

# COMP9418: Advanced Topics in Statistical Machine Learning

Graph Decomposition

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# Introduction

- In this lecture, we will study the relationships between Variable Elimination and Jointrees
  - Both can be viewed as decomposing a network in a systematic way
  - VE removes one variable at a time while FE removes one factor at a time
- We will provide more formal definitions to concepts seen in previous lectures about these topics
- And cover polynomial time algorithms to convert elimination orders to jointrees and vice-versa

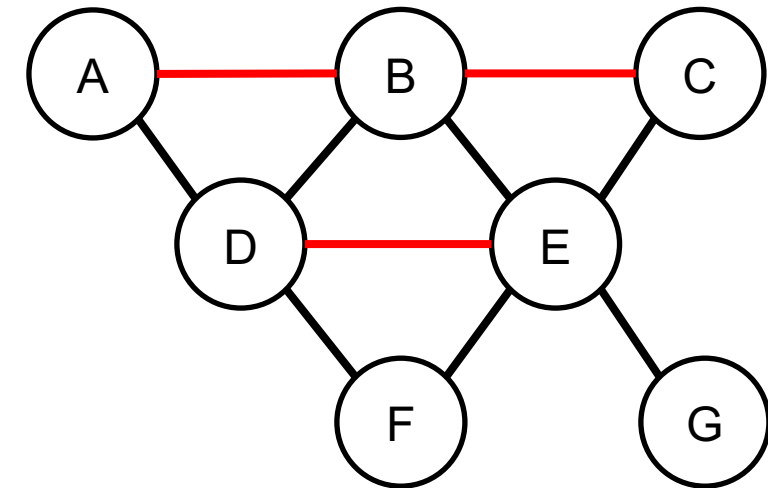
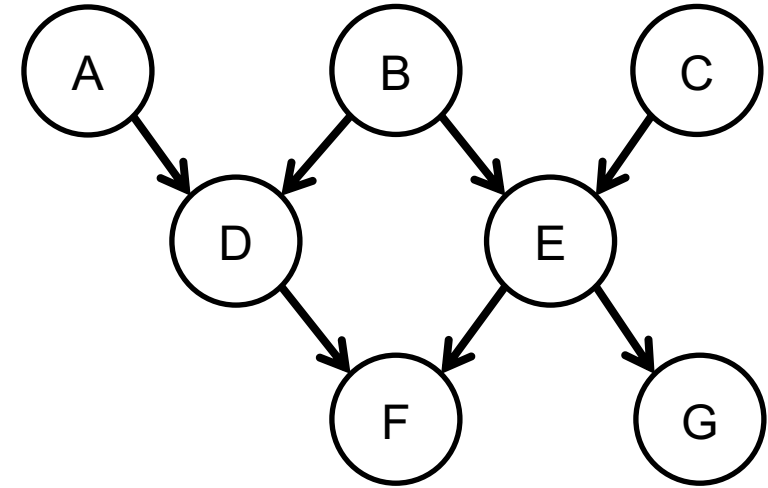
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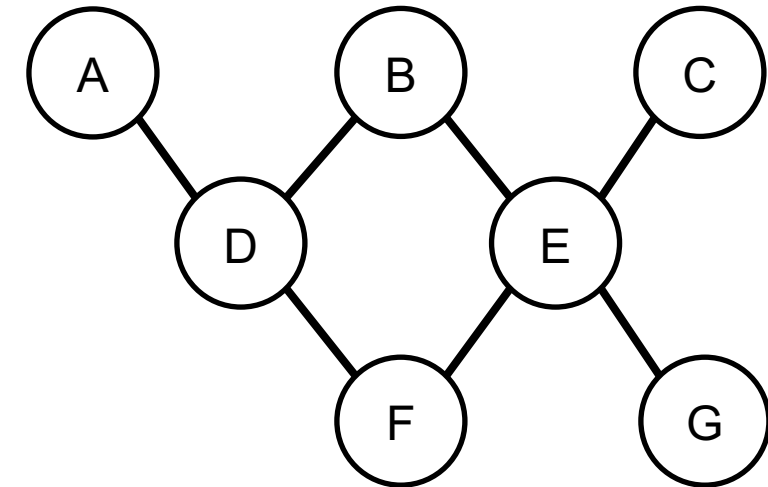
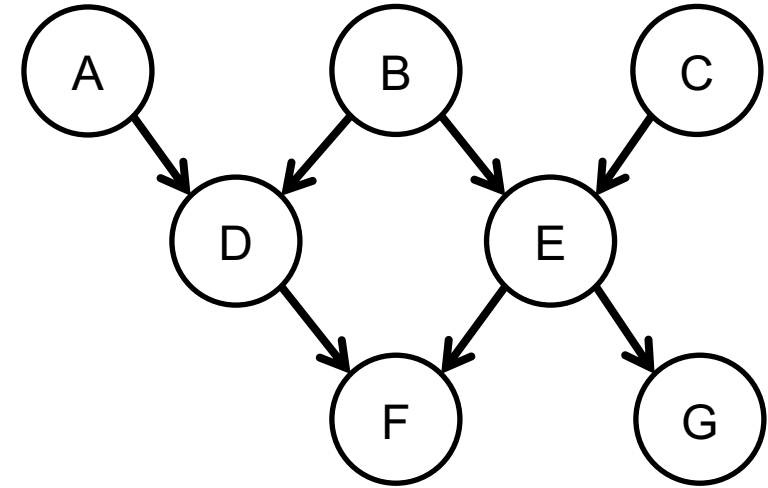
# Moral Graph

- An *interaction graph* for factors  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  is an undirected graph
  - Nodes correspond to the variables appearing in  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$
  - Edges connect variables in the same factor
- If the factors are CPTs of a Bayesian network with DAG  $G$ , the induced graph can be obtained from  $G$  by *moralization*
  - Add an undirected edge between every pair of nodes that share a common child
  - Convert every directed edge in  $G$  in an undirected edge



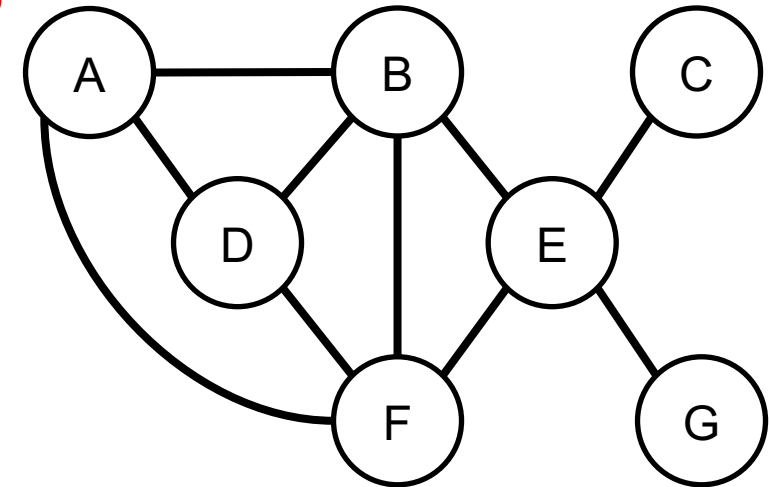
# Treewidth

- Treewidth is a central notion to complexity analysis of inference algorithms
  - It is usually defined for undirected graphs
  - It can be extended to DAGs through their moral graphs
- The treewidth of a DAG  $G$  is defined as the treewidth of its moral graph
  - We will later define the treewidth for undirected graphs



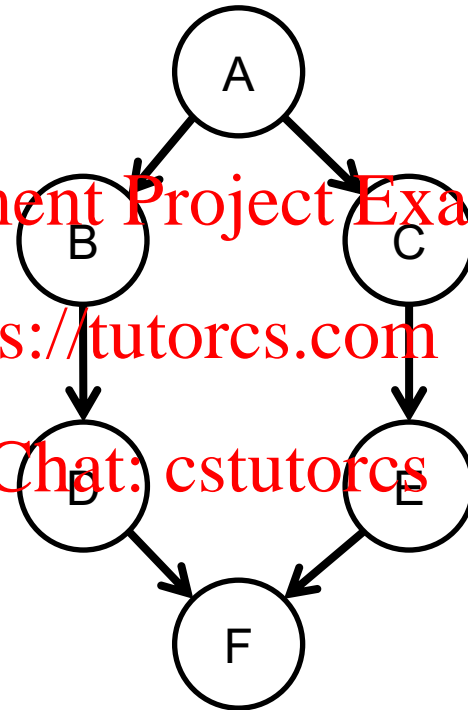
# Other Graph-theoretic Definitions

- We adopt the following definitions for a graph  $G$ 
  - A *neighbor* of a node  $X$  is a node  $Y$  connected to  $X$  by an edge in  $G$ . We also say  $X$  and  $Y$  are *adjacent*.
  - The *degree* of a node  $X$  is the number of neighbors of  $X$  in  $G$ .
  - A *clique* is a set of nodes in  $G$  that are pairwise adjacent, i.e., every pair of nodes in the clique are connected by an edge.
  - A *maximal clique* is a clique that is not strictly contained in another clique.
  - When we say “graph  $G$ ” in this lecture, we mean undirected graph. Otherwise, we say “DAG  $G$ ”.

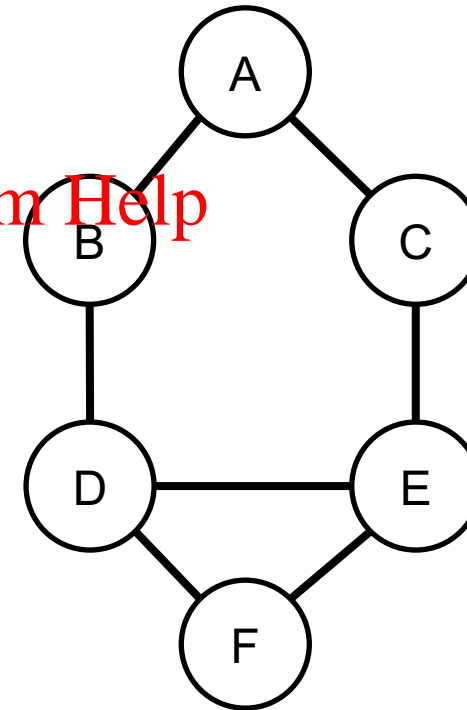


# Elimination Order

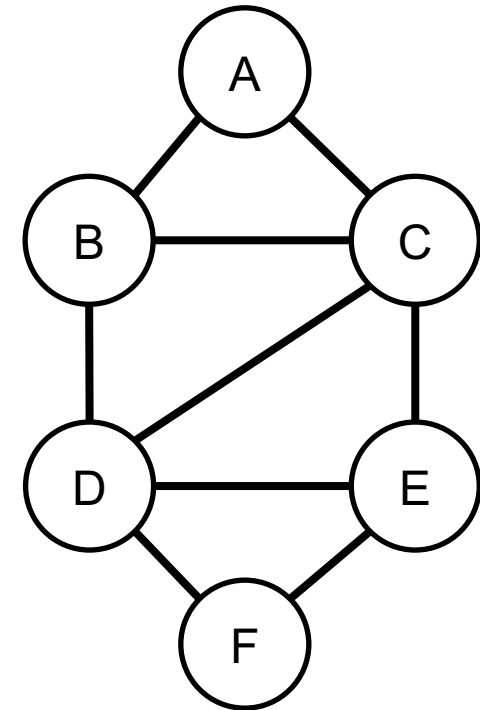
- An elimination order for a graph  $G$  is a total ordering  $\pi$  of nodes of  $G$ , where  $\pi(i)$  is the  $i$ th node in the ordering
- The result of eliminating node  $X$  from graph  $G$  is another graph obtained from  $G$  by
  - Adding an edge between every pair of nonadjacent neighbors of  $X$
  - Deleting node  $X$
  - The edges added during the elimination process are called *fill-in edges*



A DAG  $G$



The moral graph  
 $G_m$

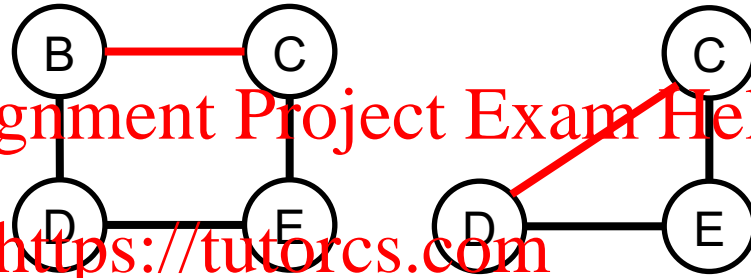
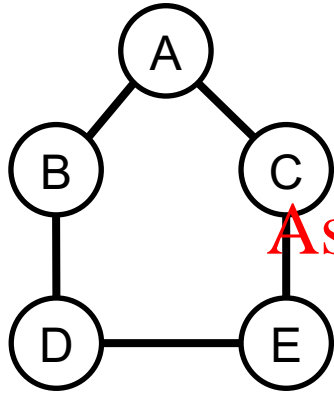
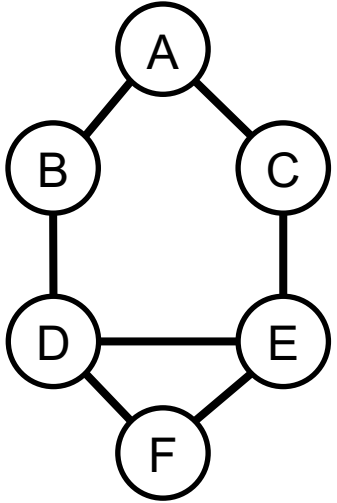


The filled-in graph  
 $G_m^\pi$

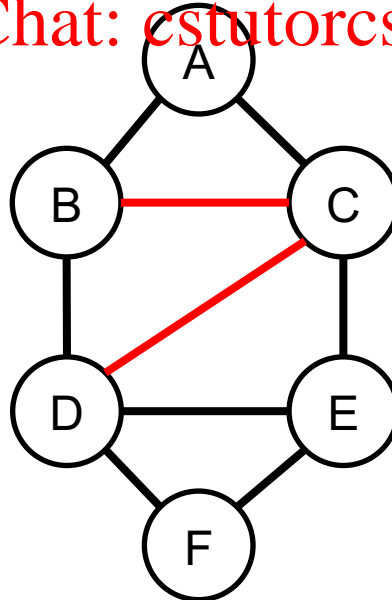
$\pi = F, A, B, C, D, E$   
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# Node Elimination

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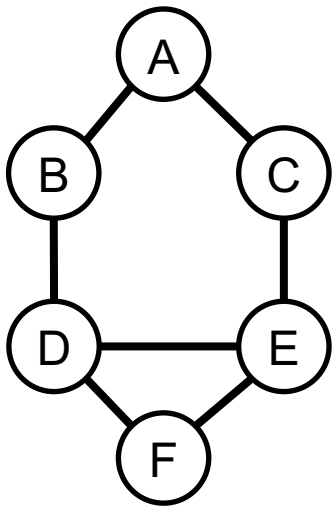
# Graph and Cluster Sequence

- The elimination of nodes from graph  $G$  according to order  $\pi$  induces:
  - A graph sequence  $G_1, \dots, G_n$ , where  $G_1 = G$  a graph  $G_{i+1}$  is obtained by eliminating node  $\pi(i)$  from graph  $G_i$
  - A cluster sequence  $C_1, \dots, C_n$ , where  $C_i$  consists of node  $\pi(i)$  and its neighbors in graph  $G_i$

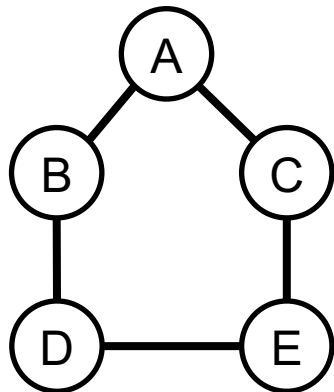
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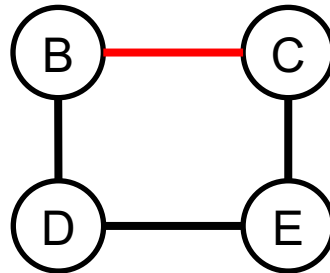
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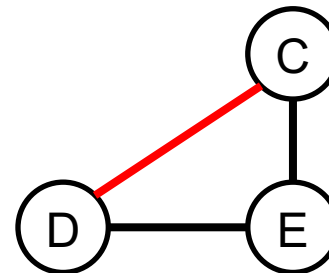
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$C_3 = BCD$



$C_4 = CDE$



$C_5 = DE$

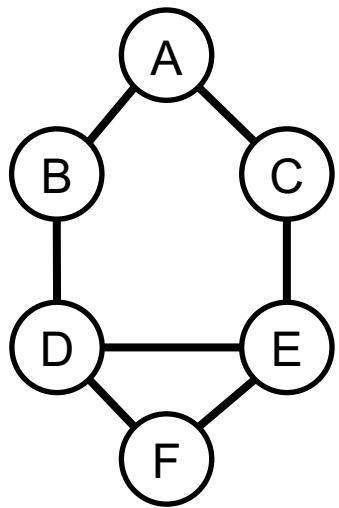


$C_6 = E$

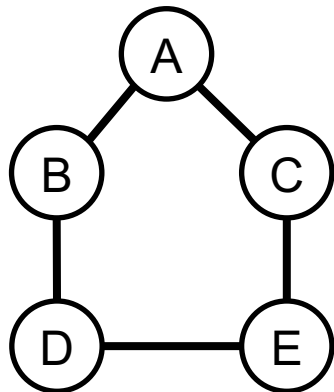


# Elimination Width

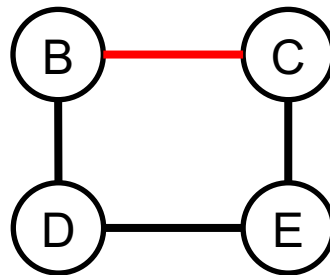
- Let  $\pi$  be an elimination order for a graph  $G$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n$  the induced cluster sequence
  - The *width* of the elimination order  $\pi$  is  $\text{width}(\pi, G) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{i=1}^n |\mathcal{C}_i| - 1$
  - We extend this definition to DAGs: width of  $\pi$  for a DAG is the width of  $\pi$  for the DAG's moral graph



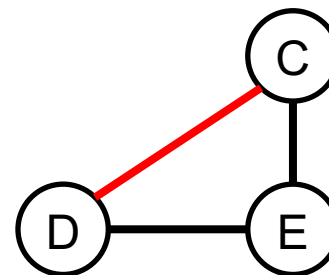
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In this example  
width = 2

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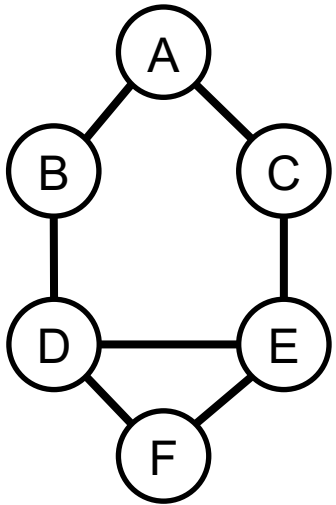
# Treewidth

- The width of a graph  $G$  is  $\text{treewidth}(G) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{\pi} \text{width}(\pi, G)$ 
  - When the width of an elimination order  $\pi$  equals the treewidth, we say  $\pi$  is *optimal*
  - When an elimination order  $\pi$  does not lead to any fill-in edges, we say  $\pi$  is a *perfect elimination order*
  - Not every graph admits a perfect elimination order

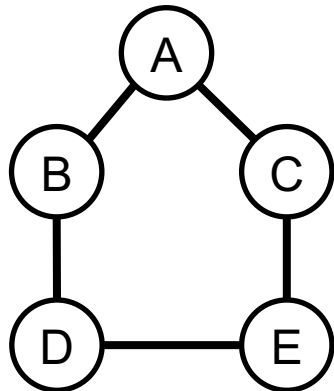
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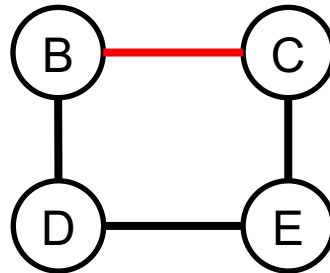
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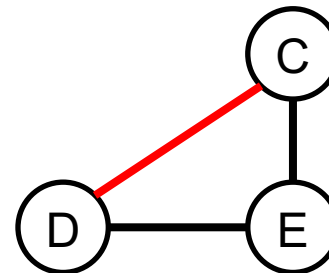
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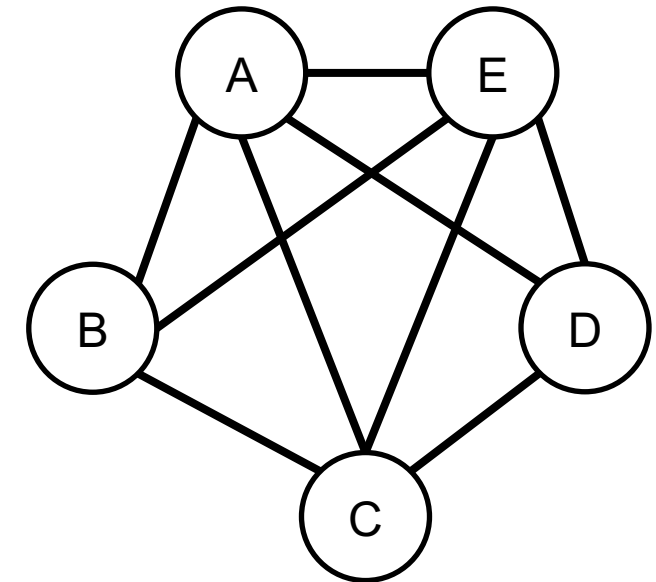


$C_6 = E$

This elimination order is optimal (why?), but not perfect

# Elimination Heuristics

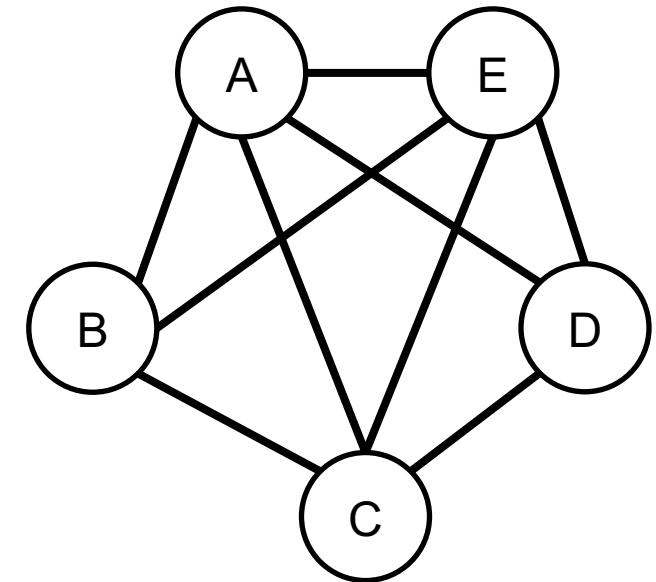
- The computation of an optimal elimination order is NP-hard
  - Several greedy elimination heuristics have been proposed
  - These are ways to eliminate nodes based on local considerations
- The two most common heuristics are
  - Min-degree: eliminate the node having the smallest number of neighbors
  - Min-fill: Eliminate the node that leads adding the smallest number of fill-in edges
- Min-fill typically produces better results
- Min-degree is known to be optimal for graphs with treewidth  $\leq 2$



Node *C* has degree 4,  
and min-fill score of 1

# Elimination Heuristics

- In practice, it is common to combine heuristics
  - Select nodes with min-fill and break ties with min-degree
  - Select nodes with min-degree and break ties using min-fill
- Stochastic techniques can be powerful to combine heuristics
  - Same elimination heuristic to eliminate every node but ties are broken stochastically
  - Different heuristics to eliminate different nodes, where the choice of a heuristic at each node is made stochastically



Node *C* has degree 4,  
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# Optimal Elimination Prefixes

- A *prefix* of elimination order  $\pi$  is a sequence of variables  $\tau$  that occurs in the beginning of  $\pi$ 
  - For example if  $\pi = A, B, C, D, E$  then two prefixes are  $\tau = A, B, C$  and  $\tau = A, B$
- If  $\tau$  is a prefix of some optimal elimination order, then  $\tau$  is an *optimal elimination prefix*
  - It can be completed to yield an optimal order
  - The notion of width can be extended to prefixes by considering the cluster sequence of applying the prefix to a graph
- We can generate optimal prefixes
  - There are preprocessing rules that eliminate a subset of variables
  - While guaranteeing they represent the prefix of some optimal elimination order
  - These rules are not complete, i.e., we cannot always use them to produce a complete elimination order
  - Yet, we can use these rules to eliminate as many nodes as possible before using a heuristic

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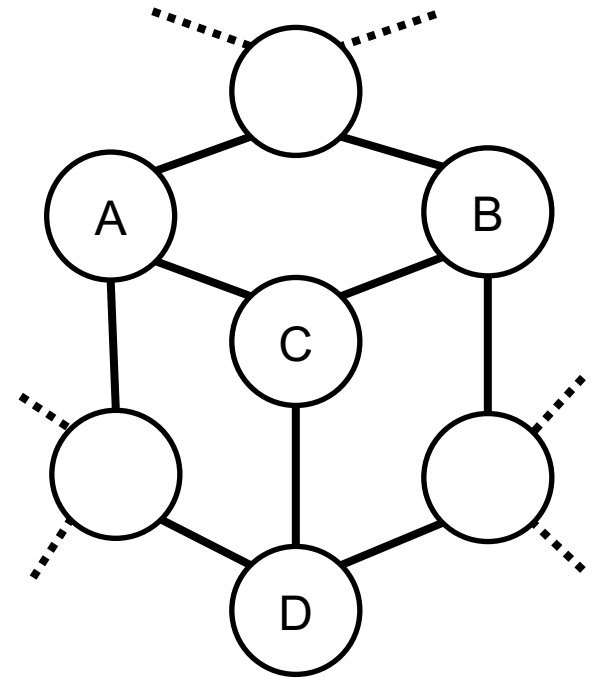
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# Optimal Elimination Prefixes

- We apply the rules in any order
  - A lower bound ( $low$ ) is maintained on the treewidth
  - Some rules update this bound
  - While others use it as a condition for applying the rule
- If a graph  $G'$  is the result of applying any of these rules to  $G$  and if  $low$  is updated accordingly
  - $Treewidth(G) = \max(treewidth(G'), low)$
  - Therefore, these rules reduce the computation of treewidth of  $G$  into the computation of treewidth of a smaller graph  $G'$
  - Moreover, they are guaranteed to generate only optimal elimination prefixes
- A *simplicial node* is a node that all its neighbors are pairwise adjacent, forming a clique
  - An *almost simplicial* node is one that all but one neighbor form a clique

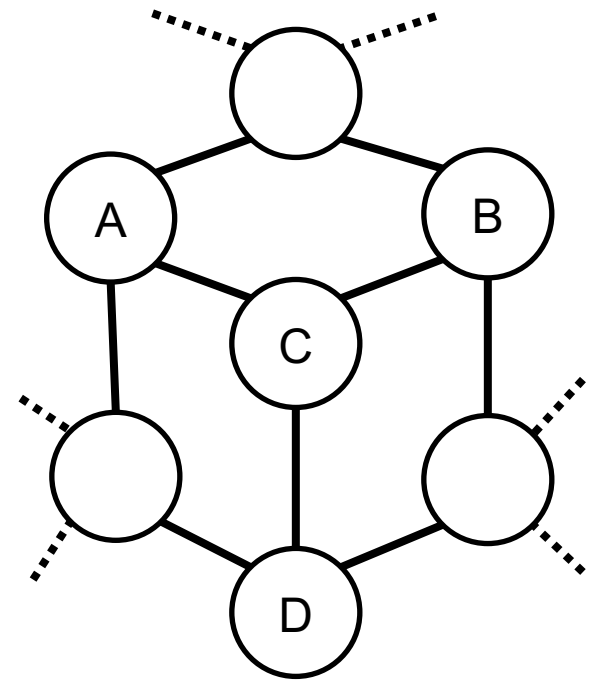
# Optimal Elimination Rules

- There are four rules
  - **Simplicial rule:** Eliminate any simplicial node with degree  $d$ , updating  $low$  to  $\max(low, d)$
  - **Almost simplicial rule:** Eliminate any almost simplicial node with degree  $d$  as long as  $low \geq d$
  - **Buddy rule:** If  $low \geq 3$ , eliminate any pair of nodes  $X$  and  $Y$  that have degree 3 each and share the same set of neighbors
  - **Cube rule:** If  $low \geq 3$ , eliminate any set of four nodes  $A, B, C, D$  forming the structure in the figure
- These rules are complete for graphs of treewidth  $\leq 3$



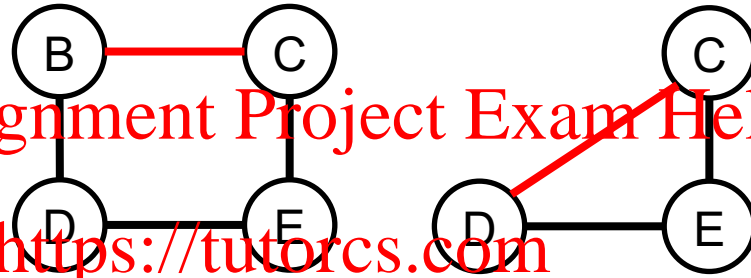
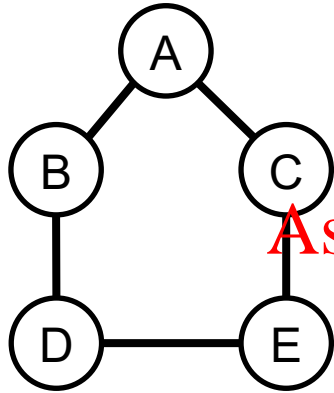
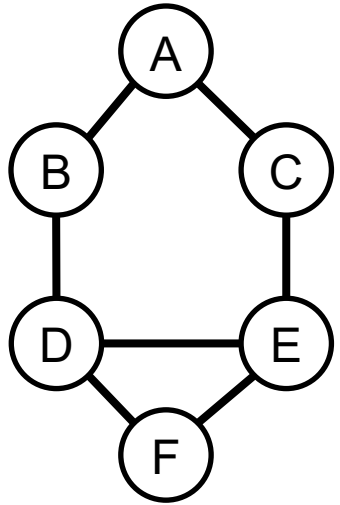
# Optimal Elimination Rules

- Special cases for simplicial rule
  - **Isler rule:** Eliminate nodes with degree 0
  - **Twig rule:** Eliminate nodes with degree 1
- Special cases for almost simplicial rule
  - **Series rule:** eliminate nodes with degree 2 if  $low \geq 2$
  - **Triangle rule:** eliminate nodes with degree 3 if  $low \geq 3$  and if at least two of the neighbors are connected by an edge





# Optimal Elimination Prefixes: Example



$\tau =$

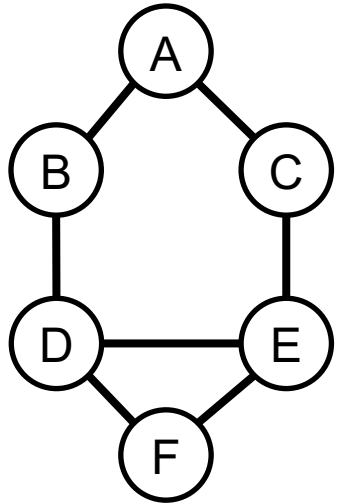
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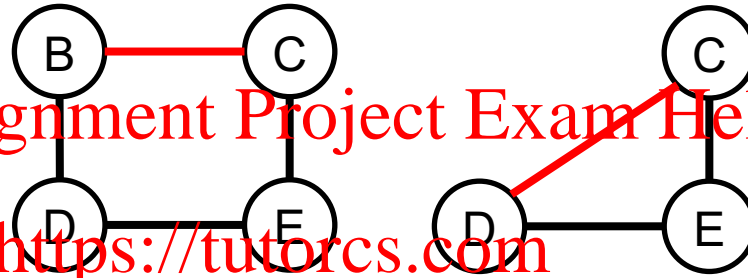
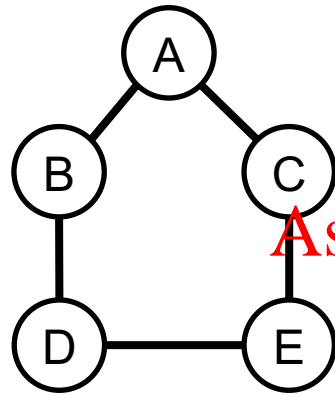
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**Simplicial rule**

$$\tau = F$$

$$low = 2$$

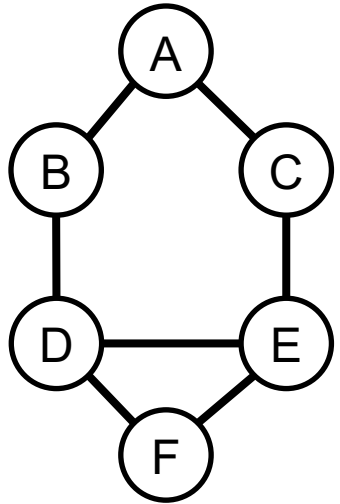


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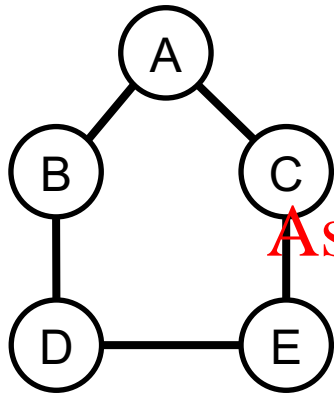
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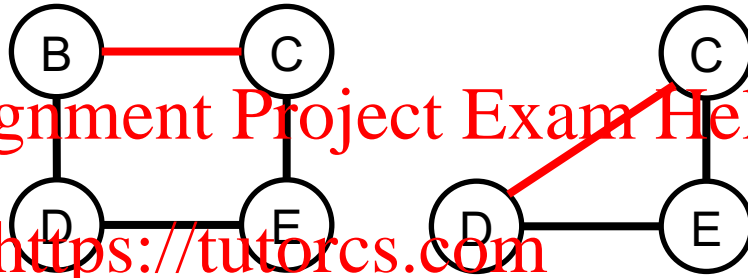
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**Simplicial rule**



**Series rule**



$$\tau = F, A$$

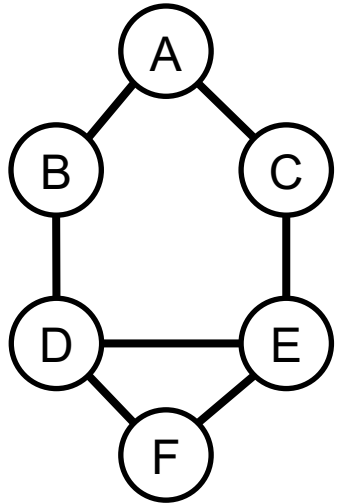
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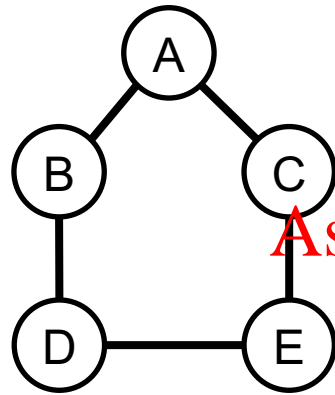
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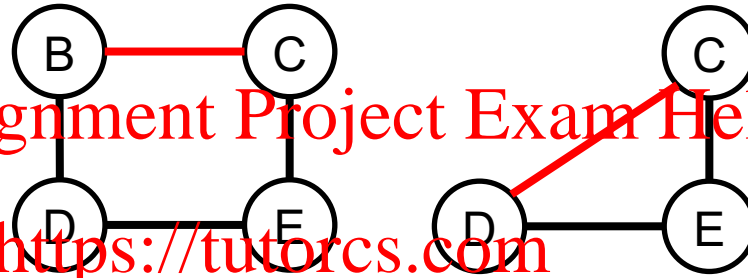
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**Simplicial rule**



**Series rule**



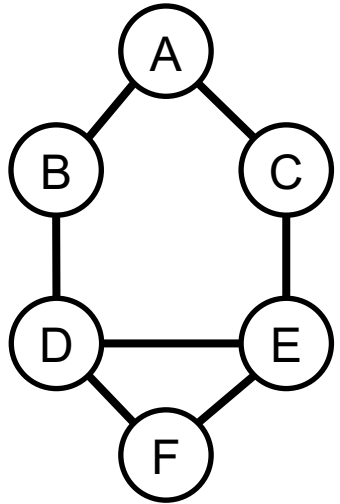
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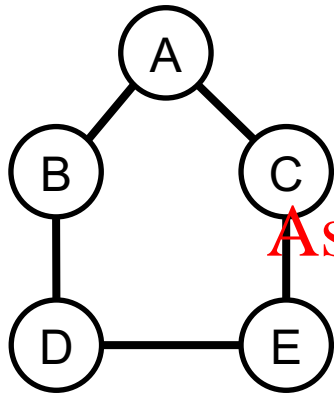
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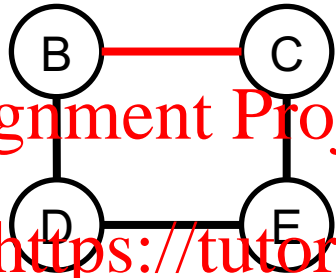
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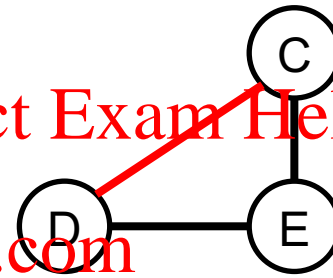
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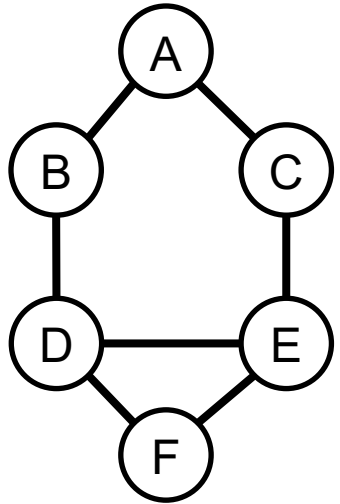
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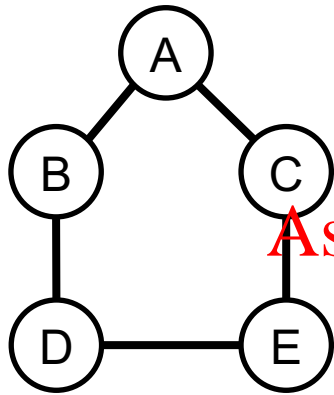
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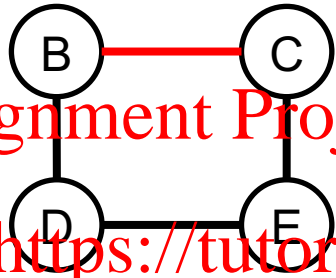
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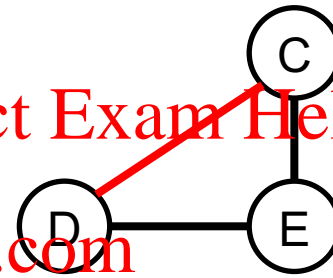
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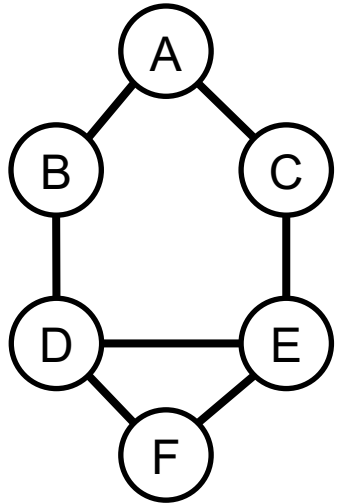
**Twig rule**



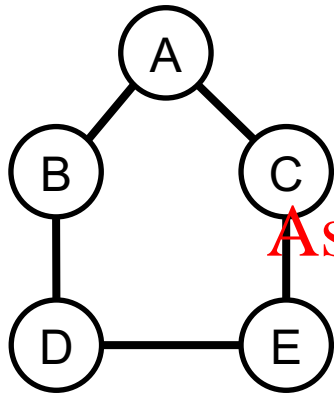
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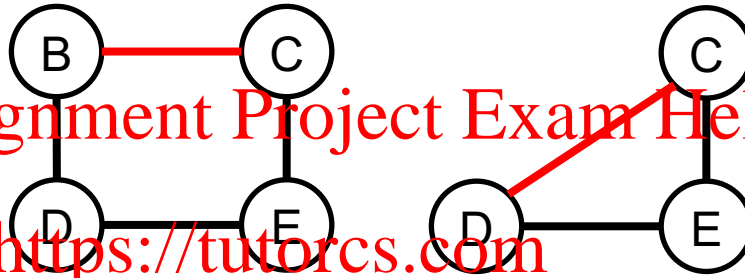
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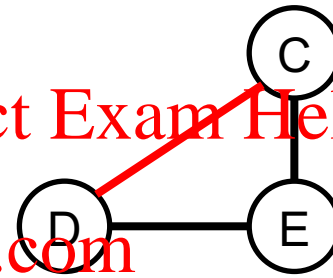
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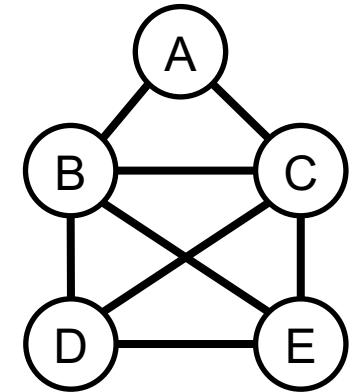
**Isler rule**

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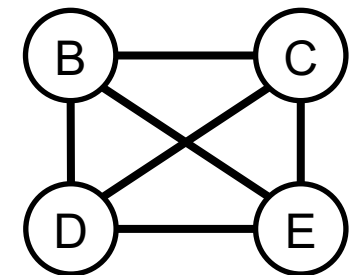
$$low = 2$$

# Lower Bounds on Treewidth

- Lower bounds are used to empower the pre-processing rules
  - We can use them to set *low* to a larger initial value
  - This may allow us to apply more pre-processing elimination rules
- Two well-known, but typically weak lower bounds are
  - If a graph  $G$  has a clique of size  $n$ , then  $\text{treewidth}(G) \geq n - 1$
  - The *degree of a graph* is a lower bound for treewidth. The degree of a graph is the minimum number of neighbours attained by any of its nodes
- The *degeneracy* of a graph is the maximum degree attained by any of its subgraphs
  - It is a better bound. It is based on two observations
  - First, the treewidth of any subgraph cannot be larger than the treewidth of the graph containing it
  - Second, the degree of a subgraph may be higher than the degree of the graph containing it



Graph degree is 2

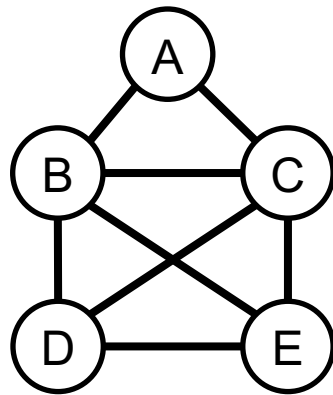


Graph degree is 3

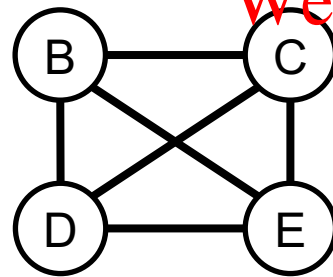


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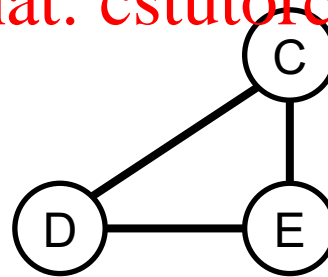
- The degeneracy is also known as maximum minimum degree (MMD)
  - MMD is easily computed by generating a sequence of subgraphs
  - Start with the original graph and remove a minimum-degree node
  - The MMD is the maximum degree attained by any of the generated subgraphs



Degree = 2



Degree = 3



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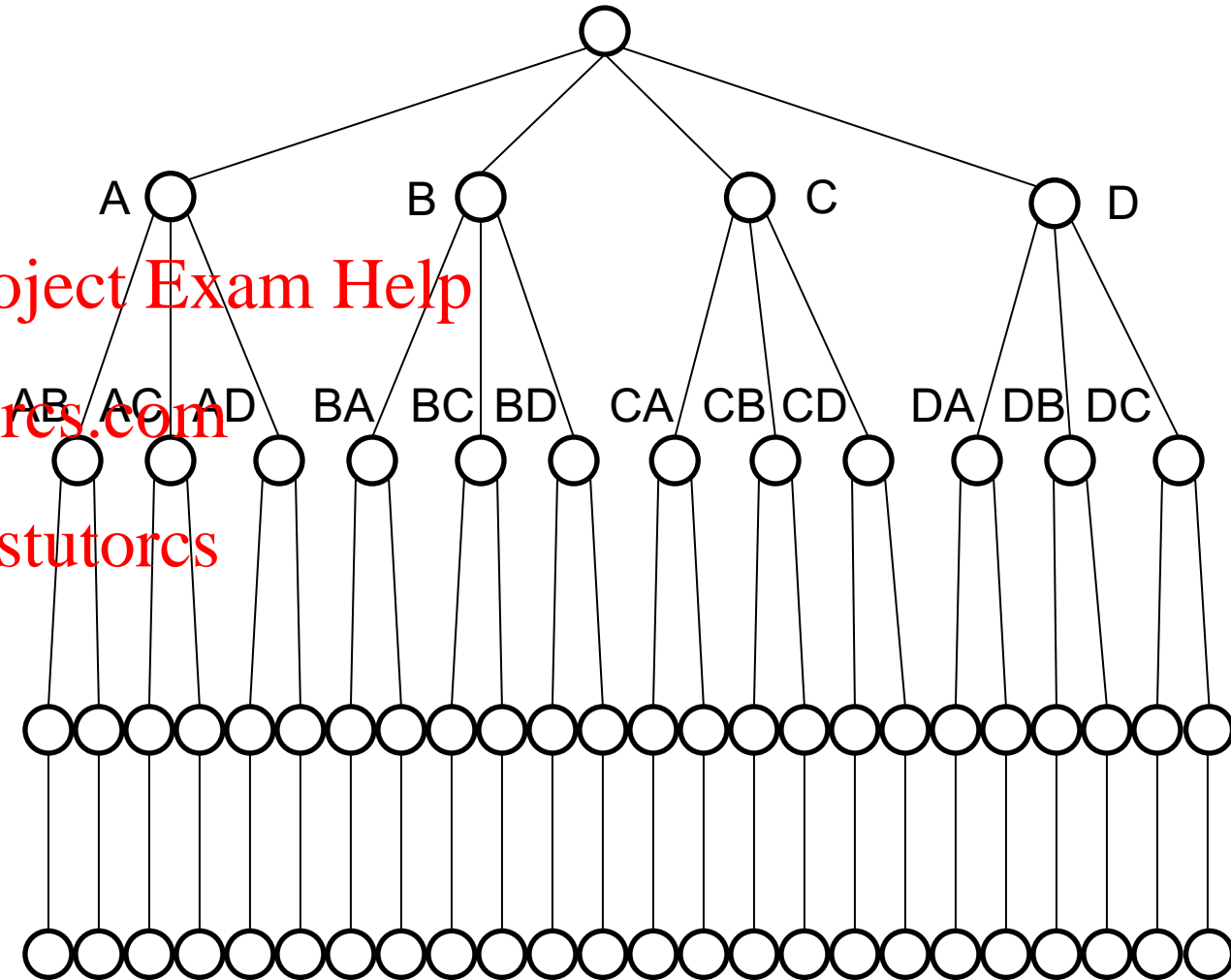
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# Optimal Elimination Order

- We can use search methods to find an optimal elimination order

- For instance, depth-first search to generate all possible elimination orders
- The search space has size  $O(n!)$ , where  $n$  is the number of variables
- Therefore, such methods are limited to small number of variables
- However, we can explore optimal elimination prefixes and lower bound to prune the search space



# Optimal Elimination Order: Pruning

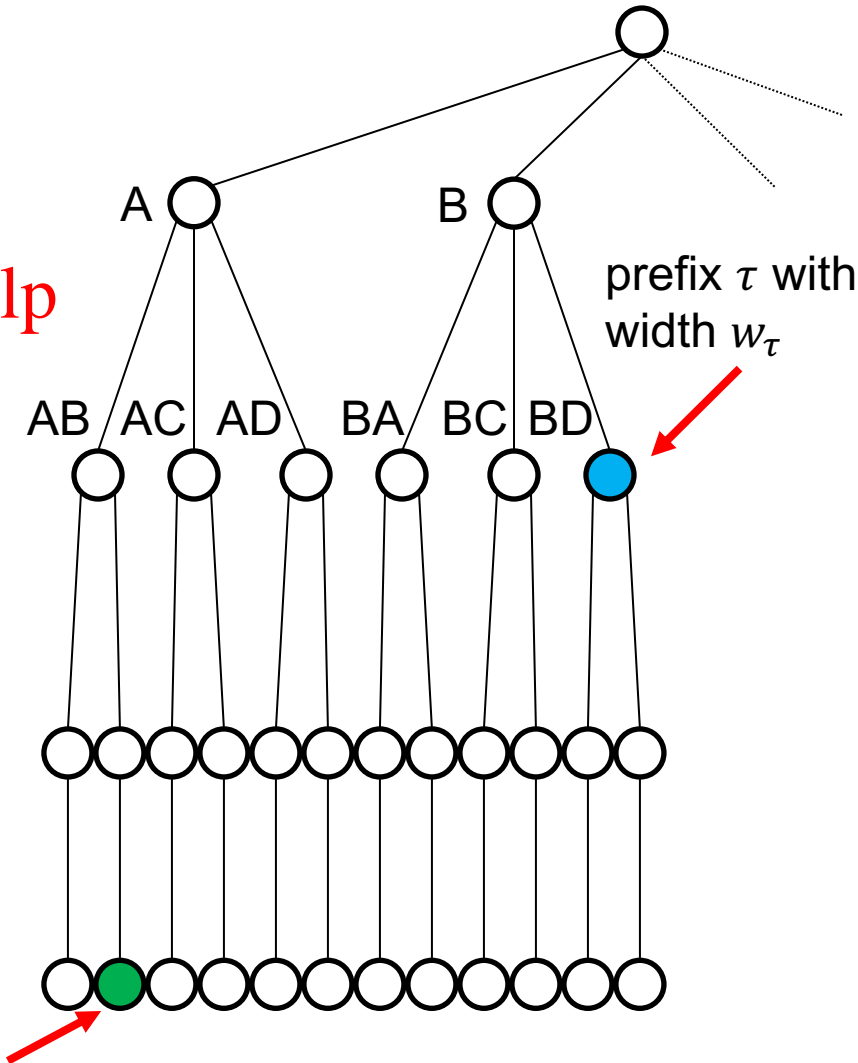
- Pruning is essential to improve the efficiency of these search methods

- If you have a query, use the query pruning techniques of the lecture 7
- Use optimal prefix rules to further reduce the graph size and provide an elimination prefix and lower bound

- In a depth-first search, each time we reach a leaf node in the search tree, we obtain an elimination order

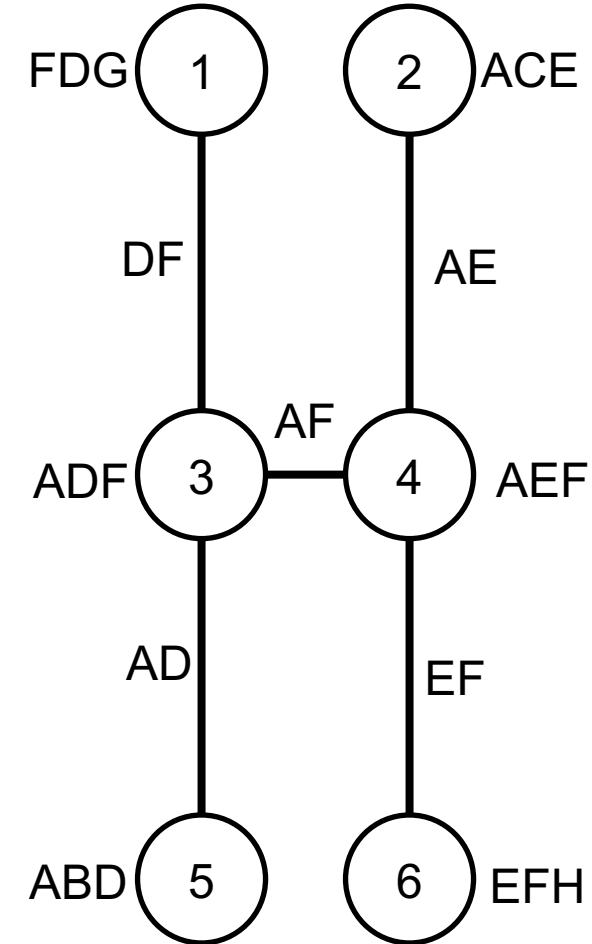
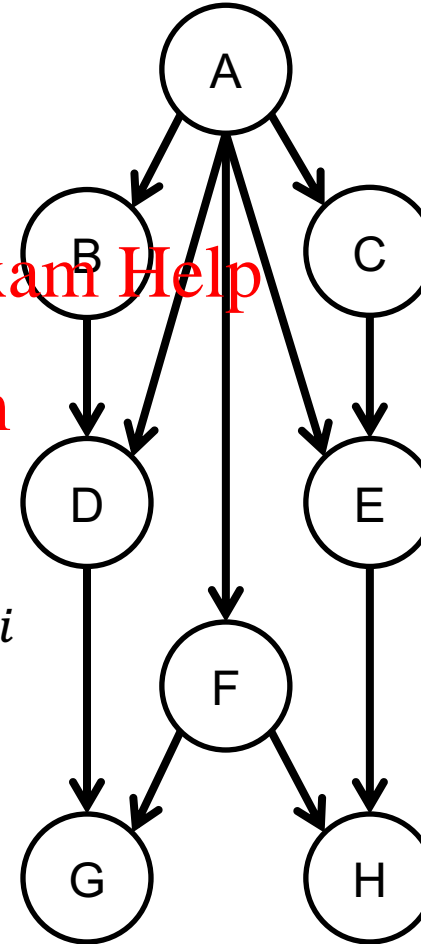
- Suppose we have an elimination order  $\pi$  with width  $w_\pi$ 
  - We are currently exploring a prefix  $\tau$  with width  $w_\tau$
  - We also have a lower bound  $b$  on graph  $G_\tau$
  - If  $\max(w_\tau, b) \geq w_\pi$ , then we cannot improve on order  $\pi$

Elimination order  $\pi$  with width  $w_\pi$   
This is our best-so-far width



# Jointree: Recap

- A *jointree* for a network  $G$  is a pair  $(T, \mathcal{C})$  where  $T$  is a tree and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a function that maps each node  $i$  in the tree  $T$  into a label  $\mathcal{C}_i$ , called *cluster*. The jointree must satisfy the following properties:
  - The cluster  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a set of nodes from  $G$
  - Each factor in  $G$  must appear in some cluster  $\mathcal{C}_i$
  - If a variable appears in two clusters  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j$ , it must appear in every cluster  $\mathcal{C}_k$  on the path connecting nodes  $i$  and  $j$  in the jointree. This is known as *jointree* or *running intersection* property



# Jointree: Recap

- The *separator* of edge  $i - j$  in a jointree is a set of variables defined as follows

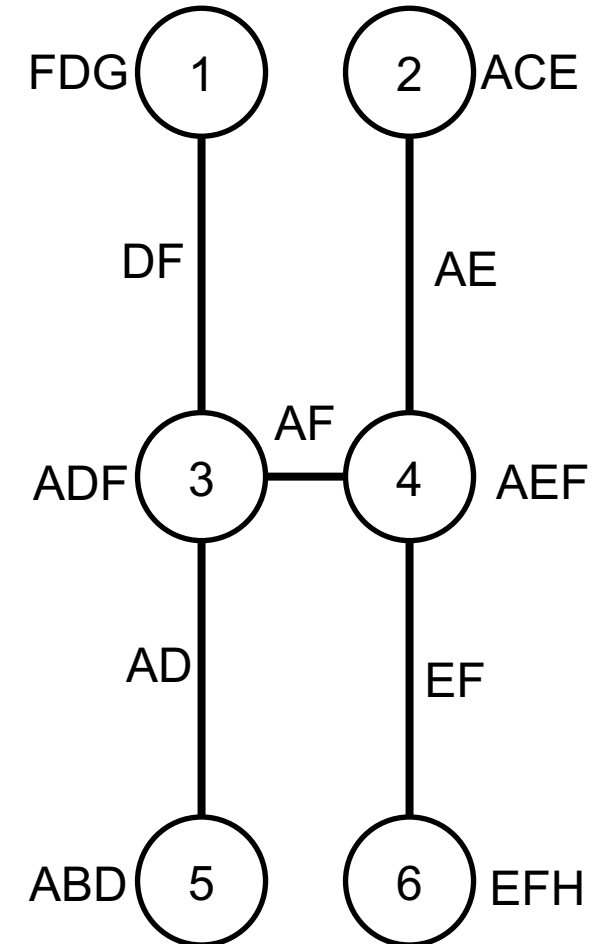
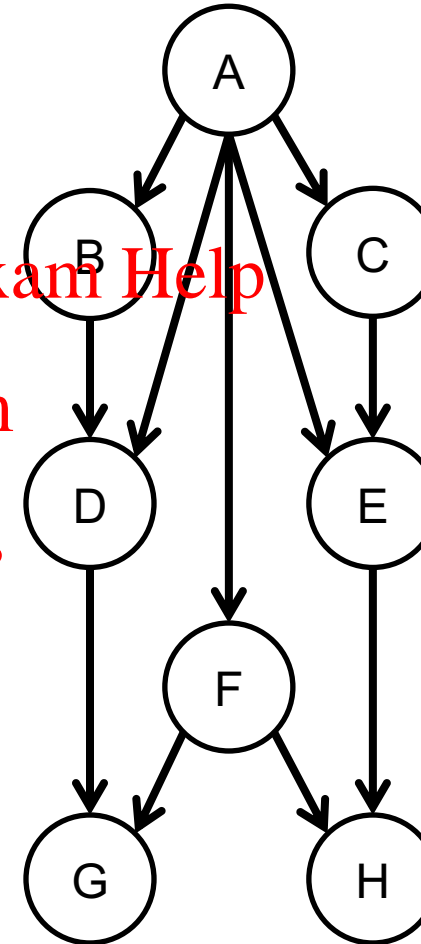
$$S_{ij} = vars(i, j) \cap vars(j, i)$$

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- The *width* of a jointree is defined as the size of its largest cluster minus one

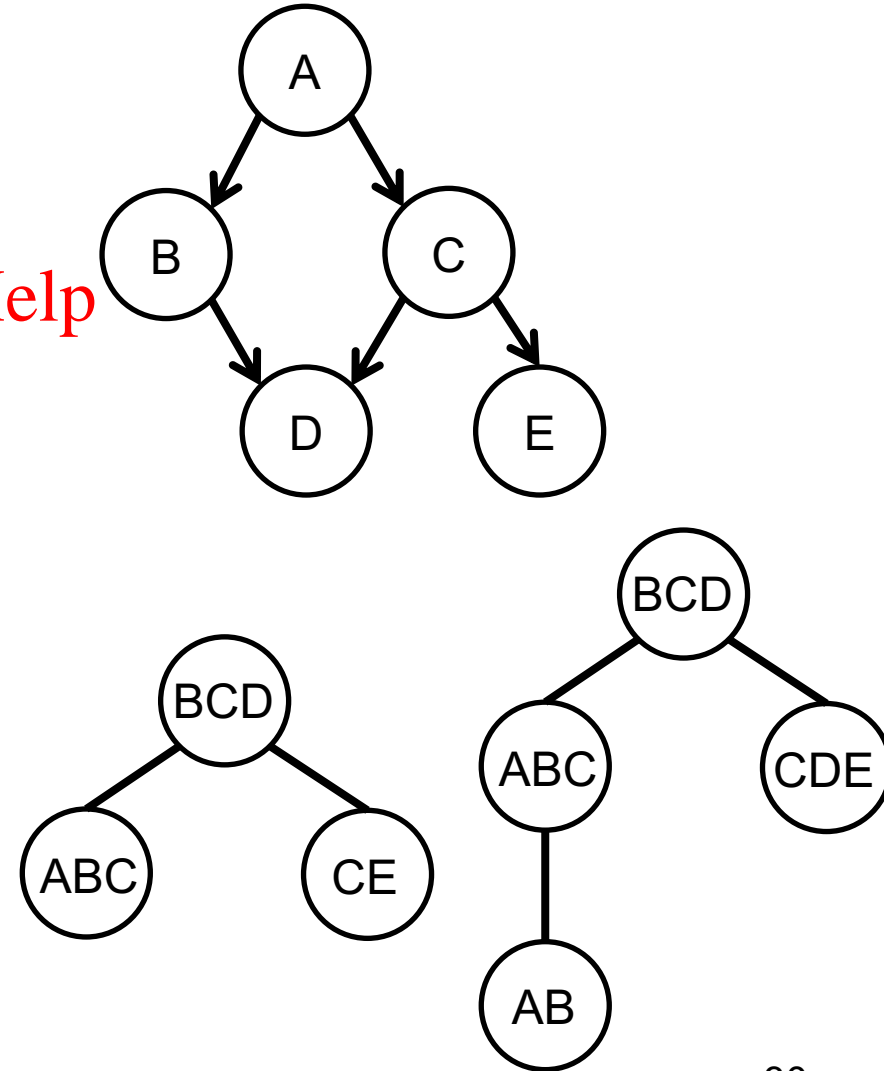
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- A jointree is also called a *junction tree* or a *cluster tree*



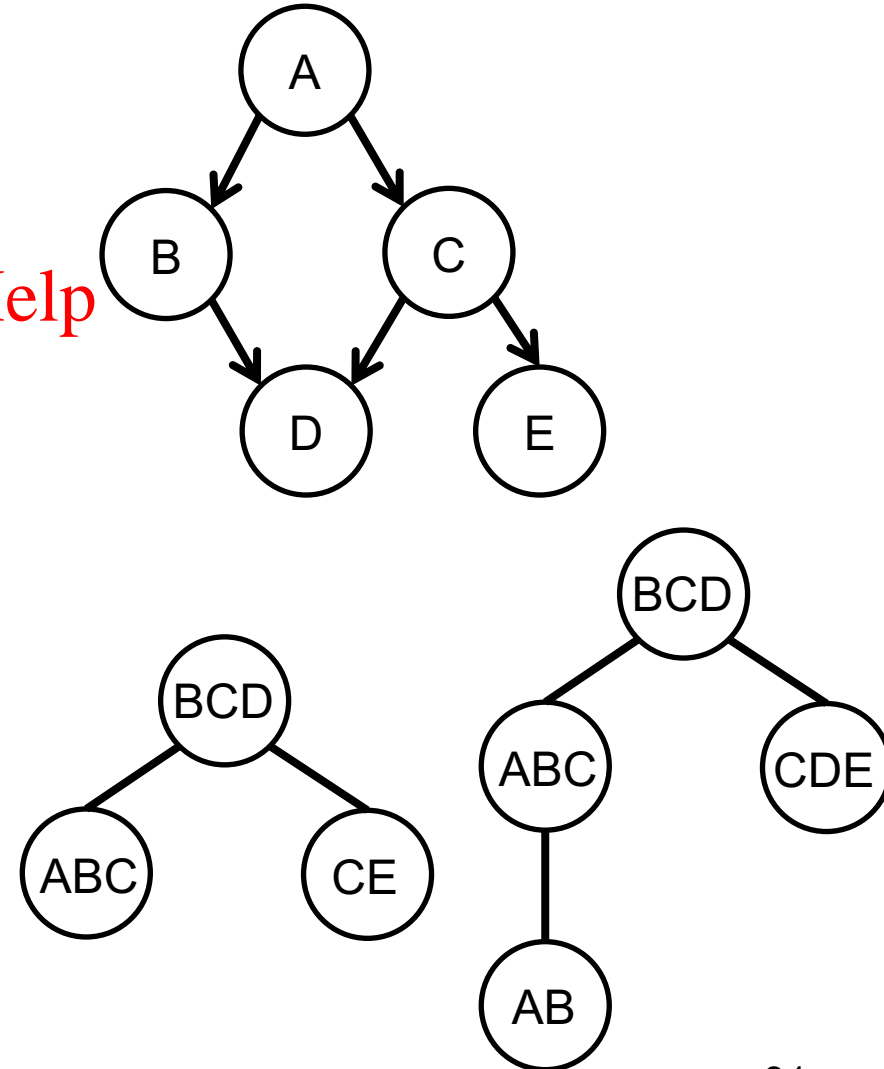
# Jointree Operations

- The following transformations preserve all three properties of a jointree
  - **Add variable:** We can add a variable  $X$  to a cluster  $C_i$  if  $C_i$  has a neighbour  $C_j$  that contains  $X$
  - **Merge clusters:** We can merge two neighbouring clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  into a single cluster  $C_k = C_i \cup C_j$ , where  $C_k$  inherits the neighbours of  $C_i$  and  $C_j$
  - **Add cluster:** We can add a new cluster  $C_j$  and make it a neighbour of an existing cluster  $C_i$  if  $C_j \subseteq C_i$
  - **Remove cluster:** We can remove cluster  $C_j$  if it has a single neighbour  $C_i$  and  $C_j \subseteq C_i$



# Jointree Operations

- These transformations have practical applications
  - The addition of variable  $D$  allows the jointree to compute marginal over variables  $CDE$
  - This marginal will not be computed if the algorithm is applied to the left jointree
  - Merging two clusters eliminates the separator connecting them
  - As the Shenoy-Shafer algorithm creates factors over each separator, this transformation can be used to reduce space requirements
  - This will also typically increase the running time, as merging clusters can lead to larger clusters and the algorithm is exponential to cluster size
  - This transformation can be the basis for time-space trade-offs



# Jointree to Elimination Orders

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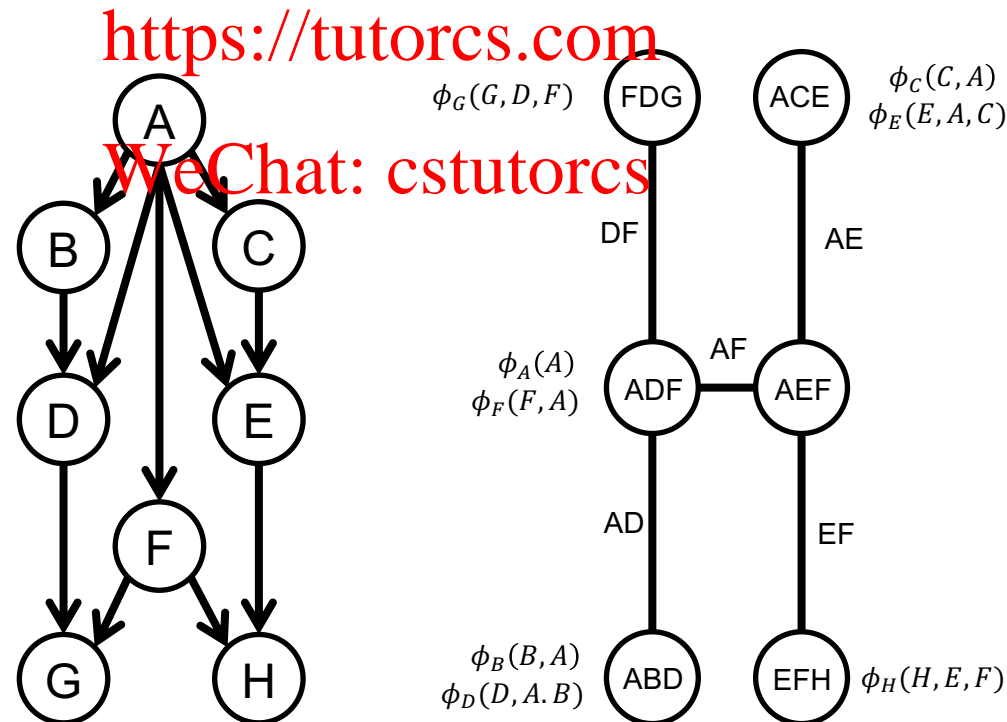
**while not empty( $T$ ) do**

remove node  $i$  from  $T$  that has a single neighbour  $j$

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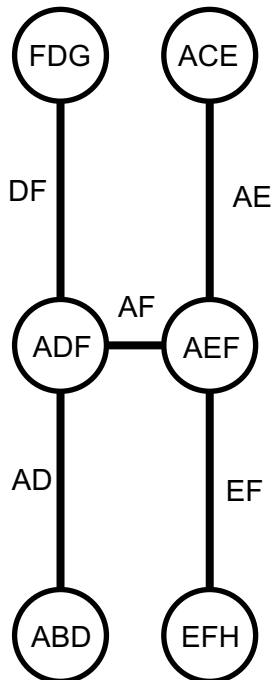
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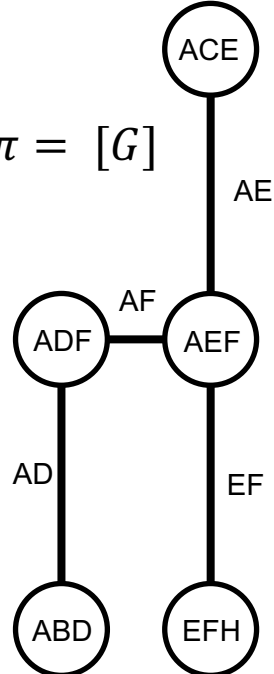
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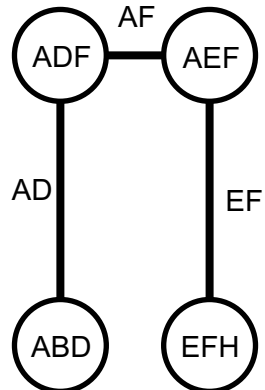
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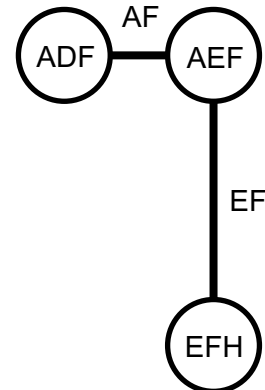
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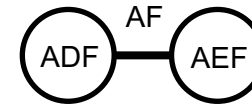
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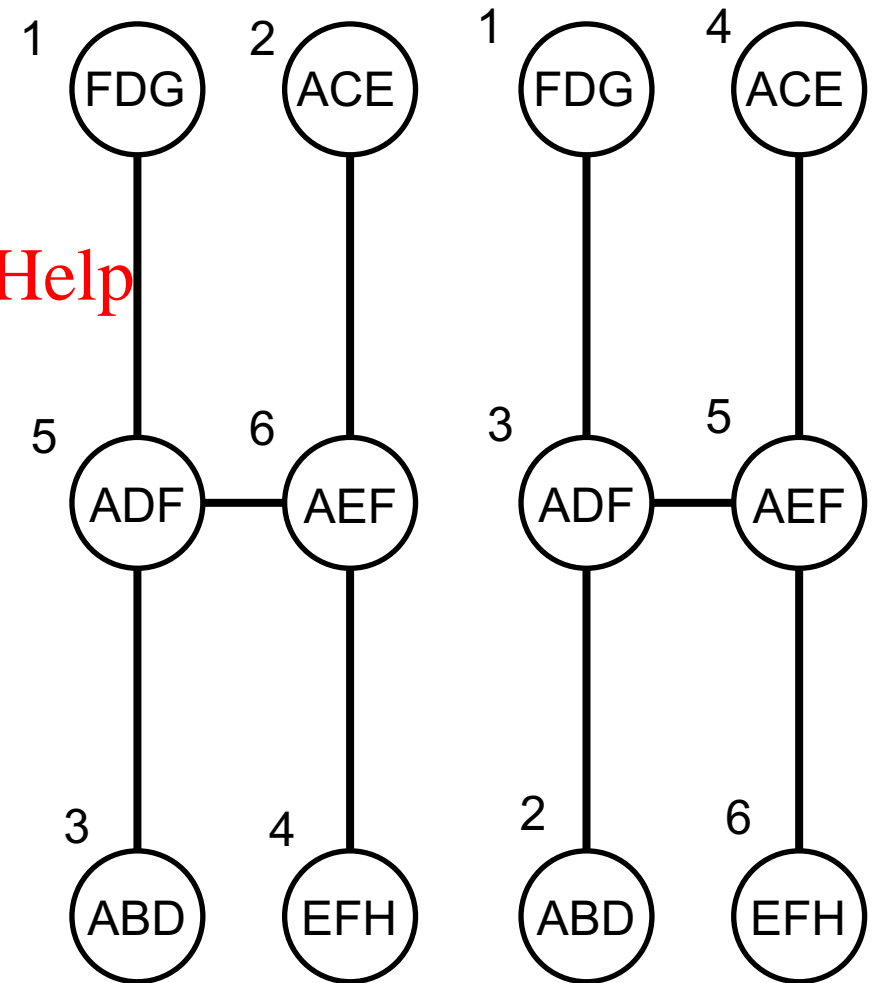
$\pi = [G, C, B, H, D, \{A, E, F\}]$

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# Jointree to Elimination Orders

- This algorithm simulates the process of factor elimination
  - It runs in polynomial time
  - It provides an elimination order of no greater width than the jointree width
- The algorithm leaves a few choices undetermined
  - Choosing the node  $i$  to remove next from the jointree
  - Choosing the order in which variables  $C_i \setminus C_i \cap C_j$  are appended to  $\pi$
- None of these choices matter to the guarantees provided by the algorithm



# Elimination Orders to Jointrees

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- We present a polynomial time, width-preserving algorithm for generating a jointree from an elimination order

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- The algorithm consists of two parts
  - Constructing the clusters
  - Assembling the jointree

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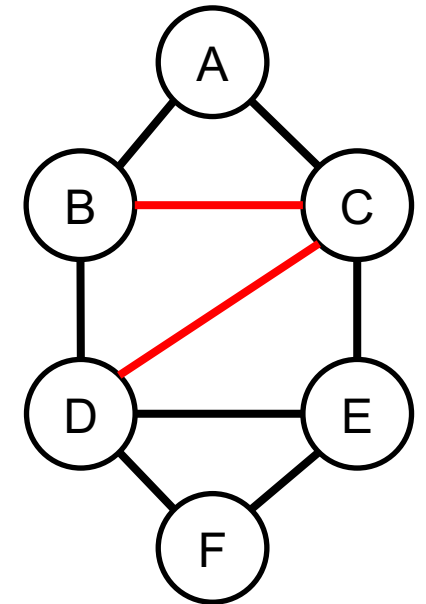
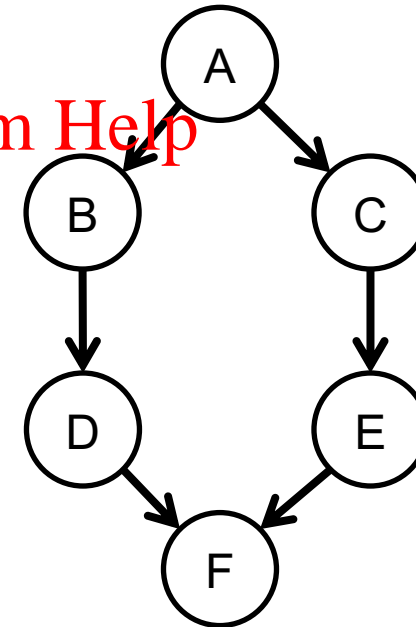
# Elimination Orders to Jointrees: Clusters

- We show how to generate clusters with the following properties
  - The size of every cluster is  $\leq \text{width}(\pi, G) + 1$
  - The clusters satisfy conditions 1 and 2 of the jointree definition

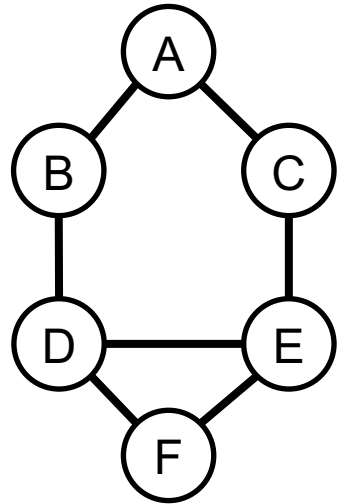
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- Let  $\mathcal{C}_i, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n$  be the cluster sequence that results from applying the elimination order  $\pi$  to the undirected graph (or moral graph of a DAG)  $G$ . Every family of  $G$  is contained in some cluster in the sequence

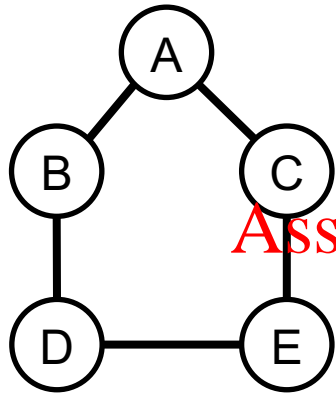
- $\mathcal{C}_i, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n$  satisfy the first two conditions of the jointree
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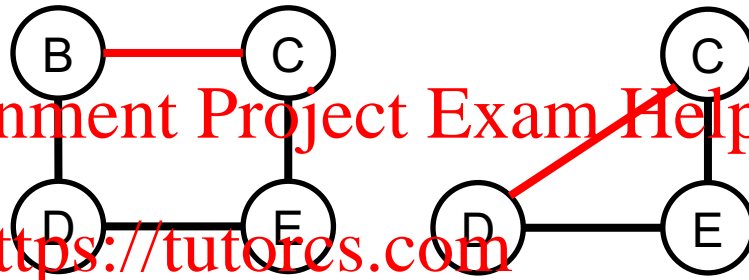
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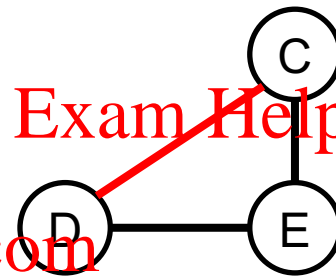
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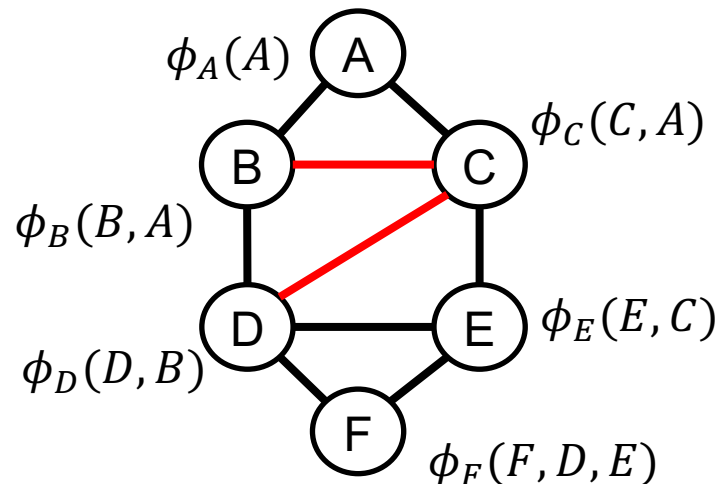
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$$\pi = F, A, B, C, D, E$$

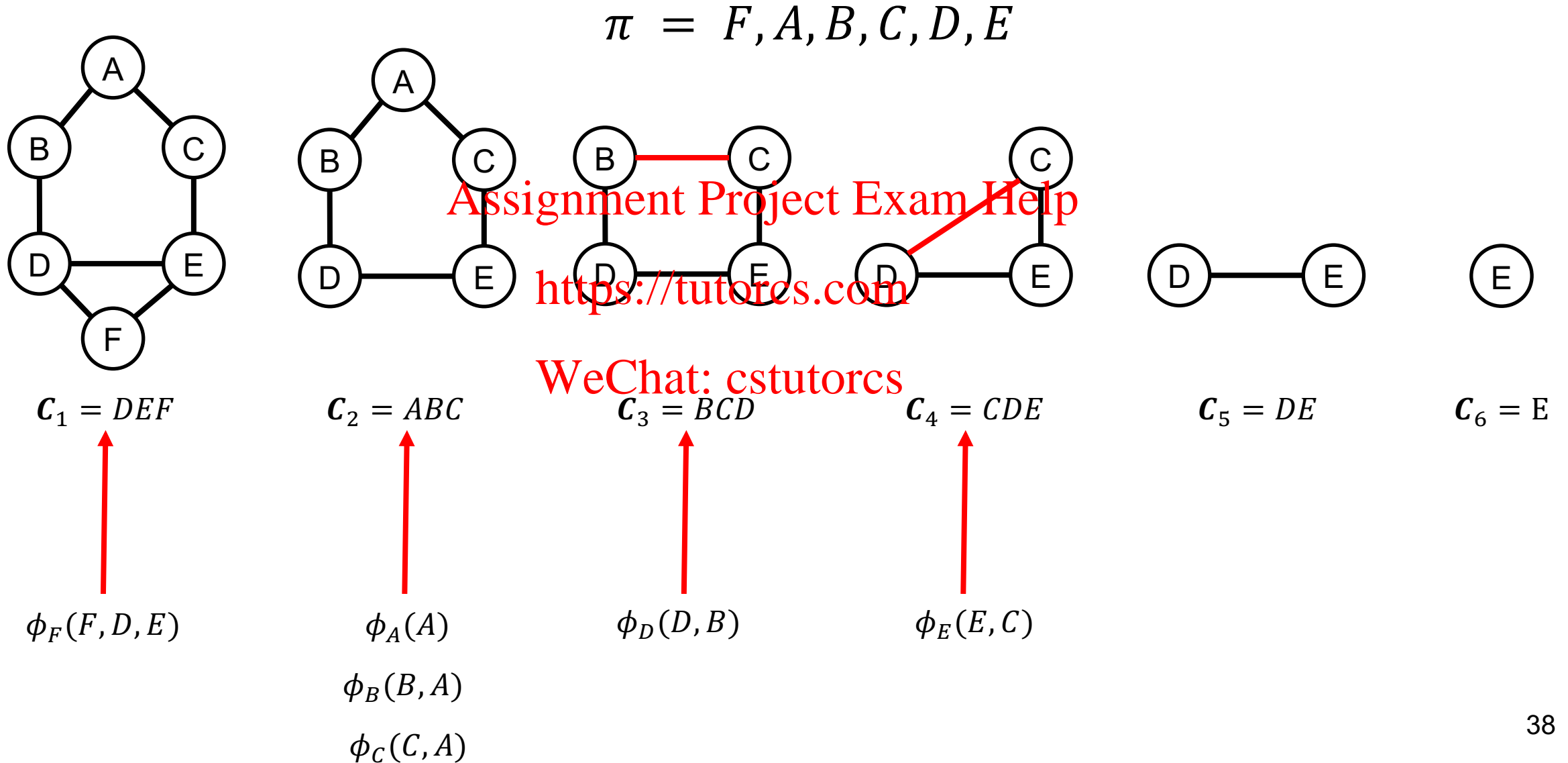
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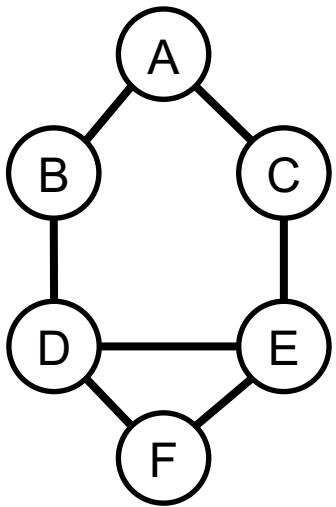


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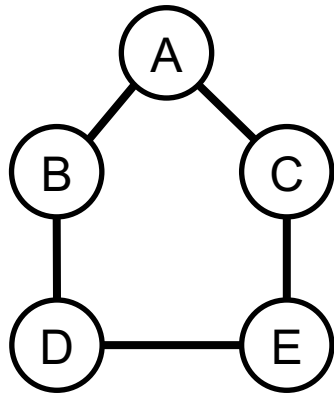


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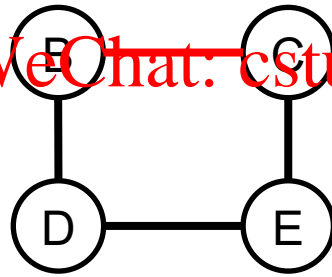
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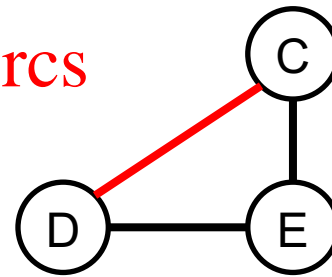
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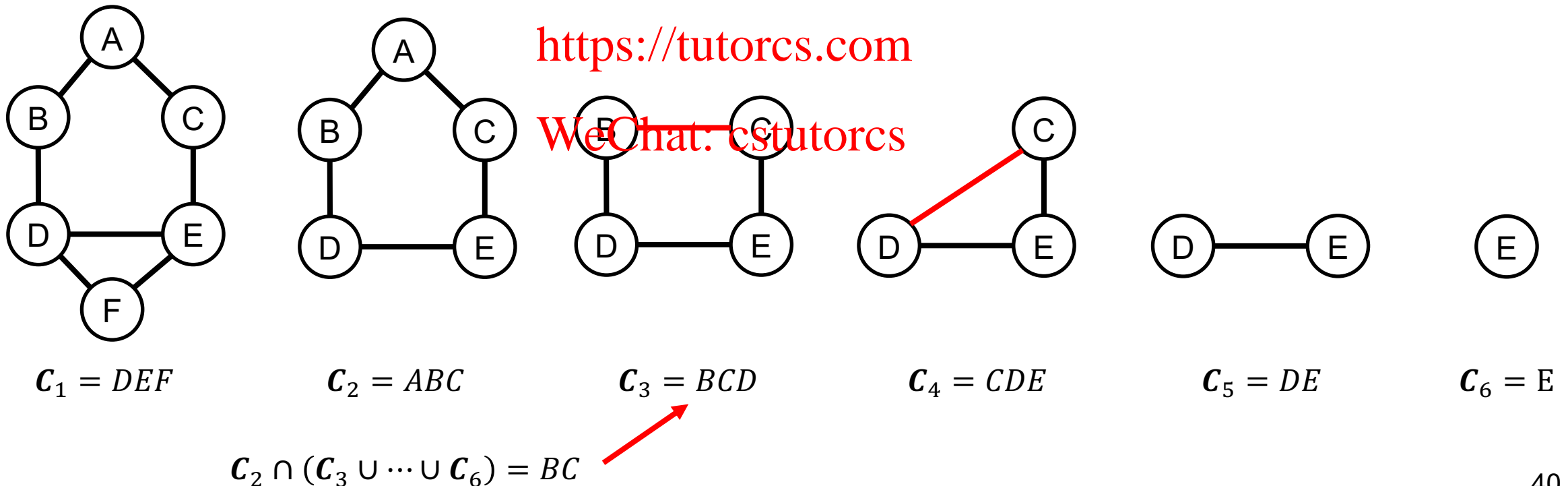
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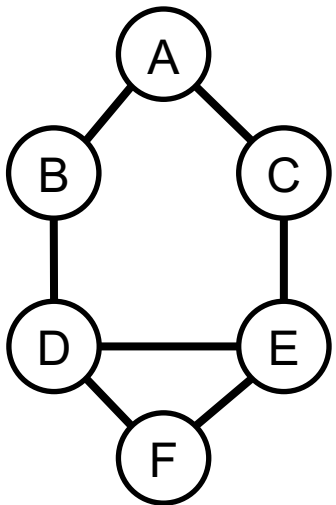
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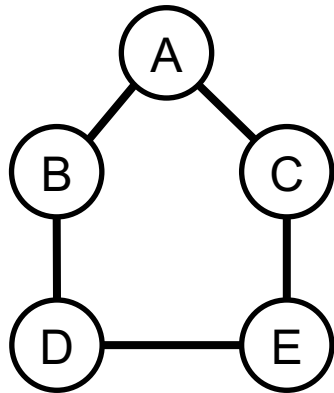


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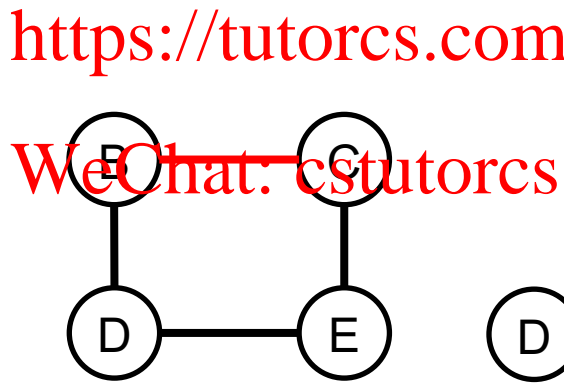
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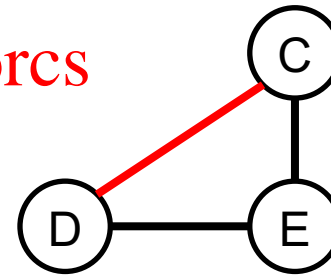
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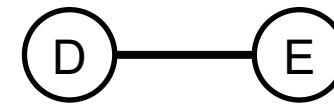
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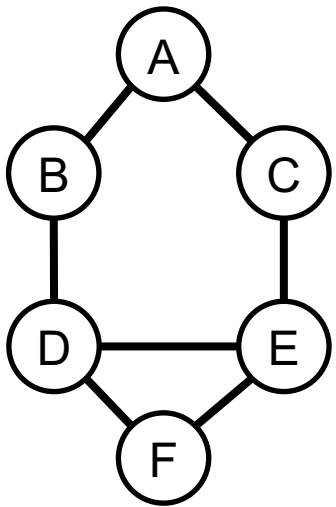
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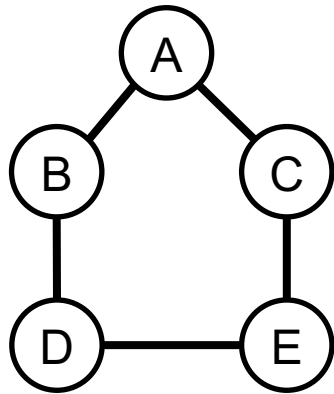
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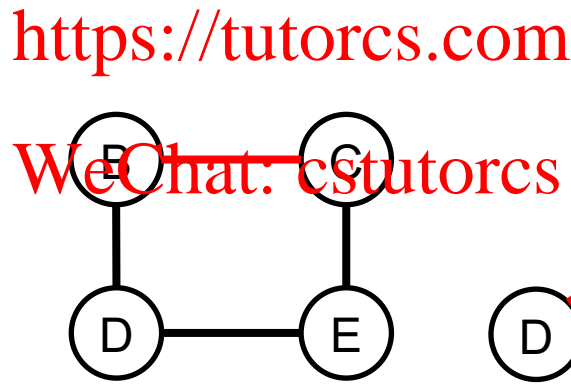
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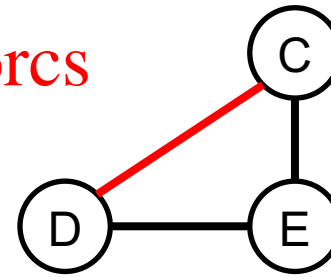
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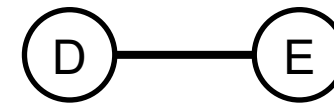
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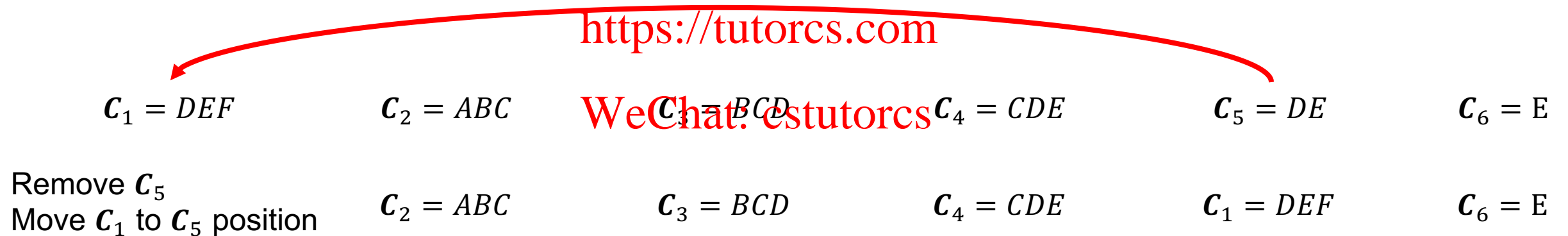
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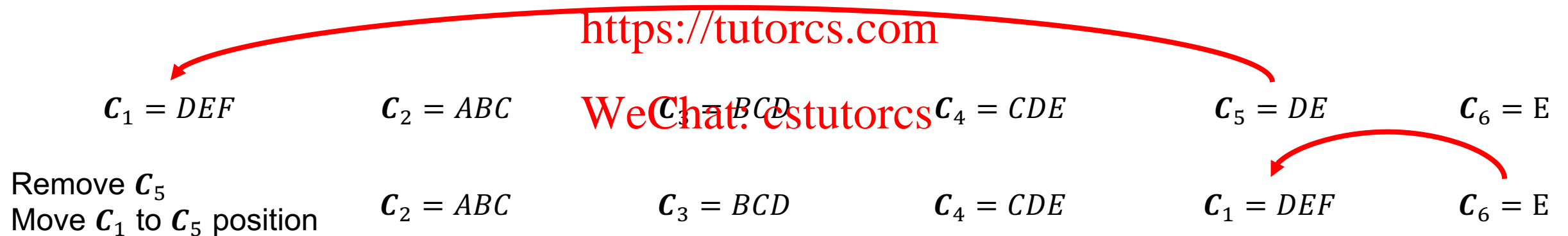
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$C_1 = DEF$

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$C_3 = BCD$

$C_4 = CDE$

$C_5 = DE$

$C_6 = E$

Remove  $C_5$   
Move  $C_1$  to  $C_5$  position

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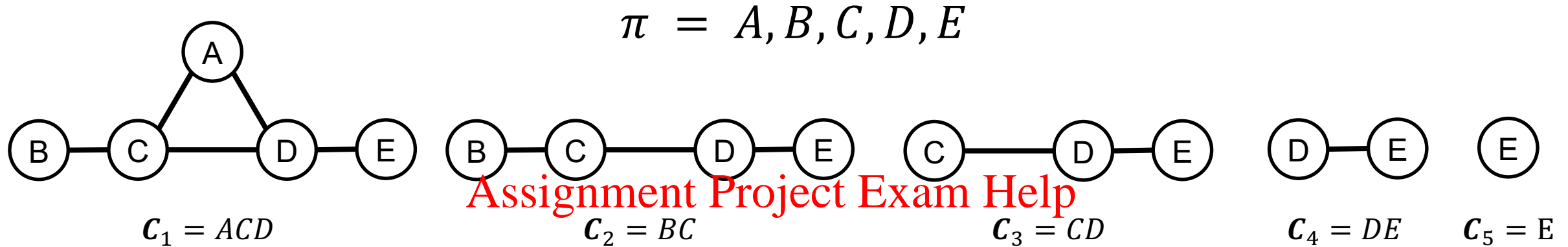
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# Nonmaximal Clusters: Another Example



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$C_1 = ACD$

$C_2 = BC$

$C_3 = CD$

$C_4 = DE$

$C_5 = E$

Remove  $C_3$   
Move  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  position

$C_2 = BC$

$C_1 = ACD$

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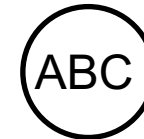
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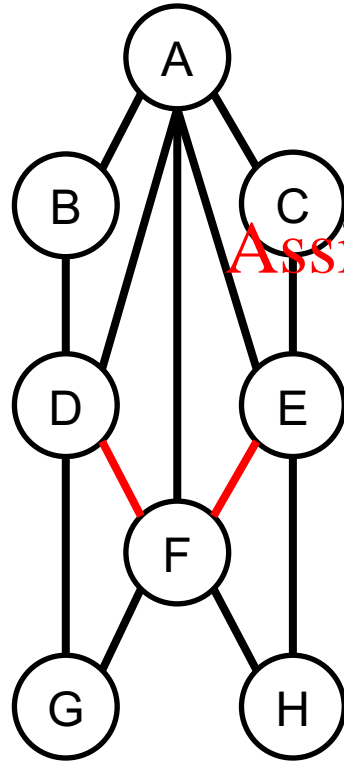
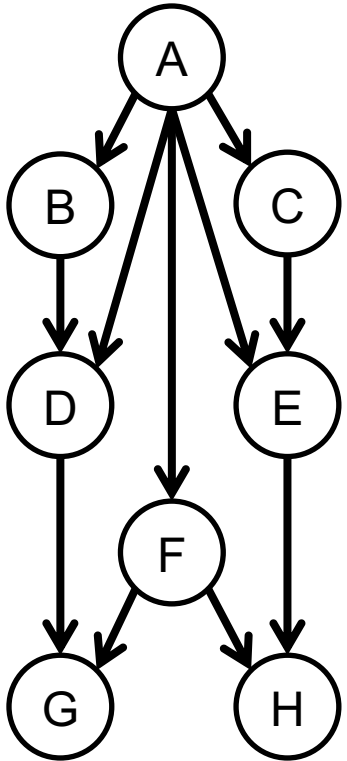
$C_1 \cap (C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_4) = BC$



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# Elimination Orders to Jointrees: Example

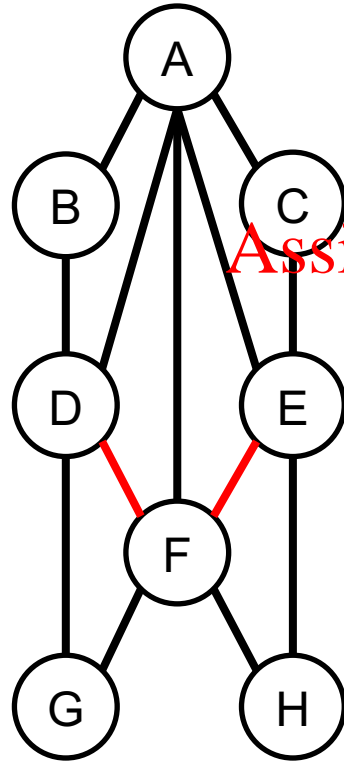
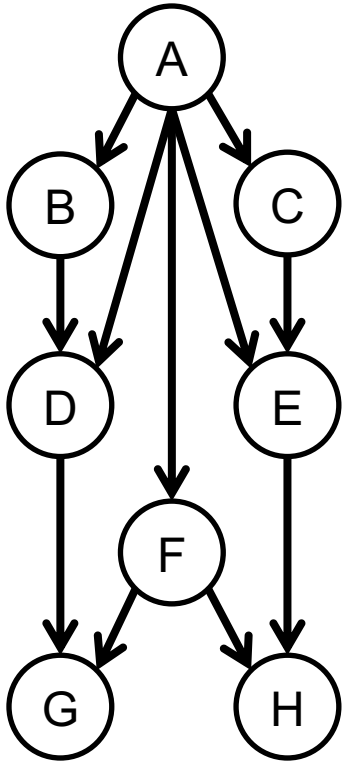


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# Elimination Orders to Jointrees: Example



$\pi = G, H, B, C, D, E, F, A$

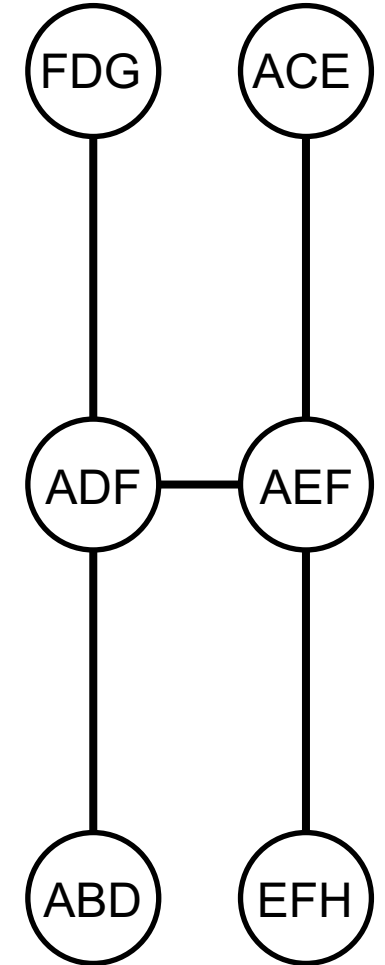
$\mathcal{C} = \{DFG, EFH, ABD, ACE, ADF, AEF, AF, A\}$

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$\mathcal{C}' = \{DFG, EFH, ABD, ACE, ADF, AEF\}$

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# Elimination Orders to Jointrees: Assembly (2)

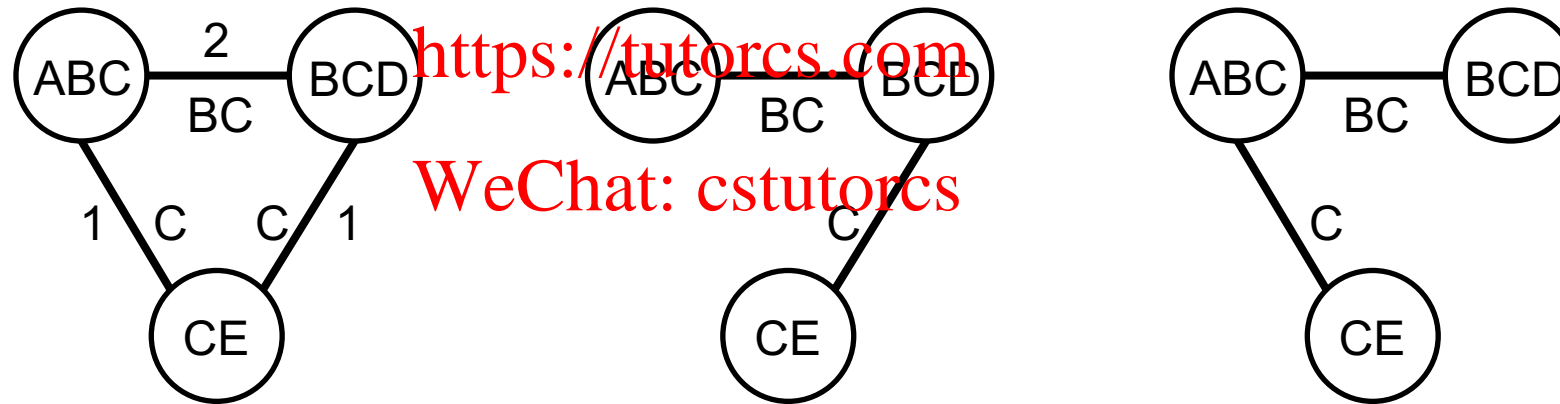
$\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n \leftarrow$  maximal cluster sequence induced by elimination order  $\pi$

$G_c \leftarrow$  cluster graph of  $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n$

$G_c^{MST} \leftarrow$  maximum spanning tree of  $G_c$

return  $G_c^{MST}$

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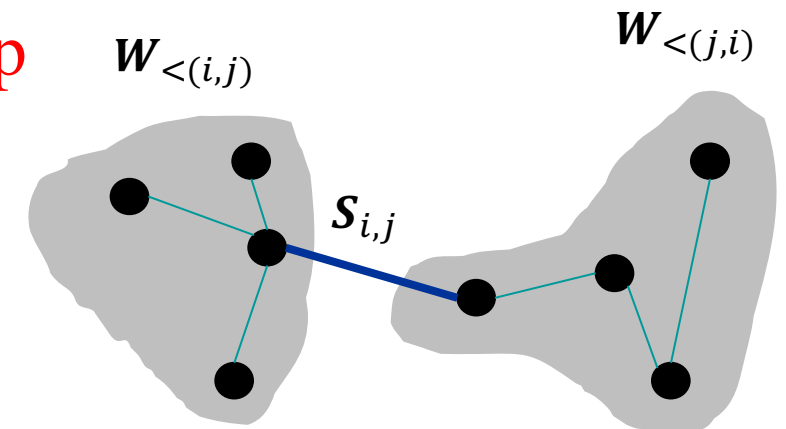
A *cluster graph* is a complete weighted undirected graph with cost  $|\mathcal{C}_i \cap \mathcal{C}_j|$  assigned to each edge  $\mathcal{C}_i - \mathcal{C}_j$

# Jointrees and Independence

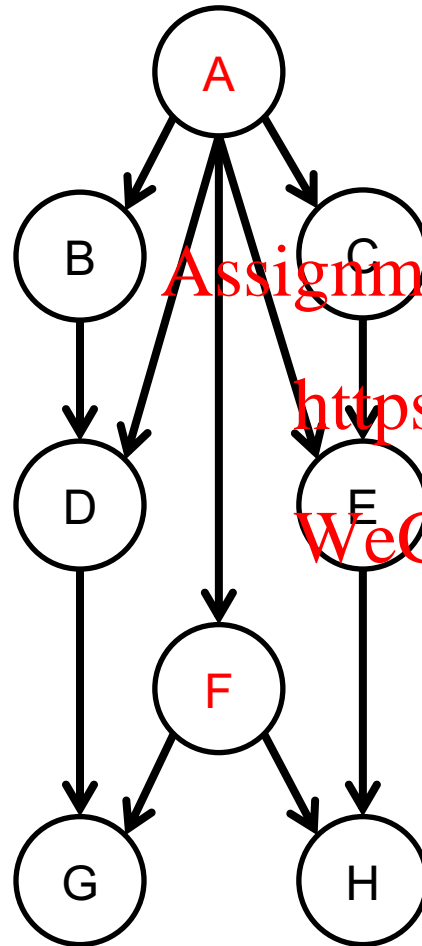
- For an edge  $(i, j)$  be the set of all variables that appear only on the  $\mathcal{C}_i$  side of the jointree  $T$ , let
  - $W_{<(i,j)}$  be the set of all variables that appear only on the  $\mathcal{C}_i$  side of  $T$
  - $W_{<(j,i)}$  be the set of all variables that appear only on the  $\mathcal{C}_j$  side of  $T$
  - Variables on both sides are in the separation  $S_{i,j}$

Then

$$W_{<(i,j)} \perp W_{<(j,i)} | S_{i,j}$$



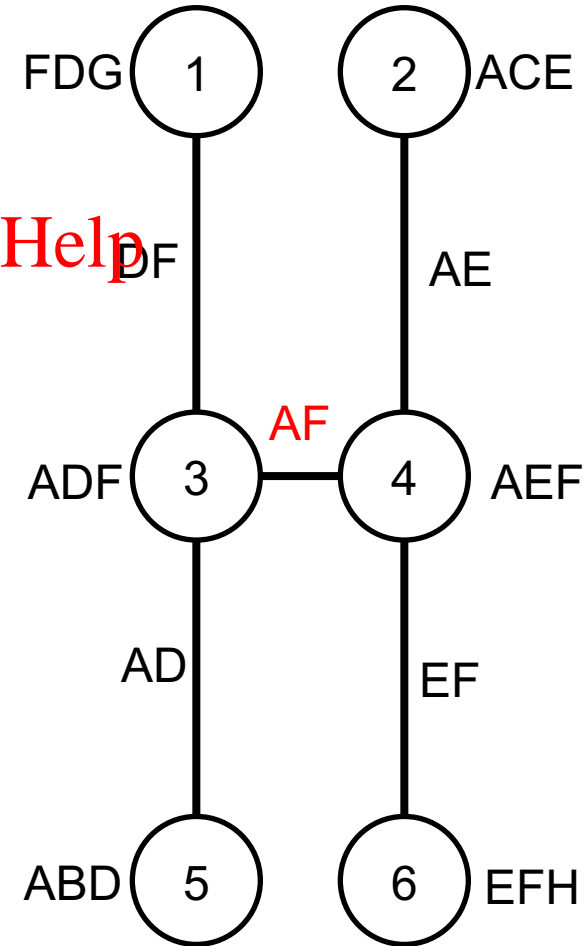
# Jointrees and Independence



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# Jointrees as a Factorization Tool

- Given a probability distribution  $P(X)$  induced by a graph and given a corresponding jointtree

- The distribution can be expressed in the following form

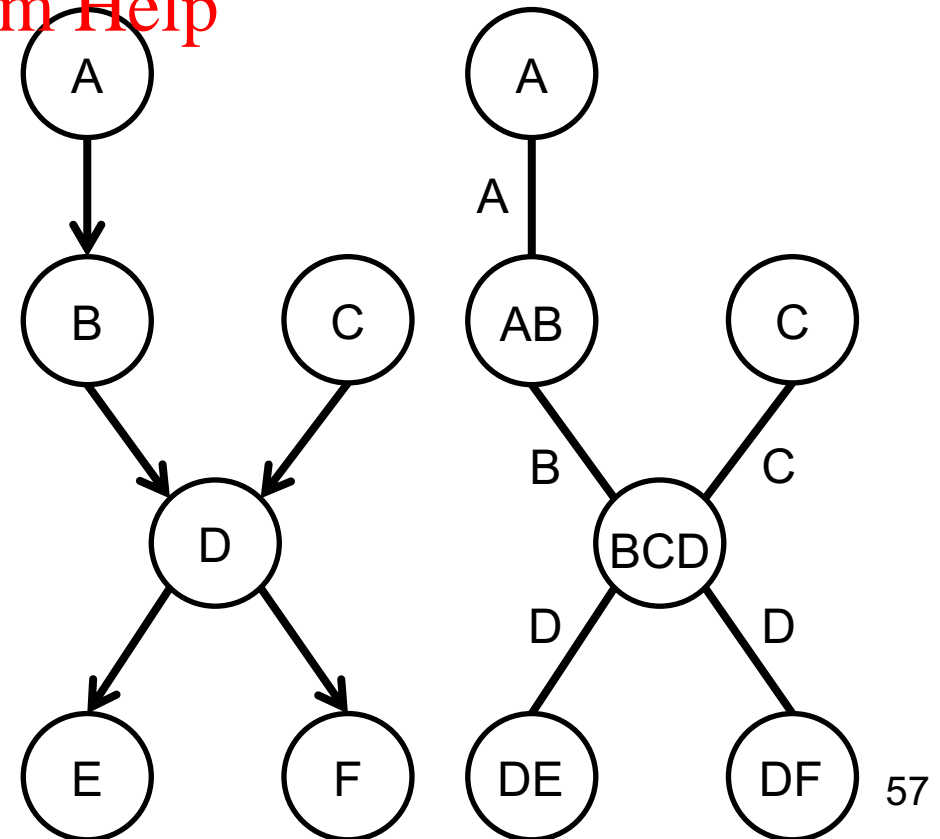
$$P(X) = \frac{\prod_{\text{jointtree node } i} P(\mathcal{C}_i)}{\prod_{\text{jointtree edge } i-j} P(\mathcal{C}_i \cap \mathcal{C}_j)}$$

$$P(A, B, C, D, E, F) = \frac{P(A)P(C)P(B, A)P(D, B, C)P(E, D)P(F, D)}{P(A)P(B)P(C)P(D)P(D)}$$

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# Conclusion

- In this lecture we formalized several concepts related to VE and FE
- We defined polynomial time width-preserving algorithms to convert
  - Elimination orders to jointrees
  - Jointrees to elimination orders
- We also discussed approaches to find optimal prefixes and treewidth lower bound
- Tasks
  - Read Chapter 9 from the textbook (Darwiche)

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