# On the estimation of conditional probabilities

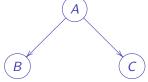
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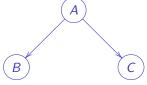




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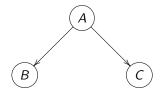
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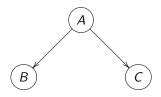
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# example

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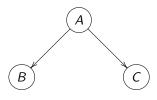


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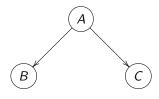
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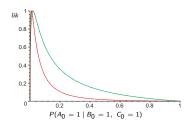
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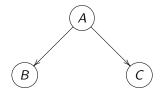
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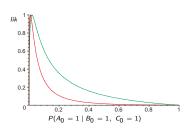
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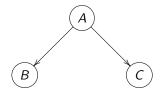
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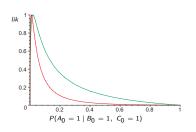


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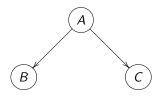


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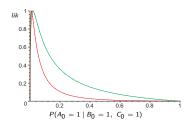


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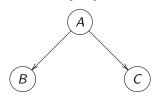


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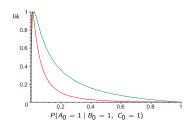


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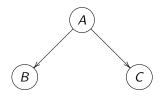


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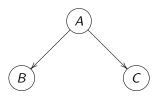
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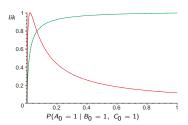
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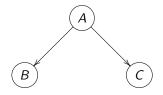
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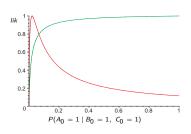
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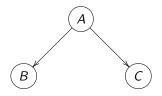
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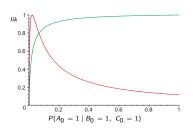


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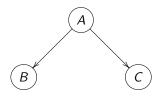


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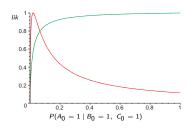


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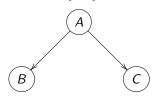


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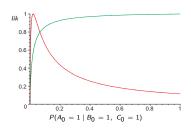


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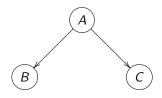


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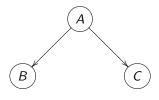
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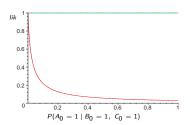
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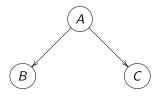
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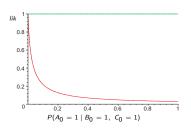
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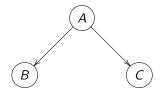
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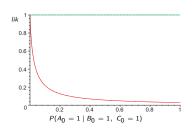


**Bayesian** with uniform priors:  $P(A_0 = 1 | \mathcal{D}, B_0 = 1, C_0 = 1) \approx 0.038$ 

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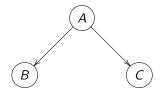


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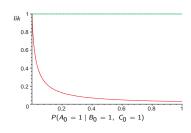


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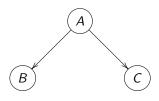


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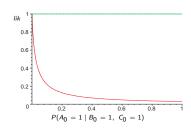


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- imprecise Bayesian with IDM<sub>2</sub> priors:  $P(A_0 = 1 | \mathcal{D}, B_0 = 1, C_0 = 1) = [0, 1]$

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