

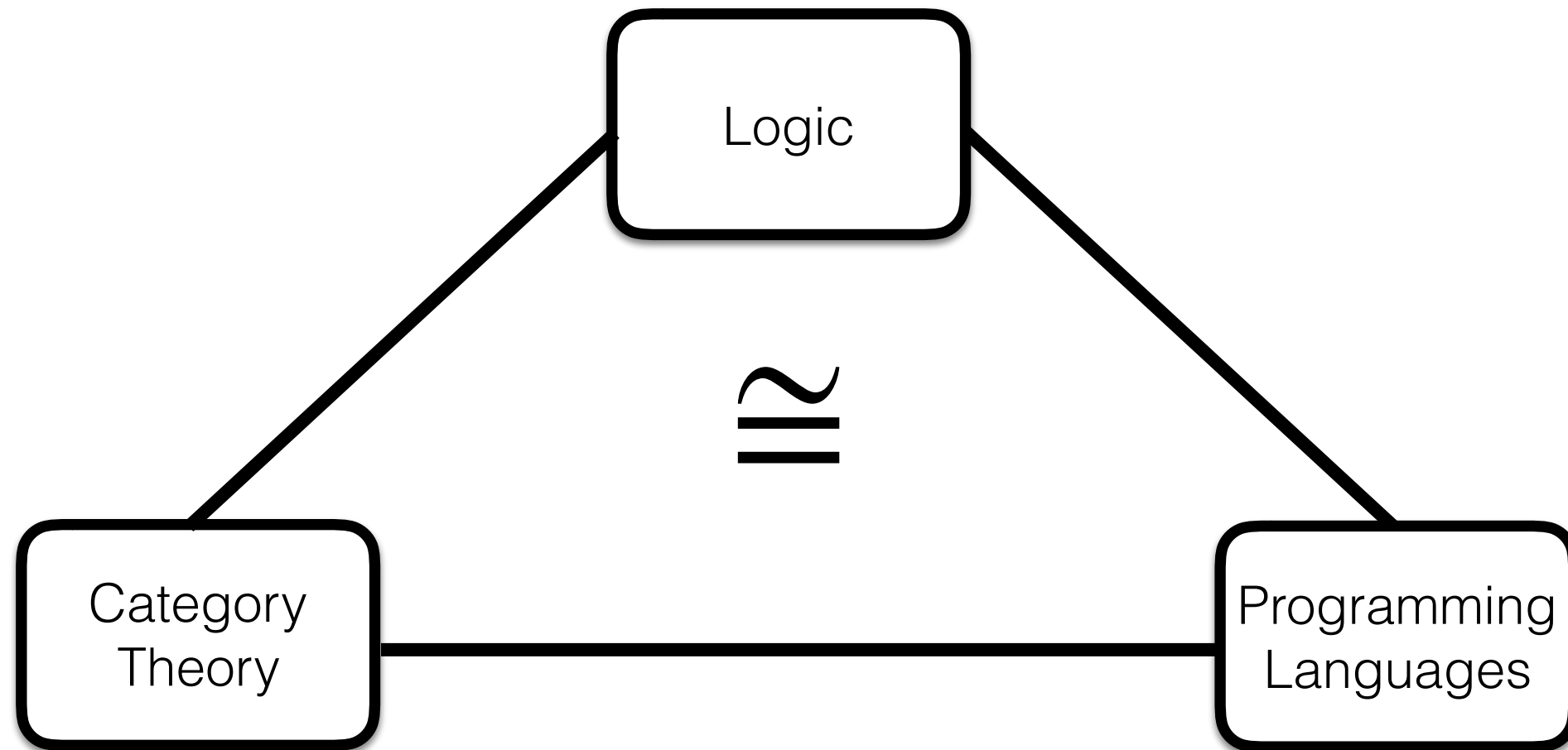
# On Linear Logic, Functional Programming, and Attack Trees

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# How I Approach Problems

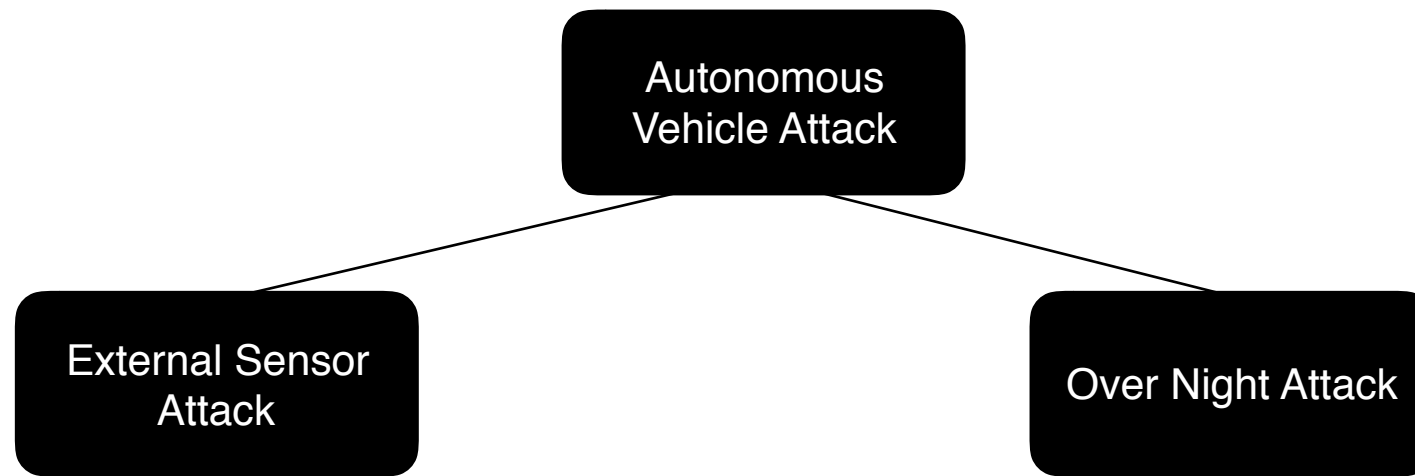


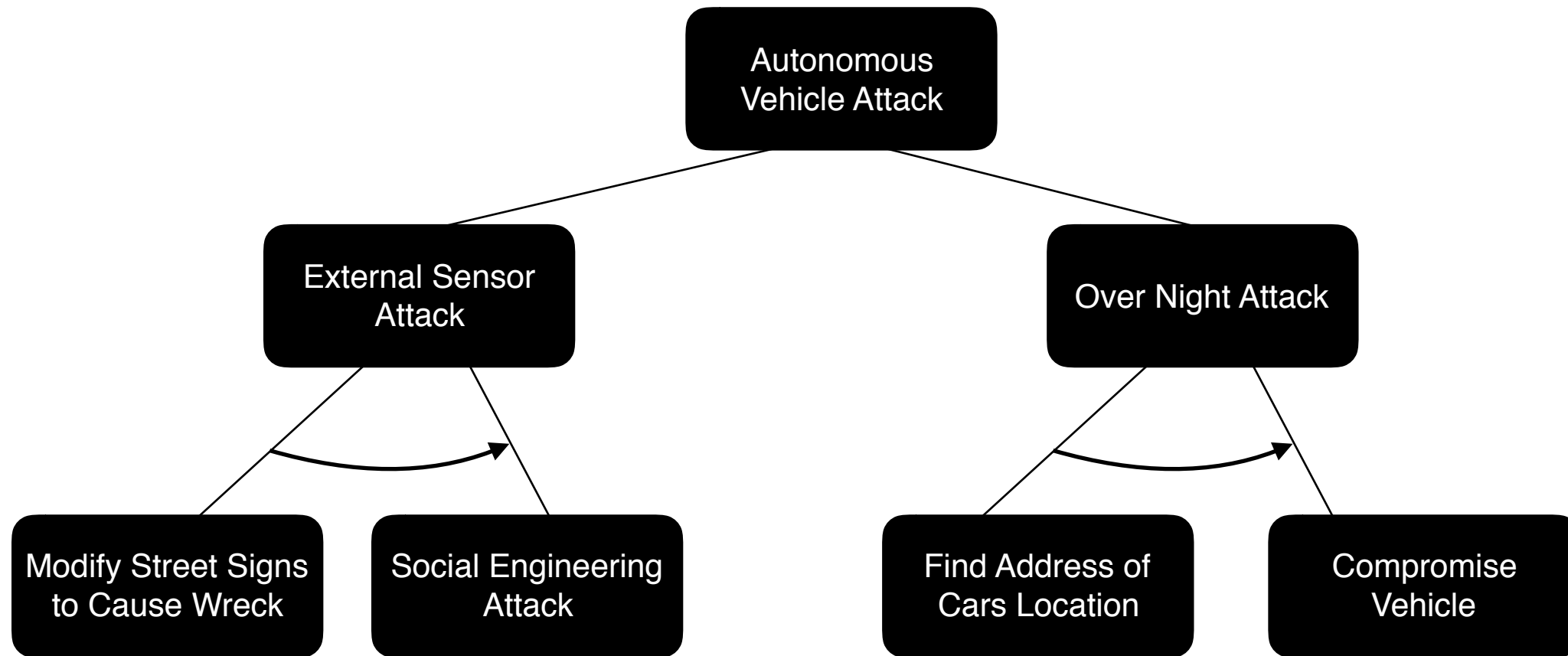
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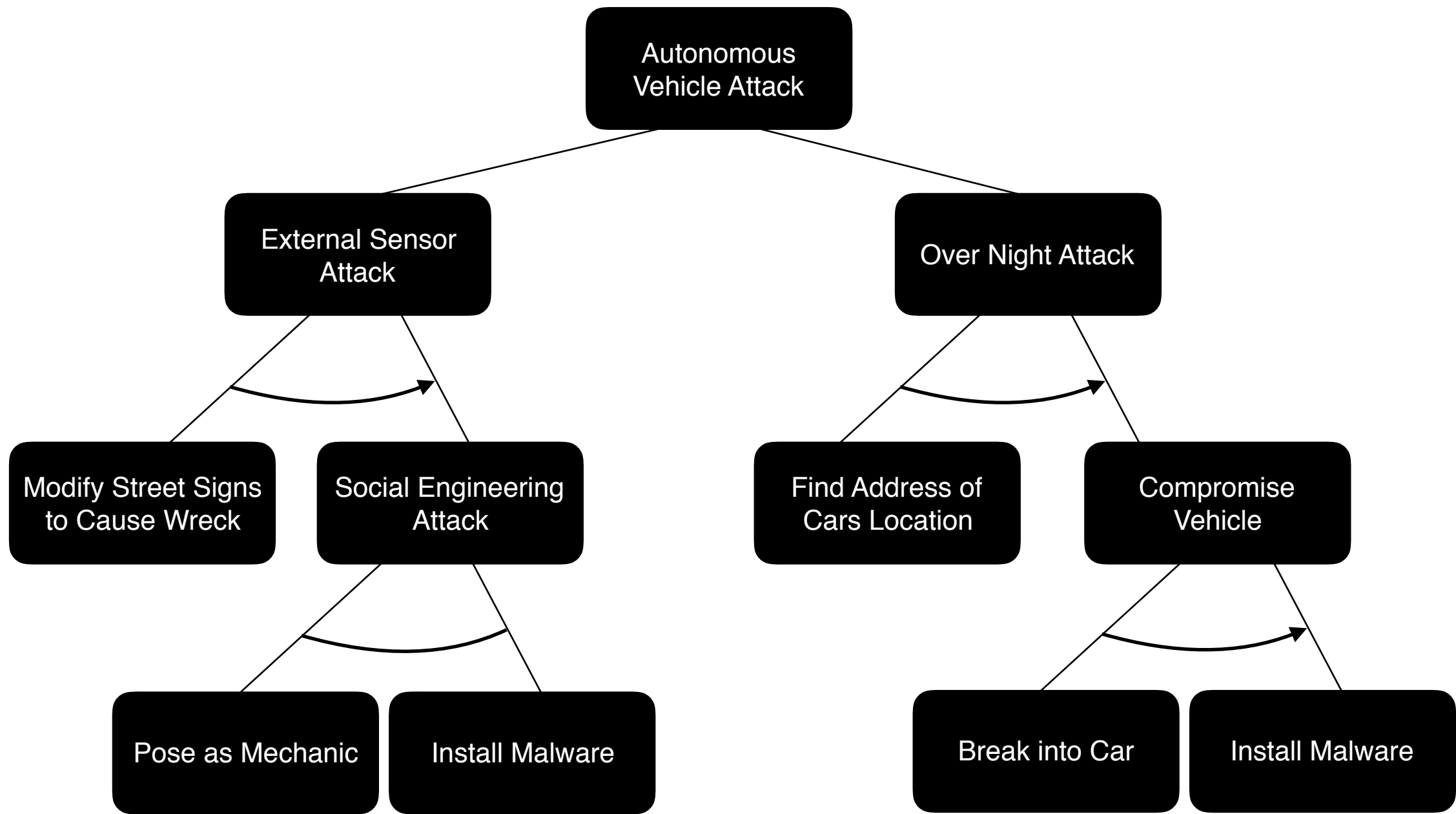
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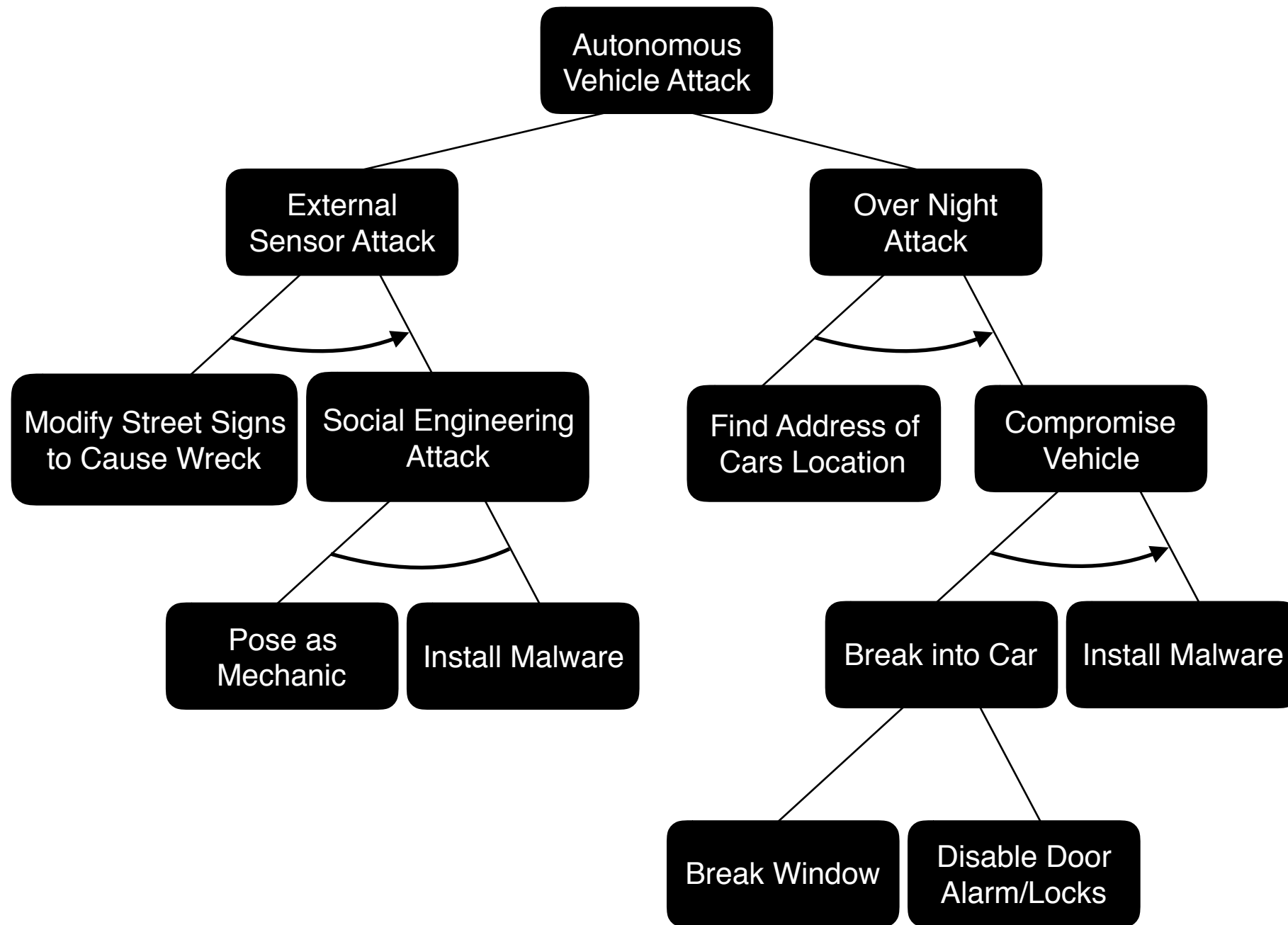
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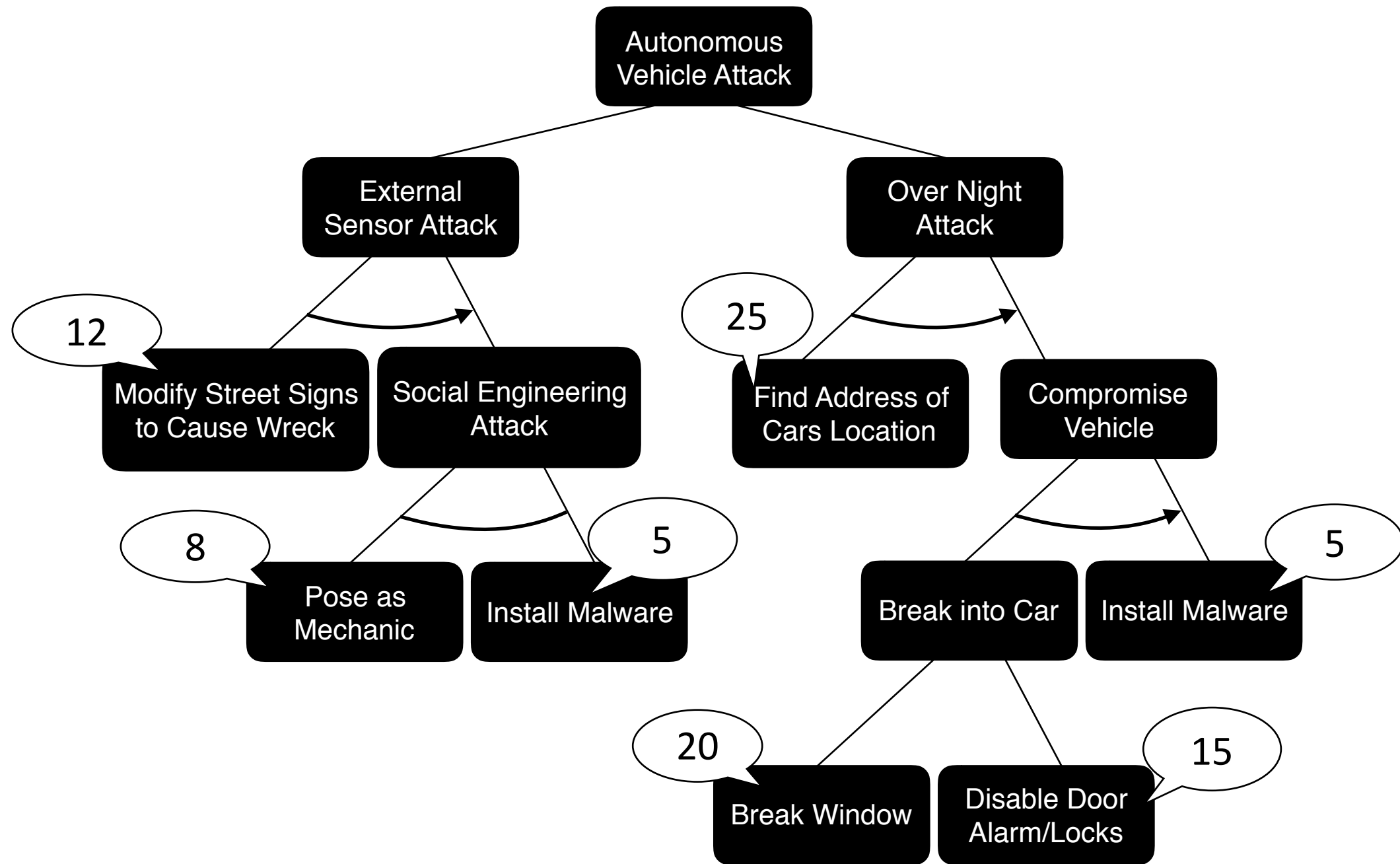


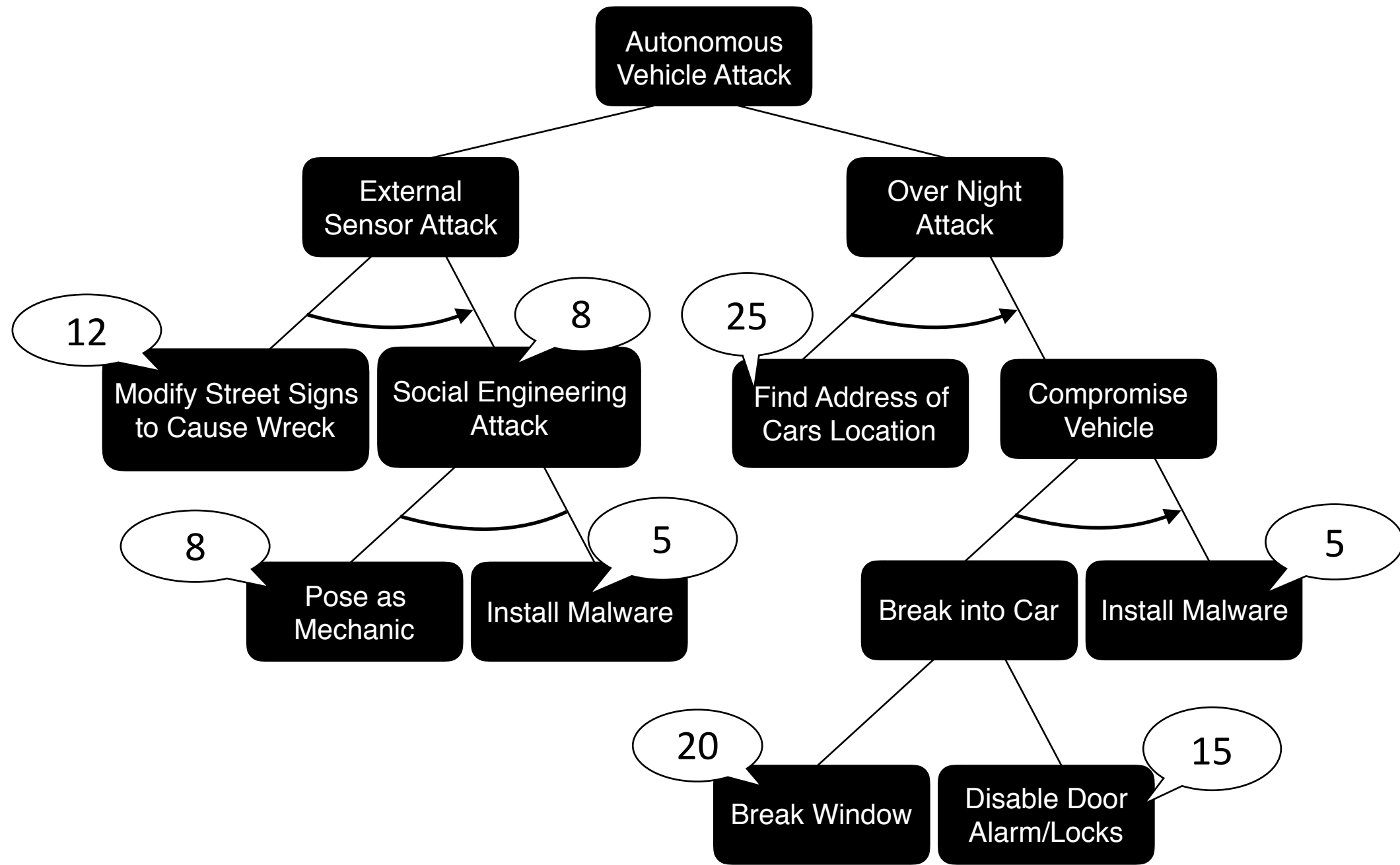


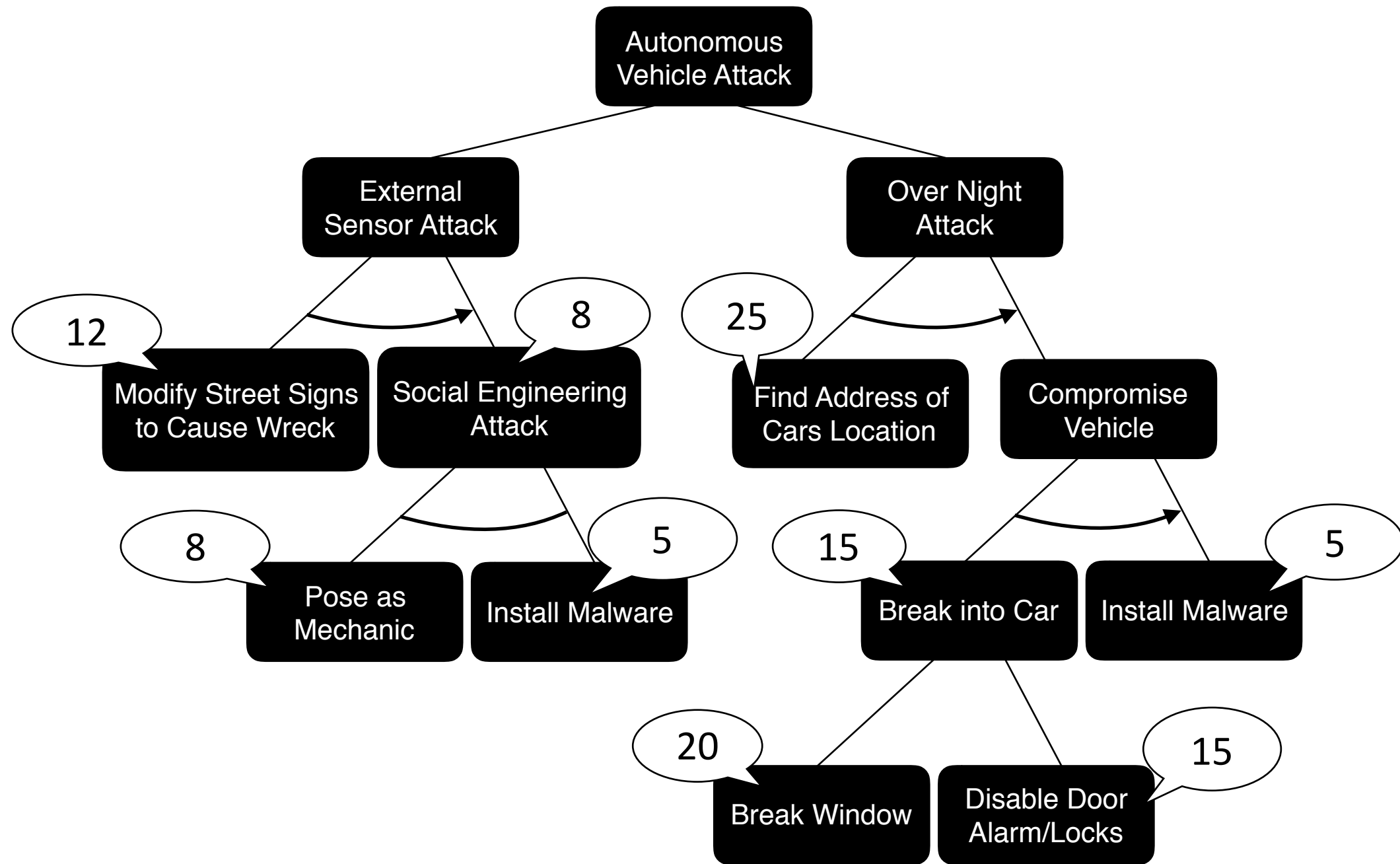


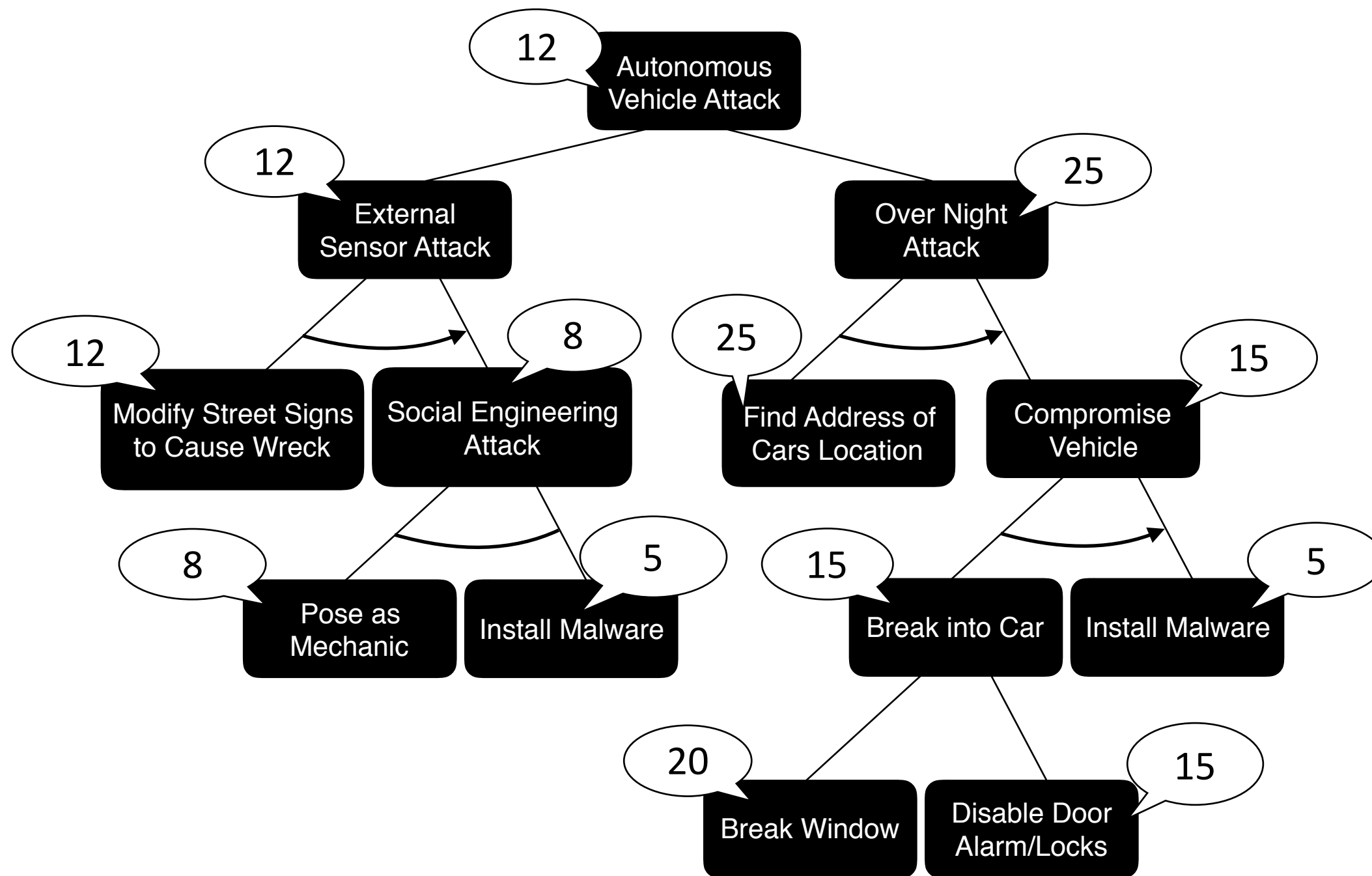


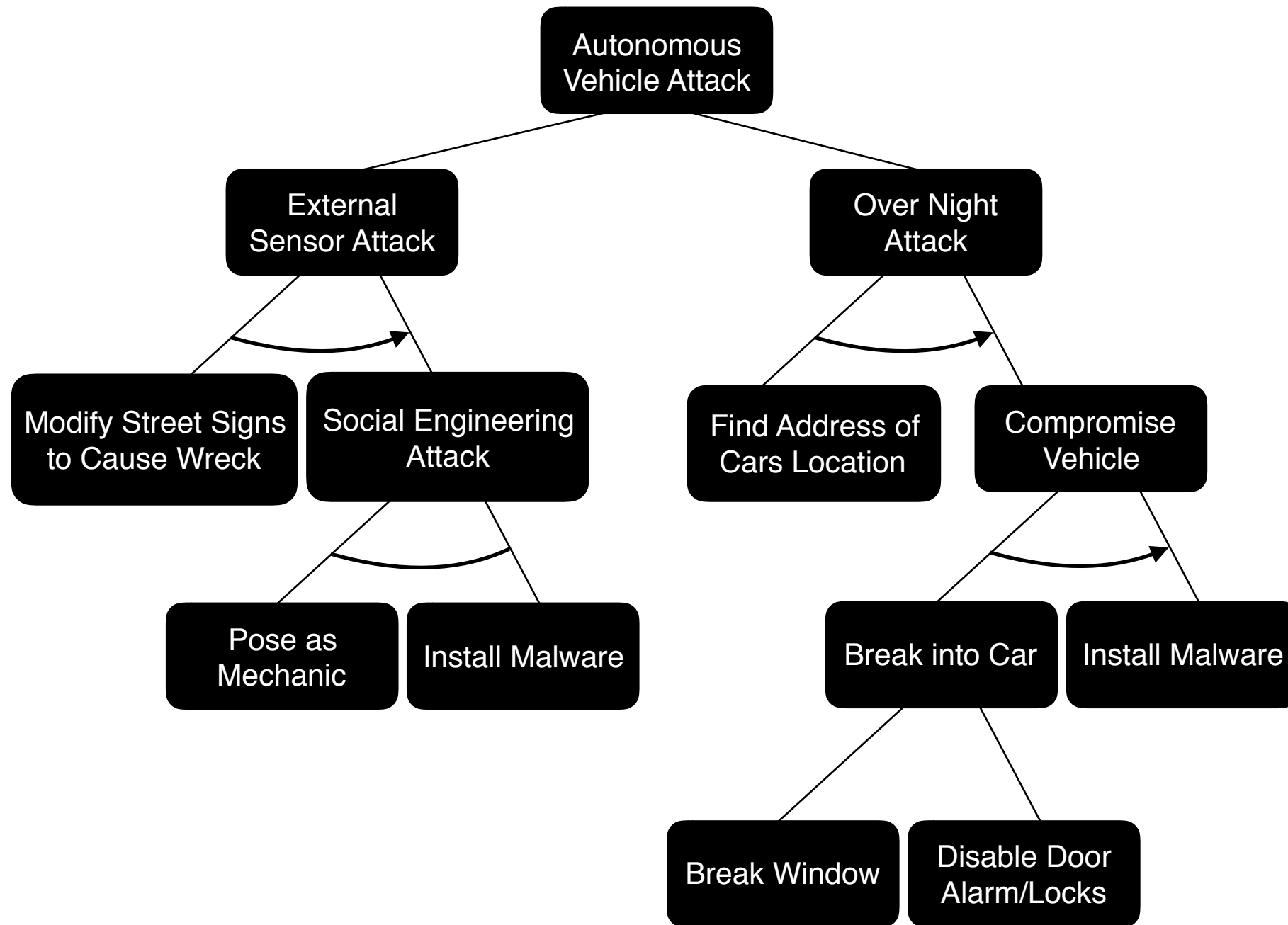


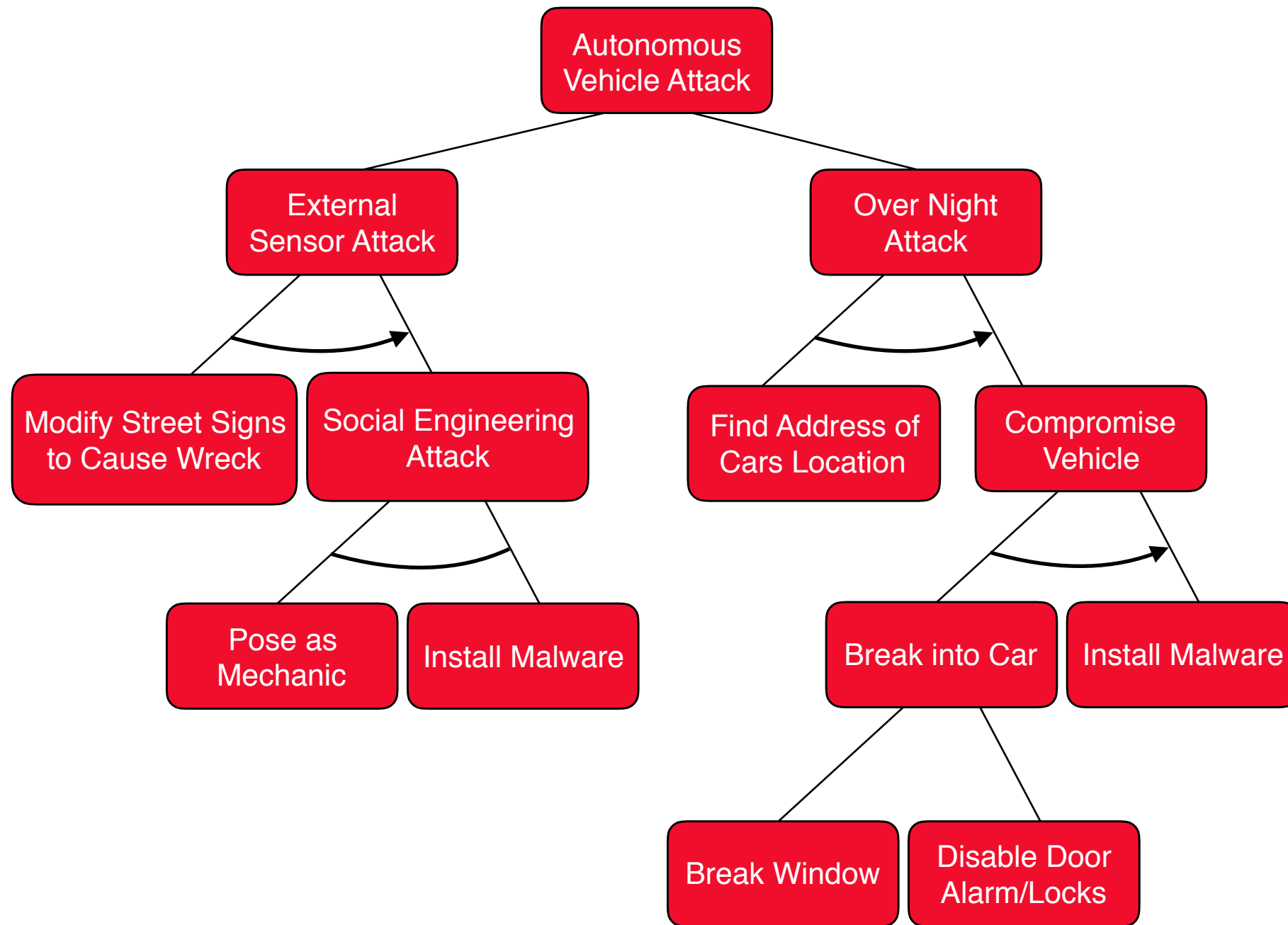


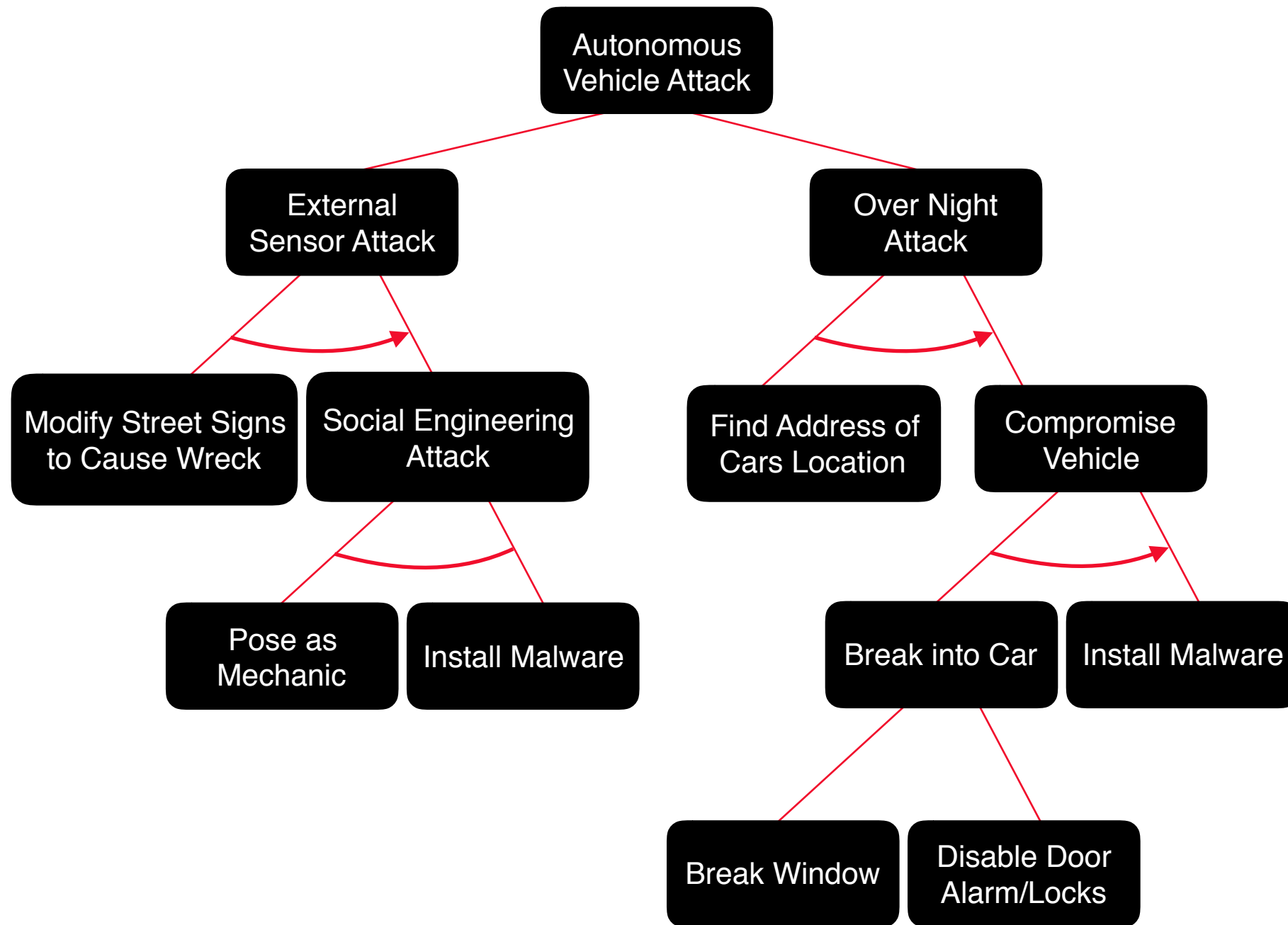




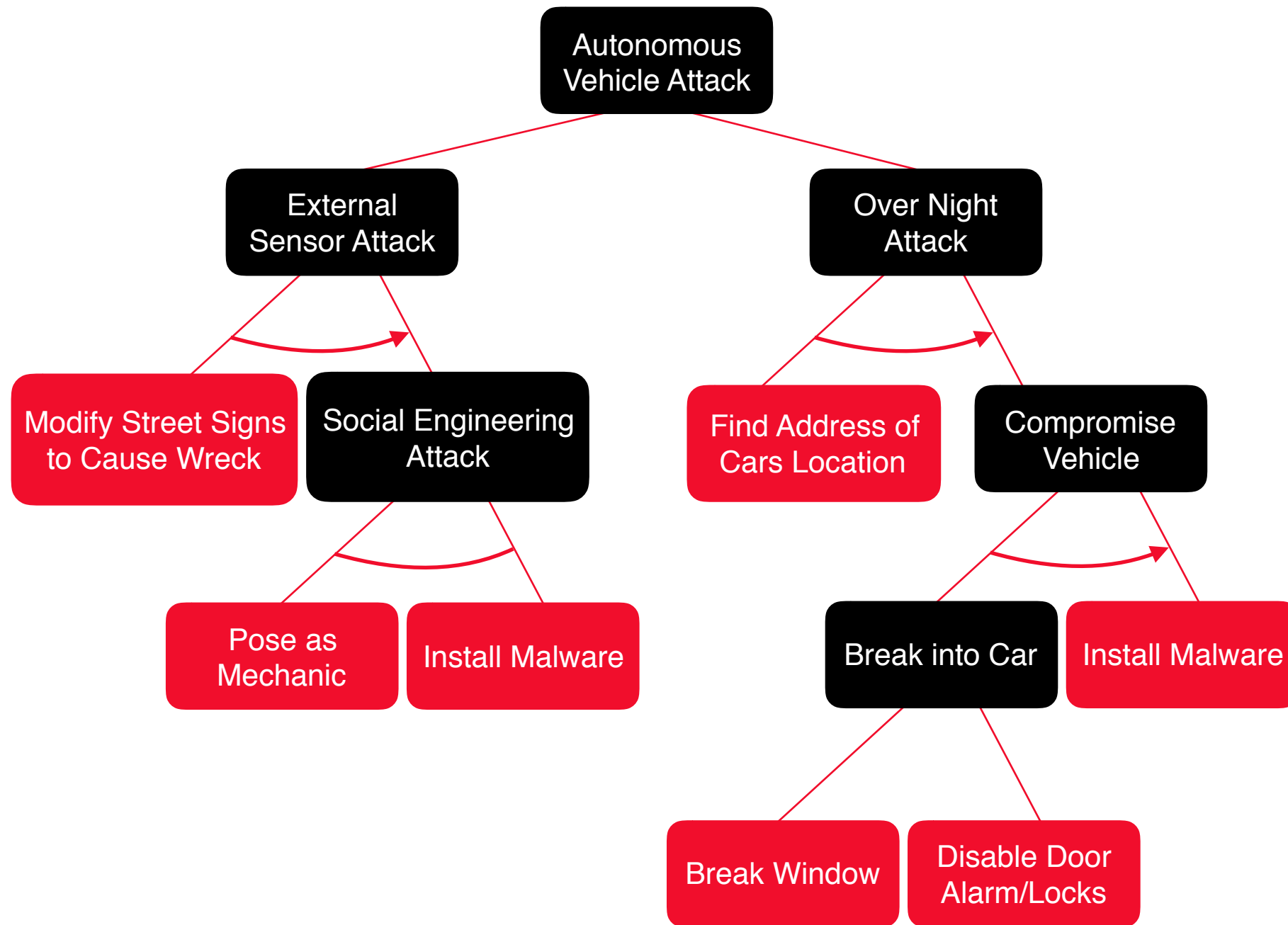


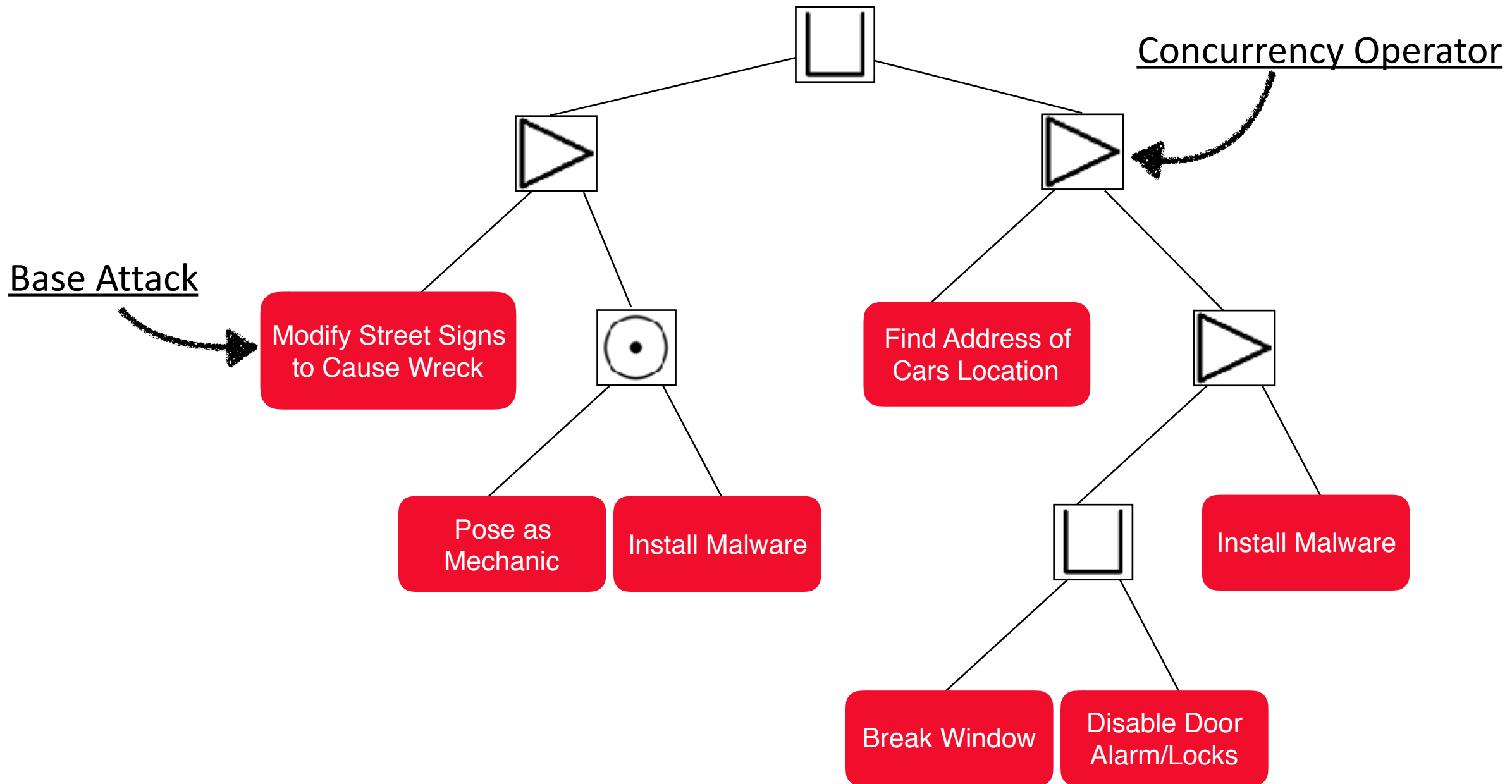












$A =$  “Modify Street Signs to Cause Wreck“

$B =$  “Pose as Mechanic“

$C =$  “Install Malware“

$D =$  “Find Address of Cars Location“

$E =$  “Break Window“

$F =$  “Disable Door Alarm/Locks“

$(A \triangleright (B \odot C)) \sqcup (D \triangleright ((E \sqcup F) \triangleright C))$

# Attack Trees in Resource-Sensitive Logics

Resource-Sensitive Logics:

- Model Resource Critical Systems as Formulas
- Prove Properties about the Modeled Systems by Proving Properties about Formulas
- Understands Concurrency
- Formally Controls Duplication of Resources

# Attack Trees in Resource-Sensitive Logics

Reasoning about Attack Trees:

- Model **Attack Trees** as Formulas in Resource-Sensitive Logics
- Prove Properties about **Attack Trees** by Proving Properties about Formulas
- Respects the Concurrency Perspective of Attack Trees

# Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

- Four-Valued Truth Table Semantics
- Intuitionistic
- Proofs are simple
- Resource Sensitive

# Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Supports Specializations [Horne et al.:2016]:

Prove implications between attack trees that take into consideration both the **logical structure** of the tree and the **attribute domain**.

# Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Two Types of Semantics [Horne et al.:2016]:

- Ideal Semantics
- Filter Semantics



# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Truth tables over propositional variables:

$$A, B \in \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Choice:

$$A \sqcup_I B = \max(A, B)$$

Sequence:

$$0 \triangleright_I B = 0$$

$$A \triangleright_I 0 = 0$$

$$A \triangleright_I B = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ when } A \in \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\}$$

Parallel:

$$0 \odot_I B = 0$$

$$A \odot_I 0 = 0$$

$$A \odot_I B = 1$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Logical Sequent (implication) is a Partial Ordering:

$$A \leq_4 B$$

Equivalence of Attack Trees:

$$A \equiv B \text{ iff } (A \leq_4 B) \text{ and } (B \leq_4 A)$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Basic Properties for Choice:

$$A \leq_4 (A \sqcup_I B)$$

$$B \leq_4 (A \sqcup_I B)$$

$$(A \sqcup_I B) \equiv (B \sqcup_I A)$$

$$((A \sqcup_I B) \sqcup_I C) \equiv (A \sqcup_I (B \sqcup_I C))$$

$$\text{If } A \leq_4 C \text{ and } B \leq_4 D, \text{ then } (A \sqcup_I B) \leq_4 (C \sqcup_I D)$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Basic Properties for Parallel:

$$(A \odot_I A) \not\equiv A$$

$$(A \odot_I B) \equiv (B \odot_I A)$$

$$((A \odot_I B) \odot_I C) \equiv (A \odot_I (B \odot_I C))$$

If  $A \leq_4 C$  and  $B \leq_4 D$ , then  $(A \odot_I B) \leq_4 (C \odot_I D)$

$$(A \odot_I (B \sqcup_I C)) \equiv ((A \odot_I B) \sqcup_I (A \odot_I C))$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Basic Properties for Sequence:

$$(A \triangleright_I A) \not\equiv A$$

$$(A \triangleright_I B) \not\equiv (B \triangleright_I A)$$

$$(A \triangleright_I (B \triangleright_I C)) \equiv ((A \triangleright_I B) \triangleright_I C)$$

If  $A \leq_4 C$  and  $B \leq_4 D$ , then  $(A \triangleright_I B) \leq_4 (C \triangleright_I D)$

$$(A \triangleright_I (B \sqcup_I C)) \equiv ((A \triangleright_I B) \sqcup_I (A \triangleright_I C))$$

# Ideal Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Ideal Properties [Horne et al.:2016]:

$$((A \odot_I B) \triangleright_I (C \odot_I D)) \leq_4 ((A \triangleright_I C) \odot_I (B \triangleright_I D))$$

$$((A \odot_I B) \triangleright_I C) \leq_4 (A \odot_I (B \triangleright_I C))$$

$$(A \triangleright_I (B \odot_I C)) \leq_4 (B \odot_I (A \triangleright_I C))$$

$$(A \triangleright_I B) \leq_4 (A \odot_I B)$$

Note: Not equivalences!

# Filterish Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Choice:

$$A \sqcup_F B = \max(A, B)$$

Sequence:

$$0 \triangleright_F B = 0$$

$$A \triangleright_F 0 = 0$$

$$A \triangleright_F B = 1, \text{ when } A \in \left\{\frac{1}{2}, 1\right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \triangleright_F B = \frac{1}{4}$$

Parallel:

$$0 \odot_F B = 0$$

$$A \odot_F 0 = 0$$

$$A \odot_F B = \frac{1}{2}$$



# Filterish Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Same basic properties for each form of composition.

# Filterish Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

Filter properties that **hold** [Horne et al.:2016]:

$$((A \triangleright_F C) \odot_F (B \triangleright_F D)) \leq_4 ((A \odot_F B) \triangleright_F (C \odot_F D))$$

$$(A \odot_F (B \triangleright_F C)) \leq_4 ((A \odot_F B) \triangleright_F C)$$

Filter properties that **fail** [Horne et al.:2016]:

$$(A \triangleright_F (B \odot_F C)) \leq_r (B \odot_F (A \triangleright_F C))$$

$$(A \triangleright_F B) \leq_4 (A \odot_F B)$$

# Filterish Quaternary Semantics of Attack Trees

## Question:

Can we define a quaternary semantics that is complete for all of the filter properties?

# PL Theory for Threat Analysis

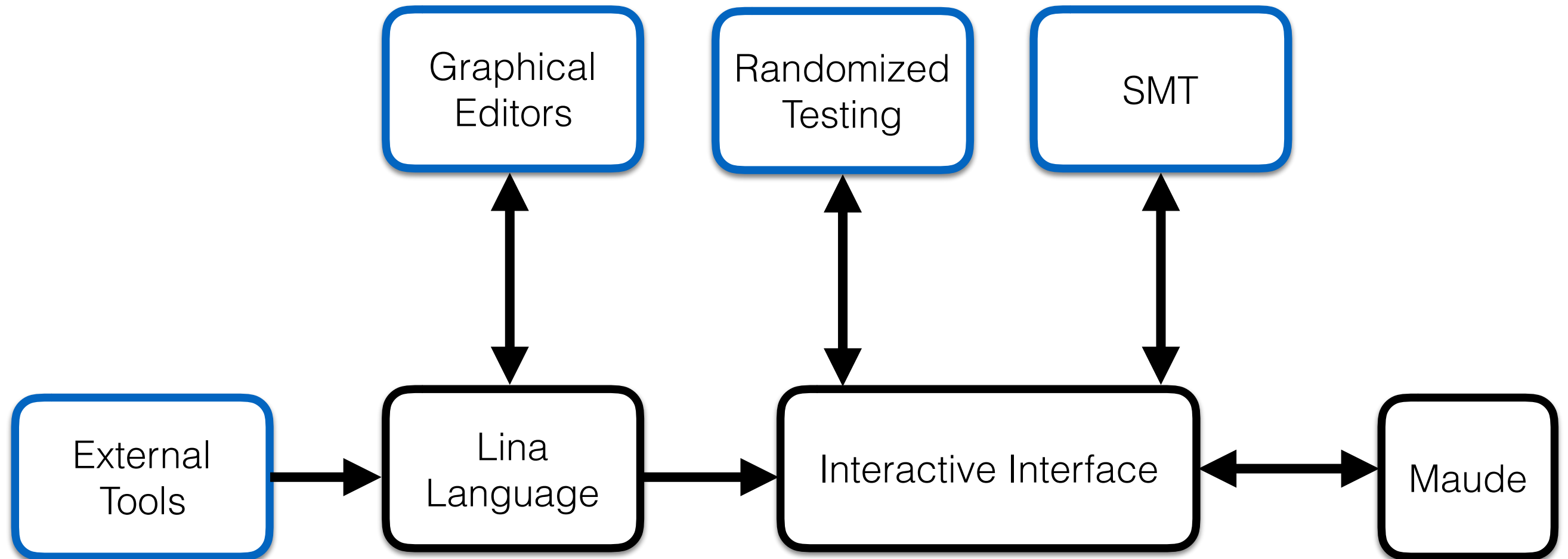
## Question:

Can we use the theory of programming languages to build new (semi-)automated tools for conducting threat analysis in a semantically valid way?

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

- Embedded Domain Specific Functional Programming Languages
  - Host Language: Haskell
- Compositional Attack Tree Specification Language
- Automated Reasoning about Attack Trees using Maude (Quaternary Semantics) and SMT
- Open Source and Available on Github: <https://github.com/MonoidalAttackTrees/Lina>

# Lina: Now and Later



Note: Blue nodes correspond to future additions.

# How can Lina be Used?

- By humans: manually code and conduct threat analysis.
- Interactive querying interface.
- By machines: as a target for other threat analysis tools; for example, after autogenerating attack trees.

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
import Lina.AttackTree

vehicle_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
vehicle_attack = start_PAT $
  or_node "Autonomous Vehicle Attack"
    (seq_node "External Sensor Attack"
      (base_wa 0.2 "Modify Street Signs to Cause Wreck")
      (and_node "Social Engineering Attack"
        (base_wa 0.6 "Pose as Mechanic")
        (base_wa 0.1 "Install Malware")))
    (seq_node "Over Night Attack"
      (base_wa 0.05 "Find Address where Car is Stored")
      (seq_node "Compromise Vehicle"
        (or_node "Break In"
          (base_wa 0.8 "Break Window")
          (base_wa 0.5 "Disable Door Alarm/Locks"))
        (base_wa 0.1 "Install Malware"))))
```



# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
se_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
se_attack = start_PAT $
  and_node "social engineering attack"
    (base_wa 0.6 "pose as mechanic")
    (base_wa 0.1 "install malware")
```

```
bi_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
bi_attack = start_PAT $
  or_node "break in"
    (base_wa 0.8 "break window")
    (base_wa 0.5 "disable door alarm/locks")
```

```
cv_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
cv_attack = start_PAT $
  seq_node "compromise vehicle"
    (insert bi_attack)
    (base_wa 0.1 "install malware")
```

```
es_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
es_attack = start_PAT $
  seq_node "external sensor attack"
    (base_wa 0.2 "modify street signs to cause
                wreck")
    (insert se_attack)
```

```
on_attack :: APAttackTree Double String
on_attack = start_PAT $
  seq_node "overnight attack"
    (base_wa 0.05 "Find address where car
                  is stored")
    (insert cv_attack)
```

```
vehicle_attack'' :: APAttackTree Double String
vehicle_attack'' = start_PAT $
  or_node "Autonomous Vehicle Attack"
    (insert es_attack)
    (insert on_attack)
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
-- Internal Attack Tree
data IAT where
  Base  :: ID -> IAT
  OR    :: ID -> IAT -> IAT -> IAT
  AND   :: ID -> IAT -> IAT -> IAT
  SEQ   :: ID -> IAT -> IAT -> IAT
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
-- Attributed Process Attack Tree
data APAttackTree attribute label = APAttackTree {
  process_tree :: IAT,
  labels :: B.Bimap label ID,
  attributes :: M.Map ID attribute
}
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
-- Full Attack Tree
data AttackTree attribute label = AttackTree {
    ap_tree :: APAttackTree attribute label,
    configuration :: Conf attribute
}
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
data Conf attribute = (Ord attribute) => Conf {  
  orOp    :: attribute -> attribute -> attribute,  
  andOp   :: attribute -> attribute -> attribute,  
  seqOp   :: attribute -> attribute -> attribute  
}
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
-- Full Attack Tree
data AttackTree attribute label = AttackTree {
    ap_tree :: APAttackTree attribute label,
    configuration :: Conf attribute
}
```

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

- Query Attack Trees for:
  - Most Likely Attack
  - Least Likely Attack
  - Set of all Attacks
- Prove Properties of Attack Trees using Logical Theory:
  - Equivalence of Attack Trees
  - Specializations

# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
> :load source/Lina/Examples/VehicleAttack.hs
...
Ok, modules loaded
> get_attacks $ vehicle_AT
...
```



# Lina: An EDSL for Threat Analysis

```
SEQ("external sensor attack",0.6)
  ("modify street signs to cause wreck",0.2)
  (AND("social engineering attack",0.6)
    ("pose as mechanic",0.6)
    ("install malware",0.1))
```

```
SEQ("over night attack",0.8)
  ("Find address where car is stored",0.05)
  (SEQ("compromise vehicle",0.8)
    ("break window",0.8)
    ("install malware",0.1))
```

```
SEQ("over night attack",0.5)
  ("Find address where car is stored",0.05)
  (SEQ("compromise vehicle",0.5)
    ("disable door alarm/locks",0.5)
    ("install malware",0.1))
```

# Future Work

Two new new formal model of causal attack trees:

- Petri Net Model
  - Categorically shown that this is a model of linear logic
- Causal Attack Tree Expressions
  - Attack trees as “regular” expressions in Pomset automata based in the concurrent Kleene algebra

# Future Work

- Attack Trees as Comonads?
- Developing a benchmarking library using random generation of attack trees via QuickCheck.
  - Randomized Property based testing of threat analysis algorithms
  - Generate large trees during testing

# Takeaways

- Attack Trees can be modeled as **formulas in resource-sensitive logics**.
- Analysis of Attack Trees can be **automated** using their logical semantics.
- **Lina** is a functional programming language that supports this new perspective.