



Modern Exact and Approximate Combinatorial Optimization Algorithms: Max-Product and Max-Sum-product

In the pursuit of universal solver

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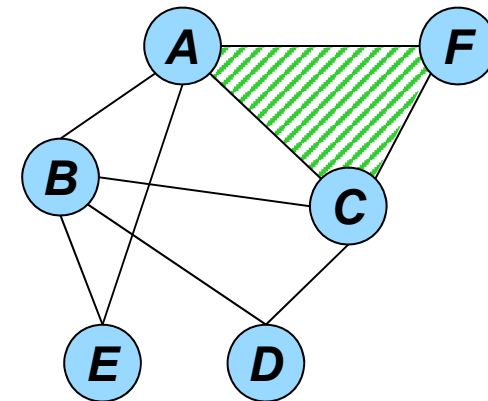
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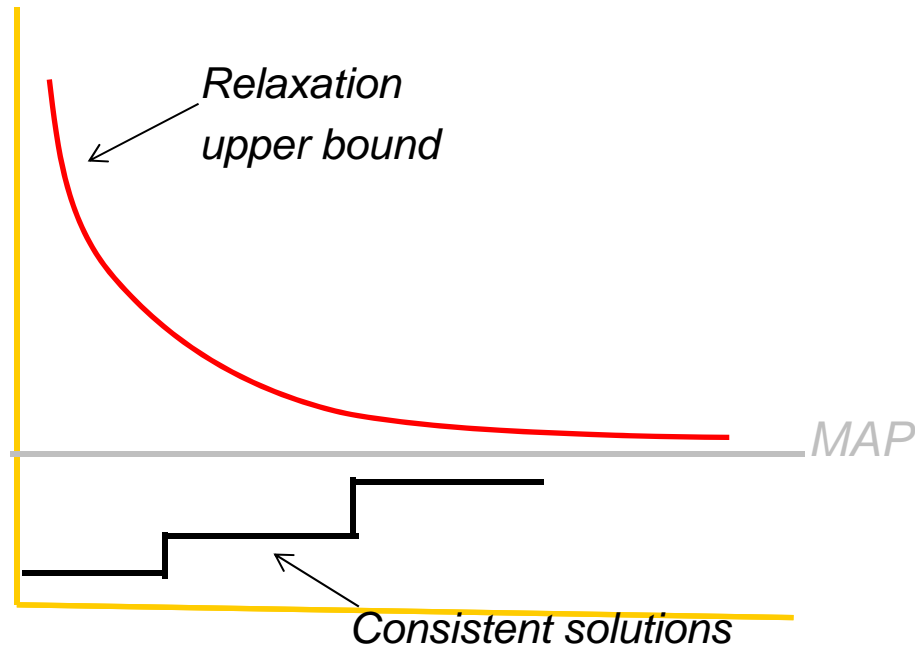


How to Design a Good Solver

- Heuristic Search
- The core of a good search algorithm
 - A compact search space
 - A good heuristic evaluation function
 - A good traversal strategy
- Anytime search yields a good approximation.



Bounding from Above and Below



For a maximization problem

***Relaxation provides upper bound
Any configuration: lower bound***



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- Graphical models, Queries, Algorithms
- Inference Algorithms: bucket-elimination
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- AND/OR search spaces and AND/OR BnB
- Evaluation, Software
- Summary and future work



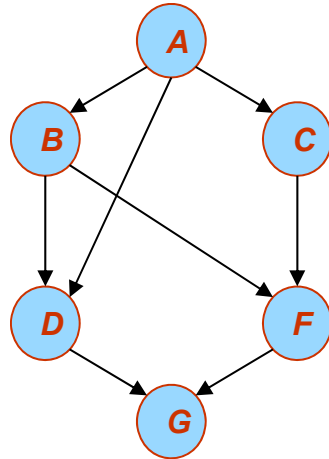
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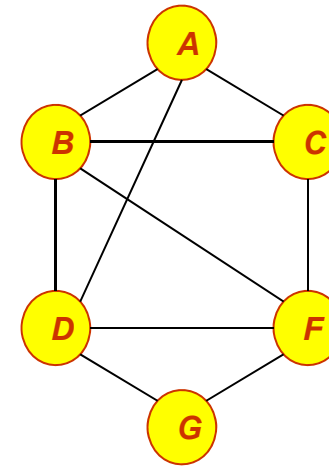


Graphical Models

$P(A)$
 $P(B|A)$
 $P(C|A)$
 $P(D|A,B)$
 $P(F|B,C)$
 $P(G|D,F)$

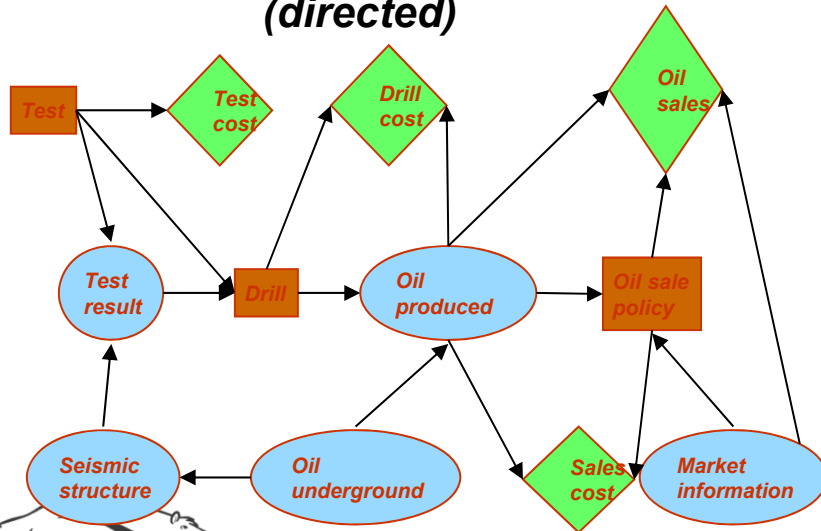


a) Belief network (directed)

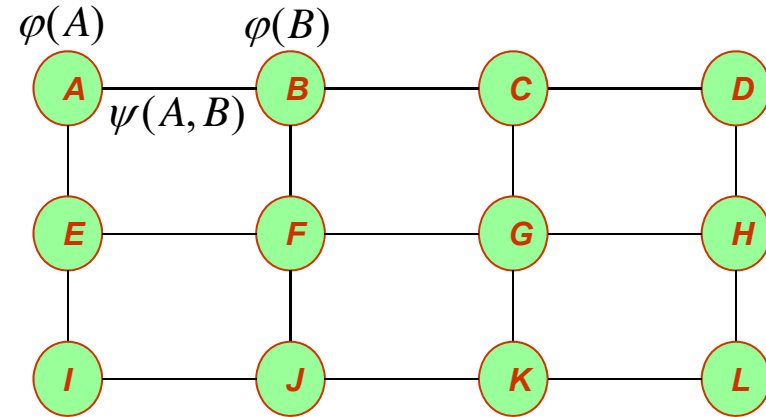


$R(A)$
 $R(A,B)$
 $R(A,C)$
 $R(A,B,D)$
 $R(B,C,F)$
 $R(D,F,G)$

b) Constraint network (undirected)



c) Influence diagram

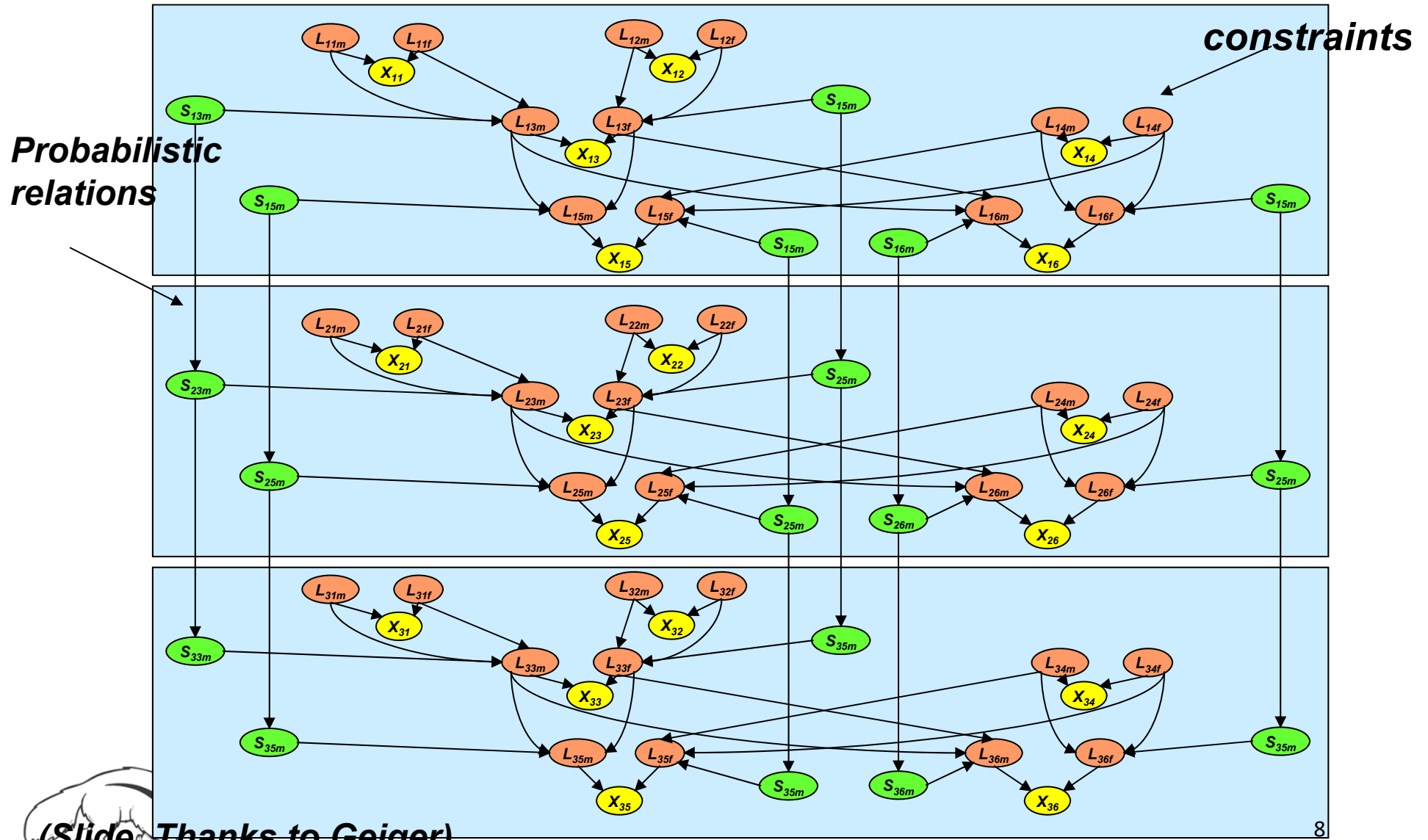


d) Markov network

Many Many applications



Linkage Analysis: Pedigree: 6 People, 3 Markers



(Slide, Thanks to Geiger)

Graphical Models

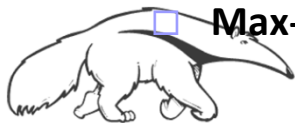
- A graphical model (X, D, F) :
 - $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ variables
 - $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$ domains
 - $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ functions
(constraints, CPTS, CNFs ...)

- Operators:
 - combination : Sum, product, join
 - Elimination: projection, sum, max/min

- Tasks:

- **Belief updating:** $\sum_{X \setminus Y} \prod_j P_j$
 - **MPE\MAP:** $\max_X \prod_j P_j$
 - **Marginal MAP:** $\max_Y \sum_{X \setminus Y} \prod_j P_j$

 - **CSP:** $\prod_X \times_j C_j$
 - **Max-CSP:** $\min_X \sum_j F_j$

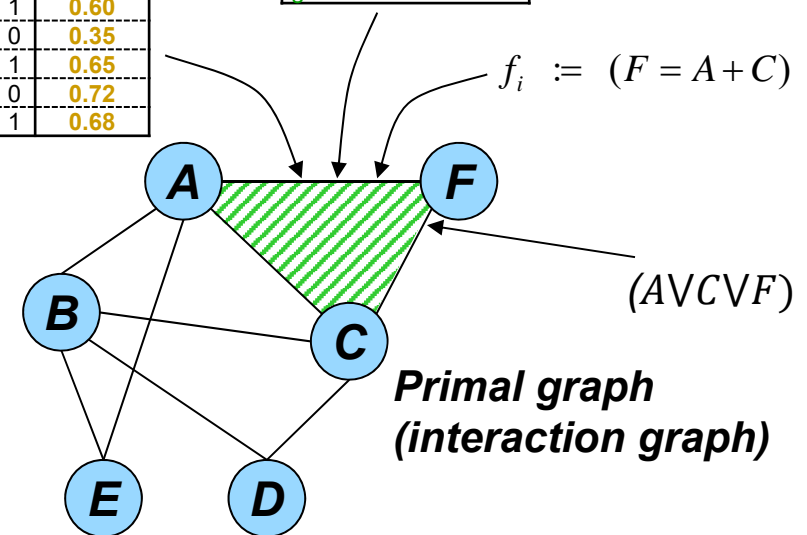


Conditional Probability Table (CPT)

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

Relation

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

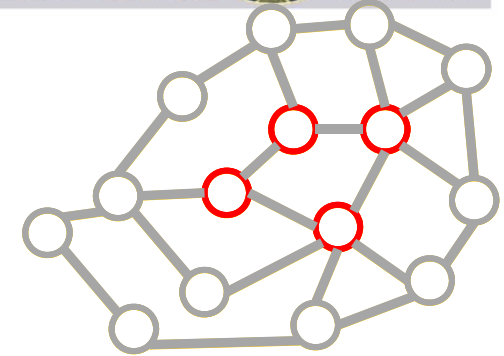


- **All these tasks are NP-hard**
 - **exploit problem structure**
 - **identify special cases**
 - **approximate**

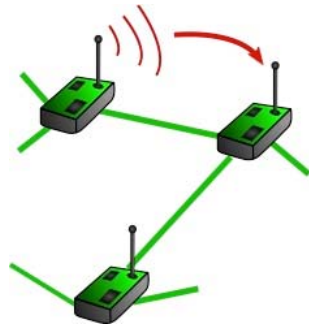
Why Marginal MAP?

- Often, Marginal MAP is the “right” task:
 - We have a model describing a large system
 - We care about predicting the state of some part

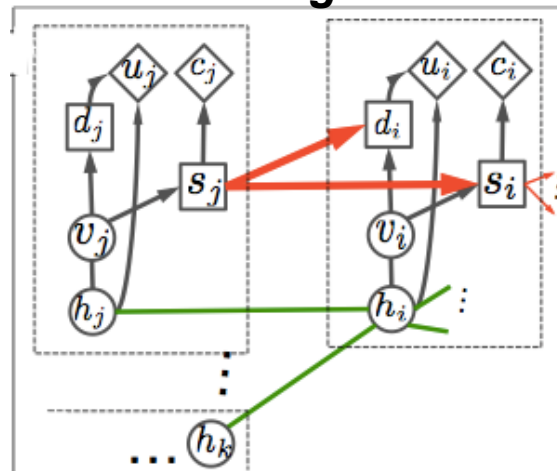
- Example: decision making
 - Sum over random variables (random effects, etc.)
 - Max over decision variables (specify action policies)



Sensor network



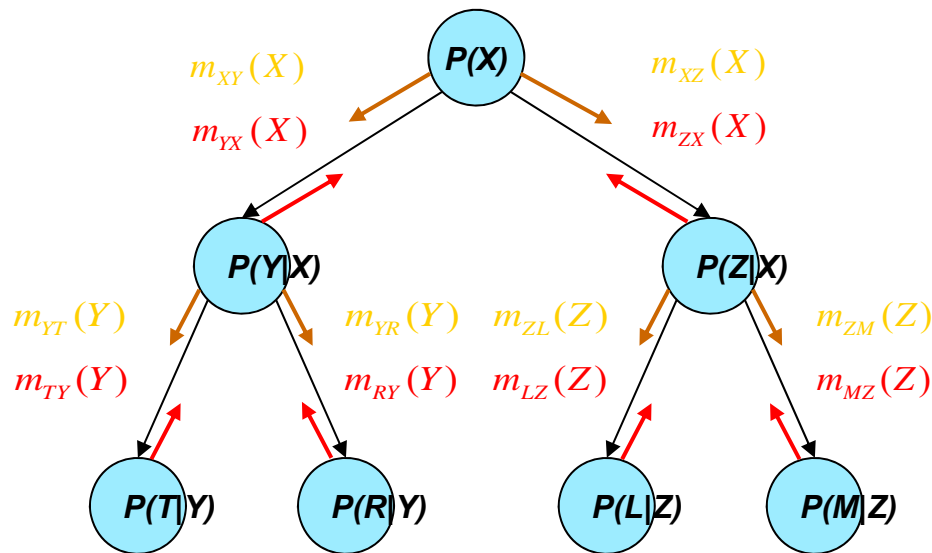
Influence diagram:



Tree-solving is easy

*Belief updating
(sum-prod)*

*CSP – consistency
(projection-join)*



**Marginal Map is not
Easy even for trees**

MPE (max-prod)

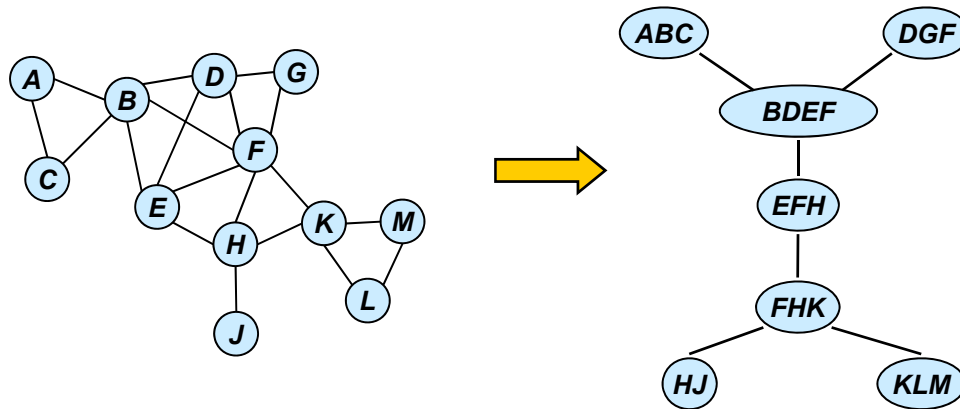
#CSP (sum-prod)



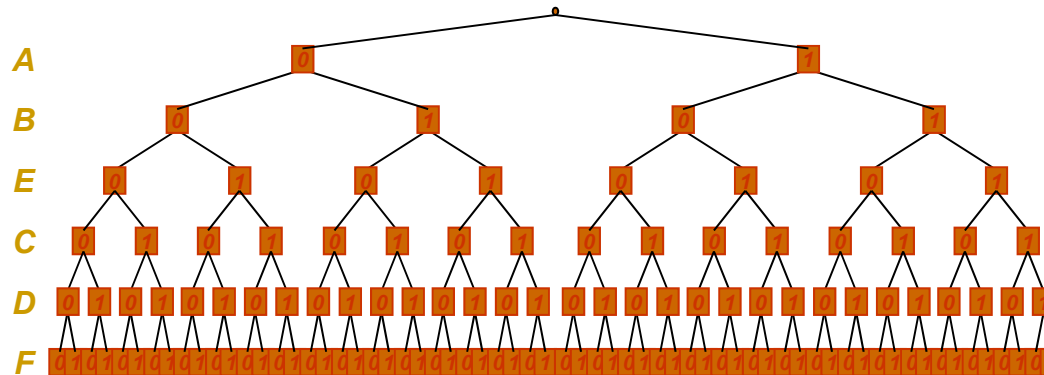
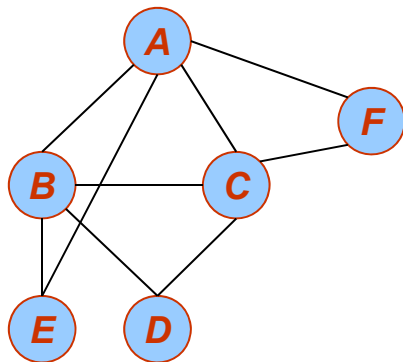
Trees are processed in linear time and memory

Inference vs Conditioning-Search

Inference



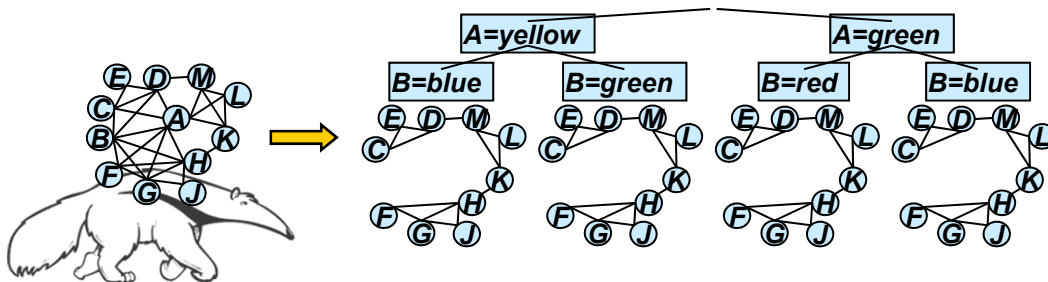
exp(w) time/space*



Search

Exp(n) time

O(n) space



Search+inference:

Space: $exp(w)$

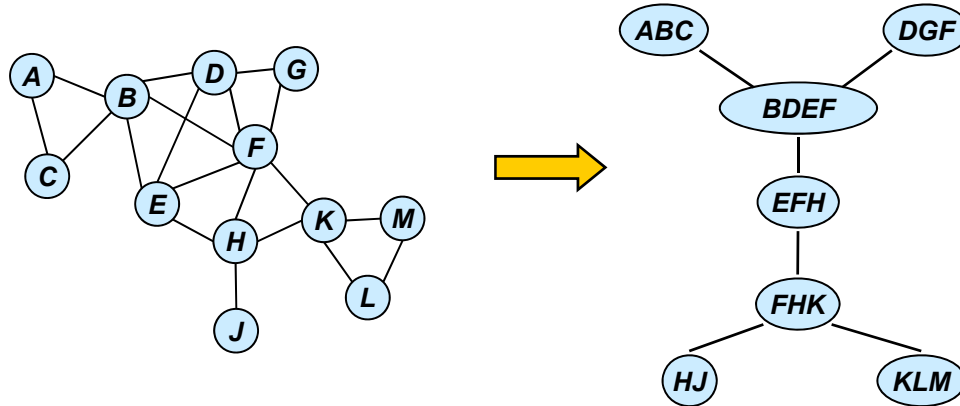
Time: $exp(w+c(w))$

w: user

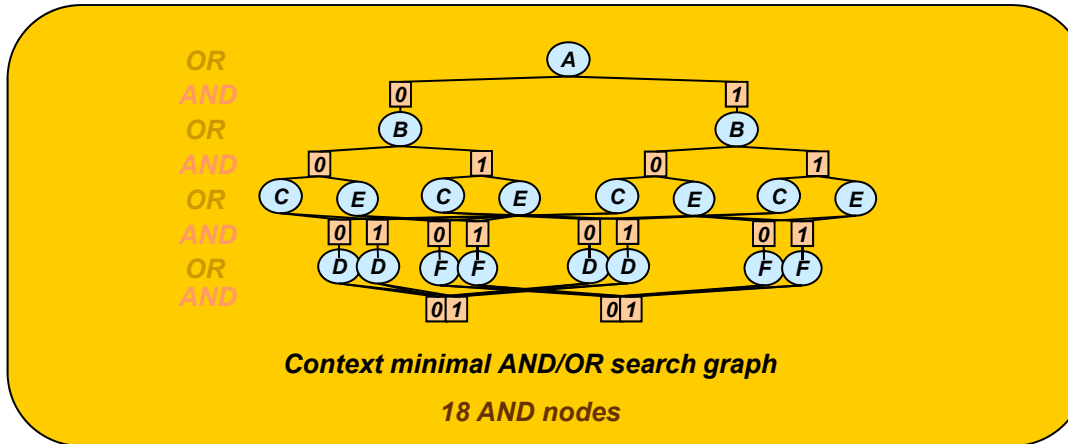
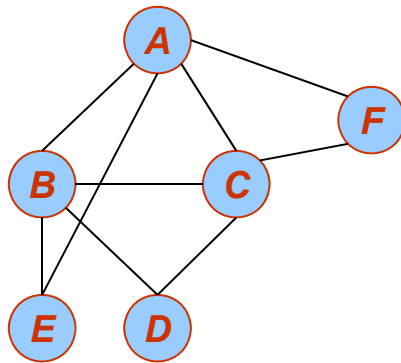
controlled

Inference vs conditioning-search

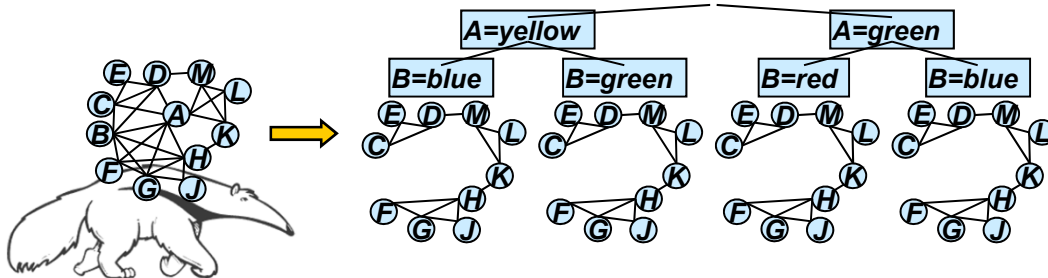
Inference



$\exp(w^*)$ time/space



Search
 $\text{Exp}(w^*)$ time
 $O(w^*)$ space



Search+inference:
Space: $\exp(q)$
Time: $\exp(q+c(q))$

q : user controlled

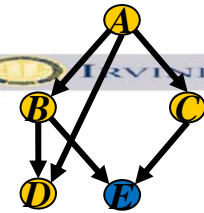
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Likelihood queries: Inference (sum-product)





Finding Marginals by 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: $P(c/a) \quad \lambda_{B \rightarrow C}(a, d, c, e)$

bucket D: $\lambda_{C \rightarrow D}(a, d, e)$

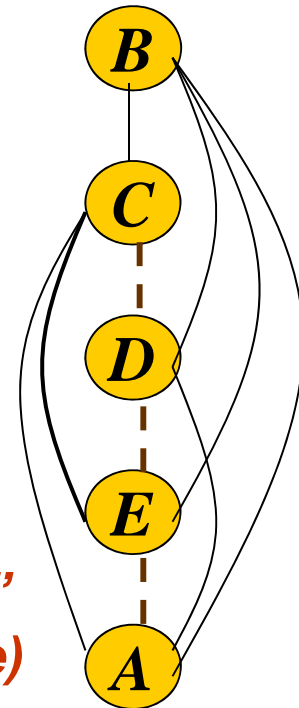
bucket E: $e=0 \quad \lambda_{D \rightarrow A}(a, e)$

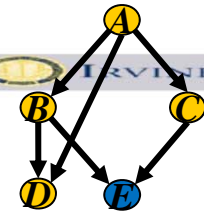
bucket A: $P(a) \quad \lambda_{E \rightarrow A}(a)$

$P(e=0)$

$P(a/e=0)$

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





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$\sum_b \prod$ ← Elimination operator

Time and space exponential in the induced-width / treewidth

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

bucket A: $P(a)$ $\lambda_{E \rightarrow A}(a)$

induced width
(max clique size)



$P(e=0)$



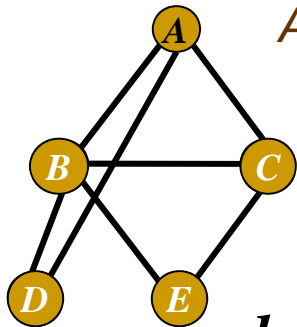
$P(a/e=0)$

Optimization queries: Inference



Finding MAP by Bucket Elimination

Algorithm BE-mpe (Dechter 1996) $= \max_b P(b|a) \cdot P(d|b,a) \cdot P(e|b,c)$



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

$$\max_x \prod$$

bucket B:

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

bucket C:

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

bucket D:

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

bucket E:

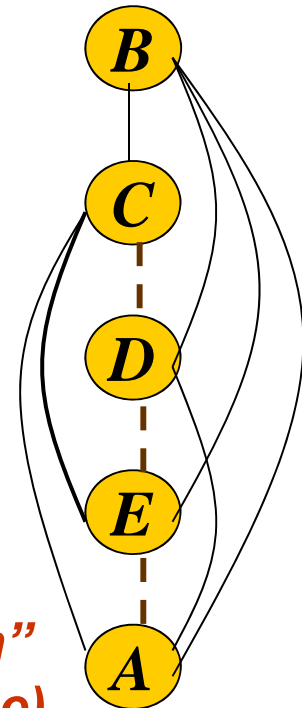
$$e=0 \quad h^D(a, e)$$

bucket A:

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

OPT

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



Generating the MPE-tuple

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

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

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

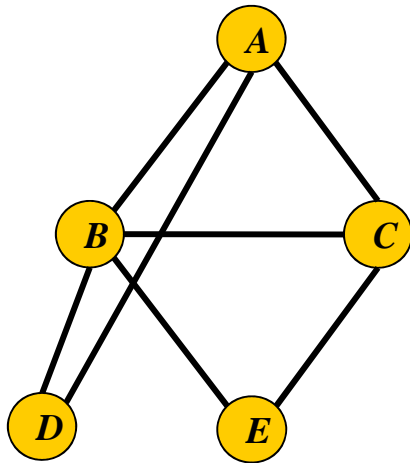
Return (a', b', c', d', e')



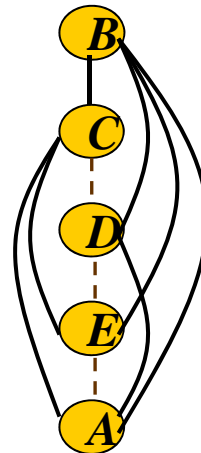
The Induced-Width/Treewidth

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

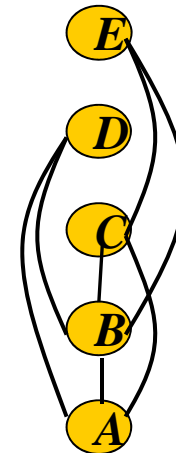
The effect of the ordering:



“Moral” graph



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



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



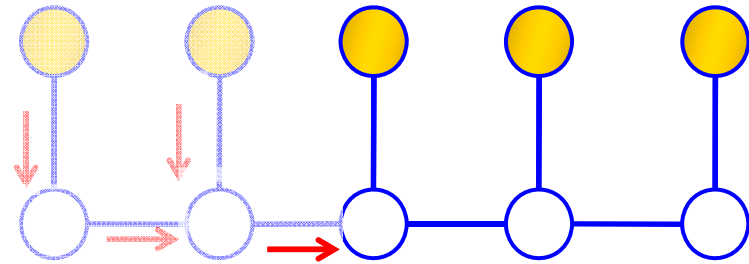
Marginal Map: Inference



Variable Elimination (max-sum-product)

■ Pure MAP or summation tasks

- Dynamic programming
- Ex: efficient on trees

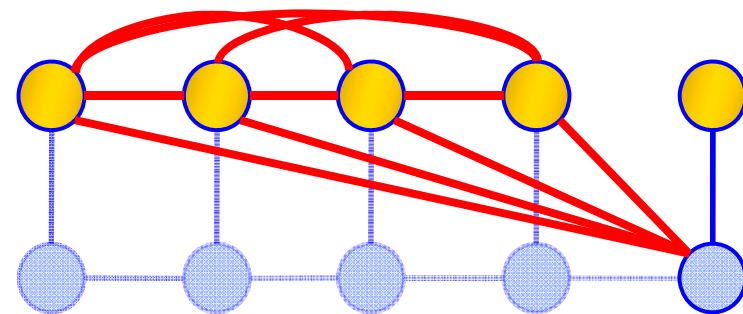


■ Marginal MAP

- Operations do not commute:

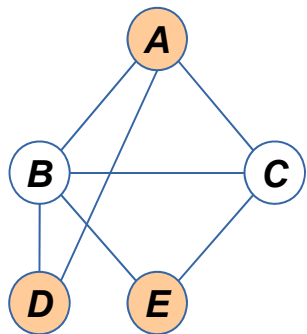
$$\sum \max \neq \max \sum$$

- Sum must be done first!



Bucket Elimination for MMAP

Bucket Elimination

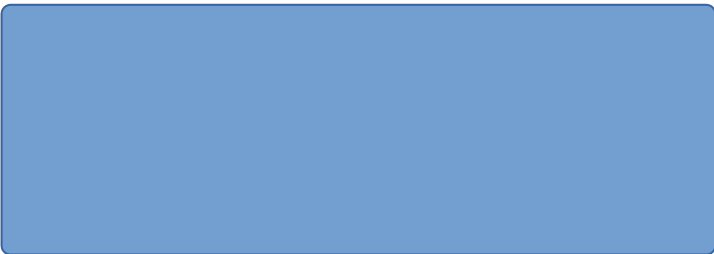
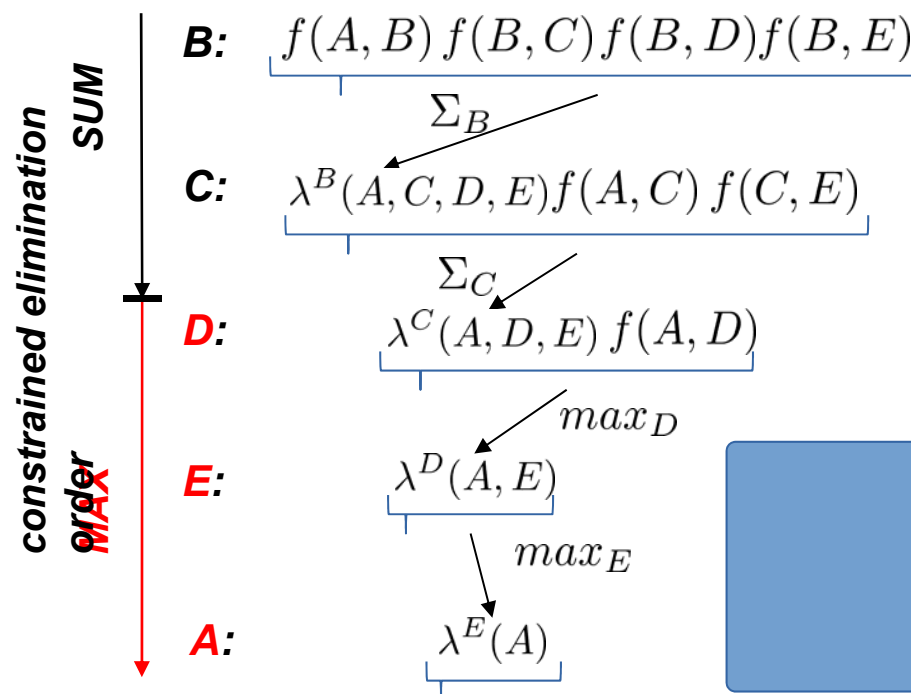


$$\mathbf{X}_M = \{A, D, E\}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_S = \{B, C\}$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}_M} \sum_{\mathbf{X}_S} P(\mathbf{X})$$

[Dechter, 1999]



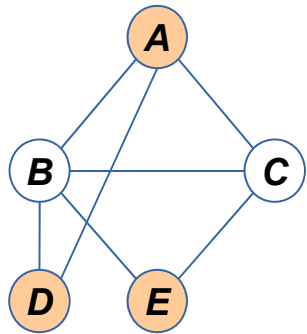
MAP* is the marginal MAP value



Bucket Elimination for MMAP

Bucket Elimination

$$\text{exact } \max_X \sum_Y \phi \leq \sum_Y \max_X \phi$$



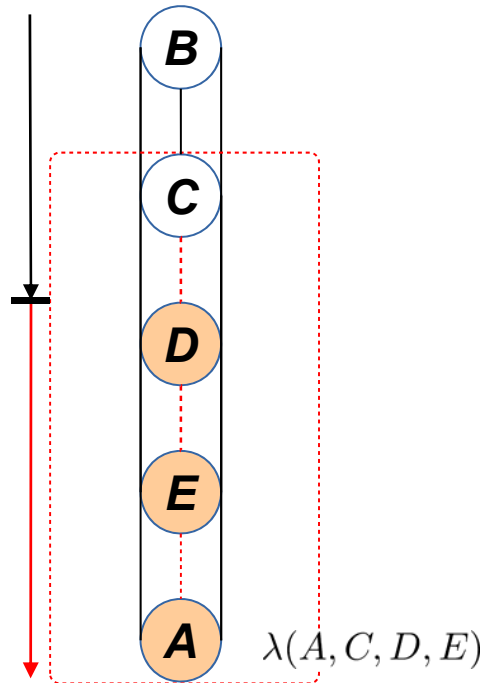
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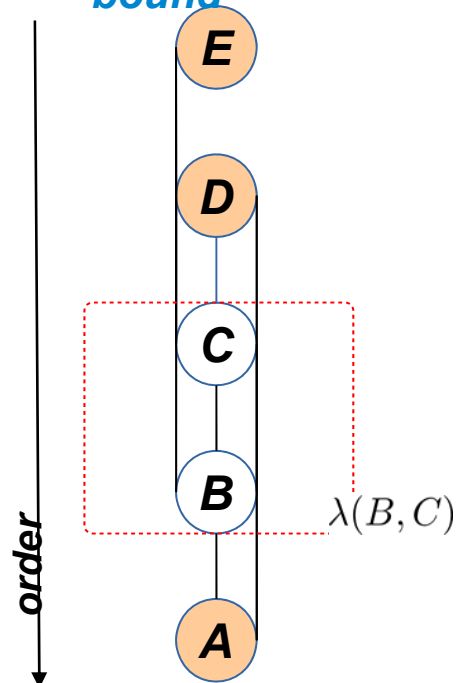
constrained elimination
order



$$w^* = 4$$

upper bound

unconstrained elimination
order



$$w^* = 2$$

In practice, constrained induced is much larger!



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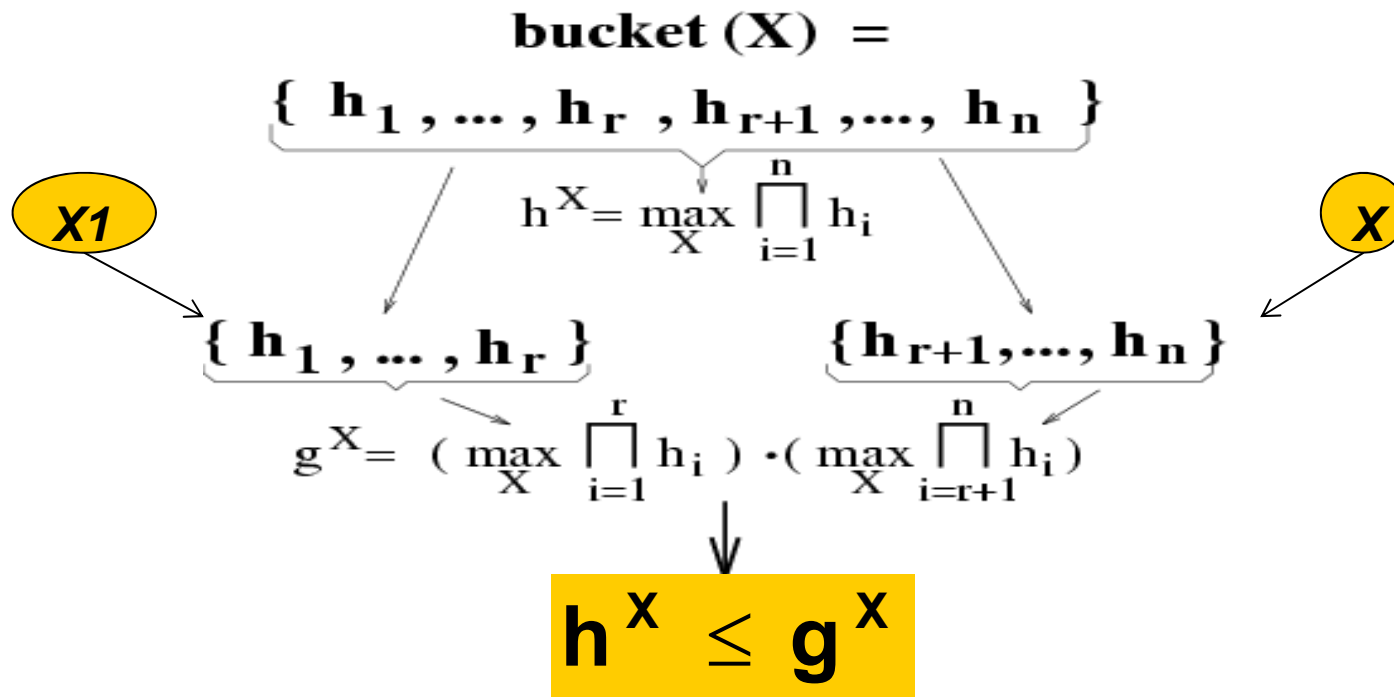
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Mini-bucket Approximation: Relaxation

(Dechter and Rish, 1997, 2003)

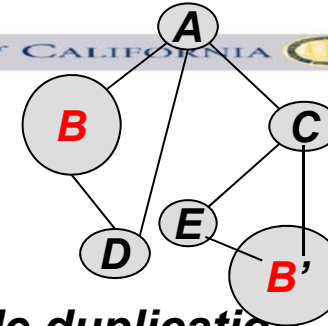
Split a bucket into mini-buckets => bound complexity



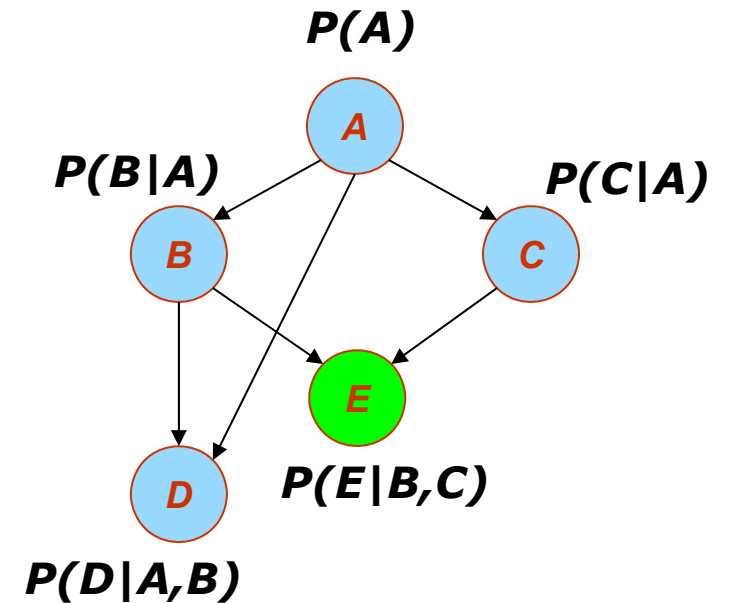
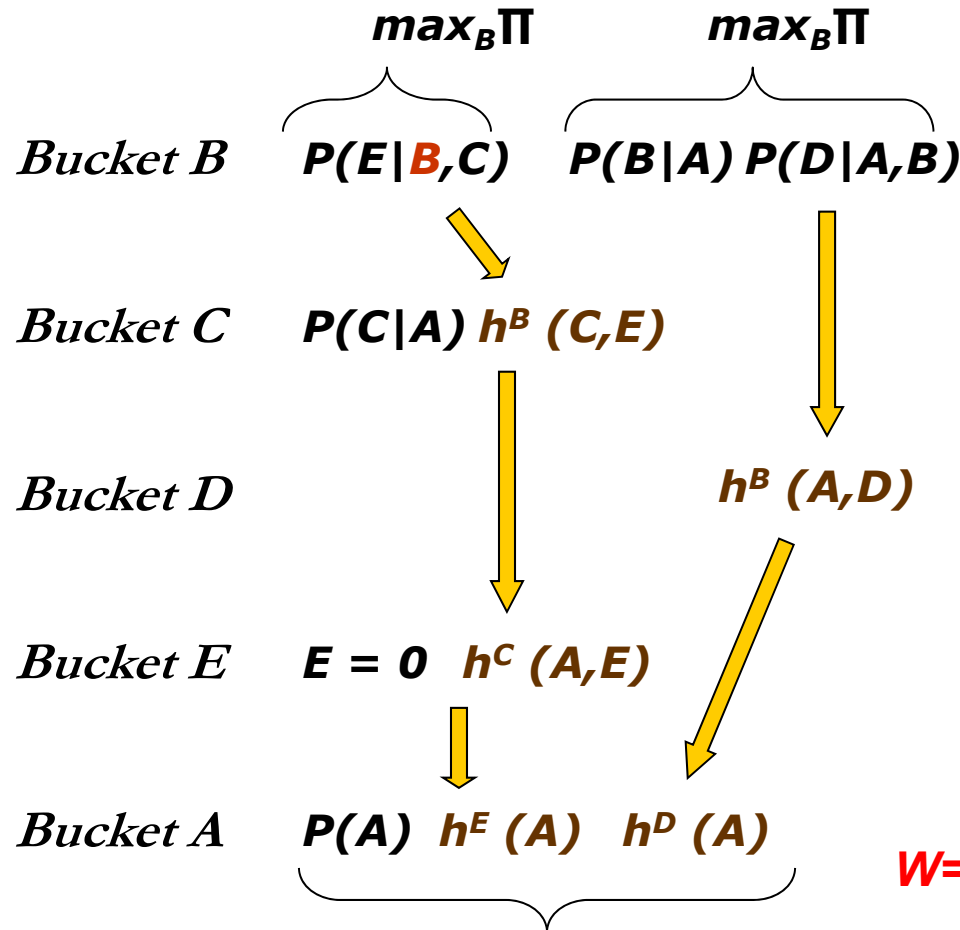
Exponential complexity decrease : $O(e^n) \rightarrow O(e^r) + O(e^{n-r})$



Mini-Bucket Elimination



Node duplication, renaming



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





Mini-Bucket Decoding

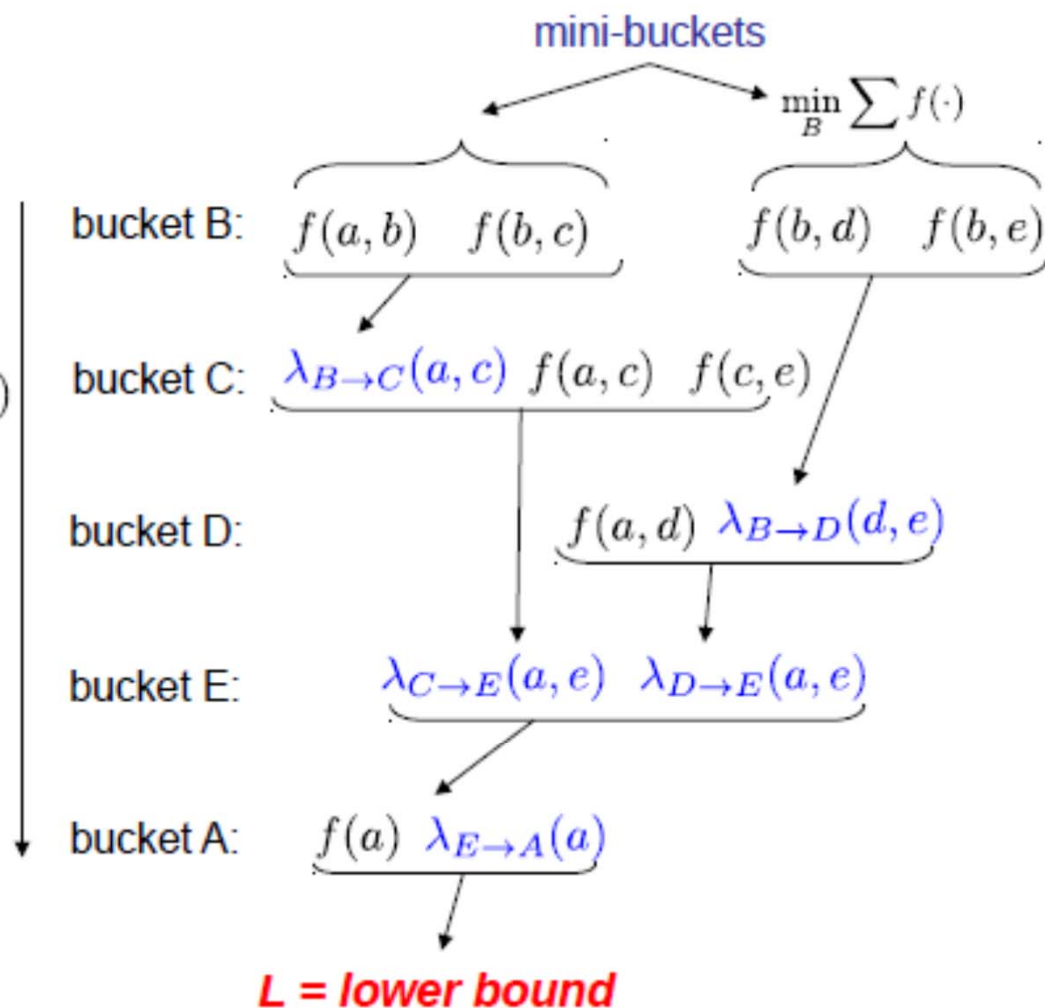
$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{b}} f(\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{b}) + f(\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{c}}) + f(\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) + f(\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{e}})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}} \lambda_{B \rightarrow C}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{c}) + f(\mathbf{c}, \hat{\mathbf{a}}) + f(\mathbf{c}, \hat{\mathbf{e}})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{d}} f(\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{d}) + \lambda_{B \rightarrow D}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{e}})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{e}} \lambda_{C \rightarrow E}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{e}) + \lambda_{D \rightarrow E}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{e})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{a}) + \lambda_{E \rightarrow A}(\mathbf{a})$$



Greedy configuration = upper bound

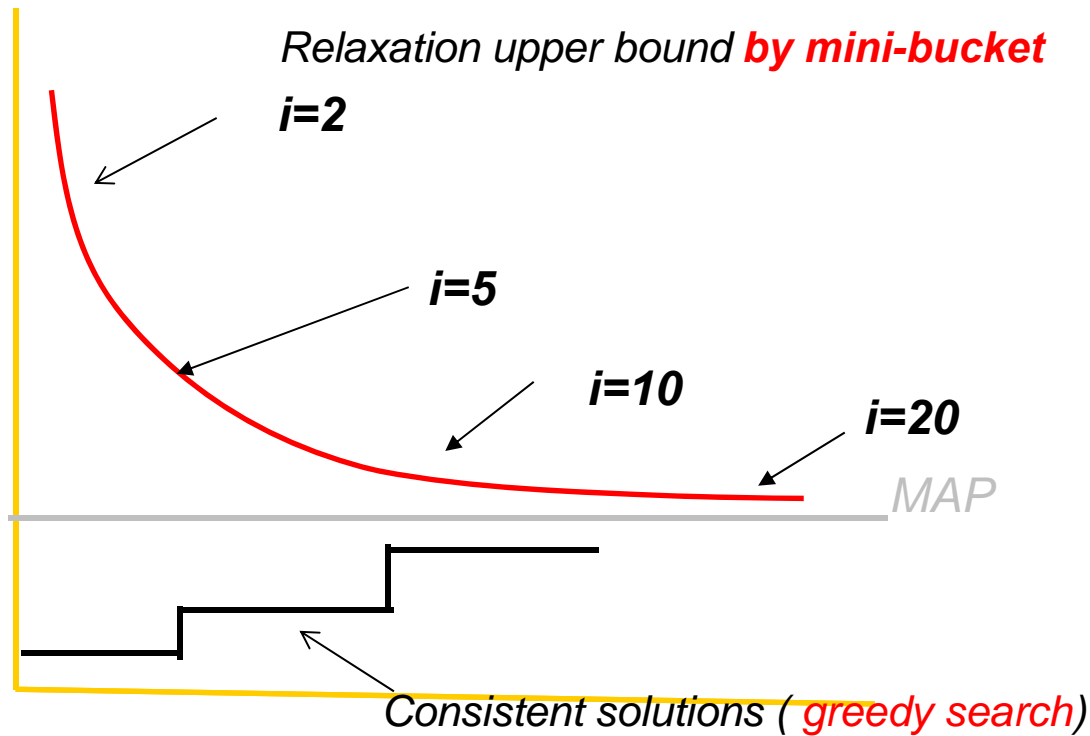


Properties of Mini-Bucket Eliminator

- **Complexity:** $O(r \exp(i))$ time and $O(\exp(i))$ space.
- **Accuracy:** determined by Upper/Lower bound.
- As i increases, both accuracy and complexity increase.
- Possible use of mini-bucket approximations:
 - As **anytime algorithms**
 - As **heuristics** in search



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Any configuration: lower bound



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Cost-Shifting (Reparameterization)

 $+\lambda(B)$

A	B	f(A,B)
b	b	6 + 3
b	g	0 - 1
g	b	0 + 3
g	g	6 - 1

+

 $-\lambda(B)$

B	C	f(B,C)
b	b	6 - 3
b	g	0 - 3
g	b	0 + 1
g	g	6 + 1

B	$\lambda(B)$
b	3
g	-1

A	B	C	f(A,B,C)
b	b	b	12
b	b	g	6
b	g	b	0
b	g	g	6
g	b	b	6
g	b	g	0
g	g	b	6
g	g	g	12

 $= 0 + 6$

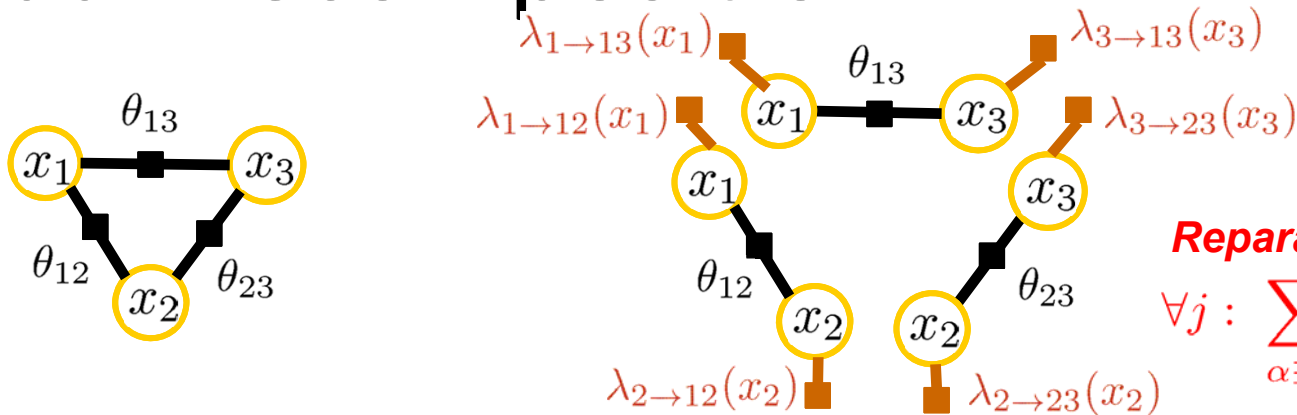
Modify the individual functions

But

keep the sum of functions unchanged



Ex: Dual Decomposition



Reparameterization:

$$\forall j : \sum_{\alpha \ni j} \lambda_{j \rightarrow \alpha}(x_j) = 0$$

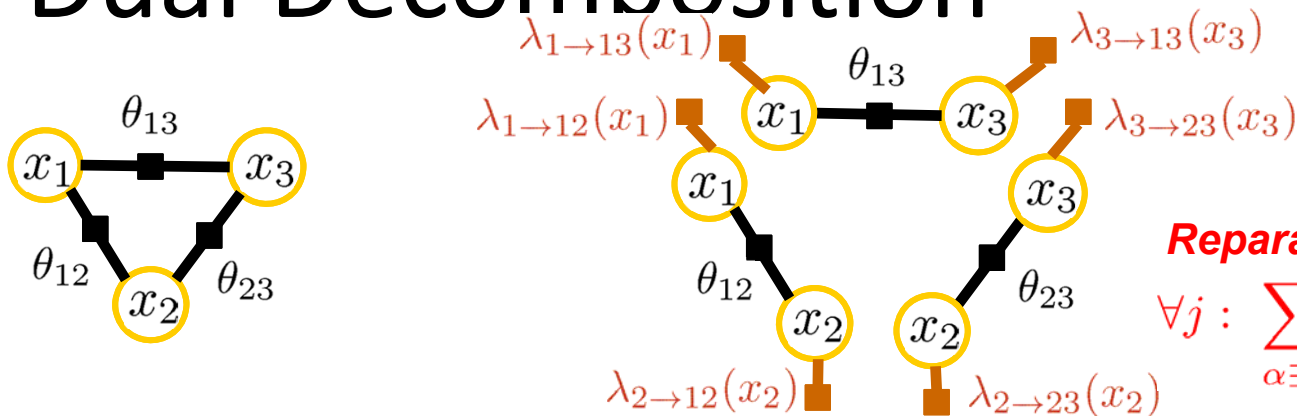
$$\log f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}) \leq \min_{\{\lambda_{i \rightarrow \alpha}\}} \sum_{\alpha} \max_{\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}} \left[\theta_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}) + \sum_{i \in \alpha} \lambda_{i \rightarrow \alpha}(x_i) \right]$$

- Bound solution using decomposed optimization
- Solve independently: optimistic bound
- Exact if all copies agree
- Tighten the bound by reparameterization
 - Enforces lost equality constraints using Lagrange multipliers

**Add factors that
“adjust”
each local term, but
cancel out in total**



Ex: Dual Decomposition



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Many names for the same class of bounds:

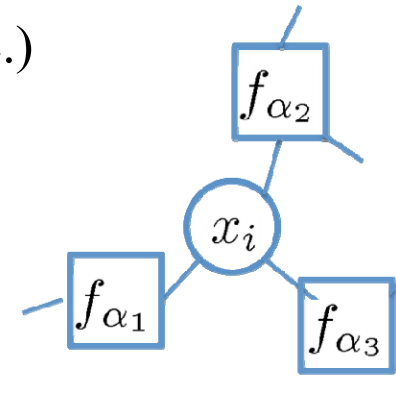
- Dual decomposition [Komodakis et al. 2007]
- TRW, MPLP [Wainwright et al. 2005, Globerson & Jaakkola 2007]
- Soft arc consistency [Cooper & Schiex 2004]
- Max-sum diffusion [Warner 2007]



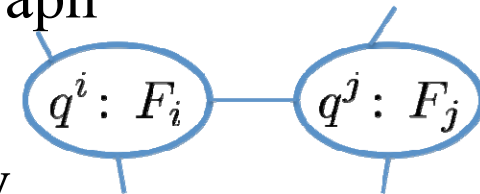
Various Update Schemes

- Can use any decomposition updates
 - (message passing, subgradient, augmented, etc.)

- **FGLP**: Update the original factors



- **JGLP**: Update clique function of the join graph



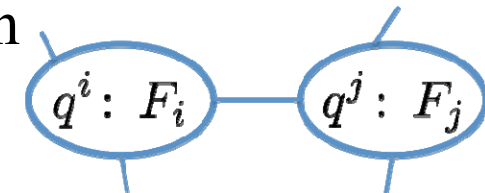
- **MBE-MM** Update within each bucket only



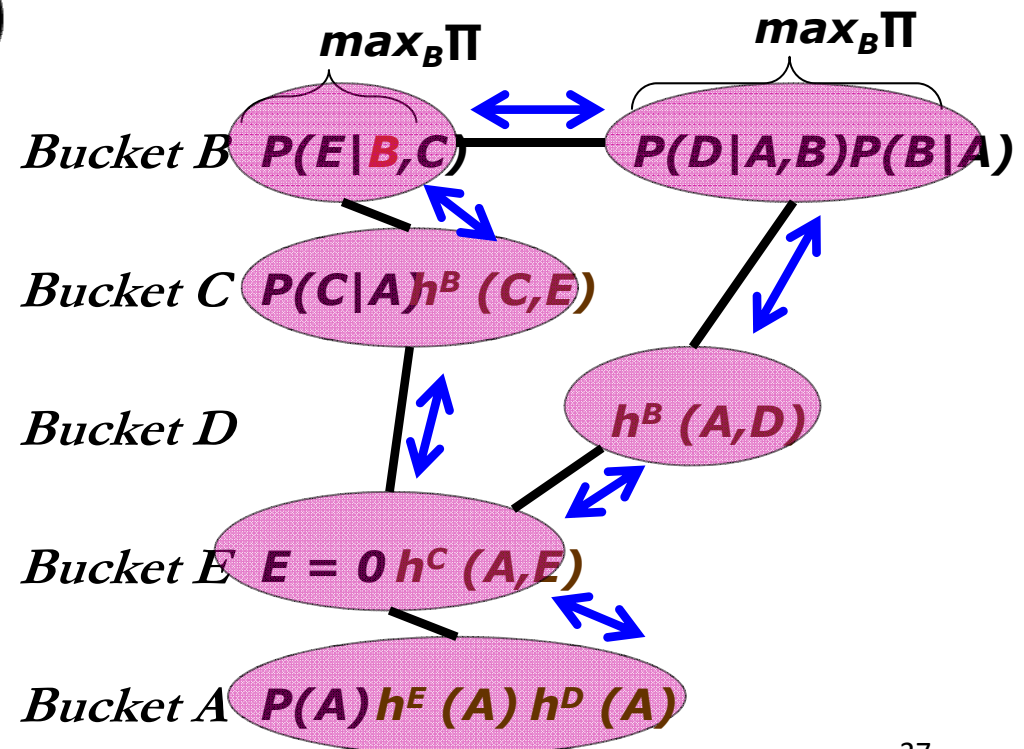
JGLP: Fixed-Point Updates

■ **JGLP:** Update clique function of the join graph

- Use MBE to generate the join graph
- Define function F_i for each clique (mini-bucket) q^i
- Update each edge over separator set

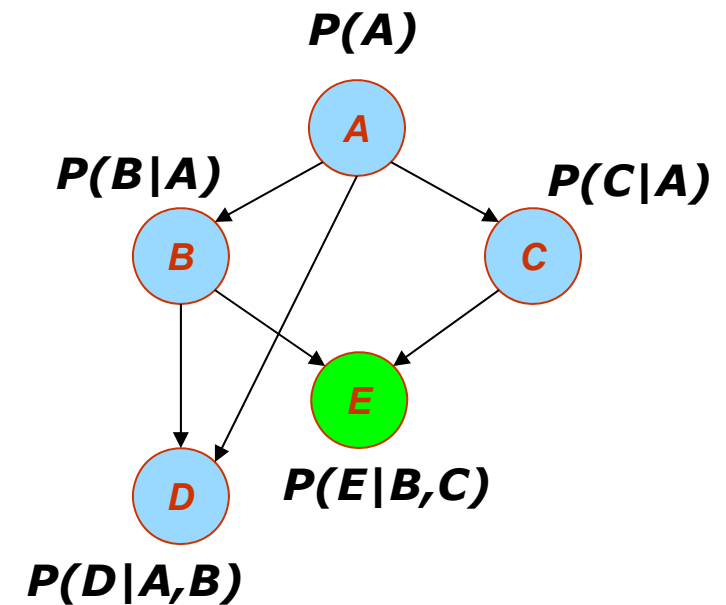
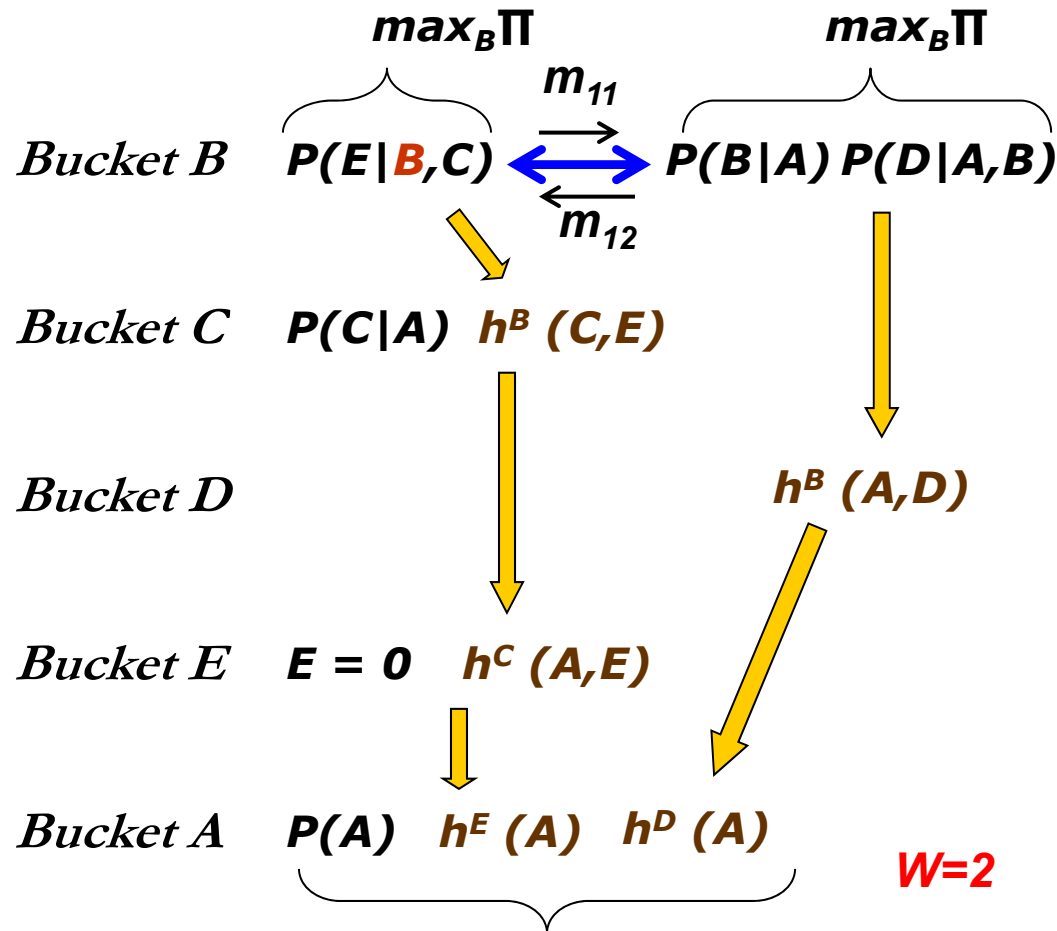


$$F_i \leftarrow F_i + \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_j(x_s) - \gamma_i(x_s))$$



MBE-MM: MBE with Moment Matching

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

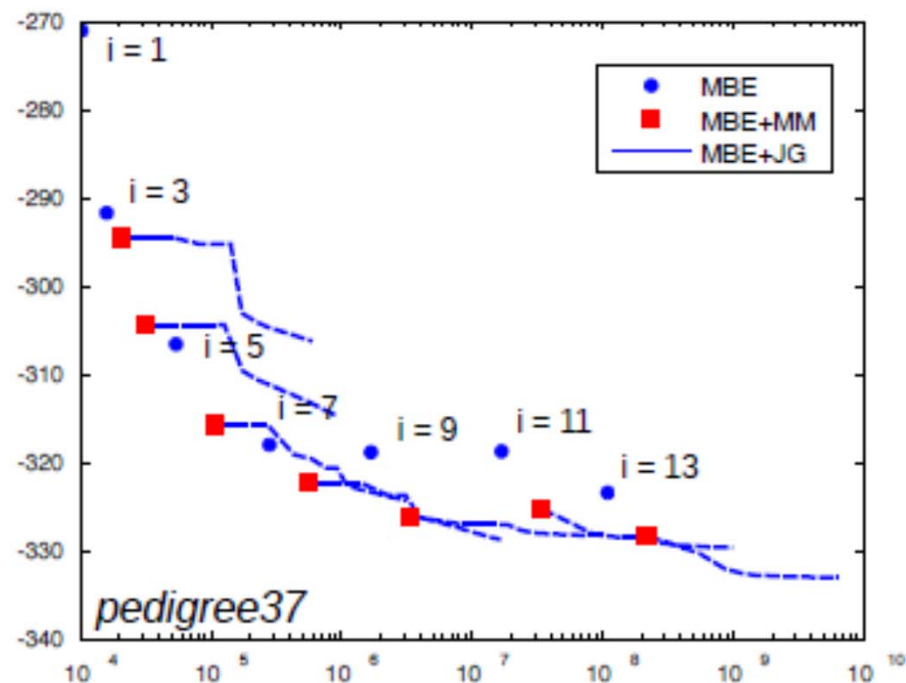
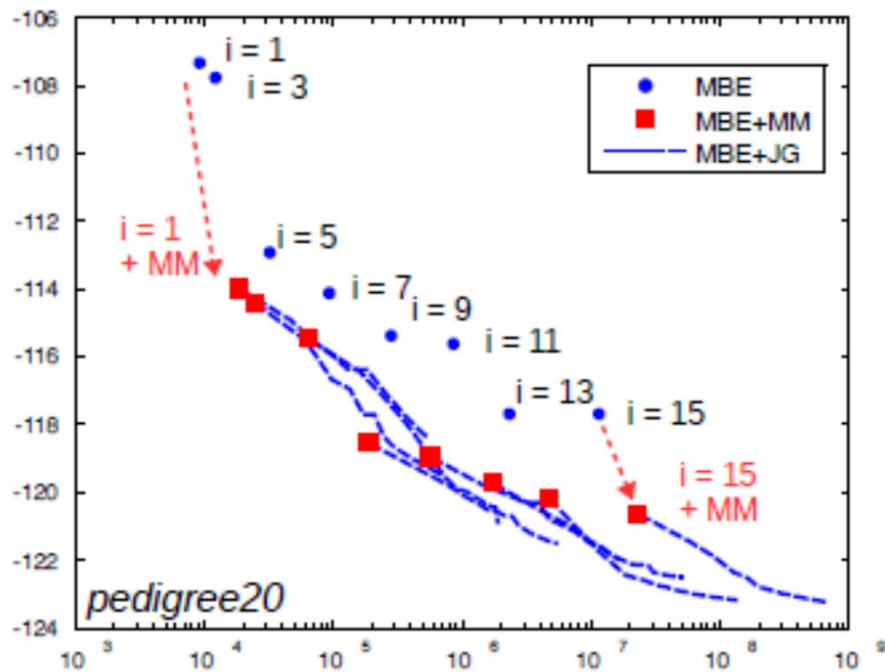


MPE^* is an upper bound on MPE --U
Generating a solution yields a lower bound--L





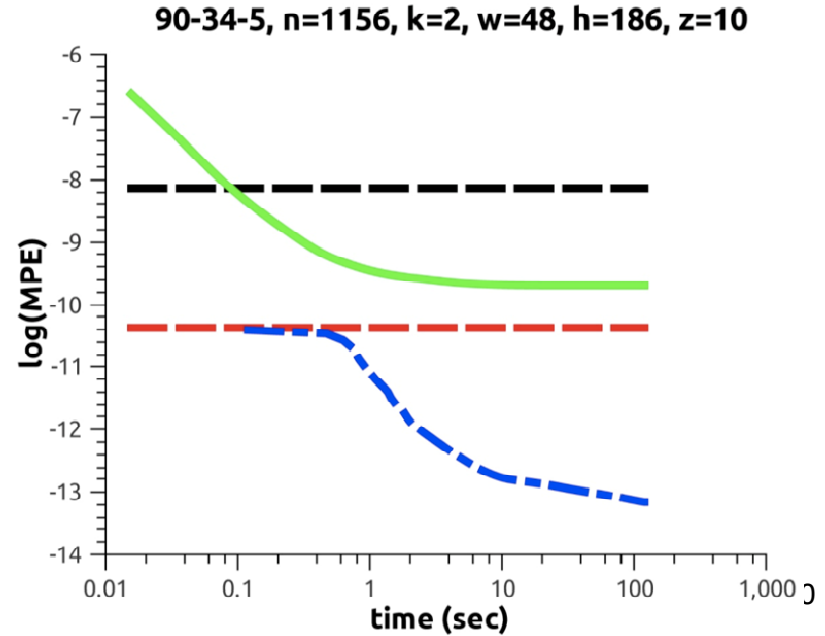
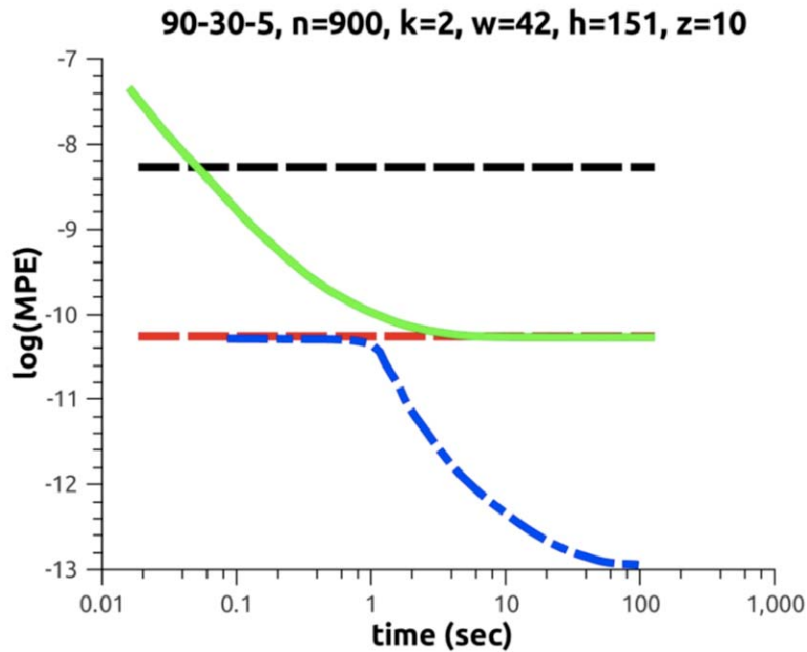
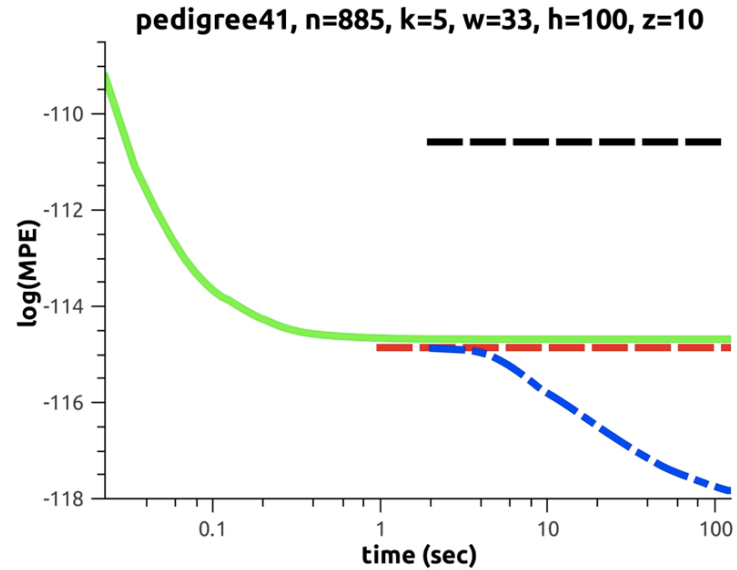
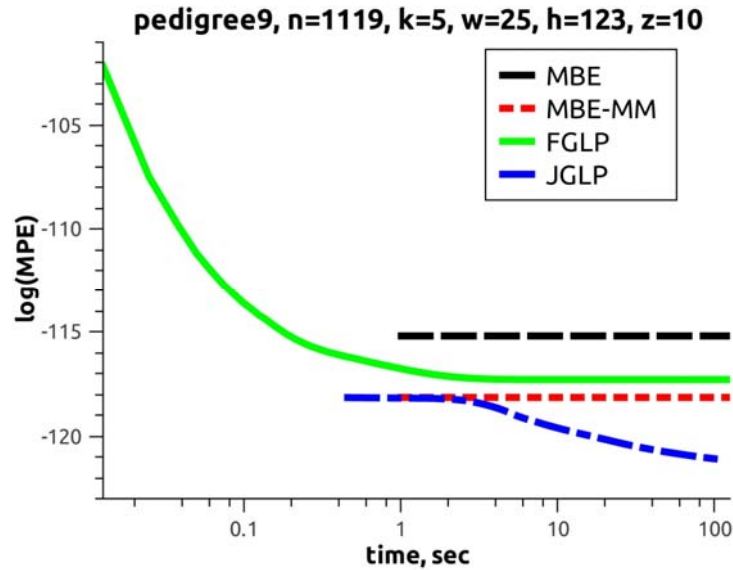
Anytime Approximation



- Can tighten the bound in various ways
 - Cost-shifting (improve consistency between cliques)
 - Increase i -bound (higher order consistency)
- Simple moment-matching step improves bound significantly



Iterative Tightening as Bounding Schemes



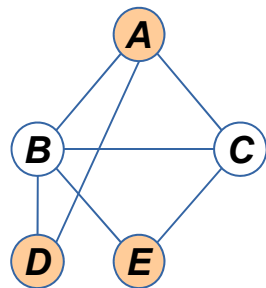
Bounded Inference for sum-product and max-sum-product Inference:

Mini-bucket and weighted mini-bucket



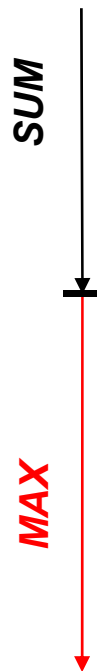
Marginal (sum) and Marginal MAP (max-sum-product)

Partition a bucket into mini-buckets with i variables



$$\mathbf{X}_M = \{A, D, E\}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_S = \{B, C\}$$



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{B}: \underbrace{f(A, B) f(B, C)}_{\Sigma_B} \quad \underbrace{f(B, D) f(B, E)}_{\max_B} \\
 \mathbf{C}: \underbrace{\lambda^B(A, C) f(A, C) f(C, E)}_{\Sigma_C} \\
 \mathbf{D}: \underbrace{f(A, D) \lambda^B(D, E)}_{\max_D} \\
 \mathbf{E}: \underbrace{\lambda^C(A, E) \lambda^D(A, E)}_{\max_E} \\
 \mathbf{A}: \underbrace{\lambda^E(A)}_{w^* = 2}
 \end{array}$$

MAP* is an **upper bound** on the marginal MAP value

[Dechter and Rish, 2001]



Weighted Mini-Bucket

(for summation bounds)

Exact bucket elimination:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_B(a, c, d, e) &= \sum_b [f(a, b) \cdot f(b, c) \cdot f(b, d) \cdot f(b, e)] \\ &\leq \left[\sum_b^{w_1} f(a, b) f(b, c) \right] \cdot \left[\sum_b^{w_2} f(b, d) f(b, e) \right] \\ &= \lambda_{B \rightarrow C}(a, c) \quad \cdot \quad \lambda_{B \rightarrow D}(d, e) \end{aligned}$$

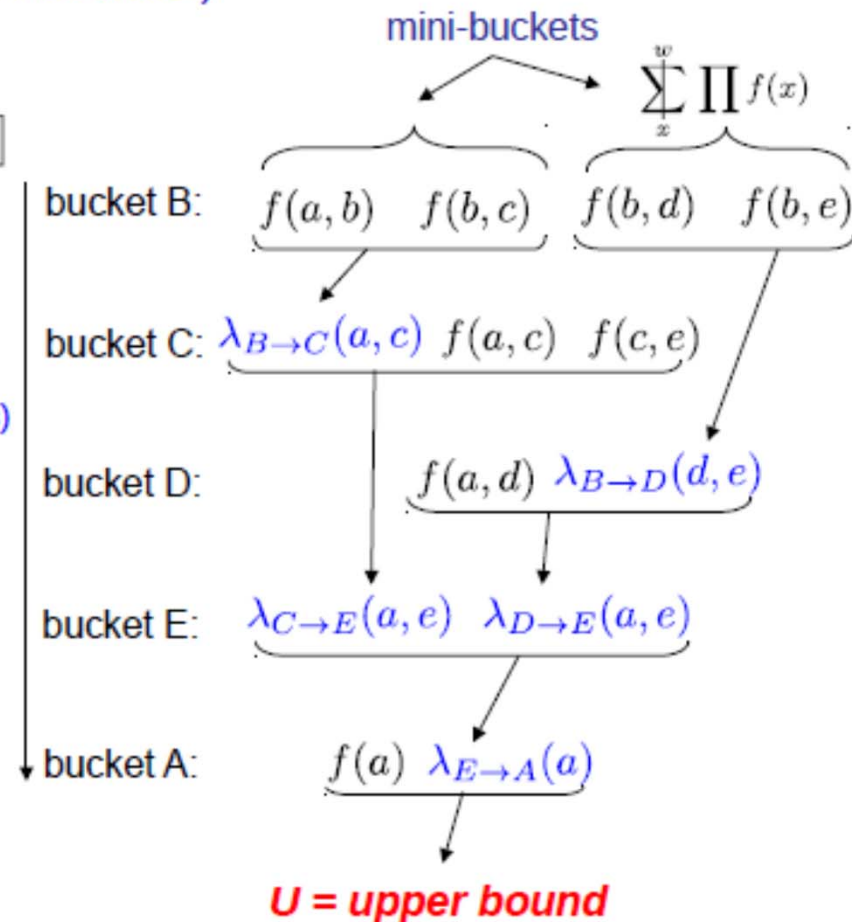
(mini-buckets)

where $\sum_x^w f(x) = \left[\sum_x f(x)^{1/w} \right]^w$
is the weighted or "power" sum operator

By Holder's inequality,

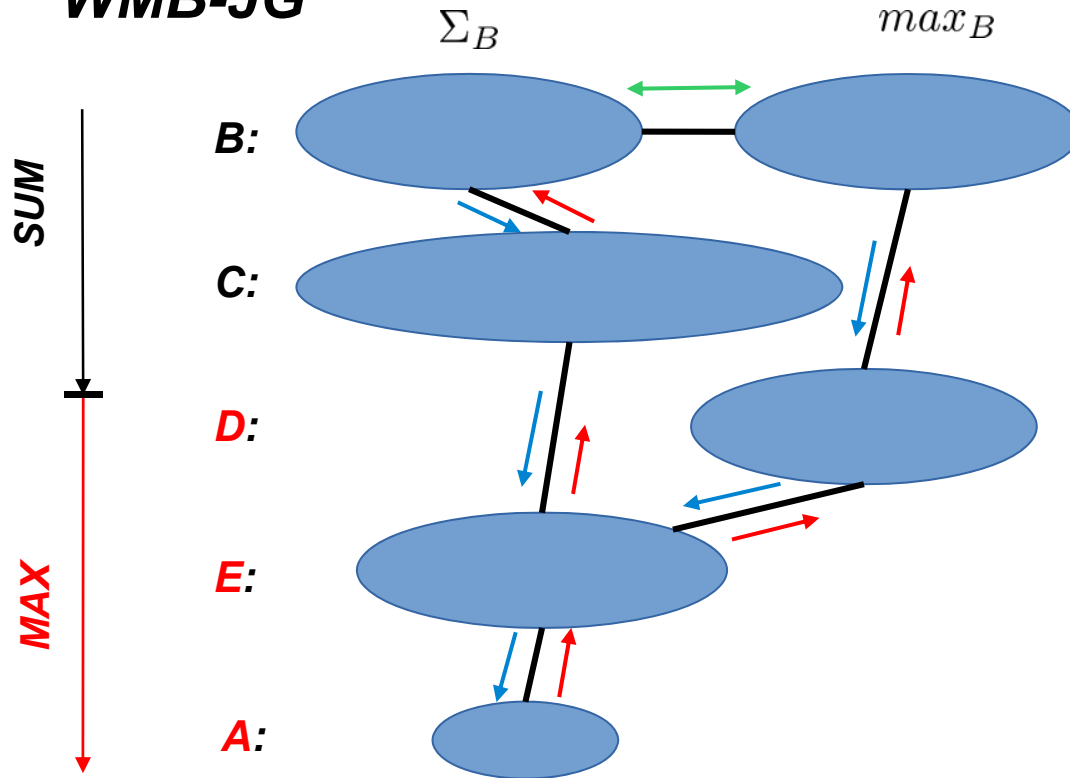
$$\sum_x^w f_1(x) f_2(x) \leq \left[\sum_x^{w_1} f_1(x) \right] \left[\sum_x^{w_2} f_2(x) \right]$$

where $w_1 + w_2 = w$ and $w_1 > 0, w_2 > 0$
(lower bound if $w_1 > 0, w_2 < 0$)



WMB on Join-Graphs

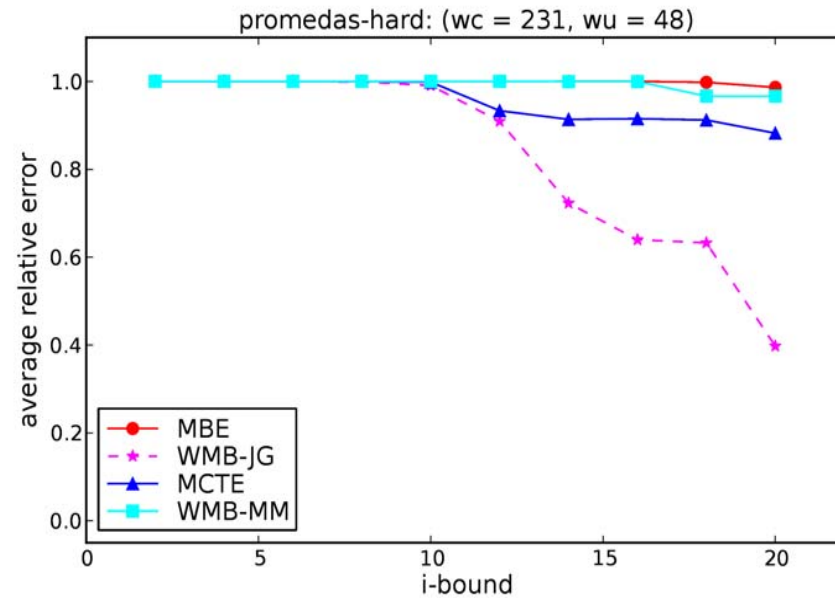
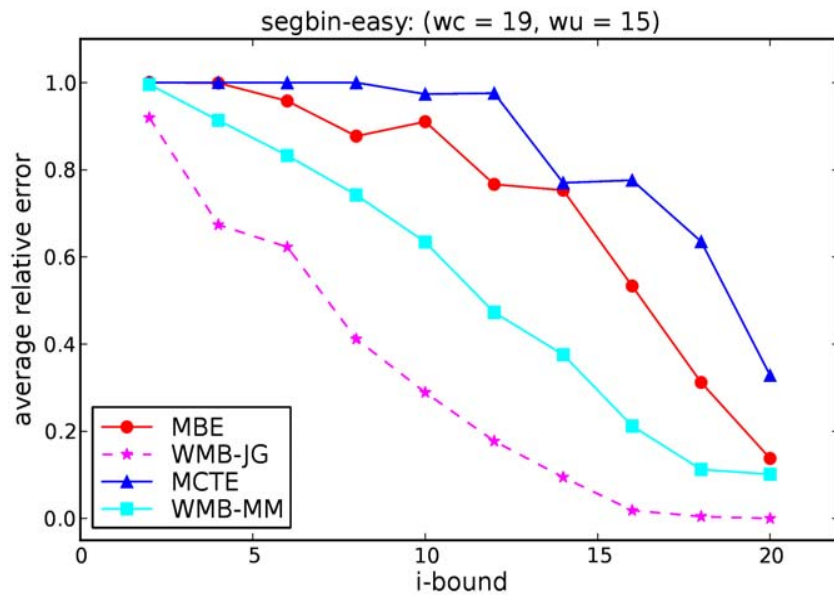
WMB-JG



- **WMB** defines a join-graph
- Propagate downward / upward messages until convergence
- **Downward** messages
 - e.g. from B to D
- **Upward** messages
 - e.g. from D to B
 - used during cost-shifting
- **Cost-shifting** within a bucket
- In practice, yields a much tighter upper bound than **WMB**



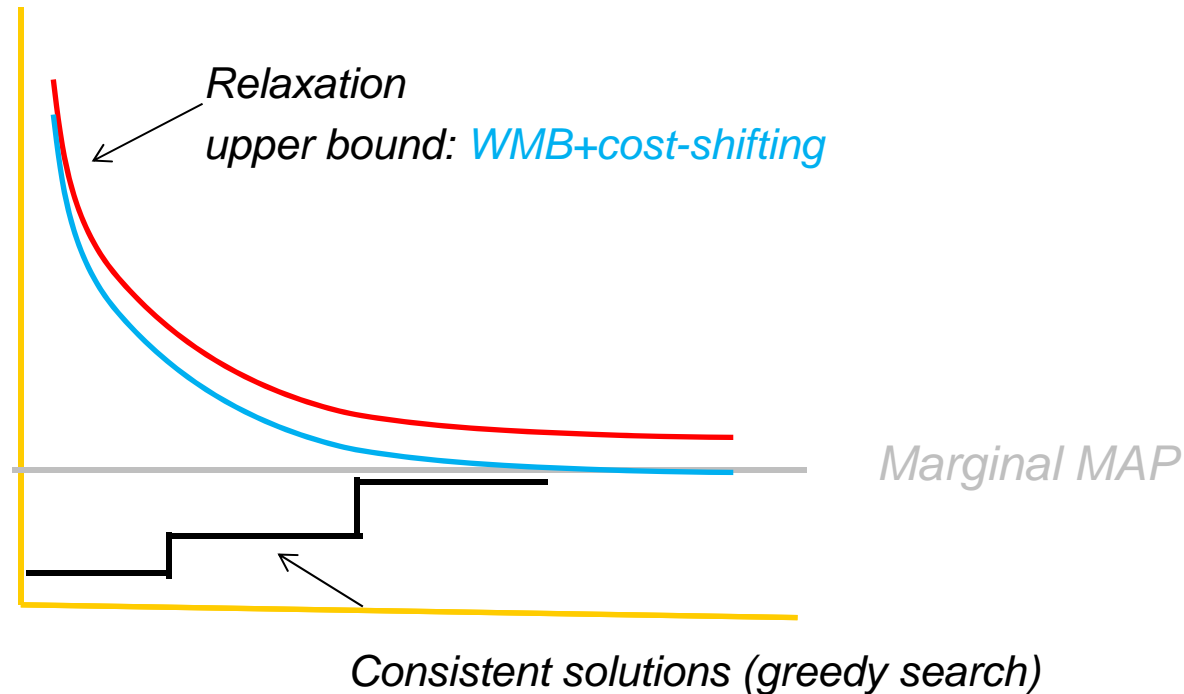
MMAP: Quality of the Upper Bounds



Average relative error wrt tightest upper bound. 10 iterations for WMB-JG(i).



Bounding from Above and Below



Relaxation provides upper bound
Any configuration: lower bound *but NP-hard*

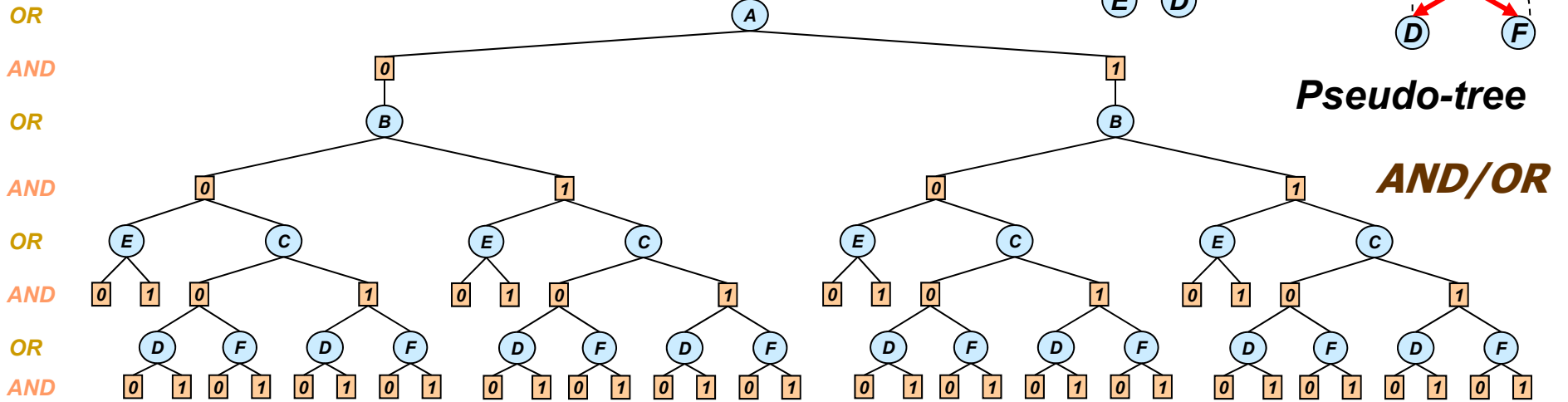
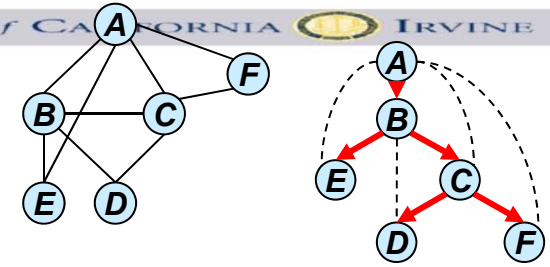


Outline

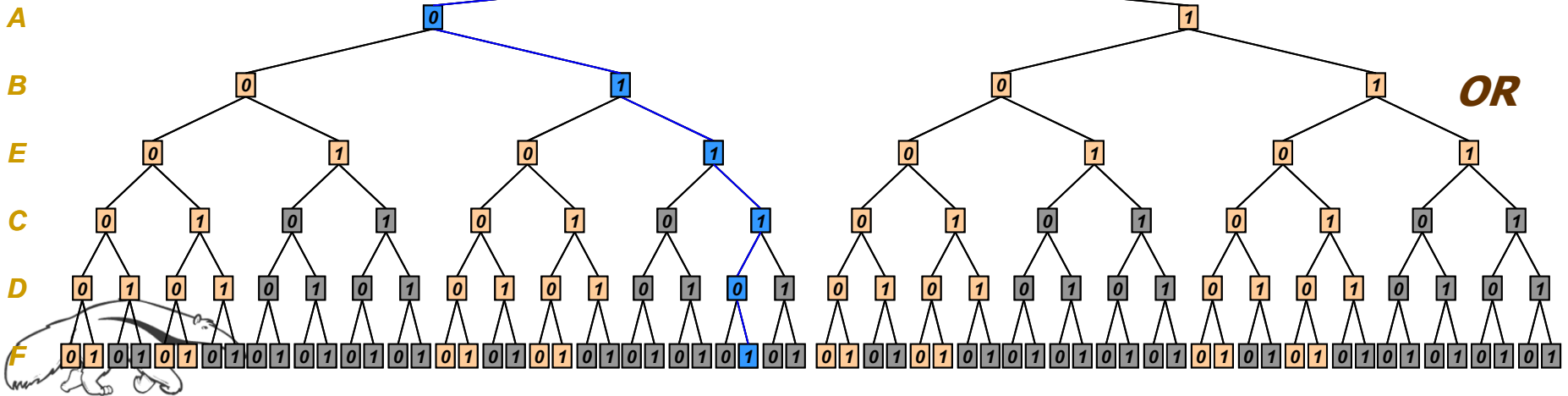
- Graphical models, Queries , Algorithms
- Inference Algorithms
- Bounded Inference: mini-bucket, cost-shifting
- **AND/OR search spaces and AND/OR BnB**
- Evaluation, Software
- Conclusions



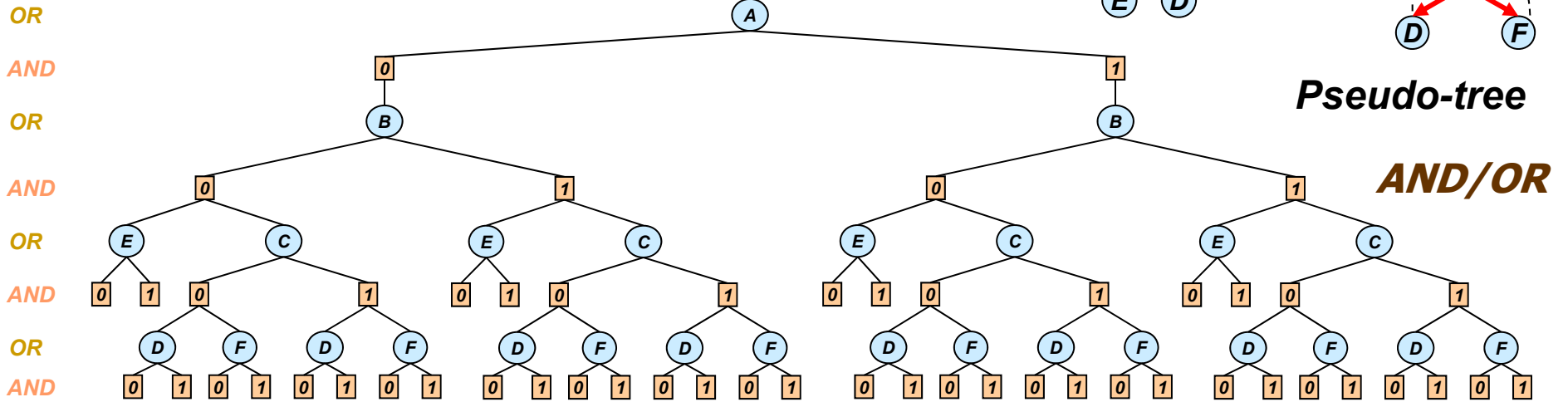
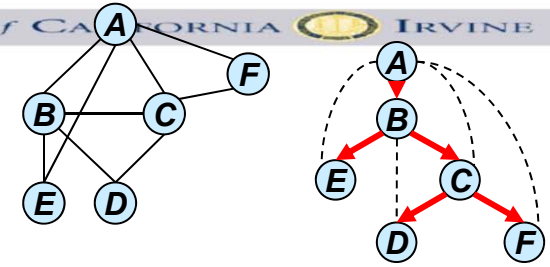
OR vs AND/OR Search



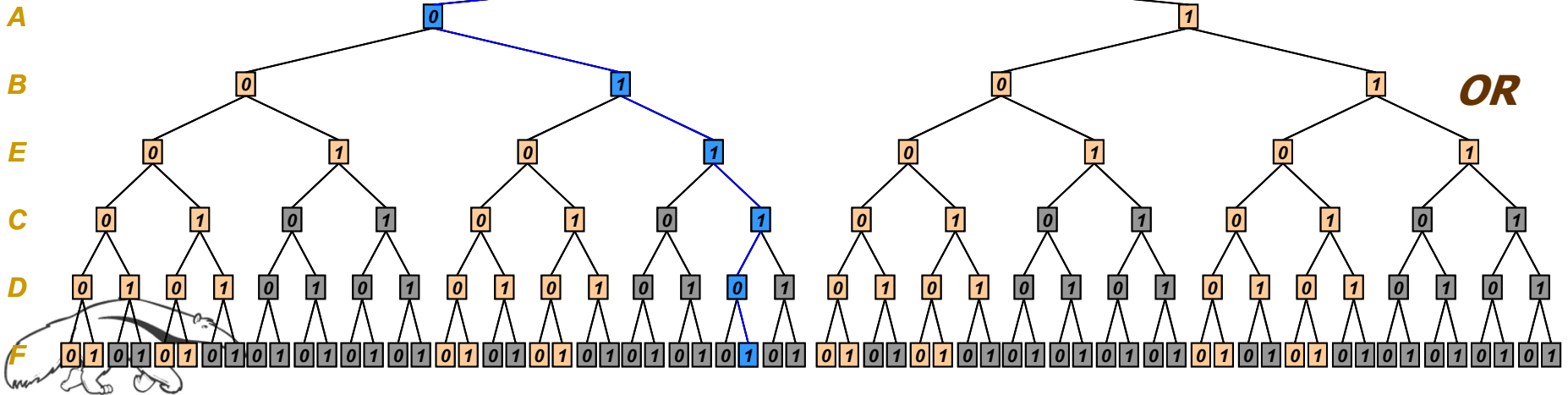
*AND/OR size: $exp(4)$,
OR size $exp(6)$*



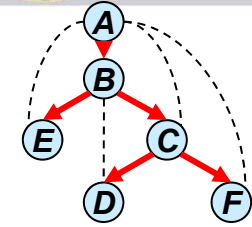
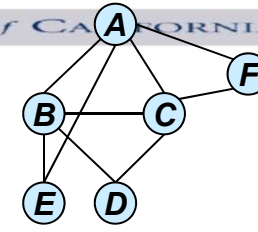
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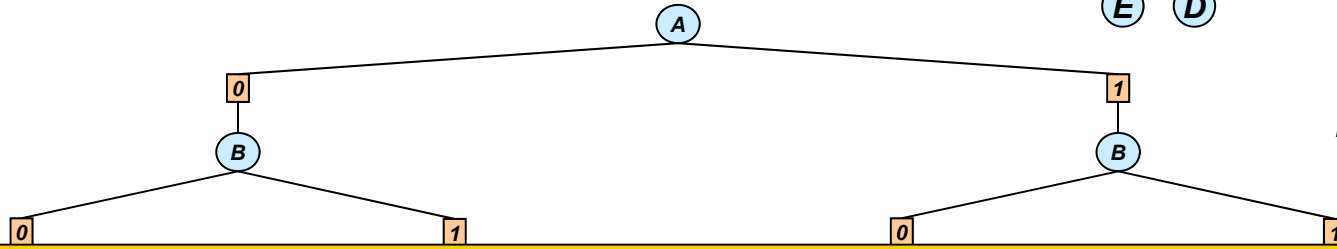


OR vs AND/OR Search



Pseudo-tree

OR
AND
OR
AND

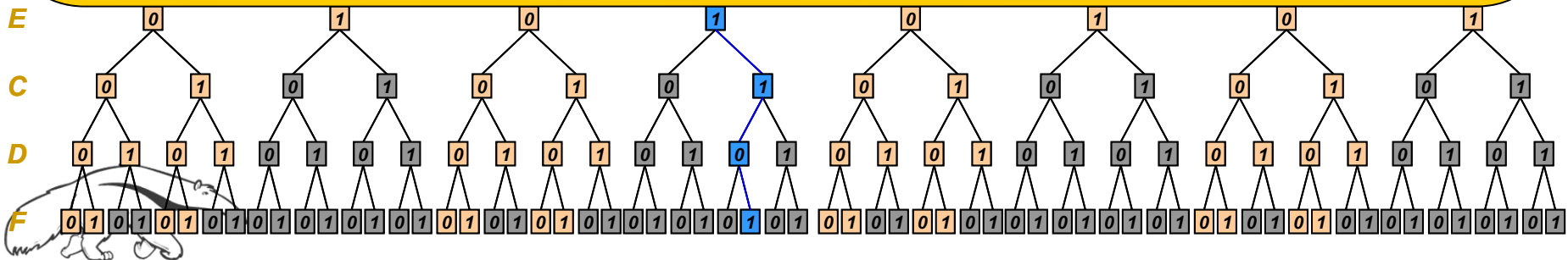


AND/OR

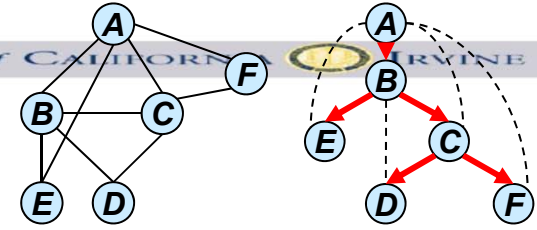
Time $O(nk^h)$

Space $O(n)$

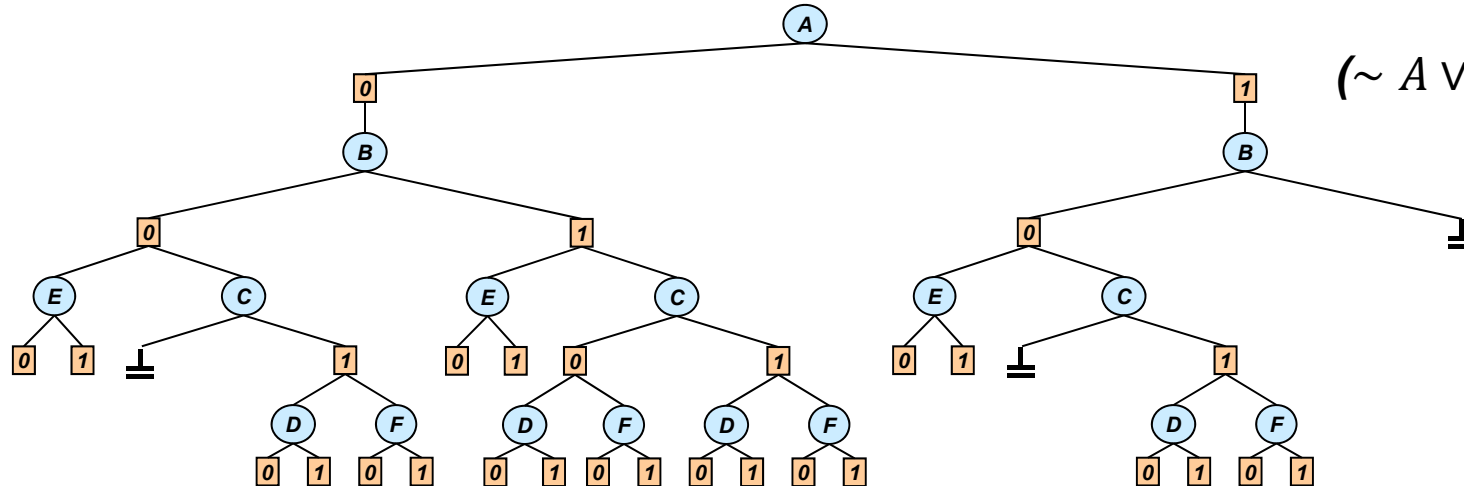
height is bounded by $w^* \log n$



AND/OR vs. OR with Constraints



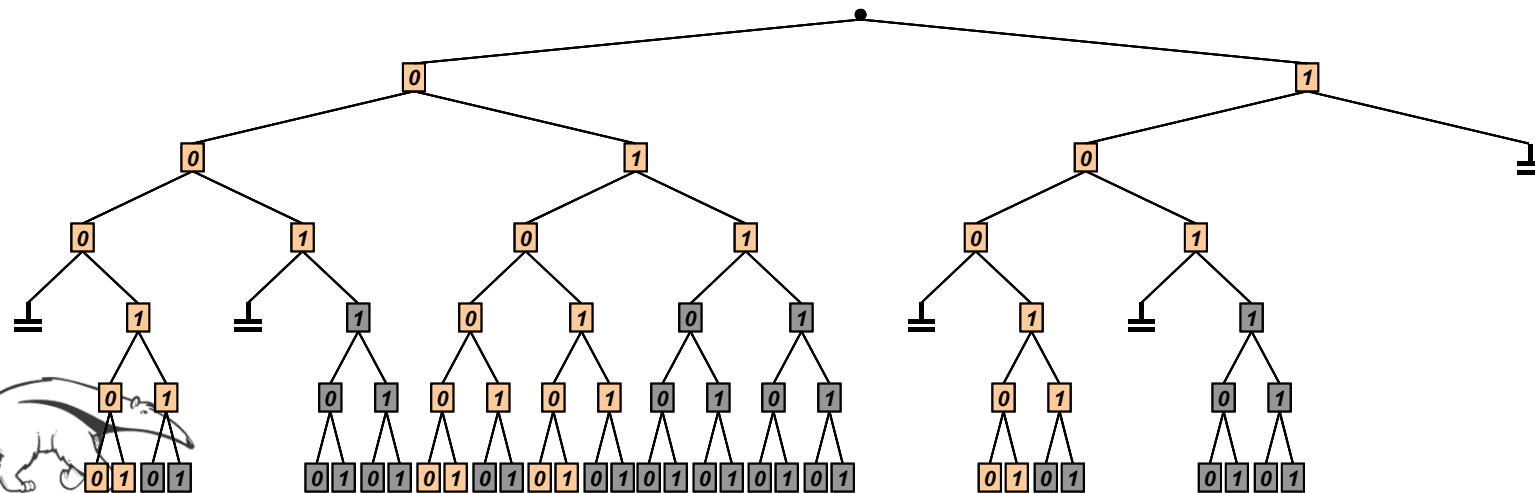
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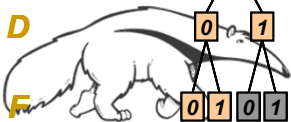
$$(\sim A \vee \sim B) \wedge (B \vee C)$$

AND/OR

A
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E
C
D
F

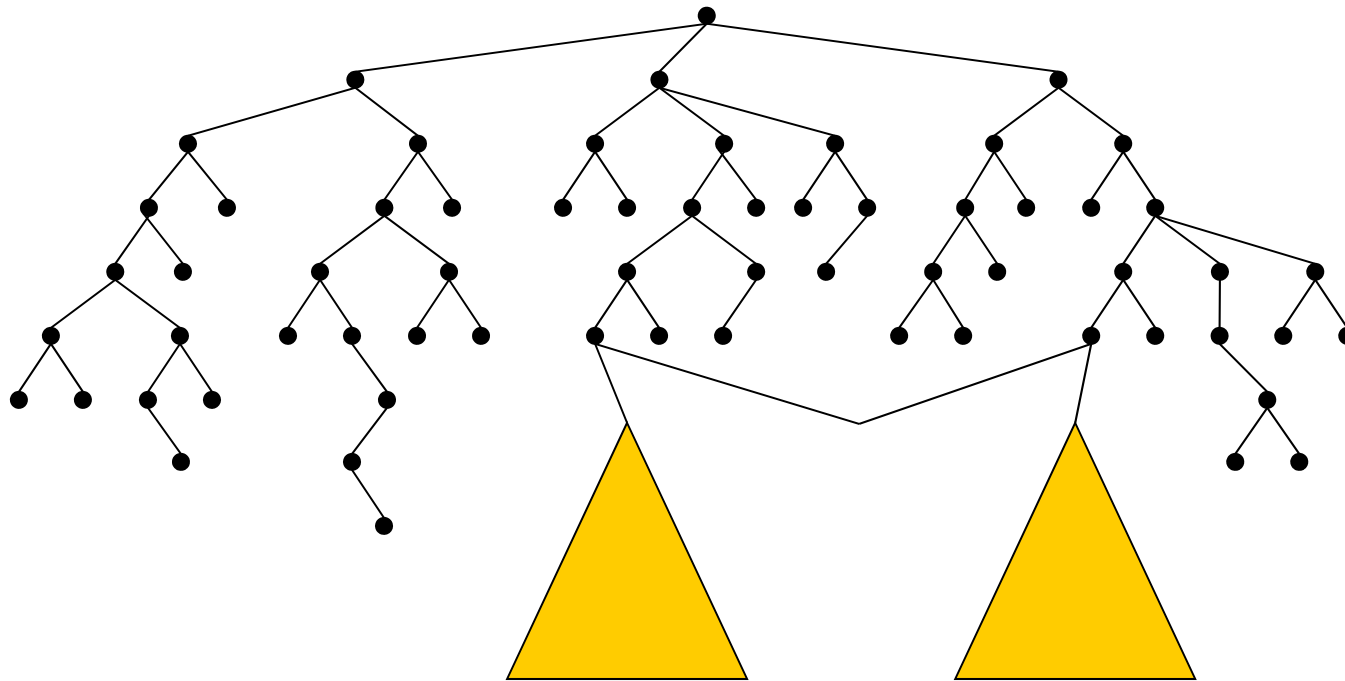


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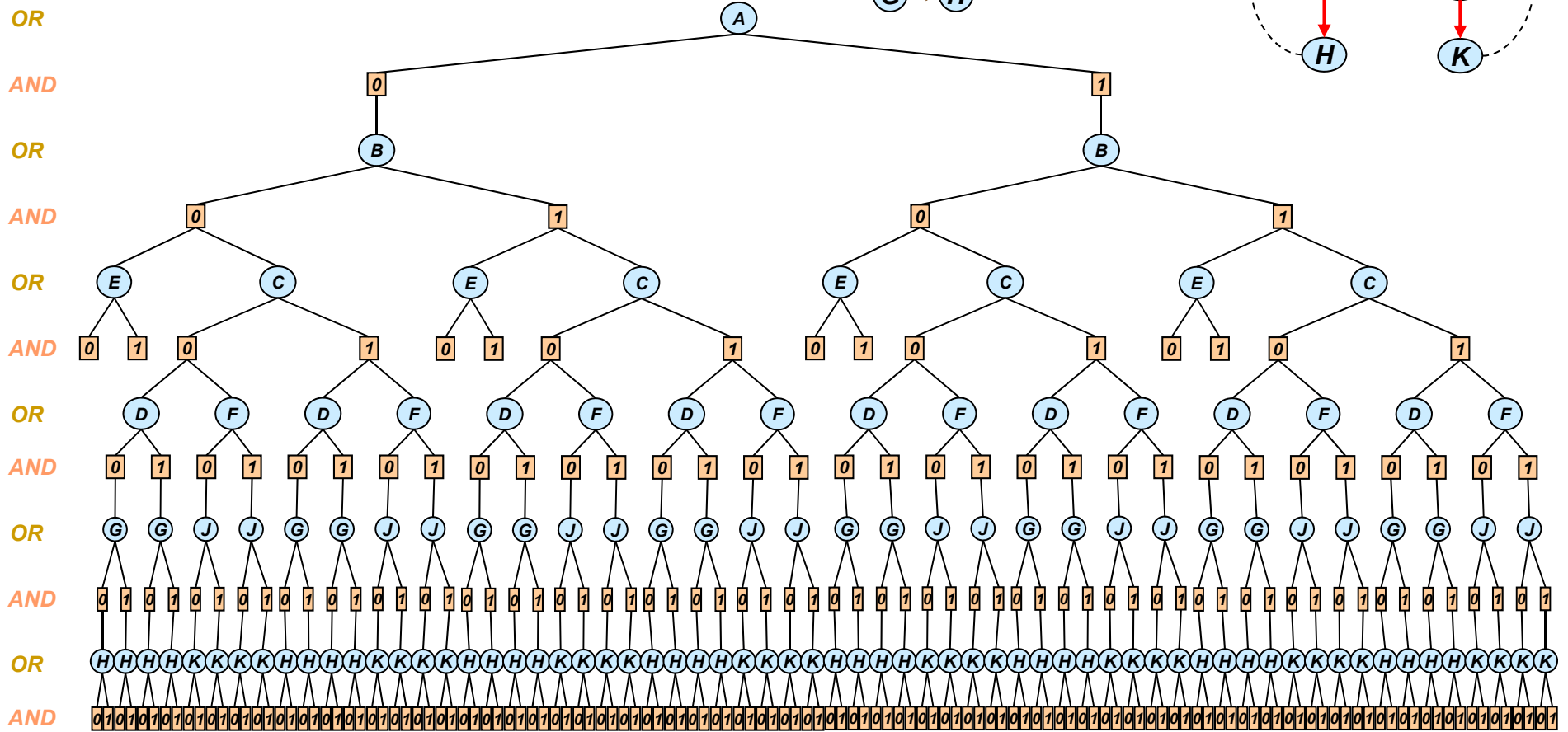
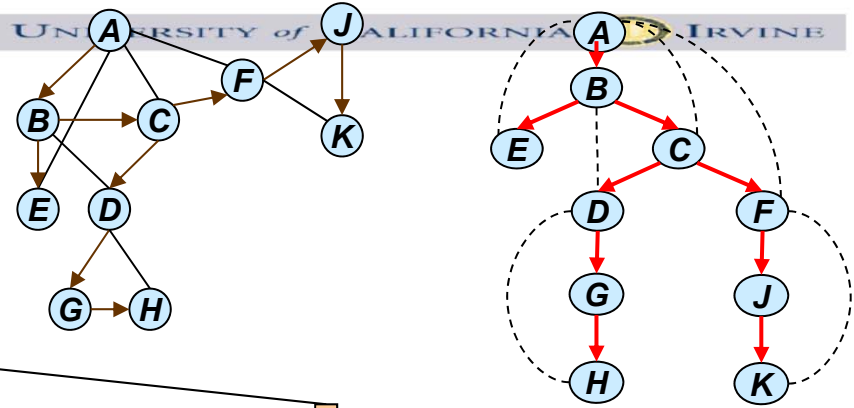


From Search Trees to Search Graphs

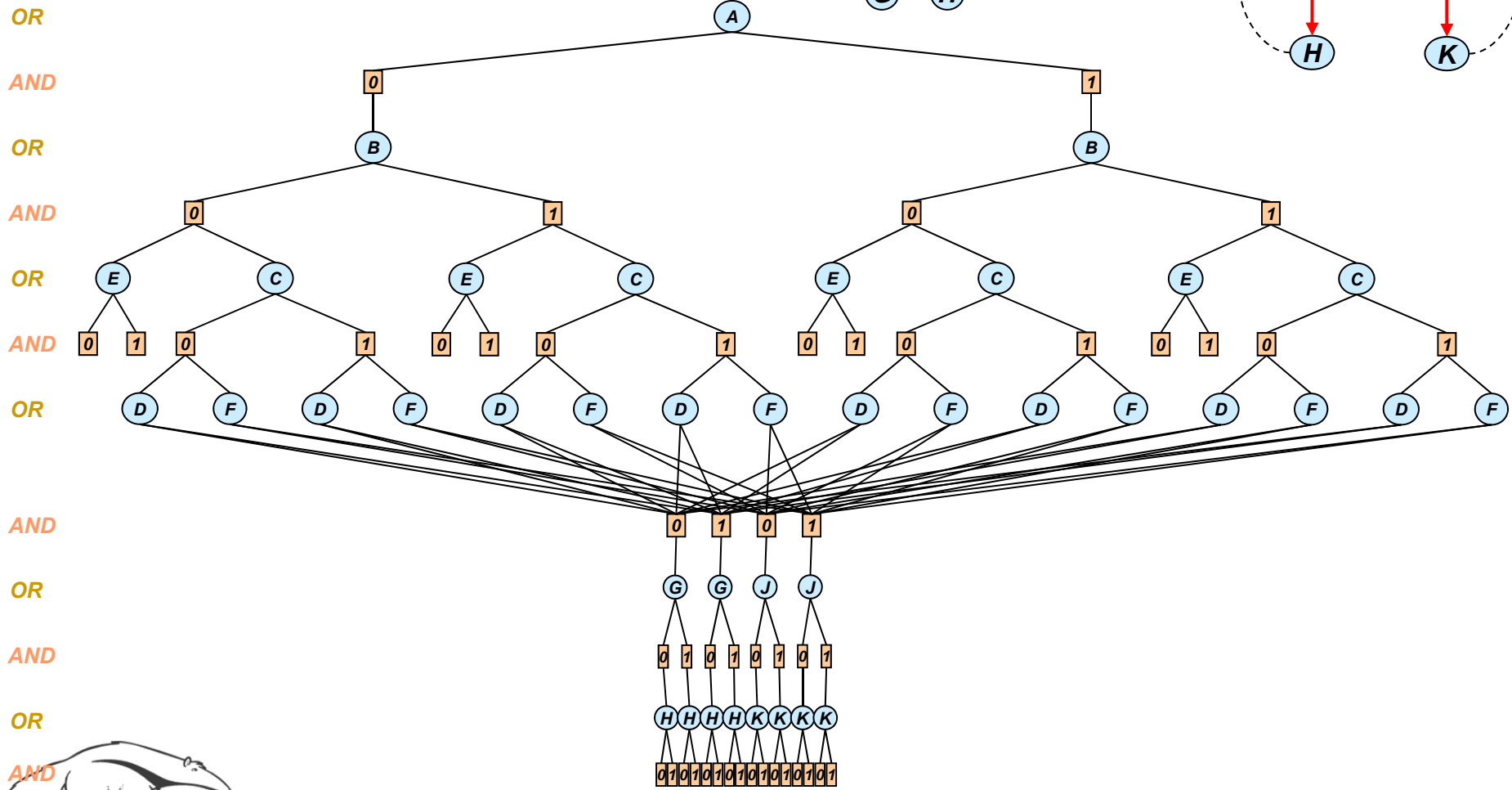
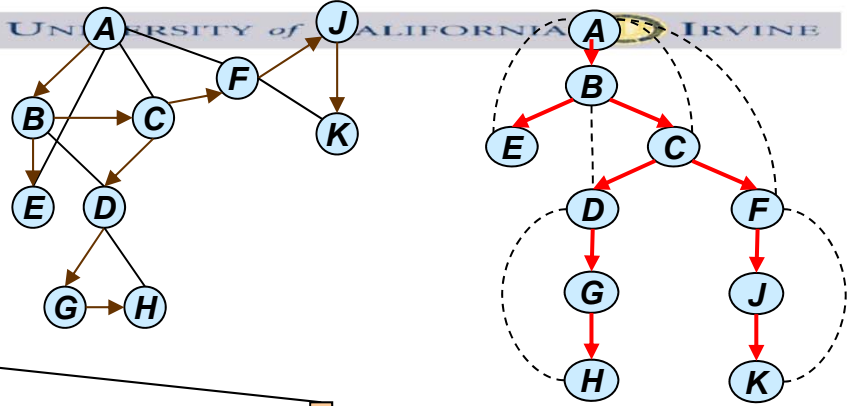
- Any two nodes that root **identical** sub-trees or sub-graphs can be **merged**



From AND/OR Tree

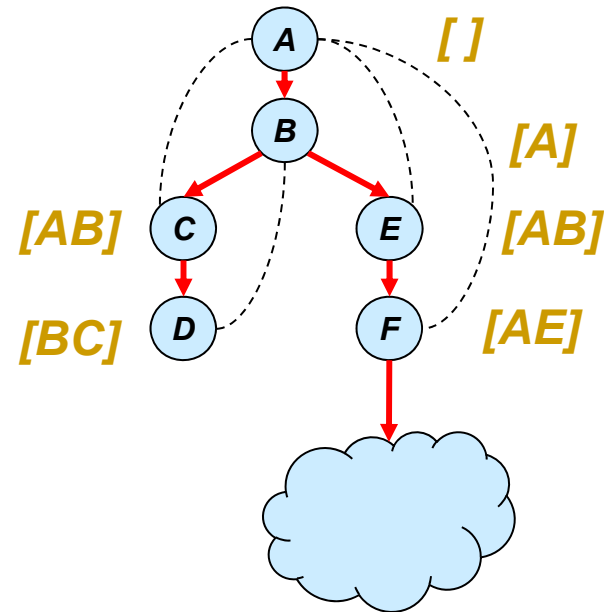
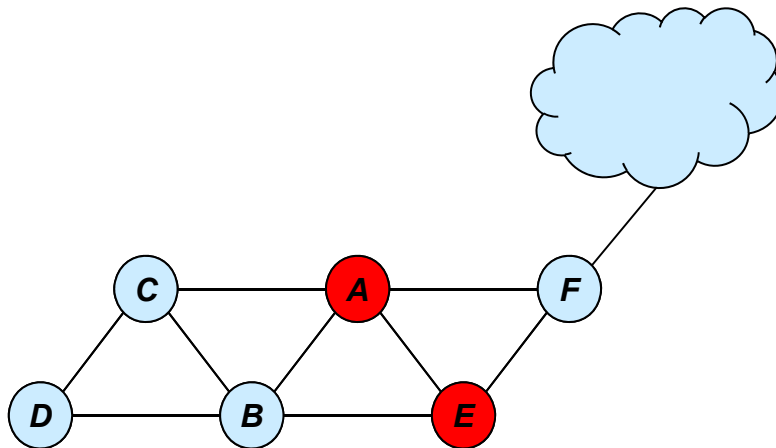


An AND/OR Graph

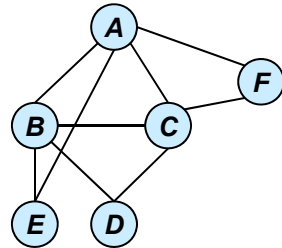


Merging based on context

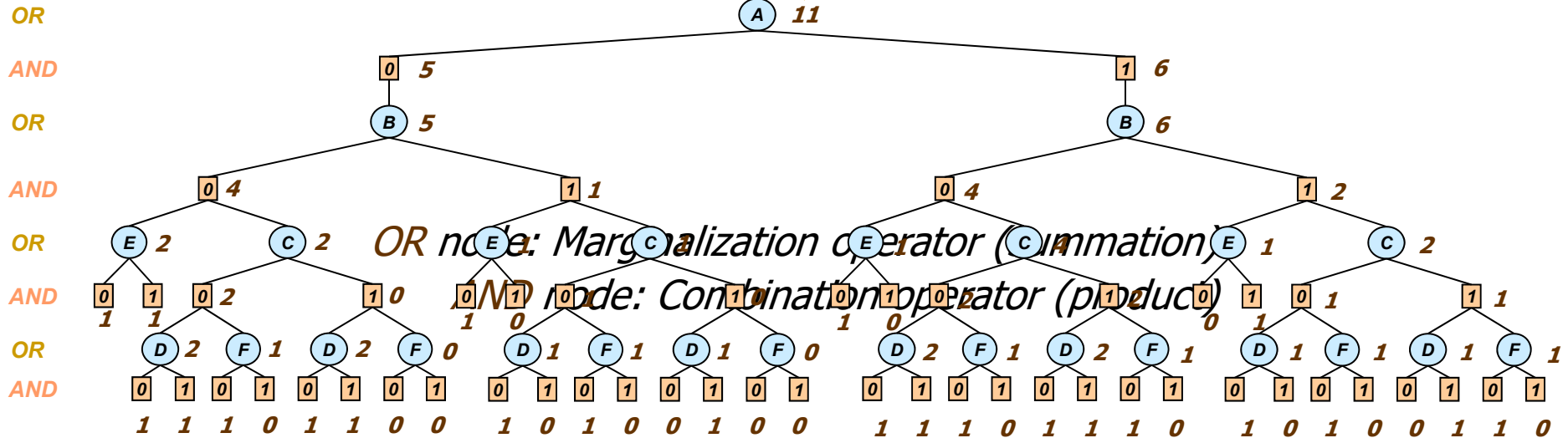
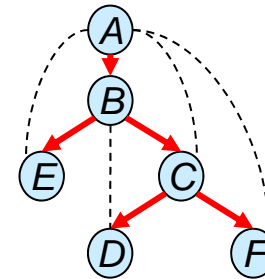
context (X) = ancestors of X connected to X
 ↘
descendants of X



Counting Solutions: Sum-Product Networks



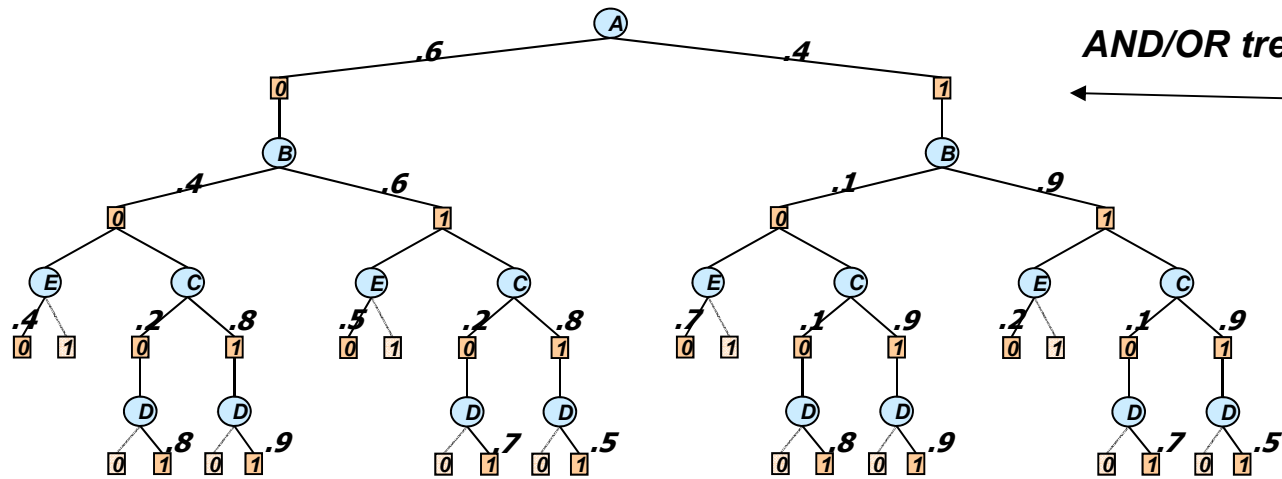
solutions



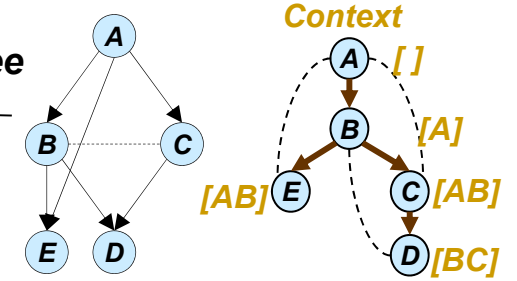
Value of node = number of solutions below it



Weighted AND/OR Search Space



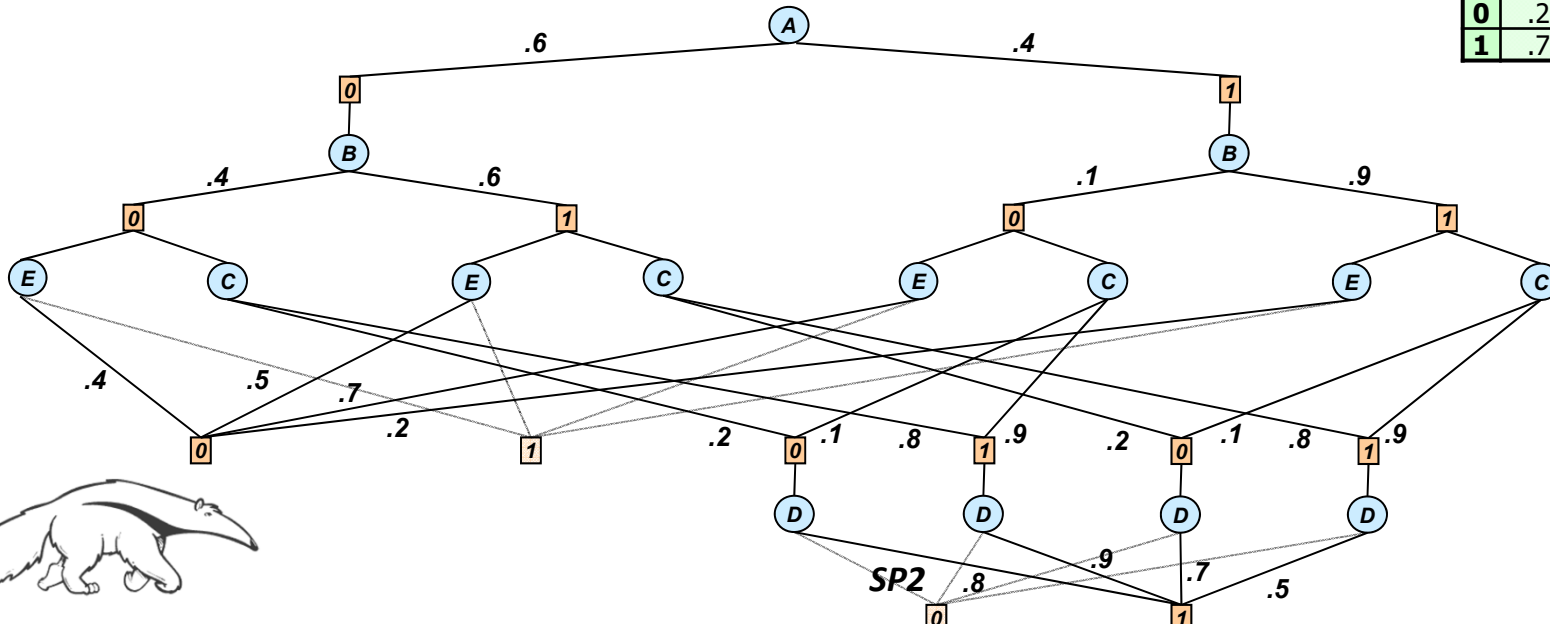
AND/OR tree



$P(B A)$		$P(E A,B)$	
		A B	E=0 E=1
A	B=0 B=1	0 0	.4 .6
0	0 1	0 1	.5 .5
1	0 1	1 0	.7 .3
1	1 1	1 1	.2 .8

$P(C A)$		$P(A)$	
A	C=0 C=1	A	P(A)
0	.2 .8	0	.6
1	.7 .3	1	.4

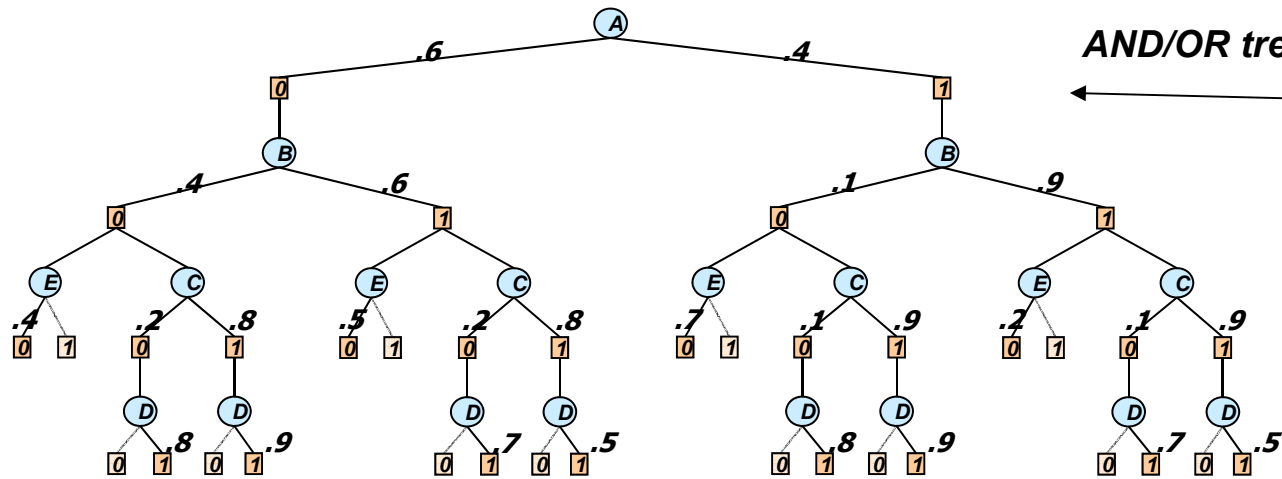
Evidence: $E=0$



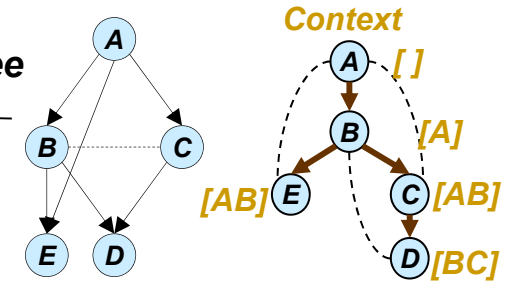
AND/OR context-minimal Graph



Weighted AND/OR Search Space



AND/OR tree



$P(E|A,B)$

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

$P(B|A)$

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

$P(C|A)$

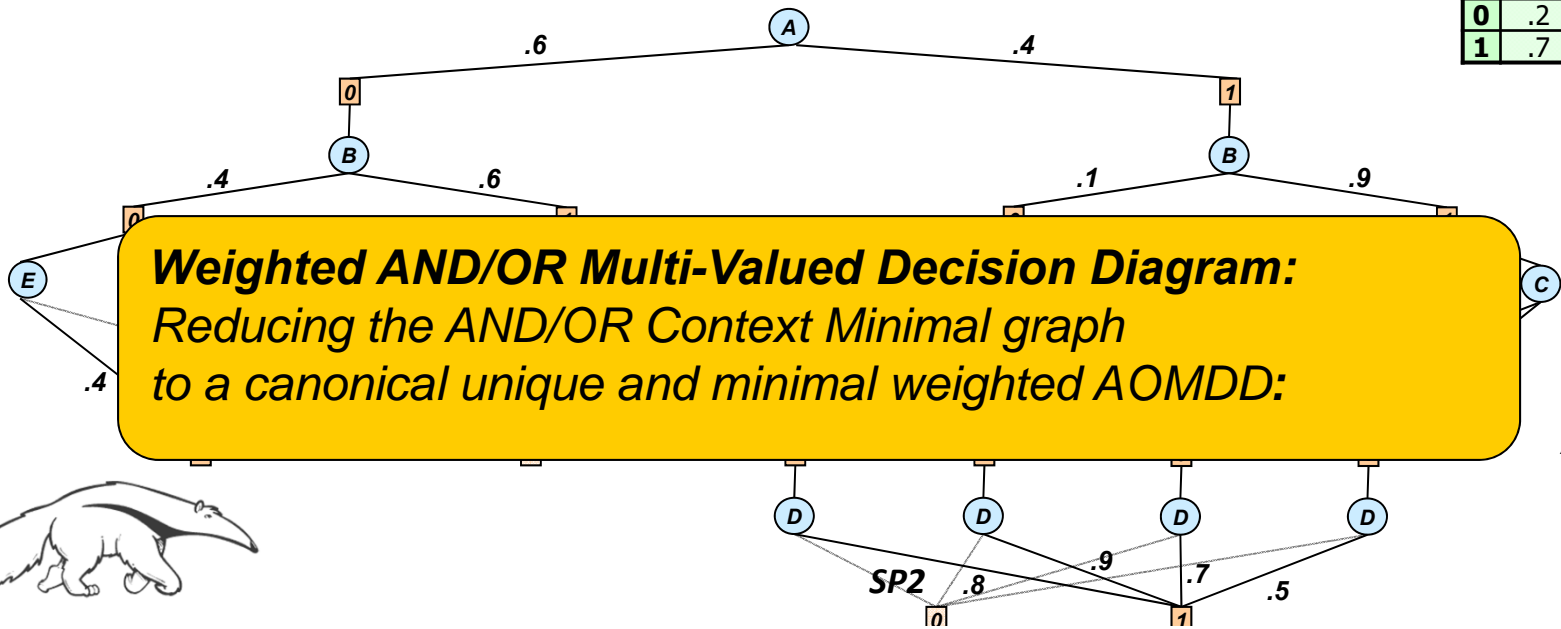
A	C=0	C=1
0	.2	.8
1	.7	.3

$P(A)$

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

Evidence: E=0

Weighted AND/OR Multi-Valued Decision Diagram:
Reducing the AND/OR Context Minimal graph to a canonical unique and minimal weighted AOMDD:



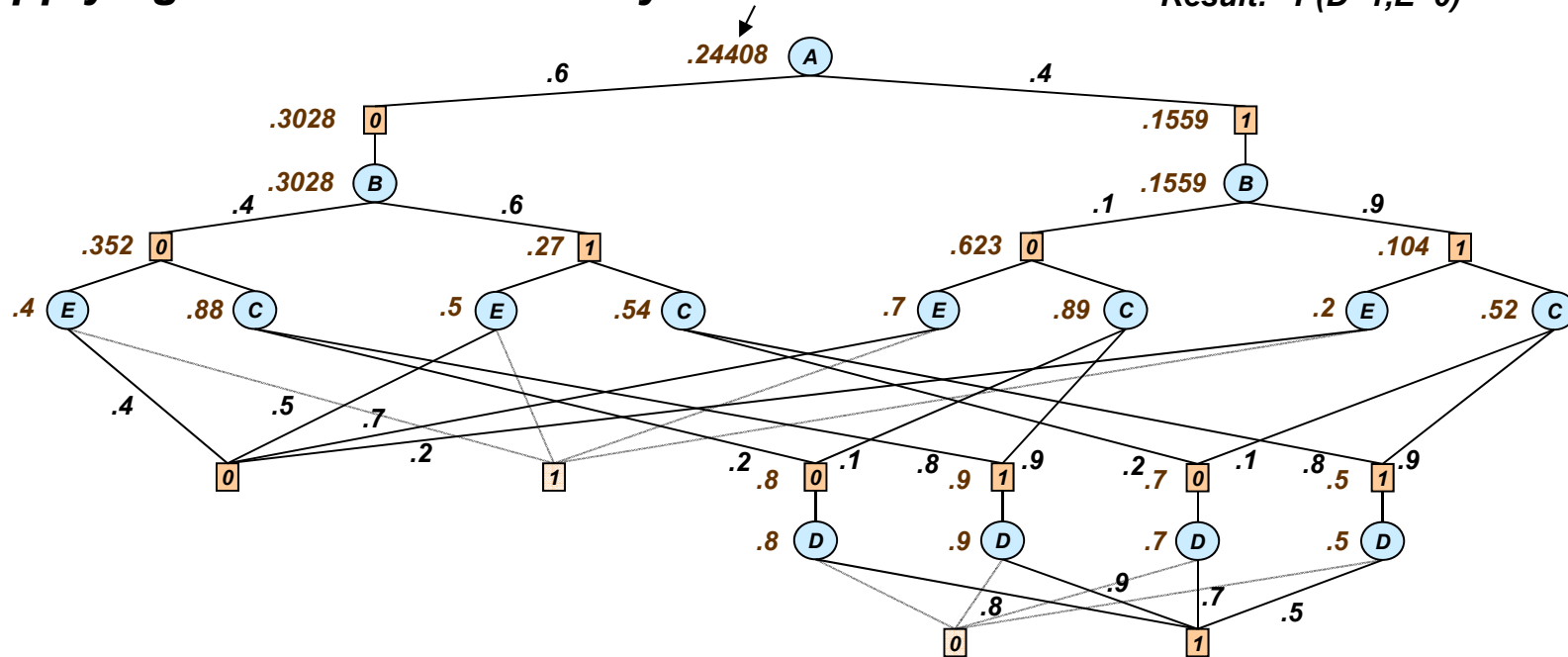
AND/OR context-minimal Graph



Answering Queries: Sum-Product

Applying Sum-Product is easy

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



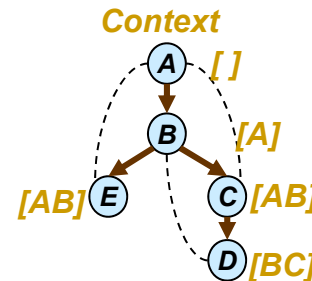
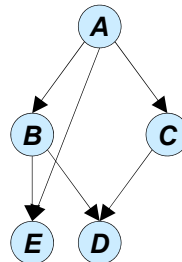
		$P(B A)$		$P(E A,B)$	
		A B=0	B=1	E=0	E=1
A	B	0	1	0	1
0	0	.4	.6	.4	.6
0	1	.1	.9	.5	.5
1	0	.7	.3	.7	.3
1	1	.2	.8	.2	.8

$P(C|A)$

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

$P(A)$

A	$P(A)$
0	.6
1	.4



Answering Queries: Sum-Product (Belief Updating)

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

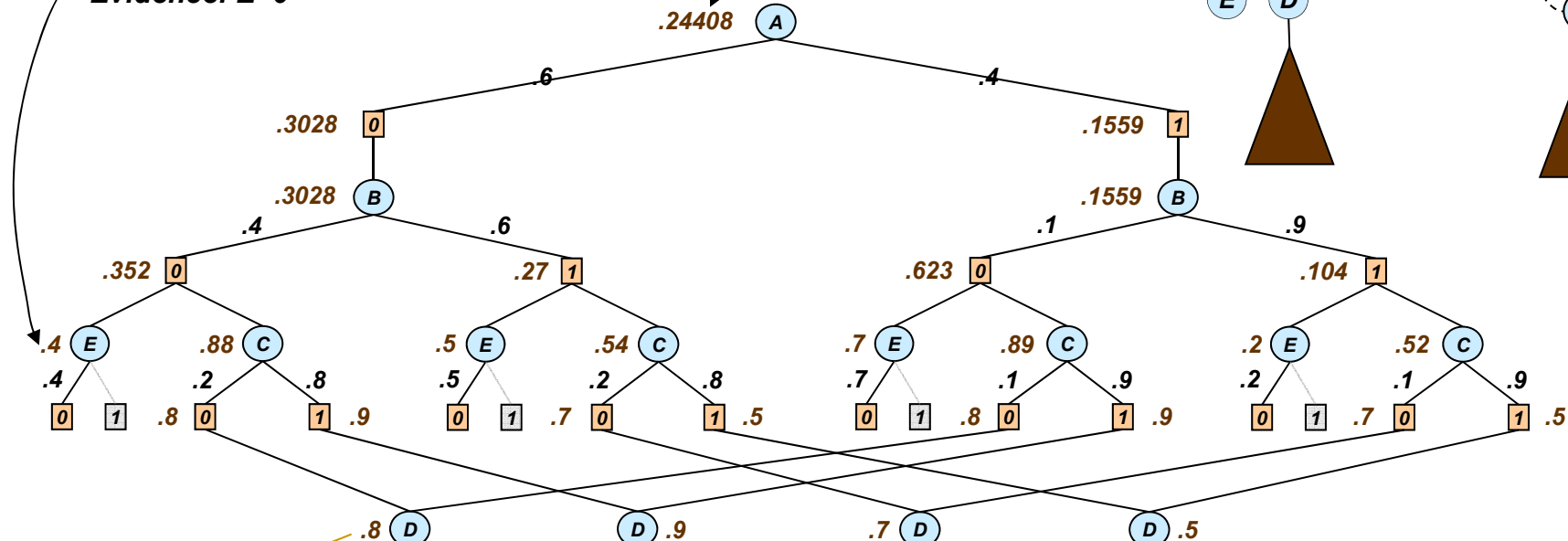
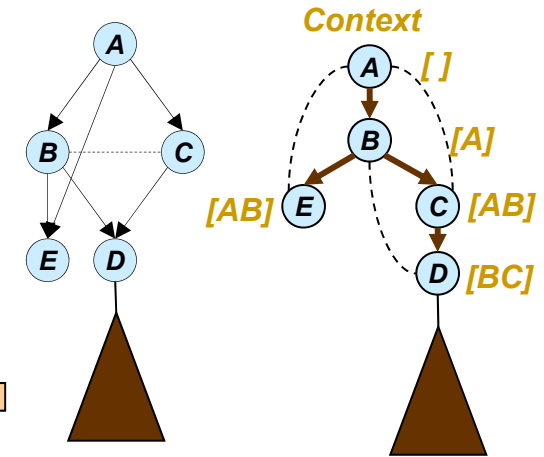
A	B=0	B=1
0	.4	.6
1	.1	.9

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

A	P(A)
0	.6
1	.4

Result: $P(D=1, E=0)$
.24408

Evidence: E=0



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

Cache table for D

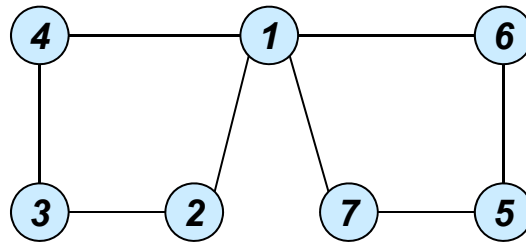


B	C	D=0	D=1
0	0	.2	.8
0	1	.1	.9
1	0	.3	.7
1	1	.5	.5

Evidence: D=1

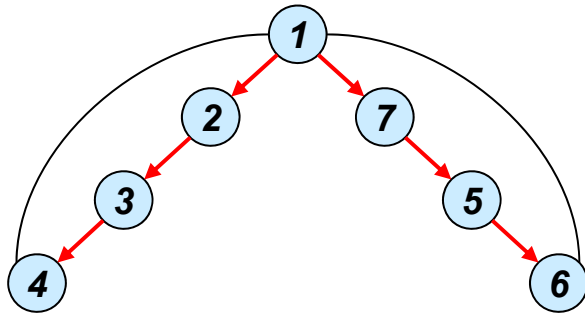
Pseudo-Trees

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

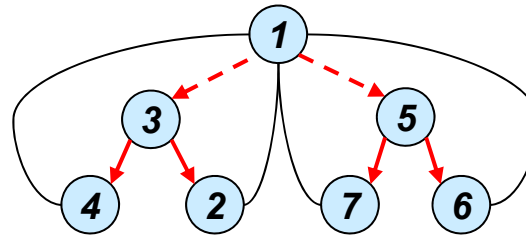


(a) Graph

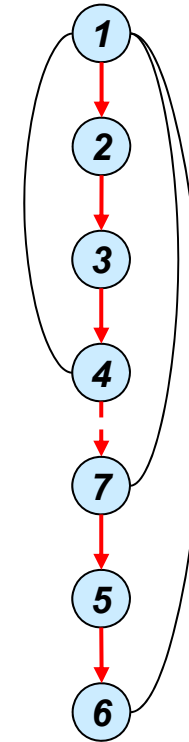
$$h \leq w * \log n$$



(b) DFS tree
depth=3



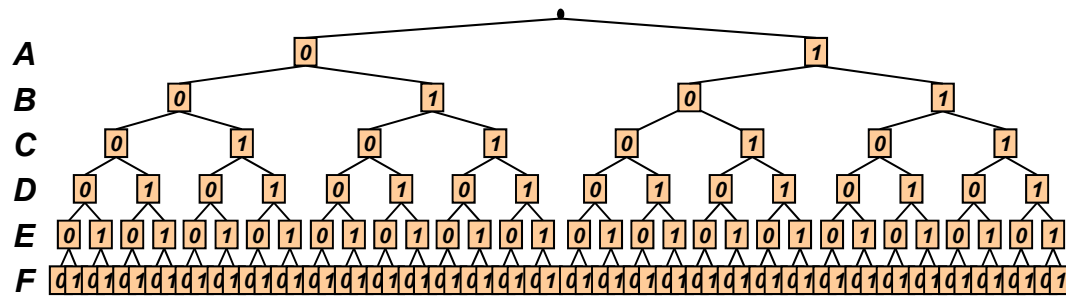
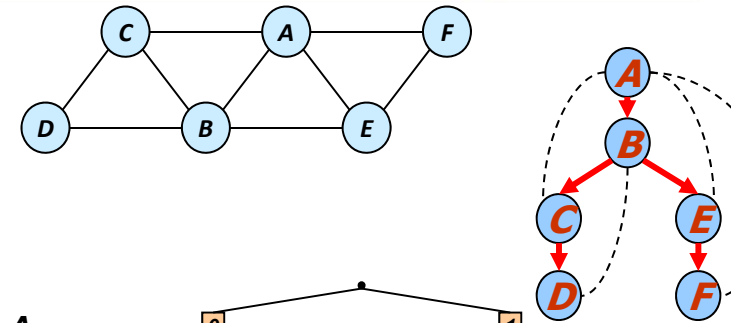
(c) pseudo-tree
depth=2



(d) Chain
depth=6

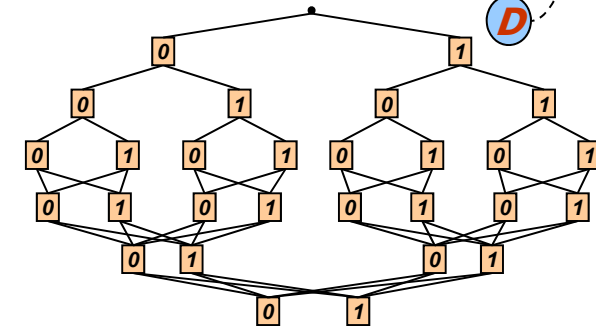


All Four Search Spaces



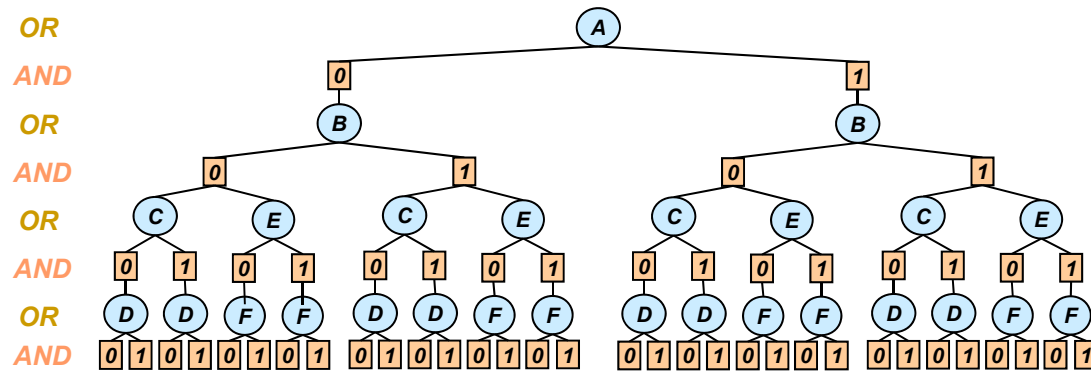
Full OR search tree

126 nodes



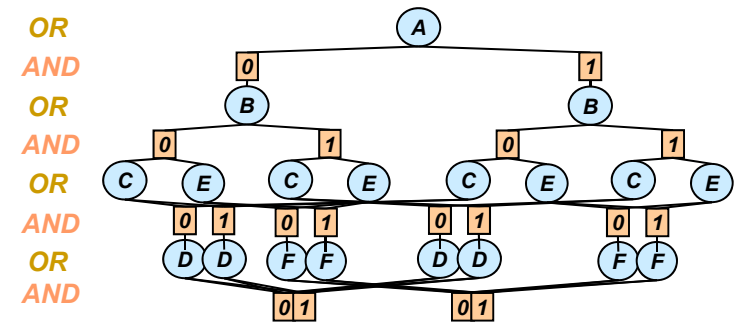
Context minimal OR search graph

28 nodes



Full AND/OR search tree

54 AND nodes



Context minimal AND/OR search graph

18 AND nodes



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

MAP: AND/OR BnB search



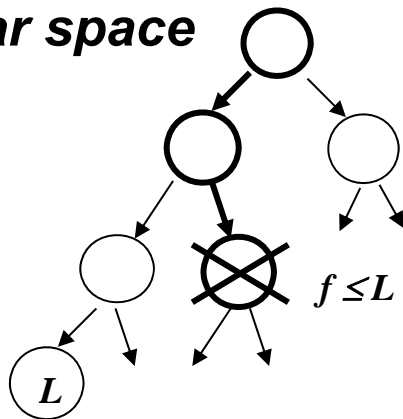
Basic Heuristic Search Schemes

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

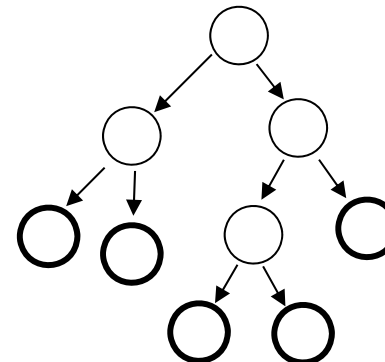
Use heuristic function $f(x^p)$ to prune the depth-first search tree

Linear space



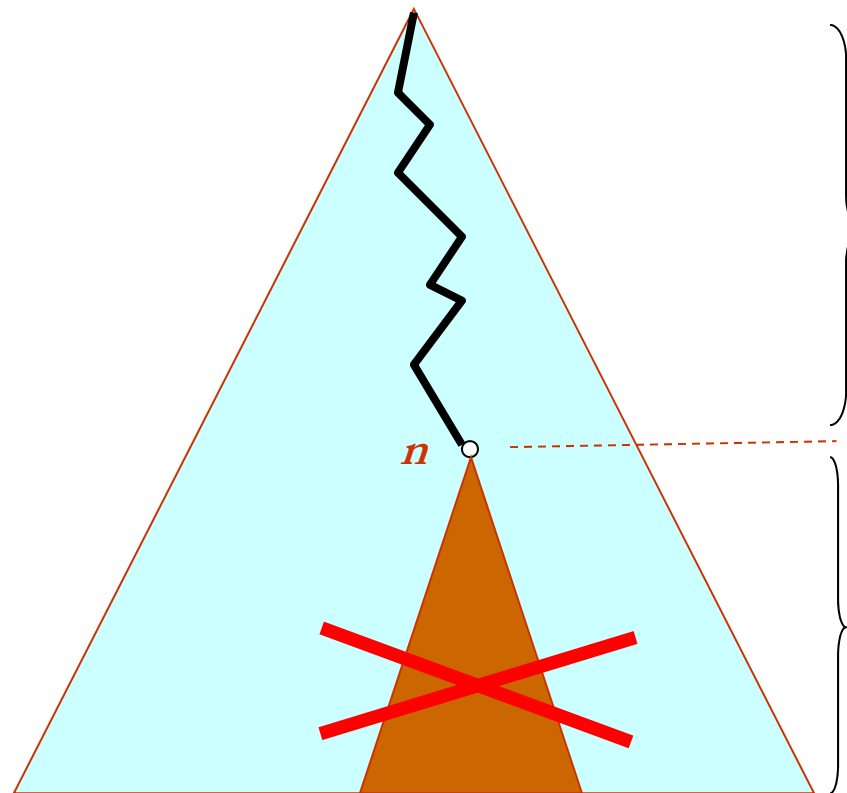
2. Best-First Search

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



Classic Branch-and-Bound

*Each node is a COP subproblem
(defined by current conditioning)*



$g(n)$


$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

$$f(n) = \text{lower bound}$$

Prune if $f(n) \geq UB$

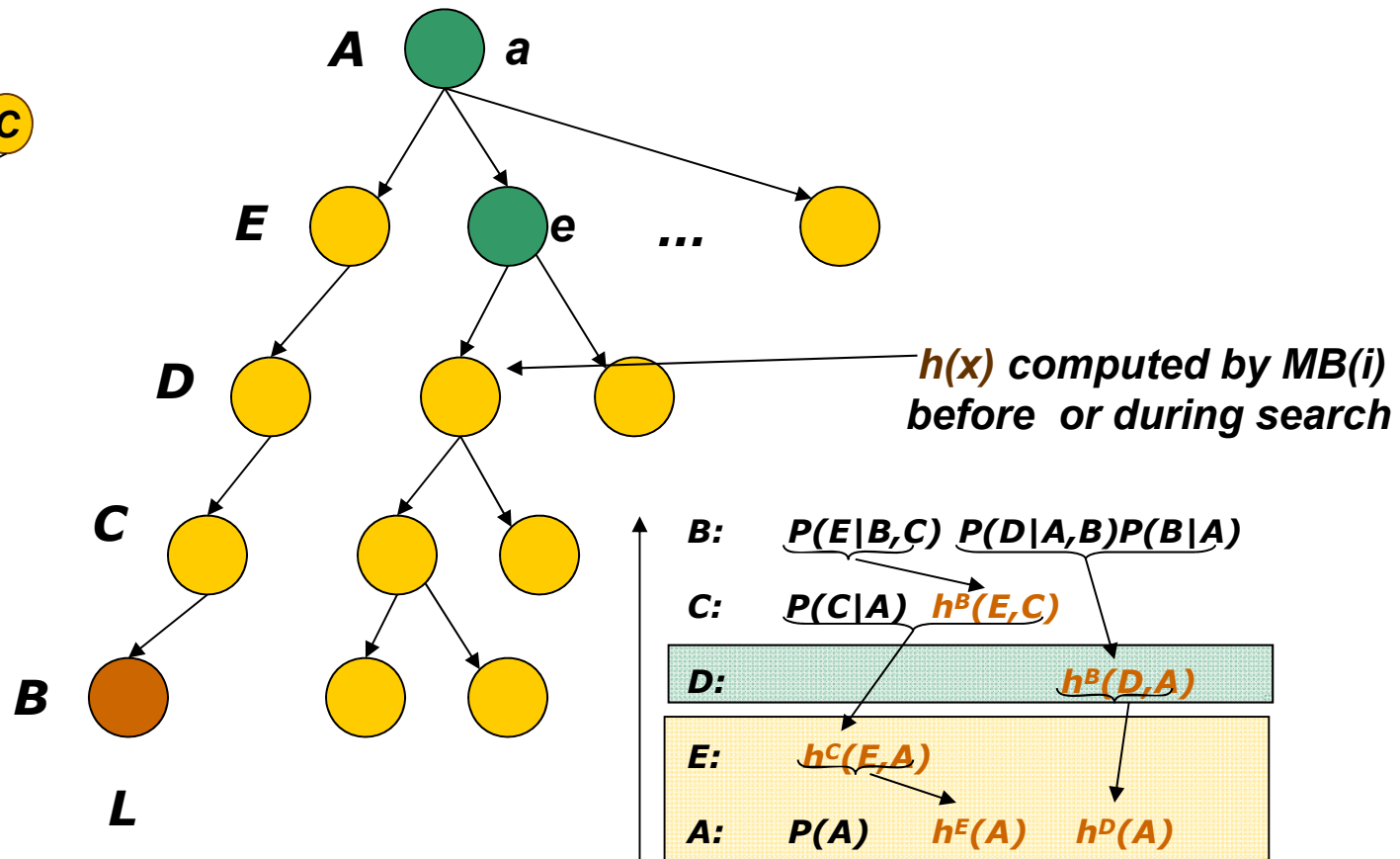
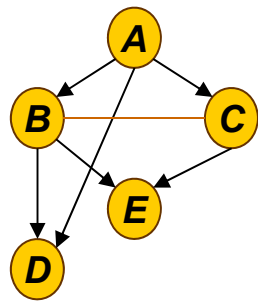
$h(n)$ - under-estimates
Optimal cost below n



 **(UB) Upper Bound = best solution so far**

Mini-bucket Heuristics for BB search

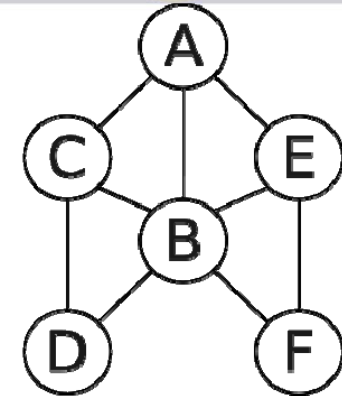
(Kask and dechterAIJ, 2001, Kask, Dechter and Marinescu 2004, 2005, 2009, Otten 2012)



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

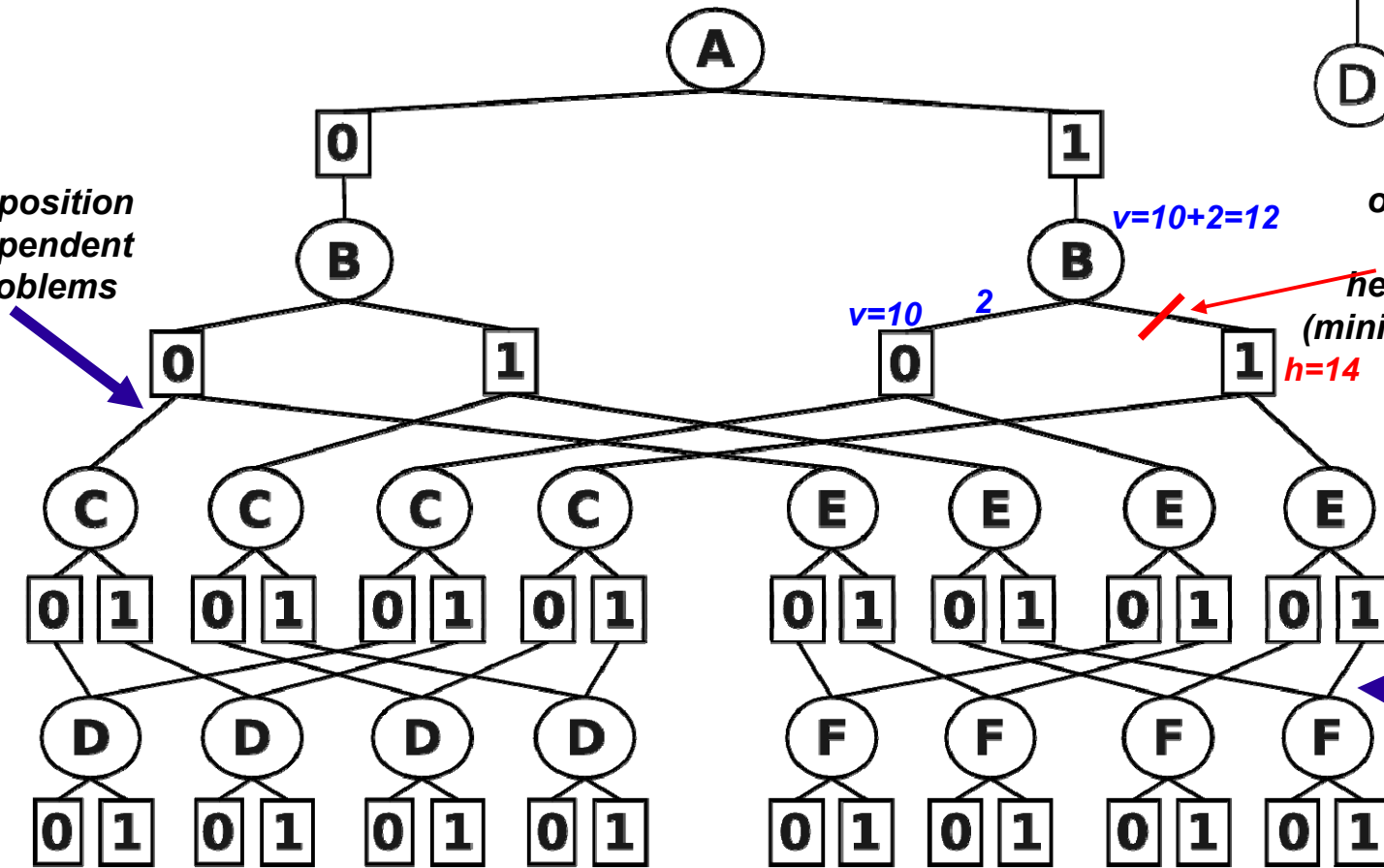


AND/OR Branch-and-Bound



Prune based on current best solution and heuristic estimate (mini-bucket heuristic).

Decomposition of independent subproblems



$h=14$

Cache table for F (independent of A)

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

MAP: Anytime, BnB

- Best-First, Recursive Best-First
- Anytime:
 - Breadth-Rotate AND/OR BnB
 - Weighted heuristic AND/OR search
- Finding m-best solutions

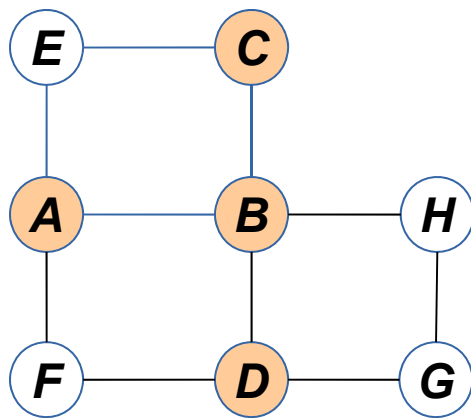


Marginal Map: AND/OR BnB Search

*AND/OR BnB over the appropriate search space
Guided by weighted mini-bucket +cost-shifting*



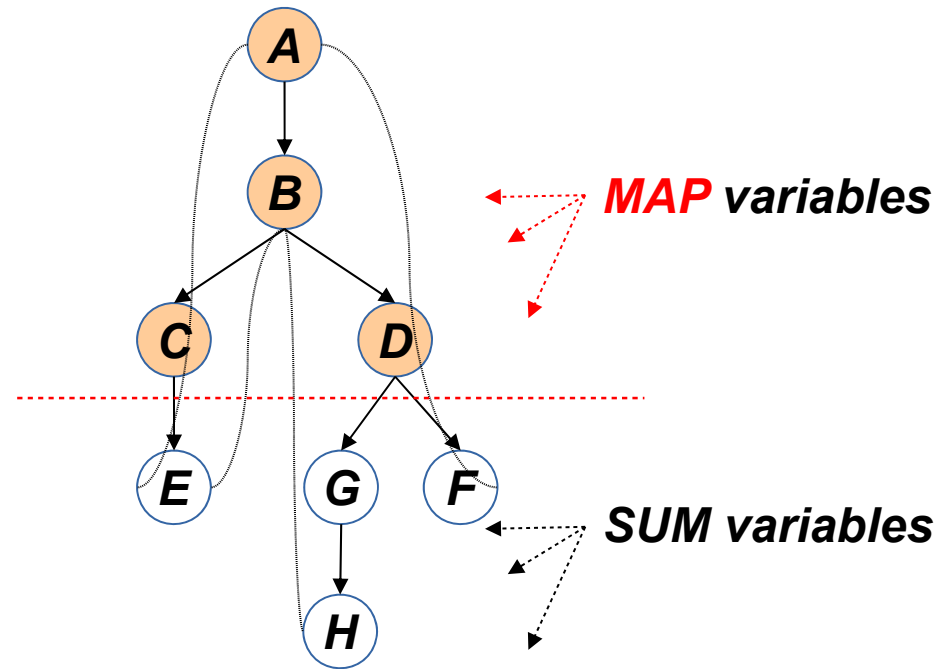
AND/OR Search Spaces for MMAP



primal graph

$$X_M = \{A, B, C, D\}$$

$$X_S = \{E, F, G, H\}$$

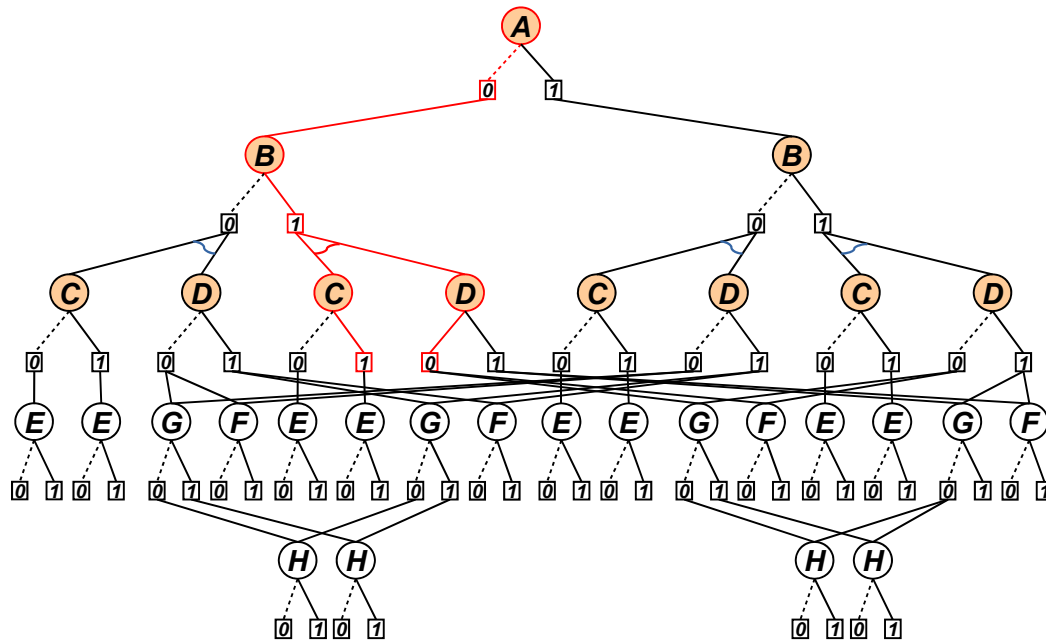


constrained pseudo tree

[Marinescu, Dechter and Ihler, 2014]



AND/OR Search Spaces for MMAP



Node types

OR (MAP): max

OR (SUM): sum

AND: multiplication

Arc weights

Derived from input F

**Problem decomposition over
MAP variables**



AND/OR Search for Marginal MAP

AOBB: Depth-First AND/OR Branch and Bound

Depth-first traversal of the AND/OR search graph

Prune only at OR nodes that correspond to MAP variables

Cost of MAP assignment obtained by searching the SUM sub-problem

AOBF: Best First AND/OR Search

Best-first (AO*) traversal of the AND/OR space corresponding to the MAP variables

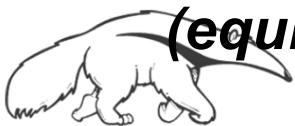
SUM subproblem solved exactly

RBFAOO: Recursive Best-First AND/OR Search

Recursive best-first traversal of the AND/OR graph

For SUM subproblems, the threshold is set to ∞

(equivalent to depth-first search)



AND/OR Search for Marginal MAP

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***Also Anytime Marginal
Map solvers***

corresponding to the MAP variables

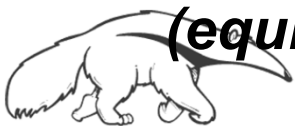
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Outline

- Graphical models, Queries
- Inference Algorithms
- Bounding Inference schemes (mini-bucket, re-parameterization)
- AND/OR search
- **Evaluation, Software**
- Conclusions and recent work: Parallelism, m-best, weighted best-first, marginal map, tree-SLS)



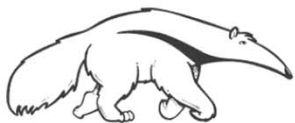
Software

- **aolib**

- <http://graphmod.ics.uci.edu/group/Software>
(standalone AOBB, AOBF solvers)

- **daoopt**

- <https://github.com/lotten/daoopt>
(distributed and standalone AOBB solver)



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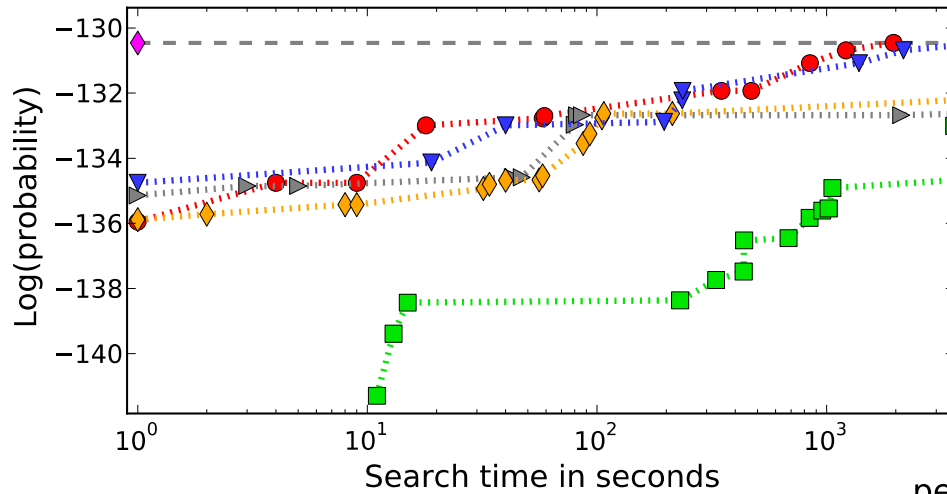
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2014		(daoopt)		

MPE/MAP

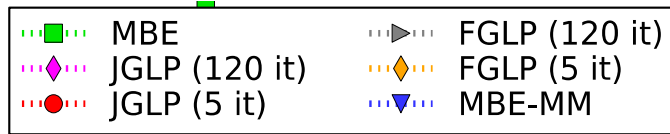
MMAP

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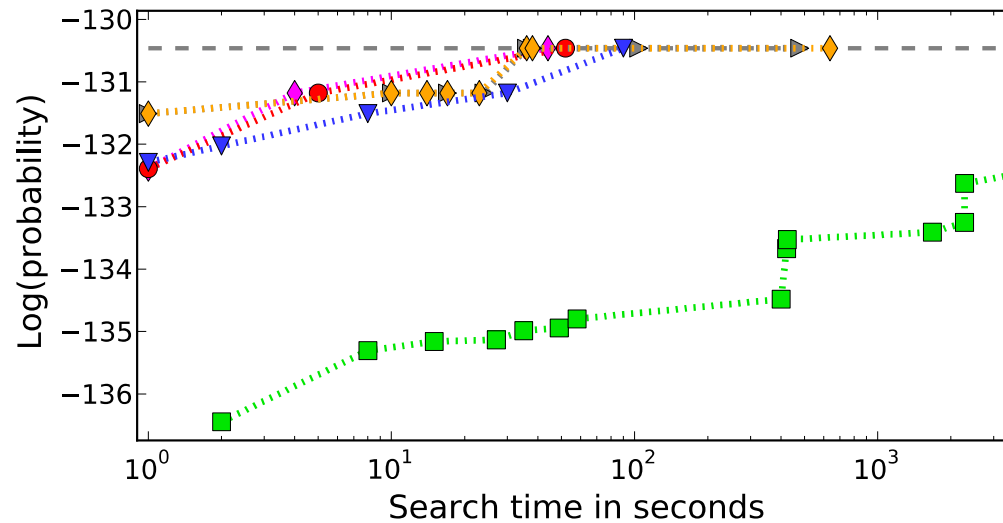
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Time bound – 24 h



pedigree31 (n=1183 k=5 w=30 h=85) i-bound=15

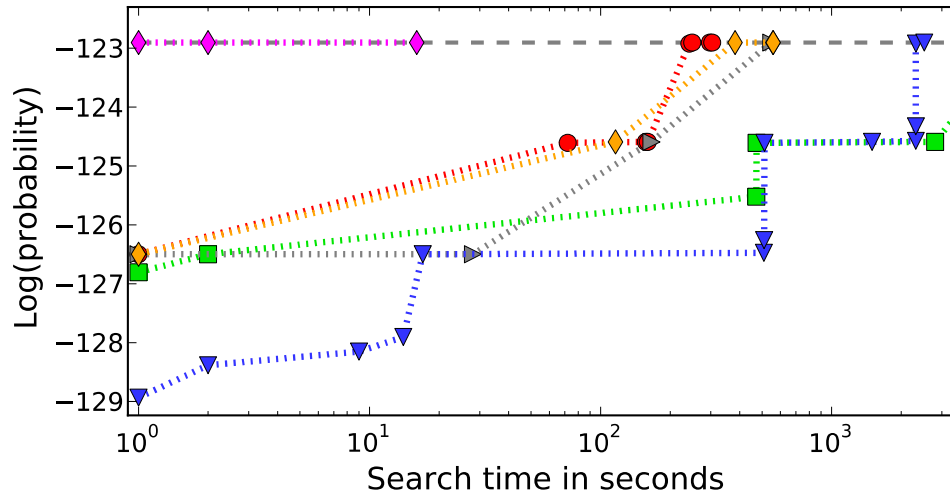


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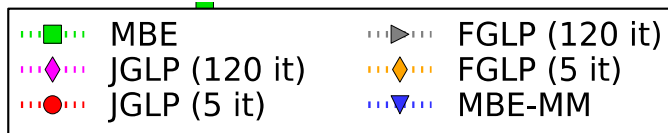


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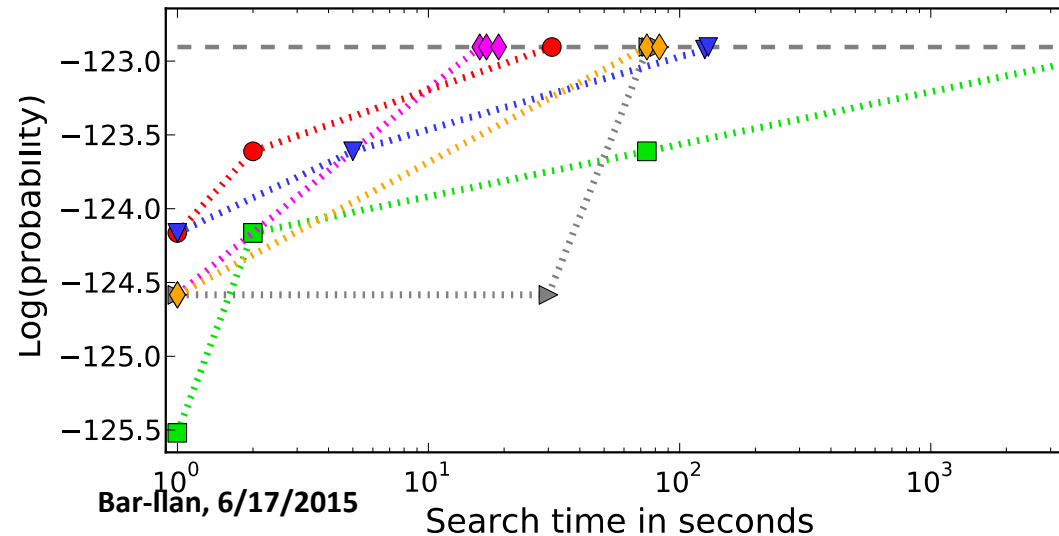
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Marginal Map results

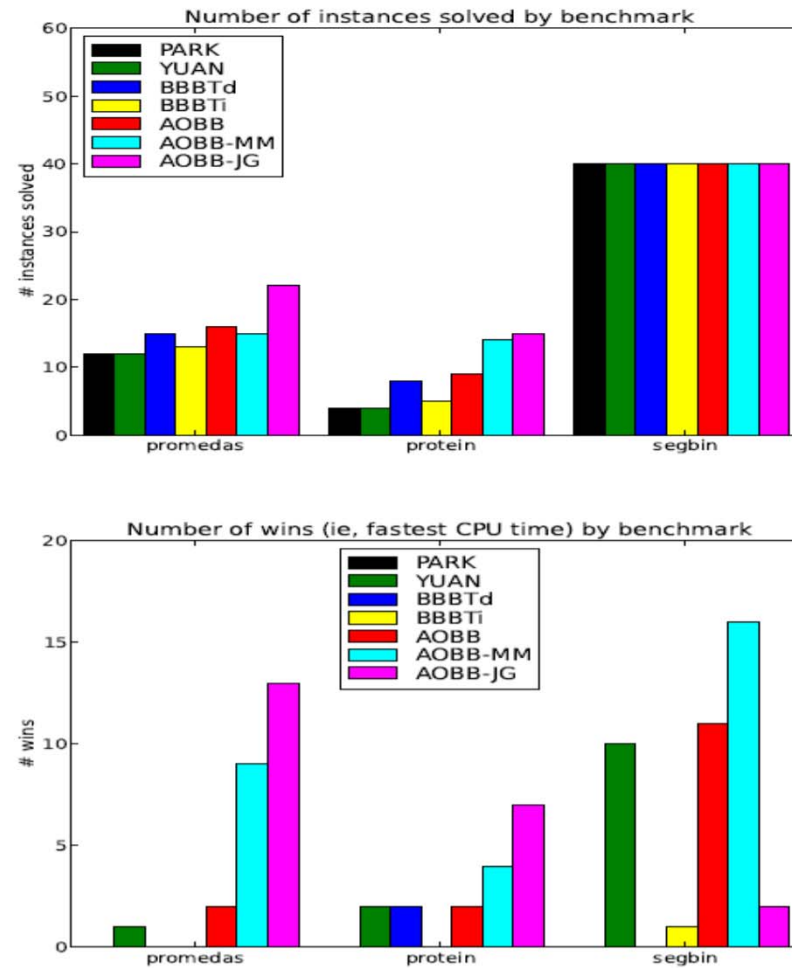


Figure 5: Number of instances solved (top) and number of wins (bottom) by benchmark.

Summary and Future work

- I have shown the primal graph of a graphical model can:
 - suggest effective relaxation and heuristics
 - Suggest a compact search graph
 - Can accommodate vibrational schemes
- Yields one of the best solvers
- *ILP and Boolean methods can be included.*
- *Current work: anytime scheme minimizing the upper-lower gap at termination anytime*
- *Anytime summation solvers*

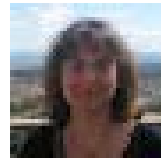


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