

Inference in Temporal Models

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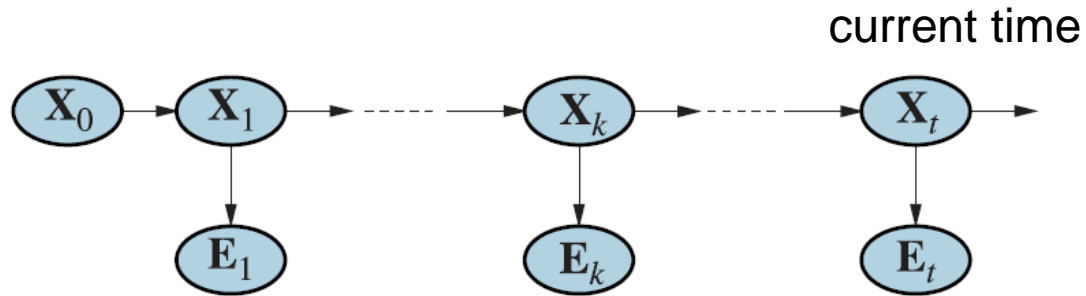
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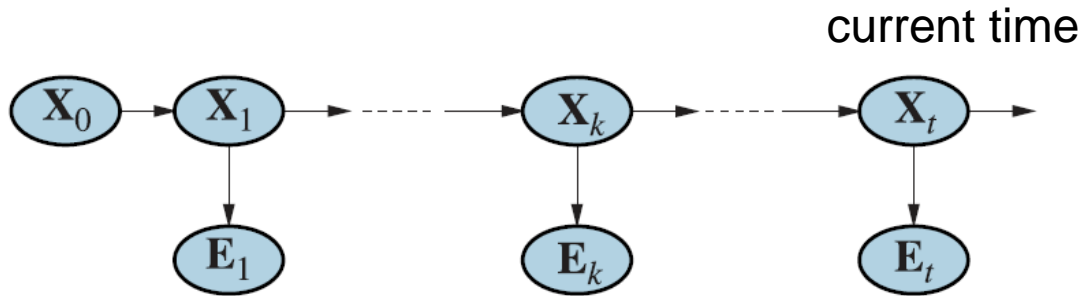
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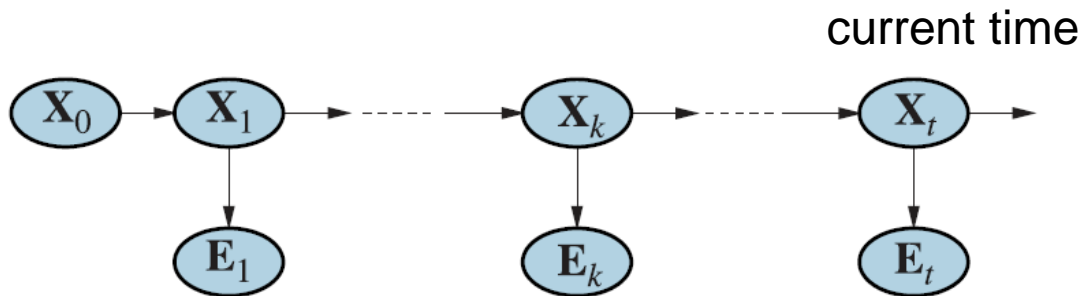
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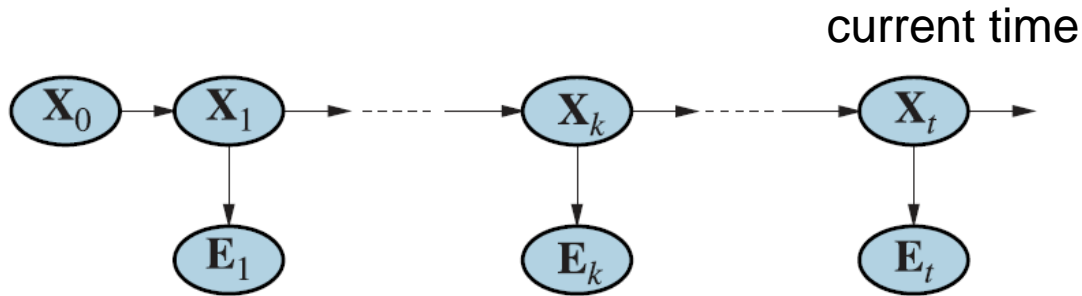


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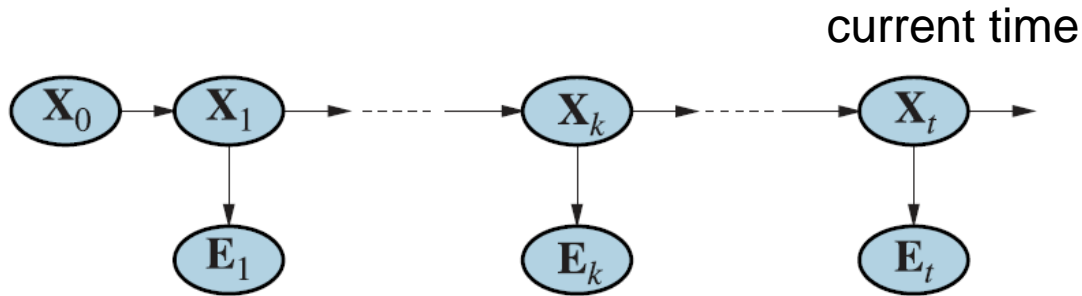


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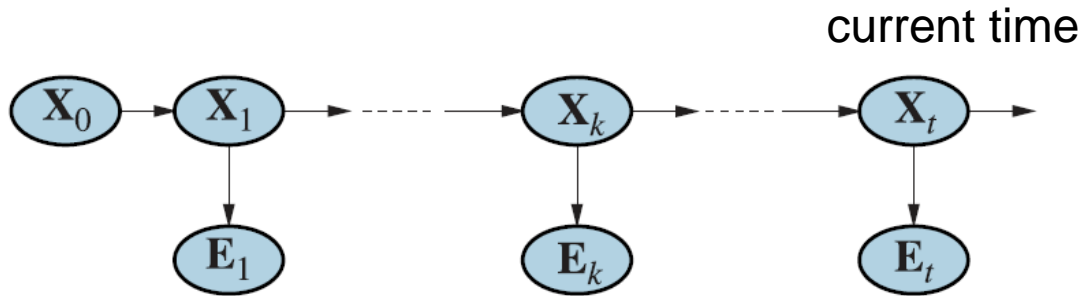


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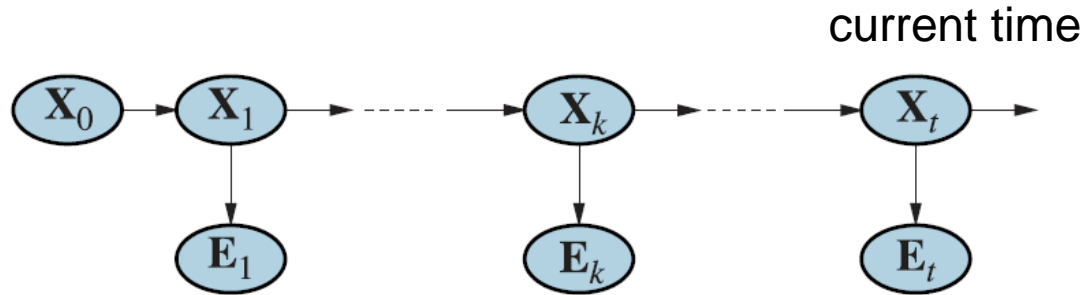


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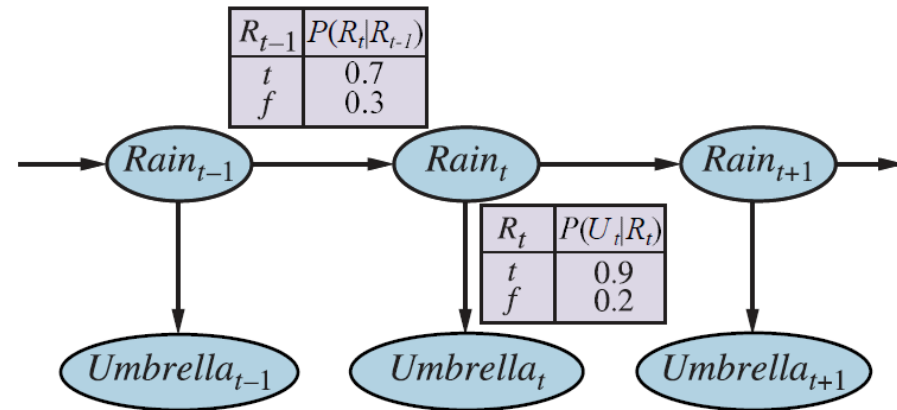
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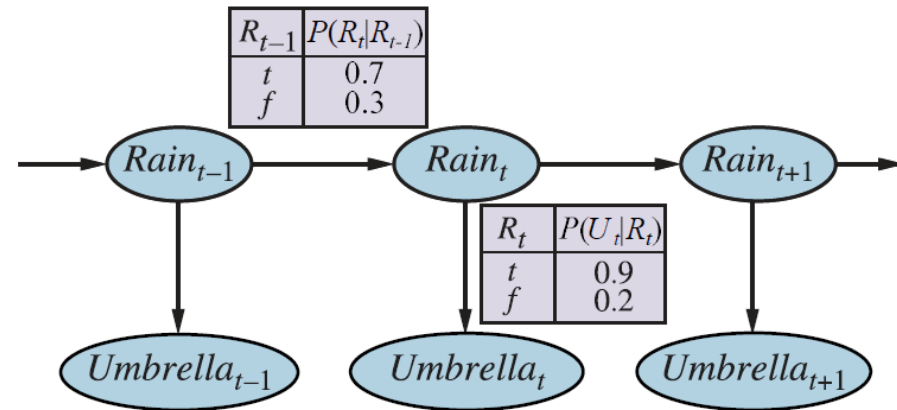
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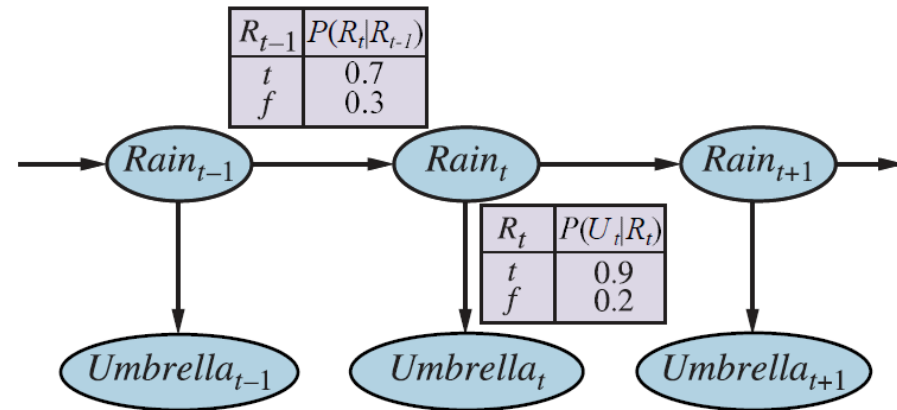
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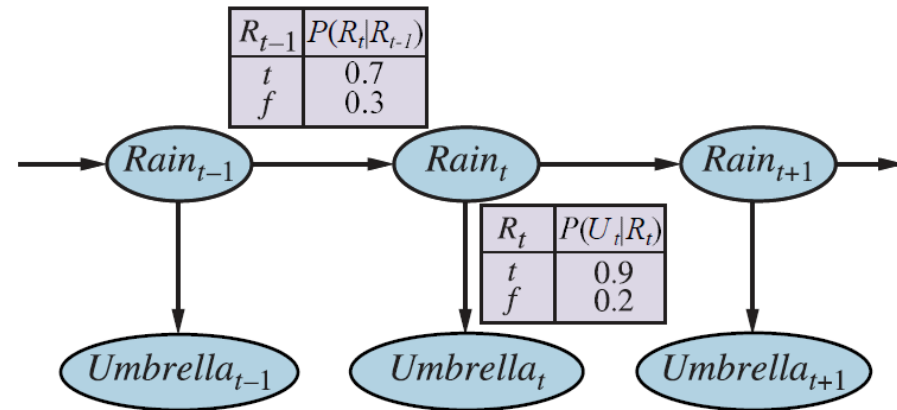
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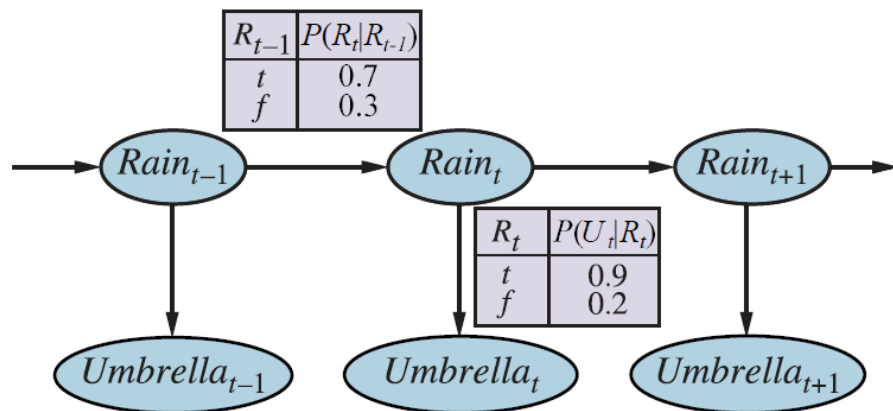
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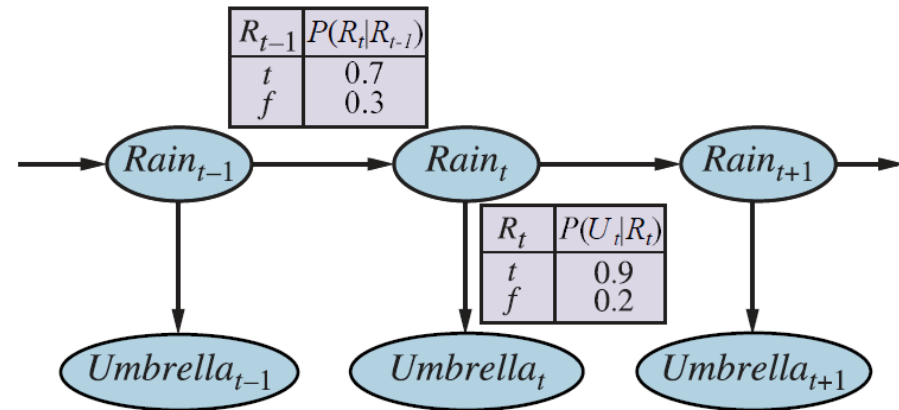
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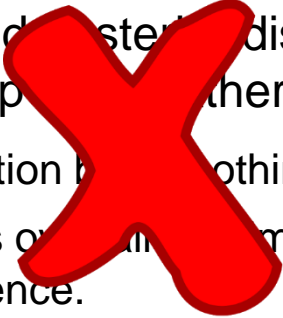
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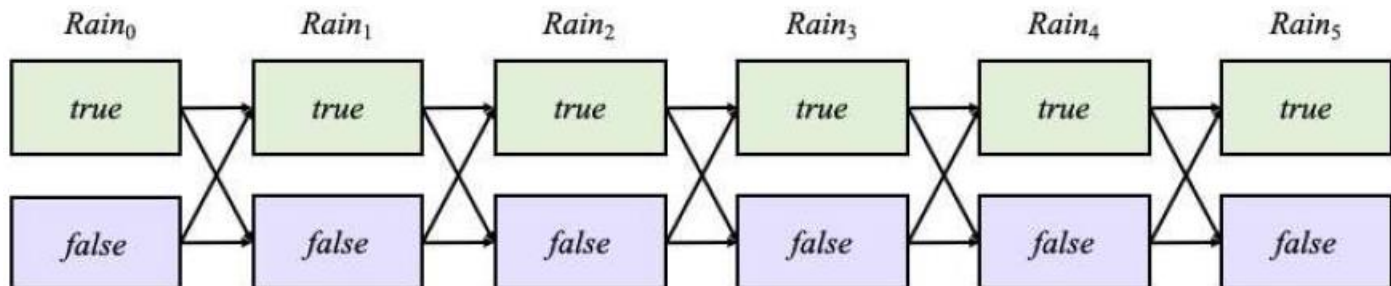
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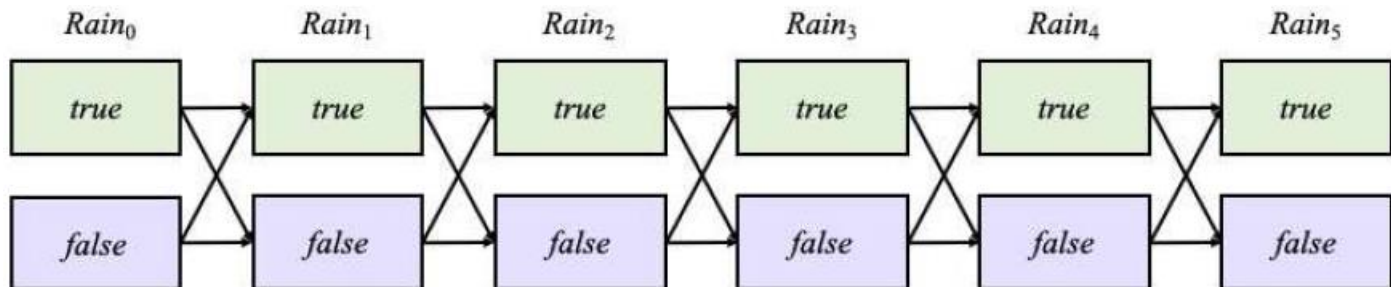


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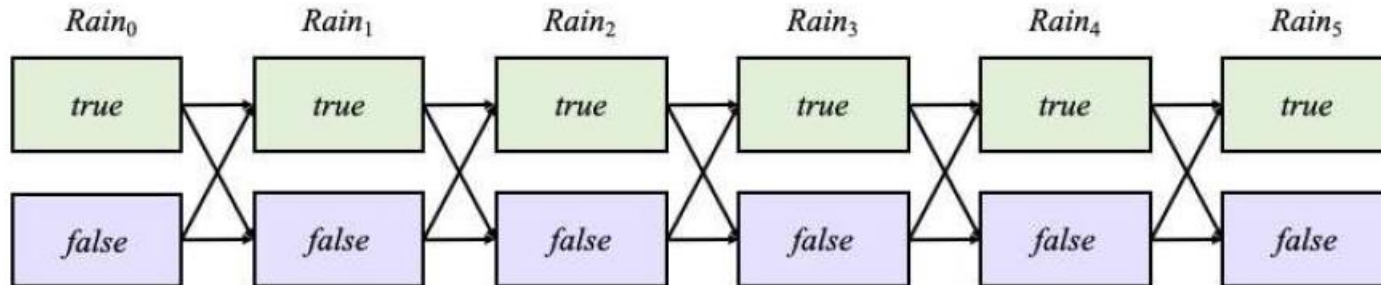
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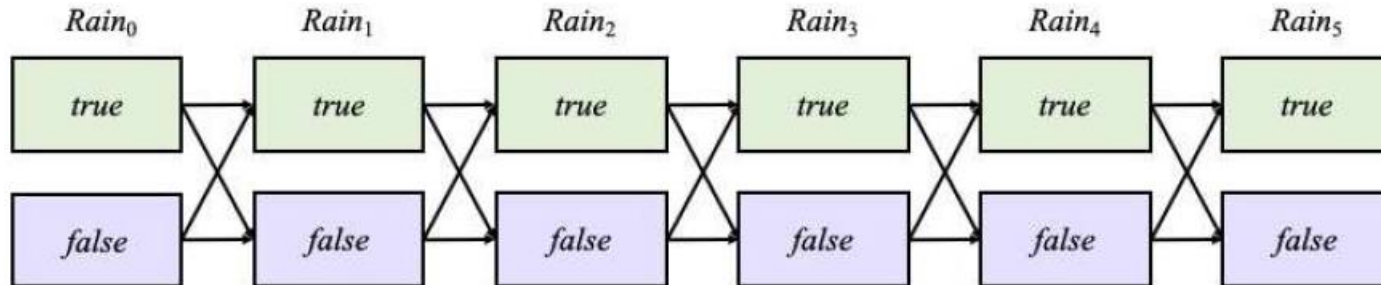


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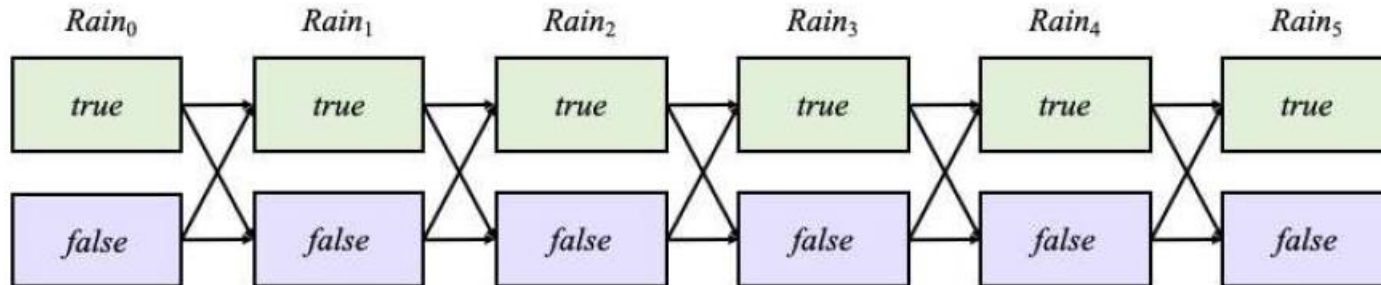
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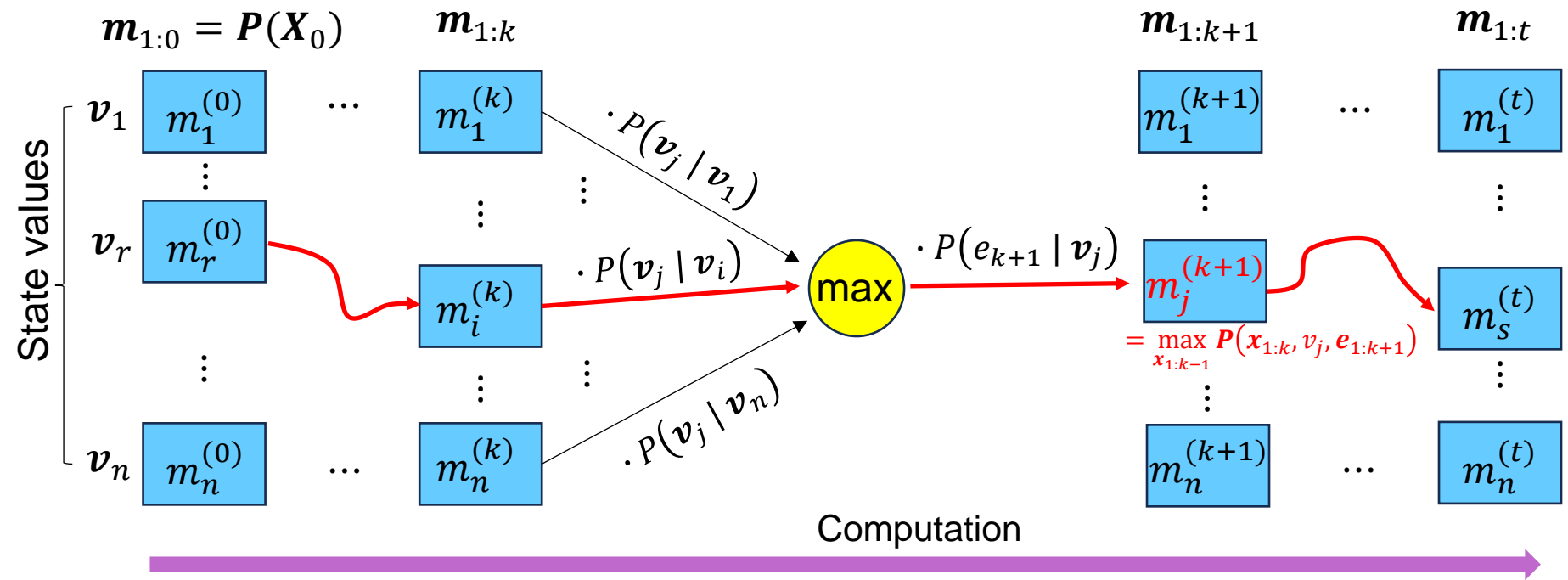
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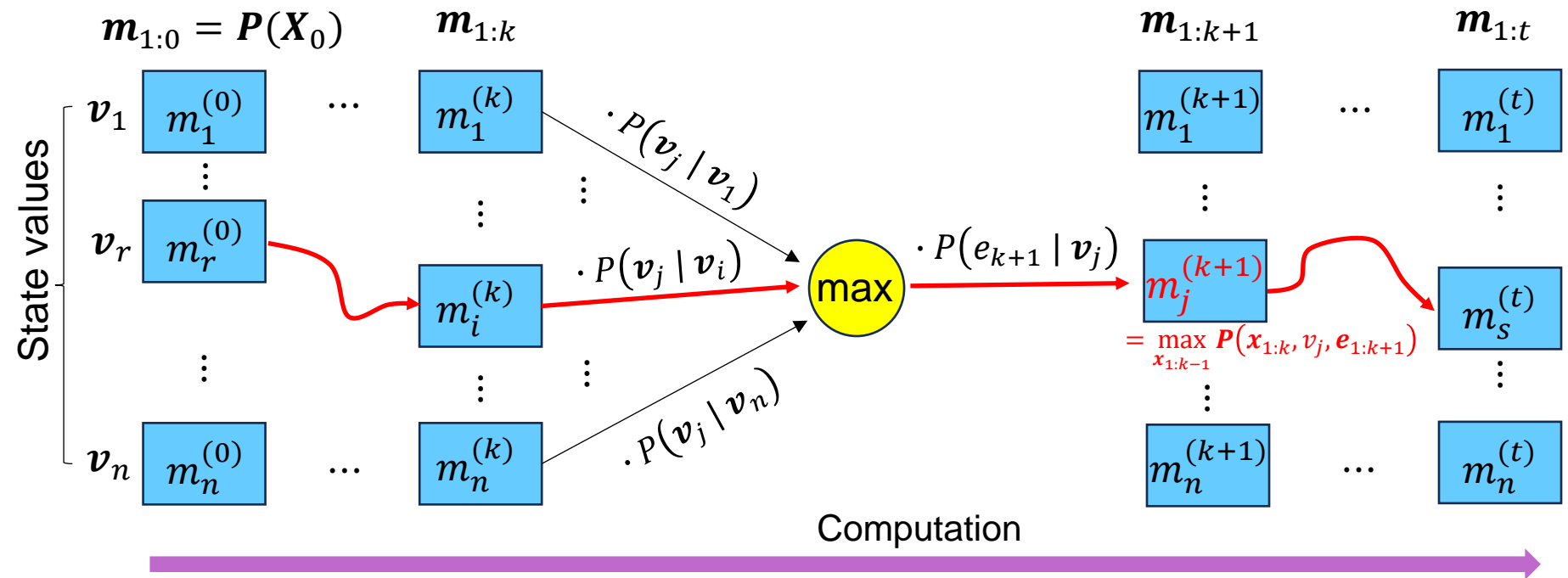
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- ◆ To identify the actual sequence, record, for each state, the best predecessor state.

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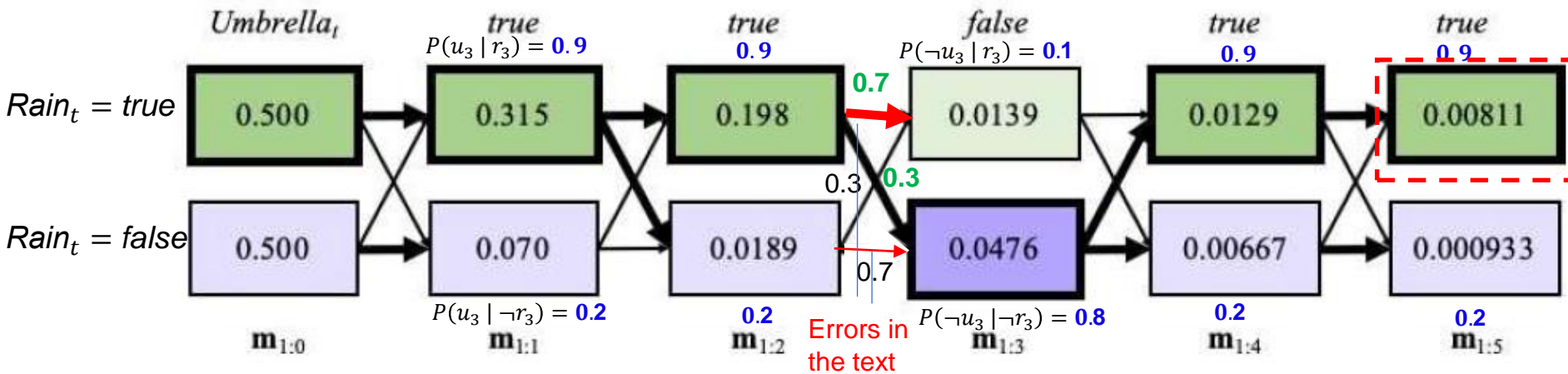
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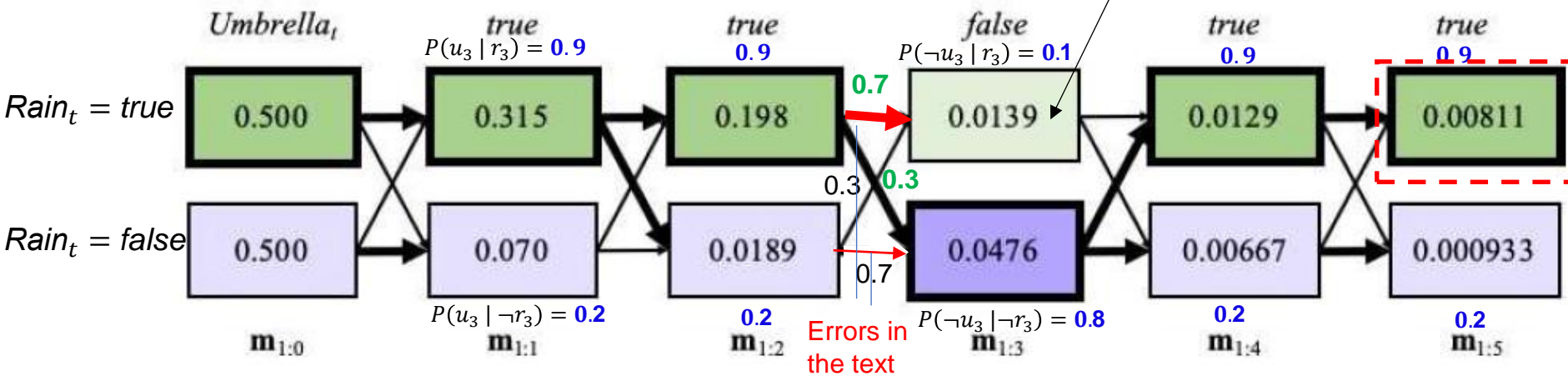


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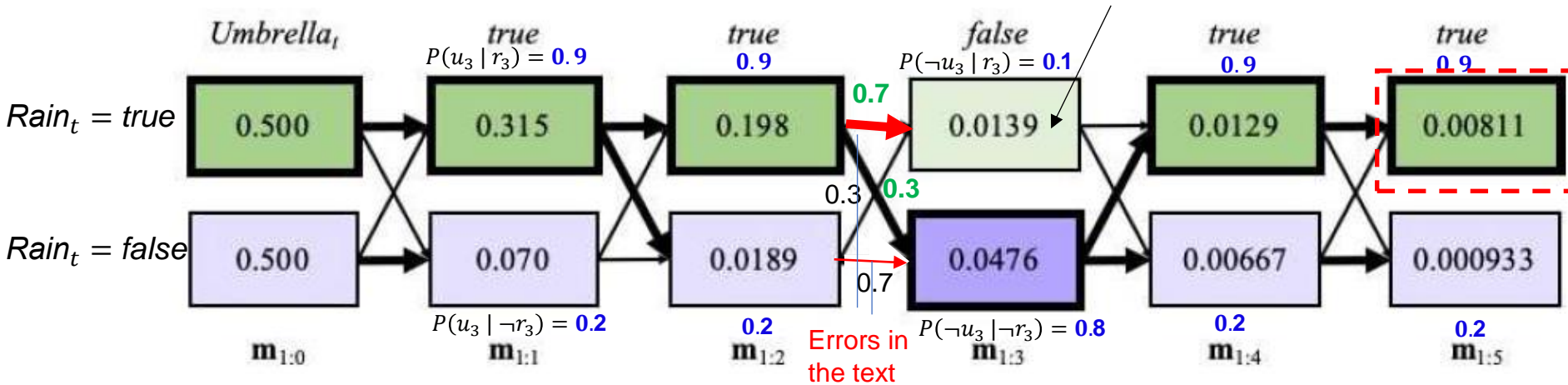


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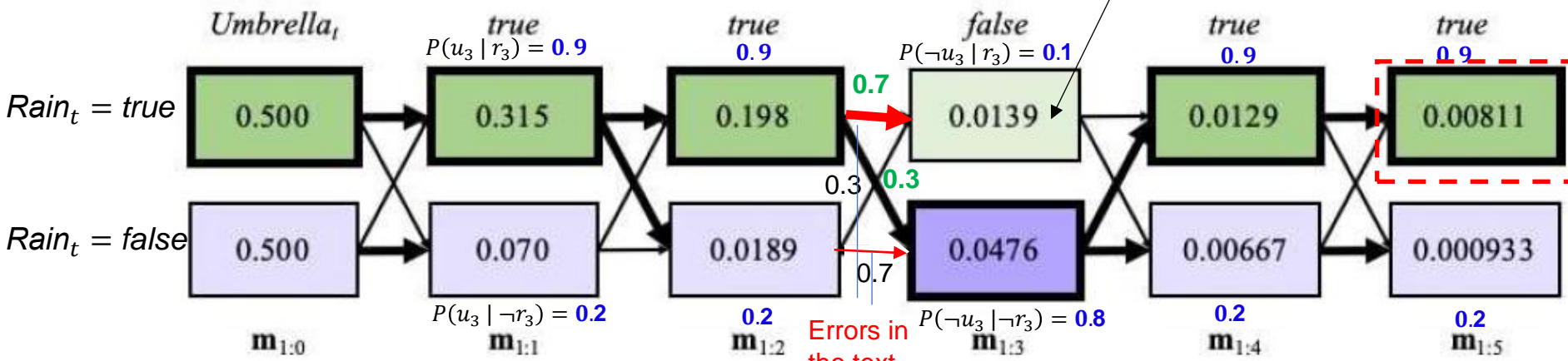
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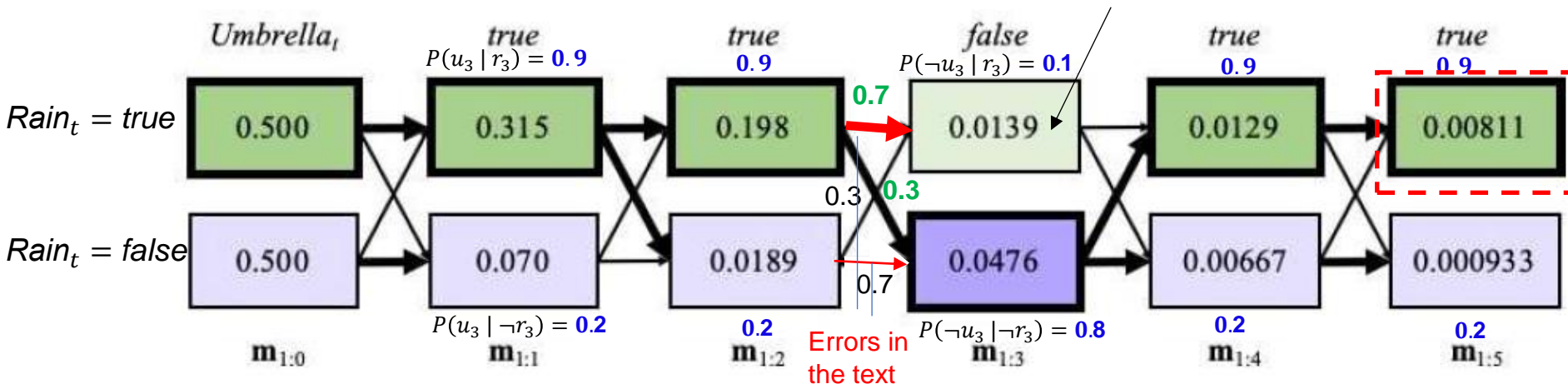
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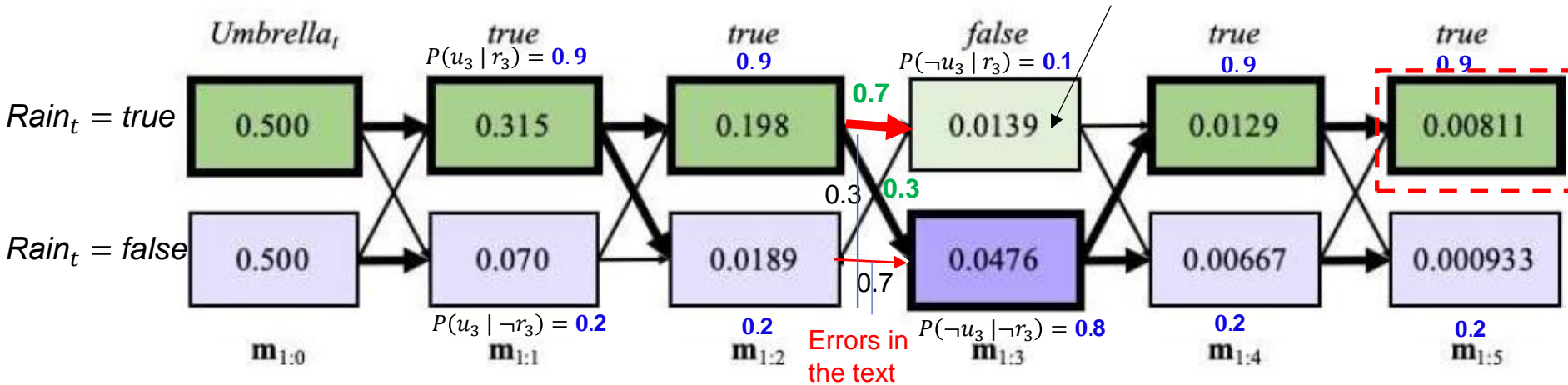
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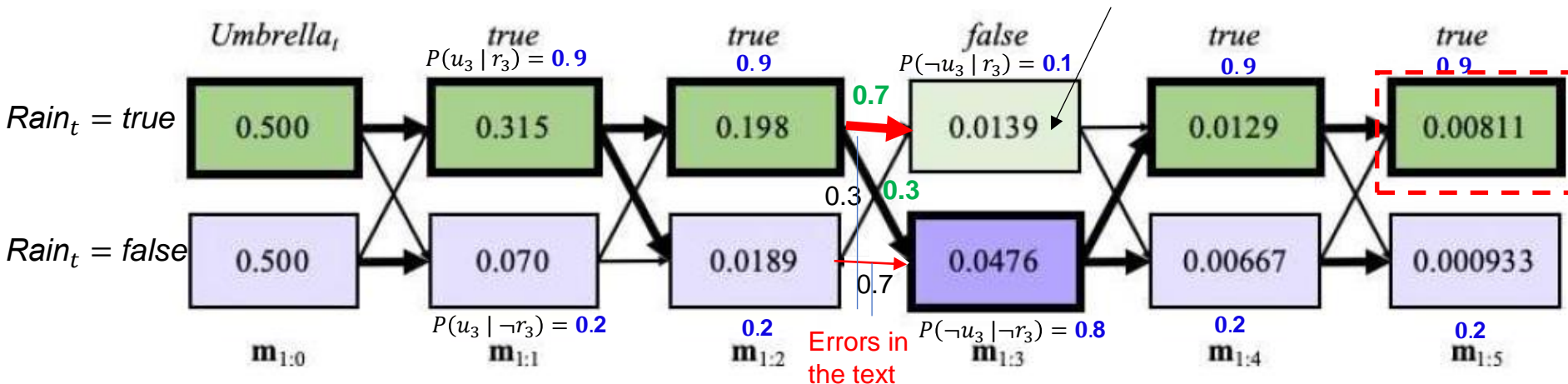
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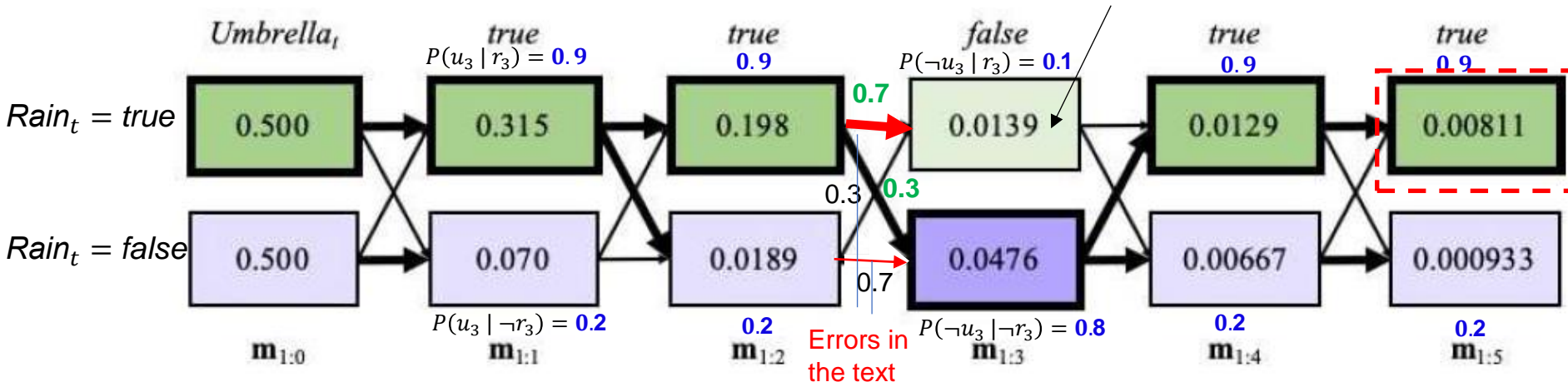
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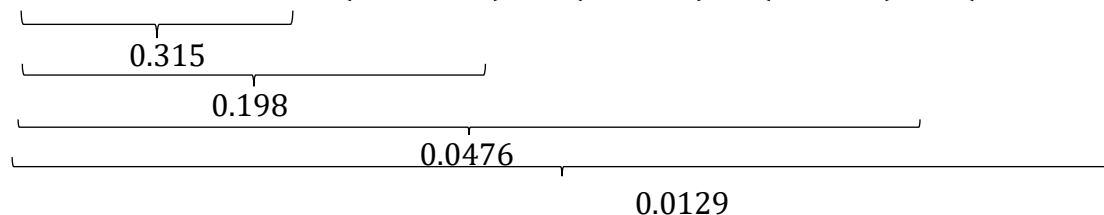
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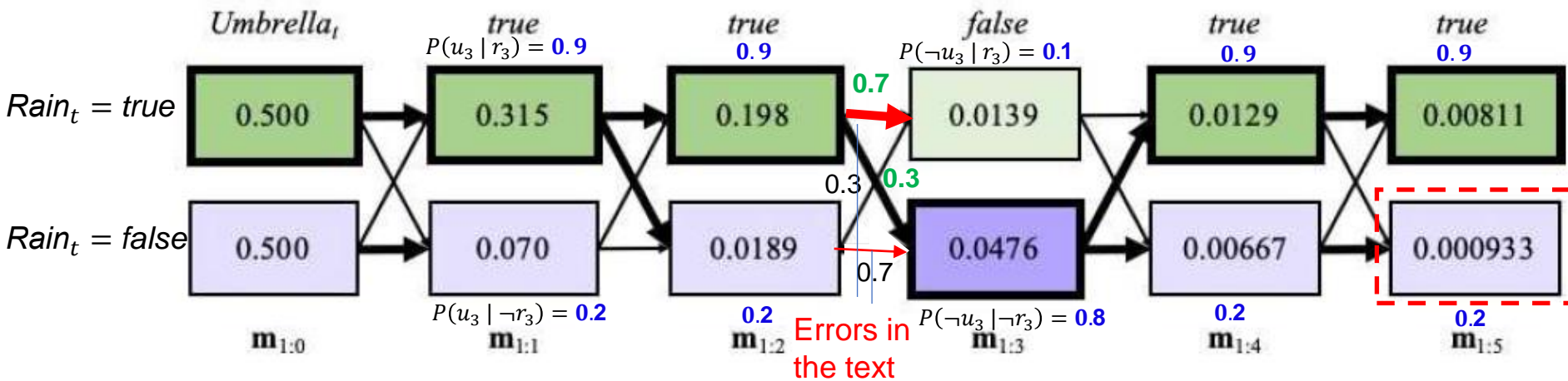
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0.00811 is the maximum joint probability of any rain scenario on the first four days, **rain** on day 5, and the umbrella sequence $[true, true, false, true, true]$ on the first five days. It is achieved by the weather sequence $[true, true, false, true, true]$.

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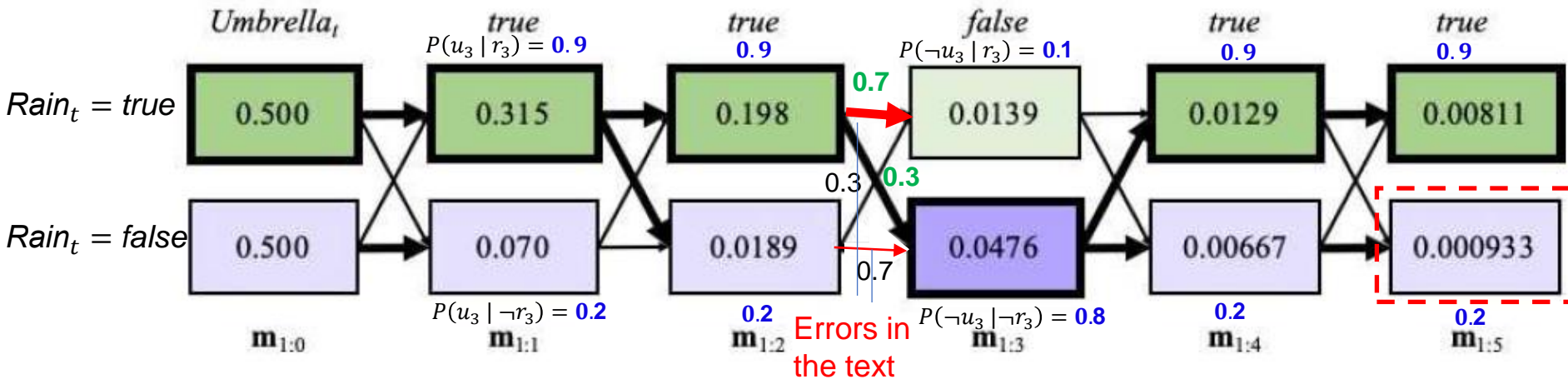
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If it does not rain on day 5 and the umbrella sequence on the first five days is $[true, true, false, true, true]$, then the most likely weather sequence is $[true, true, false, false, false]$ with the maximum joint probability of 0.000933.