# ROB311 Quiz 1

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### 1 Prologue

### Summary:

• Variables:

- State:  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ 

- Action(s):  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ 

– Measurement:  $\mathbf{y}_k^{(i)}$ 

- Context:  $\mathbf{z}_k^{(i)}$ 

– Old Context:  $\mathbf{z}_{k-1}^{(i)}$ 

- Plan:  $\mathbf{p}_k^{(i)}$ - (i): Ith agent

• Conversion to DT is necessary because robots are digitalized system and then converted back to CT for execution.

### Setup of Planning Problems 1.1

**Definition**: In a planning problem, it is assumed that:

- ullet the environment is representable using a discrete set of states,  ${\mathcal S}$
- for each state,  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , each agent, i, has a discrete set of actions,  $\mathcal{A}_i(s)$ , with  $\mathcal{A}(s) := \times_i \mathcal{A}_i(s)$  (joint action
- Move: Any tuple, (s, a), where  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$
- **Transition:** Any 3-tuple, (s, a, s'), where  $s, s' \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$ 
  - the transition resulting from a move may be deterministic/stochastic
- Reward:  $rwd_i(s, a, s')$  is agent i's reward for the transition, (s, a, s')
- Path: Any sequence of transitions of the form.

$$p = \langle (s^{(0)}, a^{(1)}, s^{(1)}), (s^{(1)}, a^{(2)}, s^{(2)}), \dots \rangle$$

• Objective: Each agent wants to realize a path that maximizes its own reward

**Warning**: A(s) is the joint action set of all agents at state s.

# 1.2 Components of a Robotic System

# Summary:

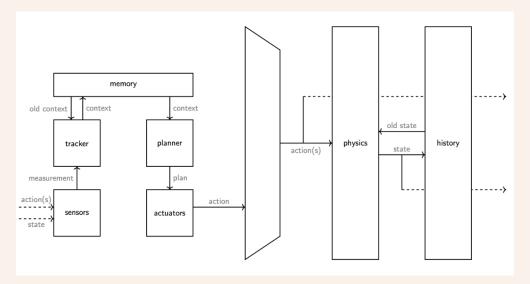


Figure 1: Components of a Robotic System (Words)

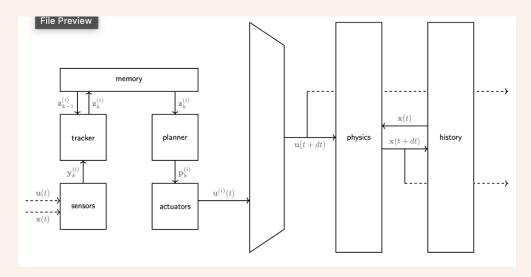


Figure 2: Components of a Robotic System (Math)

### 1.2.1 Overview (Robots, the Environment)

# **Definition**:

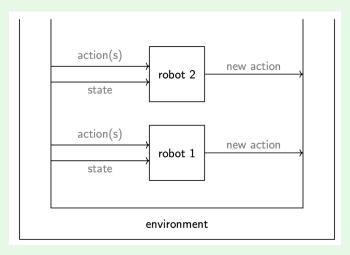


Figure 3: Overview (Robots, the Environment)

### Notes:

 $\bullet$  Environment  $\to$  previous actions + current state  $\to$  robot  $\to$  new action  $\to$  environment

# 1.2.2 Robot (Sensors, Actuators, the Brain)

### **Definition**:

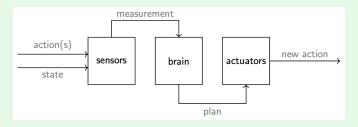


Figure 4: Robot (Sensors, Actuators, the Brain)

### Notes:

- $\bullet$  Measurements can be noisy and inaccurate if not a perfect sensor.
- Measurements go into the brain which can create a plan.

# 1.2.3 Brain (Tracker, Planner, Memory)

### **Definition**:

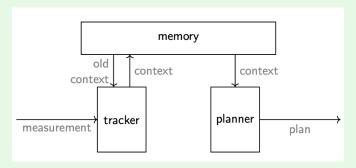


Figure 5: Brain (Tracker, Planner, Memory)

### Notes:

- The tracker takes in the measurements and old context and updates the context.
- The planner takes in the context and creates a plan.
- The memory stores the context.

### 1.2.4 Environment (Physics, State)

### **Definition**:

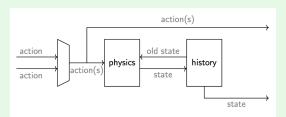


Figure 6: Environment (Physics, State)

# 1.3 Equations of a Robotic System

### 1.3.1 Sensing

**Definition**: Take a measurement:

$$\mathbf{y}^{(i)}(t) = \operatorname{sns}^{(i)}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t)$$

Convert the measurement into a discrete-time signal using a sampling period of  $T^{(i)}$ :

$$\mathbf{y}_k^{(i)} = \mathrm{dt}(\mathbf{y}^{(i)}(t), t, T^{(i)})$$

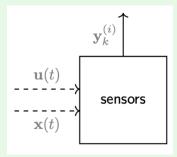


Figure 7: Sensing

### 1.3.2 Tracking

**Definition**: Track (update) the context:

$$\mathbf{z}_k^{(i)} = \operatorname{trk}^{(i)} \left( \mathbf{z}_{k-1}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}_k^{(i)}, k \right)$$

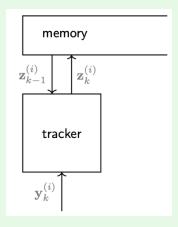


Figure 8: Tracking

### 1.3.3 Planning

**Definition**: Make a plan:



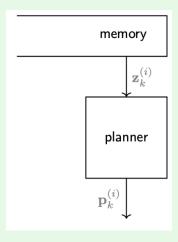


Figure 9: Planning

### 1.3.4 Acting

**Definition**: Convert the plan into a continuous-time signal using a sampling period of  $T^{(i)}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \operatorname{ct}(\mathbf{p}_k^{(i)}, t, T^{(i)})$$

Execute the plan:

$$\mathbf{u}^{(i)}(t) = \cot^{(i)}(\mathbf{p}^{(i)}(t), t)$$

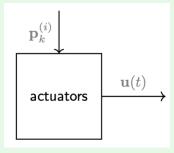


Figure 10: Acting

# 1.3.5 Simulating

**Definition**: Simulate the environment's response:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \text{phy}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t)$$



Figure 11: Simulating

# 2 Search Algorithms

# Summary:

Alg. Halting Sound Complete Optimal Time Space

Choose  $REMOVE(\cdot)$  so algo. exhibits the characteristics:

- Halting: Terminates after finitely many nodes explored | Sound: Returned (possibly NULL) soln. is correct
- Complete: Halting & sound when a non-NULL soln. exists | Opt.: Returns an opt. soln. when mult. exist
- Time: Minimizes nodes explored/expanded/exported | Space: Minimizes nodes simultaneously open

Choose REMOVE(·) so algo. exhibits the characteristics for as many path trees as possible.

- b ( $b < \infty$ ): Branching factor (the maximum number of children a node can have)
- d: Depth (the length of the longest path),  $l^*$ : Length of the shortest solution
- $c^*$ : Cost of the cheapest solution,  $\epsilon$ : Cost of the cheapest edge

### Uninformed Search Algorithms

**BFS**  $d < \infty$ , non-NULL always always constant cst  $b^{l^*}$   $b^{l^*+1}$ 

• Explores the least-recently expanded open node first.

**DFS**  $d < \infty$  always  $d < \infty$  never  $b^d$  bd

• Explores the most-recently expanded open node first.

**IDDFS** always always constant cst  $b^{l^*}$   $bl^*$ 

• Same as DFS but with iterative deepening.

CFS  $d < \infty$ , non-NULL yes  $\epsilon > 0$   $\delta^{c^*/\epsilon}$   $\delta^{c^*/\epsilon+1}$ 

• Explores the cheapest open node first.

### Informed Search Algorithms

**HFS**  $d < \infty$  never never - -

• Explores the node with the smallest hur-value first, ecst(p) = hur(p)

 $\mathbf{A}^*$  hur admissible,  $\epsilon > 0$  always hur admissible,  $\epsilon > 0$  hur admissible,  $\epsilon > 0$   $O\left(b^{c^*/\epsilon}\right)$   $O\left(b^{c^*/\epsilon+1}\right)$ 

• Explores the node with the smallest ecst-value first,  $\operatorname{ecst}(p) = \operatorname{cst}(p) + \operatorname{hur}(p)$ 

 $IIA^*$  always always always always  $b^{l^*}$   $bl^*$ 

• Same as A\* but with iterative inflating on ecst.

 $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{A}^*$  - - - - - -

- Same as A\* but  $\operatorname{ecst}(s) = \operatorname{wcst}(s) + (1 w)\operatorname{hur}(s) \text{ w}/w \in [0, 1]$
- w = 0: HFS, w = 0.5: A\*, w = 1: CFS, iteratively increasing w from 0 to 1: anytime version of  $WA^*$

# 2.1 Modifications to Search Algorithms:

### Summary:

### Modifications

### Depth-Limiting

 $\bullet$  Enforce a depth limit,  $d_{\rm max},$  to any search algorithm.

# Iterative-Deepening

• Iteratively increase the depth-limit to any search algorithm w/ depth-limiting.

### **Cost-Limiting**

 $\bullet$  Enforce a cost limit of  $c_{\max}$  to any search algorithm.

# **Iterative Inflating**

• Iteratively increase the cost limit,  $c_{\text{max}}$ , to any search algorithm w/ cost-limiting.

# Intra-Path Cycle Checking

• Do not expand a path if it is cyclic.

### Inter-Path Cycle Checking

• Do not expand a path if its destination is that of an explored path.

### 2.2 Setup

**Definition**: In a search problem, it is assumed that:

- There is only one agent (us).
- For each state,  $s \in S$ , we have a discrete set of actions,  $\mathcal{A}(s)$ .
- The transition resulting from a move, (s, a), is deterministic; the resulting state is tr(s, a).
- cst(s, a, tr(s, a)) is our cost for the transition, (s, a, tr(s, a)).
- We want to realize a path that minimizes our cost.

A search problem may have no solutions, in which case, we define the solution as NULL.

**Warning**: A NULL solution is not the same as  $p = \langle \rangle$  (an empty solution w/  $s^{(0)} \in \mathcal{G}$ ).

## 2.3 Search Graphs

**Definition**: In a search graph (a graph representing a search problem):

- $\bullet$  S is defined by the vertices.
- $\mathcal{G}$  is a subset of the vertices.
- $s^{(0)}$  is some vertex.
- $tr(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  are defined by the edges.
- $cst(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is defined by the edge weights.

### 2.4 Path Trees

**Definition**: A search algorithm explores a tree of possible paths.

- In such a tree, each node represents the path from the root to itself.
  - The node may also include other info (such as the path's origin, cost, etc).

### 2.5 Search Algorithms

Algorithm: All search algorithms follow the template below:

•  $\langle \rangle$ : Empty path, 0: Cost of empty path.

```
procedure SEARCH(\mathcal{O})

if \mathcal{O} = \emptyset then

return NULL

n \leftarrow REMOVE(\mathcal{O})

if \mathrm{DST}(n) \in \mathcal{G} then

return n

for n' \in \mathrm{CHL}(n) do

\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}

SEARCH(\mathcal{O})

if \mathcal{O} = \emptyset then

return n

b the search algorithm found a path to a goal

b "expland" n and "export" its children

\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}
```

- Explore: Remove a node from the open set.
- Expand: Generate the children of the node.
- Export: Add the children to the open set.

Warning: The key difference is in the order that REMOVE( $\cdot$ ) removes nodes.

### 2.6 Modifications to Search Algorithms

### 2.6.1 Depth-Limiting

### Algorithm:

```
procedure SEARCHDL(\mathcal{O}, d_{\max}):

if \mathcal{O} = \emptyset then

return NULL

n \leftarrow \text{REMOVE}(\mathcal{O})

if \text{dst}(n) \in \mathcal{G} then

return n

for n' \in \text{chl}(n) do

if \text{len}(n') \leq d_{\max} then

\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}

SEARCHDL(\mathcal{O}, d_{\max})

be the search algorithm failed to find a path to a goal

be "explore" a node, n

be the search algorithm found a path to a goal

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be "expand" n and "export" its children

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### 2.6.2 Iterative Deepening

### Algorithm:

```
procedure SEARCHID(): n \leftarrow \text{NULL} \\ d_{\text{max}} = 0 \\ \text{b while a solution has not been found, reset the open set, run the search algorithm, then increase the depth-limit while <math>n = \text{NULL do} \mathcal{O} \leftarrow \{(\langle \rangle, 0)\} \\ n \leftarrow \text{SEARCHDL}(\mathcal{O}, d_{\text{max}}) \\ d_{\text{max}} \leftarrow d_{\text{max}} + 1 \\ \text{return } n
```

Warning: Increasing  $d_{\text{max}}$  can be done in different ways.

### 2.6.3 Cost-Limiting

### Algorithm:

```
procedure SEARCHCL(\mathcal{O}, c_{\max}):

if \mathcal{O} = \emptyset then

return NULL

n \leftarrow \text{REMOVE}(\mathcal{O})

if \text{dst}(n) \in \mathcal{G} then

return n

for n' \in \text{chl}(n) do

if \text{cst}(n') \leq c_{\max} then

\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}

SEARCHCL(\mathcal{O}, c_{\max})

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\text{procedure SEARCHCL
```

### 2.6.4 Iterative-Inflating

# Algorithm: procedure SEARCHII(): $n \leftarrow \mathtt{NULL}$ $c_{\mathtt{max}} = 0$ $\triangleright$ while a solution has not been found, reset the open set, run the search algorithm, then increase the while n = NULL do $\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \{(\langle \rangle, 0)\}$ $n \leftarrow \mathtt{SEARCHCL}(\mathcal{O}, c_{\mathtt{max}})$ $c_{\mathtt{max}} \leftarrow c_{\mathtt{max}} + \epsilon$ ${\tt return}\ n$

Warning: Increasing  $c_{\text{max}}$  can be done in different ways.

### 2.6.5 Intra-Path Cycle Checking

```
Algorithm:
   procedure SEARCH(\mathcal{O}):
           if \mathcal{O}=\emptyset then
                  return NULL
          n \leftarrow \mathtt{REMOVE}(\mathcal{O})
           if \mathtt{dst}(n) \in \mathcal{G} then
                  {\tt return}\ n
           for n' \in \operatorname{chl}(n) do
                                                                                                                               \,\vartriangleright\, "expand" n and "export" its children
                   if not \mathtt{CYCLIC}(n') then
                                                                                                                                                \triangleright unless the child is cyclic
                          \mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}
           SEARCH(O)
```

• Optimately of an algorithm is preserved provided  $\epsilon > 0$ .

### 2.6.6 Inter-Path Cycle Checking

```
Algorithm:
   procedure SEARCH(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{C}):
          if \mathcal{O}=\emptyset then
                  return NULL
          n \leftarrow \mathtt{REMOVE}(\mathcal{O})
          \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{n\}
                                                                                                                                                 \triangleright add n to the closed set
          if \mathtt{dst}(n) \in \mathcal{G} then
                  {\tt return}\ n
           for n'\in \operatorname{chl}(n) do
                                                                                                                            if n' \notin \mathcal{C} then

    □ unless the child's destination is closed

                         \mathcal{O} \leftarrow \mathcal{O} \cup \{n'\}
           SEARCH(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{C})
```

and then call the algorithm as follows:

```
\mathcal{O} \leftarrow \{(\langle \rangle, 0)\}
_{2} \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \{\}
                                                                                                                                                                ▷ initialize a set of closed vertices
    SEARCH(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{C})
```

## 2.7 Informed Search Algorithms

### 2.7.1 Estimated Cost

**Definition**:  $ecst(\cdot)$ : estimate the total cost to a goal given a path, p, based on:

- cst(p): Cost of path p
- hur:  $S \to \mathbb{R}_+$ : Estimate of the extra cost needed to get to a goal from  $\mathrm{dst}(p)$ 
  - hur(s) estimates the cost to get to  $\mathcal{G}$  from s and hur(p) means hur(dst(p)).

### 2.7.2 Admissible

**Definition**: A heuristic,  $hur(\cdot)$ , is said to be **admissible** if

$$hur(s) \le hur^*(s)$$

for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  and

$$hur(s) = 0$$

for all  $s \in \mathcal{G}$ .

### 2.7.3 Consistent

**Definition**: A heuristic,  $hur(\cdot)$ , is said to be **consistent** if

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{hur}(s) - \operatorname{hur}(\operatorname{tr}(s,a))}_{\text{estimated cost of the transition }(s,a,\operatorname{tr}(s,a))} \leq \underbrace{\operatorname{cst}(s,a,\operatorname{tr}(s,a))}_{\text{true cost of the transition, }(s,a,\operatorname{tr}(s,a))}$$

for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , and  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$ , and

$$hur(s) = 0$$

for all  $s \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**Theorem**: If a heuristic,  $hur(\cdot)$ , is consistent, then it is also admissible.

### 2.7.4 Domination

**Definition**: If  $hur_1$  and  $hur_2$  are admissible, then:

• hur<sub>1</sub> strongly dominates hur<sub>2</sub> if for all  $s \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{G}$ :

$$hur_1(s) > hur_2(s)$$

• hur<sub>1</sub> weakly dominates hur<sub>2</sub> if for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ :

$$hur_1(s) \ge hur_2(s)$$

and for some  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ :

$$hur_1(s) > hur_2(s)$$

### 2.7.5 Designing Heuristics via Problem Relaxation

**Definition**: Let  $hur_{ori}^*$  be the perfect heuristic for a search problem, and  $cst_{rel}^*$  be the optimal cost for a relaxed version of the problem. Then

$$\operatorname{cst}_{\operatorname{rel}}^*(s) \leq \operatorname{hur}_{\operatorname{ori}}^*(s) \text{ for all } s \in \mathcal{S}.$$

### 2.7.6 Combining Heuristics

 $\textbf{Definition:} \text{ If } \{ \text{hur}_k(\cdot) \}_k \text{ are admissible (resp. consistent), then } \max_k \{ \text{hur}_k \}(\cdot) \text{ is also admissible (resp. consistent)}.$ 

**Definition**: If  $hur_{max} \equiv max\{hur_1, hur_2\}$ , then if  $hur_k$  is consistent:

$$\operatorname{hur}_k(s) - \operatorname{hur}_k(\operatorname{tr}(s, a)) \le \operatorname{cst}(s, a, \operatorname{tr}(s, a))$$

$$\operatorname{hur_{max}}(s) = \operatorname{hur_{max}}(\operatorname{tr}(s, a)) - \operatorname{cst}^*(s, a, \operatorname{tr}(s, a))$$

### 2.7.7 Anytime Search Algorithms

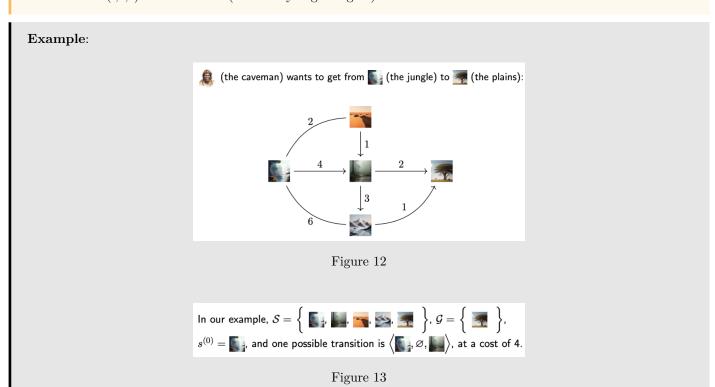
**Definition**: An **anytime algorithm** finds a solution quickly (even if it is sub-optimal), and then iteratively improves it (if time permits).

# 2.8 Canonical Examples

### 2.8.1 How to setup a search problem?

### **Process:**

- 1. Givne a search graph, we need to define the following:
  - S: set of vertices
  - $\mathcal{G}$ : goal states (subset of  $\mathcal{S}$ )
  - $s^{(0)}$ : initial state
  - $\mathcal{T}$ : set of edges (defined by  $\operatorname{tr}(\cdot, \cdot)$ )
    - $-\operatorname{tr}(\cdot,\cdot)$ : transition function
  - $\operatorname{cst}(\cdot,\cdot,\cdot)$ : cost function (defined by edge weights)



# Example:



His energy consumption for a given step depends on the terrain transition.

Figure 14



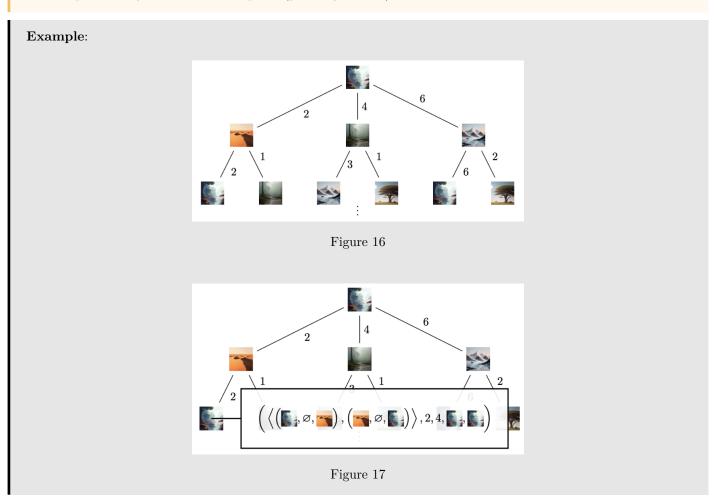
Figure 15

- $S = \{0, \dots, 4\}^2$   $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   $s^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

### 2.8.2 How to setup a path tree?

### **Process**:

- 1. Start at  $s^{(0)}$
- 2. Choose a path until you reach a goal state.
- 3. Repeat until you have found all paths (probably infinite).



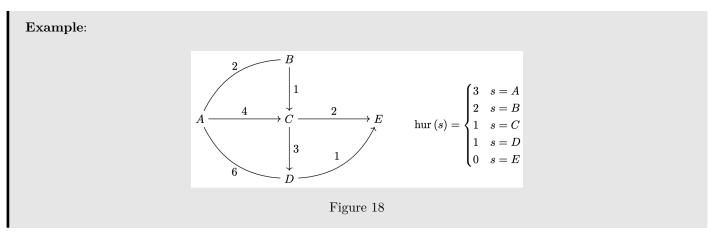
### 2.8.3 When to use each algorithm?

### Process:

- 1. Do we have a heuristic?
  - Yes: Use informed search algorithms.
  - No: Use uninformed search algorithms.
- 2. Are path costs non-uniform?
  - Yes: Eliminate BFS.
  - No: Eliminate CFS, A\*
- 3.
- 4. Is the search space finite or infinite?
  - Finite: Use any algorithm.
  - Infinite: Use BFS, IDDFS, CFS, or A\*.
- 5. Do we need to guarantee finding a solution (completeness)?
  - Yes: Use BFS, IDDFS, IIA\*, CFS (if  $\epsilon > 0$ ).
  - No: Use DFS, HFS, WA\*
- 6. Find properties needed for the problem and match them to the characteristics of the algorithm.
- 7. Choose the algorithm that best matches the properties.
  - BFS: Need shortest path in an unweighted graph.
  - DFS: Explore a deep path quickly, and completeness is not needed.
  - IDDFS: Want completeness of BFS but with the complexity of DFS.
  - CFS: Need the least-cost path in a weighted graph.
  - HFS:
  - A\*:
  - IIA\*:
  - WA\*:

### Example:

# 2.8.4 Tracing Search Algorithms



### **Process: BFS**

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as **current node**
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the **current node** and add them to the open set (queue).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.
- 4. Choose the least-recently expanded node from the open set as the **current node**.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

# Example: BFS

Path	Open Set
	$\{A\}$
A	$\{AB, AC, AD\}$
AB	$\{AC, AD, ABA, ABC\}$
AC	$\{AD, ABA, ABC, ACD, ACE\}$
AD	$\{ABA, ABC, ACD, ACE, ADA, ADE\}$
ABA	$\{ABC, ACD, ACE, ADA, ADE, ABAB, ABAC, ABAD\}$
ABC	$\{ACD, ACE, ADA, ADE, ABAB, ABAC, ABAD, ABCD, ABCE\}$
ACD	$\{ACE, ADA, ADE, ABAB, ABAC, ABAD, ABCD, ABCE, ACDA, ACDE\}$
ACE	$\{ADA,ADE,ABAB,ABAC,ABAD,ABCD,ABCE,ACDA,ACDE\}$

### Intra:

Path	Open Set
	$\{A\}$
A	$\{AB, AC, AD\}$
AB	$\{AC, AD, ABC, ABA\}$
AC	$\{AD, ABC, ACD, ACE\}$
AD	$\{ABC, ACD, ACE, ADE, ADA\}$
ABC	$\{ACD, ACE, ADE, ABCD, ABCE\}$
ACD	$\{ACE, ADE, ABCD, ABCE, ACDE, ACBA\}$
ACE	$\{ADE, ABCD, ABCE, ACDE\}$

### Inter:

Path	Open Set	Closed Set
-	$\{A\}$	-
A	$\{AB, AC, AD\}$	$\{A\}$
AB	$\{AC, AD, ABC, ABA\}$	$\{A,B\}$
AC	$\{AD, ABC, ACD, ACE\}$	$\{A, B, C\}$
AD	$\{ABC, ACD, ACE, ADE, ADA\}$	$\{A, B, C, D\}$
ABC	$\{ACD, ACE, ADE, ABCE, ABCD\}$	$\{A, B, C, D\}$
ACD	$\{ACE, ADE, ABCE, ACDE, ACDA\}$	$\{A, B, C, D\}$
ACE	$\{ADE, ABCE, ACDE\}$	$\{A, B, C, D, E\}$

### **Process: DFS**

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as **current node**
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the current node and add them to the open set (stack).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.

ADE

 $\{AB, AC\}$ 

- 4. Choose the most-recently expanded node from the open set as the **current node**.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

Example: DFS					
		Path	Open Set		
			$\{A\}$ $\{AB, AC, AD\}$ $\{AB, AC, ADA, AC, ADA, AC, ADA\}$	$ADE\}$	
Intra:					
	_	Path	Open Set		
		A AD ADE	$ \begin{cases} AA \\ \{AB, AC, AD\} \\ \{AB, AC, ADE, AC\} \end{cases} $	AĐA} 	
Inter:			G .	G1 1	<u> </u>
	Path	Open	Set	Closed	Set
	$A \\ AD$		$AC, AD$ } $AC, ADE, ADA$ }	$ A $ $ \{A\}$ $ \{A, D\}$	

 $\{A, D, E\}$ 

### **Process: IDDFS**

- 1. Start with a depth limit of 0.
- 2. Perform DFS up to the current depth limit.
- 3. If the goal state is not reached, increment the depth limit based on given fcn and repeat step 2.

4. Continue until the goal state is found or all nodes are explored.

Exampl	le:	ID:	DFS
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Depth	Path	Open Set
0		$\{A\}$
0	A	<b>(</b> )
1	A	$\{AB, AC, AD\}$
1	AD	$\{AB,AC\}$
1	AC	$\{AB\}$
1	AB	{}
2	AB	$\{ABA, ABC\}$
2	ABC	$\{ABA\}$
2	ABA	{}
3	ABA	$\{ABAB, ABAC, ABAD\}$
3	ABAB	$\{ABAC, ABAD\}$
3	ABAC	$\{ABAD\}$
3	ABAD	{}
4	ABAD	$\{ABADA, ABADE\}$
4	ABADA	$\{ABADE\}$
4	ABADE	{}

### **Process: CFS**

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as **current node**
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the **current node** and add them to the open set (priority queue).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.
- 4. Choose the cheapest expanded node from the open set as the **current node**.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

# Example: CFS

Path	Open Set
-	$\{A \mid 0\}$
A	$\{AB \mid 2, AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6, ABC \mid 3, ABA \mid 4\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 4, \ AD \mid 6, \ ABA \mid 4, \ ABCE \mid 5, \ ABCD \mid 6\}$
AC	$\{AD \mid 6, \ ABA \mid 4, \ ABCE \mid 5, \ ABCD \mid 6, \ ACD \mid 7, \ ACE \mid 6\}$
ABA	{AD   6, ABCE   5, ABCD   6, ACD   7, ACE   6, ABAB   6, ABAC   8, ABAD   10}
ABCE	{AD   6, ABCD   6, ACD   7, ACE   6, ABAB   6, ABAC   8, ABAD   10}

### Intra:

Path	Open Set
-	$\{A \mid 0\}$
A	$\{AB \mid 2, AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6, ABC \mid 3, ABA\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6, ABCE \mid 5, ABCD \mid 6\}$
AC	{AD   6, ABCE   5, ABCD   6, ACD   7, ACE   6}
ABCE	$\{AD \mid 6, \ ABCD \mid 6, \ ACD \mid 7, \ ACE \mid 6\}$

### Inter:

Path	Open Set	Closed Set
-	$\{A\mid 0\}$	-
A	$\{AB \mid 2, AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6\}$	$\{A\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6, ABC \mid 3, ABA\}$	$\{A,B\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 4, AD \mid 6, ABCE \mid 5, ABCD \mid 6\}$	$\{A, B, C\}$
AC	{AD   6, ABCE   5, ABCD   6, ACD   7, ACE   6}	$\{A, B, C\}$
ABCE	$\{AD \mid 6, \ ABCD \mid 6, \ ACD \mid 7, \ ACE \mid 6\}$	$\{A,B,C,E\}$

### **Process: HFS**

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as **current node**
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the **current node** and add them to the open set (priority queue).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.
- 4. Choose the lowest heuristic value expanded node from the open set as the **current node**.

5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

Example:	HFS
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Path	Open Set	
	$\{A \mid 3\}$	
A	$\{AB \mid 2, AC \mid 1, AD \mid 1\}$	
AC	$\{AB \mid 2, AD \mid 1, ACE \mid 0\}$	
ACE	$\{AB \mid 2, AD \mid 1\}$	

### Process: $A^*$

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as **current node**
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the **current node** and add them to the open set (priority queue).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.
- 4. Choose the lowest  $\operatorname{esct}(p) = \operatorname{cst}(p) + \operatorname{hur}(p)$  expanded node from the open set as the **current node**.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

# Example: $A^*$

Path	Open Set
-	$\{A \mid 3\}$
A	$\{AB \mid 2+2, AC \mid 4+1, AD \mid 6+1\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABC \mid (2+1)+1, ABA \mid (2+2)+3\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABA \mid 7, ABCD \mid (2+1+3)+1, ABCE \mid (2+1+2)+0, \}$
AC	$\{AD \mid 7, \ ABA \mid 7, \ ABCD \mid 7, \ ABCE \mid 5, \ ACD \mid (4+3)+1, \ ACE \mid (4+2)+0\}$
ABCE	$\{AD \mid 7, \ ABA \mid 7, \ ABCD \mid 7, \ ACD \mid 8, \ ACE \mid 6\}$

### Intra:

Path	Open Set
-	$\{A \mid 3\}$
A	$\{AB \mid 2+2, AC \mid 4+1, AD \mid 6+1\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABC \mid (2+1)+1, ABA\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABCD \mid (2+1+3)+1, ABCE \mid (2+1+2)+0, \}$
AC	$\{AD \mid 7, ABCD \mid 7, ABCE \mid 5, ACD \mid (4+3)+1, ACE \mid (4+2)+0\}$
ABCE	$\{AD \mid 7, ABCD \mid 7, ACD \mid 8, ACE \mid 6\}$

### Inter:

Path	Open Set	Closed Set
-	$\{A \mid 3\}$	-
A	$\{AB \mid 2+2, AC \mid 4+1, AD \mid 6+1\}$	$\{A\}$
AB	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABC \mid (2+1)+1, ABA\}$	$\{A,B\}$
ABC	$\{AC \mid 5, AD \mid 7, ABCD \mid (2+1+3)+1, ABCE \mid (2+1+2)+0, \}$	$\{A, B, C\}$
AC	$\{AD \mid 7, ABCD \mid 7, ABCE \mid 5, ACD \mid (4+3)+1, ACE \mid (4+2)+0\}$	$\{A,B,C\}$
ABCE	$\{AD \mid 7, \ ABCD \mid 7, \ ACD \mid 8, \ ACE \mid 6\}$	$\{A,B,C,E\}$

### Process: IIA\*

- 1. Start with a cost limit of 0.
- 2. Perform A\* up to the current cost limit.
- 3. If the goal state is not reached, increment the cost limit based on given fcn and repeat step 2.

4. Continue until the goal state is found or all nodes are explored.

Exampl	e: II	$\mathbf{A}^*$
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Cost	Path	Open Set
0	$\langle \rangle$	{}
1	$\langle \rangle$	{}
2	$\langle \rangle$	{}
3	$\langle \rangle$	$\{A \mid 3\}$
3	A	{}
4	A	$\{AB \mid 2+2\}$
4	AB	$\{ABC \mid 3+1\}$
4	ABC	{}
5	ABC	$\{ABCE \mid 5+0\}$
5	ABCE	{}

# Process: WA\*

- 1. Start at  $s_0$  as current node
- 2. Expand all neighboring nodes of the **current node** and add them to the open set (priority queue).
- 3. Remove the **current node** from the open set and add it to the path.
- 4. Choose the lowest  $\operatorname{esct}(p) = w \cdot \operatorname{cst}(p) + (1 w) \cdot \operatorname{hur}(p)$  expanded node from the open set as the **current** node.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 and 4 until the goal state is reached or the open set is empty.

### Process: How to Prove Consistent/Admissible Given a Search Graph?

### Admissible:

- 1. Given hur(s) and search graph with cst(s, a, tr(s, a)). If consistent, then it is admissible.
- 2. Check  $\forall s \in \mathcal{G}$ , hur(s) = 0. If not, then it is not admissible.
- 3. For each  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , calculate hur\*(s) (i.e. actual cost of optimal soln.) using the search graph.
  - (a) Start at s and choose path that gives the lowest cost to  $s \in \mathcal{G}$ .
- 4. Check if  $\operatorname{hur}(s) \leq \operatorname{hur}^*(s) \ \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ . If not, then it is not admissible.
- 5. Repeat  $\forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- 6. If all are true, then it is admissible.

### Consistent:

- 1. Given hur(s) and search graph with cst(s, a, tr(s, a)).
- 2. Check  $\forall s \in \mathcal{G}$ , hur(s) = 0. If not, then it is not consistent.
- 3. For each  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , calculate hur(s) hur(tr(s, a)).
  - (a) check if it is  $\leq \operatorname{cst}(s, a, \operatorname{tr}(s, a))$ . If not, then it is not consistent.
  - (b) Repeat  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$
- 4. Repeat  $\forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- 5. If all are true, then it is consistent.

Warning: Be careful of bidirectional edges be for consistency you need compute the cost of the heuristic edge in both directions.

### Example:

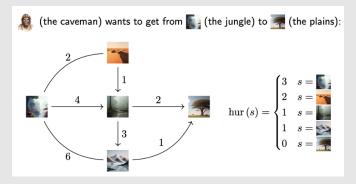


Figure 19: Jungle  $(s^{(0)})$ , Desert, Swamp, Mountain, Plains (Goal)

### Admissible:

- 1. s =Plains: hur(Plains) = 0
- 2.  $s = Jungle: hur(Jungle) = 3 \le hur^*(Jungle) = 2 + 1 + 2 = 5$
- 3. s =**Desert:**  $hur(Desert) = 2 \le hur^*(Desert) = 1 + 2$
- 4. s =Swamp:  $hur(Swamp) = 1 \le hur^*(Swamp) = 2$
- 5.  $s = Mountain: hur(Mountain) = 1 \le hur^*(Mountain) = 1$
- 6. Therefore, it is admissible.

### Consistent:

- 1. s =Plains: hur(Plains) = 0
- 2. s =Jungle:
  - (a)  $hur(Jungle) hur(Desert) = 3 2 = 1 \le cst(Jungle, \cdot, Desert) = 2$
  - (b)  $hur(Jungle) hur(Swamp) = 3 1 = 2 \le cst(Jungle, \cdot, Swamp) = 4$
  - (c)  $hur(Jungle) hur(Mountain) = 3 1 = 2 \le cst(Jungle, \cdot, Mountain) = 6$
- 3. s =**Desert:** 
  - (a)  $hur(Desert) hur(Jungle) = 2 3 = -1 < cst(Desert, \cdot, Jungle) = 2$
  - (b)  $hur(Desert) hur(Swamp) = 2 1 = 1 \le cst(Desert, \cdot, Swamp) = 1$
- 4.  $s = \mathbf{Swamp}$ :
  - (a)  $hur(Swamp) hur(Mountain) = 1 1 = 0 \le cst(Swamp, \cdot, Mountain) = 3$
  - (b)  $hur(Swamp) hur(Plains) = 1 0 = 1 \le cst(Swamp, \cdot, Plains) = 2$
- 5. s = Mountain:
  - (a)  $hur(Mountain) hur(Jungle) = 1 3 = -2 \le cst(Mountain, \cdot, Desert) = 6$
  - (b)  $hur(Mountain) hur(Plains) = 1 0 = 1 \le cst(Mountain, \cdot, Plains) = 1$
- 6. Therefore, it is consistent.

# **Process:** How to Design Heuristic via Problem Relaxation?

- $1.\,$  Make an assumption to simplify the problem as a relaxed problem.
- 2. Find the cost of the optimal solution of the relaxed problem,  $\operatorname{cst}_{\operatorname{rel}}(s)$ .
- 3. HOW TO FIND THE COST OF THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION?

# Example:

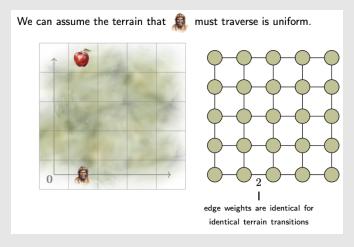


Figure 20

# 3 Constraint Satisfaction Problems

# 3.1 Setup of CSP

Definition: A constraint satisfaction problem (CSP) consists of:

- a set of variables, V, where the domain of  $V \in V$  is dom(V)
- a set of **constraints**, C, where the scope of  $C \in C$  is  $scp(C) \subseteq V$

# 3.2 Assignment

**Definition**: An **assignment** is a set of pairs,  $\{(V,v)\}_{V\in\tilde{\mathcal{V}}}$ , where  $v\in \text{dom}(V)$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}\subseteq\mathcal{V}$ . It is **complete** if  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}=\mathcal{V}$ , and **partial** otherwise.

# 3.3 Formulating a CSP as a Search Problem

Motivation: We don't formulate a CSP as a search problem because the path tree of all possible ways to build a complete assignment is too large. The number of paths in the three is

$$\mathcal{O}\left(|\mathcal{V}|!\times b^d\right)$$

- $b = \max_{V \in \mathcal{V}} |\mathrm{dom}(V)|$
- $d = |\mathcal{V}|$

### 3.4 Consistent

### 3.4.1 Complete Assignment

**Definition**: A complete assignment, A, is **consistent** if it satisfies every constraint  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $scp(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ .

Warning: A solution to a CSP is any complete and consistent assignment.

### 3.4.2 Partial Assignment

**Definition**: A (possibly partial) assignment,  $\{(V, v)\}_{V \in \tilde{\mathcal{V}}}$ , is **consistent** if it satisfies every constraint,  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\text{scp}(C) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ .

### 3.4.3 k-Consistent

**Definition**: A CSP is k-consistent if for any consistent assignment of k-1 variables,  $\{(V,v)\}_{V\in\tilde{\mathcal{V}}}$ , and any  $k^{\text{th}}$  variable, V', there is a value,  $v' \in \text{dom}(V')$ , so the assignment,  $\{(V,v)\}_{V\in\tilde{\mathcal{V}}} \cup \{(V',v')\}$  is consistent.

### Notes:

• Edge/Arc Consistent: k=2

### 3.5 Constraint Satisfaction Algorithm

```
\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Algorithm:} \\ & \\ 1 \\ A \leftarrow \{\} \\ \text{for } V \in \mathcal{V} \text{ do } \mathcal{D}(V) \leftarrow \texttt{COPY}(\texttt{dom}(V)) \\ \\ 3 \\ \textbf{SATISFY} (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, A) \end{array} \hspace{0.5cm} \Rightarrow \text{ initialize an empty assignment}
```

### 3.5.1 Satisfy

```
Algorithm:
    procedure SATISFY (V, C, D, A):
            if COMPLETE(A, V) then
                    return A

    ▷ a solution was found

            V \leftarrow \mathtt{REMOVE}(\mathcal{V}, A)
            for v \in \mathcal{D}(V) do
                                                                                                                                 \triangleright try each value in V's current domain
                   \mathcal{D}' \leftarrow \mathtt{COPY}(\mathcal{D})
                                                                                                                        \triangleright cache the current domains for backtracking
                    A \leftarrow A \cup \{(V, v)\}
                   \mathcal{D}(V) \leftarrow \{v\}
                    \mathcal{D}, success \leftarrow ENFORCE(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{V}, k)
10
                    if success then
                                                                                                                                                           ▷ enforce k consistency
                           A \leftarrow \mathtt{SATISFY}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, A)
                                                                                                                                         \triangleright recursively continue if possible
                            if A \neq \mathtt{NULL} then
13
                                    return A
                    \mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}'
                                                                                                                                                    \triangleright backtrack if not possible
14
                    A \leftarrow A \setminus \{(V,v)\}
15
            return NULL
                                                                                                                                         ▷ No solution found in this branch
```

### 3.5.2 Enforce: Enforcing k-Consistency

### 3.5.3 EnforceVar: Enforcing k-Consistency

```
Algorithm:
     procedure ENFORCEVAR (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, V, k):
             for v \in \mathcal{D}(V) do
                     for C \in \mathcal{C} do
                              if V \in \operatorname{scp}(C) and |\operatorname{scp}(C)| \leq k then
                                       \mathtt{flag} \; \leftarrow \; \mathtt{False}
                                       for A \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{D}(V') do
                                               if A \cup \{(V,v)\} \in \mathcal{C} then
                                                       \texttt{flag} \, \leftarrow \, \texttt{True}
                                                       break
                                       if not flag then
10
                                              \mathcal{D}(V) \leftarrow \mathcal{D}(V) \setminus \{v\}
11
                                       if \mathcal{D}(V)=\emptyset then
12
13
                                               return False
                                                                                                                                             \triangleright no valid domain values remain for V
             return True
```

### 3.6 Canonical Problems

### **Process:** Setup of CSP:

1. Determine variables to track, domain of each variable, and constraints.

### Example:

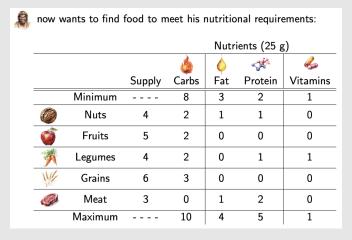


Figure 21: Information

For our example, the variables could be:  $\in \underbrace{\{0,1,2,3,4\}}_{\operatorname{dom}(\bigcirc)} \qquad \qquad \in \underbrace{\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}}_{\operatorname{dom}(\bigcirc)}$   $\in \underbrace{\{0,1,2,3,4\}}_{\operatorname{dom}(\bigcirc)} \qquad \qquad \in \underbrace{\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}}_{\operatorname{dom}(\bigcirc)}$   $\in \underbrace{\{0,1,2,3,4\}}_{\operatorname{dom}(\bigcirc)}$ 

Figure 22: Variables

For our example, the constraints could be:  $8 \leq 2 +2 +2 +3 \leq 10$   $\operatorname{scp}(\bullet) = \{ 0, 0, 1, 1, 2 \}$   $\vdots \qquad 3 \leq 0 + \leq 4$   $\operatorname{scp}(\bullet) = \{ 0, 0 \}$   $2 \leq 0 + +2 \leq 5$   $\operatorname{scp}(*) = \{ 0, 1, 2 \}$   $\vdots \qquad 1 \leq 1 \leq 2$   $\operatorname{scp}(\bullet) = \{ 1, 1, 2 \}$ 

Figure 23: Constraints

# Process: How to build a hyper-graph?

1. Circle the variables that appear in constraint  $C_i \, \forall i$ .

# We can visualize the constraints using a hyper-graph. fat protein

Figure 24

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### Process: How to check k-Consistency?

- 1. Given  $\mathcal{V}$  w/ dom $(V) = \{v_1, \dots, v_{|\text{dom}(V)|}\} \ \forall V \in \mathcal{V} \ \text{and} \ \mathcal{C} \ \text{w} / \ \text{scp}(C) = \{V_1, \dots, V_{|\text{scp}(C)|}\} \ \forall C \in \mathcal{C}.$
- 2. Remove all constraints that have k+1 or more variables.
- 3. For each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , do the following:
  - (a) For each  $V \in \operatorname{scp}(C)$ , do the following:
    - i. For each  $v \in \text{dom}(V)$ , do the following:
    - Fix V to v for k-1 variables.
    - For the last variable V, find a value in dom(V) that satisfies all constraints.
    - **Key:** If there is one combination that doesn't satisfy the constraint, then the CSP is not k-consistent.
- 4. If all constraints are satisfied, then the CSP is k-consistent.

### **Process:** How to Enforce k-Consistency?

- 1. Given  $\mathcal{V}$  w/ dom $(V) = \{v_1, \dots, v_{|\text{dom}(V)|}\}\ \forall V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  w/ scp $(C) = \{V_1, \dots, V_{|\text{scp}(C)|}\}\ \forall C \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- 2. Remove all constraints that have k+1 or more variables.
- 3. **Pre-pruning:** For each remaining  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , do the following:
  - (a) For each  $V \in \operatorname{scp}(C)$ , do the following:
    - i. For each  $v \in \text{dom}(V)$ , do the following:
    - Fix V to v.
    - For the other  $V \in \text{scp}(C)$ , check if the constraint is satisfied by trying all combinations (need only one).
    - **Key:** If the constraint is not satisfied, then remove the value from dom(V).
- 4. If you had to remove any values from dom(V), then check with the other constraints.
- 5. **Pruning:** Every constraint is satisfied.

Warning: Can think of checking as picking k-1 variables, then choosing any value for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  variable that satisfies all constraints. While enforcing is fixing a variable to a value, then checking if there is a combination for the other variables that satisfies all constraints.

**Warning:** Enforcing k-consistency is enforcing  $k-1,\ldots,1$ -consistency.

### Process: How to determine a solution to a CSP?

- 1. After pre-pruning the domains.
- 2. Assign variables in alphabetical order and values in numerical order. Prune the pre-pruned domains.
- 3. If you can assign all variables, then you have a solution.
- 4. Repeat the process until you find all solutions.

### **Example: Pre-Pruning Domains**

Figure 25

Figure 26: Pre-pruning. Since only one constraint, it is also pruning.

## Example:

1. **Given:** Consider a CSP in which  $V = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ , where:

$$dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$dom(B) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

and  $C = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}$ , where:

$$C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10$$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

2. **Problem:** Solve the following CSP using k = 4 consistency. Pre-prune the domains using k = 4 consistency. Assign variables in alphabetical order and values in numerical order.

### **Example: 4-Consistency Pre-Pruning**

### Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

b = 0, b = 1, b = 2, b = 3, b = 4 No, Yes, Yes, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

 $a=0,\ a=1,\ a=2,\ a=3,\ a=4$  Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes  $c=0,\ c=1,\ c=2,\ c=3$  Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

a = 0, a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

b = 1, b = 2

Yes, Yes

c = 0, c = 1, c = 2, c = 3

Yes, Yes, Yes, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

### Example: 4-Consistency Pre-Pruning Continued:

### Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

 $a=0,\ a=1,\ a=2,\ a=3,\ a=4$  No, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes  $c=0,\ c=1,\ c=2$  Yes, Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $\bullet$  dom $(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

 $a=1,\, a=2,\, a=3,\, a=4$ 

b = 1, b = 2

c = 0, c = 1, c = 2

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes, No

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a+c \le 4$$

a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4

c = 0, c = 1

No, Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a+b+2c \le 5$$

a = 2, a = 3, a = 4

b = 1, b = 2

c = 0, c = 1

Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $\bullet$  dom $(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

# Example: 4-Consistency Pre-Pruning Continued:

### Fixed Value

# **Satisfactory Combination?**

$$C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10$$

a = 2, a = 3, a = 4

Yes, Yes, Yes

b = 1, b = 2

Yes, Yes

d = 0, d = 1, d = 2, d = 3, d = 4, d = 5

Yes, Yes, Yes, No, No, No

 $e=0,\,e=1,\,e=2,\,e=3,\,e=4,\,e=5,\,e=6$  Yes, Yes, No, No, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- 4. Conclusion: This is the final pruned domain, which means if I fix a variable to a value, then I can find a satisfactory combination for the rest of the variables in this pruned domain.
  - $dom(A) = \{2, 3, 4\}$
  - $dom(B) = \{1, 2\}$
  - $dom(C) = \{0, 1\}$
  - $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}$
  - $dom(E) = \{0, 1\}$

### **Example: 4-Consistency Pre-Pruning**

### Queue

### Fixed Value

### **Satisfactory Combination?**

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

$$\{C_2,C_3,C_1\} \quad b=0,\,b=1,\,b=2,\,b=3,\,b=4 \quad \ \text{No, Yes, Yes, No, No}$$

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_2, C_3, C_1\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

$$\{C_3,C_1\} \qquad a=0,\ a=1,\ a=2,\ a=3,\ a=4 \quad \text{Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes} \\ c=0,\ c=1,\ c=2,\ c=3 \qquad \text{Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes}, \text{Yes}$$

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_3, C_1\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a+b+2c \le 5$$

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_1, C_2\}$

### **Example: 4-Consistency Continued:**

### Queue Fixed Value

### **Satisfactory Combination?**

$$C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10$$

$$\{C_2\}$$
  $a = 0, a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4$ 

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

b = 1, b = 2

Yes, Yes

d = 0, d = 1, d = 2, d = 3, d = 4, d = 5

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, No

e = 0, e = 1, e = 2, e = 3, e = 4, e = 5, e = 6 Yes, Yes, Yes, No, No, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\bullet$   $\{C_2\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

No, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes Yes, Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_3, C_1\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a+b+2c \le 5$$

$$\{C_1\}$$
  $a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4$ 

b = 1, b = 2

c = 0, c = 1, c = 2

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes, No

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_1, C_2\}$

### **Example: 4-Consistency Continued:**

### Queue Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10$$

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, A\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\bullet$   $\{C_2\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

No, Yes, Yes, Yes Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \cancel{4}, \cancel{5}\}\$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\{C_3, C_1\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

$$\{C_1\}$$
  $a=2, a=3, a=4$  Yes, Yes, Yes  
-  $b=1, b=2$  Yes, Yes  
-  $c=0, c=1$  Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $\bullet$   $\{C_1\}$

$$C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10$$

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- dom(E) =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
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Example: 4-Consistency Post-Pre-Pruning:
                                          C_1: 8 \le 2a + 2b + 2d + 3e \le 10
                                          C_2: 3 \le a+c \le 4
                                          C_3: 2 \le a+b+2c \le 5
                                          C_4: 1 \le b \le 2
  Solution
                                        Updated Necessary Domains After Assignment
  A=2
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 0
                                        dom(E) = \{\emptyset, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 0, E = 1
                                        Solution Found
  A = 2
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 1
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
                                        Solution Found
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 1, E = 0
  A = 2
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 2
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1/\}
  A = 2, B = 1, C = 1, D = 2, E = 0
                                        Solution Found
  A=2
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 2, B = 2
                                        dom(C) = \{\emptyset, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
                                        No Solution Found
  A = 3
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0, D = 0
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1/\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0, D = 0, E = 0
                                        Solution Found
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3
  A = 3, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0, D = 1
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 1, C = 0, D = 1, E = 0
                                        Solution Found
  A = 3
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 2
                                        dom(C) = \{0, 1/2\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1/2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1/2\}
  A = 3, B = 2, C = 0
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 2, C = 0, D = 0
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 3, B = 2, C = 0, D = 0, E = 0
                                        Solution Found
  A = 4
                                        dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 4, B = 1
                                        dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 4, B = 1, C = 0
                                        dom(D) = \{0, 1/2\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1/2\}
  A = 4, B = 1, C = 0, D = 0
                                        dom(E) = \{0, 1\}
  A = 4, B = 1, C = 0, D = 0, E = 0
                                        Solution Found
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### Example: 3-Consistency

### Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

b = 0, b = 1, b = 2, b = 3, b = 4 No, Yes, Yes, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

a = 0, a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4 Yes c = 0, c = 1, c = 2, c = 3 Yes

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

a = 0, a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

b = 1, b = 2

 $Yes,\ Yes$ 

c = 0, c = 1, c = 2, c = 3

Yes, Yes, Yes, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

### Example:

### Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

 $a=0,\ a=1,\ a=2,\ a=3,\ a=4$  No, Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes  $c=0,\ c=1,\ c=2$  Yes, Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a + b + 2c \le 5$$

 $a=1,\, a=2,\, a=3,\, a=4$ 

b = 1, b = 2

c = 0, c = 1, c = 2

Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes, No

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a+c \le 4$$

a = 1, a = 2, a = 3, a = 4

c = 0, c = 1

No, Yes, Yes, Yes

- Yes, Yes
- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_3: 2 \le a+b+2c \le 5$$

a = 2, a = 3, a = 4

b = 1, b = 2

c = 0, c = 1

Yes, Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

Yes, Yes

- $dom(A) = \{\emptyset, 1/2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $\bullet$  dom $(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- 4. **Conclusion:**  $dom(A) = \{2, 3, 4\}, dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

### Example: 2-Consistency

### Fixed Value

# Satisfactory Combination?

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

b = 0, b = 1, b = 2, b = 3, b = 4 No, Yes, Yes, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, \cancel{A}\}\$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $\bullet$  dom $(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$C_2: 3 \le a + c \le 4$$

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- 4. **Conclusion:**  $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

### **Example: 1-Consistency**

### Fixed Value

### **Satisfactory Combination?**

$$C_4: 1 \le b \le 2$$

b = 0, b = 1, b = 2, b = 3, b = 4 No, Yes, Yes, No, No

- $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $dom(B) = \{\emptyset, 1, 2, \emptyset, A\}$
- $dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- $\bullet$  dom $(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- 4. **Conclusion:**  $dom(A) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, dom(B) = \{1, 2\}, dom(C) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, dom(D) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, dom(E) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

# Learning Problems

**Definition**: Assume that there is some (unknown) relationship,

$$f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y} \text{ s.t. } x \mapsto_f y$$

- $\mathcal{X}$ : Input Space
- $\mathcal{Y}$ : Output Space (i.e. information we desire about input)

Find  $h: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$  (hypothesis) s.t.  $h \approx f$ , given some data about f:

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left( x^{(i)}, y_i \right), x^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}, y_i = f\left( x^{(i)} \right) \in \mathcal{Y}, i = 1 \dots N \right\}$$

- $\operatorname{in}(\mathcal{D}) = \{x \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in \mathcal{D}\}$
- out( $\mathcal{D}$ ) = {y s.t.  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}$ }

#### 3.7 Classification vs. Regression Problems

### **Definition**:

- Classification Problems:  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  Regression Problems:  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

#### 3.8 **Feature Spaces**

Definition: Easier to learn relationships from high-level features (instead of the raw input). Need mapping b/w input space and feature space:

$$\phi: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{F}$$

# 4 PAC Learning

# 4.1 Probably Approximately Correct (PAC) Estimations

Motivation: More than one fcn may be consistent w/ the data, how to find the best one?

# 4.1.1 Hoeffding's Inequality

Motivation: Bound  $|\mu - \nu|$  w.r.t. N.

**Definition**: For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(|\nu - \mu| \ge \epsilon) \le 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N} \tag{1}$$

•  $\mu$ : Probability of an event.

•  $\nu$ : Relative frequency in a sample size N.

•  $\epsilon$ : Tolerance (i.e. how close we want  $\nu$  to be to  $\mu$ ).

 $-\epsilon \to 0$ :  $\nu = \mu$ 

•  $\mu \stackrel{:}{\approx} \nu$ :  $\mu$  is probably approximately equal to  $\nu$ . As  $N \to \infty$ :  $\nu \to \mu$ 

Warning: Approx. the true dist. w/ high prob. by taking a large enough N (i.e. empirical dist. converges to true dist.).

 $\bullet$  i.e. Probability of a sig. deviation shrinks exp. w/ N.

# 4.2 PAC Learning

### 4.2.1 Error

Definition:

• Out-Sample Error:

$$E_{\text{out}} = \mathbb{P}[f \neq h]$$

• In-Sample Error:

$$E_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}[f(x^{(i)}) \neq h(x^{(i)})]$$

### 4.2.2 Union Bound Theorem

**Theorem**: The prob. of at least one of the events  $E_1, \ldots, E_M$  occurring is bounded by the sum of the prob. of each event occurring:

$$\mathbb{P}\left[E_1 \vee \dots \vee E_M\right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbb{P}[E_i]$$

Notes:

- If the events are mutually exclusive, then the union bound is tight (i.e. equality holds).
- If the events are highly correlated, then the union bound is loose (i.e. inequality holds)
  - Some events may be more likely to occur together.

### 4.2.3 Generalization of Hoeffding's Inequality

**Definition**: Assuming that h is chosen from a set of hypotheses  $\mathcal{H}$ , derive a (loose) upper-bound on  $|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}|$ :

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\bigvee_{h\in\mathcal{H}}\left(|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}(h)| > \varepsilon\right)\right] \leq \sum_{h\in\mathcal{H}} \mathbb{P}\left[|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}(h)| > \varepsilon\right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{h\in\mathcal{H}} 2e^{-2\varepsilon^{2}N}$$

$$= 2|\mathcal{H}|e^{-2\varepsilon^{2}N}$$

- Endow  $\mathcal{F}$  (i.e. fcn space) w/ prob. distribution,  $P: \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]$ , then
  - $E_{\mathrm{out}}$  (i.e. true error of a hyp. over entire dist. of data) is analogous to  $\mu$
  - $E_{\rm in}(h)$  (i.e. empirical error of hyp. on a finite sample) is analogous to  $\nu$ .

### Notes:

- $E_{\rm in}(h) \stackrel{?}{\approx} E_{\rm out}$  requires small  $|\mathcal{H}|$  (generalization)
  - Look at inequality, small  $|\mathcal{H}| \to \text{small } E_{\text{out}} E_{\text{in}}$  (i.e. prevents overfitting but leads to underfitting)
- $E_{\rm in}(h) \approx 0$  requires large  $|\mathcal{H}|$  (discrimination)
  - Need large  $|\mathcal{H}|$  to capture the true dist. (i.e. prevents underfitting but leads to overfitting)

# Example:

- 1. Given: An opaque box containing red and blue balls. Take N IID samples.
  - $\mu$ : Probability of drawing a blue balls (unknown).
  - $\nu$ : Relative frequency of blue balls in the sample (known).
- 2. **Problem 1:** What is  $\nu$  in this case? 8 balls total, 5 are blue.
- 3. Solution 1:  $\nu = \frac{5}{8}$
- 4. **Problem 2:** How to partition  $\mathcal{F}$  into regions where f = h and  $f \neq h$ ?
- 5. Solution 2:



Figure 27: LS h, MS f

- 6. **Problem 3:** What is the out-sample error?
- 7. Solution 3: In words, the probability of the hypothesis being wrong.

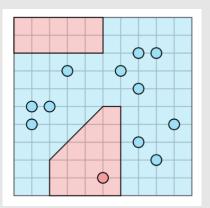


Figure 28

- 8. **Problem 4:** What is the in-sample error given this sample of 11 balls s.t. f = h, 1 ball s.t.  $f \neq h$ ?
- 9. Solution 4:  $E_{\rm in} = \frac{1}{12}$

#### **Decision Trees** 5

#### 5.1 Structure

**Definition**: Each vertex in a decision tree is either:

- 1. A **condition vertex**: a vertex that sorts points based on a question.
- 2. A decision vertex: a vertex that assigns all points a specific class.

Notes: We want to find the minimum # of condition vertices (or questions) needed to "sufficiently discriminate" (identify the class of every point in  $\mathcal{D}$ ).

- More condition vertices improve discrimination.
- Less condition vertices improve generalization.

#### 5.2 Building a Decision Tree

**Definition**: Consider determining the class of a randomly chosen target point.

• If we ask a K-ary question abt. the pts. in  $\mathcal{D}$ , we can form K subsets,  $\mathcal{D}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathcal{D}^{(K)}$ , using the answers s.t.

$$- |\mathcal{D}^{(k)}| \in \{0, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|\}$$

we ask a K-ary question 
$$-|\mathcal{D}^{(k)}| \in \{0, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|\}$$
$$-|\mathcal{D}| = \sum_{k=1}^{K} |\mathcal{D}^{(k)}|$$

#### Special Case 5.3

**Notes:** Suppose each pt. belongs to a unique class (i.e. the # of classes is  $|\mathcal{D}|$ ).

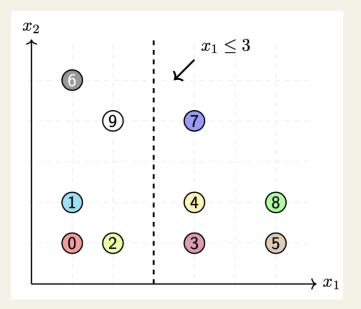


Figure 29

- 1. Before asking the question:  $|\mathcal{D}|$  possible guesses for the target point's class.
- 2. After asking the question: Either
  - $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \dots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K-1)}|$  or
  - $\bullet |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$

guesses, depending on the answer for the target point.

- i.e.  $|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$  if the target point belongs to class K (Yes) i.e.  $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \dots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K-1)}|$  if the target point belongs to class  $1, \dots, K-1$  (No)
- 3. Goal: Minimize the # of guesses needed in the worst-case, which would be

$$\max\{|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|,\ldots,|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|\}.$$

- i.e. Target point falls into the largest subset after a question is asked.
- 4. Given the constraints on  $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \ldots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$ , we can show that  $\max\{|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \ldots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|\}$  is minimized when

$$|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}| \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{K} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{K} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

Basically, the best question splits  $\mathcal{D}$  into K sets of (roughly) the same size.

Warning: Roughly due to floor/ceil.

#### 5.3.1# of K-ary Questions Needed

**Theorem:** Given a classification data-set,  $\mathcal{D}$ , in which the class of each point is unique (i.e.,  $|\text{out}(\mathcal{D})| = |\mathcal{D}|$ ), the class of a randomly chosen target point can be determined within

$$\lceil \log_K(|\mathcal{D}|) \rceil$$

K-ary questions.

### 5.4 General Case

Motivation: Suppose points do not necessarily belong to a unique class.

- X is the class of a randomly chosen target point.
- Y is the answer to a K-ary question for X.

### 5.4.1 Expected # of Questions

**Definition**: Using the theorem above, since for each class, c, we can partition  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $\lceil 1/p_c \rceil$  subsets, with a subset containing all class c points

•  $p_c$ : Proportion of class c points.

If the target point's class is c, we can confirm it w/in  $\lceil \log_K(\lceil 1/p_c \rceil) \rceil$  K-ary questions.

Thus, the expected # of Qs needed is

$$\sum_{c} p_c \lceil \log_2(\lceil 1/p_c \rceil) \rceil.$$

Notes: i.e. Reduces to special cases with each subset containing a unique class.

### 5.4.2 Entropy, Conditional Entropy, and Information Gain

**Definition**: The **entropy** of a random variable X (in K-its) is defined as

$$H(X) = -\sum_{\forall x \in X} p_X(x) \log_K(p_X(x)).$$

The **conditional entropy** of a random variable, X, given a random variable Y, is

$$H(X|Y) = -\sum_{\forall y \in Y} \sum_{\forall x \in X} p_{X|Y}(x|y) \log_K(p_{X|Y}(x|y)).$$

The **information gain** from Y is:

$$IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y).$$

• Maximize IG(X|Y) (i.e. choose the question to maximize the information gained).

### **Process**:

- 1. Calculate H(X) (i.e. entropy before the split).
- 2. Calculate H(X|Y) (i.e. entropy after the split).
  - (a) Calculate entropy for each subset of X based on the question, Y.
  - (b) Calculate the weighted average of the entropies.
- 3. Calculate IG(X|Y) = H(X) H(X|Y).

**Example**: Consider a classification problem where  $\mathcal{X} = \{0, \dots, 9\}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and suppose we are given

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right) \right\}.$$

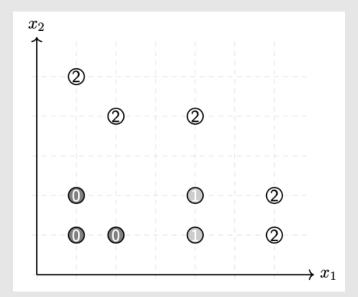


Figure 30

# Example: 2-Ary Question

1. **Given:** 
$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1 \le 3 \\ 0, & \text{if } x_1 > 3 \end{cases}$$
 (Yes)

- 2. **Problem:** IG(X|Y) = ?
- 3. Solution:
  - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right)$
  - (b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3) = \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 > 3) = \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$
.

iii. Weighted Avg. Entropy: 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3) + \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 > 3)$$

(c) IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)

# **Example: 2-Ary Question**

- 1. **Given:**  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_2 \le 3 \text{ (Yes)} \\ 0, & \text{if } x_2 > 3 \text{ (No)} \end{cases}$
- 2. **Problem:** IG(X|Y) = ?
- - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right)$
  - (b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_2 > 3) = \frac{3}{3} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{3}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_2 \le 3) = \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$
.

iii. Weighted Avg. Entropy: 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10}H(X \mid x_2 > 3) + \frac{7}{10}H(X \mid x_2 \le 3)$$

(c) IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)

# Example: 3-Ary Question

1. **Given:** 
$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1 \leq 3 \text{ and } x_2 \leq 3 \\ 2, & \text{if } x_1 \leq 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } x_1 > 3 \end{cases}$$

- 2. Problem: IG(X|Y) = ?
- 3. Solution:
  - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{5} \right)$
  - (b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 \le 3) = \frac{3}{3} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{3}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3) = \frac{2}{2} \log_2 \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)$$

iii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 > 3) = \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

iv. 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 \le 3) + \frac{2}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3) + \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 > 3)$$
  
(c)  $IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$ 

### **Example: Decision Tree**

- 1. **Given:**  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$
- 2. **Problem:** Draw a decision tree using binary conditions of the form,  $x_i \leq k$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , that maximizes the information gained at each level.
- 3. Solution (Level 1):
  - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right) = 1.485 [\text{bits}]$
  - (b) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

### Split Entropy

$$x_1 \le 1 \qquad H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{7}{10} \left[ \frac{1}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{1} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{4} \right) \right] = 1.241 \text{[bits]}$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.241 = 0.244[bits]

$$x_1 \le 2, 3 \quad H(X|Y) = \frac{5}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{5}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \right] = 0.971 [\text{bits}]$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 0.971 = 0.514[bits]

$$x_1 \le 4, 5 \quad H(X|Y) = \frac{8}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{3} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 1.249 [\text{bits}]$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.249 = 0.236[bits]

$$x_1 \le 6$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{10}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{5} \right) \right] = 1.485 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.485 = 0[bits]

$$x_2 \le 1 \qquad H(X|Y) = \frac{4}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{6}{10} \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \log \left( \frac{6}{1} \right) + \frac{4}{6} \log \left( \frac{6}{4} \right) \right] = 1.351 \text{[bits]}$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.351 = 0.134[bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{7}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{3} \right) \right] = 1.090 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.090 = 0.395[bits]

$$x_2 \le 4$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{9}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{4} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{10} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] = 1.377 [\text{bits}]$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.377 = 0.108[bits]

$$x_2 \le 5$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{10}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{5} \right) \right] = 1.485 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.485 = 0[bits]

### **Example: Decision Tree Continued:**

4. Solution (Level 2):  $x_1 \le 2,3$  has the highest information gain. For clarity, choose  $x_1 \le 3$  as the question.

(a) Entropy before the split (treat as 2 indep. problems)

i. 
$$H(X_L) = \frac{3}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = 0.971$$

ii. 
$$H(X_R) = \frac{2}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = 0.971$$

(b) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

### Split Entropy

### Left Split

$$x_1 \le 1 \qquad H(X_L|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = 0.151 [\text{bits}]$$

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.151 = 0.820[bits]

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_L|Y) = \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) + \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] = 0.551 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.551 = 0.420[bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X_L|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{3}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{3} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0 = 0.971$ [bits]

### Right Split

$$x_1 \le 4, 5$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0.551 [\text{bits}]$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.551 = 0.420$ [bits]

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] = 0.951 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.951 = 0.020$ [bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{4}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] = 0.8 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.8 = 0.171$ [bits]

### **Example: Decision Tree Continued:**

- 5. Solution (Level 3):  $x_2 \le 2, 3$  and  $x_1 \le 4, 5$  has the highest information gain. For clarity, choose  $x_2 \le 3$  as the question for the left split and choose  $x_1 \le 5$  as the question for the right split.
  - (a) Since 3 are pure splits already, therefore, look at right-left side only.
  - (b) Entropy before the split for the right-left side

i. 
$$H(X_{RL}) = \frac{2}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{1}\right) = 0.918$$
[bits]

(c) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

### Split Entropy

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_{RL}|Y) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) \right] = 0.667 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.667 = 0.304[bits]

$$x_2 \leq 2, 3 \quad H(X_{RL}|Y) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0 [\text{bits}]$$

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0 = 0.971[bits]

6. Now all regions in our graph contain a pure set (one class). Note this took more questions than needed, but IG is a heuristic so its not perfect.

