

# Knowledge Compilation und #SAT

Narek Bojikian

Humboldt University of Berlin

08.01.2019

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).

## SAT

- Given a Boolean formula  $\varphi$  of  $n$  variables.
- ? Find an assignment that satisfies  $\varphi$ .

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).

## #SAT

- Given a Boolean formula  $\varphi$  of  $n$  variables.
- ? How many assignments in  $2^{\text{Var}(\varphi)}$  satisfy  $\varphi$ ?

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).

## Notation

Let  $\text{SAT}(\chi) \subseteq 2^{\text{VAR}(\chi)}$  be the set of all satisfying assignments of  $\chi$

$$\text{SAT}(\chi) = \{\rho : \text{VAR}(\chi) \rightarrow \{0, 1\} : \rho(\chi) = 1\}.$$

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).

## Notation

Let  $\text{SAT}(\chi) \subseteq 2^{\text{VAR}(\chi)}$  be the set of all satisfying assignments of  $\chi$

$$\text{SAT}(\chi) = \{\rho : \text{VAR}(\chi) \rightarrow \{0, 1\} : \rho(\chi) = 1\}.$$

SAT: Is  $\text{SAT}(\varphi) = \emptyset$ .

#SAT: Find  $|\text{SAT}(\varphi)|$ .

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).

## Example

$$\varphi = X_1 \wedge (X_2 \vee \neg X_3)$$

Clearly,  $\#SAT(\varphi) = 3$ .

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).

## Negation Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in NNF form, if it contains only disjunctions and conjunctions over a set of positive and(or) negative literals.

**Example.**  $\varphi = X_1 \vee \neg X_2$ .

# Definitions

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (**CNF**).

## Conjunctive Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in CNF, if it is a conjunction of one or more clauses, where each clause is a disjunction of one or more literals. Note that each CNF formula is an NNF formula as well.



- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (**CNF**).
- Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**DNNF**).

## Decomposable Negation Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in DNNF, if it is in NNF and for each conjunction subformula  $\varphi' := \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$  we have  $\text{VAR}(\psi_1) \cap \text{VAR}(\psi_2) = \emptyset$ .

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (**CNF**).
- Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**DNNF**).
- deterministic Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**d-DNNF**).

## deterministic Decomposable Negation Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in d-DNNF, if it is in DNNF and for each disjunction subformula  $\varphi' = \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$  we have  $\text{SAT}(\psi_1) \cap \text{SAT}(\psi_2) = \emptyset$ .

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (**CNF**).
- Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**DNNF**).
- deterministic Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**d-DNNF**).
- decision Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**dec-DNNF**).

## decision Decomposable Negation Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in dec-DNNF, if it is in DNNF and each disjunction subformula  $\varphi'$  is of the form  $\varphi' = (X \wedge \psi_1) \vee (\neg X \wedge \psi_2)$  for some variable  $X \in \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .

- The SAT Problem (**SAT**).
- Counting SAT Problem (**#SAT**).
- Negation Normal Form (**NNF**).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (**CNF**).
- Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**DNNF**).
- deterministic Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**d-DNNF**).
- decision Decomposable Negation Normal Form (**dec-DNNF**).

## decision Decomposable Negation Normal Form

A Boolean formula  $\varphi$  is in dec-DNNF, if it is in DNNF and each disjunction subformula  $\varphi'$  is of the form  $\varphi' = (X \wedge \psi_1) \vee (\neg X \wedge \psi_2)$  for some variable  $X \in \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .

**Note.** Each dec-DNNF is a d-DNNF.

# Assignments

- Given a CNF Formula  $\varphi$ , an **assignment** for  $C$  is a function  $\tau : \text{VAR}(C) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .

# Assignments

- Given a CNF Formula  $\varphi$ , an **assignment** for  $C$  is a function  $\tau : \text{VAR}(C) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .
- For  $V' \subseteq \text{VAR}(C)$ , we define the **partial assignment**  $\tau|_{V'} : V' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as  $\tau$  restricted to the variables in  $V'$ .

# Assignments

- Given a CNF Formula  $\varphi$ , an **assignment** for  $C$  is a function  $\tau : \text{VAR}(C) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .
- For  $V' \subseteq \text{VAR}(C)$ , we define the **partial assignment**  $\tau|_{V'} : V' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as  $\tau$  restricted to the variables in  $V'$ .
- A partial assignment  $\tau|_{V'}$  satisfies a CNF-formula  $\varphi$  ( $\tau|_{V'} \models \varphi$ ), if for each clause  $C \in \varphi$  there is a variable  $v \in \text{VAR}(C) \cap V'$  such that  $\tau|_{V'}(v) = 1$  if and only if  $v$  appears in  $C$  as a positive literal.

# Assignments

- Given a CNF Formula  $\varphi$ , an **assignment** for  $C$  is a function  $\tau : \text{VAR}(C) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .
- For  $V' \subseteq \text{VAR}(C)$ , we define the **partial assignment**  $\tau|_{V'} : V' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as  $\tau$  restricted to the variables in  $V'$ .
- A partial assignment  $\tau|_{V'}$  satisfies a CNF-formula  $\varphi$  ( $\tau|_{V'} \models \varphi$ ), if for each clause  $C \in \varphi$  there is a variable  $v \in \text{VAR}(C) \cap V'$  such that  $\tau|_{V'}(v) = 1$  if and only if  $v$  appears in  $C$  as a positive literal.

## Example

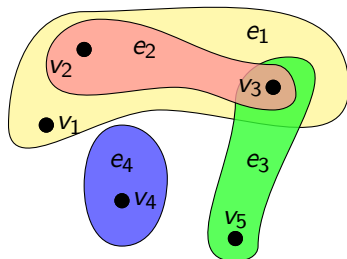
$$\varphi := (v_1 \vee \neg v_2 \vee v_3) \wedge (v_1 \vee v_2) \wedge (\neg v_2 \vee \neg v_3)$$

For  $V' = \{v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $\tau|_{V'}(v_1) = 1$ ,  $\tau|_{V'}(v_2) = 0$ , the partial assignment  $\tau|_{V'}$  satisfies  $\varphi$ .



# Hypergraphs

- Hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ .
  - A set of vertices  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
  - Edges  $E(\mathcal{H})$ , defined as subsets over  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .

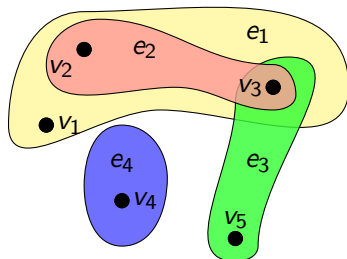


---

$$^1e_{\geq i} := e \cap \{v_i, \dots, v_n\}.$$

# Hypergraphs

- Hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ .
  - A set of vertices  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
  - Edges  $E(\mathcal{H})$ , defined as subsets over  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
- A walk is sequence  $(e_1, x_1, \dots, x_n, e_{n+1})$ ,  $e_i \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $x_i \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $x_i \in e_i \cap e_{i-1}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .

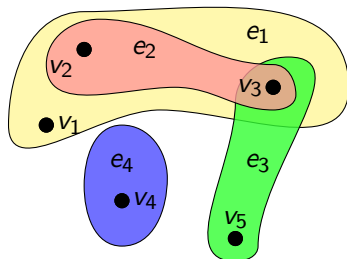


---

<sup>1</sup> $e_{| \geq i} := e \cap \{v_i, \dots, v_n\}$ .

# Hypergraphs

- Hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ .
  - A set of vertices  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
  - Edges  $E(\mathcal{H})$ , defined as subsets over  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
- A walk is sequence  $(e_1, x_1, \dots, x_n, e_{n+1})$ ,  $e_i \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $x_i \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $x_i \in e_i \cap e_{i-1}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .
- A **path** is a walk that never goes twice through the same vertex nor the same edge.

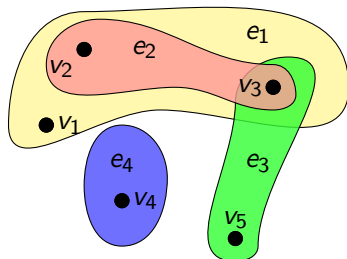


---

<sup>1</sup> $e_{| \geq i} := e \cap \{v_i, \dots, v_n\}$ .

# Hypergraphs

- Hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ .
  - A set of vertices  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
  - Edges  $E(\mathcal{H})$ , defined as subsets over  $V(\mathcal{H})$ .
- A walk is sequence  $(e_1, x_1, \dots, x_n, e_{n+1})$ ,  $e_i \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $x_i \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $x_i \in e_i \cap e_{i-1}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .
- A **path** is a walk that never goes twice through the same vertex nor the same edge.
- Different ways to translate acyclicity to hypergraphs.

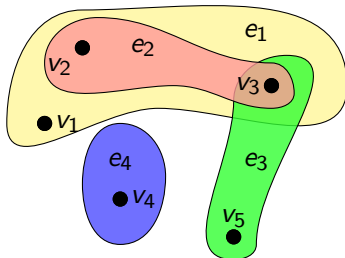


---

<sup>1</sup> $e_{| \geq i} := e \cap \{v_i, \dots, v_n\}$ .

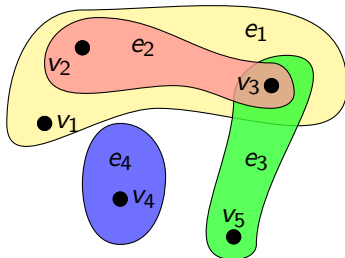
# $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\rho := v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an enumeration of the vertices.



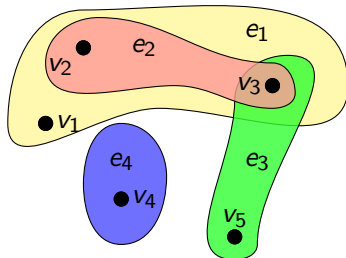
# $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\rho := v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an enumeration of the vertices.
- $\rho$  is a  $\beta$ -elimination, if for all



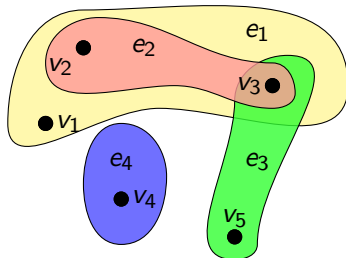
# $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\rho := v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an enumeration of the vertices.
- $\rho$  is a  $\beta$ -elimination, if for all  $e_1, e_2 \in E(\mathcal{H})$  and  $v_i \in e_1 \cap e_2$ ,  
 $e_{1| \geq i} \subseteq e_2$  or  $e_{2| \geq i} \subseteq e_1$ .



# $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

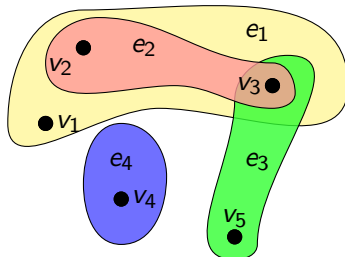
- Let  $\rho := v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an enumeration of the vertices.
- $\rho$  is a  $\beta$ -elimination, if for all  $e_1, e_2 \in E(\mathcal{H})$  and  $v_i \in e_1 \cap e_2$ ,  
 $e_{1|\geq i} \subseteq e_2$  or  $e_{2|\geq i} \subseteq e_1$ .
- A hypergraph is  $\beta$ -acyclic, if it admits a  $\beta$ -elimination.





# $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\rho := v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an enumeration of the vertices.
- $\rho$  is a  $\beta$ -elimination, if for all  $e_1, e_2 \in E(\mathcal{H})$  and  $v_i \in e_1 \cap e_2$ ,  
 $e_1|_{\geq i} \subseteq e_2$  or  $e_2|_{\geq i} \subseteq e_1$ .
- A hypergraph is  $\beta$ -acyclic, if it admits a  $\beta$ -elimination.
- We define  $V_{\leq v_i} := \{v_j; j \leq i\}$ .



# Theoretical upper-bound on the practical method

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic graph and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  a  $\beta$ -elimination.

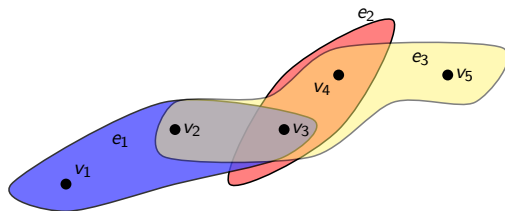


Figure: Note that  $e_2 \notin H_{e_3}^{v_2}$  meanwhile  $e_2 \in H_{e_3}^{v_3}$

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic graph and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  a  $\beta$ -elimination.
- For two edge  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e < f$ , if and only if  $\max\{e \Delta f\} \in f$

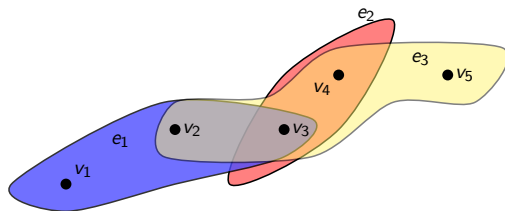


Figure: Note that  $e_2 \notin H_{e_3}^{v_2}$  meanwhile  $e_2 \in H_{e_3}^{v_3}$

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic graph and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  a  $\beta$ -elimination.
- For two edge  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e < f$ , if and only if  $\max\{e \Delta f\} \in f$
- $\mathcal{H}_e^x$  denotes the subgraph of  $\mathcal{H}$ , that contain the edges  $f$ , such that there is a walk from  $f$  to  $e$  that goes only through edges smaller than  $e$  and vertices smaller than (or equal to)  $x$ .

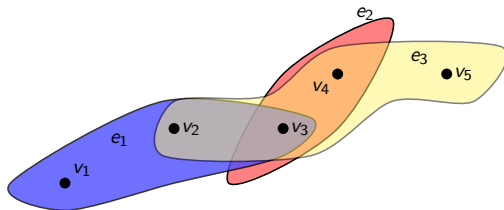


Figure: Note that  $e_2 \notin H_{e_3}^{v_2}$  meanwhile  $e_2 \in H_{e_3}^{v_3}$

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 2)

For  $x, y \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $x \leq y$  and for  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e \leq f$ ,

if  $V(\mathcal{H}_e^x) \cap V(\mathcal{H}_f^y) \cap V_{\leq x} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_e^x \subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$ .

In particular, for all  $y \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,

if  $e \in \mathcal{H}_f^y$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_e^y \subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 2)

For  $x, y \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $x \leq y$  and for  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e \leq f$ ,

if  $V(\mathcal{H}_e^x) \cap V(\mathcal{H}_f^y) \cap V_{\leq x} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_e^x \subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$ .

In particular, for all  $y \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,

if  $e \in \mathcal{H}_f^y$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_e^y \subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$

Proof sketch. For  $g \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ , there is a path from  $g$  to  $e$  using edges smaller than  $e$  and vertices smaller than  $x$ .

There is also a path from  $e$  to  $f$ . Concatenate both paths to get a path from  $g$  to  $f$ .

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 4)

For  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e \leq f$ , If there exists a vertex  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$ , such that  $x \in e \cap f$ , then  $e \cap V_{\geq x} \subseteq f$ .



# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 4)

For  $e, f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $e \leq f$ , If there exists a vertex  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$ , such that  $x \in e \cap f$ , then  $e \cap V_{\geq x} \subseteq f$ .

Proof sketch. If  $y \in e \setminus f$  such that  $y > x$ , then  $\mathcal{H}$  is not  $\beta$ -acyclic.

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

A path  $(e_1, x_1, \dots, e_{n+1})$  is called decreasing, if  $e_i > e_{i+1}$  and  $x_i > x_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ .

## Lemma (lemma 5)

For  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ , there exists a decreasing path from  $e$  to  $f$  going through vertices smaller than  $x$ .

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

A path  $(e_1, x_1, \dots, e_{n+1})$  is called decreasing, if  $e_i > e_{i+1}$  and  $x_i > x_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ .

## Lemma (lemma 5)

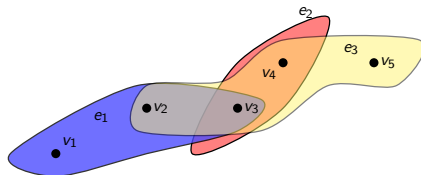
For  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ , there exists a decreasing path from  $e$  to  $f$  going through vertices smaller than  $x$ .

Proof sketch. Any shortest path from  $e$  to  $f$  is decreasing. A path exists by definition.

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 3)

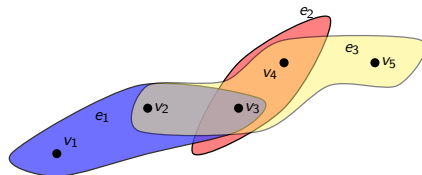
For every  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $V(\mathcal{H}_e^x) \cap V_{\geq x} \subseteq e$



# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 3)

For every  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $V(\mathcal{H}_e^x) \cap V_{\geq x} \subseteq e$

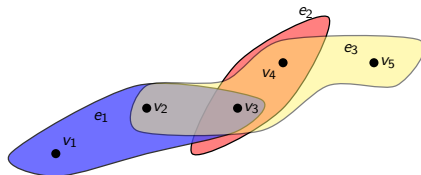


Proof sketch. Prove that all edges of a decreasing path are subsets of the first edge by induction over the length of the path.

# Lemmas on $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 3)

For every  $x \in V(\mathcal{H})$  and  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $V(\mathcal{H}_e^x) \cap V_{\geq x} \subseteq e$



Proof sketch. Prove that all edges of a decreasing path are subsets of the first edge by induction over the length of the path.

Intuitively, this allows us to use dynamic programming, since all variables in  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$  not contained in  $e$  are smaller than  $x$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:  
Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.



# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:
  - Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.
  - Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:
  - Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.
  - Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.
- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,  
i.e.  $C \in F_e^x$ , if  $\text{VAR}(C) \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,  
i.e.  $C \in F_e^x$ , if  $\text{VAR}(C) \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ .
- For a clause  $C$ , the partial assignment  $\tau_C$  is defined over  $\text{VAR}(C)$  as  
the only assignment that does not satisfy  $C$ ,

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,  
i.e.  $C \in F_e^x$ , if  $\text{VAR}(C) \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ .
- For a clause  $C$ , the partial assignment  $\tau_C$  is defined over  $\text{VAR}(C)$  as  
the only assignment that does not satisfy  $C$ ,  
i.e. for  $x \in C$ ,  $\tau_C(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x$  appears as a negative  
literal in  $C$ .



# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,  
i.e.  $C \in F_e^x$ , if  $\text{VAR}(C) \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ .
- For a clause  $C$ , the partial assignment  $\tau_C$  is defined over  $\text{VAR}(C)$  as  
the only assignment that does not satisfy  $C$ ,  
i.e. for  $x \in C$ ,  $\tau_C(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x$  appears as a negative  
literal in  $C$ .
- We define  $\tau_C^x := \tau_C|_{\geq x}$ ,

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

- The hyper graph of a CNF-formula:

Variables of each clause correspond to an edge.

Two clauses might correspond to the same edge.

- A  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula  $F$  is given.
- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the hyper graph of  $F$ .
- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an elimination order in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Let  $F_e^x$  be a subformula of  $F$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{H}_e^x$ ,  
i.e.  $C \in F_e^x$ , if  $\text{VAR}(C) \in \mathcal{H}_e^x$ .
- For a clause  $C$ , the partial assignment  $\tau_C$  is defined over  $\text{VAR}(C)$  as  
the only assignment that does not satisfy  $C$ ,  
i.e. for  $x \in C$ ,  $\tau_C(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x$  appears as a negative  
literal in  $C$ .
- We define  $\tau_C^x := \tau_C|_{\geq x}$ ,  
i.e.  $F[\tau_C^x]$  results from  $F$  by removing all variables greater than  
 $x$  from each clause.

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

Proof sketch.

- Let  $A$  be the set of all edges not satisfied by  $\tau$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

Proof sketch.

- Let  $A$  be the set of all edges not satisfied by  $\tau$ .
- For each clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) \notin A, \tau \models C$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

Proof sketch.

- Let  $A$  be the set of all edges not satisfied by  $\tau$ .
- For each clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) \notin A, \tau \models C$ .
- Choose  $U$  as the set of "maximal" edges  $g \in A$ ,

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

Proof sketch.

- Let  $A$  be the set of all edges not satisfied by  $\tau$ .
- For each clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) \notin A, \tau \models C$ .
- Choose  $U$  as the set of "maximal" edges  $g \in A$ ,  
i.e.  $g \not\subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$  for all  $f \in A$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Lemma (lemma 6)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . Let  $e \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau : (e \cap V_{\geq x}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then either  $F_e^x[\tau] \equiv 1$  or there exists  $U \subseteq \mathcal{H}_e^x$  such that

$$F_e^x[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{g \in U} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y],$$

where  $C_g \text{ in } F_e^x$  such that  $C_g = g$ .

Proof sketch.

- Let  $A$  be the set of all edges not satisfied by  $\tau$ .
- For each clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) \notin A, \tau \models C$ .
- Choose  $U$  as the set of "maximal" edges  $g \in A$ ,  
i.e.  $g \not\subseteq \mathcal{H}_f^y$  for all  $f \in A$ .
- $U$  can be computed in polynomial time, is decomposable and for each  $f \in A$ , there is  $g \in U$  sch that  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^y$



## Corollary (corollary 7)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . For every  $C \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exist  $U_0, U_1 \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x$  such that

$$F_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x[\tau_C^x] \equiv (x \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in U_1} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y]) \vee (\neg x \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in U_2} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y]).$$

Moreover, all conjunctions are decomposable and  $U_0, U_1$  can be computed in polynomial time.

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Corollary (corollary 7)

Let  $x \neq x_1 \in \text{VAR}(F)$  and let  $y$  be the predecessor of  $x$  for  $<$ . For every  $C \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exist  $U_0, U_1 \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x$  such that

$$F_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x[\tau_C^x] \equiv (x \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in U_1} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y]) \vee (\neg x \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in U_2} F_g^y[\tau_{C_g}^y]).$$

Moreover, all conjunctions are decomposable and  $U_0, U_1$  can be computed in polynomial time.

Proof sketch. Let  $\tau_1 := \tau_C^x \cup \{x \mapsto 1\}$  and  $\tau_0 := \tau_C^x \cup \{x \mapsto 0\}$ .

$$F_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x[\tau_C^x] = (x \wedge F_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x[\tau_1]) \vee (\neg x \wedge F_{\text{VAR}(C)}^x[\tau_0])$$

Apply lemma 6 on each of the terms.

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O((\text{size}(F)))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O(\text{size}(F))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_c^{x_j}]$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O(\text{size}(F))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_c^{x_j}]$ .

- Construct  $D_i$  inductively over  $i$ .

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O((\text{size}(F)))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_c^{x_j}]$ .

- Construct  $D_i$  inductively over  $i$ .
- For an edge  $e$ , distinguish the cases whether  $v_i \in e$  or not.

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O((\text{size}(F)))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_c^{x_j}]$ .

- Construct  $D_i$  inductively over  $i$ .
- For an edge  $e$ , distinguish the cases whether  $v_i \in e$  or not.
- For  $i = 1$ ,

# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O((\text{size}(F)))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_C^{x_j}]$ .

- Construct  $D_i$  inductively over  $i$ .
- For an edge  $e$ , distinguish the cases whether  $v_i \in e$  or not.
- For  $i = 1$ ,

$$v_1 \notin e: F_e^{v_1}[\tau_C] = 0.$$



# Solving #SAT in $\beta$ -acyclic graphs

## Theorem (theorem 8)

Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formula. One can construct in polynomial time in  $\text{size}(F)$  a dec-DNNF  $D$  of size  $O((\text{size}(F)))$  and fanin at most  $|\mathcal{H}|$  computing  $F$ .

Proof sketch. Let  $D_i$  be a dec-DNNF of fanin  $|\mathcal{H}|$  at most such that for each  $e \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $C \in F$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$  and  $j \leq i$ , there exists a gate in  $D_i$  computing  $F_e^{x_j}[\tau_C^{x_j}]$ .

- Construct  $D_i$  inductively over  $i$ .
- For an edge  $e$ , distinguish the cases whether  $v_i \in e$  or not.
- For  $i = 1$ ,

$$v_1 \notin e: F_e^{v_1}[\tau_C] = 0.$$

$$v_1 \in e: F_e^{v_1} \in \{1, v_1, \neg v_1\}.$$

# Proof sketch of theorem 8

- If  $v_{i+1} \notin e$ , then  $F_e^{x_{i+1}} = F_e^{x_i}$ .

# Proof sketch of theorem 8

- If  $v_{i+1} \notin e$ , then  $F_e^{x_{i+1}} = F_e^{x_i}$ .
- If  $v_{i+1} \in e$ , then by corollary 7 we can compute  $F_e^{x_{i+1}}$  by adding a decision gate and (two) fanin at most  $\mathcal{H}$  decomposable and-gates.

# Proof sketch of theorem 8

- If  $v_{i+1} \notin e$ , then  $F_e^{x_{i+1}} = F_e^{x_i}$ .
- If  $v_{i+1} \in e$ , then by corollary 7 we can compute  $F_e^{x_{i+1}}$  by adding a decision gate and (two) fanin at most  $\mathcal{H}$  decomposable and-gates.

For each other terms from corollary 7 there is already a gate in  $D_i$  that computes this term by induction hypothesis.

# Proof sketch of theorem 8

- If  $v_{i+1} \notin e$ , then  $F_e^{x_{i+1}} = F_e^{x_i}$ .
- If  $v_{i+1} \in e$ , then by corollary 7 we can compute  $F_e^{x_{i+1}}$  by adding a decision gate and (two) fanin at most  $\mathcal{H}$  decomposable and-gates.

For each other terms from corollary 7 there is already a gate in  $D_i$  that computes this term by induction hypothesis.

- For  $e = \max \mathcal{H}$  and a clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}_e^{v_n} = \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau_{\text{VAR}(C)}^{x_n} = \emptyset$ , hence there is a gate in  $D_n$  computing  $F_e^{x_n}[\tau_C] = F$ .

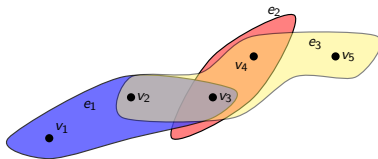
# Proof sketch of theorem 8

- If  $v_{i+1} \notin e$ , then  $F_e^{x_{i+1}} = F_e^{x_i}$ .
- If  $v_{i+1} \in e$ , then by corollary 7 we can compute  $F_e^{x_{i+1}}$  by adding a decision gate and (two) fanin at most  $\mathcal{H}$  decomposable and-gates.

For each other terms from corollary 7 there is already a gate in  $D_i$  that computes this term by induction hypothesis.

- For  $e = \max \mathcal{H}$  and a clause  $C$  such that  $\text{VAR}(C) = e$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}_e^{v_n} = \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tau_{\text{VAR}(C)}^{x_n} = \emptyset$ , hence there is a gate in  $D_n$  computing  $F_e^{x_n}[\tau_C] = F$ .
- We add at most 7 gates per edges per vertex.

# Example



$$F = \{\{\overline{v_1}, v_2, v_3\}, \{\overline{v_3}, v_4\}, \{v_2, v_3, \overline{v_4}, \overline{v_5}\}\}$$

The rest on the blackboard..

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.



# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .
- The method makes use of caching (choose what values to keep).

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .
- The method makes use of caching (choose what values to keep).
- Tries to find a good candidate for  $x$ .

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .
- The method makes use of caching (choose what values to keep).
- Tries to find a good candidate for  $x$ .
- The previous dynamic programming is implicitly a run of DPLL.

# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .
- The method makes use of caching (choose what values to keep).
- Tries to find a good candidate for  $x$ .
- The previous dynamic programming is implicitly a run of DPLL.
- The variables are chosen in a reversed  $\beta$ -elimination ordering.



# concluding the practical method

- Exhaustive DPLL is a very-well used in practice method.
  - Try to write  $F$  as a decomposable conjunction.  
Solve independently on each and multiply the results.
  - Choose a variable  $x$ .  
Compute  $\#F[x \mapsto 1] + \#F[x \mapsto 0]$ .
- The method makes use of caching (choose what values to keep).
- Tries to find a good candidate for  $x$ .
- The previous dynamic programming is implicitly a run of DPLL.
- The variables are chosen in a reversed  $\beta$ -elimination ordering.

## conclusion

Exhaustive DPLL can yield efficient algorithms "theoretically", if we can find a good order to choose the variable (such an ordering must be computable in polynomial time) and a good method of caching.

## Lower-bound on the theoretical method

# Branch decomposition and MIM-width

- A **branch decomposition**  $T$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a binary rooted tree  $T$ , whose leaves are in one-to-one correspondence with  $V$ .

# Branch decomposition and MIM-width

- A **branch decomposition**  $T$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a binary rooted tree  $T$ , whose leaves are in one-to-one correspondence with  $V$ .
- The maximal-induced-matching width (MIM-width) of a vertex  $t$  of  $T$  is the size of a largest induced matching  $M$  of  $G[V \setminus V_t, V_t]$ .

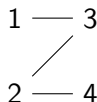
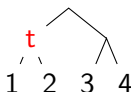
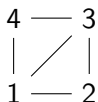
# Branch decomposition and MIM-width

- A **branch decomposition**  $T$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a binary rooted tree  $T$ , whose leaves are in one-to-one correspondence with  $V$ .
- The maximal-induced-matching width (MIM-width) of a vertex  $t$  of  $T$  is the size of a largest induced matching  $M$  of  $G[V \setminus V_t, V_t]$ .
- $mimw(T) = \max\{mimw(t) : t \in V(T)\}$ .

# Branch decomposition and MIM-width

- A **branch decomposition**  $T$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a binary rooted tree  $T$ , whose leaves are in one-to-one correspondence with  $V$ .
- The maximal-induced-matching width (MIM-width) of a vertex  $t$  of  $T$  is the size of a largest induced matching  $M$  of  $G[V \setminus V_t, V_t]$ .
- $mimw(T) = \max\{mimw(t) : t \in V(T)\}$ .

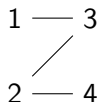
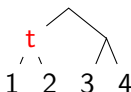
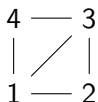
Example.



# Branch decomposition and MIM-width

- A **branch decomposition**  $T$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a binary rooted tree  $T$ , whose leaves are in one-to-one correspondence with  $V$ .
- The maximal-induced-matching width (MIM-width) of a vertex  $t$  of  $T$  is the size of a largest induced matching  $M$  of  $G[V \setminus V_t, V_t]$ .
- $mimw(T) = \max\{mimw(t) : t \in V(T)\}$ .

Example.



$MIM-width(t) = 2$ .

# Structuredness of a formula

- Let  $\varphi$  be a DNNF formula and let  $V := \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .



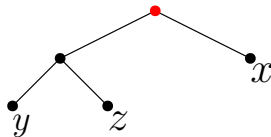
# Structuredness of a formula

- Let  $\varphi$  be a DNNF formula and let  $V := \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .
- A **vTree**  $T$  is a binary tree where the leaves of the tree has a one-to-one correspondence to the variables of  $\varphi$ .

# Structuredness of a formula

- Let  $\varphi$  be a DNNF formula and let  $V := \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .
- A **vTree**  $T$  is a binary tree where the leaves of the tree has a one-to-one correspondence to the variables of  $\varphi$ .
- The formula  $\varphi$  respects  $T$  if and only if for each subformula of  $\varphi$  of the form  $\varphi' := \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ , there is a vertex  $v \in V(T)$  with two children  $v_1, v_2$ , where  $\text{VAR}(\psi_1) \subseteq V(T_{v_1})$  and  $\text{VAR}(\psi_2) \subseteq V(T_{v_2})$ , where  $T_v$  is the subtree of  $T$  rooted at  $v$ . We say  $\varphi'$  respects  $v$  in this case.

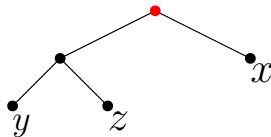
$$(x \wedge (y \vee z)) \vee (z \wedge \neg x)$$



# Structuredness of a formula

- Let  $\varphi$  be a DNNF formula and let  $V := \text{VAR}(\varphi)$ .
- A **vtree**  $T$  is a binary tree where the leaves of the tree has a one-to-one correspondence to the variables of  $\varphi$ .
- The formula  $\varphi$  respects  $T$  if and only if for each subformula of  $\varphi$  of the form  $\varphi' := \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ , there is a vertex  $v \in V(T)$  with two children  $v_1, v_2$ , where  $\text{VAR}(\psi_1) \subseteq V(T_{v_1})$  and  $\text{VAR}(\psi_2) \subseteq V(T_{v_2})$ , where  $T_v$  is the subtree of  $T$  rooted at  $v$ . We say  $\varphi'$  respects  $v$  in this case.
- A formula  $\varphi$  is structured, if there is a vtree  $T$  over the vertices of  $\varphi$ , such that  $\varphi$  respects  $T$ .

$$(x \wedge (y \vee z)) \vee (z \wedge \neg x)$$



# Incidence graphs and structure of formulas

- The **incidence graph** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a bipartite graph  $(V(\mathcal{H}) \cup E(\mathcal{H}), E)$ , where  $\{v, e\} \in E$  iff  $v \in e$ .

# Incidence graphs and structure of formulas

- The **incidence graph** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a bipartite graph  $(V(\mathcal{H}) \cup E(\mathcal{H}), E)$ , where  $\{v, e\} \in E$  iff  $v \in e$ .
- The incidence graph of a CNF-Formula is the incidence graph of its hyper graph.

# Incidence graphs and structure of formulas

- The **incidence graph** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a bipartite graph  $(V(\mathcal{H}) \cup E(\mathcal{H}), E)$ , where  $\{v, e\} \in E$  iff  $v \in e$ .
- The incidence graph of a CNF-Formula is the incidence graph of its hyper graph.
- The MIM-width of a CNF-formula is the MIM-width of its incidence graph.

## Theorem (theorem 9)

There exists an infinite family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formulas such that for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  having  $n$  variables, there is no structured DNNF of size less than  $2^{\Omega(\sqrt{n})}$  computing  $F$ .

---

<sup>1</sup>Understanding Model Counting for beta-acyclic CNF-formulas, Brault-Baron et al., 2015.

# Results on the structured d-DNNF

## Theorem (theorem 9)

There exists an infinite family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\beta$ -acyclic CNF-formulas such that for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  having  $n$  variables, there is no structured DNNF of size less than  $2^{\Omega(\sqrt{n})}$  computing  $F$ .

## Theorem (theorem 1)<sup>1</sup>

There exists an infinite family of  $\beta$ -acyclic hypergraphs of incidence MIM-width  $\Omega(n)$  where  $n$  is the number of vertices of the hypergraph.

---

<sup>1</sup>Understanding Model Counting for beta-acyclic CNF-formulas, Brault-Baron et al., 2015.



# Results on the structured d-DNNF

- Let  $r$  be a boolean function over  $X$  and let  $(Y, Z)$  be a partition of  $X$ . We call  $r$  a  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangle if and only if for every  $\tau, \tau' \in \{0, 1\}^X$  such that  $\tau \models r$  and  $\tau' \models r$ , we have  $\tau|_Y \cup \tau'|_Z \models r$ .
- A  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangle cover of a boolean function  $f$  is a set  $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_q\}$  of  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangles such that  $\text{sat}(f) = \bigcup_{i=1}^q \text{sat}(r_i)$ .

---

<sup>2</sup>Knowledge Compilation Meets Communication Complexity, Bova et al., 2016.

<sup>3</sup>A Lower Bound on the Size of Decomposable Negation Normal Form, Pipatsrisawat and Darwiche, 2010.

# Results on the structured d-DNNF

- Let  $r$  be a boolean function over  $X$  and let  $(Y, Z)$  be a partition of  $X$ . We call  $r$  a  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangle if and only if for every  $\tau, \tau' \in \{0, 1\}^X$  such that  $\tau \models r$  and  $\tau' \models r$ , we have  $\tau|_Y \cup \tau'|_Z \models r$ .
- A  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangle cover of a boolean function  $f$  is a set  $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_q\}$  of  $(Y, Z)$ -rectangles such that  $\text{sat}(f) = \bigcup_{i=1}^q \text{sat}(r_i)$ .

## Theorem (theorem 11)<sup>2,3</sup>

Let  $D$  be a DNNF on variables  $X$  respecting the vtree  $T$ . For every vertex  $t$  of  $T$ , there exists a  $(X_t, X \setminus X_t)$ -rectangle cover of  $D$  of size at most  $|D|$ , where  $X_t = \text{VAR}(T_t)$ .

<sup>2</sup>Knowledge Compilation Meets Communication Complexity, Bova et al., 2016.

<sup>3</sup>A Lower Bound on the Size of Decomposable Negation Normal Form, Pipatsrisawat and Darwiche, 2010.

# Results on the structured d-DNNF

Let  $F$  be a CNF-formula. Let  $\hat{F} := \{K \cup \{c_K\} \mid K \in F\}$  where we add a fresh variable to each clause.

## Theorem (theorem 12)

Let  $F$  be a monotone formula of incidence MIM-width  $k$ . Any structured DNNF computing  $\hat{F}$  is of size at least  $2^{k/2}$ .

# Results on the structured d-DNNF

Let  $F$  be a CNF-formula. Let  $\hat{F} := \{K \cup \{c_K\} \mid K \in F\}$  where we add a fresh variable to each clause.

## Theorem (theorem 12)

Let  $F$  be a monotone formula of incidence MIM-width  $k$ . Any structured DNNF computing  $\hat{F}$  is of size at least  $2^{k/2}$ .

## Lemma (lemma 13)

Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be two disjoint sets of  $k$  variables. The number of  $(X, Y)$ -rectangles needed to cover the CNF-formula  $F = \bigwedge_{i=1}^k (x_i \vee y_i)$  is at least  $2^k$ .

# Results on the structured d-DNNF

Let  $F$  be a CNF-formula. Let  $\hat{F} := \{K \cup \{c_K\} \mid K \in F\}$  where we add a fresh variable to each clause.

## Theorem (theorem 12)

Let  $F$  be a monotone formula of incidence MIM-width  $k$ . Any structured DNNF computing  $\hat{F}$  is of size at least  $2^{k/2}$ .

## Lemma (lemma 13)

Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be two disjoint sets of  $k$  variables. The number of  $(X, Y)$ -rectangles needed to cover the CNF-formula  $F = \bigwedge_{i=1}^k (x_i \vee y_i)$  is at least  $2^k$ .

Proof sketch (lemma 12). Find an assignment  $\tau$  of  $\hat{F}$  such that

$$\hat{F}[\tau] \equiv \bigwedge_{e \in N} (x_e \vee c_e).$$

# Conclusion

# Takeaway

- Building a structured d-DNNF is not always the best choice we have.

# Takeaway

- Building a structured d-DNNF is not always the best choice we have.
- If the structure implies a good elimination ordering, exhaustive DPLL might be a better shot.