

Let a graph  $G = (V, E)$  be given with positive weights  $w(e)$  for every edge  $e \in E$ . For any subset  $X$  of  $V$  the *weight* of that subset is the sum of the weights of edges  $(u, v)$  with  $u \in X$  and  $v \notin X$ . The goal is to find the maximum weight possible over all subsets  $X$ , i.e.,

$$\max_{X \subseteq V} \sum_{(u,v) \in \{(u,v) \in E \mid u \in X, v \notin X\}} w(u, v).$$

Describe a decision diagram for this problem:

1. What is the state space?
2. What is the transition function, or how does a parent node (state) depend on the children nodes for the available choices?
3. What is the cost of a transition/choice?
4. What is the value for the root?

What is a possibly useful relaxation of this decision diagram? Define a state merging operator.