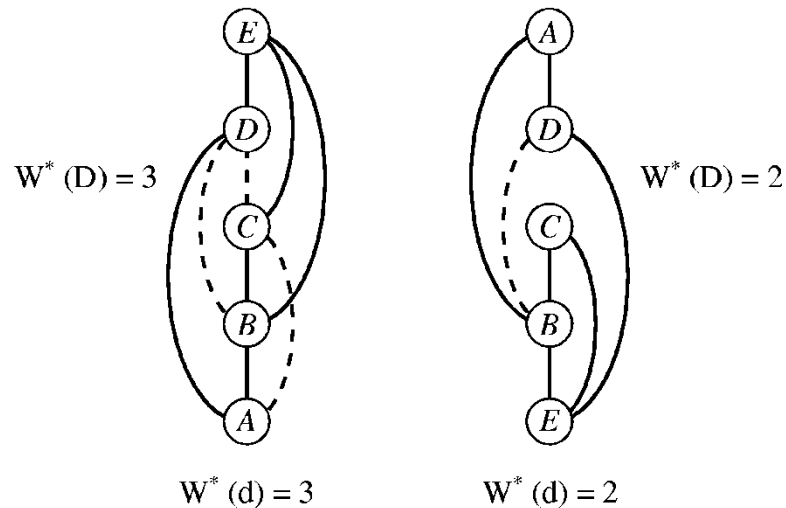
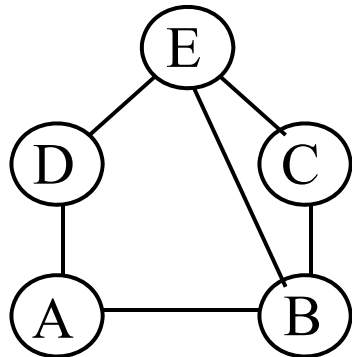


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# The Induced-Width



- Width along  $d$ ,  $w(d)$ :
  - max # of previous parents
- Induced width  $w^*(d)$ :
  - The width in the ordered induced graph
- Induced-width  $w^*$ :
  - Smallest induced-width over all orderings
- Finding  $w^*$ 
  - NP-complete (*Arnborg, 1985*) but greedy heuristics (*min-fill*).



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3.     put  $r$  in position  $j$  and  $G \leftarrow G - r$ .  
      (Delete from  $V$  node  $r$  and from  $E$  all its adjacent edges)
4. **endfor**



**Proposition:** algorithm min-width finds a min-width ordering of a graph

**What is the Complexity of MW?**

$O(e)$

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# Greedy Orderings Heuristics

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- **Min-induced-width**

- From last to first, pick a node with smallest width, then connect parent and remove

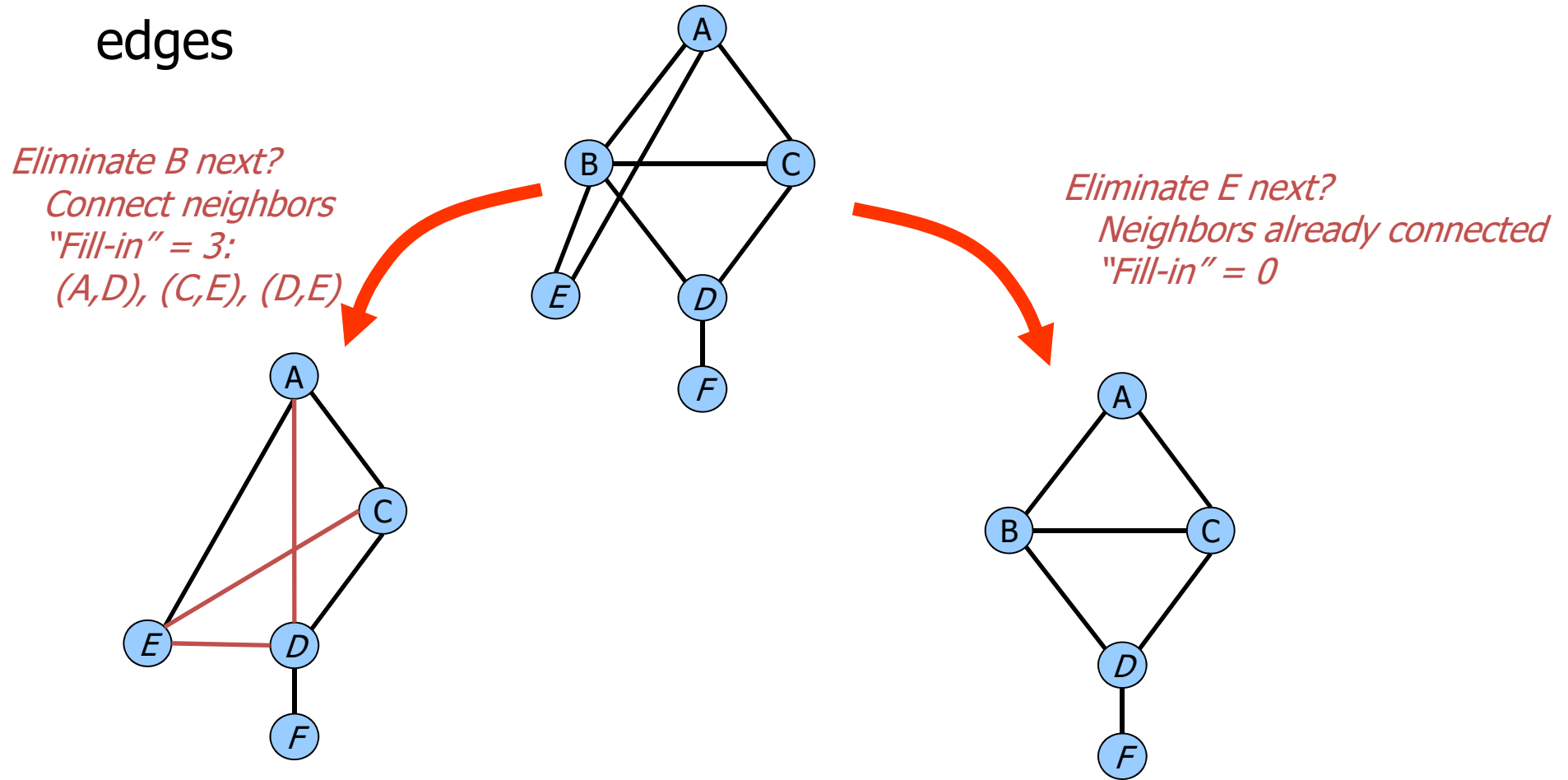
- **Min-Fill**

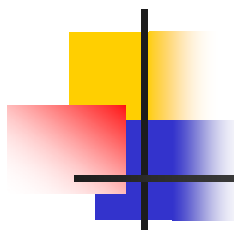
- From last to first, pick a node with smallest fill-edges

*Complexity?*     $O(n^3)$

# Min-Fill Heuristic

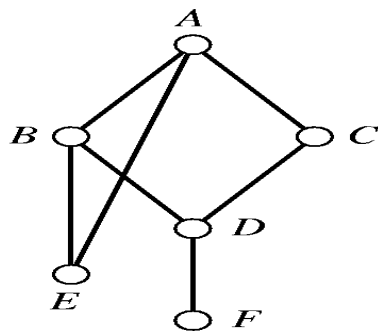
- Select the variable that creates the fewest "fill-in" edges



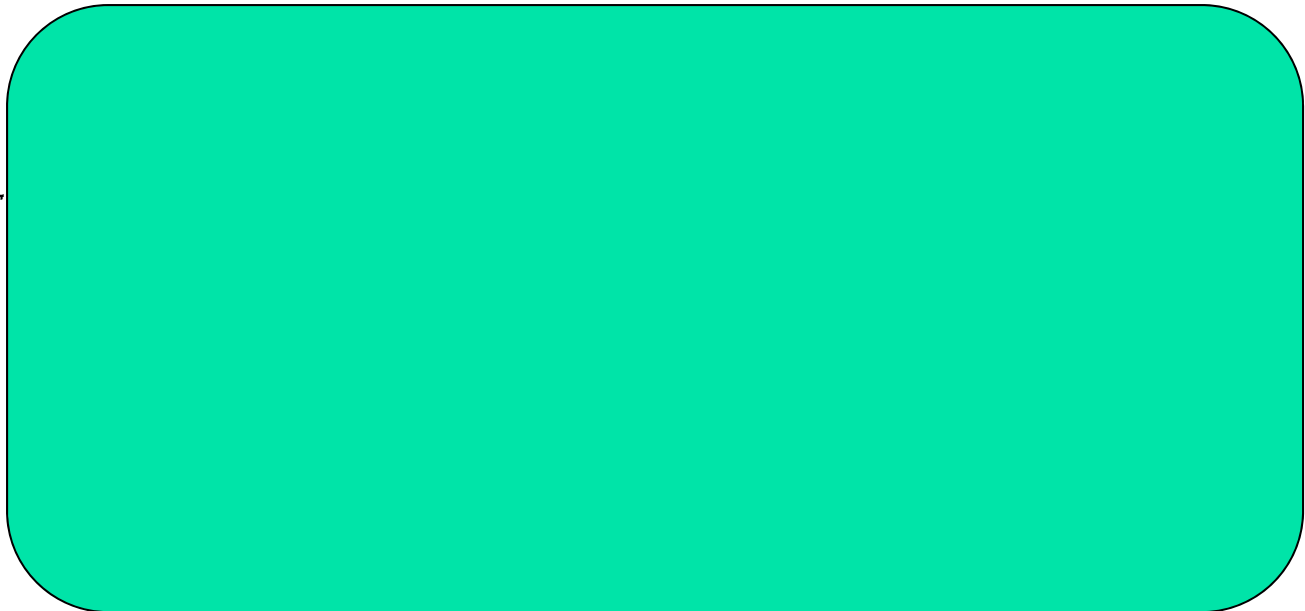


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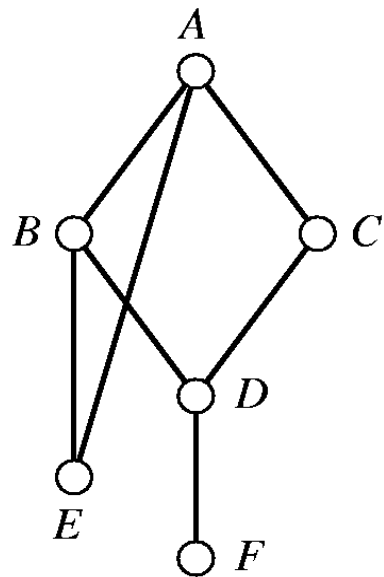


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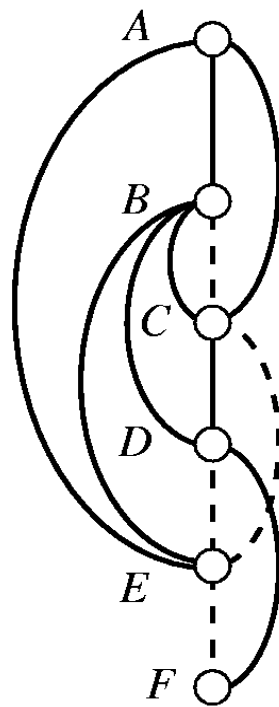




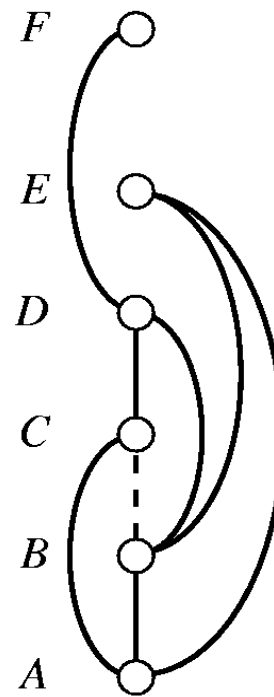
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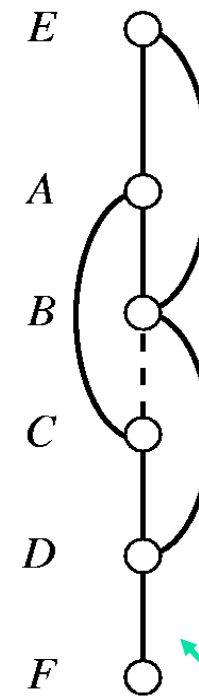
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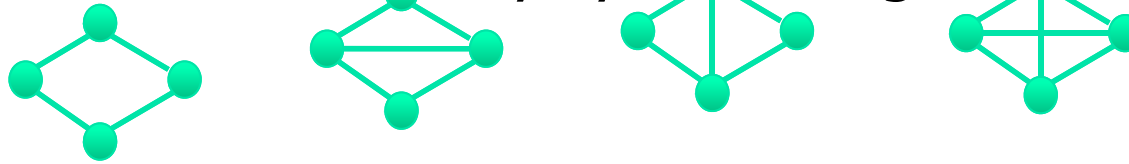
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*A Miw ordering*

*A Min-fill ordering*

# Chordal Graphs

- A graph is chordal if every cycle of length at least 4 has a chord



- Deciding chordality by **max-cardinality** ordering:
  - from 1 to  $n$ , always assigning a next node connected to a largest set of previously selected nodes.
- A graph along max-cardinality order has no fill-in edges iff it is chordal.
- The maximal cliques of chordal graphs form a tree



# Greedy Orderings Heuristics

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- **Min-Induced-width**

- From last to first, pick a node with smallest width

- **Min-Fill**

- From last to first, pick a node with smallest fill-edges

*Complexity?  $O(n^3)$*

- **Max-Cardinality search** *[Tarjan & Yannakakis 1980]*

- From **first to last**, pick a node with largest neighbors already ordered. *Complexity?  $O(n + m)$*



# Max-cardinality ordering

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MAX-CARDINALITY (MC)

**input:** a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

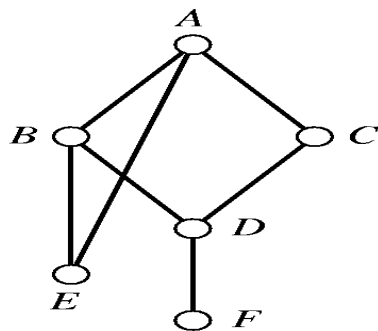
**output:** An ordering of the nodes  $d = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ .

1. Place an arbitrary node in position 0.
2. **for**  $j = 1$  to  $n$  **do**
3.      $r \leftarrow$  a node in  $G$  that is connected to a largest subset of nodes in positions 1 to  $j - 1$ , breaking ties arbitrarily.
4. **endfor**

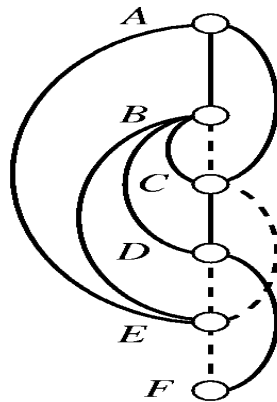
**Proposition 5.3.3** [56] *Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  the complexity of max-cardinality search is  $O(n + m)$  when  $|V| = n$  and  $|E| = m$ .*

# Example

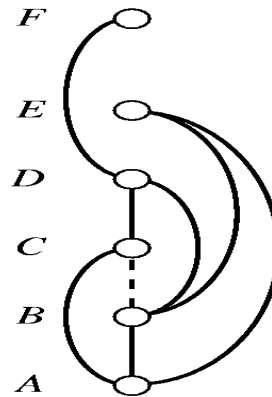
We see again that  $G$  in the Figure (a) is not chordal since the parents of  $A$  are not connected in the max-cardinality ordering in Figure (d). If we connect  $B$  and  $C$ , the resulting induced graph is chordal.



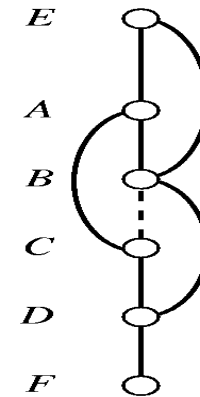
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



# Which Greedy Algorithm is Best?

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- Min-Fill, prefers a node who add the least number of fill-in arcs.
- Empirically, fill-in is the best among the greedy algorithms (MW,MIW,MF,MC)
- Complexity of greedy orderings?
- MW is  $O(e)$ , MIW:  $O(n^3)$  MF  $O(n^3)$  MC is  $O(e+n)$



# K-trees

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**Definition 5.3.4 (k-trees)** *A subclass of chordal graphs are k-trees. A k-tree is a chordal graph whose maximal cliques are of size  $k + 1$ , and it can be defined recursively as follows: (1) A complete graph with  $k$  vertices is a k-tree. (2) A k-tree with  $r$  vertices can be extended to  $r + 1$  vertices by connecting the new vertex to all the vertices in any clique of size  $k$ . A partial k-tree is a k-tree having some of its arcs removed. Namely it will clique of size smaller than  $k$ .*



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# Summary Of Inference Scheme

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- Bucket elimination is time and memory exponential in the induced-width.
- Finding the  $w^*$  is hard, but greedy schemes work quit well to approximate. Most popular is fill-edges
- $W(d)$  is the induced-width along an ordering  $d$ . Smallest induced-width is also called tree-width.



# Recent work in my group

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- **Vibhav Gogate and Rina Dechter.** "A Complete Anytime Algorithm for Treewidth". *In UAI 2004.*
- **Andrew E. Gelfand, Kalev Kask, and Rina Dechter.** "Stopping Rules for Randomized Greedy Triangulation Schemes" in *Proceedings of AAAI 2011.*
- Kask, Gelfand and Dechter, BEEM: Bucket Elimination with External memory, AAAI 2011 or UAI 2011
- Potential project



# Greedy Algorithms for Induced-Width

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- Min-width ordering
- Min-induced-width ordering
- Max-cardinality ordering
- Min-fill ordering
- Chordal graphs
- Hypergraph partitionings

(Project: present papers on induced-width, run algorithms for induced-width on new benchmarks...)



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**Proposition:** algorithm min-width finds a min-width ordering of a graph

**Complexity:?**

$O(e)$



# Greedy Orderings Heuristics

## min-induced-width (miw)

input: a graph  $G = (V; E)$ ,  $V = \{v_1; \dots; v_n\}$

output: A miw ordering of the nodes  $d = (v_1; \dots; v_n)$ .

1. for  $j = n$  to  $1$  by  $-1$  do
2.  $r \leftarrow$  a node in  $V$  with smallest degree.
3. put  $r$  in position  $j$ .
4. connect  $r$ 's neighbors:  $E \leftarrow E \cup \{(v_i; v_j) \mid (v_i; r) \in E; (v_j; r) \in E\}$ ,
5. remove  $r$  from the resulting graph:  $V \leftarrow V - \{r\}$ .

## min-fill (min-fill)

input: a graph  $G = (V; E)$ ,  $V = \{v_1; \dots; v_n\}$

output: An ordering of the nodes  $d = (v_1; \dots; v_n)$ .

1. for  $j = n$  to  $1$  by  $-1$  do
2.  $r \leftarrow$  a node in  $V$  with smallest fill edges for his parents.
3. put  $r$  in position  $j$ .
4. connect  $r$ 's neighbors:  $E \leftarrow E \cup \{(v_i; v_j) \mid (v_i; r) \in E; (v_j; r) \in E\}$ ,
5. remove  $r$  from the resulting graph:  $V \leftarrow V - \{r\}$ .

**Theorem:** A graph is a tree iff it has both width and induced-width of 1.



# Chordal Graphs; Max-Cardinality Ordering

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- A graph is chordal if every cycle of length at least 4 has a chord
- Finding  $w^*$  over chordal graph is easy using the max-cardinality ordering.
- The induced graph is chordal
- K-trees are special chordal graphs.
- Finding the max-clique in chordal graphs is easy (just enumerate all cliques in a max-cardinality ordering)



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# Linear Inequalities

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*Variables domains are the real numbers*

$$(3x_i + 2x_j \leq 3) \wedge (-4x_i + 5x_j \leq 1)$$

**Definition 3.3.1 (Linear elimination)** *Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{(r-1)} a_i x_i + a_r x_r \leq c$ , and  $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^{(r-1)} b_i x_i + b_r x_r \leq d$ . Then  $\text{elim}_r(\alpha, \beta)$  is applicable only if  $a_r$  and  $b_r$  have opposite signs, in which case  $\text{elim}_r(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (-a_i \frac{b_r}{a_r} + b_i) x_i \leq -\frac{b_r}{a_r} c + d$ . If  $a_r$  and  $b_r$  have the same sign the elimination implicitly generates the universal constraint.*





# Linear Inequalities: Fourier Elimination

**DIRECTIONAL-LINEAR-ELIMINATION**  $(\varphi, d)$

**Input:** A set of linear inequalities  $\varphi$ , an ordering  $d = x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

**Output:** A decision of whether  $\varphi$  is satisfiable. If it is, a backtrack-free theory  $E_d(\varphi)$ .

1. **Initialize:** Partition inequalities into ordered buckets.
2. **for**  $i \leftarrow n$  **downto** 1 **do**
3.     **if**  $x_i$  has one value in its domain **then**
  - .         substitute the value into each inequality in the bucket and put the resulting inequality in the right bucket.
4.     **else, for each pair**  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \subseteq bucket_i$ , **compute**  $\gamma = elim_i(\alpha, \beta)$ 
  - if**  $\gamma$  has no solutions, **return**  $E_d(\varphi) = \{\}$ , “inconsistency”
  - else add**  $\gamma$  to the appropriate lower bucket.
5. **return**  $E_d(\varphi) \leftarrow \bigcup_i bucket_i$



## Directional linear elimination, DLE : generates a backtrack-free representation

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**Theorem 4.8.3** *Given a set of linear inequalities  $\varphi$ , algorithm DLE (Fourier elimination) decides the consistency of  $\varphi$  over the Rationals and the Reals, and it generates an equivalent backtrack-free representation.  $\square$*



# Example

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$bucket_4 : 5x_4 + 3x_2 - x_1 \leq 5, x_4 + x_1 \leq 2, -x_4 \leq 0,$

$bucket_3 : x_3 \leq 5, x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq -10$

$bucket_2 : x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 0.$

$bucket_1 :$

Figure 4.23: initial buckets





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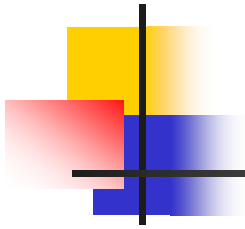
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Figure 4.24: final buckets



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# Outline

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- Arc-consistency algorithms
- Path-consistency and i-consistency
- Arc-consistency, Generalized arc-consistency, relational arc-consistency
- Global and bound consistency
- Distributed (generalized) arc-consistency
- Consistency operators: join, resolution, Gaussian elimination

# Sudoku – Approximation: Constraint Propagation

- **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	<del>2</del> <del>4</del> <del>6</del>
		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 all different*

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



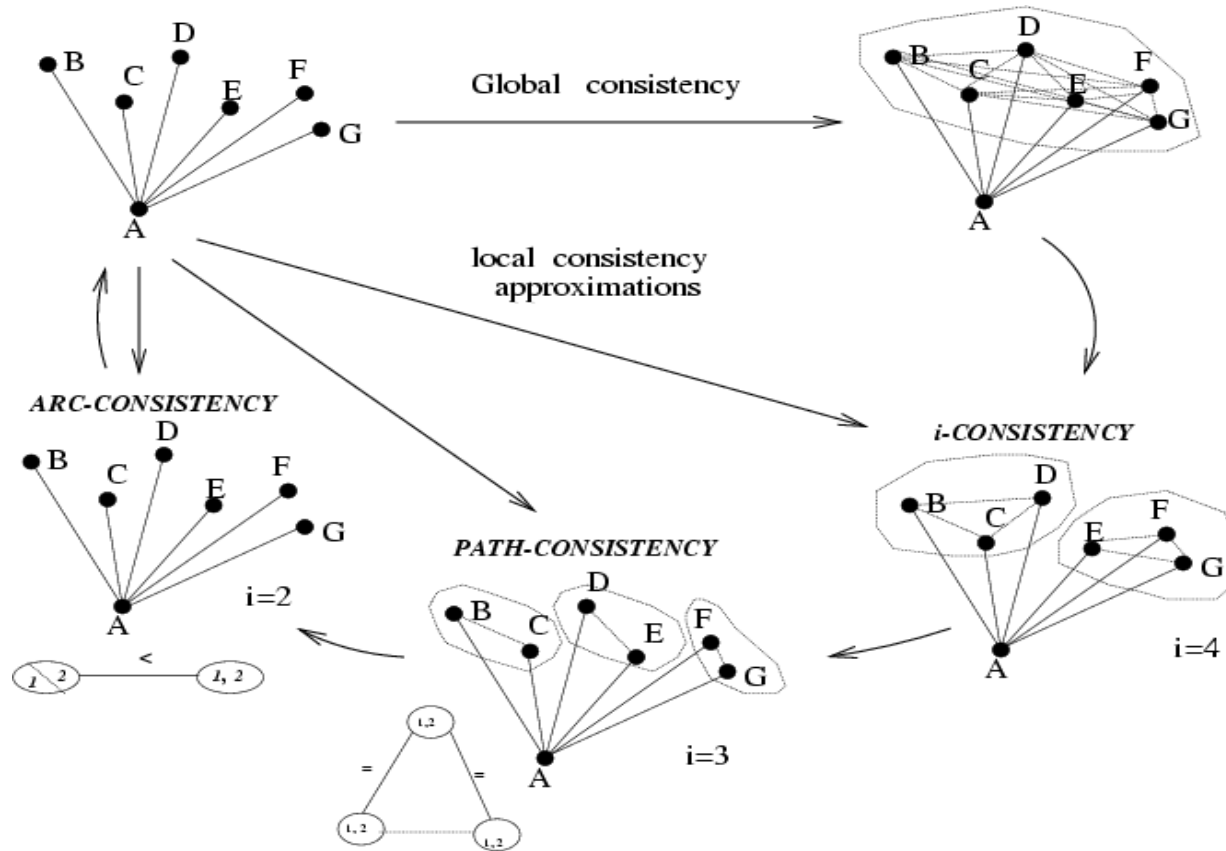


# Approximating Inference: Local Constraint Propagation

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- **Problem:** Adaptive-consistency/Bucket-elimination algorithms are intractable when *induced-width* is large
- **Approximation:** bound the size of recorded dependencies, i.e. perform **local constraint propagation (local inference)**

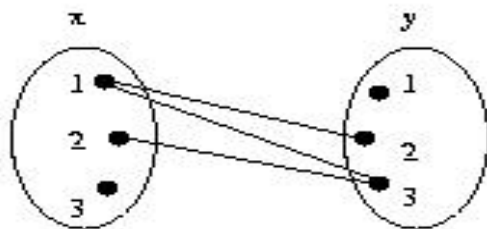
# From Global to Local Consistency



# Arc-Consistency

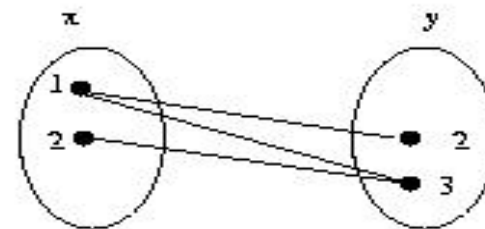
A binary constraint  $R(X,Y)$  is **arc-consistent** w.r.t.  $X$  if every value in  $X$ 's domain has a match in  $Y$ 's domain.

$R_X = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $R_Y = \{1,2,3\}$ , constraint  $X < Y$



$x < y$

(a)



$x < y$

(b)

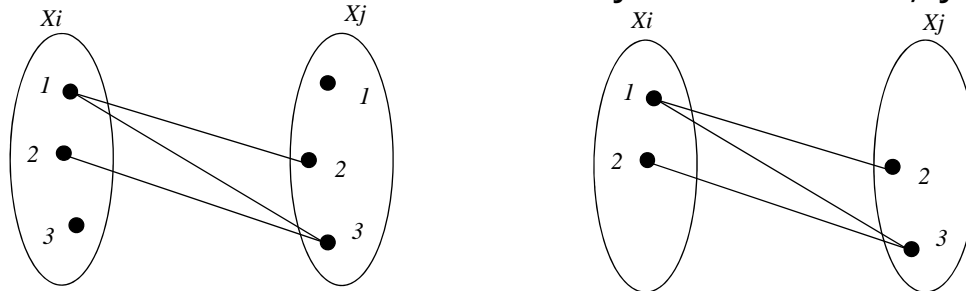
**Only domains are reduced:**

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

# Arc-Consistency

Definition: Given a constraint graph  $G$ ,

- A **variable  $X_i$  is arc-consistent relative to  $X_j$**  iff for every value  $a \in D_{X_i}$  there exists a value  $b \in D_{X_j} \mid (a, b) \in R_{X_i, X_j}$ .



- **The constraint  $R_{X_i, X_j}$  is arc-consistent** iff
  - $X_i$  is arc-consistent relative to  $X_j$  and
  - $X_j$  is arc-consistent relative to  $X_i$ .
- **A binary CSP is arc-consistent** iff every constraint (or sub-graph of size 2) is arc-consistent.

# Arc-consistency

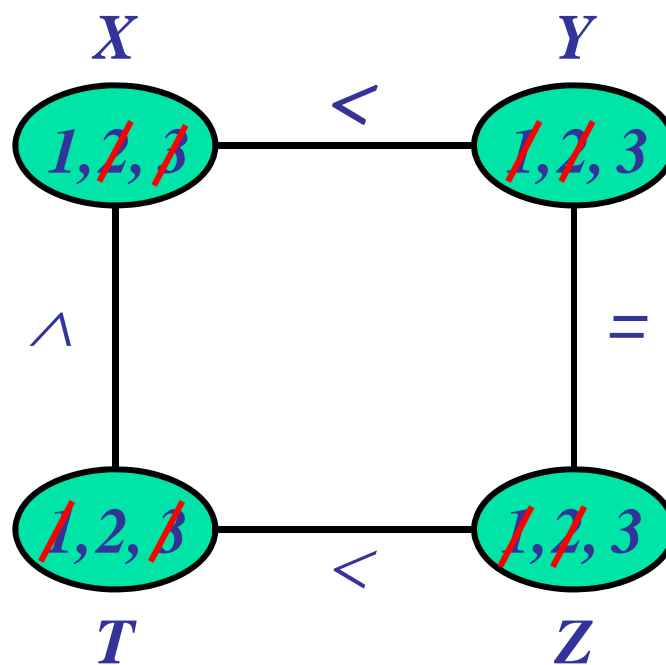
$$1 \leq X, Y, Z, T \leq 3$$

$$X < Y$$

$$Y = Z$$

$$T < Z$$

$$X \leq T$$



*Question: What will be the domain of Y once the network is arc-consistent?  
Or, how many values will it have?*

# Arc-consistency

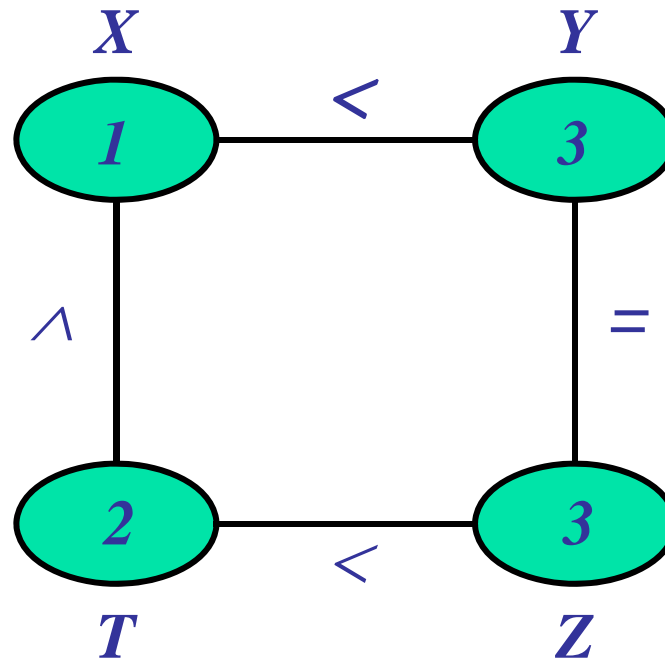
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$$T < Z$$

$$X \leq T$$



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# Revise for Arc-Consistency

REVISE( $(x_i), x_j$ )

**input:** a subnetwork defined by two variables  $X = \{x_i, x_j\}$ , a distinguished variable  $x_i$ ,  
domains:  $D_i$  and  $D_j$ , and constraint  $R_{ij}$

**output:**  $D_i$ , such that,  $x_i$  arc-consistent relative to  $x_j$

1. **for** each  $a_i \in D_i$
2.     **if** there is no  $a_j \in D_j$  such that  $(a_i, a_j) \in R_{ij}$
3.         **then** delete  $a_i$  from  $D_i$
4.     **endif**
5. **endfor**

$\bowtie = \otimes$

Figure 3.2: The Revise procedure

$$D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \otimes D_j)$$



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*Complexity?*

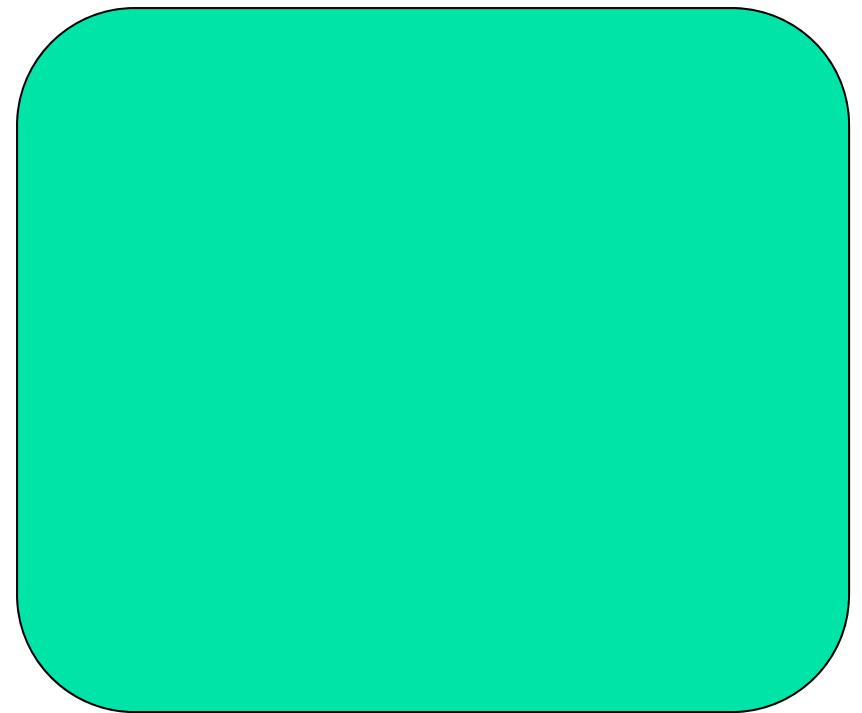
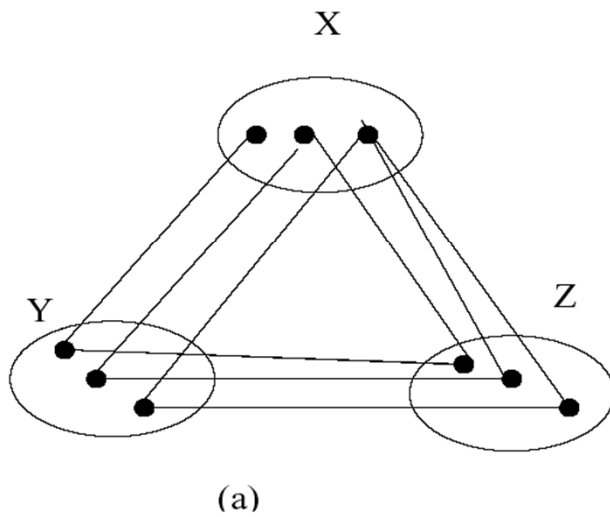
$O(k^2)$

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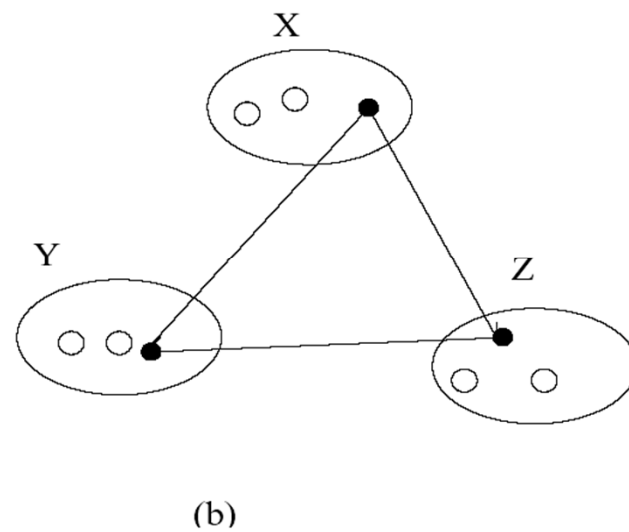
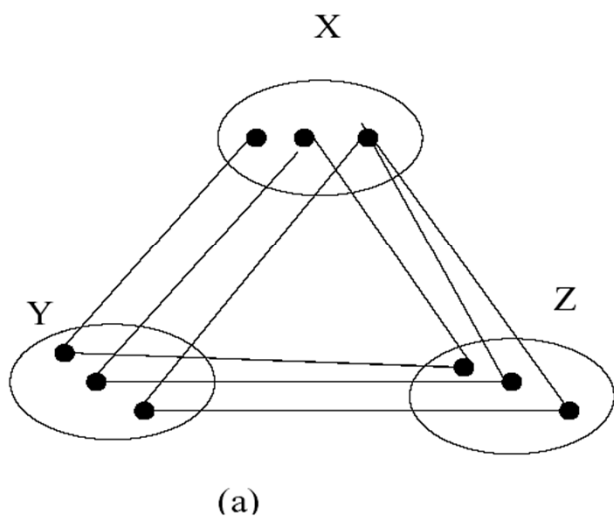
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A matching diagram describing a network of constraints that is not arc-consistent (b) An arc-consistent equivalent network.



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# AC-1

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AC-1( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network of constraints  $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$

**output:**  $\mathcal{R}'$  which is the loosest arc-consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$

1. **repeat**
2.     **for** every pair  $\{x_i, x_j\}$  that participates in a constraint
3.         Revise( $(x_i), x_j$ ) (or  $D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \bowtie D_j)$ )
4.         Revise( $(x_j), x_i$ ) (or  $D_j \leftarrow D_j \cap \pi_j(R_{ij} \bowtie D_i)$ )
5.     **endfor**
6. **until** no domain is changed

■ **Proof:**

Figure 3.4: Arc-consistency-1 (AC-1)

- Convergence?
- Completeness?

# AC-1

AC-1( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network of constraints  $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$

**output:**  $\mathcal{R}'$  which is the loosest arc-consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$

1. **repeat**
2.     **for** every pair  $\{x_i, x_j\}$  that participates in a constraint
3.         Revise( $(x_i), x_j$ ) (or  $D_i \leftarrow D_i \cap \pi_i(R_{ij} \bowtie D_j)$ )
4.         Revise( $(x_j), x_i$ ) (or  $D_j \leftarrow D_j \cap \pi_j(R_{ij} \bowtie D_i)$ )
5.     **endfor**
6. **until** no domain is changed

Figure 3.4: Arc-consistency-1 (AC-1)

- Complexity (Mackworth and Freuder, 1986):
- $e$  = number of arcs,  $n$  variables,  $k$  values
- ( $ek^2$  each loop,  $nk$  number of loops), best-case =  $ek$
- Arc-consistency is:  $\Omega(ek^2)$
- Complexity of AC-1:  $O(enk^3)$



# AC-3

AC-3( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network of constraints  $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$

**output:**  $\mathcal{R}'$  which is the largest arc-consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$

1. **for** every pair  $\{x_i, x_j\}$  that participates in a constraint  $R_{ij} \in \mathcal{R}$
2.      $queue \leftarrow queue \cup \{(x_i, x_j), (x_j, x_i)\}$
3. **endfor**
4. **while**  $queue \neq \{\}$
5.     select and delete  $(x_i, x_j)$  from  $queue$
6.      $Revise((x_i), x_j)$
7.     **if**  $Revise((x_i), x_j)$  causes a change in  $D_i$
8.         **then**  $queue \leftarrow queue \cup \{(x_k, x_i), i \neq k\}$
9.     **endif**
10. **endwhile**

Figure 3.5: Arc-consistency-3 (AC-3)

- Complexity:  $O(ek^3)$
- Best case  $O(ek)$ , since each arc may be processed in  $O(2k)$

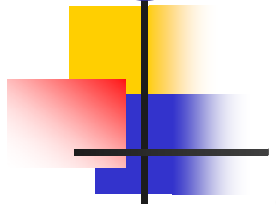


## Exercise: Apply Arc-Consistency in Class

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- Draw the network's primal and dual constraint graph
- Network =
  - Domains  $\{1,2,3,4\}$
  - Constraints:  $y < x, z < y, t < z, f < t,$   
 $x \leq t+1, Y < f+2$
  - Apply AC-3?

# AC-4 (just FYI)



AC-4( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network of constraints  $\mathcal{R}$

**output:** An arc-consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$

1. Initialization:  $M \leftarrow \emptyset$ ,
2.     initialize  $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$ ,  $counter(i, a_i, j)$  for all  $R_{ij}$
3.     **for** all counters
4.         **if**  $counter(x_i, a_i, x_j) = 0$  (if  $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$  is unsupported by  $x_j$ )
5.             **then** add  $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$  to  $LIST$
6.             **endif**
7.     **endfor**
8. **while**  $LIST$  is not empty
9.     choose  $\langle x_i, a_i \rangle$  from  $LIST$ , remove it, and add it to  $M$
10.    **for** each  $\langle x_j, a_j \rangle$  in  $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$
11.        decrement  $counter(x_j, a_j, x_i)$
12.        **if**  $counter(x_j, a_j, x_i) = 0$
13.            **then** add  $\langle x_j, a_j \rangle$  to  $LIST$
14.        **endif**
15.    **endfor**
16. **endwhile**

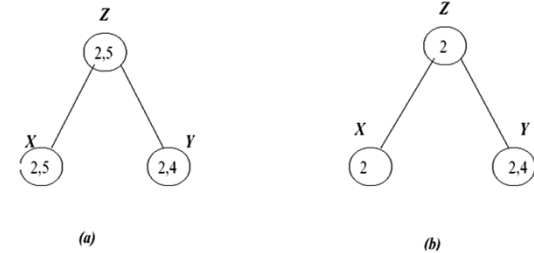


Figure 3.7: Arc-consistency-4 (AC-4)

- Complexity:  $O(ek^2)$
- (Counter is the number of supports to  $a_i$  in  $x_i$  from  $x_j$ .  $S_{(x_i, a_i)}$  is the set of pairs that  $(x_i, a_i)$  supports)

# Example applying AC-4

**Example 3.2.9** Consider the problem in Figure 3.6. Initializing the  $S_{(x,a)}$  arrays (indicating all the variable-value pairs that each  $\langle x, a \rangle$  supports), we have :

$$S_{(z,2)} = \{\langle x, 2 \rangle, \langle y, 2 \rangle, \langle y, 4 \rangle\}, S_{(z,5)} = \{\langle x, 5 \rangle\}, S_{(x,2)} = \{\langle z, 2 \rangle\}, \\ S_{(x,5)} = \{\langle z, 5 \rangle\}, S_{(y,2)} = \{\langle z, 2 \rangle\}, S_{(y,4)} = \{\langle z, 2 \rangle\}.$$

For counters we have:  $counter(x, 2, z) = 1$ ,  $counter(x, 5, z) = 1$ ,  $counter(z, 2, x) = 1$ ,  $counter(z, 5, x) = 1$ ,  $counter(z, 2, y) = 2$ ,  $counter(z, 5, y) = 0$ ,  $counter(y, 2, z) = 1$ ,  $counter(y, 4, z) = 1$ . (Note that we do not need to add counters between variables that are not directly constrained, such as  $x$  and  $y$ .) Finally,  $List = \{\langle z, 5 \rangle\}$ ,  $M = \emptyset$ . Once  $\langle z, 5 \rangle$  is removed from  $List$  and placed in  $M$ , the counter of  $\langle x, 5 \rangle$  is updated to  $counter(x, 5, z) = 0$ , and  $\langle x, 5 \rangle$  is placed in  $List$ . Then,  $\langle x, 5 \rangle$  is removed from  $List$  and placed in  $M$ . Since the only value it supports is  $\langle z, 5 \rangle$  and since  $\langle z, 5 \rangle$  is already in  $M$ , the  $List$  remains empty and the process stops.  $\square$





# Arc-Consistency Algorithms

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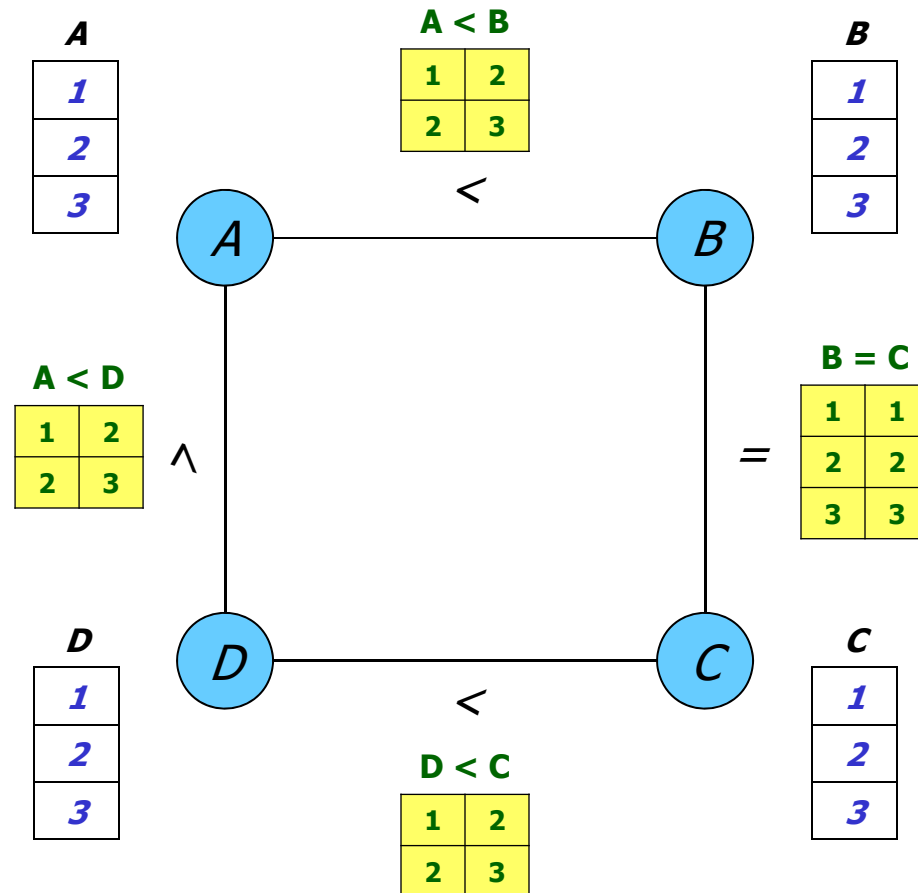
- AC-1: brute-force, distributed  $O(nek^3)$
- AC-3, queue-based  $O(ek^3)$
- AC-4, context-based, optimal  $O(ek^2)$
- AC-5,6,7,.... Good in special cases
- Important: applied at every node of search

$n$ =number of variables,  $e$ =#constraints,  $k$ =domain size

Mackworth and Freuder (1977,1983), Mohr and Anderson, (1985)...

# From Arc-Consistency to Relational Arc-Consistency

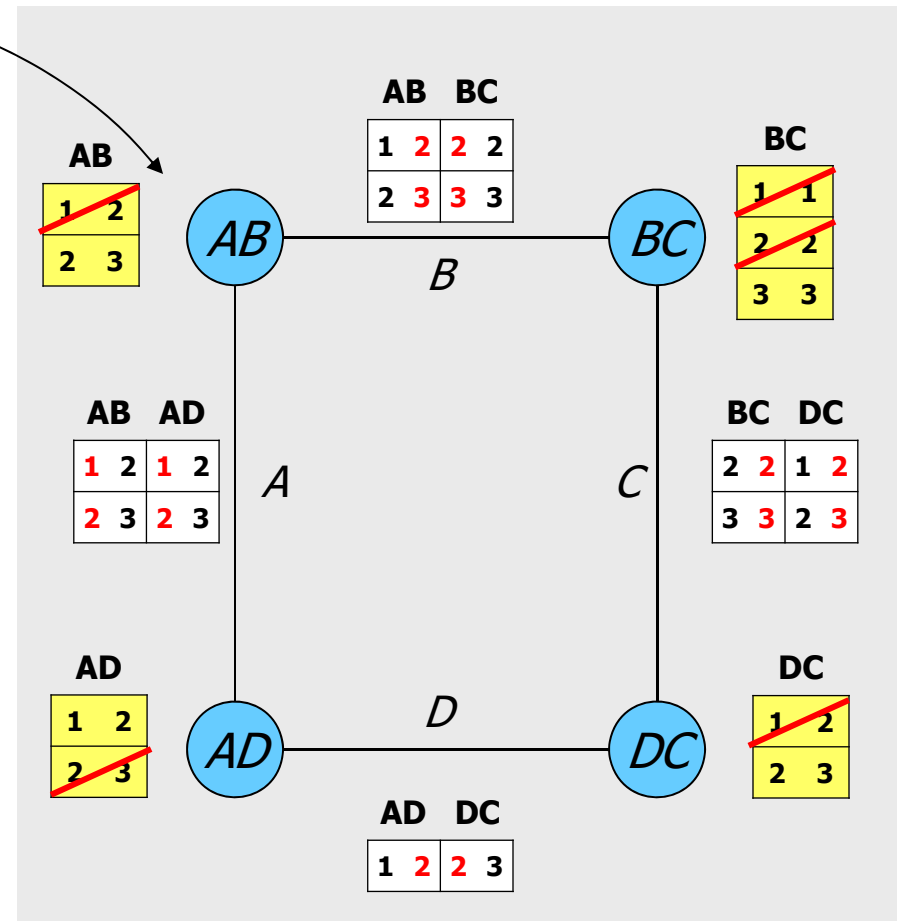
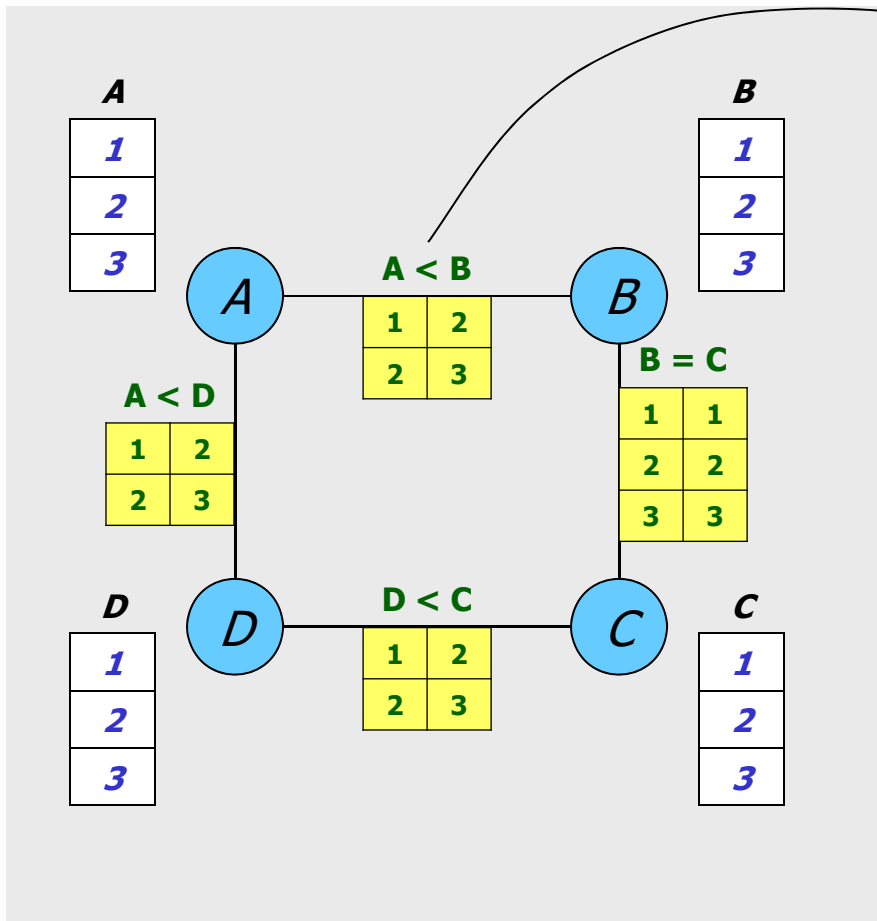
- Sound
- Incomplete
- Always converges (polynomial)

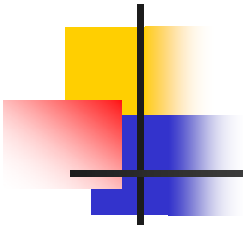


# Relational Distributed Arc-Consistency

*Primal*

*Dual*

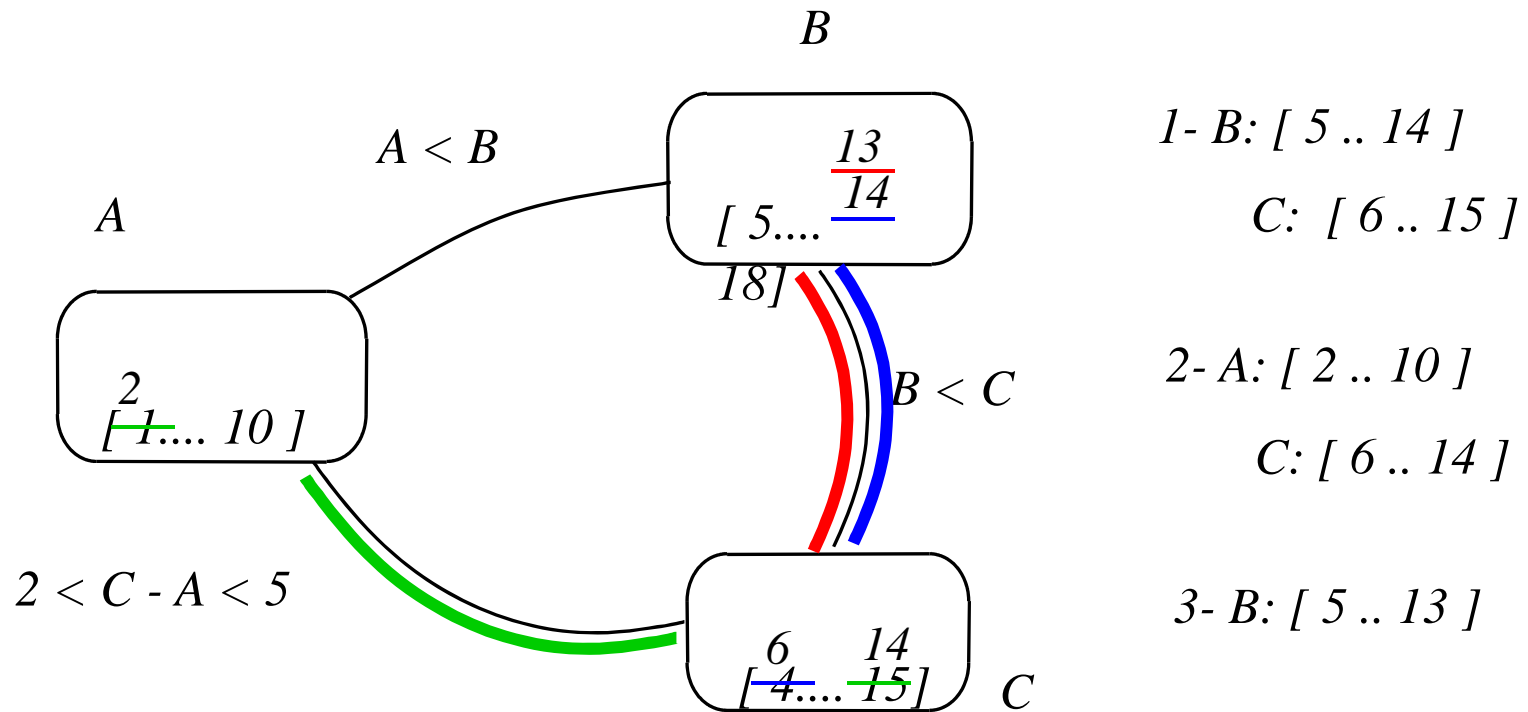




All Arc-consistent algorithms  
converge to an equivalent and  
loosest arc-consistent network!!!

# Constraint Checking

→ Arc-consistency





# Is Arc-Consistency Enough?

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- Example: a triangle graph-coloring with 2 values.
  - Is it arc-consistent?
  - Is it consistent?
- It is not path, or 3-consistent.



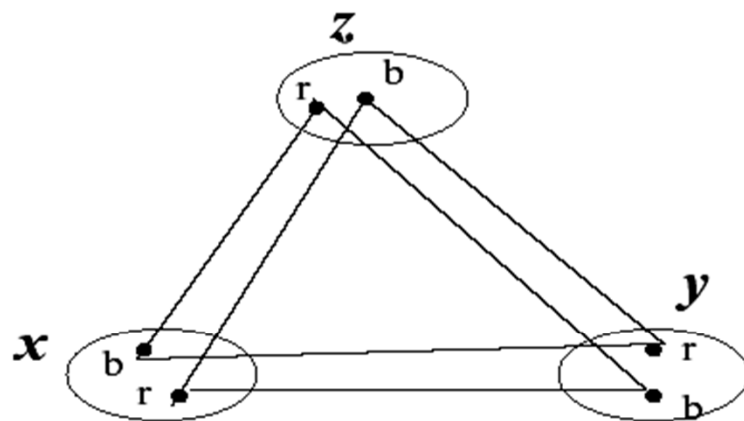
# Outline

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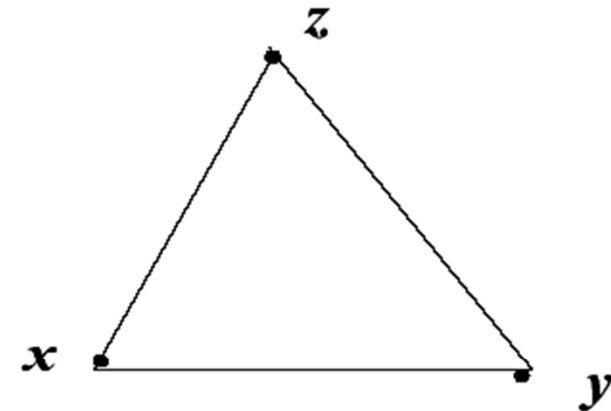
- Arc-consistency algorithms
- Path-consistency and i-consistency
- Arc-consistency, Generalized arc-consistency, relation arc-consistency
- Global and bound consistency
- Distributed (generalized) arc-consistency
- Consistency operators: join, resolution, Gaussian elimination

# Path-Consistency

- A pair  $(x, y)$  is path-consistent relative to  $z$ , if every consistent assignment  $(x, y)$  has a consistent extension to  $z$ .



(a)



(b)

Figure 3.8: (a) The matching diagram of a 2-value graph coloring problem. (b) Graphical picture of path-consistency using the matching diagram.



# Example: Path-Consistency

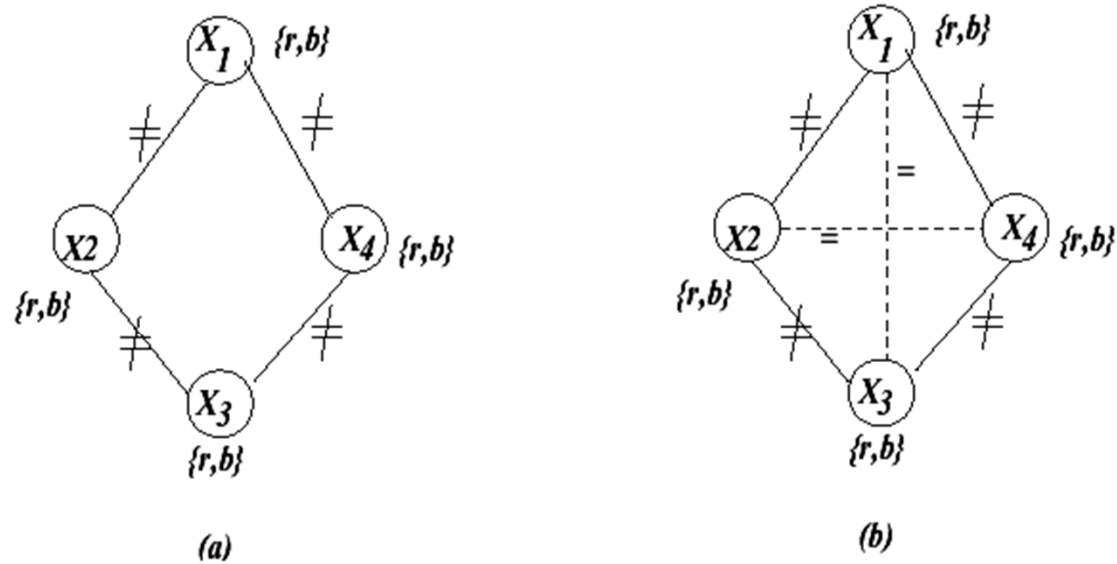


Figure 3.12: A graph-coloring graph (a) before path-consistency (b) after path-consistency



# Revise-3

REVISE-3( $(x, y), z$ )

**input:** a three-variable subnetwork over  $(x, y, z)$ ,  $R_{xy}$ ,  $R_{yz}$ ,  $R_{xz}$ .

**output:** revised  $R_{xy}$  path-consistent with  $z$ .

1. **for** each pair  $(a, b) \in R_{xy}$
2.     **if** no value  $c \in D_z$  exists such that  $(a, c) \in R_{xz}$  and  $(b, c) \in R_{yz}$
3.         **then** delete  $(a, b)$  from  $R_{xy}$ .
4.     **endif**
5. **endfor**

Figure 3.9: Revise-3

$$R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \otimes D_k \otimes R_{kj})$$

- Complexity:  $O(k^3)$
- Best-case:  $O(t)$
- Worst-case  $O(tk)$



# PC-1

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PC-1( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network  $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$ .

**output:** a path consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

1. **repeat**
2.     **for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$
3.         **for**  $i, j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$
4.              $R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \bowtie D_k \bowtie R_{kj})$  /\* *Revise* - 3( $(i, j), k$ )
5.             **endfor**
6.         **endfor**
7. **until** no constraint is changed.

Figure 3.10: Path-consistency-1 (PC-1)

- **Complexity:**  $O(n^5 k^5)$
- $O(n^3)$  triplets, each take  $O(k^3)$  steps  $\rightarrow O(n^3 k^3)$
- Max number of loops:  $O(n^2 k^2)$  .

# PC-2

PC-3( $\mathcal{R}$ )

**input:** a network  $\mathcal{R} = (X, D, C)$ .

**output:**  $\mathcal{R}'$  a path consistent network equivalent to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

1.  $Q \leftarrow \{(i, k, j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n, k \neq i, k \neq j\}$
2. **while**  $Q$  is not empty
3.     select and delete a 3-tuple  $(i, k, j)$  from  $Q$
4.      $R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij}(R_{ik} \bowtie D_k \bowtie R_{kj})$  /\* (Revise-3( $(i, j), k$ ))
5.     **if**  $R_{ij}$  changed then
6.      $Q \leftarrow Q \cup \{(l, i, j)(l, j, i) \mid 1 \leq l \leq n, l \neq i, l \neq j\}$
7. **endwhile**

Figure 3.11: Path-consistency-3 (PC-3)

- **Complexity:**  $O(n^3 k^5)$
- **Optimal PC-4:**  $O(n^3 k^3)$
- (each pair deleted may add:  $2n-1$  triplets, number of pairs:  $O(n^2 k^2) \rightarrow$  size of  $Q$  is  $O(n^3 k^2)$ , processing is  $O(k^3)$ )



# Path-consistency Algorithms

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- Apply **Revise-3** ( $O(k^3)$ ) until no change

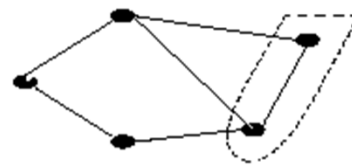
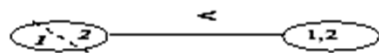
$$R_{ij} \leftarrow R_{ij} \cap \pi_{ij} (R_{ik} \boxtimes D_k \boxtimes R_{kj})$$

- Path-consistency (3-consistency) adds binary constraints.
- PC-1:  $O(n^5 k^5)$
- PC-2:  $O(n^3 k^5)$
- PC-4 optimal:  $O(n^3 k^3)$

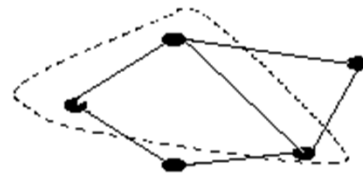
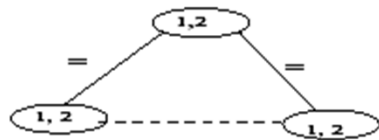
# Local i-Consistency

***i-consistency***: Any consistent assignment to any  $i-1$  variables is consistent with at least one value of any  $i$ -th variable

**ARC-CONSISTENCY**



**PATH-CONSISTENCY**



**I-CONSISTENCY**

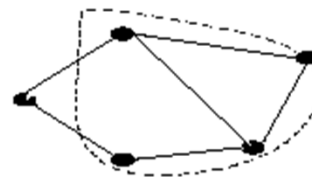
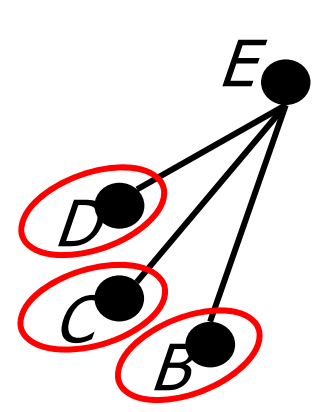
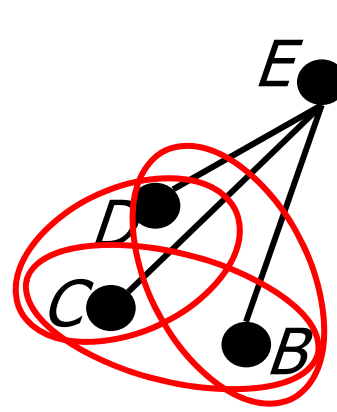
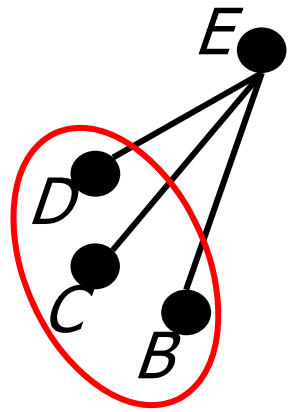
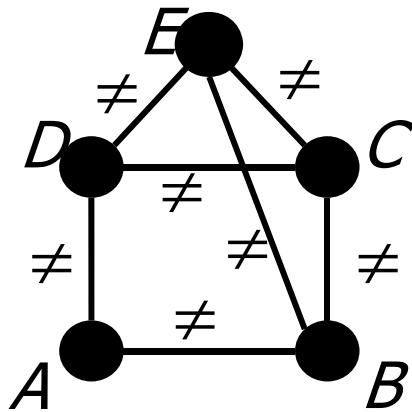


Figure 3.17: The scope of consistency enforcing: (a) arc-consistency, (b) path-consistency, (c) i-consistency

# Directional i-Consistency



*Adaptive*

*d-path*

*d-arc*

**E:  $E \neq D, E \neq C, E \neq B$**

**D:  $D \neq C, D \neq A$**

**C:  $C \neq B$**

**B:  $A \neq B$**

**A:**

$R_{DCB}$

$R_{DC}, R_{DB}$   
 $R_{CB}$

$R_D$   
 $R_C$   
 $R_B$



# Boolean Constraint Propagation

- $(A \vee \neg B)$  and  $(B)$ 
  - $B$  is arc-consistent relative to  $A$  but not vice-versa
- Arc-consistency by resolution:  
 $\text{res}((A \vee \neg B), B) = A$

Given also  $(B \vee C)$ , path-consistency:

$$\text{res}((A \vee \neg B), (B \vee C)) = (A \vee C)$$

Relational arc-consistency rule = unit-resolution

$$A \wedge B \rightarrow G, \neg G, \Rightarrow \neg A \vee \neg B$$



# Gaussian and Boolean Propagation, Resolution

- Linear inequalities

$$x + y + z \leq 15, z \geq 13 \Rightarrow$$

$$x \leq 2, y \leq 2$$

- Boolean constraint  
propagation, unit resolution

$$(A \vee B \vee \neg C), (\neg B) \Rightarrow$$

$$(A \vee \neg C)$$



# Unit Propagation

**Procedure** UNIT-PROPAGATION

**Input:** A cnf theory,  $\varphi$ ,  $d = Q_1, \dots, Q_n$ .

**Output:** An equivalent theory such that every unit clause does not appear in any non-unit clause.

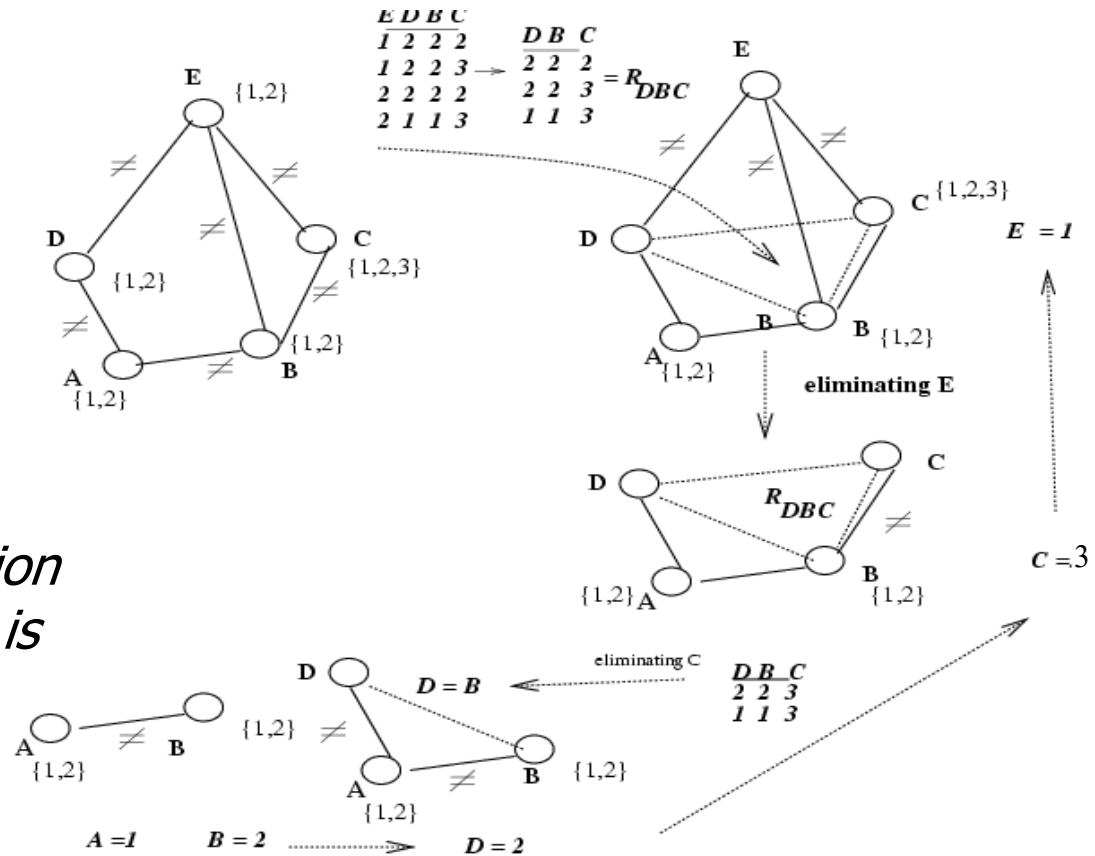
1. queue = all unit clauses.
2. **while** queue is not empty, do.
3.      $T \leftarrow$  next unit clause from Queue.
4.     **for** every clause  $\beta$  containing  $T$  or  $\neg T$
5.         **if**  $\beta$  contains  $T$  delete  $\beta$  (subsumption elimination)
6.         **else**, For each clause  $\gamma = \text{resolve}(\beta, T)$ .  
           **if**  $\gamma$ , the resolvent, is empty, the theory is unsatisfiable.
7.         **else**, add the resolvent  $\gamma$  to the theory and delete  $\beta$ .  
           **if**  $\gamma$  is a unit clause, add to Queue.
8.     **endfor**.
9. **endwhile**.

**Theorem 3.6.1** *Algorithm* UNIT-PROPAGATION *has a linear time complexity.*

# Variable Elimination

Eliminate variables one by one: "constraint propagation"

Solution generation after elimination is backtrack-free





# Road Map

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- Graphical models
- Constraint networks Model
- Inference
  - Variable elimination:
  - Tree-clustering
  - Constraint propagation
- **Search**
- Probabilistic Networks