

# **Two Perspectives to Learning with Circuits**

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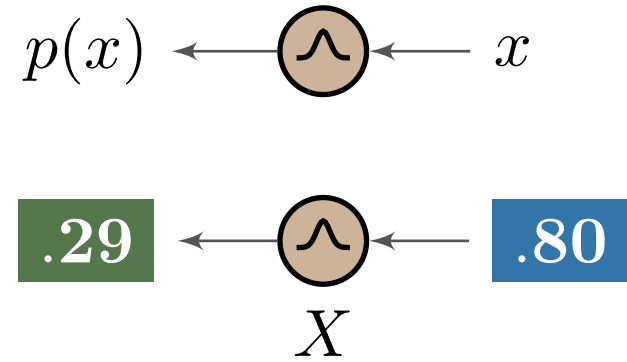
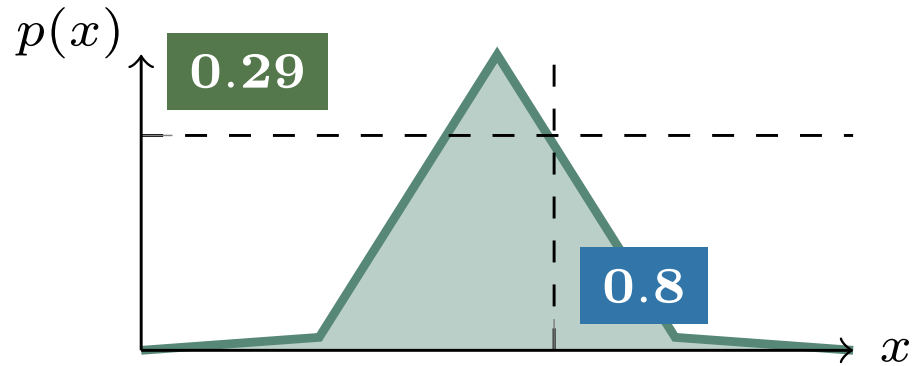
**Conditionals**

**MPE**

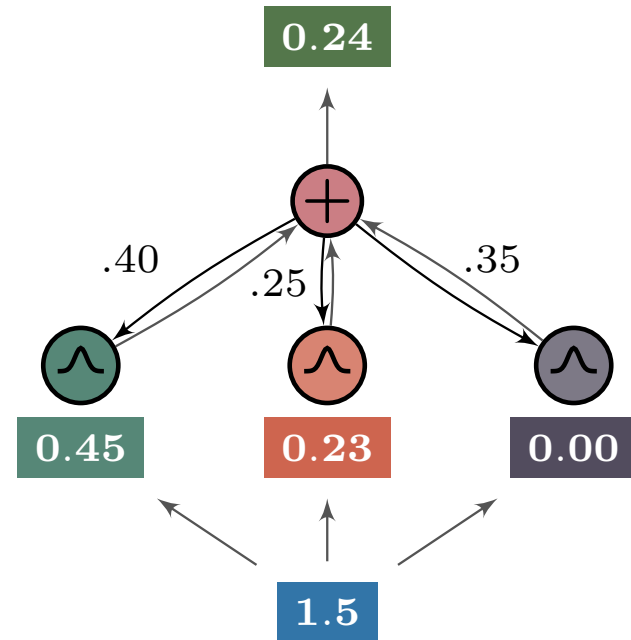
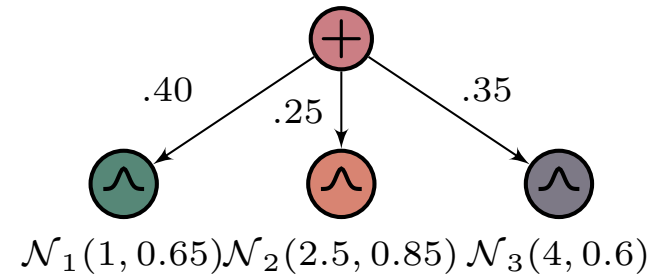
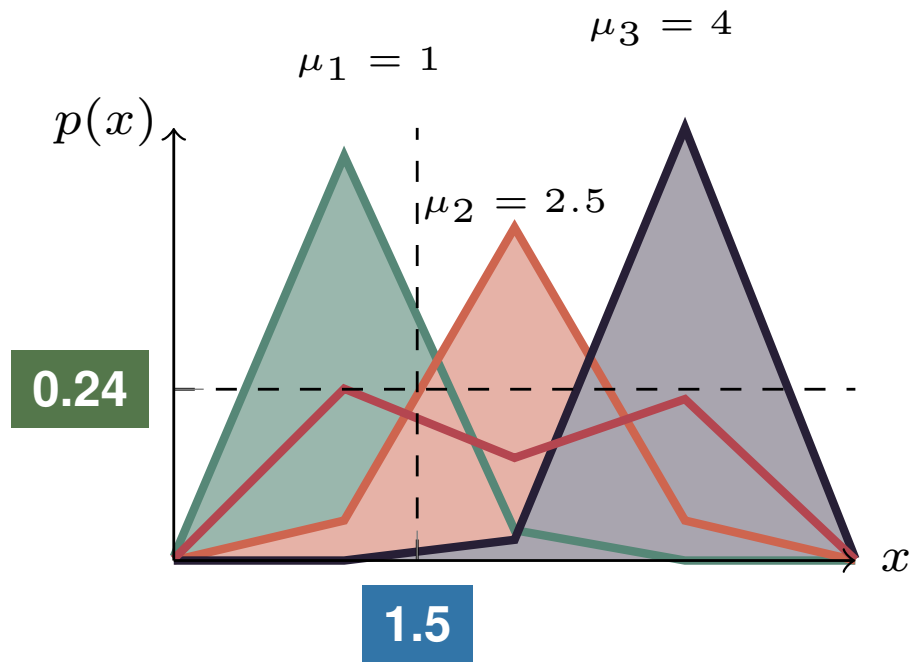
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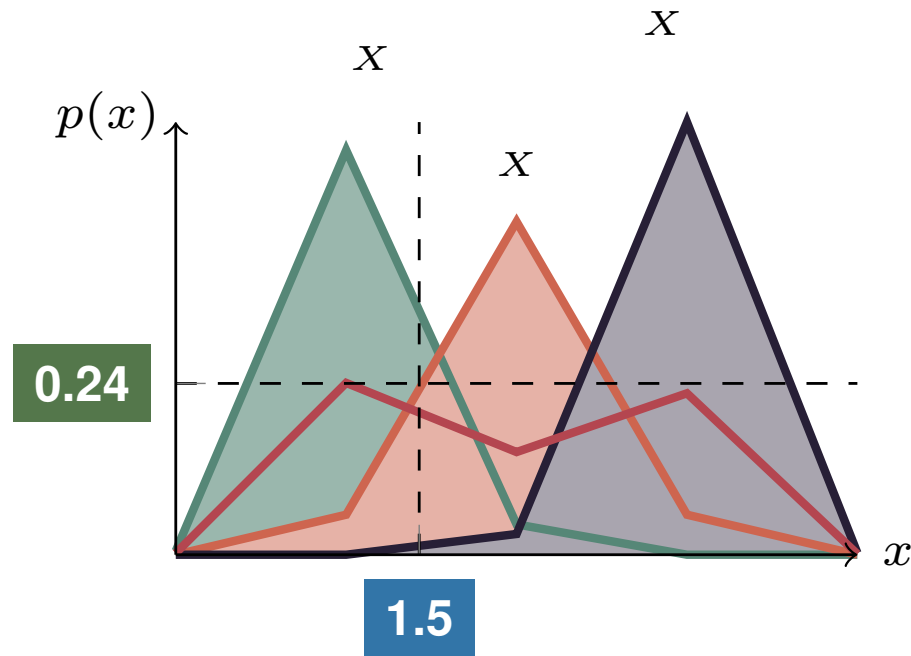
# Probabilistic Circuits – Inputs



# Probabilistic Circuits – Sums

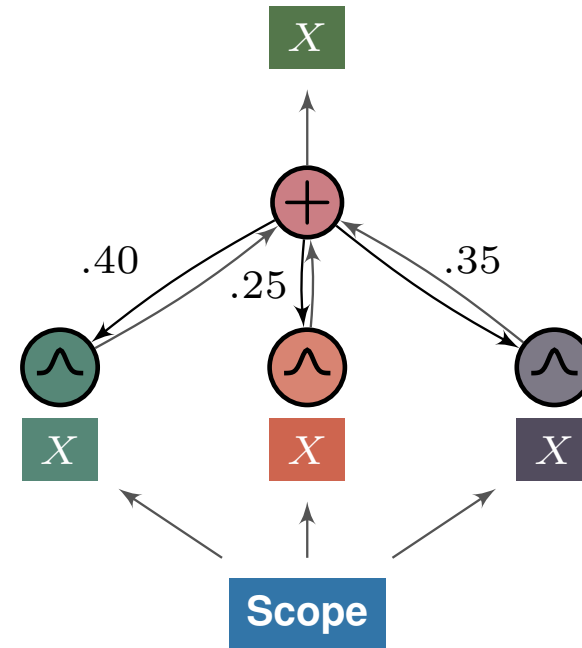
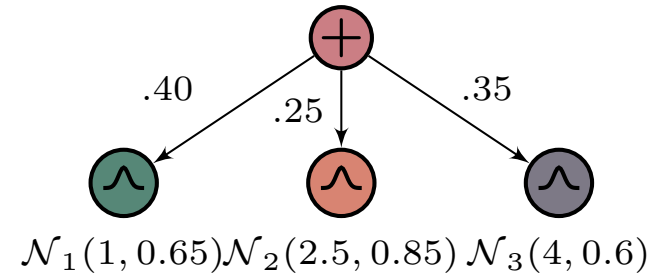


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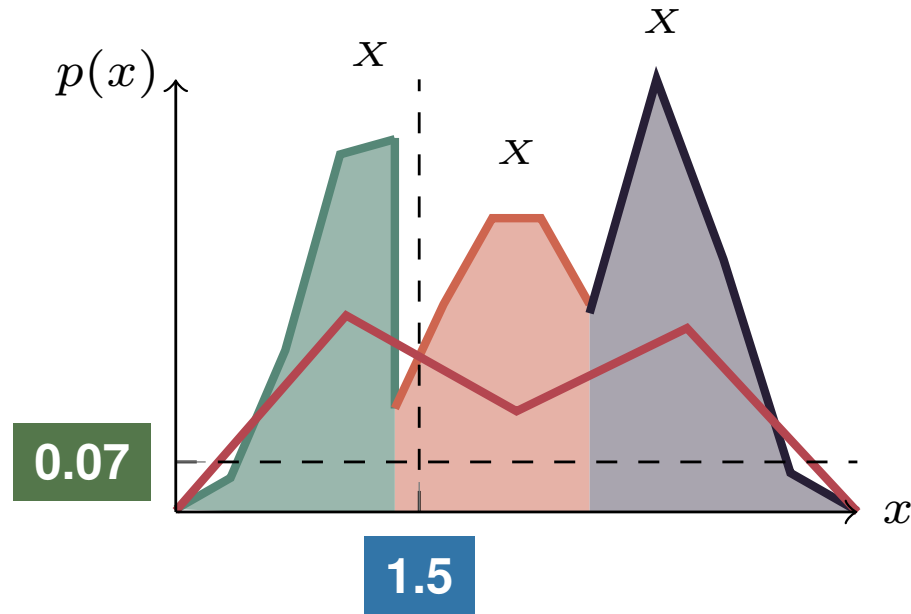


**Definition 1** (Smoothness).

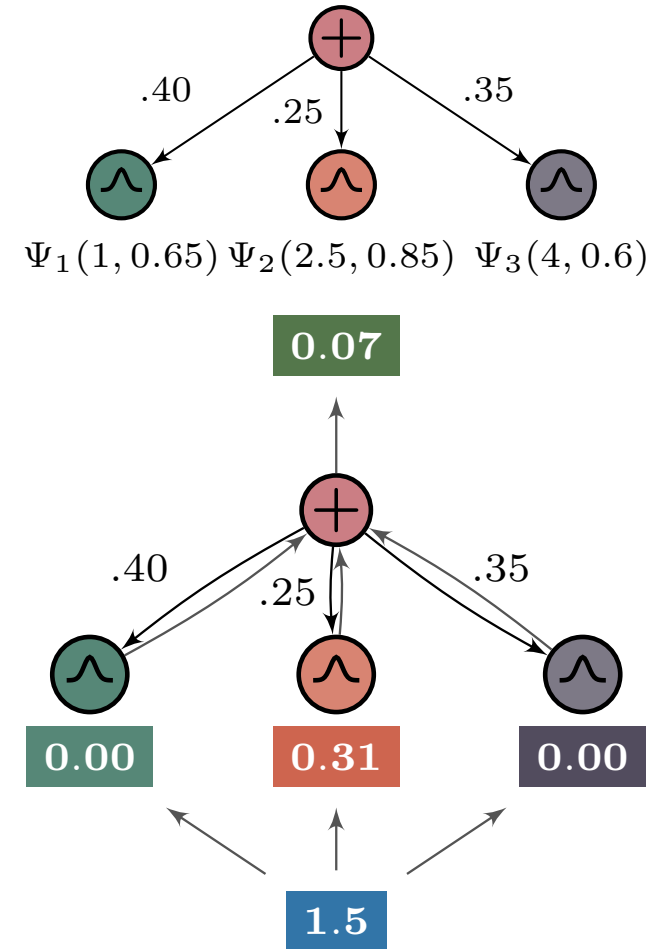
Every sum node child mentions the same variables.



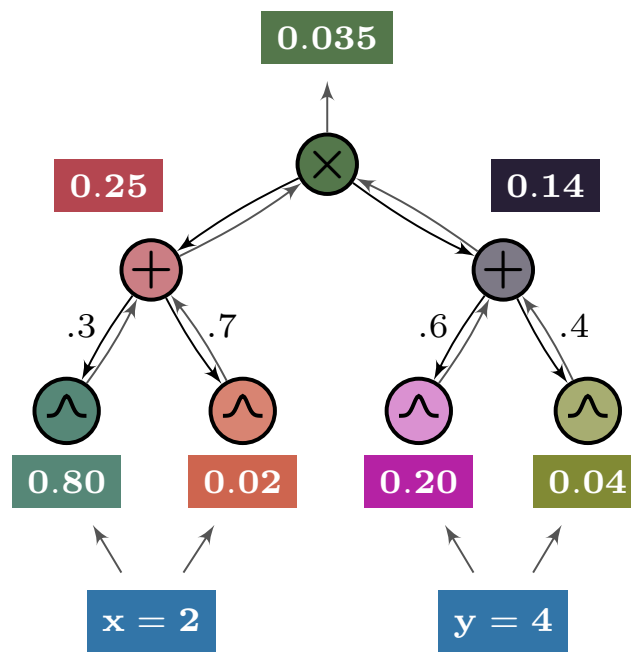
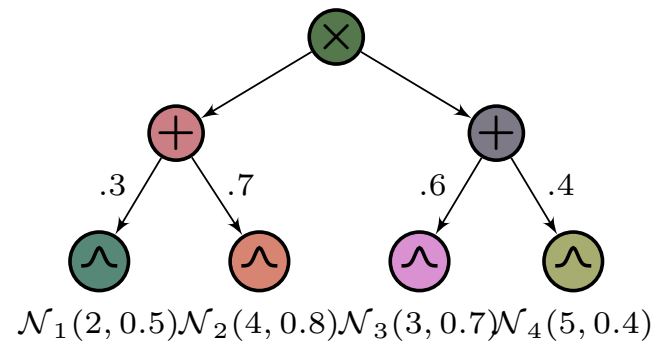
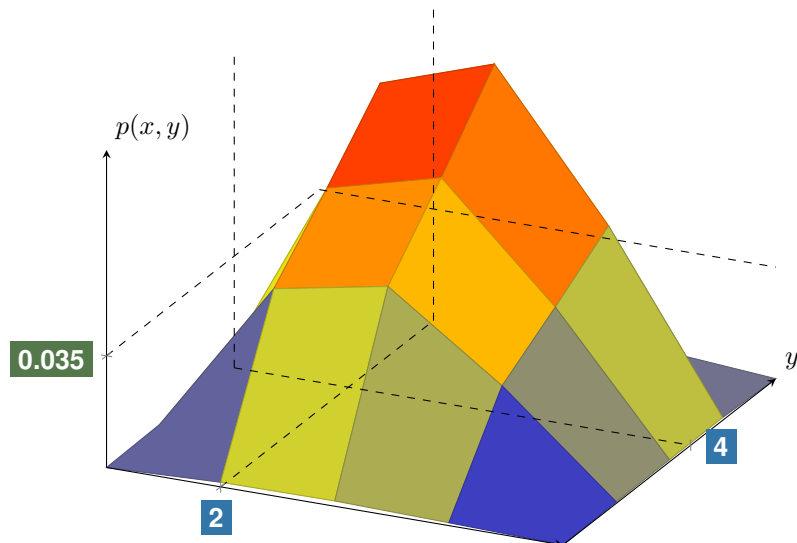
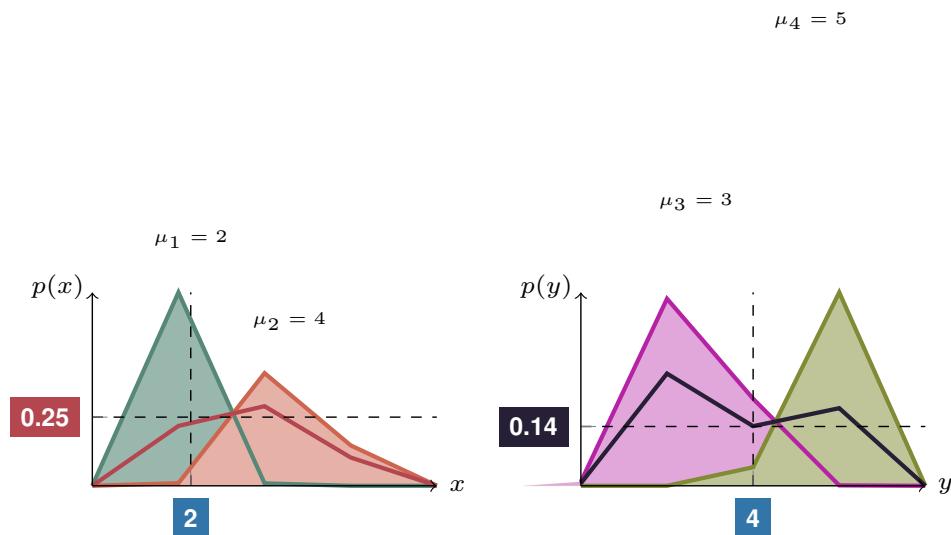
# Probabilistic Circuits – Determinism



**Definition 2** (Determinism).  
At most one sum node child has a positive value.

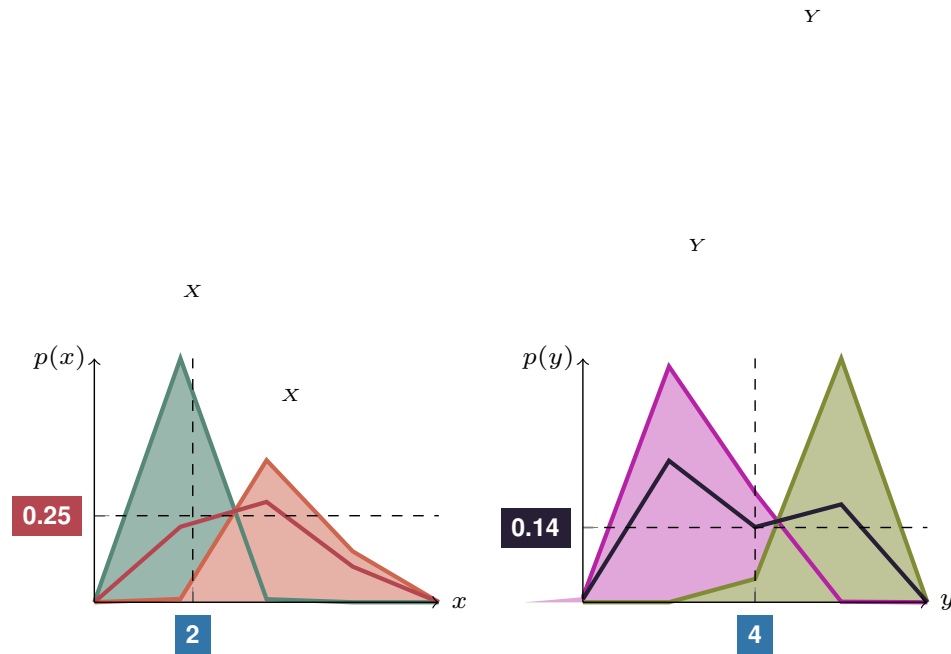


# Probabilistic Circuits – Products

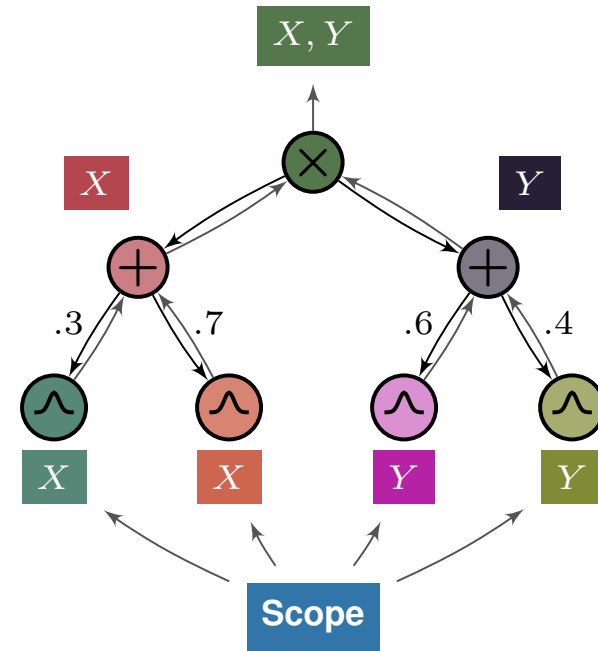
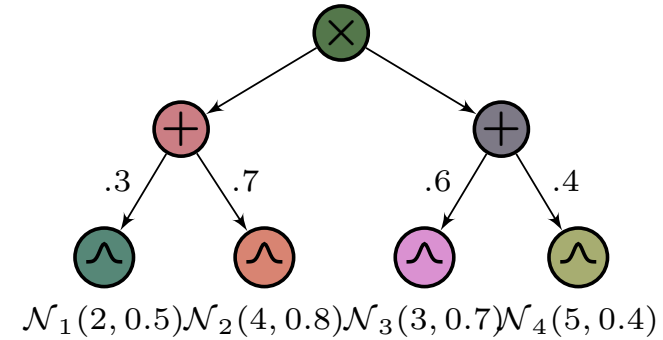




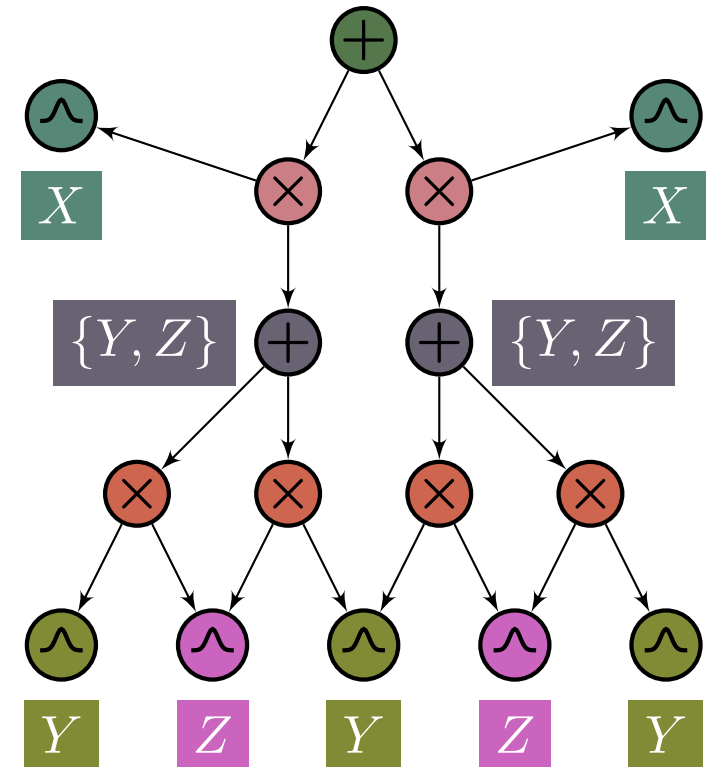
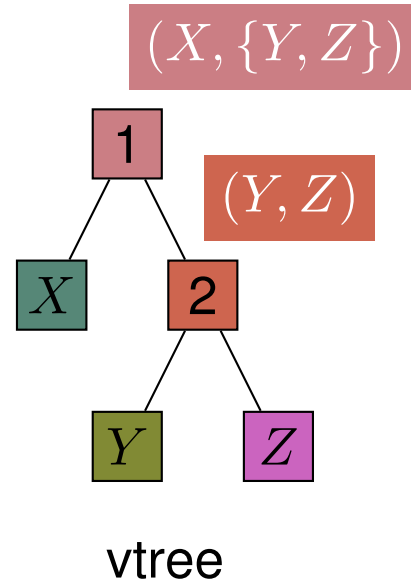
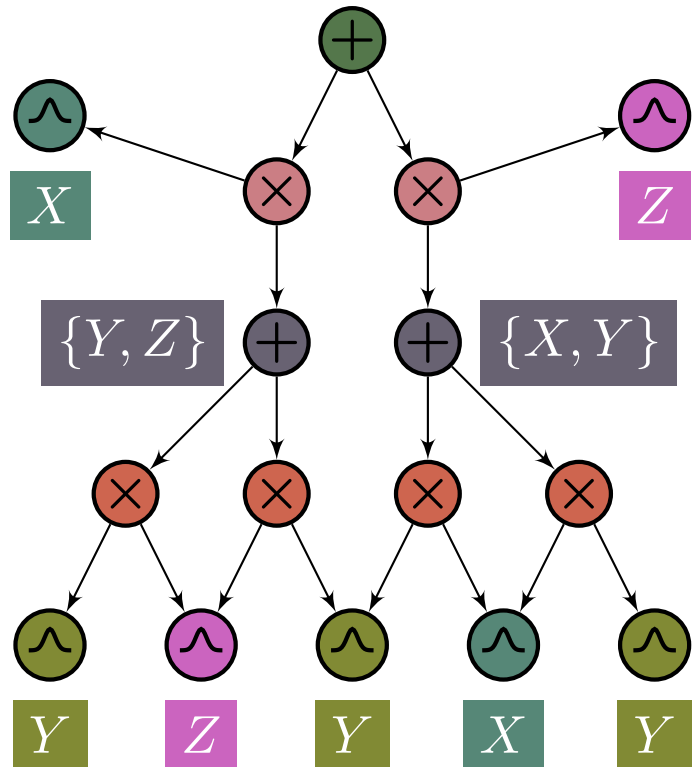
# Probabilistic Circuits – Decomposability



**Definition 3** (Decomposability).  
*Every product node child mentions different variables.*



# Probabilistic Circuits – Structured Decomposability

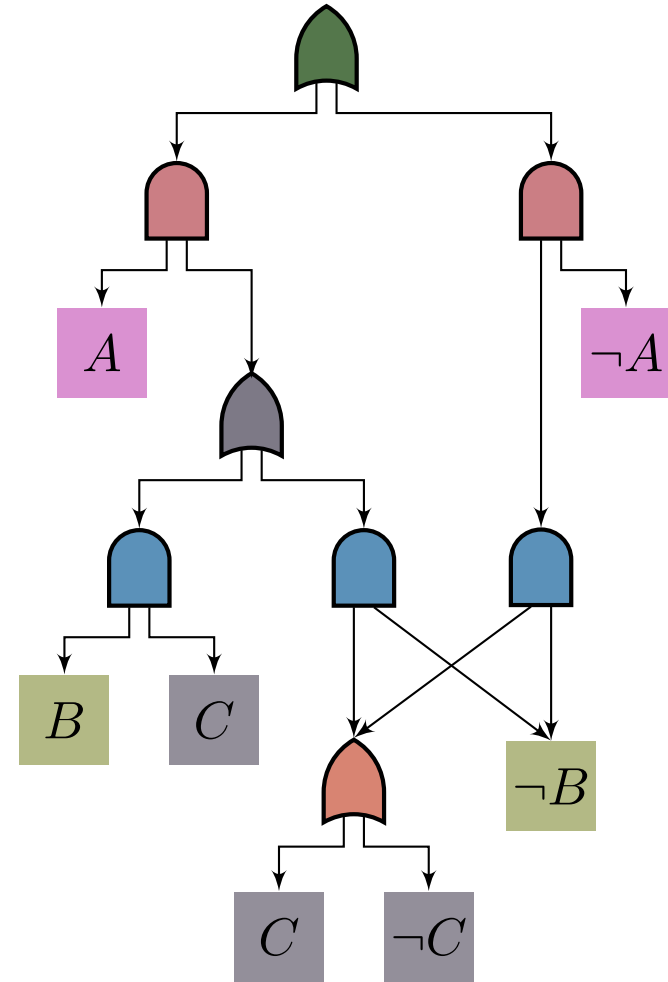
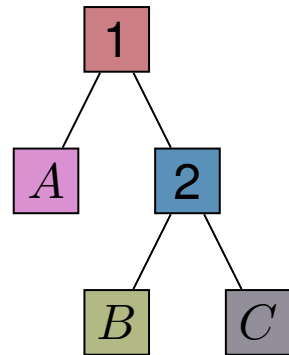


**Definition 4** (Structured decomposability). *Every product node follows a vtree decomposition.*

# Probabilistic Circuits – Logic Circuits

$A$	$B$	$C$	$\phi(\mathbf{x})$
0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1
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1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1

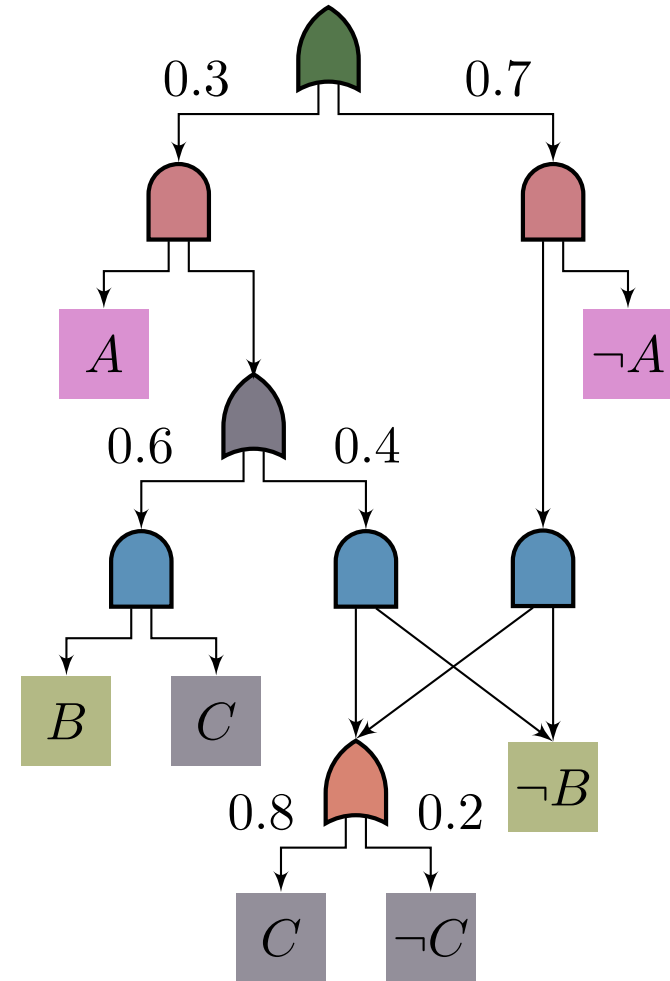
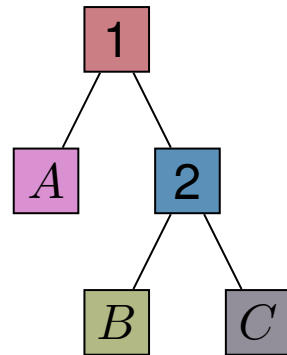
$$\phi(A, B, C) = (A \vee B) \wedge (\neg B \vee C)$$



# Probabilistic Circuits – Support

$A$	$B$	$C$	$\phi(\mathbf{x})$	$p(\mathbf{x})$
0	0	0	1	0.140
1	0	0	1	0.024
0	1	0	0	0.000
1	1	0	0	0.000
0	0	1	1	0.560
1	0	1	1	0.096
0	1	1	0	0.000
1	1	1	1	0.180

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# Probabilistic Circuits – Tractability

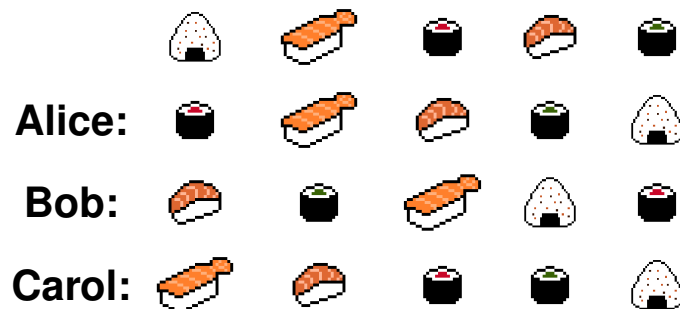
Query	+Sm?	+Dec?	+Det?	+Str Dec?
Evidence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marginals	✗	✓	✓	✓
Conditionals	✗	✓	✓	✓
MPE	✗	✗	✓	✓
Shannon Entropy	✗	✗	✓	✓
Rényi Entropy	✗	✗	✓	✓
Cross Entropy	✗	✗	✗	✓
Kullback-Leibler Div	✗	✗	✗	✓
Rényi's Alpha Div	✗	✗	✗	✓
Cauchy-Schwarz Div	✗	✗	✗	✓
Logical Events	✗	✗	✗	✓
Mutual Information	✗	✗	✗	✓

# Learning Probabilistic Circuits – Where are we right now?

Name	Class	Time Complexity	# hyperparams	Accepts logic?	Sm?	Dec?	Det?	Str Dec?	$\{0, 1\}$ ?	$\mathbb{N}$ ?	$\mathbb{R}$ ?	Reference
LEARNSPN	DIV	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(nkmc) & , \text{ if sum} \\ \mathcal{O}(nm^3) & , \text{ if product} \end{cases}$	$\geq 2$	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	Gens and Domingos [2013]
ID-SPN	DIV	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(nkmc) & , \text{ if sum} \\ \mathcal{O}(nm^3) & , \text{ if product} \\ \mathcal{O}(ic(rn + m)) & , \text{ if input} \end{cases}$	$\geq 2 + 3$	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	Rooshenas and Lowd [2014]
PROMETHEUS	DIV	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(nkmc) & , \text{ if sum} \\ \mathcal{O}(m(\log m)^2) & , \text{ if product} \end{cases}$	$\geq 1$	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	Jaini et al. [2018]
LEARNSD	INCR	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(m^2) & , \text{ top-down vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(m^4) & , \text{ bottom-up vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(i \mathcal{C} ^2) & , \text{ circuit structure} \end{cases}$	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Liang et al. [2017]
STRUDEL	INCR	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(m^2n) & , \text{ CLT + vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(i( \mathcal{C} n + m^2)) & , \text{ circuit structure} \end{cases}$	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Dang et al. [2020]
RAT-SPN	RAND	$\mathcal{O}(rd(s + l))$	4	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	Peharz et al. [2020]
XPC	RAND	$\mathcal{O}(i(t + kn) + ikm^2n)$	3	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Mauro et al. [2021]
SAMPLESD	RAND	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(m) & , \text{ random vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(kc \log c + \log_2^2 k) & , \text{ per call} \end{cases}$	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Geh and Mauá [2021]
LEARNR	RAND	$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(m^2) & , \text{ top-down vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(m^4) & , \text{ bottom-up vtree} \\ \mathcal{O}(knm) & , \text{ per call} \end{cases}$	0	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	To appear

# A Logical Perspective

# Motivation



## Example:

$$n = 3, k = 3$$

$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_{13}$	$X_{21}$	$\dots$	$X_{33}$	$p(\mathbf{x}) > 0$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
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$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
0	1	1	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	0

Assignments:  $2^{3 \cdot 3} = 512$

Positive assignments:  $3! = 6$

If we assume

$n$  sushi types,

$k$  sized rankings with  $k \leq n$ ,

$X_{ij}$  binary variables;  $i$  is sushi type,  $j$  is position in ranking;

then the total number of possible assignments of the  $n \cdot k$  variables is  $2^{nk}$ ...

...but many of these are zero probability assignments!

If we can embed total ranking constraints...

...we go down to  $k!$  total assignments!

**Takeaway:** models which exploit domain knowledge are much more efficient!



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## Existing approaches:

LEARNPSDD (Liang et al. [2017]):

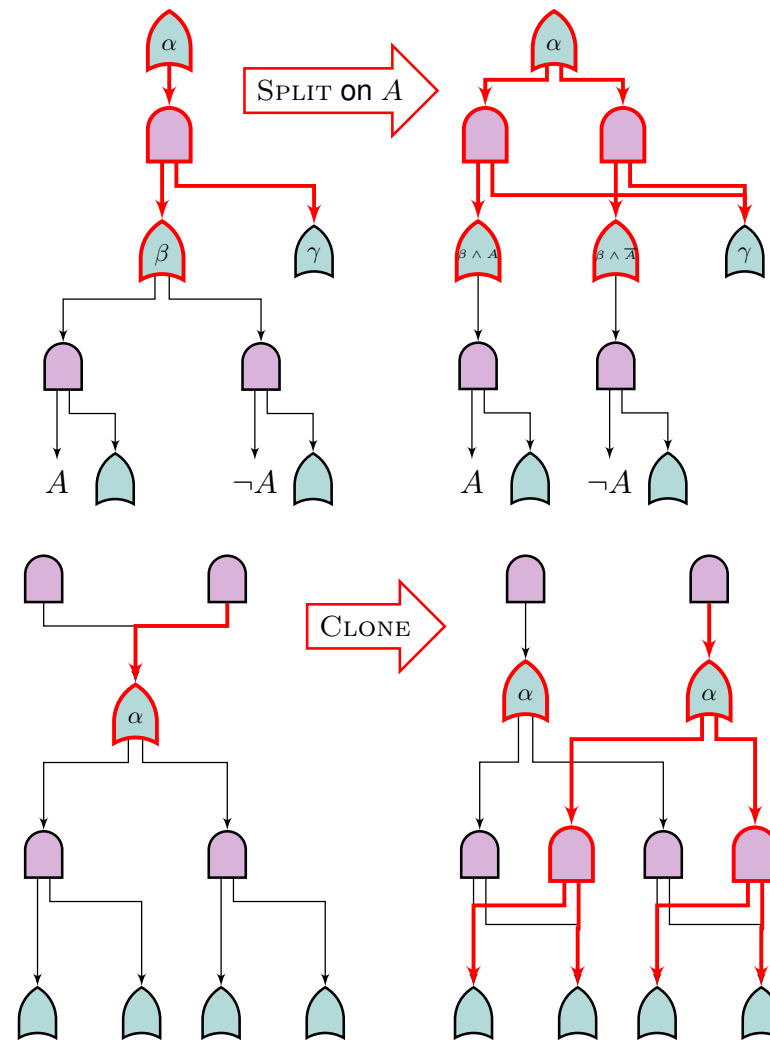
- ✗ Requires initial logic circuit encoding the support...
- ✗ Scales poorly to complex formulae and/or high dimension...
- ✗ Costly whole circuit evaluation at every iteration...
- ✓ Very good performance!

STRUDEL (Dang et al. [2020]):

- ✓ Constructs an initial structure (from a CLT)!
- ✗ But does not encode constraints...
- ✓ Scales to high dimension!
- ✗ As long as the circuit doesn't get too big...

SAMPLEPSDD (Geh and Mauá [2021]):

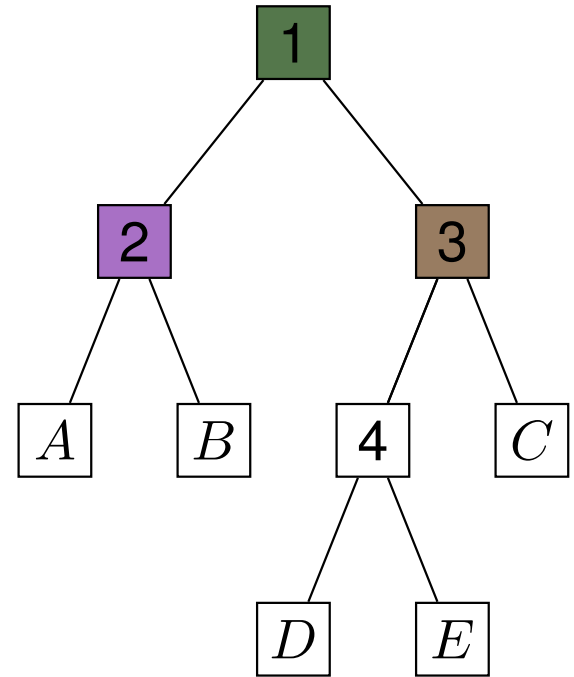
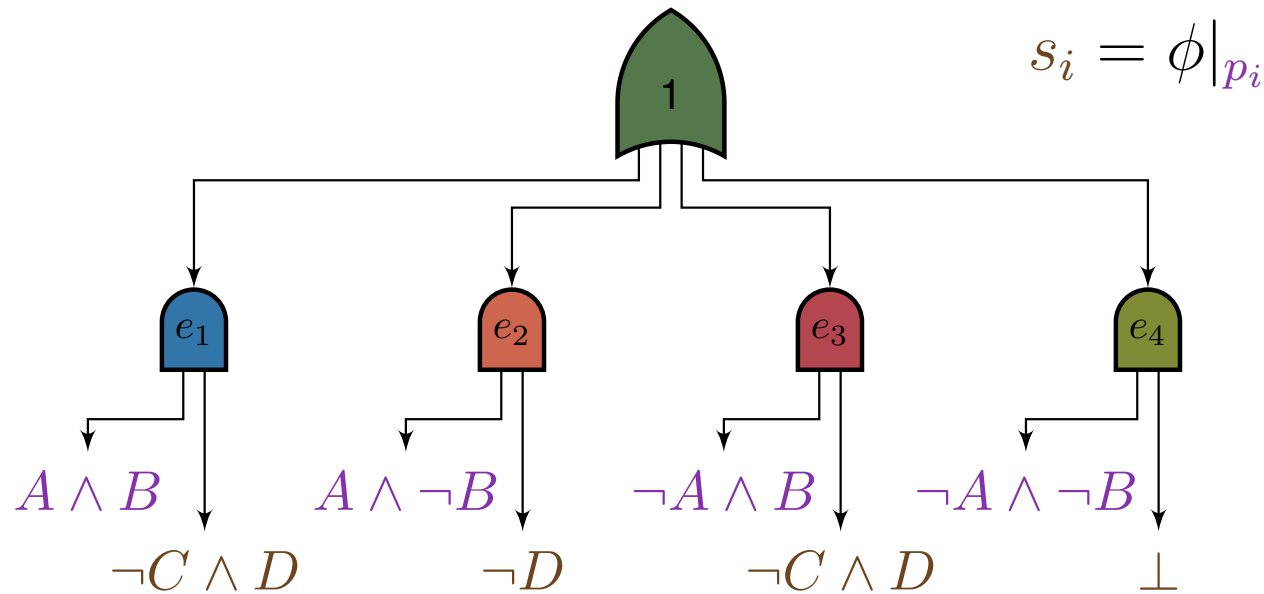
- ✓ Scales to high dimension and complex formulae!
- ✓ Constructs a structure consistent with constraints!
- ✗ But does so by relaxing the formula...
- ✗ Performance varies on set bounds and vtree structure...



# SAMPLEPSDD

Common assumption:  $p_i$  are conjunctions of literals.

$$\phi(A, B, C, D) = (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg D) \vee (B \wedge \neg C \wedge D)$$

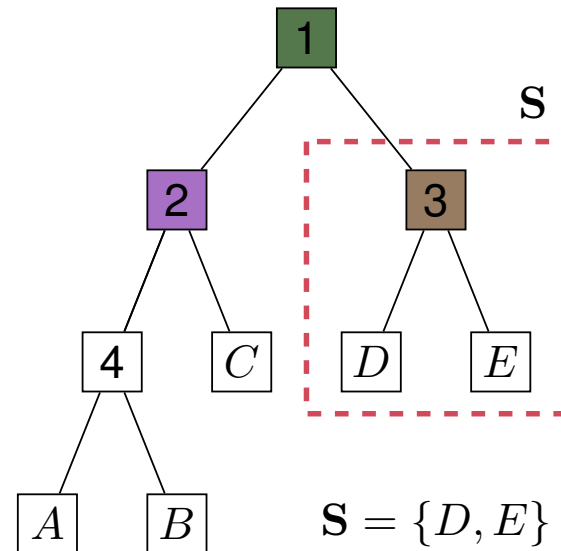
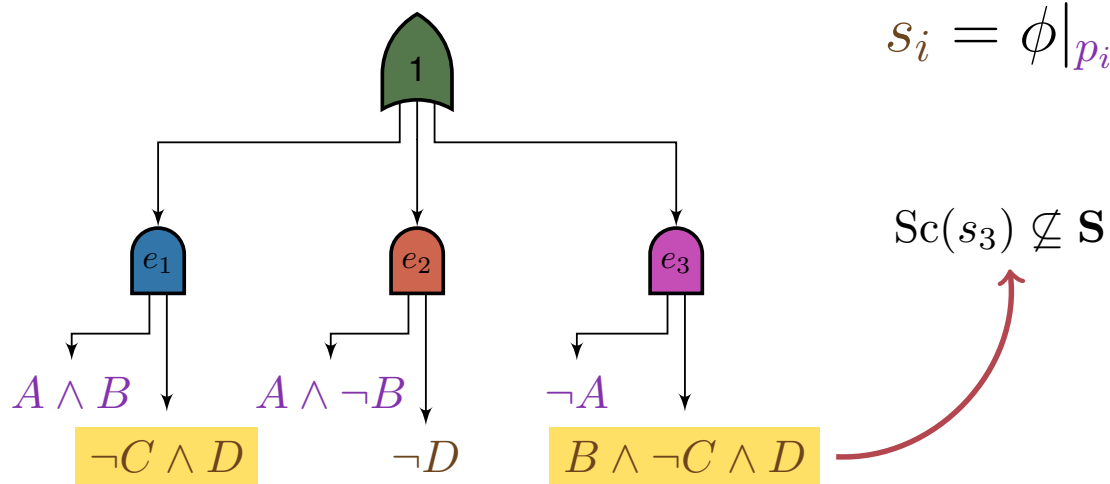


**Problem:** size of circuit is **exponential** in the size of  $p_i$ 's scope.

# SAMPLEPSDD

**Solution:** randomly sample a bounded number ( $k$ ) of  $p_i$

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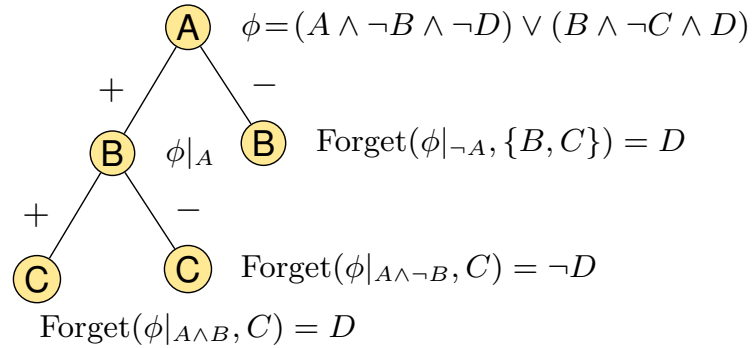
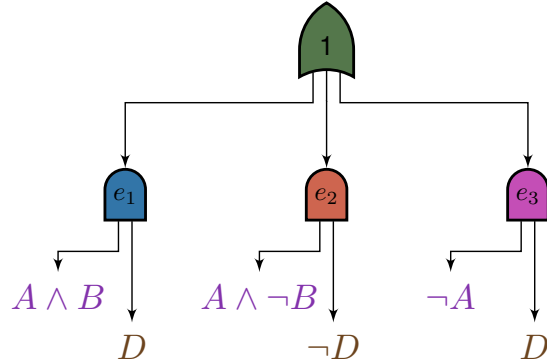
**But:** this violates structured decomposability:

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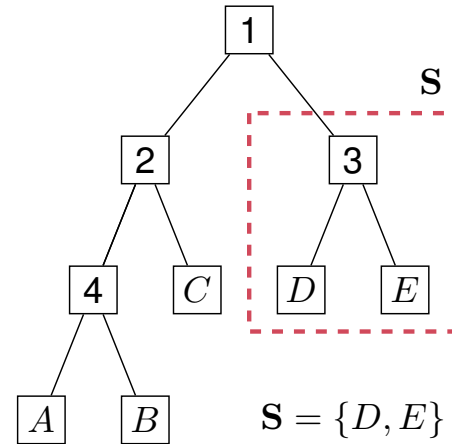
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**New solution:** relax logical constraints  $\phi$

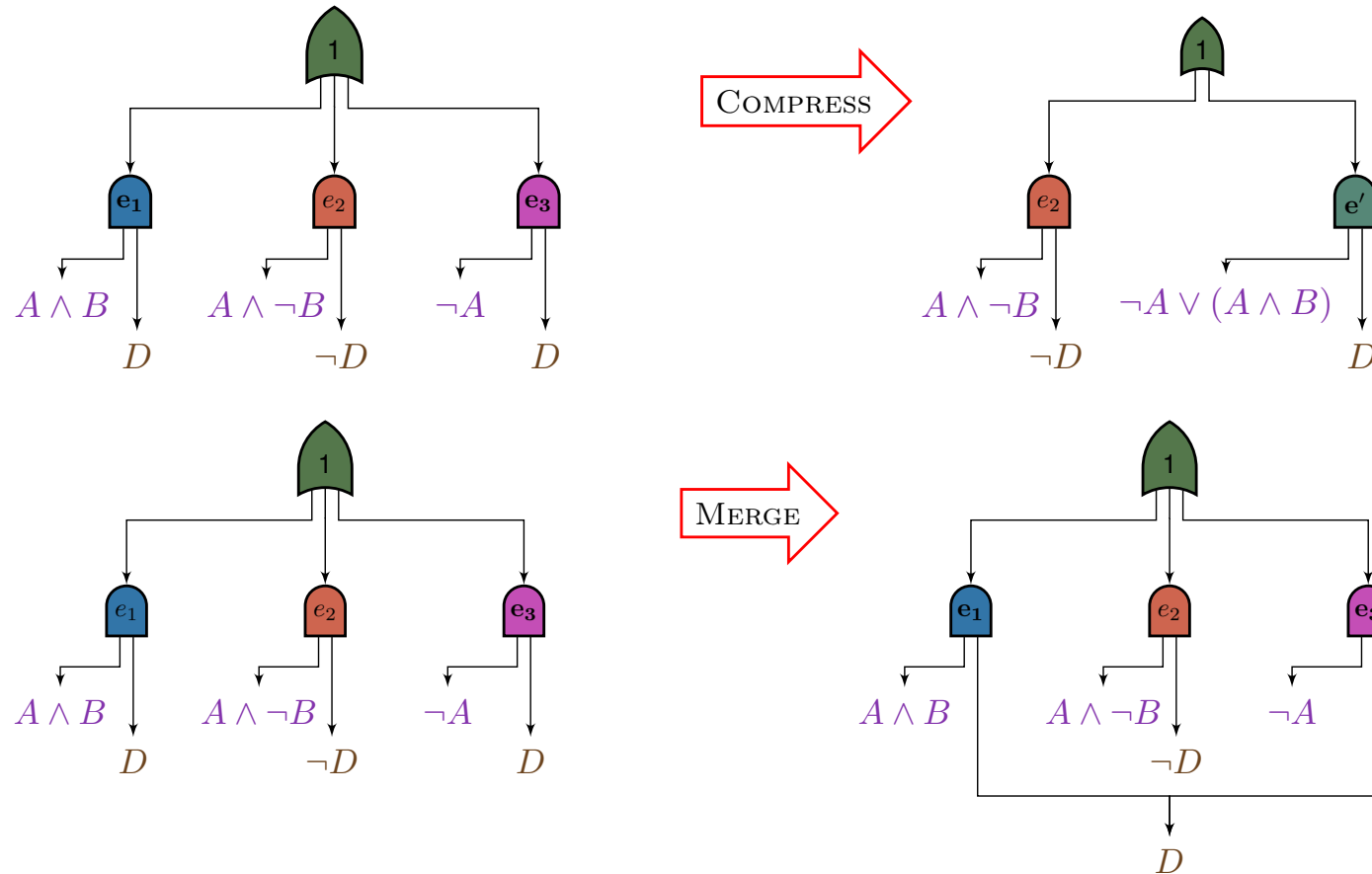


Now all  $s_i$  respect  $S$



# SAMPLEPSDD

Apply **local transformations** for variety and size reduction



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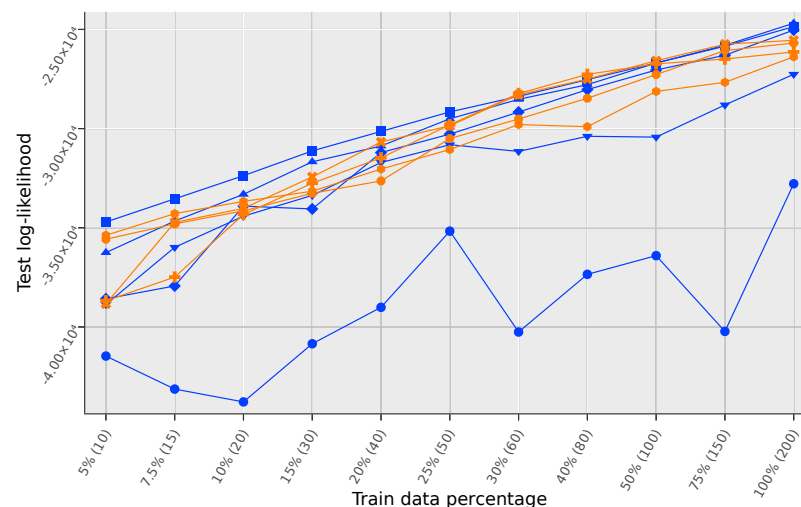
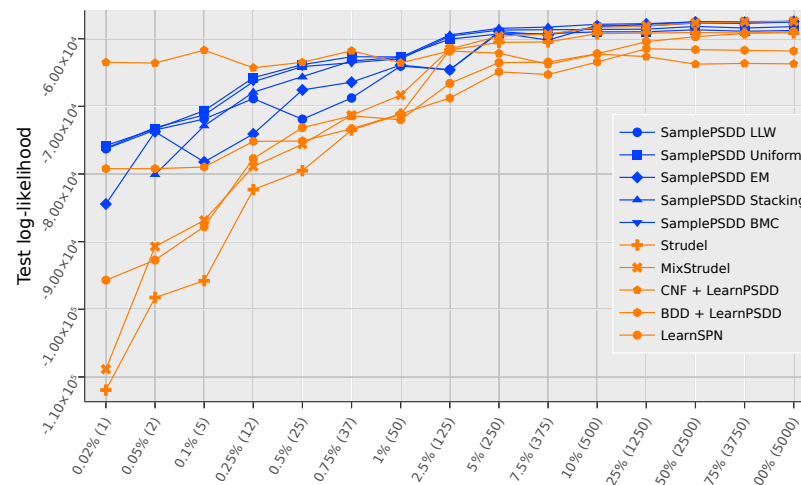
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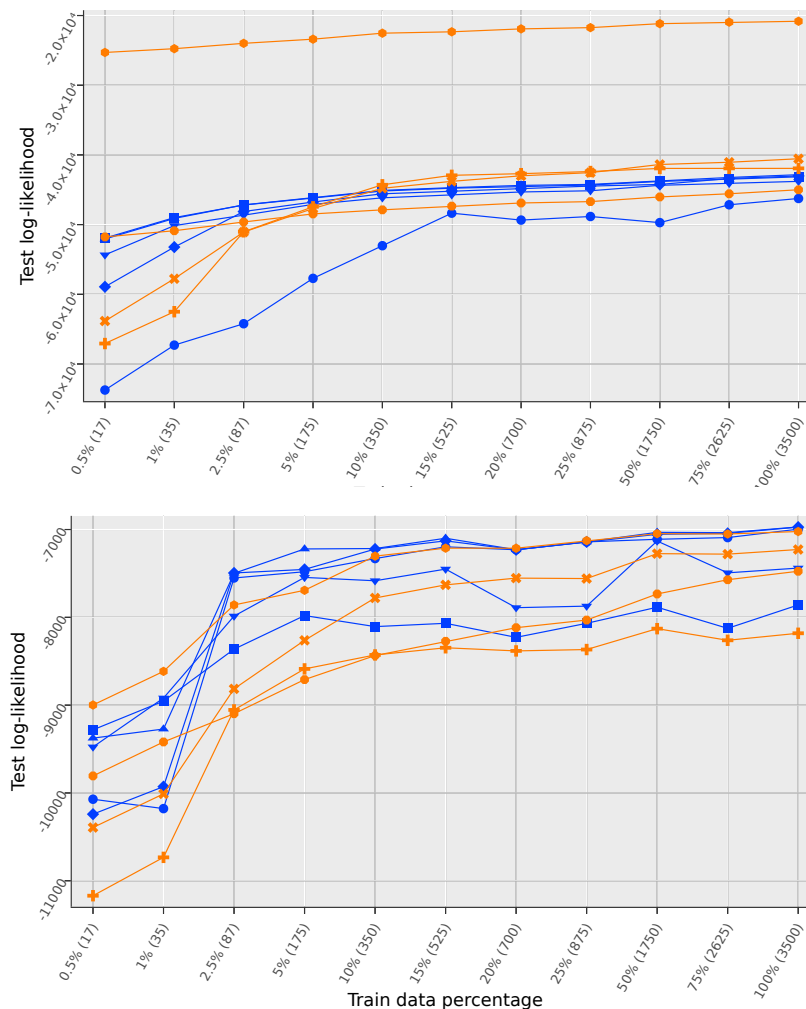
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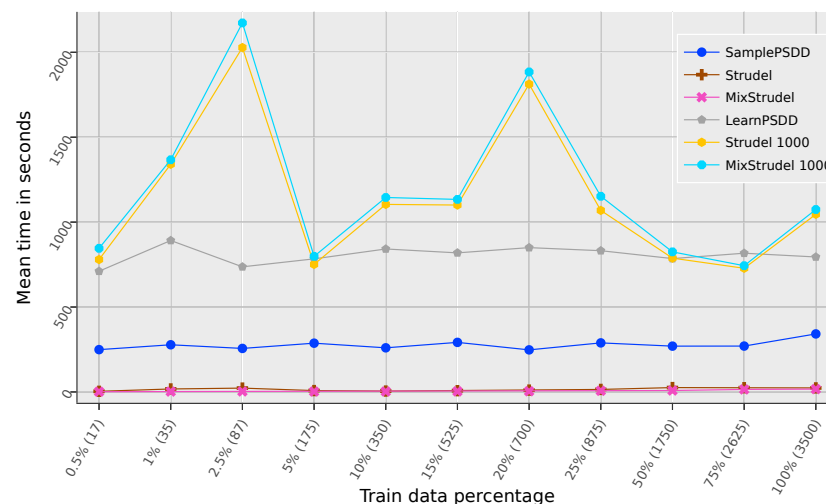
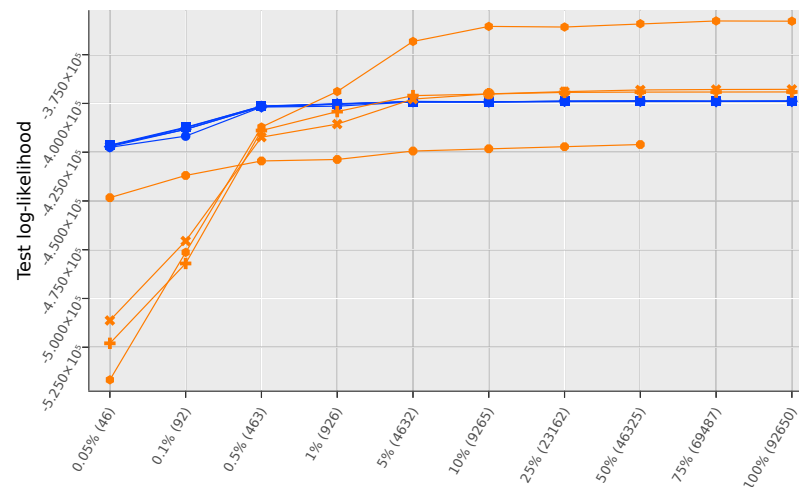
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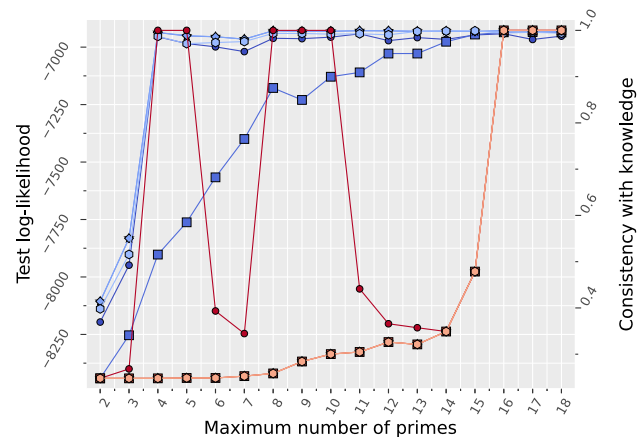
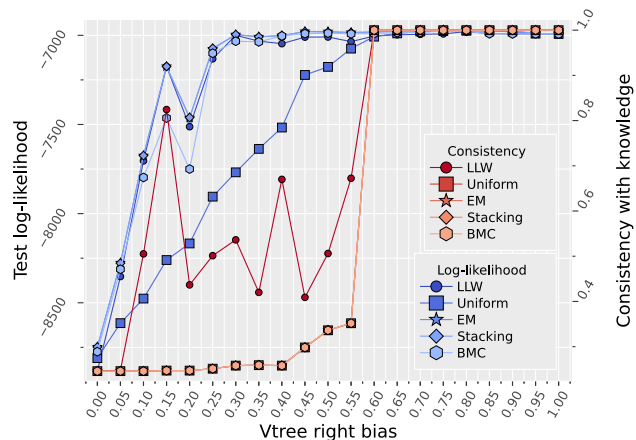
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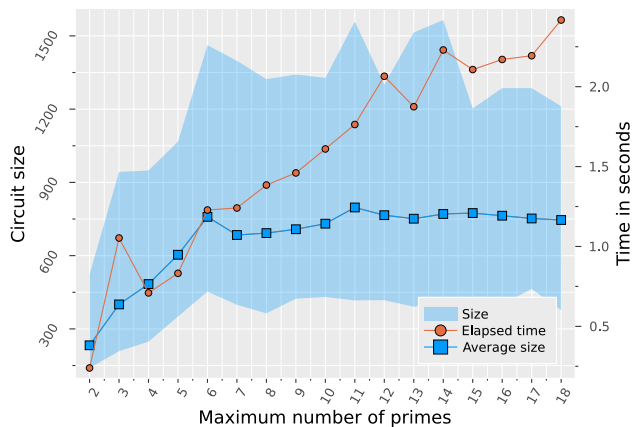
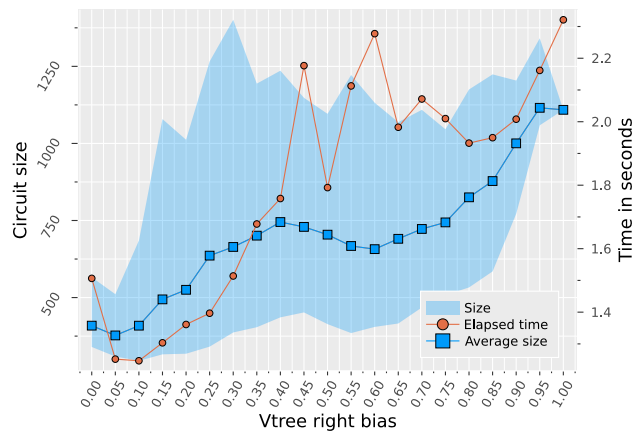


# Experiments

What is the impact of higher  $k$ 's and right-leaning vtrees  
in log-likelihood and consistency?



Samples perform better with higher  $k$ 's and right-leaning vtrees ...  
...but at a cost to complexity.



# A Data Perspective

# Motivation

## Density Estimation Trees...

- ☒ ...are fast;
- ☒ ...are interpretable;
- ☒ ...are (somewhat) explainable;
- ☒ ...have extensive literature coverage;
- ☐ ...are not so expressive;
- ☐ ...only accept marginalization queries;
- ☐ ...are not so accurate.

