



Problem Solving with Graphical Models

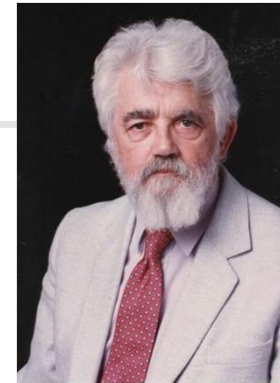
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What is Artificial Intelligence

(John McCarthy , Basic Questions)



- **What is artificial intelligence?**
- It is the science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs. It is related to the similar task of using computers to understand human intelligence, but AI does not have to confine itself to methods that are biologically observable.
- **Yes, but what is intelligence?**
- Intelligence is the computational part of the ability to achieve goals in the world. Varying kinds and degrees of intelligence occur in people, many animals and some machines.
- **Isn't there a solid definition of intelligence that doesn't depend on relating it to human intelligence?**
- Not yet. The problem is that we cannot yet characterize in general what kinds of computational procedures we want to call intelligent. We understand some of the mechanisms of intelligence and not others.
- More in: <http://www-formal.stanford.edu/jmc/whatisai/node1.html>

Mechanical Heuristic generation

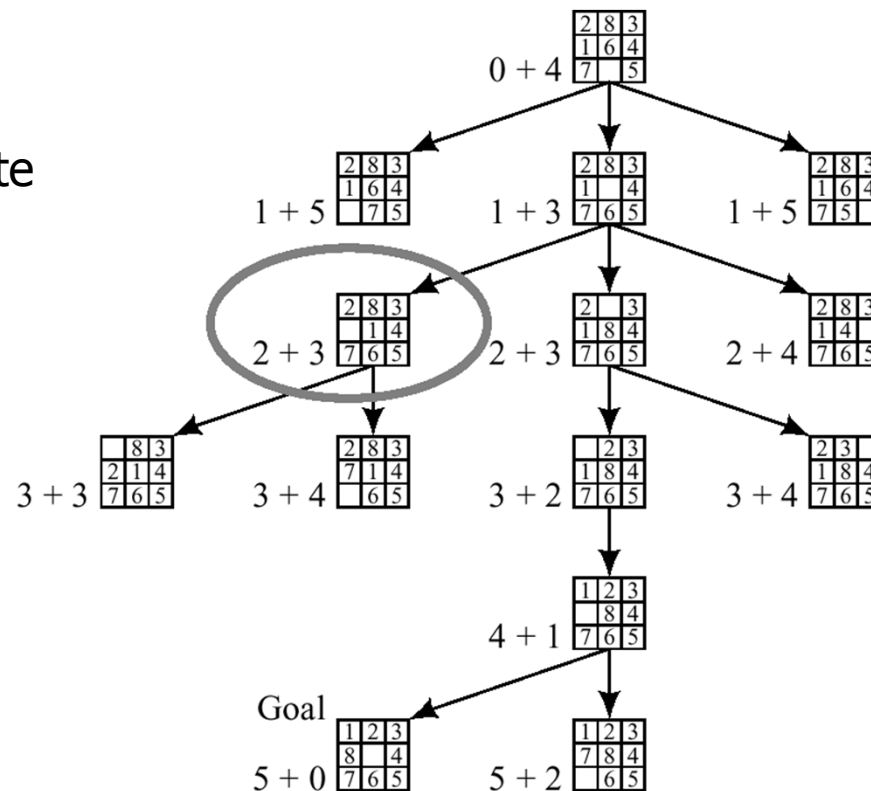
Observation: People generate heuristics by consulting simplified/relaxed models.

Context: Heuristic search (A*) of state-space graph (Nilsson, 1980)

Context: Weak methods vs. strong methods

Domain knowledge: Heuristic function

$h(n)$: Heuristic underestimate
the best cost from
 n to the solution





The Simplified models Paradigm

Pearl 1983 (*On the discovery and generation of certain Heuristics, 1983, AI Magazine, 22-23*) : “knowledge about easy problems could serve as a heuristic in the solution of difficult problems, i.e., that it should be possible to manipulate the representation of a difficult problem until it is approximated by an easy one, solve the easy problem, and then use the solution to guide the search process in the original problem.”

The implementation of this scheme requires three major steps:

- a) simplification,
- b) solution, and
- c) advice generation.

Simplified = relaxed is appealing because:

1. implies admissibility, monotonicity,
2. explains many human-generated heuristics (15-puzzle, traveling salesperson)

“We must have a simple **a-priori** criterion for deciding when a problem lends itself to easy solution.”

Systematic relaxation of STRIPS

STRIPS (**S**tanford **R**esearch **I**nstitute
Problem **S**olver, Nilsson and Fikes 1971)
action representation:

Move(x,c1,c2)

Precond list: on(x1,c1), clear(c2), adj(c1,c2)

Add-list: on(x1,c2), clear(c1)

Delete-list: on(x1,c1), clear(c2)

7	2	4
5		6
8	3	1

Start State

	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

Goal State

Relaxation (Sacerdoti, 1974): Remove literals from the precondition-list:

1. clear(c2), adj(c2,c3) → #misplaced tiles
2. Remove clear(c2) → manhattan distance
3. Remove adj(c2,c3) → h3, a new procedure that transfer to the empty location a tile appearing there in the goal

But the main question remained:

“Can a program tell an easy problem from a hard one without actually solving?” (Pearl 1984, Heuristics)



Easy = Greedily solved?

Pearl, 84: Most easy problems we encounter are solved by **“greedy” hill-climbing methods without backtracking** and that the features that make them amenable to such methods is their “decomposability”

The question now:

Can we recognize a greedily solved STRIPS problem?”

Freuder, JACM 1982 : "A sufficient condition for backtrack-free search"

Whow! Backtrack-free is greedy!

I read Montanari (1974), I read Mackworth, (1977)

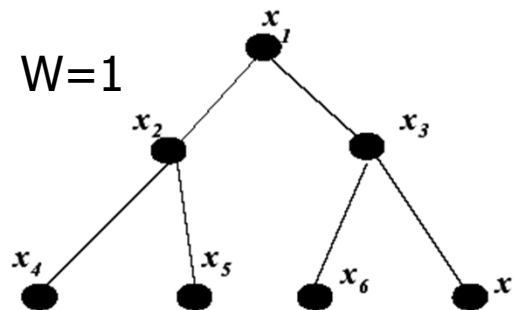
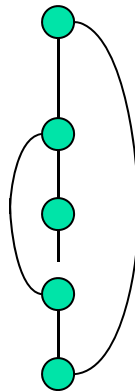
Got absorbed...

Sufficient condition (Freuder 82):

1. Trees (width-1) and arc-consistency implies backtrack-free
2. Width= i and $(i+1)$ -consistency implies backtrack-free search

If 3-consistent
no deadends

$W=2$



$W=1$

Arc-consistent
No dead-ends

Figure 4.10: A tree network

This moved me to constraint network and ultimately to graphical models.
But: Is it indeed the case that heuristics are generated by simplified Models?



Outline of the talk

- Introduction to graphical models
- Inference: Exact and approximate
- Conditioning Search: exact and approximate
- Hybrids of search and inference (exact)
- Compilation, (e.g., AND/OR Decision Diagrams)
- Questions:
 - Representation issues: directed vs undirected
 - The role of hidden variables
 - Finding good structure
 - How can we predict problem instance hardness?



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What are Graphical Models

- A way to represent *global* knowledge, mostly declaratively, using small local pieces of functions/relations. Combined, they give a global view of a world about which we want to reason, namely to answer queries.
- Different types of graphs can capture variable interaction through the local functions.
- Because representation is modular, reasoning can be modular too.

Constraint Networks

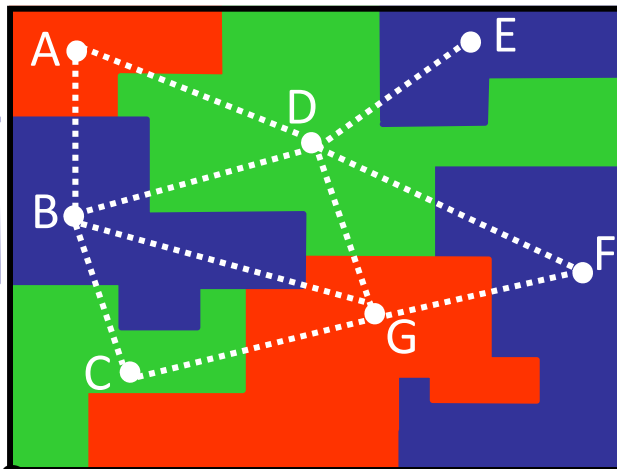
Map coloring

Variables: countries (A B C etc.)

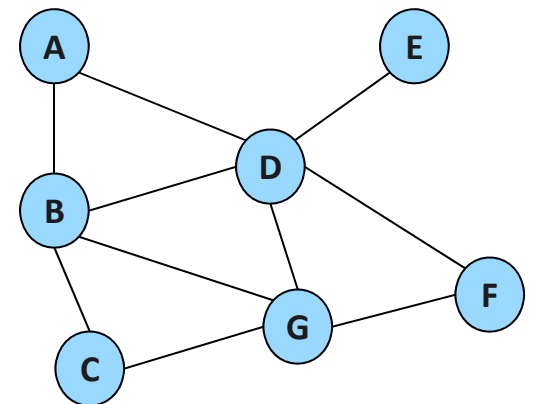
Values: colors (red green blue)

Constraints: **A ≠ B, A ≠ D, D ≠ E, ...**

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



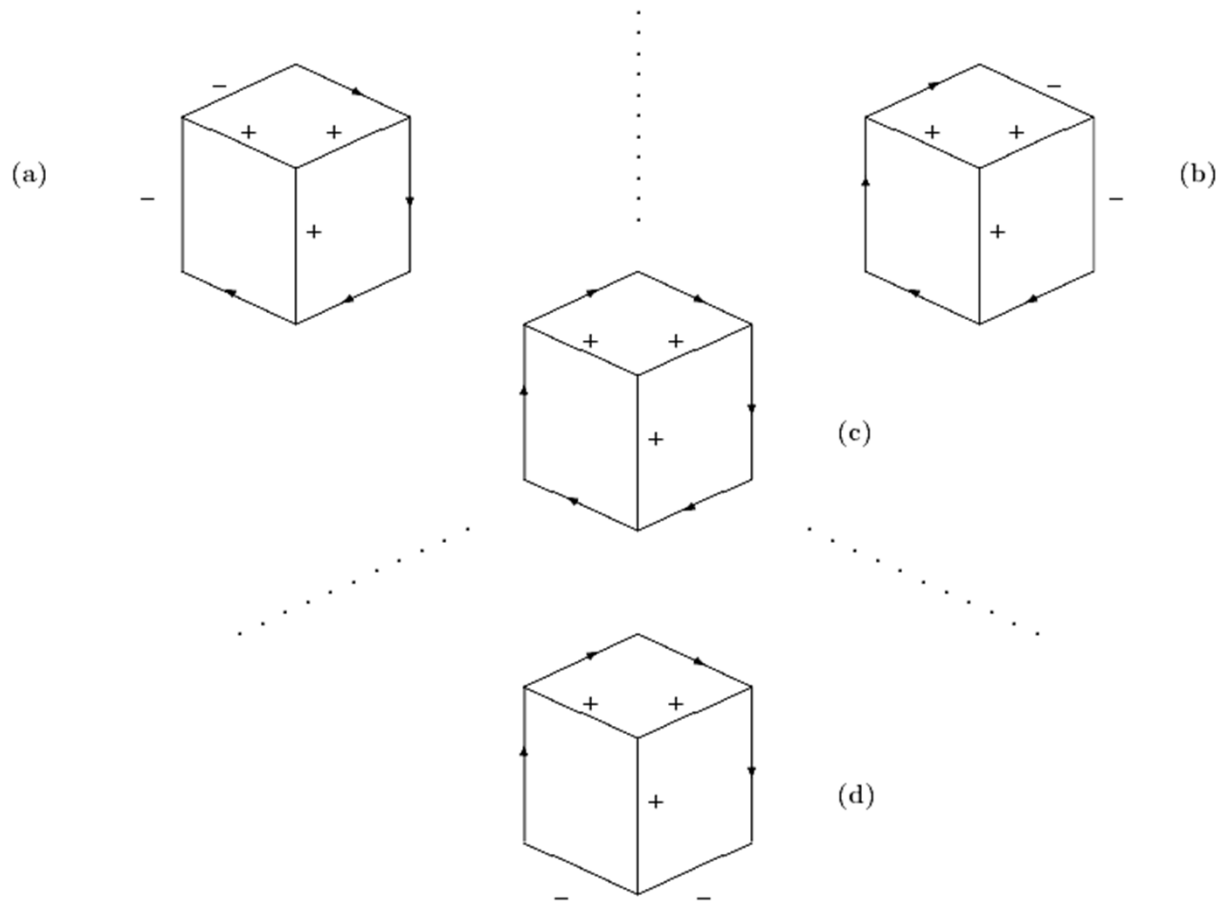
Constraint graph



Global view: all solutions.

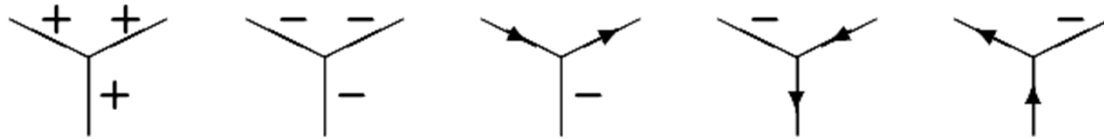
Tasks: Is there a solution?, find one, find all, count all

Three dimensional interpretation of 2 dimensional drawing

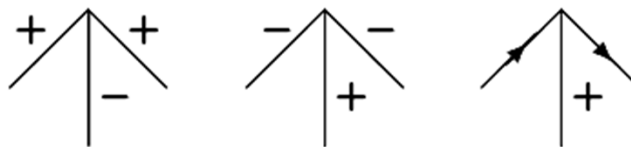


Huffman-Clowes junction labelings (1975)

Fork:



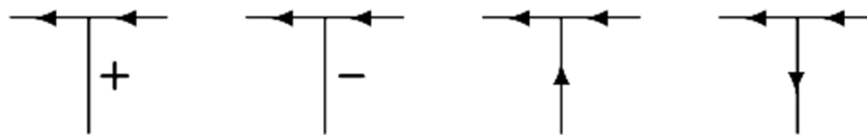
Arrow:



Ell:



Tee:



Sudoku –Constraint Satisfaction

- Constraint
- Propagation
- Inference

		2	4	6			
8	6	5	1		2		
	1			8	6		9
9			4		8	6	
	4	7			1	9	
	5	8		6			3
4		6	9			7	2 ³ / 4 ⁶
		9		4	5	8	1
			3	2	9		

•Variables: empty slots

•Domains =
{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}

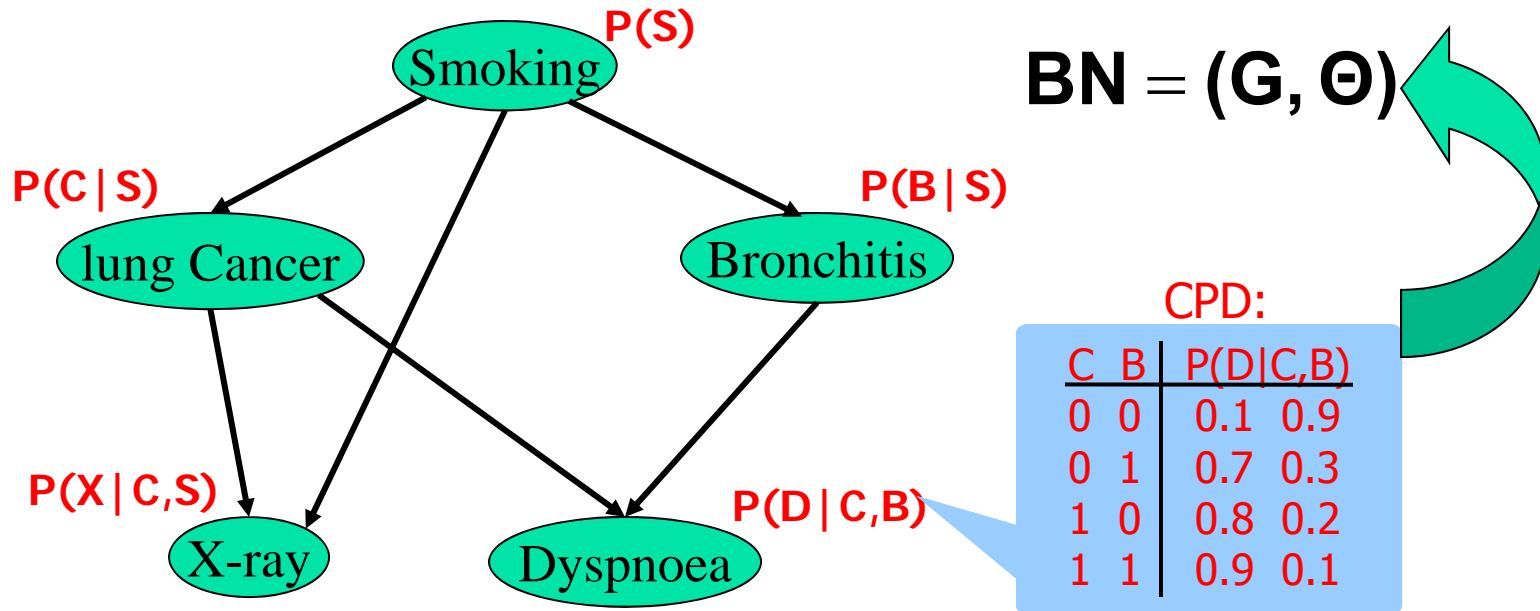
•Constraints:
•27 all-different

Each row, column and major block must be alldifferent

“Well posed” if it has unique solution: **27 constraints**

Bayesian Networks

(Pearl, 1988)



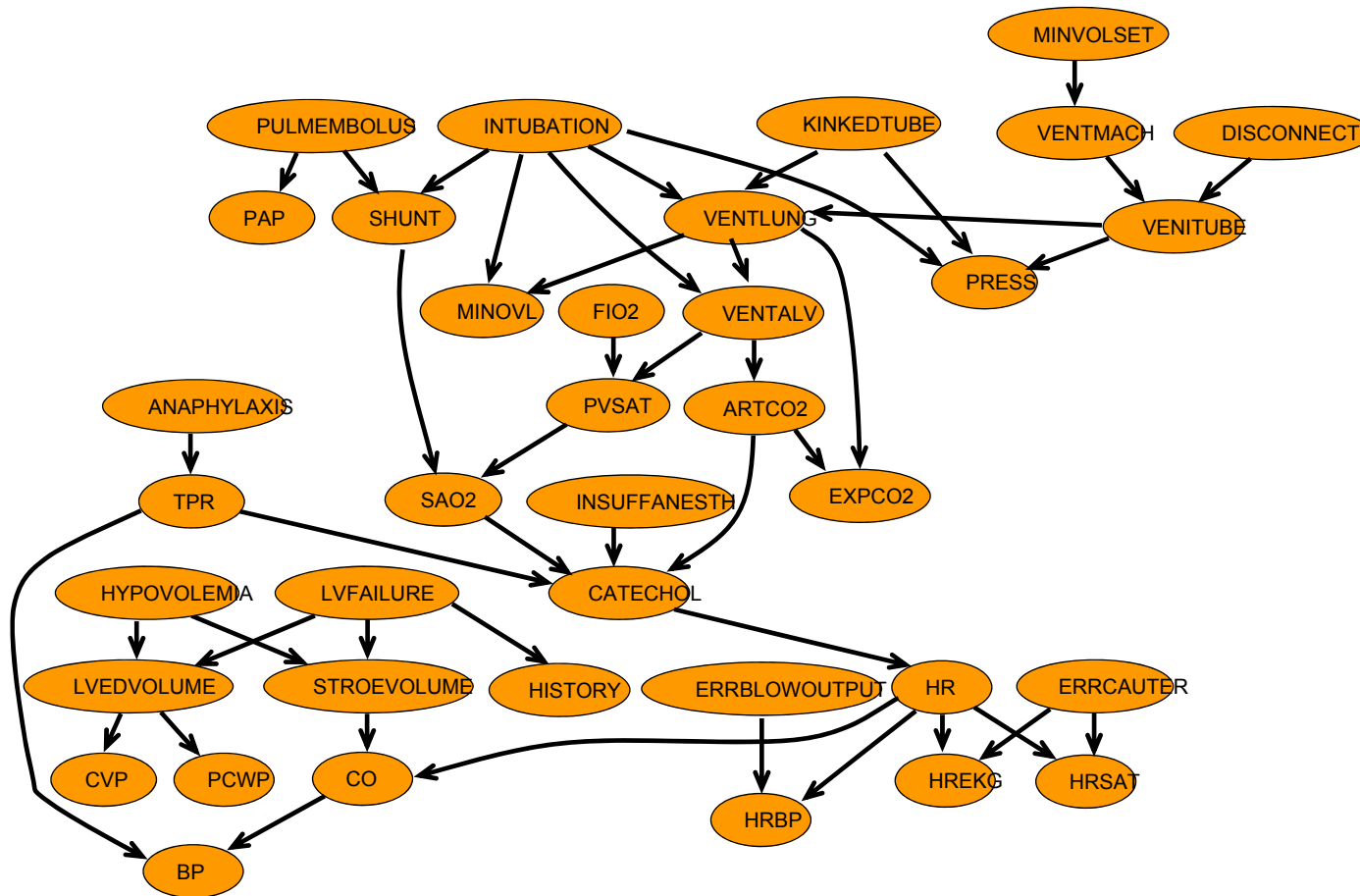
Global view: $P(S, C, B, X, D) = P(S) P(C|S) P(B|S) P(X|C,S) P(D|C,B)$

Belief Updating, Most probable tuple (MPE)

= find argmax $P(S) \cdot P(C|S) \cdot P(B|S) \cdot P(X|C,S) \cdot P(D|C,B) = ?$

Monitoring Intensive-Care Patients

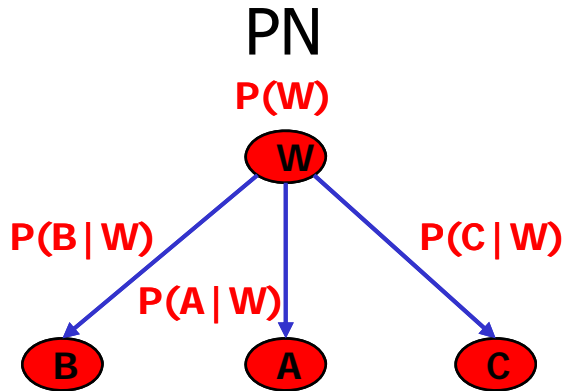
The "alarm" network - 37 variables, 509 parameters (instead of 2^{37})



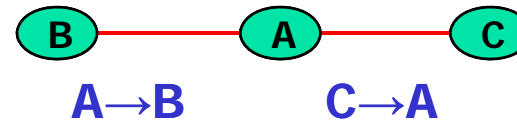
Mixed Probabilistic and Deterministic networks

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

If Alex goes, then Becky goes:
 If Chris goes, then Alex goes:



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W	A	P(A W)
good	0	.01
good	1	.99
bad	0	.1
bad	1	.9

Semantics?

Algorithms?

Query:

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

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

Applications

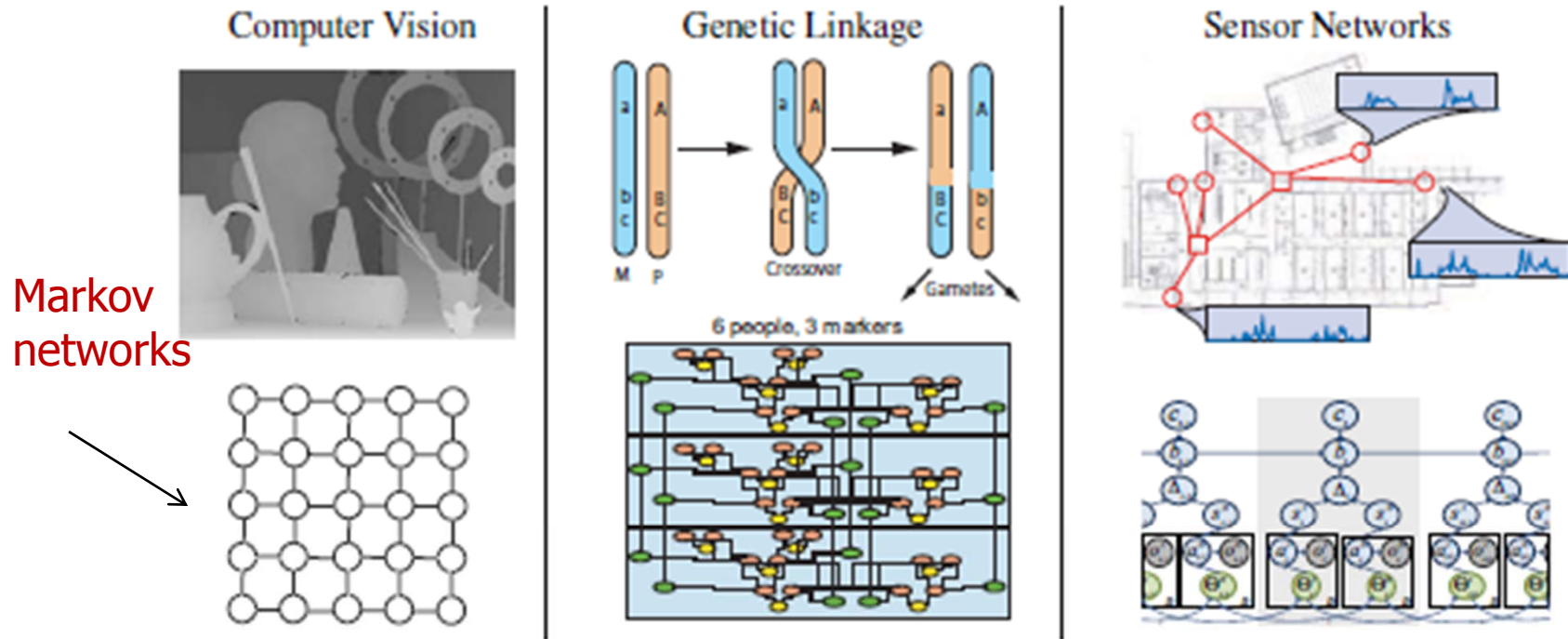


Figure 1: Application areas and graphical models used to represent their respective systems: (a) Finding correspondences between images, including depth estimation from stereo; (b) Genetic linkage analysis and pedigree data; (c) Understanding patterns of behavior in sensor measurements using spatio-temporal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

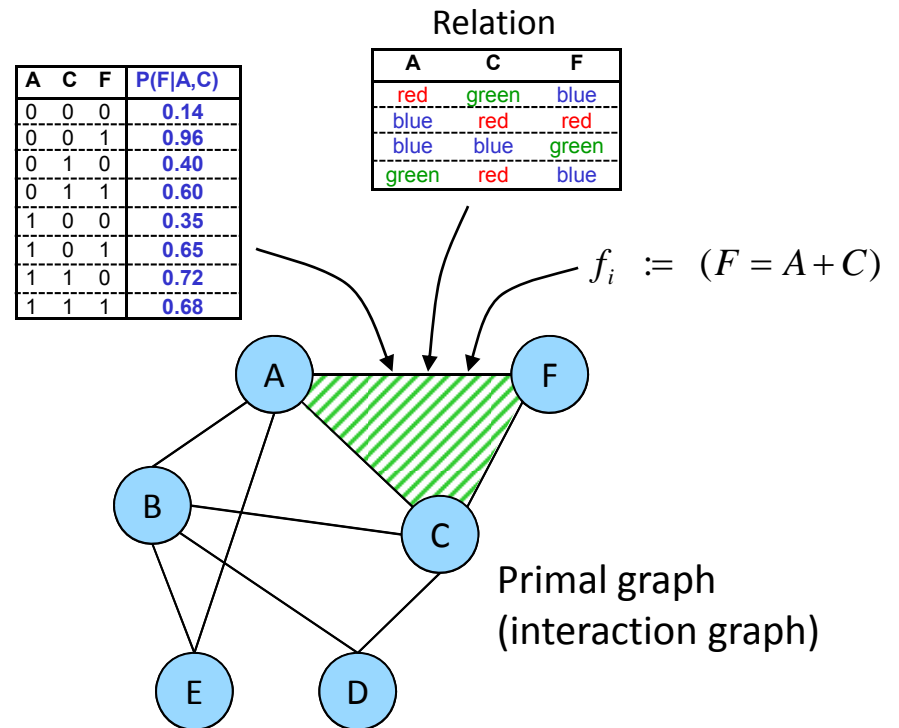
Graphical Models

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

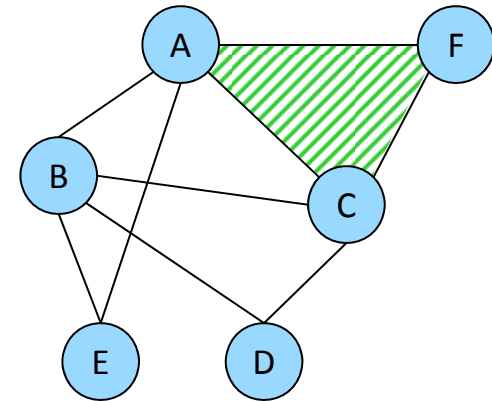
- Operators:

- combination
- elimination (projection)



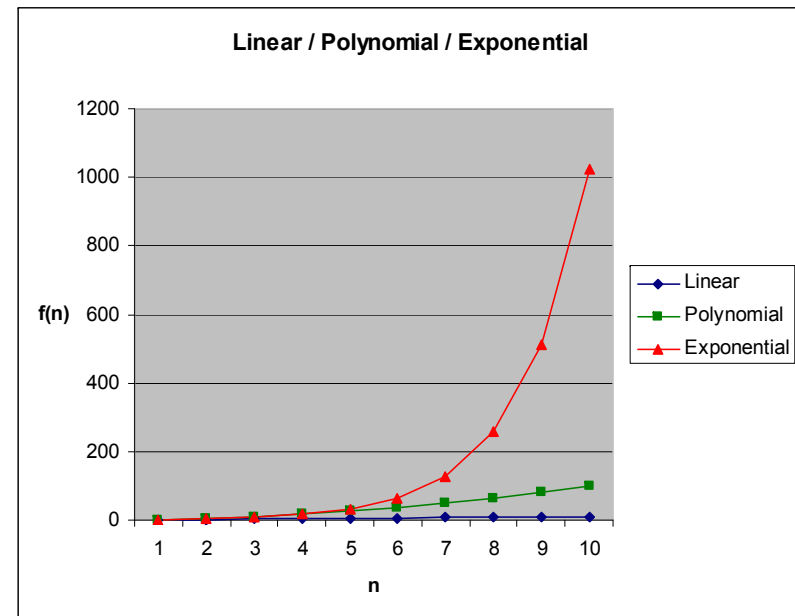
Complexity of Reasoning Tasks

- Constraint satisfaction
- Counting solutions
- Combinatorial optimization
- Belief updating
- Most probable explanation
- Decision-theoretic planning



Reasoning is
computationally hard

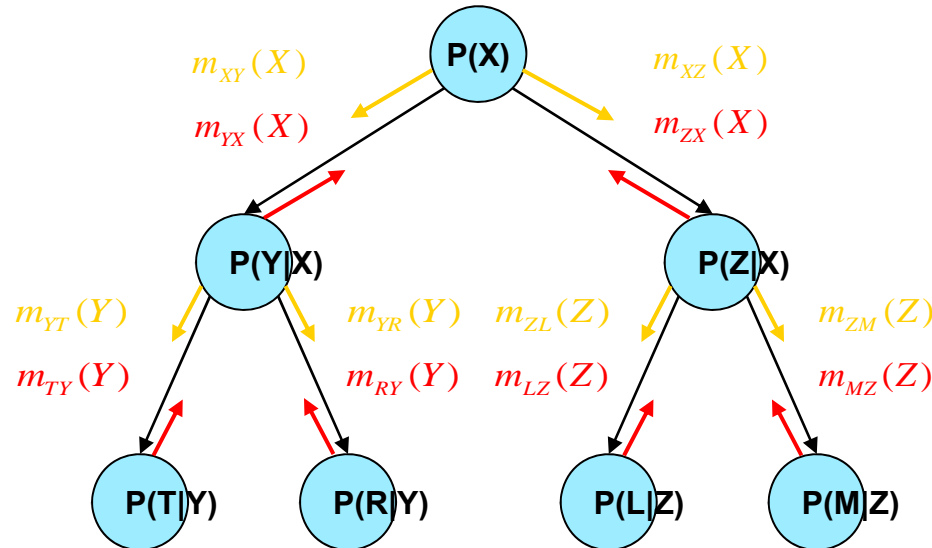
Complexity is
Time and space(memory) exponential



Tree-solving is easy

**Belief updating
(sum-prod)**

**CSP – consistency
(projection-join)**



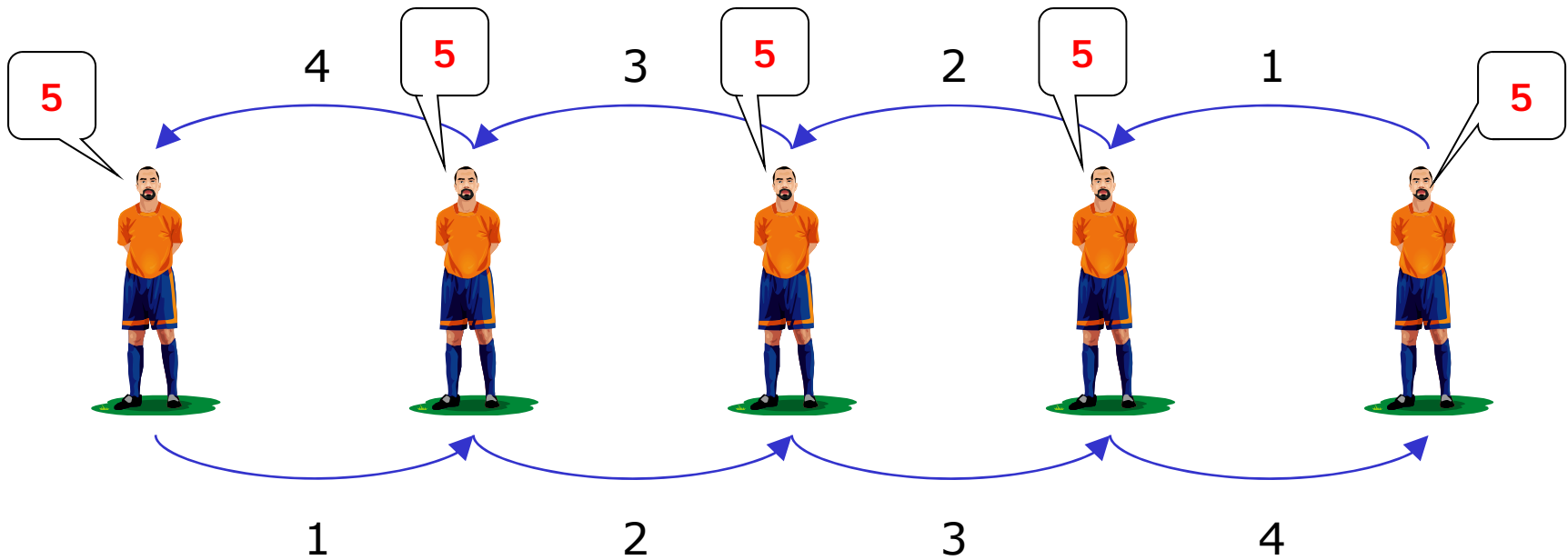
MPE (max-prod)

#CSP (sum-prod)

Trees are processed in linear time and memory

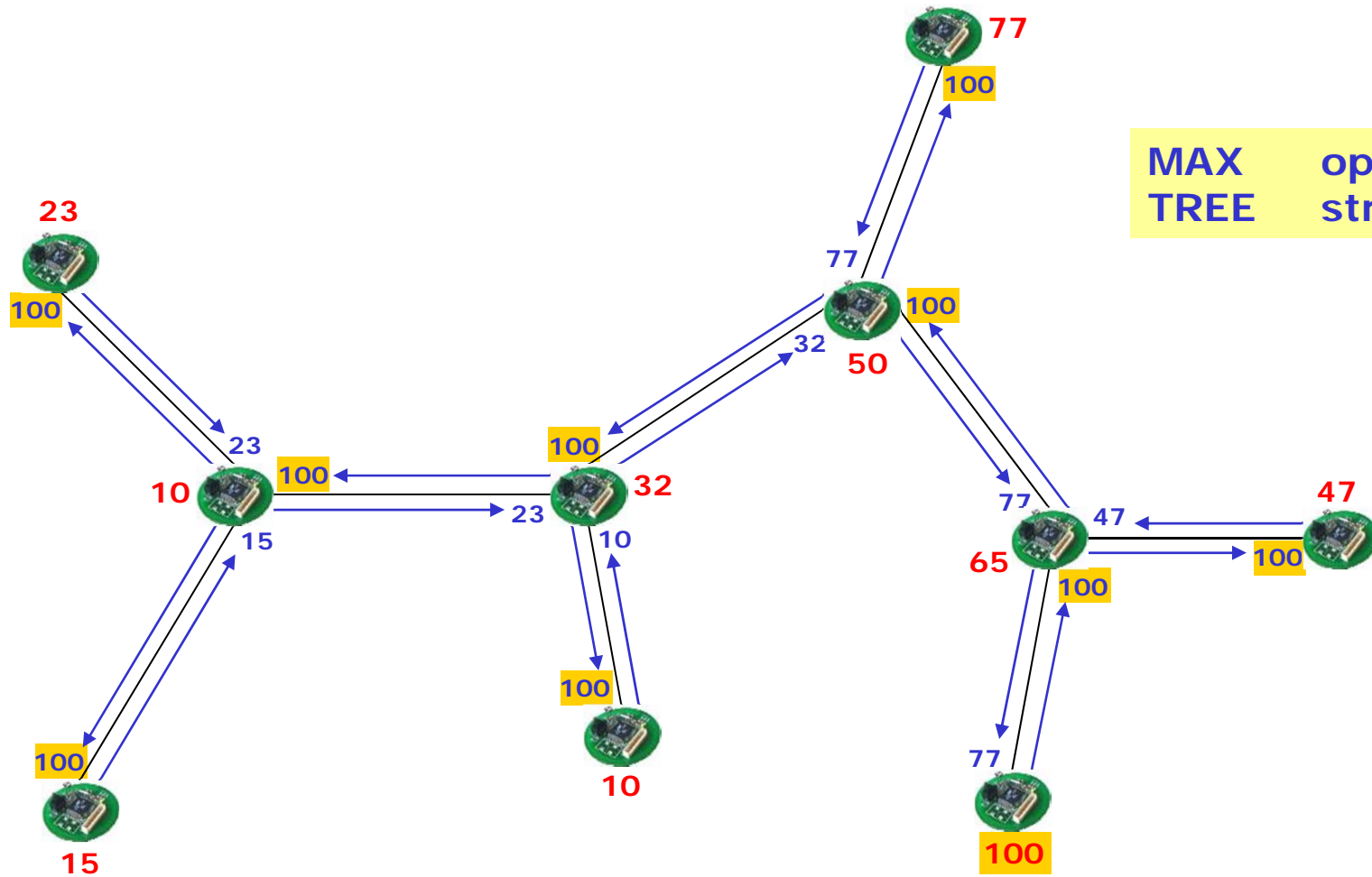
Counting

SUM operator
CHAIN structure



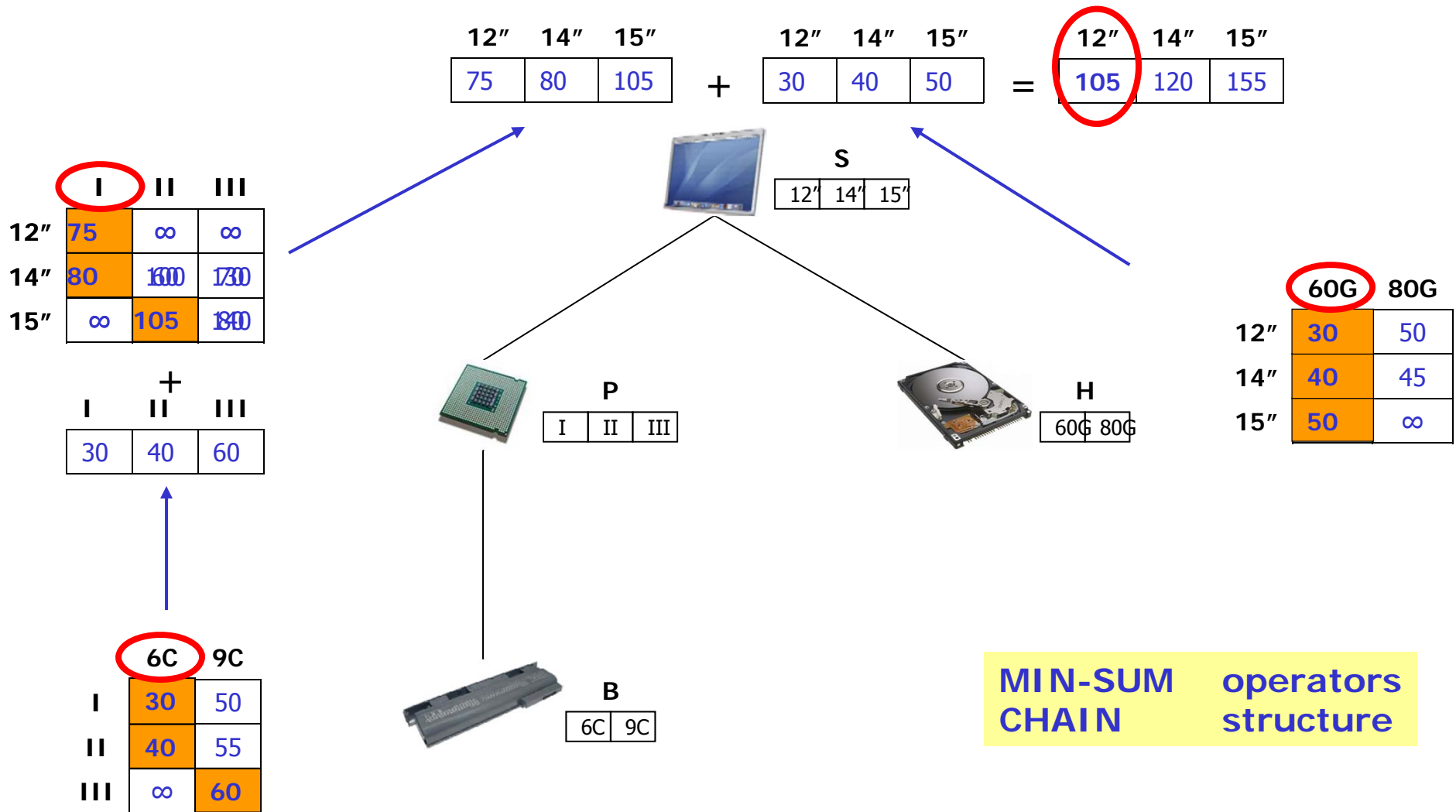
How many people?

Maximization



What is the maximum?

Min-Cost Assignment



MIN-SUM operators
CHAIN structure

What is minimum cost configuration?

Belief Updating

SUM-PROD operators
POLY-TREE structure

H	P(H)
0	.9
1	.1

F	P(F)
0	.99
1	.01

F	$h_3(F)$
0	.1245
1	.73175

F	$h_4(F)$
0	1
1	1

F	P(F, B=1)
0	.123255
1	.073175

H	F	M	P(M H,F)
0	0	0	.9
0	0	1	.1
0	1	0	.1
0	1	1	.9
1	0	0	.8
1	0	1	.2
1	1	0	.01
1	1	1	.99

M	$h_1(M)$
0	.05
1	.8

H	$h_2(H)$
0	.9
1	.1

H	F	M	B(M,H,F)
0	0	0	.0405
0	0	1	.072
0	1	0	.0045
0	1	1	.649
1	0	0	.008
1	0	1	.002
1	1	0	.00005
1	1	1	.0792

F	R	P(R F)
0	0	.8
0	1	.2
1	0	.3
0	1	.7

M	B	P(B M)
0	0	.95
0	1	.05
1	0	.2
1	1	.8

$$P(h,f,r,m,b) = P(h) P(f) P(m|h,f) P(r|f) P(b|m)$$

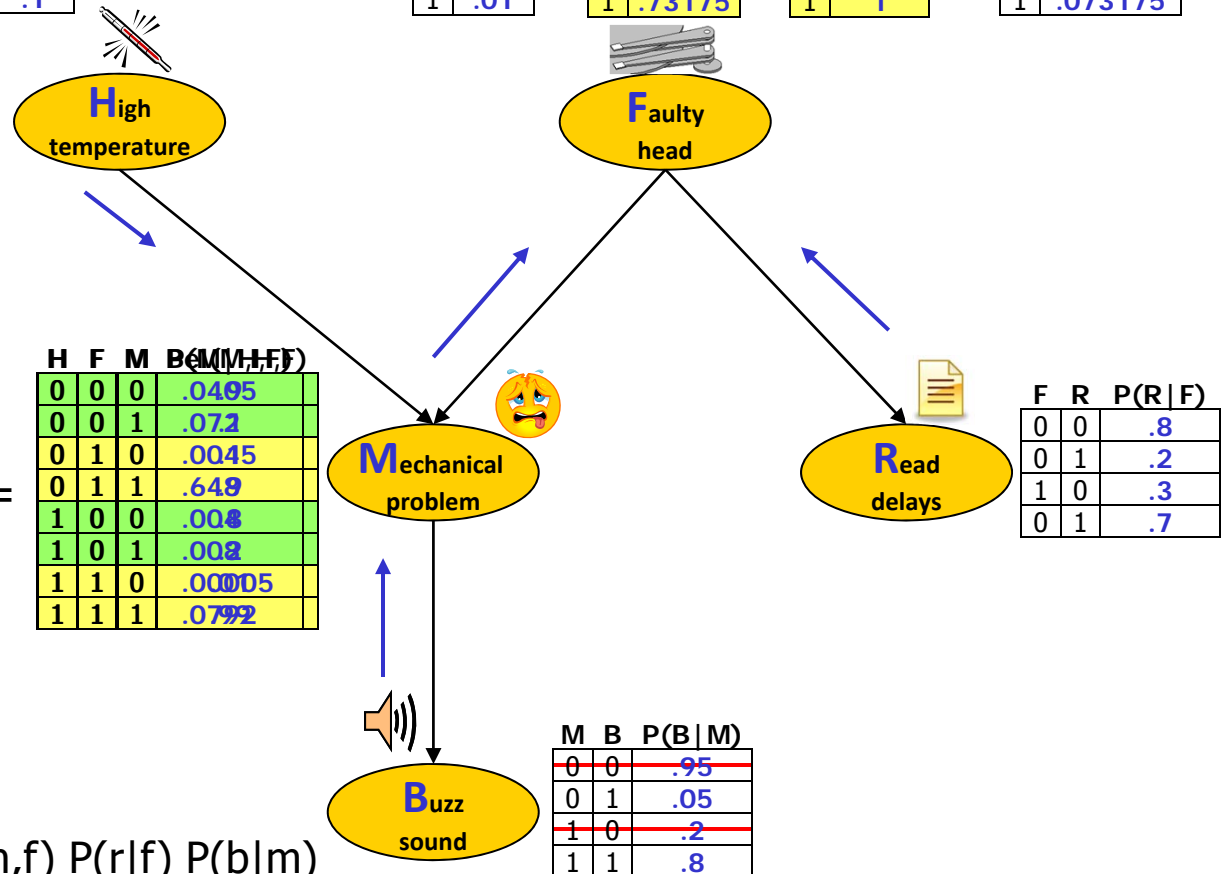
$$P(F | B=1) = ?$$

$$P(B=1) = .19643$$

$$P(F=1|B=1) = .3725$$

Probability of evidence

Updated belief





Belief Propagation

(Pearl, 1988)

- Instances of **tree message passing** algorithm
- **Exact** for trees
- **Linear** in the input size
- **Importance:**
 - One of the first algorithms for inference in Bayesian networks
 - Gives a cognitive dimension to its computations
 - Basis for conditioning algorithms for arbitrary Bayesian network
 - Basis for **Loopy Belief Propagation** (approximate algorithms)

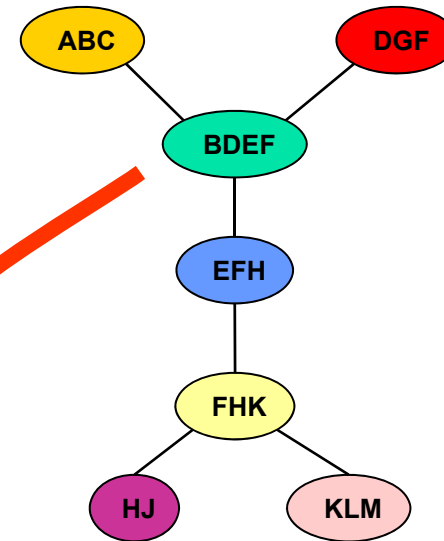
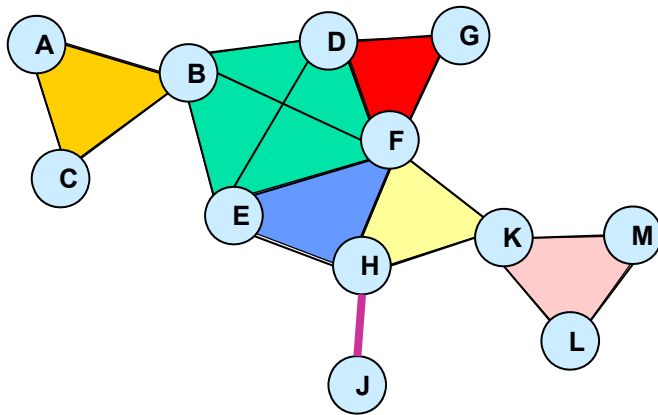


Transforming into a Tree

- **By Inference (thinking)**
 - Transform into a single, equivalent tree of sub-problems

- **By Conditioning (guessing)**
 - Transform into many tree-like sub-problems.

Inference and Treewidth



Inference algorithm:

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

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

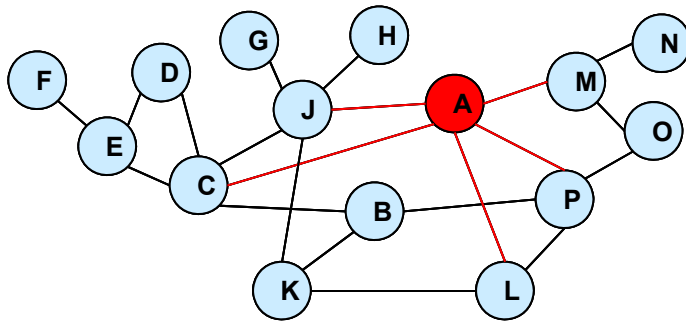


Key parameter: w^*

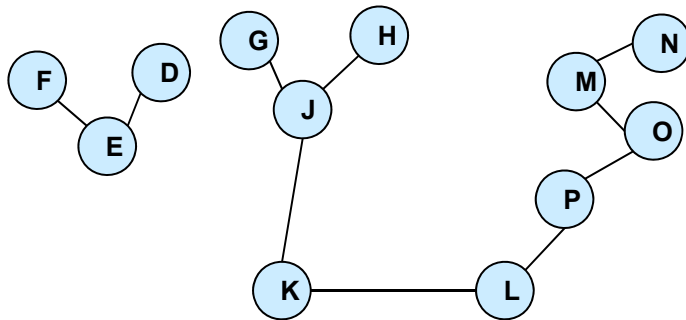
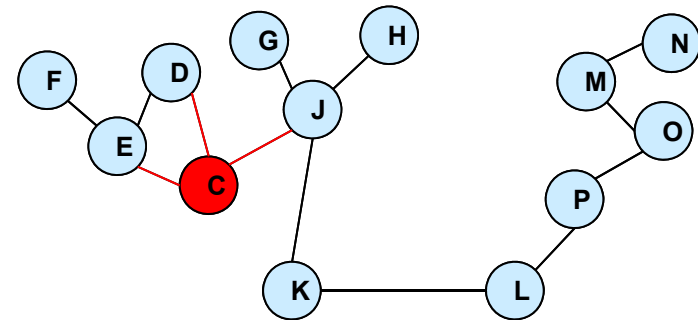
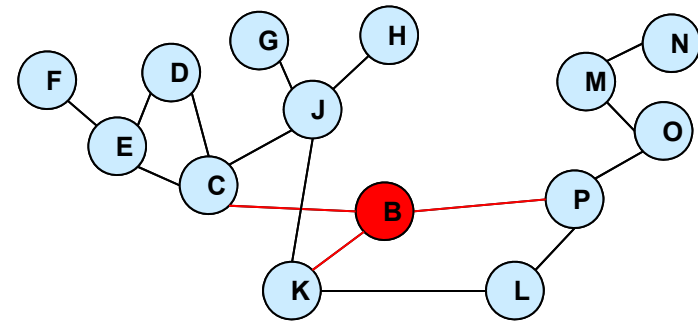
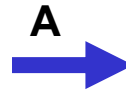
$$\text{treewidth} = 4 - 1 = 3$$

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

Conditioning and Cycle cutset

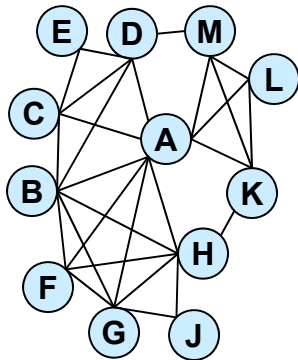


Cycle cutset = {A,B,C}



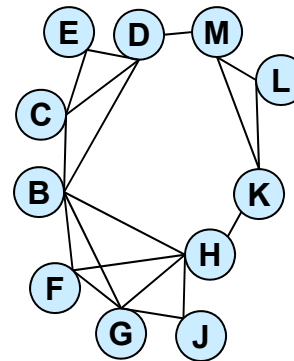
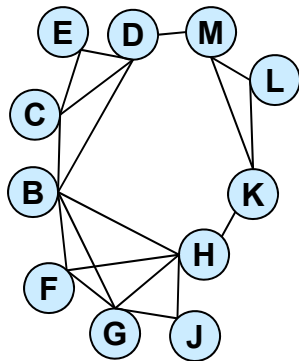
Search over the Cutset

Graph
Coloring
problem



A=yellow

A=green

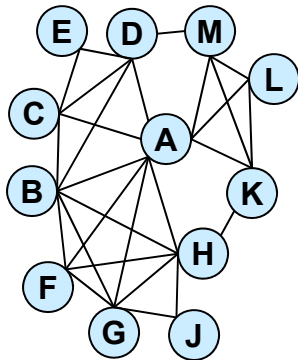


- Inference may require too much memory
- **Condition (guessing)** on some of the variables

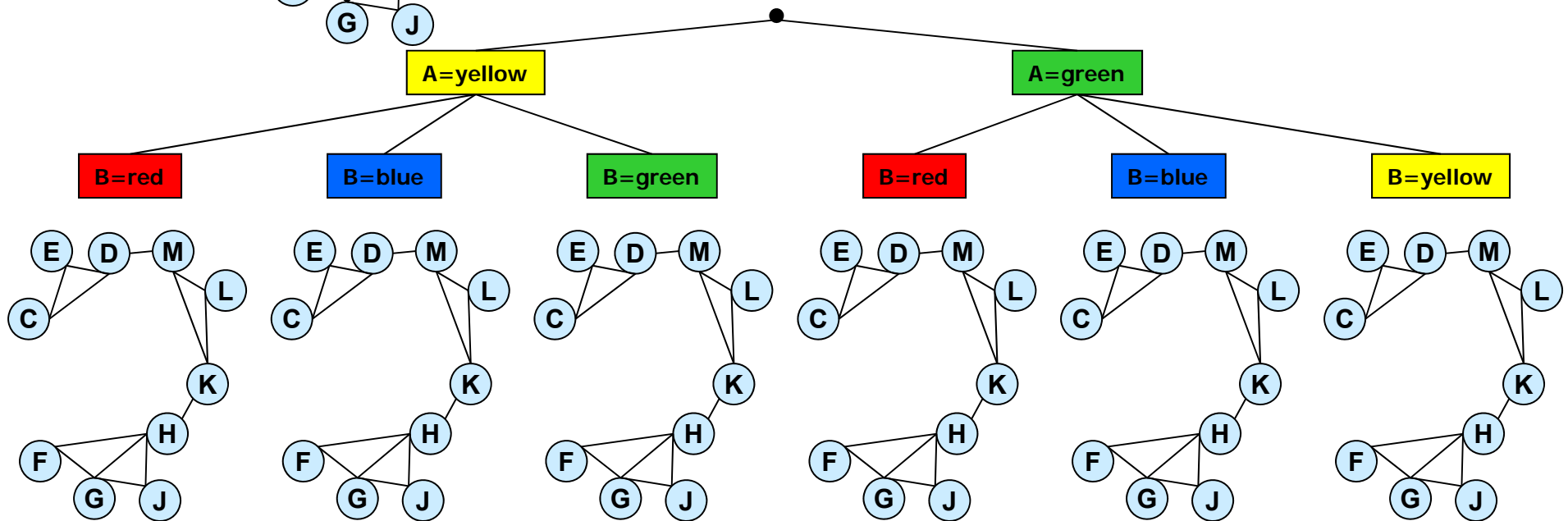
Search over the Cutset (cont)

Key parameters:
the cycle-cutset, w-cutset
Complexity: $\exp(\text{cutset-size})$

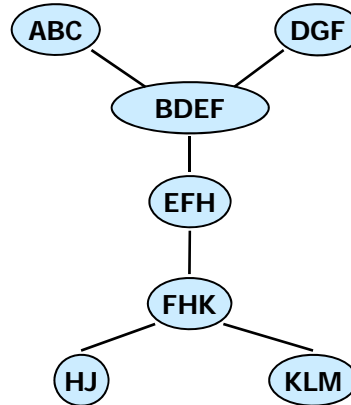
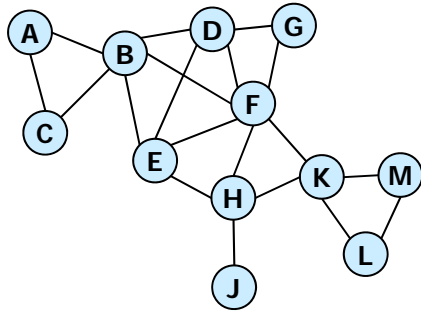
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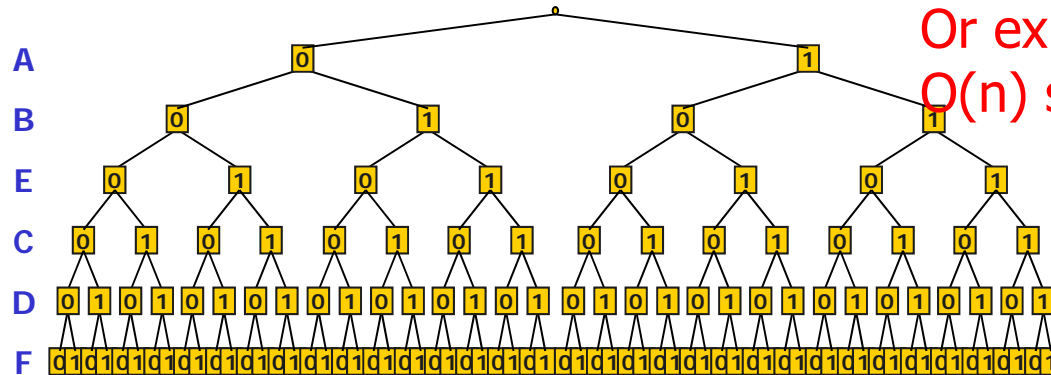
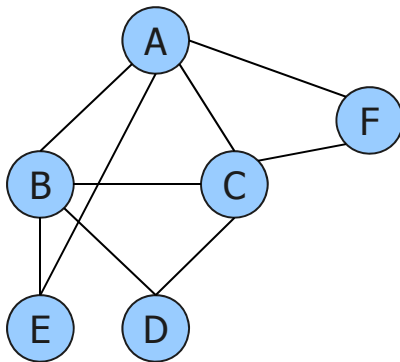


Inference vs Conditioning-Search



Inference

$\exp(\text{treewidth})$ time/space

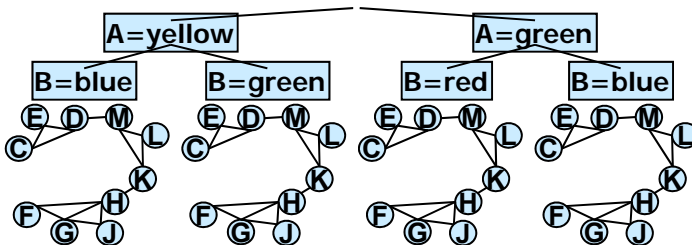
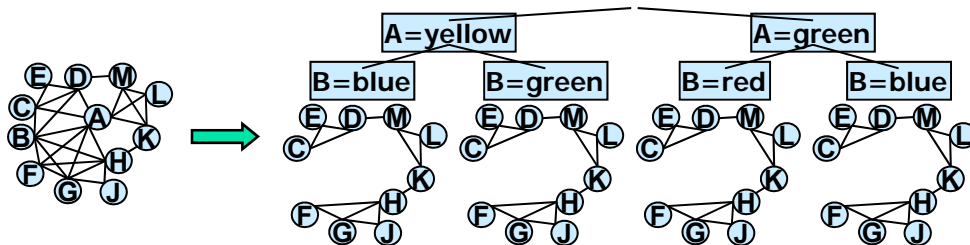


Search

$\exp(n)$ time

Or $\exp(\text{pseudo-tree})$

$O(n)$ space



Search+inference:

Space: $\exp(w \text{ of sub problem})$

Time: $\exp(w + \text{cutset}(w))$

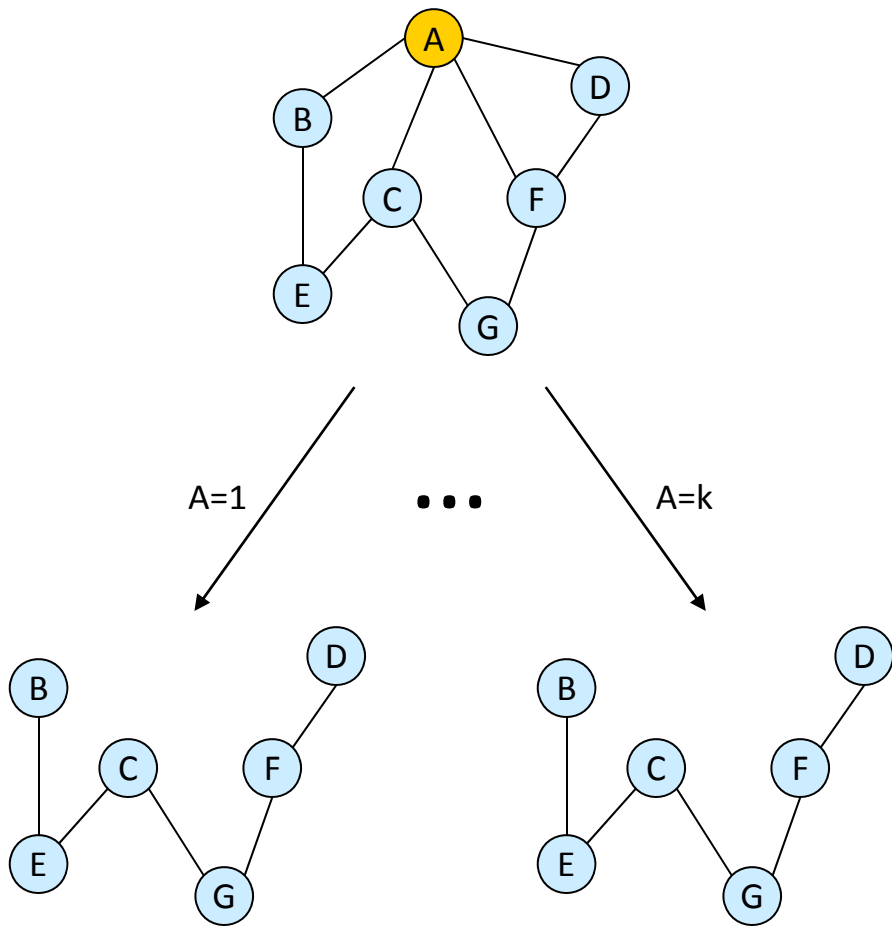


Approximation Algorithms

- Since inference, search and hybrids are too expensive when graph is dense; (high treewidth) then:
 - **Bounding inference: Bounding the clusters by i-bound**
 - mini-bucket(i) and bounded-i-consistency
 - Belief propagation and constraint propagation
 - **Bounding search:**
 - Sampling
 - Stochastic local search
- **Hybrid of sampling and bounded inference**
- **Goal: an anytime scheme**

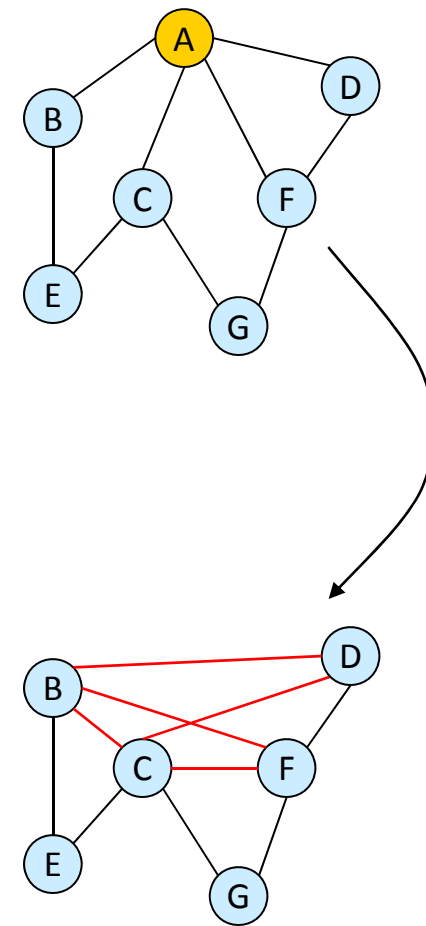
Search vs. Inference

Search (conditioning)



k "sparser" problems

Inference (elimination)

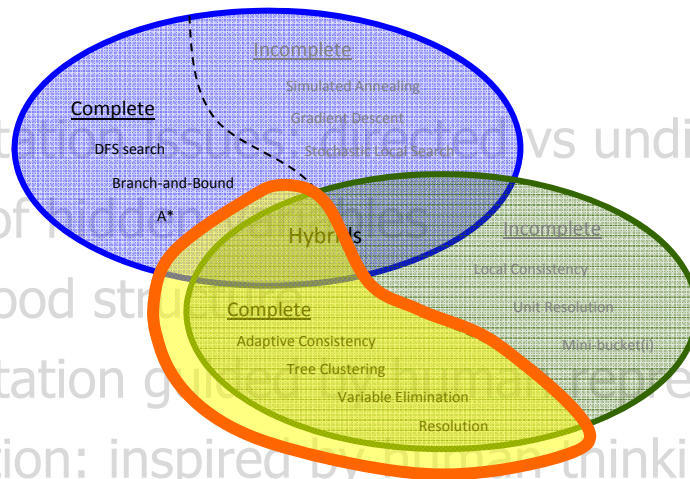


1 "denser" problem

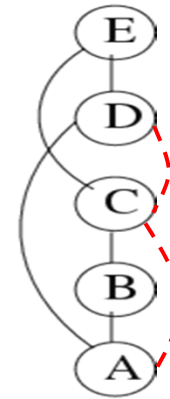
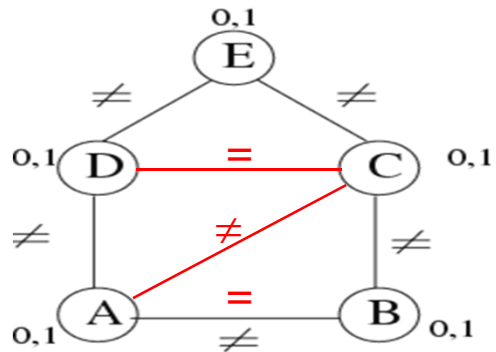
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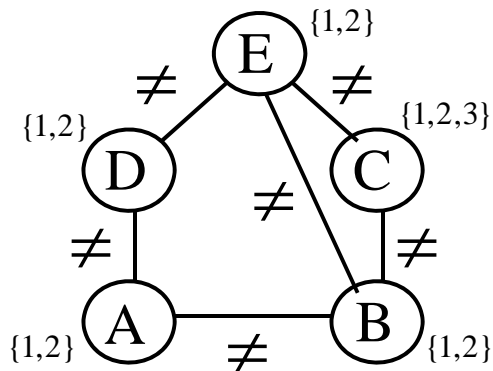
Bucket Elimination, Variable elimination



Bucket E: $E \neq D, E \neq C$
 Bucket D: $D \neq A$ → **$D = C$**
 Bucket C: $C \neq B$ → **$A \neq C$**
 Bucket B: $B \neq A$ → **$B = A$**
 Bucket A: → **contradiction**

Bucket Elimination

Adaptive Consistency (Dechter & Pearl, 1987)



$Bucket(E): E \neq D, E \neq C, E \neq B$

$Bucket(D): D \neq A \parallel R_{DCB}$

$Bucket(C): C \neq B \parallel R_{ACB}$

$Bucket(B): B \neq A \parallel R_{AB}$

$Bucket(A): R_A$

$Bucket(A): A \neq D, A \neq B$

$Bucket(D): D \neq E \parallel R_{DB}$

$Bucket(C): C \neq B, C \neq E$

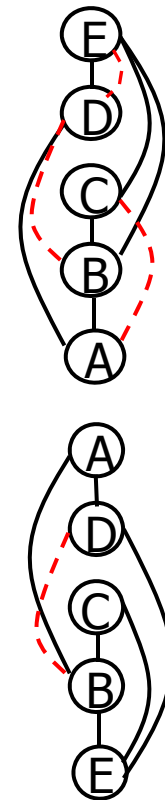
$Bucket(B): B \neq E \parallel R_{BE}^D, R_{BE}^C$

$Bucket(E): \parallel R_E$

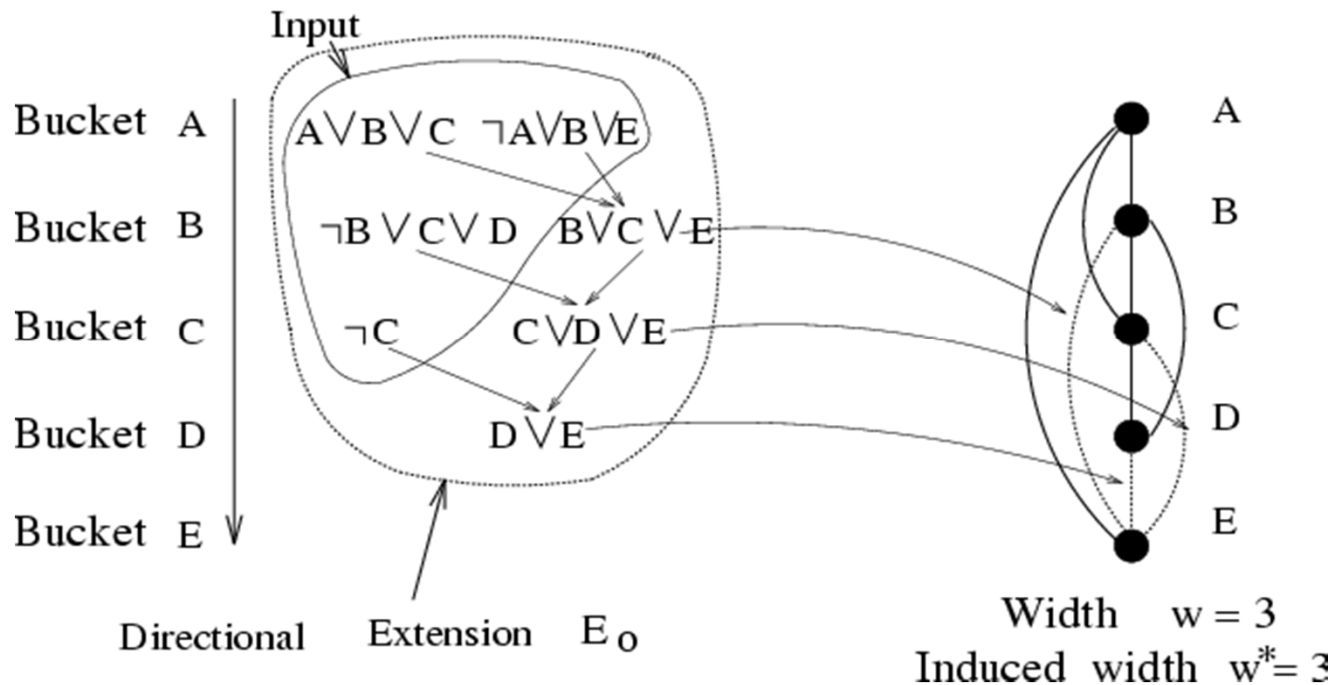
Complexity: $O(n \exp(w^*(d)))$,

$w^*(d)$ - induced width along ordering d

we get a greedily solved problem (backtrack-free)



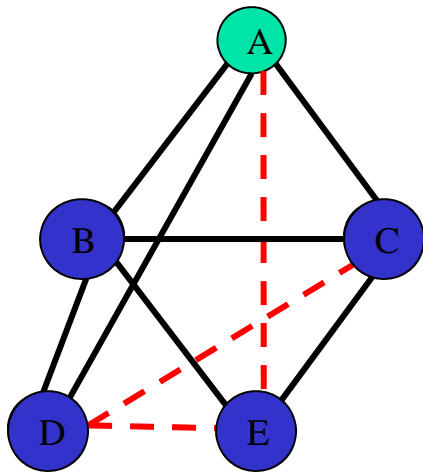
Directional Resolution \Leftrightarrow Bucket-elimination



$|bucket_i| = O(\exp(w^*))$
 DR time and space: $O(n \exp(w^*))$

(Original Davis-Putnam algorithm 1960)

Belief Updating/Probability of evidence Partition function



"Moral" graph

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

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

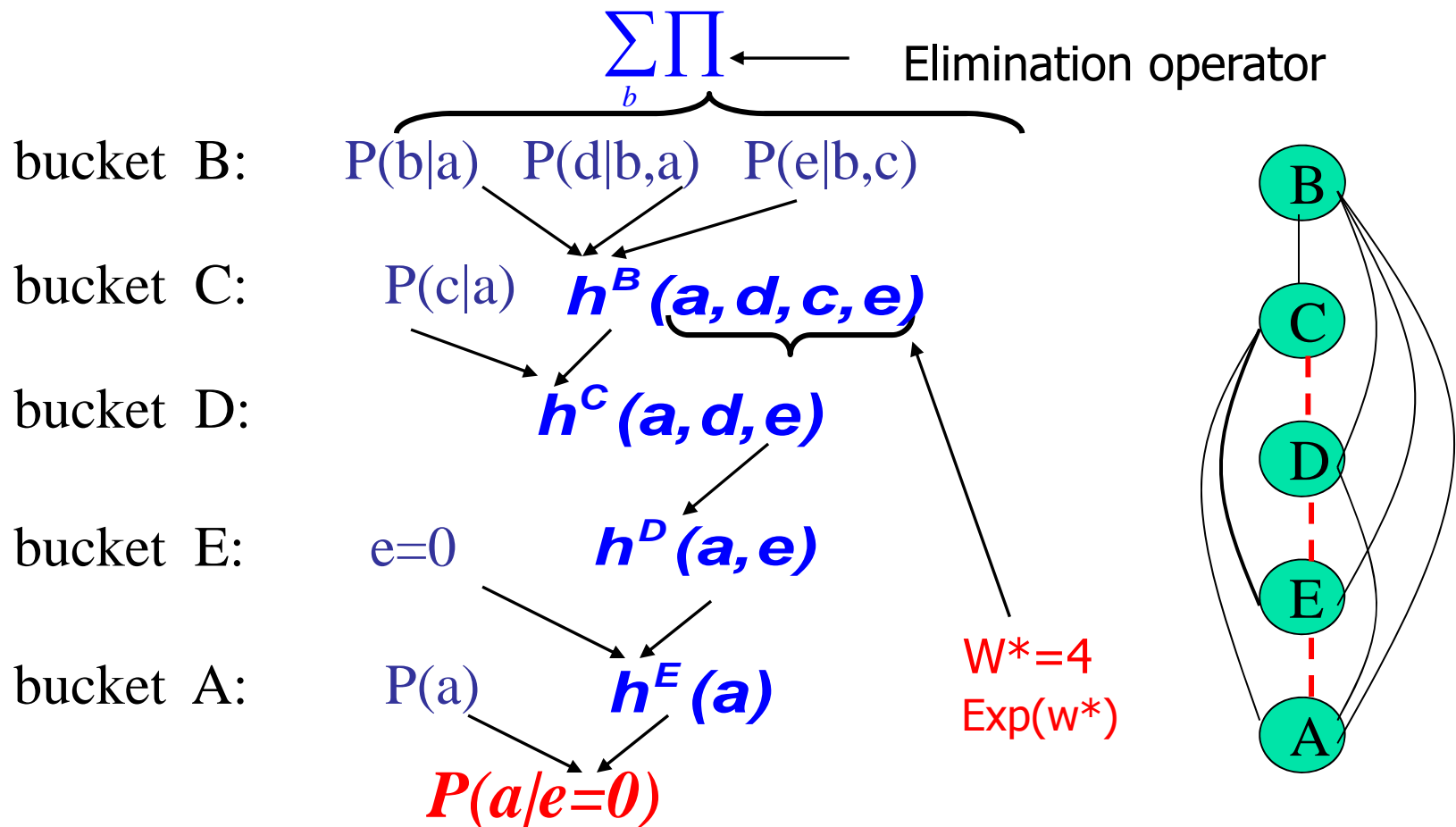
$$P(a) \sum_{e=0} \sum_d \sum_c P(c|a) \sum_b \underbrace{P(b|a) P(d|b, a) P(e|b, c)}$$

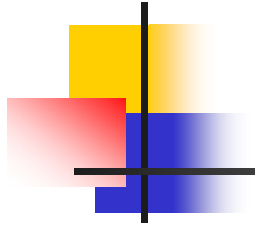
Variable Elimination

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

Bucket Elimination

Algorithm *elim-bel* (Dechter 1996)

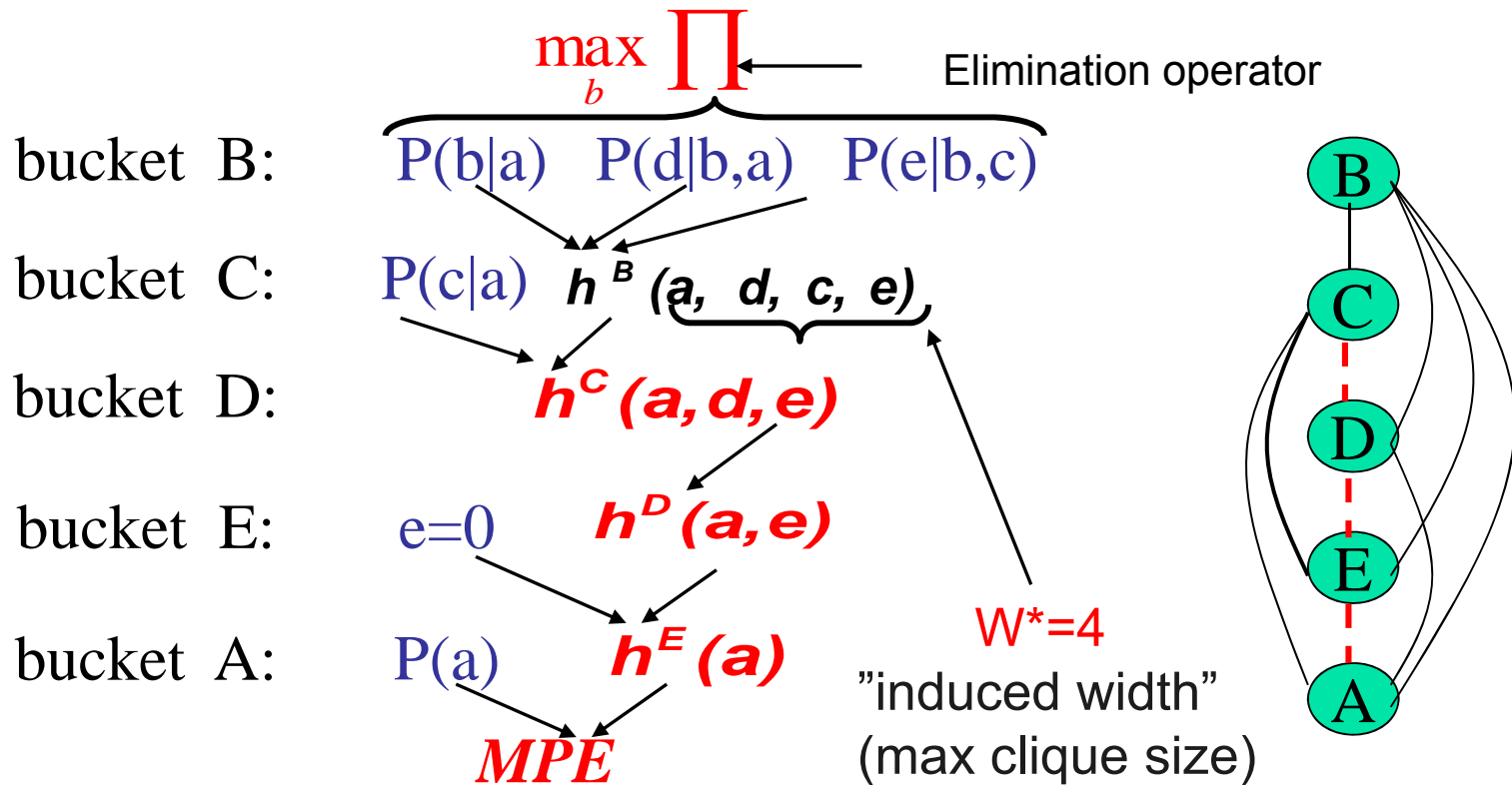




Finding

$$MPE = \max_{\bar{x}} P(\bar{x})$$

\sum is replaced by *max* :
 $MPE = \max_{a,e,d,c,b} P(a)P(c|a)P(b|a)P(d|a,b)P(e|b,c)$





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

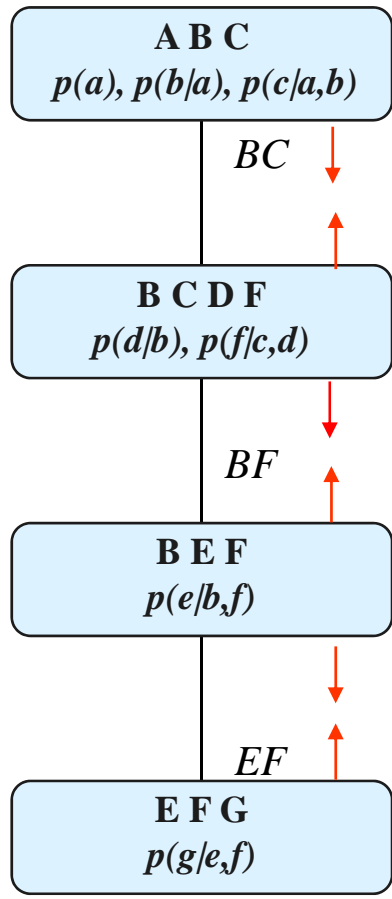
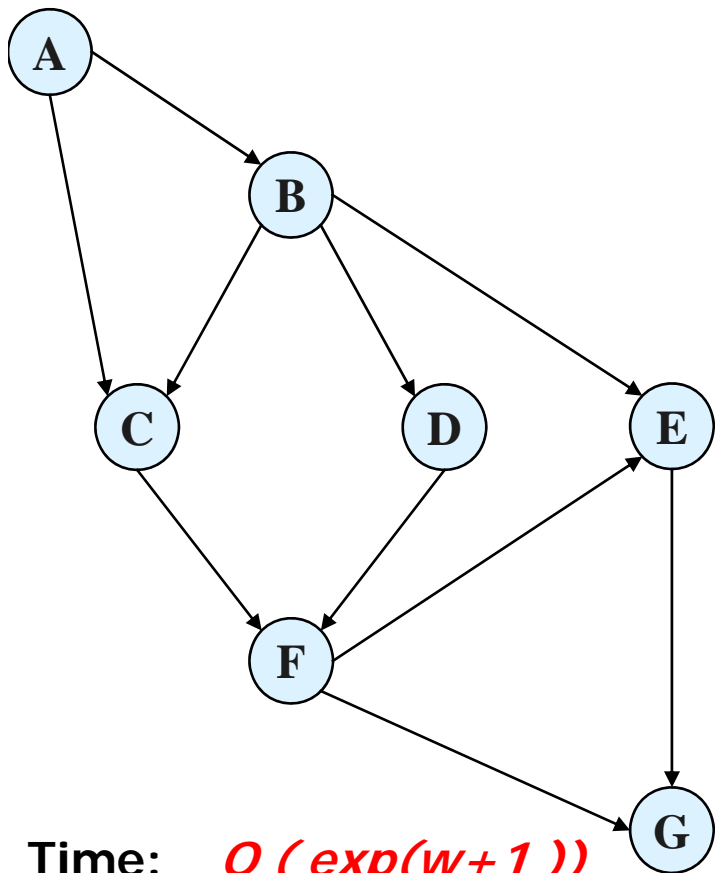
E: $e=0 \quad h^D(a, e)$

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

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

Cluster Tree Propagation

Join-tree clustering (Spiegelhalter et. Al. 1988, Dechter, Pearl 1987)



$$h_{(1,2)}(b,c) = \sum_a p(a) \cdot p(b|a) \cdot p(c|a,b)$$

$$h_{(2,1)}(b,c) = \sum_{d,f} p(d|b) \cdot p(f|c,d) \cdot h_{(3,2)}(b,f)$$

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$$h_{(3,4)}(e,f) = \sum_b p(e|b,f) \cdot h_{(2,3)}(b,f)$$

$$h_{(4,3)}(e,f) = p(G = g_e | e, f)$$

Time: $O(\exp(w+1))$
 Space: $O(\exp(sep))$

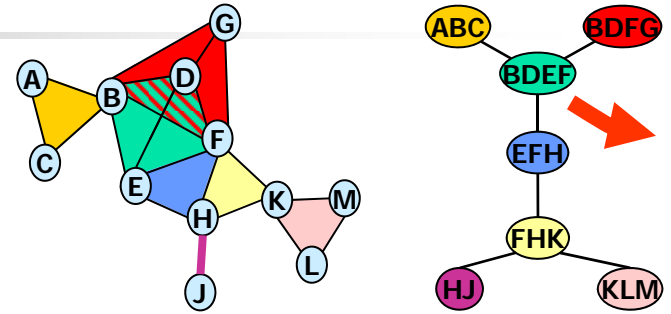
For each cluster $P(X|e)$ is computed

Complexity of Elimination

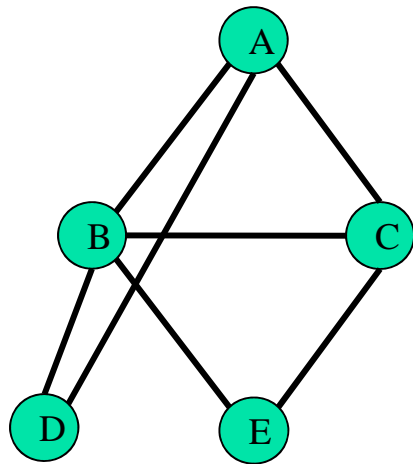
Trees are easy

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

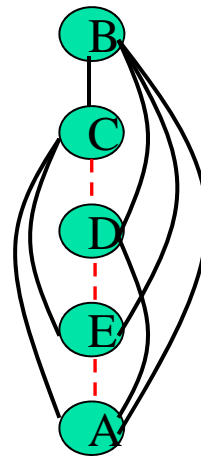
$w^*(d)$ – the induced width of moral graph along ordering d



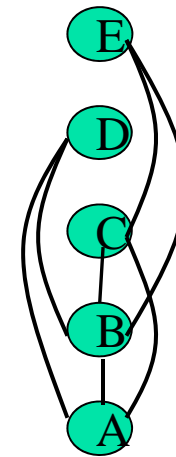
The effect of the ordering:



"Moral" graph



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



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

Spiegelhalter et. Al. 1983, Junction tree algorithm (join-tree algorithm)

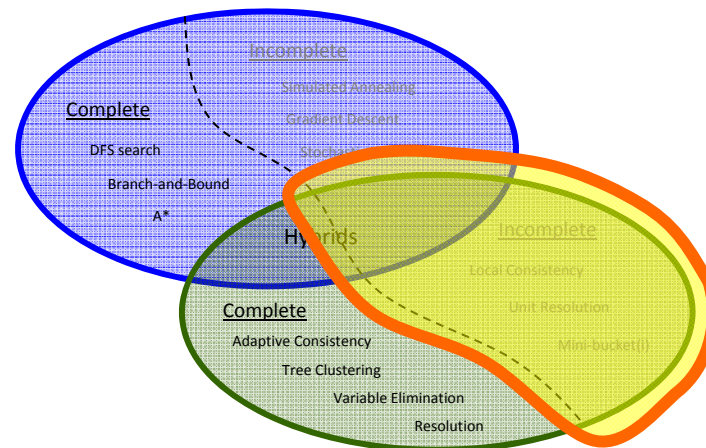


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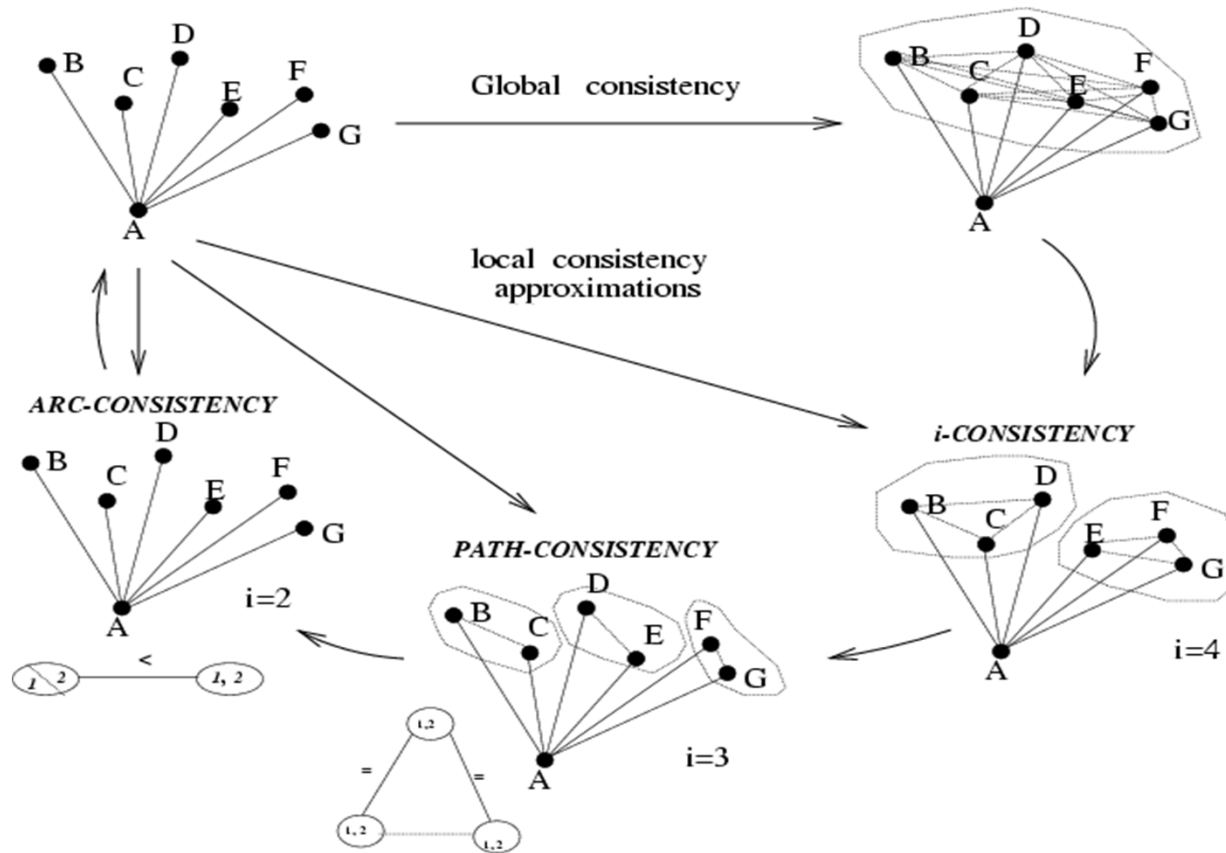
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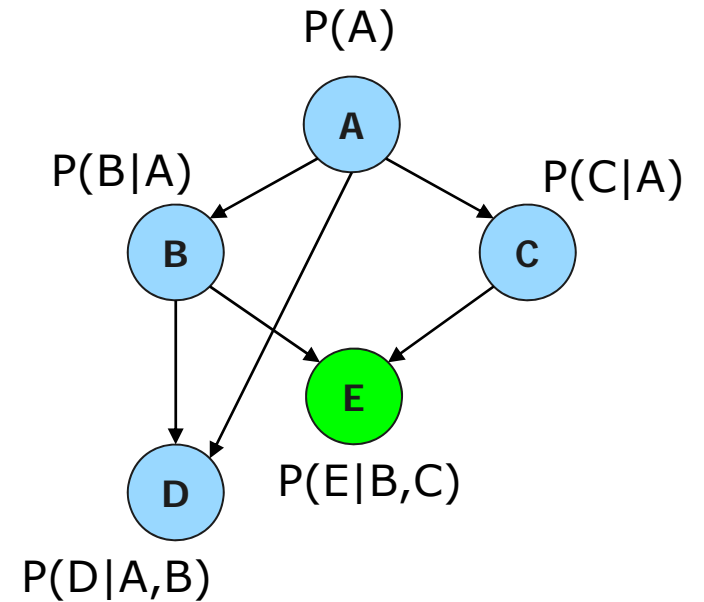
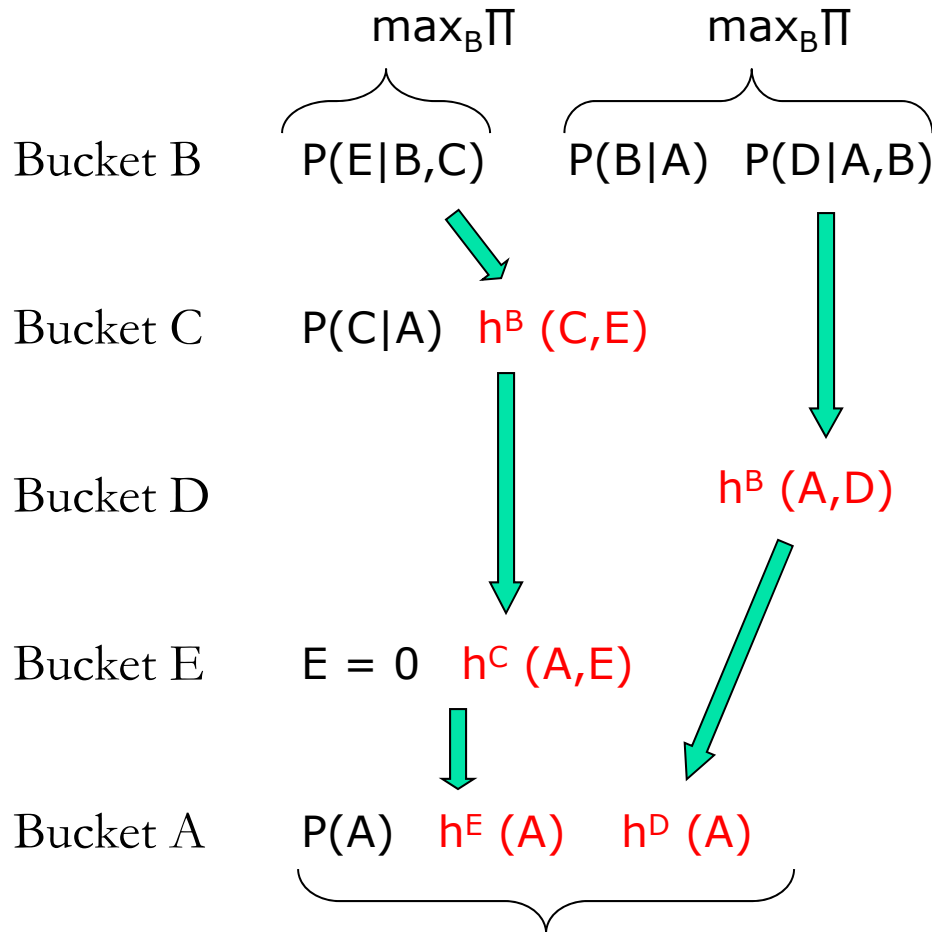


From Global to Local Consistency



Leads to one pass directional bounded inference, or Iterative propagation algorithms

Mini-Bucket Elimination

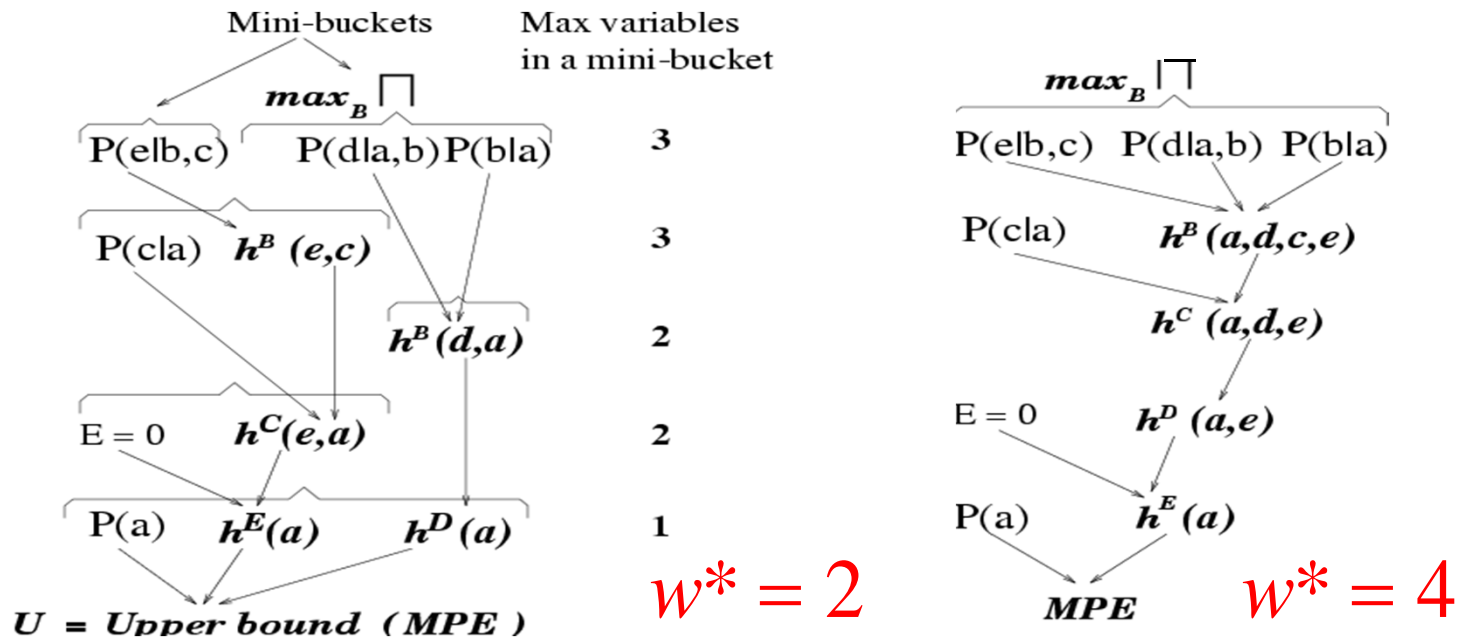


MPE* is an upper bound on MPE --U
Generating a solution yields a lower bound--L

MBE(i) (Dechter and 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



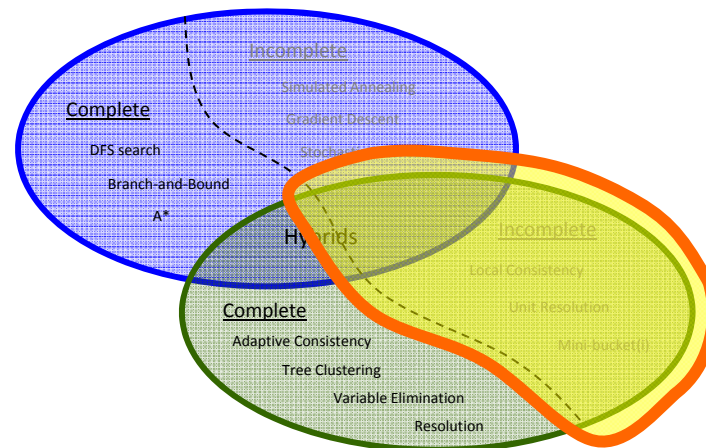


Properties of MBE(i)/mc(I)

- **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)

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Iterative, directional algorithms, vs Propagation algorithms

Arcs-consistency

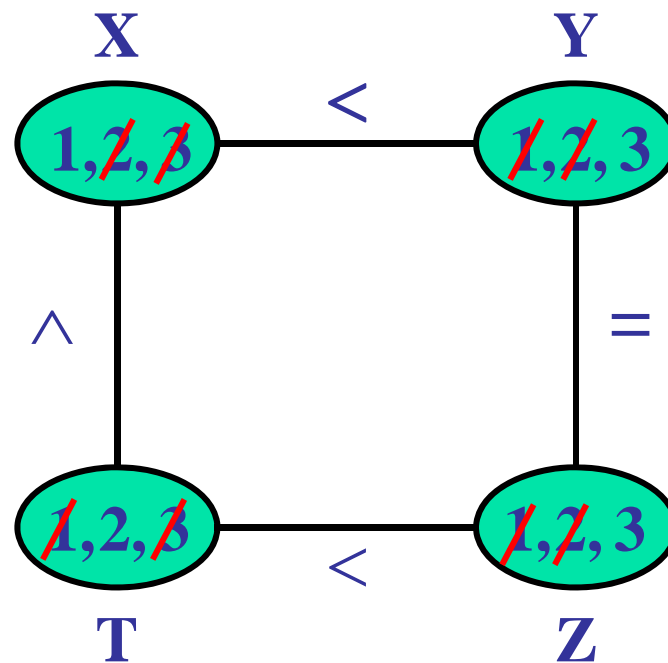
$1 \leq X, Y, Z, T \leq 3$

$X < Y$

$Y = Z$

$T < Z$

$X \leq T$



Arc-consistency

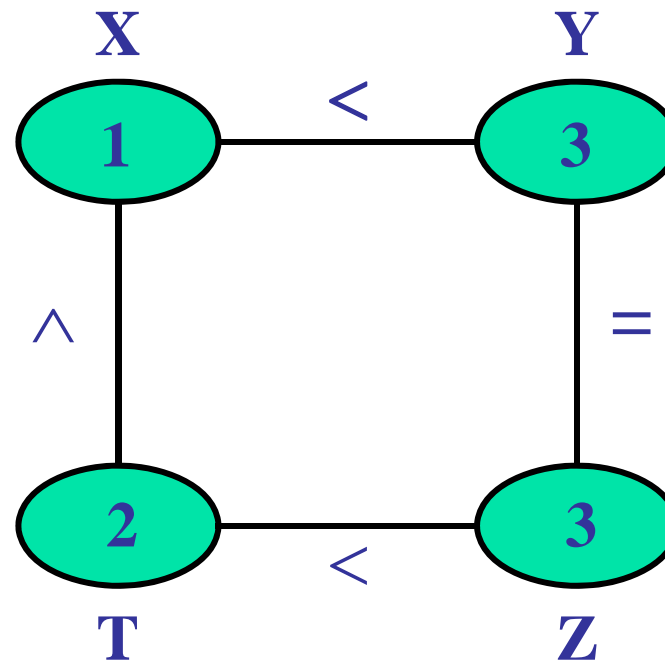
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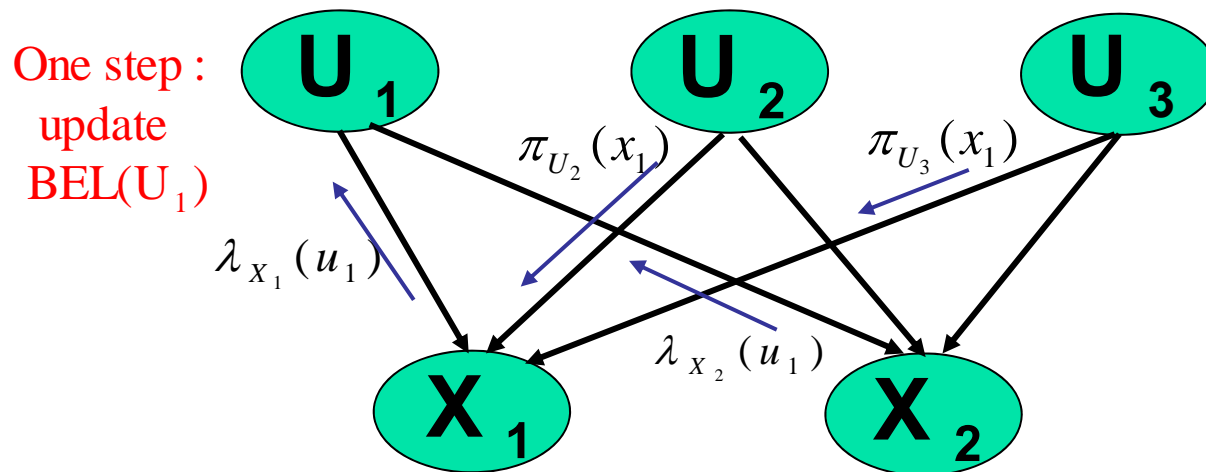
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$$R_X \leftarrow \prod_X R_{XY} \bowtie D_Y$$

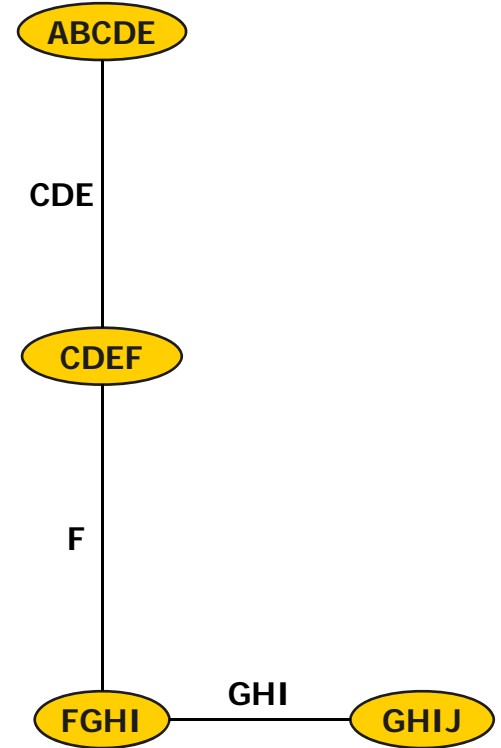
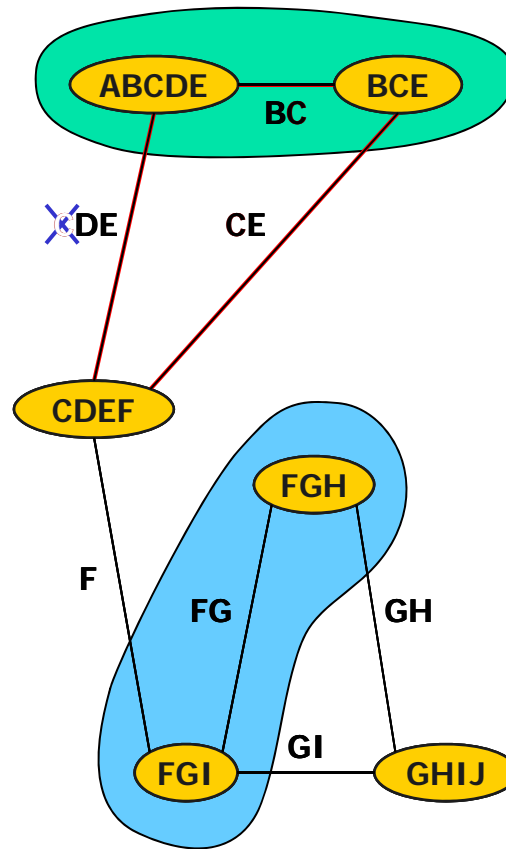
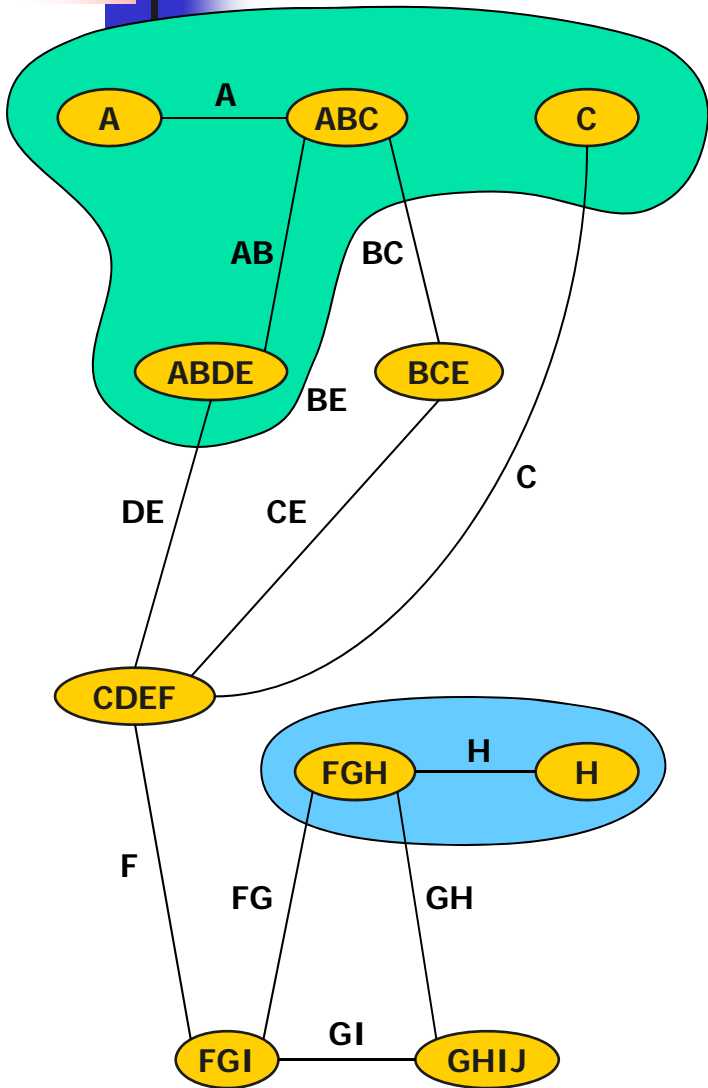
Iterative (Loopy) Belief Propagation

- Belief propagation is exact for poly-trees
- IBP - applying BP iteratively to cyclic networks

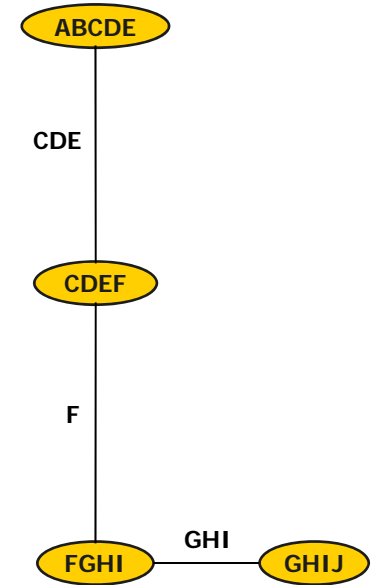
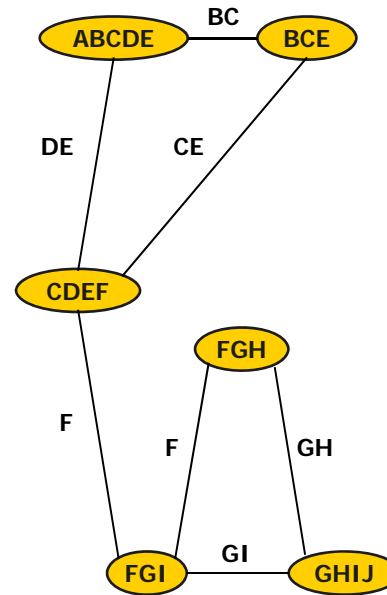
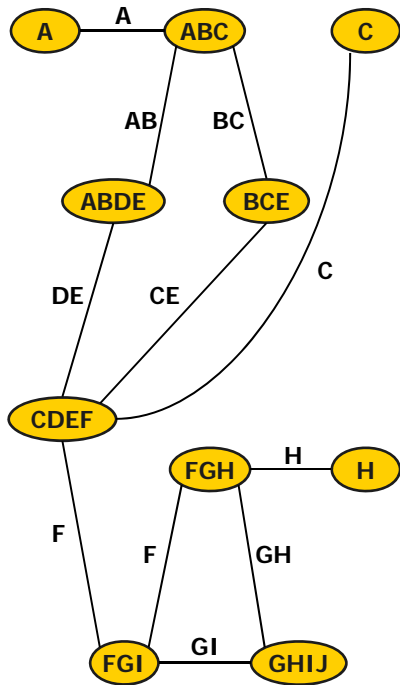
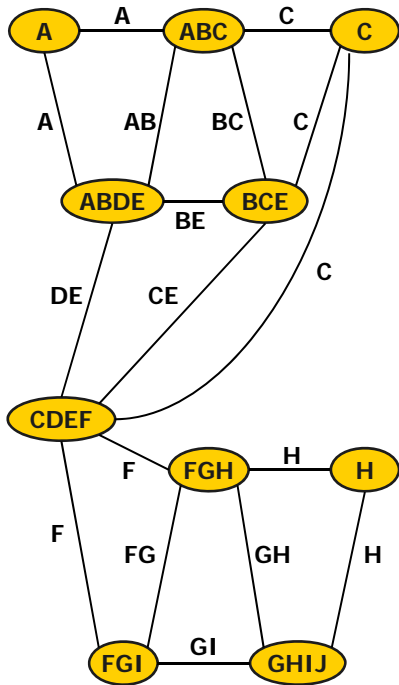


- No guarantees for convergence
- Works well for many coding networks

Collapsing Clusters



Join-Graphs



more accuracy



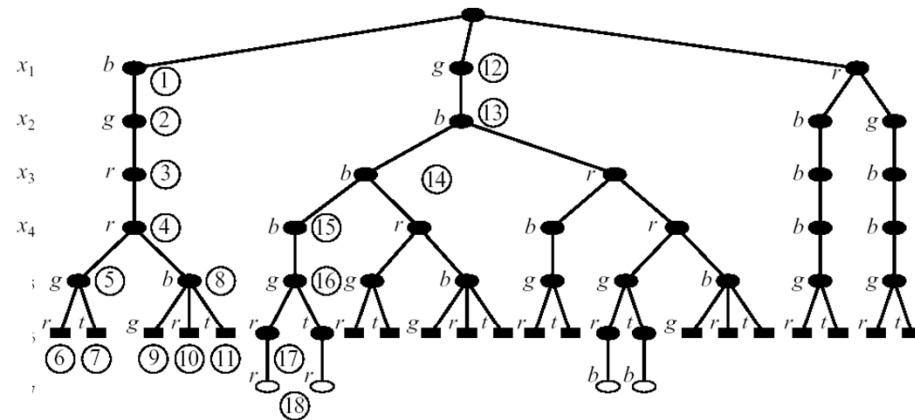
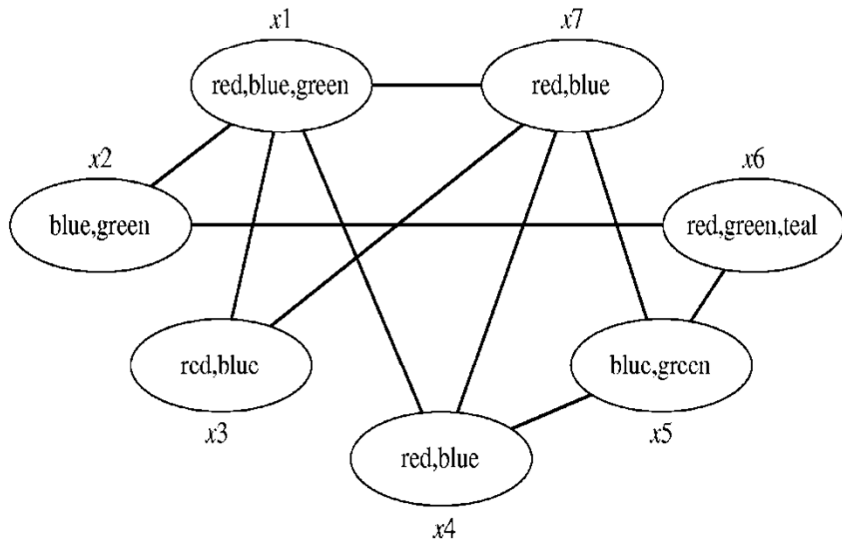
less complexity



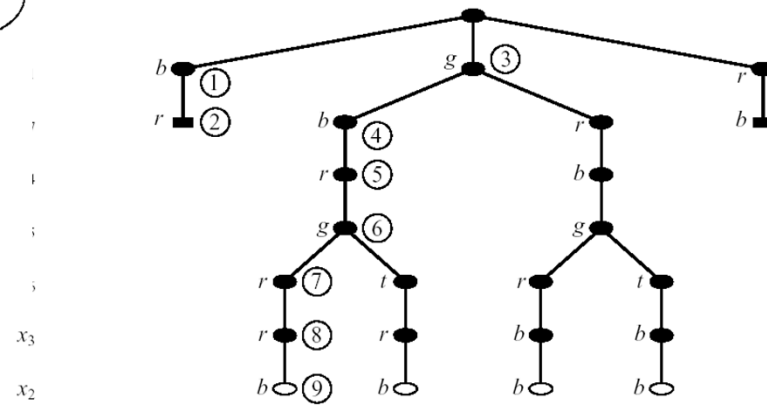
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Backtracking Search for a Solution



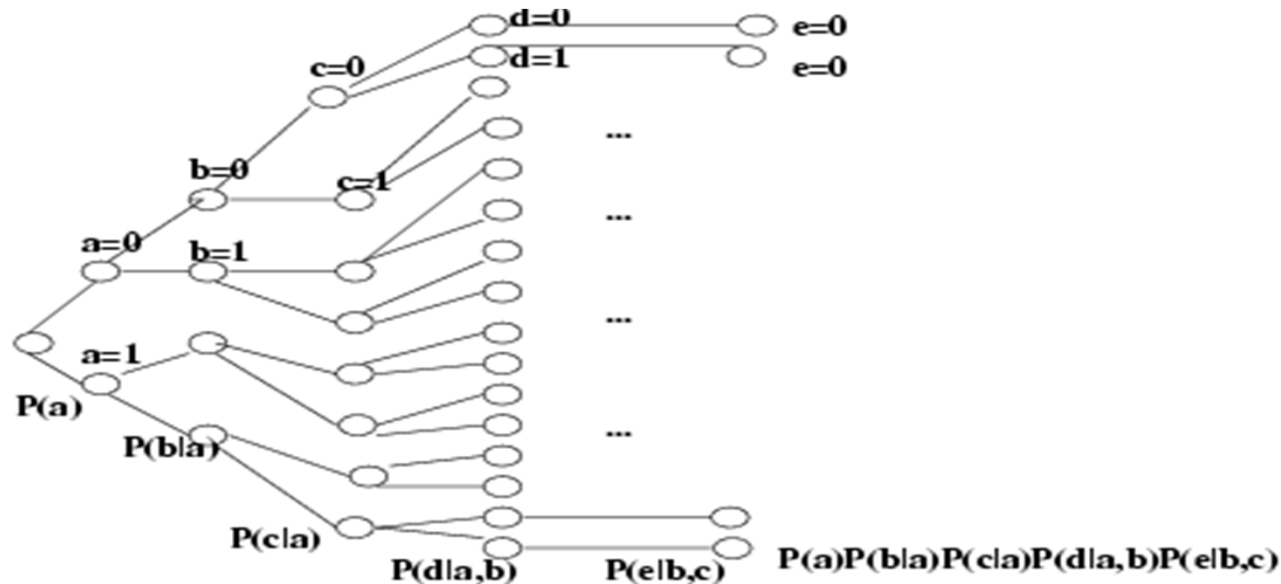
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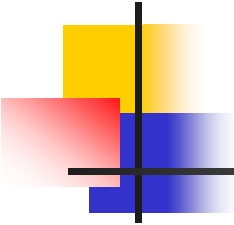
(b)

Belief Updating: Searching the Probability Tree

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

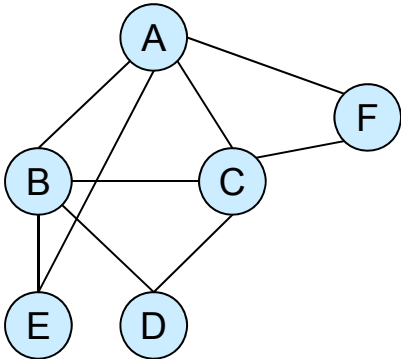


Brute-force Complexity: $O(\exp(n))$, linear space
Same as counting solutions

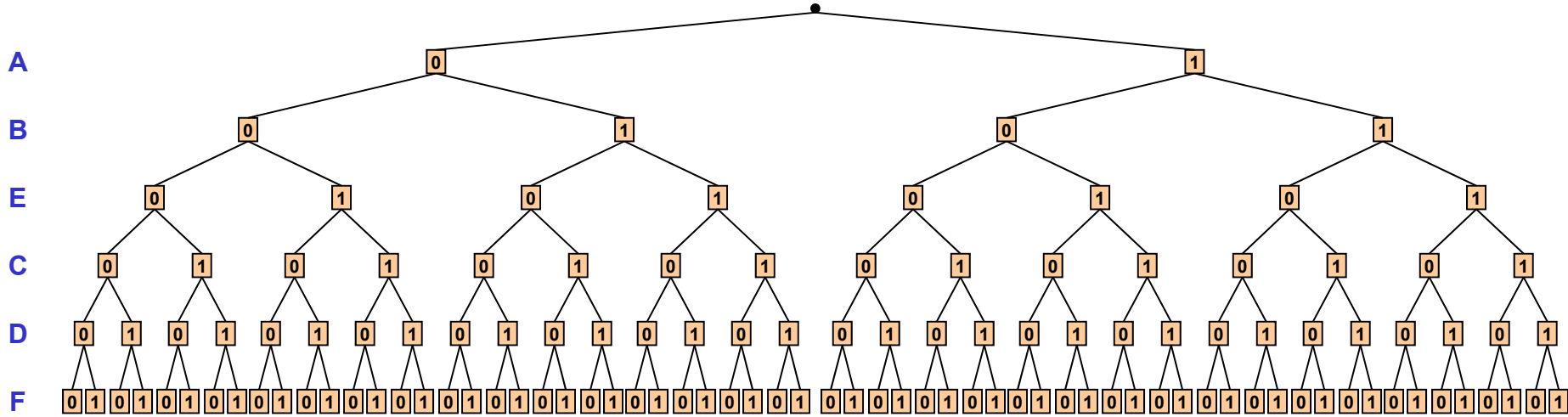


OR search space

Ordering: A B E C D F

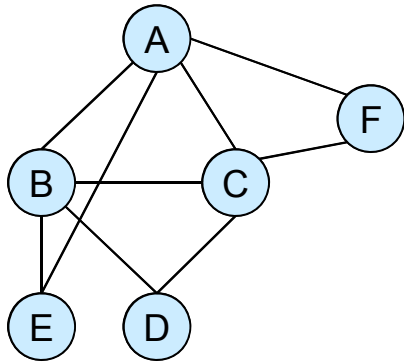


Constraint network

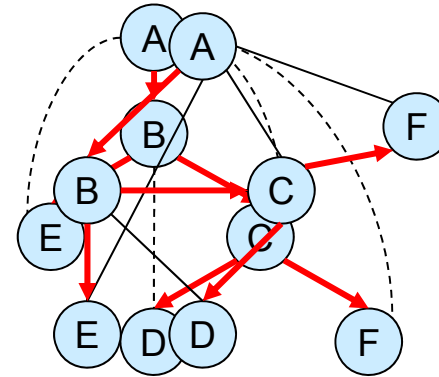


Size of search space: $O(2^n)$

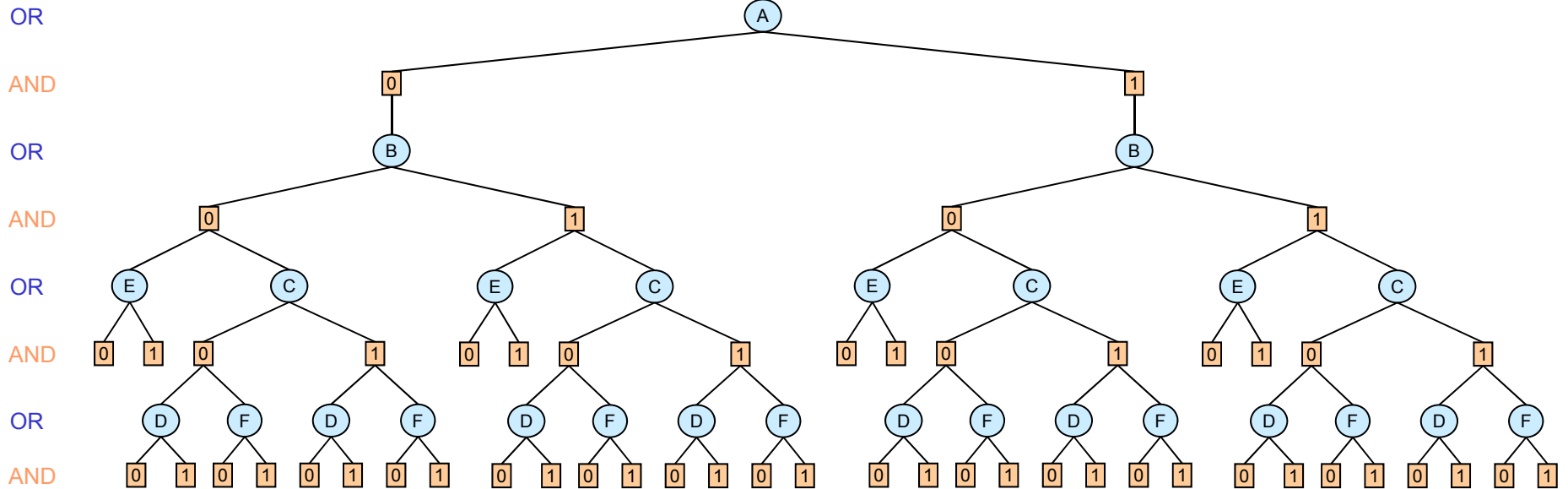
AND/OR Search Space



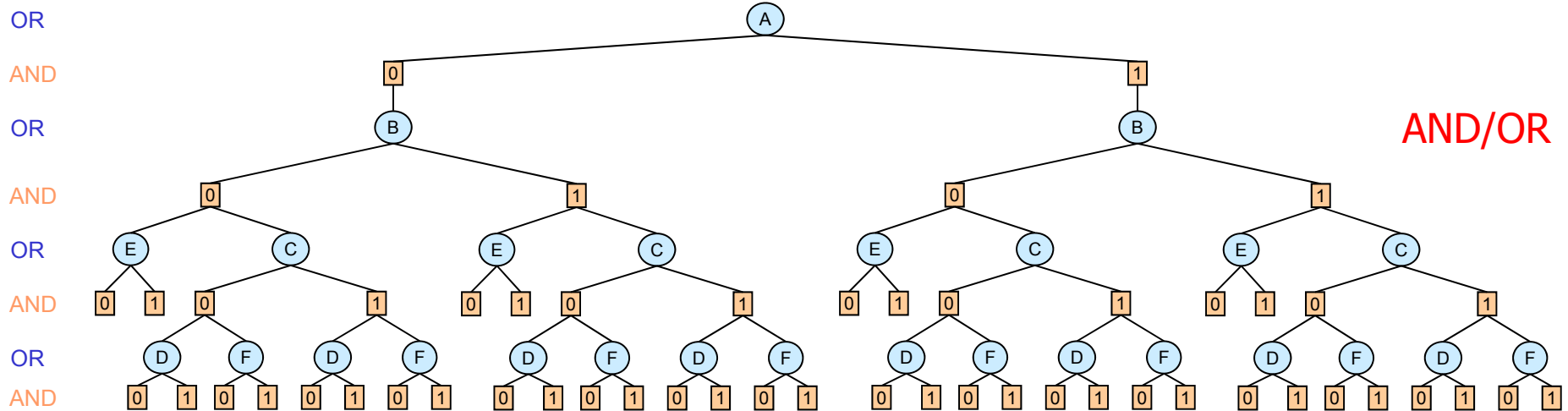
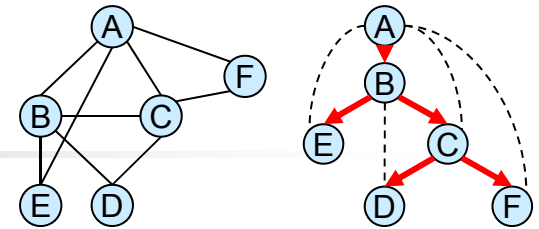
Primal graph



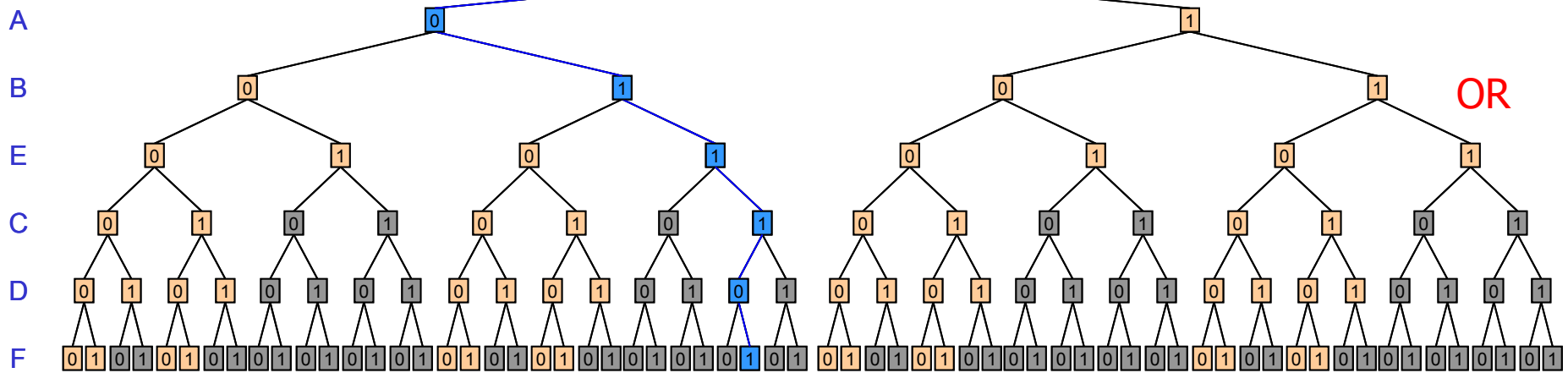
DFS tree



AND/OR vs. OR

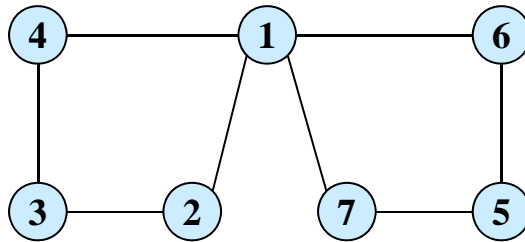


AND/OR size: $\exp(4)$,
OR size $\exp(6)$



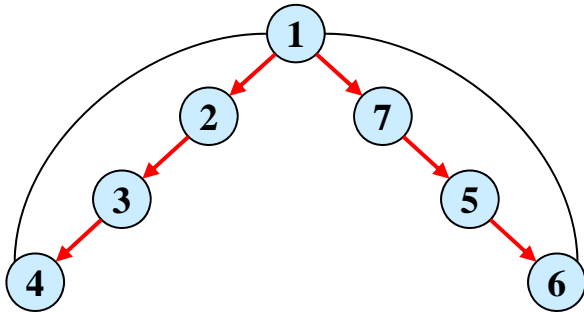
Pseudo-Trees

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

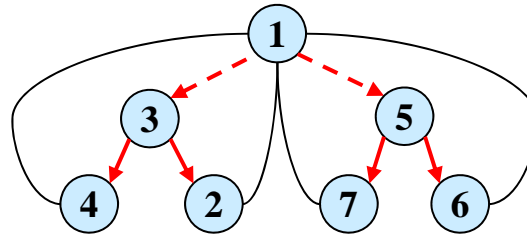


(a) Graph

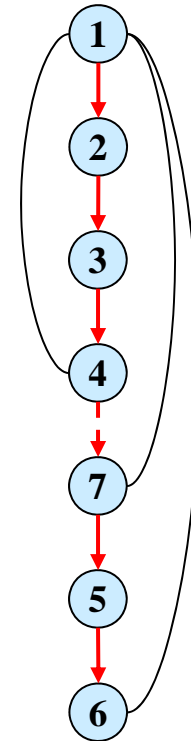
$$h \leq w * \log n$$



(b) DFS tree
depth=3



(c) pseudo-tree
depth=2



(d) Chain
depth=6



Complexity of AND/OR Tree Search

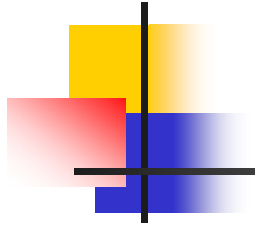
	AND/OR tree	OR tree
Space	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Time	$O(n d^h)$ $O(n d^{w^* \log n})$ <small>(Freuder & Quinn85), (Collin, Dechter & Katz91), (Bayardo & Miranker95), (Darwiche01)</small>	$O(d^n)$

d = domain size

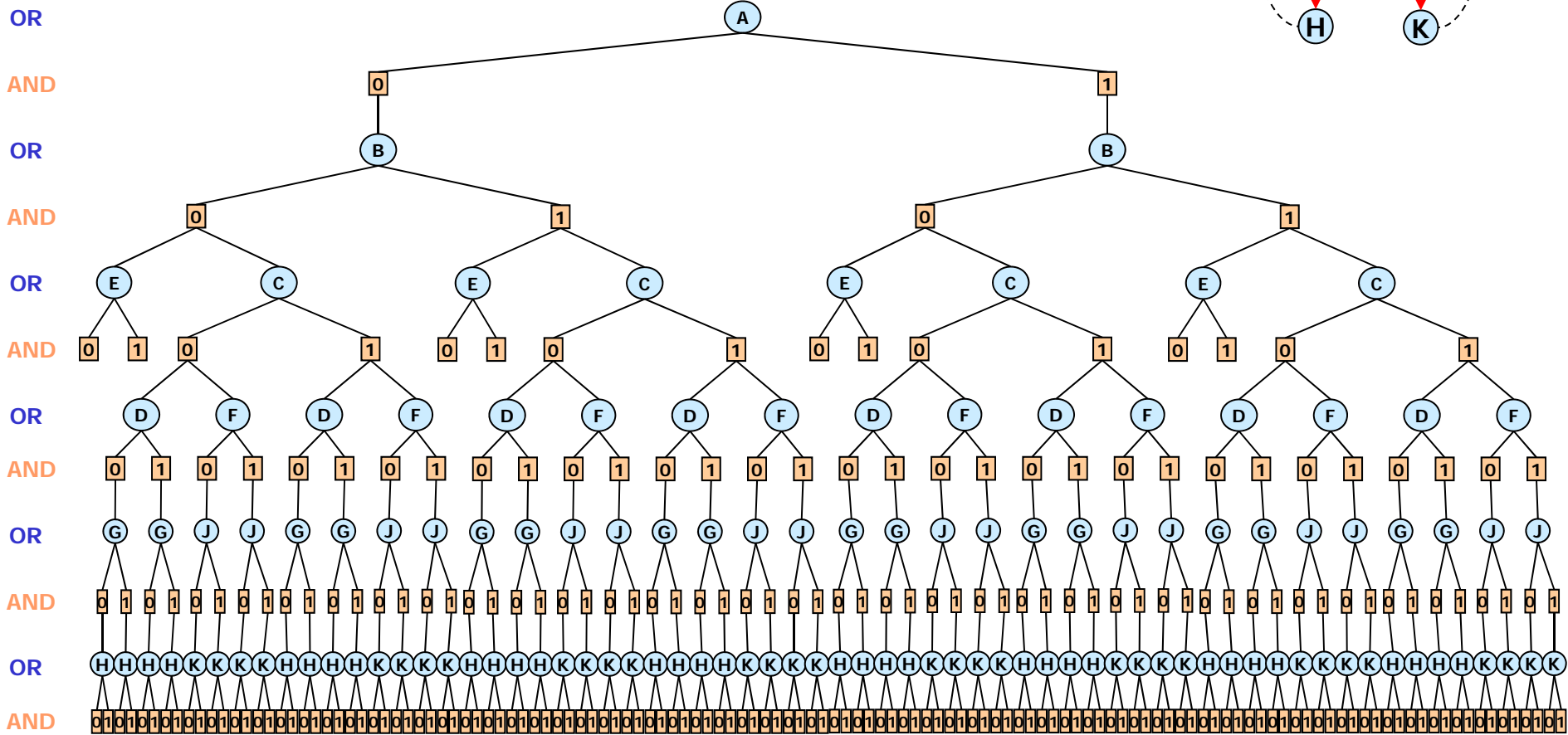
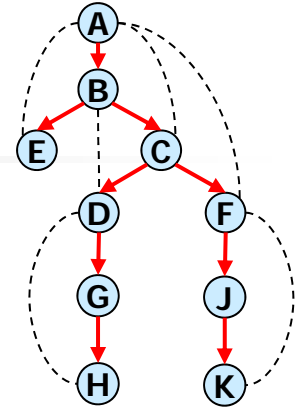
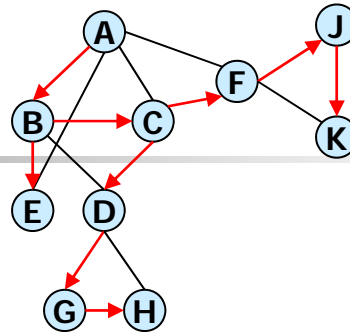
h = depth of pseudo-tree

n = number of variables

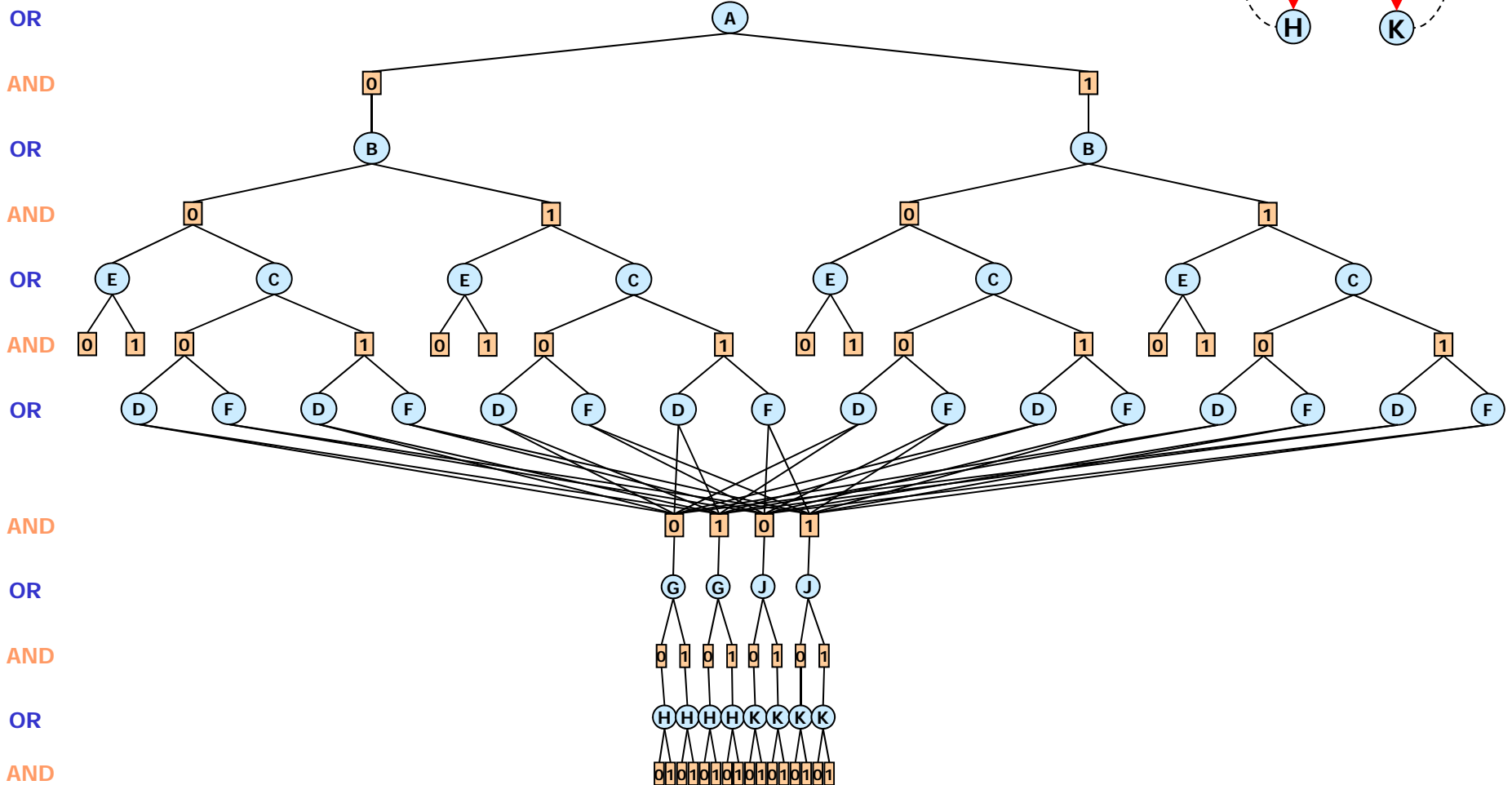
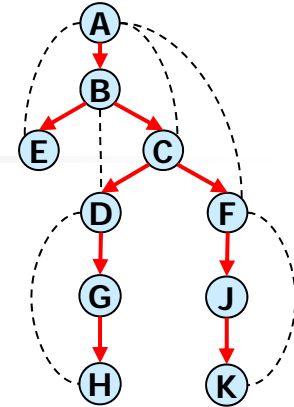
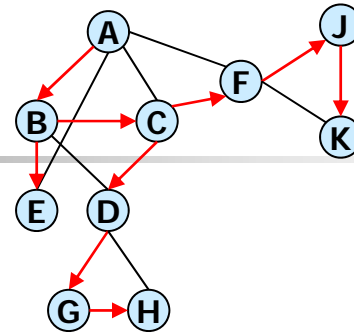
w^* = treewidth



From AND/OR Tree



An AND/OR Graph





Complexity of AND/OR Graph Search

	AND/OR graph	OR graph
Space	$O(n d^{w^*})$	$O(n d^{pw^*})$
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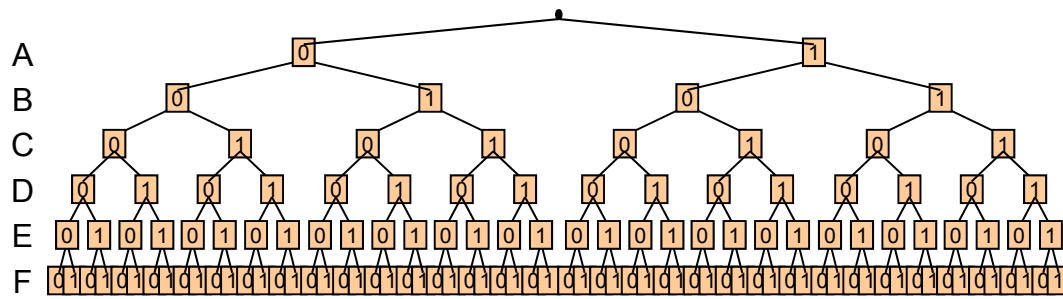
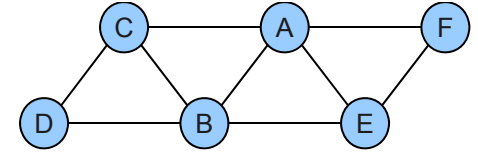
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w^* = treewidth

pw^* = pathwidth

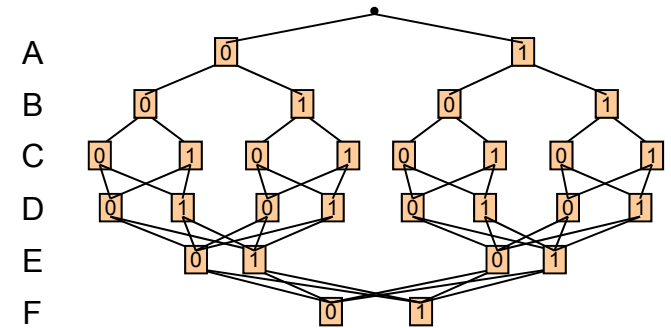
$$w^* \leq pw^* \leq w^* \log n$$

All Four Search Spaces



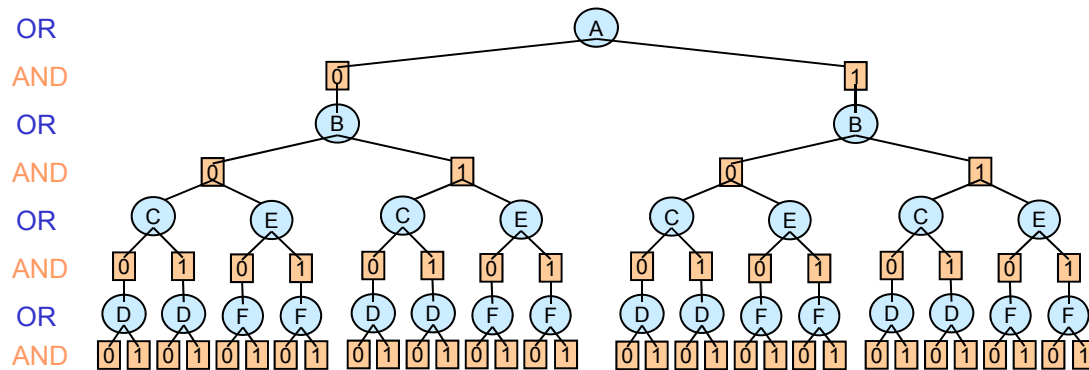
Full OR search tree

126 nodes



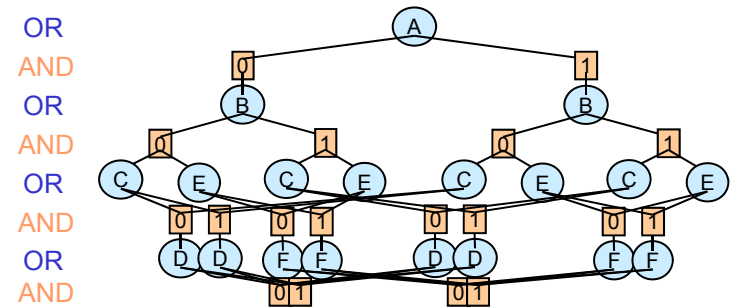
Context minimal OR search graph

28 nodes



Full AND/OR search tree

54 AND nodes

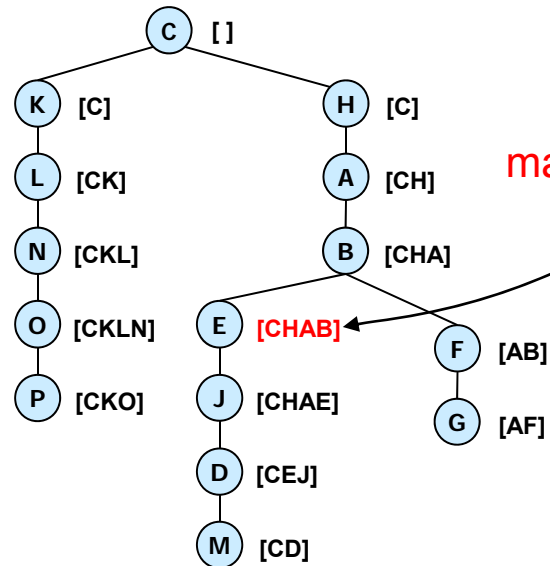
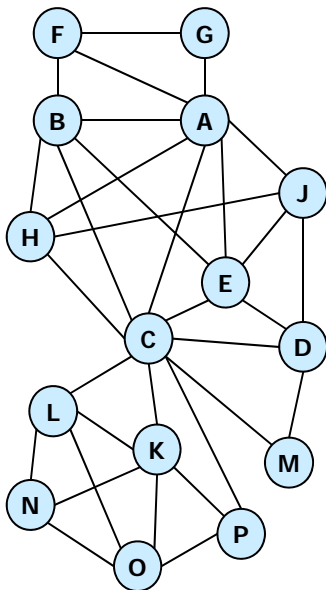


Context minimal AND/OR search graph

18 AND nodes

How Big Is The Context?

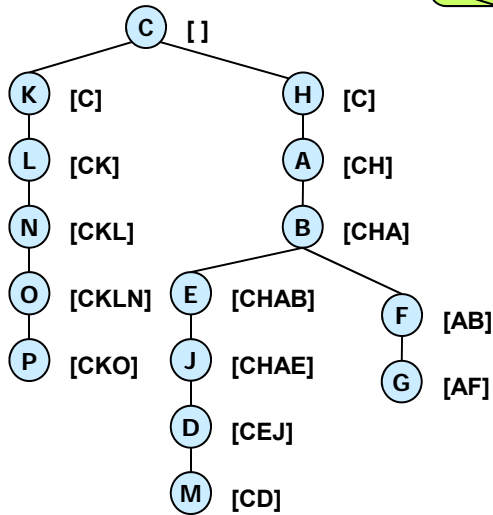
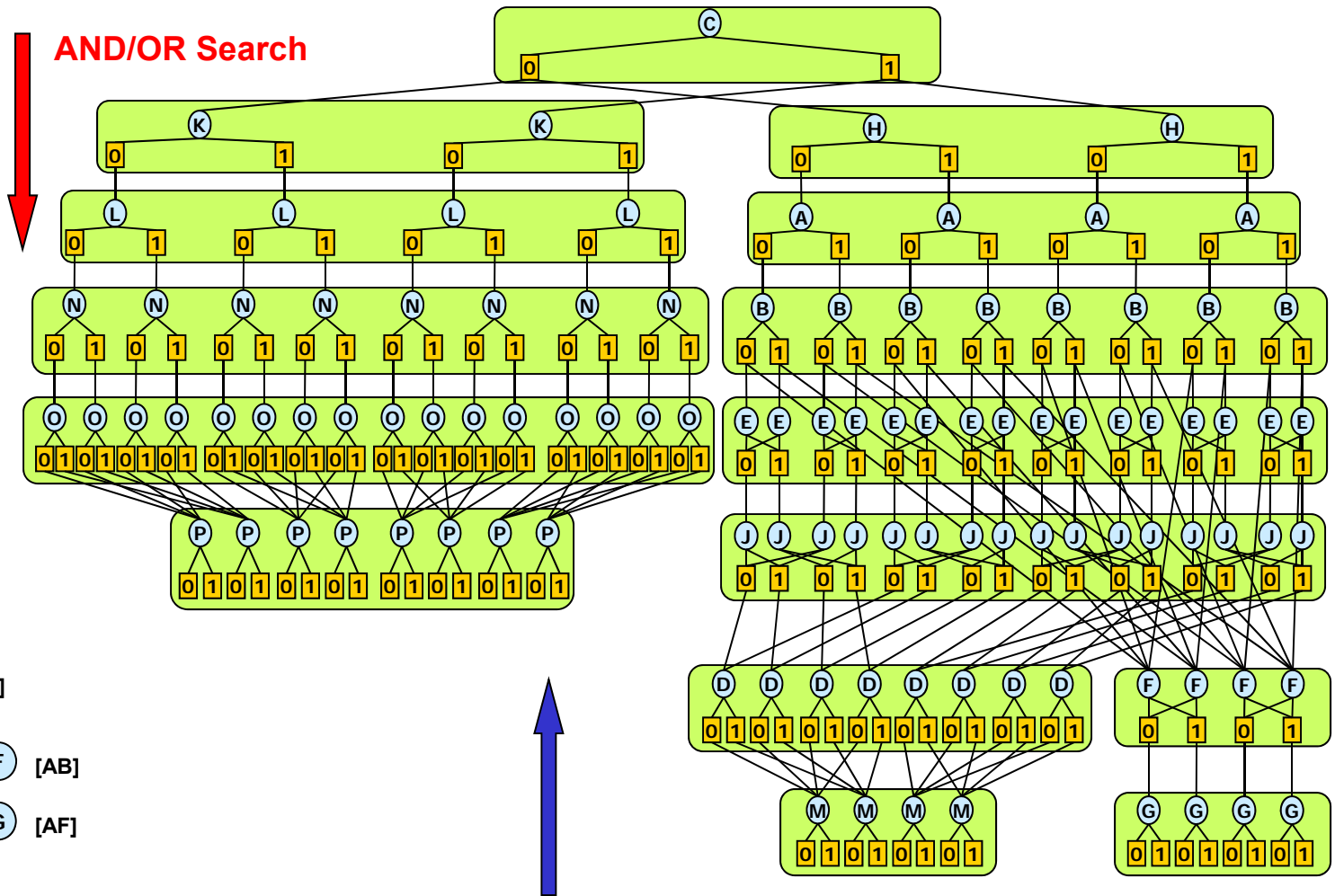
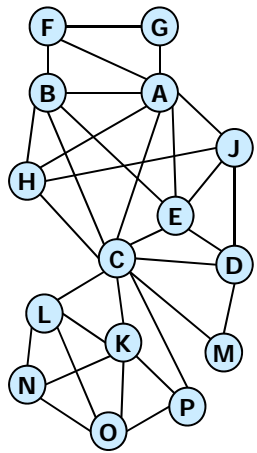
Theorem: The maximum **context** size for a pseudo tree is **equal** to the **treewidth** of the graph along the pseudo tree.



max context size = treewidth

(CKHABEJLNODPMFG)

AND/OR Context Minimal Graph

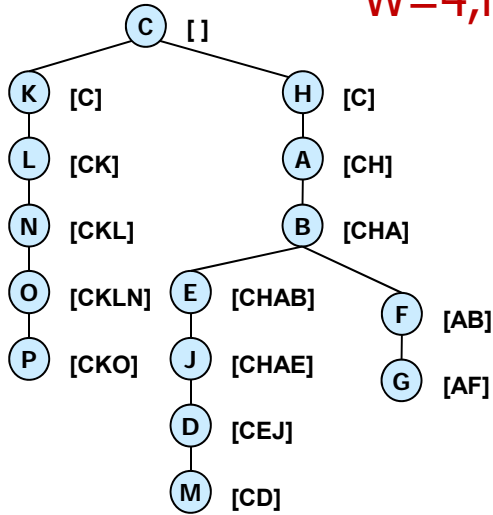


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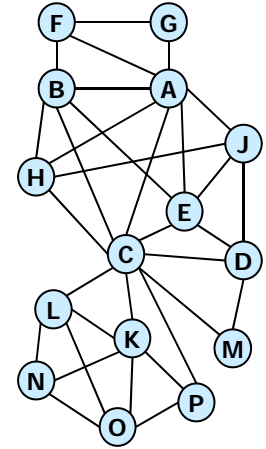
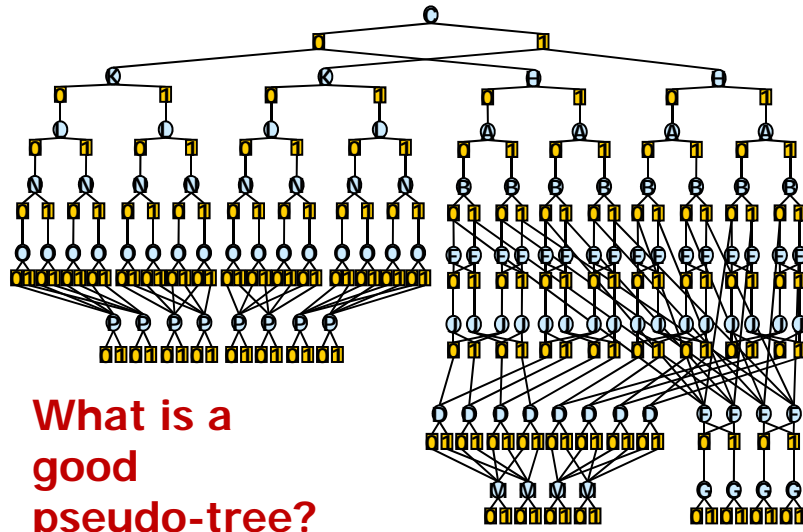
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The impact of the pseudo-tree

$W=4, h=8$

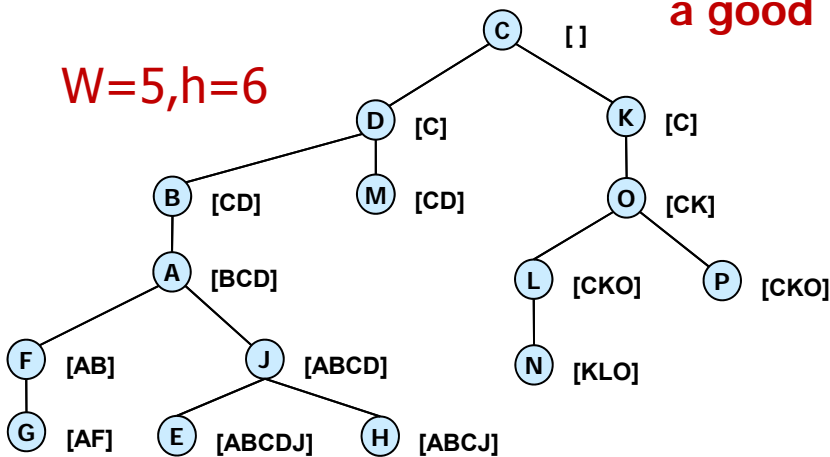


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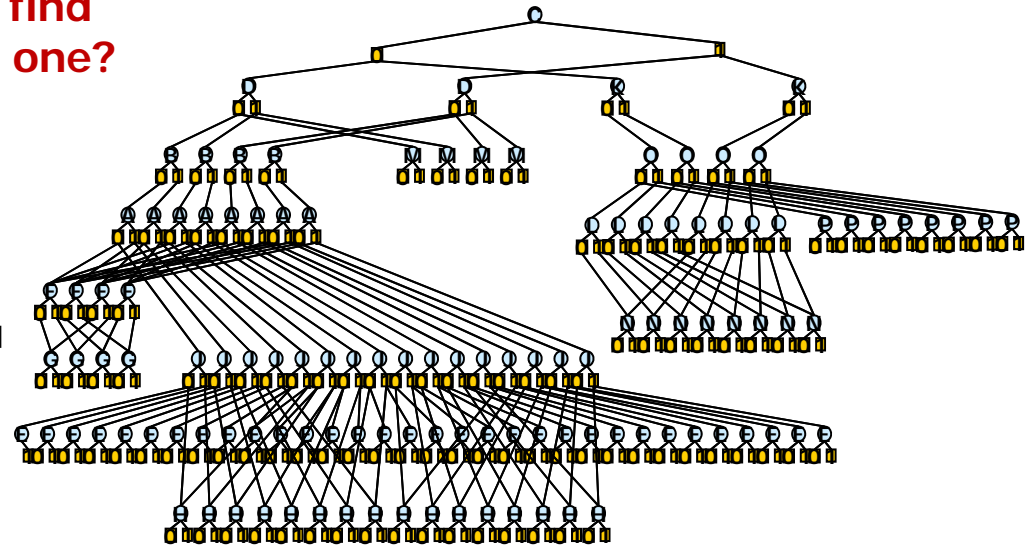


What is a good pseudo-tree?
How to find a good one?

$W=5, h=6$



(CDKBAOMLNPJHEFG)



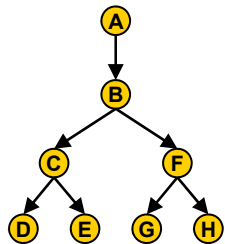
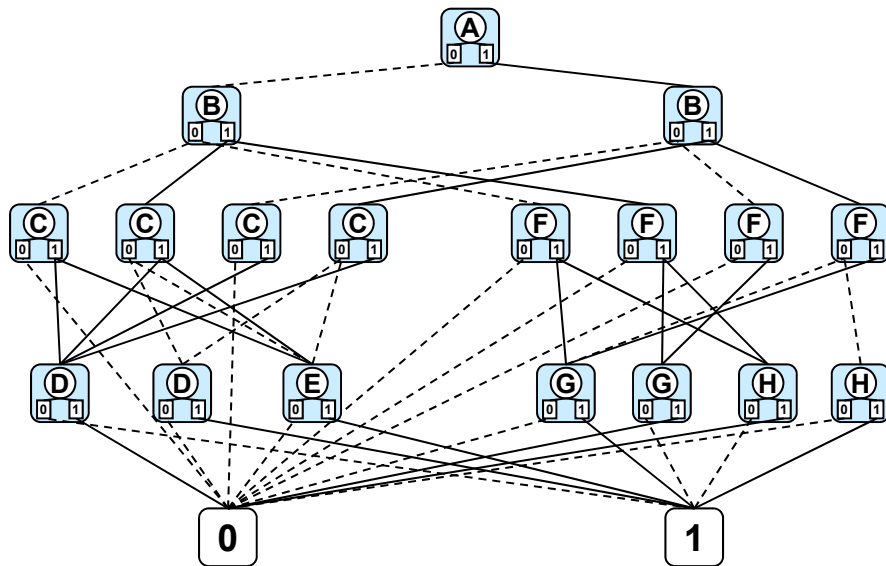
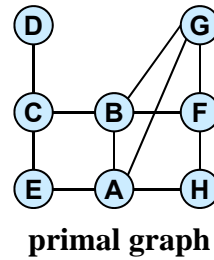


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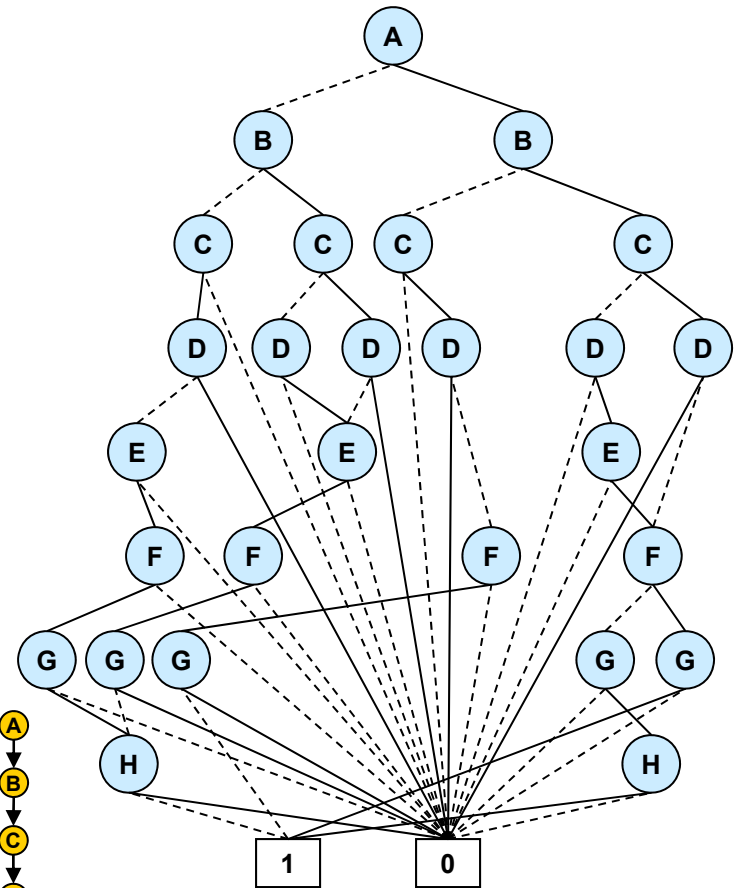
- What are graphical models
- Inference: Exact and approximate
- Conditioning Search: exact and approximate
- Hybrids of search and inference (exact)
- **Compilation, (e.g., AND/OR Decision Diagrams)**
- Questions:
 - Representation issues: directed vs undirected
 - The role of hidden variables
 - Finding good structure
 - Representation guided by human representation
 - Computation: inspired by human thinking

AOBDD vs. OBDD (Mateescu and Dechter 2006)

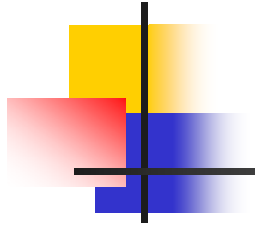
The context-minimal graph
 Can be "minimized into an AOMDD
 By merging and redundancy removal



AOBDD
 18 nonterminals
 47 arcs



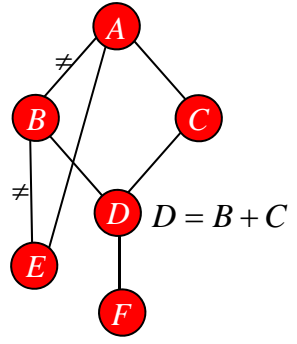
OBDD
 27 nonterminals
 54 arcs



Constraint Network vs Bayesian Network

Constraint networks

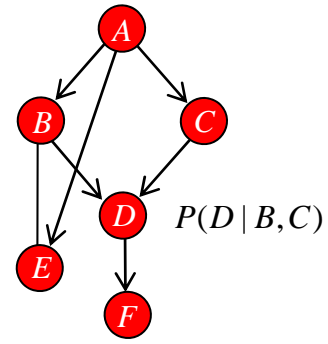
- **Is it consistent?**
- **Find solution**
 - NP-complete
- Count solutions
 - #P-complete
- unminimal const
- Solved by search
- Hard to sample



represents
 $sol(A, B, C, D, E, F)$

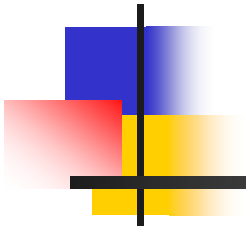
Probability networks

- Always consistent
- Find t s.t $P(t) > 0$
 - Easy: backtrack-free
- **Find $P(X | e)$?**
 - #P-complete
- Explicit minimal tables
- Solved by variable elimination
- Easy to sample



represents
 $P(A, B, C, D, E, F)$

The End



Thank You