

A new method for learning imprecise hidden Markov models

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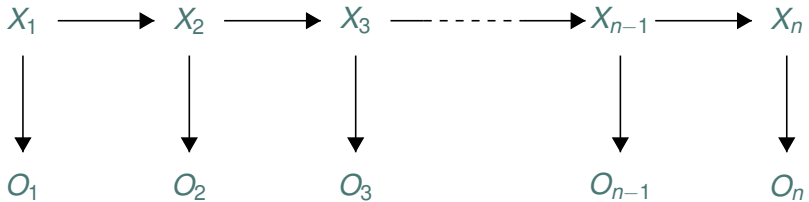
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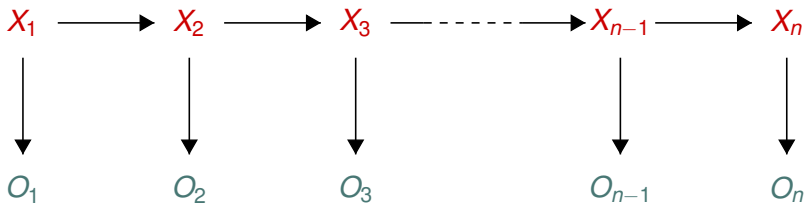
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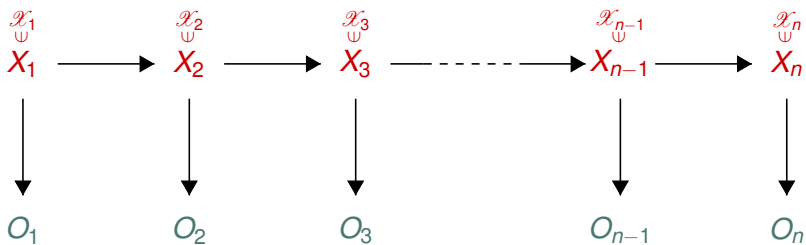
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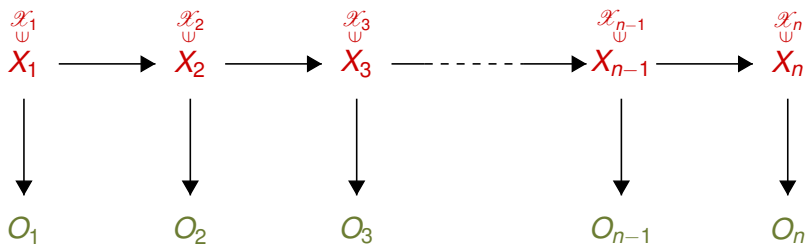
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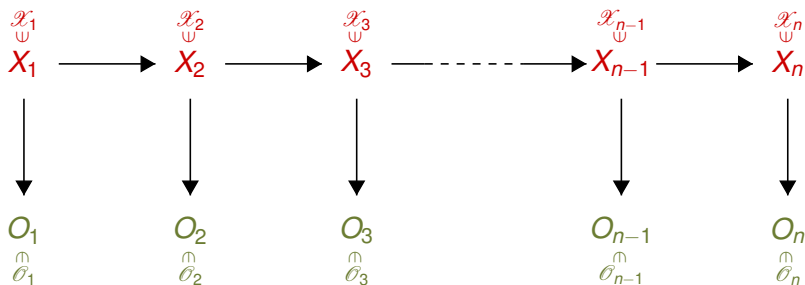


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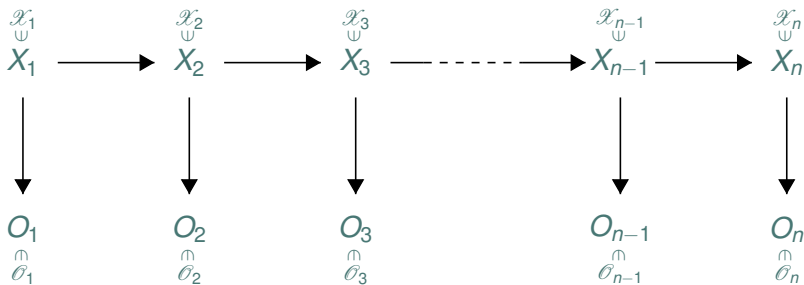
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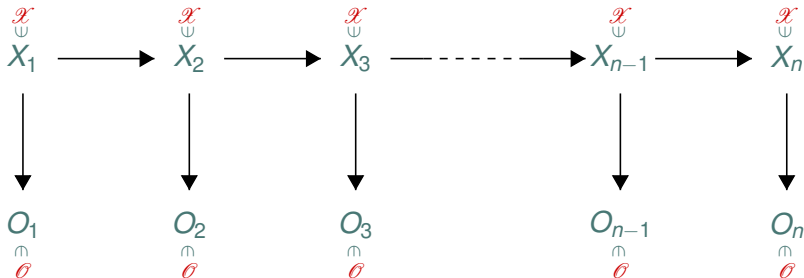
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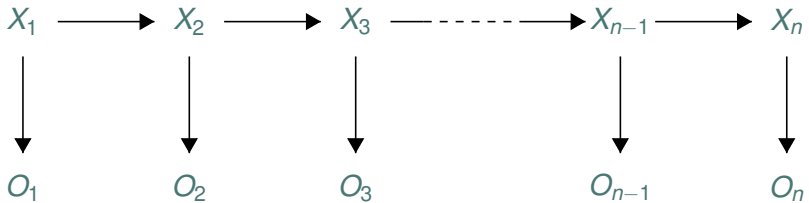


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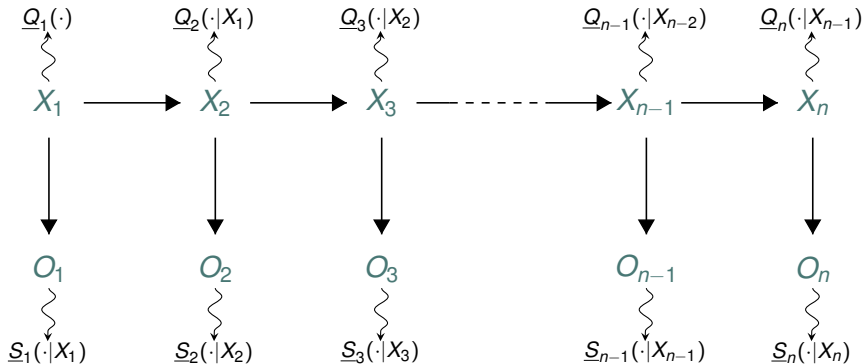


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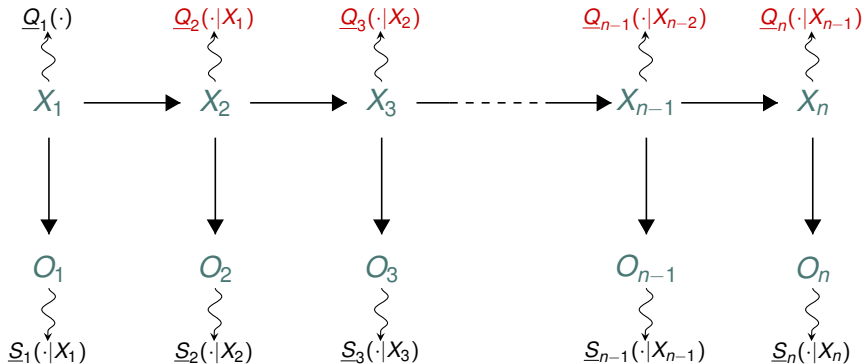
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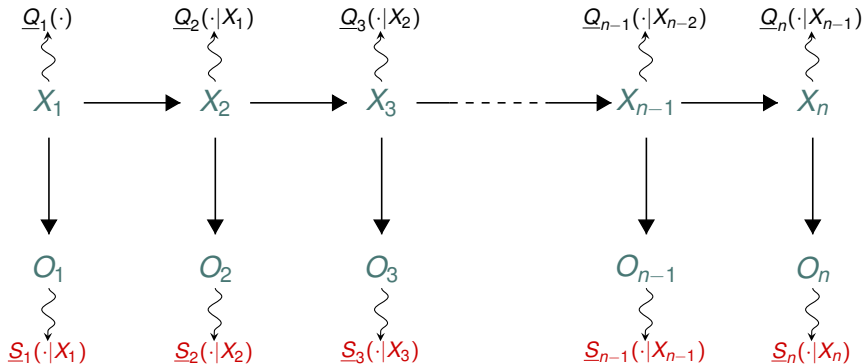
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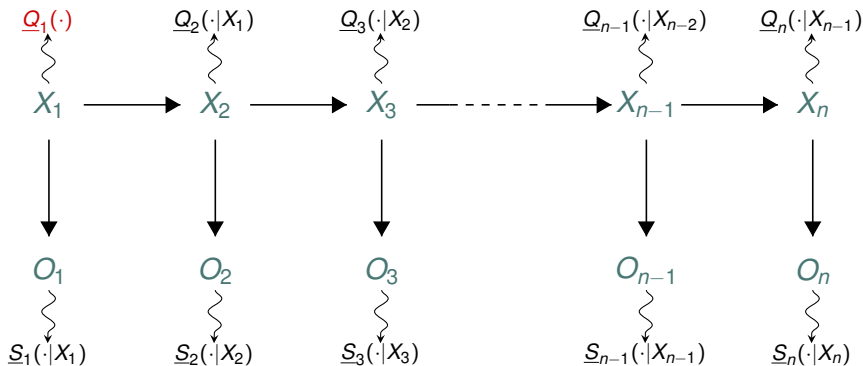
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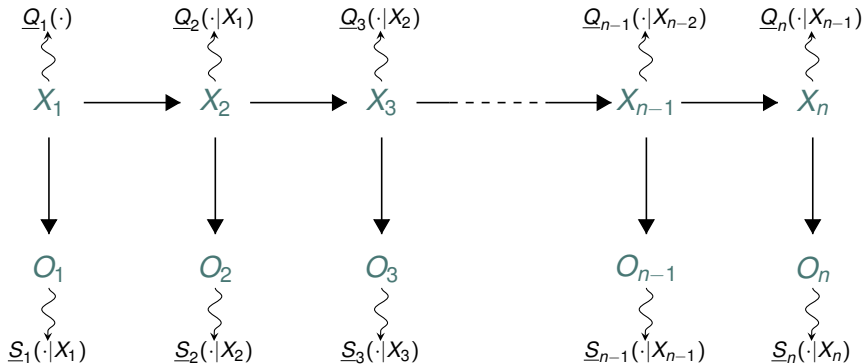
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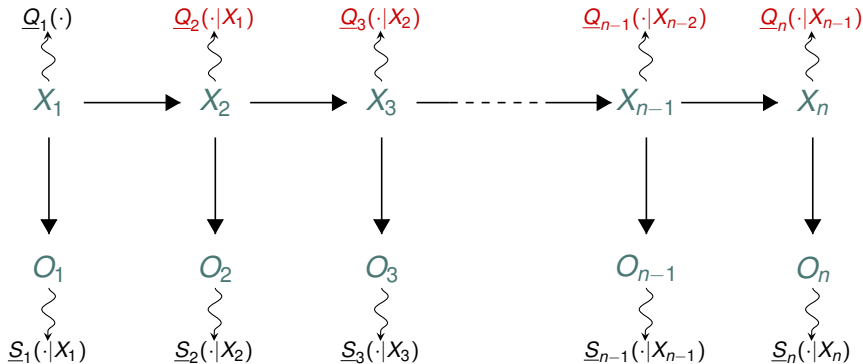
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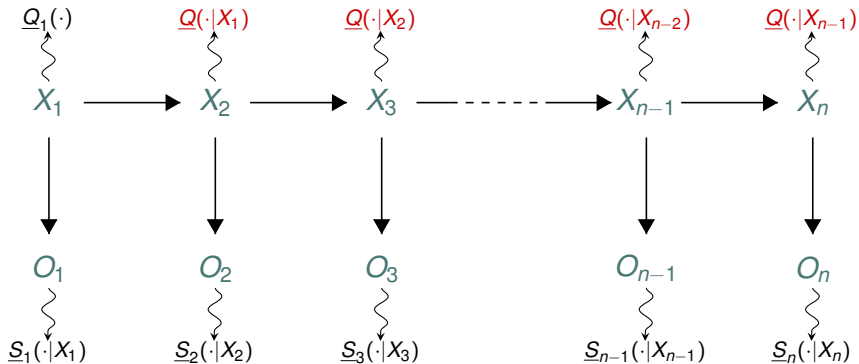
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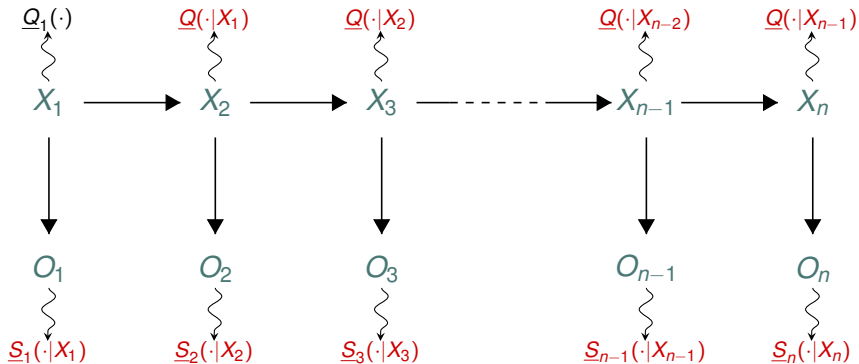
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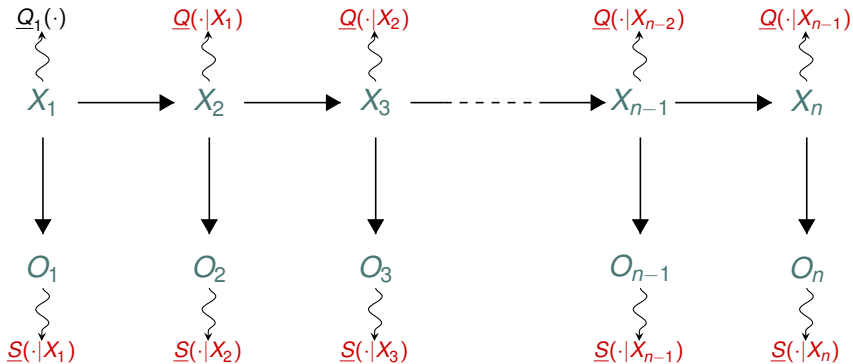
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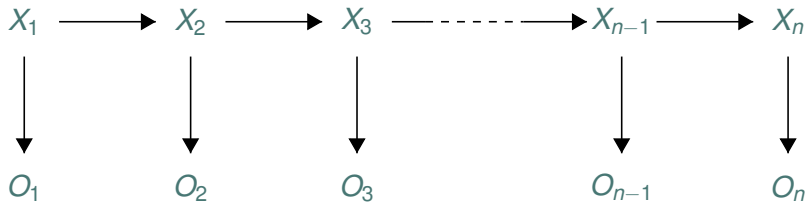
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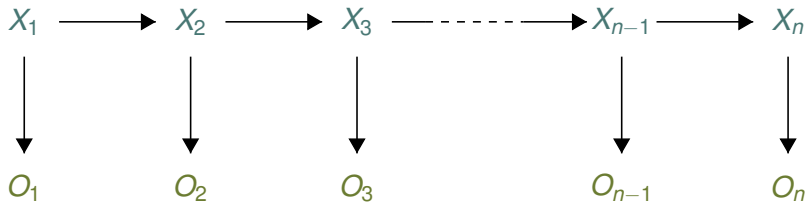
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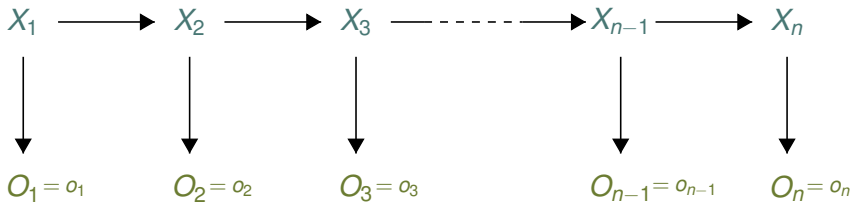
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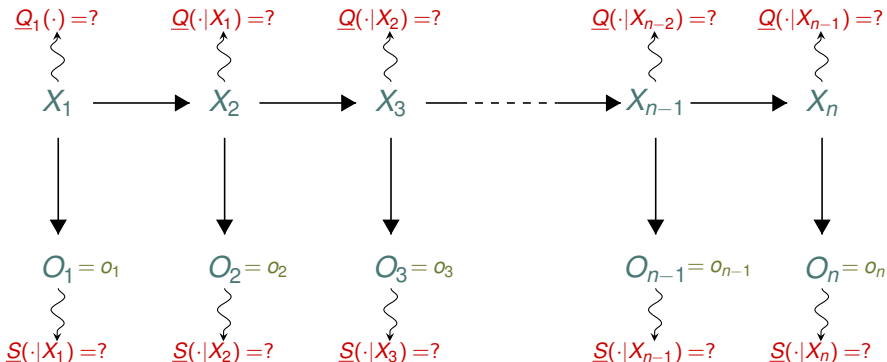
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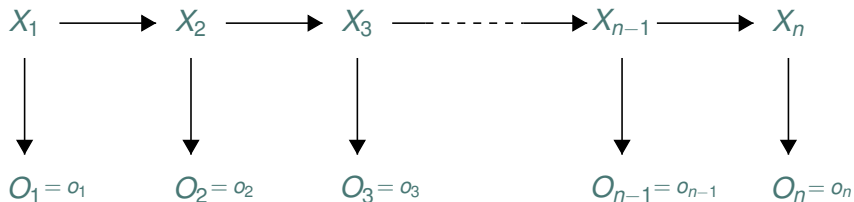
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How could you learn the local models if the state sequence were known?

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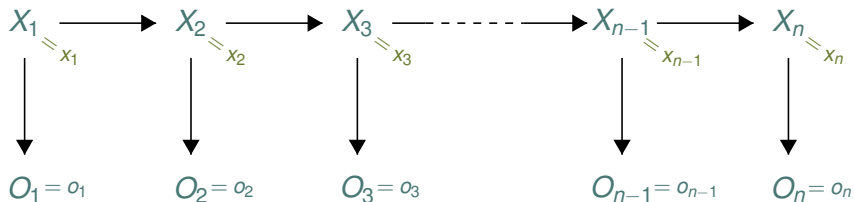
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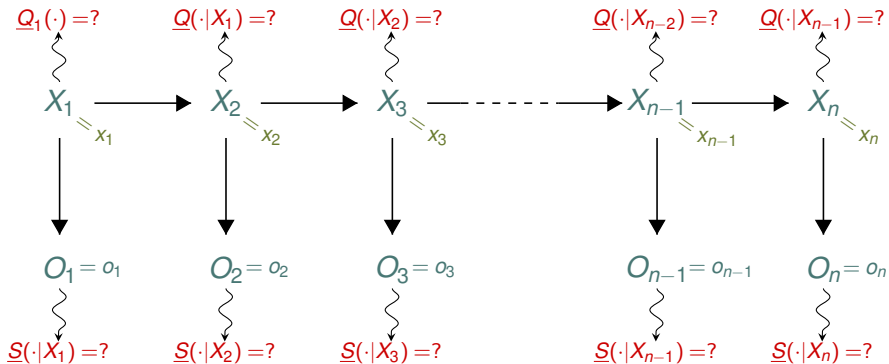
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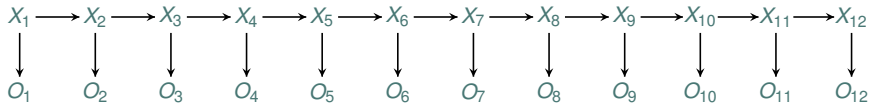
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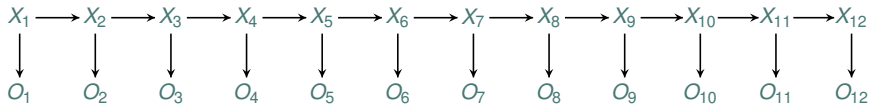
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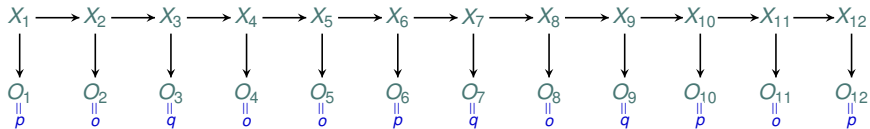


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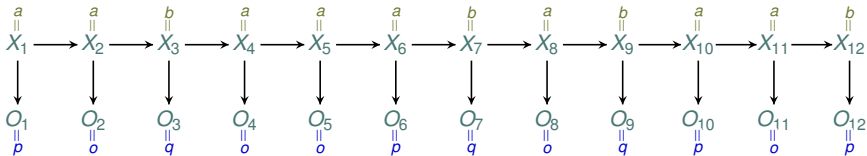
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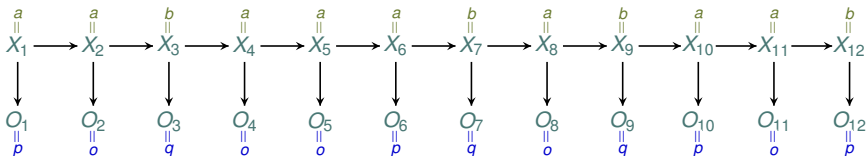
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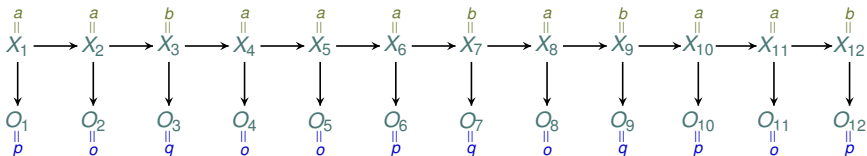


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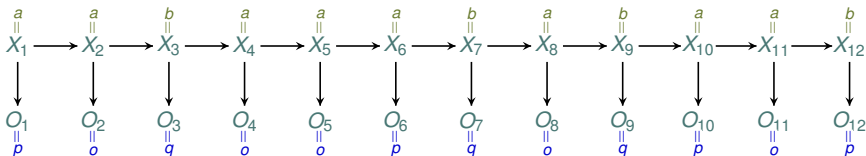
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With these counts, how can we build local models?

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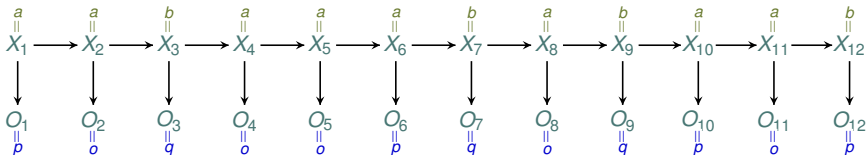
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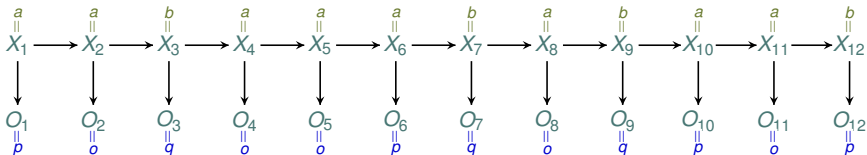
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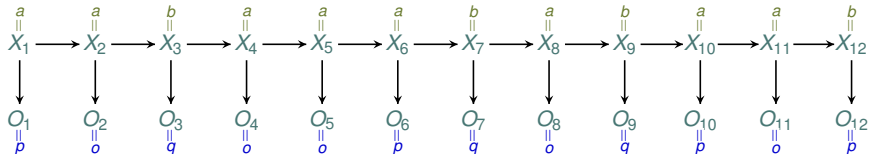
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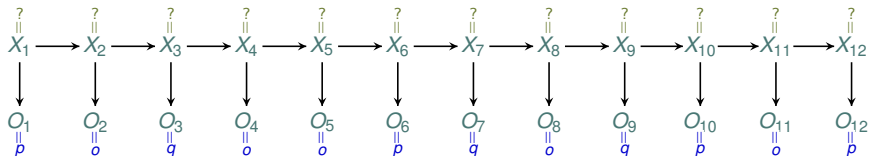
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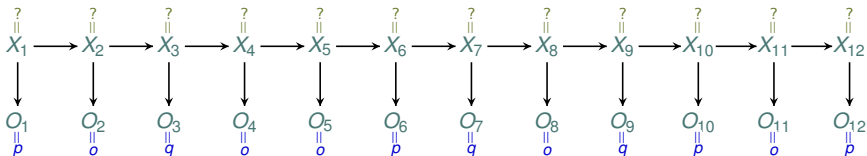
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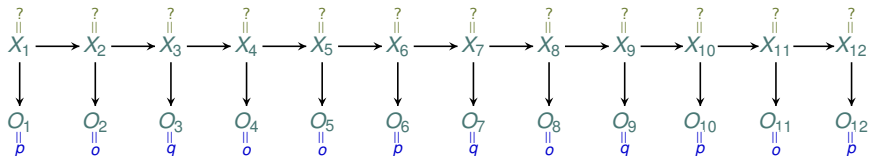


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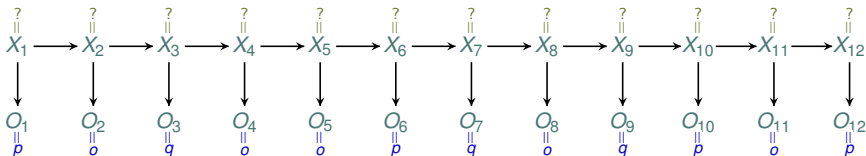
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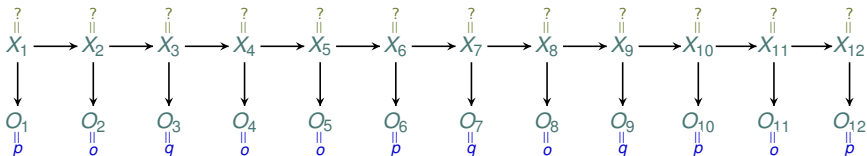


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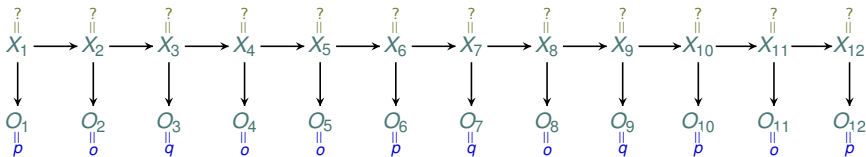


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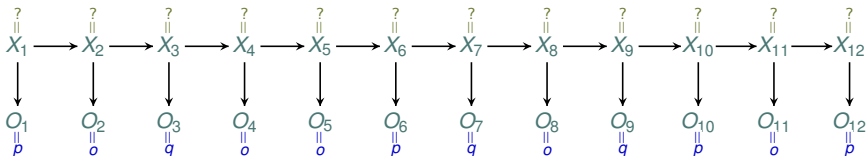
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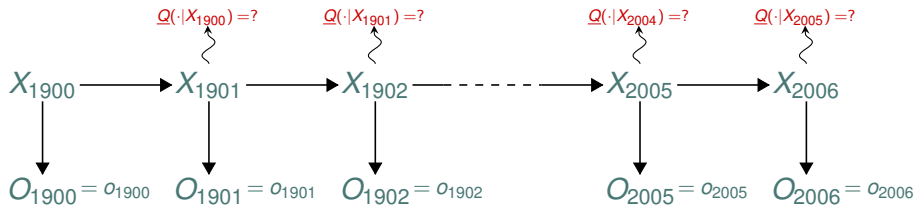
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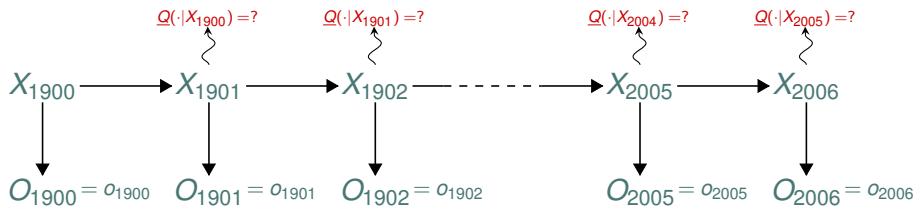
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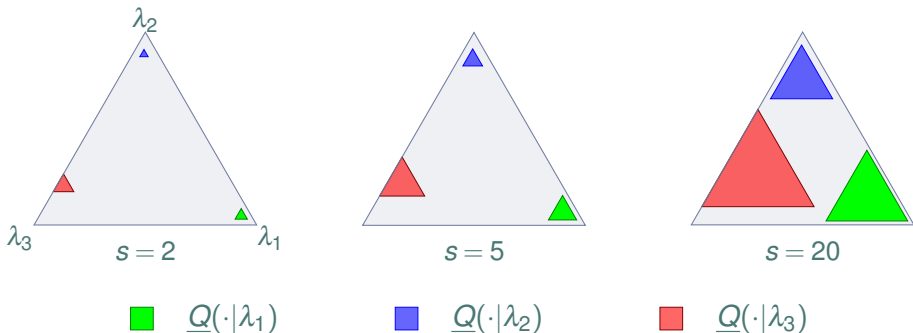


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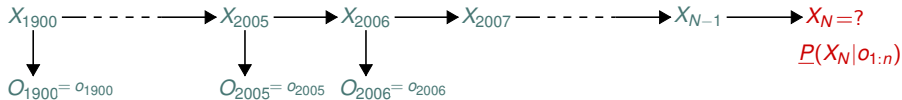
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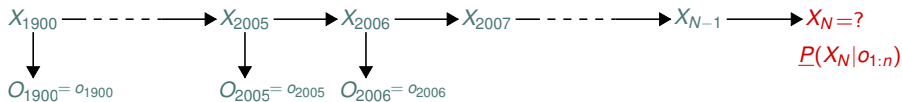


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