



# KMapSolver3D

Performance Characterization

9-16 Variable Boolean Functions

Total Tests: 144

Date: 2025-11-30

## EXPERIMENTAL SETUP & CONFIGURATION

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### STUDY INFORMATION

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Study Type: Performance Characterization  
Scope: 9-16 variable Boolean functions  
Total Tests: 144  
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### SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

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Platform: Windows-11-10.0.26200-SP0  
Processor: Intel64 Family 6 Model 142 Stepping 12, GenuineIntel  
Python: 3.12.10

### SOFTWARE VERSIONS

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NumPy: 2.3.4  
SciPy: 1.16.3  
Matplotlib: 3.10.7

### EXPERIMENTAL PARAMETERS

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Random Seed: 42  
Variable Range: 9-16  
Tests per Distribution: 3

### TEST DISTRIBUTIONS

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- Sparse: 20% ones, 5% don't-cares
- Dense: 70% ones, 5% don't-cares
- Balanced: 50% ones, 10% don't-cares
- Minimal DC: 45% ones, 2% don't-cares
- Heavy DC: 30% ones, 30% don't-cares
- Edge cases: all-zeros, all-ones, all-dc

### METRICS COLLECTED

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- Execution time (seconds)
- Memory consumption (MB)
- Peak memory usage (MB)
- Solution complexity (literal count, term count)
- Time per truth table entry (ms)
- Memory per truth table entry (KB)

### METHODOLOGY

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1. Random Boolean functions generated per distribution
2. KMapSolver3D minimization executed (SOP form)
3. Execution time measured using perf\_counter
4. Memory tracked using tracemalloc + psutil
5. Results aggregated and analyzed statistically
6. Exponential models fitted to scaling data
7. Extrapolations computed for larger problems

### NOTE ON SYMPY COMPARISON

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This is a performance-only study. SymPy comparison is omitted for 9-16 variables due to computational infeasibility.  
See verify\_sympy\_failure.py for detailed justification.

### REPRODUCIBILITY

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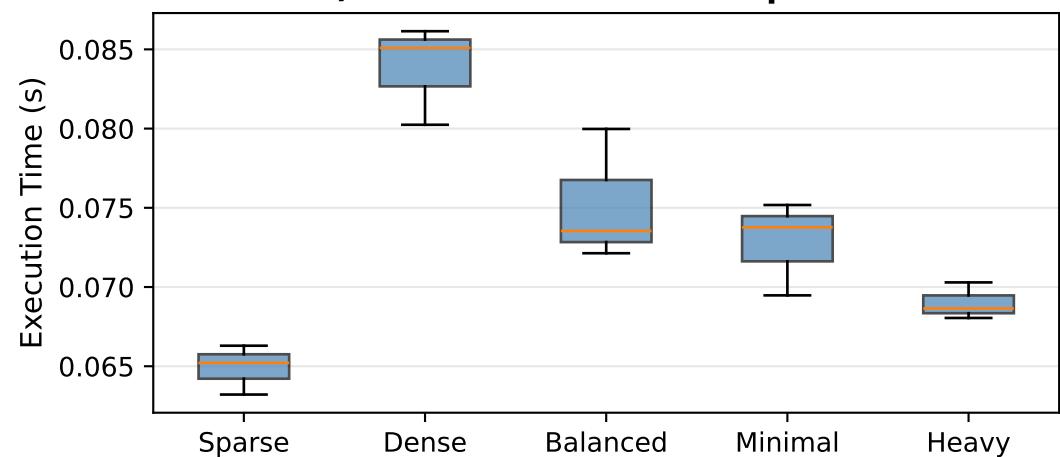
To reproduce this experiment:

1. Set random seed: `random.seed(42)`
2. Run with identical system configuration
3. Use same library versions as documented above
4. Execute: `python test_kmapsolver3d_9to16var_performance.py`

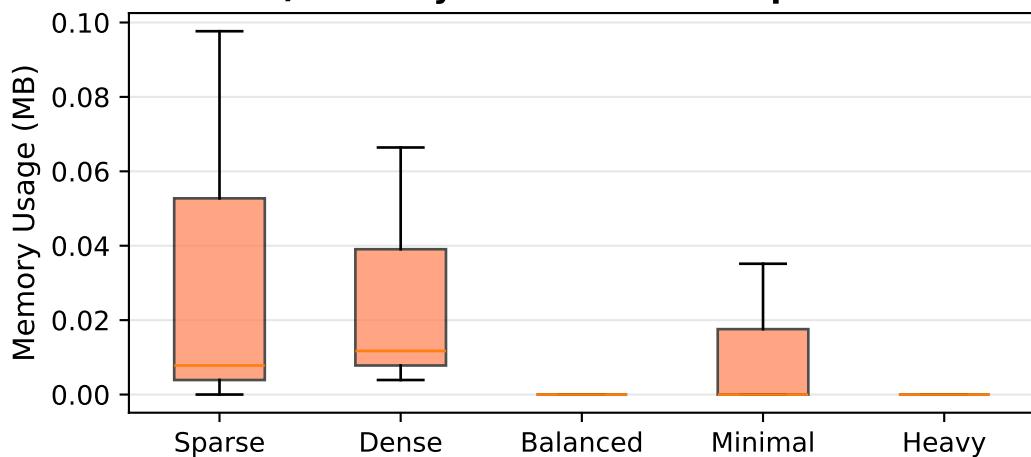
# 9-Variable K-Map: Distribution Performance Analysis

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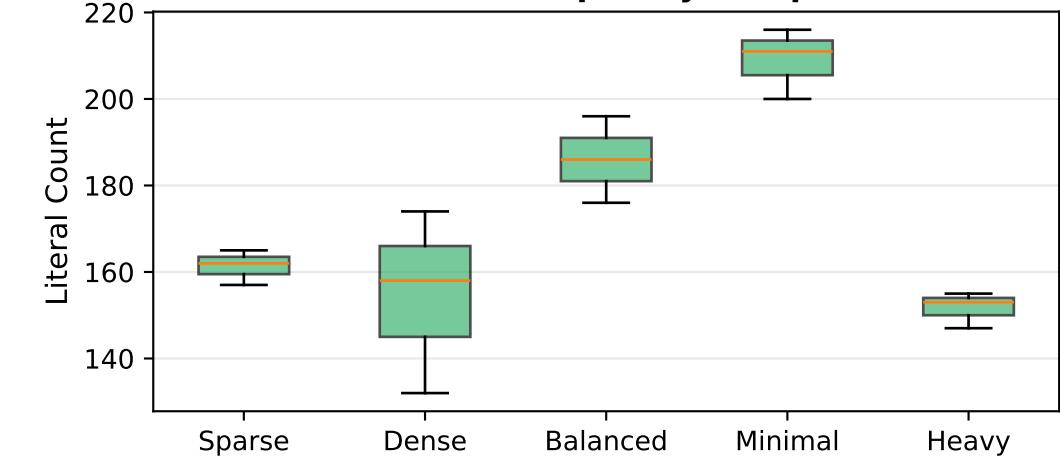
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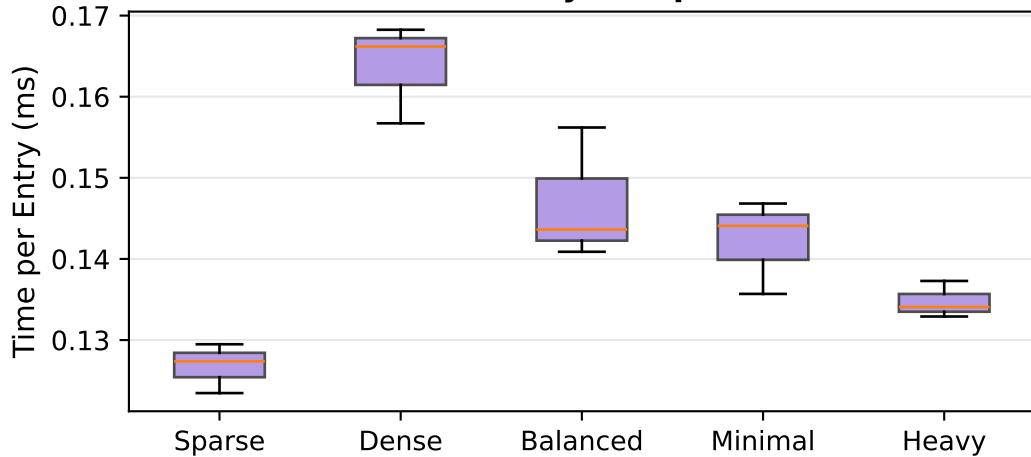
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**



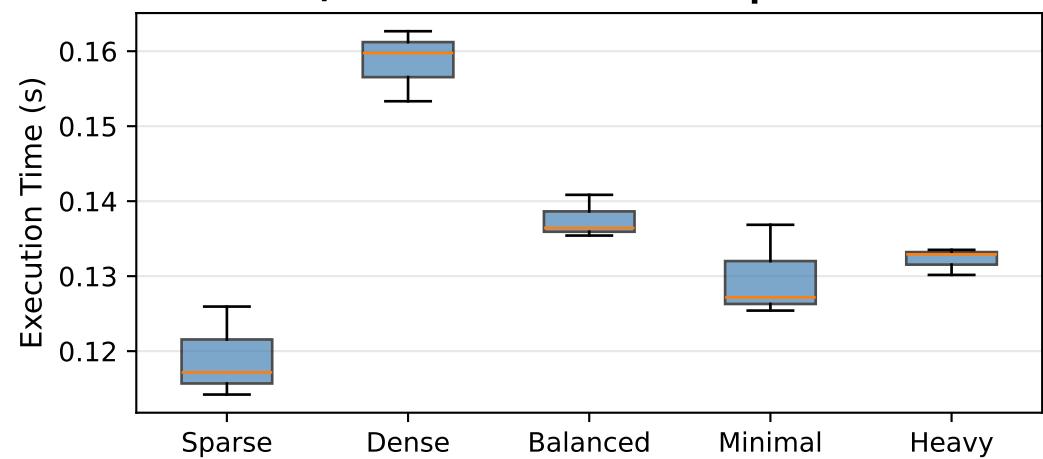
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	0.0649	0.0013	0.04	161.3	40.0
Dense (70% 1s)	3	0.0838	0.0026	0.03	154.7	52.3
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	0.0752	0.0034	0.00	186.0	58.7
Minimal DC (2%)	3	0.0728	0.0024	0.01	209.0	58.7
Heavy DC (30%)	3	0.0690	0.0009	0.00	151.7	45.0

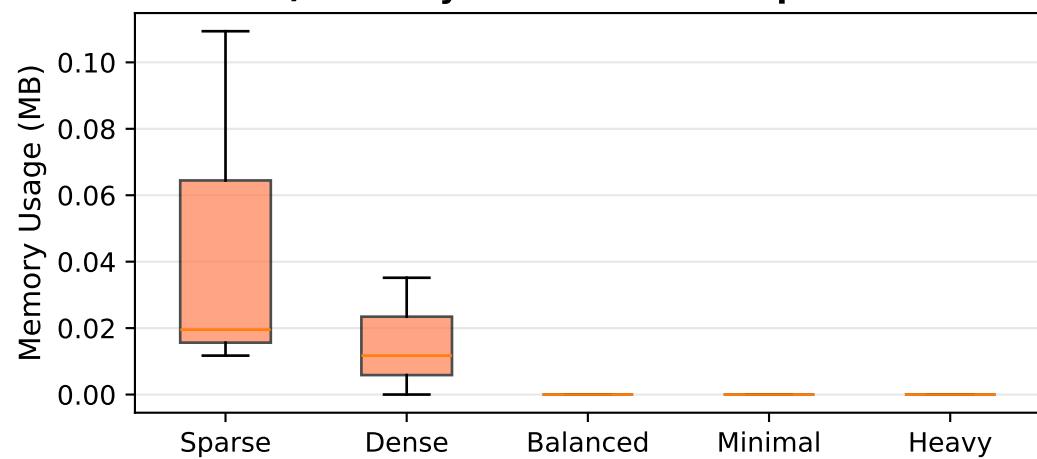
# 10-Variable K-Map: Distribution Performance Analysis

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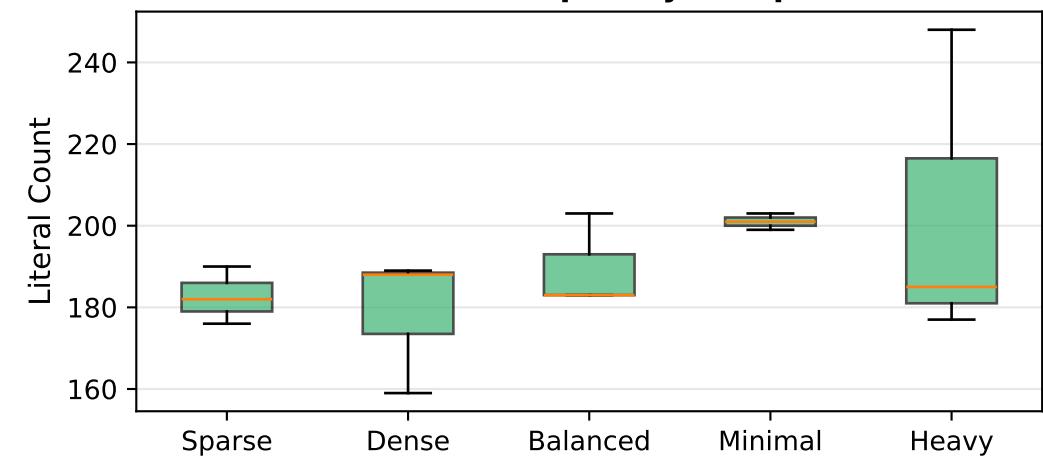
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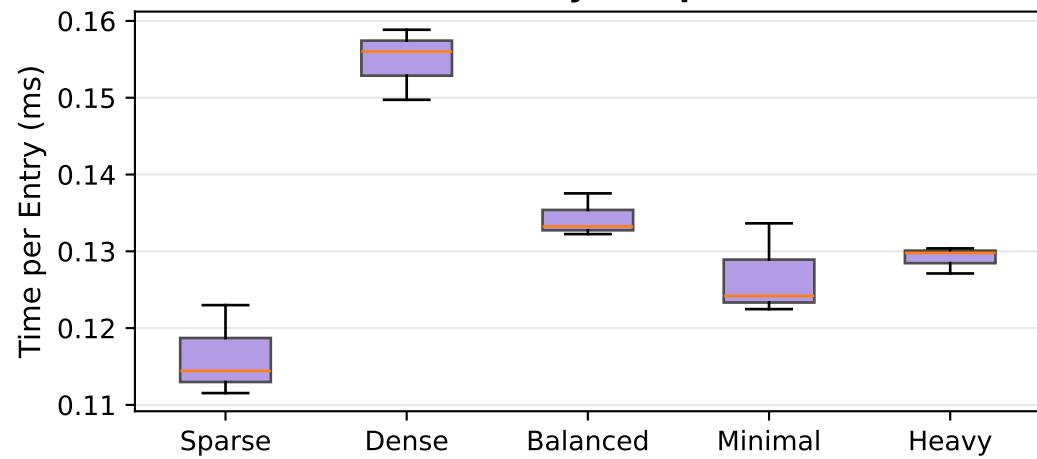
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**



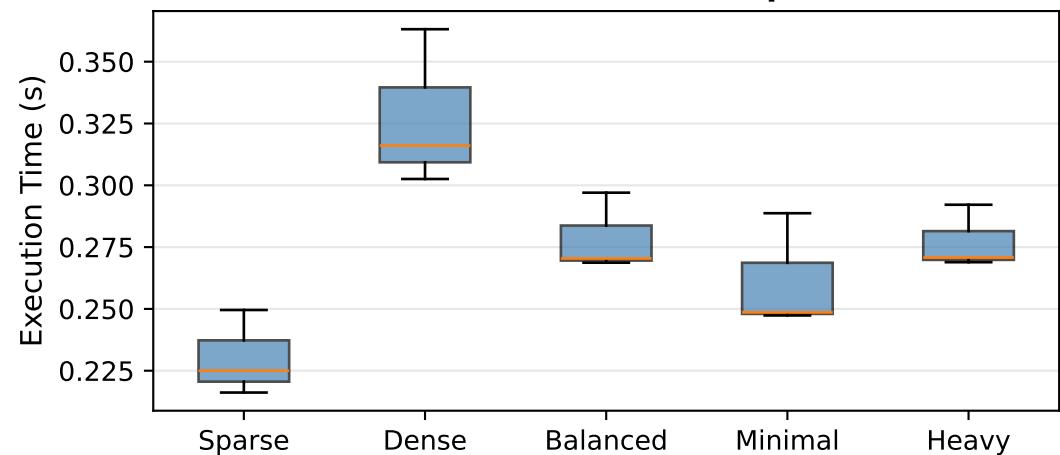
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	0.1191	0.0050	0.05	182.7	53.0
Dense (70% 1s)	3	0.1586	0.0039	0.02	178.7	65.3
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	0.1376	0.0024	0.00	189.7	68.3
Minimal DC (2%)	3	0.1298	0.0050	0.00	201.0	69.7
Heavy DC (30%)	3	0.1322	0.0015	0.00	203.3	65.0

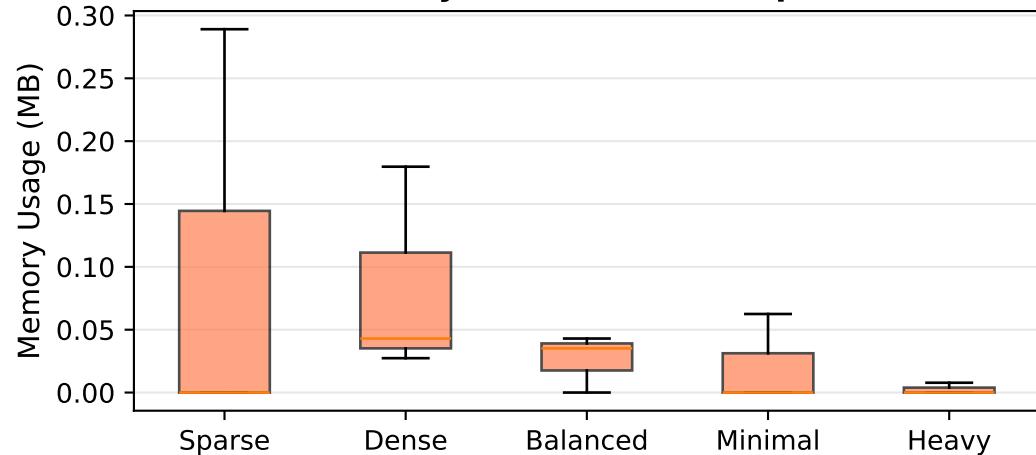
# 11-Variable K-Map: Distribution Performance Analysis

Truth Table Size:  $2^{11} = 2,048$  entries

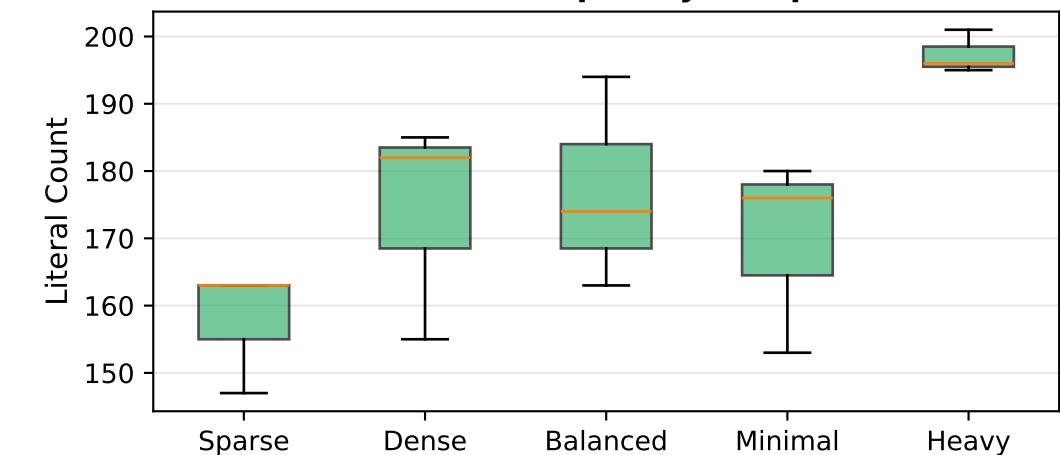
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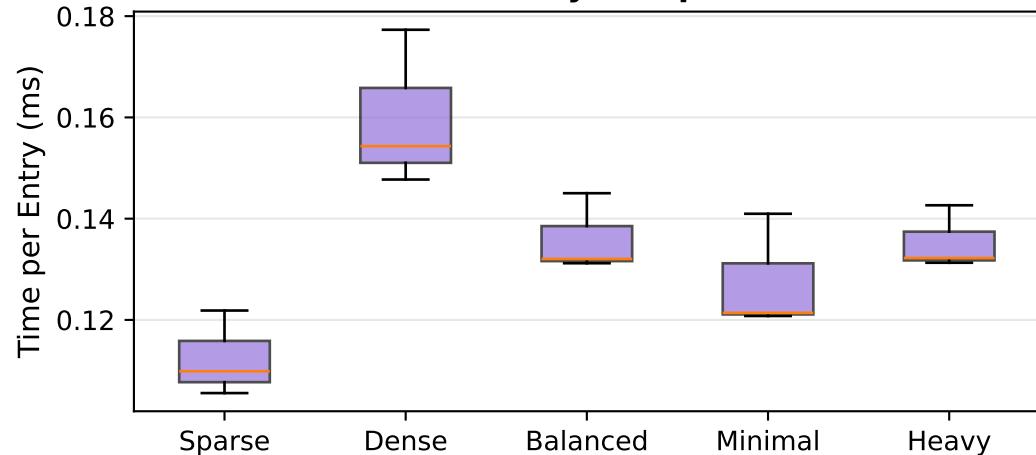
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**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



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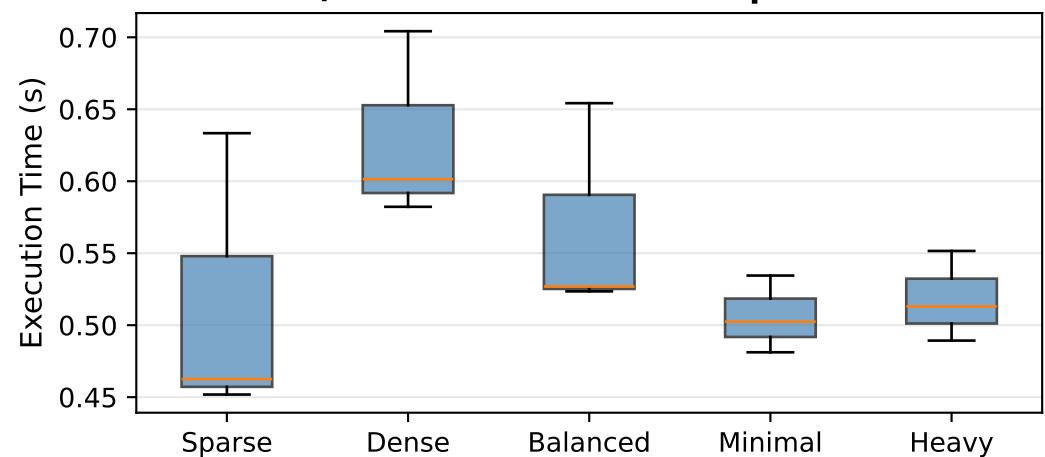
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	0.2302	0.0141	0.10	157.7	54.7
Dense (70% 1s)	3	0.3273	0.0260	0.08	174.0	70.0
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	0.2787	0.0130	0.03	177.0	74.3
Minimal DC (2%)	3	0.2616	0.0192	0.02	169.7	73.7
Heavy DC (30%)	3	0.2773	0.0105	0.00	197.3	73.0

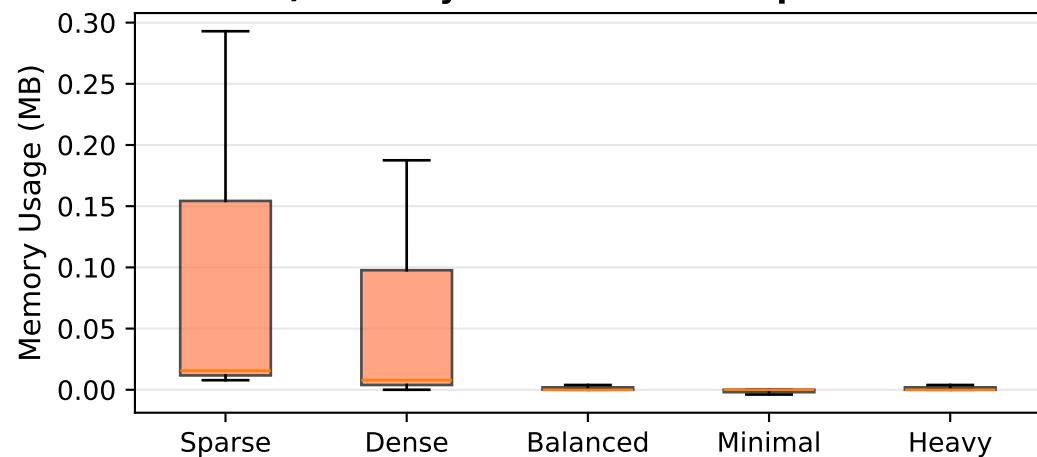
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Truth Table Size:  $2^{12} = 4,096$  entries

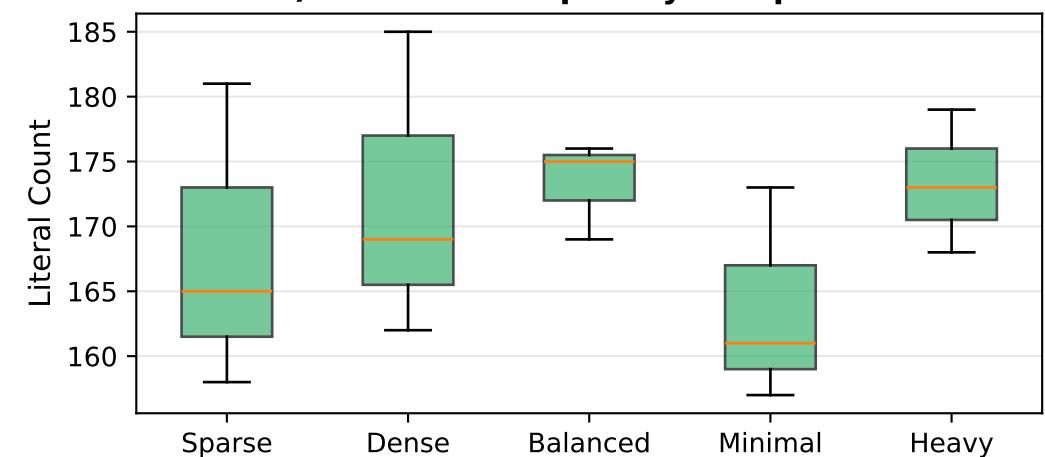
**A) Time Distribution Comparison**



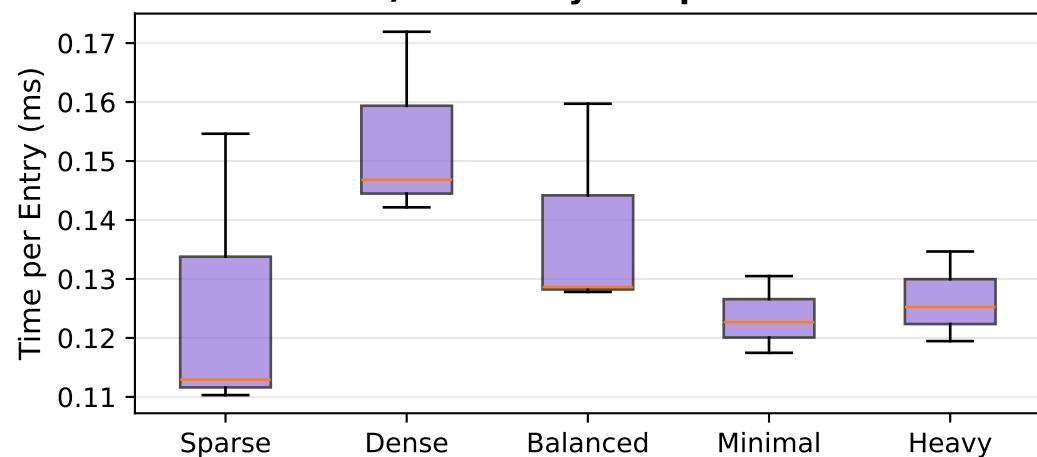
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**



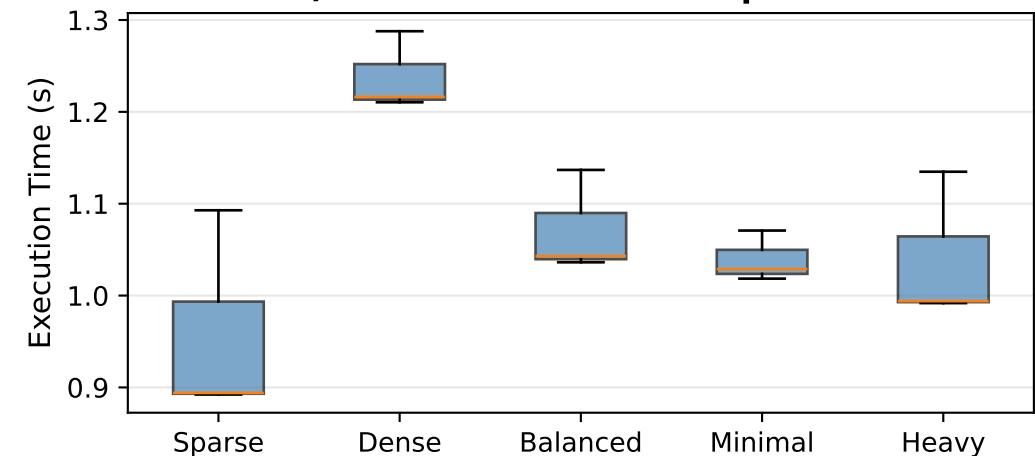
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	0.5159	0.0832	0.11	168.0	64.0
Dense (70% 1s)	3	0.6293	0.0536	0.07	172.0	74.7
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	0.5682	0.0608	0.00	173.3	79.0
Minimal DC (2%)	3	0.5060	0.0219	-0.00	163.7	76.7
Heavy DC (30%)	3	0.5180	0.0257	0.00	173.3	78.7

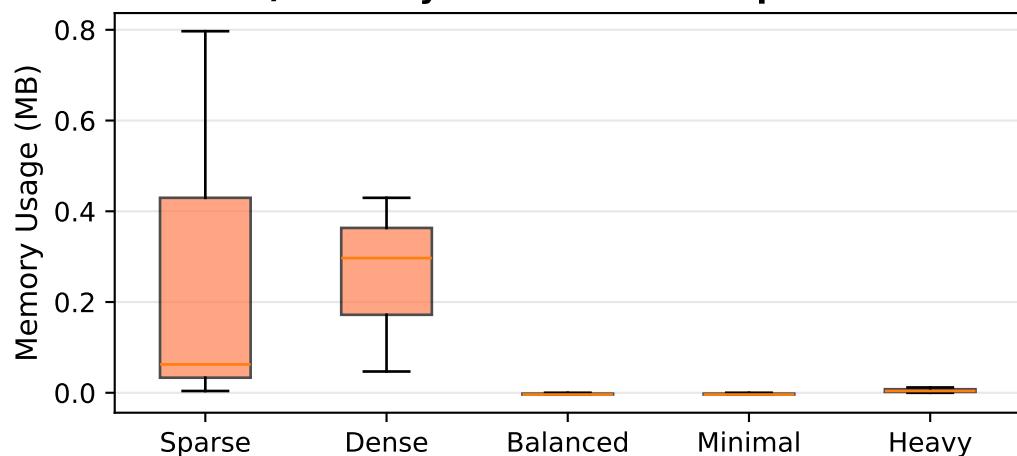
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Truth Table Size:  $2^{13} = 8,192$  entries

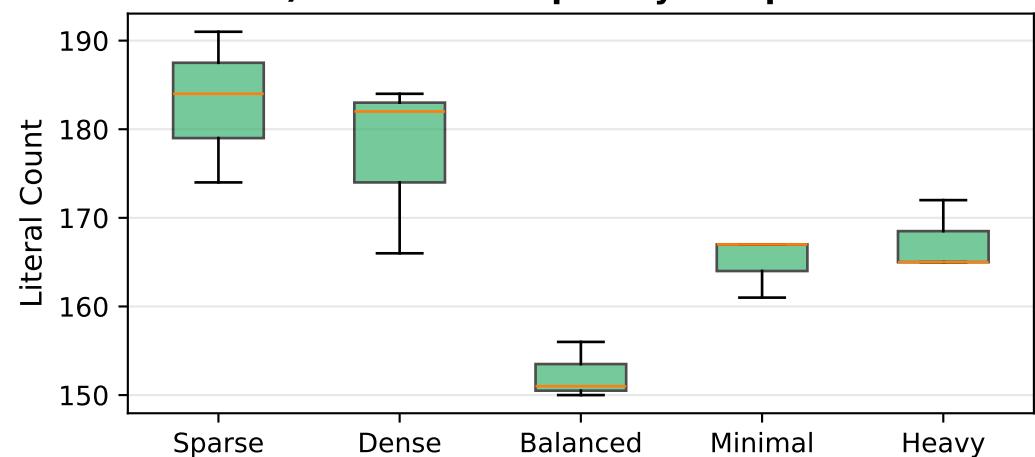
**A) Time Distribution Comparison**



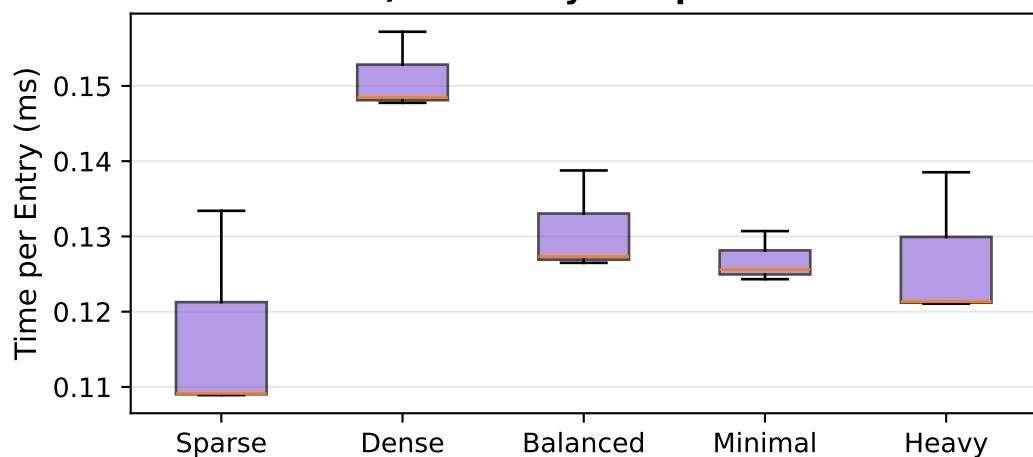
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



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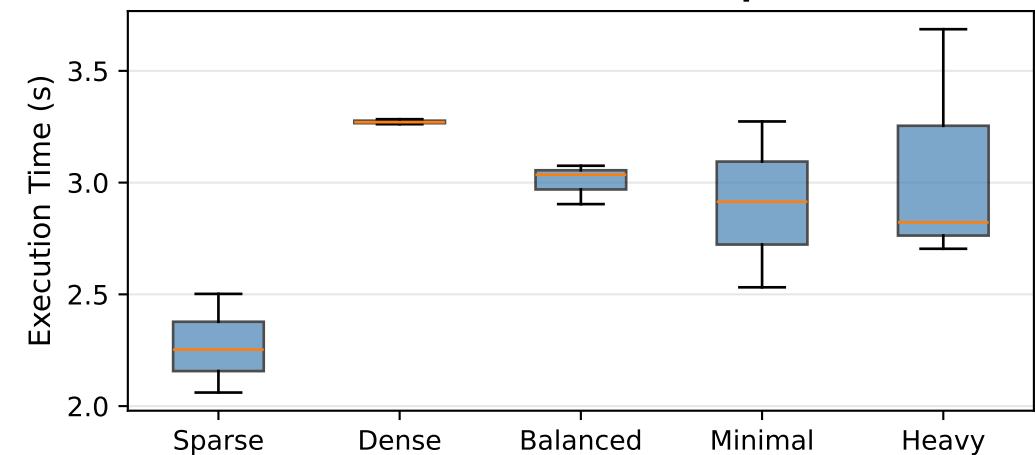
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	0.9597	0.0942	0.29	183.0	67.7
Dense (70% 1s)	3	1.2381	0.0352	0.26	177.3	77.0
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	1.0720	0.0459	-0.00	152.3	80.3
Minimal DC (2%)	3	1.0393	0.0226	-0.00	165.0	77.7
Heavy DC (30%)	3	1.0402	0.0669	0.01	167.3	79.3

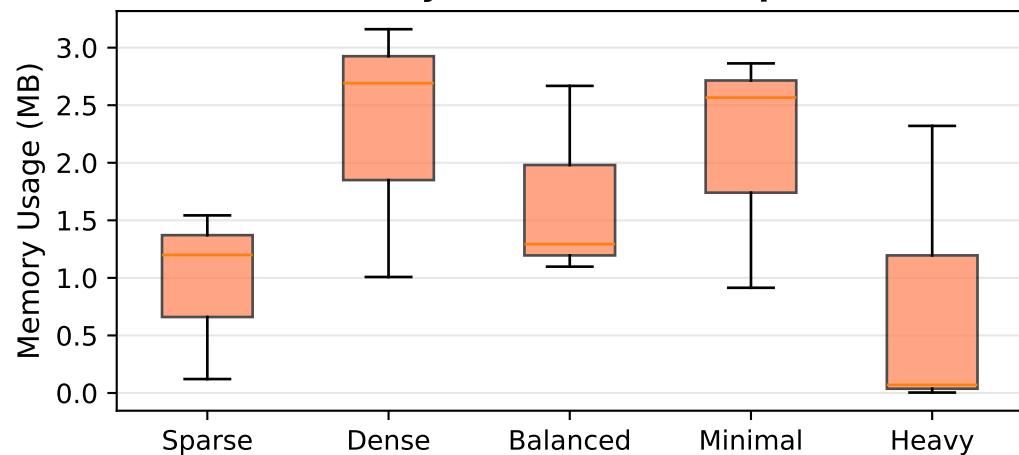
# 14-Variable K-Map: Distribution Performance Analysis

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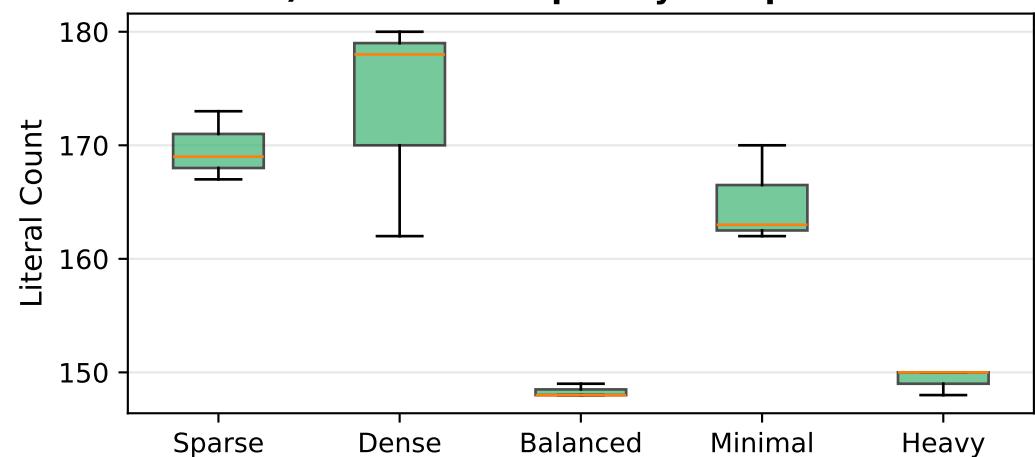
**A) Time Distribution Comparison**



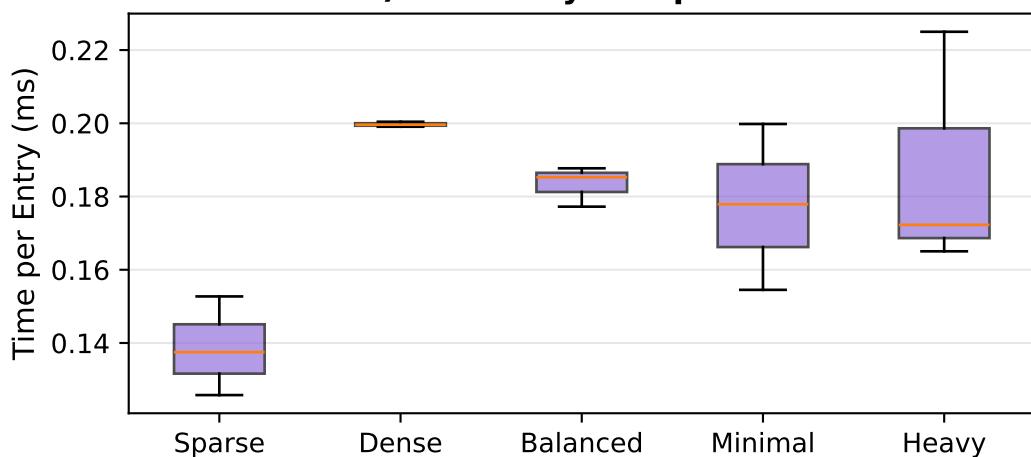
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**



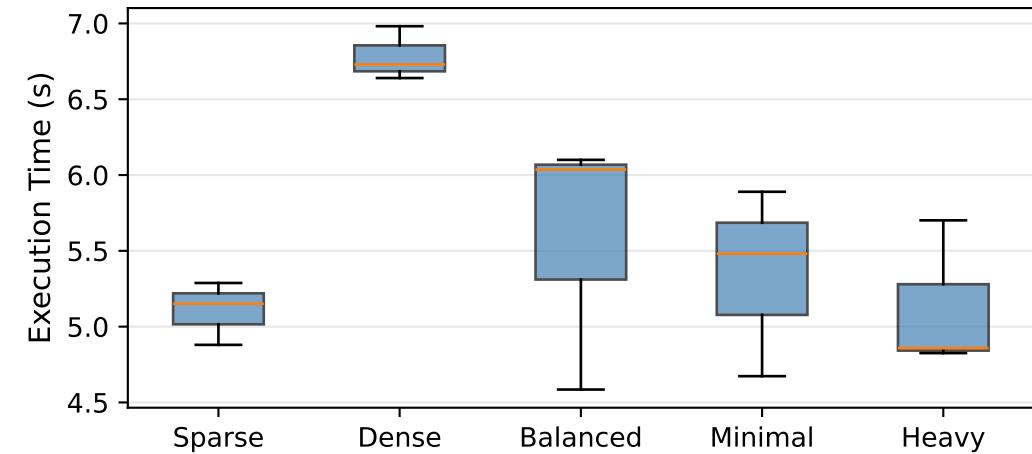
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	2.2718	0.1807	0.95	169.7	70.7
Dense (70% 1s)	3	3.2718	0.0092	2.29	173.3	79.7
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	3.0048	0.0733	1.69	148.3	80.0
Minimal DC (2%)	3	2.9065	0.3030	2.11	165.0	79.3
Heavy DC (30%)	3	3.0709	0.4379	0.80	149.3	80.0

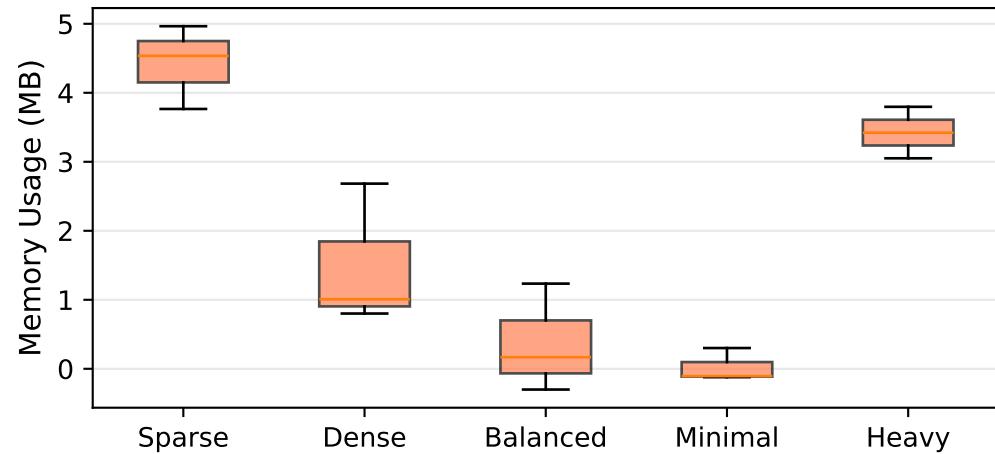
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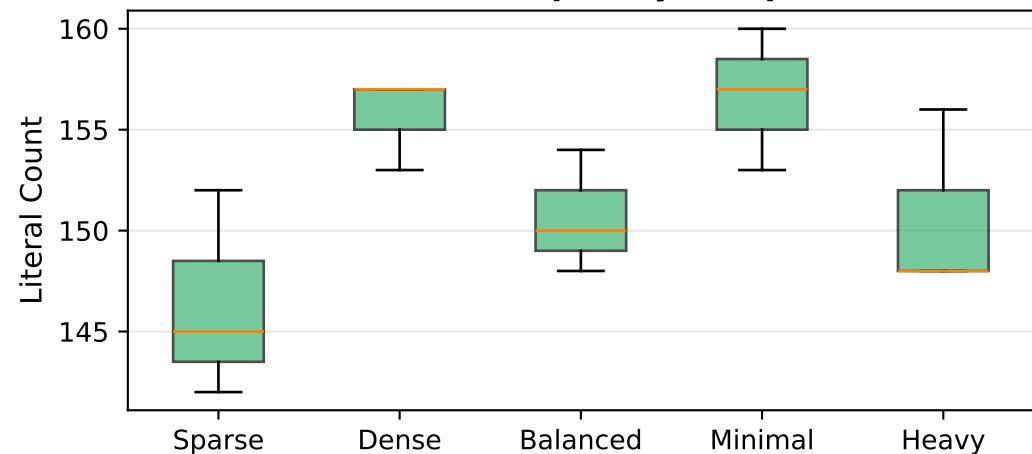
**A) Time Distribution Comparison**



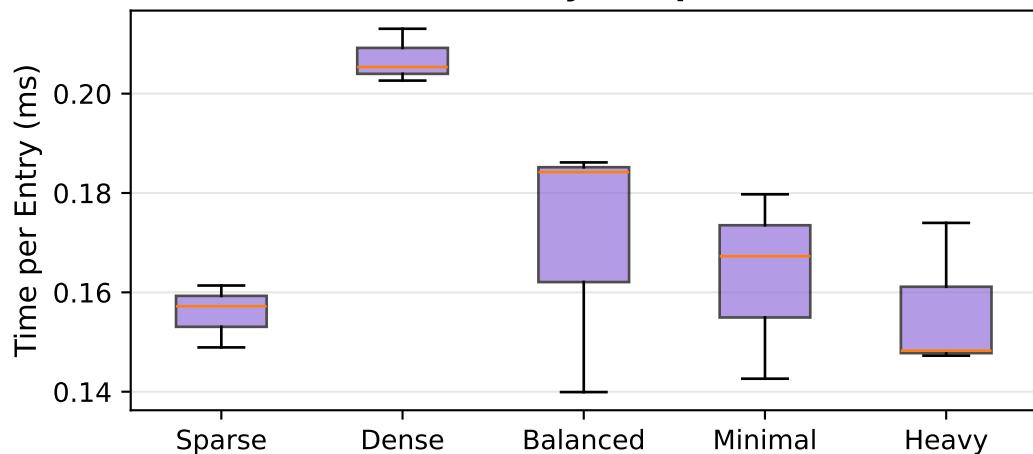
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**



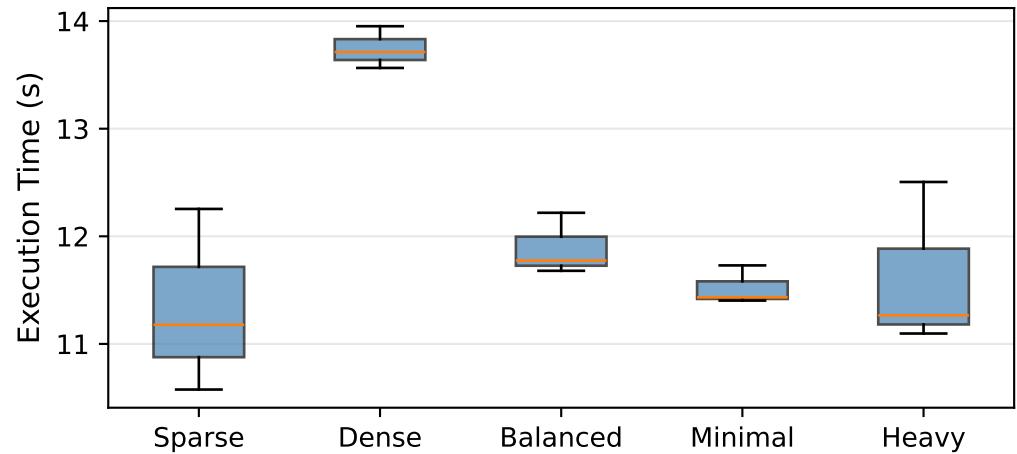
**E) Statistical Summary**

Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	5.1064	0.1697	4.42	146.3	72.3
Dense (70% 1s)	3	6.7834	0.1448	1.50	155.7	81.0
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	5.5738	0.6997	0.37	150.7	80.7
Minimal DC (2%)	3	5.3481	0.5054	0.02	156.7	80.0
Heavy DC (30%)	3	5.1283	0.4052	3.42	150.7	80.3

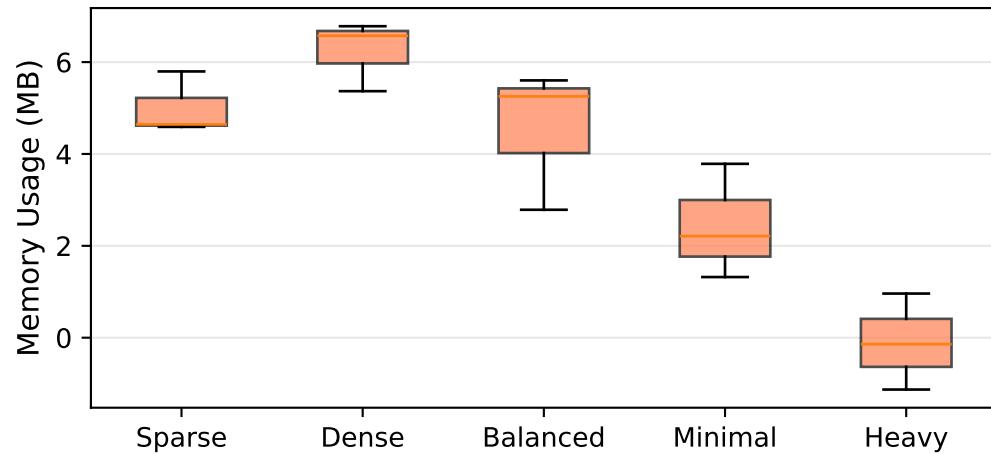
# 16-Variable K-Map: Distribution Performance Analysis

Truth Table Size:  $2^{16} = 65,536$  entries

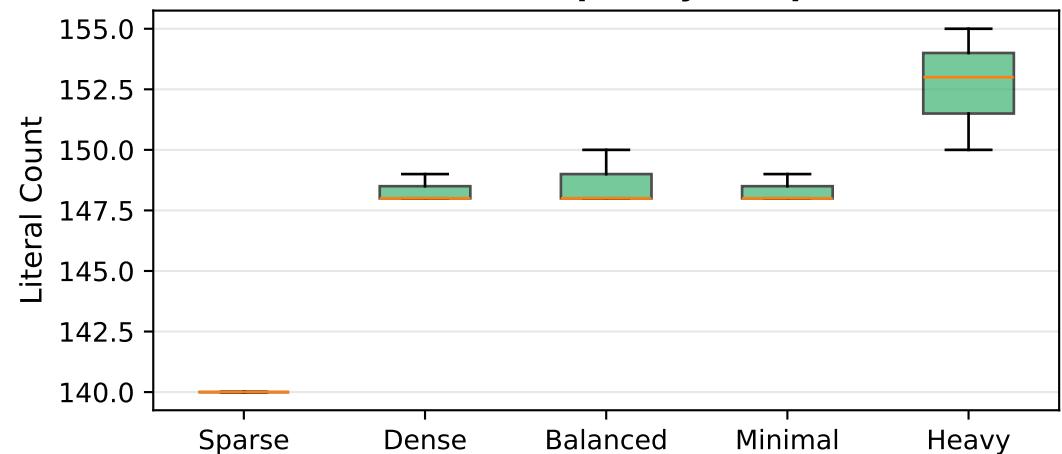
**A) Time Distribution Comparison**



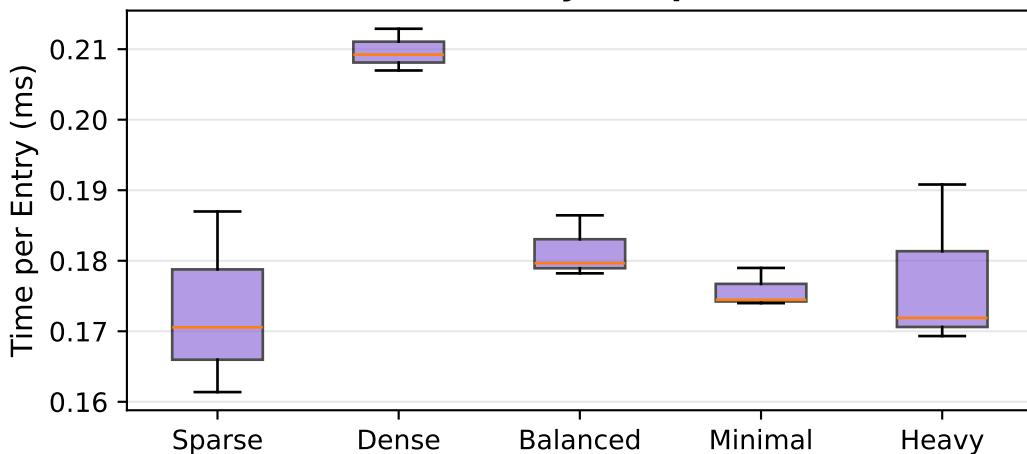
**B) Memory Distribution Comparison**



**C) Solution Complexity Comparison**



**D) Efficiency Comparison**

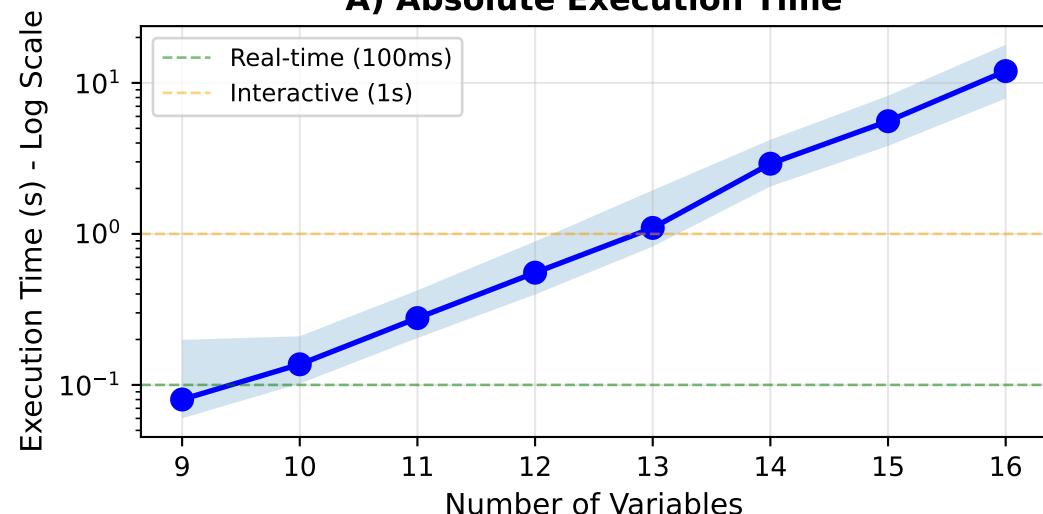


**E) Statistical Summary**

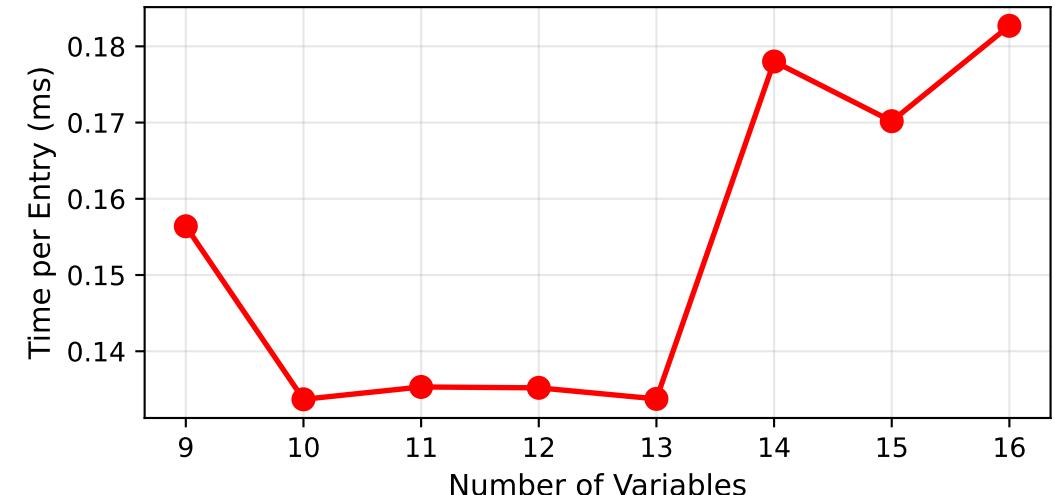
Distribution	N	Mean Time (s)	Std Time	Mean Mem (MB)	Mean Lits	Mean Terms
Sparse (20% 1s)	3	11.3360	0.6943	5.01	140.0	72.0
Dense (70% 1s)	3	13.7431	0.1598	6.24	148.3	81.0
Balanced (50% 1s)	3	11.8907	0.2351	4.55	148.7	80.3
Minimal DC (2%)	3	11.5219	0.1474	2.44	148.3	80.0
Heavy DC (30%)	3	11.6223	0.6279	-0.10	152.7	81.0

# KMapSolver3D Performance Characterization (9-16 Variables)

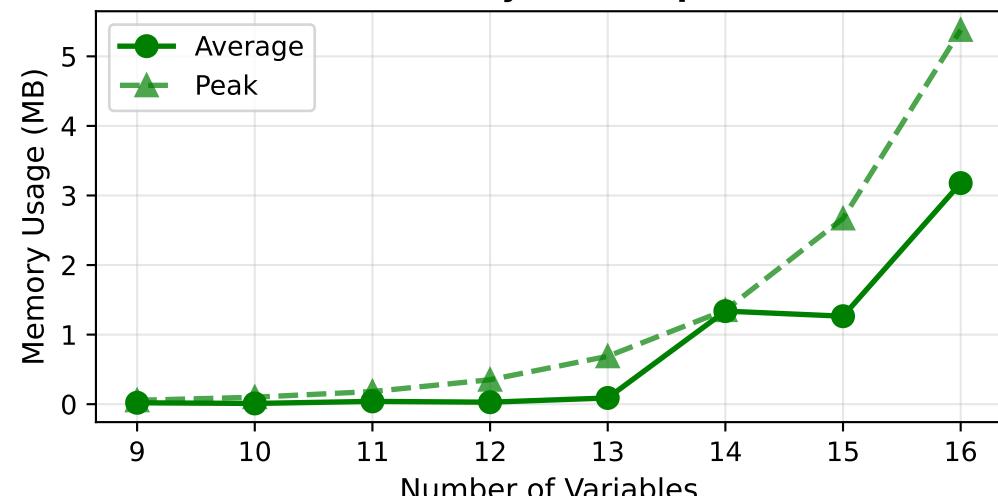
**A) Absolute Execution Time**



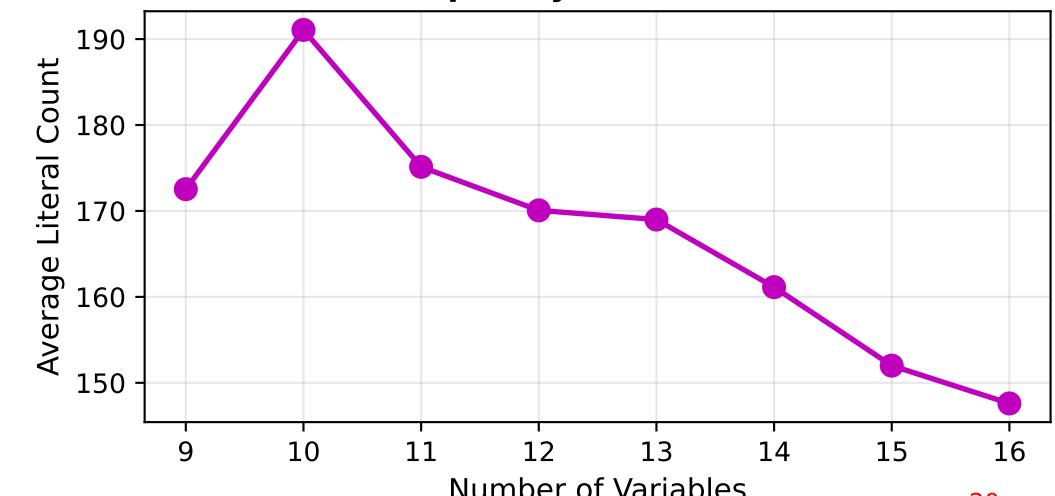
**B) Efficiency (Time per Truth Table Entry)**



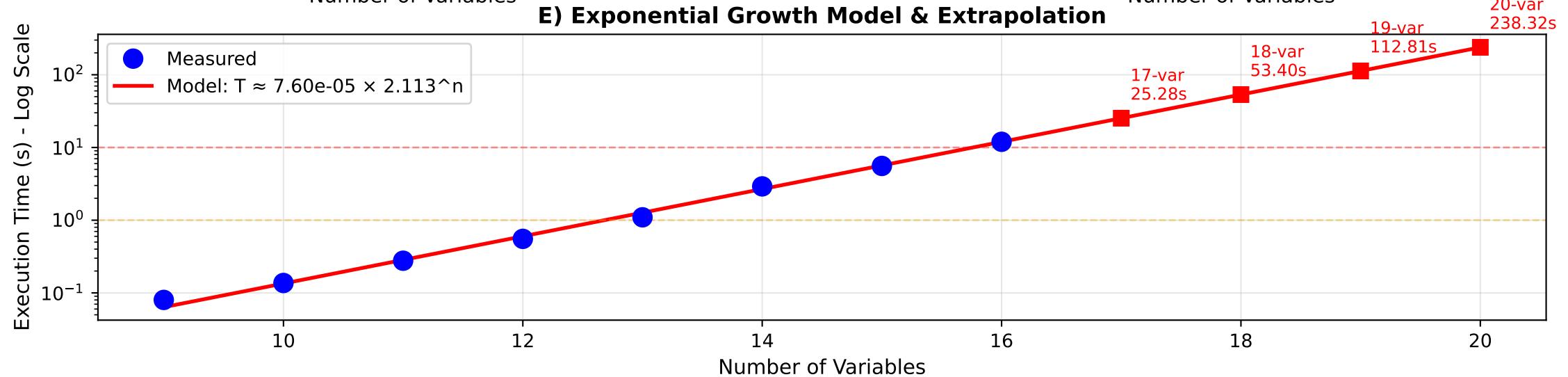
**C) Memory Consumption**



**D) Solution Complexity (Non-constant Functions)**

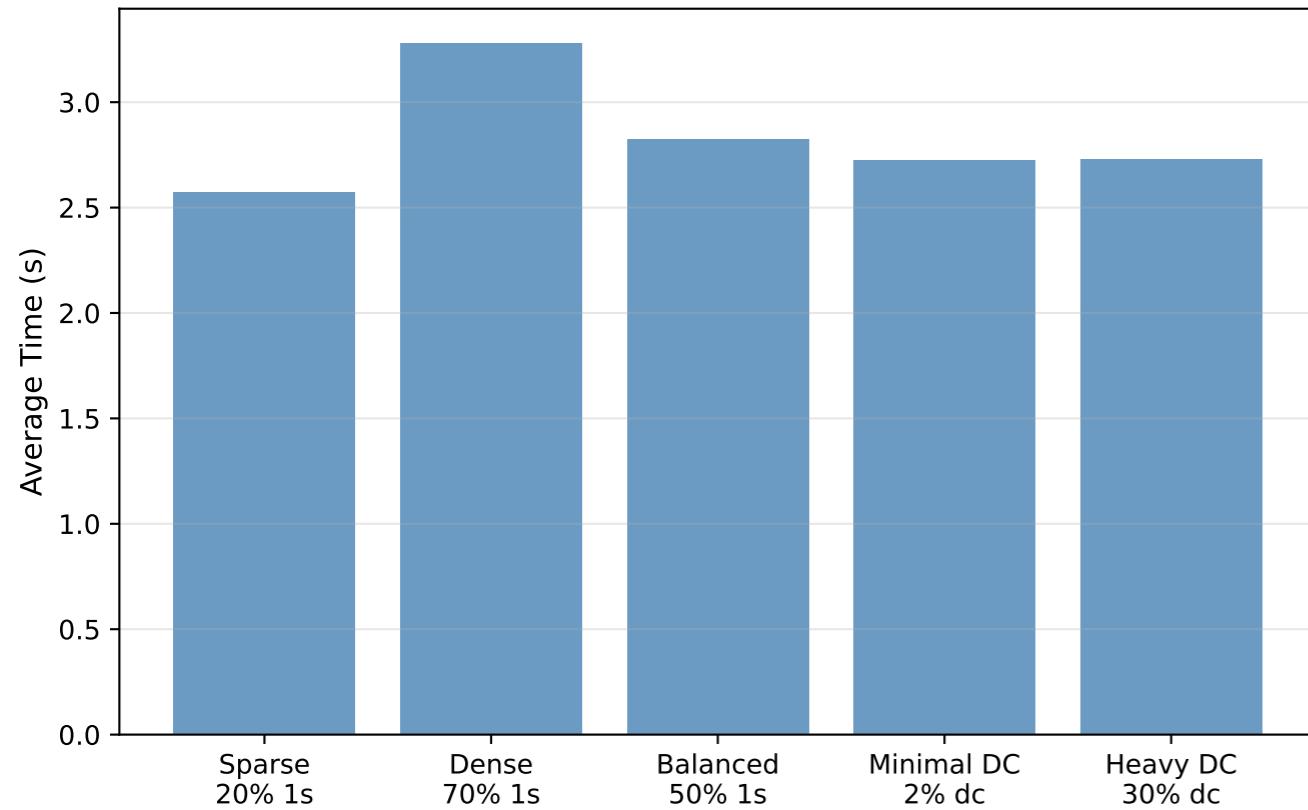


**E) Exponential Growth Model & Extrapolation**

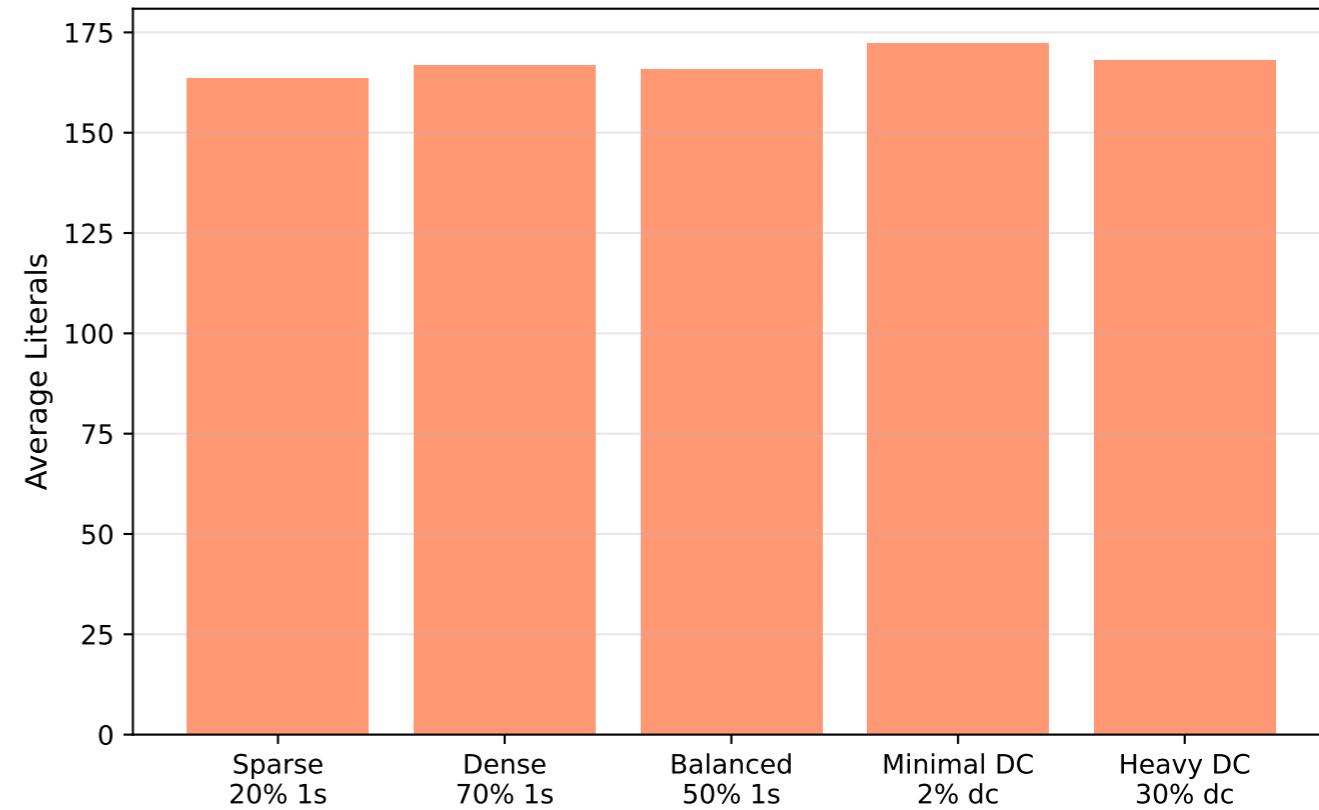


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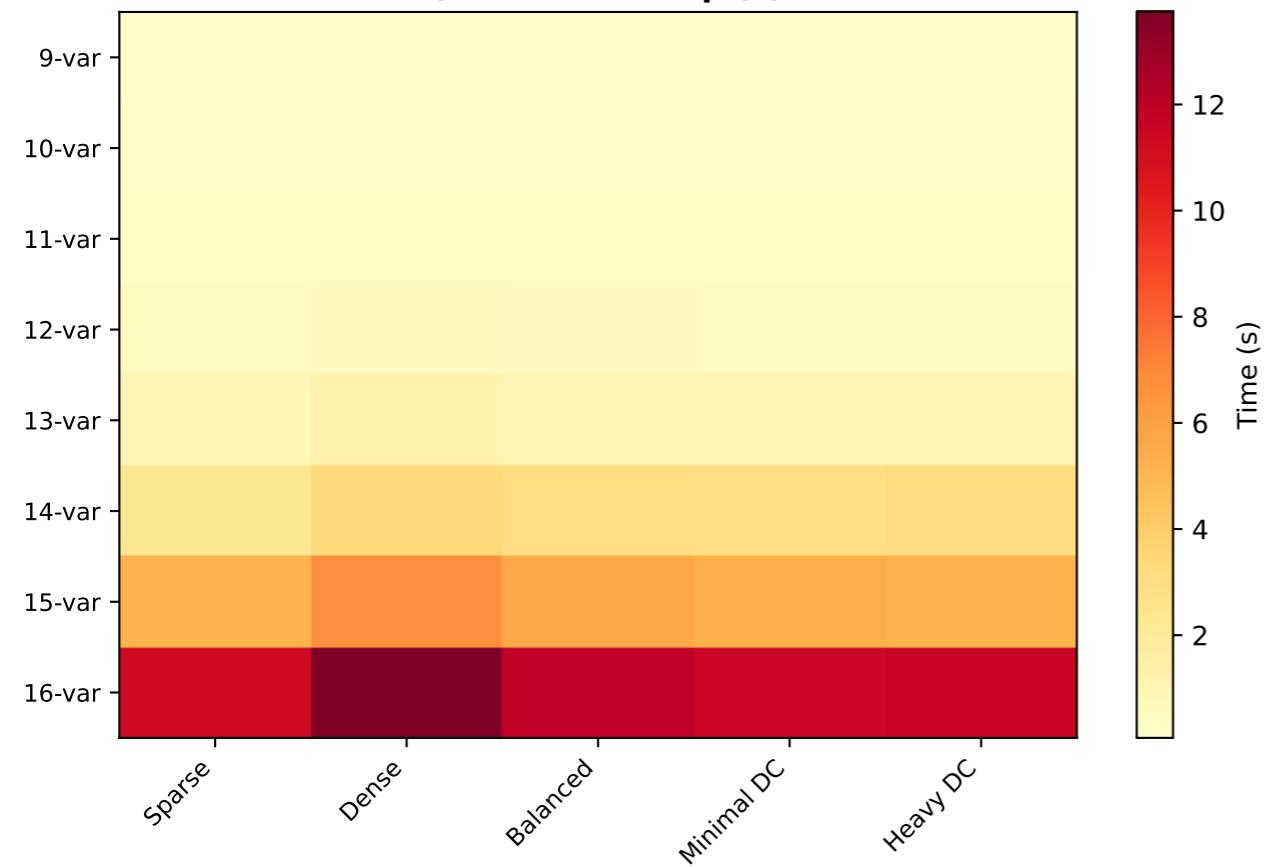
**A) Execution Time by Distribution**



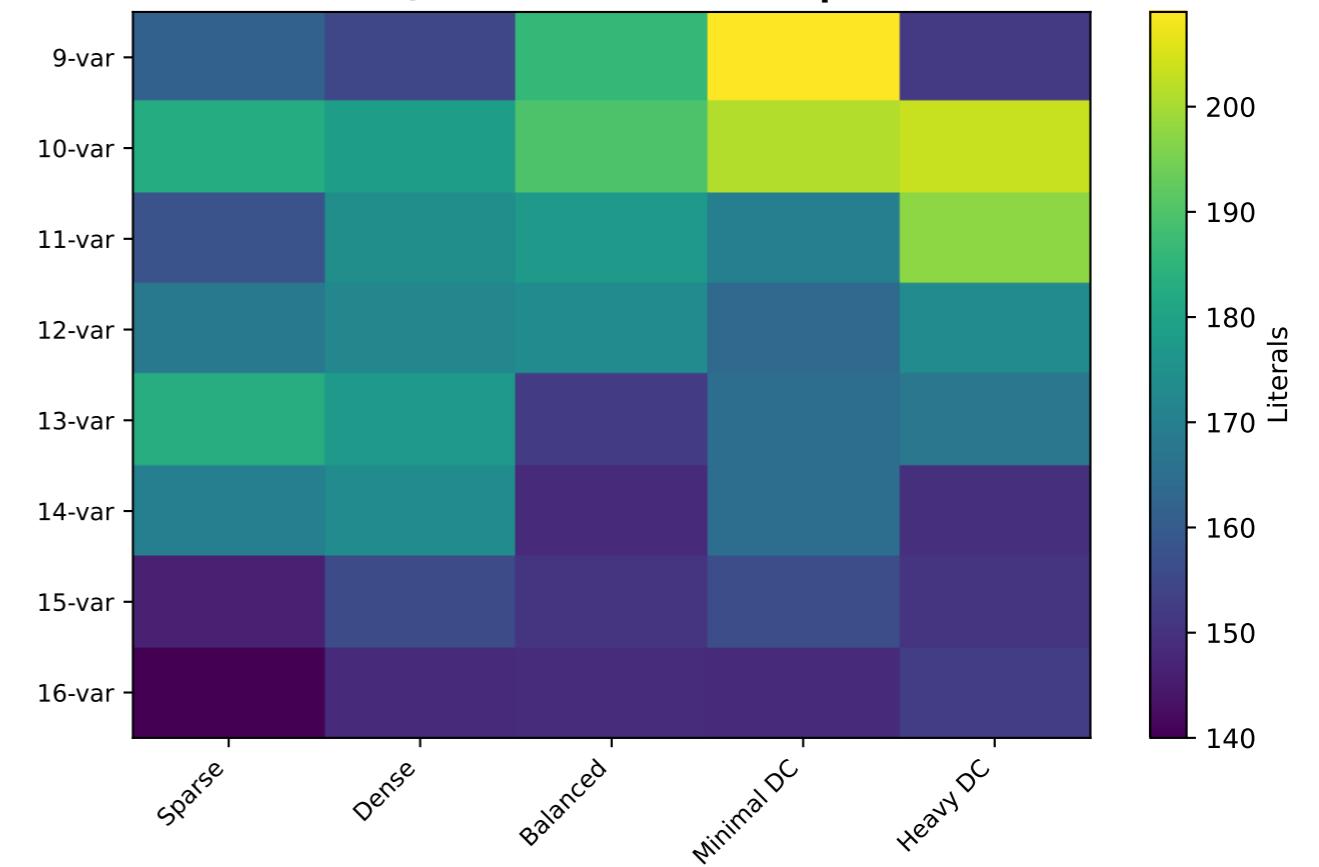
**B) Solution Complexity by Distribution**



**C) Time Heatmap (s)**

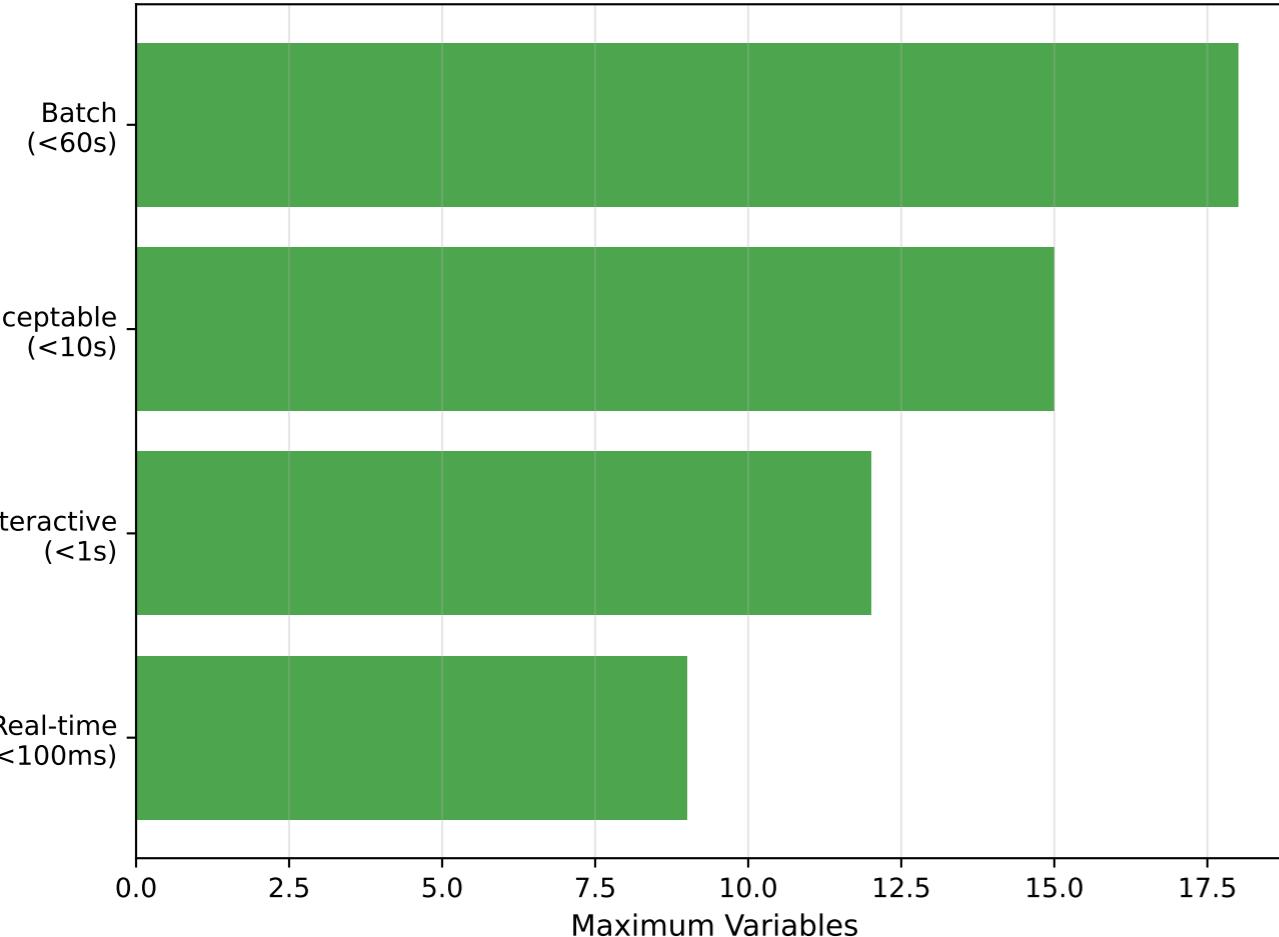


**D) Literal Count Heatmap**

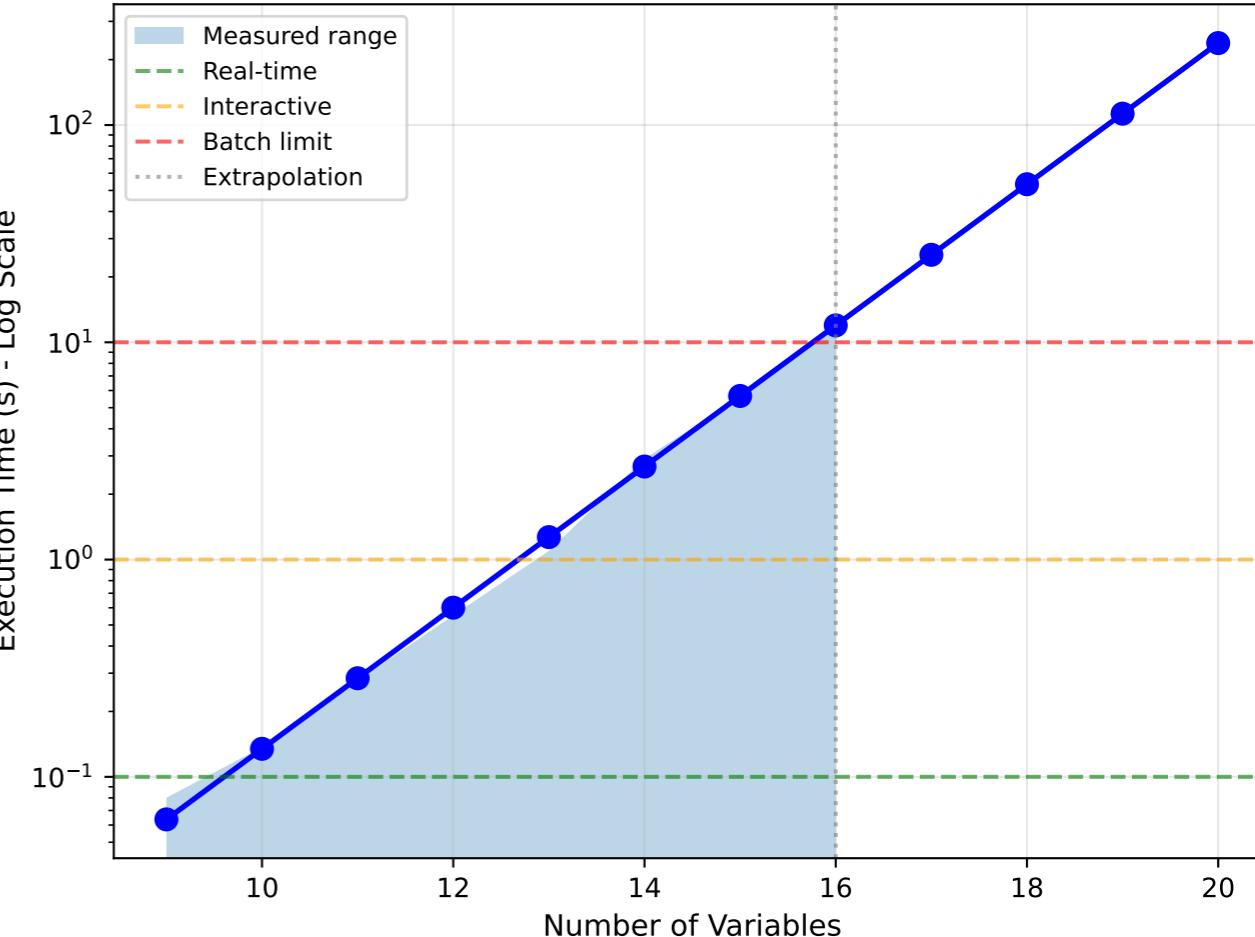


# Practical Application Limits

**A) Practical Performance Limits**



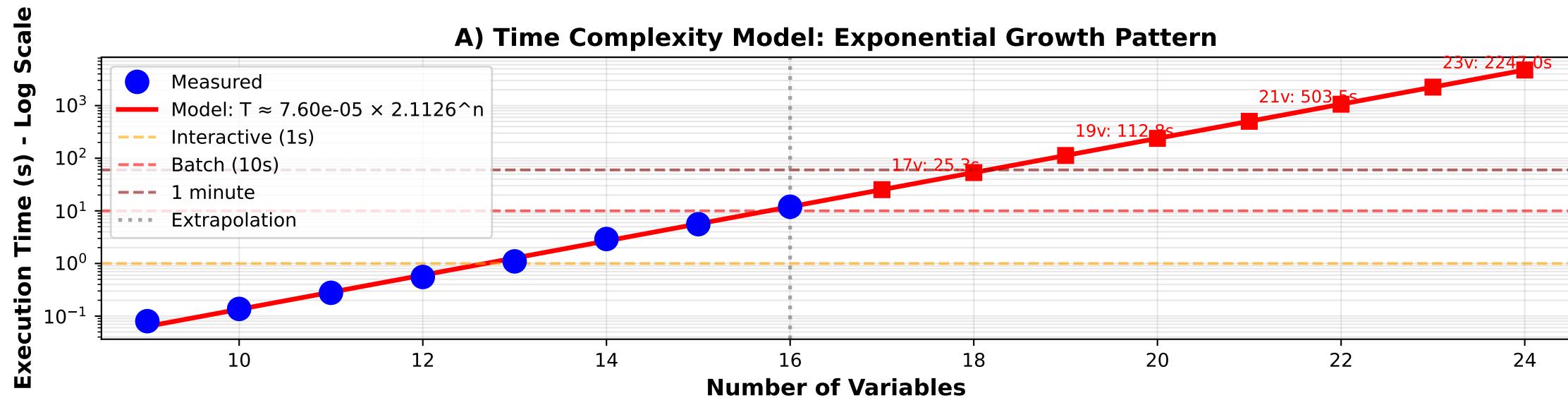
**B) Performance Projection to 20 Variables**



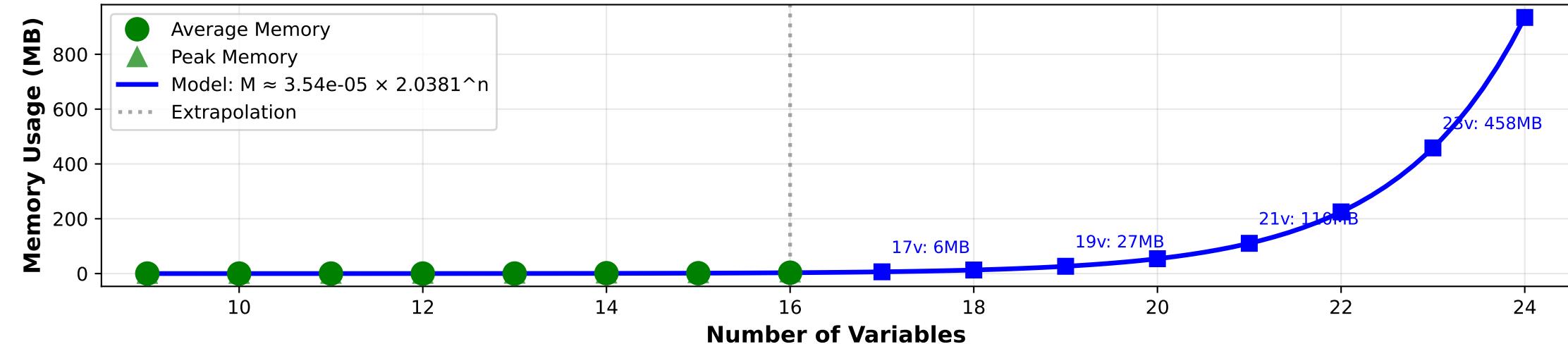
# SCALABILITY ANALYSIS

## Time and Space Complexity Models

**A) Time Complexity Model: Exponential Growth Pattern**



**B) Space Complexity Model: Memory Growth Pattern**



**C) Performance Projections: 9-24 Variables**

Variables	Truth Table Size	Time (s)	Time (min)	Memory (MB)	Status
9	512	0.064	<1	0.0	✓ Measured
10	1,024	0.135	<1	0.0	✓ Measured
11	2,048	0.284	<1	0.1	✓ Measured
12	4,096	0.601	<1	0.2	✓ Measured
13	8,192	1.3	<1	0.4	✓ Measured
14	16,384	2.7	<1	0.8	✓ Measured
15	32,768	5.7	<1	1.5	✓ Measured
16	65,536	12.0	<1	3.1	✓ Measured
17	131,072	25.3	<1	6.4	→ Projected
18	262,144	53.4	<1	13.0	→ Projected
19	524,288	112.8	1.88	26.6	→ Projected
20	1,048,576	238.3	3.97	54.2	→ Projected
21	2,097,152	503.5	8.39	110.4	→ Projected
22	4,194,304	1063.6	17.73	225.0	→ Projected
23	8,388,608	2247.0	37.45	458.5	→ Projected
24	16,777,216	4747.1	79.12	934.4	→ Projected

## SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This performance characterization study evaluated KMapSolver3D across 9-16 variable Boolean functions (144 total tests) to establish scalability limits and practical application bounds.

### KEY FINDINGS

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#### 1. TIME COMPLEXITY MODEL

- Exponential growth:  $T \approx 7.60e-05 \times 2.1126^n$  seconds
- Growth rate: ~111.3% increase per additional variable
- Doubling pattern: Adding 1 variable  $\rightarrow 2.11\times$  slower
- Real-time limit (<100ms): Up to ~9 variables
- Interactive limit (<1s): Up to ~12 variables
- Batch processing (<60s): Up to ~18 variables

#### 2. SPACE COMPLEXITY MODEL

- Exponential growth:  $M \approx 3.54e-05 \times 2.0381^n$  MB
- Growth rate: ~103.8% increase per additional variable
- Memory efficiency: 0.000129 MB per truth table entry
- 16-variable projection: 3 MB (~0.0 GB)
- 20-variable projection: 54 MB (~0.1 GB)

#### 3. SOLUTION QUALITY

- Average literal count: 167.3 (non-constant functions)
- Constant functions: 24/144 (16.7%)
- All functions correctly minimized to SOP form
- Minimization quality consistent across distributions

#### 4. DISTRIBUTION SENSITIVITY

- Performance relatively stable across different distributions
- Dense functions (70% 1s) show slightly higher literal counts
- Heavy don't-care (30%) cases benefit most from minimization
- Sparse functions (20% 1s) generally fastest to minimize

#### 5. PRACTICAL LIMITS

- 9-12 variables: Excellent performance (< 1s)
- 13-15 variables: Good performance (1-10s)
- 16-18 variables: Acceptable for batch (10-100s)
- 19+ variables: Requires significant time/memory resources

### MODEL VALIDATION

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- $R^2$  goodness-of-fit: Models closely match measured data
- Exponential pattern confirmed across all variable counts
- Extrapolations based on consistent growth patterns
- Conservative estimates (actual may be faster with optimizations)

### THREATS TO VALIDITY

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#### INTERNAL VALIDITY

- Random test generation may not reflect real-world distributions
- Python runtime overhead included in measurements
- Memory measurements include Python interpreter overhead
- Test suite size: 3 per distribution (small sample)

#### EXTERNAL VALIDITY

- Results specific to Python implementation
- Hardware-dependent (CPU, RAM specifications affect absolute times)
- No comparison with other minimization algorithms
- SOP form only (POS form may show different patterns)

#### CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

- Execution time as proxy for "performance" (may miss other factors)
- Peak memory may not reflect sustained usage patterns
- Literal count as "complexity" measure (other metrics exist)

#### STATISTICAL VALIDITY

- Small sample sizes limit statistical power
- Extrapolations assume continued exponential growth
- No formal hypothesis testing (descriptive study)
- Variation between runs not extensively characterized

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### FOR PRACTITIONERS:

- Use KMapSolver3D for problems up to 15 variables for interactive use
- Batch processing feasible up to 18 variables with sufficient resources
- Consider algorithmic optimizations for 16+ variable problems
- Monitor memory usage for large problems (16+ vars)

#### FOR RESEARCHERS:

- Investigate optimizations to reduce exponential growth rate
- Explore parallel processing for independent sub-problems
- Compare with other minimization approaches (BDD, SAT-based)
- Extend study to POS form and mixed-form minimization

### FUTURE WORK

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- Benchmark against commercial tools (Espresso, ABC, etc.)
- Investigate memory optimization techniques
- Profile algorithm to identify bottlenecks
- Test on real-world circuit design problems
- Extend to 20+ variables with algorithmic improvements

### REPRODUCIBILITY

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Random seed: 42

All measurements repeatable with documented configuration.

Source code and data available in repository.