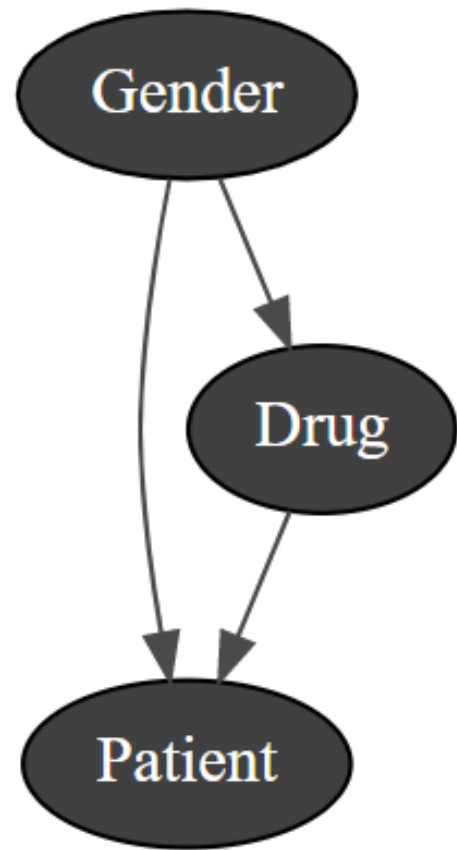
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} Prepare the Conditional Probability Table



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Gender	Drug	
	Without	With
F	0.2500	0.7500
M	0.7500	0.2500

Gender	Drug	Patient	
		Sick	Healed
F	Without	0.2000	0.8000
	With	0.3000	0.7000
M	Without	0.6000	0.4000
	With	0.8000	0.2000

# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum

In a statistical study about a drug, we try to evaluate the latter's efficiency among a population of men and women.

Let's note: - Drug : drug taking - Patient : cured patient - Gender : patient's gender

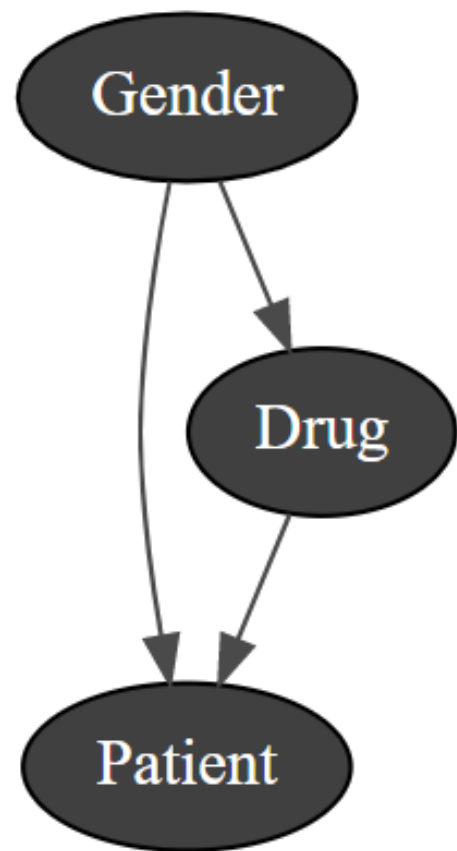
The model from the observed data is as follow :

```
m1 = gum.fastBN("Gender{F|M}->Drug{Without|With}->Patient{Sick|Healed}<-Gender")

m1.cpt("Gender")[:] = [0.5, 0.5]
m1.cpt("Drug")[:] = [[0.25, 0.75], #Gender=F
                    [0.75, 0.25]] #Gender=M

m1.cpt("Patient")[{ 'Drug': 'Without', 'Gender': 'F' }] = [0.2, 0.8] #No Drug, Male -> healed in 0.8 of cases
m1.cpt("Patient")[{ 'Drug': 'Without', 'Gender': 'M' }] = [0.6, 0.4] #No Drug, Female -> healed in 0.4 of cases
m1.cpt("Patient")[{ 'Drug': 'With', 'Gender': 'F' }] = [0.3, 0.7] #Drug, Male -> healed 0.7 of cases
m1.cpt("Patient")[{ 'Drug': 'With', 'Gender': 'M' }] = [0.8, 0.2] #Drug, Female -> healed in 0.2 of cases
gnb.flow.row(m1, m1.cpt("Gender"), m1.cpt("Drug"), m1.cpt("Patient"))
```

→ To display the CPT



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    ])

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Without	With
0.5000	0.5750

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A Potential function is a function that associates a non-negative value (or probability) with each possible assignment of values to a set of random variables. Potential functions are used to represent the local relationships between random variables in a graphical model. Specifically, a potential function is associated with each factor node in the graph, which typically corresponds to a set of random variables in the model.

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`pyAgrum.getPosterior()` is a function from the Python package `pyAgrum` which is used to compute the posterior probabilities of a set of variables given some evidence. The function returns an array of values because it is designed to compute the posterior probability distribution of the variables, which is a probability distribution over all possible values of the variables.

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Those results form a paradox called Simpson paradox :  
 $P(C|\neg D) = 0.5 < P(C|D) = 0.575$   
 $P(C|\neg D, G=\text{Male}) = 0.8 > P(C|D, G=\text{Male})=0.7$   
 $P(C|\neg D, G=\text{Female}) = 0.4 > P(C|D, G=\text{Female})=0.2$

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Actually, giving a drug is not an **observation in our model but rather an intervention**.  
What if we use intervention instead of observation ?

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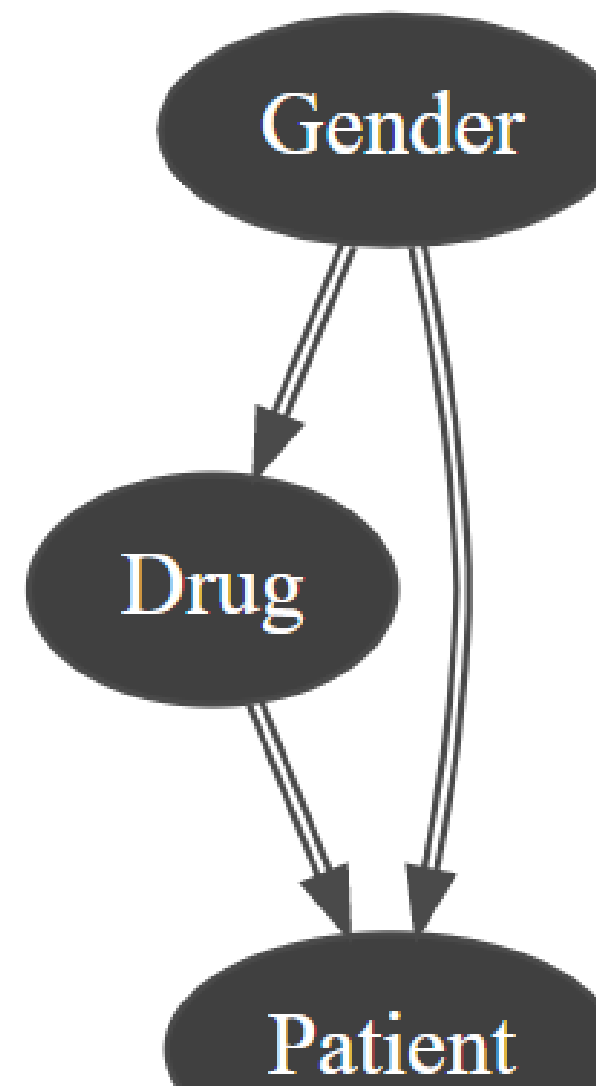


# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum



How to compute causal impacts on the patient's health ?  
We propose this causal model.

```
d1 = cs1.CausalModel(m1)
cs1nb.showCausalModel(d1)
```



```
class pyAgrum.causal.CausalModel (bn: pyAgrum.BayesNet, latentVarsDescriptor: Optional[List[Tuple[str, Tuple[str, str]]]] = None, keepArcs: bool = False)
```

From an observational BNs and the description of latent variables, this class represent a complete causal model obtained by adding the latent variables specified in `latentVarsDescriptor` to the Bayesian network `bn`.

## Parameters:

- `bn` – a observational Bayesian network
- `latentVarsDescriptor` – list of couples (<latent variable name>, <list of affected variables' ids>).
- `keepArcs` – By default, the arcs between variables affected by a common latent variable will be removed but this can be avoided by setting `keepArcs` to `True`

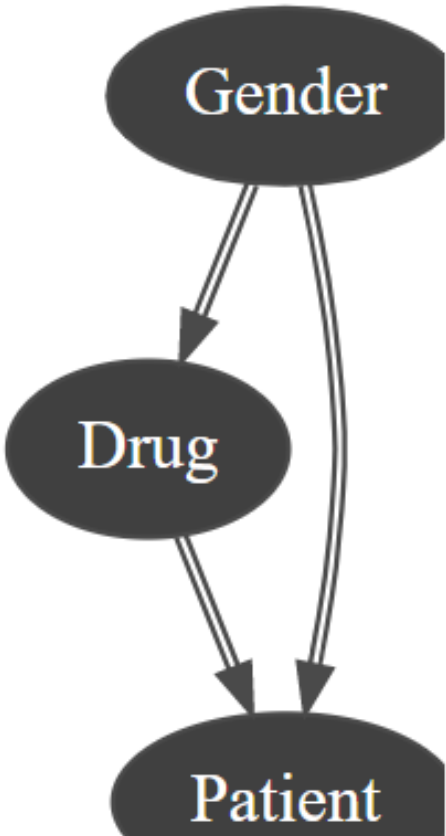
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# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum

How to compute causal impacts on the patient's health ?

Computing  $P(\text{Patient}=\text{Healed}|\hookrightarrow\text{Drug}=\text{Without})$

```
cslnb.showCausalImpact(d1, "Patient", doing="Drug", values={"Drug" : "Without"})
```



Causal Model

```
pyAgrum.causal.notebook.showCausalImpact(model: pyAgrum.causal.CausalModel.CausalModel, on: Union[str, Set[str]], doing: Union[str, Set[str]], knowing: Optional[Set[str]] = None, values: Optional[Dict[str, int]] = None)
```

display a HTML representing of the three values defining a causal impact : formula, value, explanation :param model: the causal model :param on: the impacted variable(s) :param doing: the variable(s) of intervention :param knowing: the variable(s) of evidence :param values : values for certain variables

$$P(\text{Patient} \mid \hookrightarrow \text{Drug}) = \sum_{\text{Gender}} \{P(\text{Patient} \mid \text{Drug}, \text{Gender}) \cdot P(\text{Gender})\}$$

Explanation : backdoor ["Gender"] found.

Patient	
Sick	Healed
0.4000	0.6000

Impact



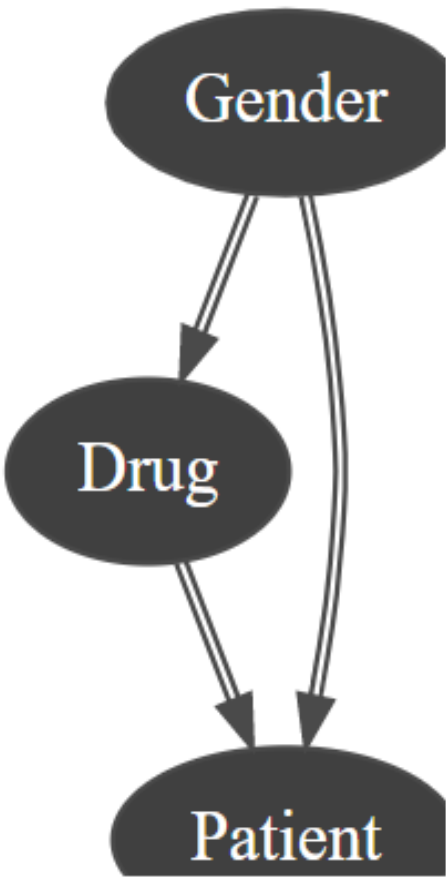
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Causal Model

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Explanation : backdoor [Gender] found.

Patient	
Sick	Healed
0.5500	0.4500

Impact

# Simpson's paradox via pyAgrum



And then :  $P(Patient = Healed \mid \hookrightarrow Drug = With) = 0.45$

Therefore :  $P(Patient = Healed \mid \hookrightarrow Drug = Without) = 0.6 > P(Patient = Healed \mid \hookrightarrow Drug = With) = 0.45$

Which means that taking this drug would not enhance the patient's healing process, and it is better not to prescribe this drug for treatment.



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# Questions

