

Consistency algorithms

Chapter 3

Consistency methods

- Approximation of inference:
 - Arc, path and i-consistency
- Methods that transform the original network into a tighter and tighter representations

Arc-consistency

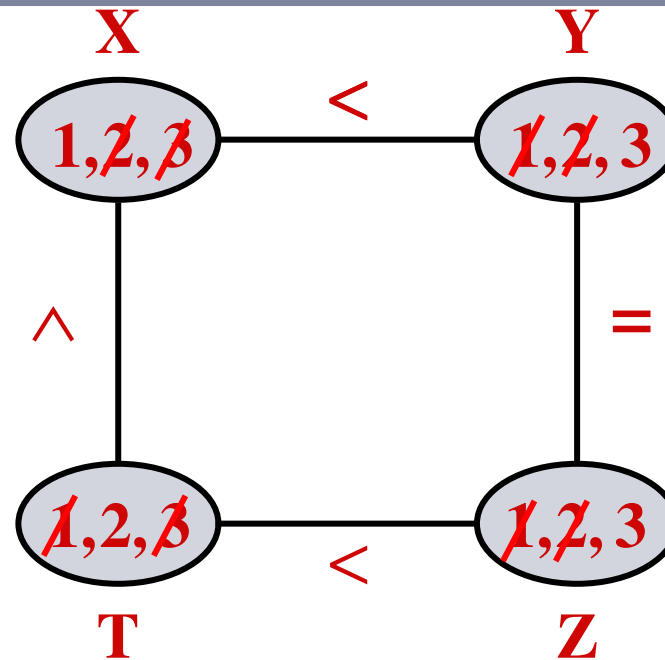
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$$X < Y$$

$$Y = Z$$

$$T < Z$$

$$X \leq T$$



Arc-consistency

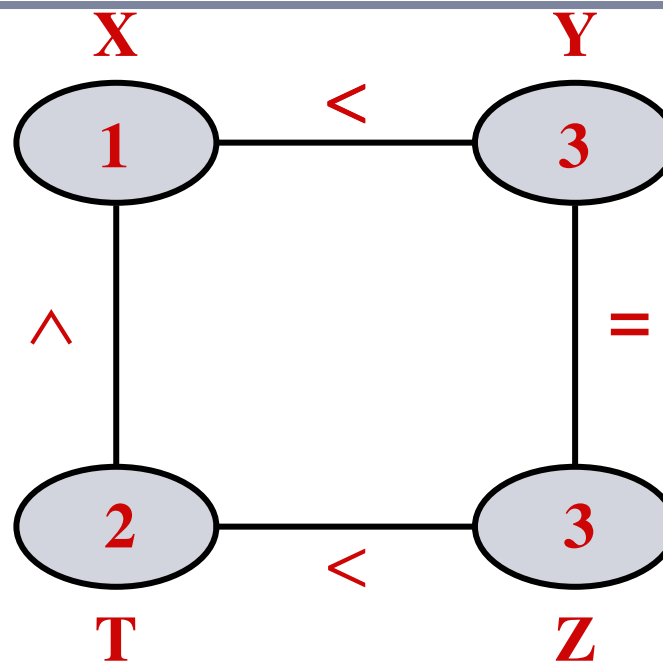
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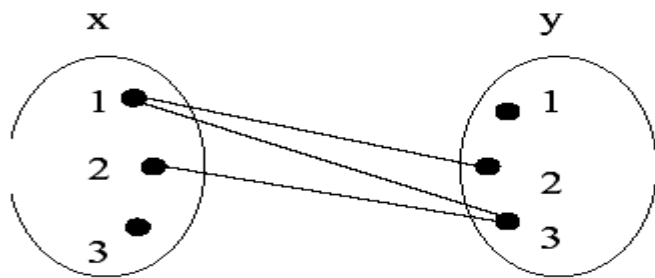
$Y = Z$

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$X \leq T$

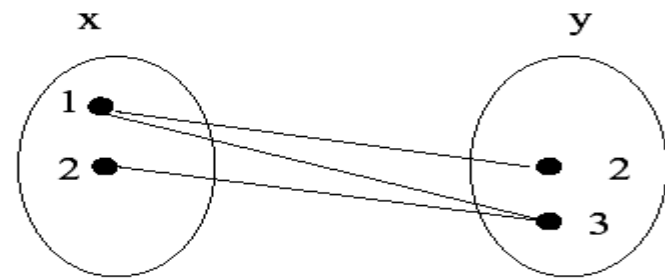


Arc-consistency



$x < y$

(a)



$x < y$

(b)

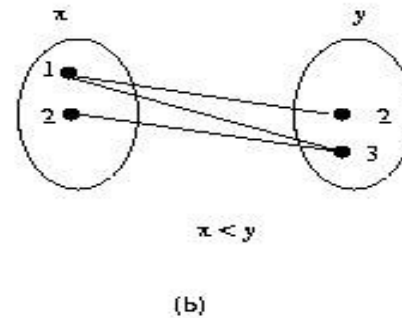
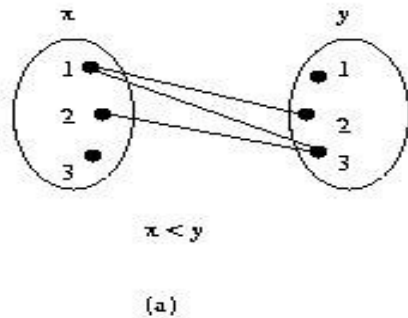
Figure 3.1: A matching diagram describing the arc-consistency of two variables x and y . In (a) the variables are not arc-consistent. In (b) the domains have been reduced, and the variables are now arc-consistent.

Definition 3.2.2 (arc-consistency) *Given a constraint network $\mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C})$, with $R_{ij} \in \mathcal{C}$, a variable x_i is arc-consistent relative to x_j if and only if for every value $a_i \in D_i$ there exists a value $a_j \in D_j$ such that $(a_i, a_j) \in R_{ij}$. The subnetwork (alternatively, the arc) defined by $\{x_i, x_j\}$ is arc-consistent if and only if x_i is arc-consistent relative to x_j and x_j is arc-consistent relative to x_i . A network of constraints is called arc-consistent iff all of its arcs (e.g., subnetworks of size 2) are arc-consistent.*

Arc-consistency

Only domain constraints are recorded: $R_A \leftarrow \prod_A R_{AB} \bowtie D_B$

Example: $R_X = \{1,2,3\}$, $R_Y = \{1,2,3\}$, constraint $X < Y$
reduces domain of X to $R_X = \{1,2\}$.



Revise for arc-consistency

REVISE($(x_i), x_j$)

input: a subnetwork defined by two variables $X = \{x_i, x_j\}$, a distinguished variable x_i , domains: D_i and D_j , and constraint R_{ij}

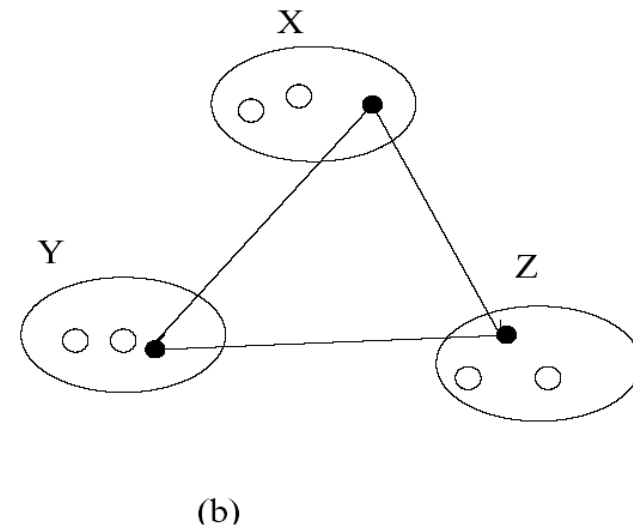
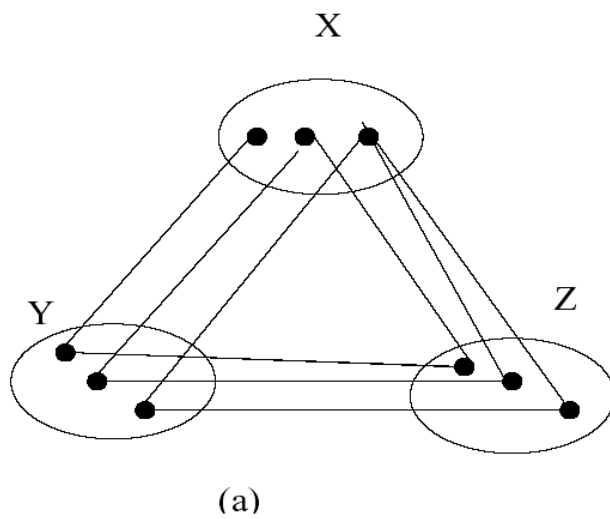
output: D_i , such that, x_i arc-consistent relative to x_j

1. **for** each $a_i \in D_i$
2. **if** there is no $a_j \in D_j$ such that $(a_i, a_j) \in R_{ij}$
3. **then** delete a_i from D_i
4. **endif**
5. **endfor**

Figure 3.2: The Revise procedure

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$

Figure 3.3: (a) Matching diagram describing a network of constraints that is not arc-consistent (b) An arc-consistent equivalent network.



AC-1

AC-1(\mathcal{R})

input: a network of constraints $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$

output: \mathcal{R}' which is the loosest arc-consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R} _____

1. **repeat**
2. **for** every pair $\{x_i, x_j\}$ that participates in a constraint
3. Revise($(x_i), x_j$) (or $D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \bowtie D_j)$)
4. Revise($(x_j), x_i$) (or $D_j \leftarrow D_j \cap \pi_j(R_{ij} \bowtie D_i)$)
5. **endfor**
6. **until** no domain is changed

Figure 3.4: Arc-consistency-1 (AC-1)

- Complexity (Mackworth and Freuder, 1986): $O(enk^3)$
- e = number of arcs, n variables, k values
- (ek^2 , each loop, nk number of loops), best-case = ek ,
- Arc-consistency is: $\Omega(ek^2)$

AC-3

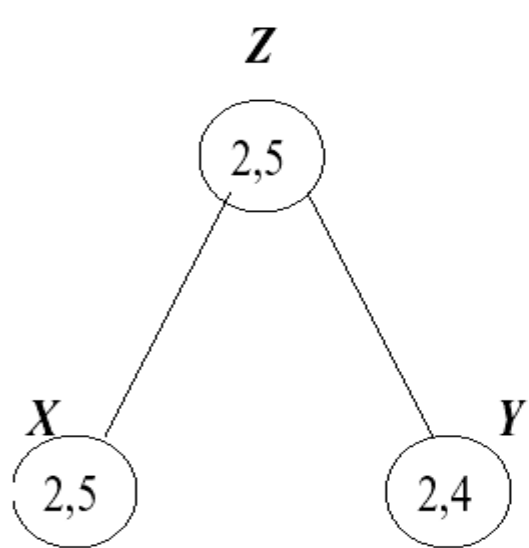
AC-3(\mathcal{R})

- **input:** a network of constraints $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$ —
- output:** \mathcal{R}' which is the largest arc-consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R}
- 1. **for** every pair $\{x_i, x_j\}$ that participates in a constraint $R_{ij} \in \mathcal{R}$
- 2. $queue \leftarrow queue \cup \{(x_i, x_j), (x_j, x_i)\}$
- 3. **endfor**
- 4. **while** $queue \neq \{\}$
- 5. select and delete (x_i, x_j) from $queue$
- 6. $Revise((x_i), x_j)$
- 7. **if** $Revise((x_i), x_j)$ causes a change in D_i
- 8. **then** $queue \leftarrow queue \cup \{(x_k, x_i), i \neq k\}$
- 9. **endif**
- 10. **endwhile**

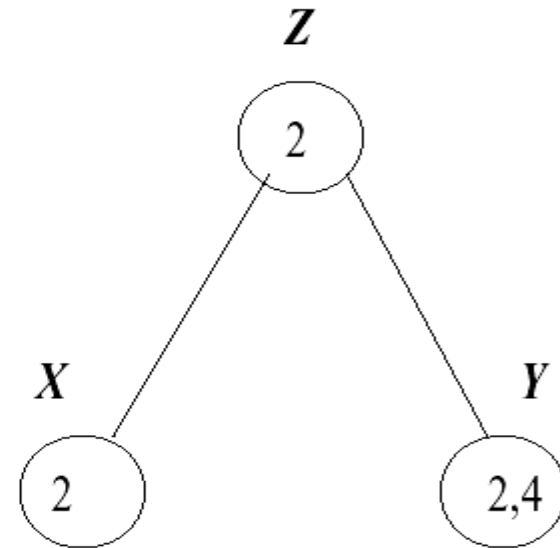
Figure 3.5: Arc-consistency-3 (AC-3)

- Complexity: $O(ek^3)$
- Best case $O(ek)$, since each arc may be processed in $O(2k)$

Example: A three variable network, with two constraints: z divides x and z divides y (a) before and (b) after AC-3 is applied.



(a)



(b)

AC-4

AC-4(\mathcal{R})

input: a network of constraints \mathcal{R}

output: An arc-consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R}

1. Initialization: $M \leftarrow \emptyset$,
2. initialize $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$, $counter(i, a_i, j)$ for all R_{ij}
3. for all counters
4. **if** $counter(x_i, a_i, x_j) = 0$ (if $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$ is unsupported by x_j)
5. **then** add $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$ to $LIST$
6. **endif**
7. **endfor**
8. **while** $LIST$ is not empty
9. choose $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$ from $LIST$, remove it, and add it to M
10. **for** each $\langle x_j, a_j \rangle$ in $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$
11. decrement $counter(x_j, a_j, x_i)$
12. **if** $counter(x_j, a_j, x_i) = 0$
13. **then** add $\langle x_j, a_j \rangle$ to $LIST$
14. **endif**
15. **endfor**
16. **endwhile**

Figure 3.7: Arc-consistency-4 (AC-4)

- Complexity: $O(ek^2)$
- (Counter is the number of supports to a_i in x_i from x_j . $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$ is the set of pairs that (x_i, a_i) supports)

Distributed arc-consistency (Constraint propagation)

- Implement AC-1 distributedly.

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$

- Node x_j sends the message to node x_i

$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$

- Node x_i updates its domain:

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j) =$$

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap h_i^j$$

- Messages can be sent asynchronously or scheduled in a topological order

Is arc-consistency enough?

- Example: a triangle graph-coloring with 2 values.
 - Is it arc-consistent?
 - Is it consistent?
- It is not path, or 3-consistent.

Path-consistency

Definition 3.3.2 (Path-consistency) *Given a constraint network $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$, a two variable set $\{x_i, x_j\}$ is path-consistent relative to variable x_k if and only if for every consistent assignment $(\langle x_i, a_i \rangle, \langle x_j, a_j \rangle)$ there is a value $a_k \in D_k$ s.t. the assignment $(\langle x_i, a_i \rangle, \langle x_k, a_k \rangle)$ is consistent and $(\langle x_k, a_k \rangle, \langle x_j, a_j \rangle)$ is consistent. Alternatively, a binary constraint R_{ij} is path-consistent relative to x_k iff for every pair $(a_i, a_j) \in R_{ij}$, where a_i and a_j are from their respective domains, there is a value $a_k \in D_k$ s.t. $(a_i, a_k) \in R_{ik}$ and $(a_k, a_j) \in R_{kj}$. A subnetwork over three variables $\{x_i, x_j, x_k\}$ is path-consistent iff for any permutation of (i, j, k) , R_{ij} is path consistent relative to x_k . A network is path-consistent iff for every R_{ij} (including universal binary relations) and for every $k \neq i, j$ R_{ij} is path-consistent relative to x_k .*

Path-consistency

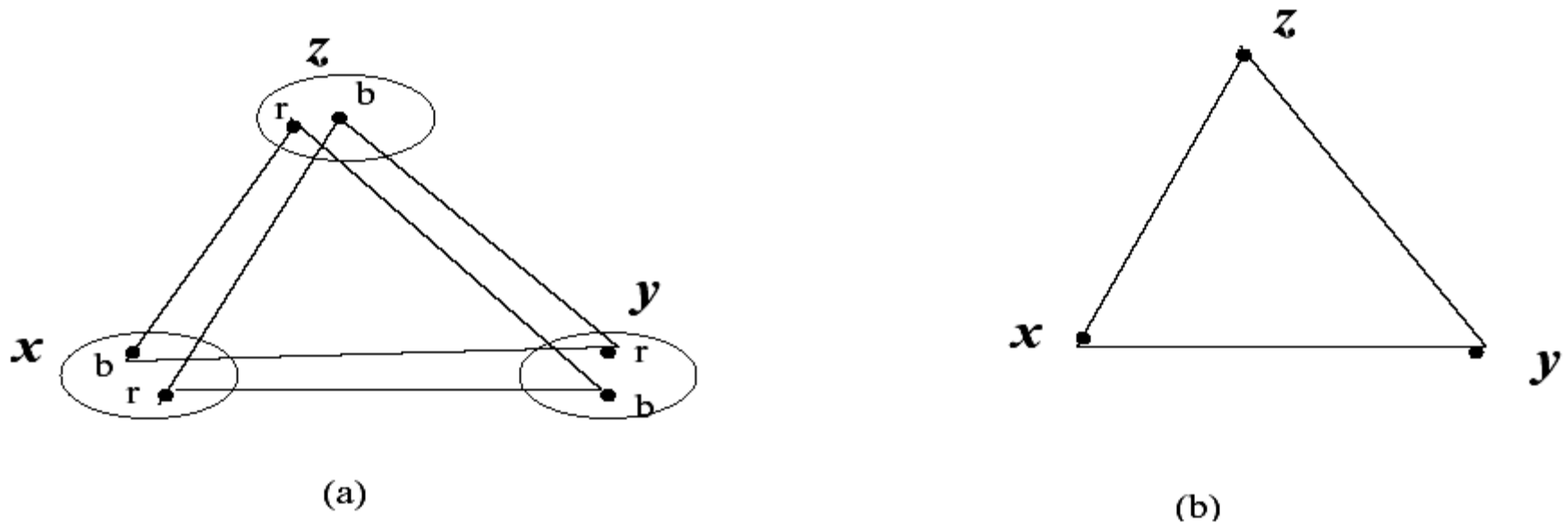


Figure 3.8: (a) The matching diagram of a 2-value graph coloring problem. (b) Graphical picture of path-consistency using the matching diagram.

Revise-3

REVISE-3($(x, y), z$)

input: a three-variable subnetwork over (x, y, z) , R_{xy} , R_{yz} , R_{xz} .

output: revised R_{xy} path-consistent with z .

1. **for** each pair $(a, b) \in R_{xy}$
2. **if** no value $c \in D_z$ exists such that $(a, c) \in R_{xz}$ and $(b, c) \in R_{yz}$
3. **then** delete (a, b) from R_{xy} .
4. **endif**
5. **endfor**

Figure 3.9: Revise-3

$$R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \otimes D_k \otimes R_{kj})$$

- Complexity: $O(k^3)$
- Best-case: $O(t)$
- Worst-case $O(tk)$

PC-1

PC-1(\mathcal{R})

input: a network $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$.

output: a path consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R} .

1. **repeat**
2. **for** $k \leftarrow 1$ to n
3. **for** $i, j \leftarrow 1$ to n
4. $R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \bowtie D_k \bowtie R_{kj})$ /* *Revise* - 3($(i, j), k$)
5. **endfor**
6. **endfor**
7. **until** no constraint is changed.

Figure 3.10: Path-consistency-1 (PC-1)

- **Complexity:** $O(n^5 k^5)$
- $O(n^3)$ triplets, each take $O(k^3)$ steps $\rightarrow O(n^3 k^3)$
- Max number of loops: $O(n^2 k^2)$.

PC-2

PC-3(\mathcal{R})

input: a network $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$.

output: \mathcal{R}' a path consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R} .

1. $Q \leftarrow \{(i, k, j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n, k \neq i, k \neq j\}$
2. **while** Q is not empty
3. select and delete a 3-tuple (i, k, j) from Q
4. $R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \bowtie D_k \bowtie R_{kj})$ /* (Revise-3($(i, j), k$))
5. **if** R_{ij} changed then
6. $Q \leftarrow Q \cup \{(l, i, j)(l, j, i) \mid 1 \leq l \leq n, l \neq i, l \neq j\}$
7. **endwhile**

Figure 3.11: Path-consistency-3 (PC-3)

- Complexity: $O(n^3 k^5)$
- Optimal PC-4: $O(n^3 k^3)$
- (each pair deleted may add: $2n-1$ triplets, number of pairs: $O(n^2 k^2)$ → size of Q is $O(n^3 k^2)$, processing is $O(k^3)$)

Example: before and after path-consistency

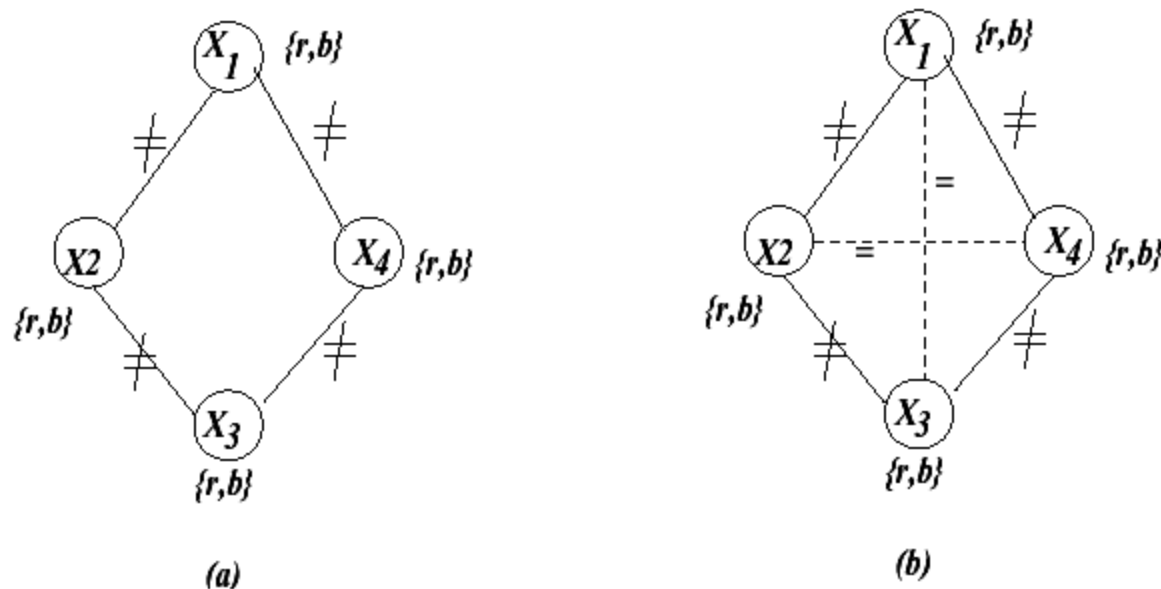
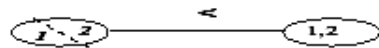


Figure 3.12: A graph-coloring graph (a) before path-consistency (b) after path-consistency

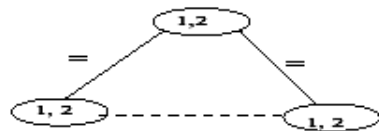
- PC-1 requires 2 processings of each arc while PC-2 may not
- Can we do path-consistency distributedly?

I-consistency

ARC-CONSISTENCY



PATH-CONSISTENCY



I-CONSISTENCY

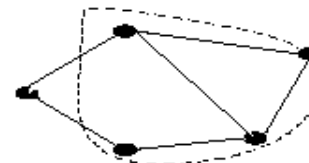
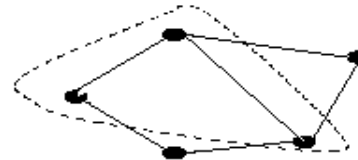
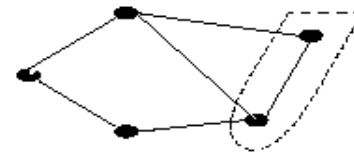


Figure 3.17: The scope of consistency enforcing: (a) arc-consistency, (b) path-consistency, (c) i-consistency

Higher levels of consistency, global-consistency

Definition 3.4.1 (*i*-consistency, global consistency) *Given a general network of constraints $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$, a relation $R_S \in C$ where $|S| = i - 1$ is *i*-consistent relative to a variable y not in S iff for every $t \in R_S$, there exists a value $a \in D_y$, s.t. (t, a) is consistent. A network is *i*-consistent iff given any consistent instantiation of any $i - 1$ distinct variables, there exists an instantiation of any *i*th variable such that the *i* values taken together satisfy all of the constraints among the *i* variables. A network is strongly *i*-consistent iff it is *j*-consistent for all $j \leq i$. A strongly *n*-consistent network, where *n* is the number of variables in the network, is called globally consistent.*

Revise-i

REVISE- i ($\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}\}, x_i$)

input: a network $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$

output: a constraint R_S , $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}\}$ i -consistent relative to x_i .

1. **for** each instantiation $\bar{a}_{i-1} = (\langle x_1, a_1 \rangle, \langle x_2, a_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle x_{i-1}, a_{i-1} \rangle)$ **do**,

2. **if** no value of $a_i \in D_i$ exists s.t. (\bar{a}_{i-1}, a_i) is consistent

then delete \bar{a}_{i-1} from R_S

 (Alternatively, let \mathcal{S} be the set of all subsets of $\{x_1, \dots, x_i\}$ that contain x_i and appear as scopes of constraints of \mathcal{R} , then

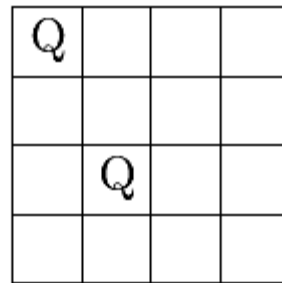
$R_S \leftarrow R_S \cap \pi_S(\bigotimes_{S' \subseteq \mathcal{S}} R_{S'})$)

3. **endfor**

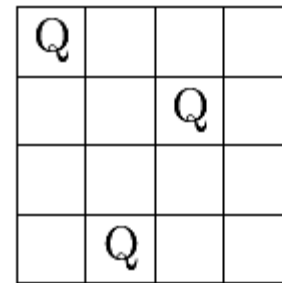
Figure 3.14: Revise-i

- Complexity: for binary constraints $O(k^i)$
- For arbitrary constraints: $O((2k)^i)$

4-queen example



(a)



(b)

Figure 3.13: (a) Not 3-consistent; (b) Not 4-consistent

I-consistency

I-CONSISTENCY(\mathcal{R})

input: a network \mathcal{R} .

output: an i-consistent network equivalent to \mathcal{R} .

1. **repeat**
2. **for** every subset $S \subseteq X$ of size $i - 1$, and for every x_i , **do**
3. let \mathcal{S} be the set of all subsets in of $\{x_1, \dots, x_i\}$ *scheme*(\mathcal{R}) that contain x_i
4. $R_S \leftarrow R_S \cap \pi_S(\bigwedge_{S' \in \mathcal{S}} R_{S'})$ (this is Revise-i(S, x_i))
6. **endfor**
7. **until** no constraint is changed.

Figure 3.15: i-consistency-1

Theorem 3.4.3 (complexity of i-consistency) *The time and space complexity of brute-force i-consistency is $O(2^i(nk)^{2i})$ and $O(n^i k^i)$, respectively. A lower bound for enforcing i-consistency is $\Omega(n^i k^i)$. \square*

Arc-consistency for non-binary constraints:

Generalized arc-consistency

Definition 3.5.1 (generalized arc-consistency) *Given a constraint network $\mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C})$, with $R_S \in \mathcal{C}$, a variable x is arc-consistent relative to R_S if and only if for every value $a \in D_x$ there exists a tuple $t \in R_S$ such that $t[x] = a$. t can be called a support for a . The constraint R_S is called arc-consistent iff it is arc-consistent relative to each of the variables in its scope and a constraint network is arc-consistent if all its constraints are arc-consistent.*

$$D_x \leftarrow D_x \cap \pi_x(R_S \otimes D_{S-\{x\}})$$

Complexity: $O(tk)$, t bounds number of tuples.

Relational arc-consistency:

$$R_{S-\{x\}} \leftarrow \pi_{S-\{x\}}(R_S \otimes D_x)$$

Examples of generalized arc-consistency

- $\{x+y+z \leq 15, z \geq 13\} \rightarrow x \leq 2, y \leq 2$
- Example of relational arc-consistency
 $\{A \wedge B \rightarrow G, \neg G\}, \Rightarrow \neg A \vee \neg B$

More arc-based consistency

- Global constraints: e.g., all-different constraints
 - Special semantic constraints that appears often in practice and a specialized constraint propagation. Used in constraint programming.
- Bounds-consistency: pruning the boundaries of domains
- Do exercise 16

Example for alldiff

- $A = \{3,4,5,6\}$
- $B = \{3,4\}$
- $C = \{2,3,4,5\}$
- $D = \{2,3,4\}$
- $E = \{3,4\}$
- Alldiff (A,B,C,D,E)
- Arc-consistency does nothing
- Apply GAC to sol(A,B,C,D,E)?
- $\rightarrow A = \{6\}, F = \{1\} \dots$
- Alg: bipartite matching $kn^{1.5}$
- (Lopez-Ortiz, et. Al, IJCAI-03 pp 245 (A fast and simple algorithm for bounds consistency of alldifferent constraint))

Global constraints

- Alldifferent
- Sum constraint
- Global cardinality constraint (a value can be assigned a bounded number of times)
- The cumulative constraint (related to scheduling tasks)

Bounds consistency

Definition 3.5.4 (bounds consistency) *Given a constraint C over a scope S and domain constraints, a variable $x \in S$ is bounds-consistent relative to C if the value $\min\{D_x\}$ (respectively, $\max\{D_x\}$) can be extended to a full tuple t of C . We say that t supports $\min\{D_x\}$. A constraint C is bounds-consistent if each of its variables is bounds-consistent.*

Bounds consistency for Alldifferent constraints

Example 3.5.5 Consider the constraint problem with variables x_1, \dots, x_5 , each with domains $1, \dots, 6$, and constraints:

$$C_1 : x_4 \geq x_1 + 3, \quad C_2 : x_4 \geq x_2 + 3, \quad C_3 : x_5 \geq x_3 + 3, \quad C_4 : x_5 \geq x_4 + 1,$$

$$C_5 : \text{alldifferent}\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$$

The constraints are not bounds consistent. For example, the minimum value 1 in the domain of x_4 does not have support in constraint C_1 as there is no corresponding value for x_1 that satisfies the constraint. Enforcing bounds consistency using constraints C_1 through C_4 reduces the domains of the variables as follows: $D_1 = \{1, 2\}$, $D_2 = \{1, 2\}$, $D_3 = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $D_4 = \{4, 5\}$ and $D_5 = \{5, 6\}$. Subsequently, enforcing bounds consistency using constraint C_5 further reduces the domain of C to $D_3 = \{3\}$. Now constraint C_3 is no longer bound consistent. Reestablishing bounds consistency causes the domain of x_5 to be reduced to $\{6\}$. Is the resulting problem already arc-consistent? \square

Boolean constraint propagation

- $(A \vee \sim B)$ and (B)
 - B is arc-consistent relative to A but not vice-versa
- Arc-consistency achieved by resolution:

$$\text{res}((A \vee \sim B), B) = A$$

Given also $(B \vee C)$, path-consistency means:

$$\text{res}((A \vee \sim B), (B \vee C)) = (A \vee C)$$

What can generalized arc-consistency do to cnfs?

Relational arc-consistency rule = unit-resolution

Boolean constraint propagation

Example: party problem

- If Alex goes, then Becky goes: $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ (or, $\neg\mathbf{A} \vee \mathbf{B}$)
- If Chris goes, then Alex goes: $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ (or, $\neg\mathbf{C} \vee \mathbf{A}$)
- **Query:**

Is it possible that Chris goes to the party but Becky does not?



Is propositional theory

$\varphi = \{\neg\mathbf{A} \vee \mathbf{B}, \neg\mathbf{C} \vee \mathbf{A}, \neg\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}\}$ satisfiable?

Constraint propagation for Boolean constraints: Unit propagation

Procedure UNIT-PROPAGATION

Input: A cnf theory, φ , $d = Q_1, \dots, Q_n$.

Output: An equivalent theory such that every unit clause does not appear in any non-unit clause.

1. queue = all unit clauses.
2. **while** queue is not empty, do.
3. $T \leftarrow$ next unit clause from Queue.
4. **for** every clause β containing T or $\neg T$
5. **if** β contains T delete β (subsumption elimination)
6. **else**, For each clause $\gamma = \text{resolve}(\beta, T)$.
7. **if** γ , the resolvent, is empty, the theory is unsatisfiable.
8. **else**, add the resolvent γ to the theory and delete β .
9. **if** γ is a unit clause, add to Queue.
10. **endfor**.
11. **endwhile**.

Theorem 3.6.1 *Algorithm UNIT-PROPAGATION has a linear time complexity.*

Algorithms for relational and generalized arc-consistency

- Think about the following:
 - GAC-i apply AC-i to the dual problem when singleton variables are explicit: the bi-partite representation.
 - What is the complexity?
 - Relational arc-consistency: imitate unit propagation.
 - Apply AC-1 on the dual problem where each subset of a scope is presented.
 - Is unit propagation equivalent to AC-4?

Consistency for numeric constraints

$$x \in [1,10], y \in [5,15],$$

$$x + y = 10$$

$$\text{arc - consistency} \Rightarrow x \in [1,5], y \in [5,9]$$

$$\text{by - adding - } x + y = 10, -y \leq -5$$

$$z \in [-10,10],$$

$$y + z \leq 3$$

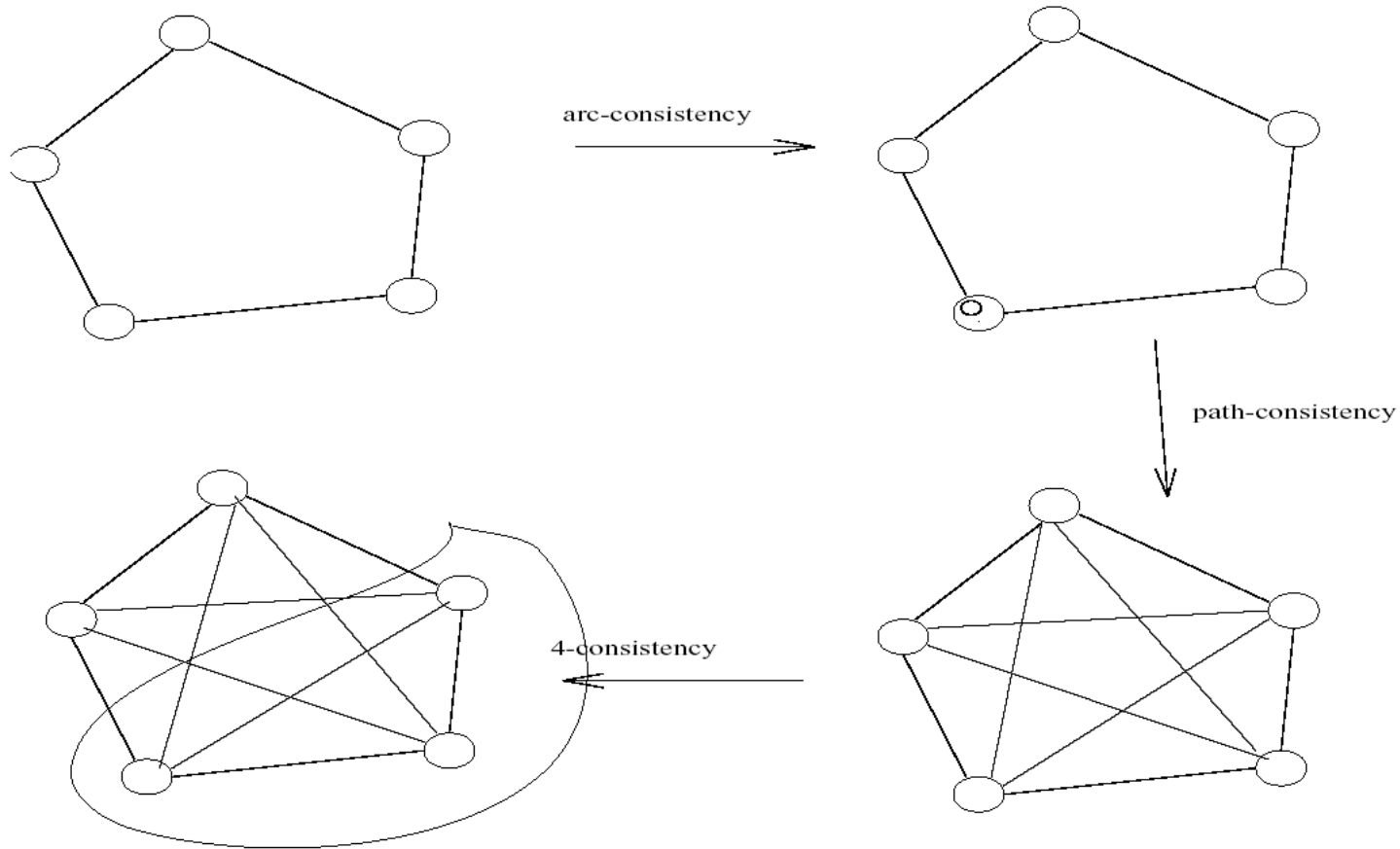
$$\text{path - consistency} \Rightarrow x - z \geq 7$$

$$\text{obtained - by - adding, } x + y = 10, -y - z \geq -3$$

Tractable classes

- Theorem 3.7.1**
- 1. The consistency of binary constraint networks having no cycles can be decided by arc-consistency*
 - 2. The consistency of binary constraint networks with bi-valued domains can be decided by path-consistency,*
 - 3. The consistency of Horn cnf theories can be decided by unit propagation.*

Changes in the network graph as a result of arc-consistency, path-consistency and 4-consistency.



Distributed arc-consistency (Constraint propagation)

- Implement AC-1 distributedly.

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$

- Node x_j sends the message to node x_i

$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$

- Node x_i updates its domain:

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap h_i^j$$

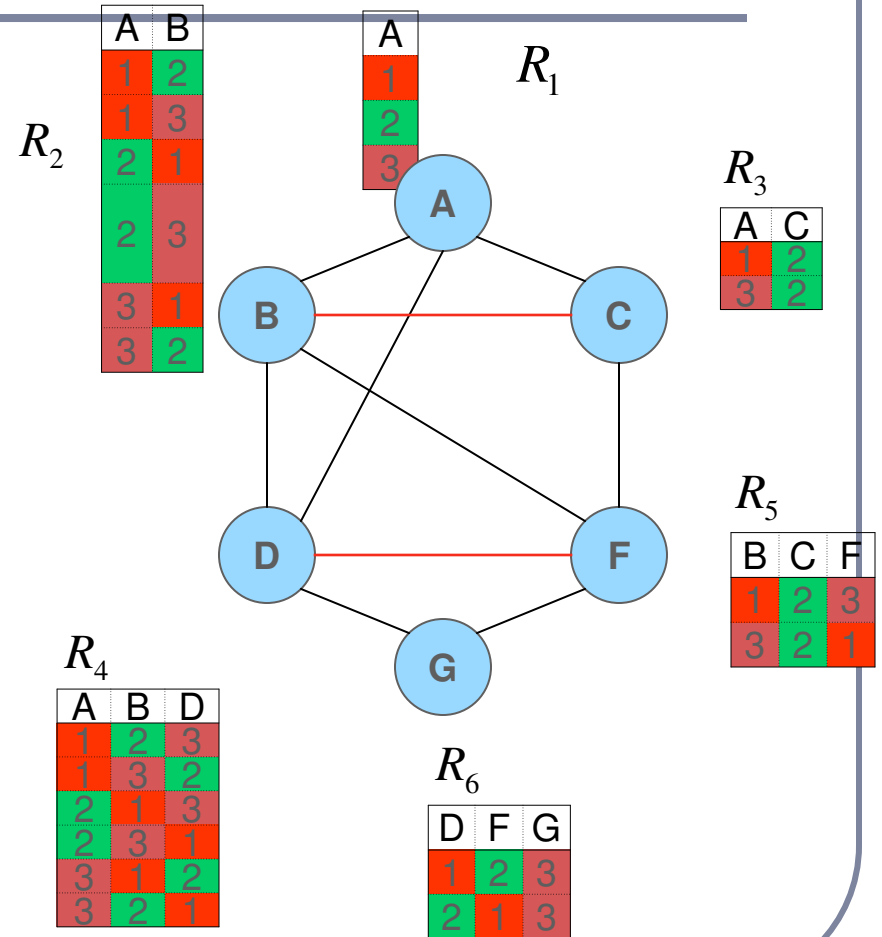
- Generalized arc-consistency can be implemented distributedly: sending messages between constraints over the dual graph:

$$R_{S-\{x\}} \leftarrow \pi_{S-\{x\}}(R_S \otimes D_x)$$

Distributed relational arc-consistency example

The message that R2 sends to R1 is

R1 updates its relation and domains and sends messages to neighbors

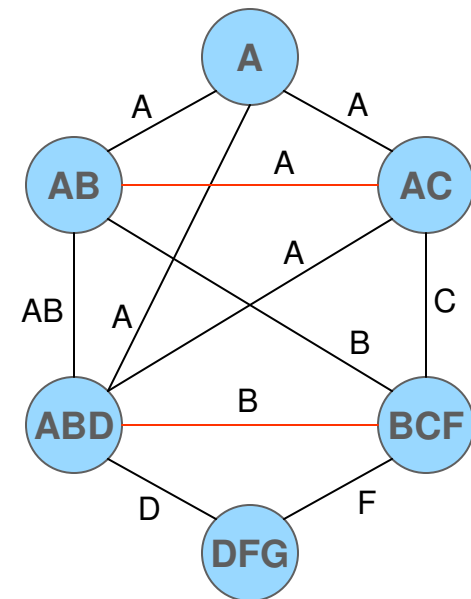


Distributed Arc-Consistency

DR-AC can be applied to the dual problem of any constraint network.

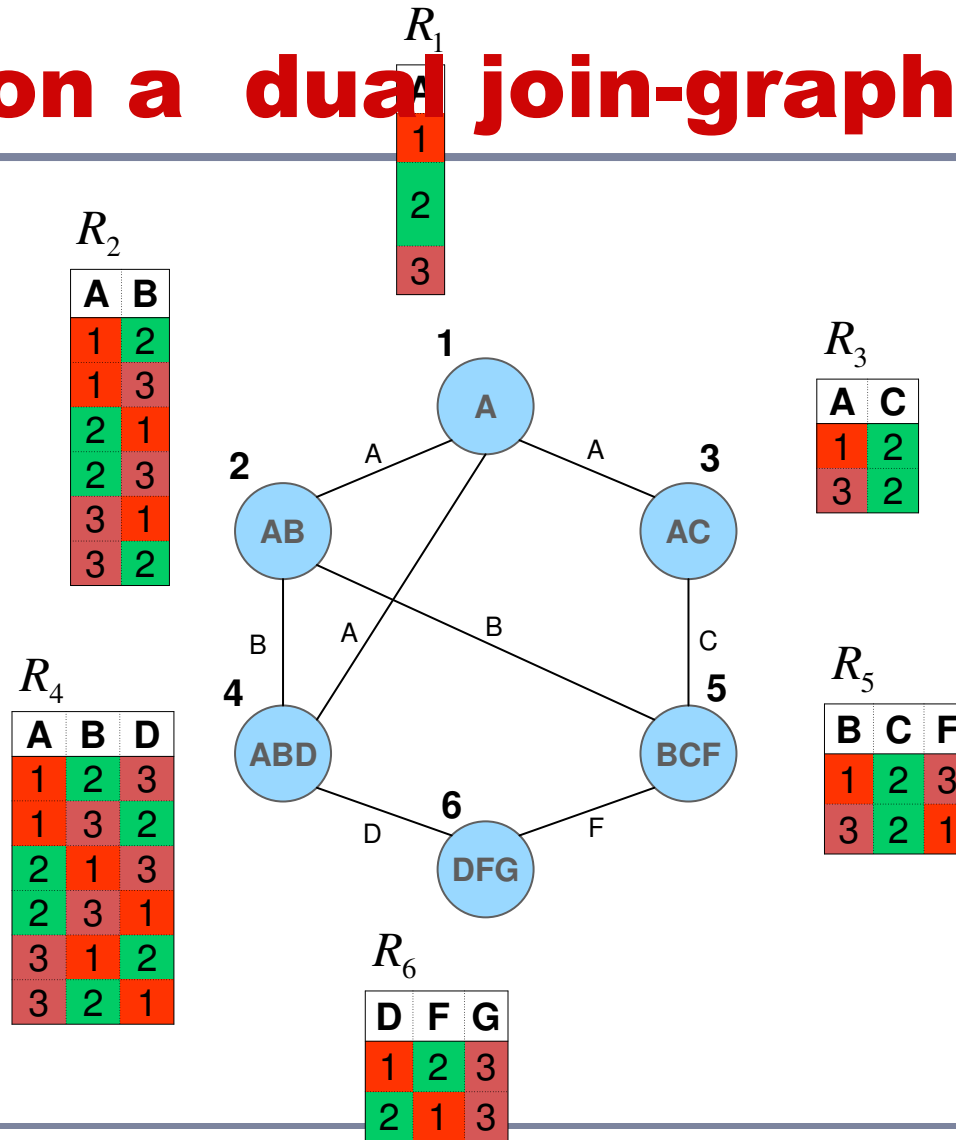
$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{i,j}(R_i \bowtie (\bowtie_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap (\bowtie_{k \in ne(i)} D_k^i) \quad (2)$$



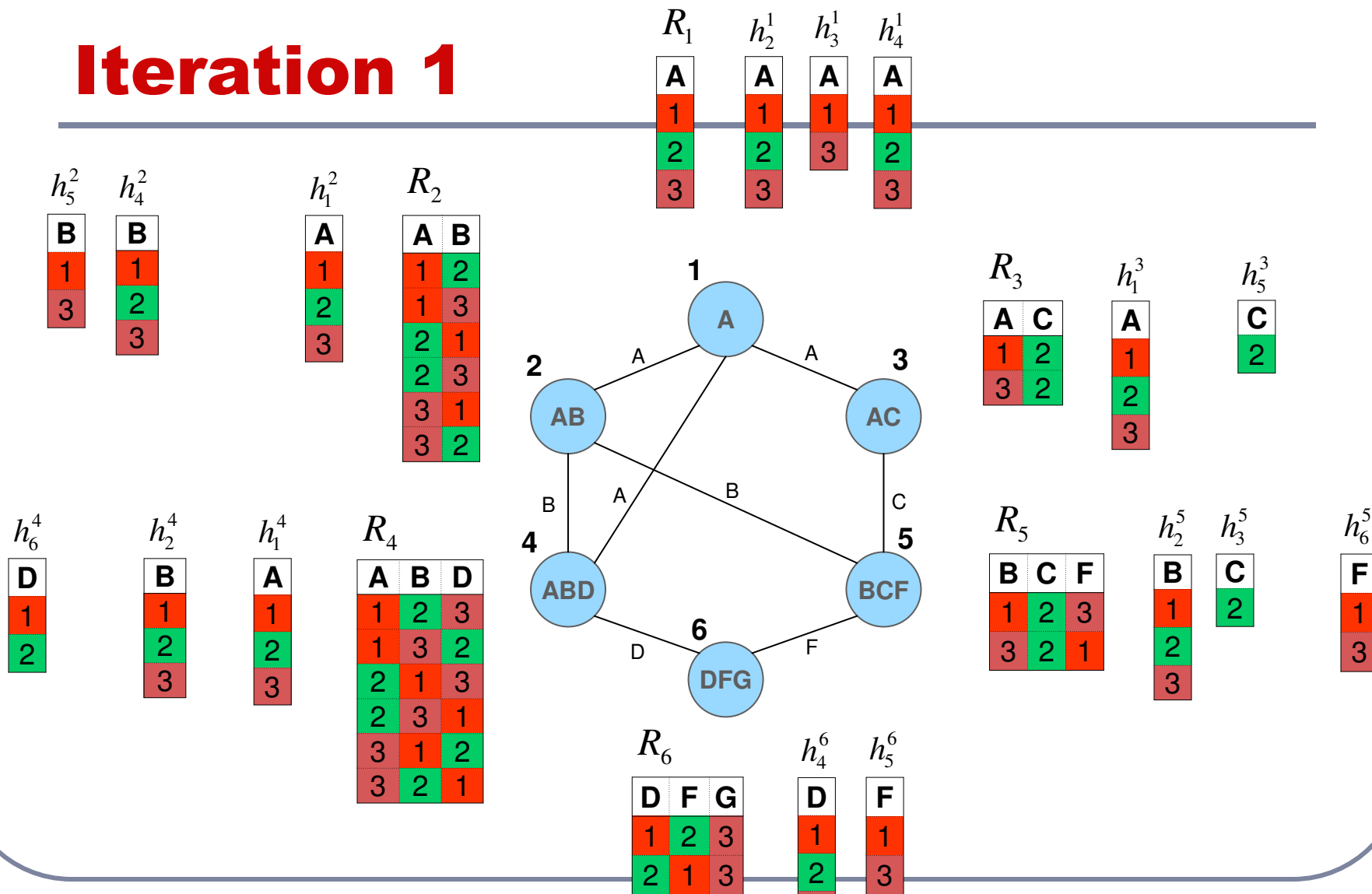
b) Constraint network

DR-AC on a dual join-graph



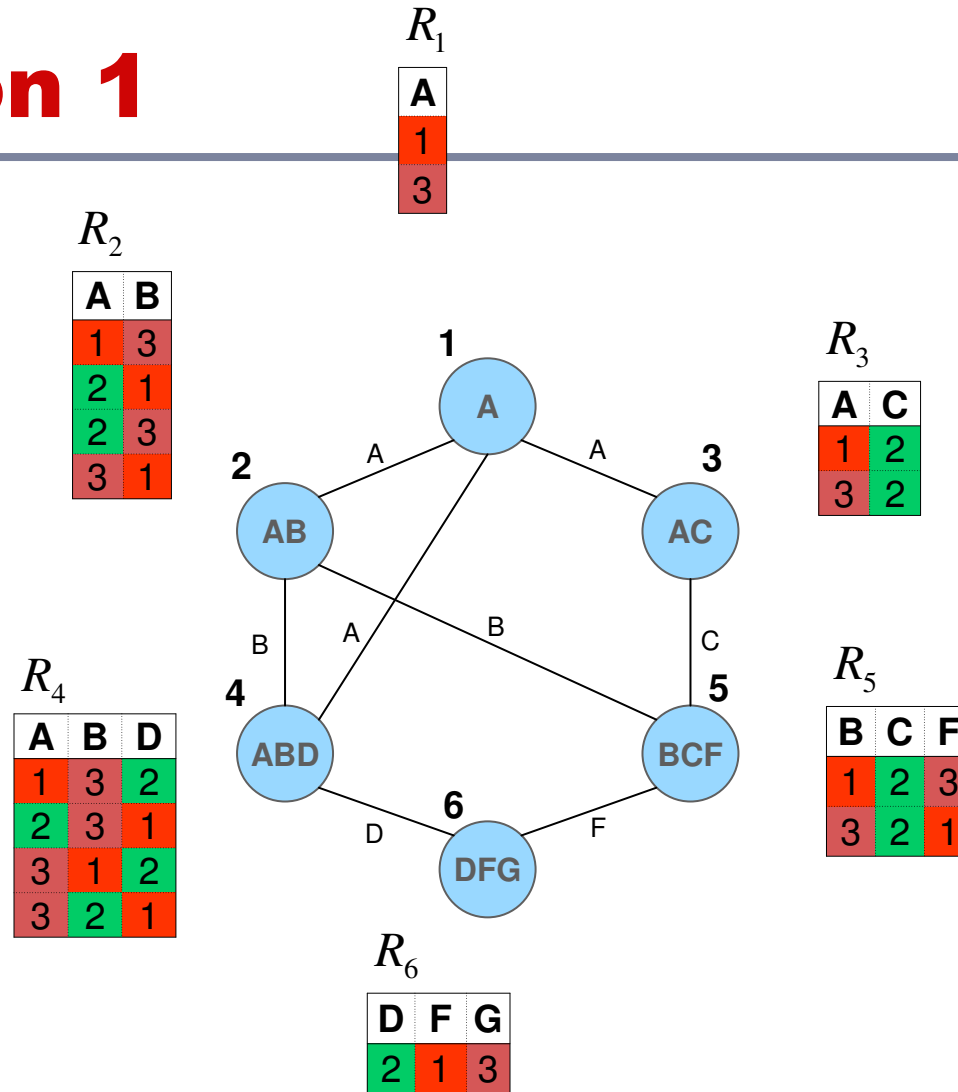
$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{l_{ij}}(R_i \bowtie (\bowtie_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

Iteration 1



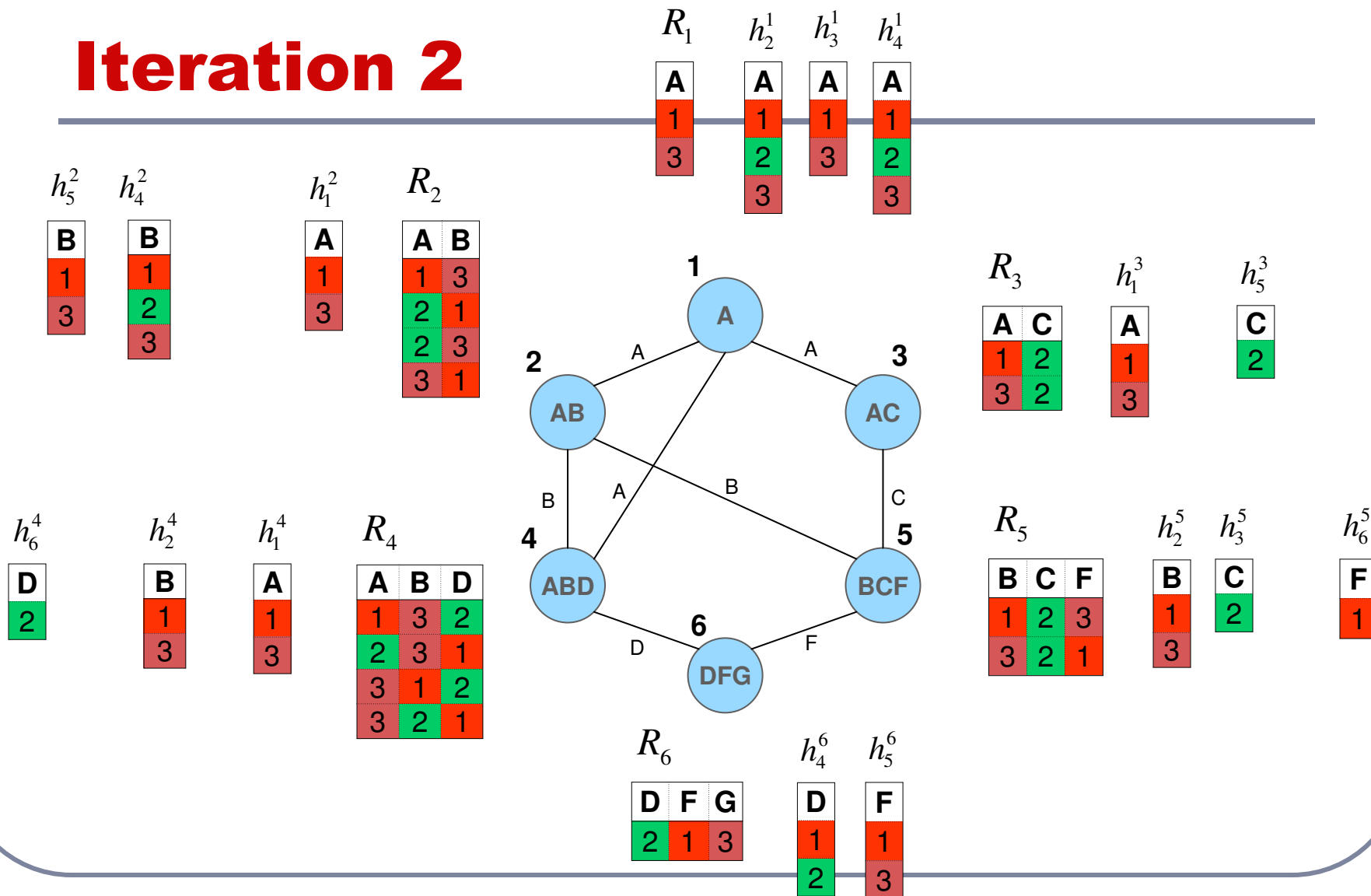
$$R_i \leftarrow R_i \cap \left(\bigwedge_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i \right) \quad (2)$$

Iteration 1



$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{l_{ij}}(R_i \bowtie (\bigotimes_{k \in \text{ne}(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

Iteration 2



$$R_i \leftarrow R_i \cap \left(\bigwedge_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i \right) \quad (2)$$

Iteration 2

R_1

A
1
3

R_2

A	B
1	3
3	1

R_3

A	C
1	2
3	2

R_4

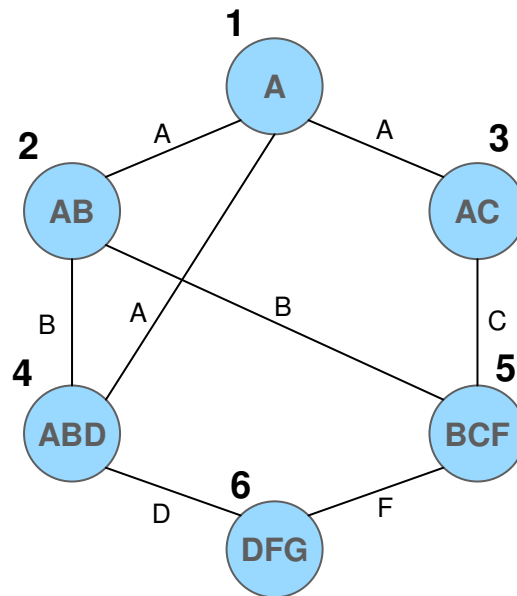
A	B	D
1	3	2
3	1	2

R_5

B	C	F
3	2	1

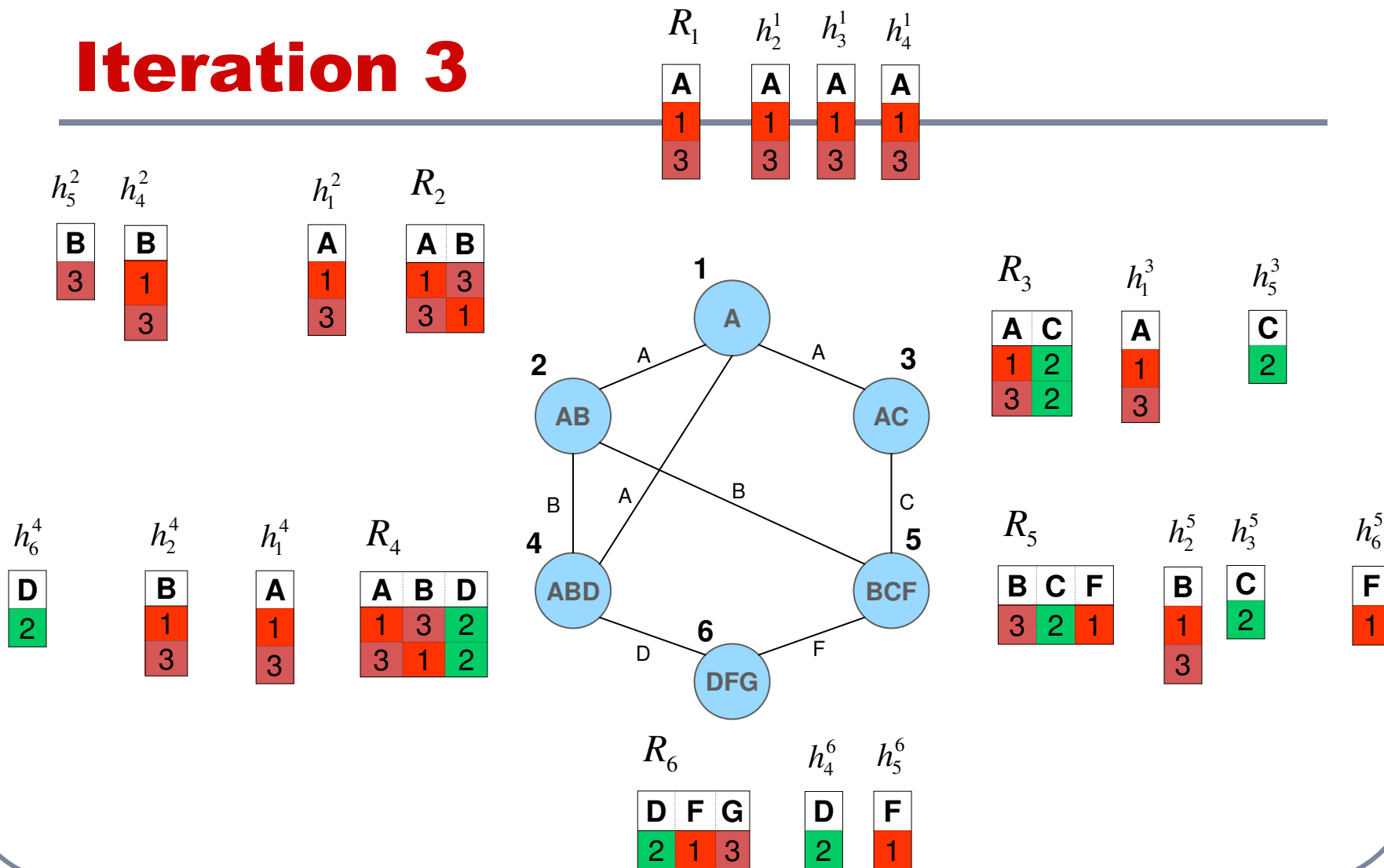
R_6

D	F	G
2	1	3



$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{l_{ij}}(R_i \bowtie (\bowtie_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

Iteration 3



$$R_i \leftarrow R_i \cap \left(\bigwedge_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i \right) \quad (2)$$

Iteration 3

R_1

A
1
3

R_2

A	B
1	3

R_3

A	C
1	2
3	2

R_4

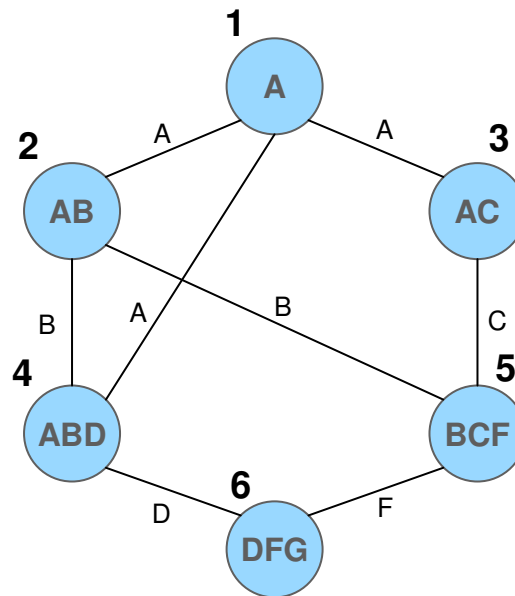
A	B	D
1	3	2
3	1	2

R_5

B	C	F
3	2	1

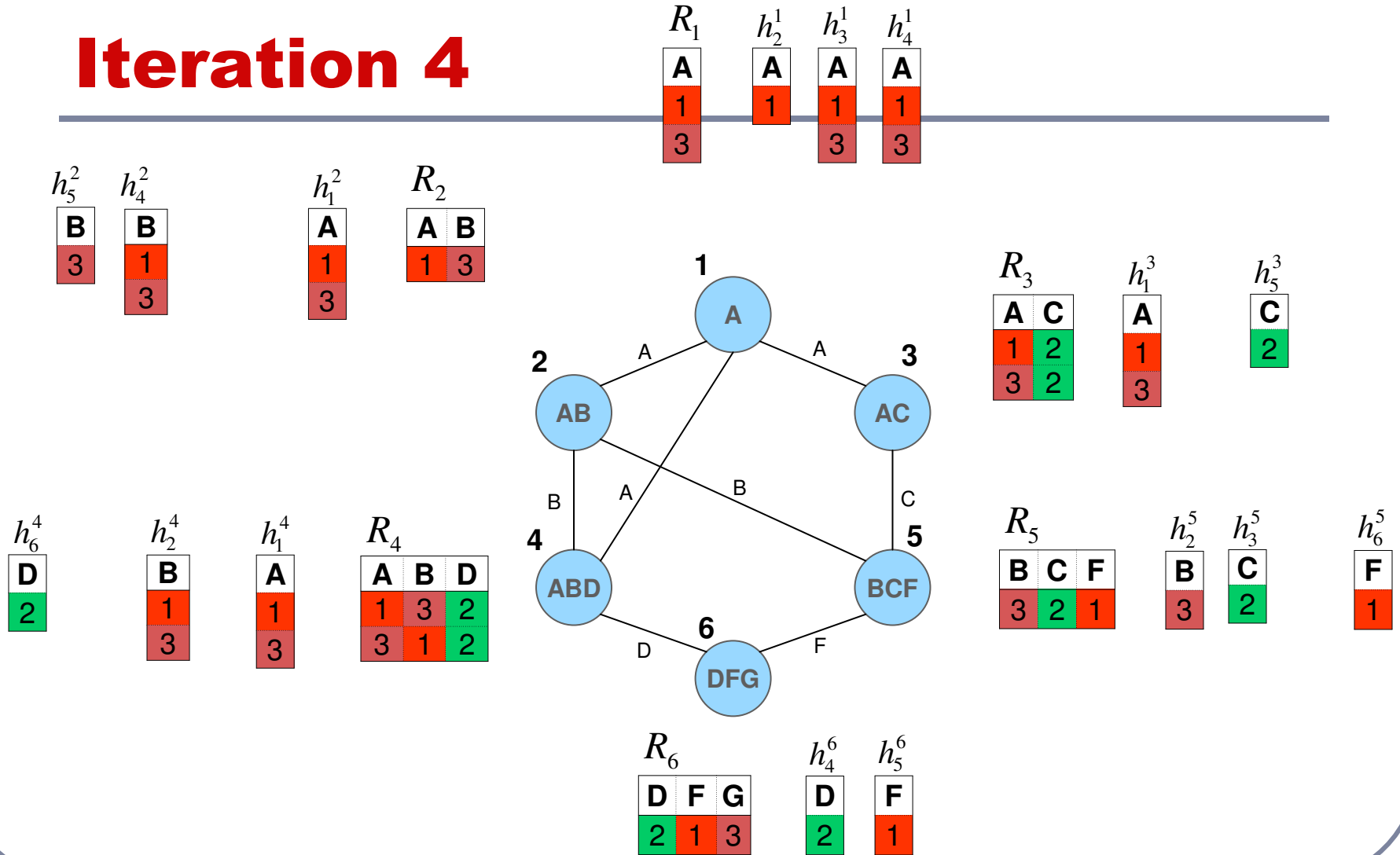
R_6

D	F	G
2	1	3



$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{l_{ij}}(R_i \bowtie (\bigotimes_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

Iteration 4



$$R_i \leftarrow R_i \cap \left(\bigwedge_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i \right) \quad (2)$$

Iteration 4

 R_1

A
1

 R_2

A	B
1	3

 R_3

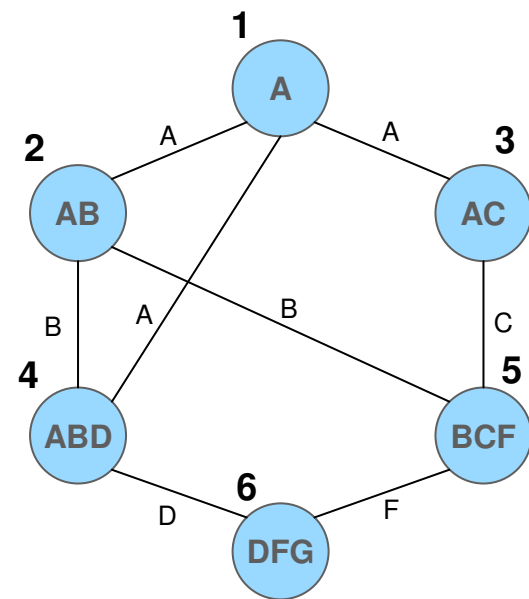
A	C
1	2
3	2

 R_4

A	B	D
1	3	2

 R_5

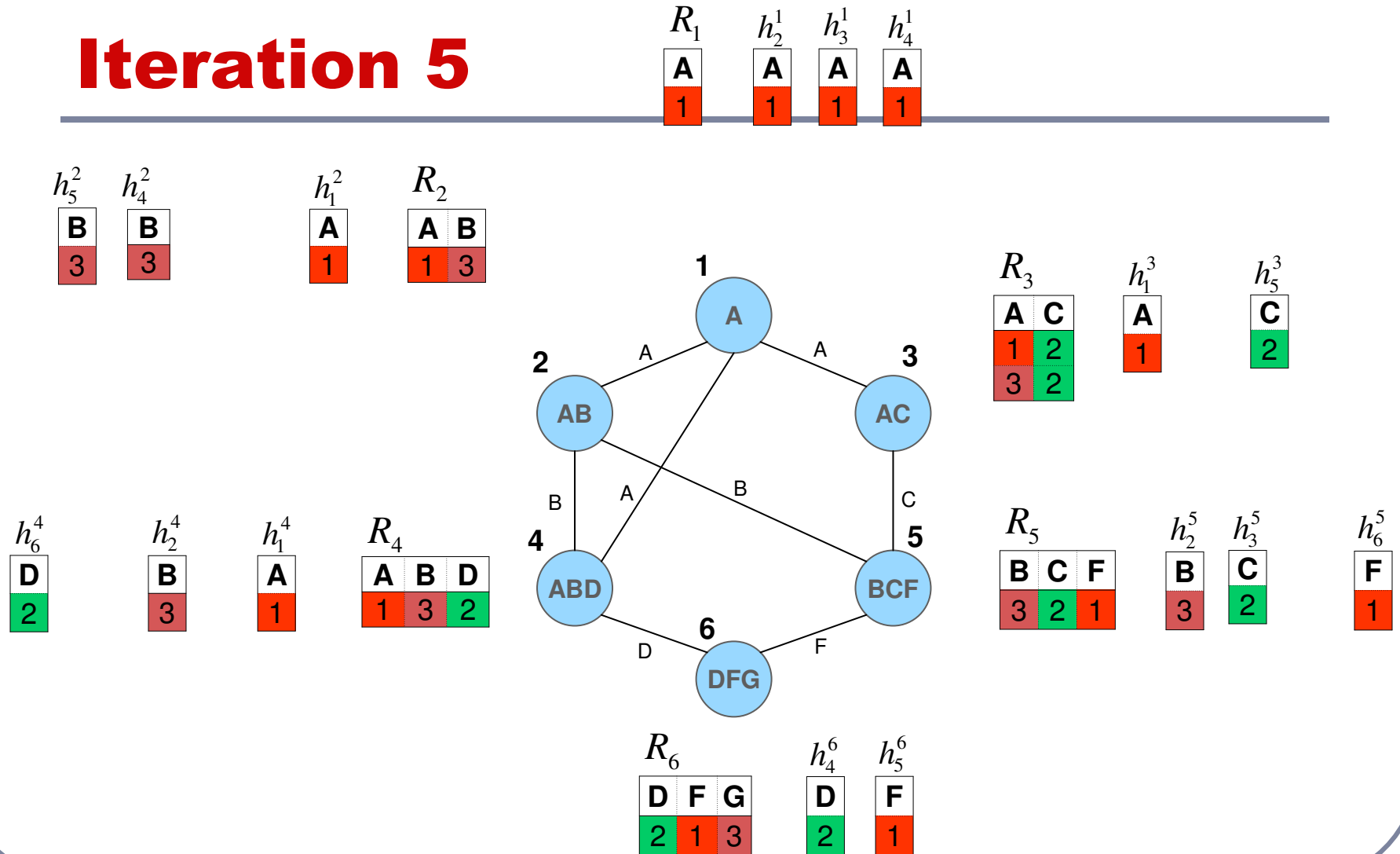
B	C	F
3	2	1


 R_6

D	F	G
2	1	3

$$h_i^j \leftarrow \pi_{l_{ij}}(R_i \bowtie (\bigotimes_{k \in ne(i)} h_k^i)) \quad (1)$$

Iteration 5



$$R_i \leftarrow R_i \cap \left(\bigwedge_{h \in ne(i)} h_k^i \right) \quad (2)$$

Iteration 5

 R_1

A
1

 R_2

A	B
1	3

 R_3

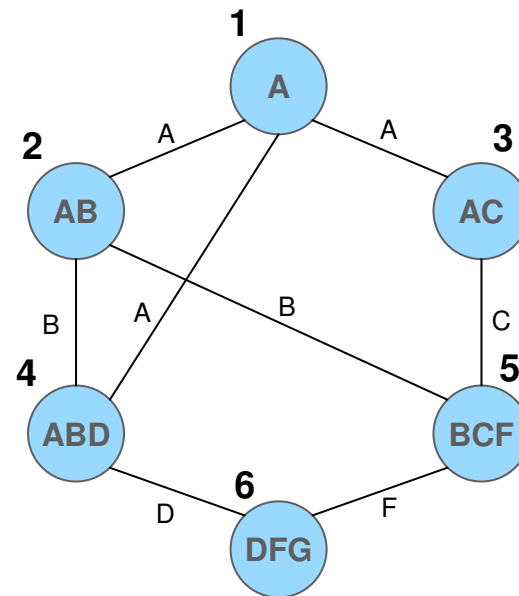
A	C
1	2

 R_4

A	B	D
1	3	2

 R_5

B	C	F
3	2	1


 R_6

D	F	G
2	1	3