

# Modern Exact and Approximate MAP algorithms for Graphical Models

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# Outline

- Graphical models and the MAP task
- Solving exactly: Variable elimination and search
- Upper bound approximations
  - The mini-bucket scheme
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# Sample Applications for Graphical Models

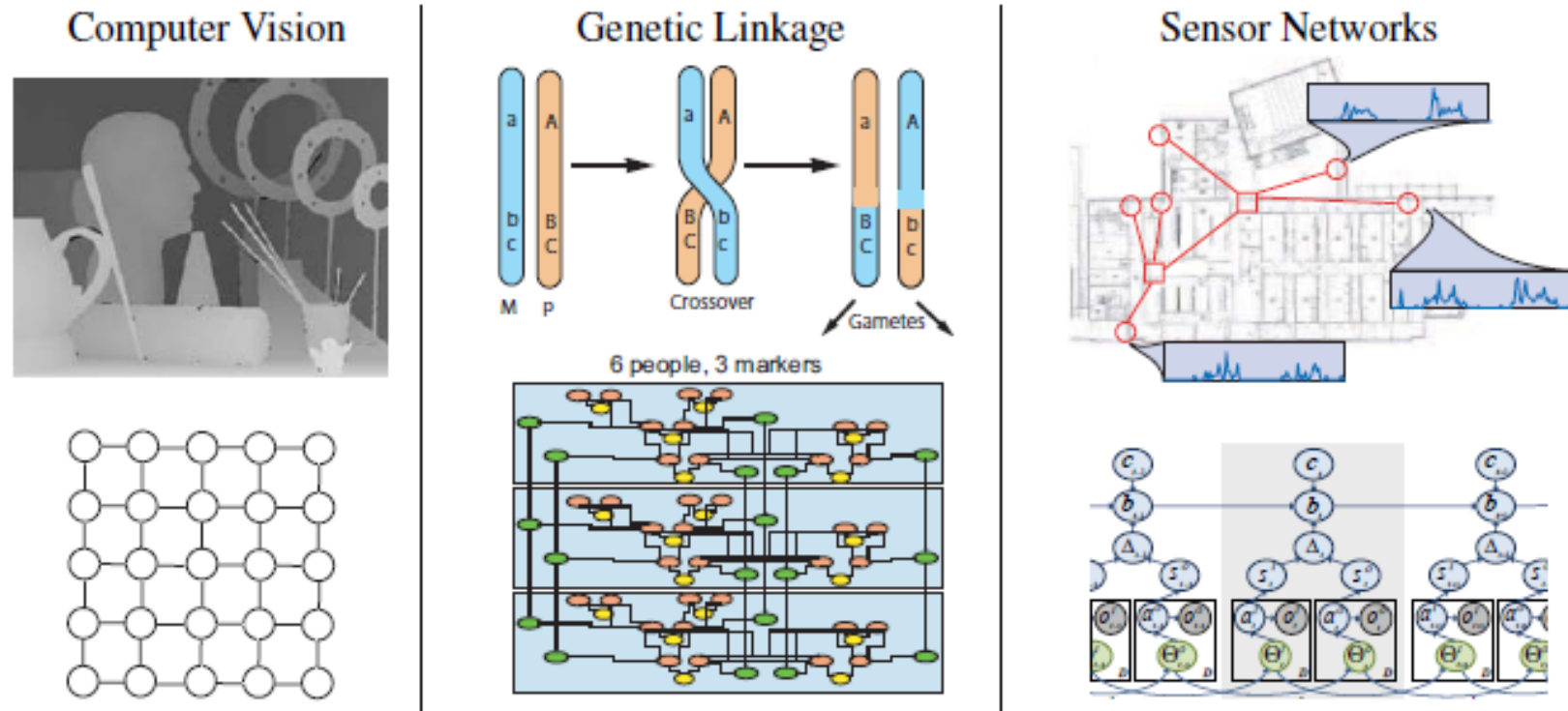
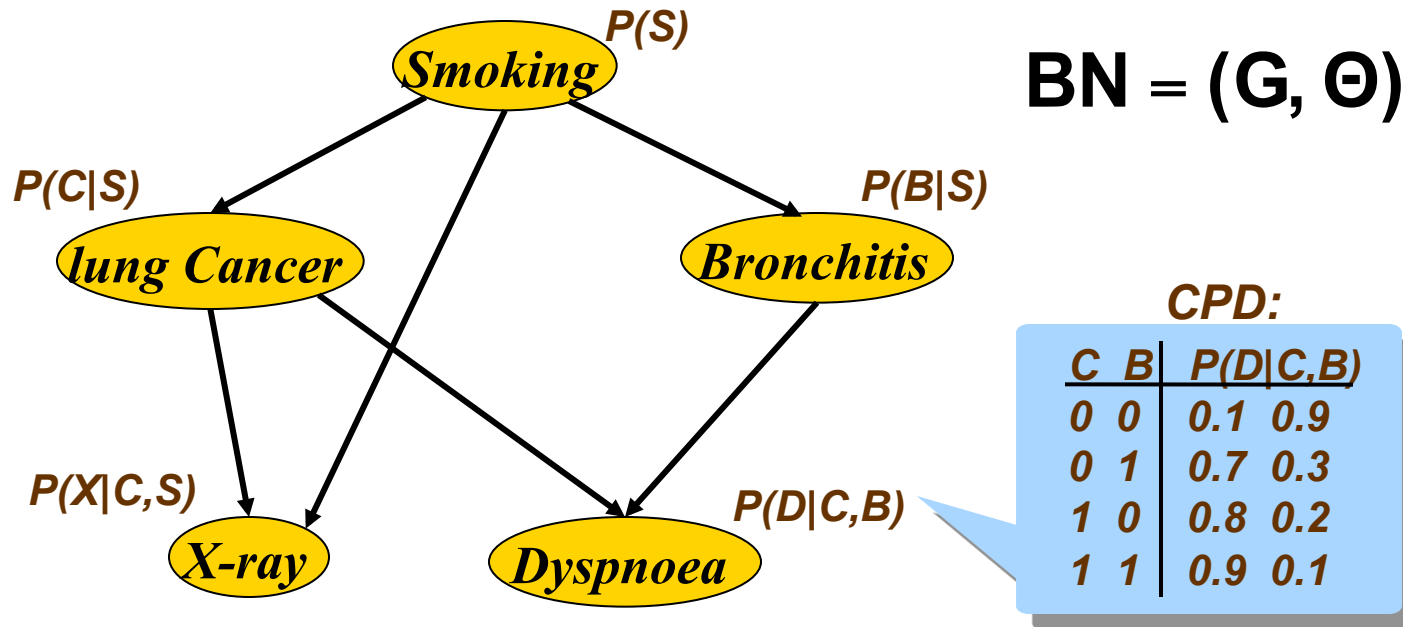


Figure 1: Application areas and graphical models used to represent their respective systems: (a) Finding correspondences between images, including depth estimation from stereo; (b) Genetic linkage analysis and pedigree data; (c) Understanding patterns of behavior in sensor measurements using spatio-temporal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



# Bayesian Networks (Pearl 1988)



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

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

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

$$mpe = \max_x P(x)$$



# 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	$\infty$
2	3	1	0
3	1	2	5
3	2	1	0

**Primal graph =**

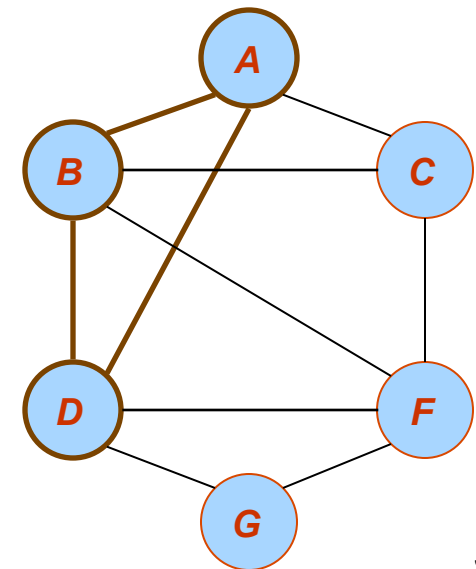
**Variables --> nodes**

**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

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

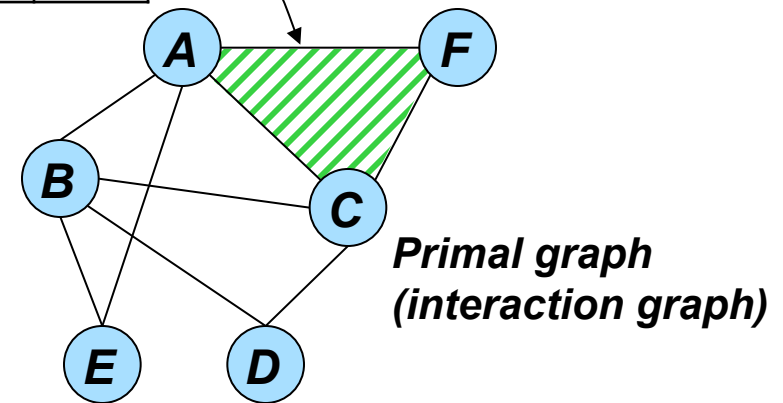


# Graphical Models

## Conditional Probability or potential

- A graphical model  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F})$ :
  - $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  variables
  - $\mathbf{D} = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$  domains
  - $\mathbf{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$  functions  
(potential, factors, CPTS, CNFs ...)

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



- Tasks:
  - **Belief updating:**  $\sum_{x-y} \prod_j P_i$
  - **MPE:**  $\max_x \prod_j P_j$

### The MRF

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to all the variables which maximizes the sum of the factors:

$$\text{MAP}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{i \in V} \theta_i(x_i) + \sum_{f \in F} \theta_f(\mathbf{x}_f). \quad (1.1)$$

## 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, ...



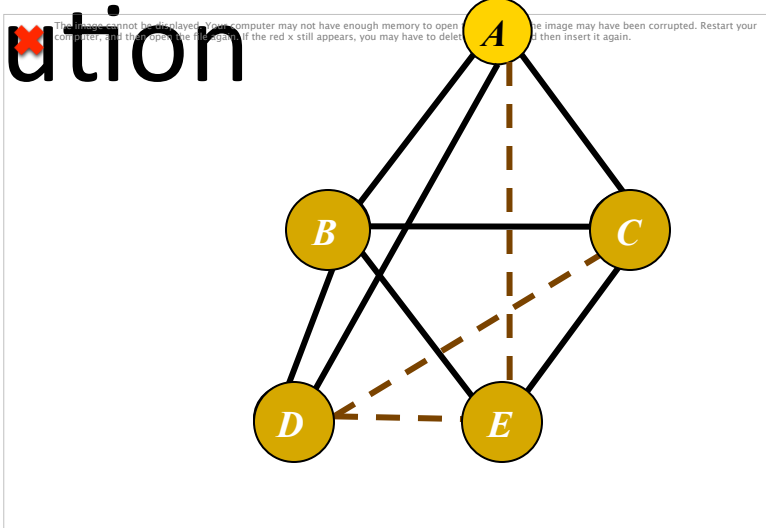
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# Computing the Optimal Cost Solution



$$OPT = \min_{e=0,d,c,b} \underbrace{f(a,b)f(a,c)f(a,d)}_{\text{left part}} \underbrace{f(b,c)f(b,d)f(b,e)f(c,e)}_{\text{right part}} =$$

**Combination**

$$\min_{e=0} \min_d f(a,d) \cdot \min_c f(a,c)f(c,e) \quad \min_b \underbrace{f(a,b)f(b,c)f(b,d)f(b,e)}_{\text{right part}}$$

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

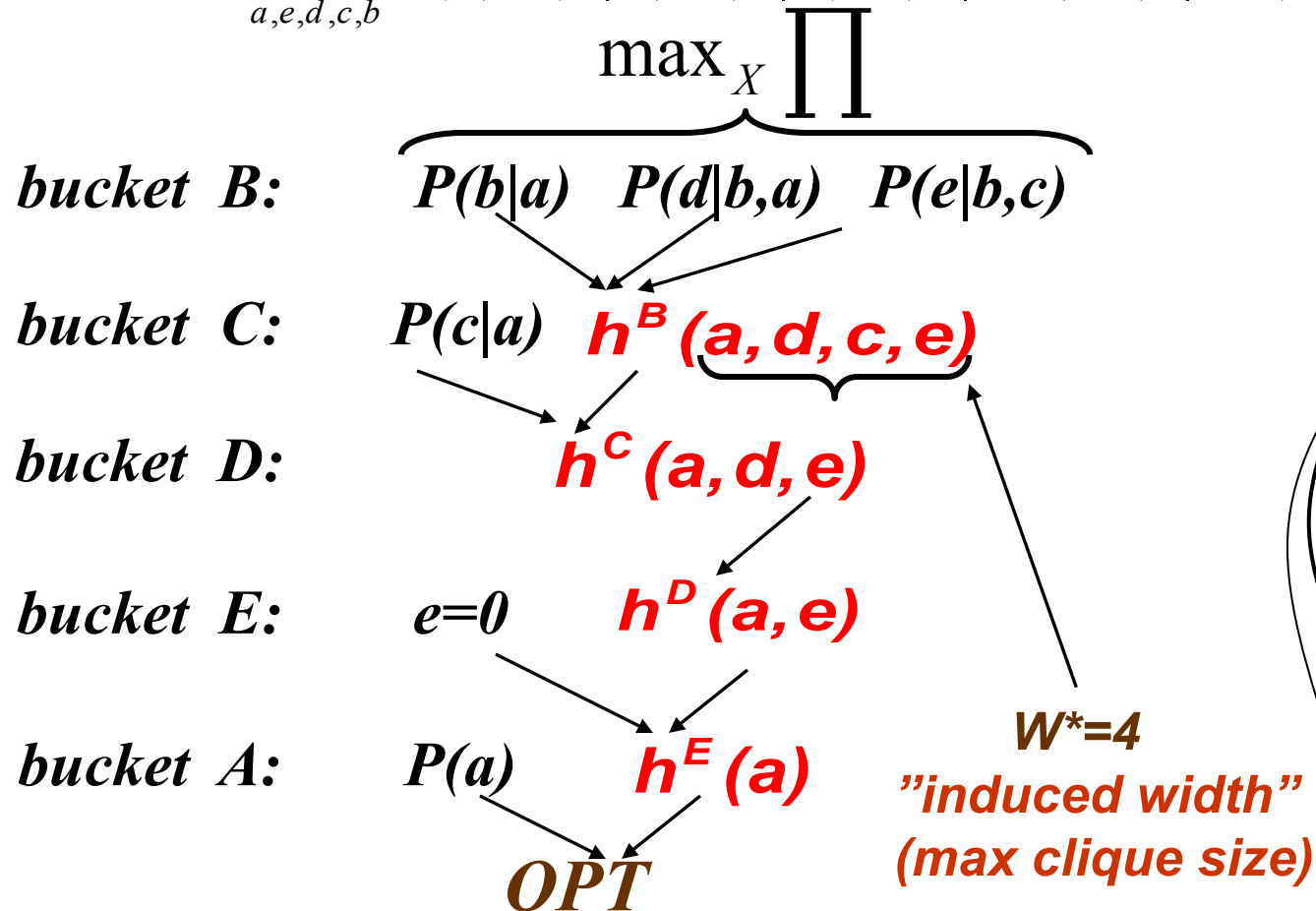
**Variable Elimination**



# Inference by Variable 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.  $a' = \arg \max_a P(a) \cdot h^E(a)$

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

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

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

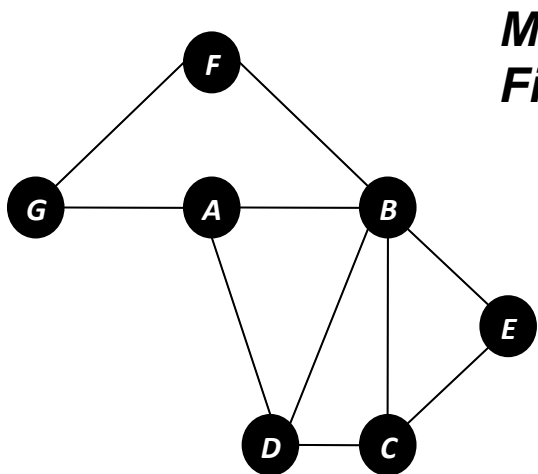
$E: e=0 \quad h^D(a, e)$

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

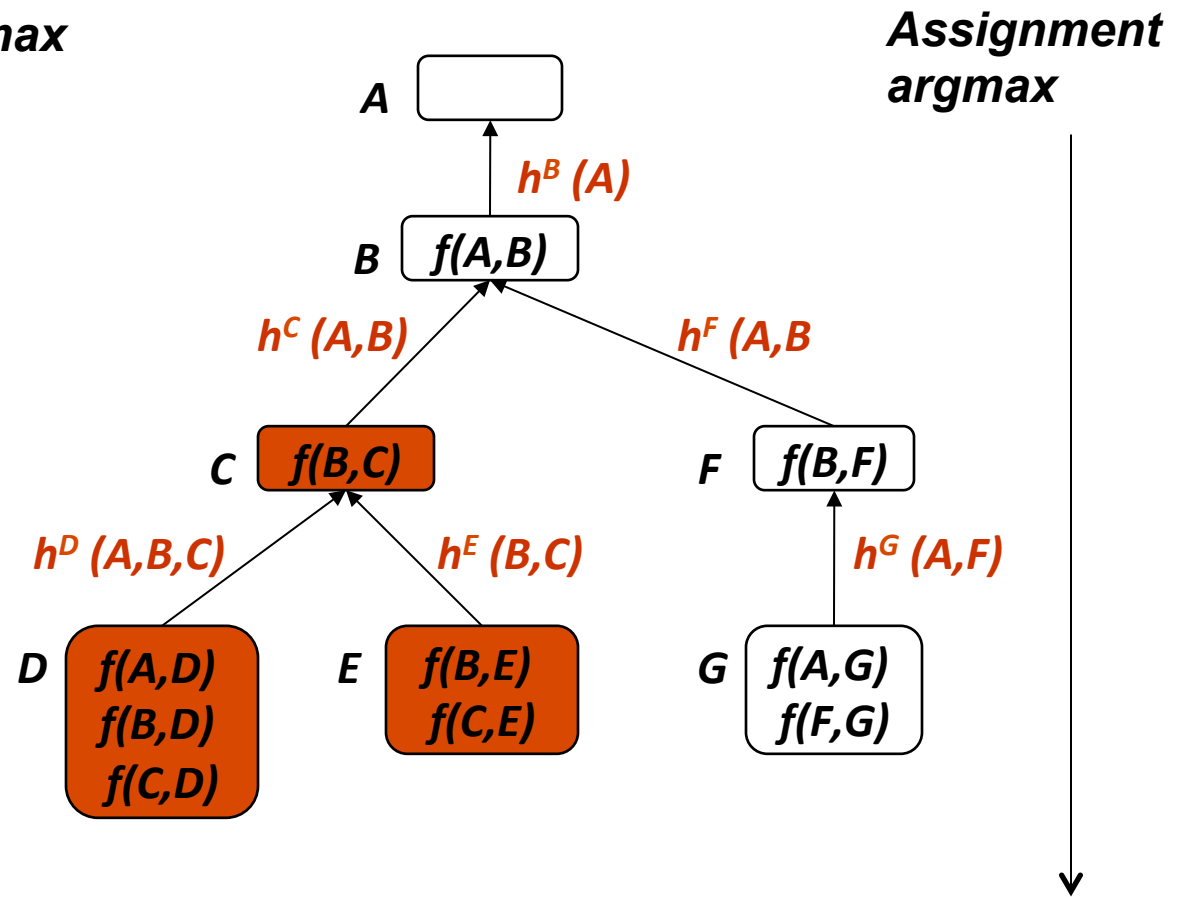
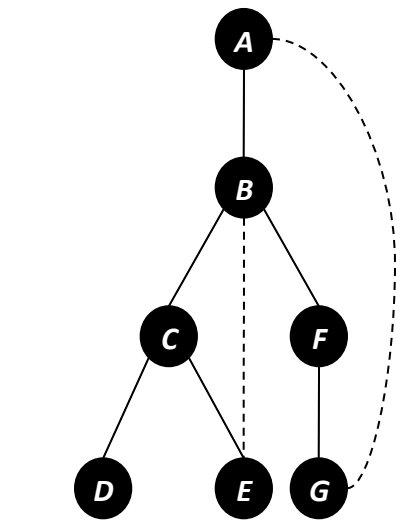
Return  $(a', b', c', d', e')$



# 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

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

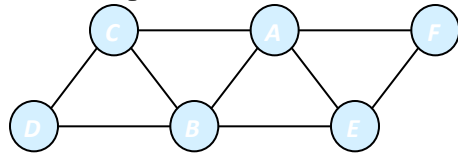
Ordering: (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)

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- Introduction
- Inference
- **Search (OR)**
  - Branch-and-Bound and Best-First search
- Lower-bounds and relaxations
- Exploiting problem structure in search
- Software



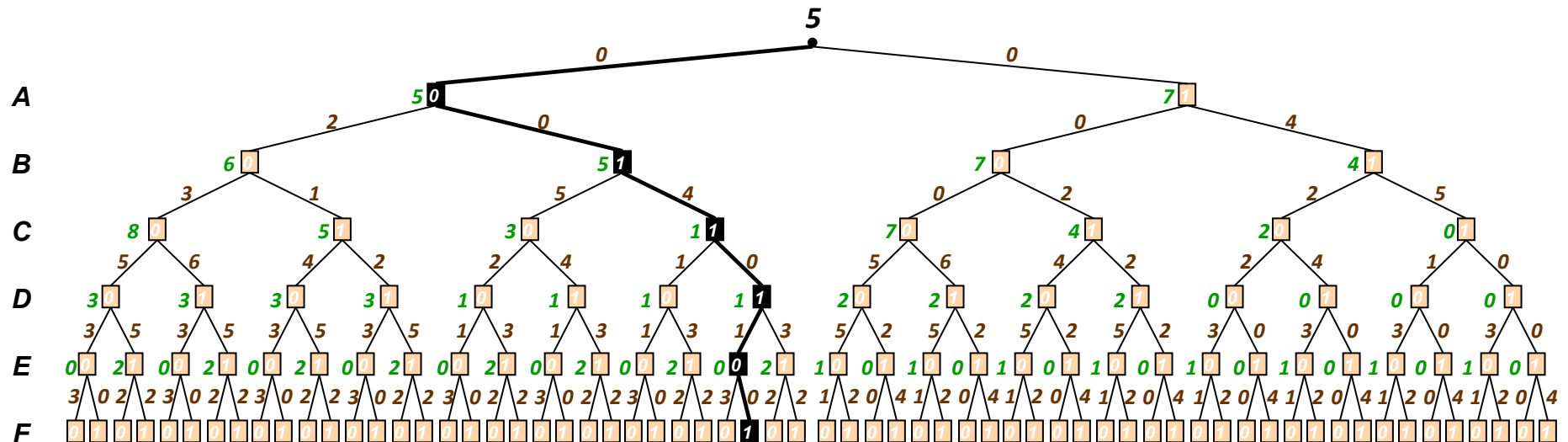
# An Optimal Solution



A	B	f <sub>1</sub>	A	C	f <sub>2</sub>	A	E	f <sub>3</sub>	A	F	f <sub>4</sub>	B	C	f <sub>5</sub>	B	D	f <sub>6</sub>	B	E	f <sub>7</sub>	C	D	f <sub>8</sub>	E	F	f <sub>9</sub>
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

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

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



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

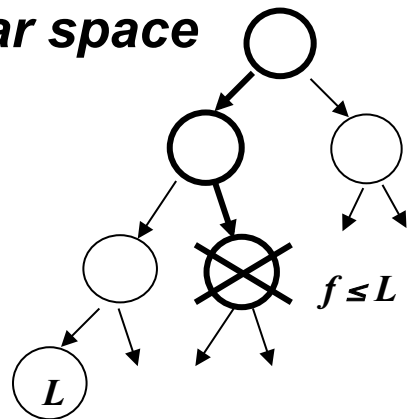
# Basic Heuristic Search Schemes

*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

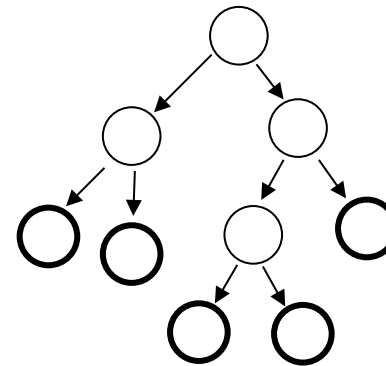
*Use heuristic function  $f(x^p)$  to prune the depth-first search tree*

*Linear space*

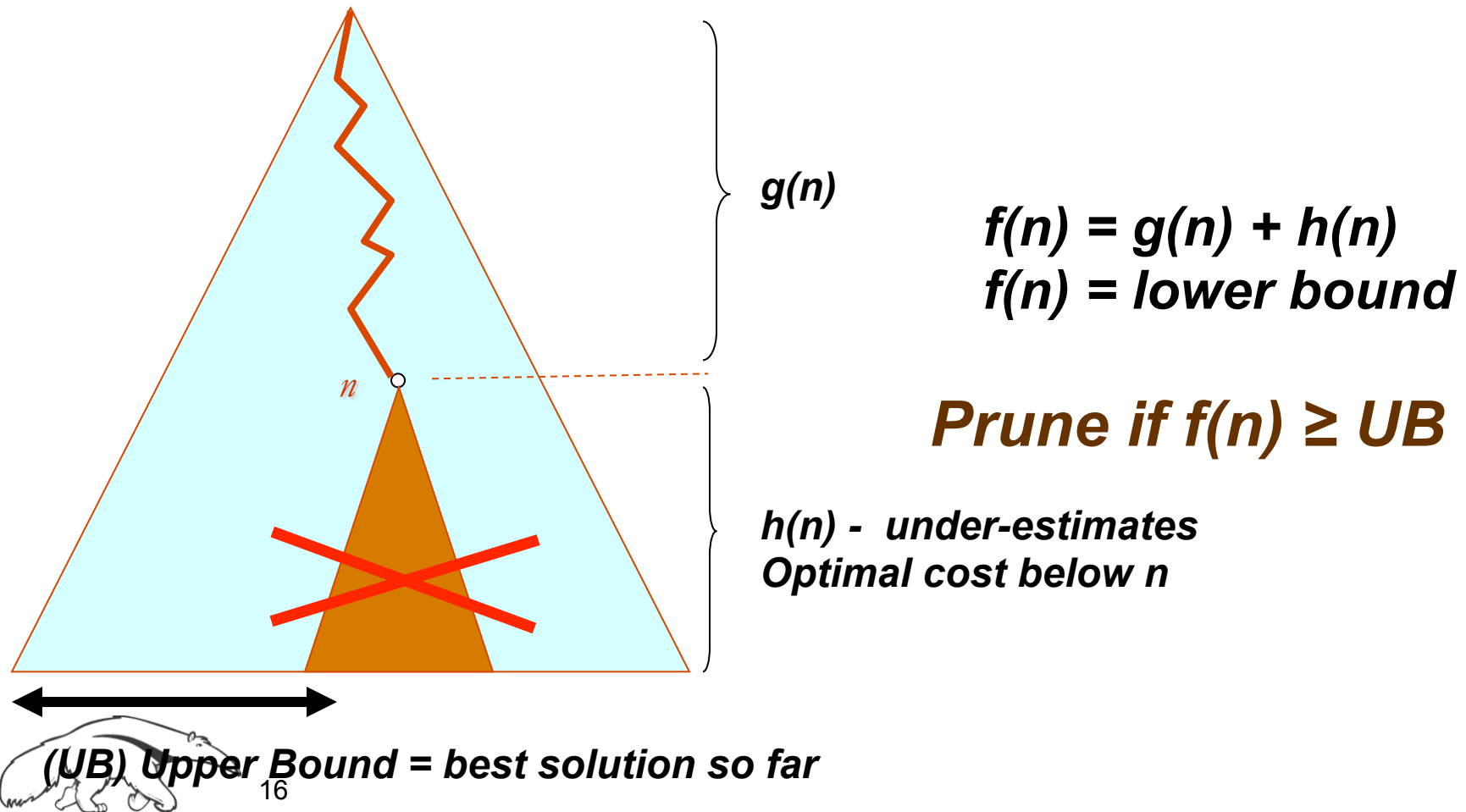


## 2. Best-First Search

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



# Classic Branch-and-Bound





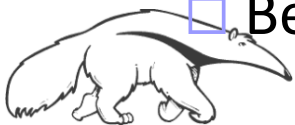
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# Primary Bounding Schemes

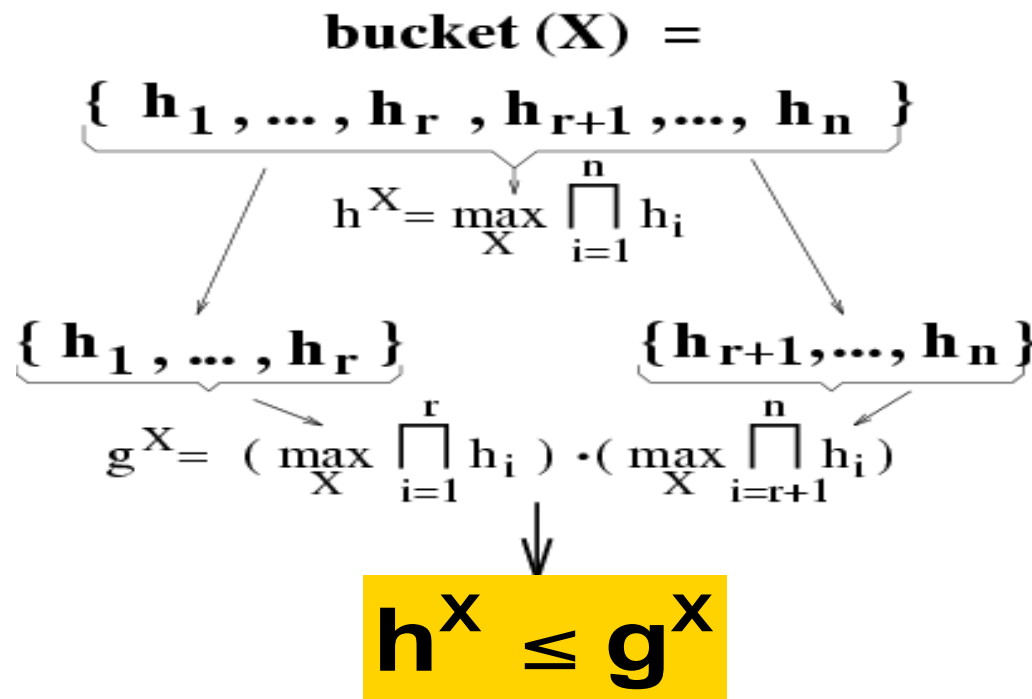
- Goal: bound  $\min_x \sum_i f_i(x)$  or  $\max_x \prod_i f_i(x)$
- **Node duplication control:**
  - Mini-bucket scheme: (Dechter and Rish 1997,2003, Kask and Dechter, 1999, Rollon and Dechter 2010)
- **Reparameterization schemes:**
  - Soft arc-consistency (Bistareli, 2000, Sciex 2000)
  - Linear relaxation/ Dual-decomposition: (Globerson and Jaakkola 2007, Sontag, Globerson and Jaakkola, 2010, Kovalevsky et al. 1975)
  - Belief Propagation can be viewed as re-parameterization



# Mini-bucket Approximation

(Dechter and Rish, 1997, 2003)

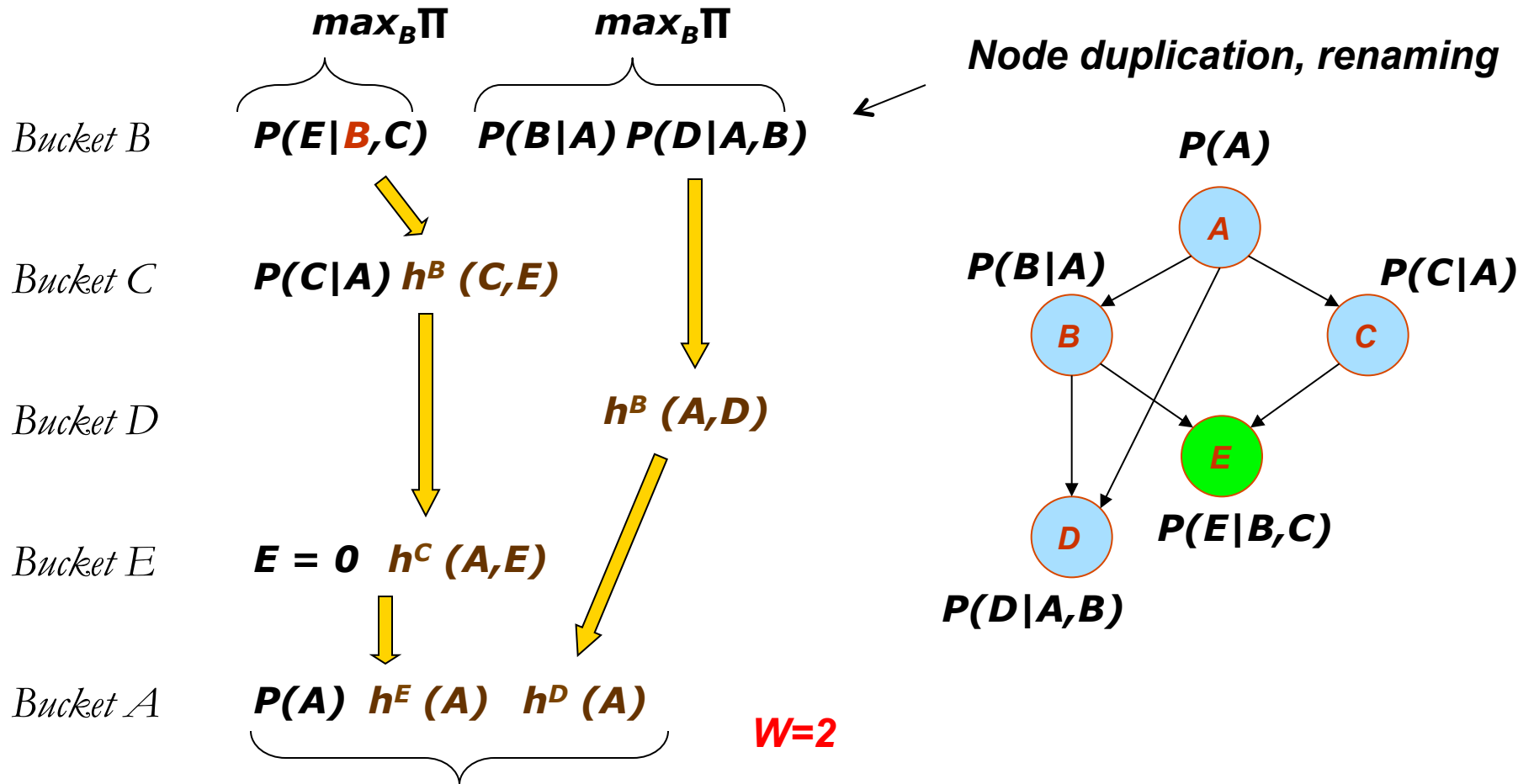
*Split a bucket into mini-buckets => bound complexity*



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



# Mini-Bucket Elimination



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

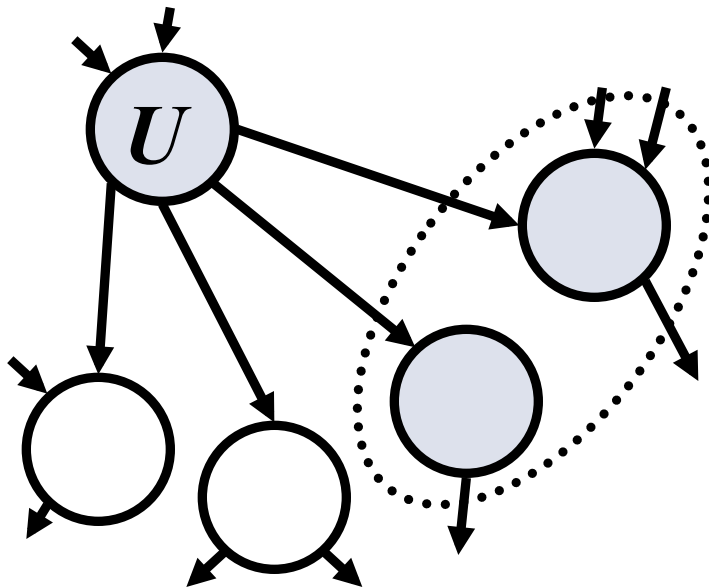


## Semantics of Mini-Bucket: Splitting a Node

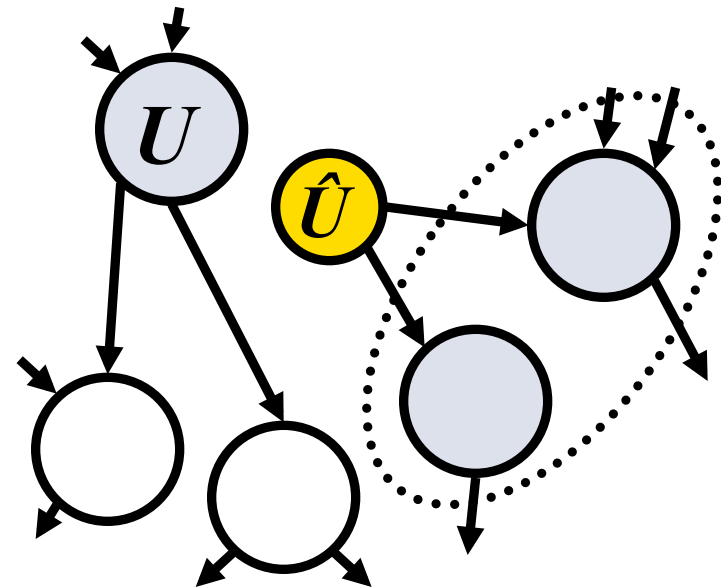
*Variables in different buckets are renamed and duplicated*

*(Kask and Dechter, 2001), (Geffner et. al., 2007), (Choi, Chavira, Darwiche, 2007)*

**Before Splitting:  
Network  $N$**

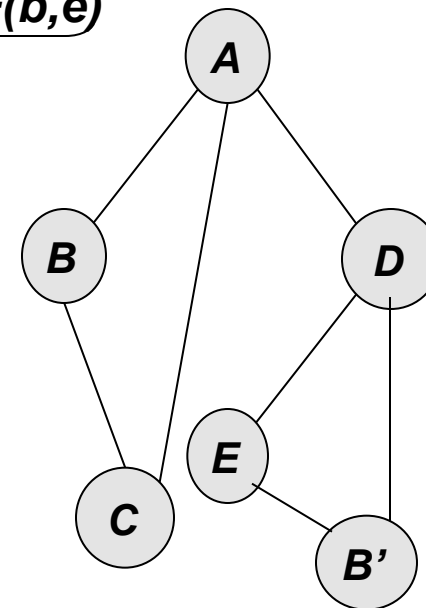
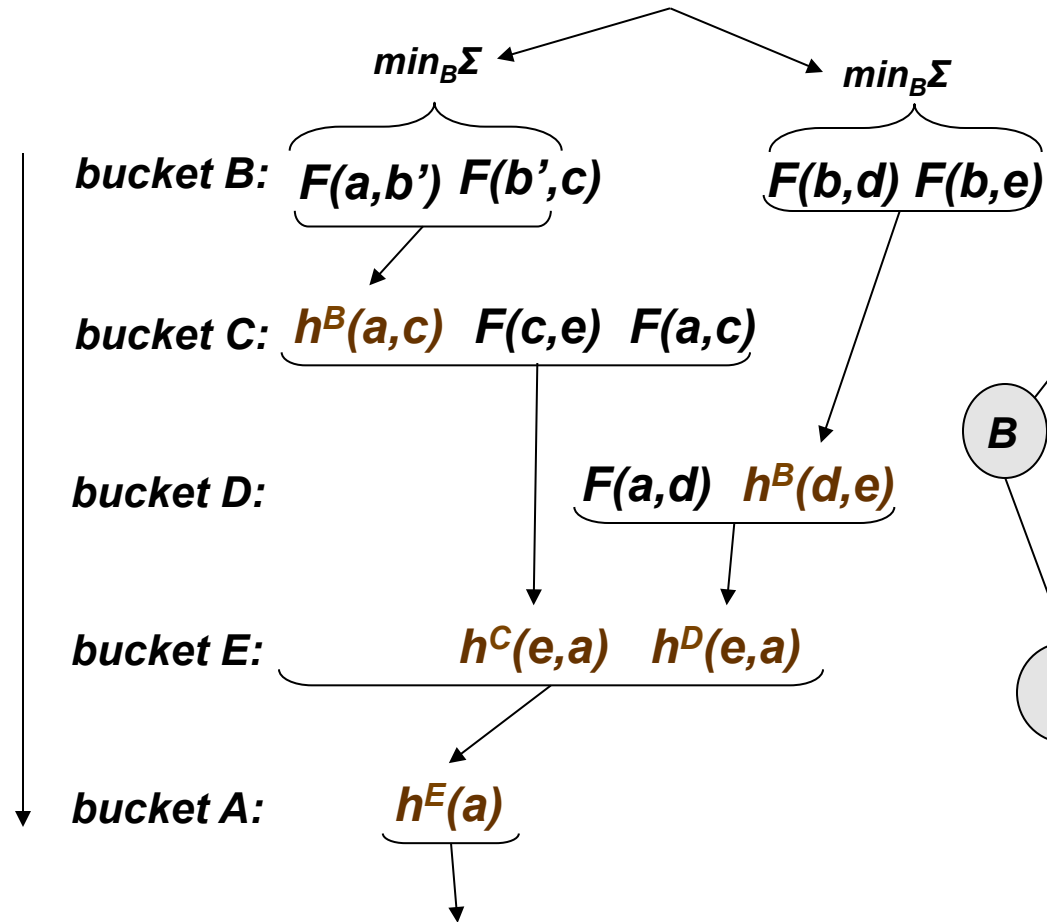
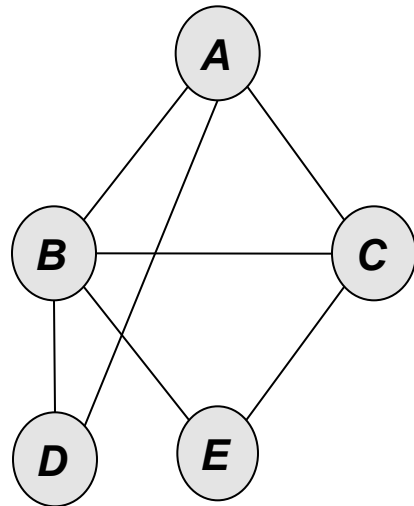


**After Splitting:  
Network  $N'$**



# Mini-Bucket Elimination Semantic

Mini-buckets



**$L = \text{lower bound}$**

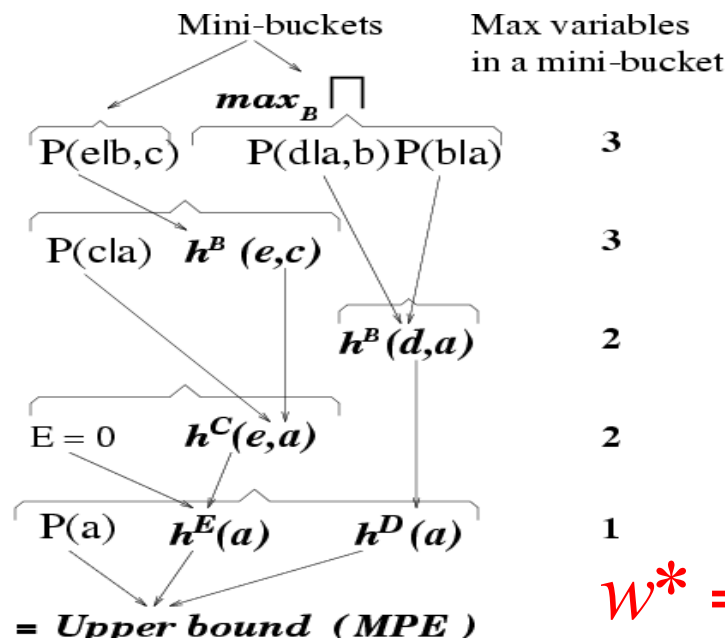


# MBE-MPE(i)

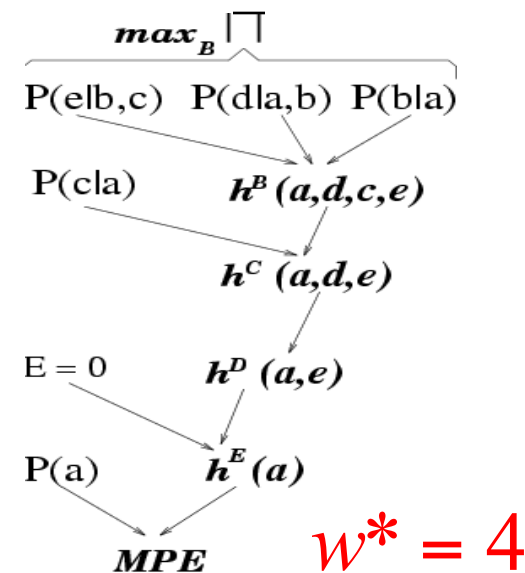
Algorithm **Approx-MPE** (Dechter & Rish, 1997)

- **Input:**  $i$  – max number of variables allowed in a mini-bucket
- **Output:** [lower bound (P of a sub-optimal solution), upper bound]

## Example: *approx-mpe(3)* versus *elim-mpe*



$$w^* = 2$$



# 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)

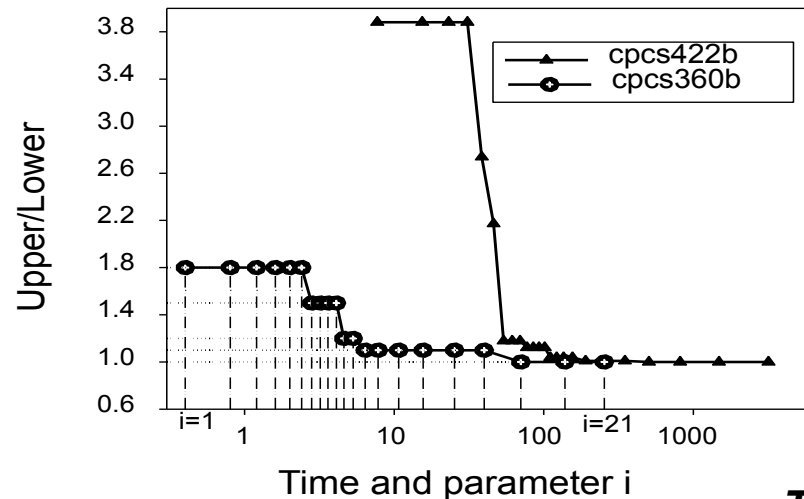




# CPCS Networks – Medical Diagnosis (noisy-OR CPD's)

**Test case: no evidence**

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

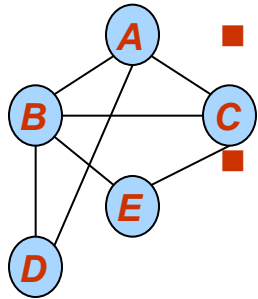


Algorithm	Time (sec)	
	<i>cpcs360</i>	<i>cpcs422</i>
<i>elim-mpe</i>	115.8	1697.6
<i>anytime-mpe</i> ( $\epsilon$ $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$ )	70.3	505.2
<i>anytime-mpe</i> ( $\epsilon$ $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$ )	70.3	110.5

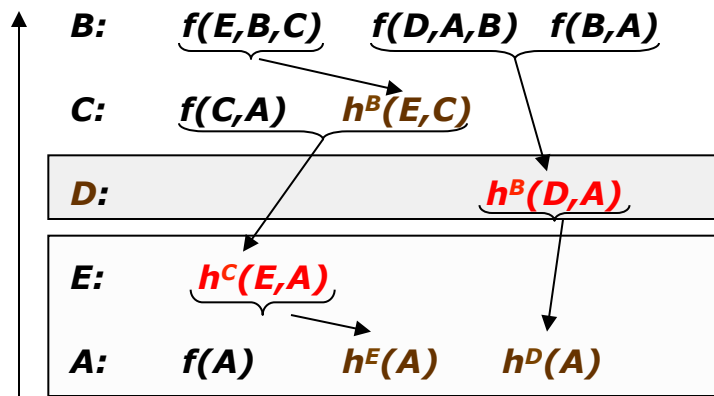


# Static MBE Heuristics

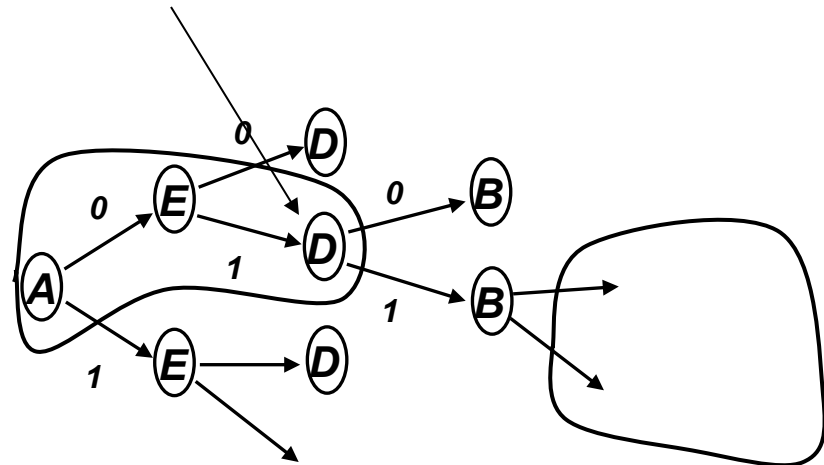
- Given a partial assignment  $x^p$ , estimate the cost of the best extension to a full solution
- The evaluation function  $f(x^p)$  can be computed using function recorded by the Mini-Bucket scheme
- Heuristic is consistent and admissible.



Cost Network



$$f(a,e,D) = g(a,e) + H(a,e,D)$$

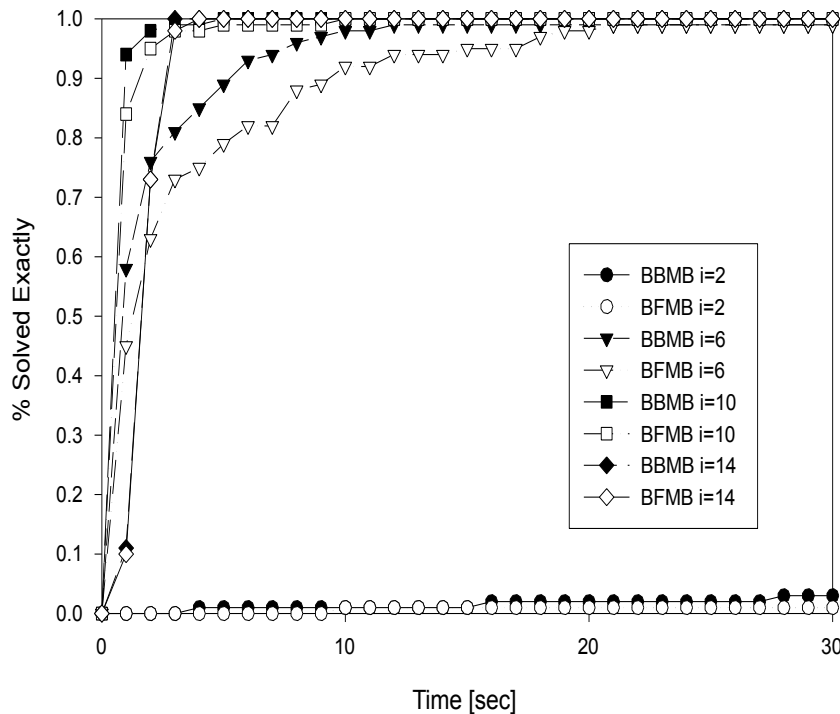


$$f(a,e,D) = \underbrace{f(a)}_g + \underbrace{h^B(D,a) + h^C(e,a)}_{h - \text{is admissible}}$$

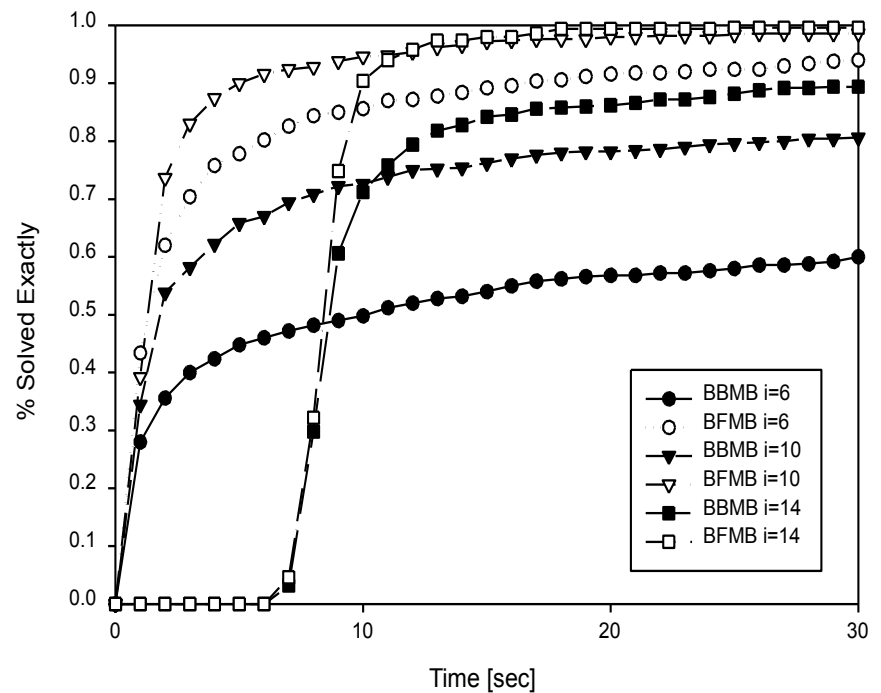


Empirical Evaluation of Mini-Bucket heuristics:  
Random coding networks (Kask & Dechter, UAI'99, Aij 2000)

**Random Coding,  $K=100$ , noise=0.28**



**Random Coding,  $K=100$ , noise=0.32**



**Each data point represents an average over 100 random instances**



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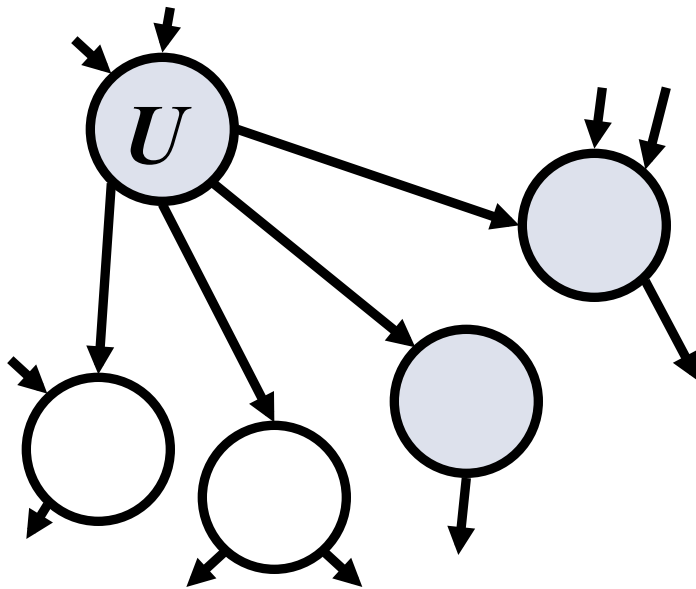
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# Semantics of Dual Decomposition: Each Functions is a Mini-Bucket + Reparameterization

***Variables in different buckets are renamed and duplicated (Globerson and Jakkola, 2008),***

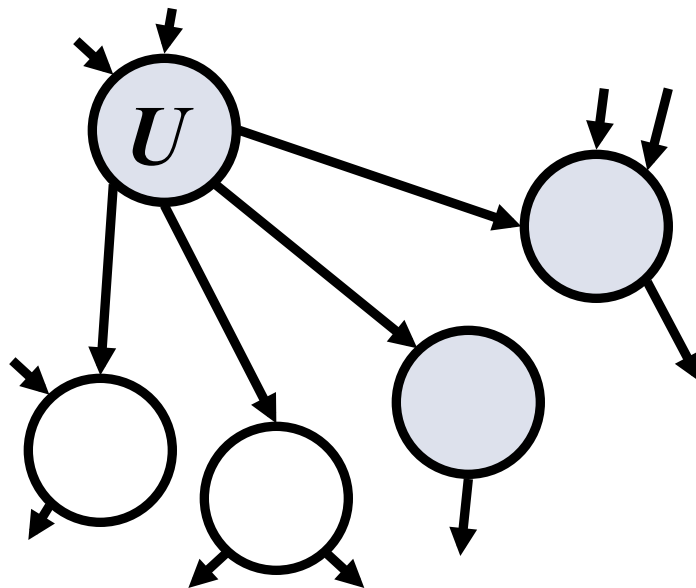
***Before Splitting:  
Network N***



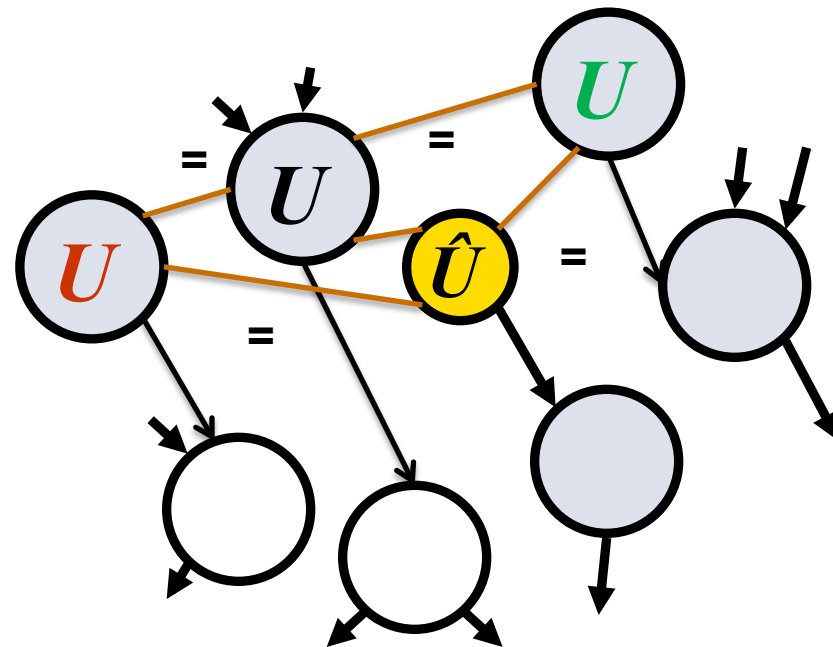
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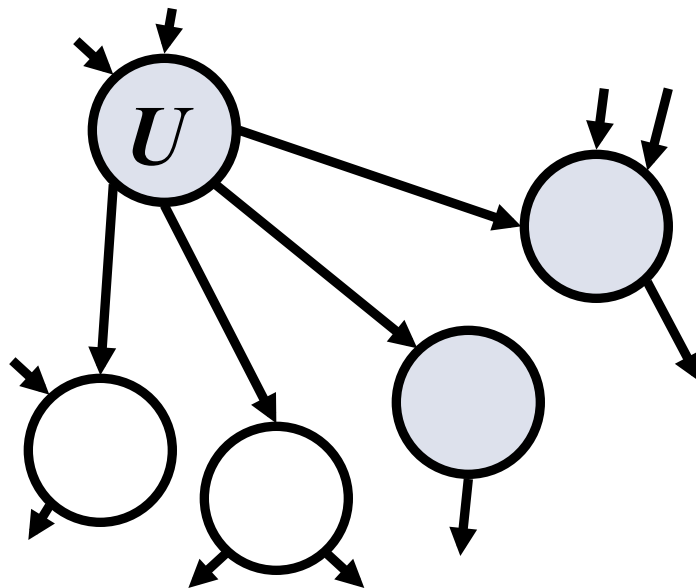
**After Splitting for each node:  
Network N'**



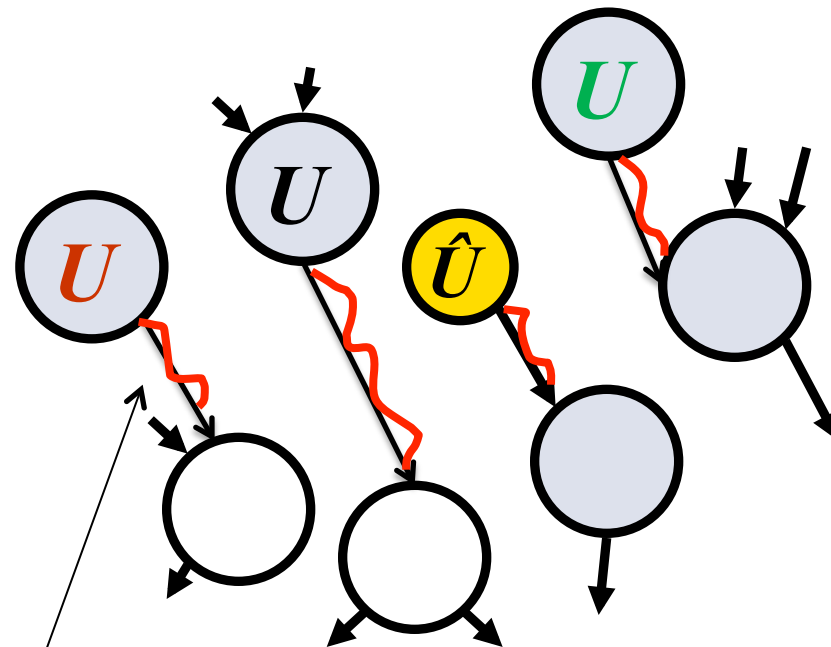
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*Before Splitting:  
Network N*



*After Splitting:  
Network N'*



*Reparameterize by cost shifting,  
optimally by linear programming*



# The Principle of Cost-Shifting

$$C^* = \max_{\mathbf{X}} \sum_{(ij) \in F} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) \leq \sum_{(ij) \in F} \max_{\mathbf{X}} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j),$$

**Introduce a collection of functions:**

$$\lambda \in \Lambda \Leftrightarrow \forall i, \sum_j \lambda_{ij}(X_i) = 0$$

Then, we have

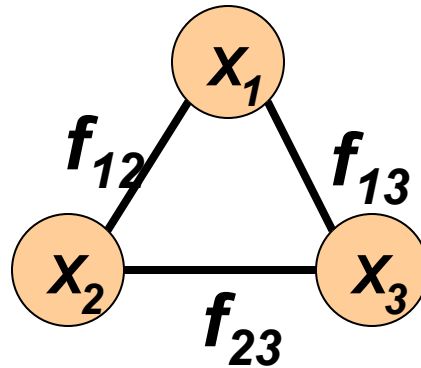
$$\begin{aligned} C^* &= \max_{\mathbf{X}} \sum_{(ij) \in F} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) \\ &= \max_{\mathbf{X}} \sum_{(ij) \in F} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \sum_i \sum_j \lambda_{ij}(X_i) \quad (3) \\ &\leq \min_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \sum_{(ij) \in F} \max_{\mathbf{X}} (f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \lambda_{ij}(X_i) + \lambda_{ji}(X_j)) \end{aligned}$$



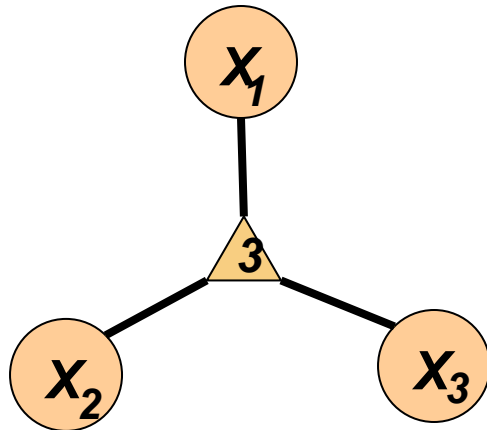


# Bounding by Full Decomposition

*Original problem:*

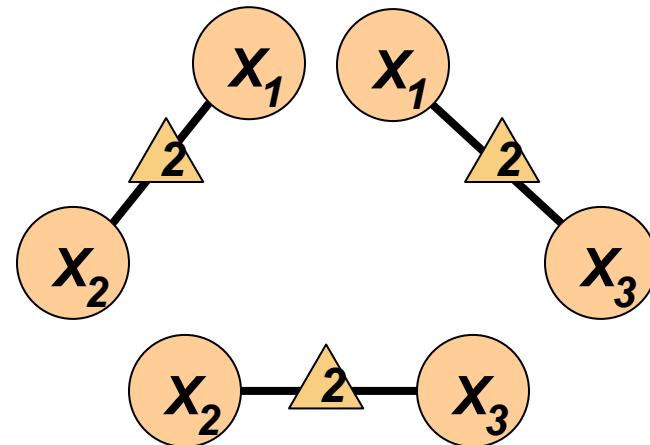


*Exact solution:*



$\max(f_{12} + f_{13} + f_{23})$

*Upper bound:*



$\max f_{12} + \max f_{13} + \max f_{23}$

$\geq$



# Tightening the upper bound

Introduce functions

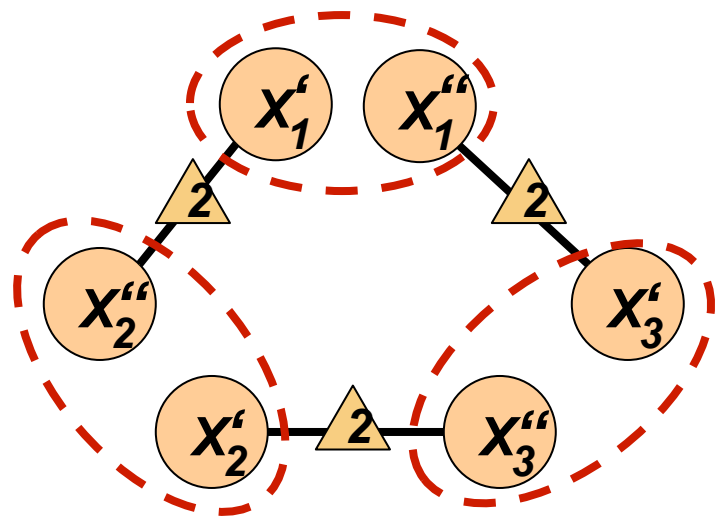
$\lambda_{ij}(X_i), \lambda_{ji}(X_j)$  for each edge  $(ij)$   
whose sum is 0

minimize upper bound:

$$\min_{\lambda} \sum_{(ij)} \max_X ( \underbrace{f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \lambda_{ij}(X_i), \lambda_{ji}(X_j)}_{\text{re-parameterization}} )$$

**re-parameterization**

LP-tightening: use message passing,  
based on coordinate descent or gradient,  
sub-gradient approaches.



maximize each factor  
independently

$$\begin{aligned} & \max f_{12} + \max f_{13} + \max f_{23} \\ & \text{subject to } X'_1 = X''_1, X'_2 = X''_2, X'_3 = X''_3 \end{aligned}$$



$\lambda$ 's Lagrangian multipliers

# Factor graph Linear Programming

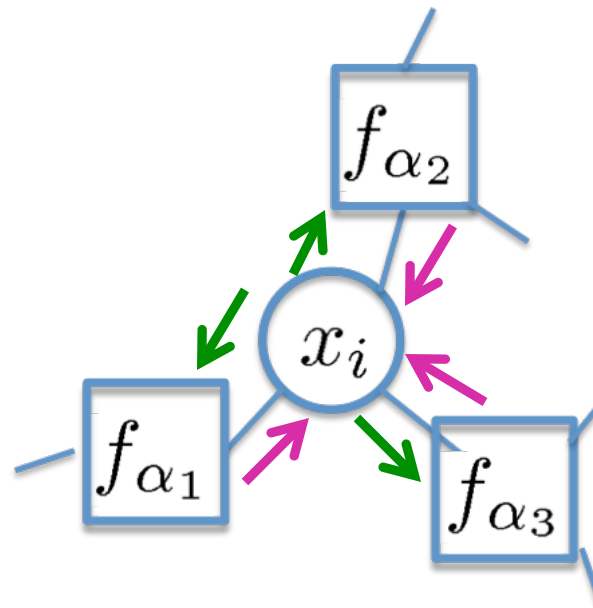
- Update the original factors (FGLP)

- Tighten all factors over  $x_i$  simultaneously

- Compute **max-marginals**  $\forall \alpha, \gamma_\alpha(x_i) = \max_{x_\alpha \setminus x_i} f_\alpha$

- & **update**:

$$\forall \alpha, f_\alpha(x_\alpha) \leftarrow f_\alpha(x_\alpha) - \gamma_\alpha(x_i) + \frac{1}{|F_i|} \sum_{\beta} \gamma_\beta(x_i)$$

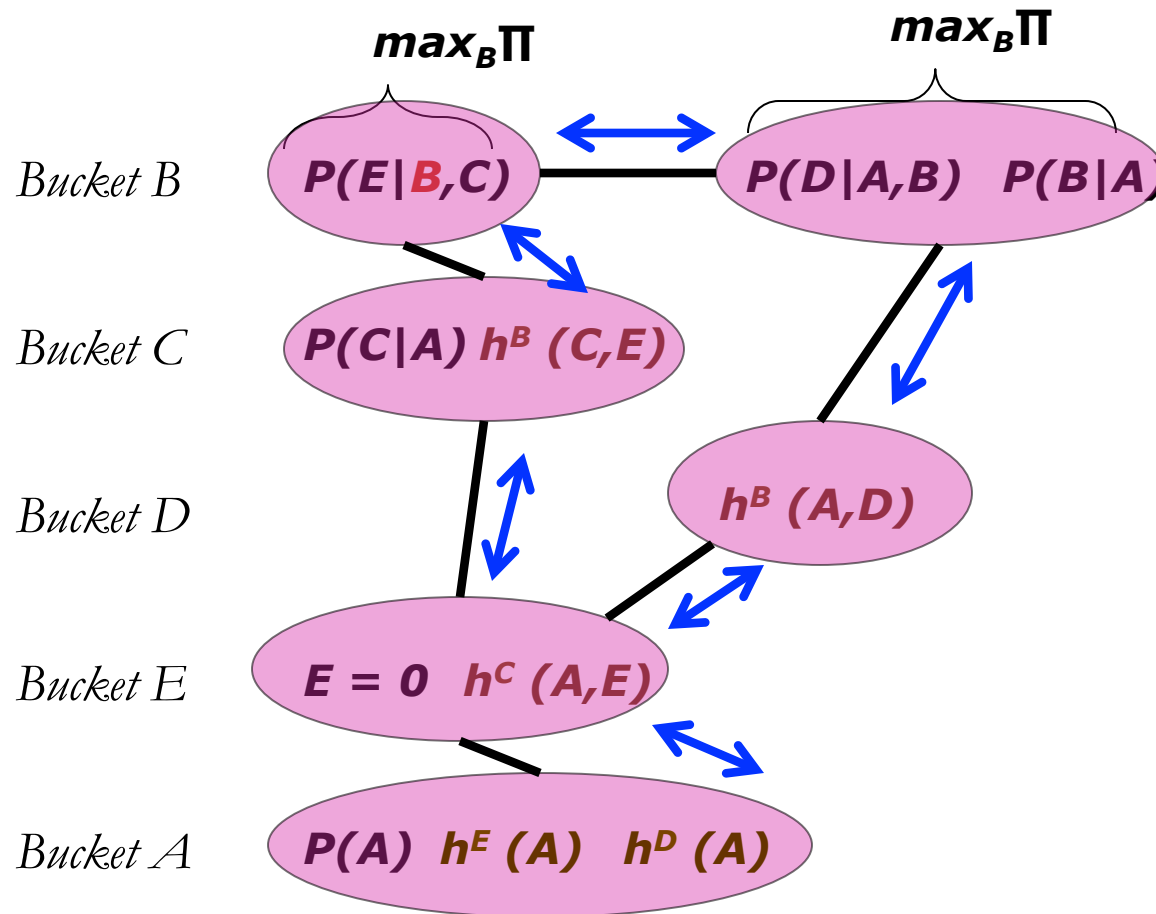


# Combining Mini-buckets with cost-shifting

- Use mini-bucket as structuring a join-graph with a given  $i$ -bound: JGLP( $i$ )
- Do mini-bucket with cost-shifting in each bucket: MBE-MM( $i$ )



# Join Graph Linear Programming (JGLP)

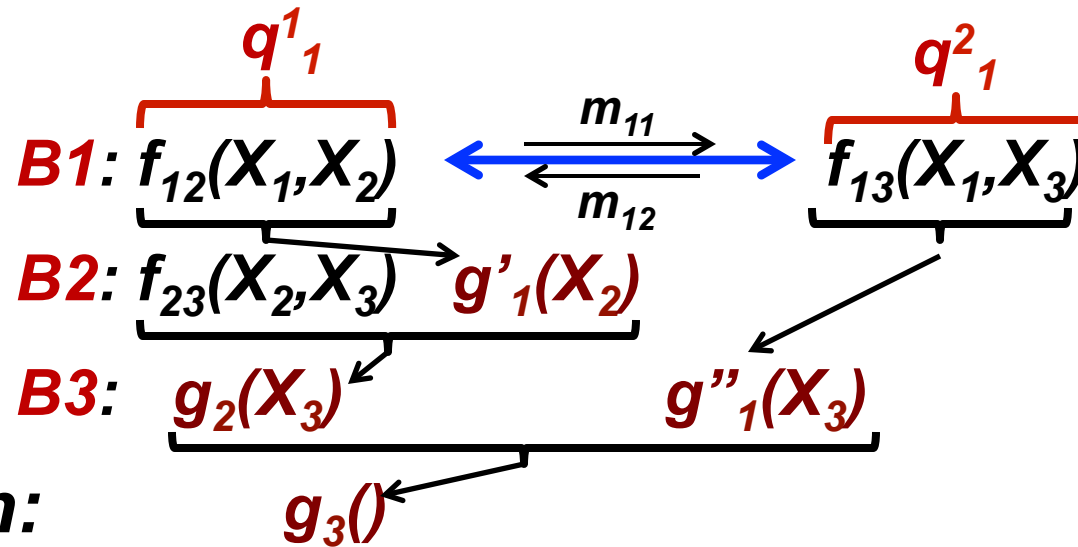


*MB defines  
A Join Graph*

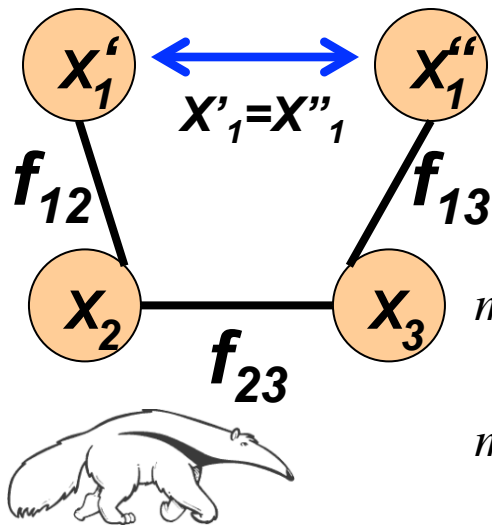


# Mini-bucket elimination with moment-matching

## *Buckets and messages:*



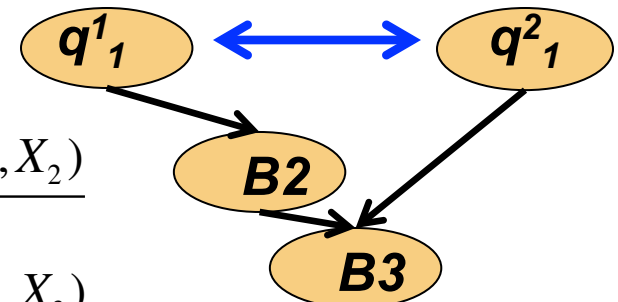
### *Interpretation:*



$$m_{11} = \frac{\max_{X_3} f_{13}(X_1, X_3) - \max_{X_2} f_{12}(X_1, X_2)}{2}$$

$$m_{12} = \frac{\max_{X_2} f_{12}(X_1, X_2) - \max_{X_3} f_{13}(X_1, X_3)}{2}$$

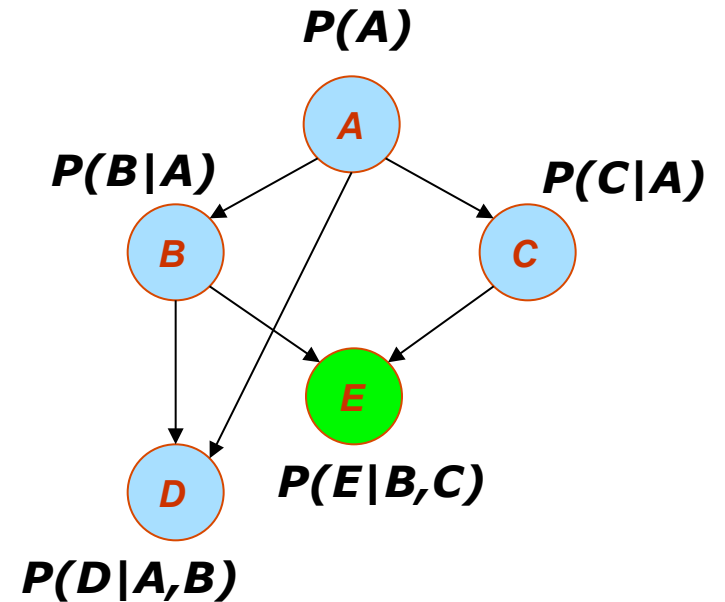
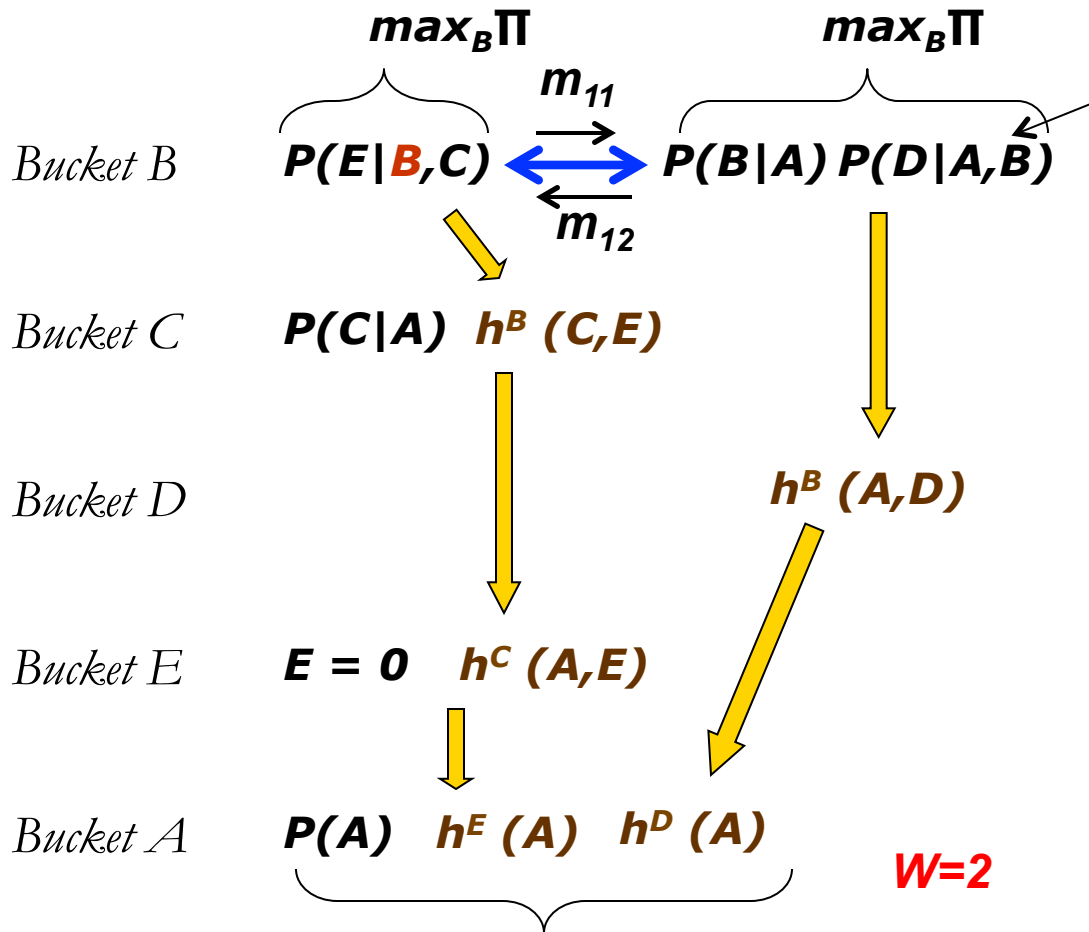
### *Bucket junction tree:*



# Mini-Bucket Elimination

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

*Node duplication, renaming*



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



# Iterative tightening as bounding schemes

- 4 schemes: MBE, MBE-MM, FGLP, JGLP
- Iterative schemes (FGLP, JGLP) ran for 5, 300, 3600 seconds

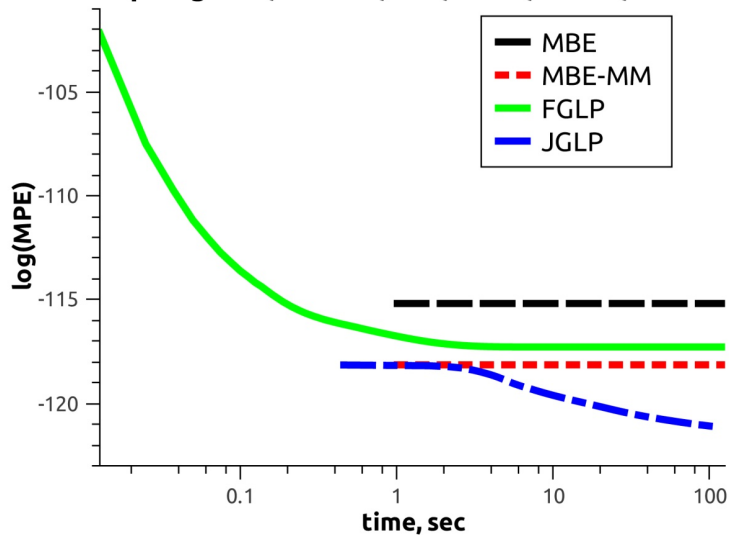
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					UB/time	UB/time	5 UB	300 UB	3600 UB	5 UB	300 UB	3600 UB
75-25-5	625	2	34	10 20	-15.4553/1 -17.4417/4	-18.4089/1 -20.0576/4	-16.6853	-16.6854	-16.6854	-20.0289 -20.0576	-20.8364 -20.1278	-20.8364 -20.7067
90-30-5	900	2	42	10 20	-8.2481/1 -9.7424/7	-10.2597/1 -11.6004/7	-10.2450	-10.2705	-10.2705	-11.8469 -11.6004	-12.9594 -11.6942	-13.015 -12.5259
90-34-5	1156	2	48	10 20	-8.42007/1 -9.58332/8	-10.3708/1 -12.3670/9	-9.65003	-9.69458	-9.69458	-12.3469 -12.3670	-13.2262 -12.5621	-13.2883 -13.1538
90-42-5	1764	2	60	10 20	-12.7401/1 -14.6136/13	-15.9680/1 -18.5487/14	-15.2480	-15.3653	-15.3653	-18.4100 -18.5487	-20.7714 -18.7679	-20.8136 -19.9705
largeFam4_11_51	1002	4	40	10 20	OOM	OOM	-201.582	-201.673	-201.673	OOM	OOM	OOM
largeFam4_11_55	1114	4	38	10 20	-229.43/1 OOM	-242.489/1 OOM	-226.075	-226.328	-226.328	-242.657 OOM	-249.551 OOM	-250.453 OOM
largeFam4_12_51	1461	4	56	10 20	-218.229/2 OOM	-239.896/3 OOM	-217.564	-217.740	-217.740	-239.896 OOM	-245.900 OOM	-253.153 OOM
pedigree7	867	4	32	10 20	-105.854/1 -108.011/33	-109.569/1 -111.120/42	-110.179	-110.187	-110.187	-109.960 OOM	-110.810 OOM	-111.293 OOM
pedigree13	888	3	32	10 20	-69.0973/1 -69.8890/8	-70.0999/1 -71.1071/11	-71.8561	-71.8591	-71.8591	-70.4581 -71.1071	-71.9869 -71.1071	-72.0374 -71.3658
pedigree31	1006	5	30	10 20	-125.032/1 OOM	-126.629/1 OOM	-126.667	-126.678	-126.678	-126.644 OOM	-129.158 OOM	-129.277 OOM
pedigree41	885	5	33	10 20	-110.156/1 -112.153/29	-114.858/1 -117.638/37	-114.681	-114.681	-114.681	-115.050 OOM	-118.133 OOM	-118.419 OOM
type4_120_17	4302	5	23	10 20	-1128.22/1 -1235.94/18	-1203.08/1 -1237.95/21	-1049.34	-1049.85	-1049.86	-1203.21 -1237.95	-1221.21 OOM	-1223.69 OOM
type4_170_23	6933	5	21	10 20	-1682.9/1 -1783.18/7	-1747.18/1 -1783.76/7	-1509.96	-1511.61	-1511.65	-1747.22 -1783.76	-1769.96 -1783.76	-1772.16 -1783.76



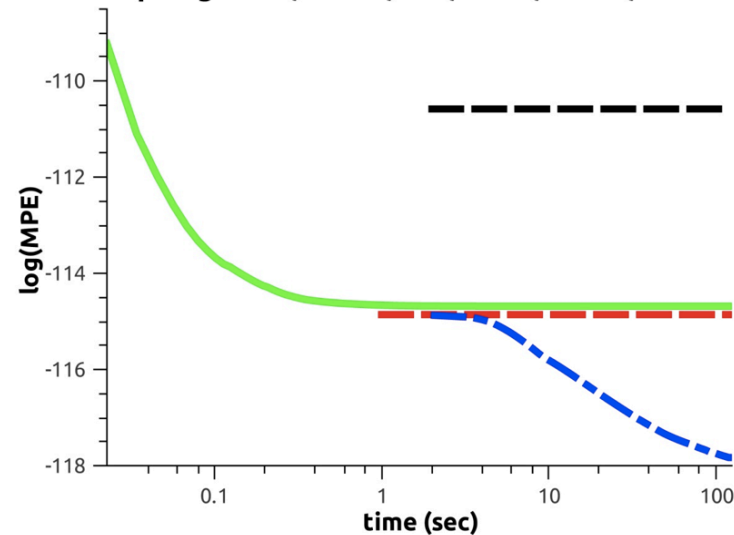


# Iterative tightening as bounding schemes

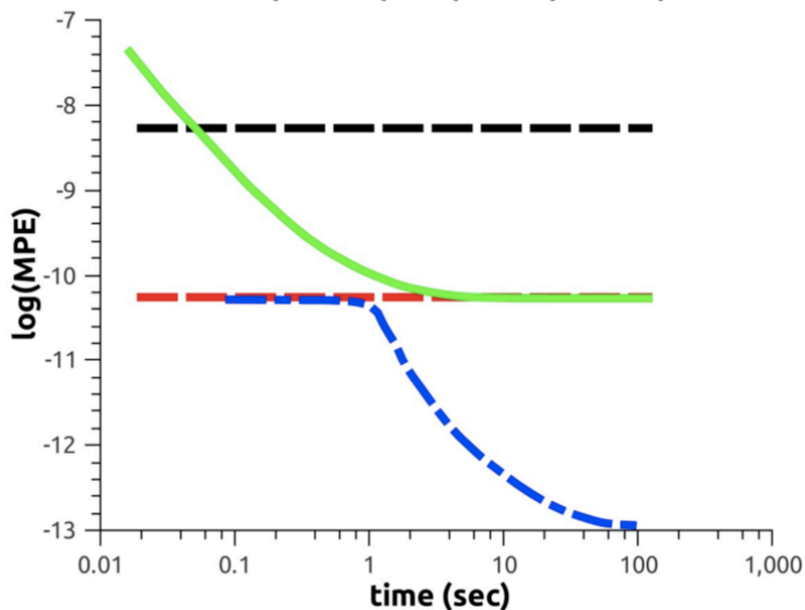
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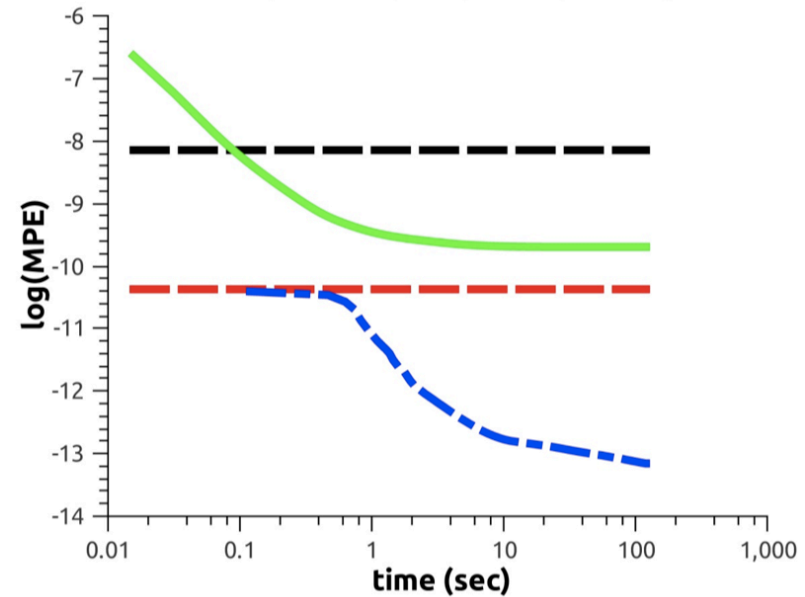
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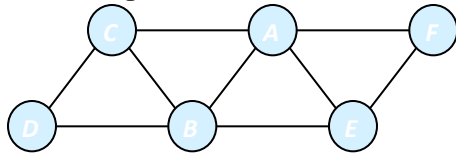
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# Outline

- Graphical models: reasoning principles
- Inference
- **Advancing Search via AND/OR Search**
- Lower Bounding schemes for inference
- Lower-bounding heuristic for AND/OR search
- Experiments



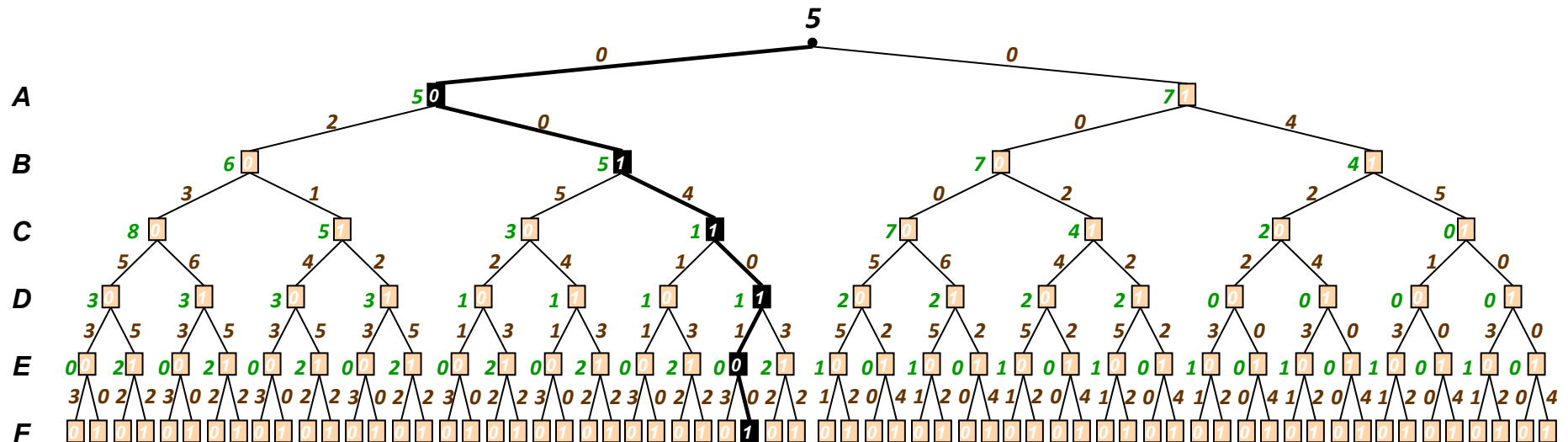
# An Optimal Solution



A	B	f <sub>1</sub>	A	C	f <sub>2</sub>	A	E	f <sub>3</sub>	A	F	f <sub>4</sub>	B	C	f <sub>5</sub>	B	D	f <sub>6</sub>	B	E	f <sub>7</sub>	C	D	f <sub>8</sub>	E	F	f <sub>9</sub>
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
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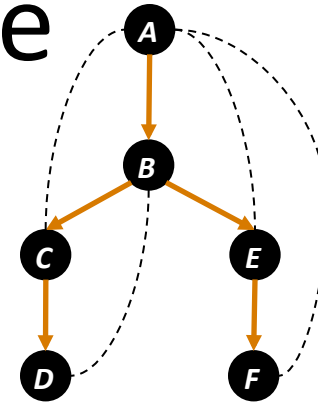
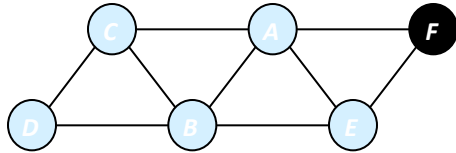
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^9 f_i(\mathbf{x})$$

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

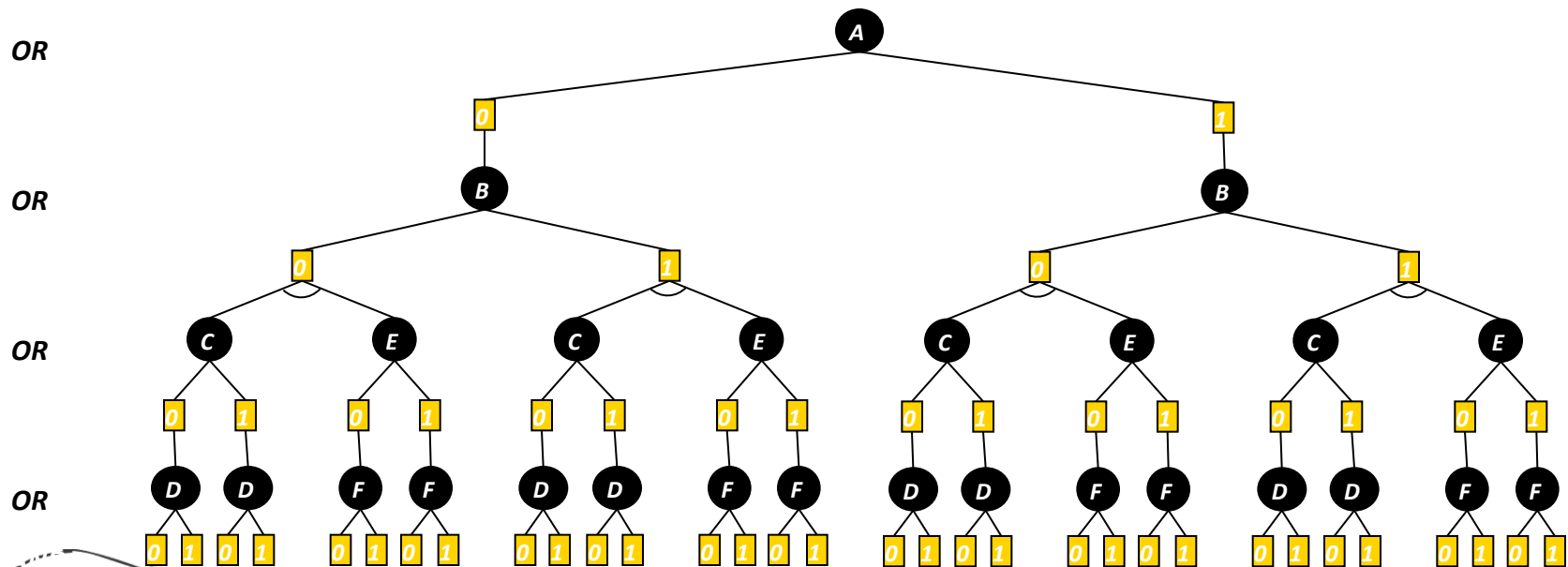


An optimal assignment is **A=0, B=1, C=1, D=1, E=0, F=1** with cost 5

# The AND/OR Search Tree



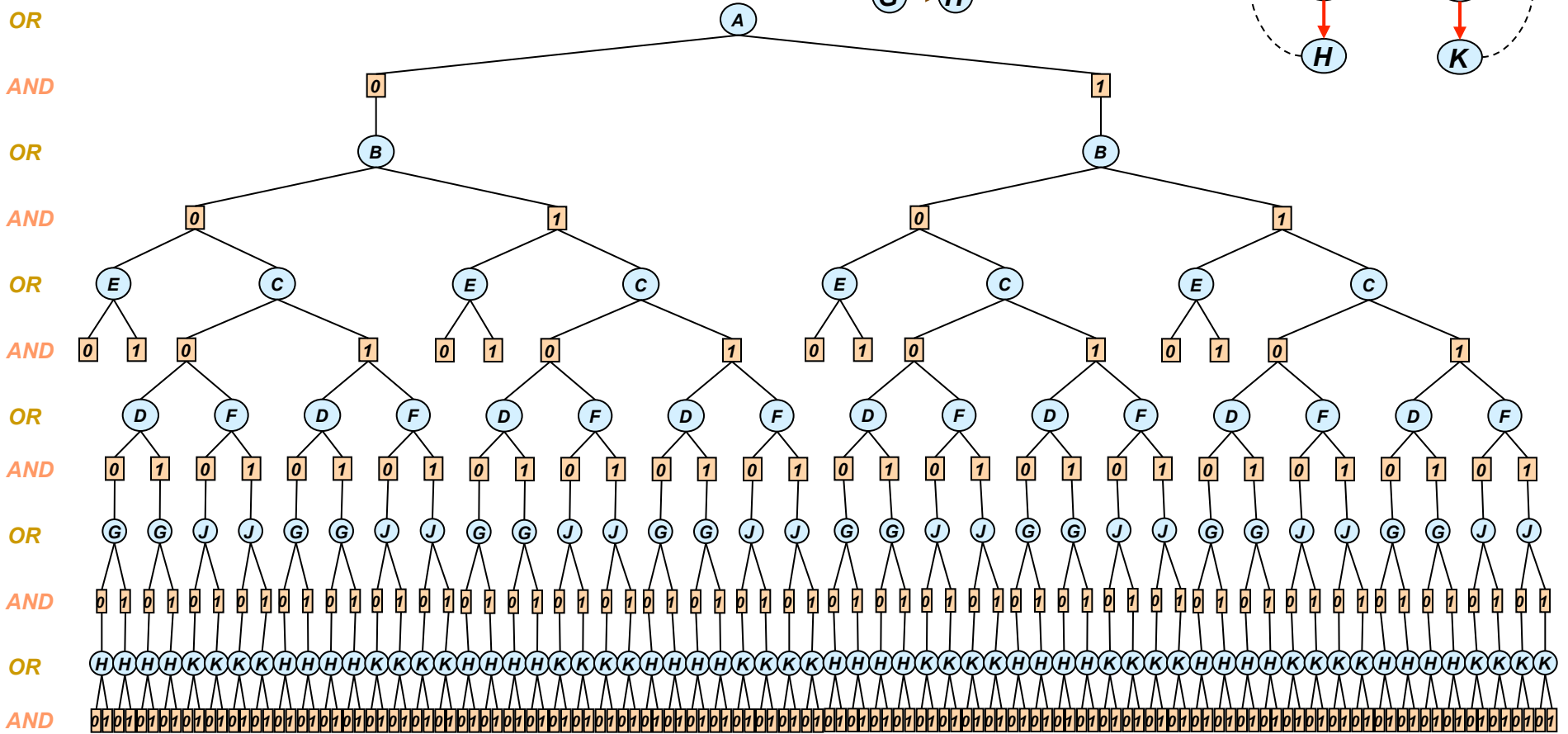
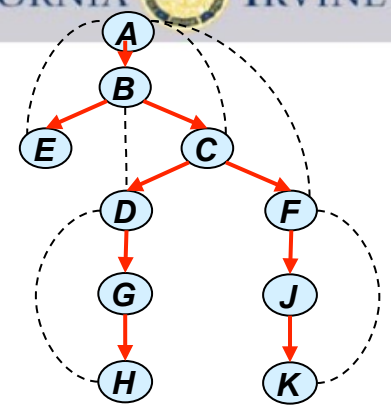
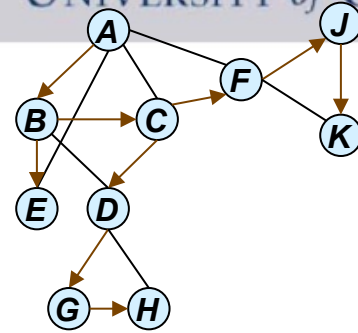
*Pseudo tree*



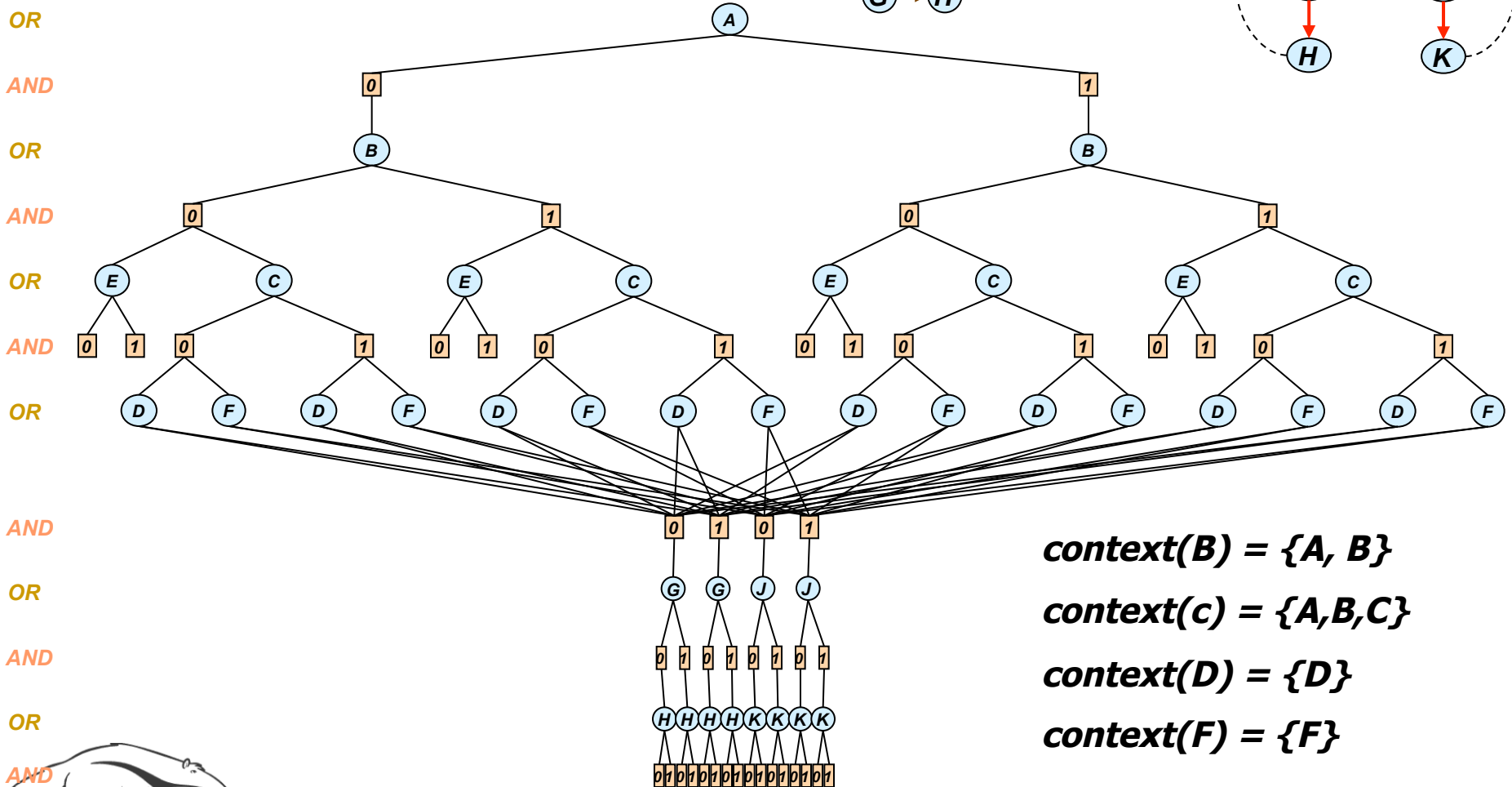
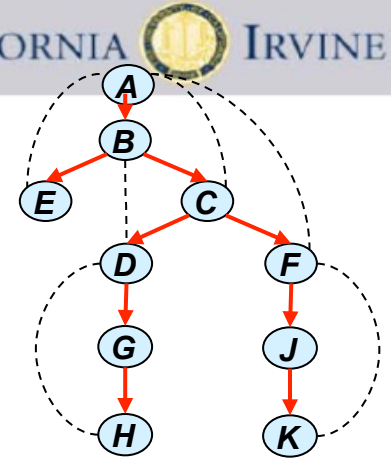
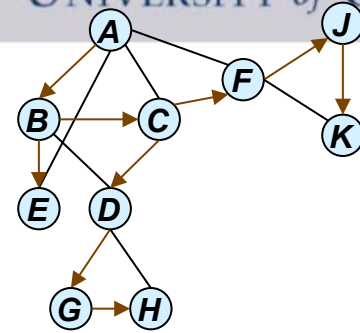
*A solution subtree is*



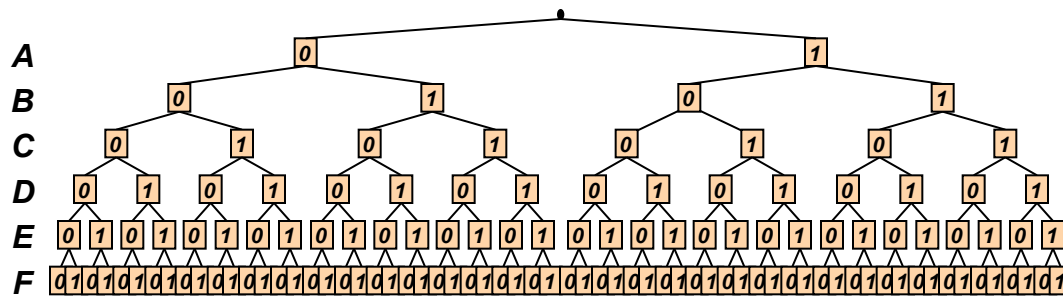
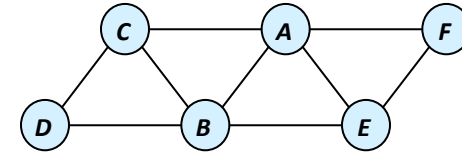
# From AND/OR Tree



# An AND/OR Graph

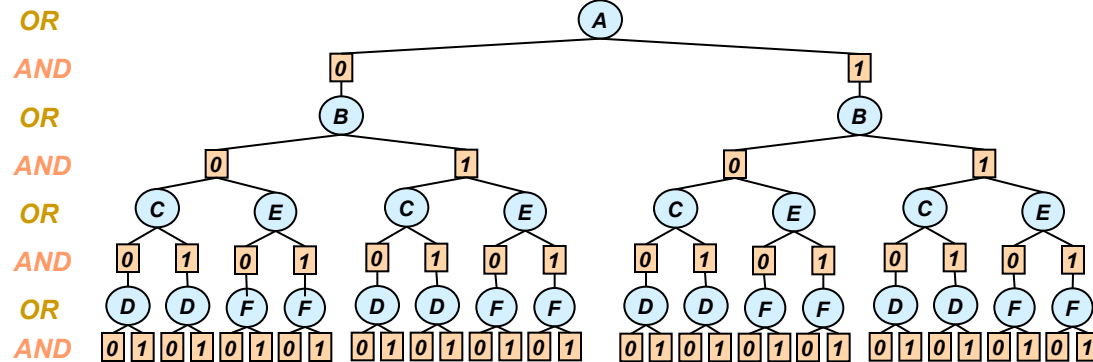


# All Four Search Spaces



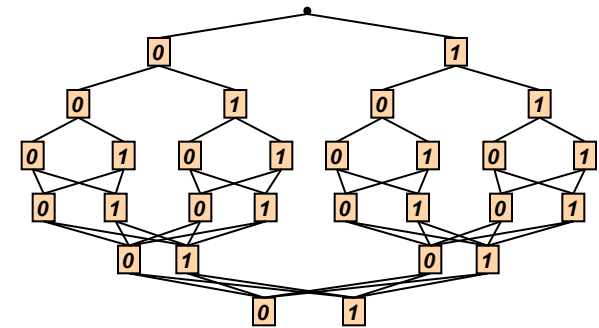
Full OR search tree

126 nodes



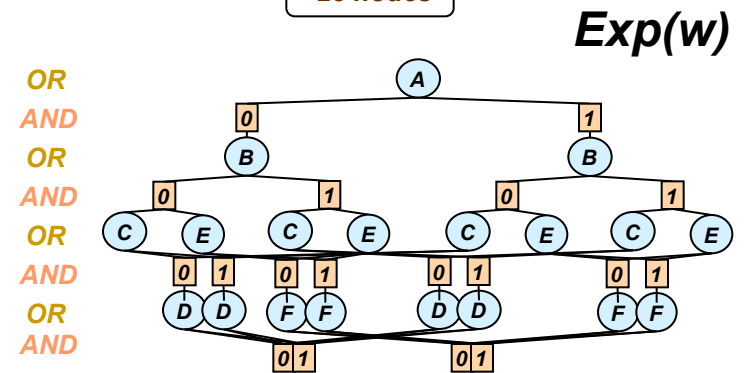
Full AND/OR search tree

54 AND nodes



Context minimal OR search graph

28 nodes



Context minimal AND/OR search graph

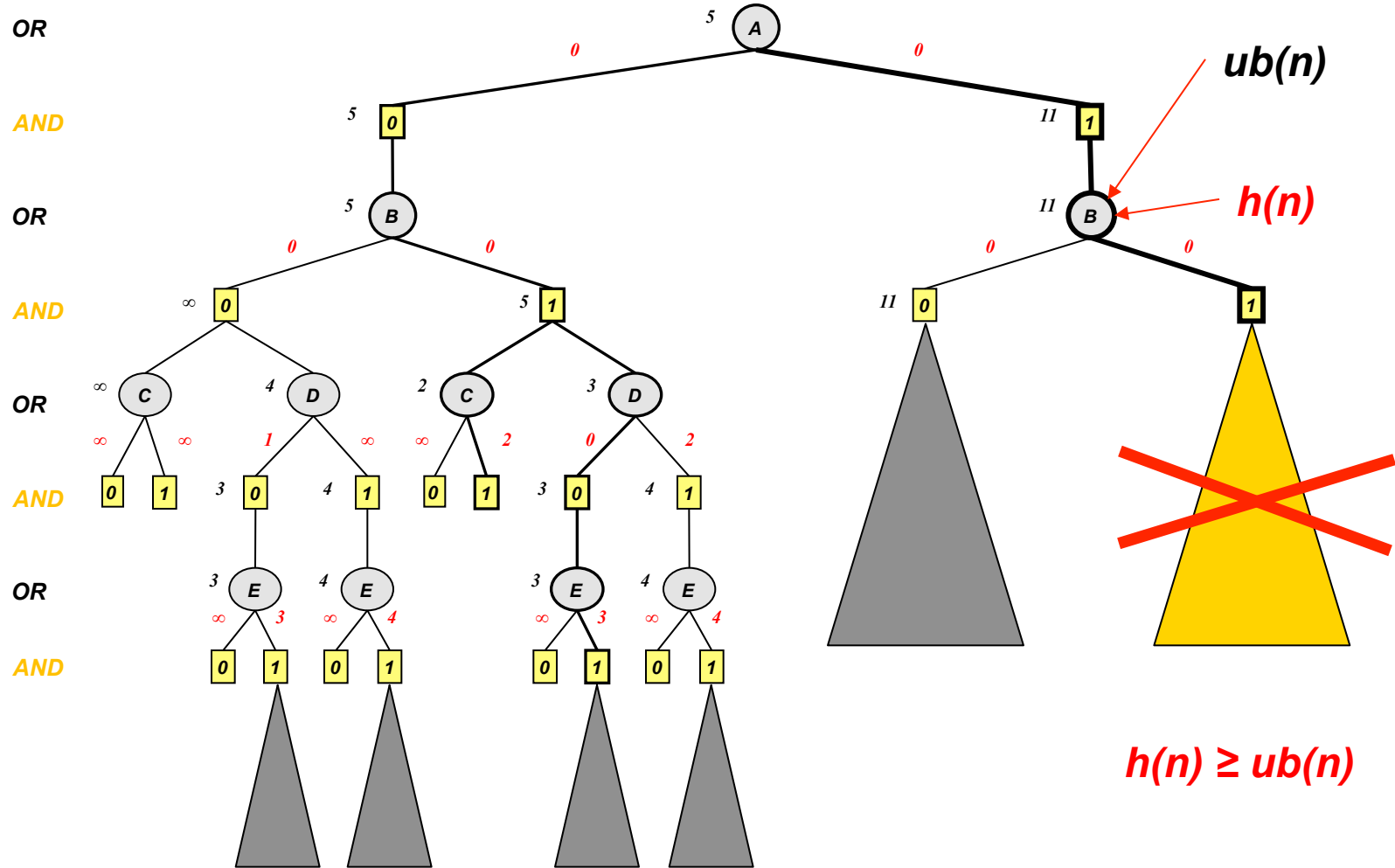
18 AND nodes

**Exp(w)**



*Kask and Dechter 2001  
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2005-2009*

# AND/OR Branch-and-Bound

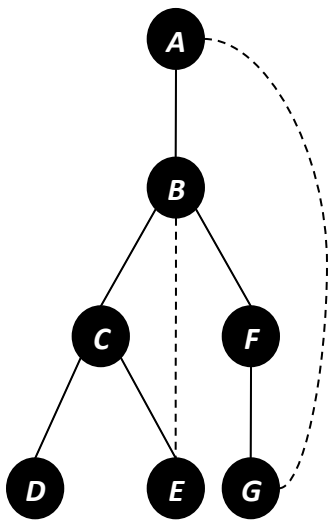
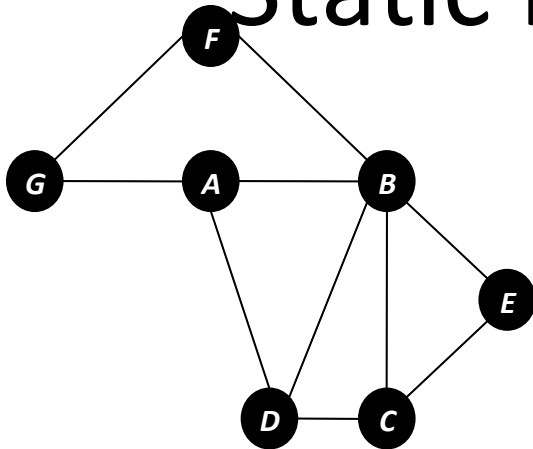


$$h(n) \geq ub(n)$$

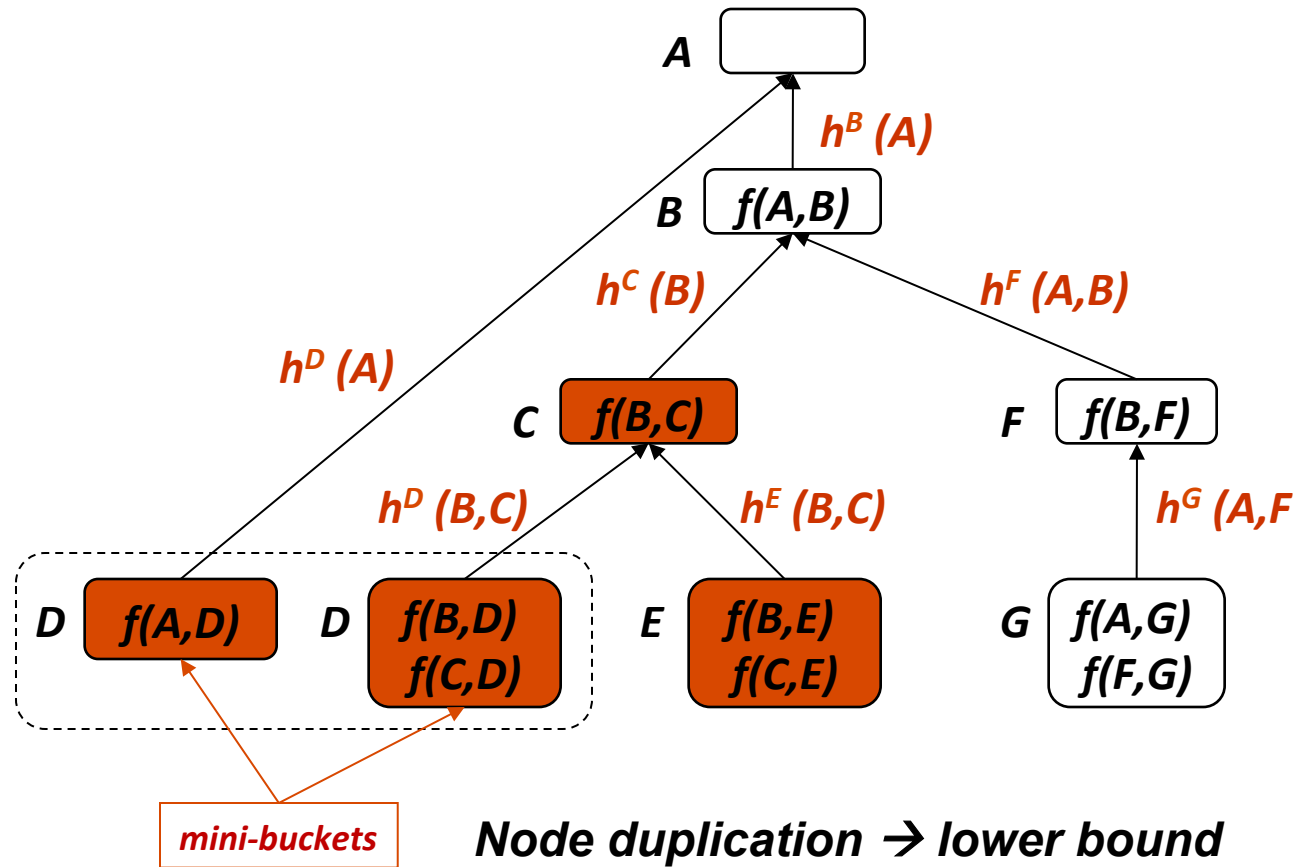




# Static Mini-Bucket Heuristics



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



Node duplication  $\rightarrow$  lower bound

$$h(a, b, c) = h^D(a) + h^D(b, c) + h^E(b, c) \leq h^*(a, b, c)$$

# Empirical evaluation

Experimental settings:

## ■ 4 benchmarks:

Pedigrees (10 instances)

Type4 (10 instances)

LargeFam (40 instances)

n-by-n grid networks (32 instances)

***genetic linkage  
analysis networks***

■ Algorithms as bounding schemes

■ Algorithms as heuristic generators

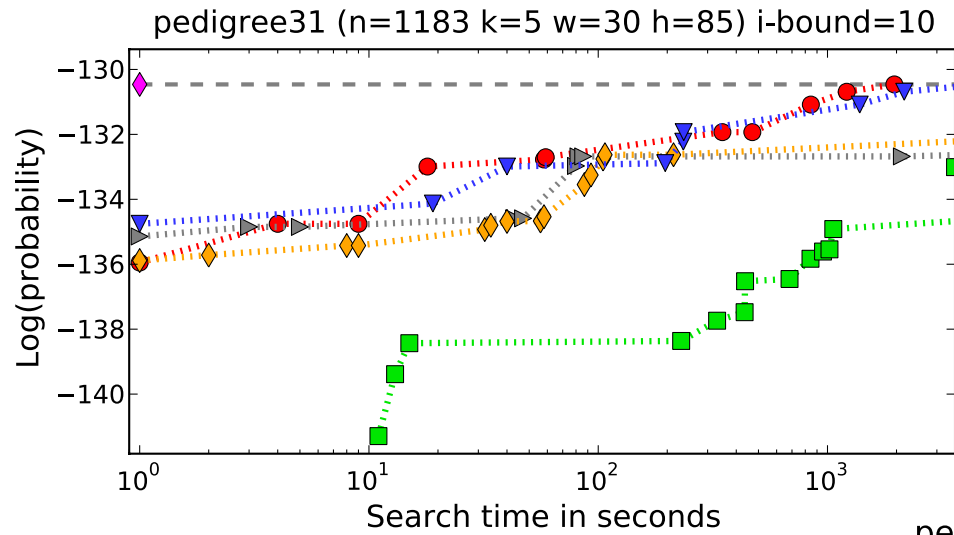


# Iterative tightening as heuristic generators

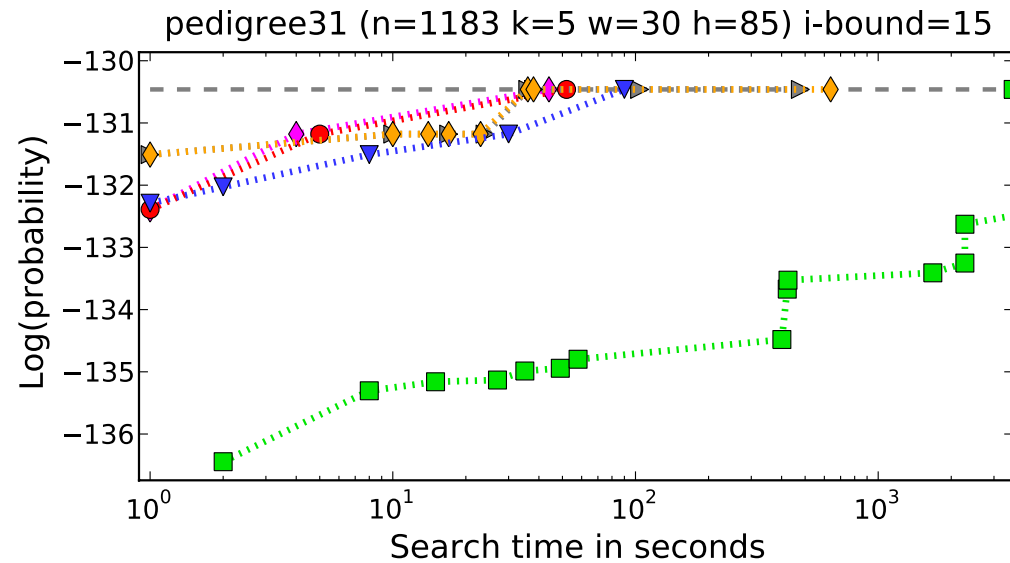
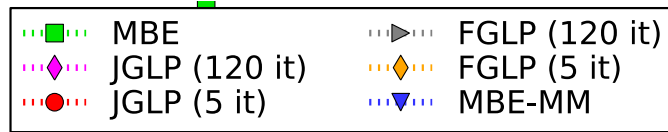
- 4 schemes used:
  - AOBB guided by pure MBE heuristics (**AOBB-MBE**)
  - AOBB guided by MBE and max- marginal matching heuristics (**AOBB-MBE-MM**)
  - AOBB whose heuristics are generated from FGLP followed by MBE (**AOBB-FGLP+MBE**)
  - AOBB guided by JGLP-produced heuristics (**AOBB-JGLP**)
- FGLP, JGLP ran for 30 seconds
- Total search time bound 24 h
- Memory limit 3 Gb
- Mini-bucket z-bounds={10,15,20}



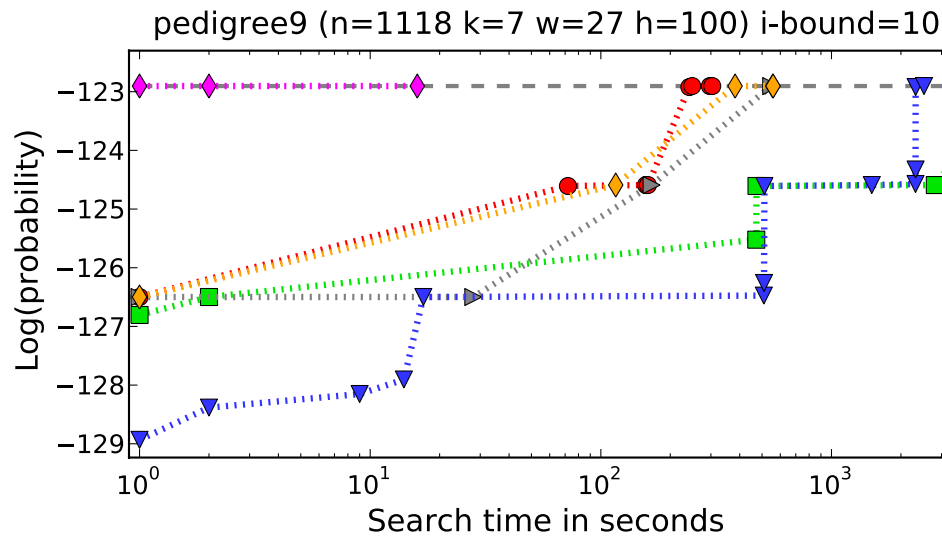
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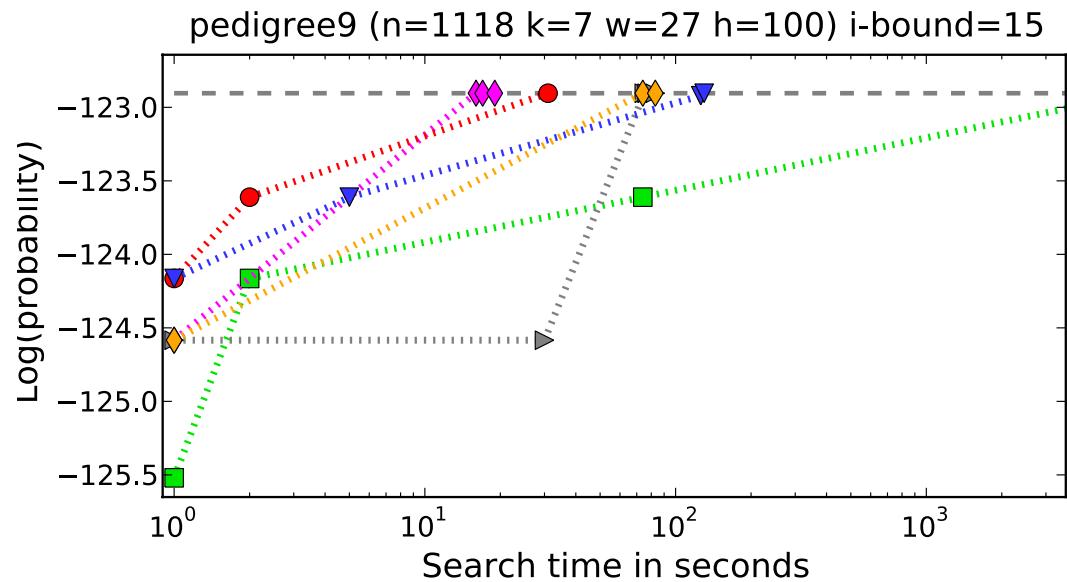
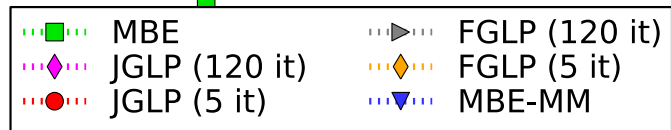
***Time bound – 24 h***



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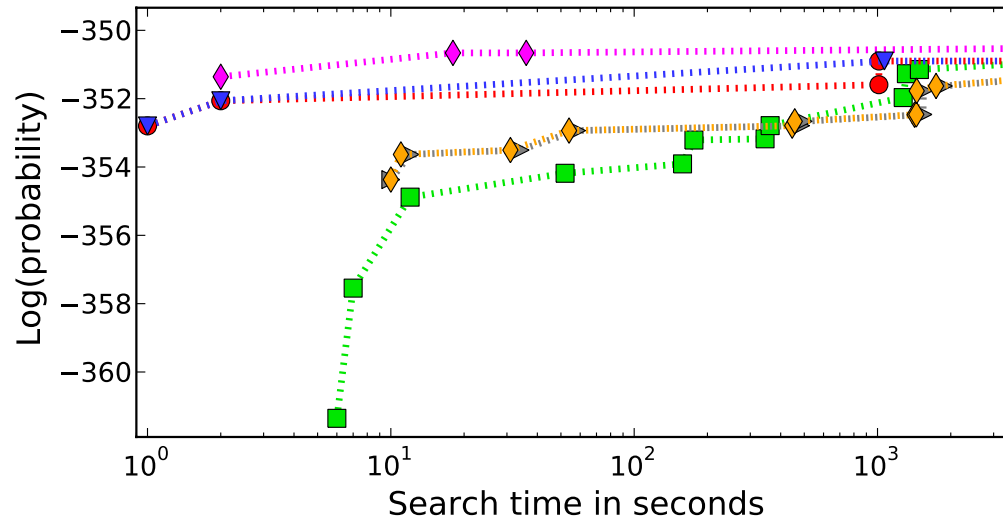


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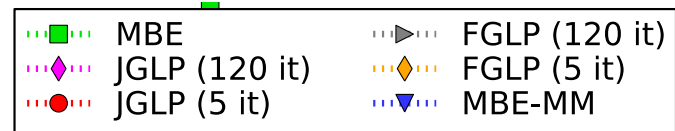


# Empirical Evaluation: Large families

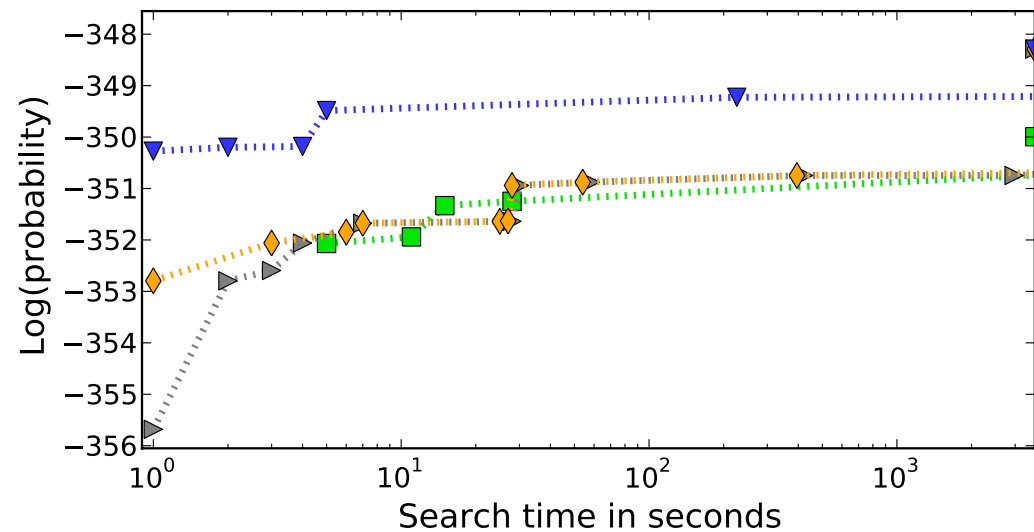
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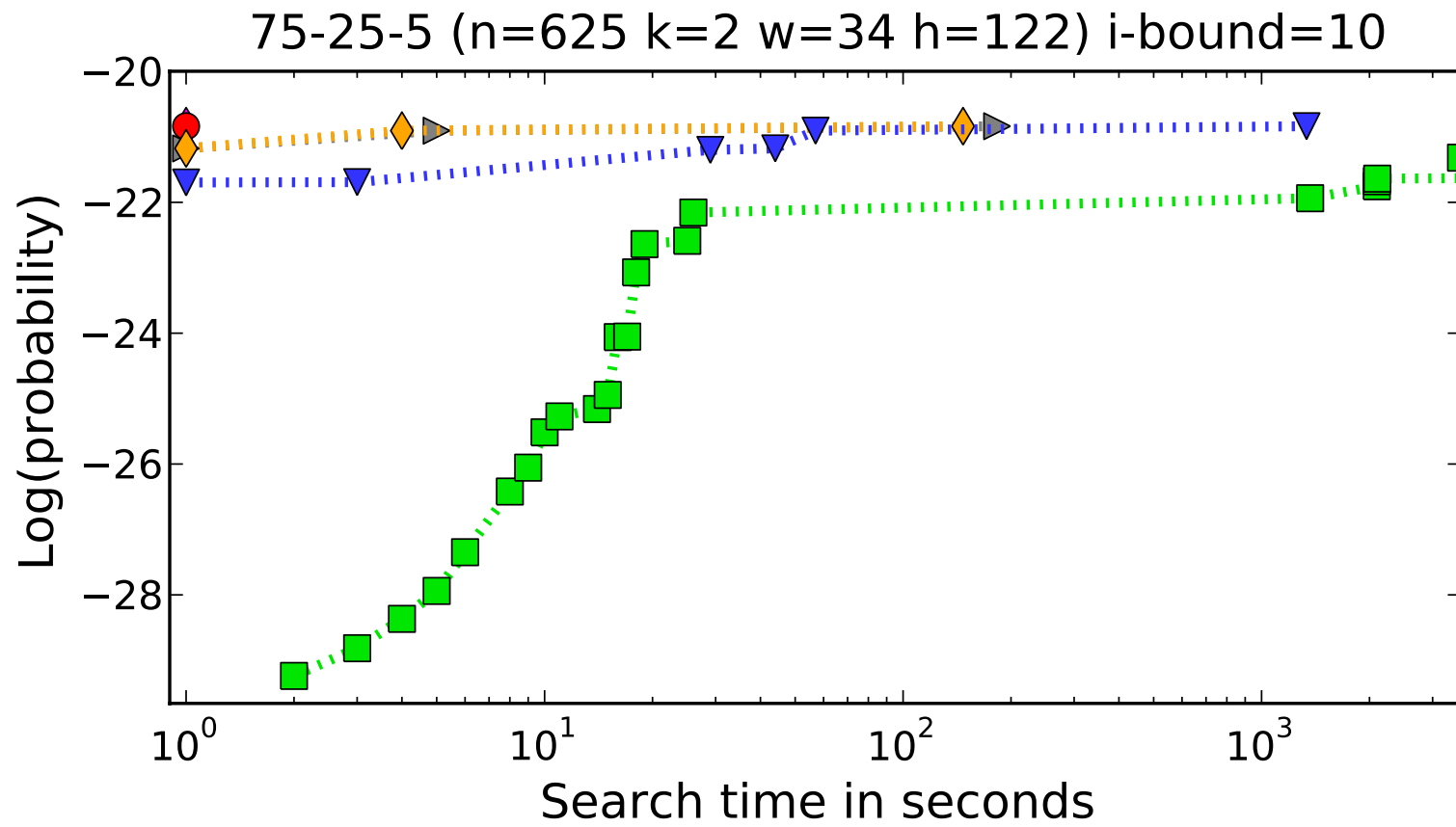
**Time bound – 24 h**



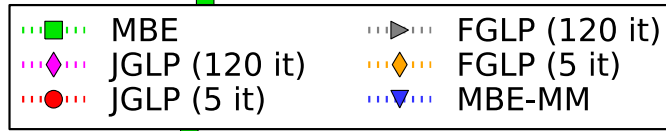
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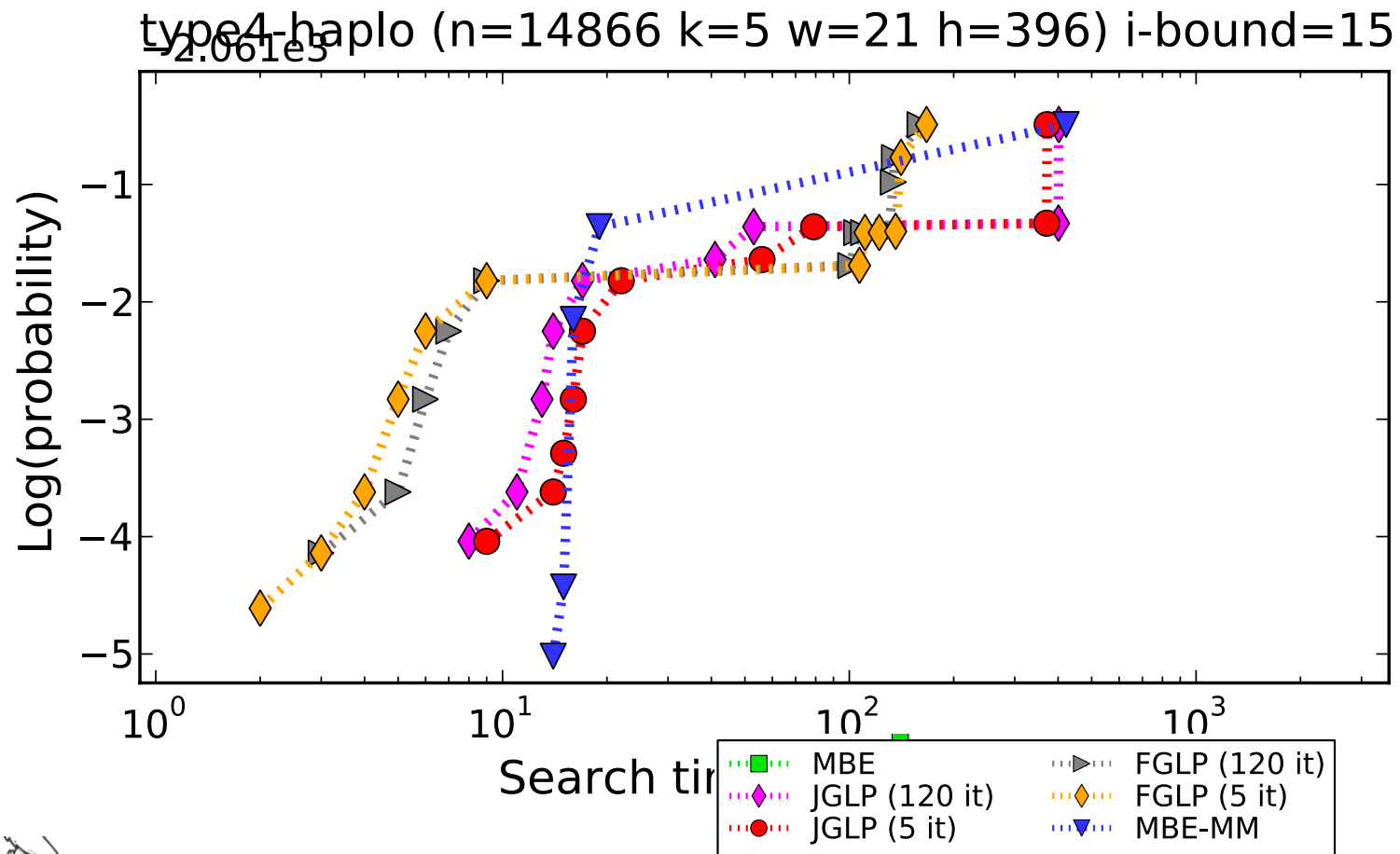
# Empirical Evaluation; Grid networks



**Time bound – 24 h**



# Iterative tightening as heuristic generators



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# PASCAL 2012 Inference Challenge

## DAOOPT: Improving AND/OR Branch-and-Bound for Graphical Models

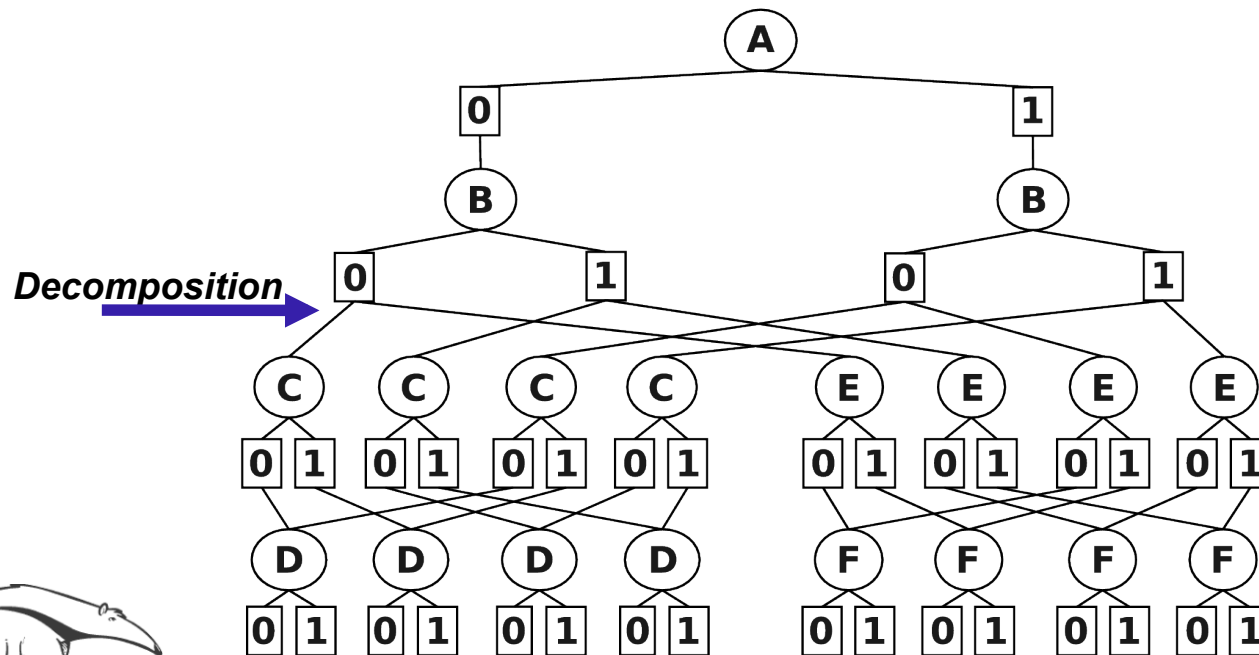
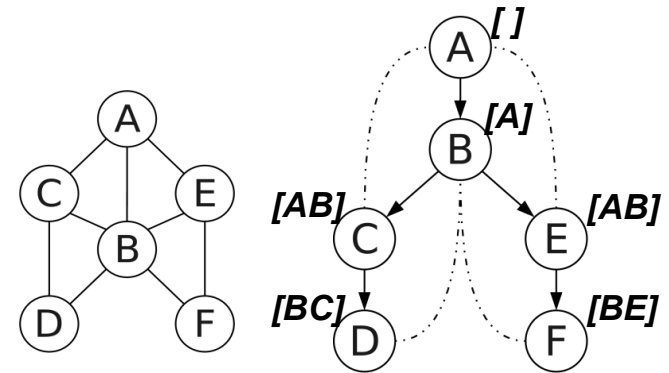
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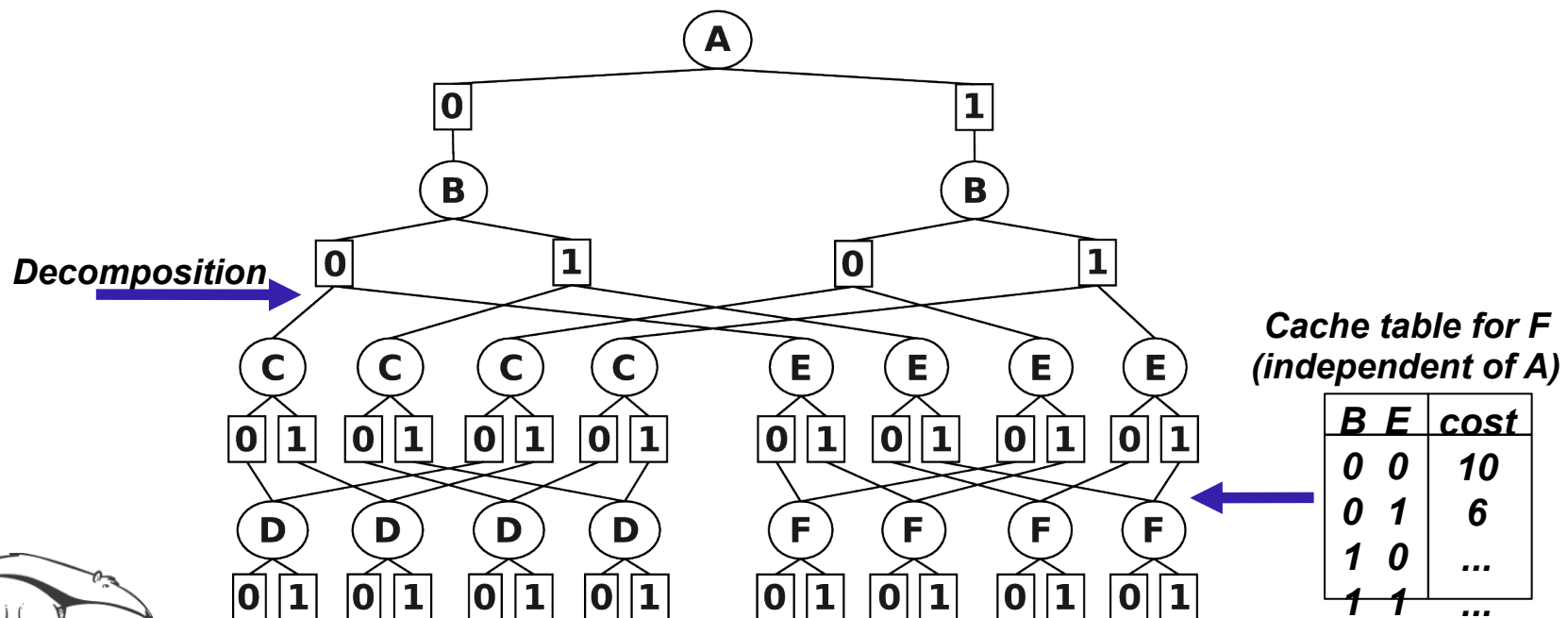
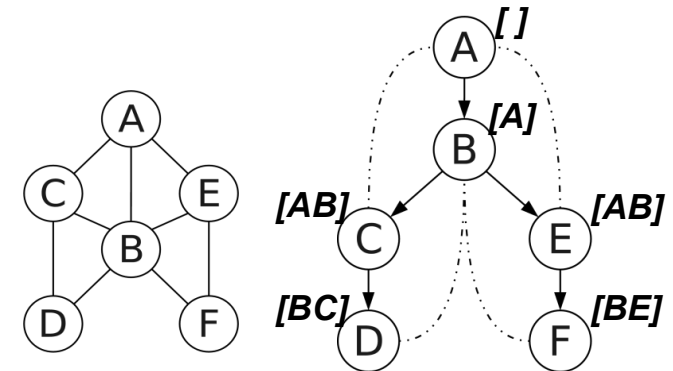
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- Guided by pseudo tree:
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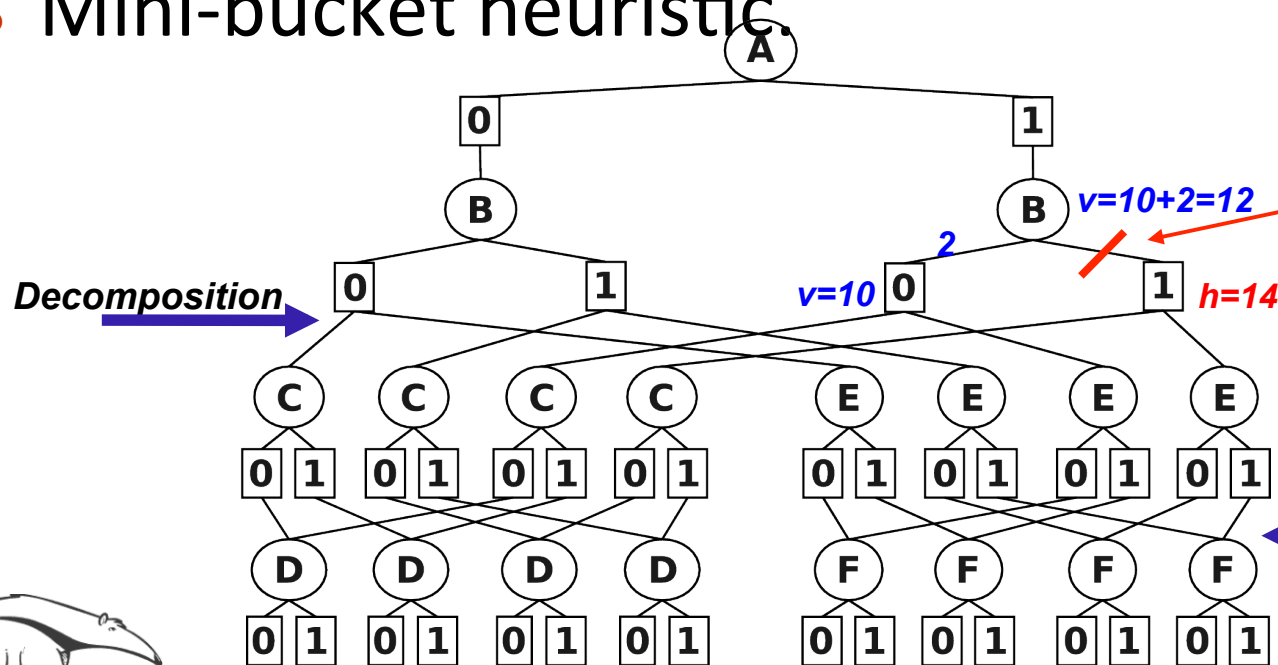
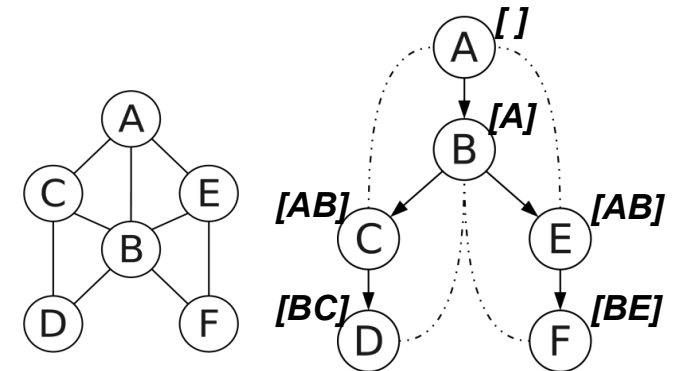
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- Mini-bucket heuristic



Prune based on current best solution and heuristic estimate.

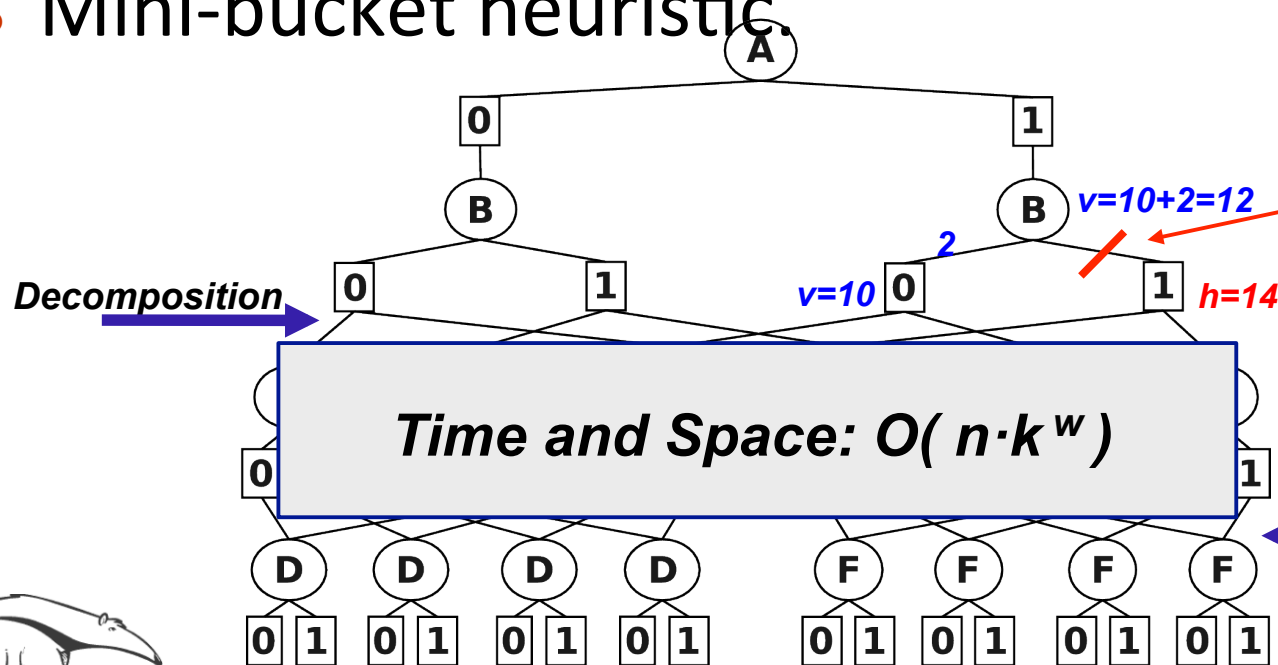
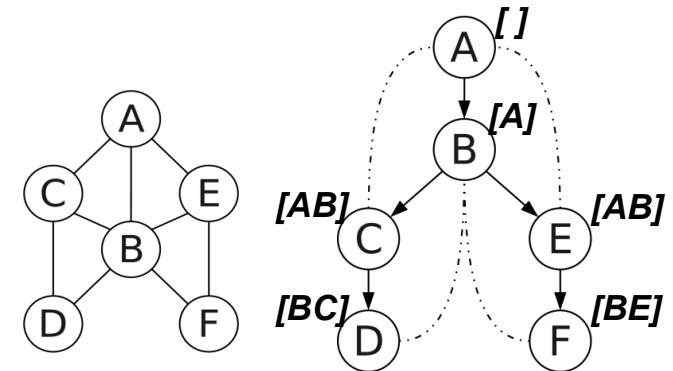
Cache table for F (independent of A)

B	E	cost
0	0	10
0	1	6
1	0	...
1	1	...



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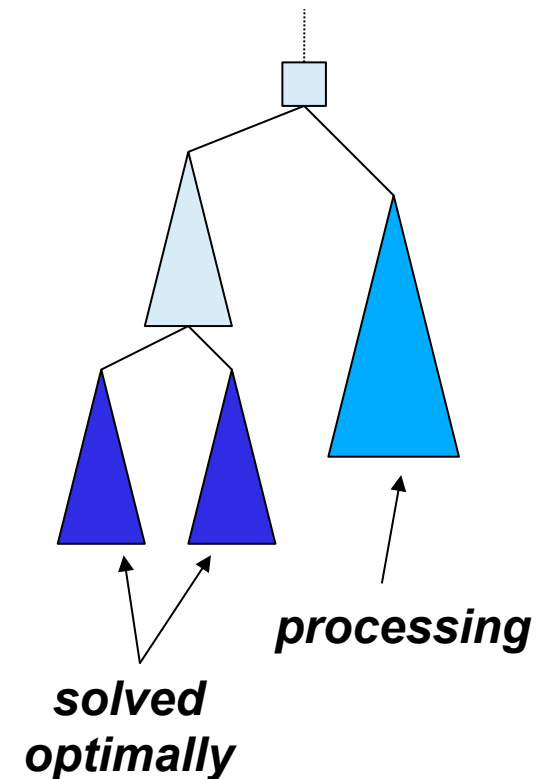
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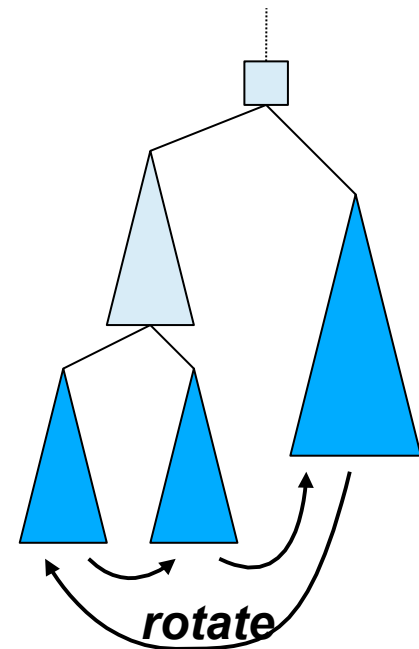
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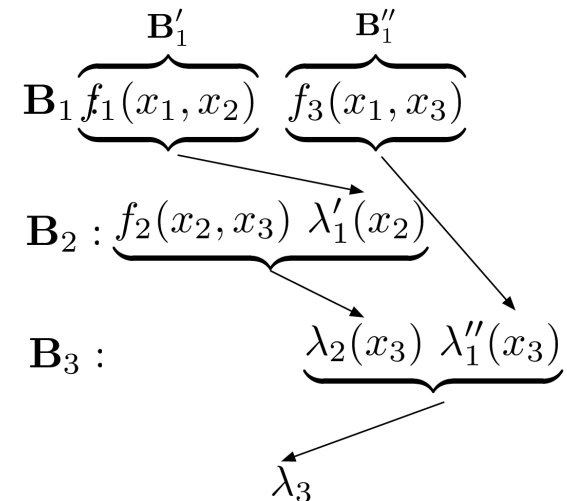
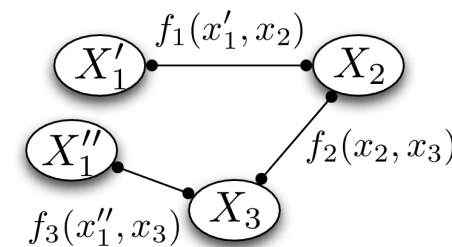
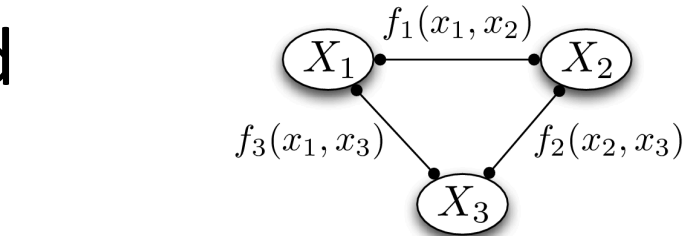
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- **Breadth-Rotating AOBB:**
  - Take turns processing subproblems.
    - Limit number of expansions per visit.
  - Solve each subproblem depth-first.
    - Maintain favorable complexity bounds.



# Mini-buckets with Moment Matching

- Heuristic function generated from mini buckets.
  - Apply exact variable elimination to relaxed problem.
  - $i$ -bound parameter controls accuracy / complexity.
- Augmented with MPLP cost-shifting.
  - Max-marginal matching per bucket for tighter bounds.





# Stochastic Variable Orderings

- AOBB complexity:  $O(nk^w)$

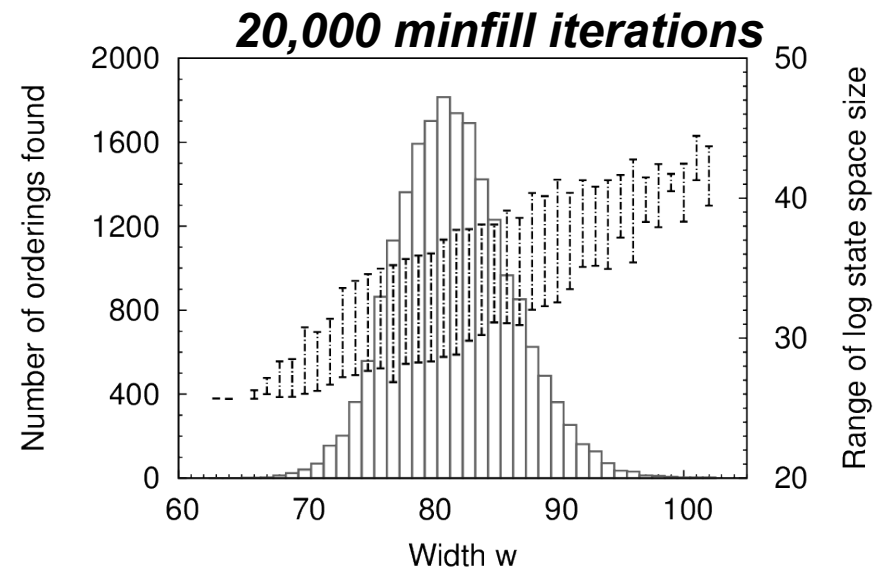
- High variance in width of orderings.

- Our implementation:

- Minfill heuristic.
- Random tie-breaking.

- Allow deviation from heuristic optimum.

- Highly optimized data structures, early termination.



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– Can do many thousands of iterations.

# Putting It All Together

- Steps in competition entry for 1 hour track:
  1. MPLP cost-shifting on original graph (1 min / 2,000 iter).
  2. Stochastic local search (3 min).
  3. Find variable ordering (3 min / 30,000 iter).
  4. Join-graph MPLP cost-shifting (1 min / 1,000 iter).
  5. Compute mini-buckets with moment matching.
    - Highest possible  $i$ -bound for given memory limit.
  6. Run limited discrepancy search ( $d_{max} = 2$ ).
  7. Run complete Breadth-Rotating AOBB.
- Final result in 1 hour category:
  - Daoopt: **-8.3214**, ficolofo: **-8.3196** ( $\delta = 0.0018$ )



# Thank you!



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