



## Belief Propagation

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## SAT

- ▶ SAT formula in CNF

$$\mathcal{F} = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4)$$

- ▶ Boolean variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
  - ▶ Negations  $\overline{x_1}, \dots, \overline{x_n}$
  - ▶ Clauses: Disjunction of variables and their negations
  - ▶  $\mathcal{F}$ : Conjunction of clauses
- ▶ Is there an assignment of the variables that satisfies  $\mathcal{F}$ ?
- ▶ How does the assignment look like?

## Factor Graphs

Factor graphs represent a function's factorization

- ▶ Function  $f(X)$  over variables  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$
- ▶ Global function  $f$  factorizes to local functions

$$f(X) = \prod_{j=1}^m f_j(S_j)$$

- ▶ Local functions have smaller input  $S_j \subset X$

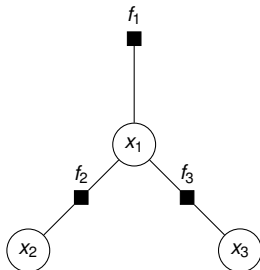
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- ▶ Two types of nodes
  - ▶ Variable nodes: represent variables
  - ▶ Factor nodes : represent local functions
- ▶ Edges connect variable and factor nodes
- ▶ Factor nodes are connected to all variable nodes of their input variables

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= x_1^3 - x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 - x_1 x_2 x_3 \\ &= \underbrace{(x_1)}_{f_1(x_1)} * \underbrace{(x_1 - x_2)}_{f_2(x_1, x_2)} * \underbrace{(x_1 + x_3)}_{f_3(x_1, x_2)} \end{aligned}$$

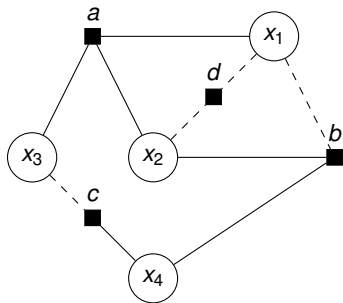


## Factor Graphs

Factor Graph of a CNF formula

$$\mathcal{F} = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \\ \wedge (\overline{x_3} \vee x_4) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2})$$

- $\mathcal{F}$  is a product of clauses
- Clauses  $\cong$  local functions



## Message Passing

### Message Passing Algorithms on factor graphs

- ▶ Nodes communicate through messages
- ▶ Messages are passed over the graph's edges
- ▶ Two types of messages
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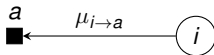




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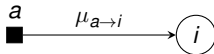
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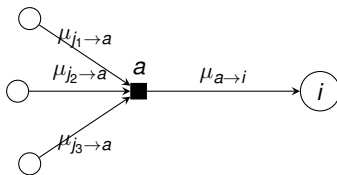
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- ▶ Message  $\mu_{a \rightarrow i}$  determined by incoming messages  $\mu_{j \rightarrow a}$  from neighbours  $j \neq i$

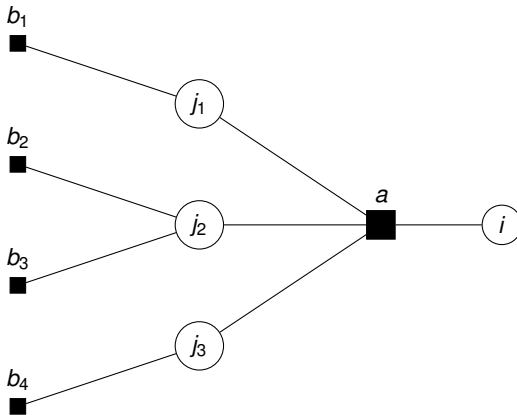


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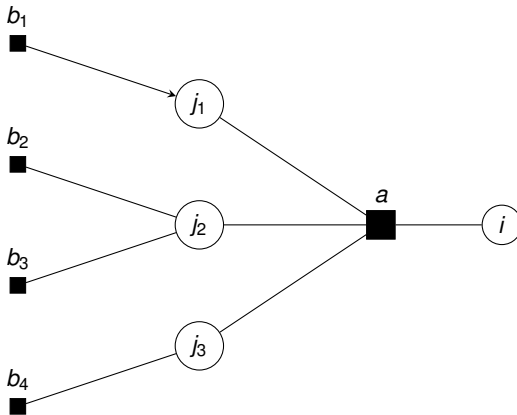
### Message Passing Algorithms on trees

- ▶ Messages generated bottom up
- ▶ Leaves start sending messages
- ▶ Messages are propagated forward in the tree
- ▶ Does **not** work on graphs with cycles

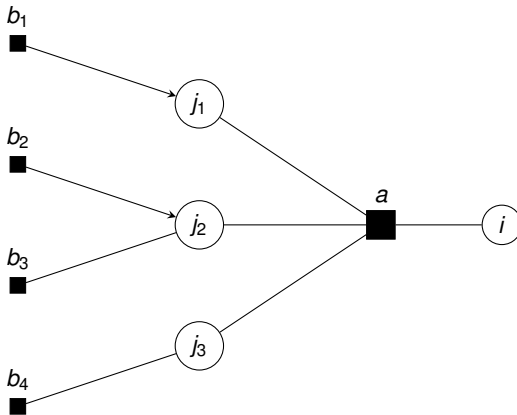
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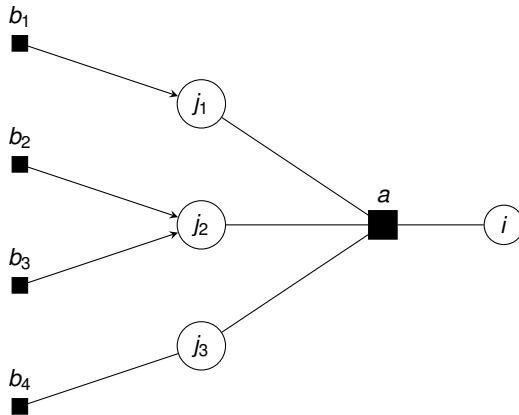
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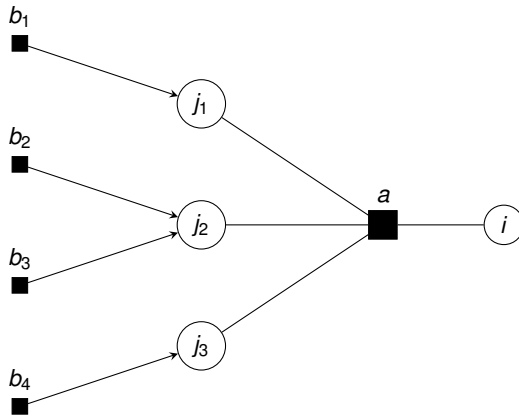


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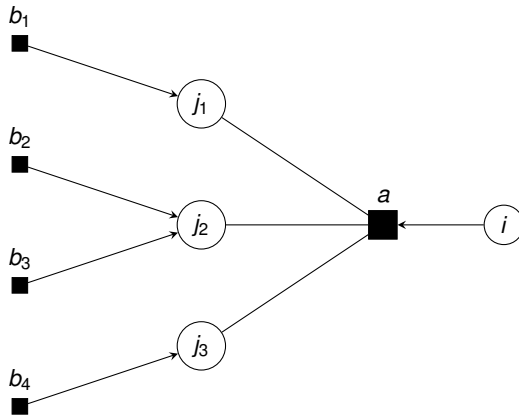




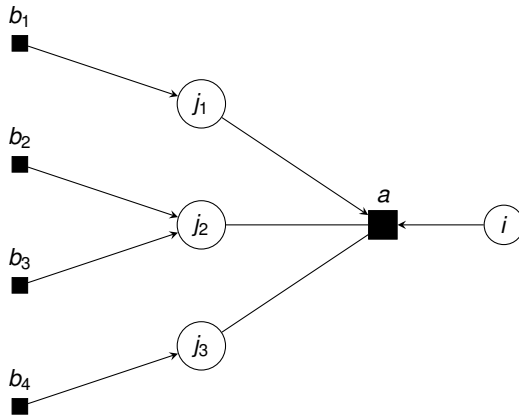
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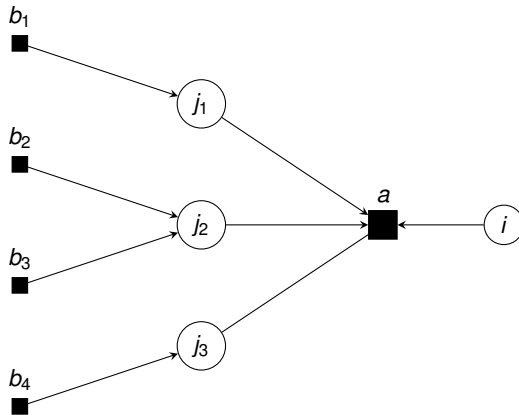
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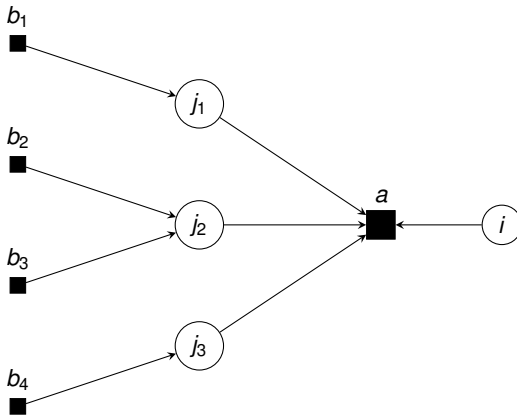
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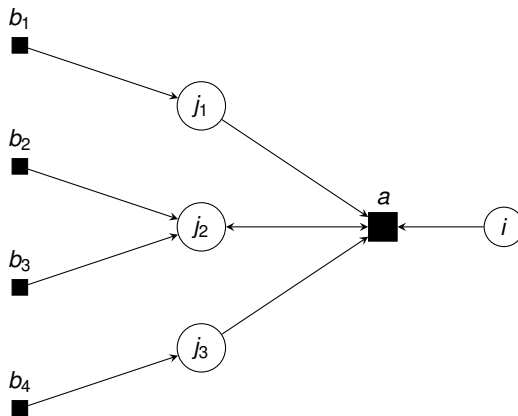
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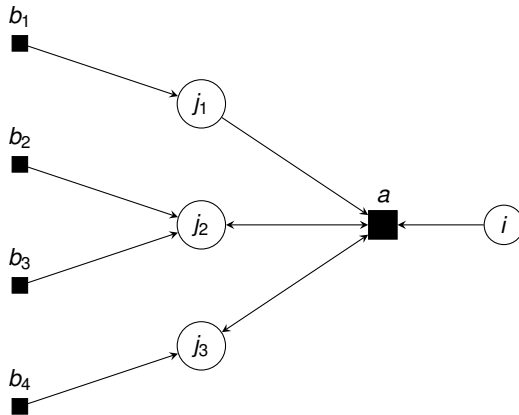
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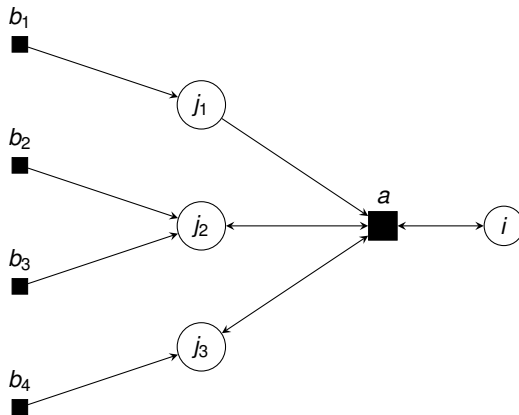
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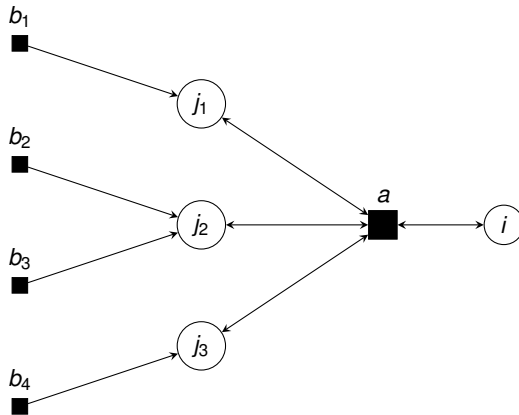


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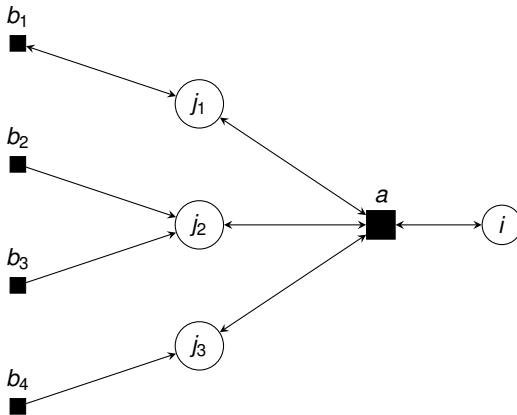




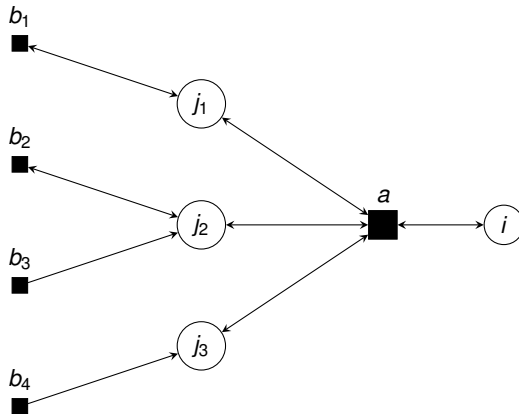
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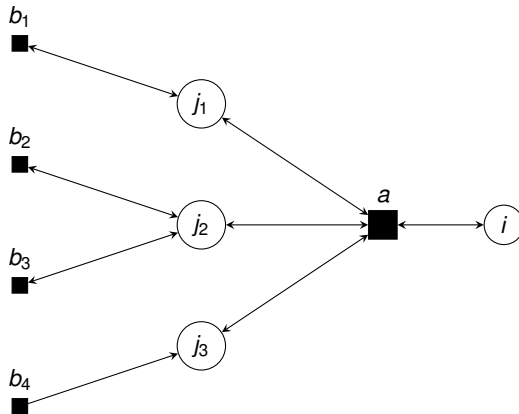
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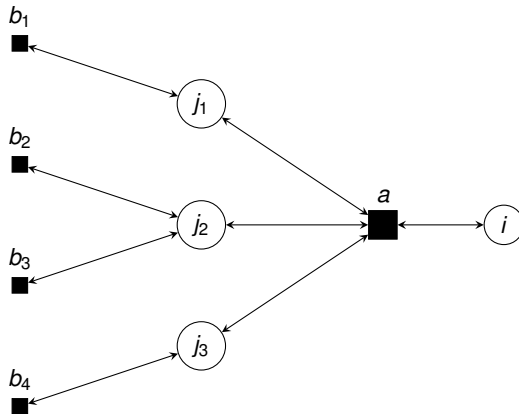
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## Message Passing

- ▶ In general graphs: *Loopy* Message Passing
- ▶ Randomly initialize all messages
- ▶ Apply the Update rule until messages have converged
- ▶ Scheduling important

## Message Passing

### Generic Message Passing Algorithm

1. Randomly initialize all warnings  $\mu_{i \rightarrow a}, \mu_{a \rightarrow i}$
2. For  $t = 0$  to  $t_{max}$ 
  - 2.1 Apply the update rule to all edges in random order
  - 2.2 If no message has changed goto 3
3. If  $t = t_{max}$  return UNGONVERGED  
Else return the converged messages

## Warning Propagation Algorithm

Apply Message Passing to SAT

- ▶ Idea: Find out which variables must take a certain value



## Belief Propagation Algorithm

Generalization of Warning Propagation

- Compute the *probability* that a warning is sent