

Principles of Reasoning with Graphical Models

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- Graphical models and reasoning principles
- Inference
- AND/OR Search
- Inference vs Search
- Hybrid of search and Inference
- Experiments and competitions



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Sample Applications for Graphical Models

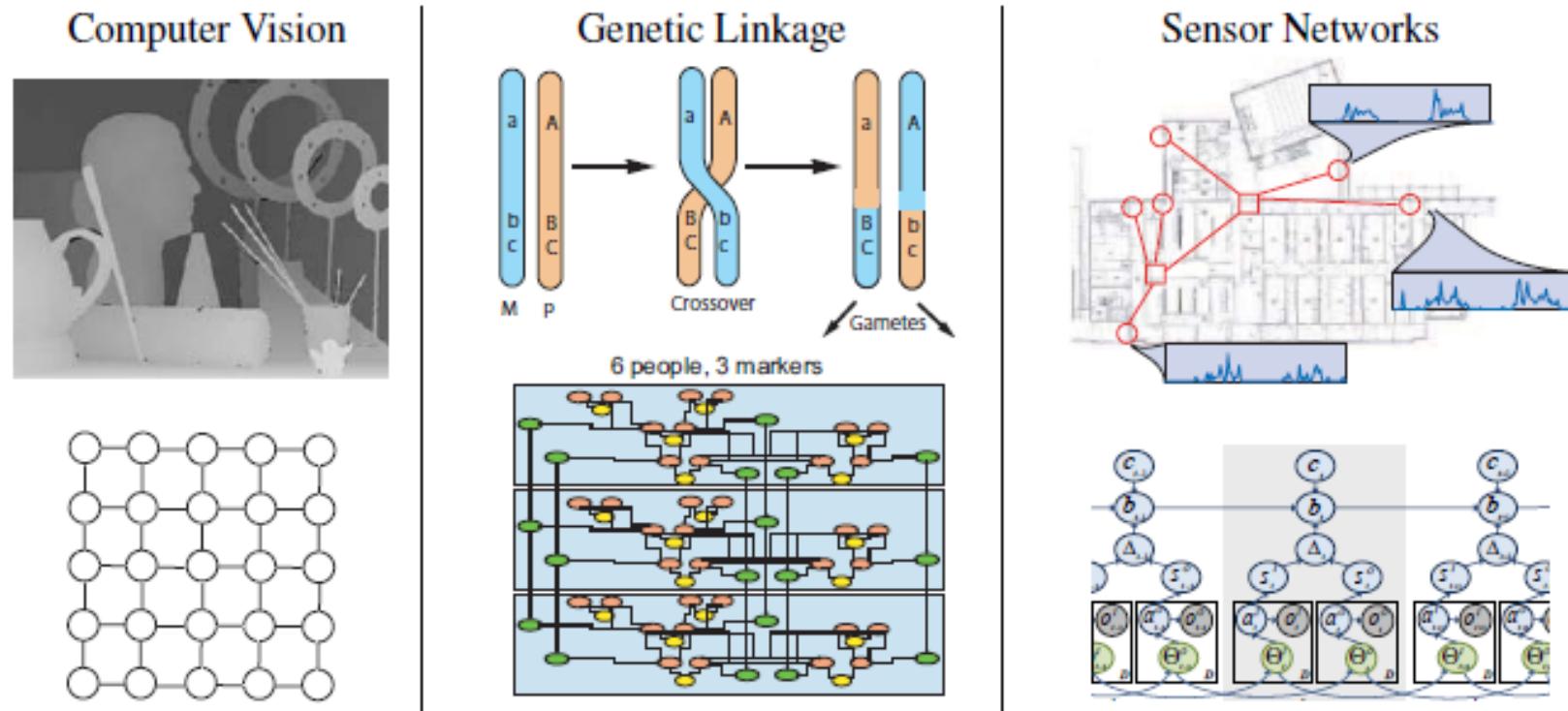


Figure 1: Application areas and graphical models used to represent their respective systems: (a) Finding correspondences between images, including depth estimation from stereo; (b) Genetic linkage analysis and pedigree data; (c) Understanding patterns of behavior in sensor measurements using spatio-temporal models.



Constraint Networks

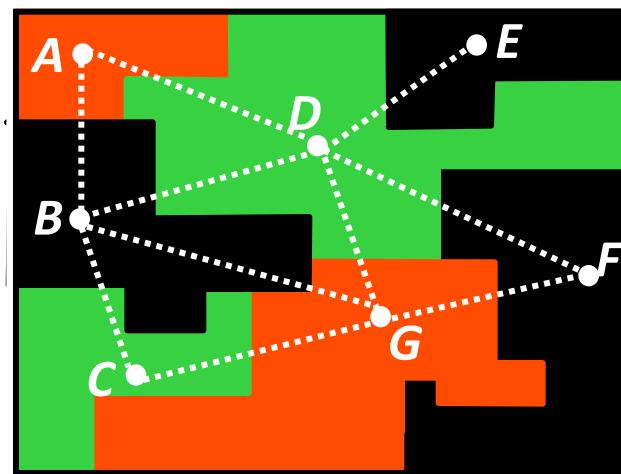
Map coloring

Variables: countries (A B C etc.)

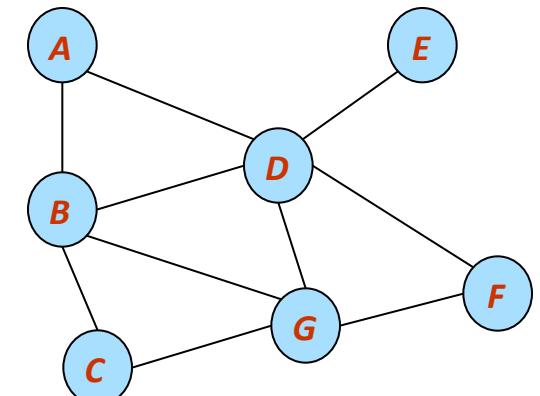
Values: colors (red green blue)

Constraints: $A \neq B, A \neq D, D \neq E, \dots$

A	B
red	green
red	yellow
green	red
green	yellow
yellow	green
yellow	red



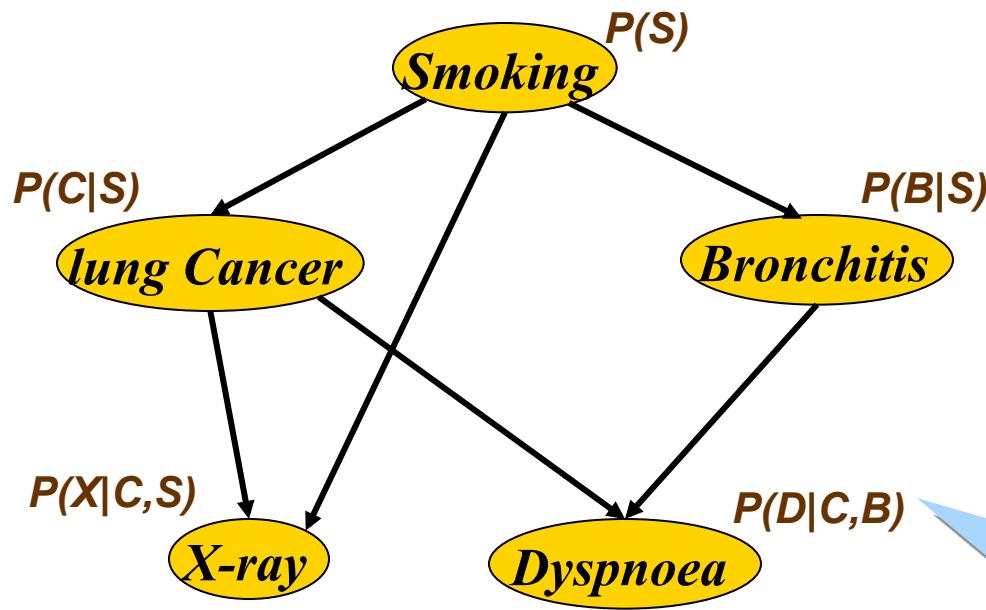
Constraint graph



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Queries: Find one solution, all solutions, counting

Bayesian Networks (Pearl 1988)



$$\text{BN} = (\mathbf{G}, \Theta)$$

CPD:

C	B	$P(D C,B)$	
0	0	0.1	0.9
0	1	0.7	0.3
1	0	0.8	0.2
1	1	0.9	0.1

$$P(S, C, B, X, D) = P(S) P(C|S) P(B|S) P(X|C,S) P(D|C,B)$$

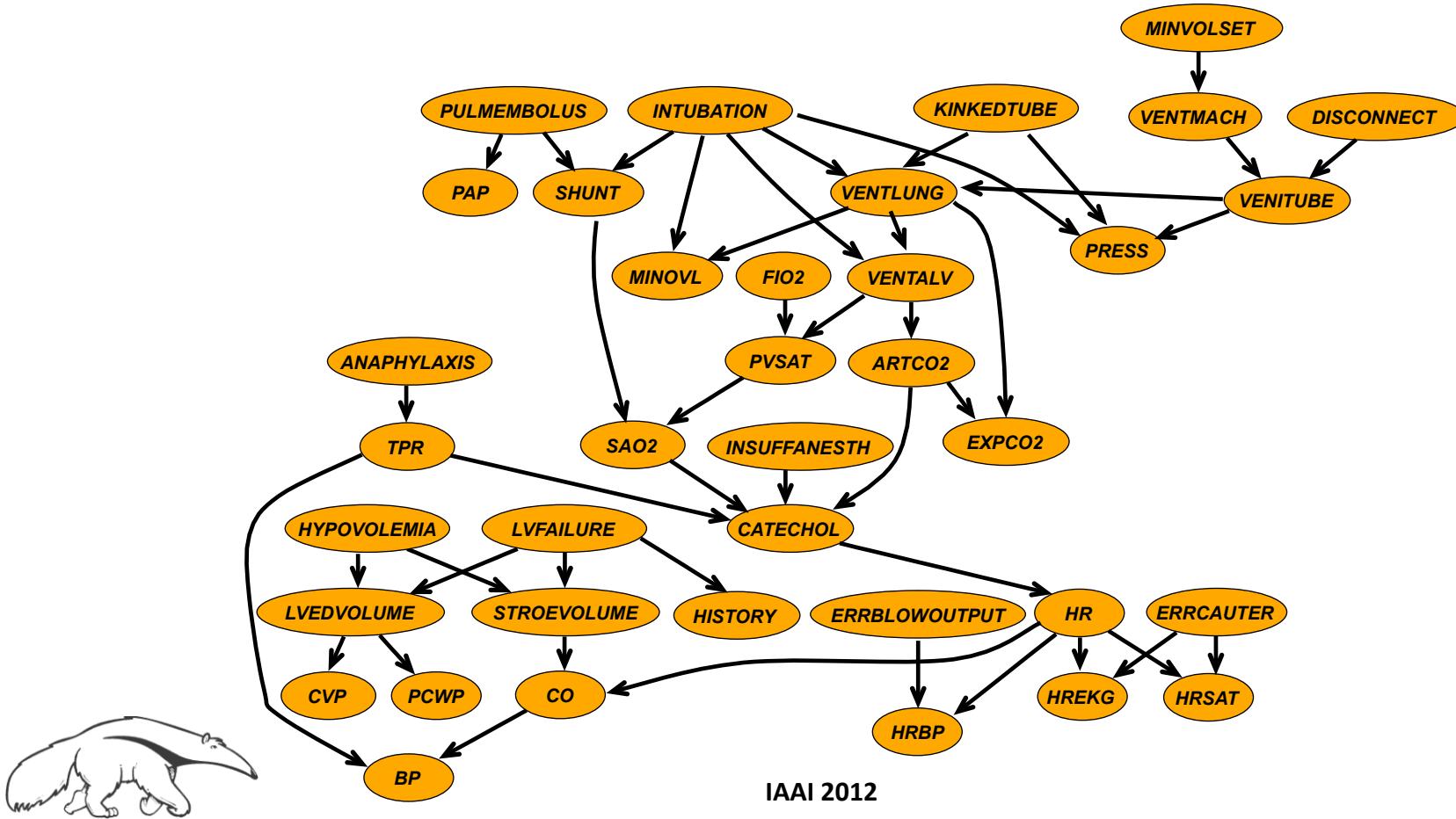
Combination: Product
Marginalization: sum/marginal

- Posterior marginals, probability of evidence, MPE
- $P(D=0) = \sum_{S,L,B,X} P(S) \cdot P(C|S) \cdot P(B|S) \cdot P(X|C,S) \cdot P(D|C,B)$
- $\text{MAP}(P) = \max_{S,L,B,X} P(S) \cdot P(C|S) \cdot P(B|S) \cdot P(X|C,S) \cdot P(D|C,B)$



Monitoring Intensive-Care Patients

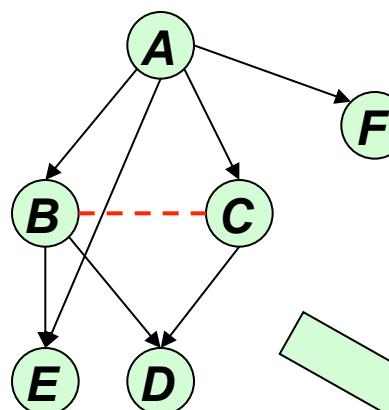
The “alarm” network - 37 variables, 509 parameters (instead of 2^{37})



Mixed Networks

(Mateescu and Dechter, 2004)

Examples: *NLP, Linkage, Software verification, probabilistic languages*

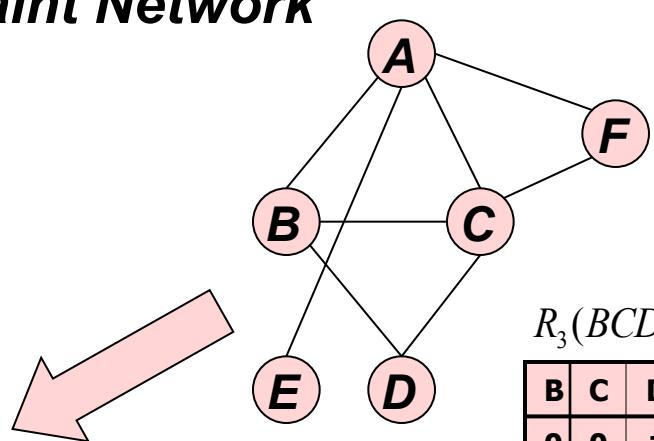
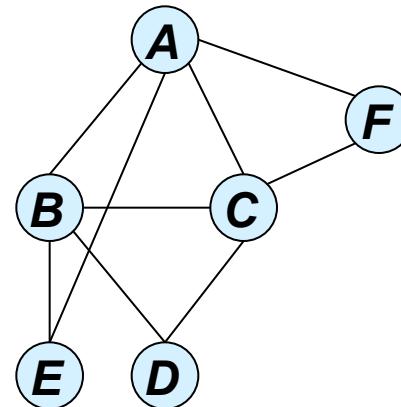


B	C	D=0	D=1
0	0	.2	.8
0	1	.1	.9
1	0	.3	.7
1	1	.5	.5

Belief Network

Constraint Network

Moral mixed graph



R ₃ (BCD)		
B	C	D
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	0

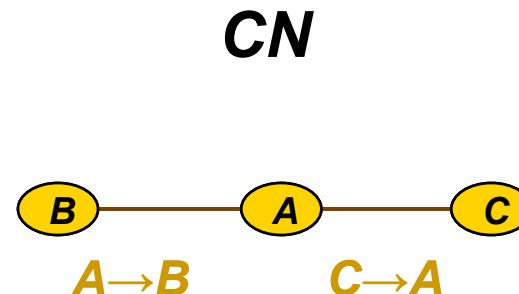
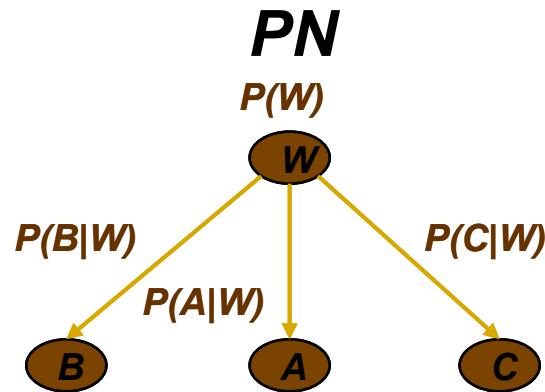
Complex cnf queries:
 $P((A \text{ or } B) \text{ and } (\neg C \vee D))$

$$P_M(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} P_B(\bar{x} \mid \bar{x} \in \rho) = \frac{P_B(\bar{x})}{P_B(\bar{x} \in \rho)}, & \text{if } \bar{x} \in \rho \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Mixed Probabilistic and Deterministic networks

Alex is likely-to-go in bad weather
 Chris rarely-goes in bad weather
 Becky is indifferent but unpredictable



Query:
Is it likely that Chris goes to the party if Becky does not but the weather is bad?

$$P(C, \neg B \mid w = \text{bad}, A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow A)$$



Graphical Models

- A graphical model (X, D, F) :

- $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ variables
- $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$ domains
- $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ functions
(constraints, CPTs, CNFs ...)

- Operators:

- combination
- elimination (projection)

- Tasks:

- Belief updating: $\sum_{x-y} \prod_j P_i$
- MPE: $\max_x \prod_j P_j$
- CSP: $\prod_{x \times_j} C_j$
- Max-CSP: $\min_x \sum_j F_j$

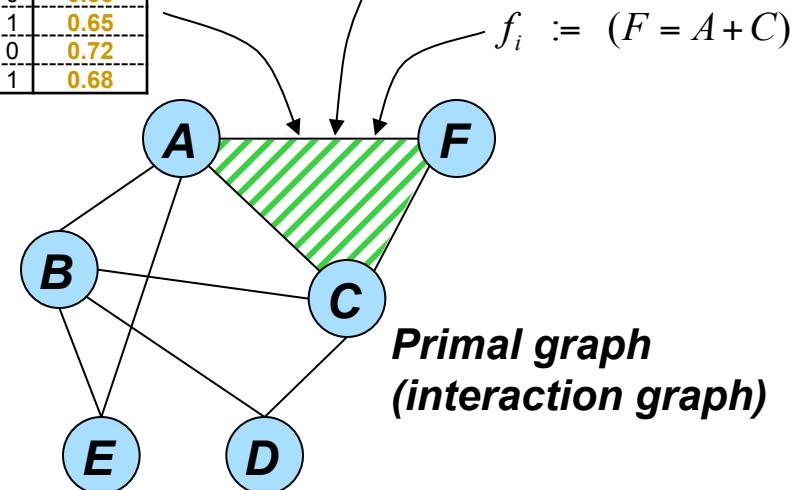


Conditional Probability Table (CPT)

A	C	F	P(F A,C)
0	0	0	0.14
0	0	1	0.96
0	1	0	0.40
0	1	1	0.60
1	0	0	0.35
1	0	1	0.65
1	1	0	0.72
1	1	1	0.68

Relation

A	C	F
red	green	blue
blue	red	red
blue	blue	green
green	red	blue



- All these tasks are NP-hard**
 - exploit problem structure**
 - identify special cases**
 - approximate**

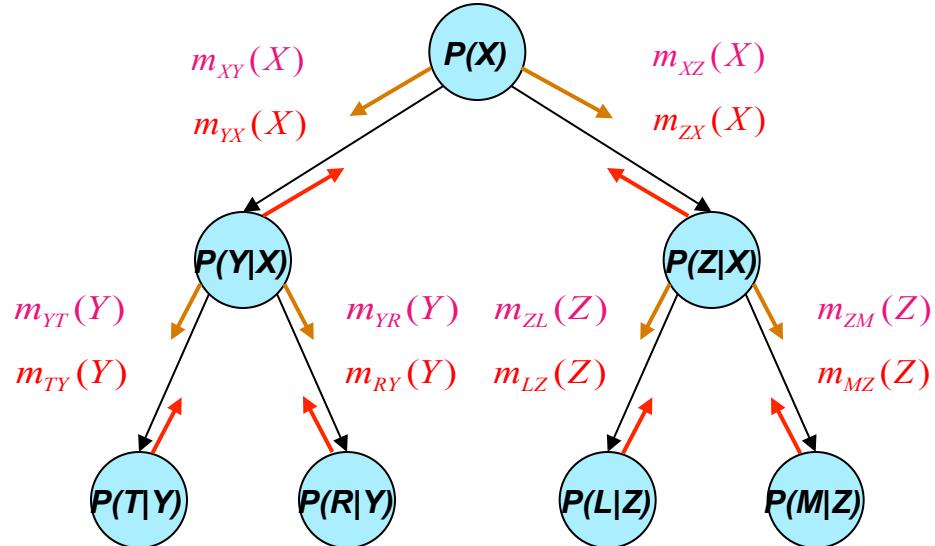
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Tree-solving is Easy

*Belief updating
(sum-prod)*



*CSP – consistency
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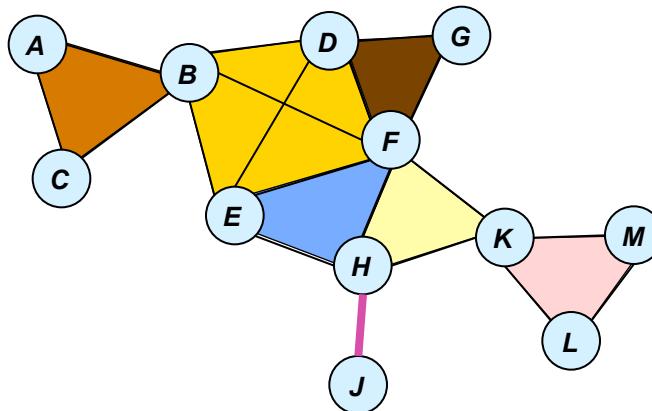
**Dynamic Programming,
Inference**

MPE (max-prod)



#CSP (sum-prod)
Trees are processed in linear time and memory
Message-passing

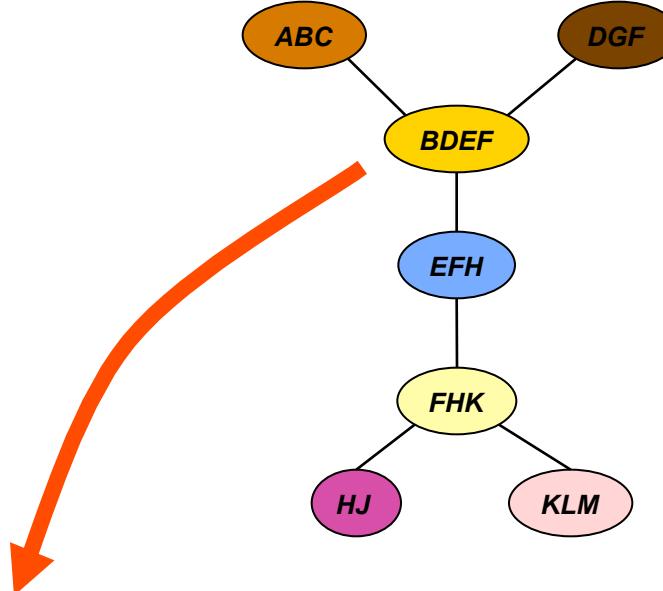
Clustering and Treewidth



Inference algorithm:

Time: $\exp(\text{tree-width}+1)$

Space: $\exp(\text{separator-width})$

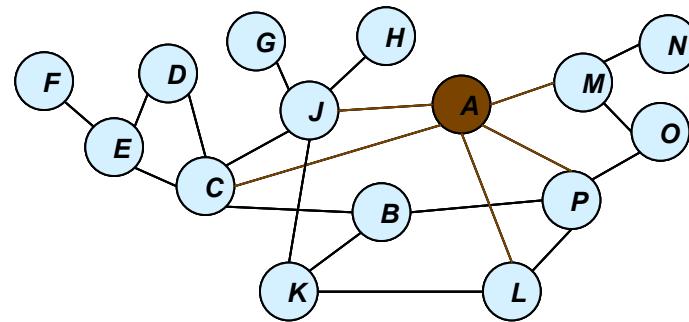


$$\text{treewidth} = 4 - 1 = 3$$

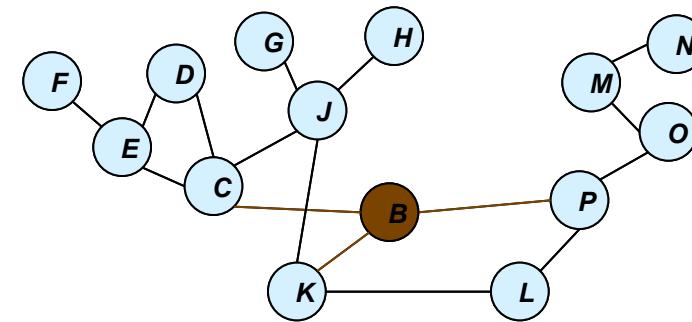
$$\text{treewidth} = (\text{maximum cluster size}) - 1$$

$$\text{Separator-width} = 2$$

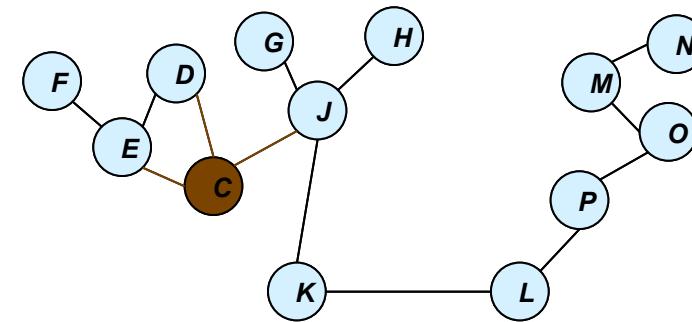
Conditioning and Cycle cutset



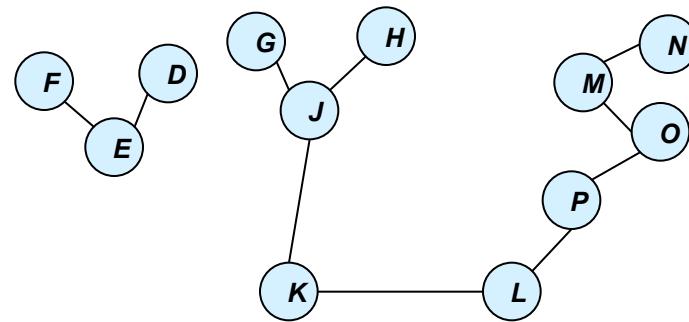
A



B

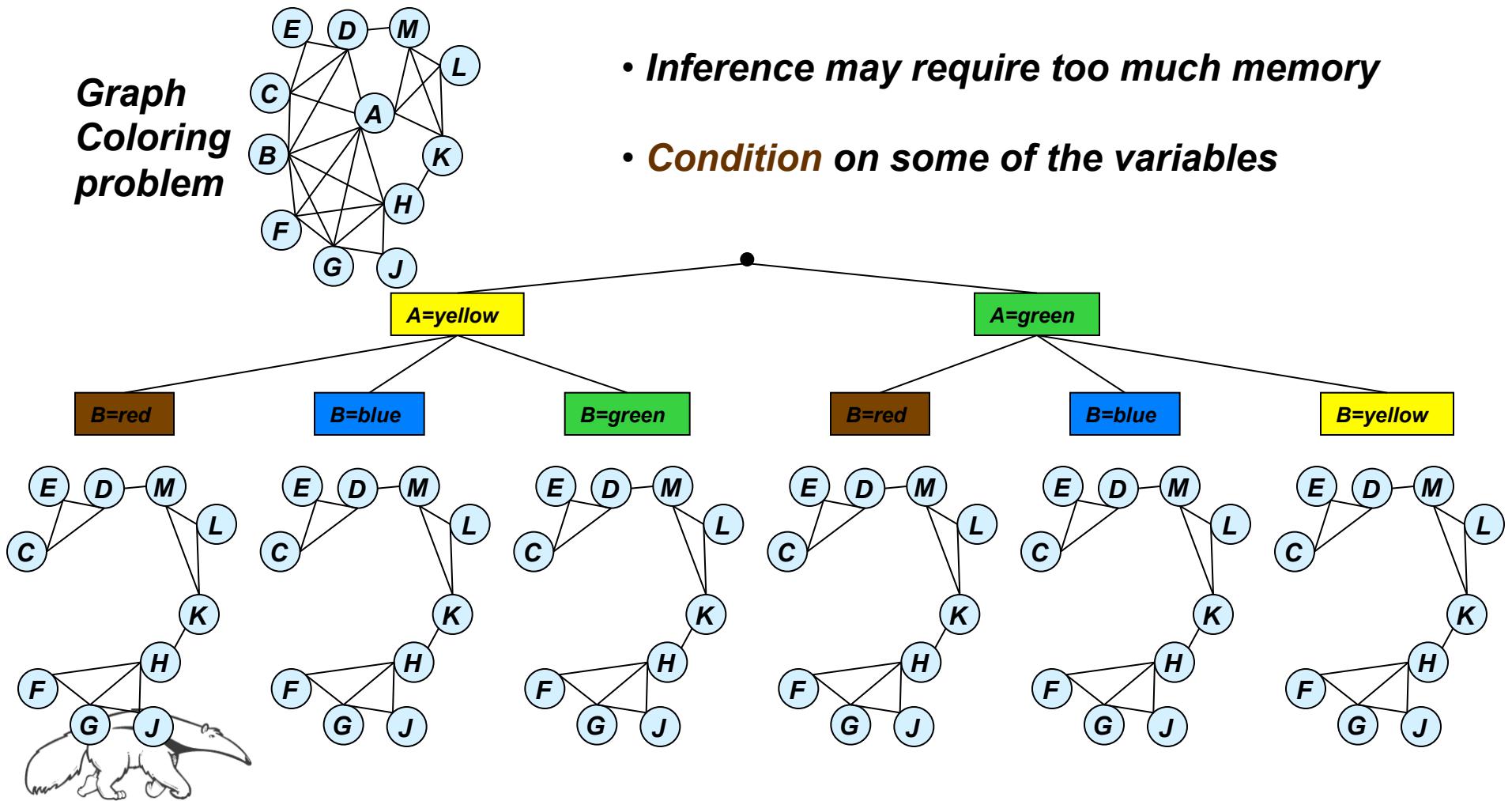


C



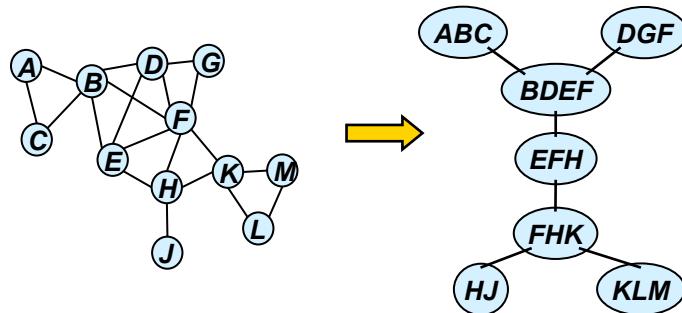
Search over the Cutset (cont)

**Graph
Coloring
problem**



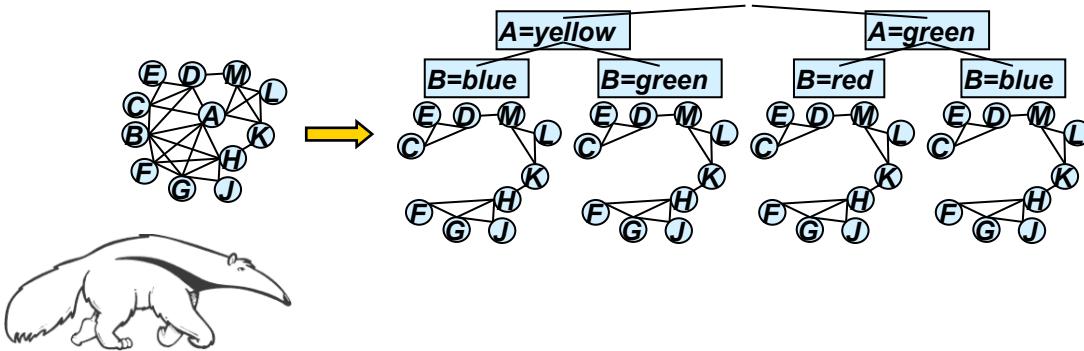
Inference vs. Conditioning

- By Inference (thinking)



*Exponential in treewidth
Time and memory*

- By Conditioning (guessing)



*Exponential in cycle-cutset
Time-wise, linear memory*



Solution Techniques, State of the art

AND/OR search

Time: $\exp(\text{treewidth} * \log n)$

Space: linear

Space: $\exp(\text{treewidth})$

Time: $\exp(\text{treewidth})$

Complete

DFS search

Branch-and-Bound

A*

Time: $\exp(\text{treewidth})$

Space: $\exp(\text{treewidth})$

Search (Conditioning)

Time: $\exp(n)$

Space: linear

Time: $\exp(\text{pathwidth})$

Space: $\exp(\text{pathwidth})$

Incomplete

Simulated Annealing

Gradient Descent

Stochastic Local Search

Hybrids

Complete

Adaptive Consistency

Tree Clustering

Variable Elimination

Resolution

Incomplete

Belief-propagation

Unit Resolution

Mini-bucket(i)

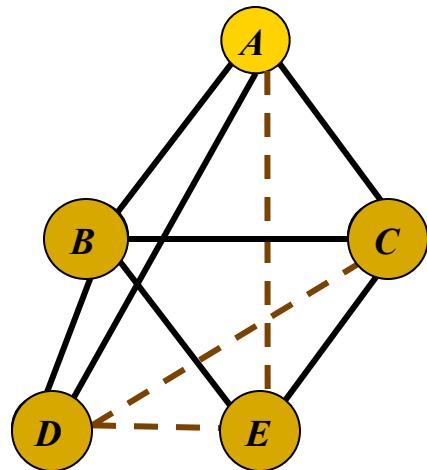


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Belief updating: $P(X|\text{evidence})=?$



$$P(a|e=0) \propto P(a, e=0) =$$

$$\sum_{e=0,d,c,b} P(a) \underbrace{P(b|a)}_{\text{Variable Elimination}} \underbrace{P(c|a)}_{\text{Variable Elimination}} \underbrace{P(d|b,a)}_{\text{Variable Elimination}} \underbrace{P(e|b,c)}_{\text{Variable Elimination}}$$

$$P(a) \sum_{e=0} \sum_d \sum_c P(c|a) \sum_b P(b|a) P(d|b,a) P(e|b,c)$$

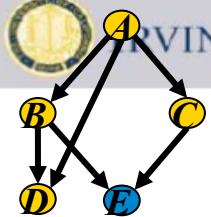
**Variable
Elimination**

$$h^B(a, d, c, e)$$



Bucket elimination

Algorithm *BE-bel* (Dechter 1996)



$$P(A | E = 0) = \alpha \sum_{E=0,D,C,B} P(A) \cdot P(B | A) \cdot P(C | A) \cdot P(D | A, B) \cdot P(E | B, C)$$

bucket *B*:

$$\underbrace{\sum_b \prod_b}_{\text{Elimination operator}} \underbrace{P(b|a) \quad P(d|b,a) \quad P(e|b,c)}_{}$$

bucket *C*:

$$P(c|a) \quad \lambda^B(a, d, c, e)$$

bucket *D*:

$$\lambda^C(a, d, e)$$

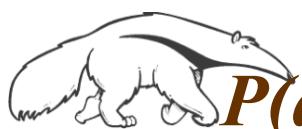
bucket *E*:

$$e=0 \quad \lambda^D(a, e)$$

bucket *A*:

$$P(a) \quad \lambda^E(a)$$

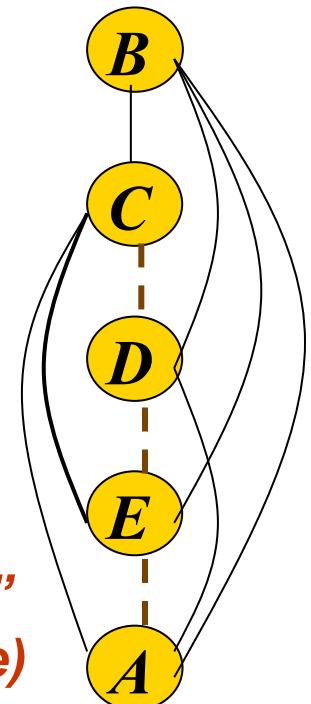
*W**=4
"induced width"
(max clique size)



$$P(a | e=0)$$

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$$P(a | e=0) = \frac{P(a, e=0)}{P(e=0)}$$



Inference for Optimization: Bucket Elimination

Algorithm BE-mpe (Dechter 1996, Bertele and Brioschi, 1977)

$$MPE = \max_{a,e,d,c,b} P(a)P(c|a)P(b|a)P(d|a,b)P(e|b,c)$$

bucket B:

$$\max_X \prod$$

$$P(b|a) \quad P(d|b,a) \quad P(e|b,c)$$

bucket C:

$$P(c|a) \quad h^B(a, d, c, e)$$

bucket D:

$$h^c(a, d, e)$$

bucket E:

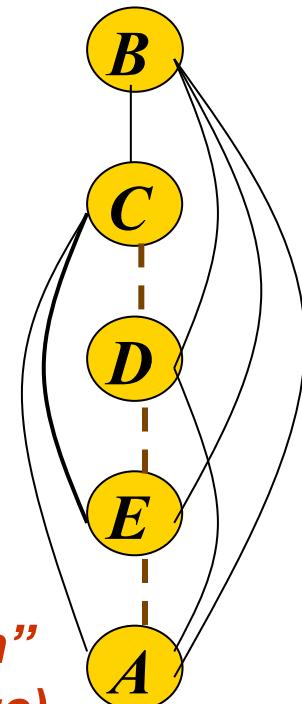
$$e=0 \quad h^D(a, e)$$

bucket A:

$$P(a) \quad h^E(a)$$

OPT

$W^*=4$
"induced width"
(max clique size)



Generating the MPE-tuple

$$5. \ b' = \arg \max P(b | a') \times \\ \times P(d' | b, a') \times P(e' | b, c')$$

$$4. \ c' = \arg \max P(c | a') \times \\ \times h^B(a', d', c, e')$$

$$3. \ d' = \arg \max_d h^c(a', d, e')$$

$$2. \ e' = 0$$

$$1. \ a' = \arg \max_a P(a) \cdot h^E(a)$$

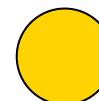
	$B:$	$P(b a)$	$P(d b,a)$	$P(e b,c)$
	$C:$	$P(c a)$	$h^B(a, d, c, e)$	
	$D:$		$h^c(a, d, e)$	
	$E:$	$e=0$		$h^D(a, e)$
	$A:$	$P(a)$		$h^E(a)$

Return (a', b', c', d', e')



Combination of Probability Functions

A	B	f(A,B)
b	b	0.4
b	g	0.1
g	b	0
g	g	0.5



A	B	C	f(A,B,C)
b	b	b	0.1
b	b	g	0
b	g	b	0
b	g	g	0.08
g	b	b	0
g	b	g	0
g	g	b	0
g	g	g	0.4

B	C	f(B,C)
b	b	0.2
b	g	0
g	b	0
g	g	0.8

$$= 0.1 \times 0.8$$

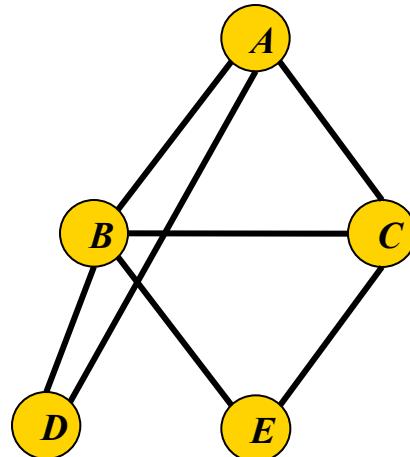


Complexity of Elimination

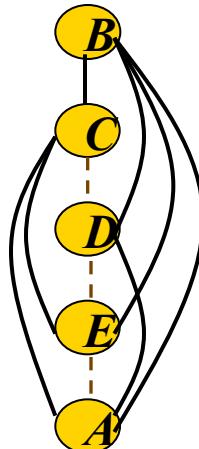
$$O(n \exp(w^*(d)))$$

$w^*(d)$ – the induced width of moral graph along ordering d

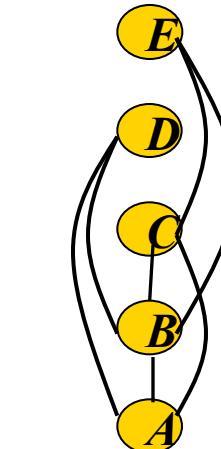
The effect of the ordering:



“Moral” graph



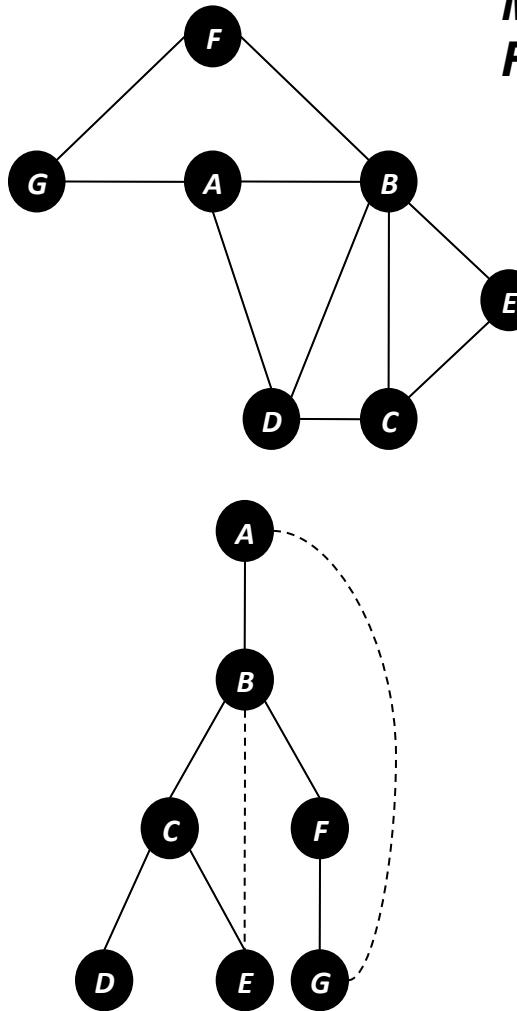
$$w^*(d_1) = 4$$



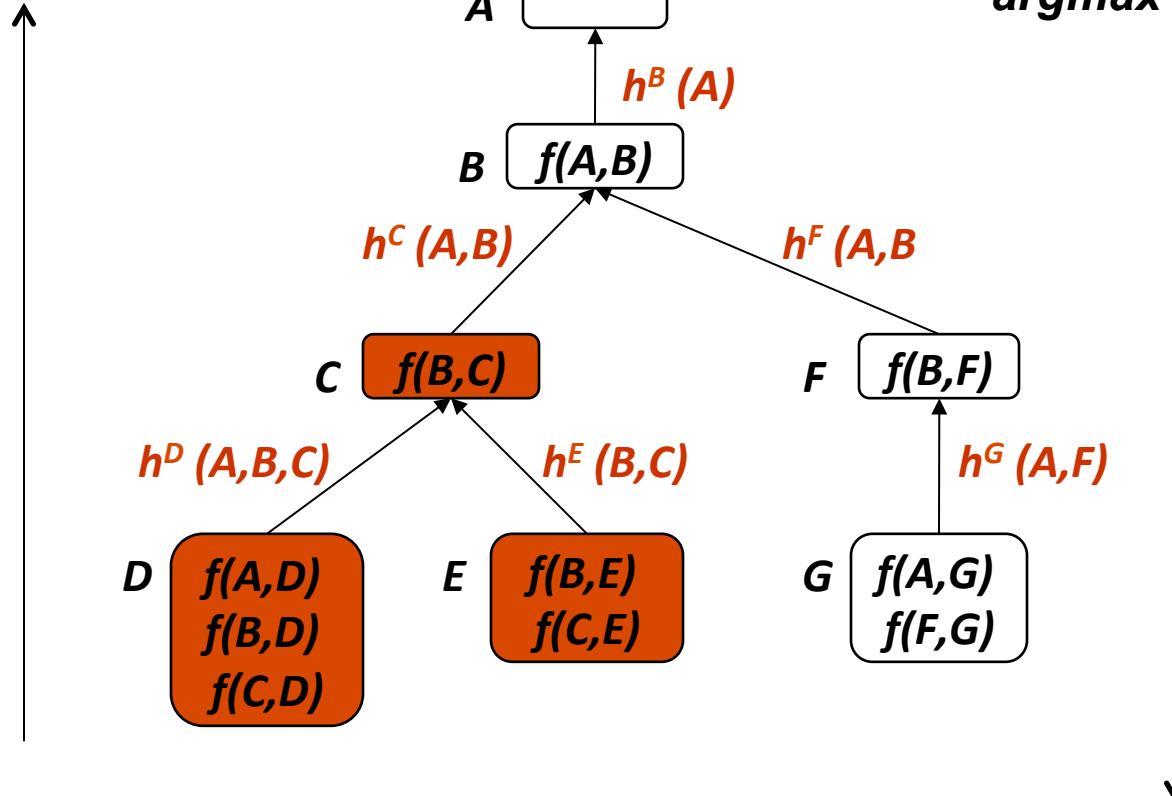
$$w^*(d_2) = 2$$

Bucket Elimination

$$\min_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g} f(a,b) + f(a,d) + f(b,c) + f(a,d) + f(b,d) + f(c,d) + f(b,e) + f(c,e) + f(b,f) + f(a,g) + f(f,g) =$$



*Messages
Finding max*



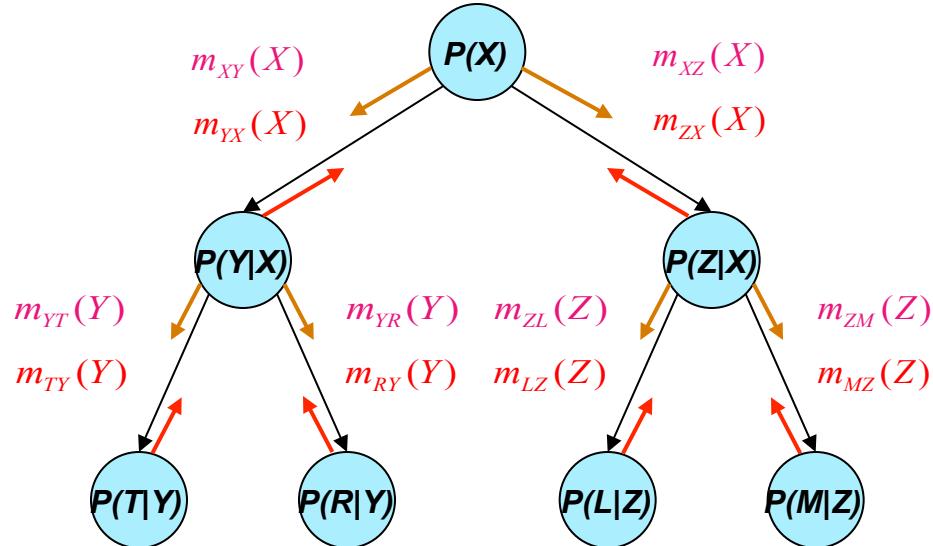
*Assignment
argmax*



Ordering: (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)

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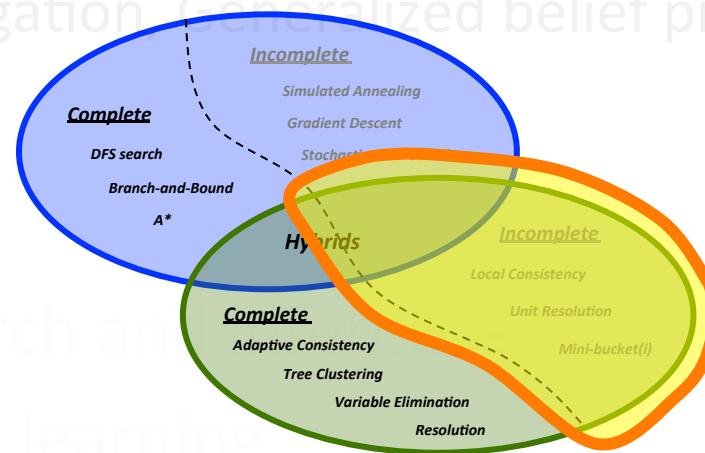
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Bounded Inference

- Overview: Bayesian networks and algorithms
- Exact Inference
- Bounded-inference
 - Mini-buckets, mini-clusters
 - Belief propagation, Generalized belief propagation



- Search
- Sampling
- Hybrid of search and sampling
- Modeling and learning

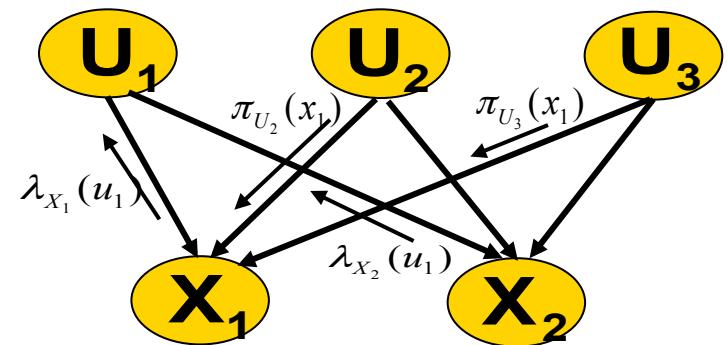


Two Principles for Bounded Inference

- **Bounded-Partitioning**
 - mini-bucket(i), MC(i)
 - Computes a bound
 - $\text{Exp}(i)$ time, space

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{bucket } (\mathbf{X}) &= \{ h_1, \dots, h_r, h_{r+1}, \dots, h_n \} \\
 h^{\mathbf{X}} &= \max_{\mathbf{X}} \prod_{i=1}^n h_i \\
 \{ h_1, \dots, h_r \} &\quad \{ h_{r+1}, \dots, h_n \} \\
 g^{\mathbf{X}} &= \left(\max_{\mathbf{X}} \prod_{i=1}^r h_i \right) \cdot \left(\max_{\mathbf{X}} \prod_{i=r+1}^n h_i \right) \\
 \hline
 \mathbf{h}^{\mathbf{X}} \leq \mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{X}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Belief propagation**
 - Loopy BP
 - No guarantees, unless constraint propagation
- **Generalized BP**
 - IJGP(i)
 - Each iteration is $\text{exp}(i)$

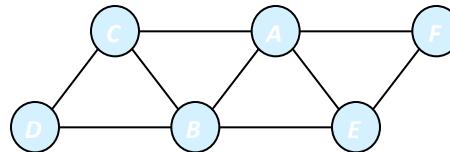


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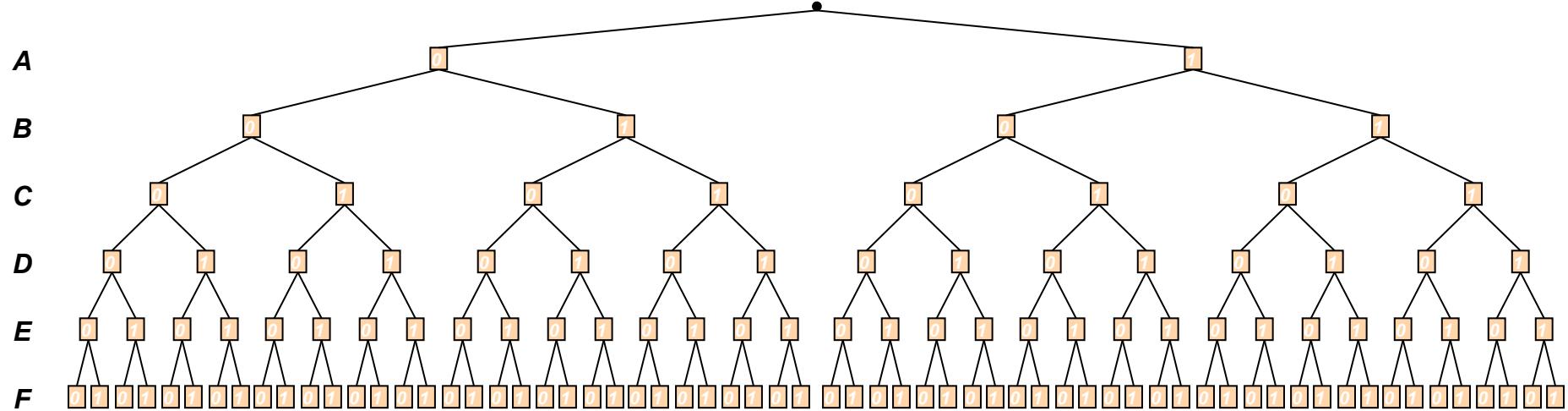


The Search Space

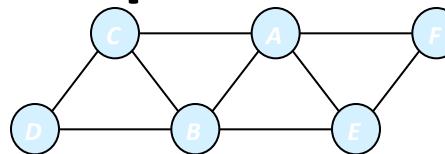


A	B	f ₁	A	C	f ₂	A	E	f ₃	A	F	f ₄	B	C	f ₅	B	D	f ₆	B	E	f ₇	C	D	f ₈	E	F	f ₉				
0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1				
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	0		
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	
1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^9 f_i(\mathbf{X})$$



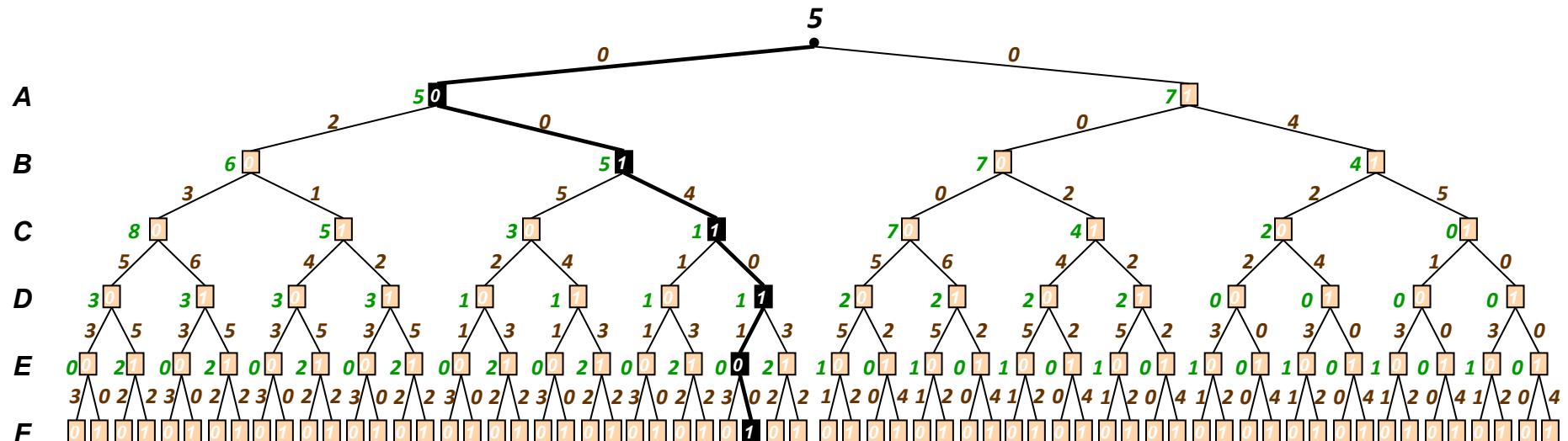
An Optimal Solution



A	B	f_1	A	C	f_2	A	E	f_3	A	F	f_4	B	C	f_5	B	D	f_6	B	E	f_7	C	D	f_8	E	F	f_9			
0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1			
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	0		
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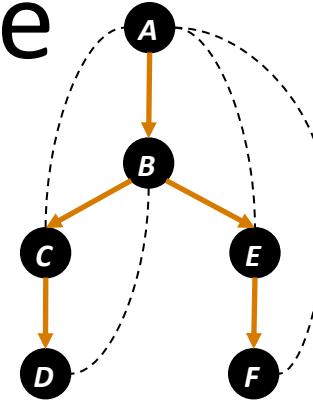
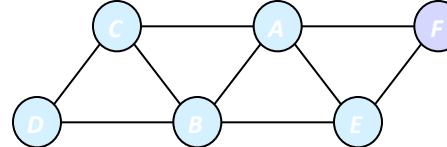
$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^9 f_i(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\min_{a,b,c,d,e,f} f_1(a,b) + f_2(a,c) + f_3(a,f) + f_4(b,c) + f_5(b,d) + f_6(b,e) + f_7(c,d) + f_8(e,f)$$

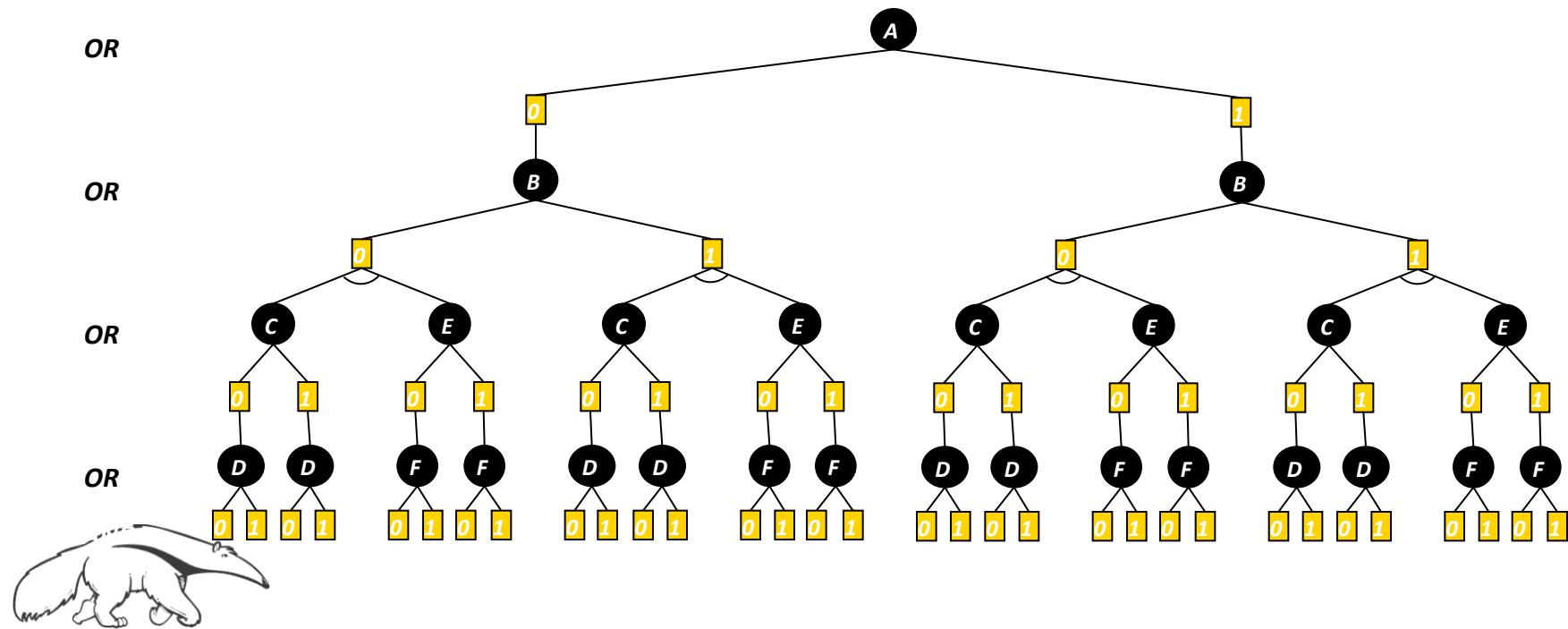


An optimal assignment is $A=0, B=1, C=1, D=1, E=0, F=1$ with cost 5

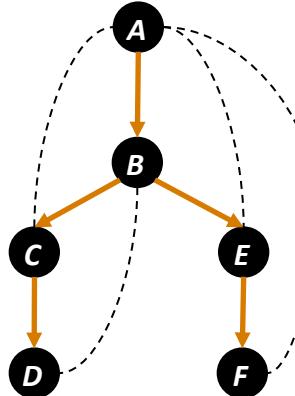
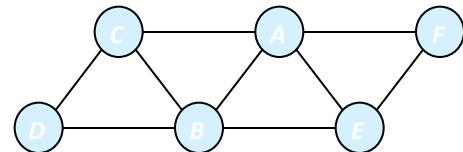
The AND/OR Search Tree



Pseudo tree (Freuder & Quinn85)

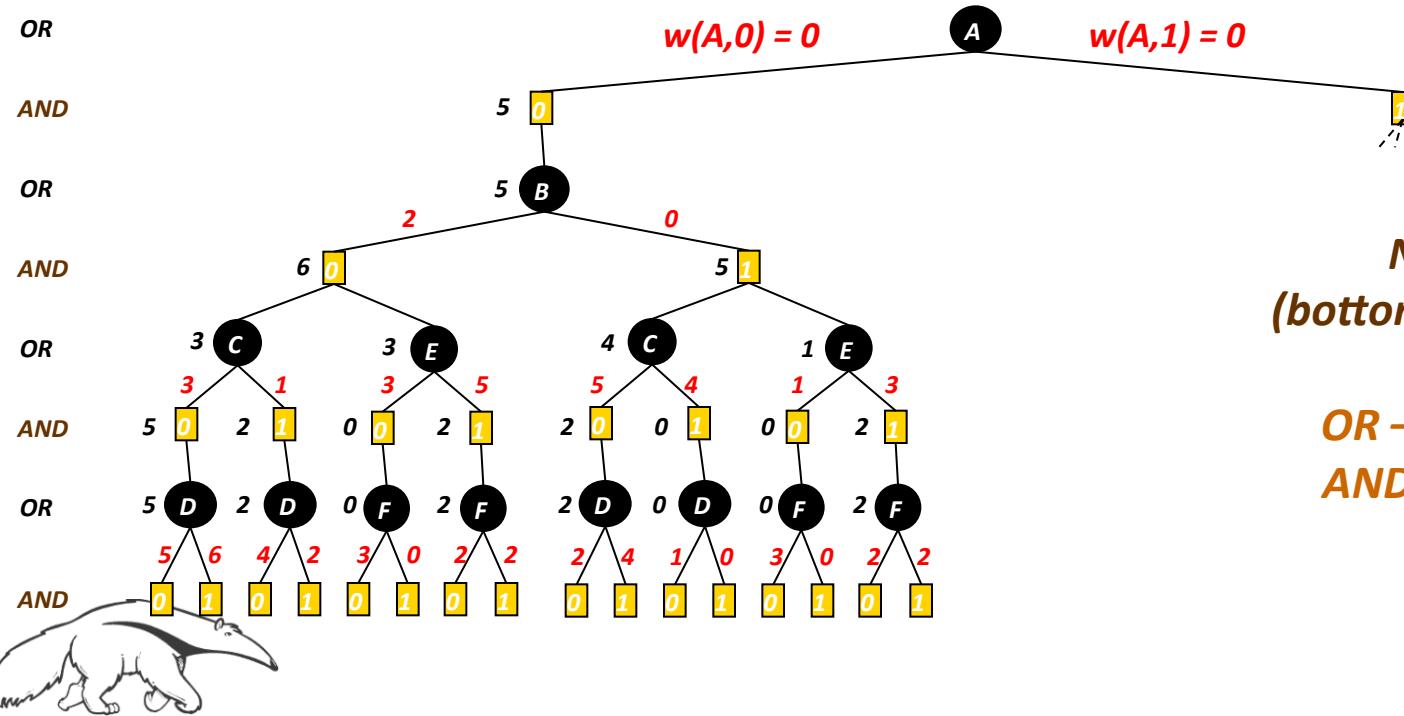


Weighted AND/OR Search Tree

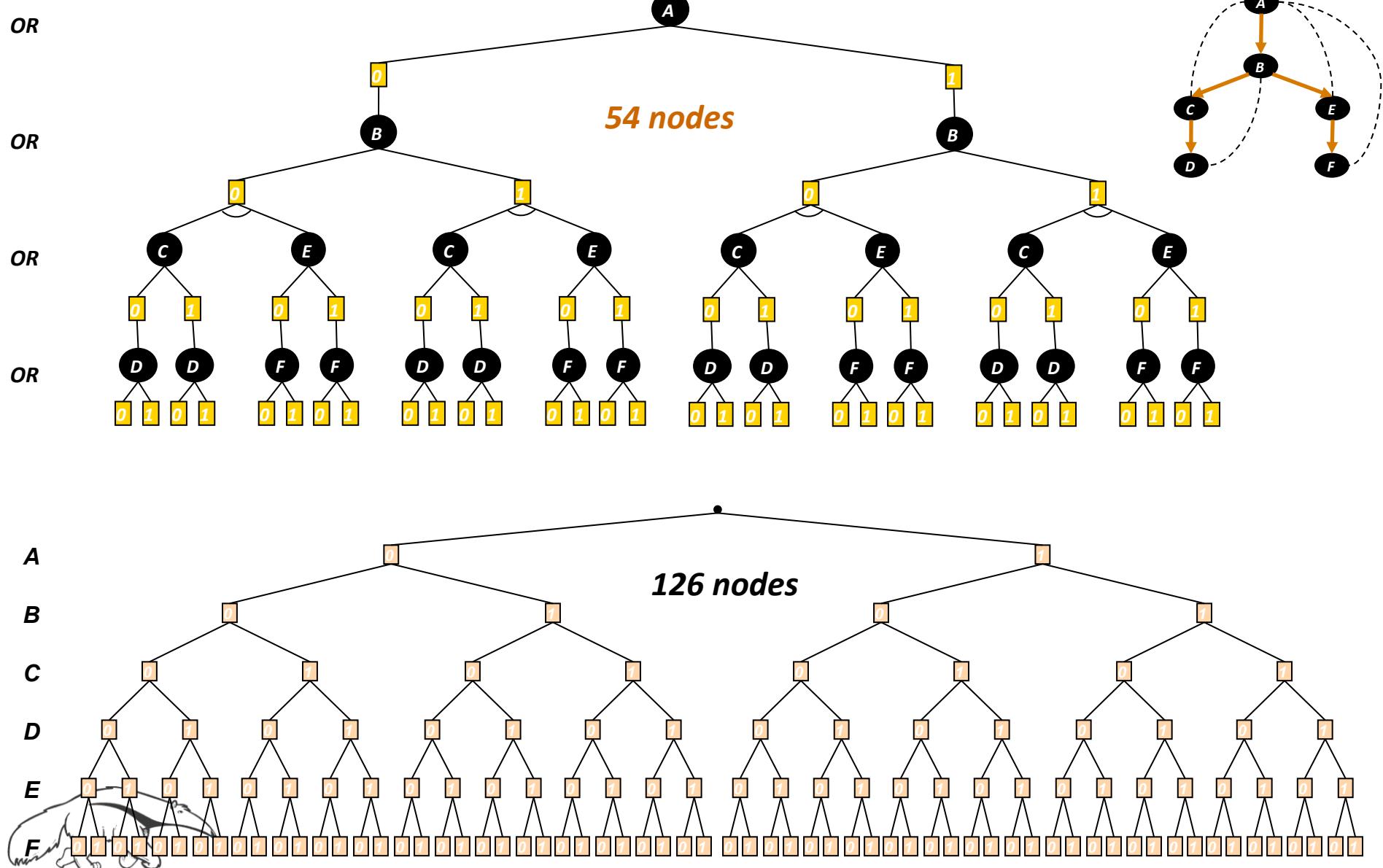


A	B	f_1	A	C	f_2	A	E	f_3	A	F	f_4	B	C	f_5	B	D	f_6	B	E	f_7	C	D	f_8	E	F	f_9
0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	0
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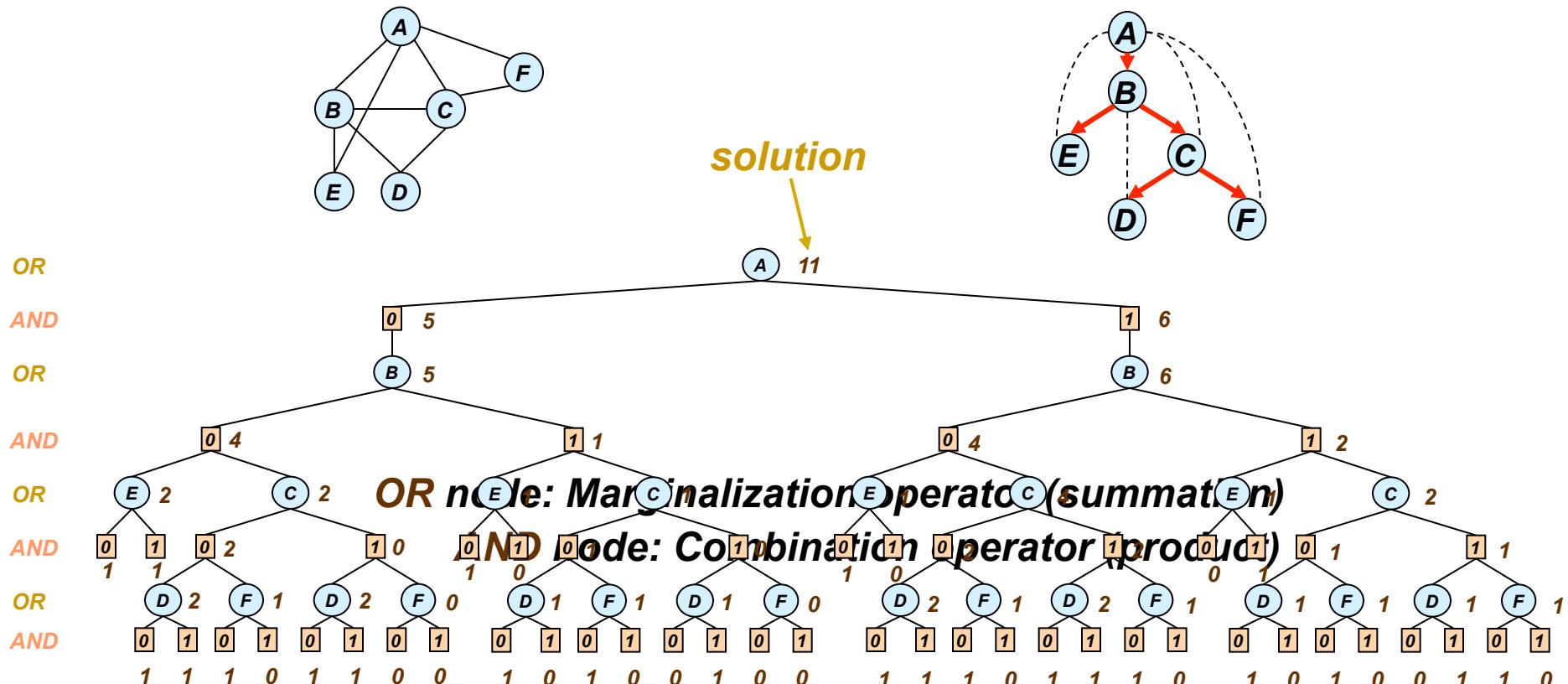
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AND/OR vs. OR Spaces



DFS algorithm (#CSP example)



Value of node = number of solutions below

AND/OR Tree DFS Algorithm (Belief Updating)

$P(E | A, B)$

A	B	E=0	E=1
0	0	.4	.6
0	1	.5	.5
1	0	.7	.3
1	1	.2	.8

Evidence: E=0

$P(B | A)$

A	B=0	B=1
0	.4	.6
1	.1	.9

$P(C | A)$

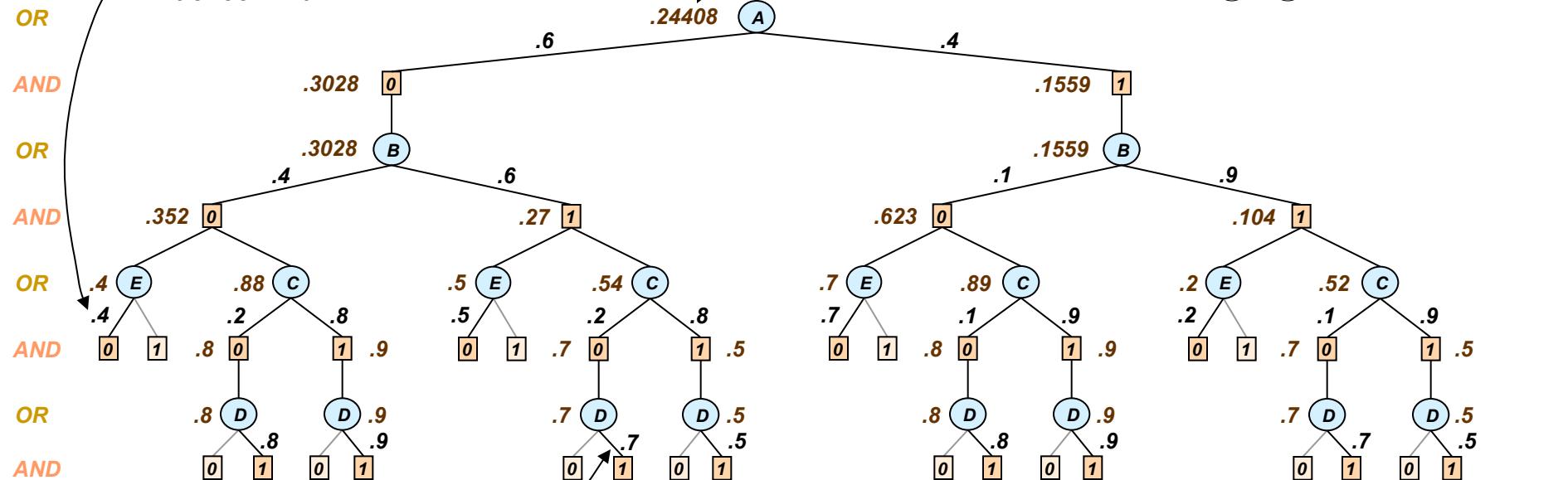
A	C=0	C=1
0	.2	.8
1	.7	.3

$P(A)$

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

Result: $P(D=1, E=0)$

.24408



$P(D | B, C)$

B	C	D=0	D=1
0	0	.2	.8
0	1	.1	.9
1	0	.3	.7
1	1	.5	.5

Evidence: D=1

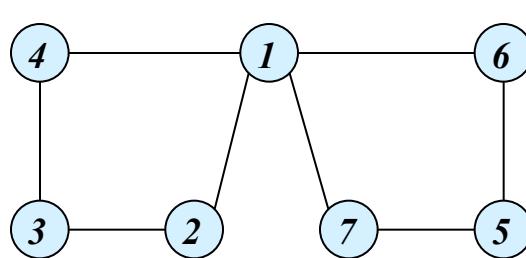
OR node: Marginalization operator (summation)

AND node: Combination operator (product)

Value of node = updated belief for sub-problem below

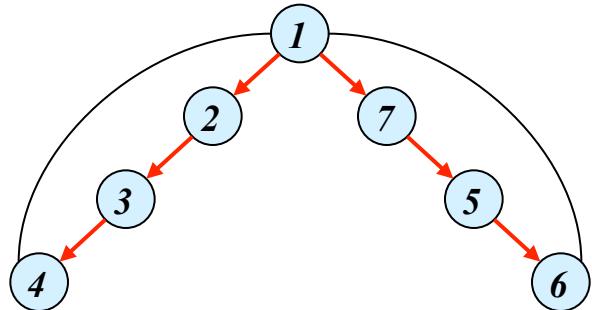
Pseudo-Trees

(Freuder 85, Bayardo 95, Bodlaender and Gilbert, 91)

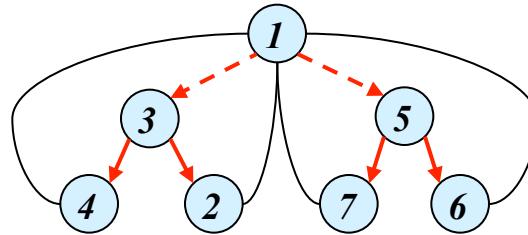


(a) Graph

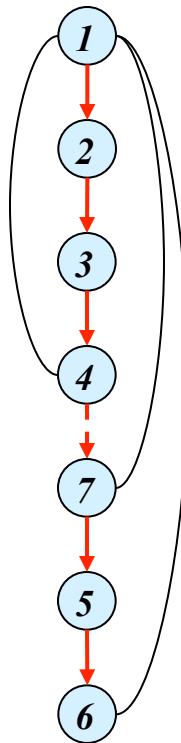
$$m \leq w * \log n$$



(b) DFS tree
depth=3



(c) pseudo-tree
depth=2



(d) Chain
depth=6



Complexity of AND/OR Tree Search

	AND/OR tree	OR tree
Space	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Time	$O(n k^m)$ $O(n k^{w*} \log n)$ <small>[Freuder & Quinn85], [Collin, Dechter & Katz91], [Bayardo & Miranker95], [Darwiche01]</small>	$O(k^n)$

k = domain size

m = depth of pseudo-tree

n = number of variables

w^* = treewidth



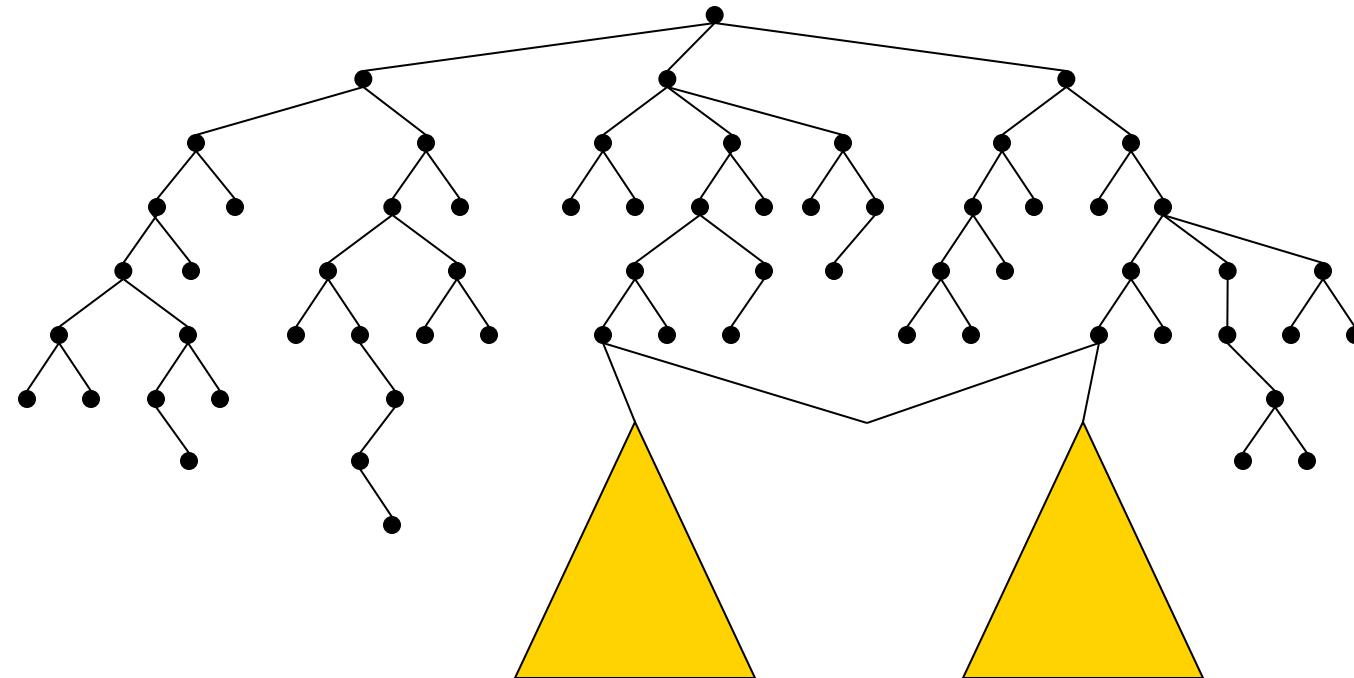
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Tasks: *Consistency, Counting, Optimization, Belief updating
Max-expected utility, partition function*

UNL, April 2009

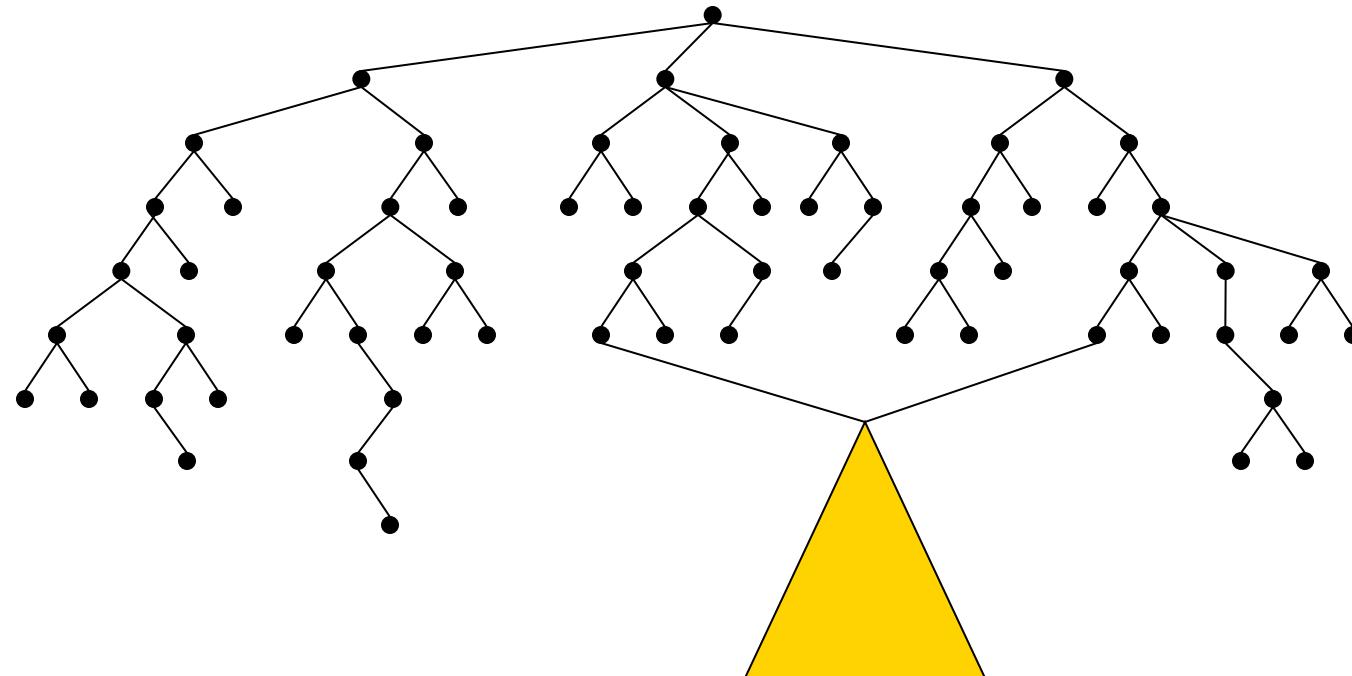
From Search Trees to Search Graphs

- Any two nodes that root **identical** sub-trees or sub-graphs can be **merged**

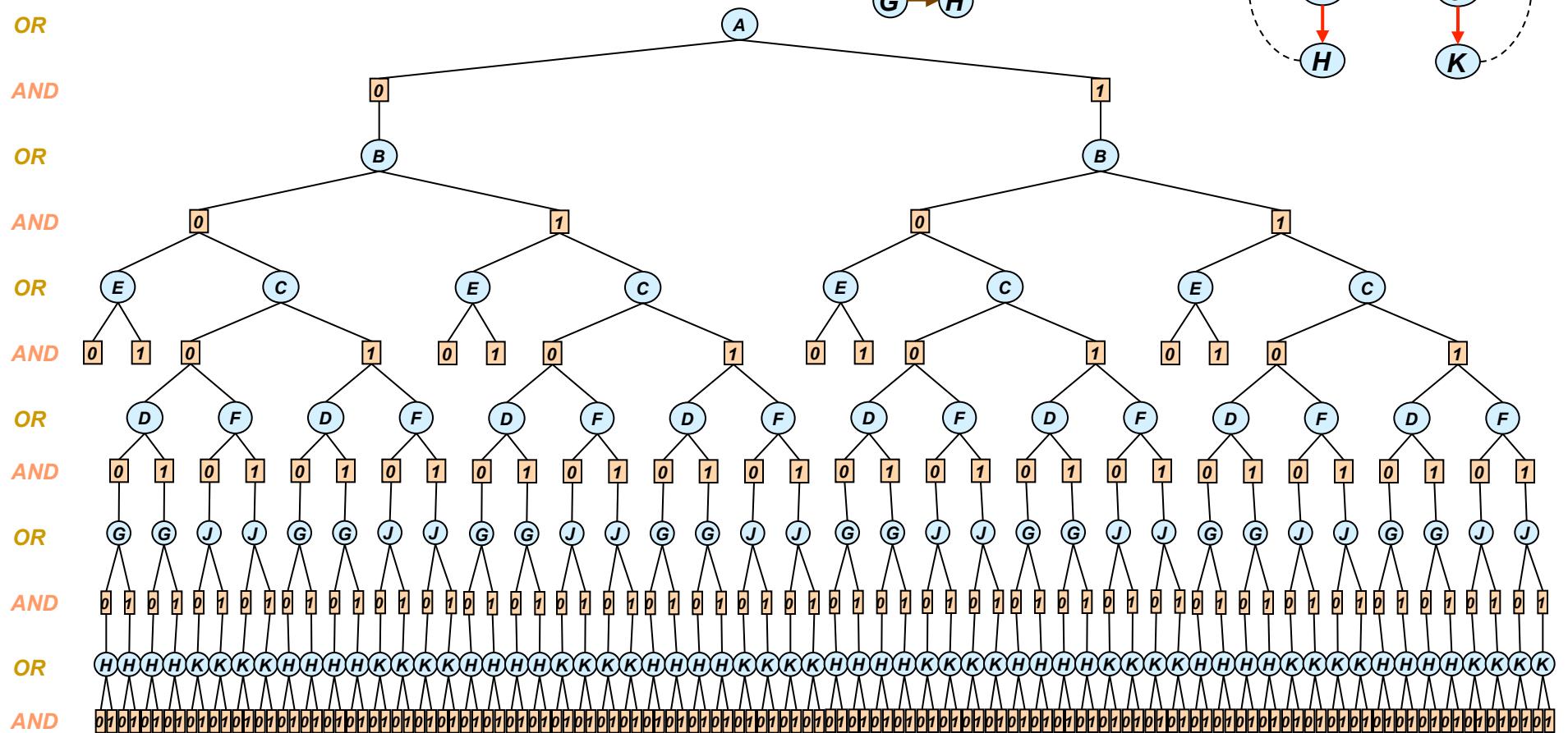


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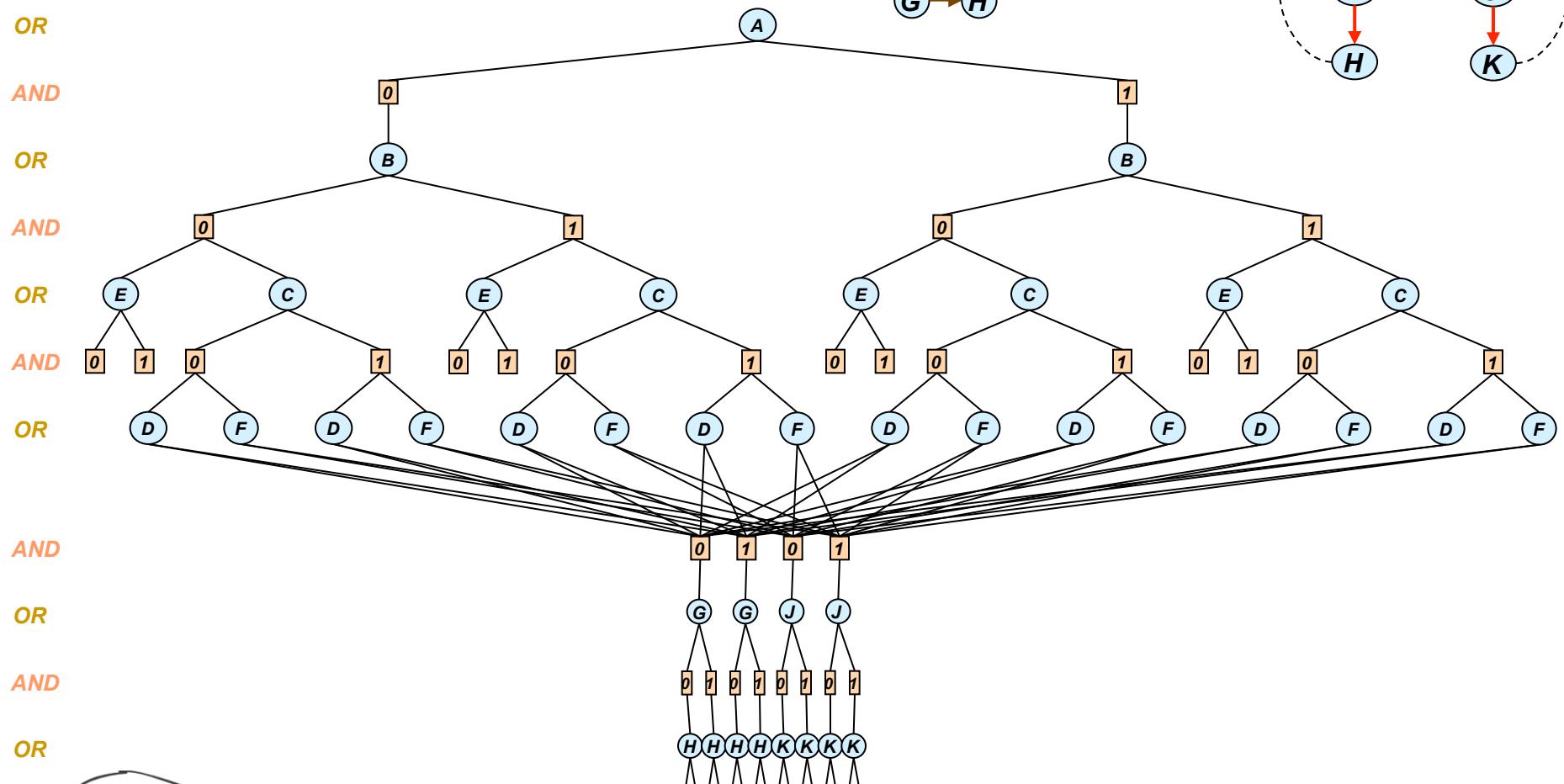
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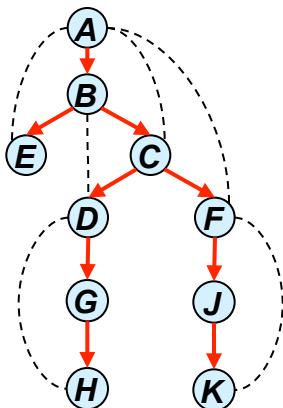
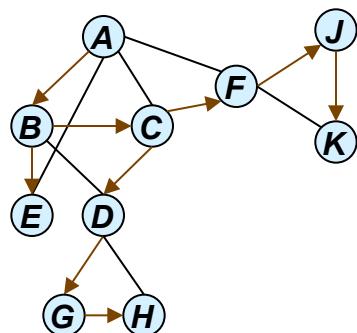


An AND/OR Graph



Context-based Caching

- Caching is possible when context is the same
- context = parent-separator set in induced pseudo-graph
 = current variable +
 parents connected to subtree below



$$\text{context}(B) = \{A, B\}$$

$$\text{context}(c) = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$\text{context}(D) = \{D\}$$

$$\text{context}(F) = \{F\}$$



AND/OR Graph DFS Algorithm (Belief Updating)

$P(E A, B)$			
A	B	$E=0$	$E=1$
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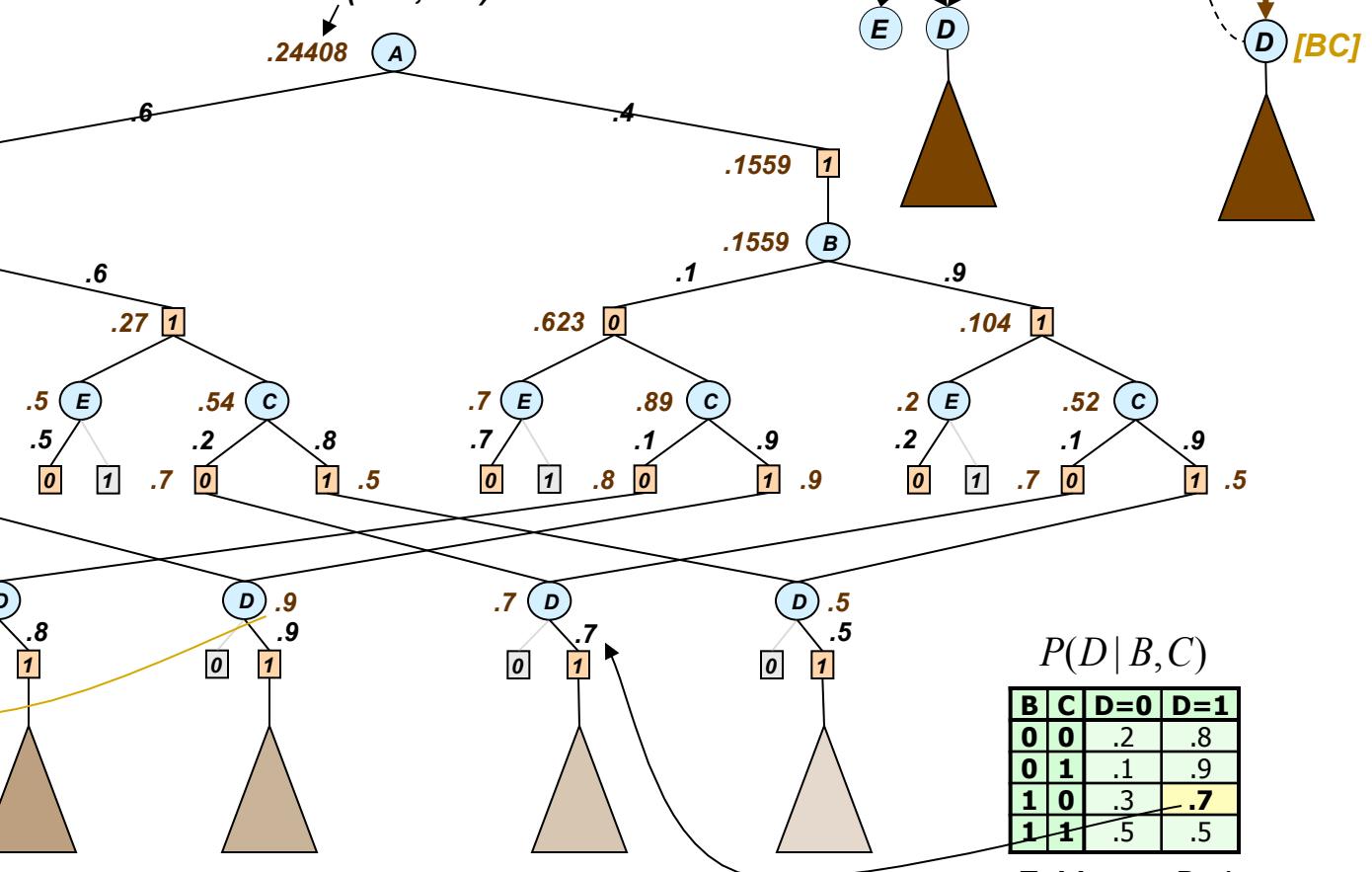
Evidence: $E=0$

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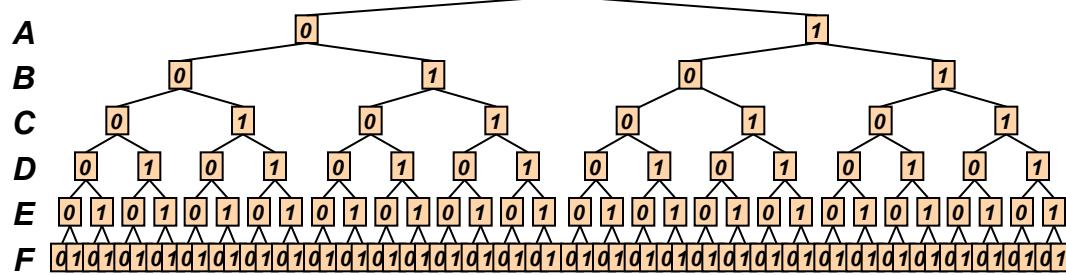
$P(C A)$		
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$P(A)$	
A	$P(A)$
0	.6
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Result: $P(D=1, E=0)$

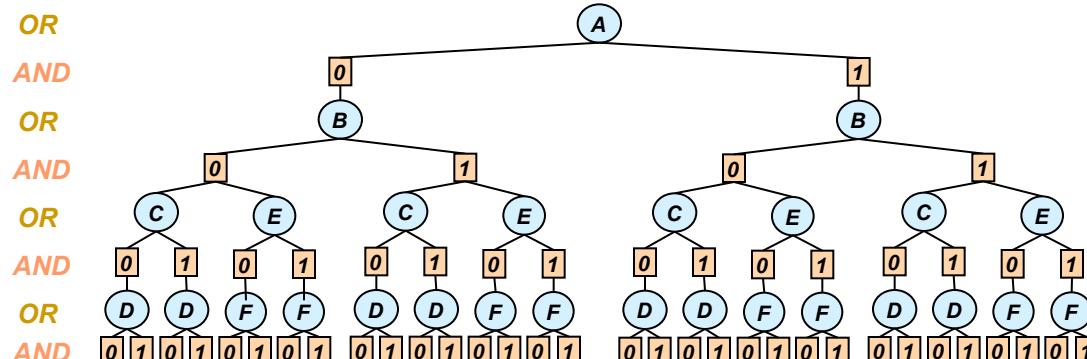


All Four Search Spaces



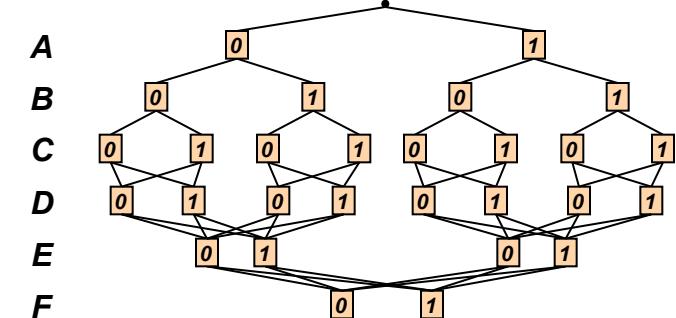
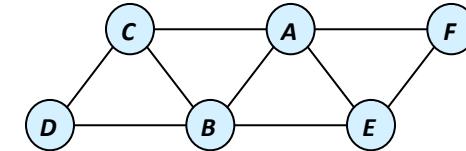
Full OR search tree

126 nodes



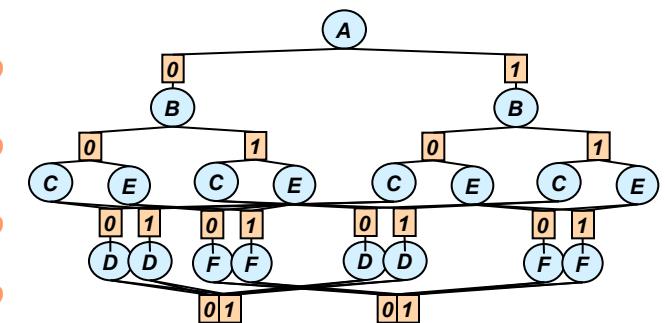
Full AND/OR search tree

54 AND nodes



Context minimal OR search graph

28 nodes



Context minimal AND/OR search graph

18 AND nodes

*Any query is best computed
Over the c-minimal AO space*

Complexity of AND/OR Graph Search

	AND/OR graph	OR graph
Space	$O(n k^{w^*})$	$O(n k^{pw^*})$
Time	$O(n k^{w^*})$	$O(n k^{pw^*})$



k = domain size

n = number of variables

w^* = treewidth

pw^* = pathwidth

Tasks: Consistency, Counting,
Optimization, Belief updating
Max-expected utility, partition function

AOC – Adaptive Caching

- i-bound – limit for cache size
- If $\text{context}(X) = [X_1 \dots X_k]$ and $k > i$ then
 $i\text{-context}(X) = [X_{k-i+1} \dots X_k]$

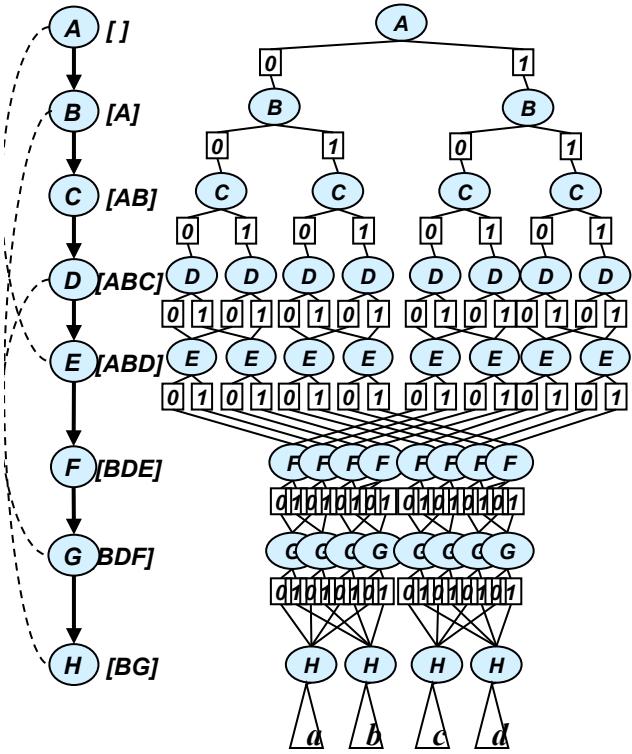
$[X_1 \dots X_{k-i} X_{k-i+1} \dots X_k]$

cutset i-context

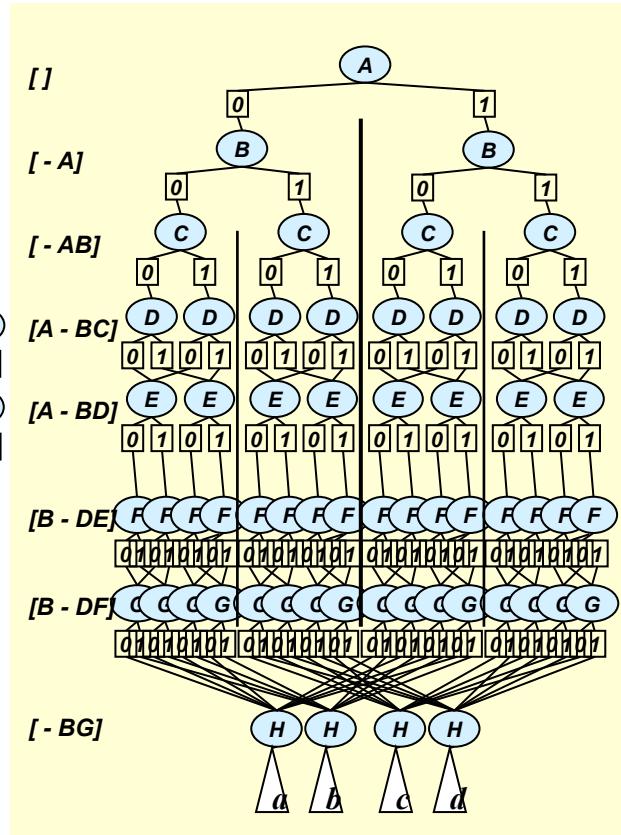
- i-cache is purged when search retracts to X_{k-i}



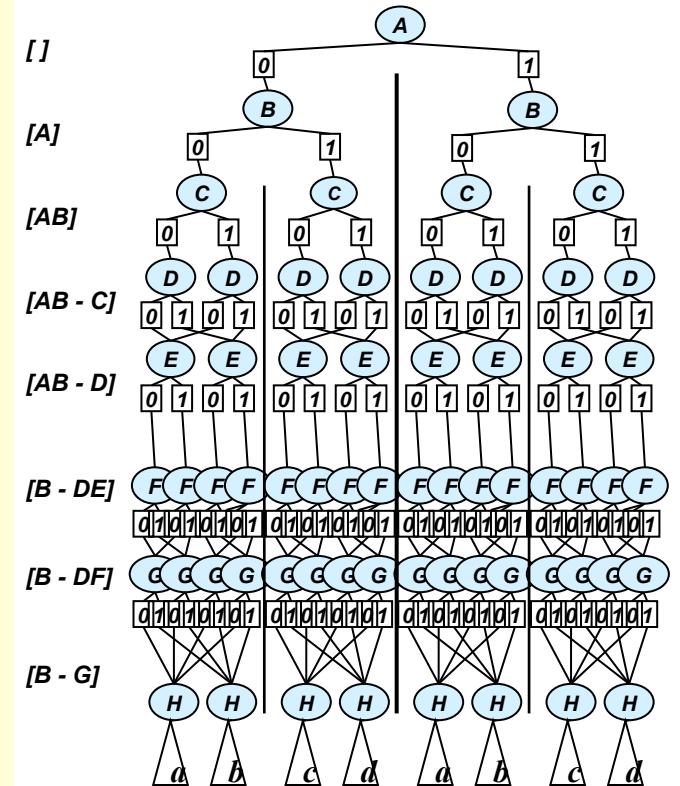
Adaptive Caching Search



*Context minimal graph
(full caching)*



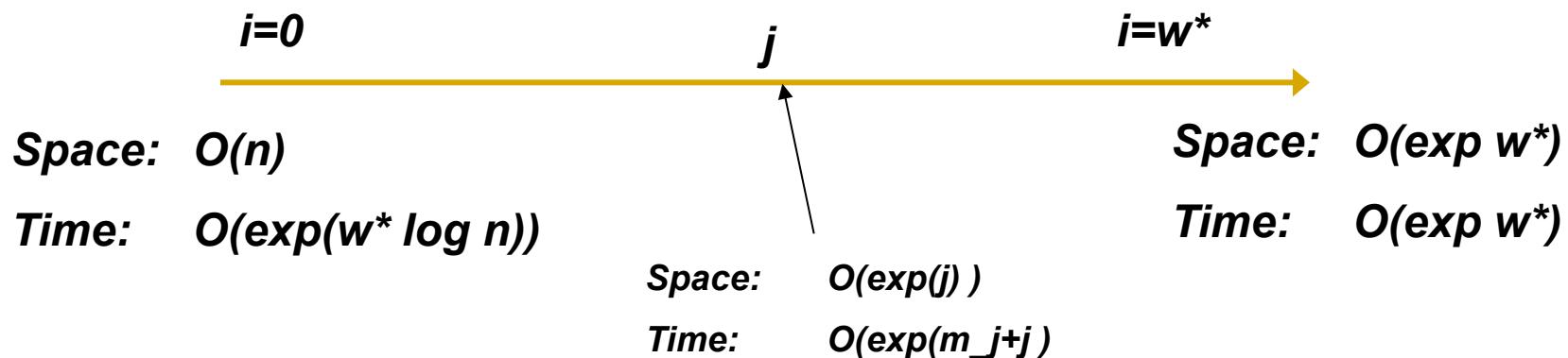
*AOC(2) graph
(Adaptive Caching)*



*AOCutset(2) graph
(AND/OR Cutset)*

Searching AND/OR Graphs

- AO(j): searches depth-first, cache i -context
 - j = the max size of a cache table (i.e. number of variables in a context)



Sampling: approximating search

- Gibbs Sampling: An MCMC approach
- Likelihood weighting: An importance sampling approach
- Exploit structure
 - Cutset-sampling (likelihood and Gibbs)
 - SamplingSearch (avoid inconsistency)
 - AND/OR sampling

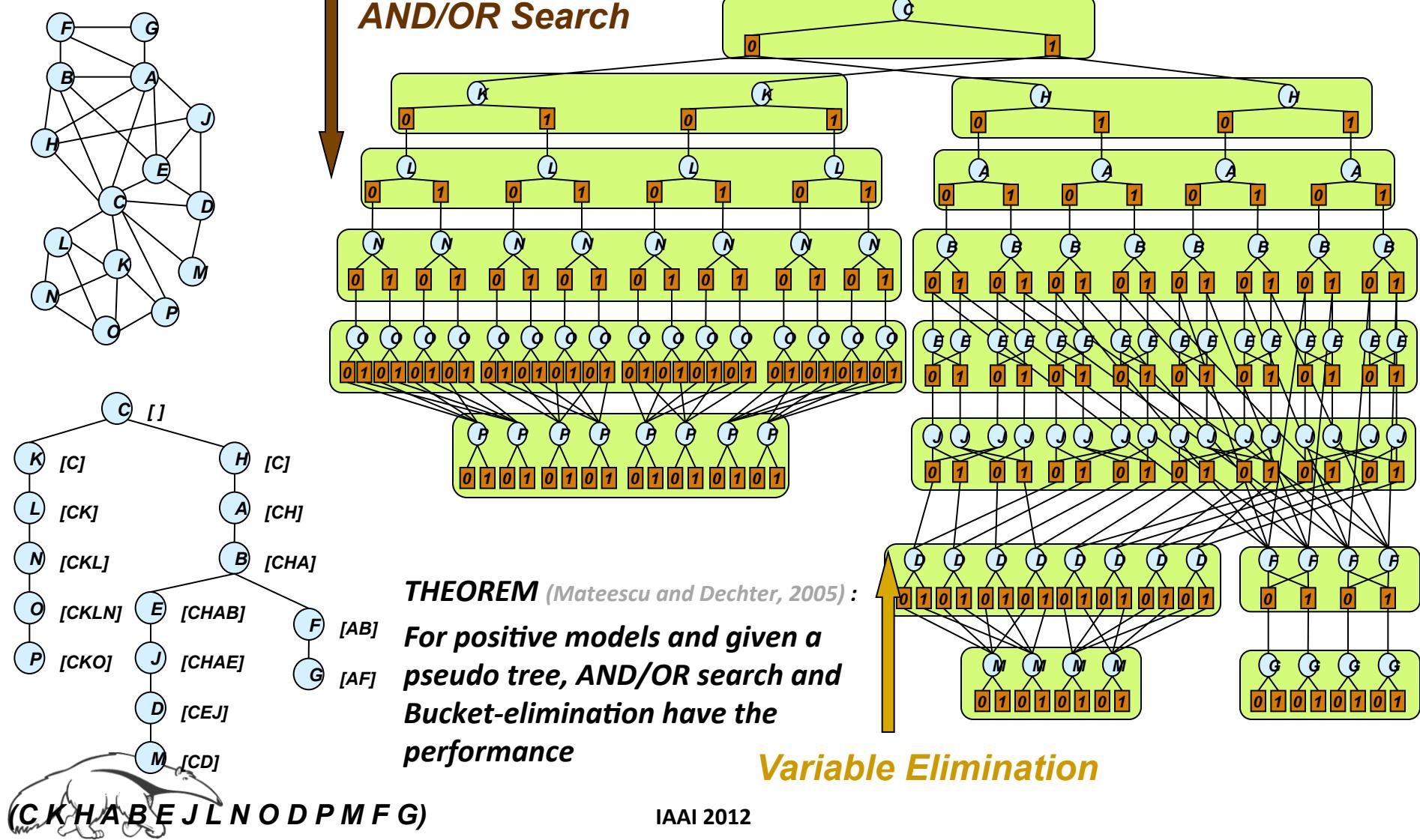


Outline

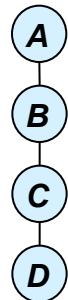
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- Inference
- AND/OR Search
- **Inference vs Search**
- Hybrid of search and Inference
- Experiments



AND/OR Context Minimal Graph

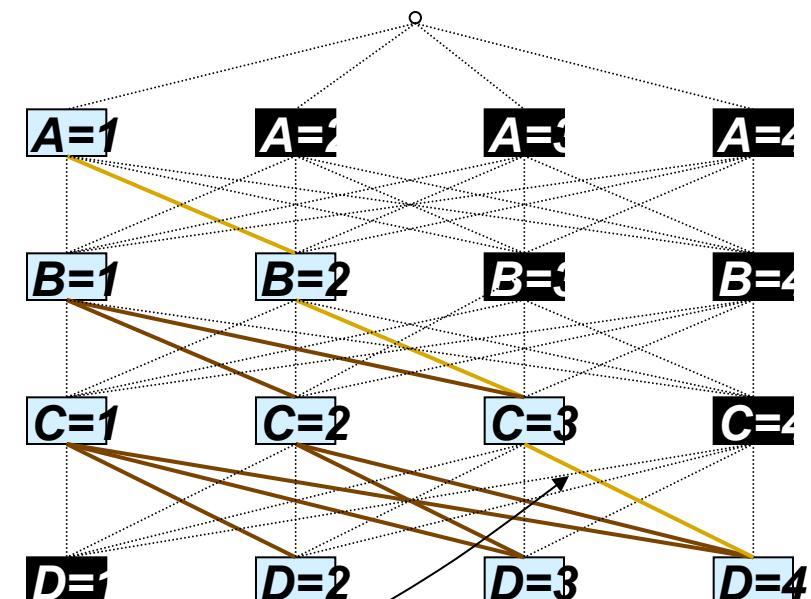
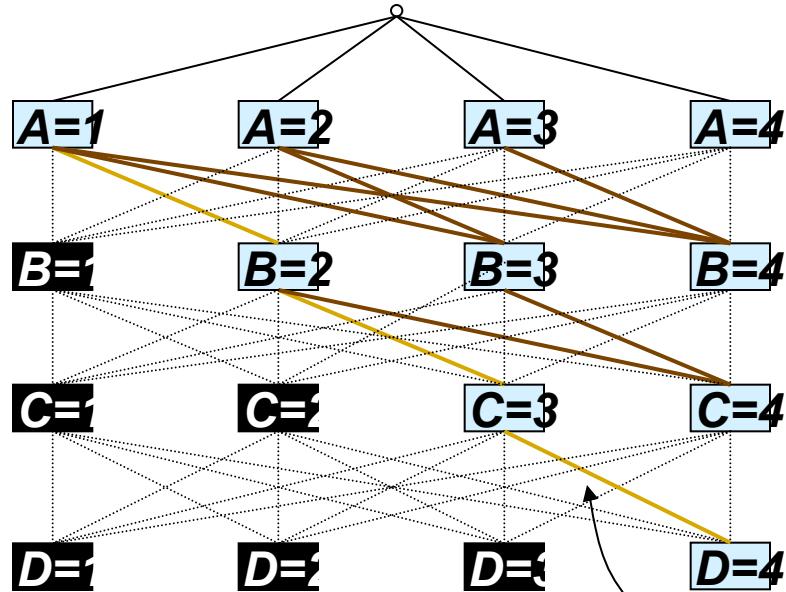


AO vs. VE with Determinism



Domains: {1, 2, 3, 4}

$A < B \quad B < C \quad C < D$

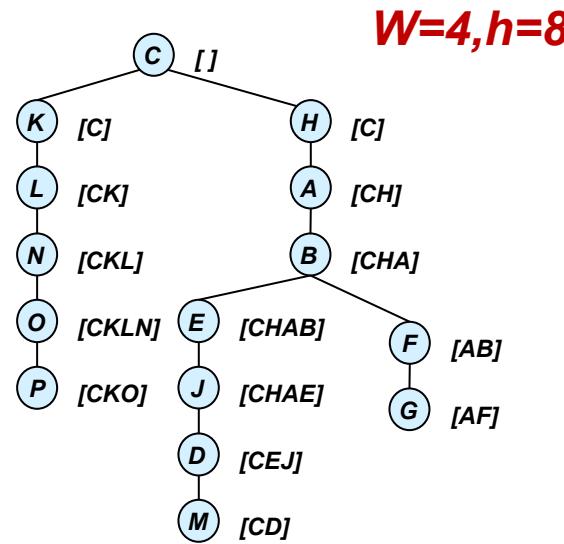


AND/OR Search

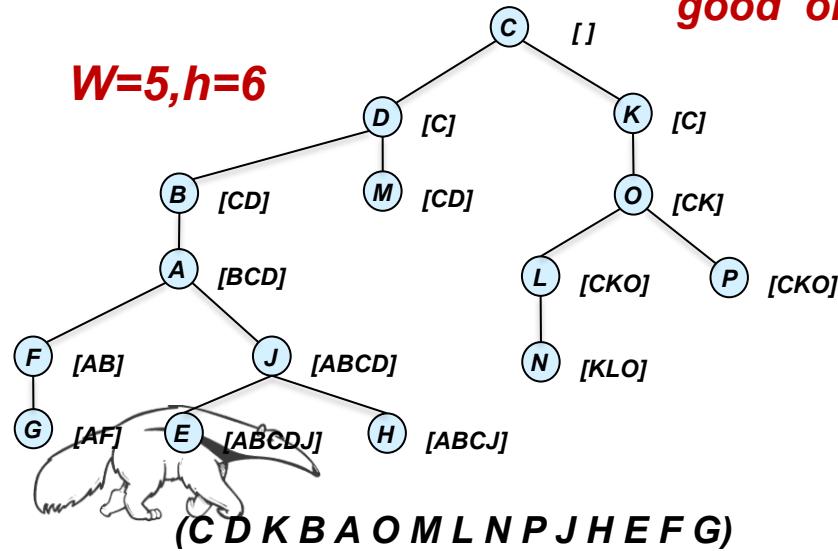
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Backtrack-free graph

Variable Elimination

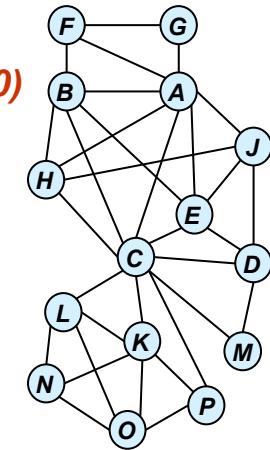
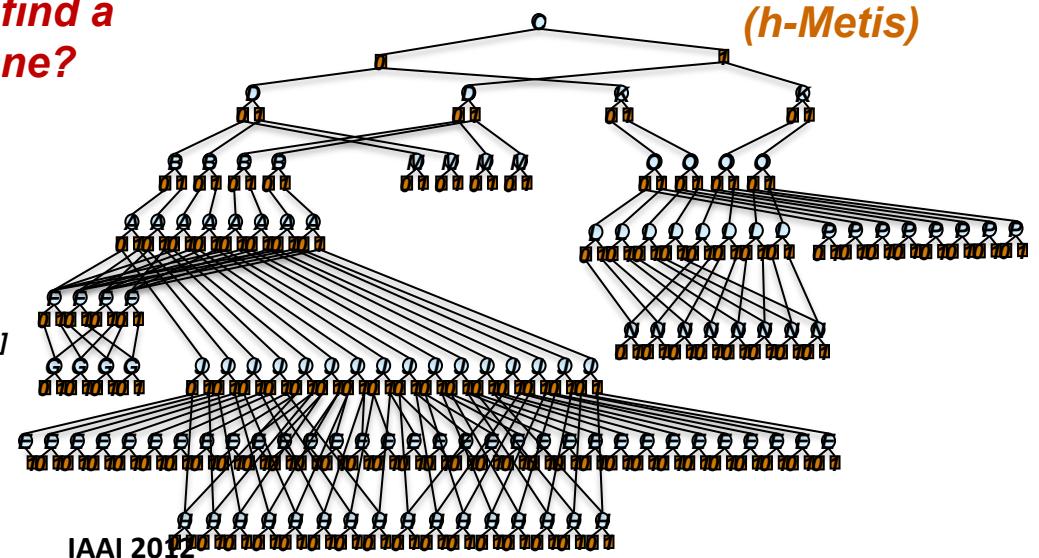
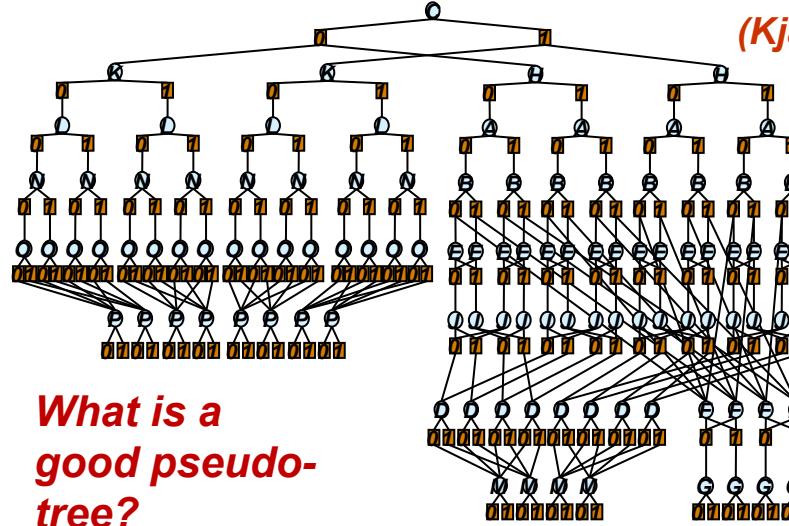
The impact of the pseudo-tree



$W=5, h=6$



*What is a
good pseudo-
tree?
How to find a
good one?*



Outline

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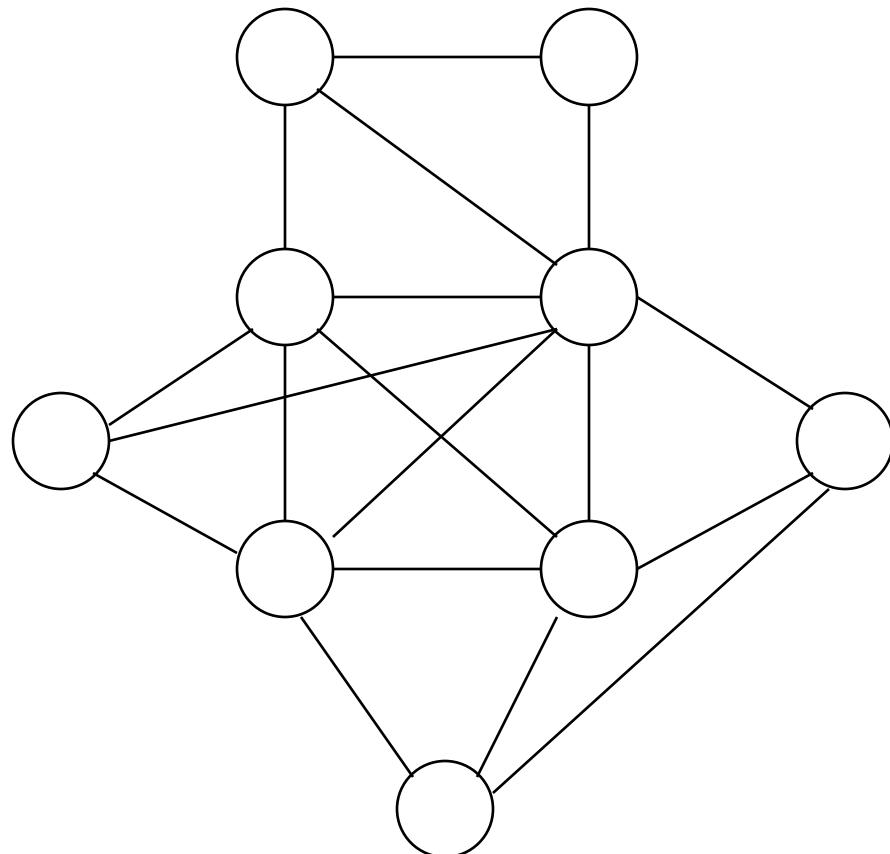


Outline

- Graphical models: reasoning principles
- Inference
- Search; via AND/OR Search
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 - Adaptive AND/OR search
 - Cycle-cutset + elimination
 - Interleaving elimination and conditioning
- Experiments



Interleaving Cond and Elim

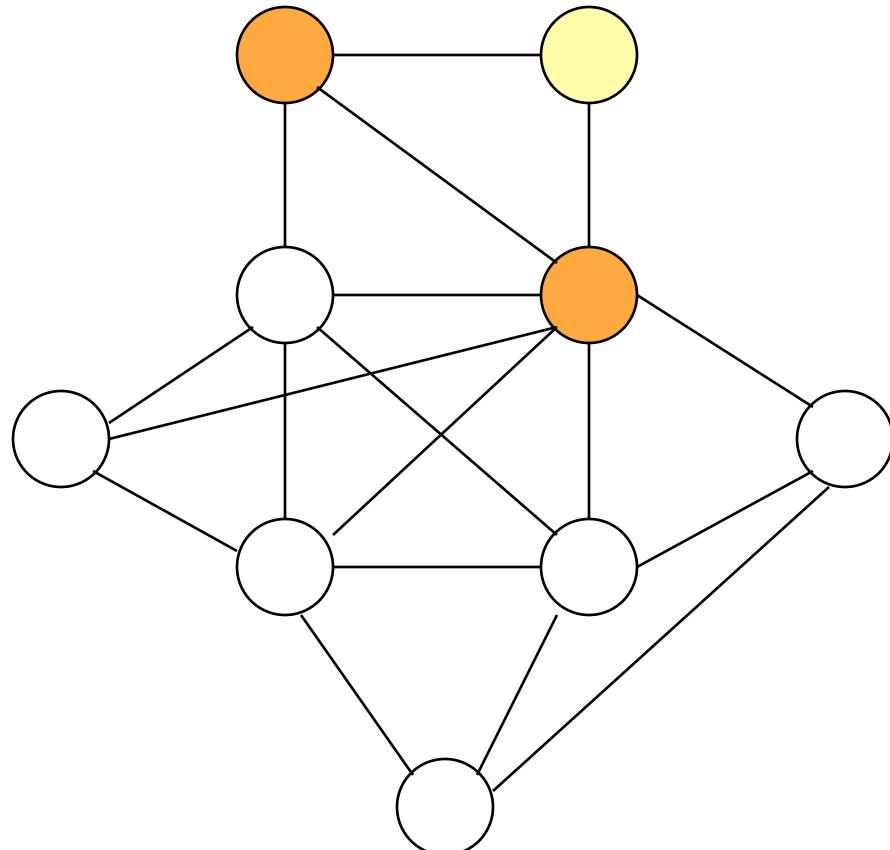


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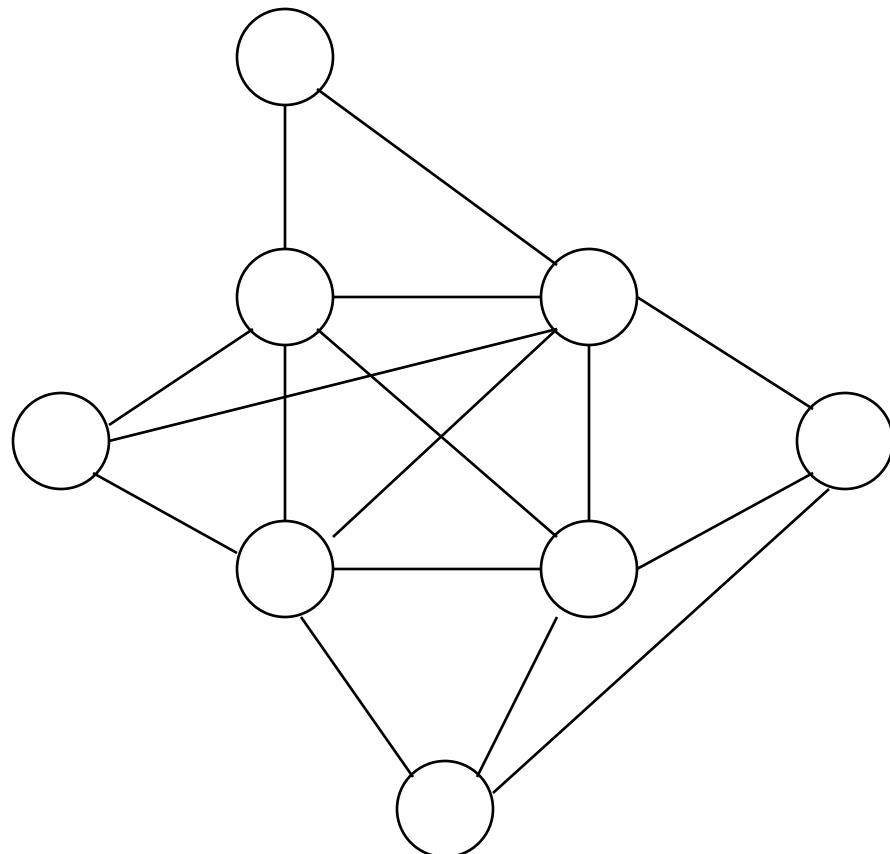


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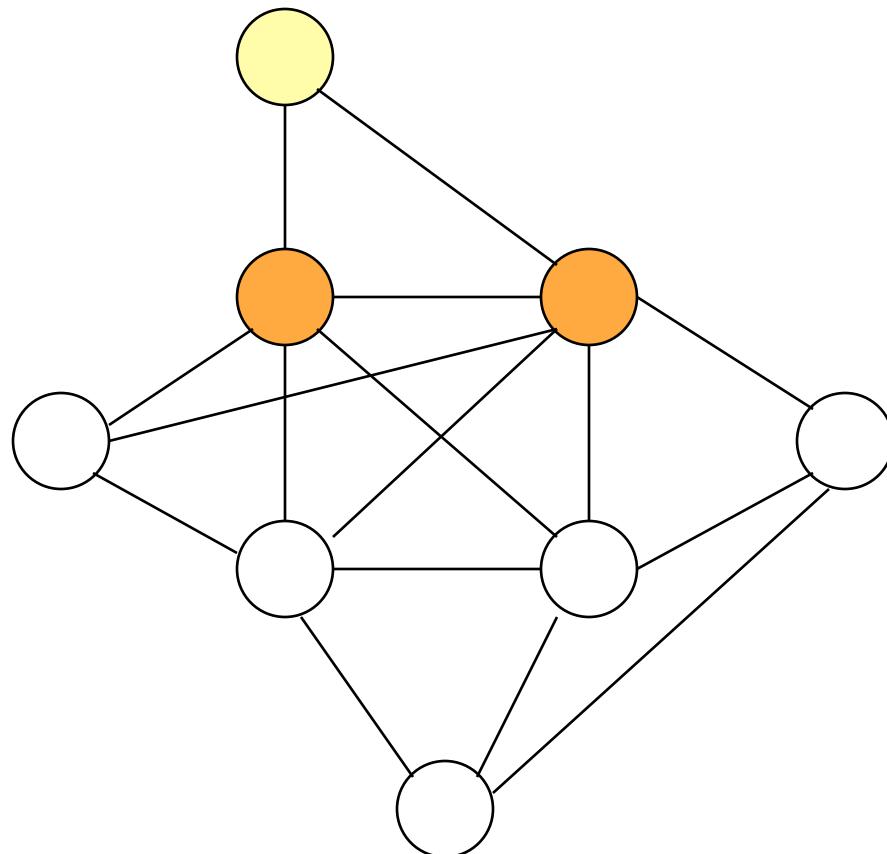


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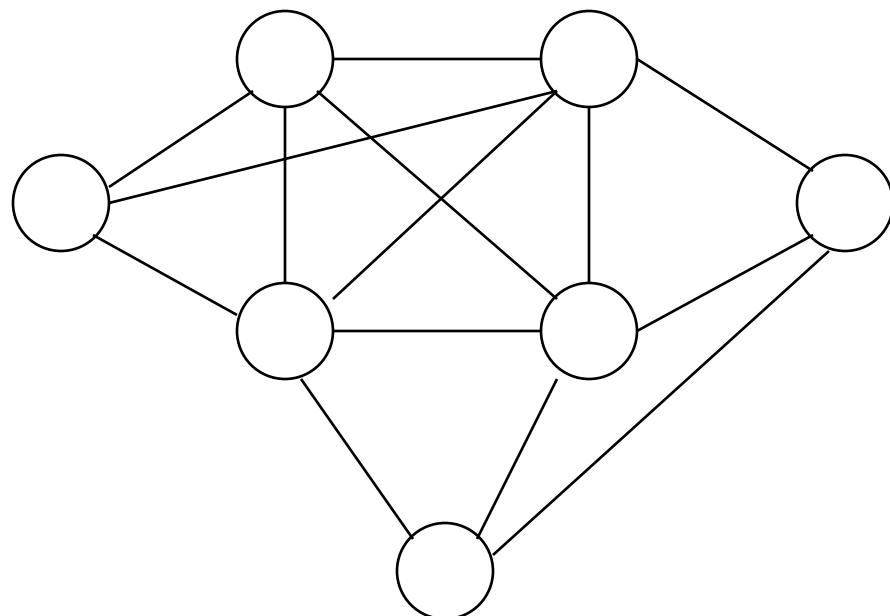


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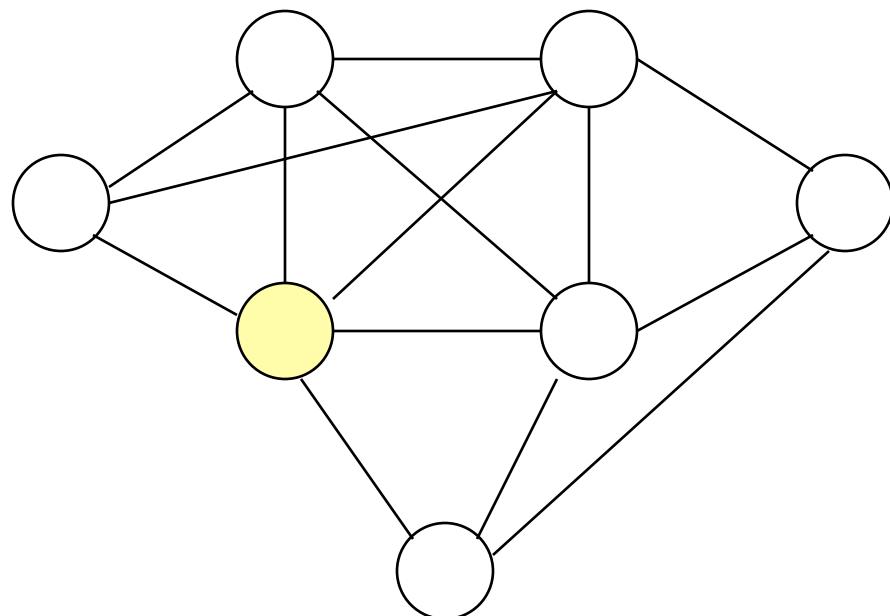


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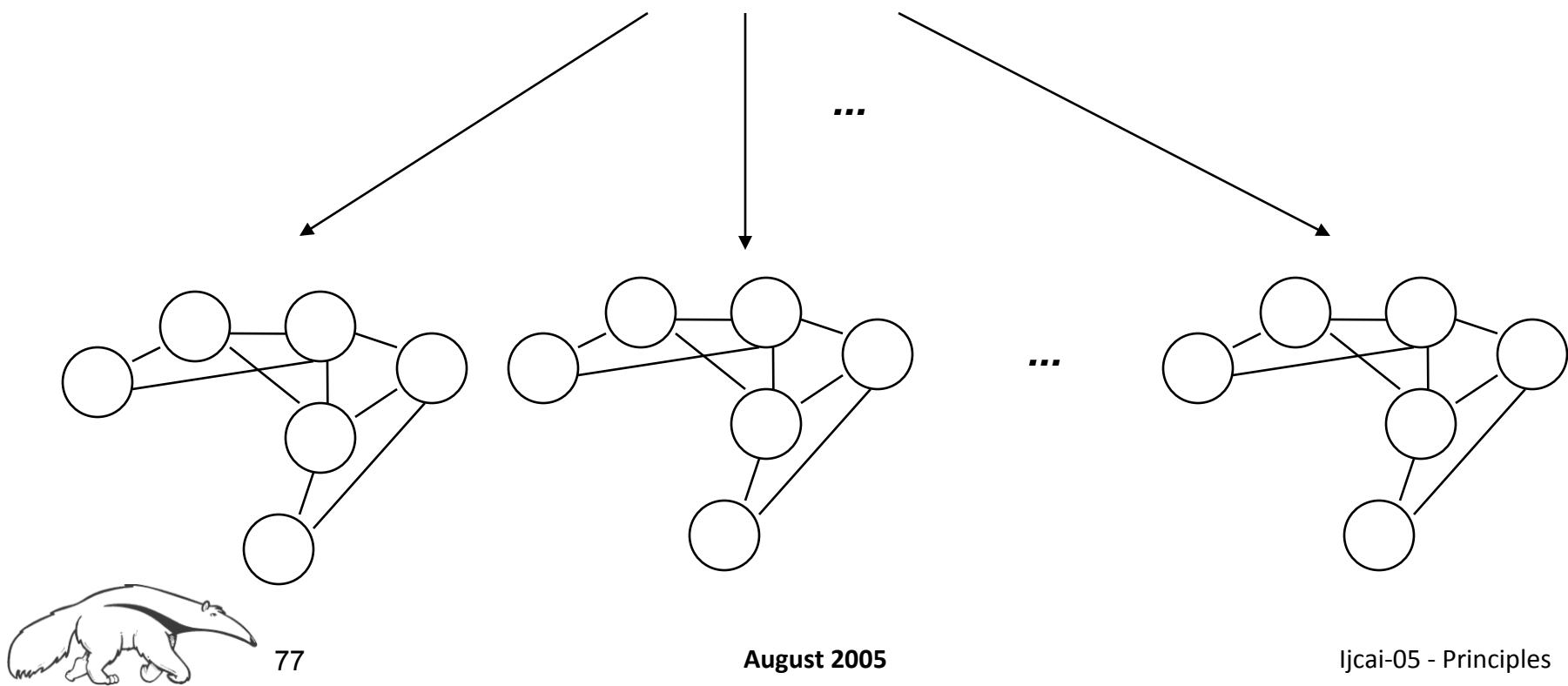


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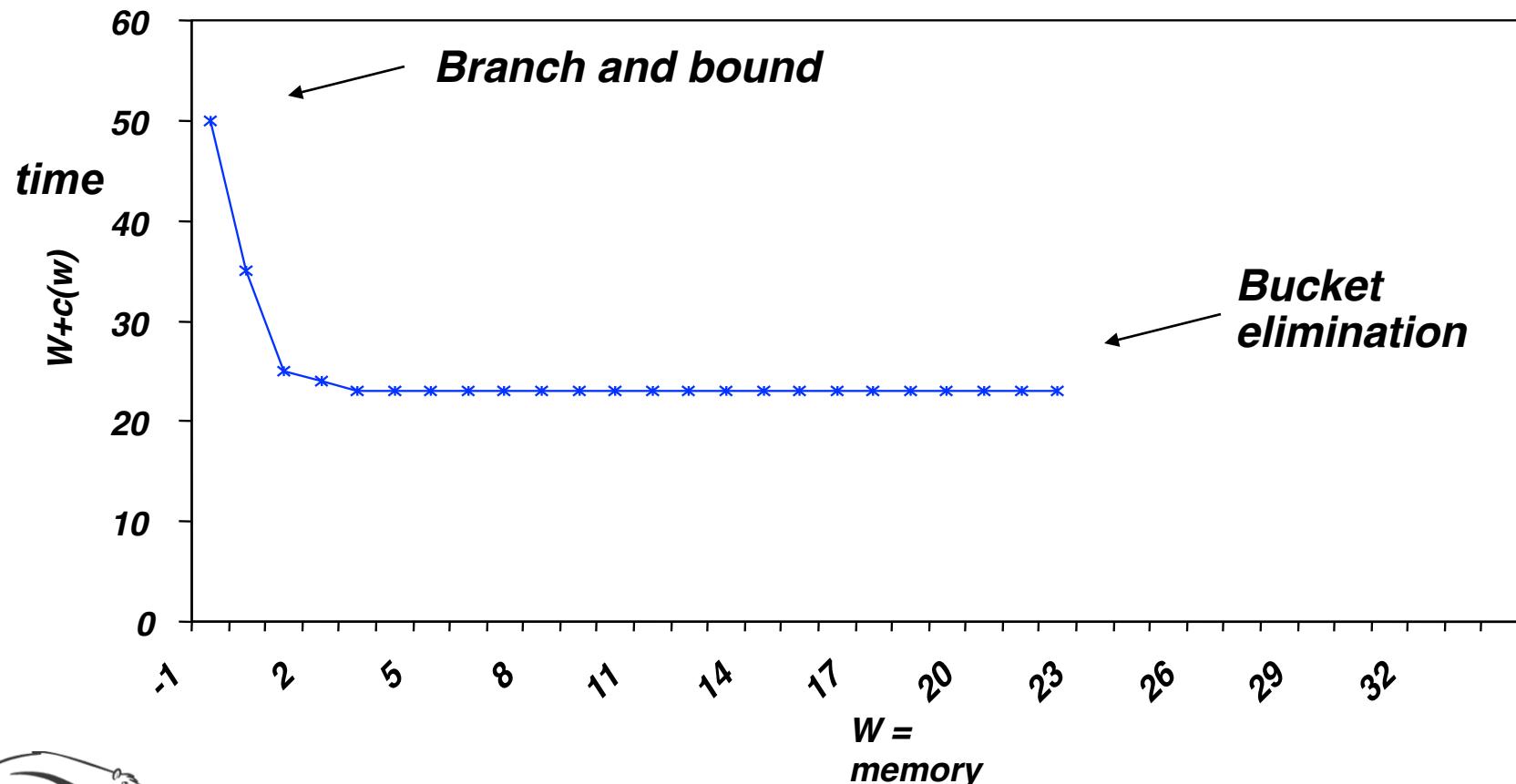
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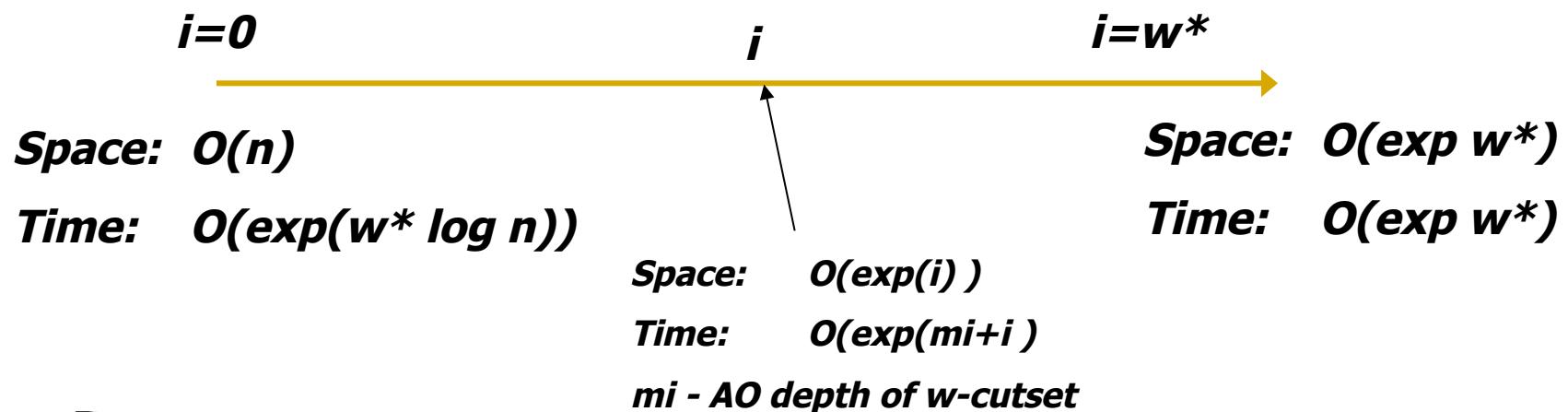
Time vs space

- **Random Graphs (50 nodes, 200 edges, average degree 8, $w^* \approx 23$)**



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Outline

- Graphical models: the primary reasoning principles
- Inference
- AND/OR Search Trees and Graphs
- Lower Bounding heuristics for search
- AND/OR Branch-and-Bound Search
- Experiments and competitions



UAI 2010 evaluation, 2008, 2006

We are first in Pascal 2012, so far...
Please join

- UAI-2010 (first on pr and MAR, 3rd on mpe)
- UAI-2006, 2008, Competitions
 - PE, MAR, MPE tasks
- CP-2006 Competition
 - WCSP task
- Daoopt: UCI Irvine

Summary: "daoopt" and "daoopt.anytime" are based on AND/OR branch and bound graph search, with mini bucket heuristics and LDS (Limited Discrepancy Search) initialization.
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Software

- AND/OR search algorithms
- Bucket-tree elimination
- Generalized belief propagation
- Samplesearch sampling

are available at:

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Thank you!

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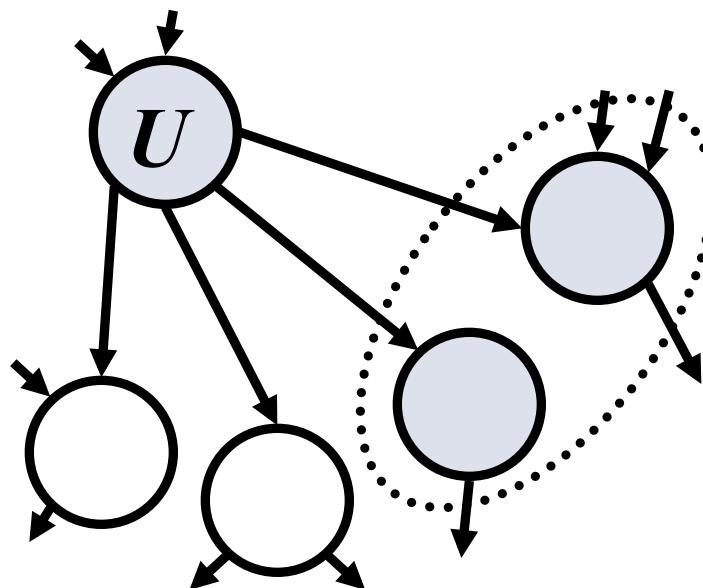
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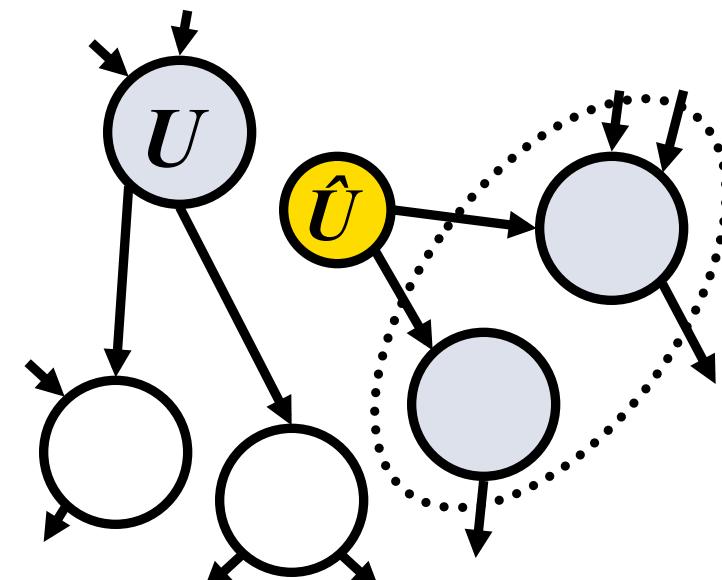
Semantics of Mini-Bucket: Splitting a Node

Variables in different buckets are renamed and duplicated
(Kask et. al., 2001), (Geffner et. al., 2007), (Choi, Chavira, Darwiche , 2007)

*Before Splitting:
Network N*



*After Splitting:
Network N'*



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- Toulbar2: INRA

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Summary: Toulbar2 is an open source exact anytime Weighted CSP solver using Branch and Bound and soft local consistency

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