

COMS 4701 - Homework 2 - Written

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Question 1

1. First, S is added to the queue.
 - [S] Then, S will be expanded, and nodes A, B, and C will be added to the queue.
 - [A, B, C] S is removed and A will be expanded next, and node D will be added to the queue.
 - [B, C, D] A is removed and B will be expanded next, and node E will be added to the queue.
 - [C, D, E] B is removed and C will be expanded next, and node H will be added to the queue.
 - [D, E, H] C is removed and D will be expanded next, but no nodes will be added because it has no children.
 - [E, H] D is removed and E will be expanded next, but no nodes will be added because A was already explored.
 - [H] E is removed and H will be expanded next, and F and G will be added to the queue.
 - [F, G] F is removed and G will be expanded next, and no nodes will be added because D was already explored.
 - [G] H is removed and G is explored and is discovered to be the goal
2. First, S is added to the queue. The stack in my problem is shown so that the element on the right most is to be pulled out first.
 - [S] Then, S will be expanded, and nodes C, B, and A will be added to the stack.
 - [C, B, A] S is removed and A will be expanded, and node D will be added to the stack.
 - [C, B, D] A is removed and D will be expanded, and no nodes will be added because it has no children.
 - [C, B] D is removed and B will be expanded, and node E will be added to the stack.
 - [C, E] B is removed and E will be expanded, but no nodes will be added because A was already explored.
 - [C] E is removed and C will be expanded, and node H will be added to the stack.
 - [H] C is removed and H will be expanded, and G and F will be added to the stack.
 - [G, F] H is removed and F is explored and no nodes will be added to the stack because D has already been explored.
 - [G] F is removed and G is explored and is discovered to be the goal
3. First, S is added to the priority queue. The Priority Queue will be shown like a dictionary. The keys are the nodes and the values are the cost.
 - {S : 0} Then, S will be expanded, and nodes B, C, and A will be added to the priority queue in that order.
 - {B : 2, C : 5, A : 6} S is removed and B will be expanded next, and node E will be second in the priority queue.
 - {C : 5, E : 5, A : 6} B is removed and C will be expanded next, and H will be added to the end of the priority queue..
 - {E : 5, A : 6, H : 7} C is removed and E will be expanded next, but no nodes will be added because A is already in the queue and has a lesser cost than what it would be going from E to A.
 - {A : 6, H : 7} E is removed and A will be expanded next, and D will be added to the end of the priority queue.
 - {H : 7, D : 15} A is removed and H will be expanded next, and node F and G will be added to the beginning of the priority queue.
 - {F : 9, G : 14, D : 15} H is removed and F will be expanded, and D will be updated with a new priority value and moved up in the queue.
 - {D : 13, G : 14} F is removed and D is explored next, and no nodes will be added because it has no children.
 - {G : 14} H is removed and G is explored and is discovered to be the goal

4. First, S is added to the priority queue. The Priority Queue will be shown like a dictionary. The keys are the nodes and the values are the cost.
- $\{S : 0\}$ Then, S will be expanded, and nodes B, C, and A will be added to the priority queue in that order.
 - $\{B : 3, C : 8, A : 11\}$ S is removed and B will be expanded next, and node E will be second in the priority queue.
 - $\{C : 5, E : 9, A : 11\}$ B is removed and C will be expanded next, and H will be added to the end of the priority queue..
 - $\{E : 9, A : 11, H : 14\}$ C is removed and E will be expanded next, but no nodes will be added because A is already in the queue and has a lesser cost than what it would be going from E to A.
 - $\{A : 11, H : 14\}$ E is removed and A will be expanded next, and D will be added to the end of the priority queue.
 - $\{H : 14, D : 22\}$ A is removed and H will be expanded next, and node F and G will be added to the beginning of the priority queue.
 - $\{F : 9, G : 14, D : 22\}$ H is removed and F will be expanded, and D will be updated with a new priority value.
 - $\{G : 14, D : 20\}$ F is removed and G is explored and is discovered to be the goal

Question 2

1. The Apriori algorithm will discover $Mac \rightarrow PC$. This association does exceed the minimum support threshold with a $supp(Mac \rightarrow PC) = 40\%$ and exceeds the minimum confidence.

$$conf(Mac \rightarrow PC) = \frac{P(Mac \cap PC)}{P(Mac)} \approx 67\% \quad (1)$$

2. To determine independence, we must calculate the $Interest(Mac \rightarrow PC)$

$$Interest(Mac \rightarrow PC) = \frac{P(Mac \cap PC)}{P(Mac) * P(PC)} \approx 0.89 \quad (2)$$

Since $Interest(Mac \rightarrow PC) \approx 0.89 < 1$, Mac and PC are negatively dependent.

Question 3

- Each square with a variable, without considering constraints, can be any number between 1 and 4 inclusive. As a result, the size of the state space is 4^{12} —4 numbers to choose and 12 variables.
- $A \neq 2, 4; B \neq 3, 4; C \neq 4; D \neq 4; E \neq 2, 4; F \neq 3, 4; G \neq 2, 4; H \neq 2, 3; I \neq 2, 3, 4; J \neq 2, 3, 4; K \neq 2, 3; L \neq 3, 4$
- There is a tie if we choose to assign the first variable using the minimum remaining values heuristic. Letters I and J would be first because each of them can only be assigned a value of 1.
- Figure 1 below depicts my thought process for reducing the domains of the problem through unary constraints and arc consistency.

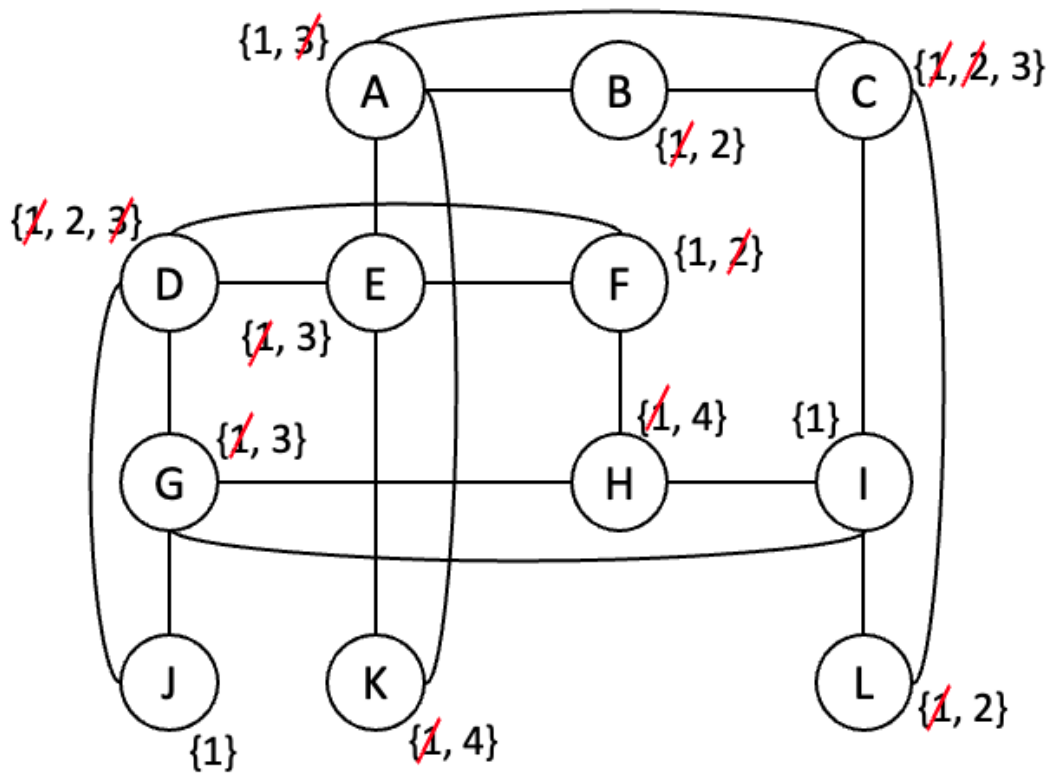


Figure 1: Arc consistency tree.