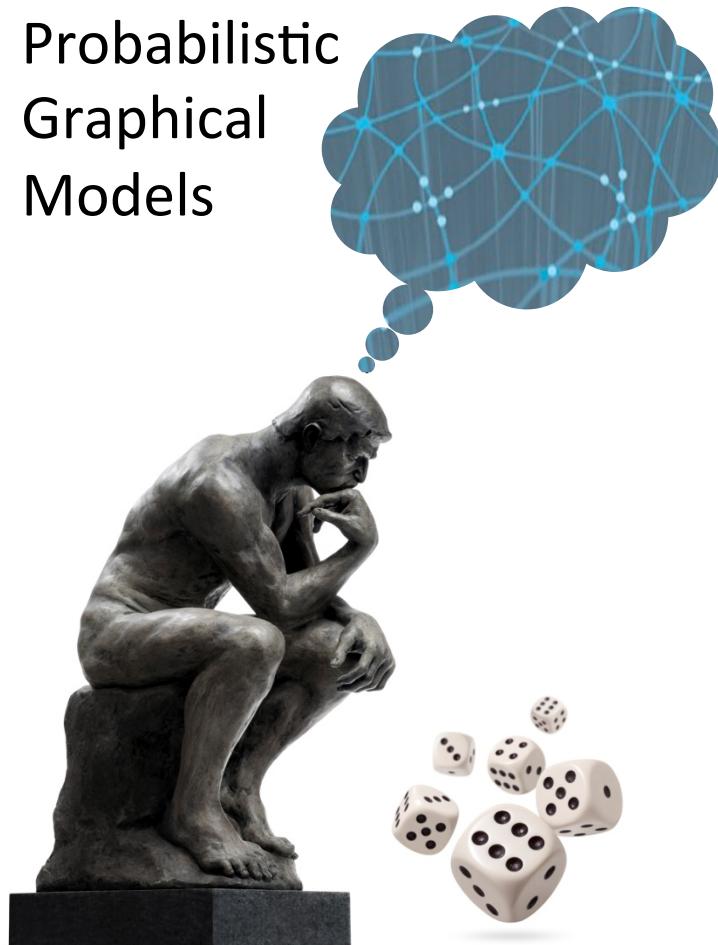


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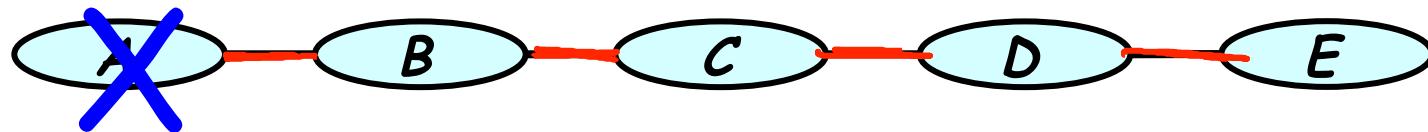


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Variable Elimination

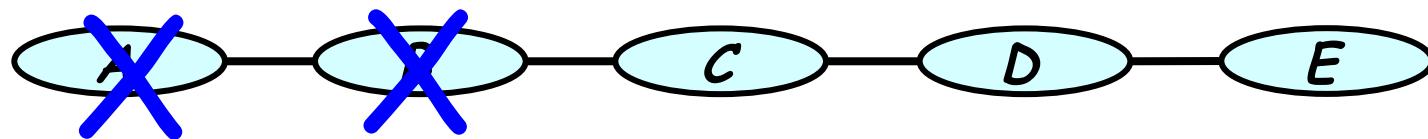
Variable Elimination Algorithm

Elimination in Chains



$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{P(E)} &\propto \sum_D \sum_C \sum_B \sum_A \widetilde{P}(A, B, C, D, E) \\
 &= \sum_D \sum_C \sum_B \sum_A \phi_1(A, B) \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \\
 &= \sum_D \sum_C \sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \sum_A \phi_1(A, B) \tau_1(B) \\
 &= \sum_D \sum_C \sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \tau_1(B)
 \end{aligned}$$

Elimination in Chains



$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &\propto \sum_D \sum_C \sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \tau_1(B) \\ &= \sum_D \sum_C \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \left(\sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \tau_1(B) \right) \\ &= \sum_D \sum_C \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(D, E) \tau_2(C) \end{aligned}$$

Annotations in red:

- A red curved arrow points from the term $\sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \tau_1(B)$ to the label $\tau_2(c)$.
- The label $\tau_2(c)$ is enclosed in a red bracket under the term $\sum_B \phi_2(B, C) \tau_1(B)$.

Variable Elimination

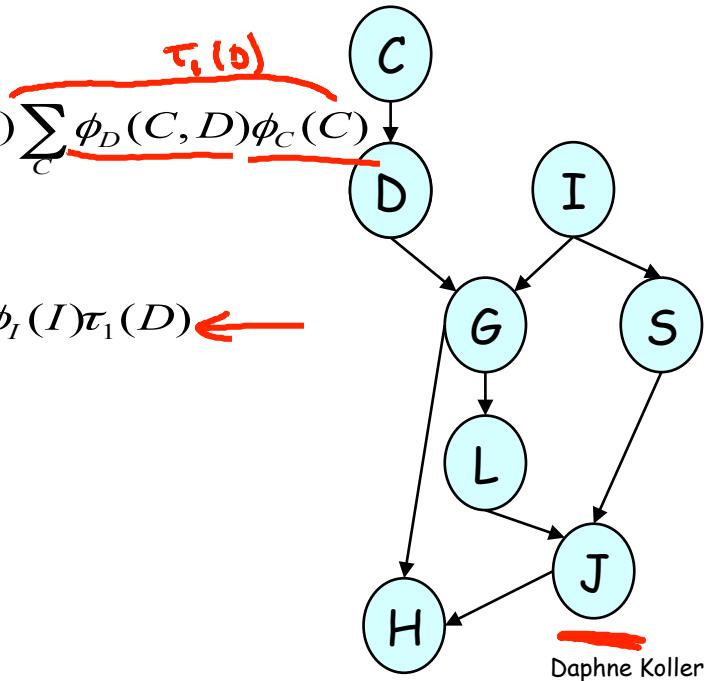
- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: C,D,I,H,G,S,L

$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D,C} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \phi_D(C, D) \phi_C(C)$$

$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I)$$

Compute $\tau_1(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D)$

$$= \sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \tau_1(D) \leftarrow$$



Variable Elimination

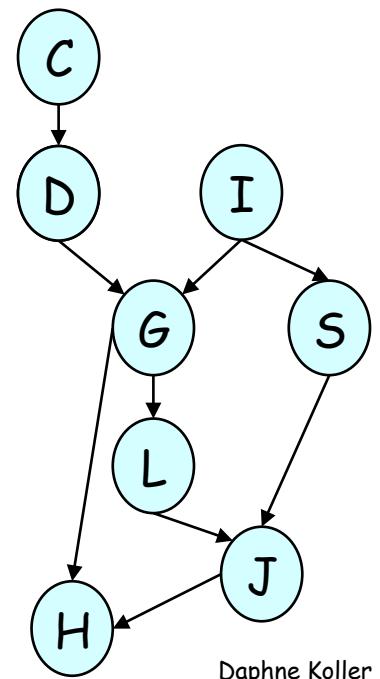
- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: D,I,H,G,S,L

$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \tau_1(D)$$

$$= \sum_{L,S,G,H,I} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D)$$

Compute $\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D)$

$$= \sum_{L,S,G,H,I} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$



Variable Elimination

- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: I, H, G, S, L

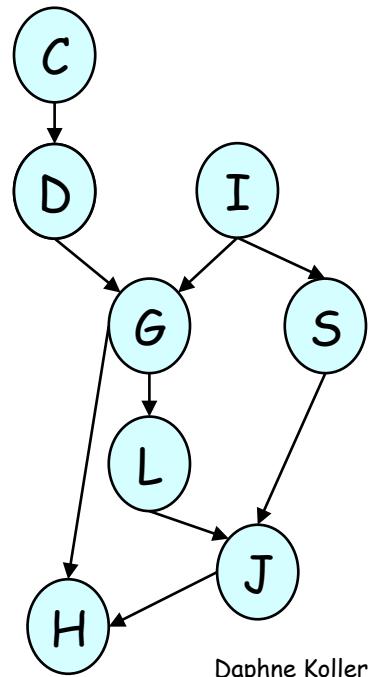
$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$

G, I, S

$$= \sum_{L,S,G,H} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_H(H, G, J) \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$

Compute $\tau_3(S, G)$ = $\sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$

$$= \sum_{L,S,G,H} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_H(H, G, J) \tau_3(S, G)$$



Variable Elimination

- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: H, G, S, L

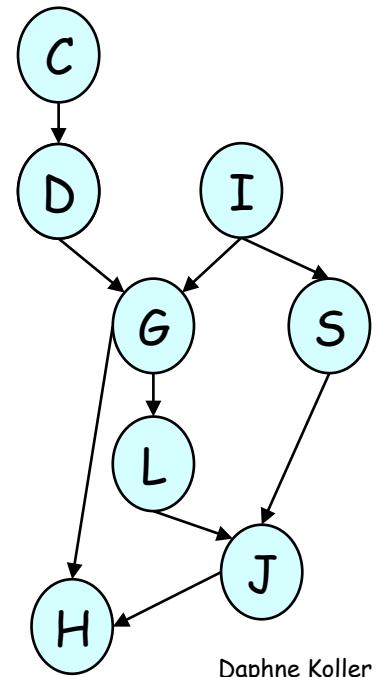
$$\sum_{L,S,G,H} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_H(H, G, J) \tau_3(S, G)$$

$$\sum_{L,S,G} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \underbrace{\sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)}_{\tau_4(G, J)}$$

$\cancel{\sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J) = 1}$

Compute $\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)$

$$\sum_{L,S,G} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$



Variable Elimination

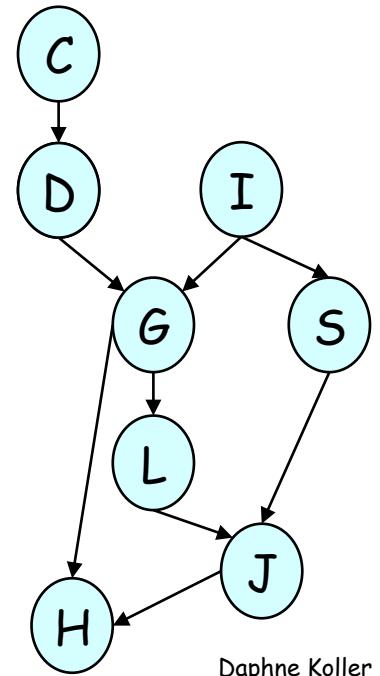
- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: G, S, L

$$\sum_{L,S,G} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$

$$\sum_{L,S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_4(G, J) \tau_3(S, G)$$

Compute $\tau_5(L, J) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$

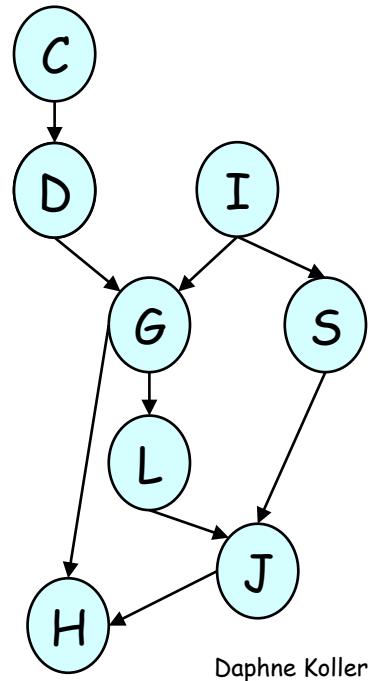
$$\sum_{L,S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(L, J)$$



Variable Elimination

- Goal: $P(J)$
- Eliminate: S, L

$$\sum_{L,S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_S(L, J)$$



Variable Elimination with evidence

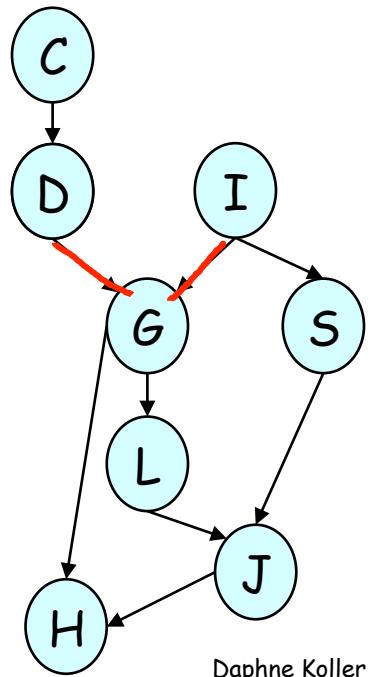
- Goal: $P(J, I=i, H=h)$
- Eliminate: $C, D, G, S, L \rightsquigarrow H, I$
 $P(I=i, D) \Phi_I(\cdot)$

$$\sum_{L, S, G, D, C} \phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S) \underbrace{\phi_G(G, D)}_{\Phi_G(\cdot)} \phi_H(H, J) \underbrace{\phi_I(I)}_{\Phi_I(\cdot)} \phi_D(D, C) \phi_C(C)$$

elimination as before

How do we get $P(J | I=i, H=h)$?

normalize
 $P(I=i, H=h)$ is the normalizing constant



Variable Elimination in MNs

- Goal: $P(D)$
- Eliminate: A, B, C

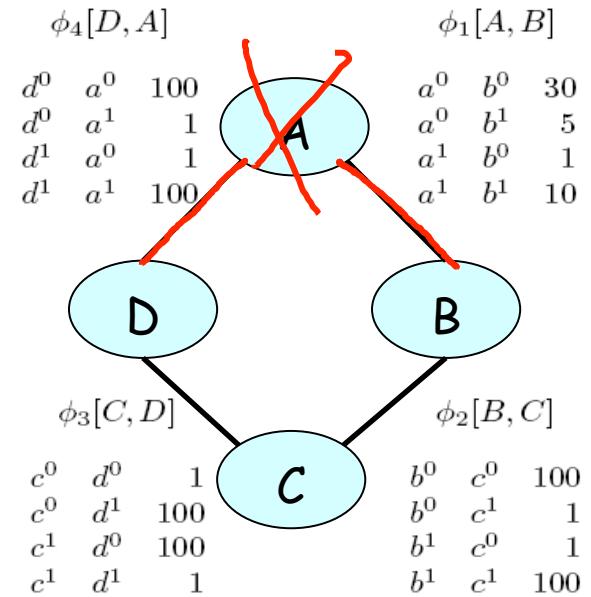
$$\sum_{A,B,C} \phi_1(A, B) \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \phi_4(A, D)$$

$$\sum_{B,C} \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \sum_A \phi_1(A, B) \phi_4(A, D)$$

$$\sum_{B,C} \phi_2(B, C) \phi_3(C, D) \tau_1(B, D)$$

$$= \tilde{P}(D)$$

At the end of elimination get $\underline{\tau_3(D)} \propto P(D)$
renormalize



Eliminate-Var Z from Φ

$$\underline{\Phi'} = \{\phi_i \in \Phi : \underline{Z \in \text{Scope}[\phi_i]}\}$$

all factors that involve z

$$\psi = \prod_{\phi_i \in \Phi'} \phi_i$$

multiply them

$$\tau = \sum_Z \psi$$

fixed sum out z

$$\Phi := \Phi - \underline{\Phi'} \cup \underline{\{\tau\}}$$

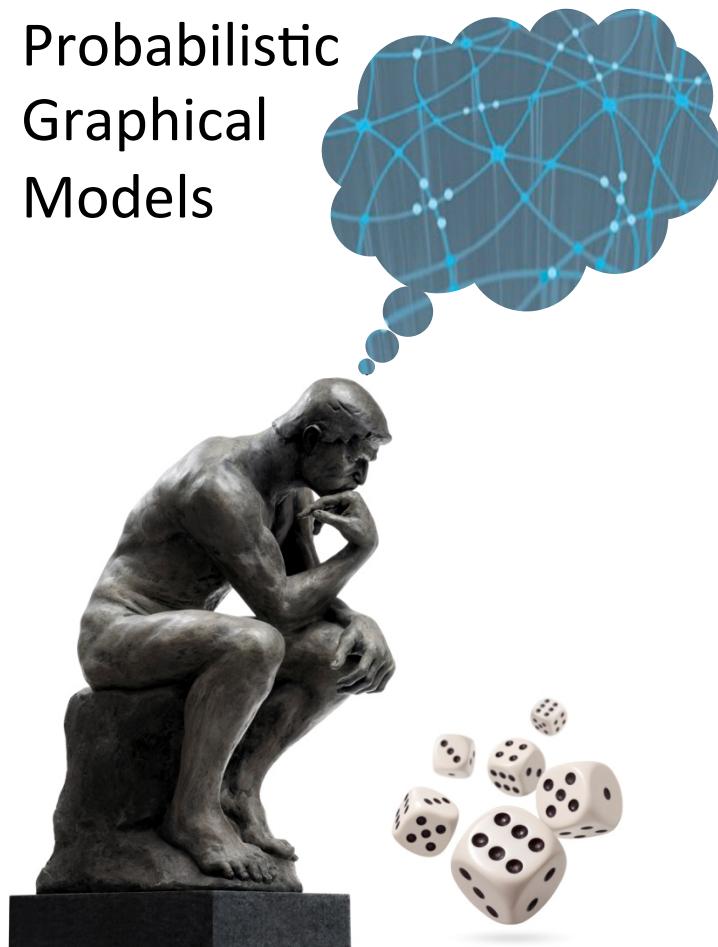
VE Algorithm Summary

- Reduce all factors by evidence
 - Get a set of factors $\underline{\Phi}$
- For each non-query variable Z
 - Eliminate-Var Z from $\underline{\Phi}$ adds removes $\underline{\Phi}'$
adds \underline{z}
- Multiply all remaining factors
- Renormalize to get distribution

Summary

- Simple algorithm
- Works for both BNs and MNs
- Factor product and summation steps can be done in any order, subject to:
 - when Z is eliminated, all factors involving Z have been multiplied in

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Complexity
Analysis

Eliminating Z

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) = \prod_{i=1}^{m_k} \phi_i \quad \text{factor product}$$

$$\tau_k(\mathbf{X}_k - \{Z\}) = \sum_Z \psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) \quad \text{marginalization}$$

Reminder: Factor Product

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{X}_k) = \prod_{i=1}^{m_k} \phi_i$$

*each row
 m_{k-1} products*

$$N_k = |\text{Val}(\mathbf{X}_k)|$$

a ¹	b ¹	0.5
a ¹	b ²	0.8
a ²	b ¹	0.1
a ²	b ²	0
a ³	b ¹	0.3
a ³	b ²	0.9

b ¹	c ¹	0.5
b ¹	c ²	0.7
b ²	c ¹	0.1
b ²	c ²	0.2

B C



a ¹	b ¹	c ¹	0.5 · 0.5 = 0.25
a ¹	b ¹	c ²	0.5 · 0.7 = 0.35
a ¹	b ²	c ¹	0.8 · 0.1 = 0.08
a ¹	b ²	c ²	0.8 · 0.2 = 0.16
a ²	b ¹	c ¹	0.1 · 0.5 = 0.05
a ²	b ¹	c ²	0.1 · 0.7 = 0.07
a ²	b ²	c ¹	0 · 0.1 = 0
a ²	b ²	c ²	0 · 0.2 = 0
a ³	b ¹	c ¹	0.3 · 0.5 = 0.15
a ³	b ¹	c ²	0.3 · 0.7 = 0.21
a ³	b ²	c ¹	0.9 · 0.1 = 0.09
a ³	b ²	c ²	0.9 · 0.2 = 0.18

Cost: $(m_k - 1)N_k$ multiplications

Reminder: Factor Marginalization

$$\tau_k(\underline{X}_k - \{Z\}) = \sum_Z \psi_k(\underline{X}_k)$$

$$N_k = |\text{Val}(\underline{X}_k)|$$

Cost: $\sim N_k$ additions

each number used exactly once

marg B

a ¹	b ¹	c ¹	0.25
a ¹	b ¹	c ²	0.35
a ¹	b ²	c ¹	0.08
a ¹	b ²	c ²	0.16
a ²	b ¹	c ¹	0.05
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a ²	b ²	c ¹	0
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a ³	b ¹	c ¹	0.15
a ³	b ¹	c ²	0.21
a ³	b ²	c ¹	0.09
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a ¹	c ¹	0.33
a ¹	c ²	0.51
a ²	c ¹	0.05
a ²	c ²	0.07
a ³	c ¹	0.24
a ³	c ²	0.39

Complexity of Variable Elimination

- Start with m factors
 - $m \leq n$ for Bayesian networks *(one for every variable)*
 - can be larger for Markov networks
- At each elimination step generate 1 factor,
- At most n elimination steps
- Total number of factors: $m^* \leq m + n$

Complexity of Variable Elimination

- $\underline{N} = \max(N_k) = \text{size of the largest factor}$
- Product operations: $\sum_k (m_k - 1)N_k \leq N \sum_k (m_k - 1)$
each factor multiply in at most one
 $N_{\text{mt}} \leq m^*$
- Sum operations: $\leq \sum_k N_k \leq N \cdot \# \text{elimination steps} \leq \underline{N \cdot n}$
- Total work is linear in \underline{N} and m^*

Complexity of Variable Elimination

- Total work is linear in N and m exponential blowup
- $N_k = |\text{Val}(X_k)| = O(d^{r_k})$ where # variables in kth factor
 - $d = \max(|\text{Val}(X_i)|)$ d values in their scope
 - $r_k = |X_k|$ = cardinality of the scope of the kth factor

Complexity Example

$$\tau_1(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D) \quad 2$$

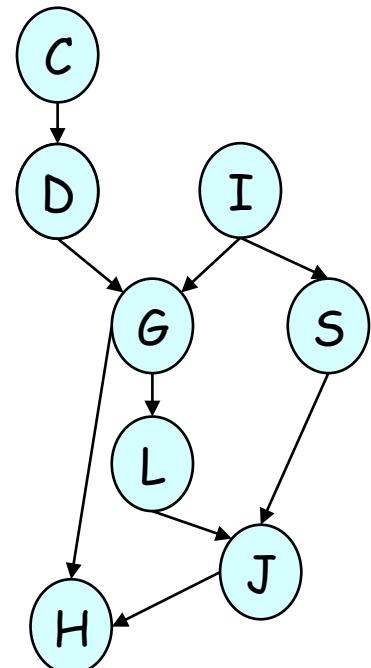
$$\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_3(S, G) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J) \quad 3$$

$$\tau_5(J, L, S) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J) \quad 4 \leftarrow$$

$$\tau_6(J) = \sum_{L, S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(J, L, S) \quad 3$$



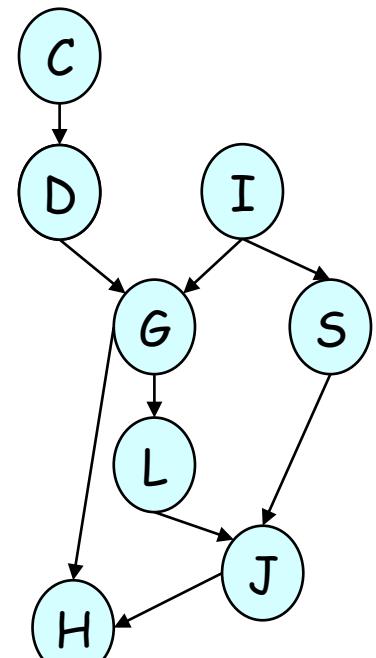
Complexity and Elimination Order

$$\sum_{L,S,G,H,I,D,C} \phi_J(J, L, S) \underbrace{\phi_L(L, G)}_{6} \phi_S(S, I) \underbrace{\phi_G(G, I, D)}_{6} \underbrace{\phi_H(H, G, J)}_{6} \phi_I(I) \phi_D(C, D) \phi_C(C)$$

- Eliminate: G

$\overbrace{L, G, I, D, H, J}^6$

$$\sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J)$$



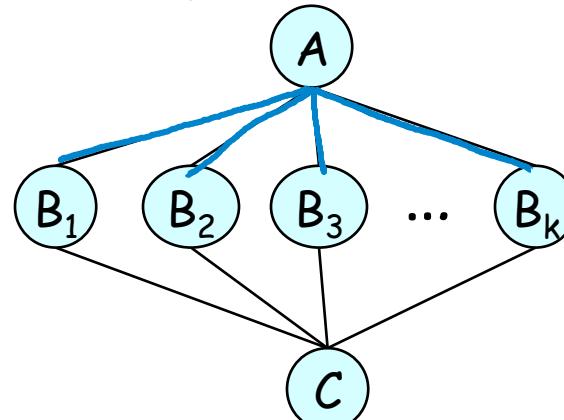
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Complexity and Elimination Order

Eliminate A first:

$$\{A, B_1, \dots, B_k\}$$

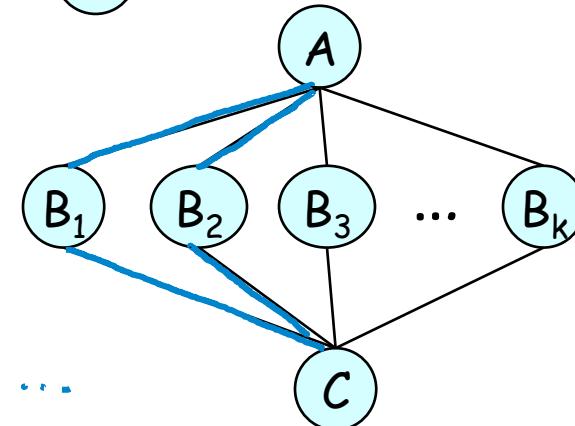
size of factor is exp in k



$$\prod_i \tau_i(A, c)$$

Eliminate Bi's first:

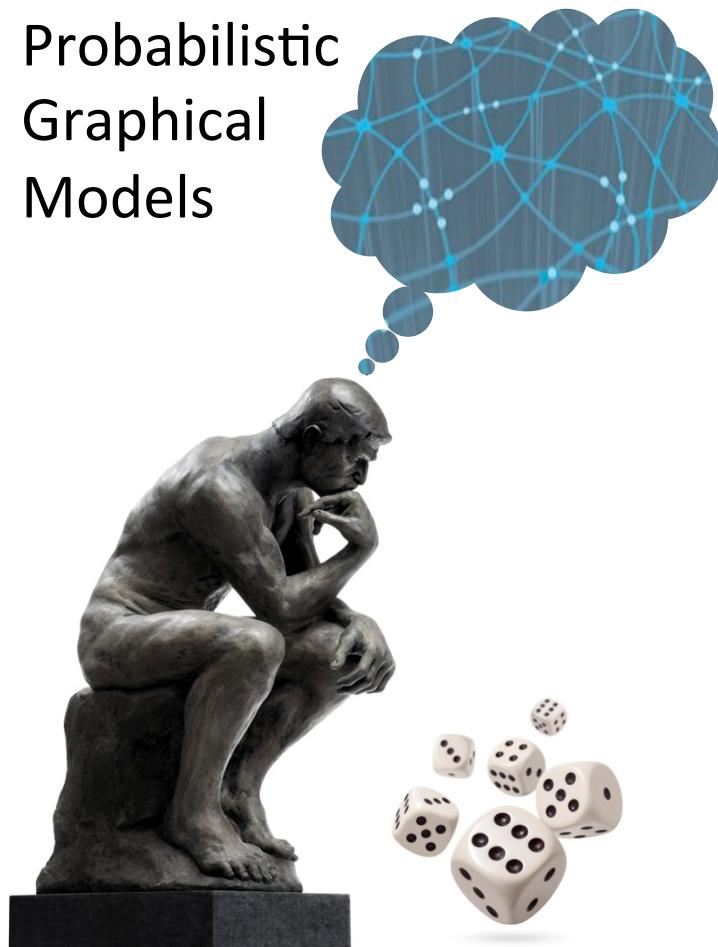
$$\underbrace{\phi_{i+1}(A, B_i) \cdot \phi_{i+1}(C, B_i)}_{\text{Scope } A, B_i, C} \Rightarrow \tau_i(A, c) \quad \tau_2(A, c) \dots$$



Summary

- Complexity of variable elimination linear in
 - size of the model (# factors, # variables)
 - size of the largest factor generated
- Size of factor is exponential in its scope
- Complexity of algorithm depends heavily on elimination ordering

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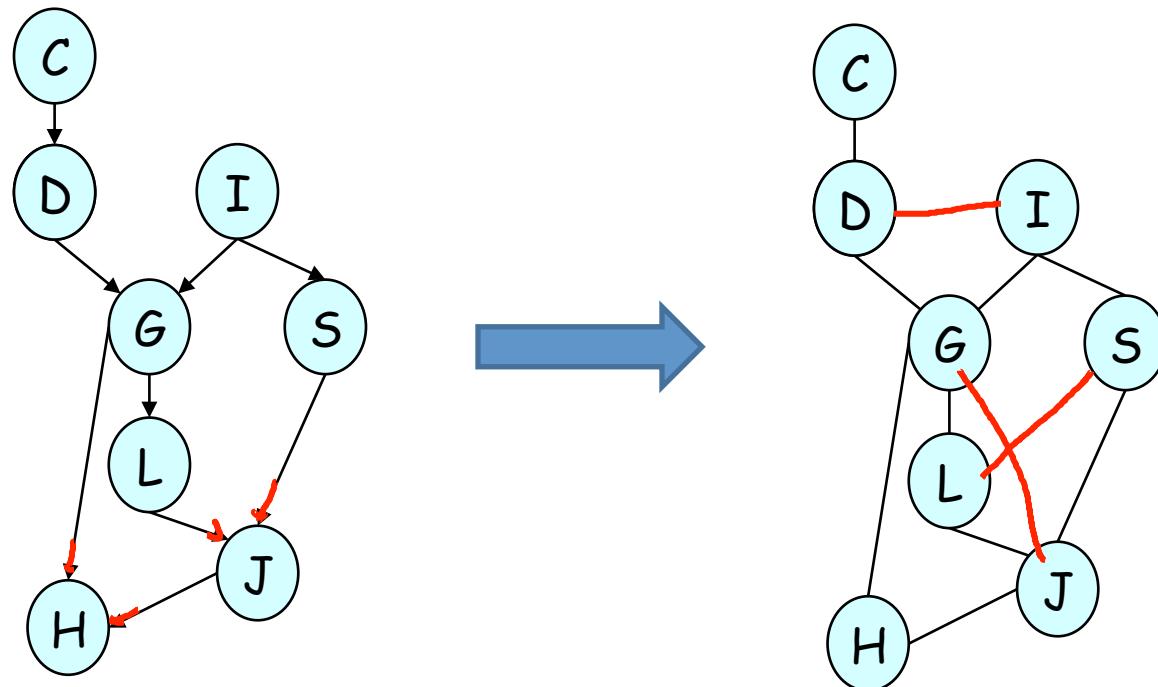
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Initial Graph

$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \phi_D(C, D) \phi_C(C)$

moralization



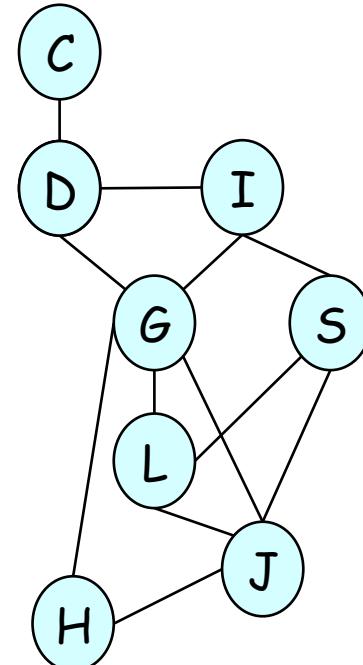
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Elimination as Graph Operation

$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \cancel{\phi_D(C, D)} \cancel{\phi_C(C)}$$

- Eliminate: C

$$\underline{\tau_1(D)} = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D)$$



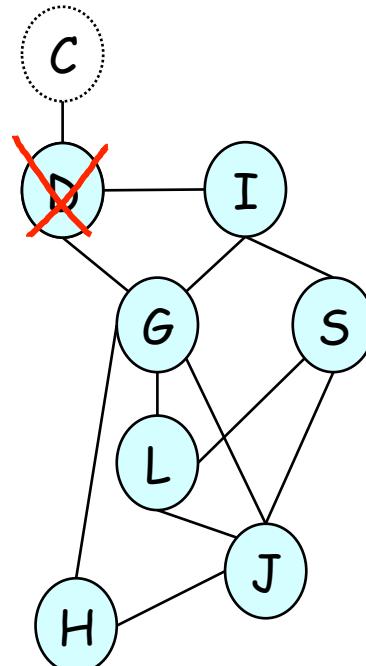
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Elimination as Graph Operation

$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_S(S, I) \underline{\phi_G(G, I, D)} \phi_H(H, G, J) \phi_I(I) \underline{\tau_1(D)}$$

- Eliminate: D

$$\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D)$$



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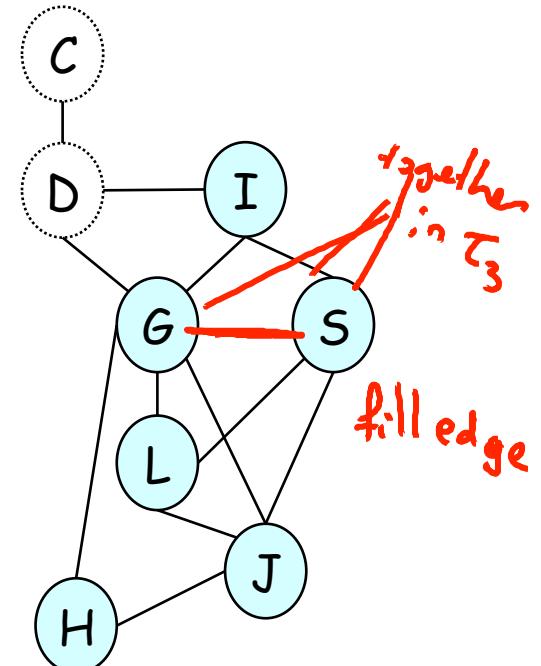
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$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \underline{\phi_S(S, I)} \underline{\phi_I(I)} \phi_H(H, G, J) \underline{\tau_2(G, I)}$$

- Eliminate: I

$$\tau_3(S, G) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$

all variables connected to I become
connected directly



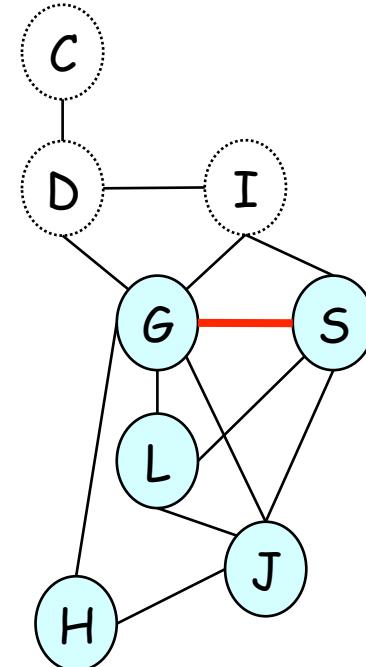
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Elimination as Graph Operation

$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \phi_H(H, G, J) \tau_3(S, G)$$

- Eliminate: H

$$\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)$$



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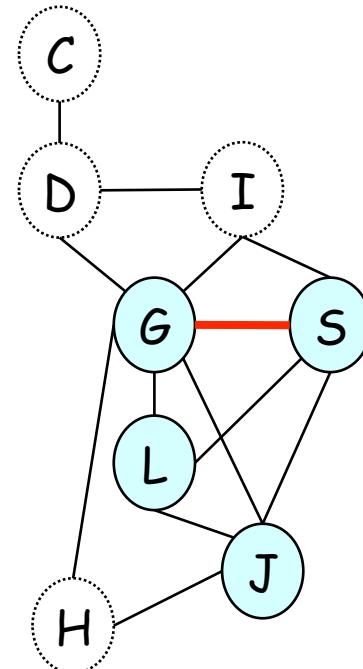
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$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$

- Eliminate: G

$$\tau_5(L, J) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$

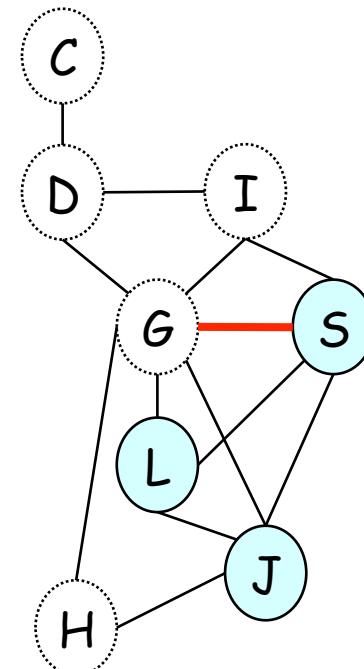
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Elimination as Graph Operation

$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(L, J)$$

- Eliminate: L, S



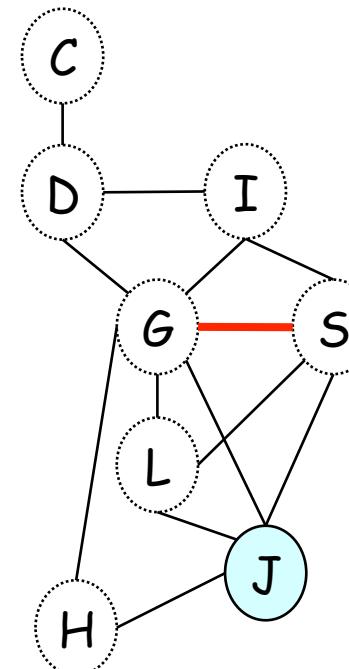
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$$\phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(L, J)$$

- Eliminate: L, S

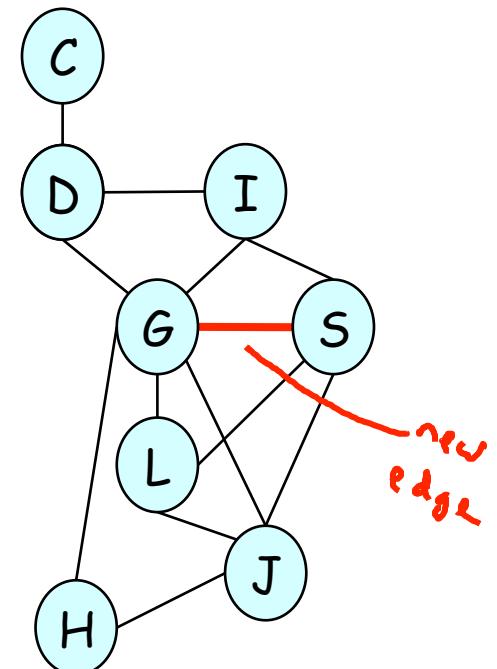


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Induced Graph

- The induced graph $I_{\Phi, \alpha}$ over factors Φ and ordering α :
 - Undirected graph
 - X_i and X_j are connected if they appeared in the same factor in a run of the VE algorithm using α as the ordering



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Cliques in the Induced Graph

maximal fully connected subgraph

- ~~Theorem~~: Every factor produced during VE is a clique in the induced graph

$$\tau_1(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D)$$

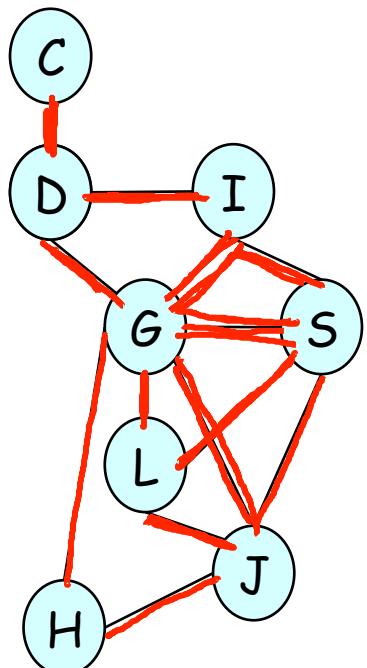
$$\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D)$$

$$\tau_3(S, G) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$

$$\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)$$

$$\tau_5(L, J) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$

$$\tau_6 = \sum_{L, S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(L, J)$$



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Cliques in the Induced Graph

- **Theorem:** Every (maximal) clique in the induced graph is a factor produced during VE

$$\tau_1(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \phi_D(C, D)$$

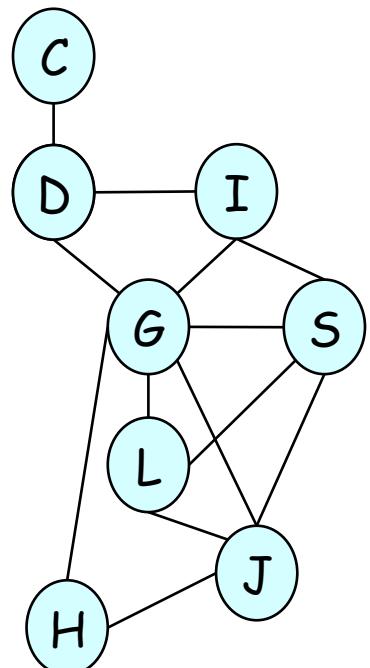
$$\tau_2(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(D)$$

$$\tau_3(S, G) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I) \phi_I(I) \tau_2(G, I)$$

$$\tau_4(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)$$

$$\tau_5(L, J) = \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(S, G) \tau_4(G, J)$$

$$\tau_6 = \sum_{L, S} \phi_J(J, L, S) \tau_5(L, J)$$



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Cliques in the Induced Graph

- Theorem: Every (maximal) clique in the induced graph is a factor produced during VE

Consider a max clique -

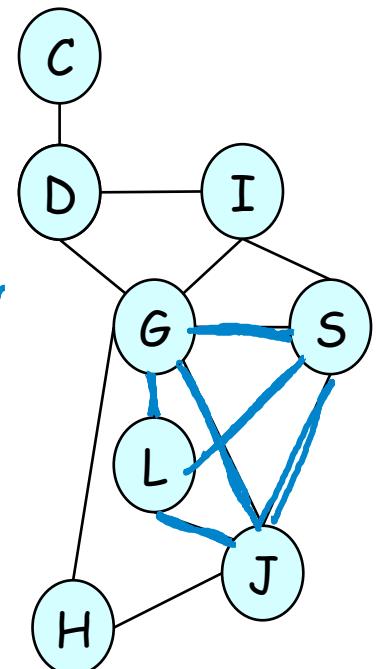
some variable is first to be eliminated

once a variable is eliminated - no new neighbor

⇒ when eliminated it already had all the
clique members as neighbors

⇒ participated in factors with all these other variables

⇒ when multiplied together, we have a factor
over all of them



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Induced Width

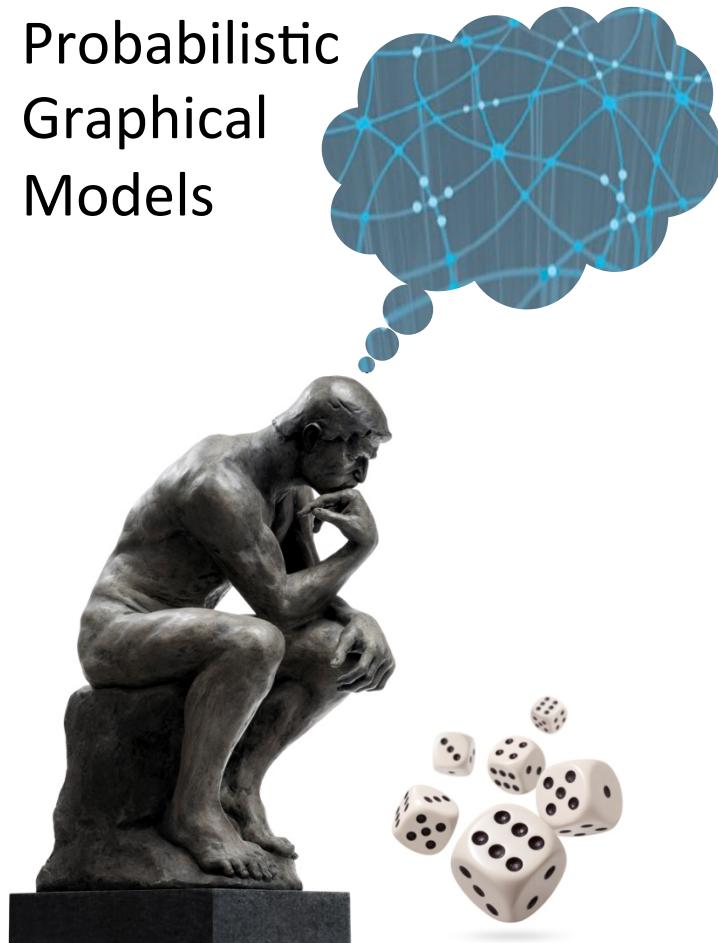
- The width of an induced graph is the number of nodes in the largest clique in the graph minus 1
- Minimal induced width of a graph K is $\min_{\alpha}(\text{width}(I_{K,\alpha}))$
- Provides a lower bound on best performance of VE to a model factorizing over K

Summary

- Variable elimination can be viewed as transformations on undirected graph
 - Elimination connects all node's current neighbors
- Cliques in resulting induced graph directly correspond to algorithm's complexity



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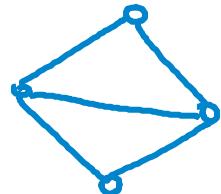
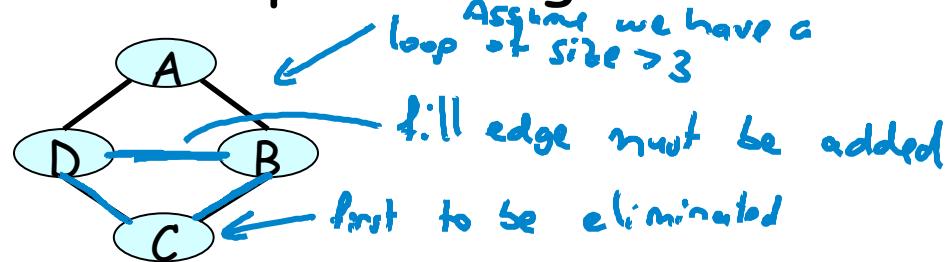
- **Theorem:** For a graph H , determining whether there exists an elimination ordering for H with induced width $\leq K$ is NP-complete
- **Note:** This NP-hardness result is distinct from the NP-hardness result of inference
 - Even given the optimal ordering, inference may still be exponential

Finding Elimination Orderings

- Greedy search using heuristic cost function
 - At each point, eliminate node with smallest cost
- Possible cost functions:
 - min-neighbors: # neighbors in current graph
 - min-weight: weight (# values) of factor formed
 - min-fill: number of new fill edges
 - weighted min-fill: total weight of new fill edges
(edge weight = product of weights of the 2 nodes)
smallest factor

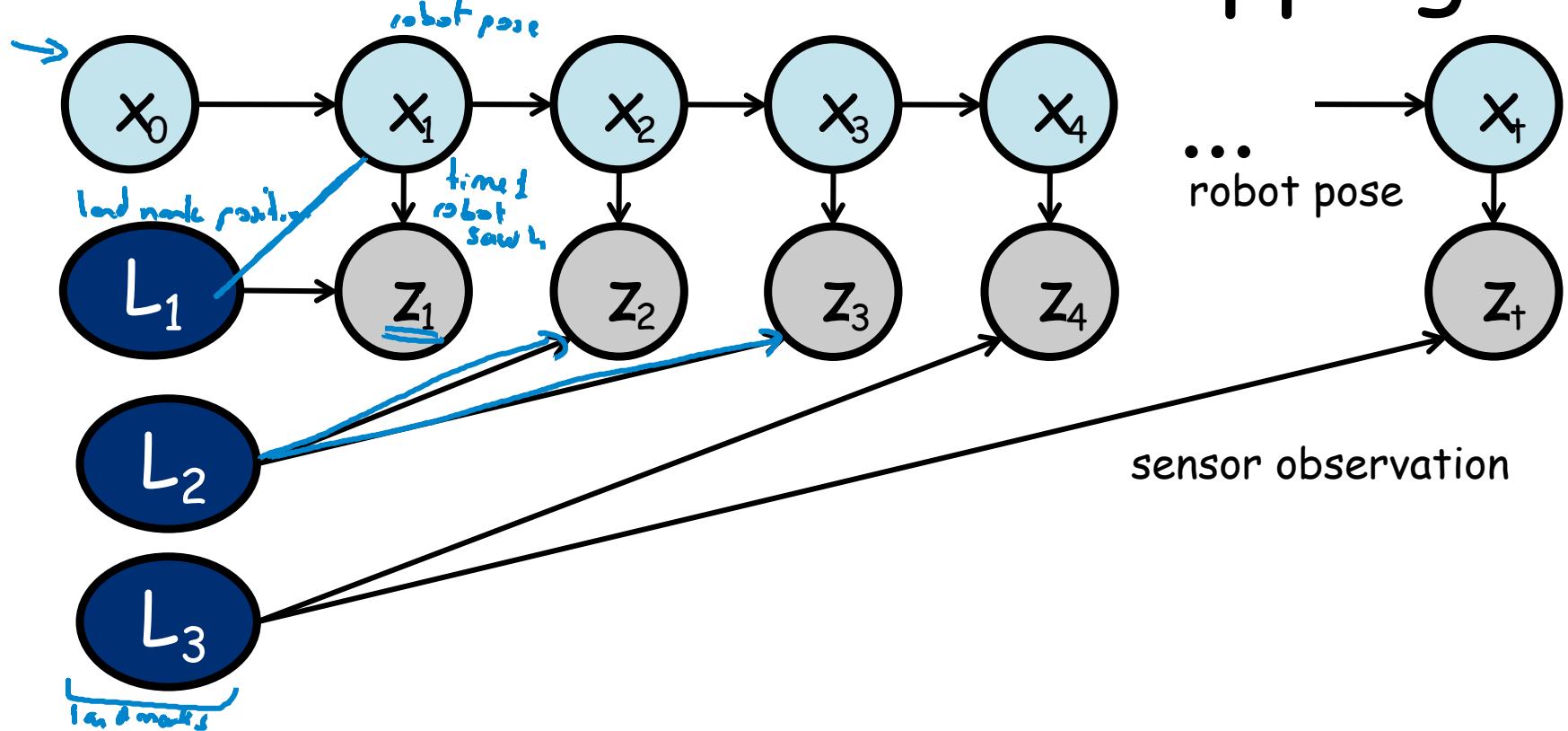
Finding Elimination Orderings

- **Theorem:** The induced graph is triangulated
 - No loops of length > 3 without a "bridge"



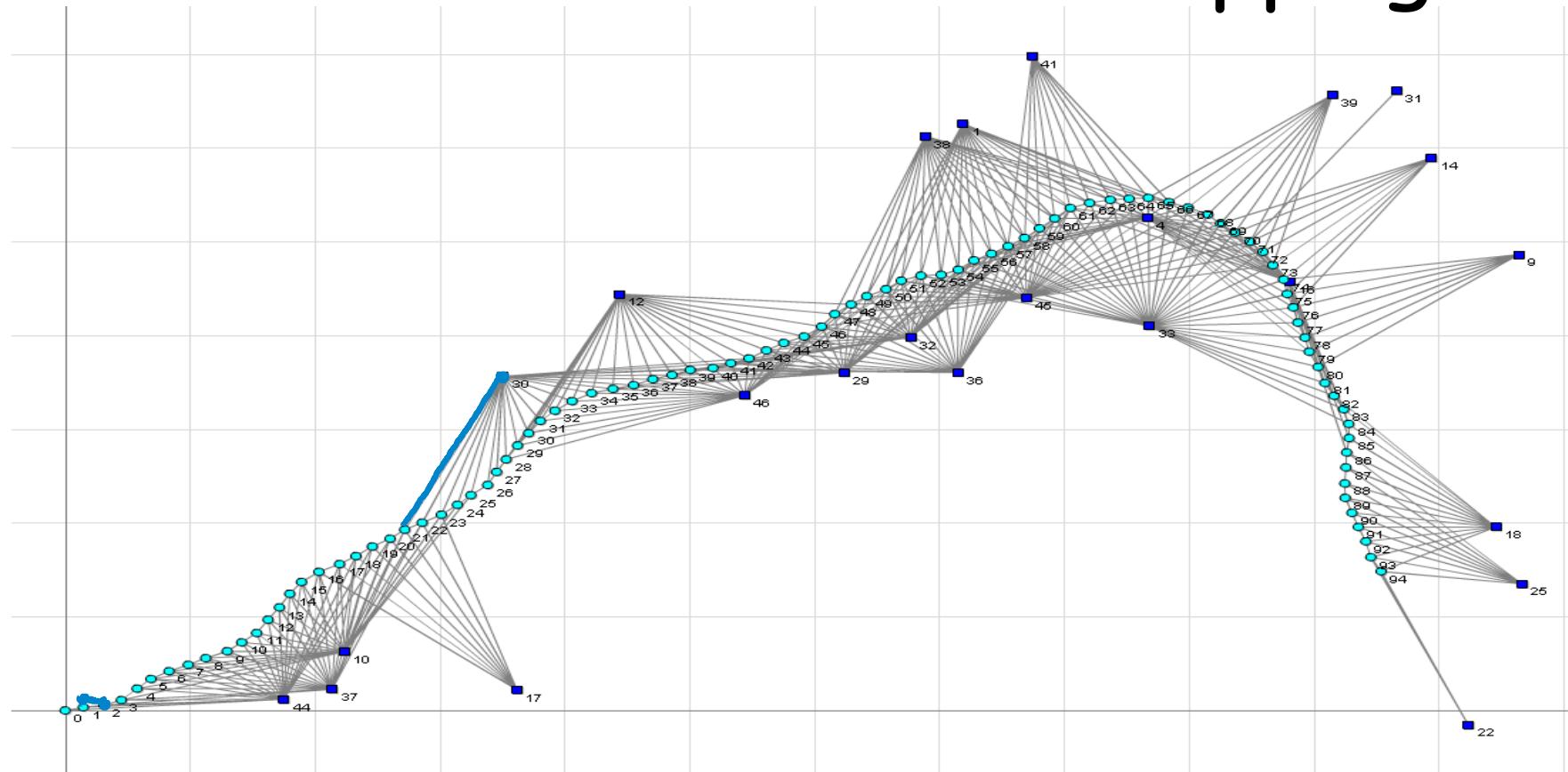
- Can find elimination ordering by finding a low-width triangulation of original graph H_Φ

Robot Localization & Mapping



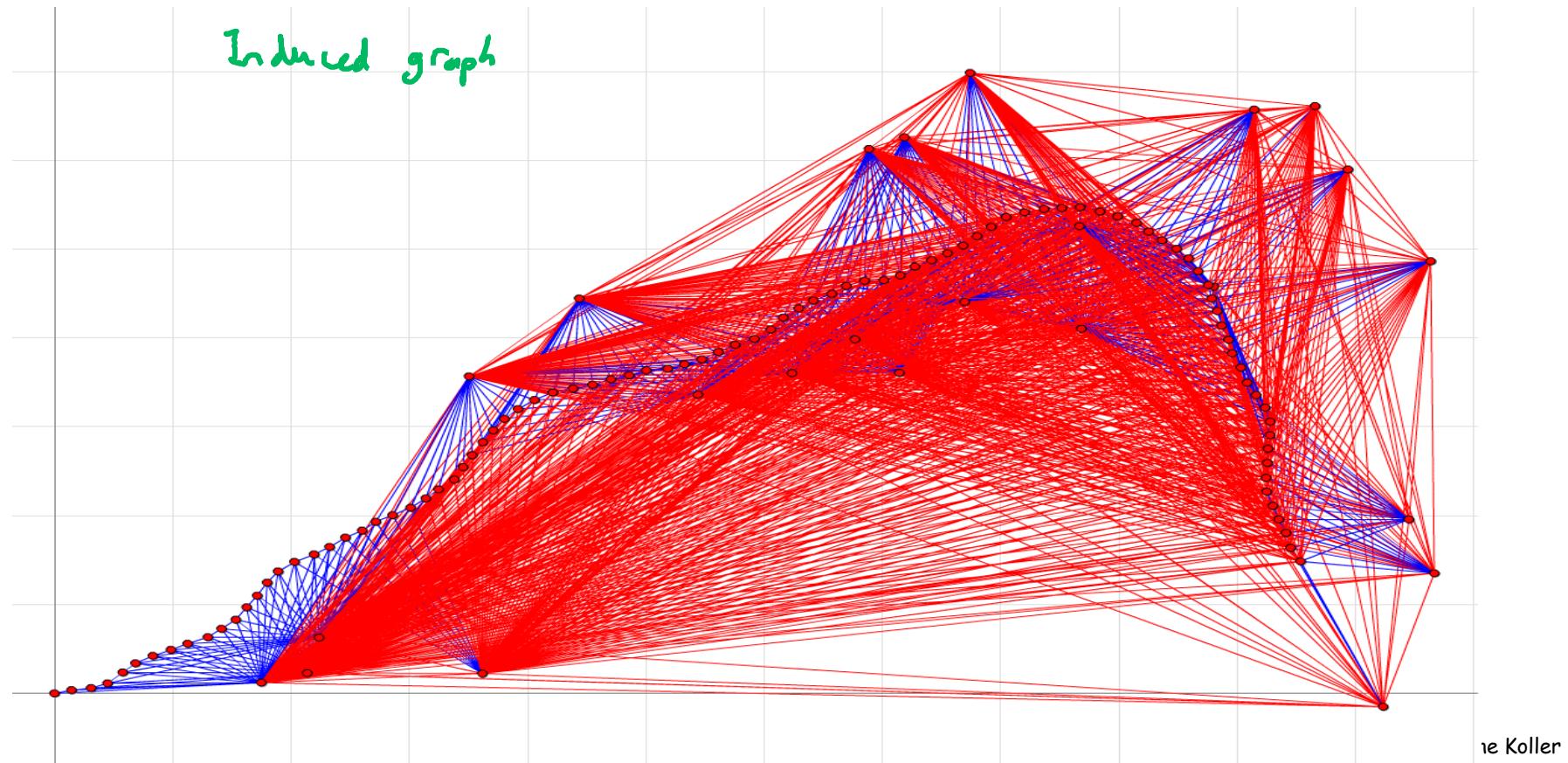
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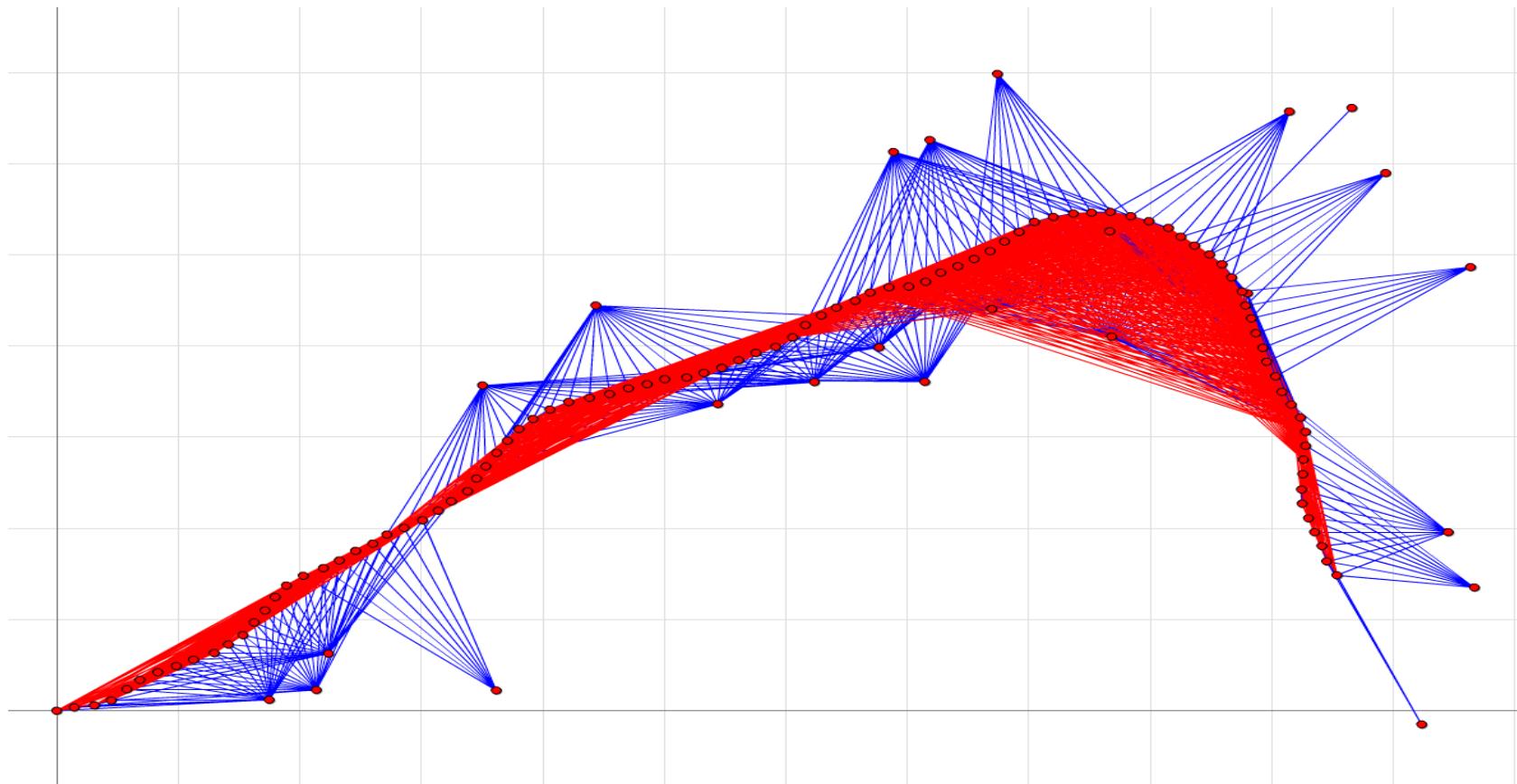
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Summary

- Finding the optimal elimination ordering is NP-hard
- Simple heuristics that try to keep induced graph small often provide reasonable performance