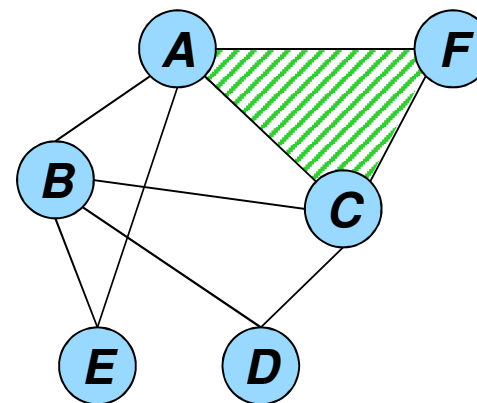


Inference and Search for Graphical Models

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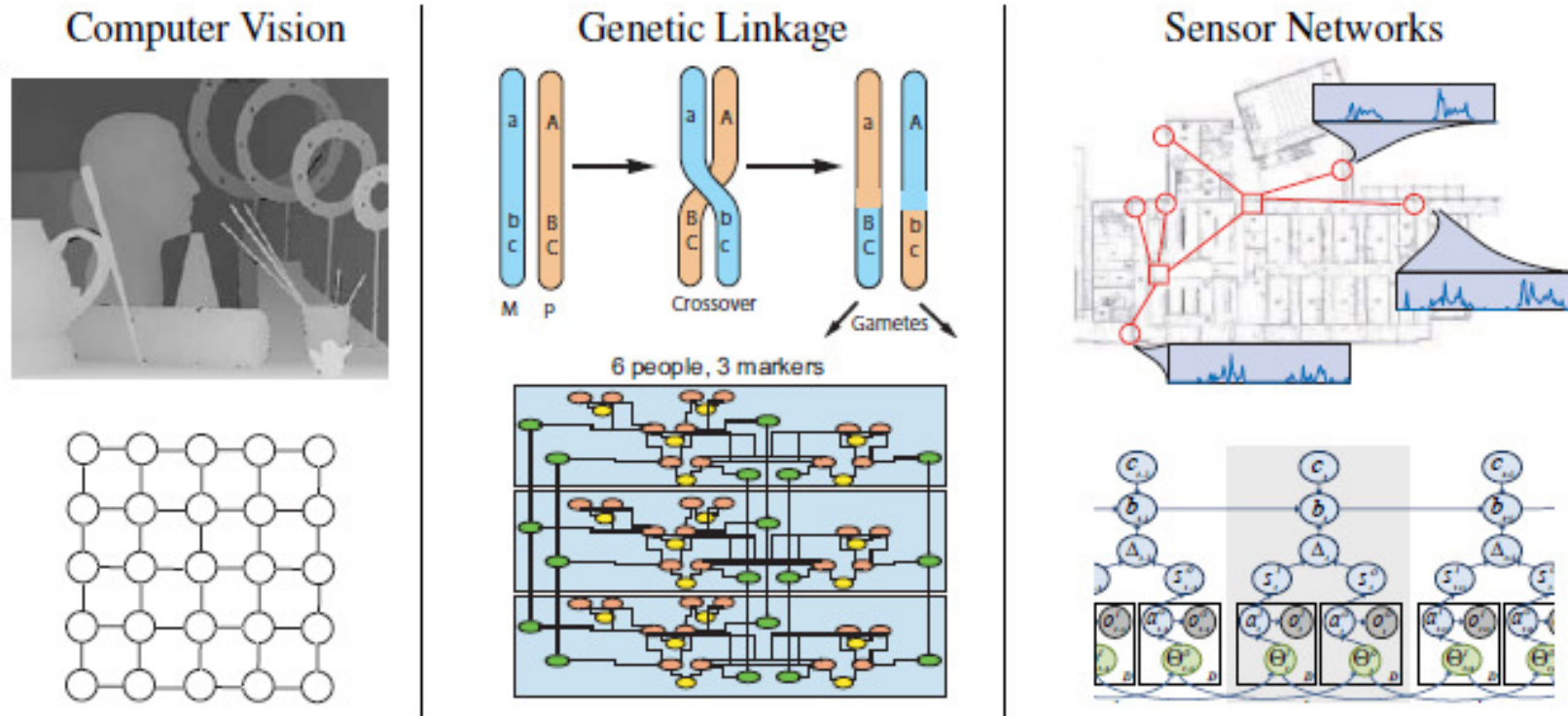


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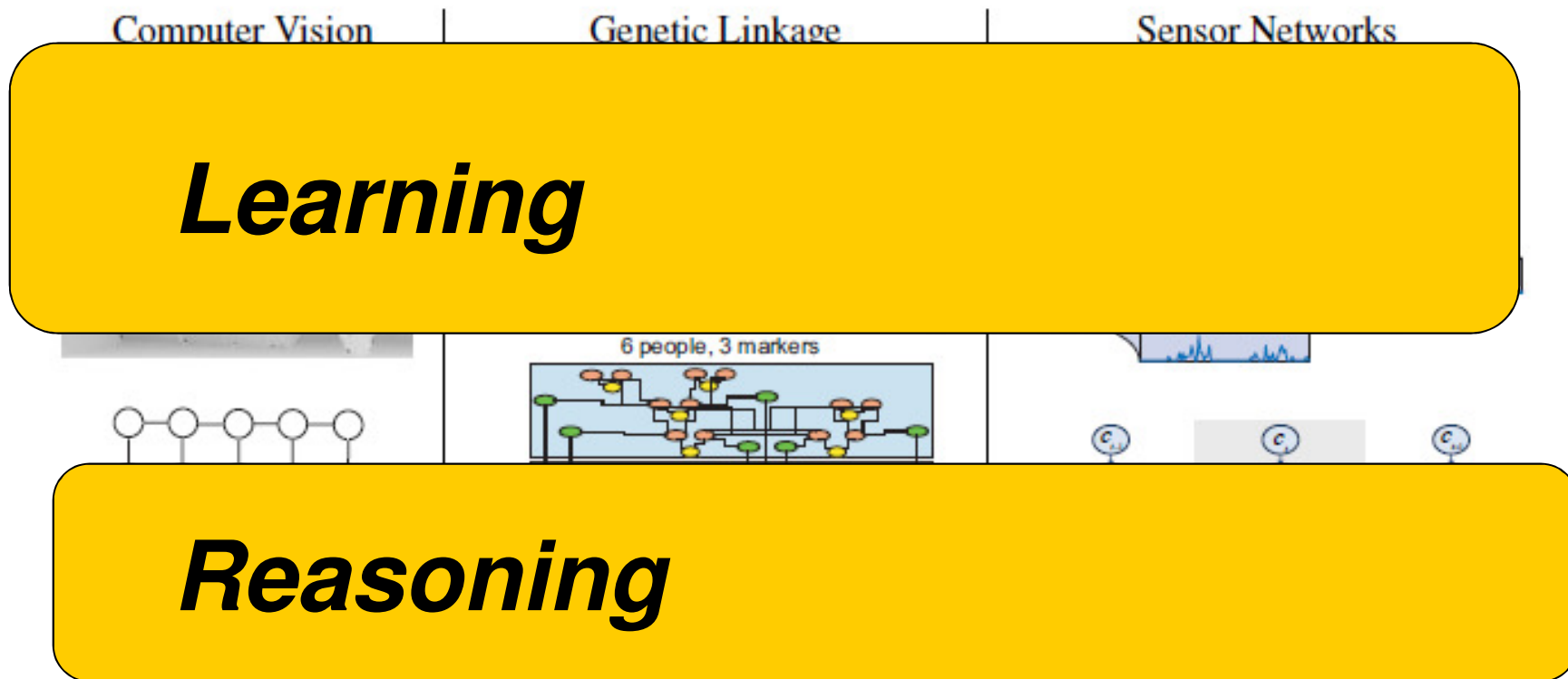
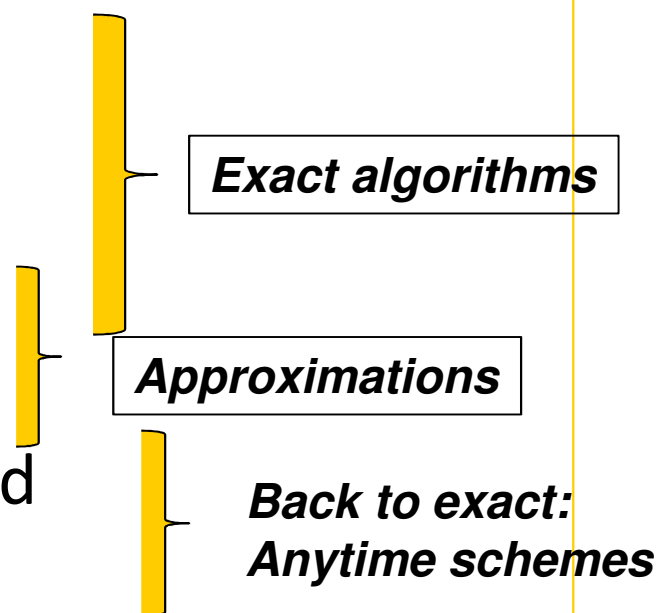


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Constraint Networks

Map coloring

Variables: countries (A B C etc.)

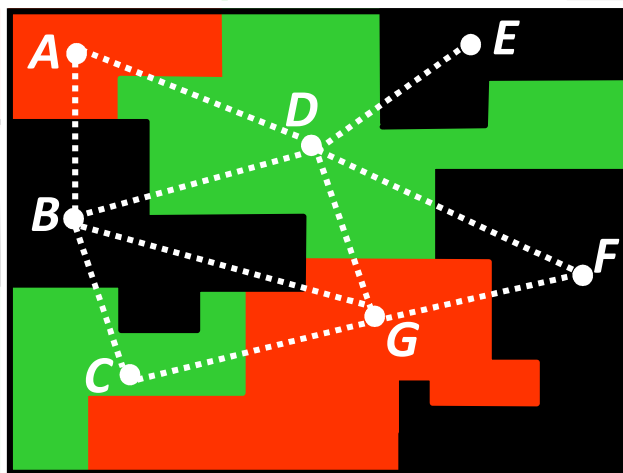
Values: colors (red green blue)

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

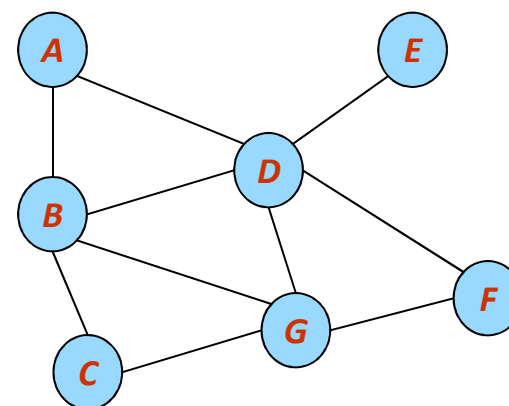
Combination = join

Marginalization = projection

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

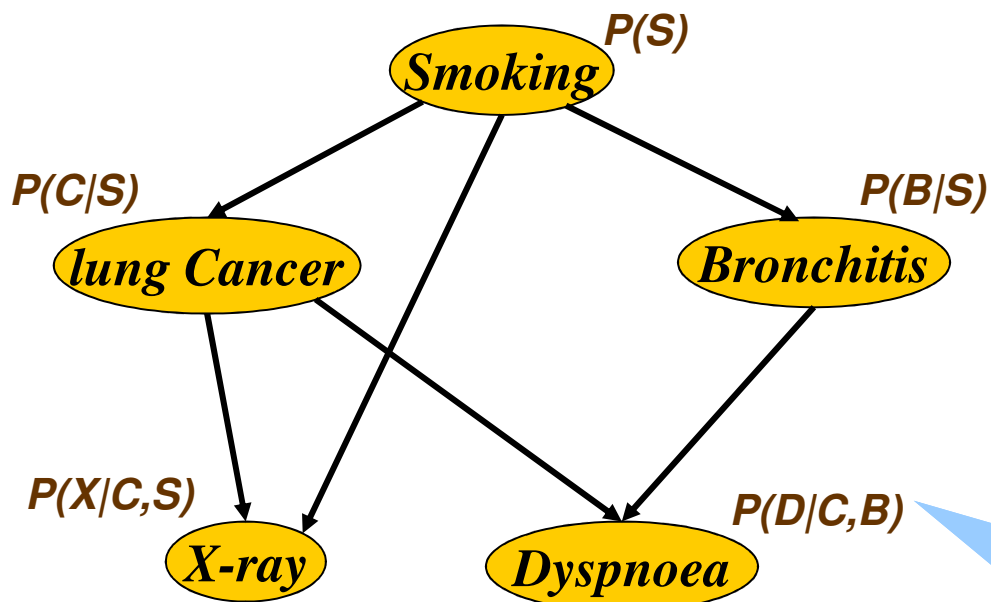


Constraint graph



Queries: Find one solution, all solutions, counting

Bayesian Networks (Pearl 1988)



BN = (G, Θ)

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

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

$$P(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_i p(x_i | pa(x_i))$$

$$P(e) = \sum_{X-E} \prod_i p(x_i | pa(x_i))$$

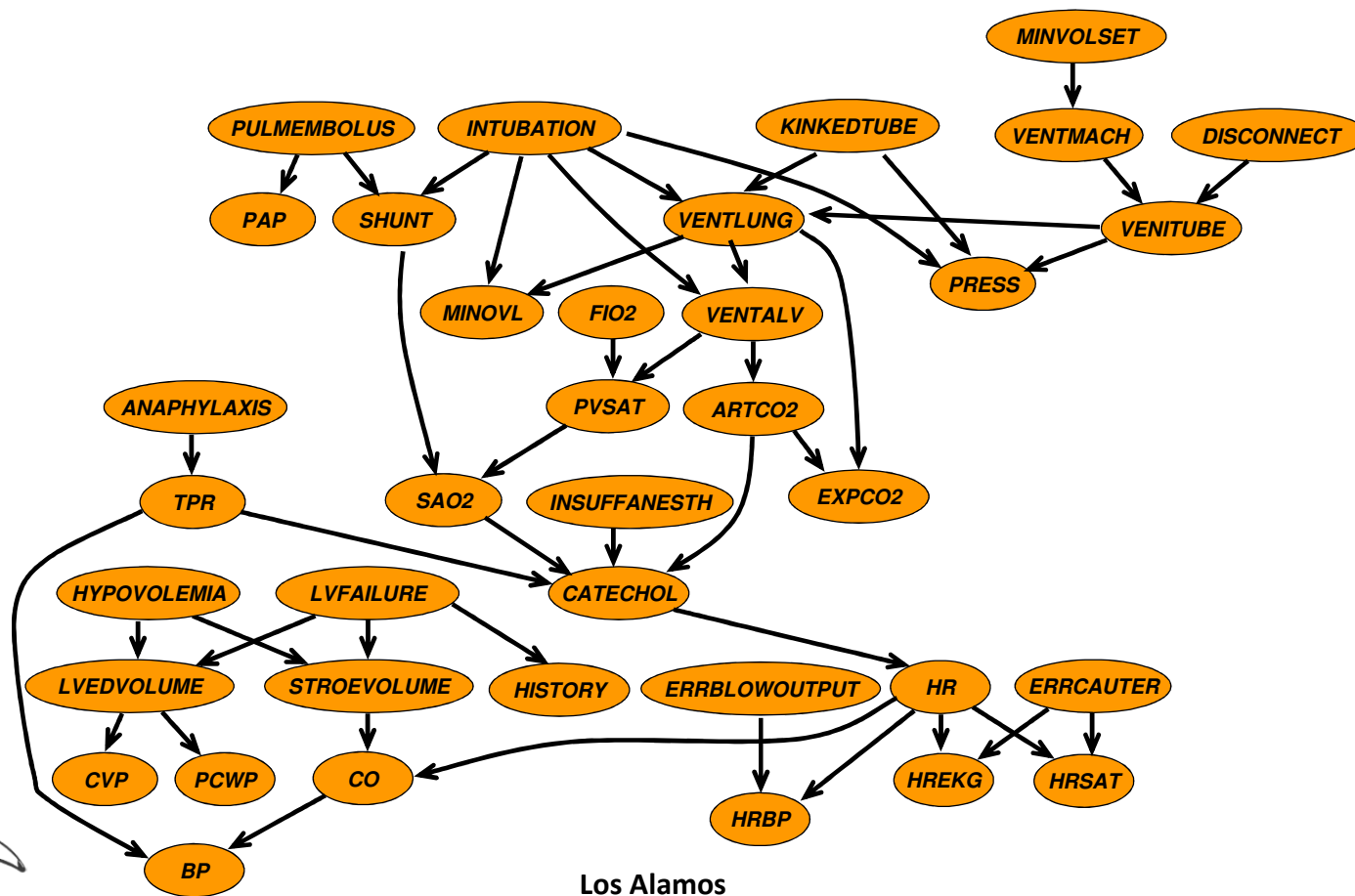
Combination: Product
Marginalization: sum/max

$$mpe = \max_x \prod_i p(x_i | pa(x_i))$$



Monitoring Intensive-Care Patients

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



Constraint Optimization Problems for Graphical Models

A *finite COP* is a triple $R = \langle X, D, F \rangle$ where:

$X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ - variables

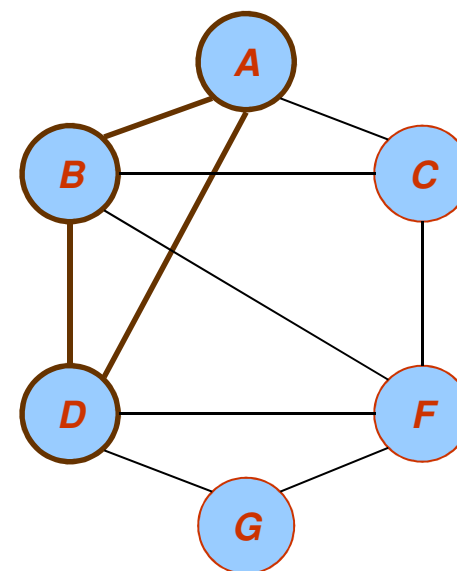
$D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$ - domains

$F = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ - cost functions

$f(A,B,D)$ has scope $\{A,B,D\}$

A	B	D	Cost
1	2	3	3
1	3	2	2
2	1	3	∞
2	3	1	0
3	1	2	5
3	2	1	0

Primal graph =
Variables --> nodes
Functions, Constraints -> arcs



$$F(a,b,c,d,f,g) = f_1(a,b,d) + f_2(d,f,g) + f_3(b,c,f)$$

Global Cost Function

$$F(X) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(X)$$

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Graphical Models

- A graphical model $M = (X, D, F, \otimes)$
 - $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ variables
 - $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$ domains
 - $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_t\}$ functions over $\{S_1, \dots, S_t\}$
 - Global function \otimes **Combine**

$$F(x) = \otimes_f f(x_f)$$

$$G(y) = \Downarrow_{x-y} F(x)$$

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

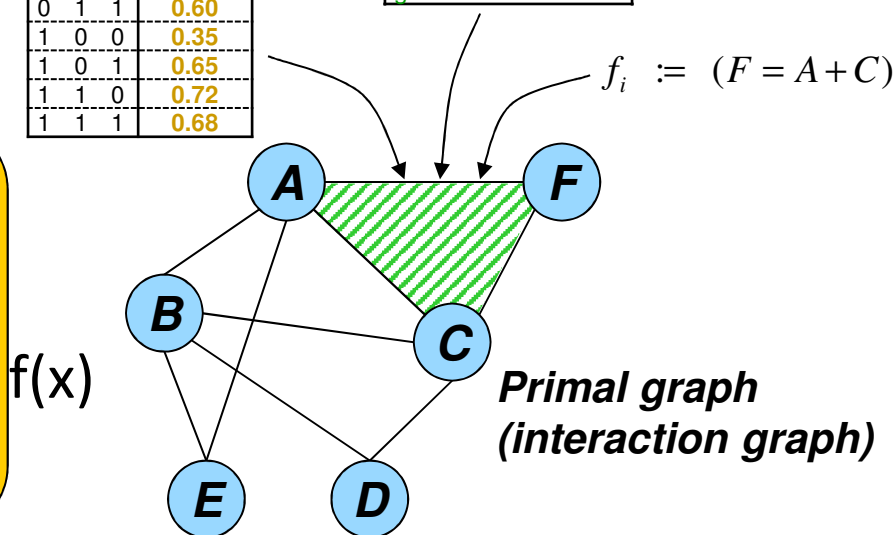


Conditional Probability Table (CPT)

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



**When combine and marginalize obey
Some properties they can be solved
By the same algorithms**

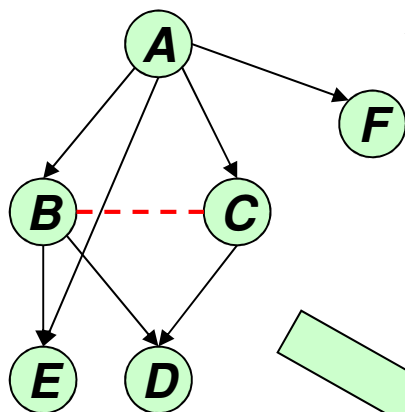
(Bistarelli, Rossi and Montanari, 1995, Shenoy, Shafer, 1990, Kaskett. Al., 2005 et. Al.)

Mixed Networks

(Mateescu and Dechter, 2004)

Examples: NLP, Linkage, Software verification, probabilistic languages

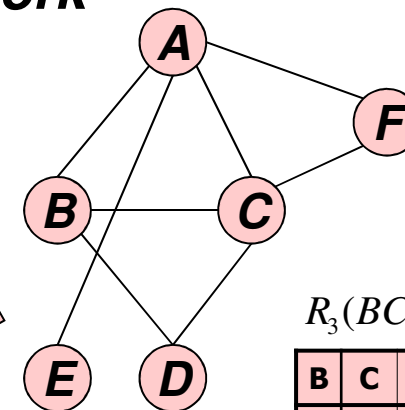
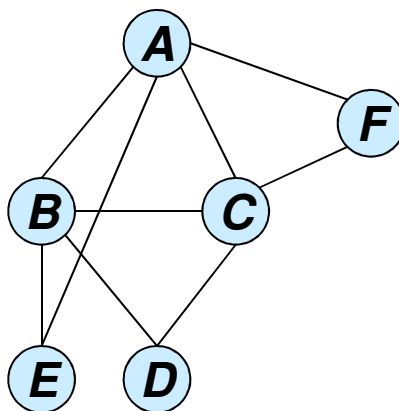
Belief Network Constraint Network



$P(D|B,C)$

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

Moral mixed graph



$R_3(BCD)$

B	C	D
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	0

Complex cnf queries:
 $P((A \text{ or } B) \text{ and } (\sim CVD))$

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



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Reasoning Queries:

Satisfaction

Optimization

Counting

Hybrids: optimization-counting

Hybrid: Minimize expected utility

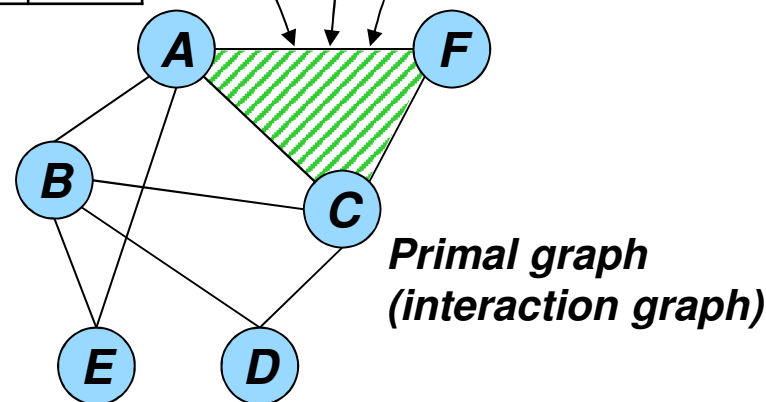
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$$f_i := (F = A + C)$$



All these tasks are NP-hard

- **exploit problem structure**
- **identify special cases**
- **approximate**

Reasoning Algorithms

■ By Inference (thinking)

- Transform into a single, equivalent (tree) of sub-problems
- Atomic operation: inference
 - $f_1(X) \otimes f_2(Y) \longrightarrow f_3(X,Y)$

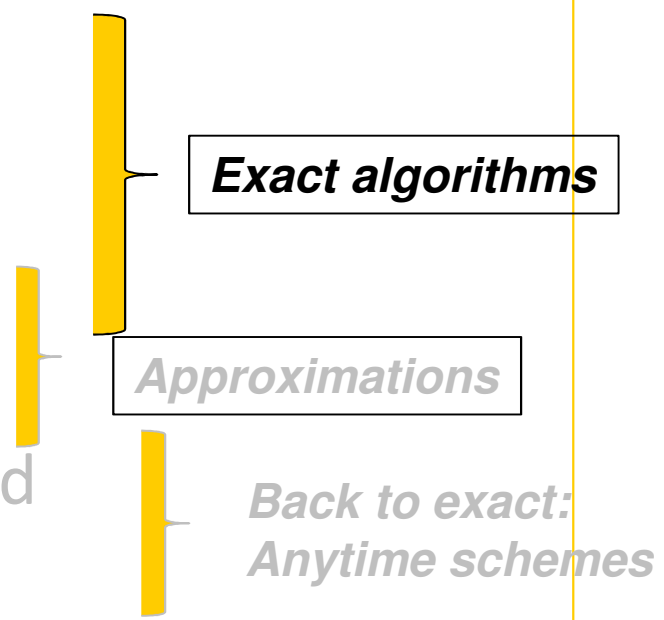
■ By Conditioning (guessing)

- Transform into many (tree-like) sub-problems.
- Atomic operation: assign a value $f_1(X=5)$

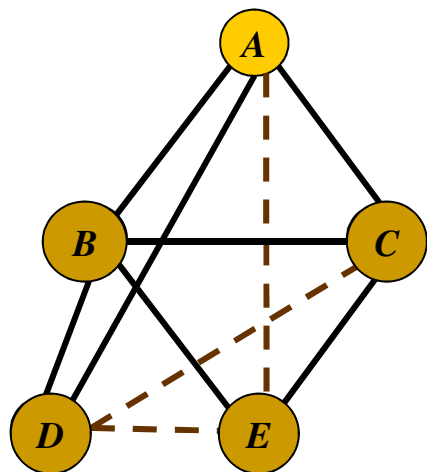


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Query 1: Belief updating: $P(X|\text{evidence})=?$



"Moral" graph

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

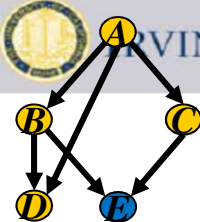
$$\sum_{e=0, d, c, b} P(a) \underbrace{P(b|a)} P(c|a) \underbrace{P(d|b, a) P(e|b, c)}$$

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

Variable Elimination

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





Bucket elimination Algorithm *BE-bel* (Dechter 1996)

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

$\sum_b \Pi$ ← Elimination operator

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

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

bucket D: $\lambda^C(a, d, e)$

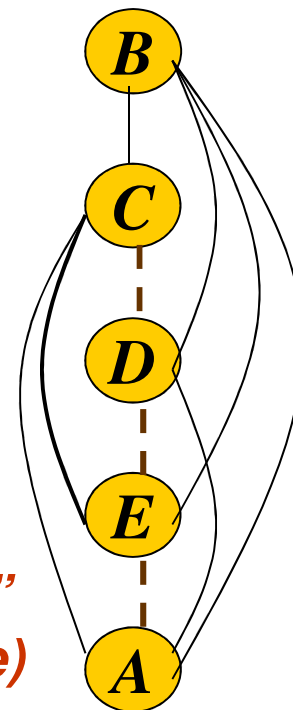
bucket E: $e=0 \quad \lambda^D(a, e)$

bucket A: $P(a) \quad \lambda^E(a)$

$P(e=0)$

$P(a|e=0)$

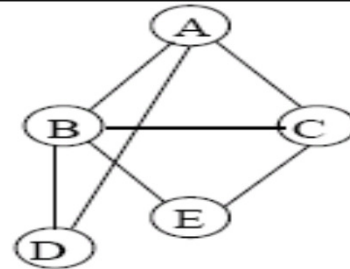
$W^*=4$
"induced width"
(max clique size)



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

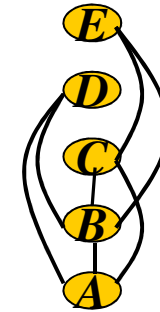


Bucket Elimination and Induced Width



Ordering: a, b, c, d, e

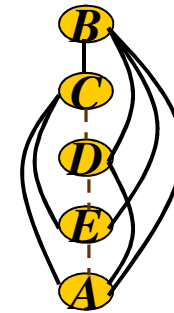
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{bucket}(E) &= P(e|b, c), e = 0 \\
 \text{bucket}(D) &= P(d|a, b) \\
 \text{bucket}(C) &= P(c|a) \quad || \quad P(e = 0|b, c) \\
 \text{bucket}(B) &= P(b|a) \quad || \quad \lambda_D(a, b), \lambda_C(b, c) \\
 \text{bucket}(A) &= P(a) \quad || \quad \lambda_B(a)
 \end{aligned}$$



$W^*=2$

Ordering: a, e, d, c, b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{bucket}(B) &= P(e|b, c), P(d|a, b), P(b|a) \\
 \text{bucket}(C) &= P(c|a) \quad || \quad \lambda_B(a, c, d, e) \\
 \text{bucket}(D) &= \quad || \quad \lambda_C(a, d, e) \\
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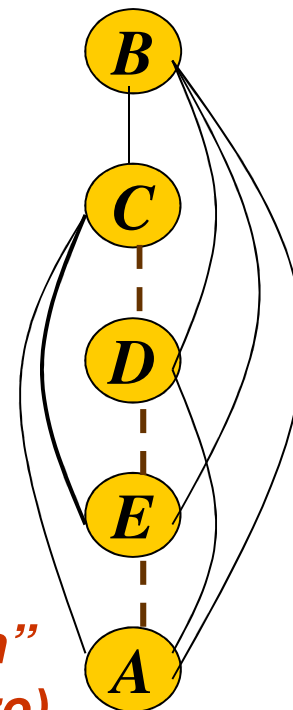
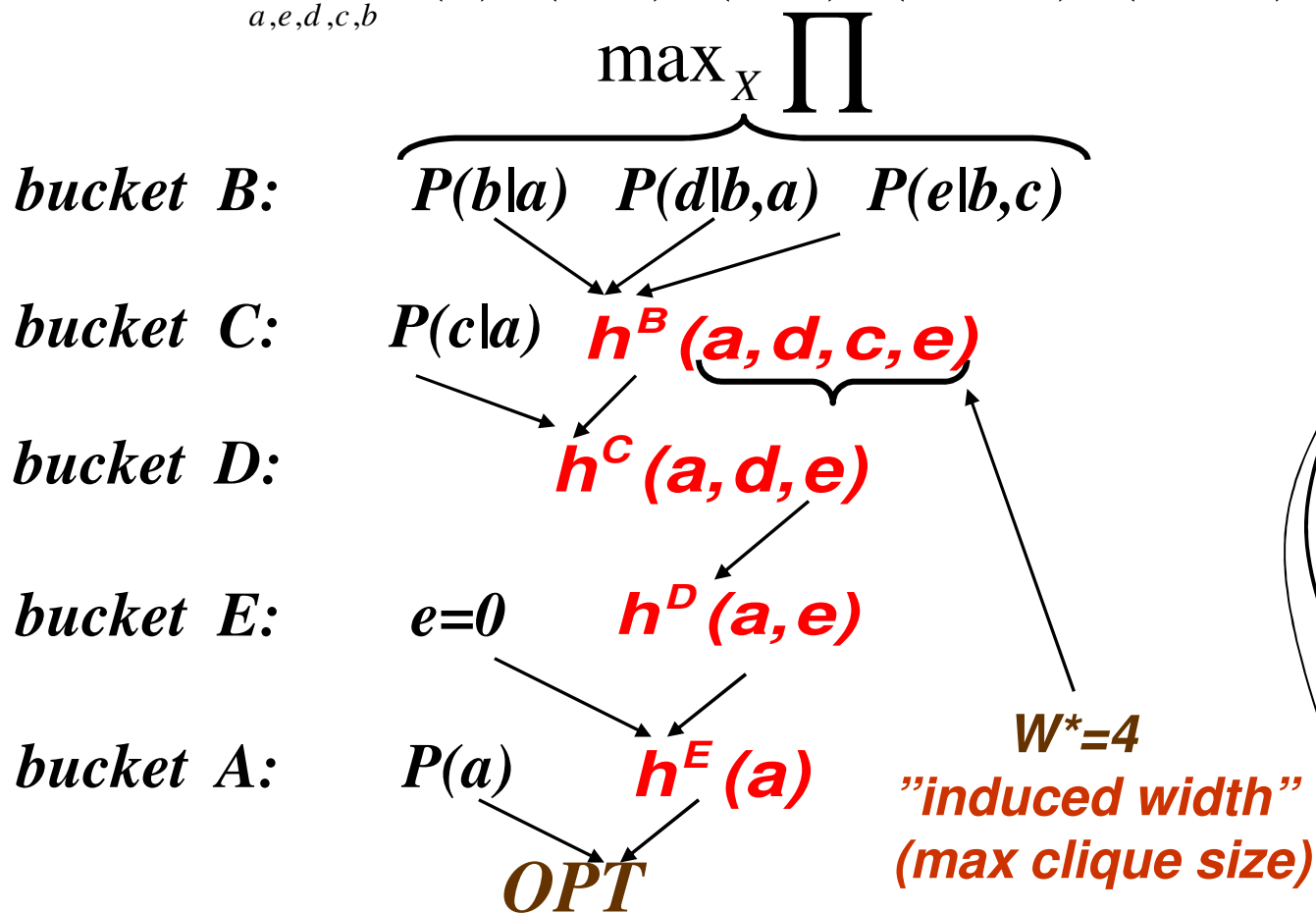


$W^*=4$

Query 2: Finding MPE by Bucket Elimination

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

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



Generating the MPE-tuple

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

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

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

2. $e' = 0$

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

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

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

$D: h^C(a, d, e)$

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

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

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



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↑ B: $P(b|a)$ $P(d|b,a)$ $P(e|b,c)$

Time and space exponential in the induced-width / treewidth

$$O(nk^{w^*+1})$$

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

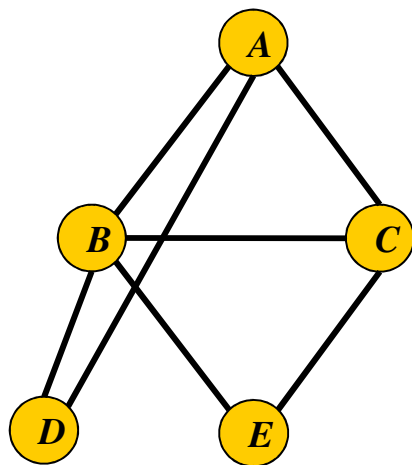
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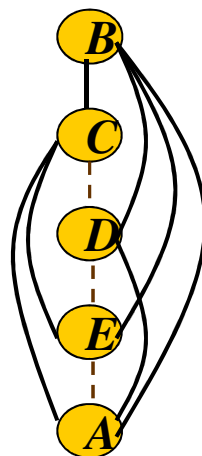
The Induced-width/treewidth

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

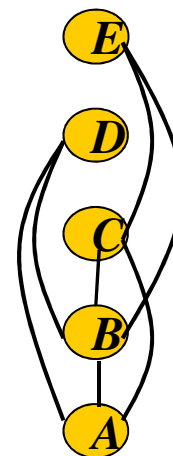
The effect of the ordering:



“Moral” graph



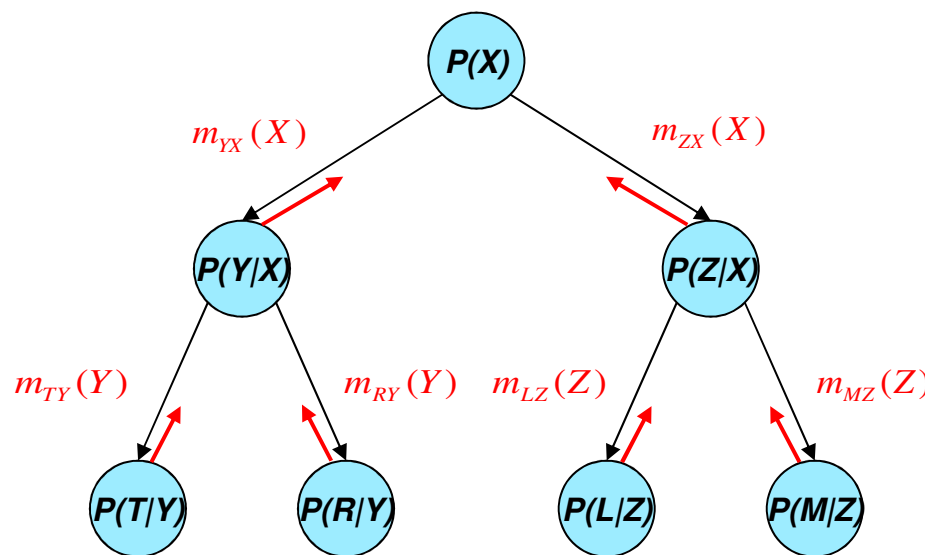
$$w^*(d_1) = 4$$



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

Complexity of Bucket-elimination

- Theorem: Bucket-elimination is $O(r \bullet k^{w^*+1})$ time and $O(nk^{w^*})$ space.
- When $w=1$ then $w^*=1 \rightarrow$ trees
- When we have a tree of functions $w=w^*$.

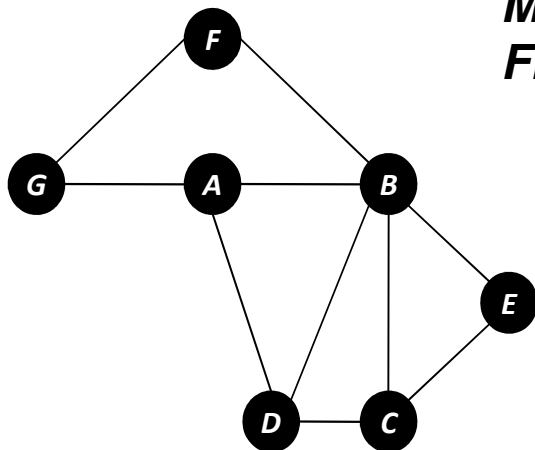


bucket-elimination
Sends messages
From leaves to root

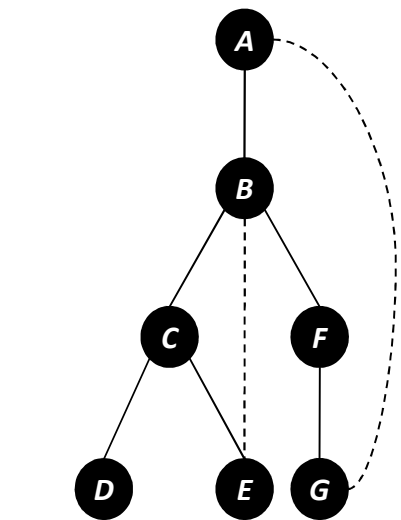


Bucket-Tree Elimination

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

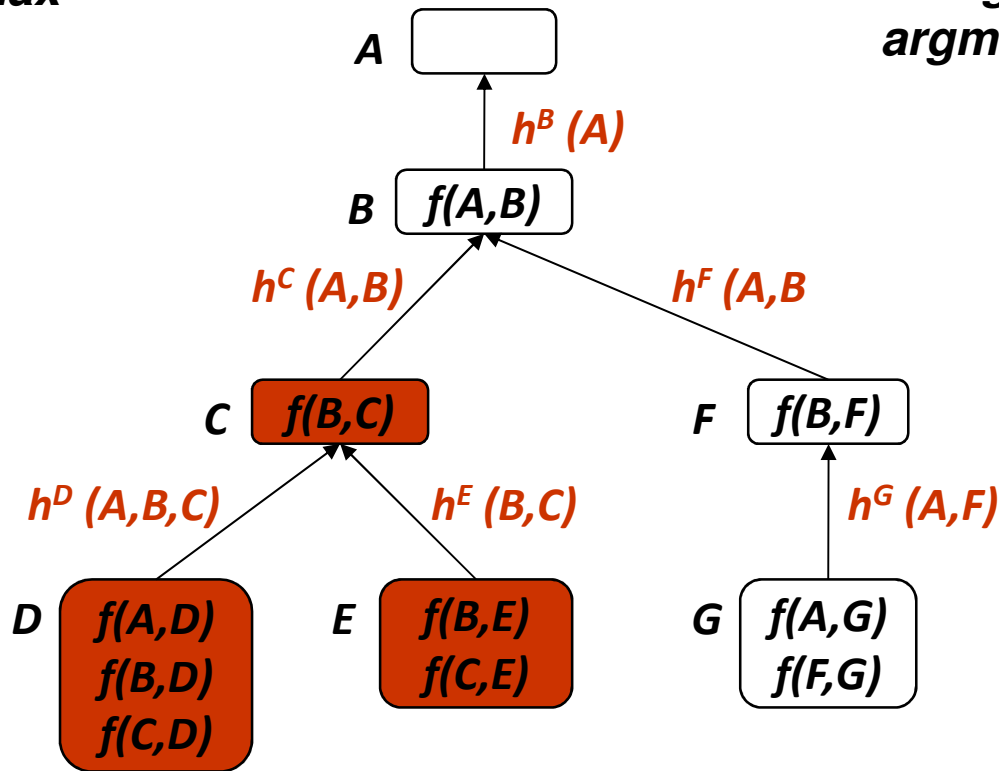


Messages
Finding max

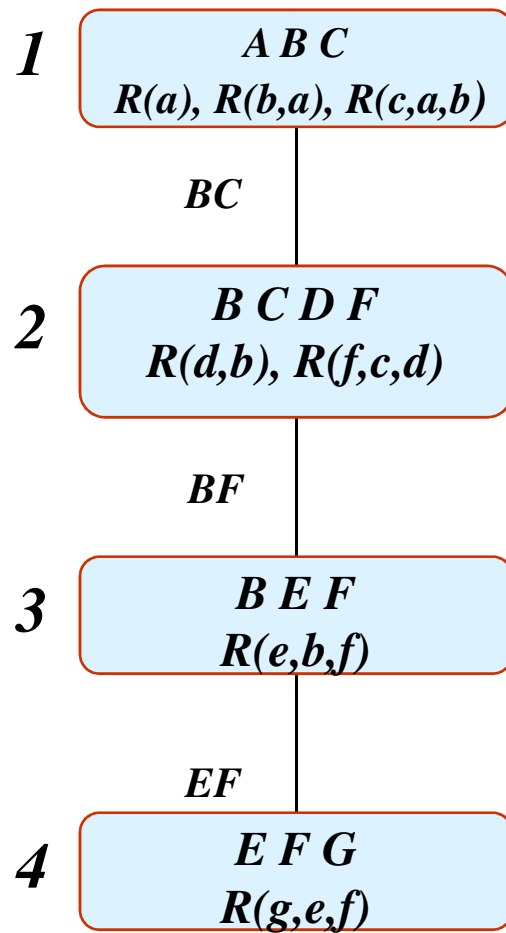
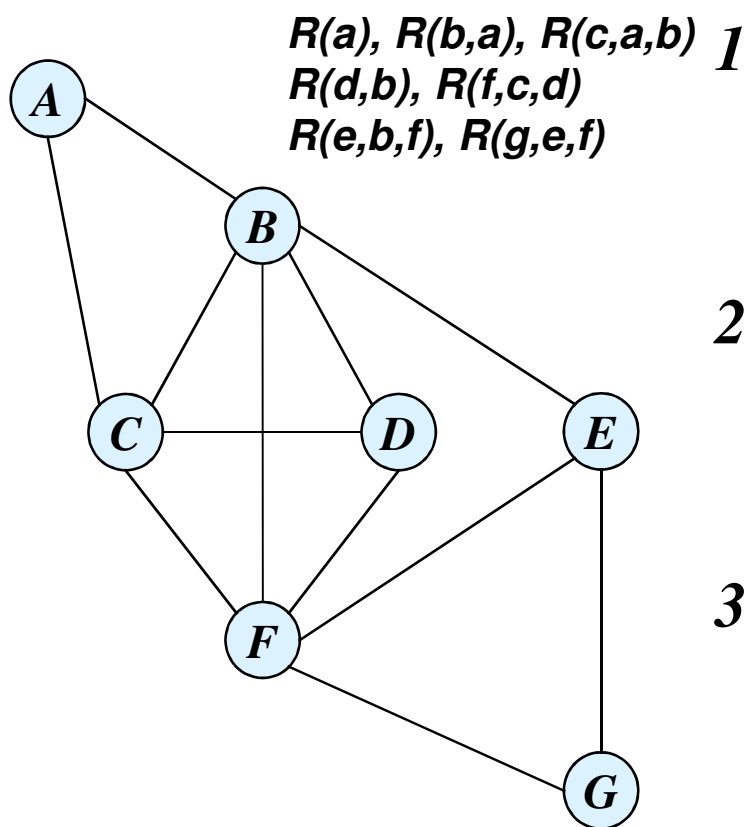


Ordering: (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)

Assignment
argmax



Tree Decomposition



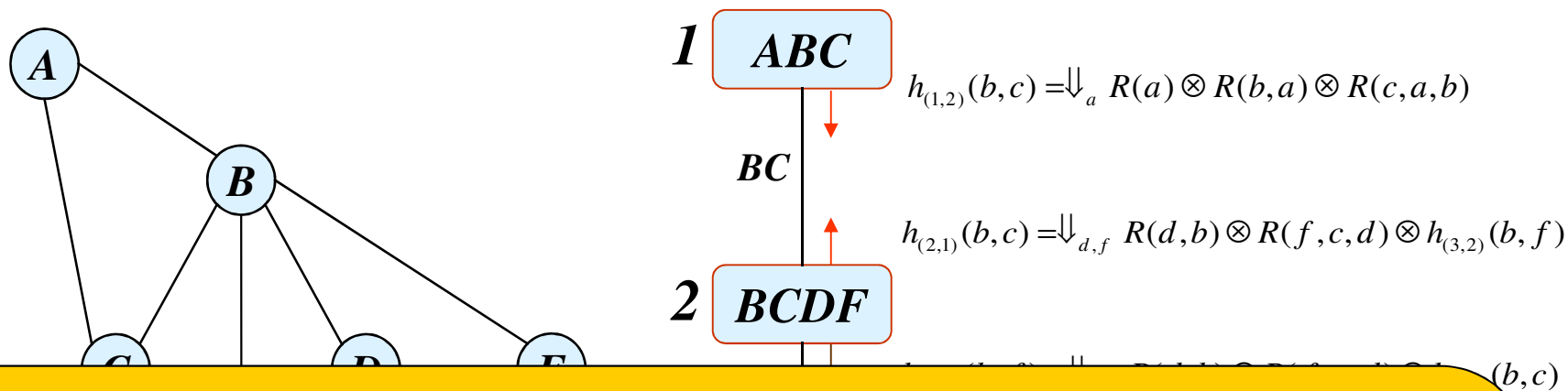
- Each function in a cluster

- Satisfy running intersection property

- Then infer a function in a cluster and send to neighbors



Junction-tree Clustering

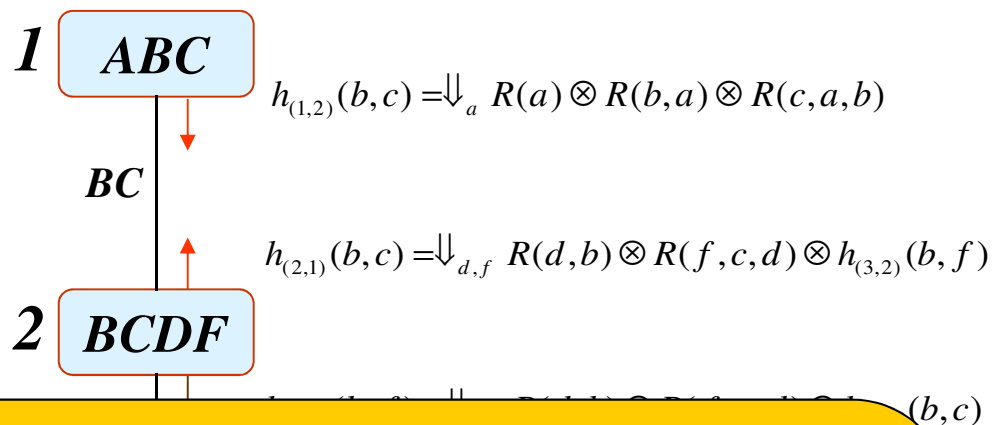


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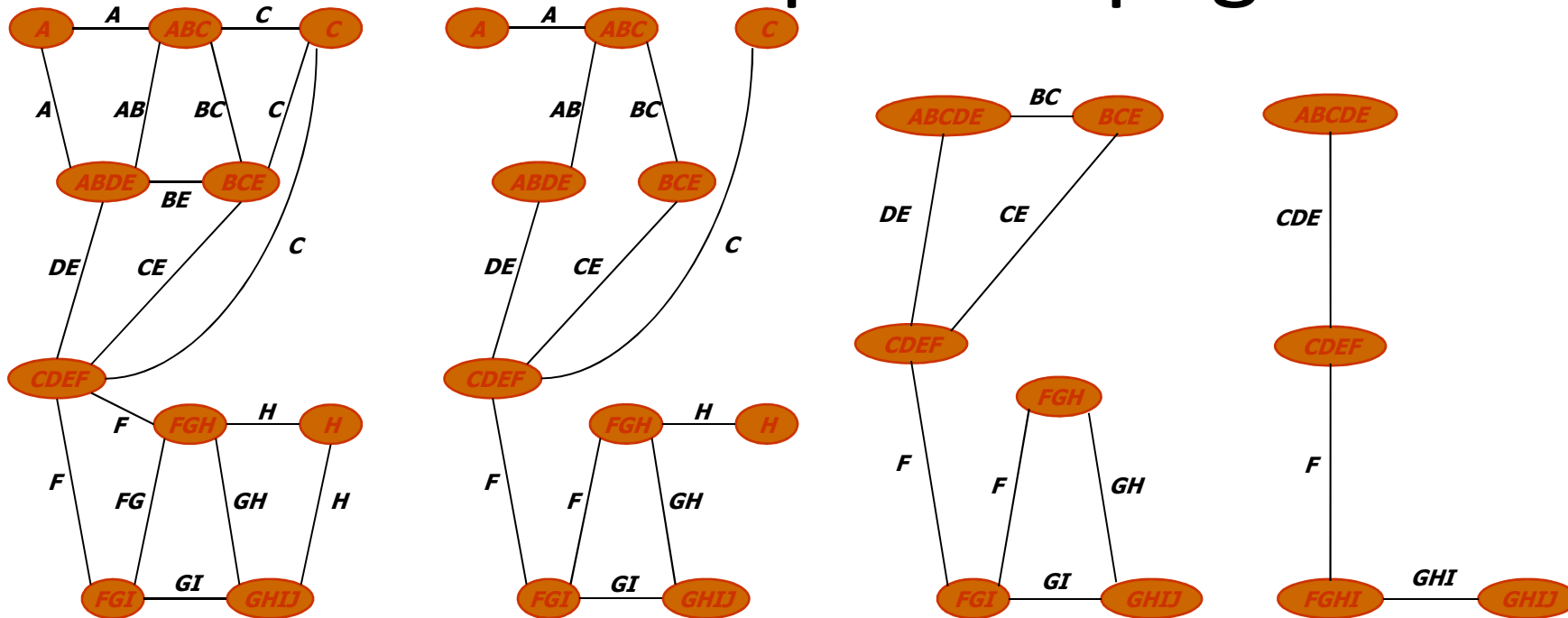
*Each cluster is perfectly explicit.
Inference re-parameterizes the graphical model*



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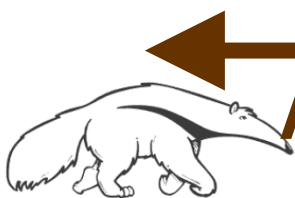
Iterative Join-Graphs Propagation



more accuracy



less complexity



(Kask, Mateescu, Gogate, Dechter, 2002, 2009)

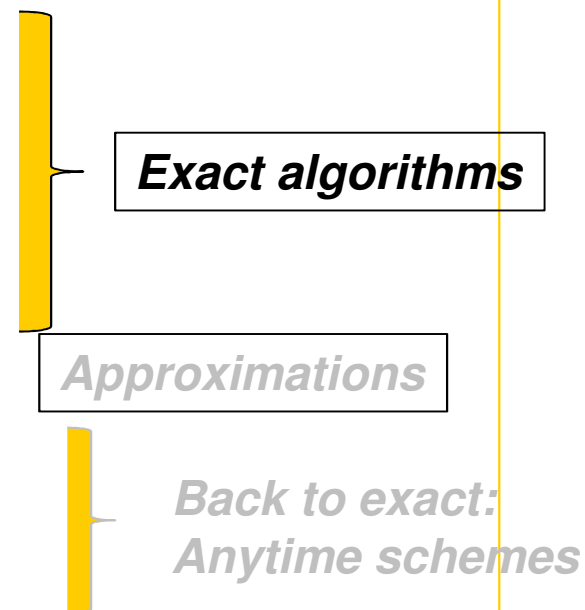
Summary of Inference

- Inference is time and space exponential in $w^*(d)$
- Finding the best ordering is NP-complete but good orderings can be achieved
- Inference is a **compilation** scheme; a re-parameterization scheme: each cluster possesses local information to answer whatever query without looking outside.
- Main limitation: memory complexity



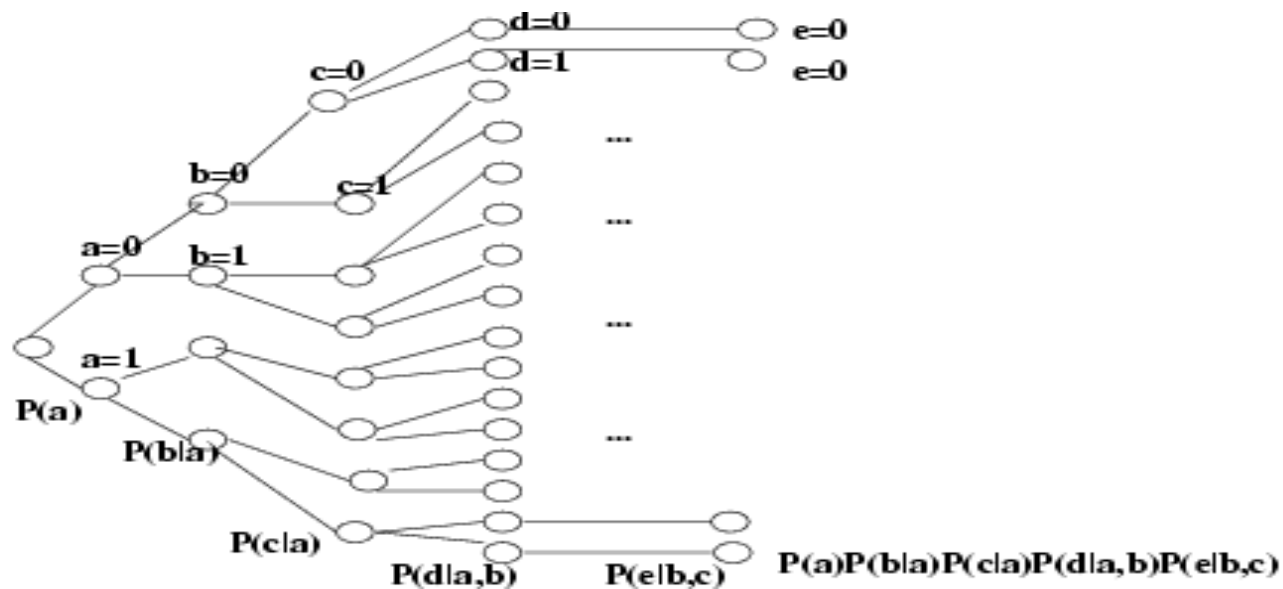
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Enumeration of the the probability tree

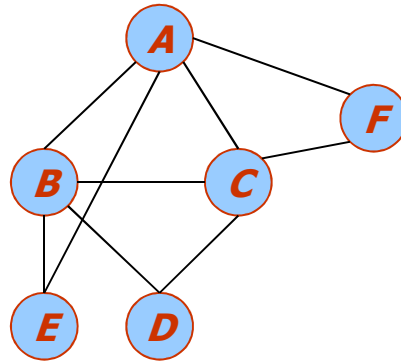
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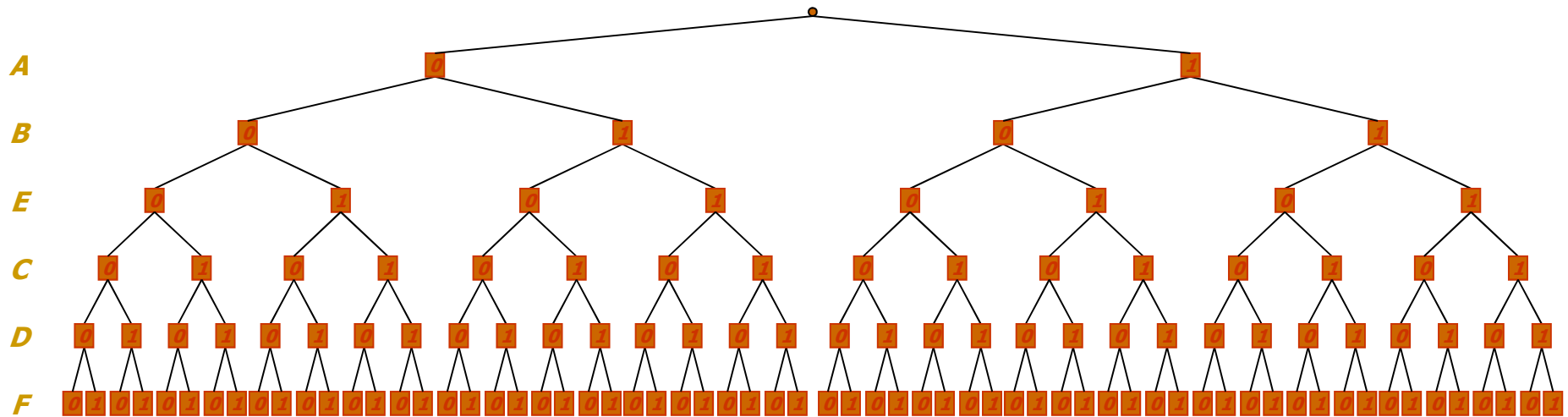
***Complexity of searching the probability tree:
exponential time. But can use linear space***



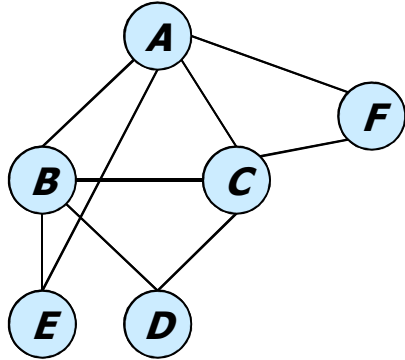
Classic OR Search Space



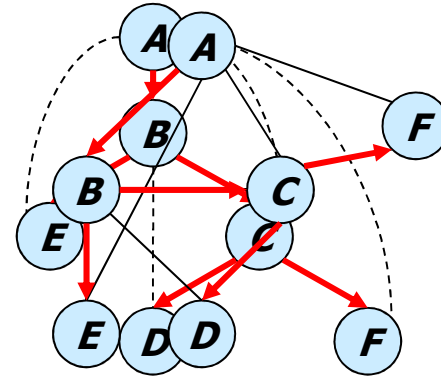
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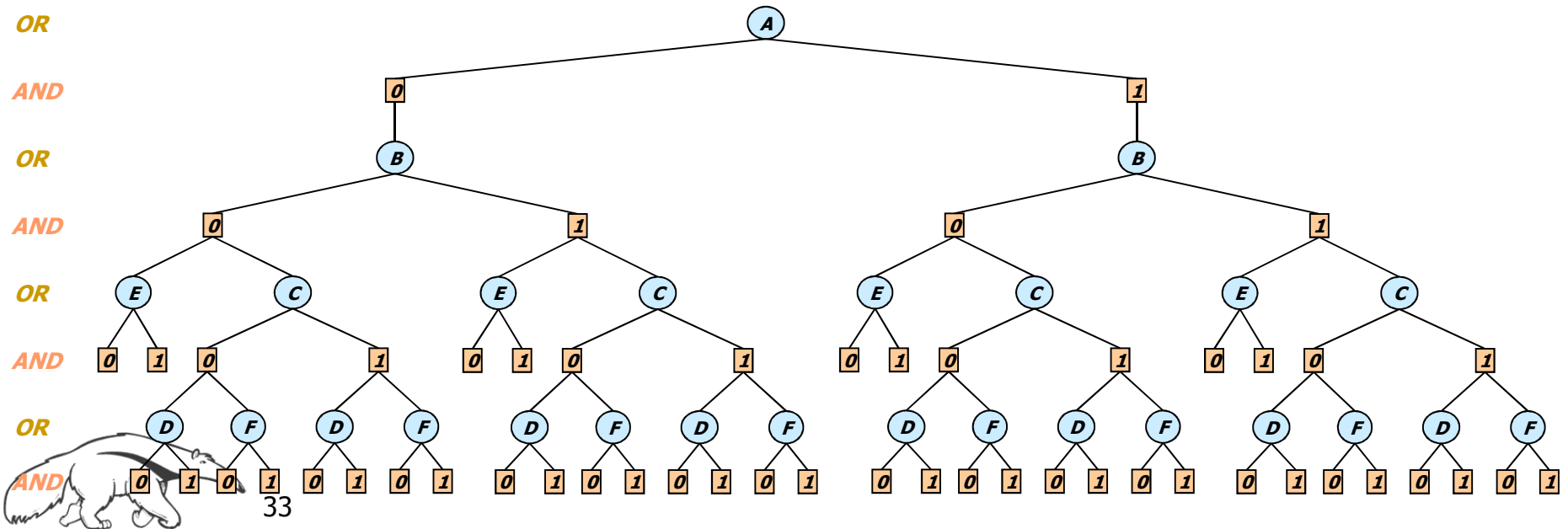
AND/OR Search Space



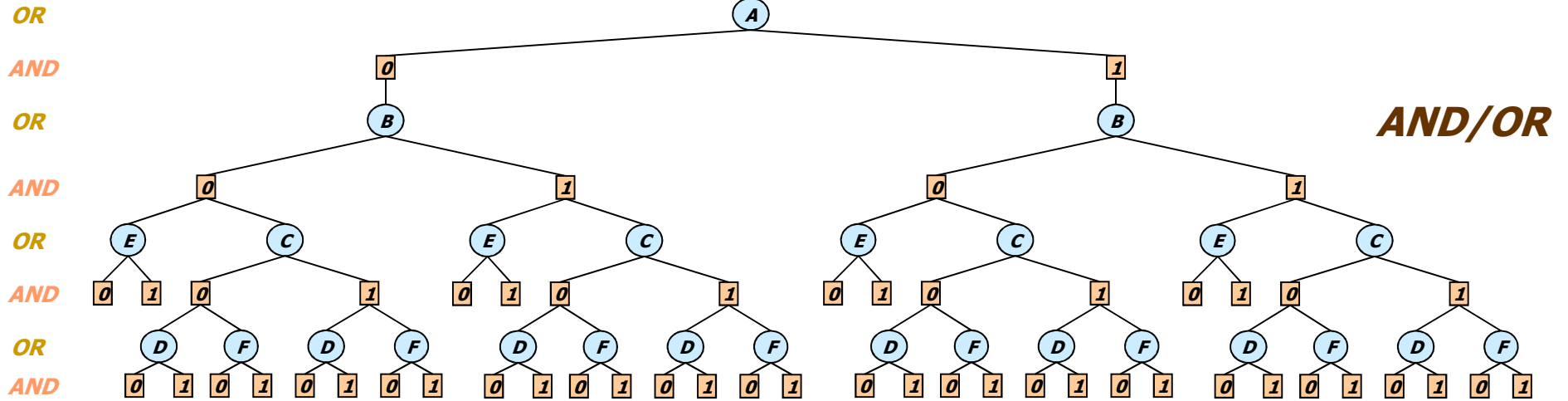
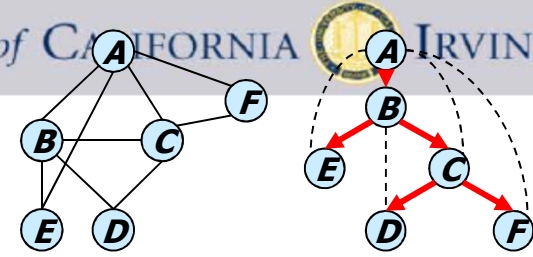
Primal graph



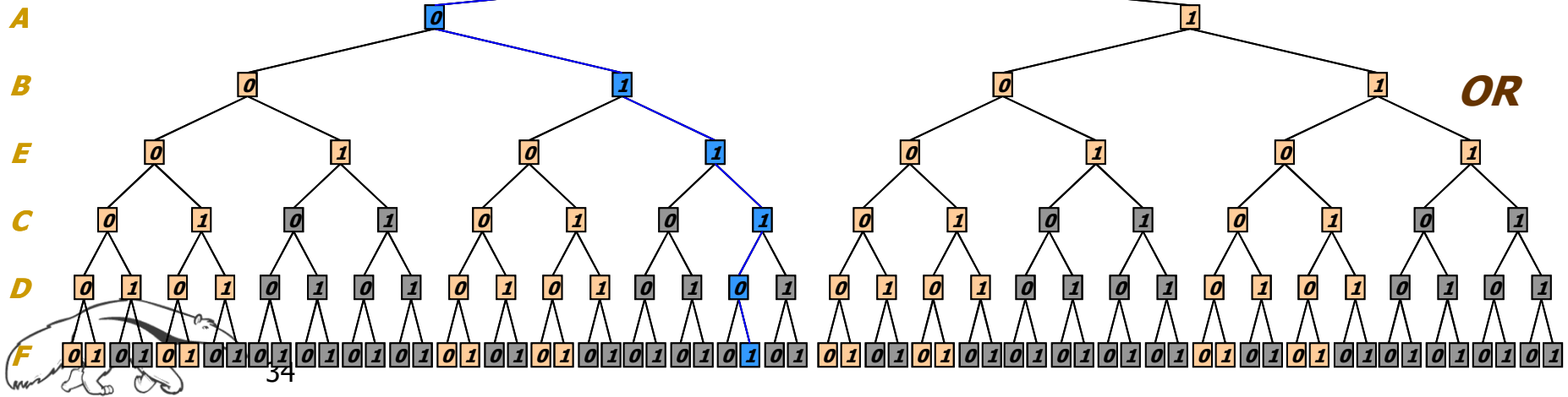
DFS tree



AND/OR vs. OR



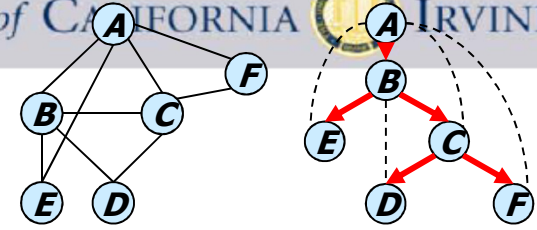
*AND/OR size: $exp(4)$,
OR size $exp(6)$*



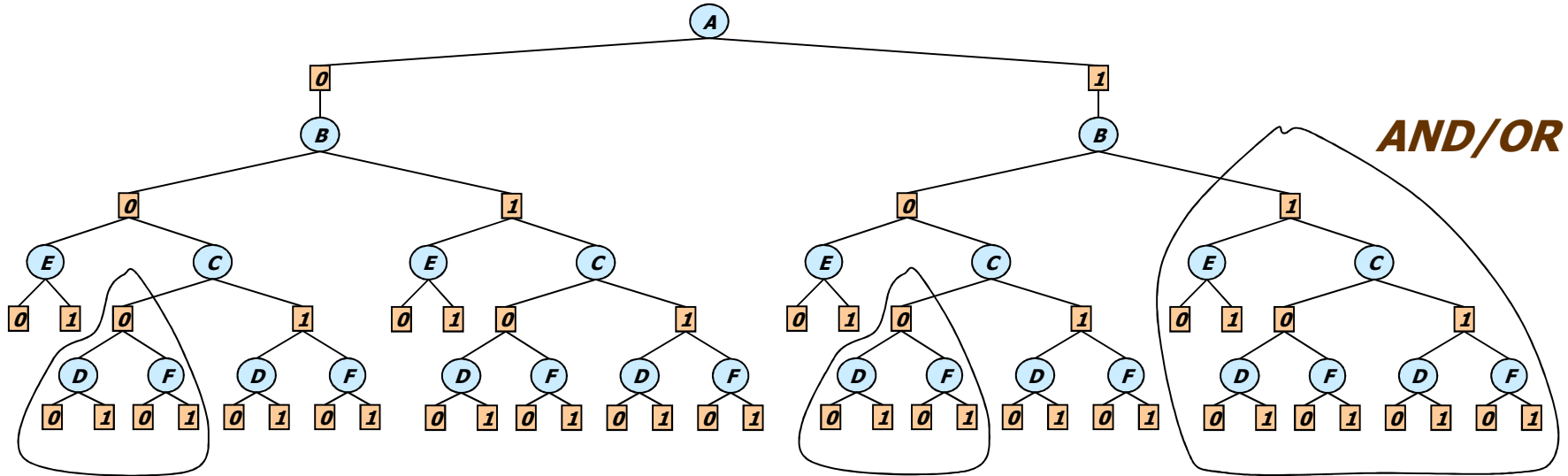
AND/OR vs. OR

with Constraints

No-goods
(A=1, B=1)
(B=0, C=0)

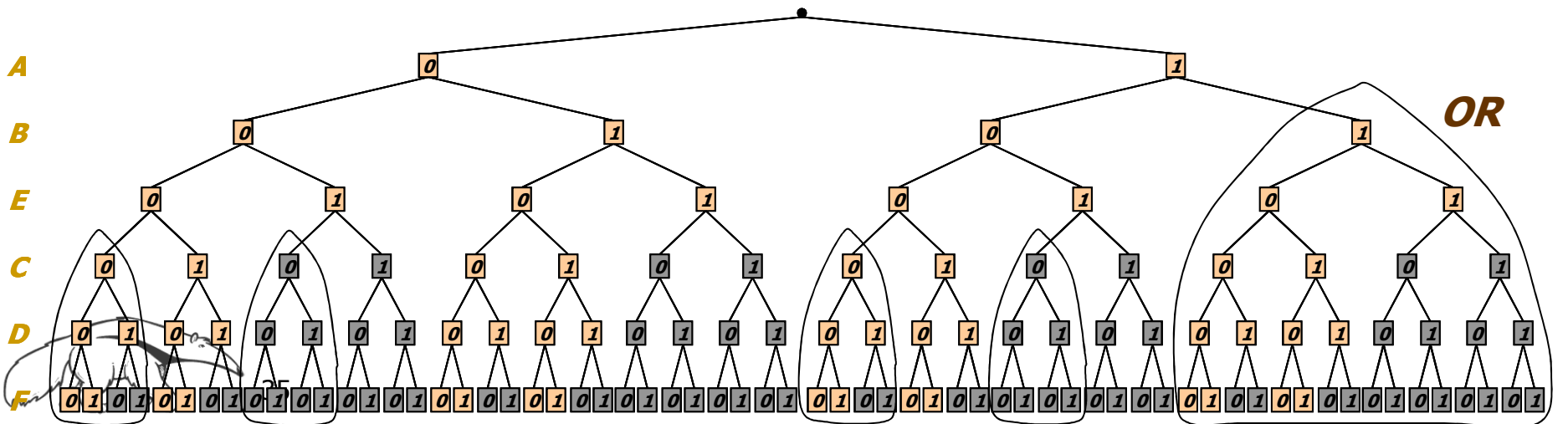


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A
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E
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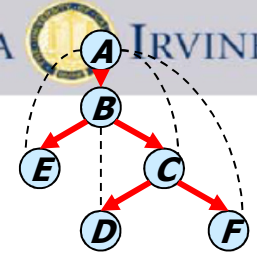
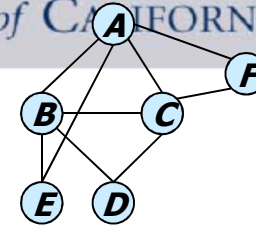
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AND/OR

OR

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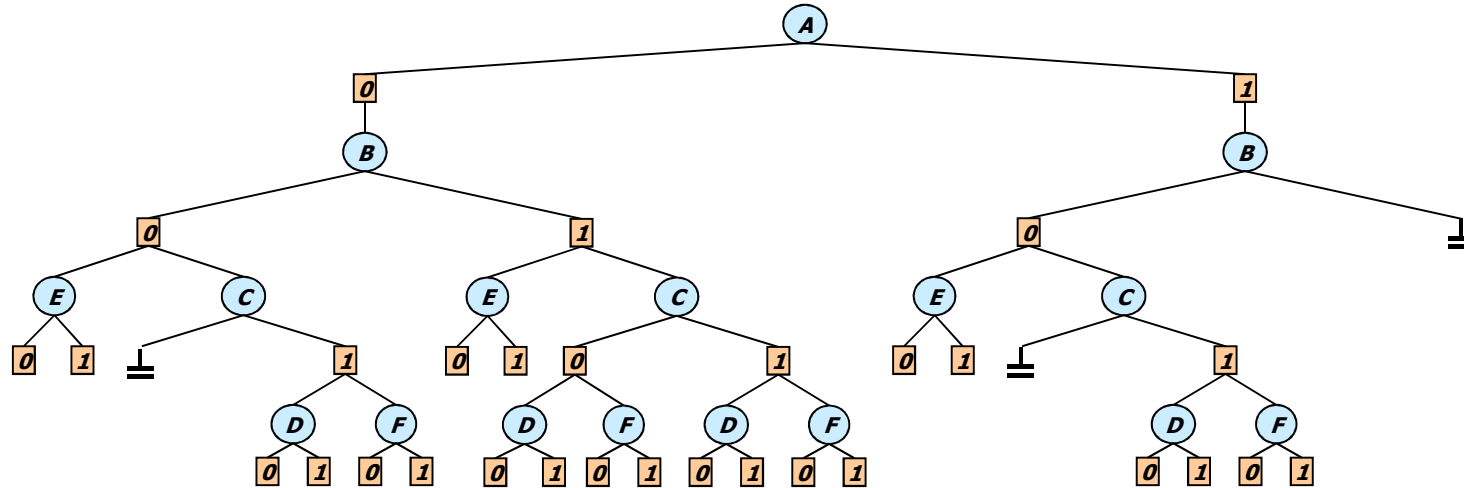
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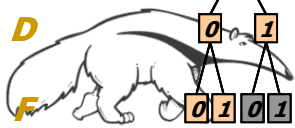
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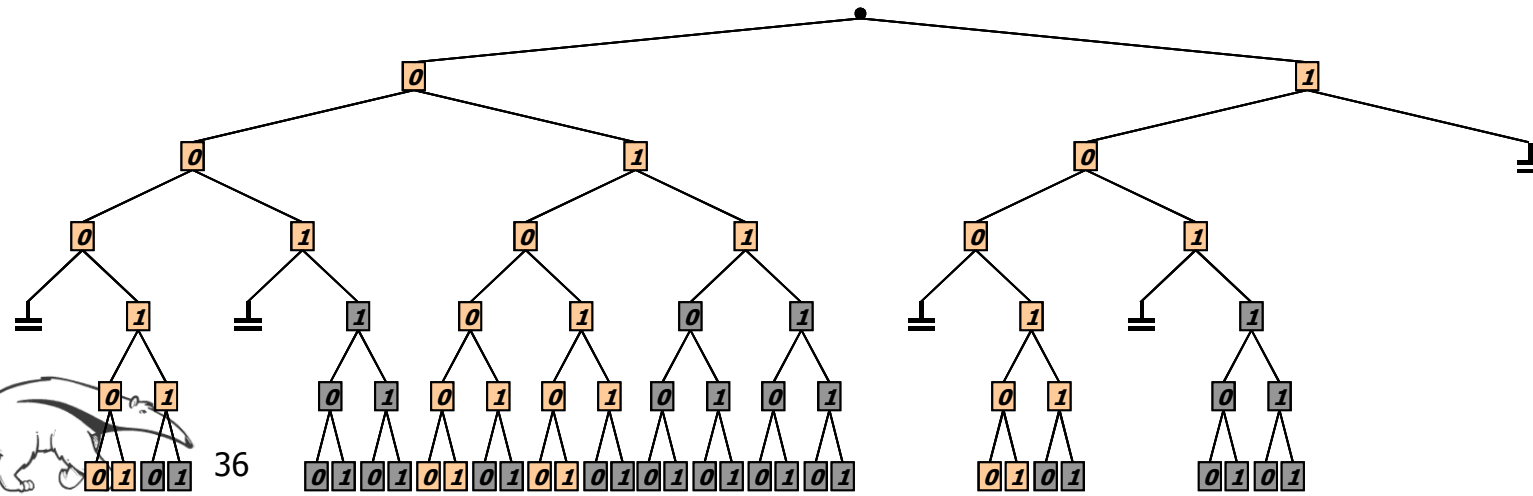
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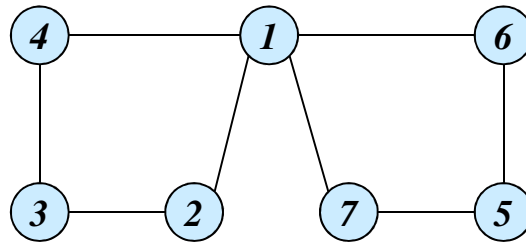
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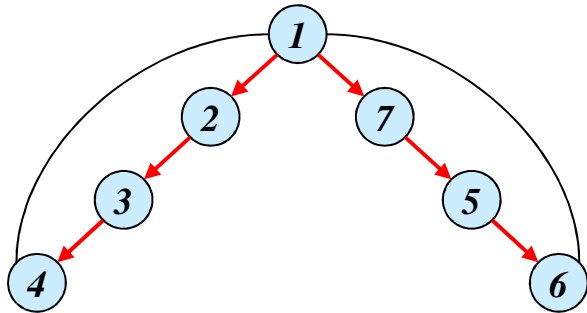
Pseudo-Trees

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

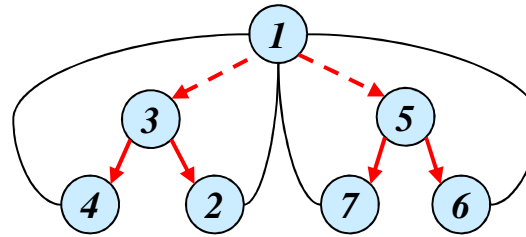


(a) Graph

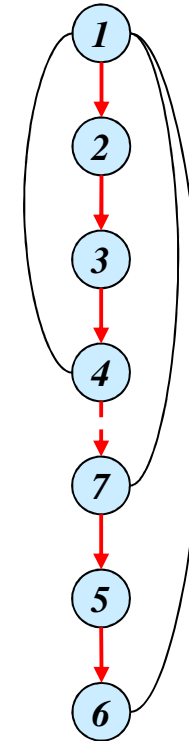
$$m \leq w * \log n$$



(b) DFS tree
depth=3



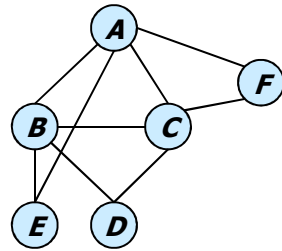
(c) pseudo-tree
depth=2



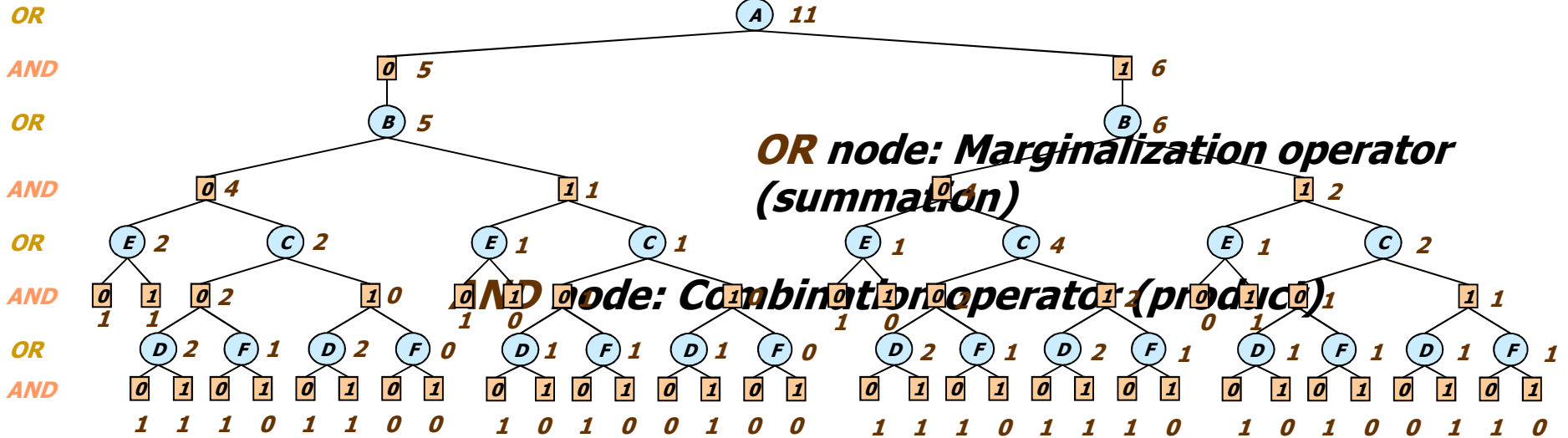
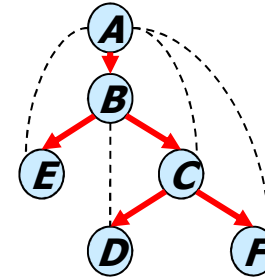
(d) Chain
depth=6



DFS algorithm (#CSP example)



solution



Value of node = number of solutions below it



The recursive value rule

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Z}) = \Downarrow_{X-Z} \otimes_{f \in F} f(x)$$

$$v(n) = \mathbf{G}|_{n=(x_1, \dots, x_i)}$$

$$v(n) = \otimes_{n' \in \text{children}(n)} v(n'), \quad \text{if } n = \langle X, x \rangle \text{ is an AND node,}$$

$$v(n) = \Downarrow_{n' \in \text{children}(n)} (w_{(n,n')} \otimes v(n')), \quad \text{if } n = X \text{ is an OR node.}$$



AND/OR Tree DFS Algorithm (Belief Updating)

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

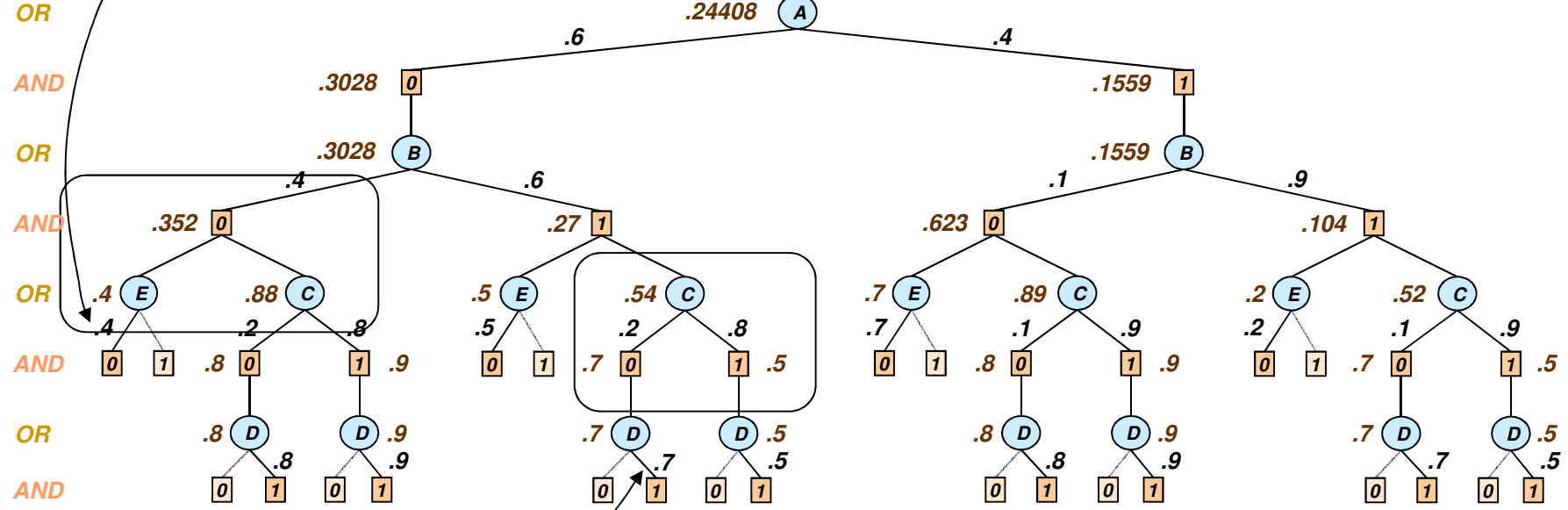
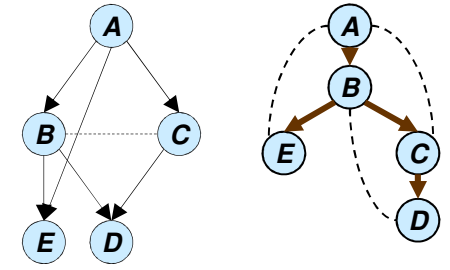
Evidence: E=0

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

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

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

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

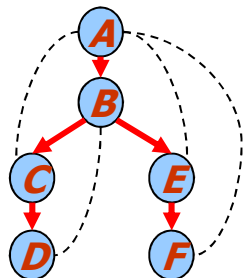
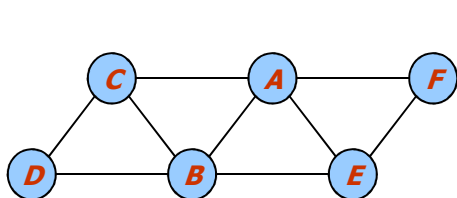


B	C	D=0	D=1
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1	1	.5	.5

Evidence: D=1

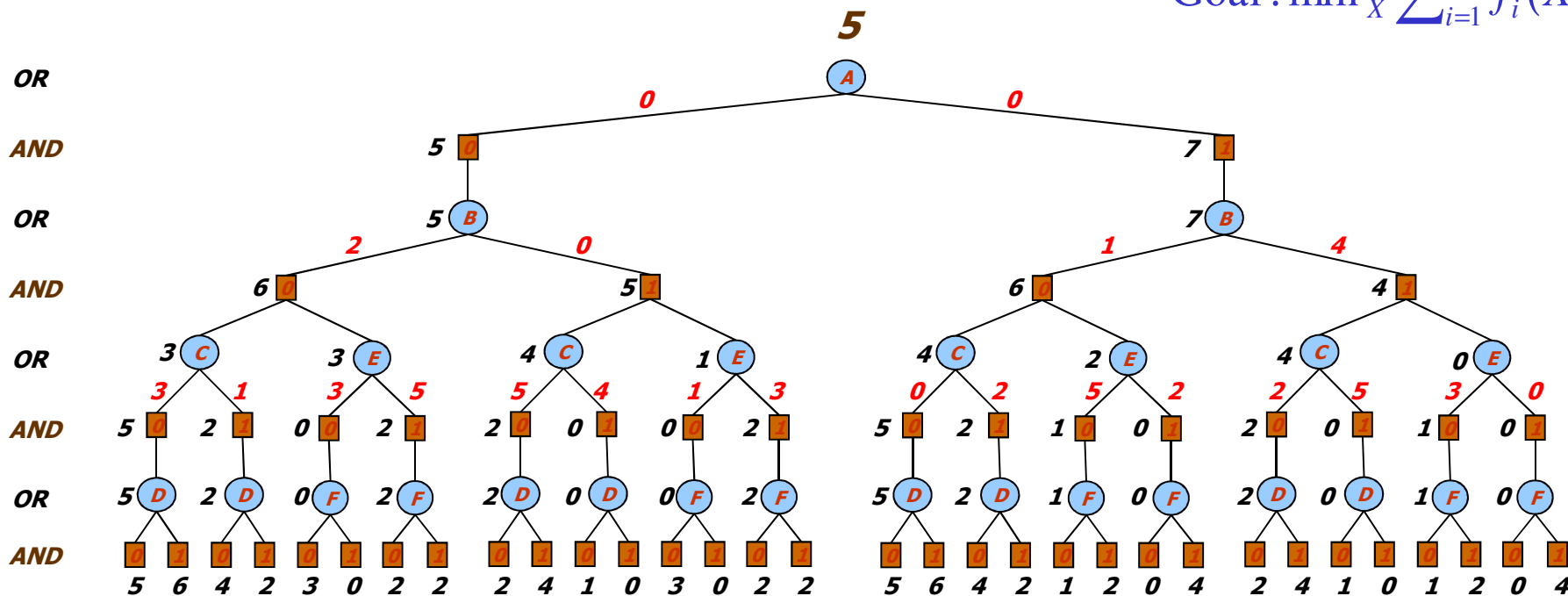
OR node: Marginalization operator (summation)
AND node: Combination operator (product)
 Value of node = updated belief for sub-problem below

AND/OR Tree Search for COP



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	0 1 2	0 1 4	0 1 0
1 0 1	1 0 0	1 0 2	1 0 0	1 0 2	1 0 1	1 0 1	1 0 0	1 0 0
1 1 4	1 1 1	1 1 0	1 1 2	1 1 4	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 2

Goal : $\min_x \sum_{i=1}^9 f_i(X)$



AND node = Combination operator (summation)

OR node = Marginalization operator (minimization)



Properties of AND/OR Tree Search

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

k = domain size

h = depth of pseudo-tree

n = number of variables

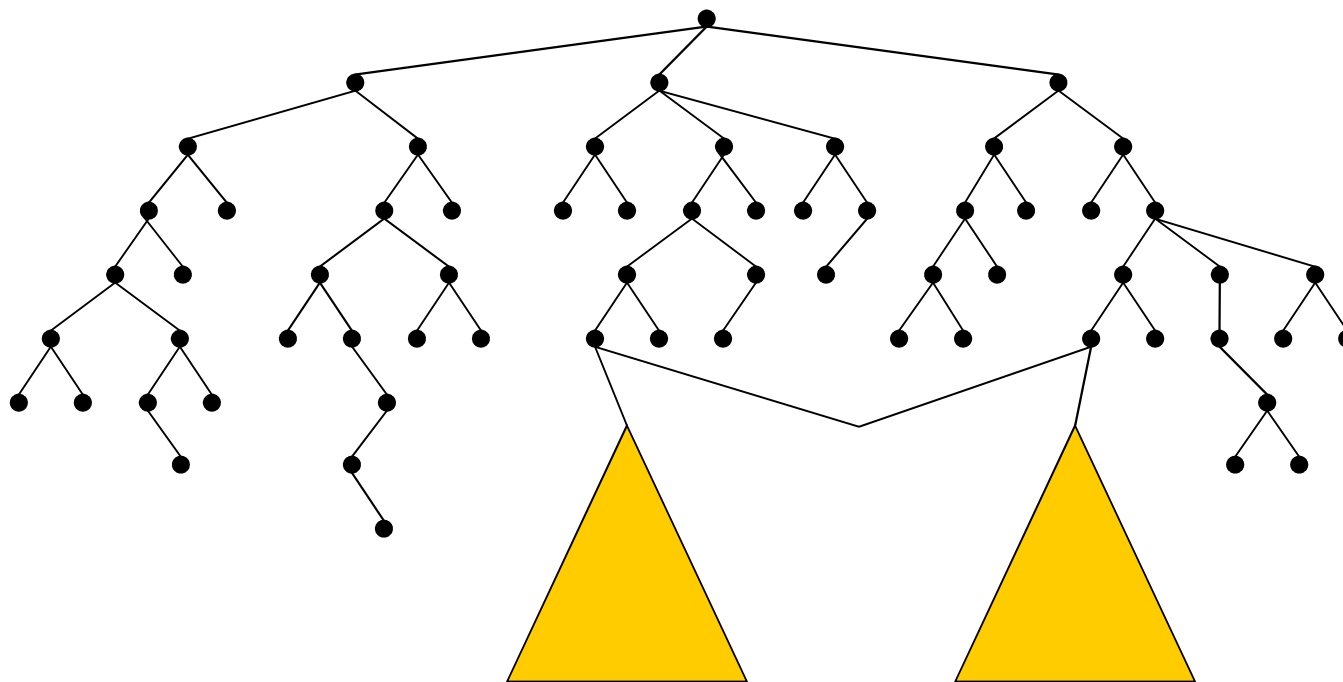
w^* = treewidth



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

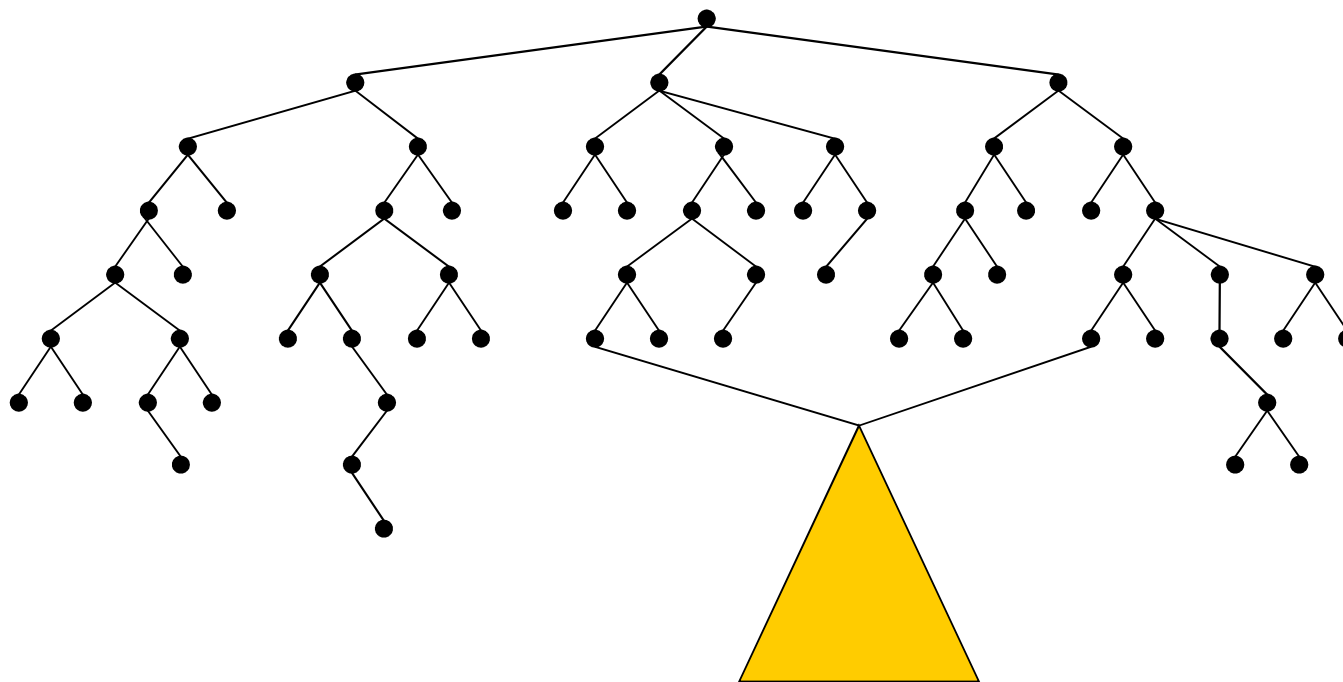
From Search Trees to Search Graphs

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

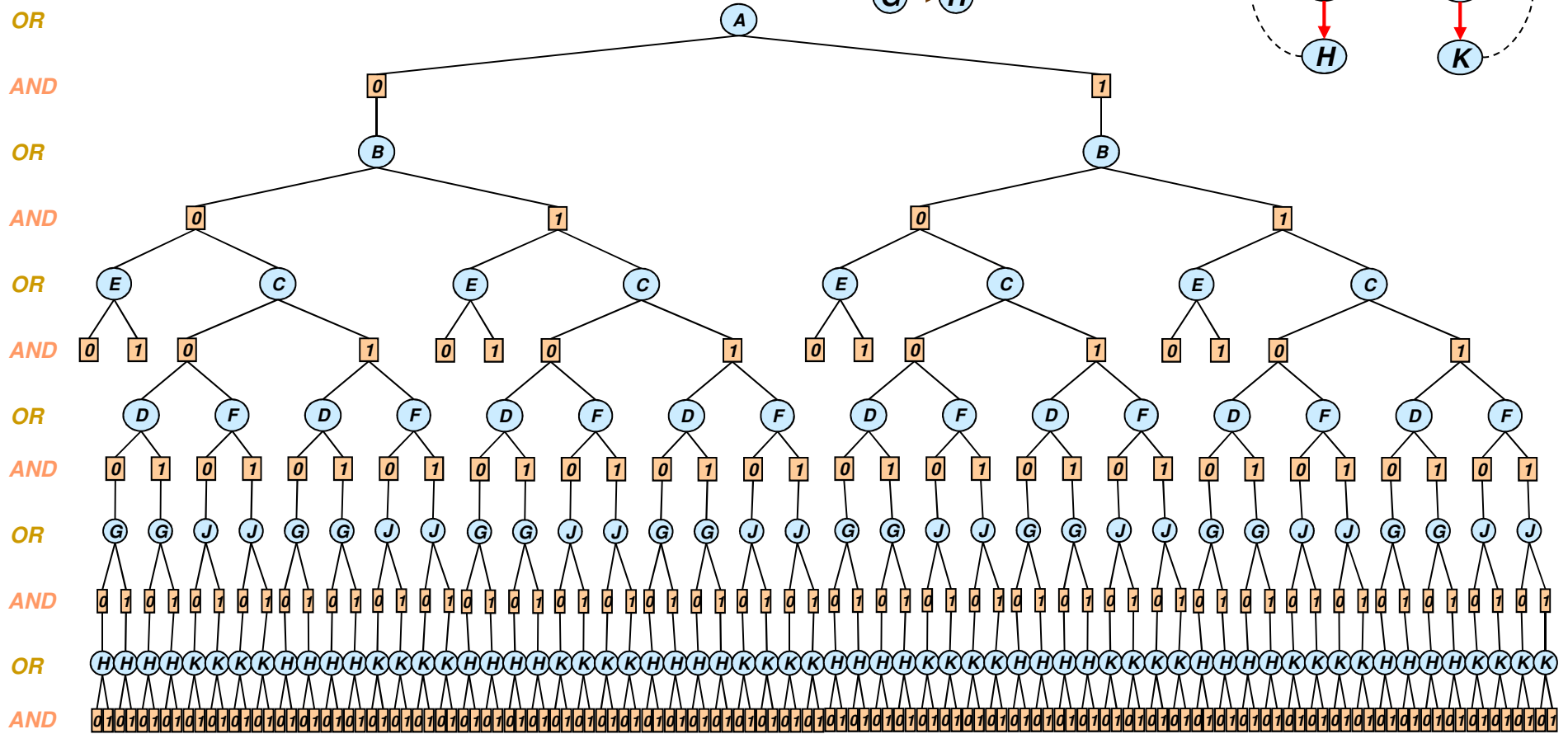
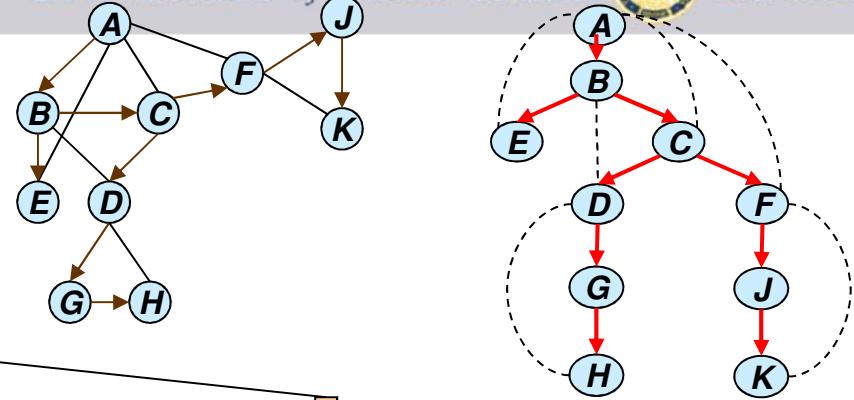


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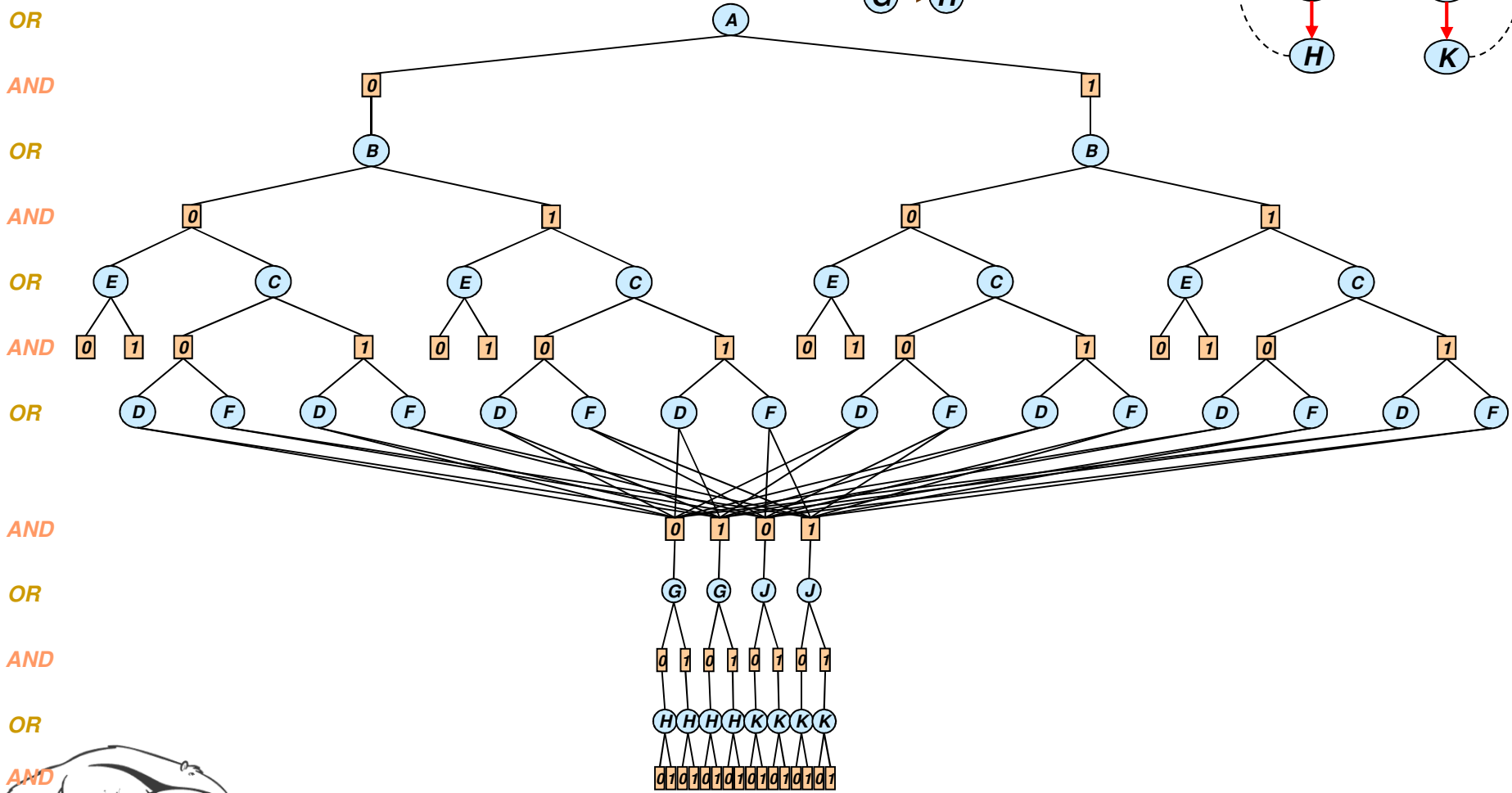
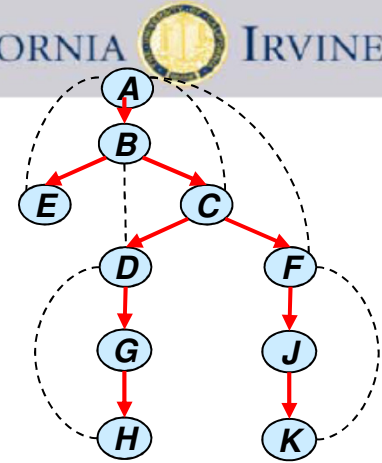
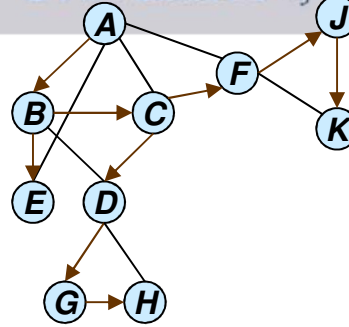
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From AND/OR Tree



An AND/OR Graph



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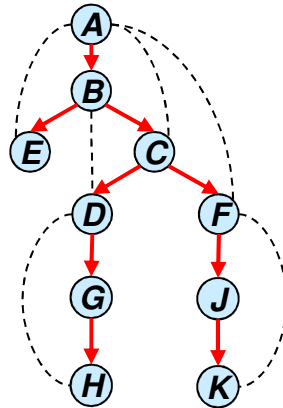
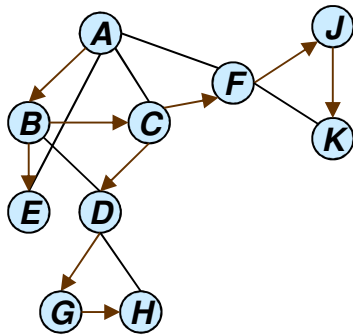
OR

AND



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



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



AND/OR Tree DFS Algorithm (Belief Updating)

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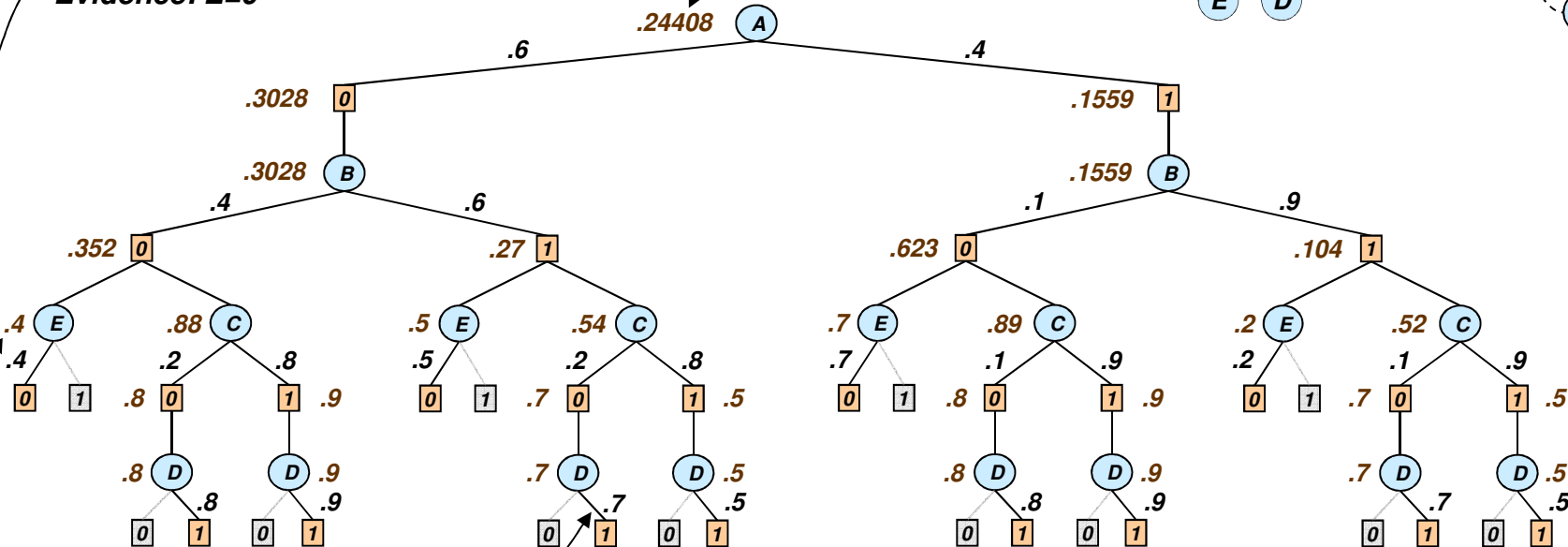
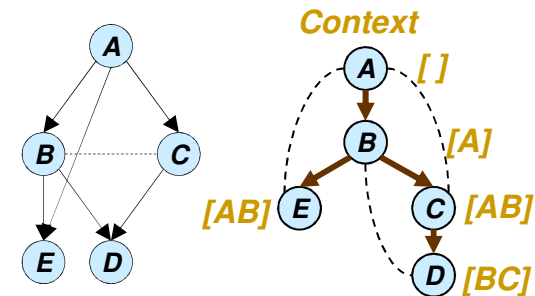
A	C=0	C=1
0	.2	.8
1	.7	.3

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

Evidence: E=0

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)

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AND/OR Graph DFS Algorithm (Belief Updating)

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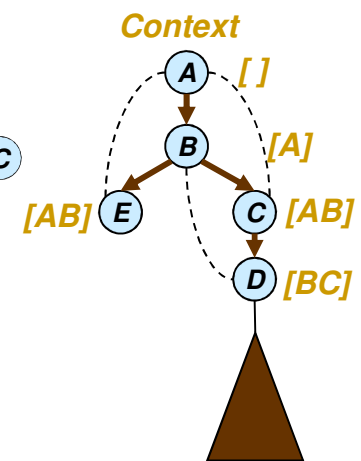
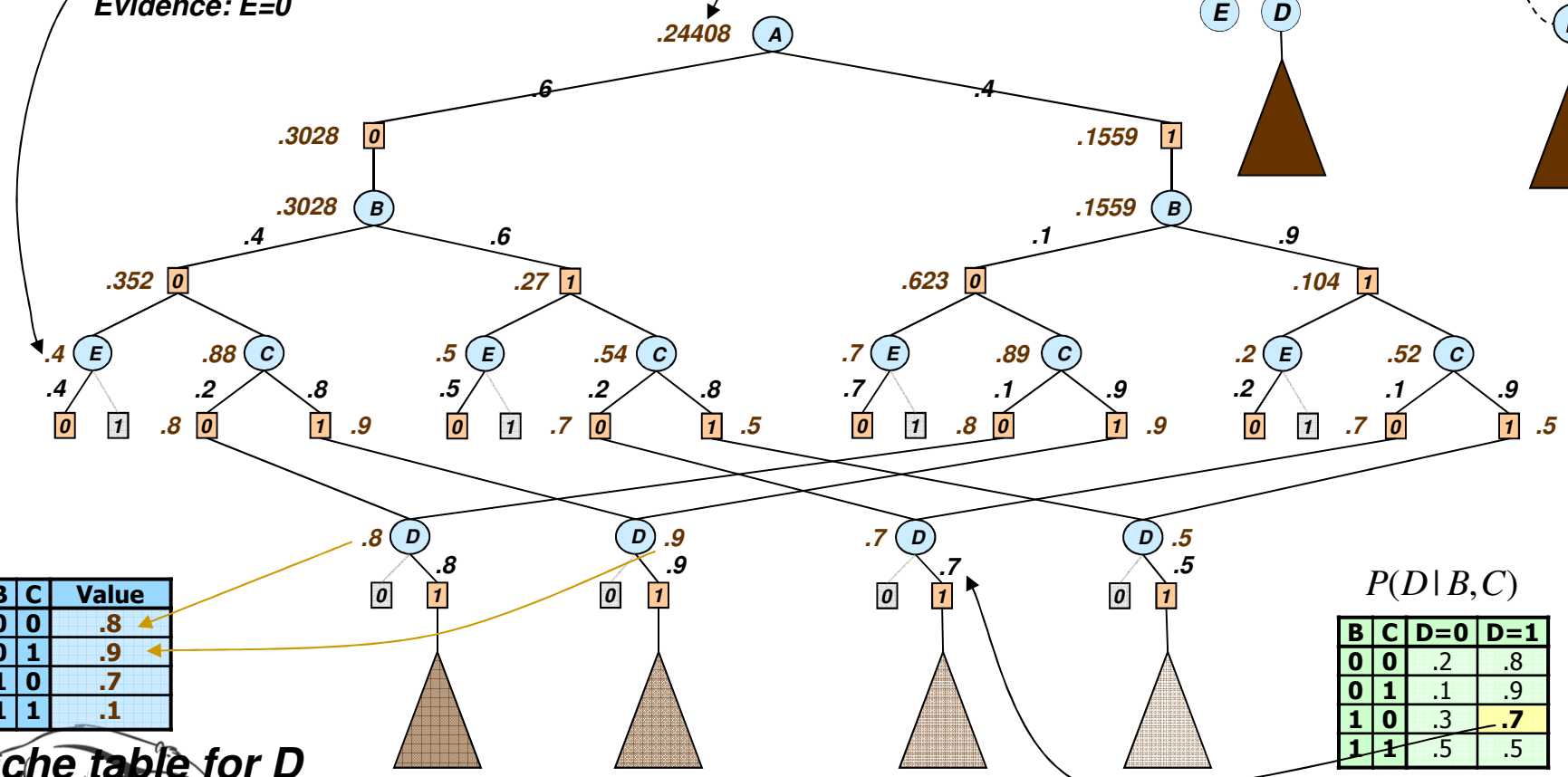
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A	C=0	C=1
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1	.7	.3

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

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

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B	C	Value
0	0	.8
0	1	.9
1	0	.7
1	1	.1

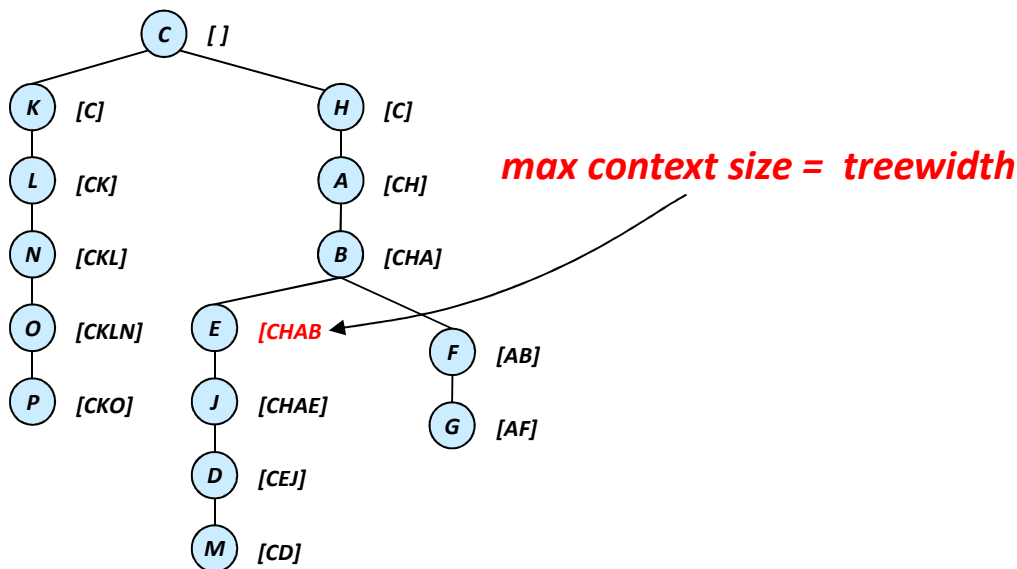
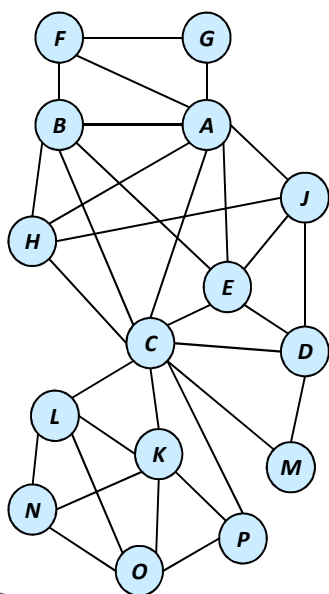
Cache table for D

B	C	D=0	D=1
0	0	.2	.8
0	1	.1	.9
1	0	.3	.7
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Evidence: $D=1$

How Big Is The Context?

Theorem: The maximum **context** size for a pseudo tree is equal to the **treewidth** of the graph along the pseudo tree.

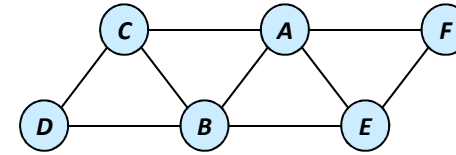


max context size = treewidth

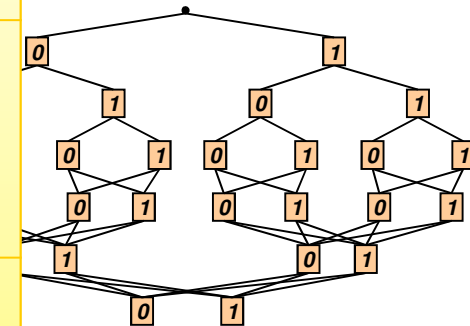
(CKHABEJLNODPMFG)



All Four Search Spaces



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



Next minimal OR search graph
28 nodes

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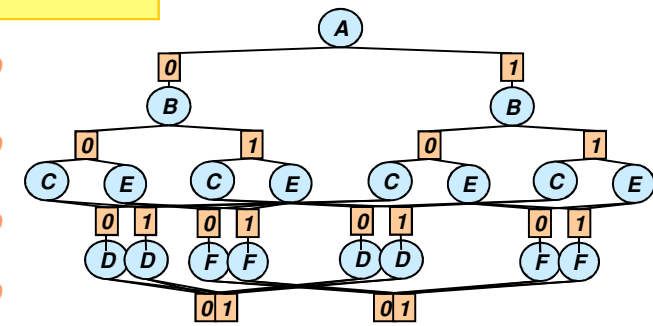
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Computes any query:

- Constraint satisfaction
- Optimization
- Weighted counting

34 AND nodes

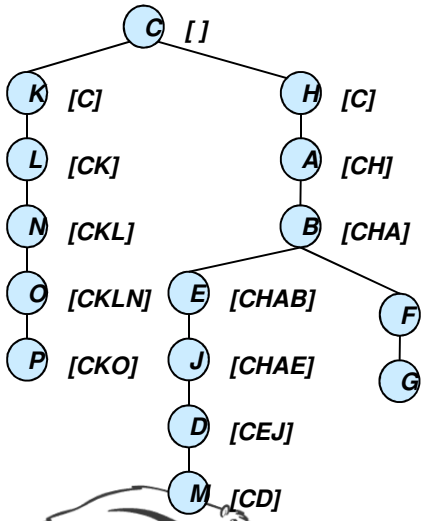
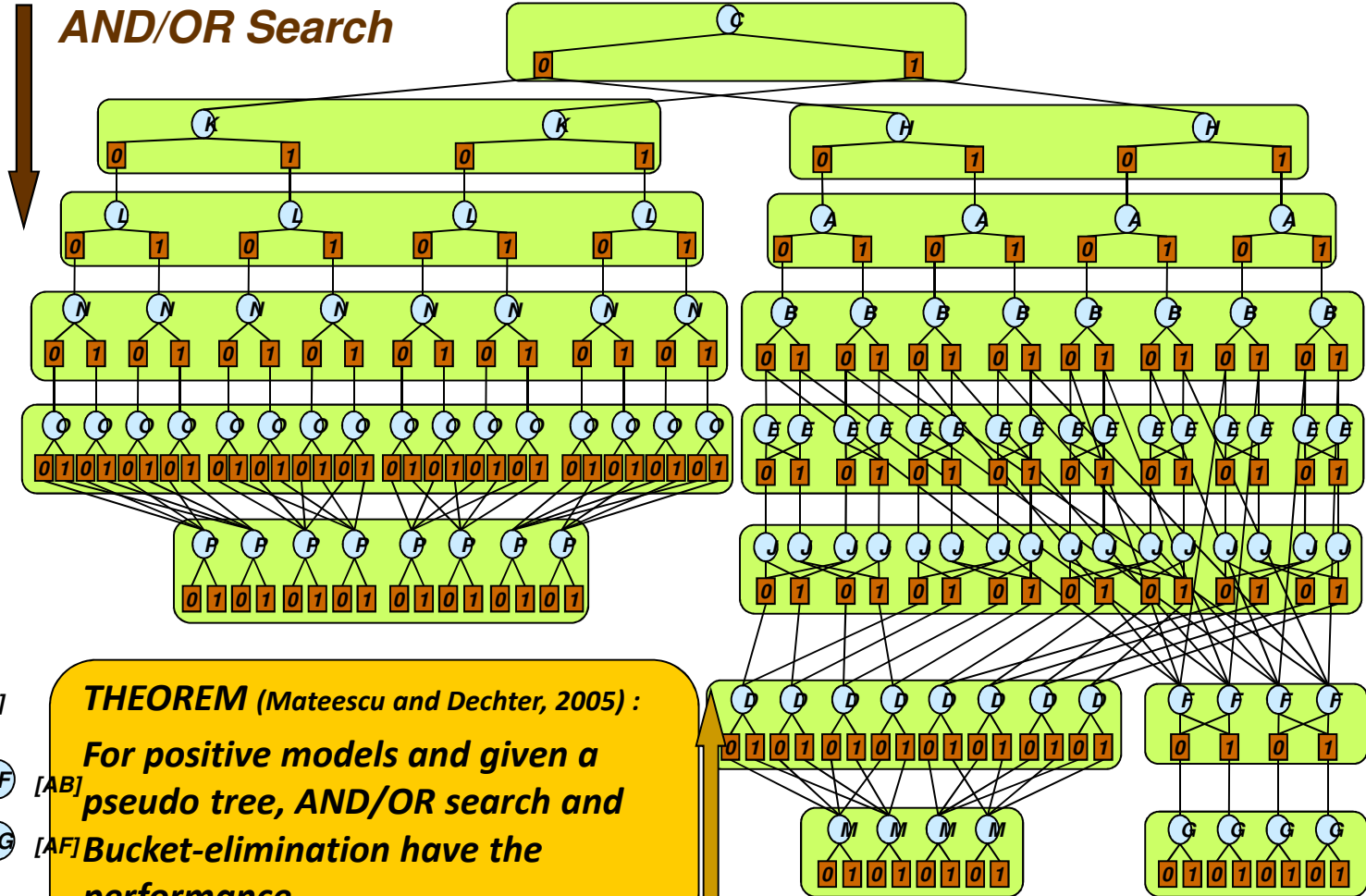
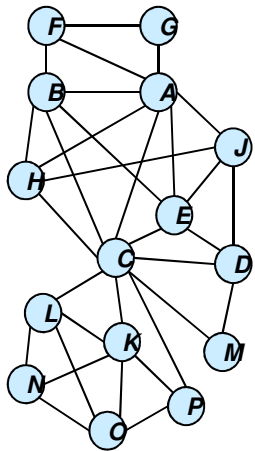
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Context minimal AND/OR search graph
18 AND nodes



What is better? Inference or Search

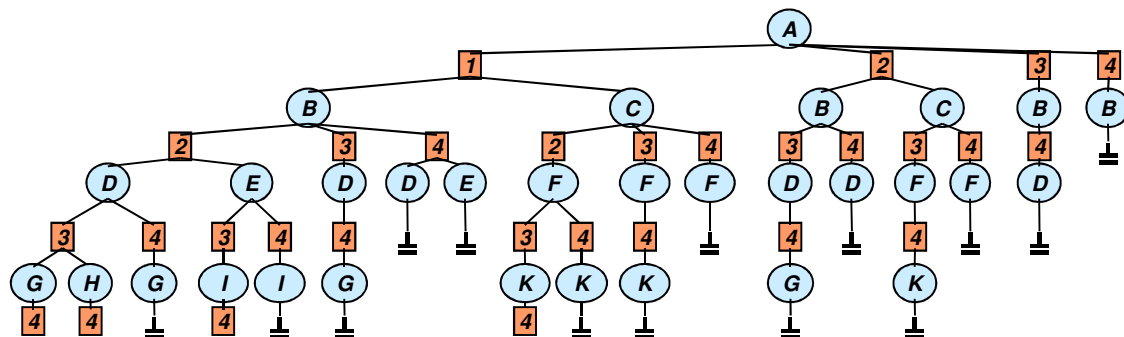
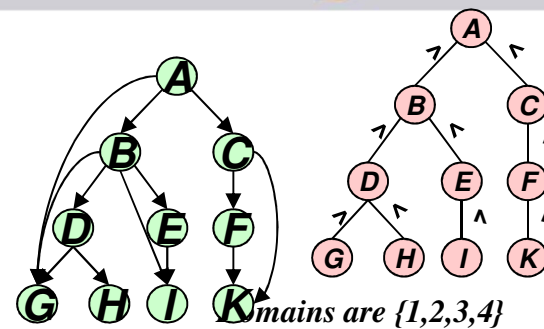


THEOREM (Mateescu and Dechter, 2005) :
For positive models and given a pseudo tree, AND/OR search and Bucket-elimination have the performance

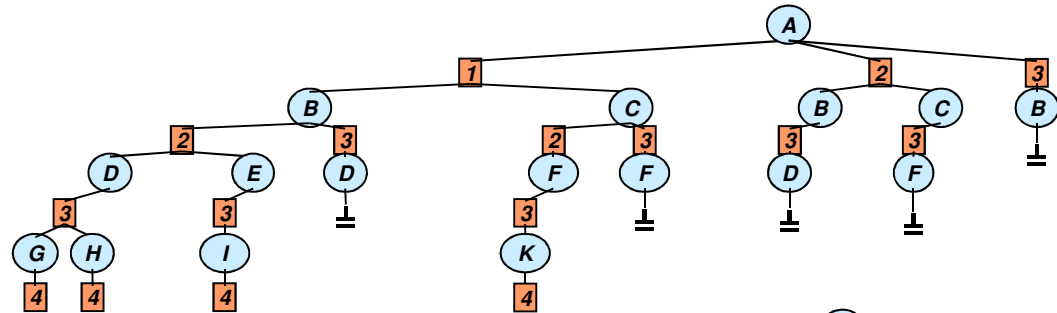
Variable Elimination

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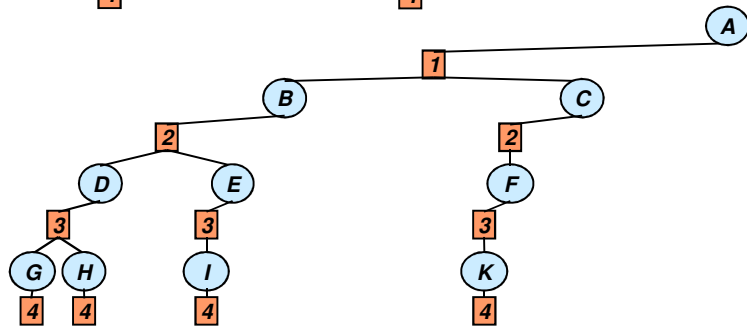
The Effect of Constraint Propagation



CONSTRAINTS ONLY



FORWARD CHECKING

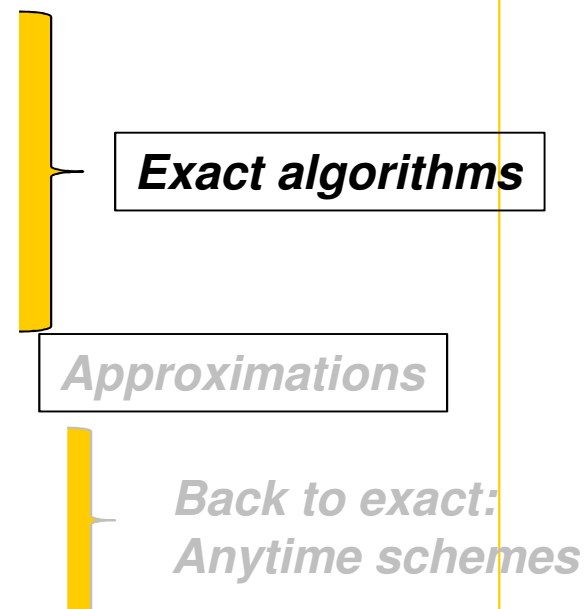


MAINTAINING ARC CONSISTENCY



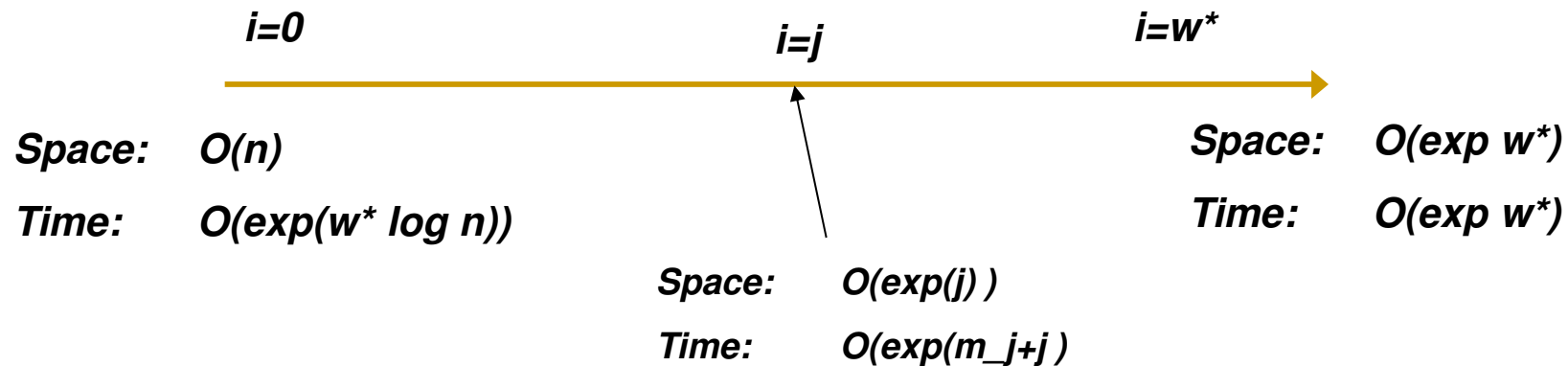
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- Search; via AND/OR search
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- Bounding inference
- Anytime AND/OR branch and bound
- Experiments, Competitions
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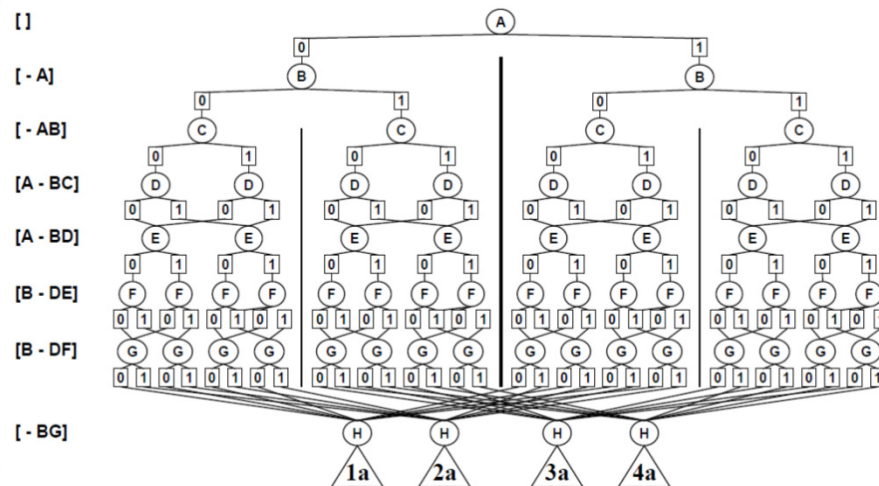
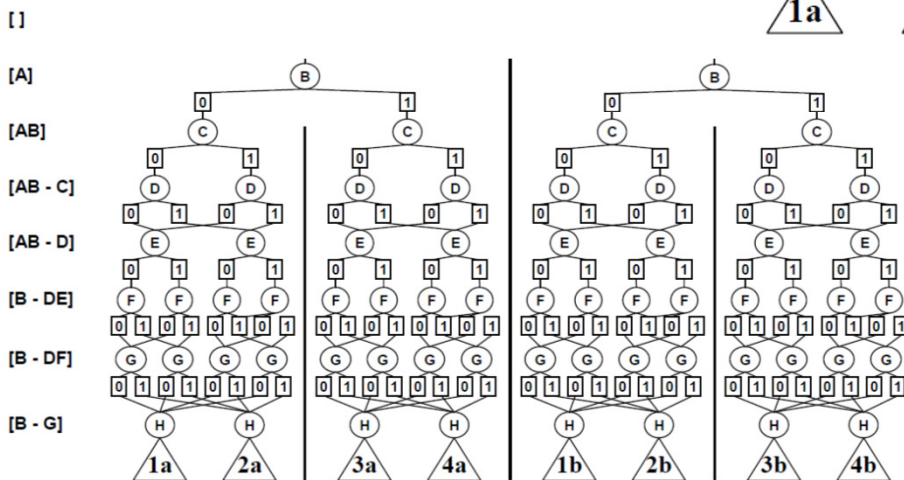
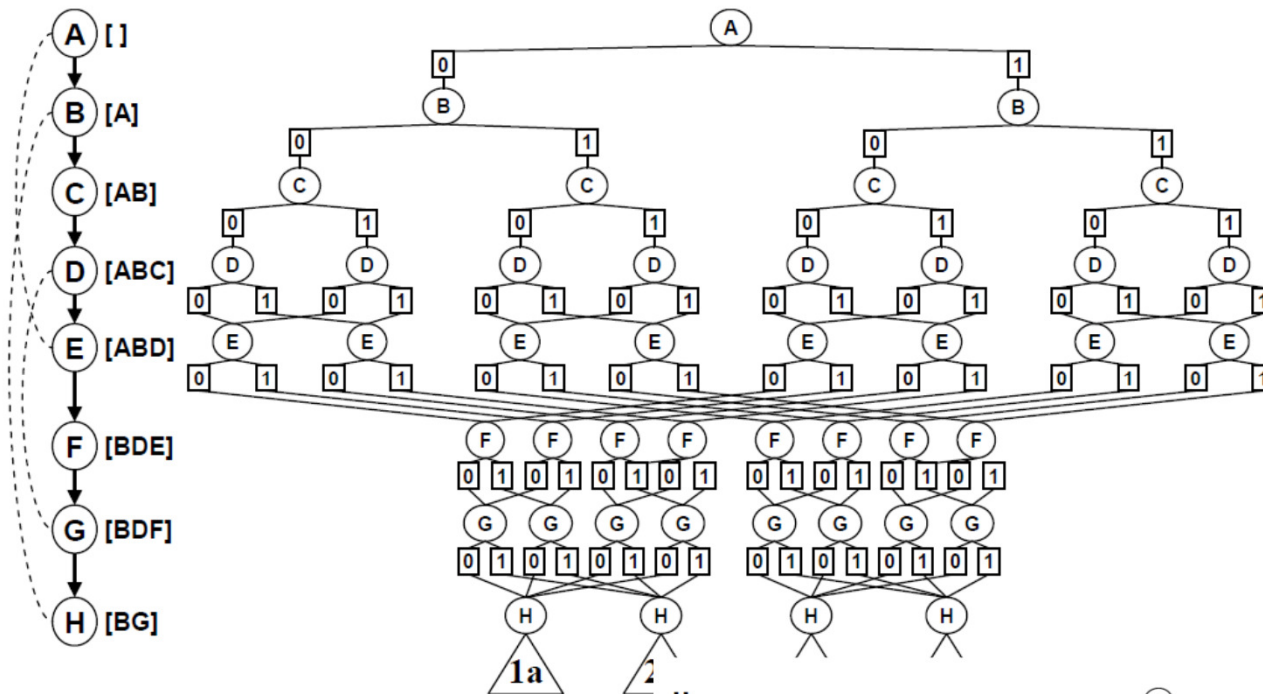


Searching AND/OR Graphs trading space for time

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



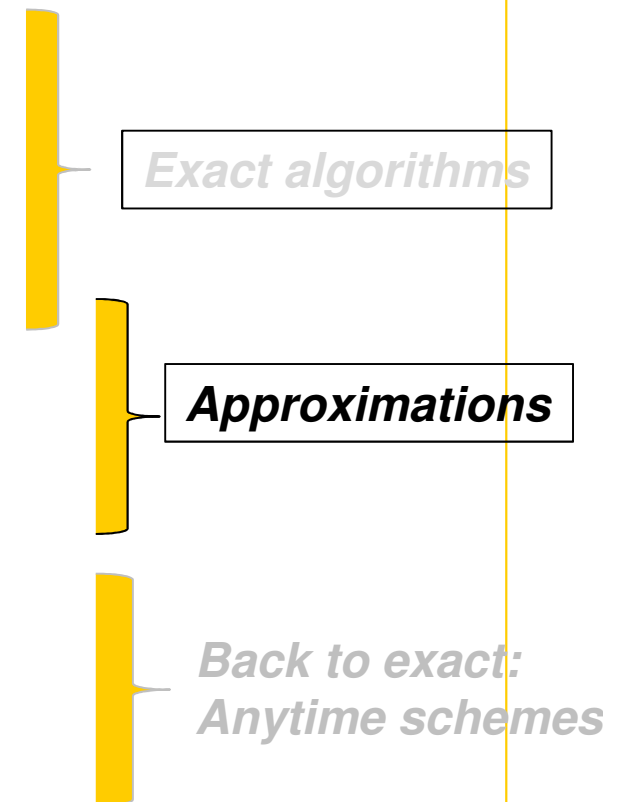
AOC(j) Adaptive Caching



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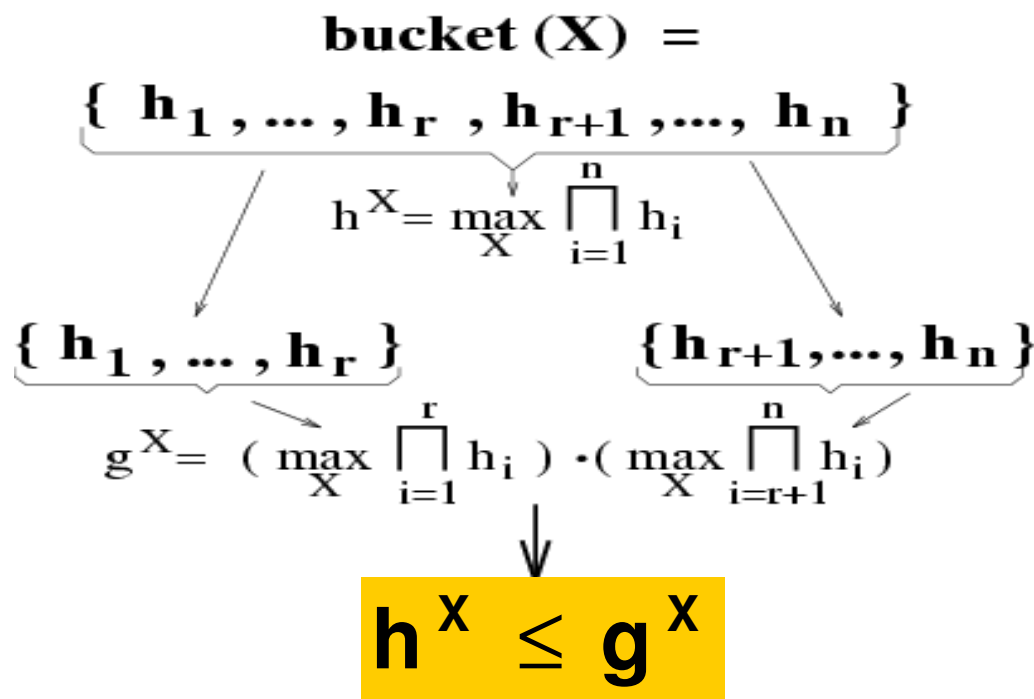
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Mini-bucket approximation: MPE task (Dechter and Rish, 1997, 2003)

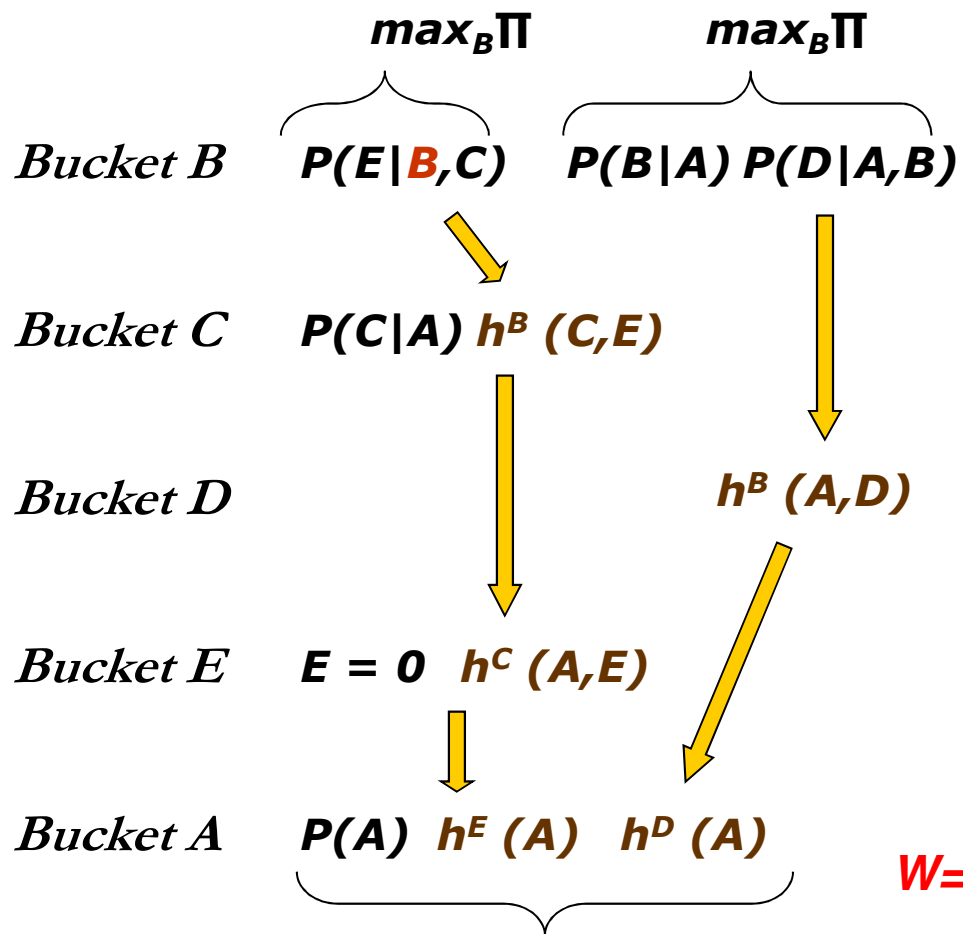
Split a bucket into mini-buckets => bound complexity



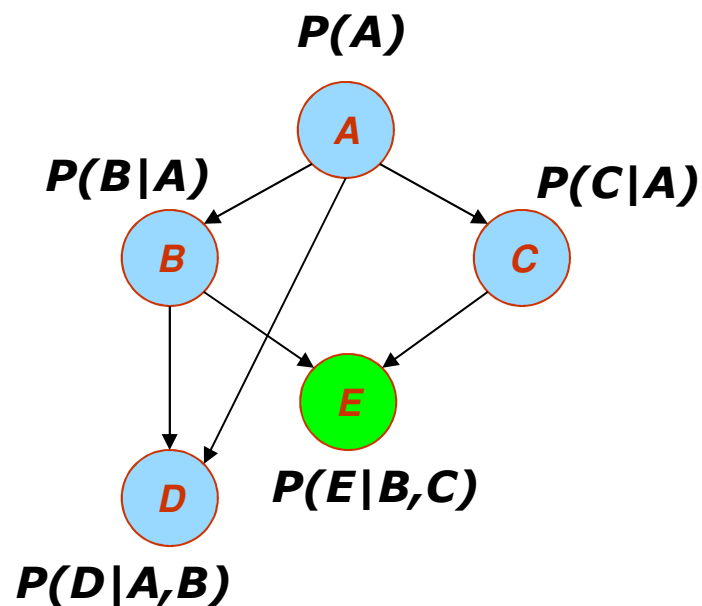
Exponential complexity decrease : $O(e^n) \rightarrow O(e^r) + O(e^{n-r})$



Mini-Bucket Elimination



Node duplication, renaming



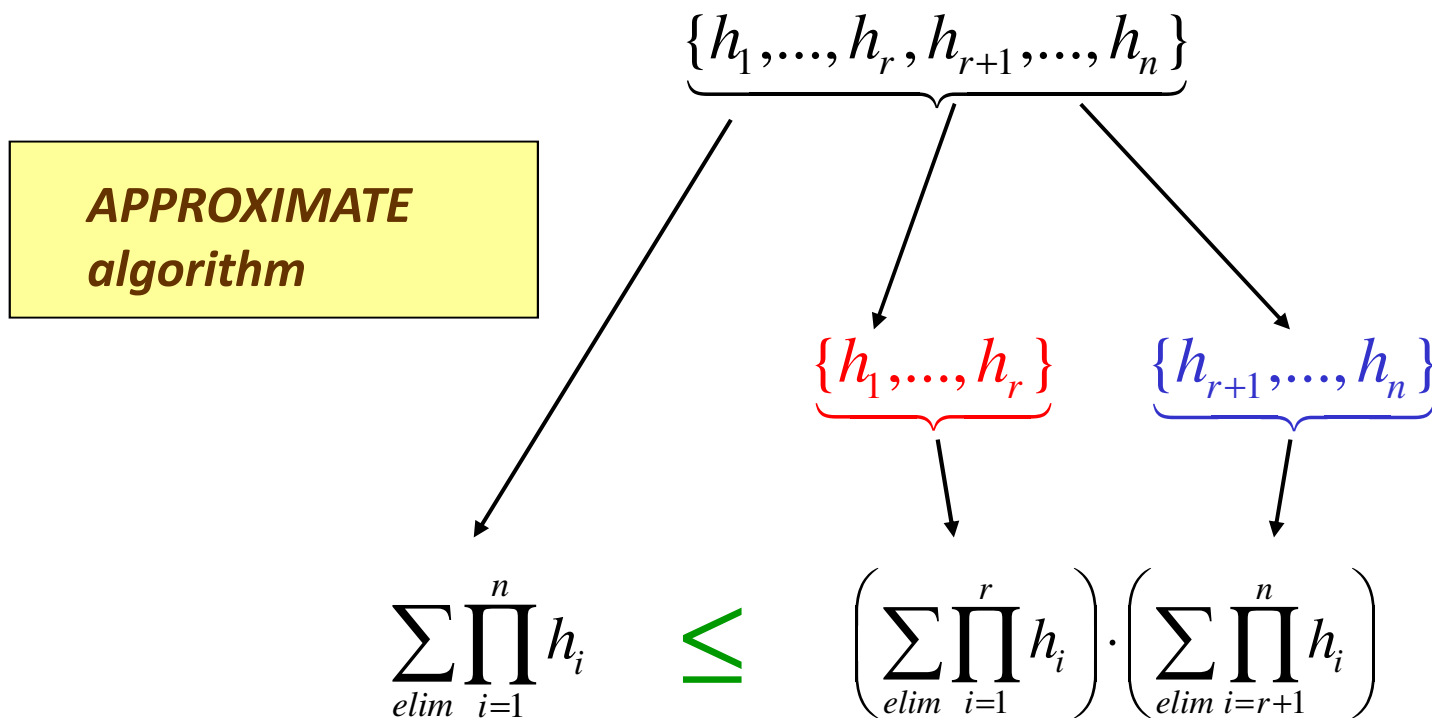
W=2

***MPE** is an upper bound on MPE --U**
Generating a solution yields a lower bound--L



Mini-Clustering (for Sum-Product)

Split a cluster into mini-clusters => bound complexity



Exponential complexity decrease

$$O(e^n) \rightarrow O(e^{\text{var}(r)}) + O(e^{\text{var}(n-r)})$$

Properties of MBE(i)

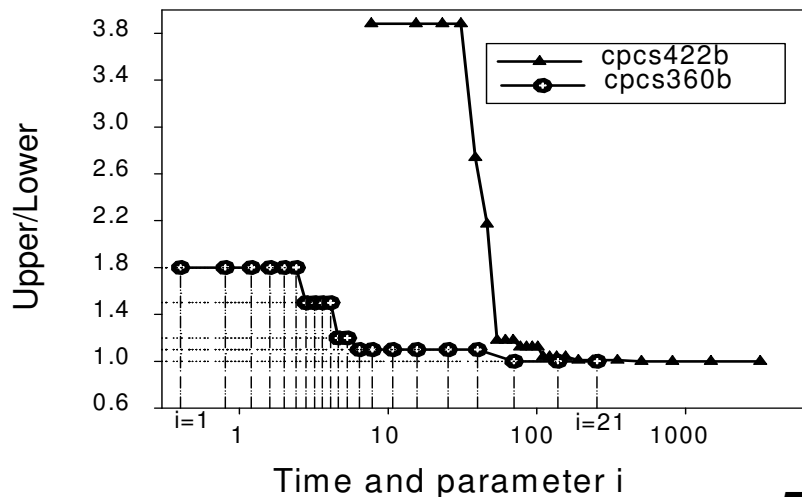
- **Complexity:** $O(r \exp(i))$ time and $O(\exp(i))$ space.
- Yields an upper-bound and a lower-bound.
- **Accuracy:** determined by upper/lower (U/L) bound.
- As i increases, both accuracy and complexity increase.
- Possible use of mini-bucket approximations:
 - As anytime algorithms
 - As heuristics in search
- Other tasks: similar mini-bucket approximations for: belief updating, MAP and MEU (Dechter and Rish, 1997)



CPCS networks – medical diagnosis (noisy-OR CPD's)

Test case: no evidence

Anytime-mpe(0.0001)
U/L error vs time



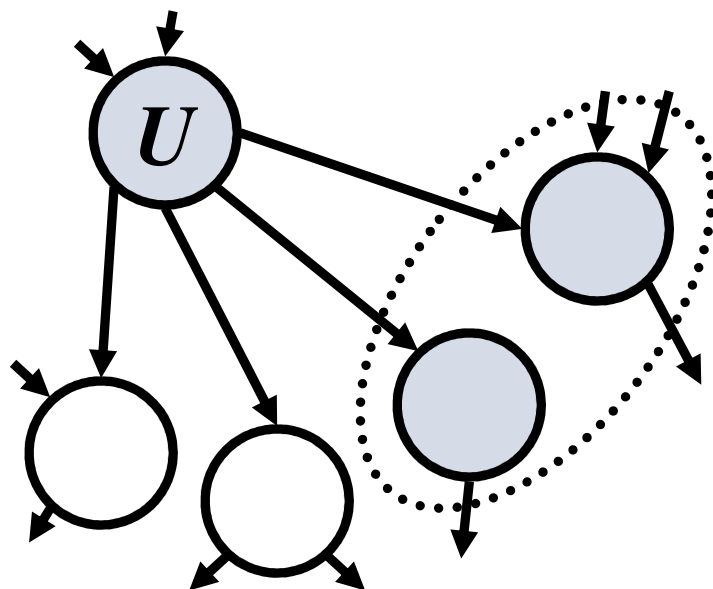
Algorithm	Time (sec)	
	cpcs360	cpcs422
<i>elim-mpe</i>	115.8	1697.6
<i>anytime-mpe</i> (δ , $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$)	70.3	505.2
<i>anytime-mpe</i> (δ , $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$)	70.3	110.5



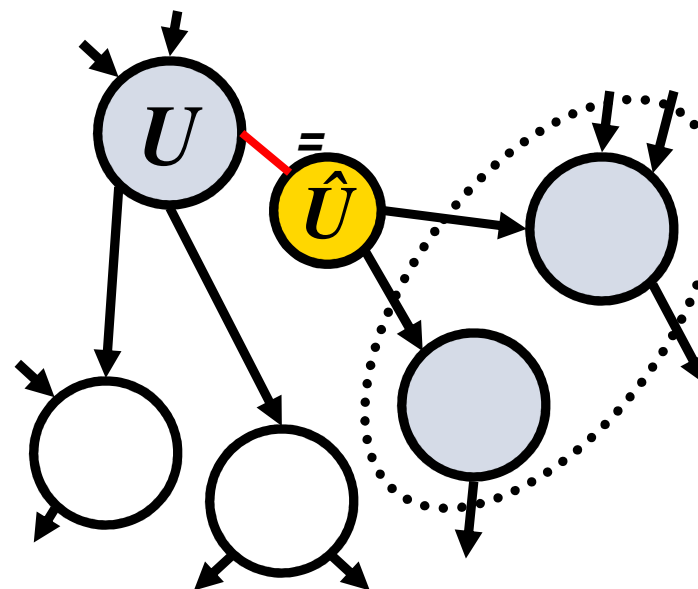
Mini-Bucket: duplicating/Splitting a Node

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

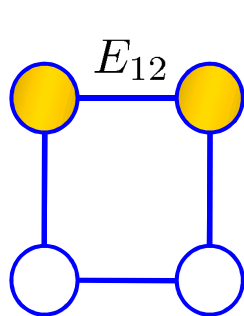
*Before Splitting:
Network N*



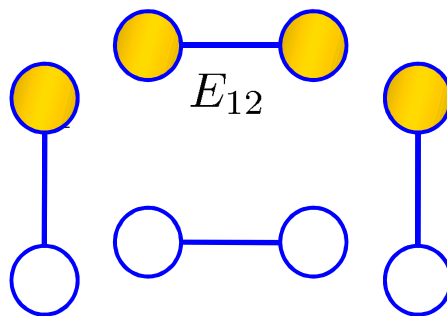
*After Splitting:
Network N'*



Tightening Bounds via cost-shifting



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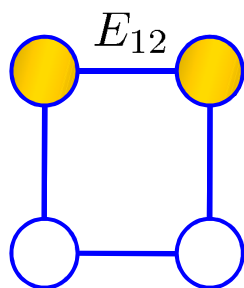
Decomposition

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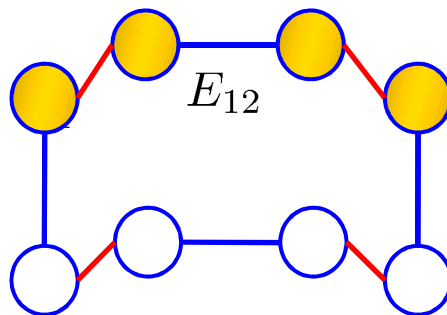
- Decompose graph into smaller subproblems
- Solve each independently; optimistic bound
- Exact if all copies agree



Decomposition view



Original



Decomposition

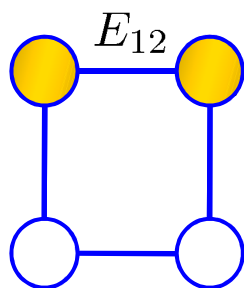
$$\forall i \sum_j \lambda_{ij}(x_i) = 0$$

$$\max_{\underline{x}} \sum_{ij} E_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \leq \min_{\lambda} \sum_{ij} \max_{\underline{x}} E_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \lambda_{ij}(x_i) + \lambda_{ji}(x_j)$$

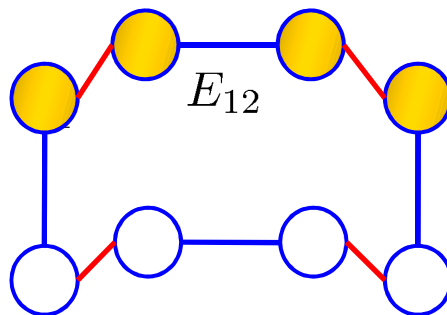
- Decompose graph into smaller subproblems
- Solve each independently; optimistic bound
- Exact if all copies agree
- Enforce lost equality constraints via Lagrange multipliers



Decomposition view



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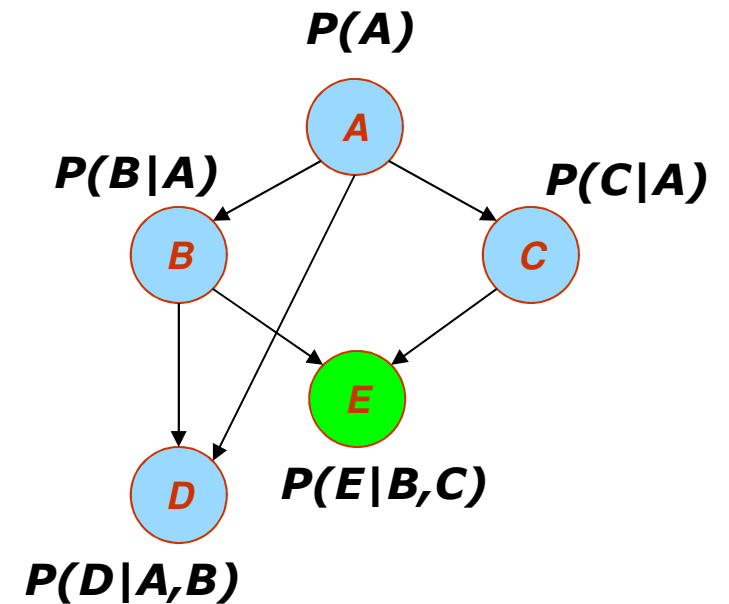
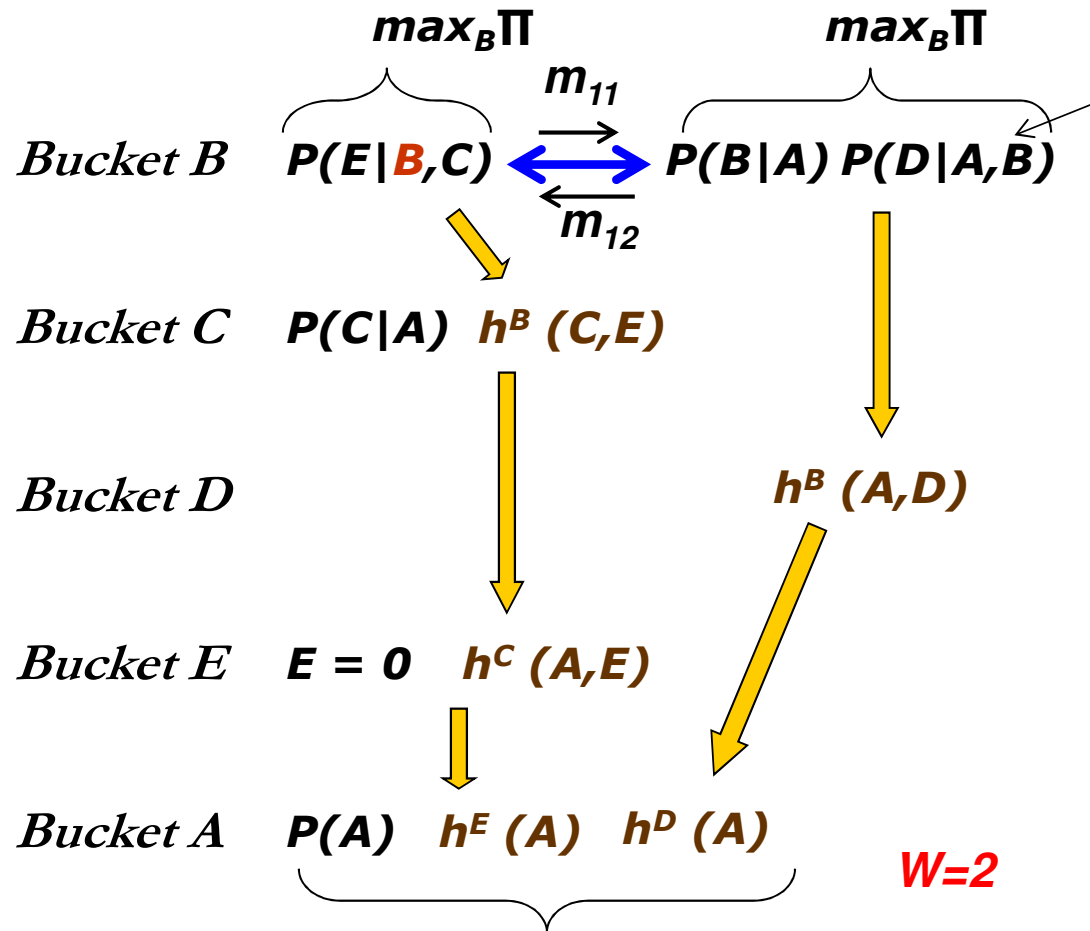
Same bound by different names

- Dual decomposition (Komodakis et al. 2007)
- TRW, MPLP (Wainwright et al. 2005; Globerson & Jaakkola 2007)
- Soft arc consistency (Cooper & Schiex 2004)



Join-graph based cost-shifting

m_{11}, m_{12} - moment-matching messages

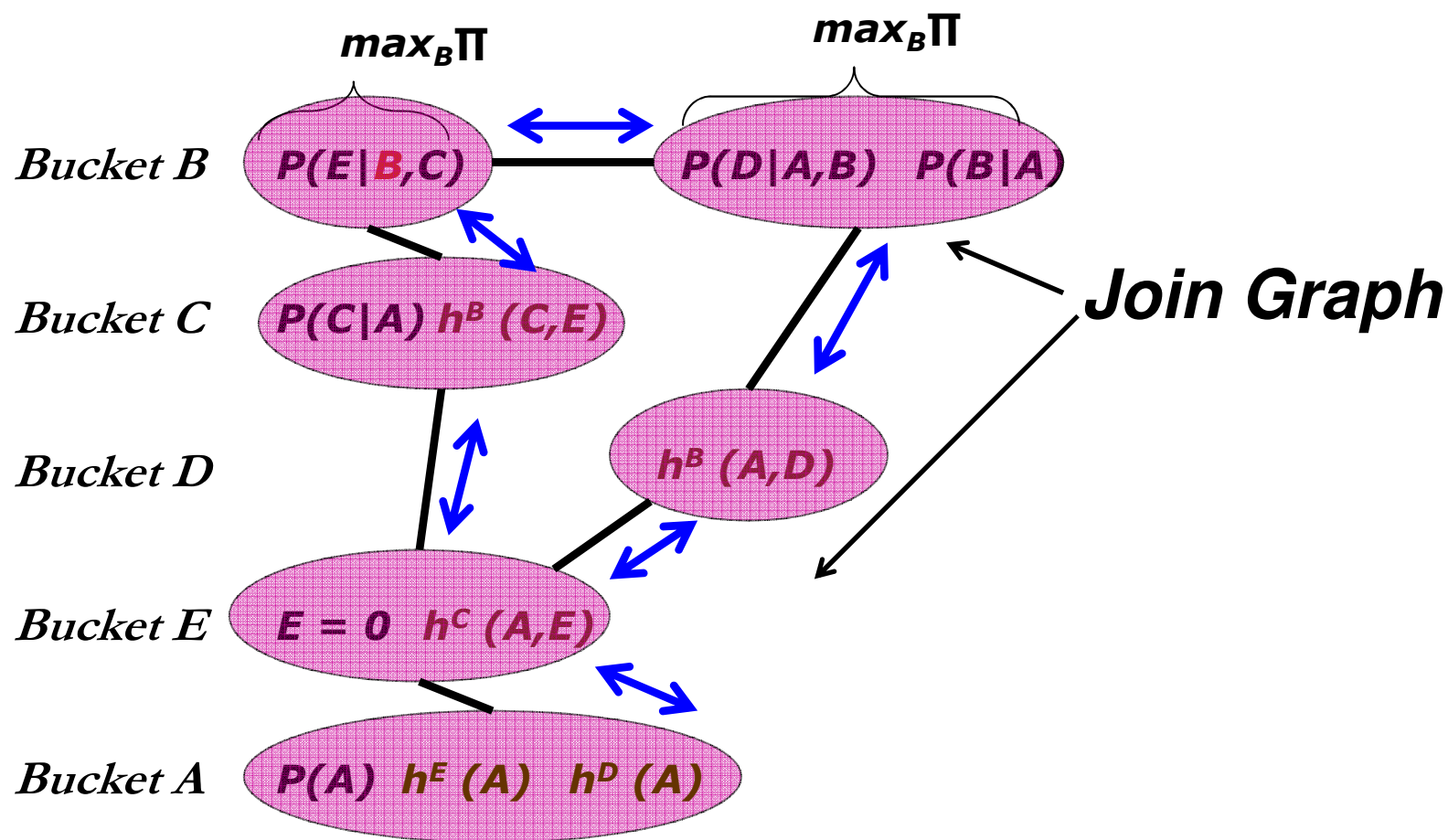


MPE* is an upper bound on MPE --U
Generating a solution yields a lower bound--L



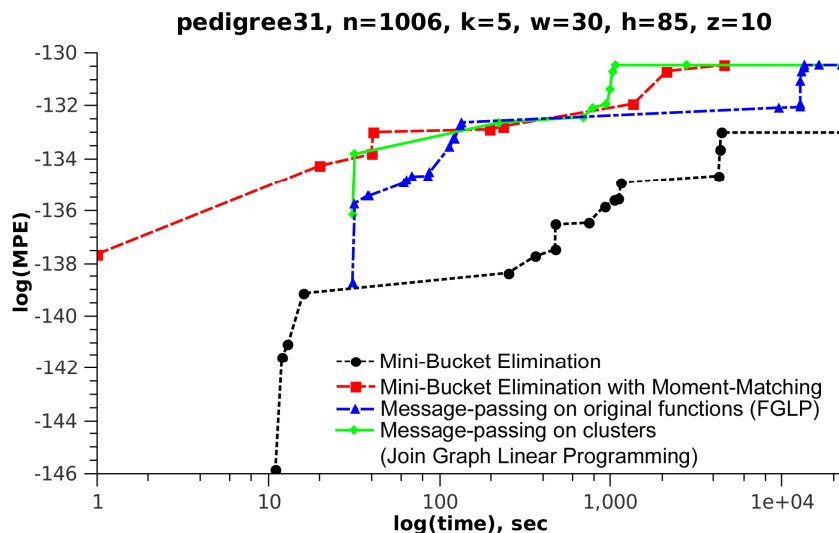
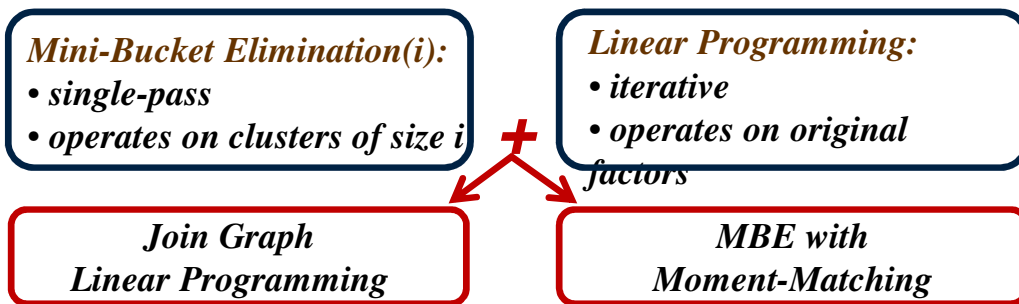
Join-graph based cost-shifting

(Ihler, Flerova, Dechter, Otten, UAI 2012)



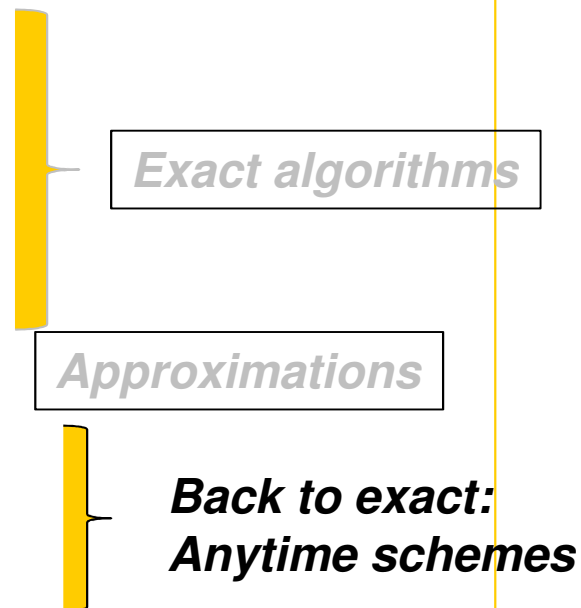
AOBB + MBE+ Join-graph based cost-shifting

Alexander Ihler, Natalia Flerova, Rina Dechter and Lars Otten (UAI '12)



Outline

- What are graphical models?
- Inference
- Search; via AND/OR search
- Time vs space, search vs inference
- Bounding inference
- Anytime AND/OR branch and bound
- Experiments, Competitions
and conclusions



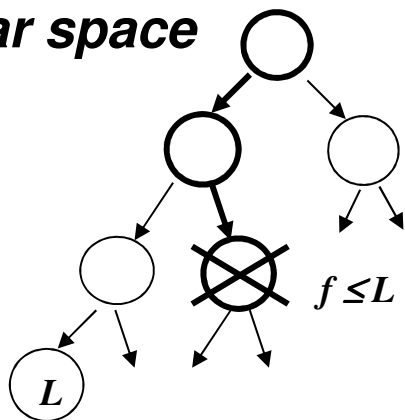
Basic Heuristic Search Schemes

Heuristic function $f(x^p)$ computes a lower bound on the best extension of x^p and can be used to guide a heuristic search algorithm. We focus on:

1. Branch-and-Bound

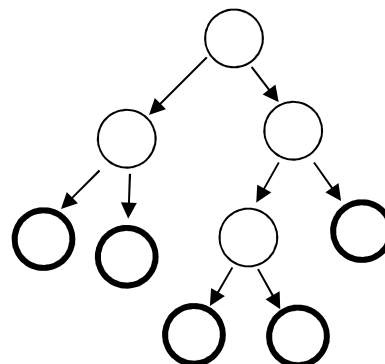
Use heuristic function $f(x^p)$ to prune the depth-first search tree

Linear space



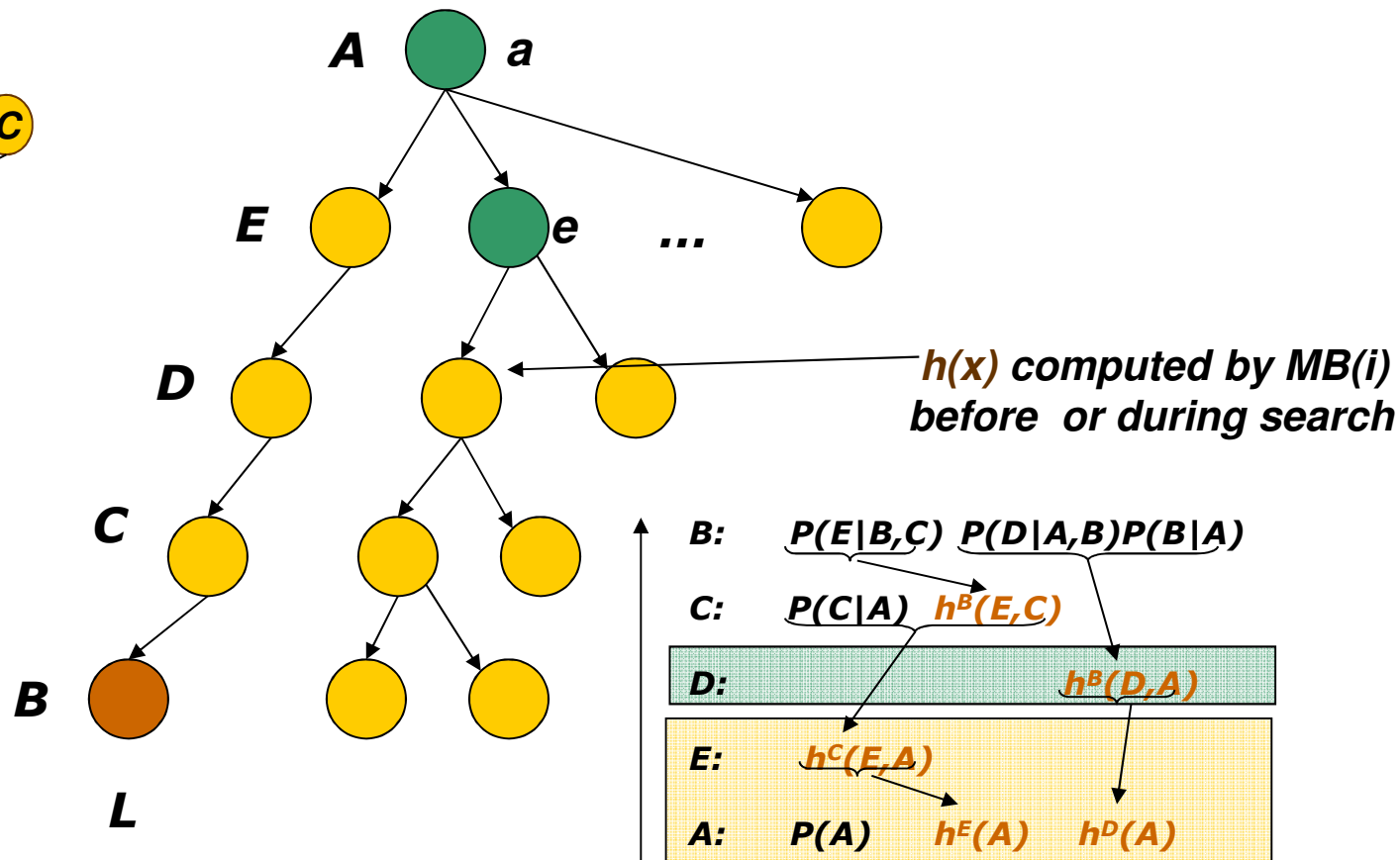
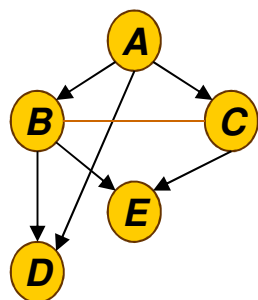
2. Best-First Search

Always expand the node with the highest heuristic value $f(x^p)$ needs lots of memory



Mini-bucket Heuristics for BB search

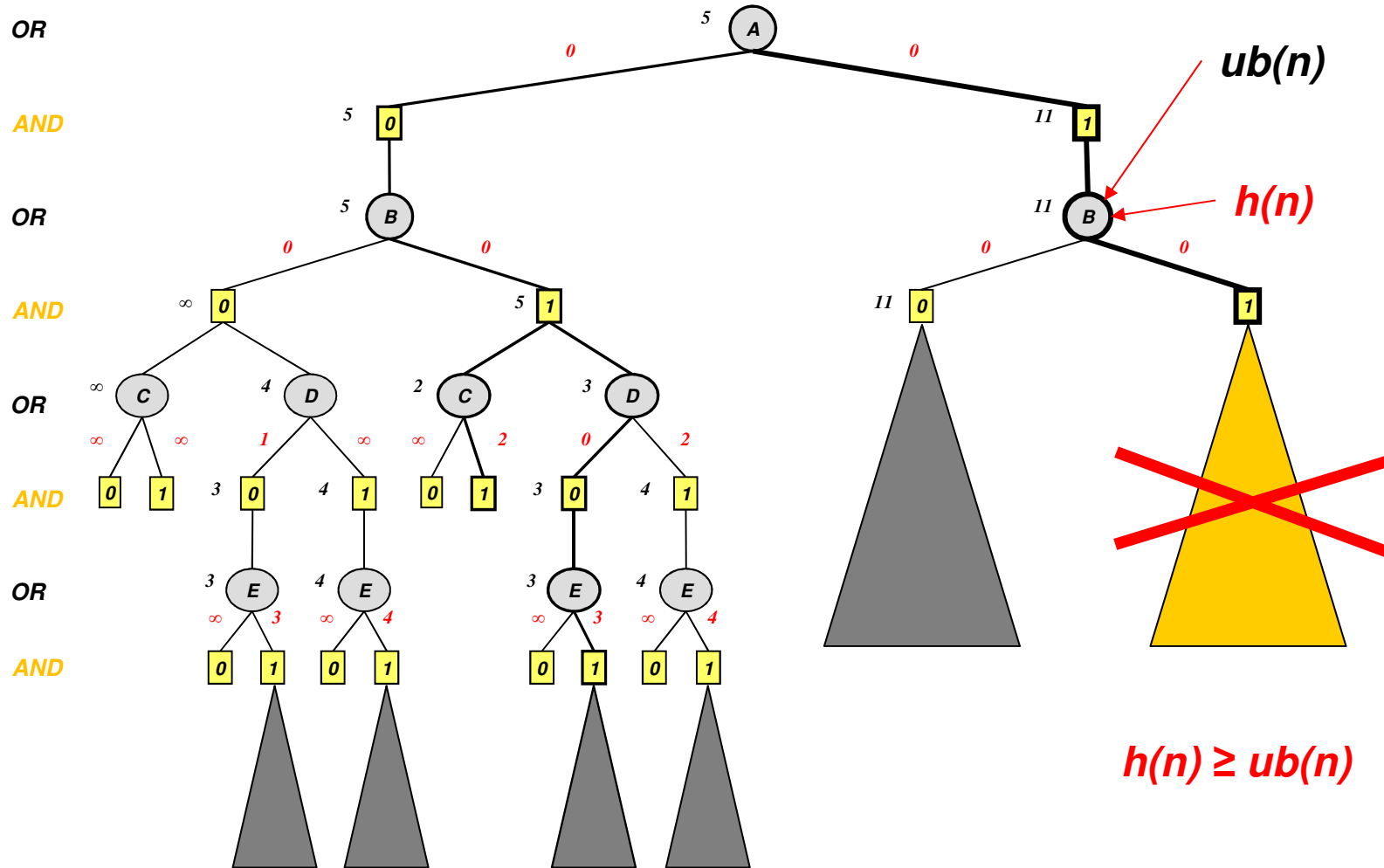
(Kask and dechterAIJ, 2001, Kask, Dechter and Marinescu 2004, 2005, 2009, Otten 2012)



$$f(a,e,D) = P(a) \cdot h^B(D,a) \cdot h^C(e,a)$$



AND/OR Branch-and-Bound



PASCAL 2011 Probabilistic Inference Challenge

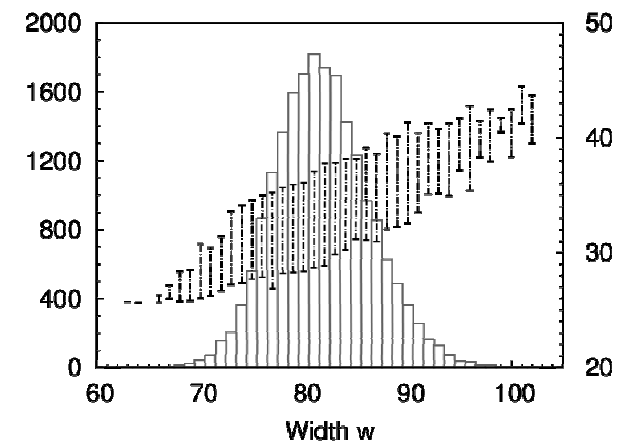
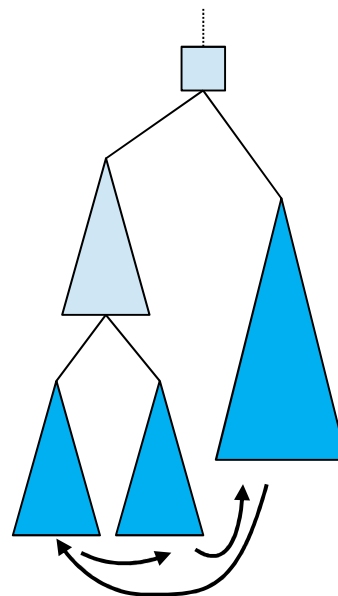
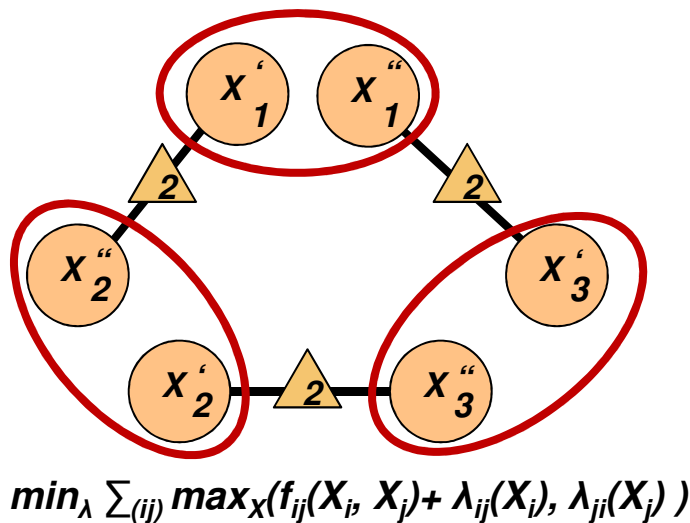
- <http://www.cs.huji.ac.il/project/PASCAL/>
- Evaluates solvers in three categories:
 - PR: Probability of evidence / partition function
 - MAR: Posterior node marginals
 - MPE: Most probable explanation (our entry)
- Three tracks each: 20 sec, 20 min, 1 hour.
- Variety of benchmark domains:
 - CSPs, Deep Belief Nets, Image Alignment and Segmentation, Object Detection, Protein



Folding, ...

AOBB + Central Enhancements

+ **SLS** (Hutter et. Al 2005)



Cost-shifting (MPLP) Re-parametrization

Tighter bounds by iteratively solving linear programming relaxations and message passing on join graph.

Breadth-First Subproblem Rotation

Improved anytime performance through interleaved processing of independent subproblems.

Enhanced Variable Ordering Schemes

Highly efficient, stochastic minfill / mindegree implementations for lower-width orderings.



(Ihler, Flerova, Dechter, Otten, 2012, Otten and Dechter 2011, Kask, Gelfand, Otten, Dechter 2010)

Competition:
Gurobi vs AOBB on Pascal2
instances (Junkyu and Lam,
ongoing)



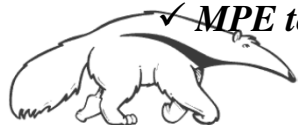
Benchmark

Problem	PEDIGREE	WCSP	Protein Folding
Total #. Instances	22 From UAI'08 Competition	61 From PASCAL2Competition	10 From PASCAL2Competition
Compared Instances	22	15 Exclude 46 Indeterminate Cases*	7 Exclude 3 Indeterminate Cases*
BRAOBB (G.M of Time)	51.07 sec G.M of 20 instances terminated for both	15.96 sec G. M of 13 instances terminated for both	1004.25 sec G. M of 7 instances, terminated for AOBB
GUROBI (G.M of Time)	7.15 sec G.M of 20 instances terminated for both	72.65 sec G. M of 13 instances terminated for both	NA 9/10 Memory Out
BRAOBB VS .GUROBI	0 VS. 22	12 VS. 3	6 Vs. 1 AOBB won by memory out of Gurobi

Indeterminate Cases :

- ✓ Both Time out, or BRAOBB Time out and Gurobi Memory out (4GB),
- ✓ One of the solver time out earlier than the other's running time
- ✓ MPE to 0/1 ILP Conversion was not available for experiments

[**Link to more results**](#)





	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
1	SPOT5 1502 209,412,4,3,6,6,15	1.72	24.57%	7
2	SPOT5 29 82,463,4,2,14,14,24	25.31	76.70%	33
3	SPOT5 404 100,711,4,3,19,19,45	310.58	2218.43%	14
4	SPOT5 503 143,636,4,3,9,9,44	622.49	8892.71%	7
5	SPOT5 54 67,272,4,3,11,11,19	28.15	402.14%	7
6	SPOT5 42 190,1395,4,3,13,26,87	3600 (TO)	NA	289
7	bwt3ac 45,686,11,2,12,16,27	164.4	342.50%	48
8	bwt4ac 179,7110,18,2,7,42,90	(MO)	NA	697

	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
9	driverlog01ac 71,619,4,2,9,9,30	7.74	96.75%	8
10	GEOM30a_3 30,82,3,2,6,6,15	42.42	707.00%	6
11	GEOM30a_4 30,82,4,2,6,6,15	6.76	112.67%	6
12	GEOM30a_5 30,82,5,2,6,6,15	6.69	111.50%	6
13	myciel5g_3 47,237,3,2,14,21,24	1012.8	1875.56%	54
14	queen5_5_3 25,161,3,2,15,18,20	2744.57	8072.26%	34
15	queen5_5_4 25,161,4,2,12,18,20	977.24	534.01%	183

BRAOBB : Tout 60 min (MBE-MM, MPLP 2ec, JGLP 2 sec, SLS 2x2 sec, Ordering from Kaley's Code 3sec)

GUROBI : Tout 60 min(Default, Single Processor, Dual Simplex at the Root)

Memory Limit : Both 4 GB

Indeterminate Cases Total 46 (Not presented Above)

✓ **Both Time Out : 5/46**

✓ **AOBB Time Out, Gurobi Memory out 15/46**

✓ **ILP Conversion NA : 26/46**



PROTEIN FOLDING

	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
1	pdb1b25 1972,8817,81,2,3,51,178	(MO)	NA	21600 (TO)
2	pdb1d2e 1328,5220,81,2,3,22,136	(MO)	NA	557
3	pdb1fmj 614,2760,81,2,3,35,118	(MO)	NA	21600 (TO)
4	pdb1i24 337,1360,81,2,3,33,58	78.54	21.76%	361
5	pdb1iqc 1040,4042,81,2,3,26,107	(MO)	NA	1801

	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
6	pdb1jmx 739,2943,81,2,3,37,80	(MO)	NA	21600 (TO)
7	pdb1kgn 1060,4715,81,2,3,38,164	(MO)	NA	536
8	pdb1kwh 424,1881,81,2,3,27,93	(MO)	NA	16638
9	pdb1m3y 1364,5037,81,2,3,29,93	(MO)	NA	647
10	pdb1qks 926,3712,81,2,3,36,124	(MO)	NA	493

BRAOBB : Tout 6Hr (MBE-MM, MPLP 60 sec, JGLP 60 sec, SLS 20x10 sec, Ordering from Kaley's Code 3min)

GUROBI : Tout 6Hr (Default, Single Processor, Dual Simplex at the Root)

Memory Limit : Both 4 GB

Indeterminate Cases Total 3

✓AOBB Time Out, Gurobi Memory Out 3



Pedigree

	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
1	Pedigree1 (298,335,4,5,15,15,60)	0.7	10.00%	7
2	Pedigree13 (888,1078,3,4,20,32,163)	15.8	2.33%	679
3	Pedigree18 (931,1185,5,5,19,19,98)	6.45	53.75%	12
4	Pedigree19 (693,794,5,5,14,24,99)	173.66	NA	1800 (TO)
5	Pedigree20 (387,438,5,4,19,22,73)	11.81	18.75%	63
6	Pedigree23 (309,403,5,4,18,25,60)	2.72	4.77%	57
7	Pedigree25 (993,1290,5,5,20,24,70)	3.1	16.32%	19
8	Pedigree30 (1015,1290,5,5,20,20,121)	7.25	55.77%	13
9	Pedigree31 (1006,1184,5,5,18,30,116)	20.32	18.81%	108
10	Pedigree33 (581,799,4,5,20,27,139)	4.12	9.36%	44
11	Pedigree34 (922,1161,5,4,17,30,130)	40.06	41.30%	97

	name (n,f,k,s,i,w,h)	Gurobi Time	Tg/Ta	AOBB Time
12	Pedigree37 (726,1033,5,4,13,21,59)	3.09	11.44%	27
13	Pedigree38 (581,725,5,4,12,16,62)	5.99	13.31%	45
14	Pedigree39 (953,1273,5,4,20,20,78)	6.01	30.05%	20
15	Pedigree40 (842,1031,7,5,14,28,160)	221.15	NA	1800 (TO)
16	Pedigree41 (885,1063,5,5,18,32,113)	24.5	8.75%	280
17	Pedigree42 (390,449,5,4,15,23,60)	2.36	3.58%	66
18	Pedigree44 (644,812,4,5,20,26,72)	9.83	18.90%	52
19	Pedigree50 (478,515,6,4,10,17,53)	12.05	48.20%	25
20	Pedigree51 (871,1153,5,4,19,38,114)	14.64	3.30%	443
21	Pedigree7 (867,1069,4,4,19,31,119)	8.01	10.27%	78
22	Pedigree9 (935,1119,7,4,20,26,132)	7.85	25.32%	31

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Conclusions and Software

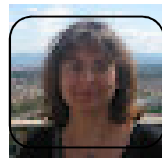
- **Conclusion:** Exact Search+Inference algorithms lead to effective anytime schemes and effective approximation and should be exploited.
- Search and inference are not so different; you may do effective inference by search
- Software
 - AND/OR search algorithms
 - Bucket-tree elimination
 - Generalized belief propagation
 - Samplesearch sampling
 - AOBB source code is freely available, under an open-source license.
 - <http://graphmod.ics.uci.edu/group/Software>





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