

# A Study on Performance Comparison of Structural Learning Algorithms about Synthetic Pattern of Bayesian Network

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# Bayesian Network

A BN defines a unique joint probability distribution over  $X$  given by

$$P_B(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_B(X_i | \prod_{j \neq i} X_j).$$

- A BN encodes the independence assumptions over the component random variables of  $X$ .
- An edge  $(j, i)$  in  $E$  represents a direct dependency of  $X_i$  from  $X_j$ .
- The set of all Bayesian networks with  $n$  variables is denoted by  $B_n$ .

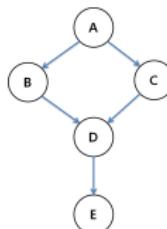
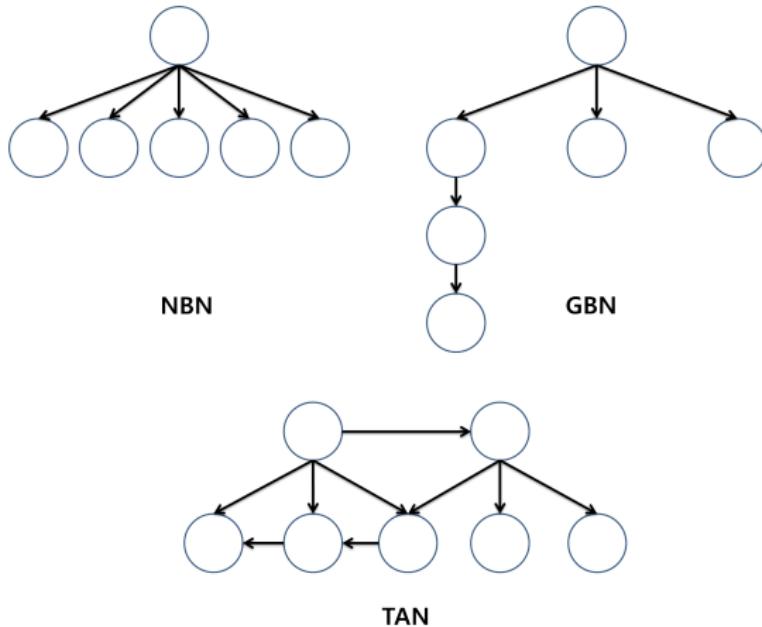


Figure:  $P(A, B, C, D, E) = P(A)P(B|A)P(C|A)P(D|B, C)P(E|D)$

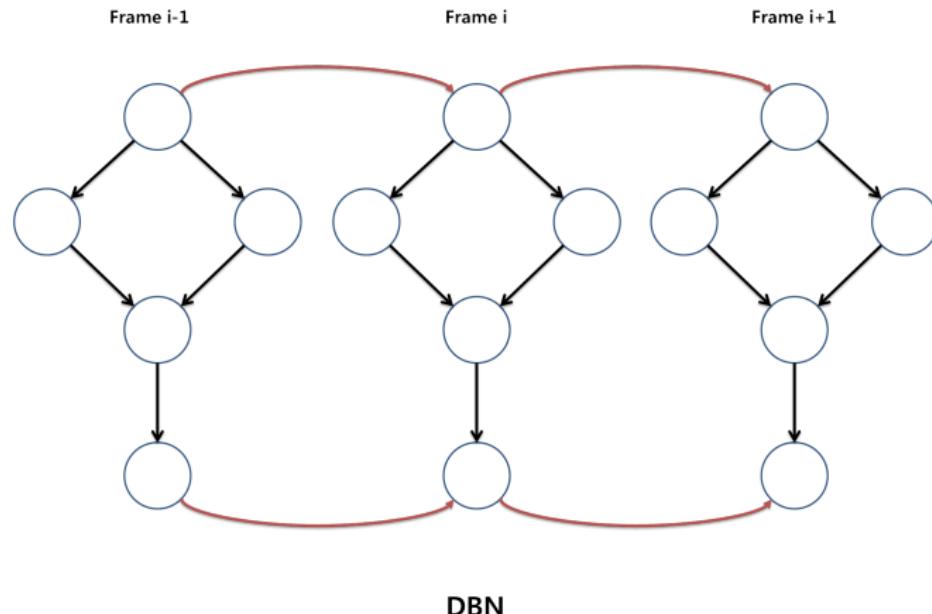
# Various Types of Bayesian Network

- Naive Bayesian Network (NBN)
- Generalized Bayesian Network (GBN)
- Tree-augmented Bayesian Network (TAN)
- Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN)
- And so on . . .

# Various Types of Bayesian Network



# Various Types of Bayesian Network



# Bayesian Network Structure Learning

Learning a Bayesian network is as follows:

Given a data  $T = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  and a scoring function  $\phi$ , the problem of learning a Bayesian network is to find a Bayesian network  $B \in B_n$  that maximizes the value  $\phi(B, T)$ .

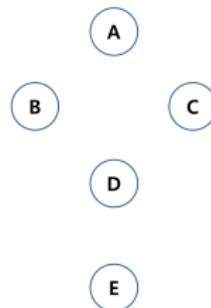


Figure: A model before learning structure

# Bayesian Network Structure Learning

The number of DAGs may be computed by the recurrence relation as shown below.\*

$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} 2^{k(n-k)} a_{n-k}$$

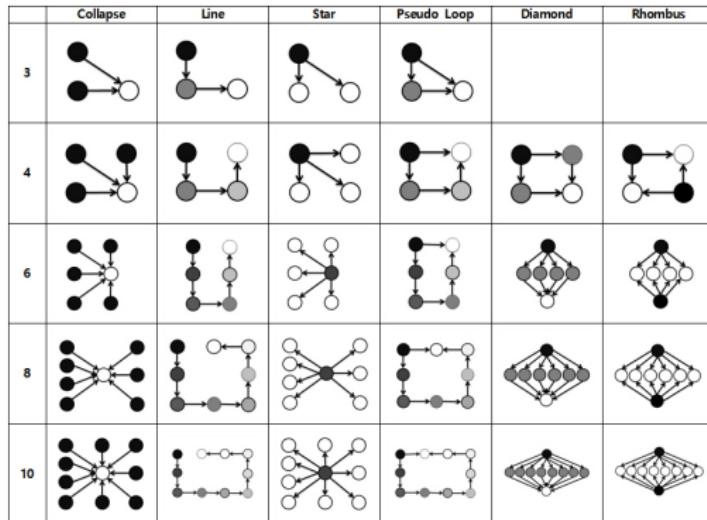
In other words, the number of DAGs on  $n$  labeled vertices, for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is  $1, 1, 3, 25, 543, 29281, 3781503, \dots$ .

**These exponentially increasing numbers makes difficulties to check performance of each algorithms for structure learning.**

\* Robinson, R. W. (1973),

Counting labeled acyclic digraphs, *New Directions in the Theory of Graphs*, Academic Press, pp. 239–273.

# Goal



The goal of our team is

- to compare the performance of the structure learning algorithm based on the above synthetic model\*

and

- to confirm whether each algorithm learns the pattern of the synthetic model\* well



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# Available constraint-based learning algorithms

Grow-Shrink (GS) based on the Grow-Shrink Markov Blanket, the first (and simplest) Markov blanket detection algorithm used in a structure learning algorithm.

Incremental Association (IAMB) based on the Markov blanket detection algorithm of the same name, which is based on a two-phase selection scheme (a forward selection followed by an attempt to remove false positives).

# Available Score-based Learning Algorithms

**Hill-Climbing (HC)** a hill climbing greedy search on the space of the directed graphs. The optimized implementation uses score caching, score decomposability and score equivalence to reduce the number of duplicated tests.

**Tabu Search (TABU)** a modified hill climbing able to escape local optima by selecting a network that minimally decreases the score function.

# Available Hybrid Learning Algorithms

**Max-Min Hill-Climbing (MHHC)** a hybrid algorithm which combines the Max-Min Parents and Children algorithm (to restrict the search space) and the Hill-Climbing algorithm (to find the optimal network structure in the restricted space).

**Restricted Maximization (RSMAX2)** a more general implementation of the Max-Min Hill-Climbing, which can use any combination of constraint-based and score-based algorithms.

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# The Number of Graphical Errors in the Learnt Structure

In terms of the number of graphical errors in the learnt structure.

		Target Network	Learnt Network	Direction
C	(Correct Arcs)	exist	exist	correct
M	(Missing Arcs)	exist	not exist	
WO	(Wrongly Oriented Arcs)	exist	exist	wrong
WC	(Wrongly Corrected Arcs)	not exist	exist	

# Network Scores

In all four cases, the higher the value of the metric, the better the network.

**BDe**  $BDe(B, T) = P(B, T) = P(B) \times \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{q_i} \left( \frac{\Gamma(N'_{ij})}{\Gamma(N_{ij} + N'_{ij})} \right) \times \prod_{k=1}^{r_i} \frac{\Gamma(N_{ijk} + N'_{ijk})}{\Gamma(N'_{ijk})}$

$$\phi(B|T) = LL(B|T) - f(N)|B|,$$

$$LL(B|T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{q_i} \sum_{k=1}^{r_i} N_{ijk} \log\left(\frac{N_{ijk}}{N_{ij}}\right).$$

**Log-Likelihood(LL)** If  $f(N) = 0$ , we have the **LL** score.

**AIC** If  $f(N) = 1$ , we have the **AIC** scoring function:

**BIC** If  $f(N) = \frac{1}{2} \log(N)$ , we have the **BIC** score.

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# Asia DataSet

**Description** Small synthetic data set from Lauritzen and Spiegelhalter (1988) about lung diseases (tuberculosis, lung cancer or bronchitis) and visits to Asia.

**Number of nodes** 8

**Number of arcs** 8

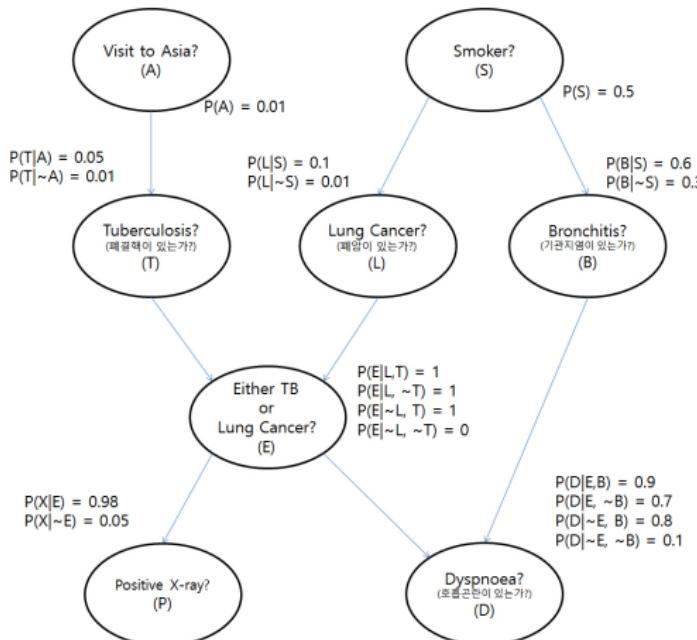
**Number of parameters** 18

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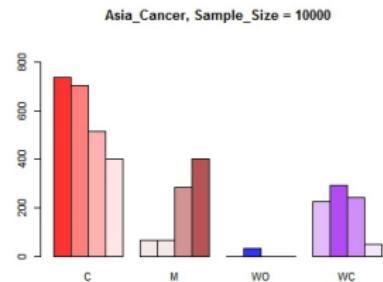
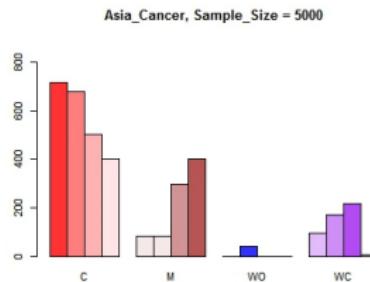
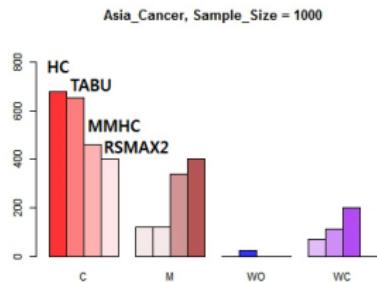
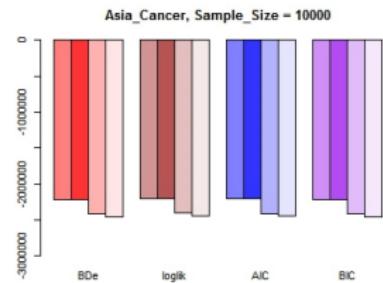
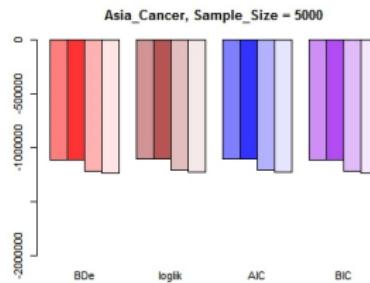
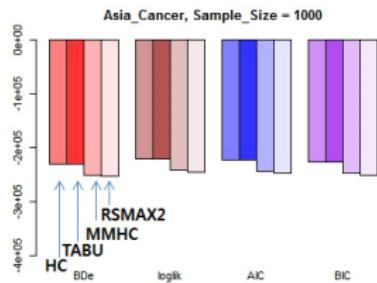
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Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Statistical Methodology), 50(2), 157-224.

# Asia Data Set



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# Insurance DataSet

**Description** Insurance is a network for evaluating car insurance risks.

**Number of nodes** 27

**Number of arcs** 52

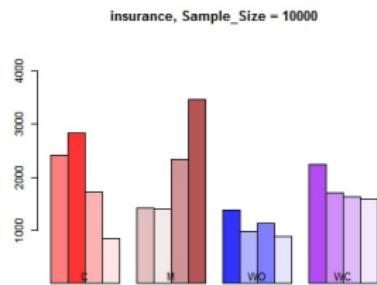
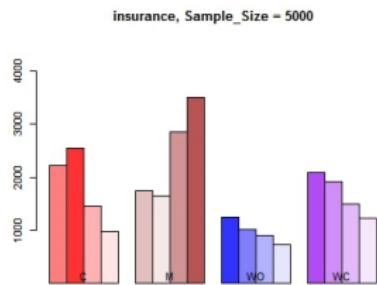
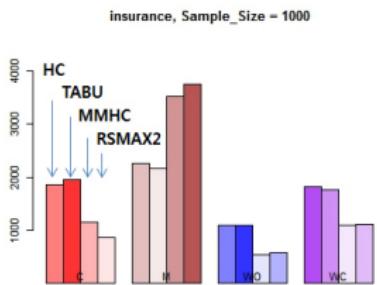
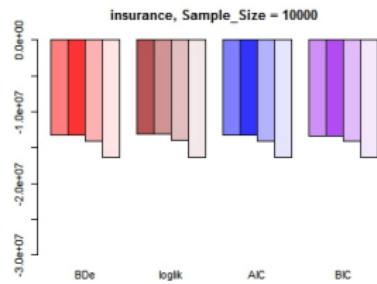
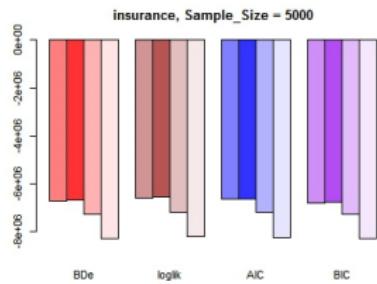
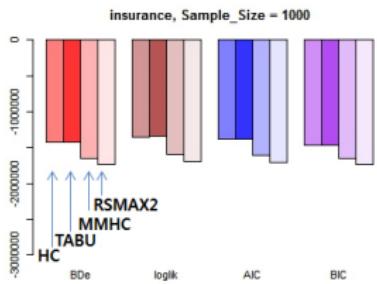
**Number of parameters** 984

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"Adaptive Probabilistic Networks with Hidden Variables".  
Machine Learning, 29(2-3), 213-244.

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# Alarm DataSet

**Description** The ALARM ("A Logical Alarm Reduction Mechanism") is a Bayesian network designed to provide an alarm message system for patient monitoring.

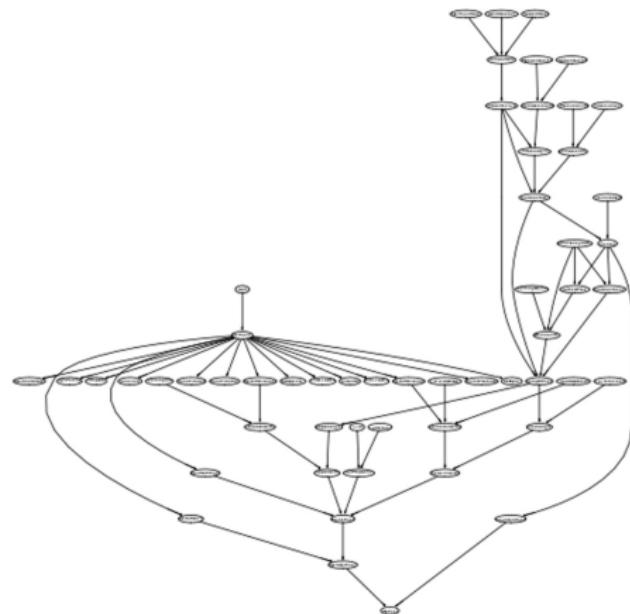
**Number of nodes** 37

**Number of arcs** 46

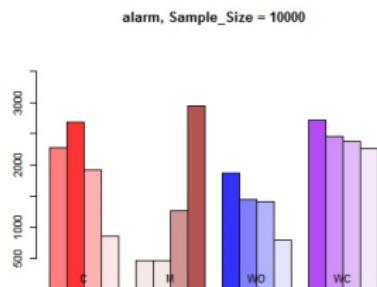
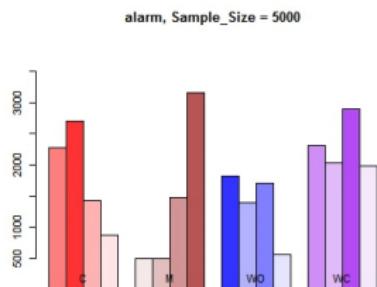
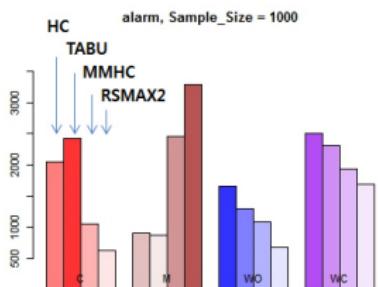
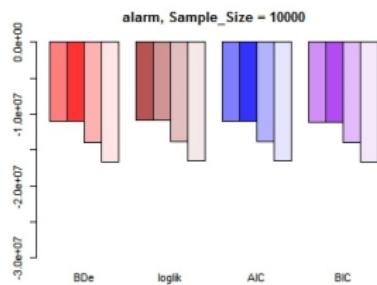
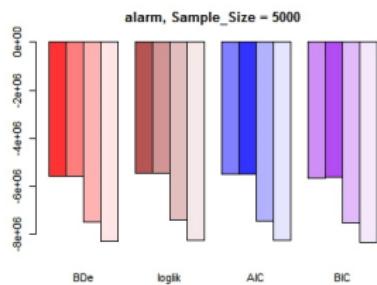
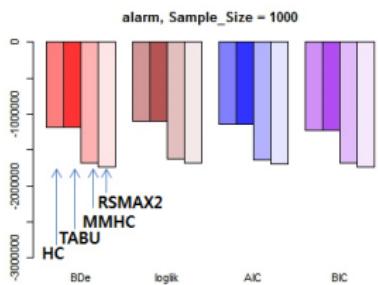
**Number of parameters** 509

**Source** Beinlich I, Suermondt HJ, Chavez RM, Cooper GF (1989).  
"The ALARM Monitoring System: A Case Study with Two Probabilistic  
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In "Proceedings of the 2nd European Conference on Artificial Intelligence in  
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# HailFinder DataSet

**Description** Hailfinder is a Bayesian network designed to forecast severe summer hail in northeastern Colorado.

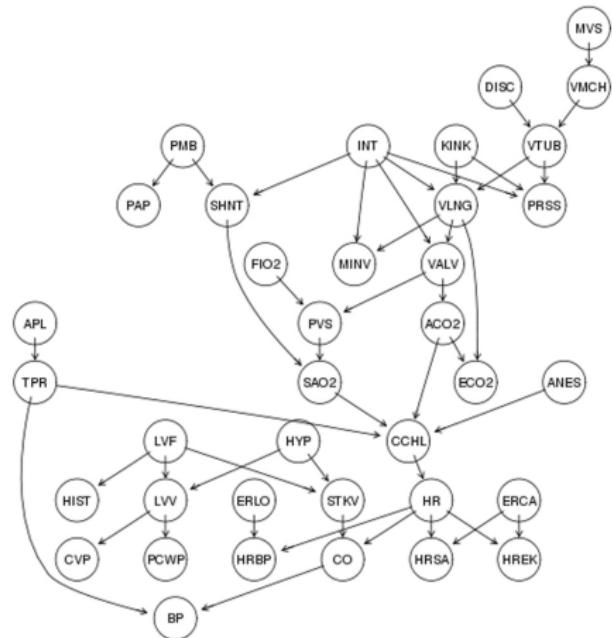
**Number of nodes** 56

**Number of arcs** 66

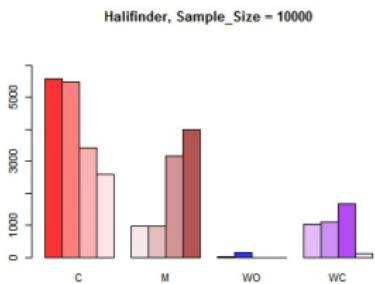
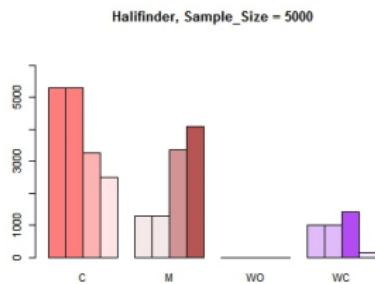
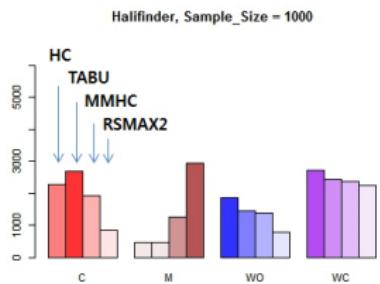
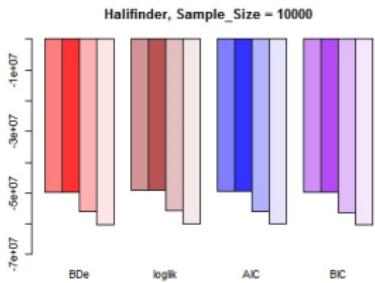
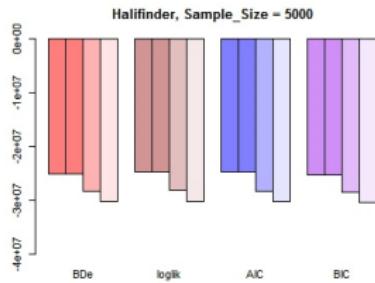
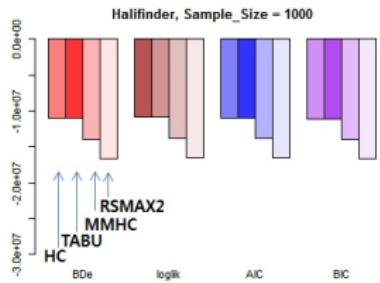
**Number of parameters** 2656

**Source** Abramson B, Brown J, Edwards W, Murphy A, Winkler RL (1996). "Hailfinder: A Bayesian system for forecasting severe weather". International Journal of Forecasting, 12(1), 57-71.

# HailFinder DataSet



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# Varying topologies and number of nodes

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4						
6						
8						
10						

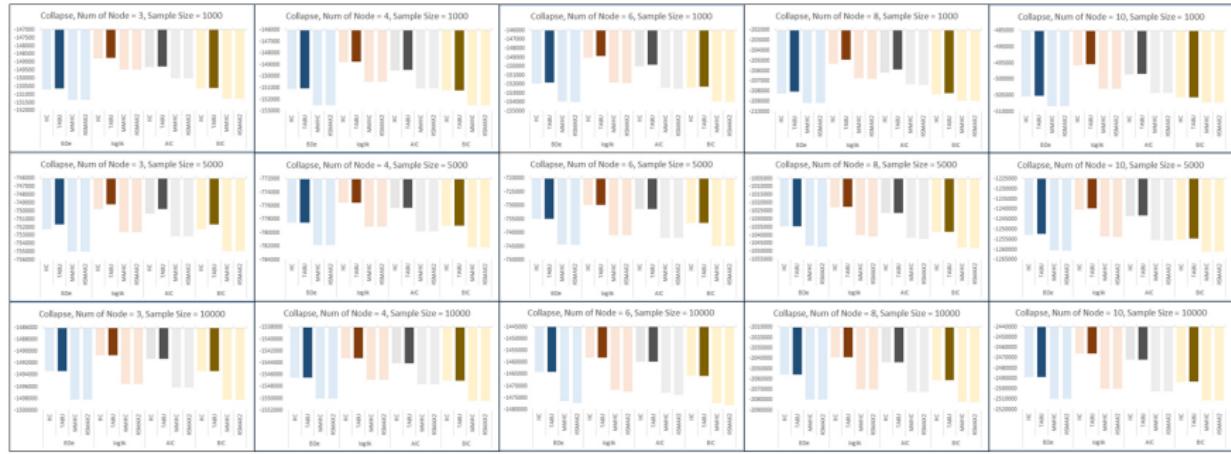
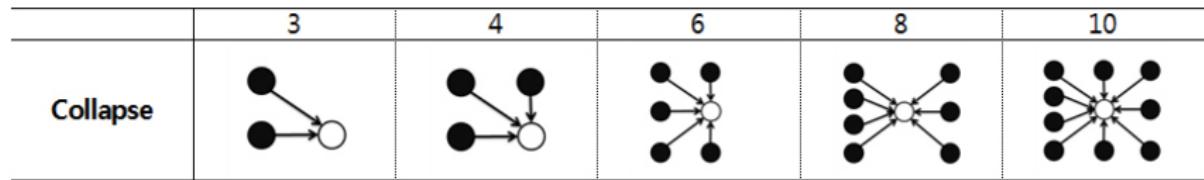
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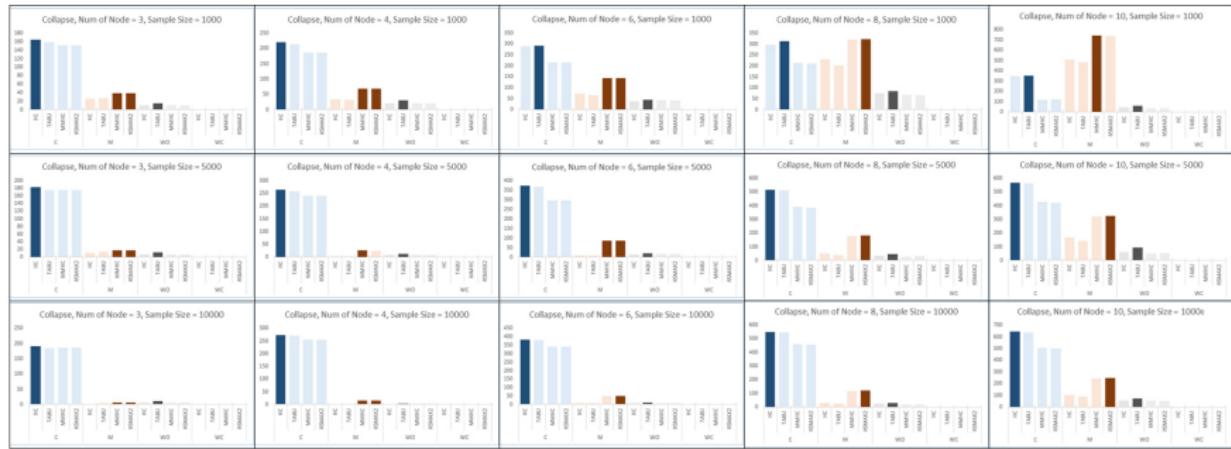
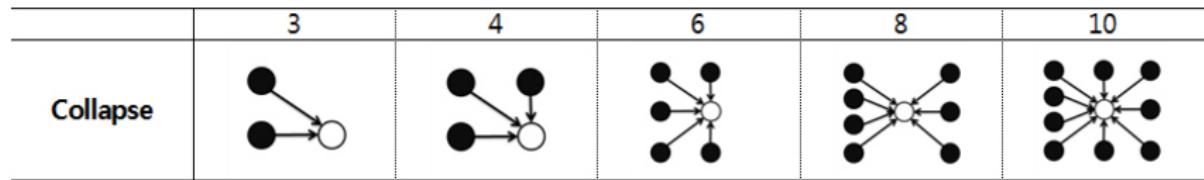
# Prerequisite

- Cardinality was limited to two.
- The probability value was set by  $U(0, 1)$  distribution.
- All experiments are repeated 100 times.
- Constraint-based Learning Algorithms often makes undirected arcs.  
So, this has been excluded from comparison.

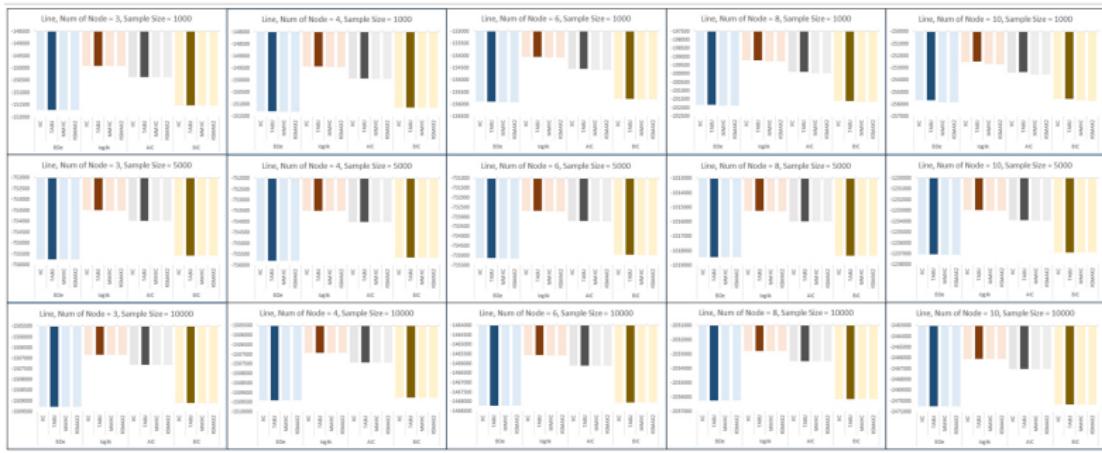
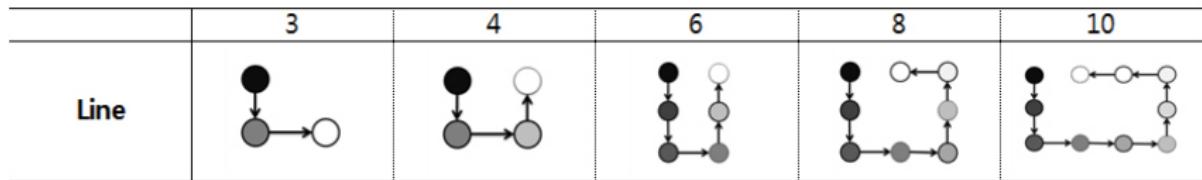
# Collapse (Score)



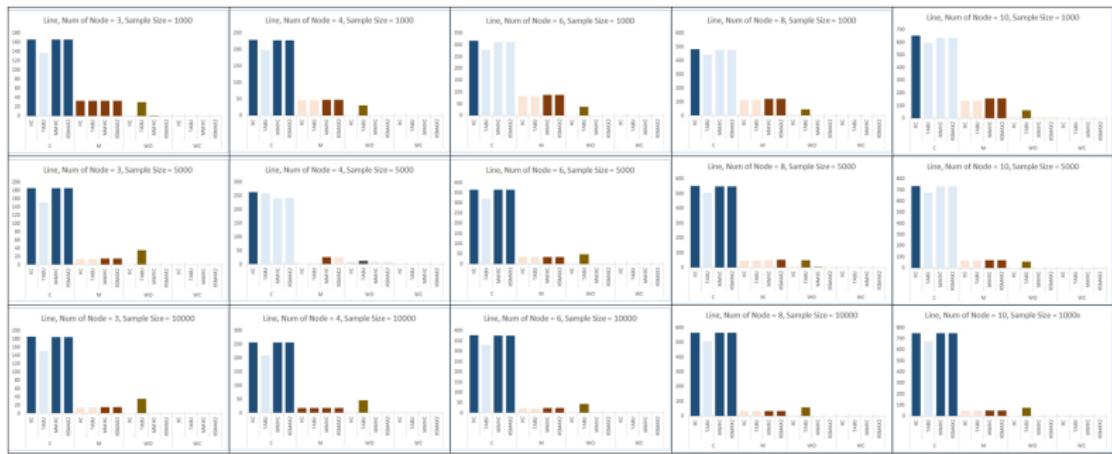
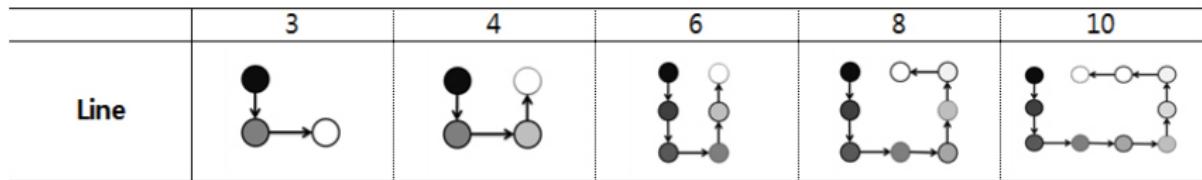
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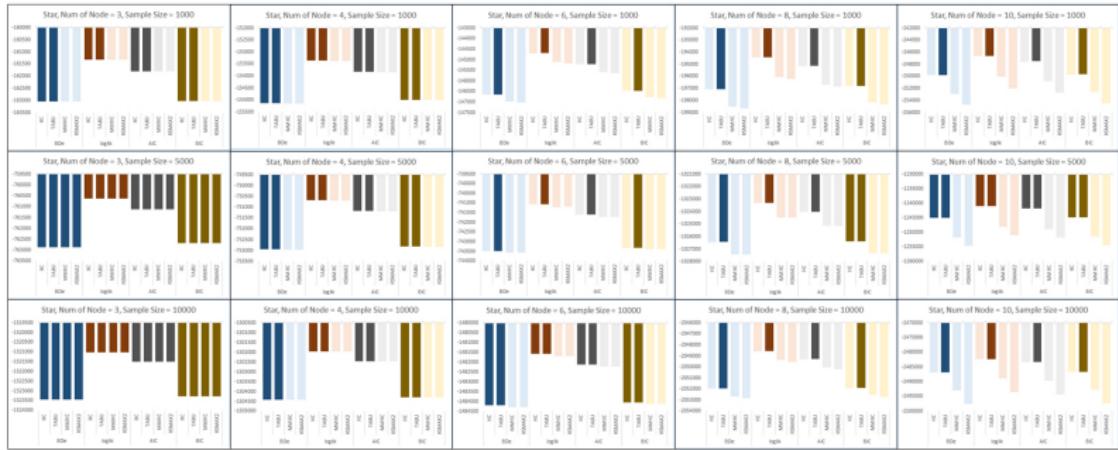
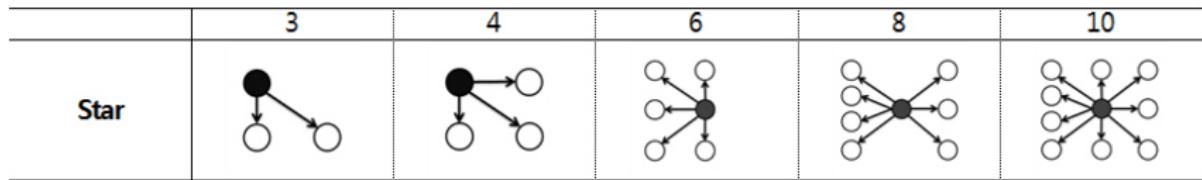
# Line (Score)



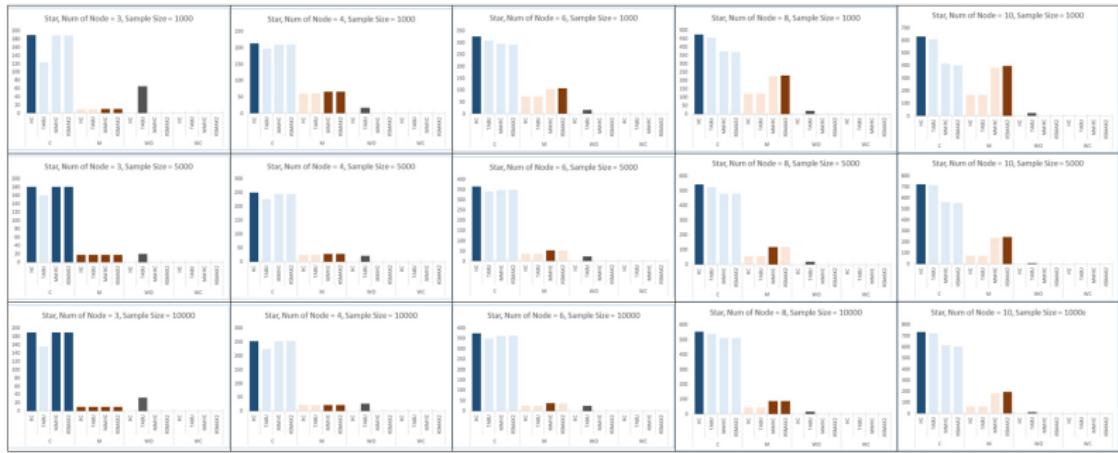
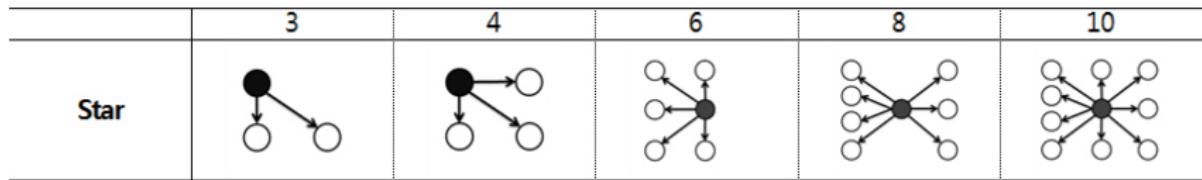
# Line (Arcs)



# Star (Score)

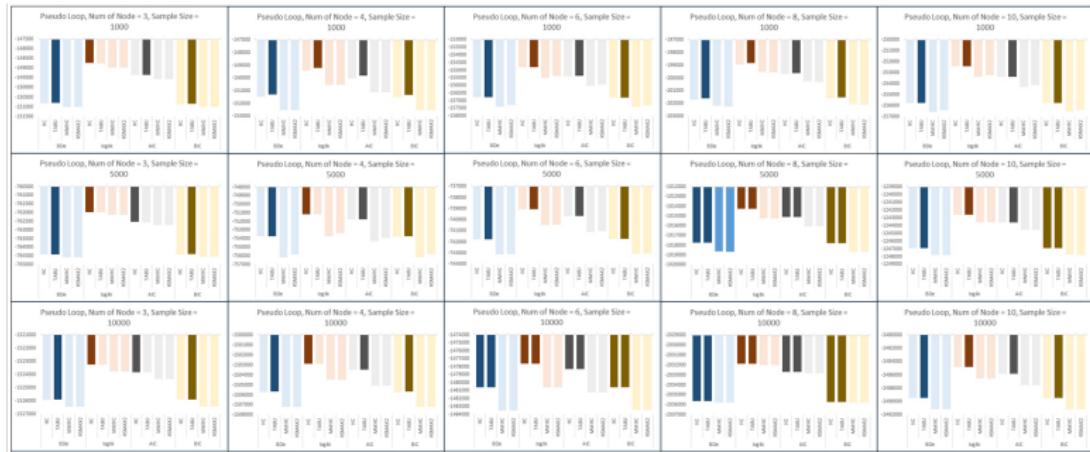


# Star (Arcs)



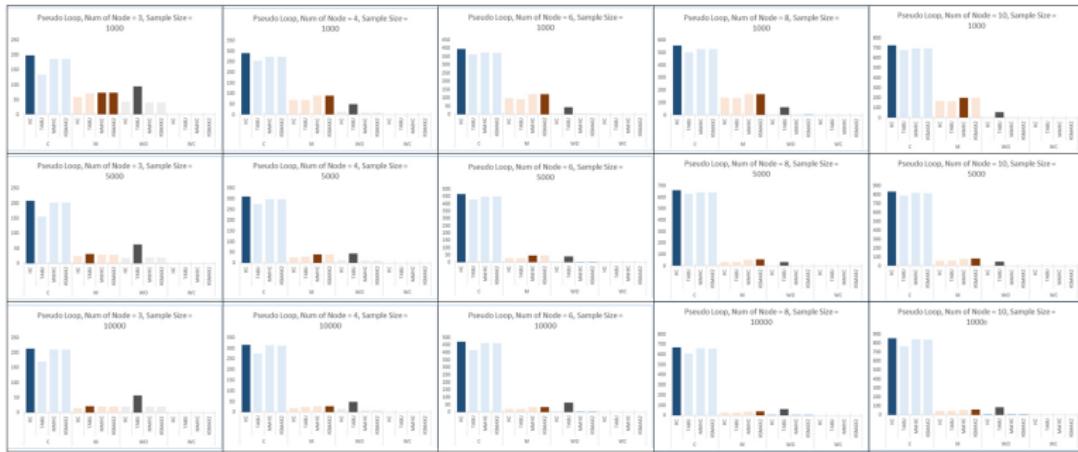
# PseudoLoop (Score)

	3	4	6	8	10
Pseudo Loop					

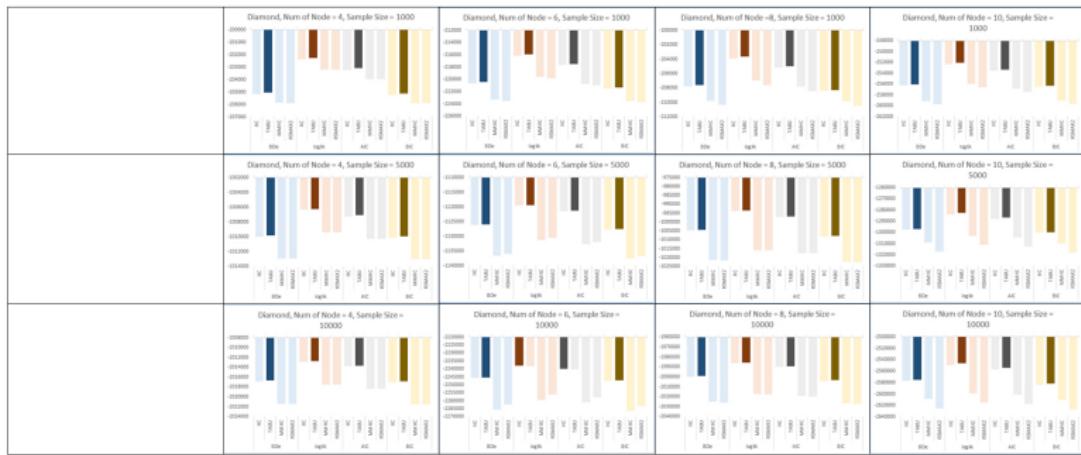
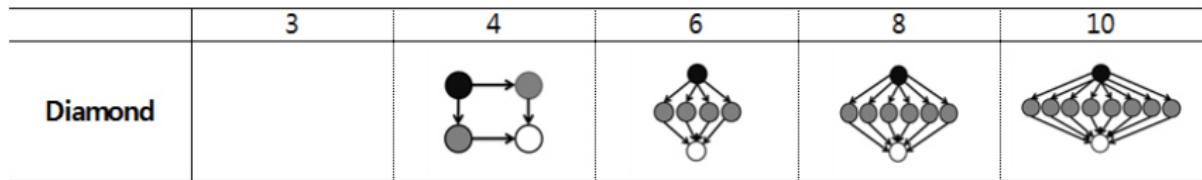


# PseudoLoop (Arc)

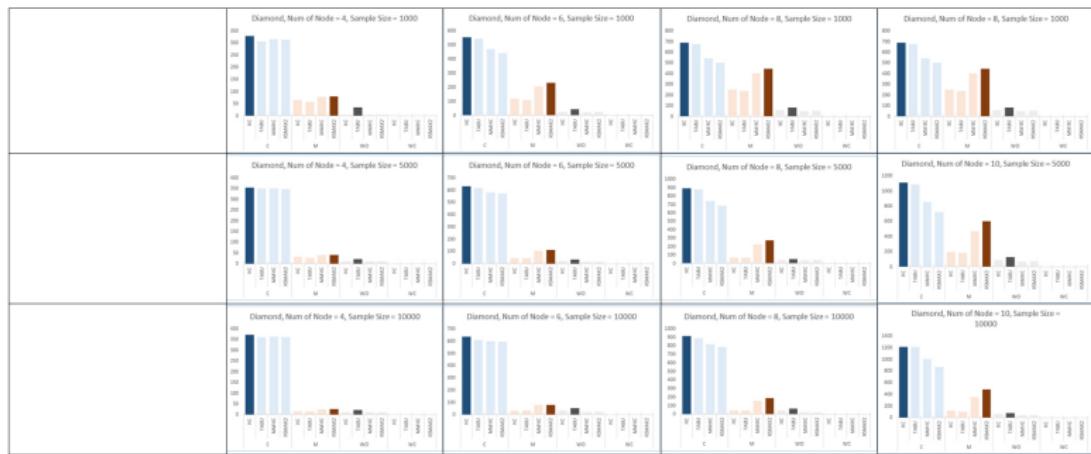
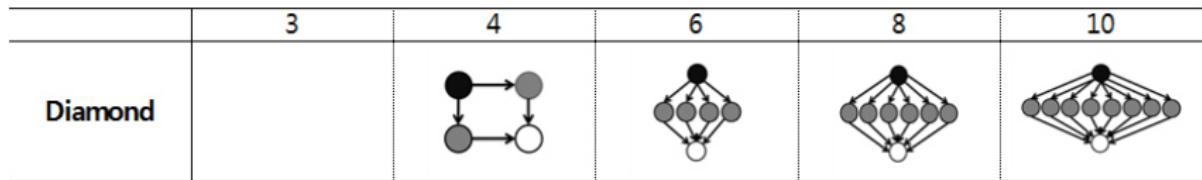
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Pseudo Loop					



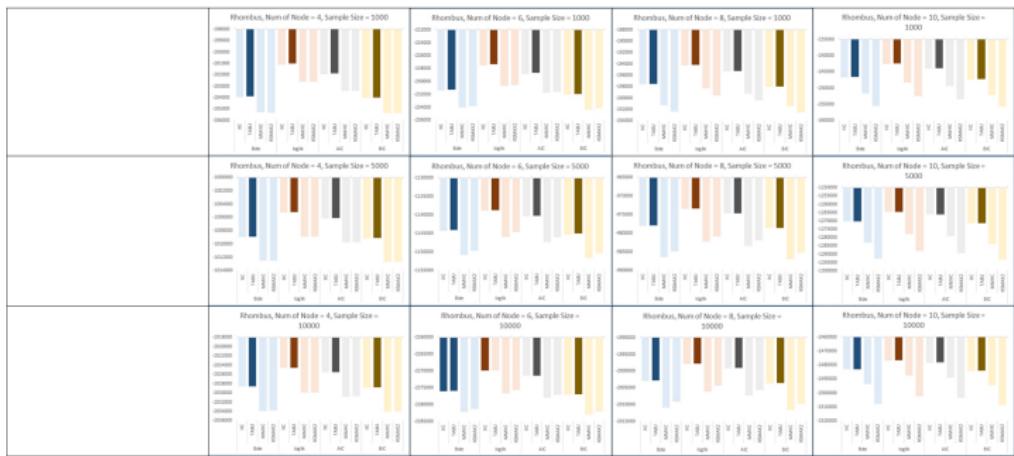
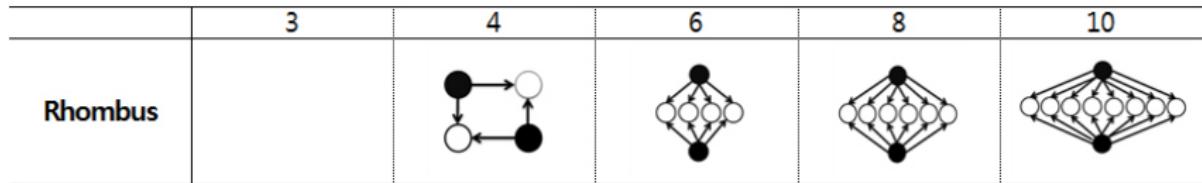
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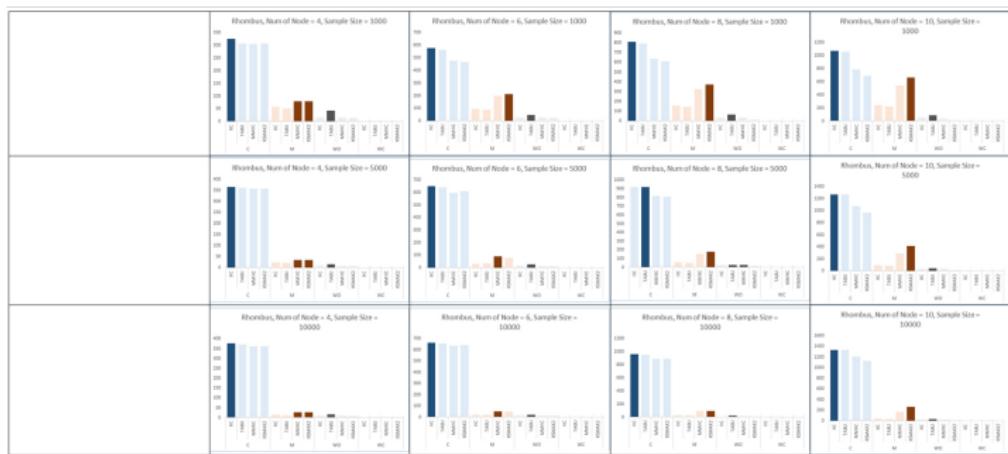
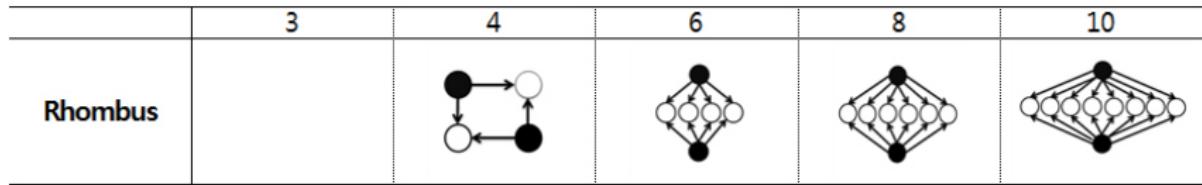
# Diamond (Arc)



# Rhombus (Score)



# Rhombus (Arc)



# Summary

Collapse: HC = TABU >>> MMHC = RSMAX2

Line: HC = MMHC = RSMAX2 > TABU

Star: HC > TABU = MMHC = RSMAX2

Pseudo Loop: HC >>> TABU = MMHC = RSMAX2

Diamond: HC = TABU >>> MMHC = RSMAX2

Rhombus: HC = TABU >>> MMHC = RSMAX2