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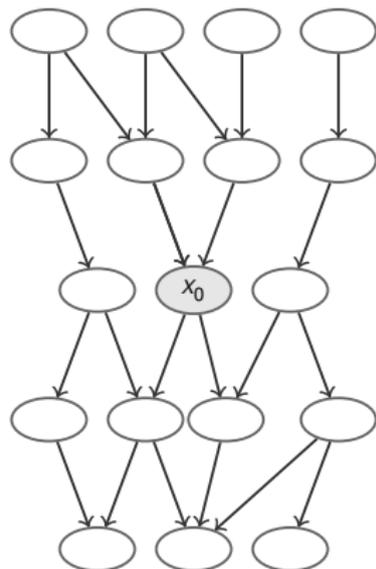
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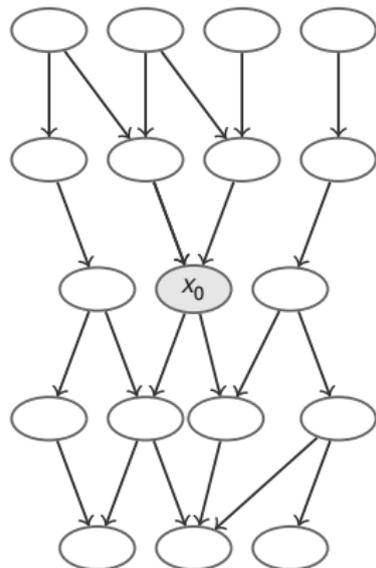
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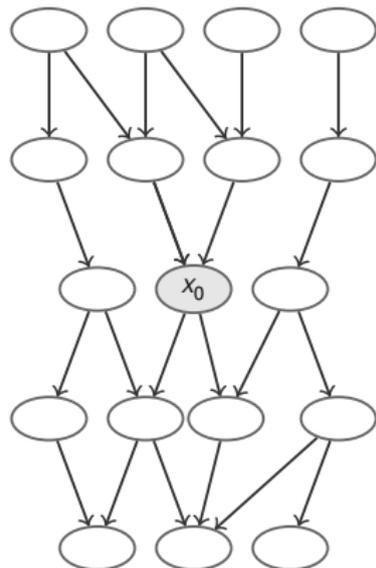
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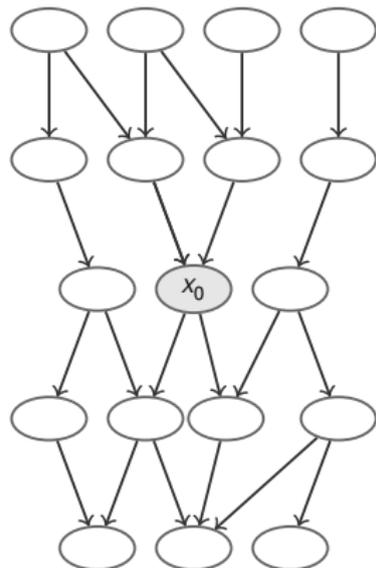
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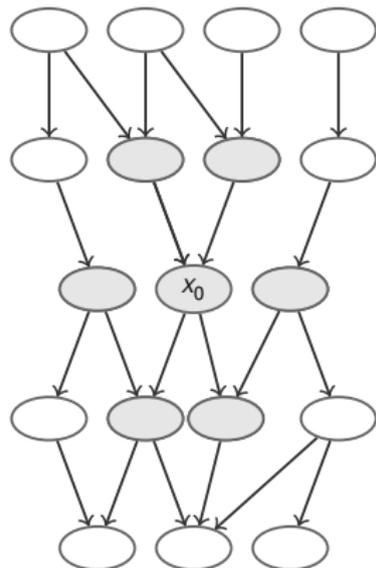
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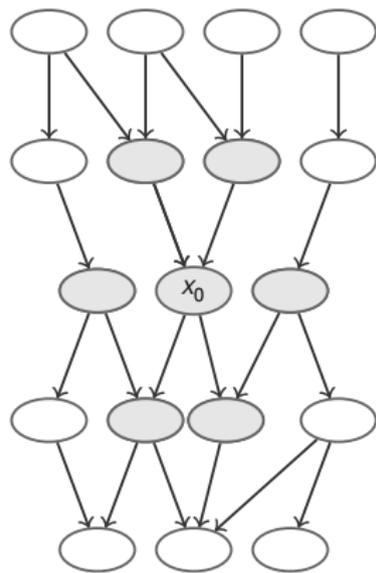


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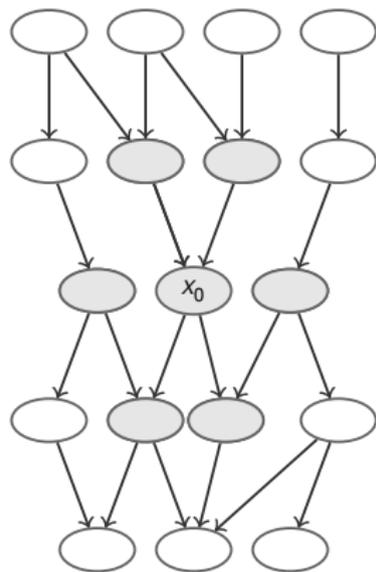


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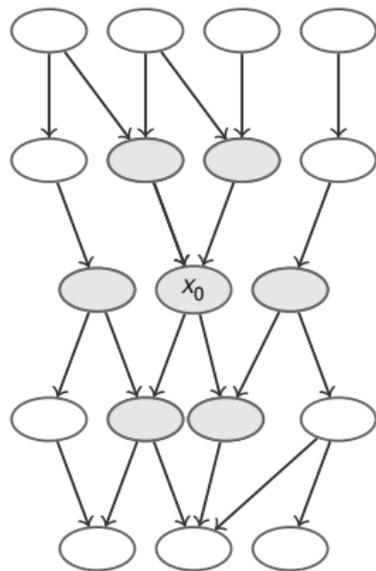


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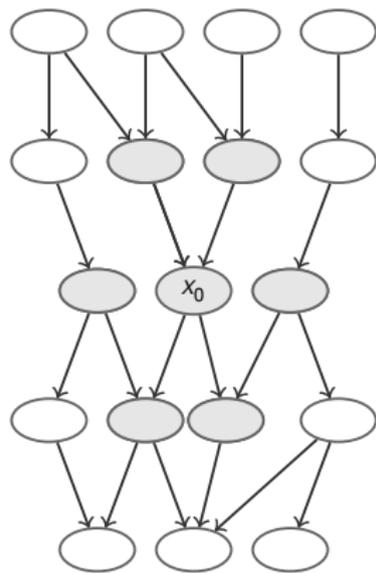


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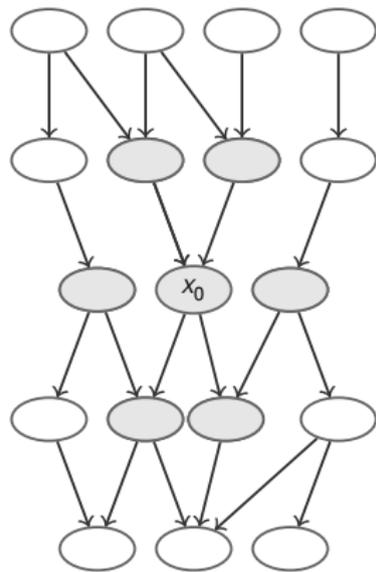


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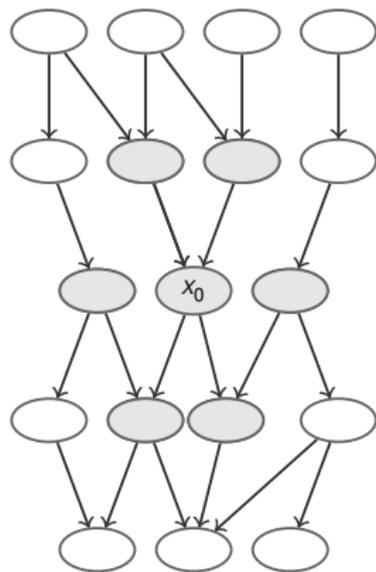


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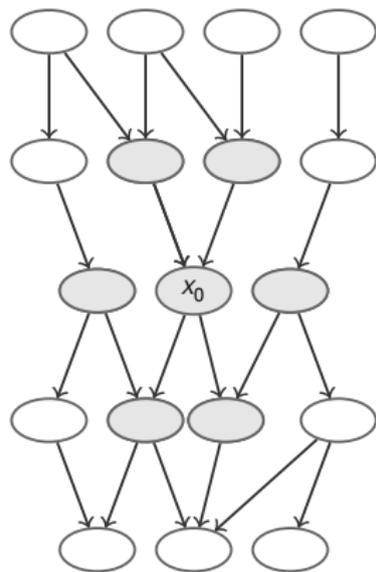


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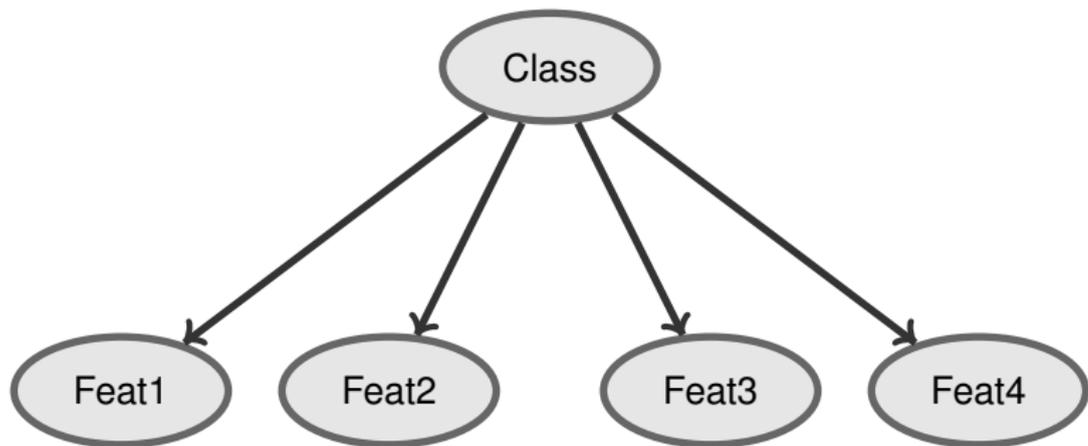
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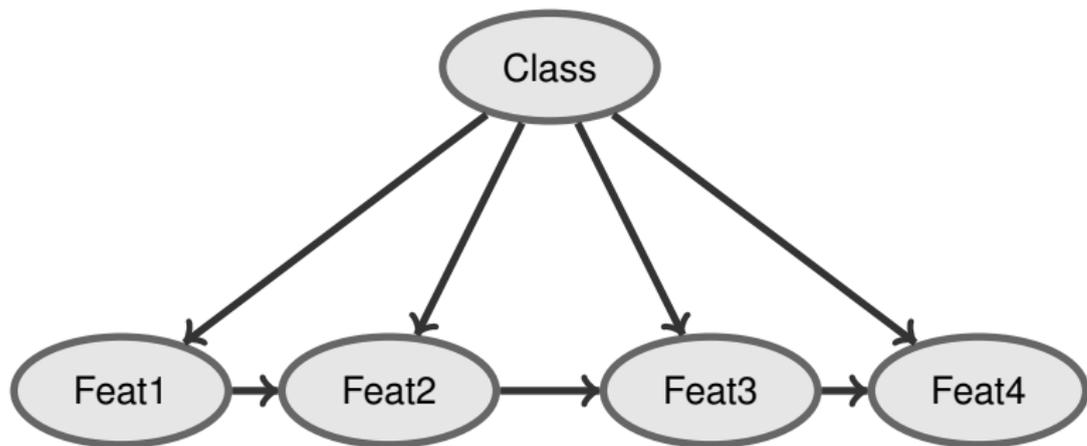
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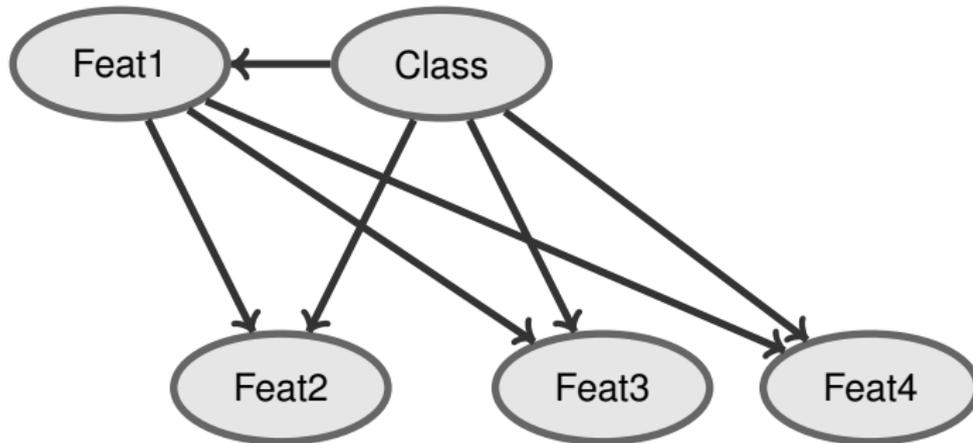
# NAIVE



# TREE-AUGMENTED NAIVE



# ONE-DEPENDENCE (ODE)



# Using IDM

Simplest case: naive with (local) IDM

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- IDM:  $P(c) = \frac{n(c)+st(c)}{N+s}$  with  $0 \leq t(c) \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_c t(c) = 1$

$$\min_t \frac{[n + st(c')] \cdot \dots}{[n(c'') + st(c'')] \cdot \dots} > 1$$

- Efficient optimization  
NAIVE CREDAL CLASSIFIER (Zaffalon & Corani)

<http://www.idsia.ch/~giorgio/jncc2.html>

# Metrics for Credal Classifier Performances

- Accuracy (% of correct classification) is not the only descriptor
- Single-Accuracy (accuracy if a single class is returned)
- Set-Accuracy (accuracy if multiple classes are returned)
- Determinacy (% number of instances with a single class)
- Average output size (average number of classes)
- Bayes-I (accuracy of the Bayesian if credal indeterminate)
- Bayes-D = Single-Accuracy
- Zaffalon et al. proposed a new utility-based measure (ISIPTA '09)