

Algorithms for Reasoning with graphical models

Slides Set 8: Search for Constraint Satisfaction

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(Dechter2 chapters 5-6, Dechter1 chapter 6)



Sudoku – Approximation: Constraint Propagation

- Constraint
- Propagation
- Inference

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- 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

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Outline: Search in CSPs

- Improving search by bounded-inference (constraint propagation) in looking ahead
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What if the CN is Not Backtrack-free?

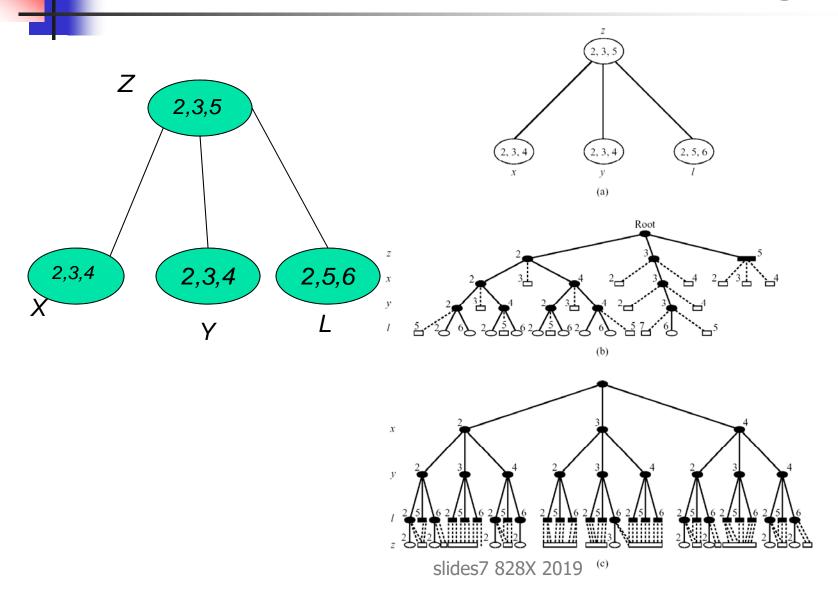
- Backtrack-free in general is too costly, so what to do?
- Search?
- What is the search space?
- How to search it? Breadth-first? Depth-first?



The Search Space for a CN

- A tree of all partial solutions
- A partial solution: $(a_1, ..., a_j)$ satisfying all relevant constraints
- The size of the underlying search space depends on:
 - Variable ordering
 - Level of consistency possessed by the problem

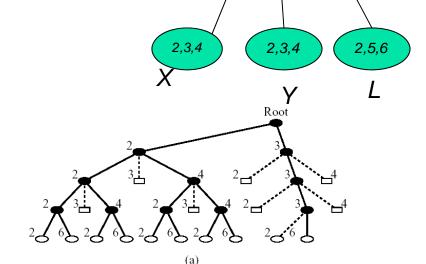
The Effect of Variable Ordering





The Effect of Consistency Level

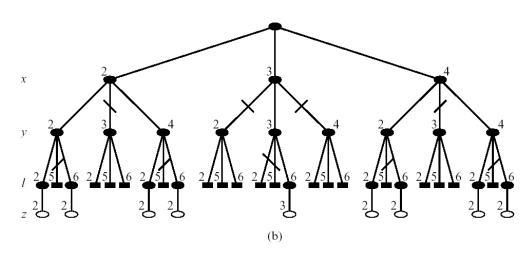
 After arc-consistency z=5 and l=5 are removed



2,3,5

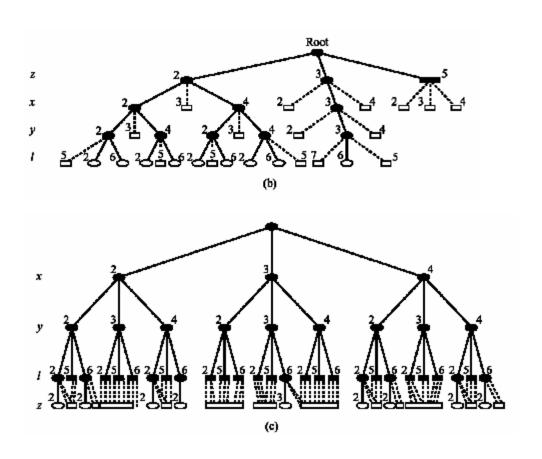
After path-consistency,

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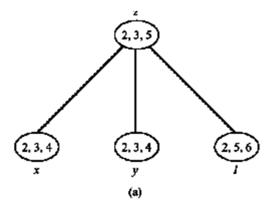




The Effect of Variable Ordering



z divides x, y and t





Sudoku – Search in Sudoku. Variable ordering? Constraint propagation?

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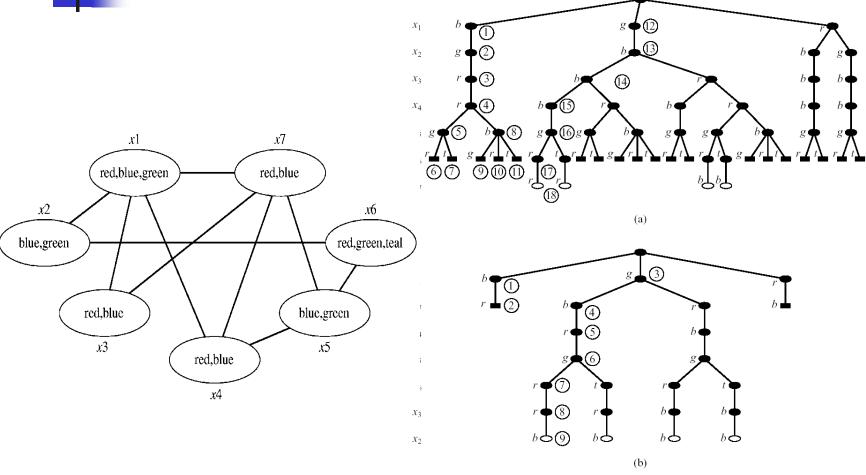
Alternative formulations: Variables? Domains? Constraints?

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Backtracking Search for a Solution

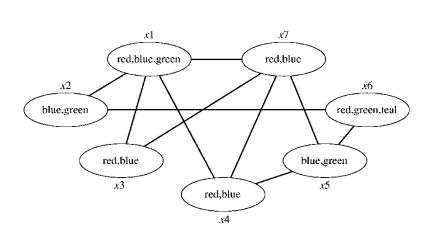


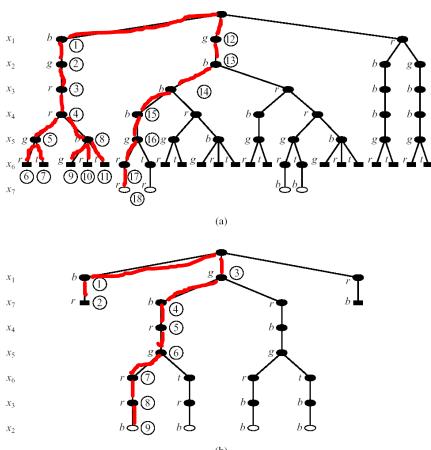
Second ordering = (1,7,4,5,6,3,2)

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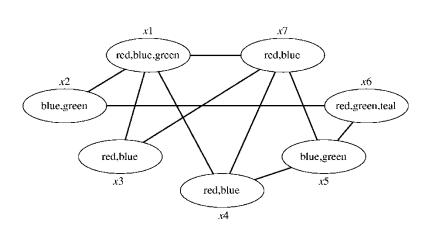
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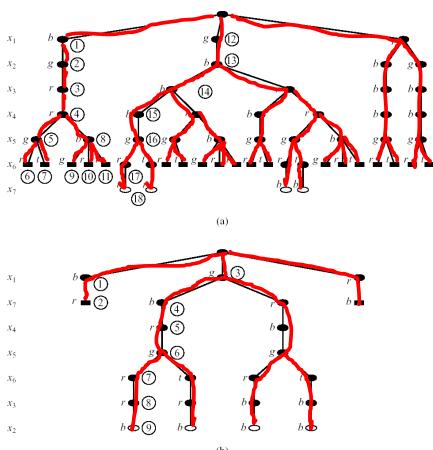






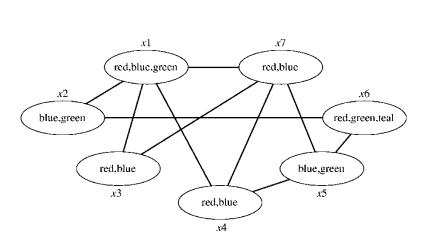
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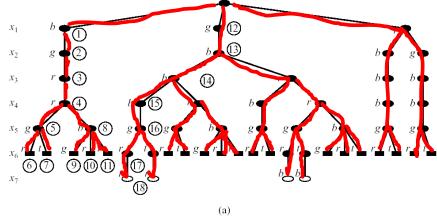


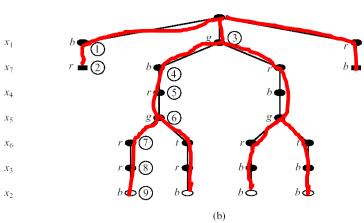
Backtracking search for *all* solutions



For all tasks Time: $O(k^n)$ Space: linear

n= number of variables
K = max domain size

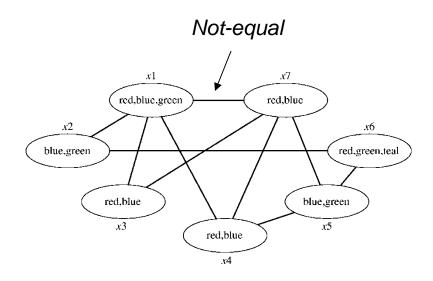




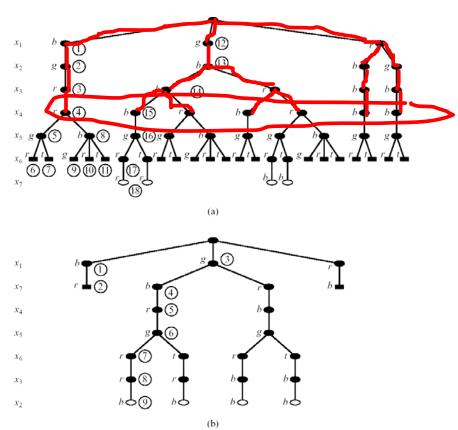
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Traversing Breadth-First (BFS)?



BFS memory is $O(k^n)$ while no Time gain \rightarrow use DFS





Improving Backtracking

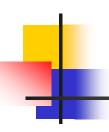
- Before search: (reducing the search space)
 - Arc-consistency, path-consistency
 - Variable ordering (fixed)
- During search:
 - Look-ahead schemes:
 - value ordering,
 - variable ordering (if not fixed)
 - Look-back schemes:
 - Backjump
 - Constraint recording or learning
 - Dependency-directed backtacking



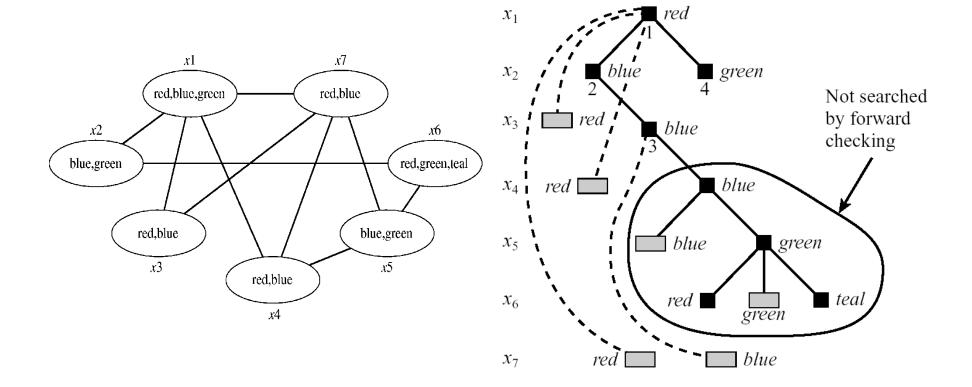
Look-Ahead: Value Orderings

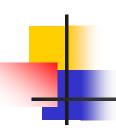
Intuition:

- Choose value least likely to yield a dead-end
- Approach: apply constraint propagation at each node in the search tree
- Forward-checking
 - (check each unassigned variable separately
- Maintaining arc-consistency (MAC)
 - (apply full arc-consistency)
- Full look-ahead
 - One pass of arc-consistency (AC-1)
- Partial look-ahead
 - directional-arc-consistency

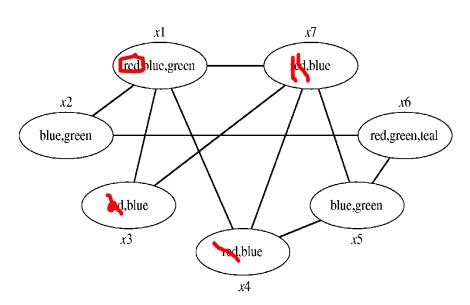


Forward-Checking for Value Ordering



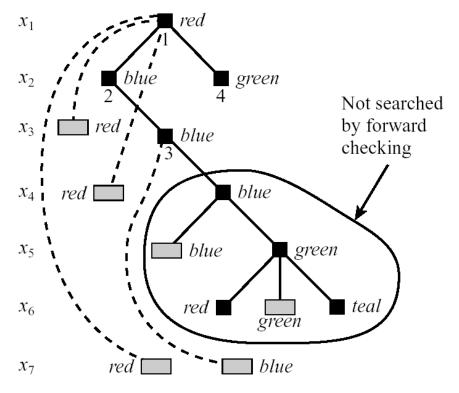


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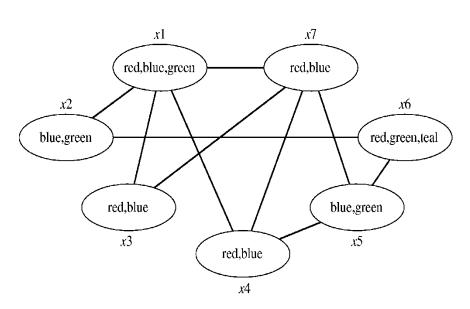


FW overhead: $O(ek^2)$





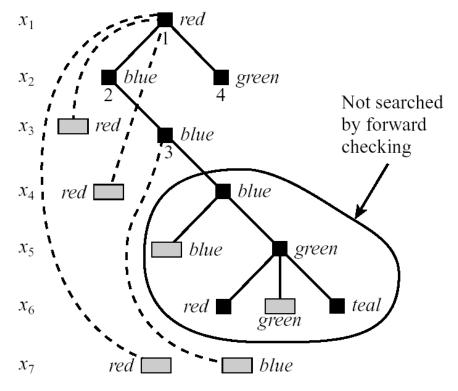




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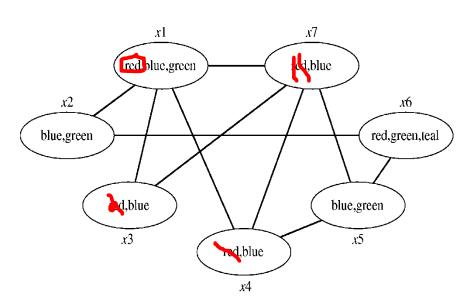
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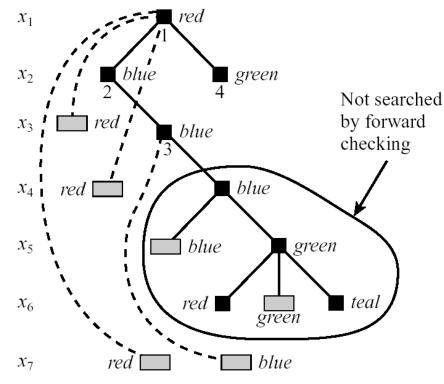


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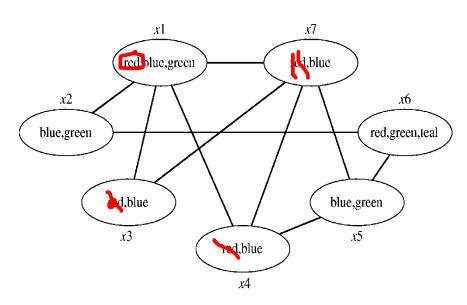
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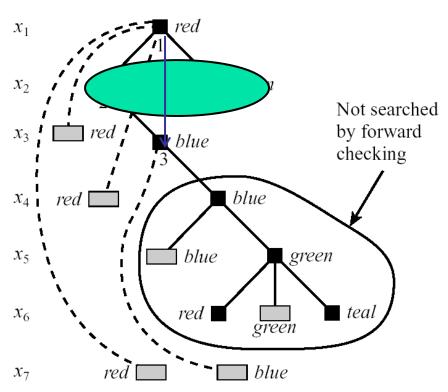


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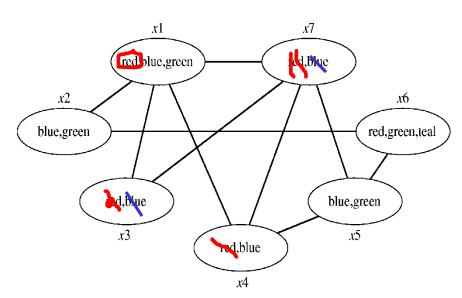
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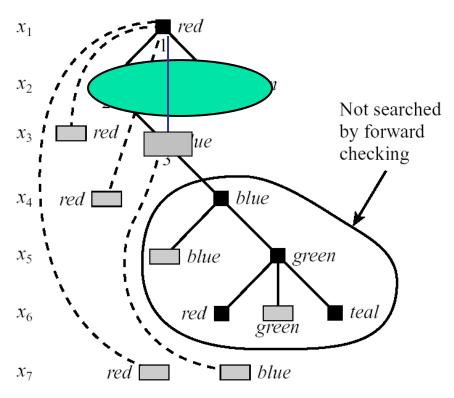
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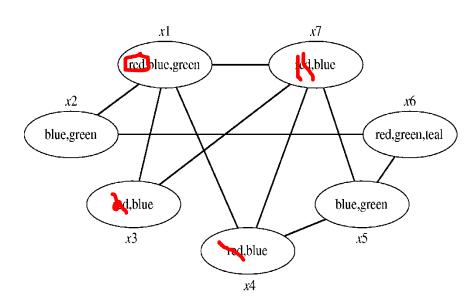
 $O(ek^2)$





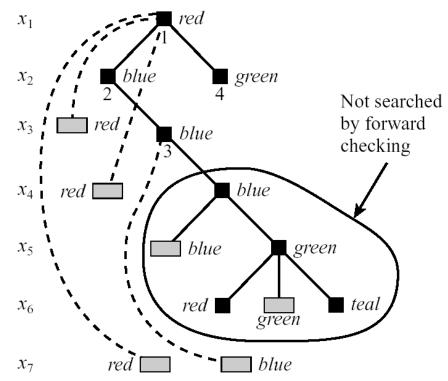


Arc-consistency for Value Ordering



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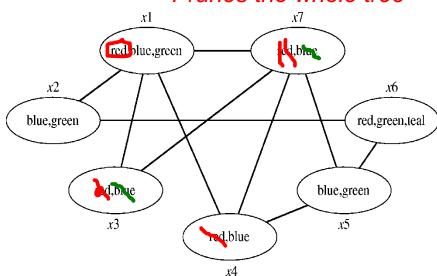




Arc-Consistency for Value Ordering

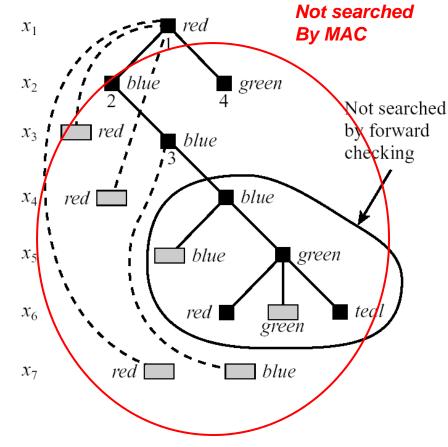
Arc-consistency prunes x1=red

Prunes the whole tree



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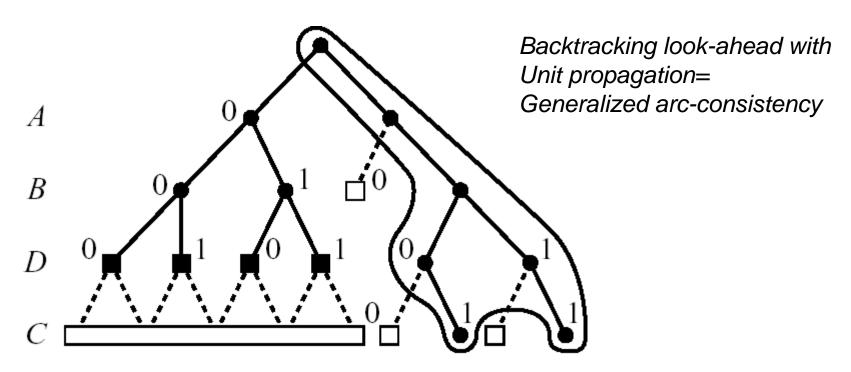
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Branching-Ahead for SAT: DLL

example: (~AVB)(~CVA)(AVBVD)(C)

(Davis, Logeman and Laveland, 1962)



Only enclosed area will be explored with unit-propagation



Constraint Programming

- Constraint solving embedded in programming languages
- Allows flexible modeling with algorithms
- Logic programs + forward checking
- Eclipse, ILog, OPL, minizinc
- Using only look-ahead schemes (is that true?)
- Numberjeck (in Python)



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Backjumping:

 In deadends, go back to the most recent culprit.

Learning:

- constraint-recording, no-good learning,
 Deep-learning, shallow learning
- good-recording
- Clause learning

Look-Back: Backjumping

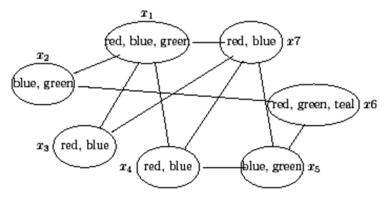
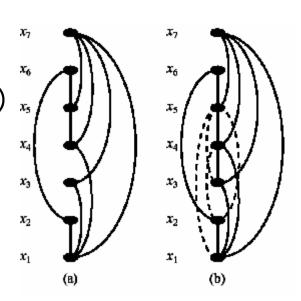


Figure 6.1: A modified coloring problem.

- $(X1=r,x2=b,x3=b,x4=b,x5=g,x6=r,x7=\{r,b\})$
- (r,b,b,b,g,r) conflict set of x7
- (r,-,b,b,g,-) c.s. of x7
- (r,-,b,-,-,-) minimal conflict-set
- Leaf deadend: (r,b,b,b,g,r)
- Every conflict-set is a no-good





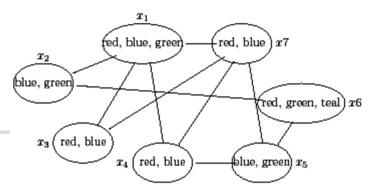
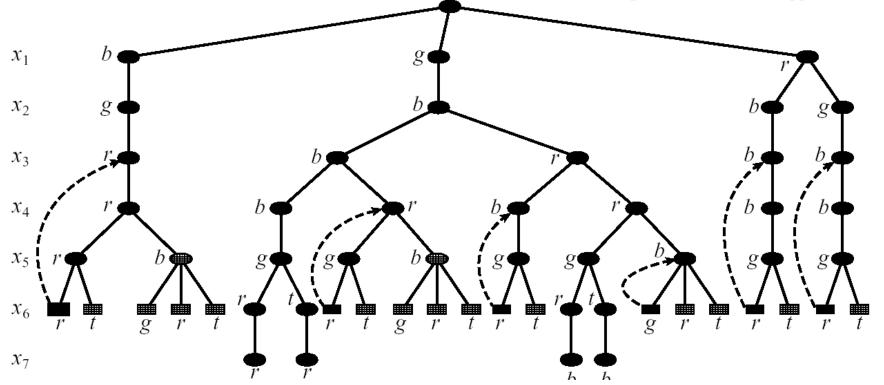


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Jumps at Leaf Dead-End (Gascnnig 1977)

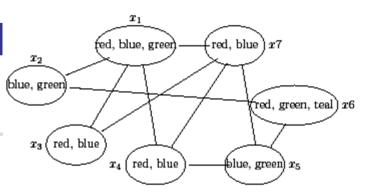
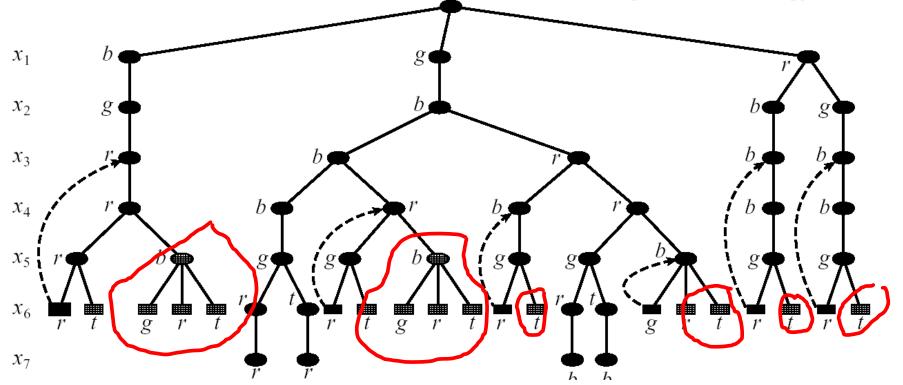


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Graph-Based Backjumping Scenarios Internal Deadend at X4

- Scenario 1, deadend at x4:
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- Scenario 3: deadend at x7:
- Scenario 4: deadend at x6:

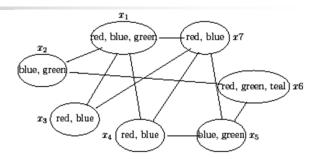
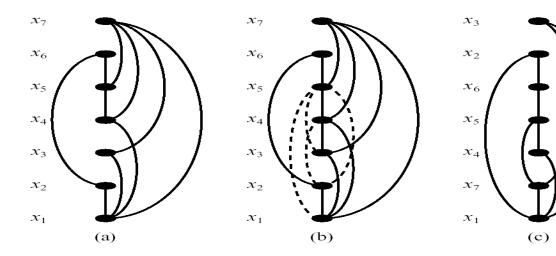


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Graph-Based Backjumping

- Uses only graph information to find culprit
- Jumps both at leaf and at internal dead-ends
- Whenever a deadend occurs at x, it jumps to the most recent variable y connected to x in the graph. If y is an internal deadend it jumps back further to the most recent variable connected to x or y.
- The analysis of conflict is approximated by the graph.
- Graph-based algorithm provide graph-theoretic bounds.



Properties of Graph-Based Backjumping

- Algorithm graph-based backjumping jumps back at any deadend variable as far as graph-based information allows.
- For each variable, the algorithm maintains the induced-ancestor set l_i relative the relevant deadends in its current session.
- The size of the induced ancestor set is at most w*(d).

Graph-based Backjumping on DFS ordering

- **Example:** $d = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7$
- Constraints: (6,7)(5,2)(2,3)(5,7)(2,7)(2,1)(2,3)(1,4)3,4)
- Rule: go back to parent. No need to maintain parent set

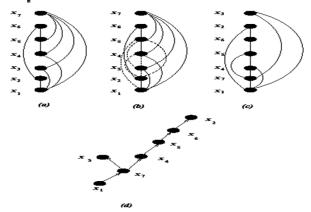


Figure 6.6: Several ordered constraint graphs of the problem in Figure 6.1: (a) along ordering $d_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)$, (b) the induced graph along d_1 , (c) along ordering $d_2 = (x_1, x_7, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_2, x_3)$, and (d) a DFS spanning tree along ordering d_2 .

Theorem 6.5.2 Given a DFS ordering of the constraint graph, if f(x) denotes the DFS parent of x, then, upon a dead-end at x, f(x) is x's graph-based earliest safe variable for both leaf and internal dead-ends.

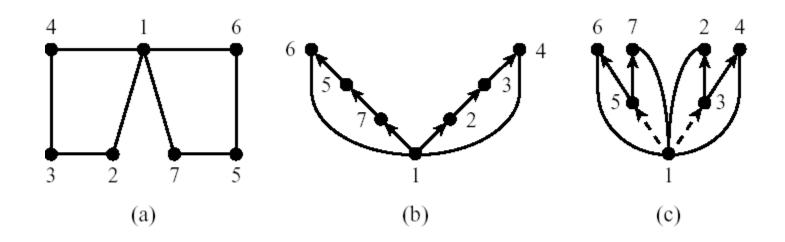


Backjumping Styles

- Jump at leaf only (Gaschnig 1977)
 - Context-based
- Graph-based (Dechter, 1990)
 - Jumps at leaf and internal dead-ends, graph information
- Conflict-directed (Prosser 1993)
 - Context-based, jumps at leaf and internal dead-ends



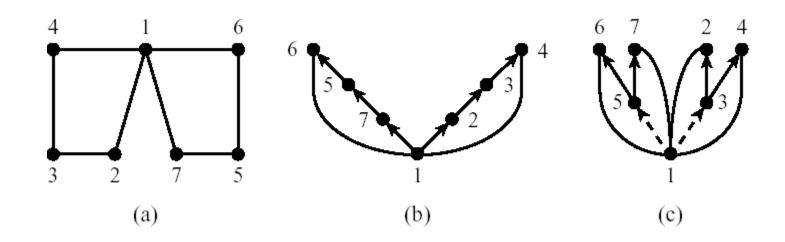
DFS of graph and induced graphs



Spanning-tree of a graph;
DFS spanning trees, Pseudo-tree
Pseudo-tree is a spanning tree that does not allow arcs across branches.



Complexity of Backjumping Uses Pseudo-Tree Analysis



Simple: always jump back to parent in pseudo tree

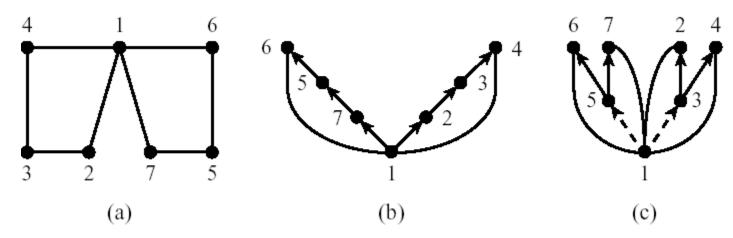
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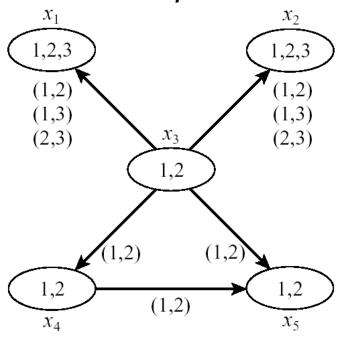


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- Complexity for csp: exp(w*log n), exp(m), m= depth
- From exp(n) to exp(w*logn) while linear space
- (proof details: exercise)

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Look-back: NoGood Learning

Learning means recording conflict sets used as constraints to prune future search space.



- (x1=2,x2=2,x3=1,x4=2) is a dead-end
- Conflicts to record:
 - (x1=2,x2=2,x3=1,x4=2) 4-ary
 - (x3=1,x4=2) binary
 - (x4=2) unary



Learning, Constraint Recording

- Learning means recording conflict sets
- An opportunity to learn is when deadend is discovered.
- Goal of learning is to not discover the same deadends.
- Try to identify small conflict sets
- Learning prunes the search space.

No-good Learning Example x_6 x_6 x_6 x_6 x_8 $x_$

Figure 6.9: The search space explicated by backtracking on the CSP from Figure 6.1, using the variable ordering $(x_6, x_3, x_4, x_2, x_7, x_1, x_5)$ and the value ordering (blue, red, green, teal). Part (a) shows the ordered constraint graph, part (b) illustrates the search space. The cut lines in (b) indicate branches not explored when graph-based learning is used.

(b)

 x_I^g

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(a)



Learning Issues

- Learning styles
 - Graph-based or context-based
 - i-bounded, scope-bounded
 - Relevance-based
- Non-systematic randomized learning
- Implies time and space overhead
- Applicable to SAT: CDCL (Conflict-Directed Clause Learning)



Deep Learning

- Deep learning: recording all and only minimal conflict sets
- Example:
- Although most accurate, or "deepest", overhead can be prohibitive: the number of conflict sets in the worst-case:

$$\binom{r}{r/2} = 2^r$$

<u>https://medium.com/a-computer-of-ones-own/rina-dechter-deep-learning-pioneer-e7e9ccc96c6e</u>

Bounded and Relevance-Based Learning

Bounding the arity of constraints recorded.

- When bound is i: i-ordered graph-based,i-order jumpback or i-order deep learning.
- Overhead complexity of i-bounded learning is time and space exponential in i.

Definition 6.7.3 (i-relevant) A no-good is i-relevant if it differs from the current partial assignment by at most i variable-value pairs.

Definition 6.7.4 (i'th order relevance-bounded learning) An i'th order relevance-bounded learning scheme maintains only those learned no-goods that are i-relevant.



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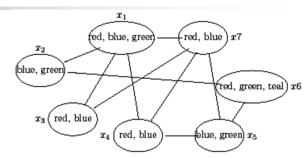
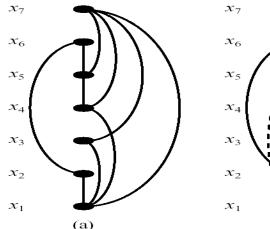
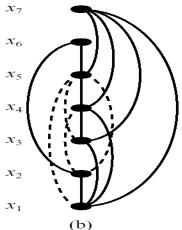
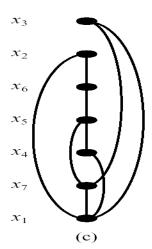


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Complexity of Backtrack-Learning for CSP

The complexity of learning along d is time and space exponential in w*(d):

For graph-based learning the number of dead ends is bounded by $O(nk^{w^*(d)})$ Number of constraint tests per dead-end are O(e)

Space complexity is Time complexity is

$$O(nk^{w*(d)})$$
 $O(n^2 \cdot k^{w*(d)+1})$

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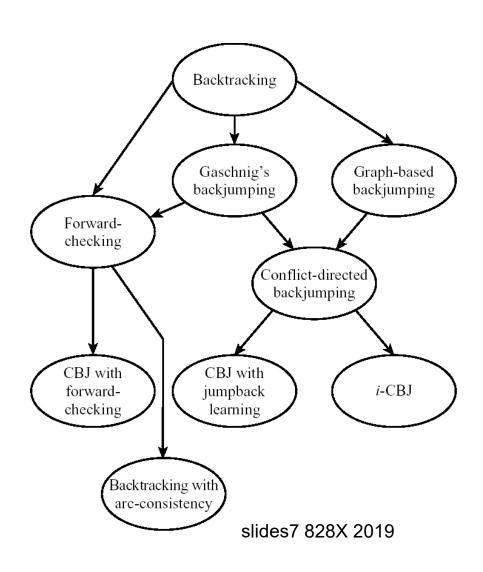
Proof of Complexity NG learning

Theorem 6.7.5 Let d be an ordering of a constraint graph, and let $w^*(d)$ be its induced width. Any backtracking algorithm using ordering d with graph-based learning has a space complexity of $O(n \cdot (k)^{w^*(d)})$ and a time complexity of $O(n^2 \cdot (2k)^{w^*(d)+1})$, where n is the number of variables and k bounds the domain sizes.

Proof: Graph-based learning has a one-to-one correspondence between dead-ends and conflict sets. Backtracking with graph-based learning along d records conflict sets of size $w^*(d)$ or less, because the dead-end variable will not be connected to more than $w^*(d)$ earlier variables by both original constraints and recorded ones. Therefore the number of dead-ends is bounded by the number of possible no-goods of size $w^*(d)$ or less. Moreover, a dead-end at a particular variable x can occur at most $k^{w^*(d)}$ times after which point constraints are learned excluding all possible assignments of its induced parents. So the total number of dead-ends for backtracking with learning is $O(n \cdot k^{w^*(d)})$, yielding space complexity of $O(n \cdot k^{w^*(d)})$. Since the total number of values considered between successive dead-ends is at most O(kn), the total number of values considered during backtracking with learning is $O(kn \cdot n \cdot k^{w^*(d)}) = O(n^2 \cdot k^{w^*(d)+1})$. Since each value requires testing all constraints defined over the current variable, and at most $w^*(d)$ prior variables, at most $O(2^{w^*(d)})$ constraints are checked per value test, yielding a time complexity bound of $O(n^2(2k)^{w^*(d)+1})$. \square



Relationships between various backtracking algrithms





Moving to New Queries

- Consistency and one solution.
- Counting
- Enumerating



Bucket-elimination for counting

Algorithm elim-count

Input: A constraint network R = (X, D, C), ordering d.

Output: Augmented output buckets including the

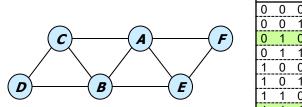
intermediate count functions and The number of solutions.

Initialize: Partition C (0-1 cost functions) into ordered buckets bucket₁, ..., bucket_n,
 We denote a function in a bucket N_i, and its scope S_i.)

- Backward: For p ← n downto 1, do
 Generate the function N^p: N^p = ∑_{Xp} ∏_{N_i∈bucket_p} N_i.
 Add N^p to the bucket of the latest variable in ⋃^j_{i=1} S_i − {X_p}.
- Return the number of solutions, N¹ and the set of output buckets with the original and computed functions.

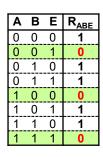


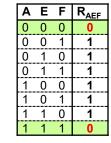
#CSP - Tree DFS Traversal

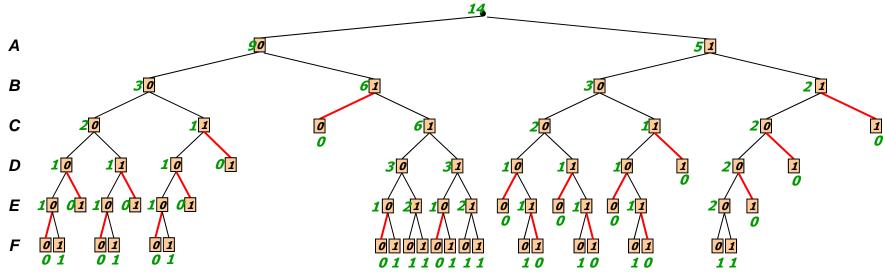


| Α | В | С | R _{ABC} |
|---|---|---|------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| В | С | D | R _{BCD} |
|---|---|---|------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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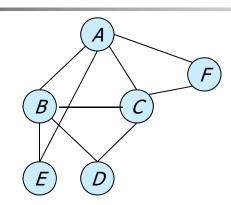
Value of node = number of solutions below it

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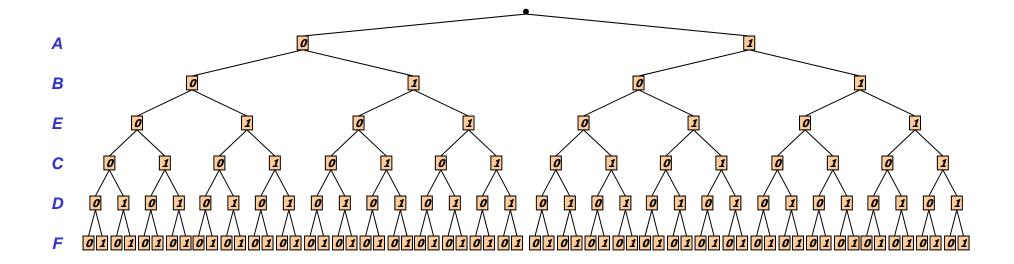
Outline

- Improving search by bounded-inference in branching ahead
- Improving search by looking-back
- The alternative AND/OR search space

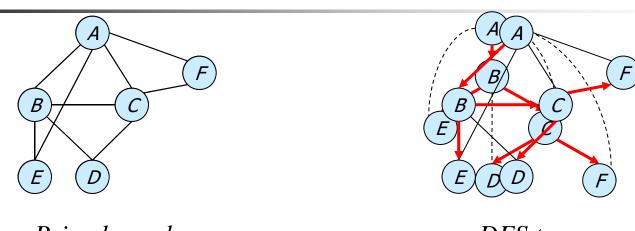
OR Search Space



Ordering: A B E C D F

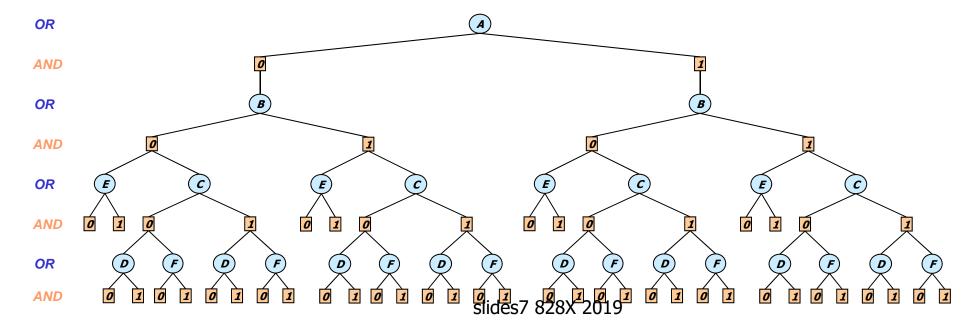


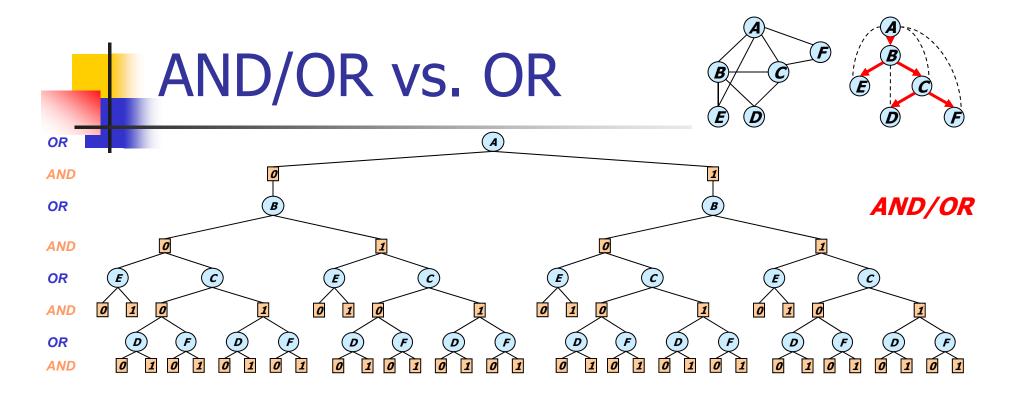
AND/OR Search Space



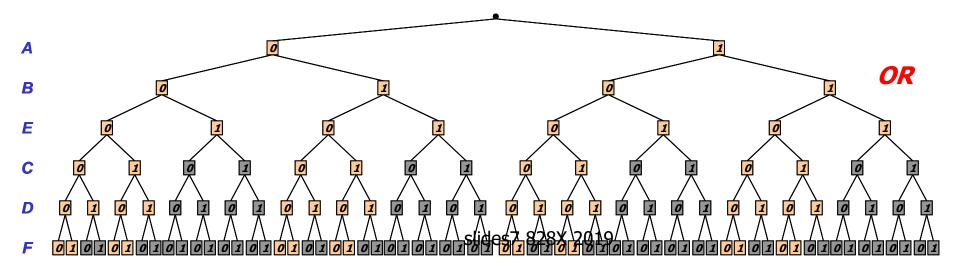
Primal graph

DFS tree





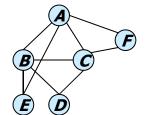
AND/OR size: exp(4), OR size exp(6)

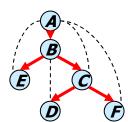


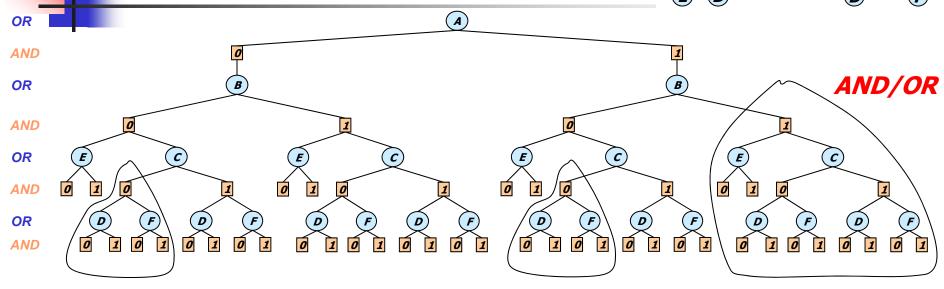


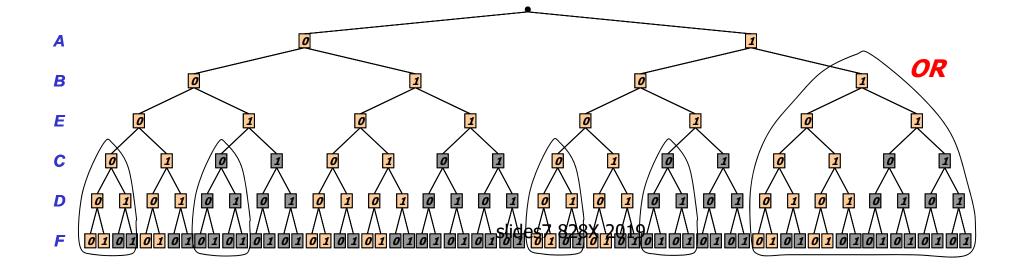
AND/OR vs. OR

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



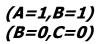


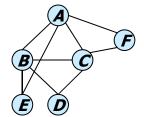


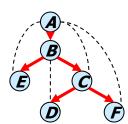


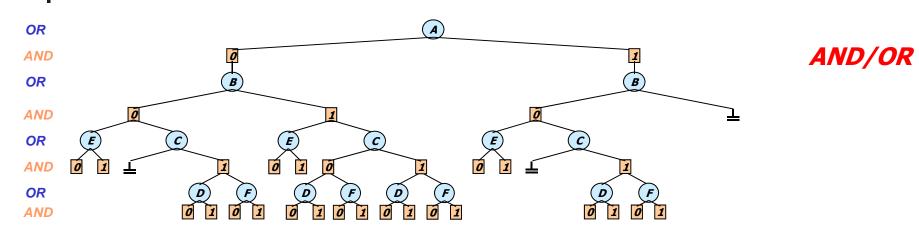


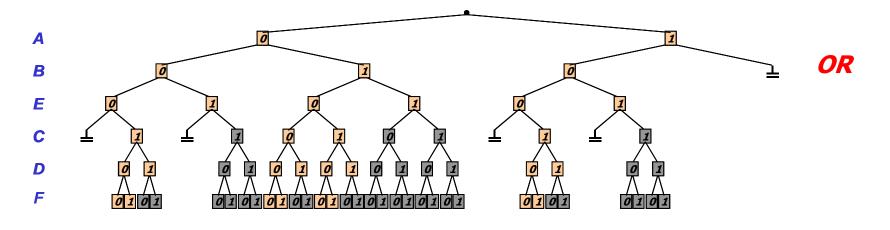
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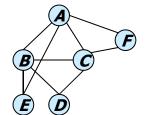


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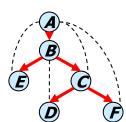
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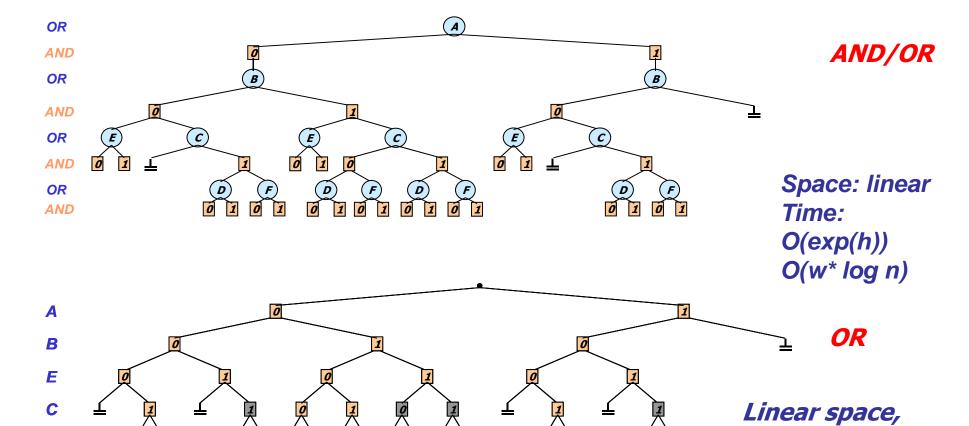
(A=1,B=1)(B=0,C=0)



Time:

O(exp(n))





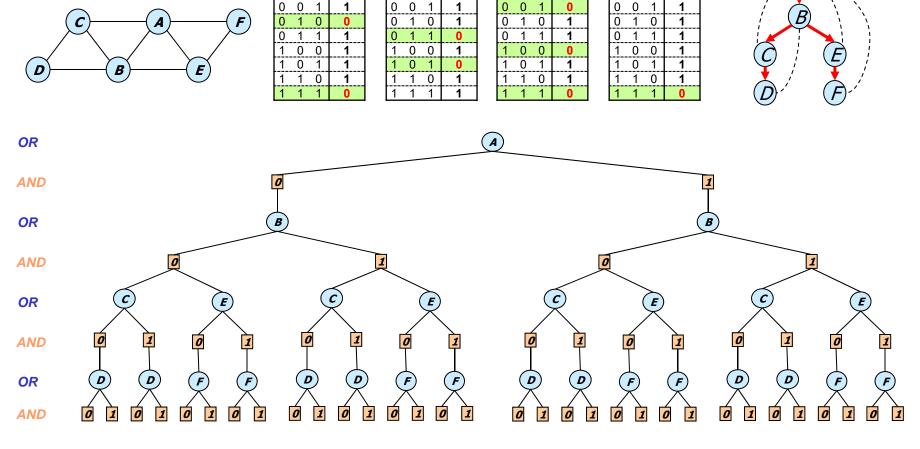


AND/OR vs. OR Spaces

| width | depth | OR space | | AND/OR space | | |
|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| | | Time (sec.) | Nodes | Time (sec.) | AND nodes | OR nodes |
| 5 | 10 | 3.15 | 2,097,150 | 0.03 | 10,494 | 5,247 |
| 4 | 9 | 3.13 | 2,097,150 | 0.01 | 5,102 | 2,551 |
| 5 | 10 | 3.12 | 2,097,150 | 0.03 | 8,926 | 4,463 |
| 4 | 10 | 3.12 | 2,097,150 | 0.02 | 7,806 | 3,903 |
| 5 | 13 | 3.11 | 2,097,150 | 0.10 | 36,510 | 18,255 |



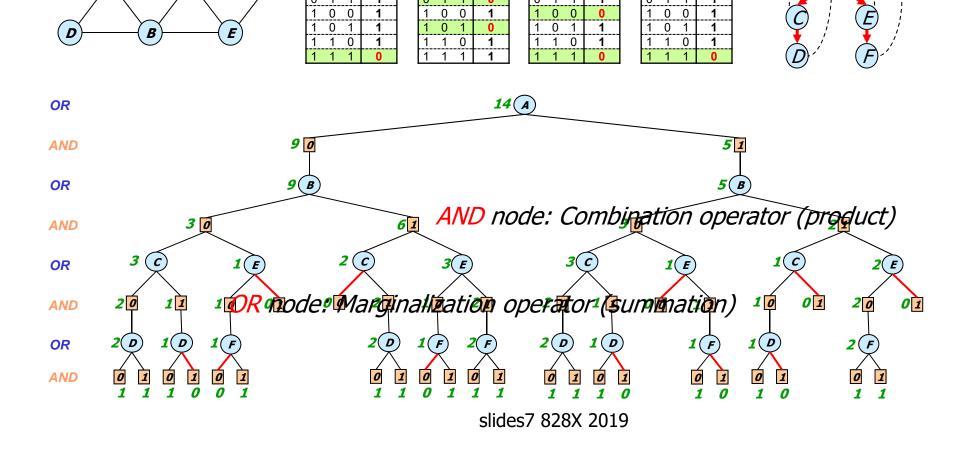
#CSP - AND/OR Search Tree



#CSP - AND/OR Tree DFS

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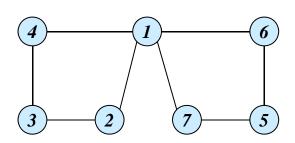
A E F RAEF



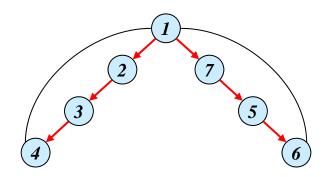
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Pseudo-Trees

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

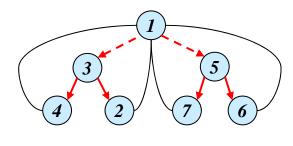


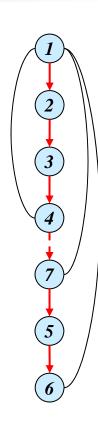
$h \le w \log n$



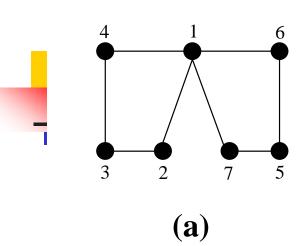
(b) DFS tree depth=3

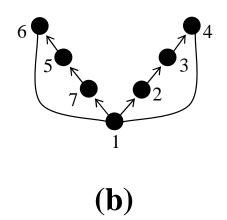
(a) Graph

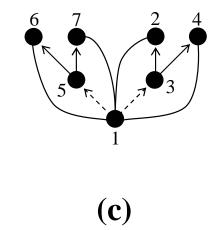




(d) Chain depth=6

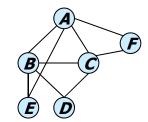




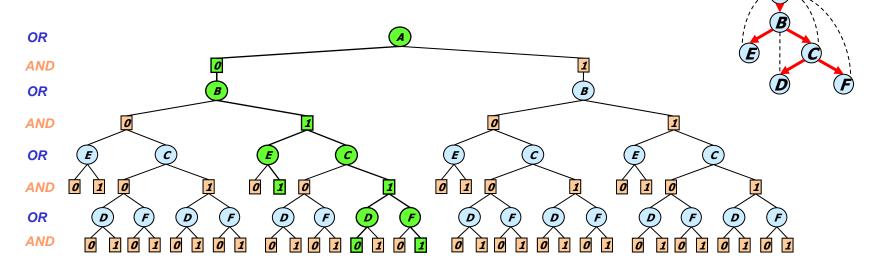


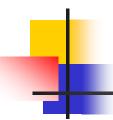
AND/OR search tree for graphical models

- The AND/OR search tree of R relative to a tree, T, has:
 - Alternating levels of: OR nodes (variables) and AND nodes (values)
- Successor function:
 - The successors of OR nodes X are all its consistent values along its path
 - The successors of AND <X,v> are all X child variables in T



- A solution is a consistent subtree
- Task: compute the value of the root node



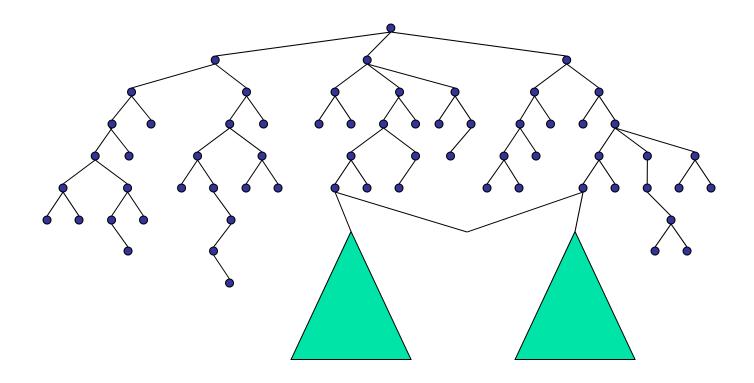


The end



From Search Trees to Search Graphs

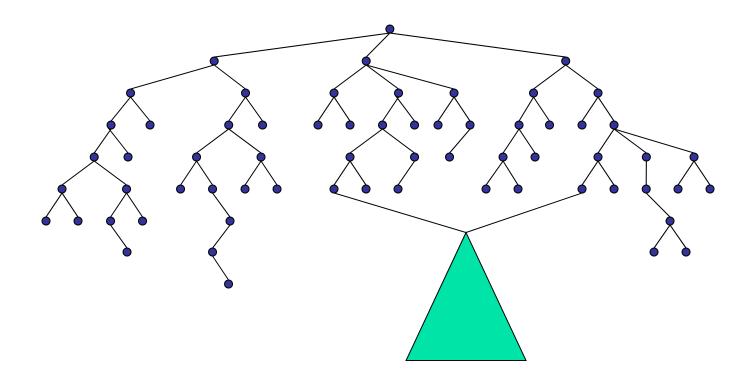
 Any two nodes that root identical subtrees (subgraphs) can be merged





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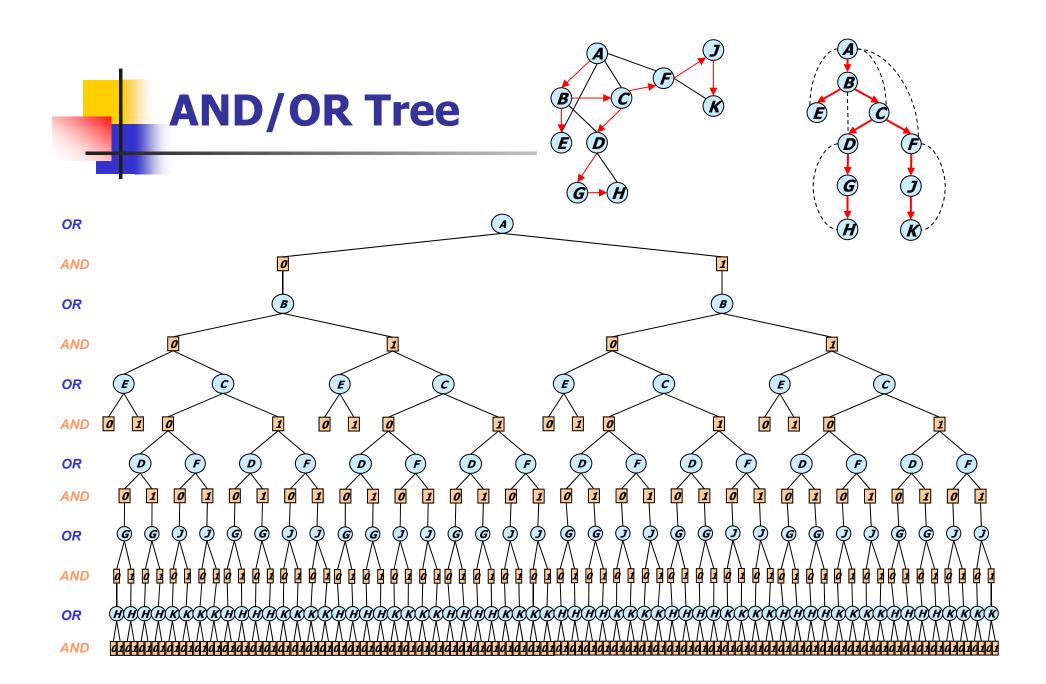
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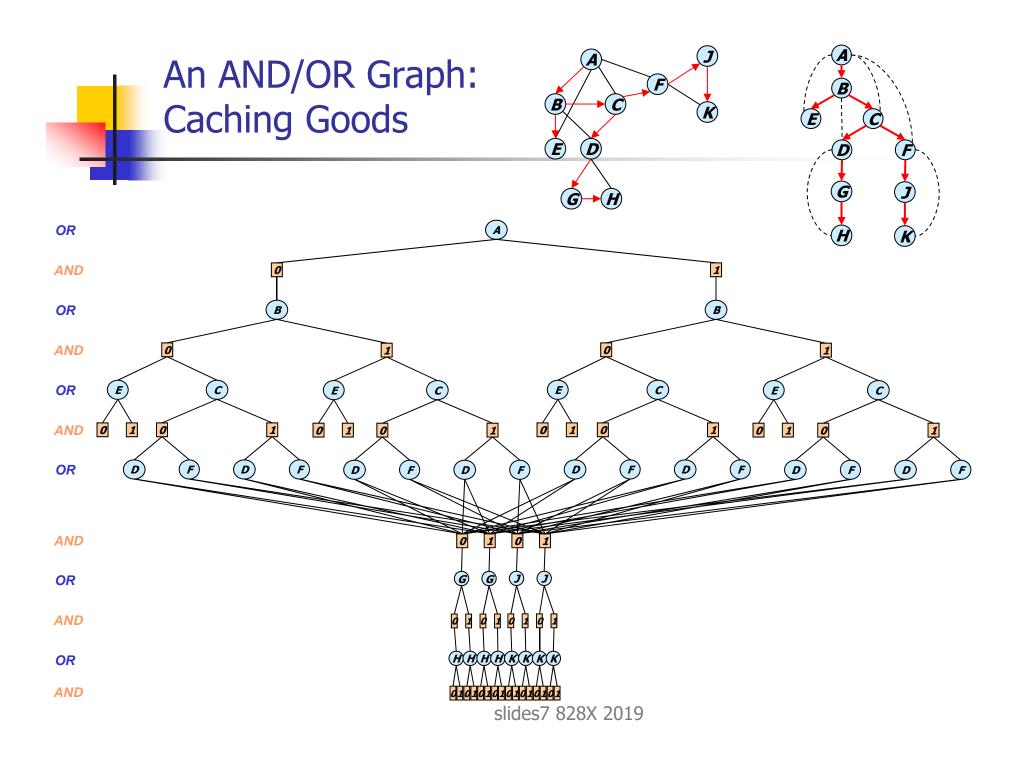




From Search A/O Trees to Search A/O Graphs

- Any two nodes that root identical subtrees/subgraphs can be merged
- Minimal AND/OR search graph: closure under merge of the AND/OR search tree
 - Inconsistent sub-trees can be pruned too.
 - Some portions can be collapsed or reduced.

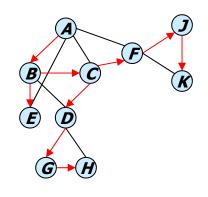


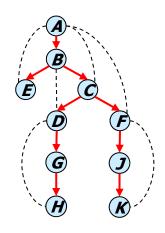


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Context-based Caching

- Caching is possible when context is the same
- context = current variable + parents connected to subtree below





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

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

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

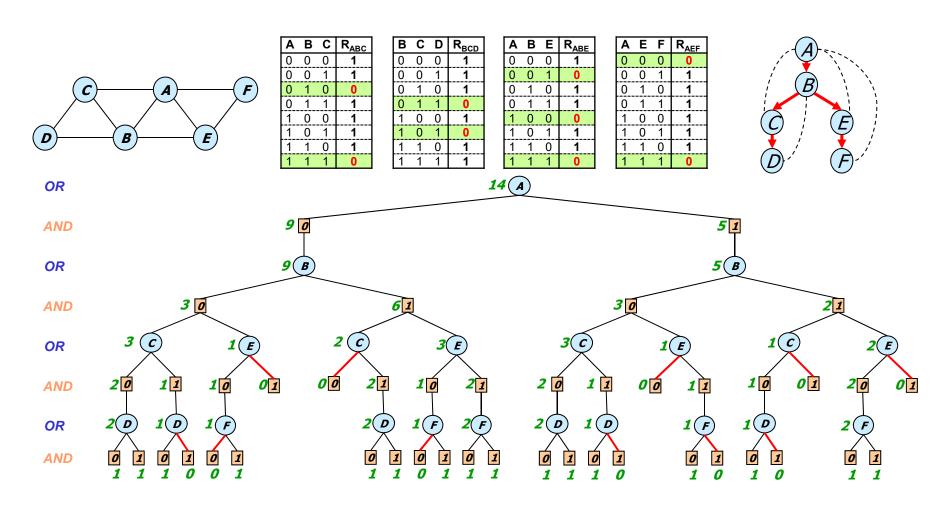
What is the context size? Induced-width



Complexity of AND/OR Graph

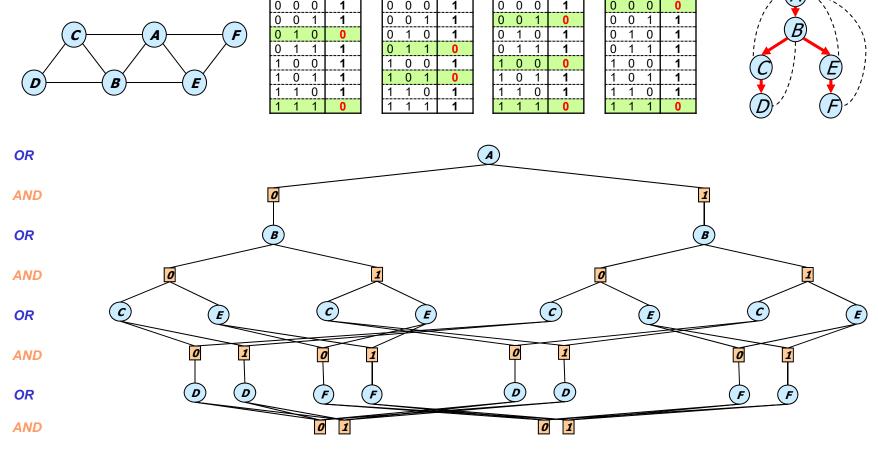
- Theorem: Traversing the AND/OR search graph is time and space exponential in the induced width/tree-width.
- If applied to the OR graph complexity is time and space exponential in the path-width.

#CSP - AND/OR Tree DFS





#CSP – AND/OR Search Graph (Caching Goods)



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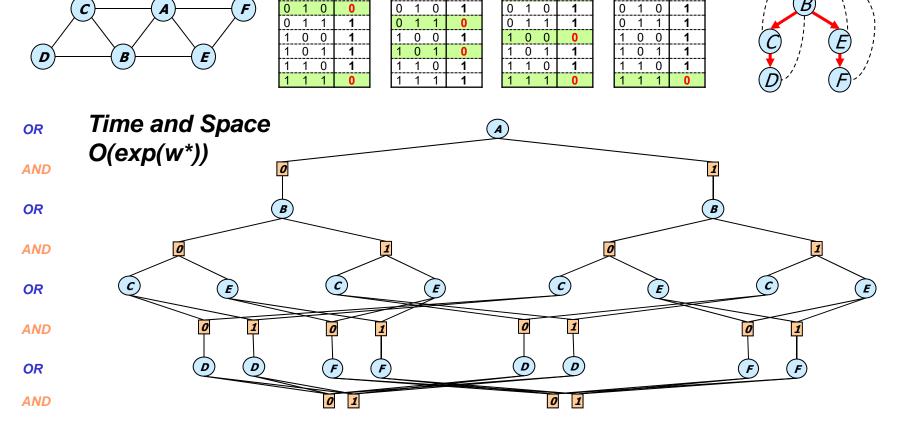


#CSP – AND/OR Search Graph (Caching Goods)

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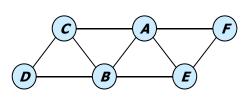
A E F R_{AEF}

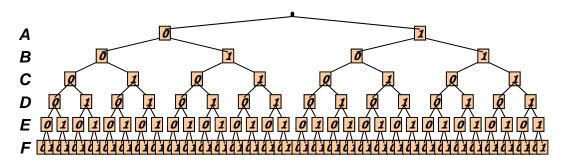


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All Four Search Spaces ©

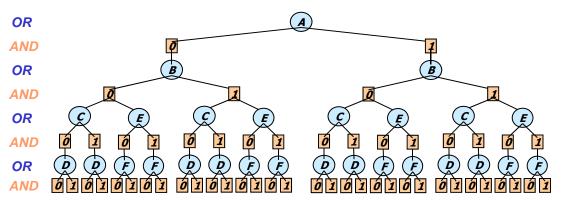


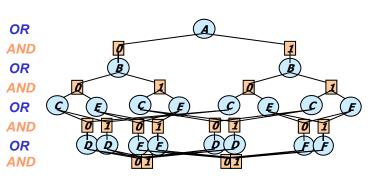


Context minimal OR search graph

28 nodes

Full OR search tree 126 nodes





Context minimal AND/OR search graph

18 AND nodes

Full AND/OR search tree

54 AND nodes



AND/OR vs. OR DFS Algorithms

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k = domain size
m = tree depth
n = # of variables
w*= induced width
pw*= path width
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AND/OR tree

Space: O(n)

■ Time: O(n k^m)

 $O(n k^{w* log n})$

(Freuder85; Bayardo95; Darwiche01)

• OR tree

• Space: **O**(n)

• Time: O(kn)

AND/OR graph

Space: O(n kw*)

■ Time: O(n k^{w*})

OR graph

Space: O(n k^{pw*})

Time: O(n kpw*)



Summary: Time-Space for Constraint Processing

- Constraint-satisfaction, one solution
 - Naive backtracking
 - Space: O(n),
 - Time: O(exp(n))
 - Backjumping
 - Space: O(n),
 - Time: O(exp(log n w*))
 - Learning no-goods
 - Space: O(exp(w*))
 - Time: O(exp(w*))
 - Variable-elimination
 - Space: O(exp(w*))
 - Time: O(exp(w*))

- Counting, enumeration
 - Backtracking, backjumping
 - Space: O(n),
 - Time: O(exp(n))
 - Learning no-goods
 - space: O(exp(w*))
 - Time: O(exp(n))
 - Search with goods and nogoods learning
 - Space: O(exp(pw*))
 - Time: O(exp(pw*)), both, O(exp(w*logn))
 - Variable-elimination
 - Space: O(exp(w*))
 - Time: O(exp(w*))
 - BFS is time and space O(exp(pw*))