

# Rank of tensors of l-out-of-k functions: an application in probabilistic inference

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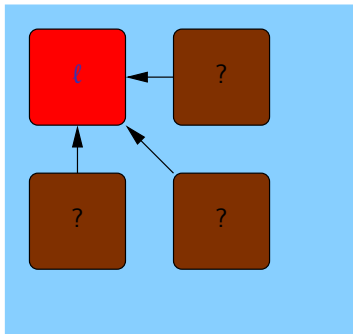
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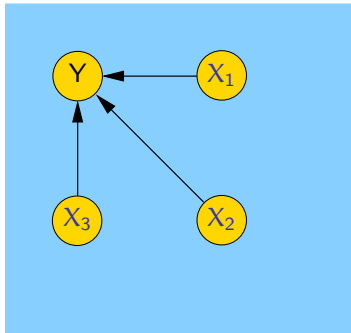
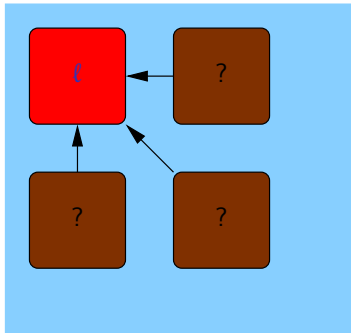


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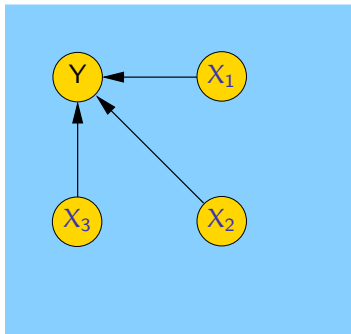
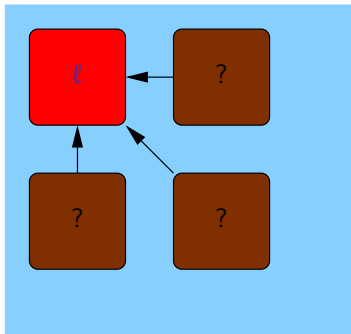




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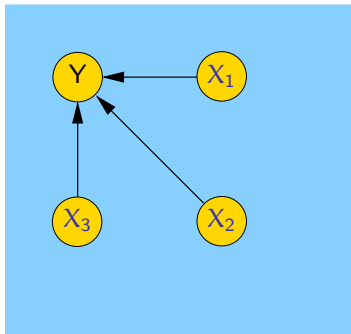
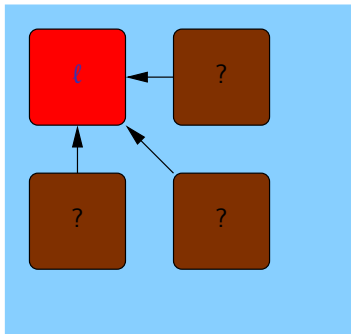


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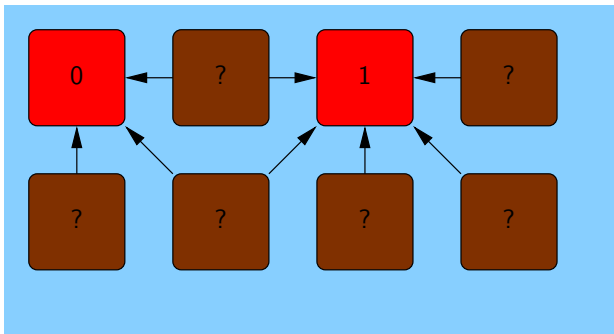
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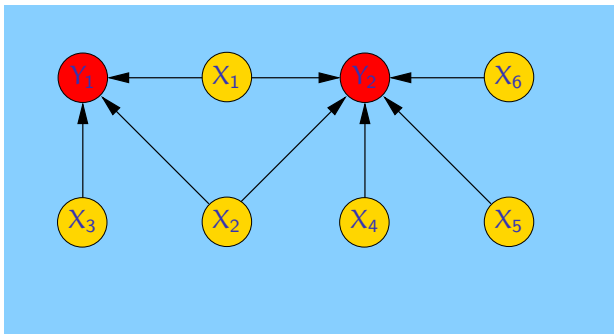
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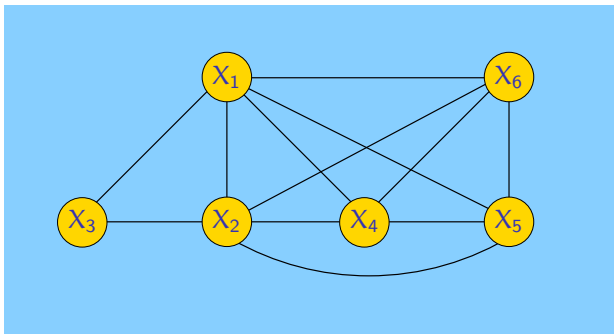
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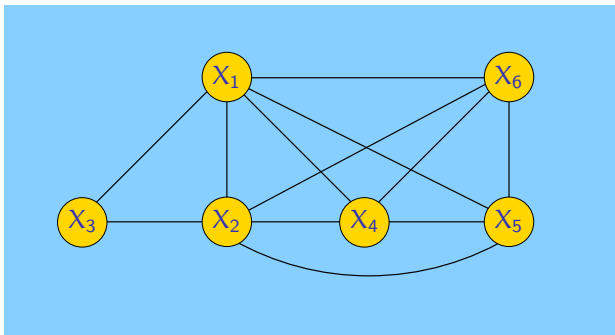
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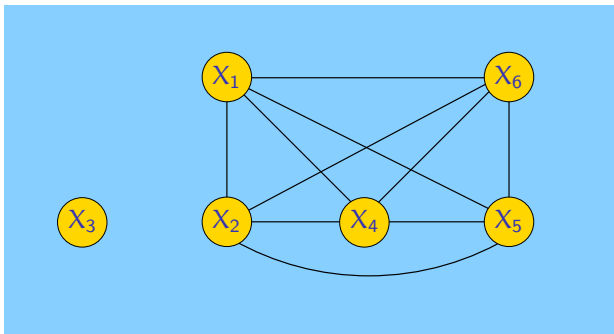
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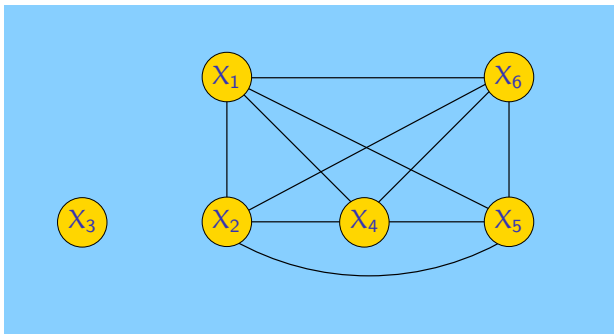
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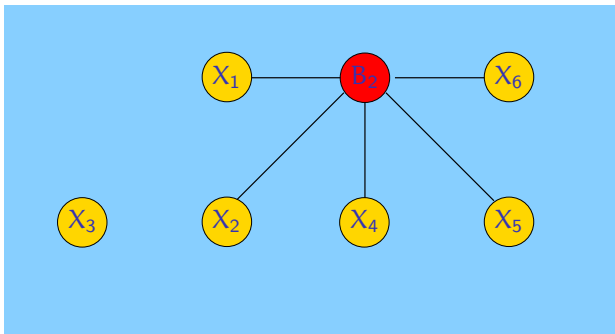
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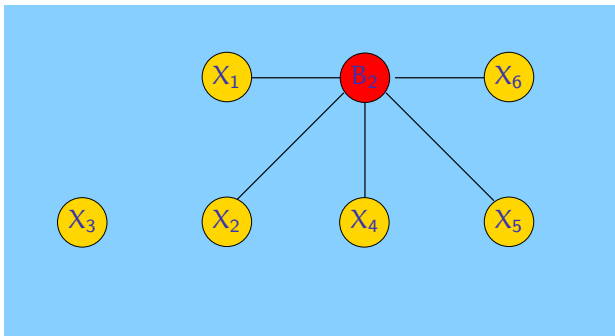
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### Theorem

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$0 < p \leq 1$ ,  $0 < q \leq 1$  are parameters of the input noise.

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## Results of experiments

Numerical experiments reveal that we can get a gain in the order of two magnitudes but at the expense of a certain loss of precision. See Figure.

