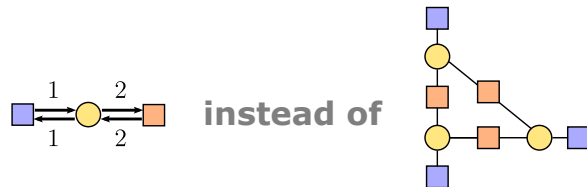


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## Goals

- Loopy Belief Propagation and Linear Programming can be made aware of computational symmetries
- This can result in great speed-ups
- Computational symmetries can be detected using the Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) algorithm
- WL computes fractional automorphisms in quasi-linear time; essentially no overhead!
- Few lines of Matlab code realize WL (with flooding) using sparse-matrix operations
- Strong connections to community detection, role discovery, graph kernels, clustering, ...

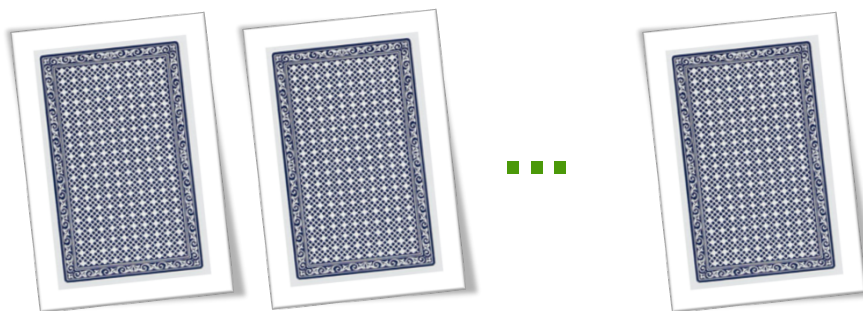
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## General Take-Away Message

- **Sparseness and Tree-width are not enough**
- **We need to be aware of Symmetries**

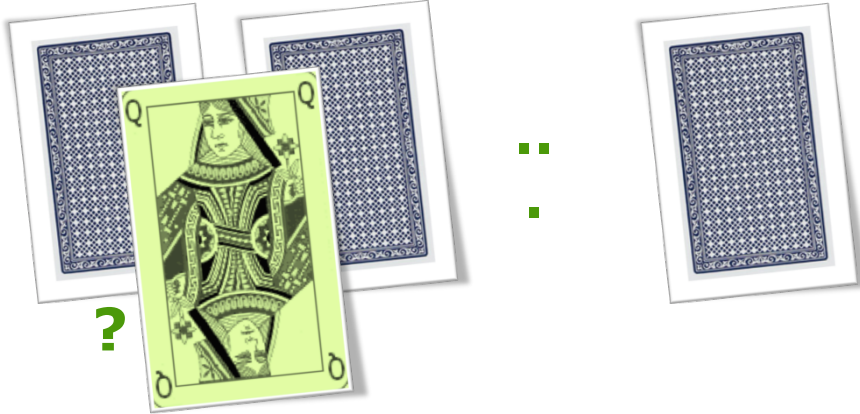
## A Simple AI Problem

Thanks to Guy Van den Broeck



There are 52 cards (2-10, J, Q, K, A per color) and we would like to compute some basic probabilities

## A Simple AI Problem



What is the probability that the first card will be a Queen if we reveal the first card, put it back, shuffle the deck, reveal the first card ....  
The probability is  $4/52=1/13$

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## A Simple AI Problem



Probability  $13/52=1/4$

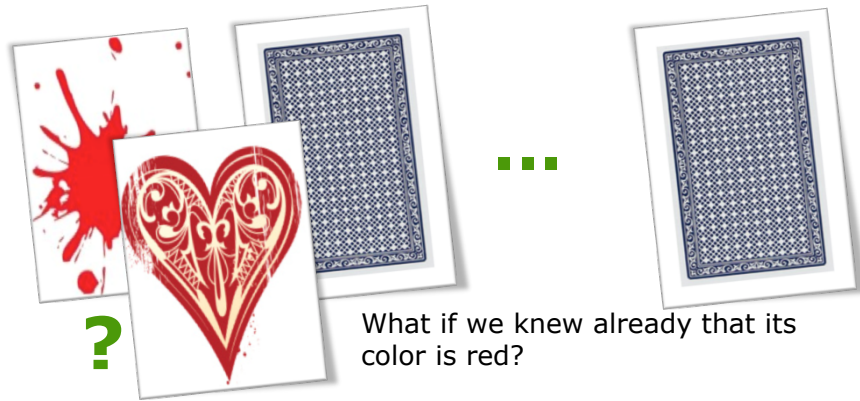
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What if we knew already that its color is red?

Probability  $13/26=1/2$

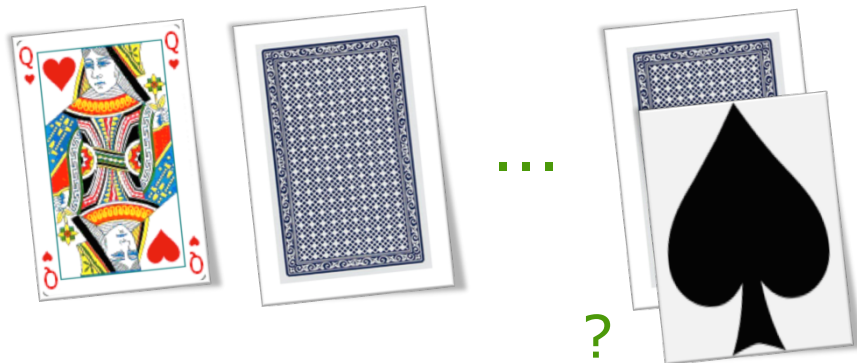
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Probability  $13/51$

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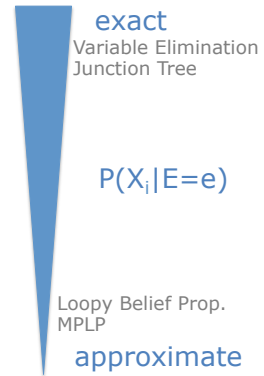
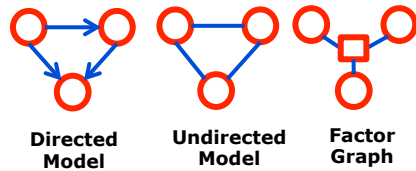
## How does AI do this?

### Graphical Model + Inference Algorithm

**Node=**  
**Random Variable (RV)**  
**Edge=**  
**Dependency between**  
**RVs**



$$P(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{x \in \mathbf{X}} \phi_j(x)$$



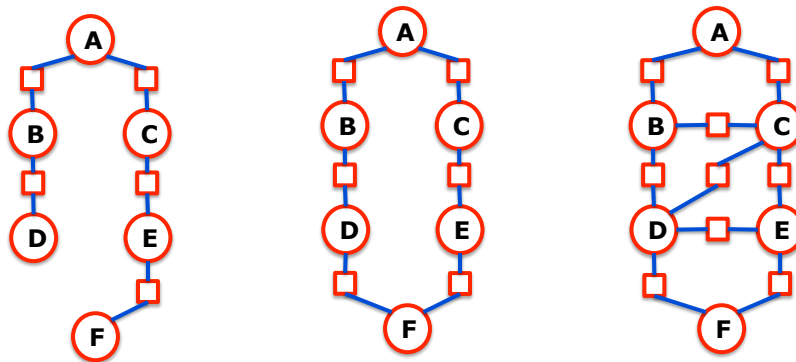
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## When is this efficient?



The more similar to a tree, i.e.,  
small tree-width!

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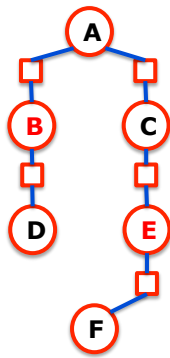
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## Why? Conditional Independency

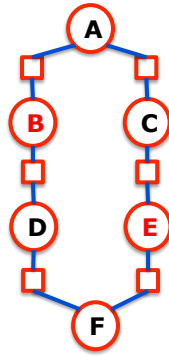
Dependencies simplify computations



**Tree**

$$P(A|C,E) = P(A|C)$$

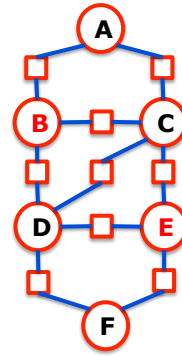
$$P(A|B,E,F) = P(A|B,E)$$



**Graph**

$$P(A|C,E) \neq P(A|C)$$

$$P(A|B,E,F) = P(A|B,E)$$



**Graph**

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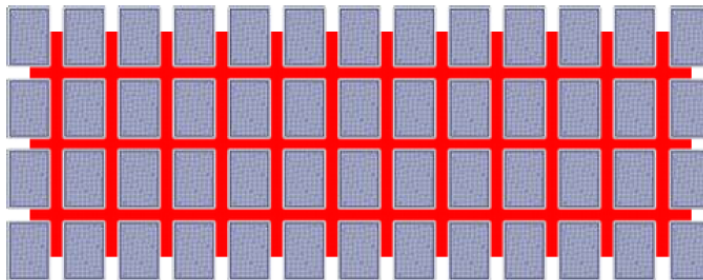
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## Back to the card problem

- Probabilistic propositional model is fully connected



- There are NO independencies
- Exact inference builds a table of  $\geq 13^{52}$  Rows!
- Even approximate (for example, message passing) methods need to pass  $\geq 13^{52}$  messages

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### What is the issue?

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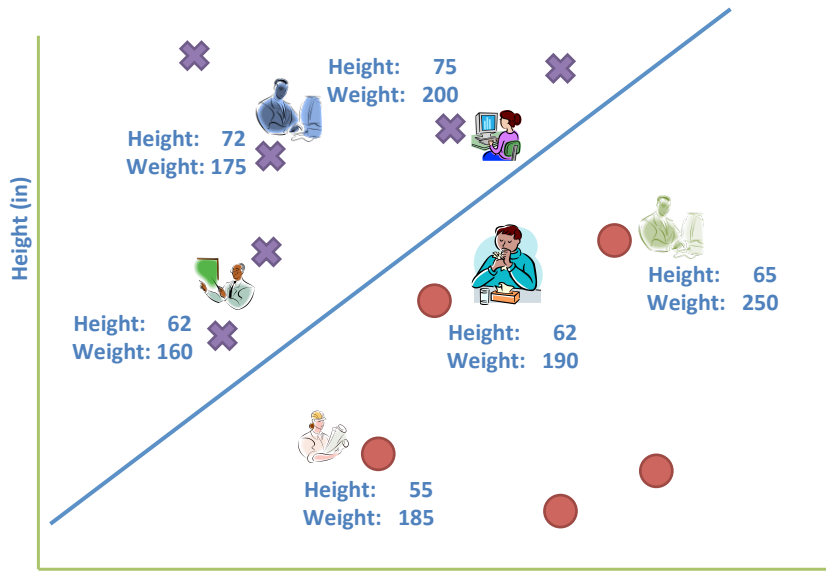
## Tractable Probabilistic Inference

- Traditional Belief: Independence (Conditional/Contextual)
- Now: Symmetry (Exchangeability)

## Where do the symmetries come from?



## Traditional Machine Learning



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## Standard Data Representation: Single Tables

Id	Age	Gender	Weight	BP	Sugar	LDL	Diabetes?
1	27	M	170	110/70	6.8	40	N
2	35	M	200	180/90	9.8	70	Y
3	21	F	150	120/80	4.8	50	N
...							

But nowadays data become richer and richer

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Nat Rev Genet. 2012 May 2;13(6):395-405

## Heart diseases and strokes – cardiovascular disease – are expensive for the world

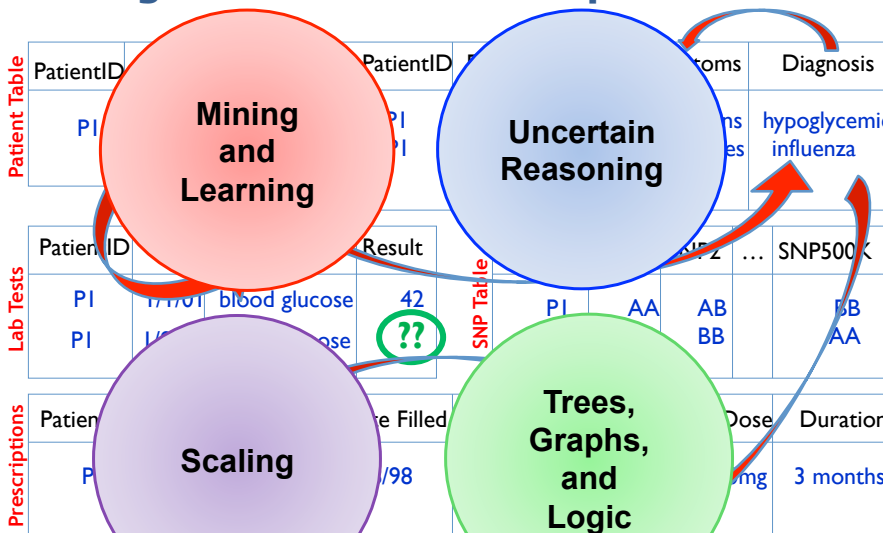
According to the World Heart Federation, cardiovascular disease cost the European Union EURO169 billion in 2003 and the USA about EURO310.23 billion in direct and indirect annual costs. By comparison, the estimated cost of all cancers is EURO146.19 billion and HIV infections, EURO22.24 billion



# Electronic Health Records A New Opportunity for AI to Save our Lives

[Natarajan, Kersting, Joshi, Saldana, Ip, Jacobs, Carr IAAI 2013]

## Mining EHR is a non trivial problem!



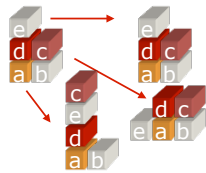
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# Endless Showcases !

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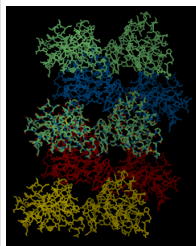
Imaging (medical)



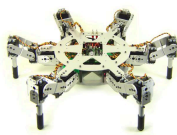
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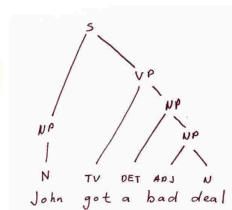
BioInformatics



Robotics



Natural Language Processing



Scene interpretation/segmentation



Games



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# Big Data is not enough

- **The data soup:** most data is in logs, text, blogs, images, the web, databases, ...
- **The knowledge soup:** next to the data, we may have background knowledge, often even competing theories
- **The reasoning soup:** pool of interacting tasks and algorithms

**Even though computers can search the data for keywords, features, and models, they do not really understand most of it**

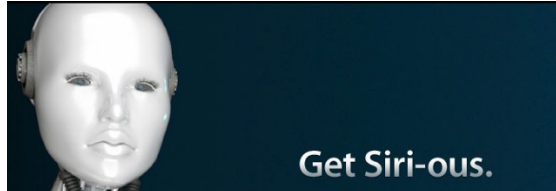


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## Statistical **Relational** AI is serious business

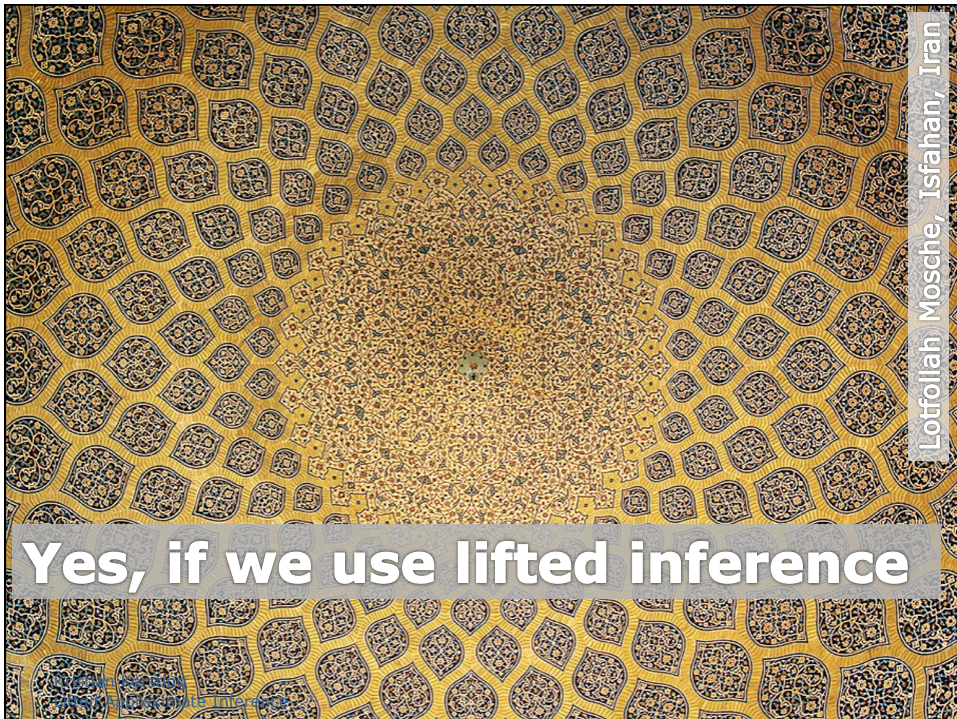


**However, efficient complex probabilistic reasoning becomes central!  
Can we make it faster?**

- Probabilistic relational models are used by several million users.
- Many other applications such as entity resolution, information extraction, unsupervised semantic parsing, NELL, information broadcasting, ...

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**Yes, if we use lifted inference**

## So, what is lifted inference?

1. An inference algorithm that deals with “*groups*” of random variables at a first-order level
  - Takes a general first-order model as input
  - Automatically answers queries without computational waste
2. Reason over a large domains in time independent of the number of objects
3. Ability to carry out probabilistic inference in a relational probabilistic model without needing to reason about each individual separately
4. Try and perform inference at the first-order logic level and to ground out only when necessary

## More views

5. Algorithm that exploits interchangeability in the domain
6. Queries are answered without instantiating all the objects in the domain
7. Exploit shared correlations – Same uncertainties and correlations repeatedly occur in data
8. Exploit symmetries in the data and the model

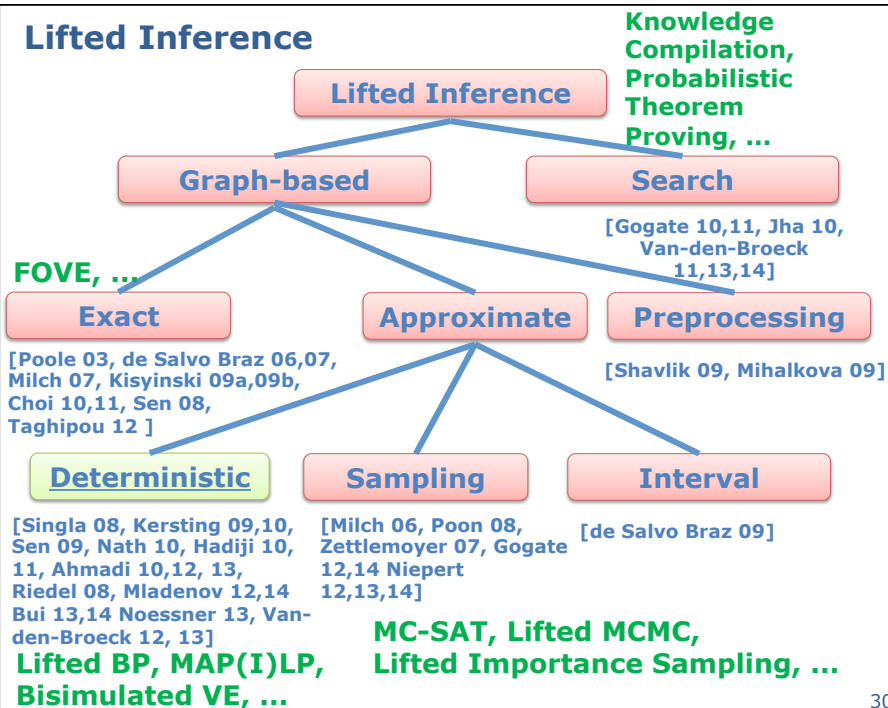


## Different definitions but similar goals

### Least Common Denominator

- Exploit symmetry = Identify similar groups of random variables

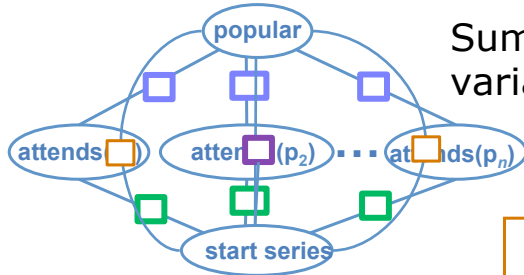
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[Zhang, Poole 1994]

## Variable Elimination

Example: Inviting  $n$  people to a workshop



Sum out non-query variables one by one

Time is **linear** in number of invitees  $n$

$$\sum_{att(p_i)} \phi_1(pop, att(p_i)) \phi_2(att(p_i), ser)$$

$\phi'(pop, ser)$

Can't we do better?

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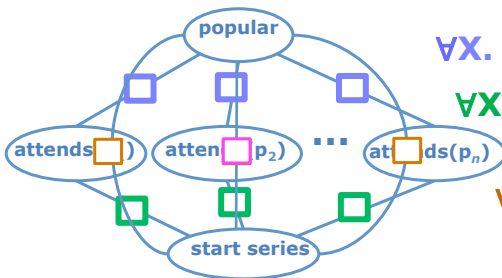
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[Poole 2003; de Salvo Braz et al. 2005]

## First-Order Variable Elimination

Based on logically parameterized factors



$$\forall X. \phi_1(\text{popular}, \text{attends}(X))$$

$$\forall X. \phi_2(\text{attends}(X), \text{series})$$

$$\forall X. \phi'(\text{popular}, \text{series})$$

$$\phi'(\text{popular}, \text{series})^n$$

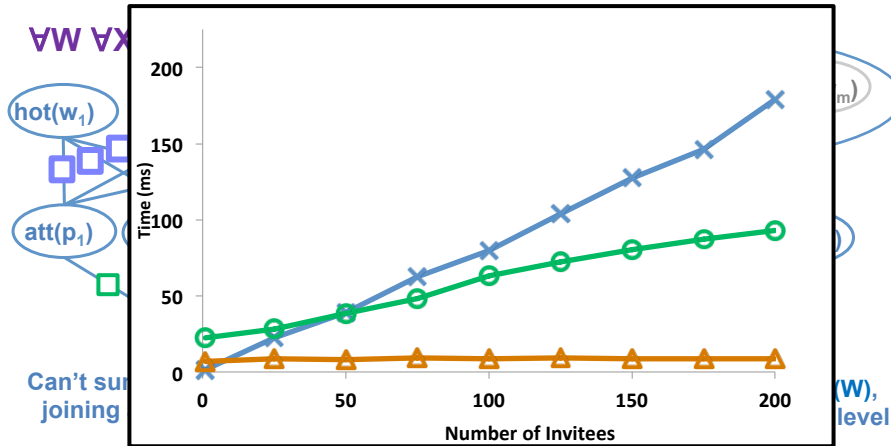
**Idea: Exploit symmetries across factors, i.e., sum out all  $\text{attends}(X)$  variables at once**

Time is **constant** in  $n$

And there is often additional structure for optimization

[Milch, Zettlemoyer, Haims, Kersting, Kaelbling AAAI08]

## Exploiting Symmetries within Factors



**Actually, it turns out that lifted probabilistic inference is closely related to theorem proving**

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[Gogate, Domingos AAAI 2011, Van den Broeck et al. IJCAI 2011]

## Probabilistic Theorem Proving (PTP)

**TP(KB, Query)**

$KB_Q \leftarrow KB \cup \{\neg \text{Query}\}$

return  $\neg \text{SAT}(\text{CNF}(KB_Q))$

**PTP(PKB, Query)**

$PKB_Q \leftarrow PKB \cup \{(Query, 0)\}$

return  $\frac{\text{WMC}(\text{WCNF}(PKB_Q))}{\text{WMC}(\text{WCNF}(PKB))}$

**All we need is lifted weighted model counting**

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## First, however, we have to convert the PKB into (Lifted) CNF + Weights

**WCNF(PKB)** ← **Clauses/Formula** → **Potential**

**for all**  $(F_i, \Phi_i) \in \text{PKB}$  s.t.  $\Phi_i > 0$  **do**  
 $\text{PKB} \leftarrow \text{PKB} \cup \{(F_i \Leftrightarrow A_i, 0)\} \setminus \{(F_i, \Phi_i)\}$   
 $\text{CNF} \leftarrow \text{CNF}(\text{PKB})$  **Hard formula as weight is 0**

**for all**  $\neg A_i$  literals **do**  $W_{\neg A_i} := \Phi_i$   
**for all** other literals  $L$  **do**  $W_L := 1$   
**return**  $(\text{CNF}, \text{weights})$

## Lifted Weighted Model Counting

**LWMC(CNF, substs, weights)**

**if** all clauses in WCNF are satisfied Base Case  
**return**  $\prod_{A \in A(\text{CNF})} (w_A + w_{\neg A})^{n_A(\text{subst})}$   
**if** CNF has empty unsatisfied clause **return**  
0

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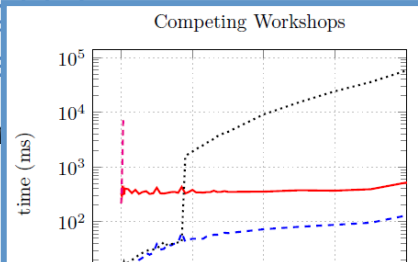
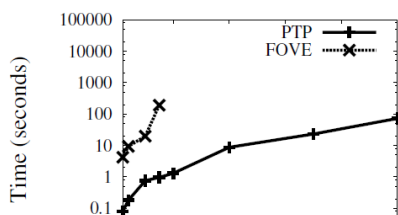
**if** there exists a lifted decomposition of *CNF* sharing no unifiable literals

**return**  $\prod_{i=1}^k [LWMC(CNF_{i,1}, subst, weights)]^{m_i}$

**Decomp. Step**

## Lifted Weighted Model Counting

**LWMC**(*CNF*, *subst*, *weights*)



**What about approximate inference?**

choose an atom *A*

**Splitting Step**

**Main computational step. I am skipping the details. Nice connection to knowledge compilation e.g. using first-order d-DNNF for efficient model counting. Is closely related to recursive conditioning**



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**Introduction of lifted loopy belief propagation**

**Understanding its main ingredient: color-passing**

**Connections to AI, ML, and DM**

**Lifted / SYMMETRY-AWARE  
LOOPY BELIEF PROPAGATION**

[Pearl, Koller, Friedman, Lauritzen, Spiegelhalter, ...]

**Reminder Factor Graphs**

Distributions can naturally be represented as  
**Factor Graphs**

$p(\mathbf{x}) = f_a(x_1, x_2) f_b(x_1, x_2) f_c(x_2, x_3) f_d(x_3)$

$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_s f_s(\mathbf{x}_s)$

**Factor resp. potential**

**unnormalized !**

- There is an edge between a circle and a box if the variable is in the domain/scope of the factor

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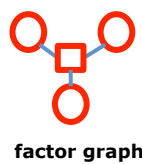
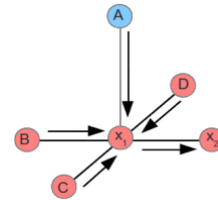
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## Approximate Inference using Loopy Belief Propagation



Random variables exchange Messages: "I (A) believe that you ( $X_1$ ) should be in state  $x_1$  with probability ... ."



factor graph

$$\mu_{X \rightarrow f}(x) = \prod_{h \in \text{nb}(X) \setminus \{f\}} \mu_{h \rightarrow X}(x)$$

$$\mu_{f \rightarrow X}(x) = \sum_{\neg\{x\}} \left( f(x) \prod_{y \in \text{nb}(f) \setminus \{X\}} \mu_{y \rightarrow f}(y) \right)$$

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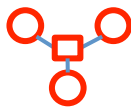
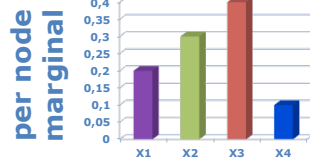


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## Loopy Belief Propagation for Social Network Analysis



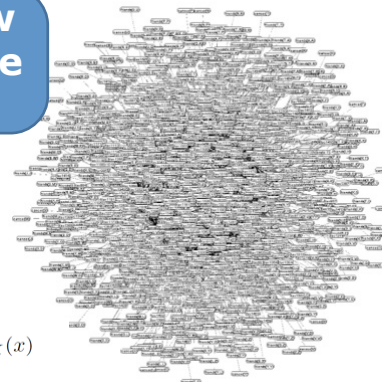
Inference often slow even for approximate inference



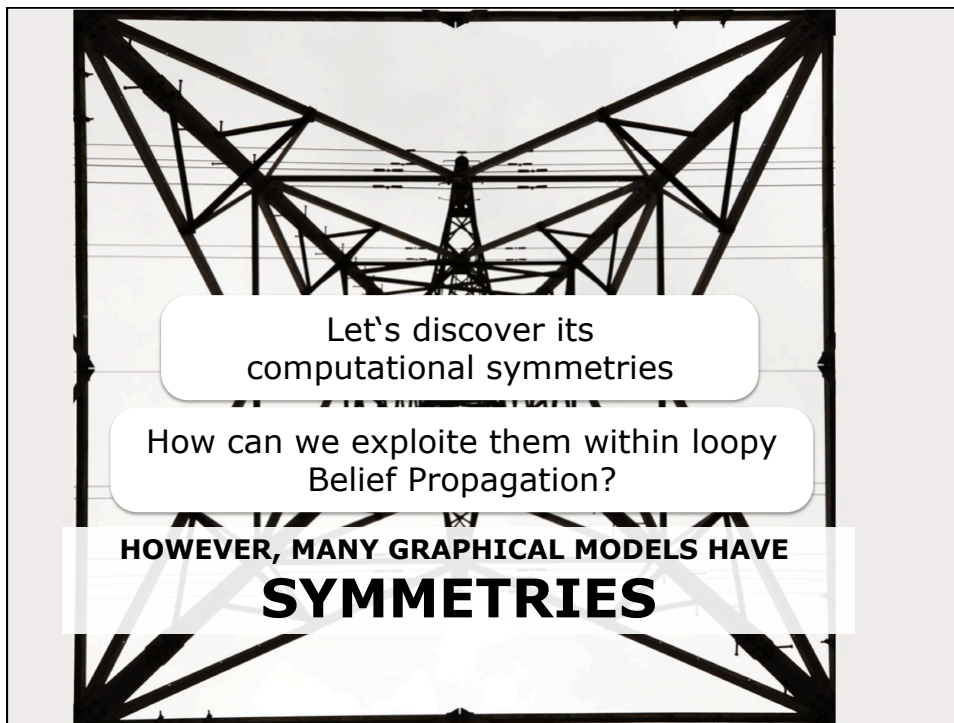
factor graph + loopy belief propagation

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$$\mu_{f \rightarrow X}(x) = \sum_{\neg\{x\}} \left( f(x) \prod_{y \in \text{nb}(f) \setminus \{X\}} \mu_{y \rightarrow f}(y) \right)$$



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[Singla, Domingos AAAI 2008; Kersting, Ahmadi, Natarajan UAI 2009; Ahmadi, Kersting, Mladenov, Natarajan MLJ 2013]

## Step 1: Coloring the graph

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graph LR
  A((A)) --- f1[f1]
  B((B)) --- f1
  B --- f2[f2]
  C((C)) --- f2
  
```

- **Color nodes according to the evidence you have**
  - No evidence, say **red**
  - State „one“, say **brown**
  - State „two“, say **orange**
  - ...
- **Color factors distinctively according to their equivalence classes.** For instance, assuming  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  to be identical and B appears at the second position within both, say **blue**

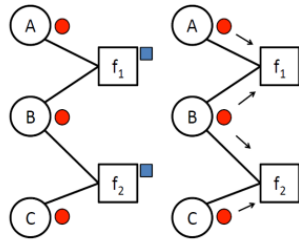
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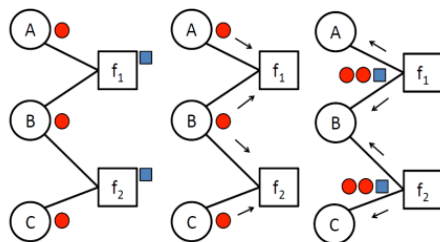
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## Step 2: Pass the colors around



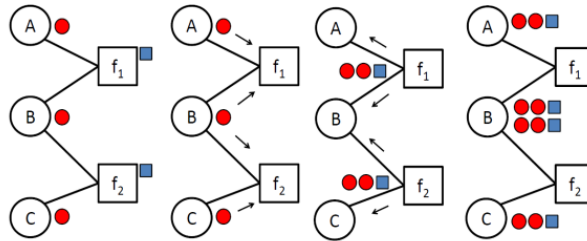
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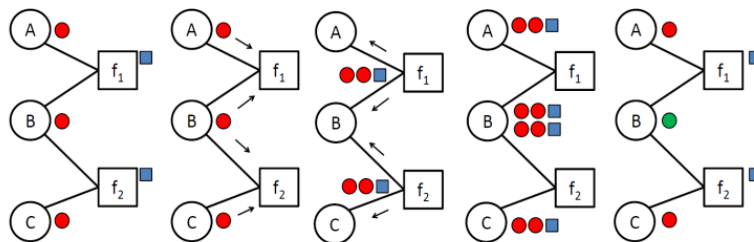
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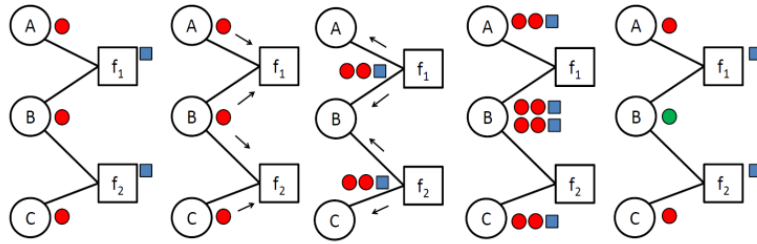
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3. Each node collects the signatures of its neighboring factors

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5. If no new color is created stop, otherwise go back to 1

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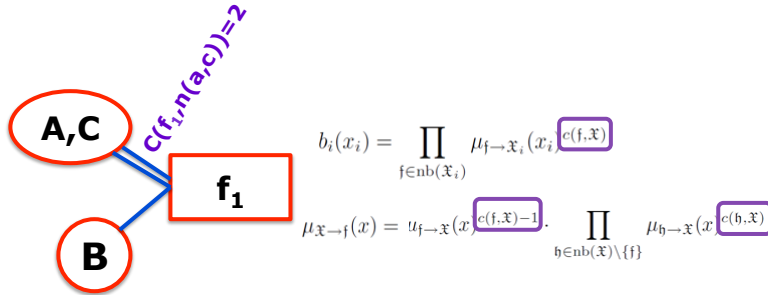
## Step 3: Compress the factor



Essentially we just compute the so-called quotient factor graph

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## Step 4: Run a modified Loopy Belief Propagation



- Nodes are now groups of random variables
- The **counts** ensure that we send the same number of message as standard loopy belief propagation

## Mind the counts! They also depend on the position of the variable within the factors

$$\mu_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow f, p}(x) = \mu_{f, p \rightarrow \mathbf{x}}(x)^{c(f, \mathbf{x}, p)-1} \prod_{h \in \text{nb}(\mathbf{x})} \prod_{\substack{q \in P(h, \mathbf{x}) \\ (h, q) \neq (f, p)}} \mu_{h, q \rightarrow \mathbf{x}}(x)^{c(h, \mathbf{x}, q)}$$

$$\mu_{f, p \rightarrow \mathbf{x}}(x) = \sum_{\neg \{\mathbf{x}\}} \left( f(\mathbf{x}) \prod_{\mathfrak{y} \in \text{nb}(f)} \prod_{q \in P(f, \mathfrak{y})} \mu_{\mathfrak{y} \rightarrow f, q}(y)^{c(f, \mathfrak{y}, q) - \delta_{\mathbf{x} \mathfrak{y}} \delta p q} \right)$$

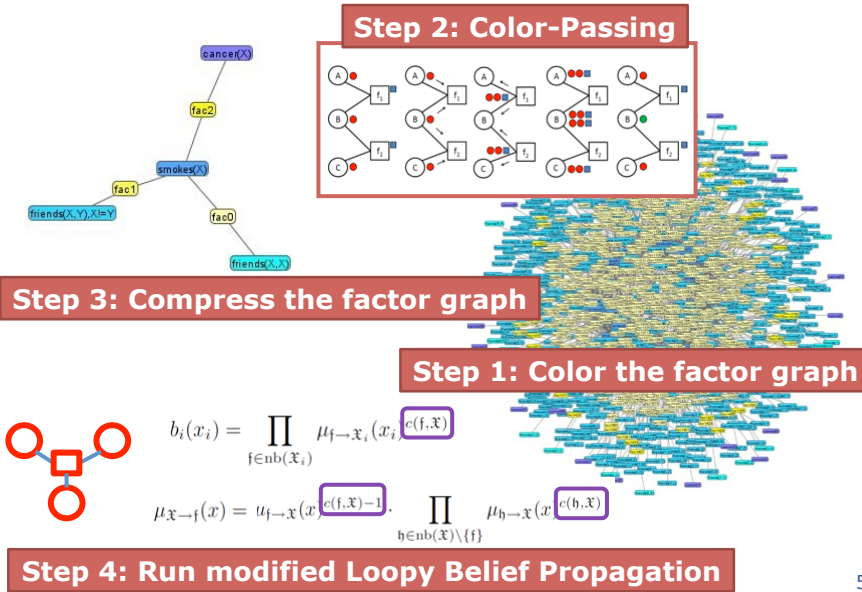
$$b_i(x_i) = \prod_{f \in \text{nb}(\mathbf{x}_i)} \prod_{p \in P(f, \mathbf{x}_i)} \mu_{f, p \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_i}(x_i)^{c(f, \mathbf{x}_i, p)}$$

- Here,  $P(h, \mathbf{x})$  denotes the position variables appear in factors
- The main difference is in the factor to variable messages. We now send only one message per „supernode“ and position as expressed by the indicator functions
- For the lifting, we can turn the graph into a position- pairwise factor graph and then run color-passing



[Singla, Domingos AAAI 2008\*; Kersting, Ahmadi, Natarajan UAI 2009; Ahmadi, Kersting, Mladenov, Natarajan MLJ 2013]  
 (\*)Singla and Domingos actually proposed a relational variant that corresponds to color-passing on the ground network

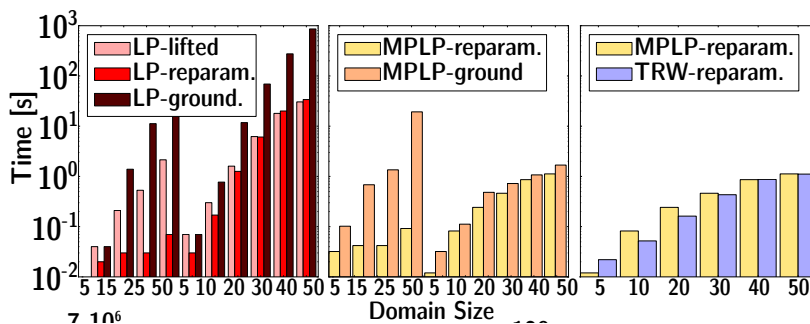
## Lifted Loopy Belief Propagation



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[Taken from Mladenov, Globerson, Kersting UAI 2014]

And these kinds of lifted message-passing approaches can be orders of magnitudes faster



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Graphen, Physic Nobel Prize 2010

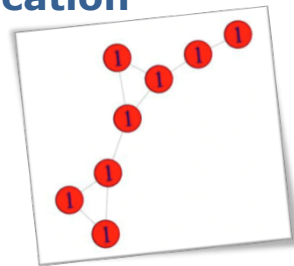
But what is color passing computing?

It turns out that we have just developed what is well known in graph theory:

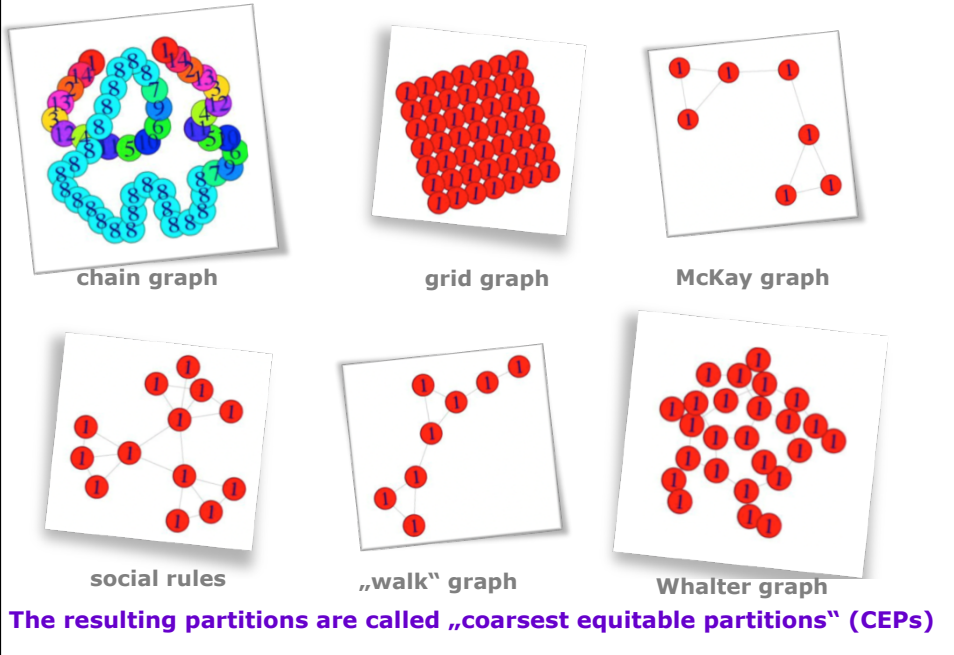
# The Weisfeiler Lehman Algorithm

## Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) Algorithmus aka "naive vertex classification"

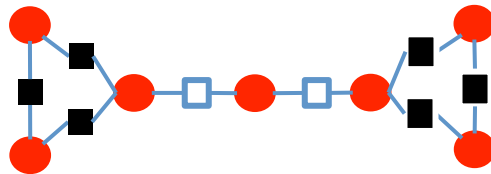
- Basic subroutine for graph isomorphism testing
- Computes so called **fractional automorphisms**:  
Doubly stochastic matrices instead of permutation matrices
- Quasi-linear running time  $O((n+m)\log(n))$  when using asynchronous updates [Berkholz, Bonsma, Grohe ESA 2013]
- Part of graph tool SAUCY [See e.g. Darga, Sakallah, Markov DAC 2008]
- Can be extended to weighted graphs [Grohe, Kersting, Mladenov, Selman ESA 2014]



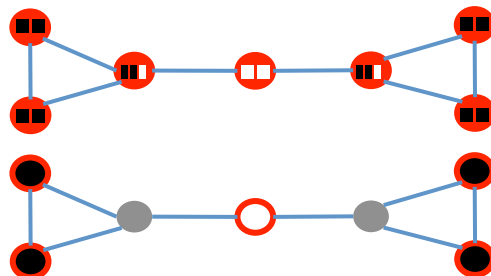
## Examples for WL with flooding



## But how do we get from factor graphs to graphs?



- Encode the factor colors into the node colors



- Then run Weisfeiler-Lehman / Color-Passing just on the graph with these initial colors

[Berkholz, Bonsma, Grohe ESA 2013]

## Quasi-linear running time

- Send color message **asynchronously** and keep a **stack of active color classes**
  - Initially only color 1 is active
  - Pop an active color C from the stack and send message to the neighbors of the corresponding color class members (refine)
  - Push all new colors on the stack in increasing order except we used C already before. If so, then push all new colors but the largest one  
-Hopcroft's trick resulting in a halving argument-
  - Stop if the stack is empty
- Due to the halving argument this can be shown to be of  $O((n+m)\log(n))$

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[Kersting, Mladenov, Garnett, Grohe AAAI 2014]

## Problem: Find automorphism (\*) of an undirected graph with adjacency matrix A

Find a permutation matrix P such that  $AP=PA$

$$P^* = \arg \min_{P \in \mathcal{P}} S(P)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(P) &:= \|A - A'\|_F^2 = \|A - PAP^T\|_F^2 \\ &= \|(A - PAP^T)P\|_F^2 = \|AP - PA\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i,j} |A_{ij}|^2$$

(\*) Automorphisms have recently received a lot of attention for lifted inference, see e.g. [Nieper UAI 2012; Bui, Huynh, Riedel UAI 2013; Niepert AAAI 2013; Apsel, Kersting, Mladenov AAAI 2014; Bui, Huynh, Sontag UAI 2014 ] and later in this tutorial. For many graphs they can be computed in polynomial time. For general graphs, however, the complexity is unknown; it might be NP-complete. 60

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### Problem: Fractional Automorphism

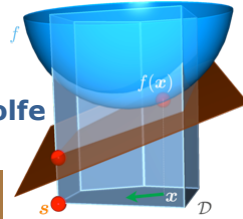
Find a doubly stochastic matrix D s.t.  $AD=DA$

$$D^* = \arg \max_{D \in \mathcal{D}} F(D)$$

$$D\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1}^T D = \mathbf{1}^T$$

Birkhoff Polytope consists of all doubly stochastic matrices. It is convex

## Optimization over a convex set: Conditional Gradients aka Frank-Wolfe



- Start with  $D^{(0)} \in \mathcal{D}$  **This lower bound is concave**
- Lower bound  $F(D)$  with its FO Taylor series expansion

$$T^{(k)}(H) := F(D^{(k)}) + \langle \nabla F(D^{(k)}), H - D^{(k)} \rangle$$

- Maximize  $T^{(k)}(H)$  s.t.  $H \in \mathcal{D}$  **This is a Linear Assignment Problem**

$$H^{(k)} = \max_{H \in \mathcal{D}} \langle \nabla F(D^{(k)}), H \rangle$$

- Since the polytope is convex, run a line search between  $D^{(k)}$  and  $H^{(k)}$  to find next  $D^{(k+1)}$ . Since the lower bound is concave,  $H^{(k)}$  will be selected

**Mission completed?**

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# NO!!

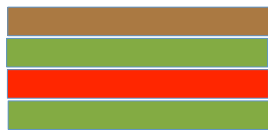
- This does not mimic WL at all!!!!
- It will just find the trivial solution (identity matrix). We do not employ the more-general-than relation among solutions!
- Replacing a quasi-linear approach by a sequence of cubic LAPs is stupid!

## Exploit symmetries in the induced linear problems!

$$\nabla F(D^{(k)}) = 2AD^{(k)}A$$

- Intuitively, if two vertices of a graph have identical subgradients (rows in the gradient matrix) they are interchangeable

$$B_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \textit{i} \textit{th} \textit{ vertex is in } \textit{j} \textit{th} \textit{ cluster of } \nabla F(D^{(k)}), \\ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Do not solve the induced LPs at all

- B induces actually ascent directions.** They are all what we need

$$H = BS^{-1}B^T$$

where S (the sizes of the clusters) takes care of normalization

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## Conditional Gradients for Color Refinement/Weissfeiler Lehman

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**Algorithm 1:** CGCR( $A$ ): CG for Color Refinement

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- 1 Set  $D^{(0)} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{D}$ , i.e., the flat partition matrix;
- 2 Set  $k := 1$ ;
- 3 **repeat**
- 4      $B := \text{CHARACTMAT}(\nabla F(D^{(k)}))$ ;
- 5      $S := \text{diag}(B^T \mathbf{1})$  /\* diagonal mat. of class sizes \*/;
- 6     Update  $D^{(k+1)} := BS^{-1}B^T$ ;
- 7     Set  $k := k + 1$ ;

**Materializing  $D^{(0)}$  breaks memory already for medium size graphs**

**Provably convergent to a local maximum of  $F$  in a linear number of iterations producing the same sequence of intermediate solutions as WL with flooding**

## Matrix Multiplications for Color Refinement/Weissfeiler Lehman

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**Algorithm 4:** CGCR( $A$ ): CG for Color Refinement

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- 1  $B^{(0)} := \mathbf{1}$ , i.e., the all 1 column vector;
- 2  $m^{(0)} := 1$  (the current maximal color) and  $k := 1$ ;
- 3 **repeat**

**But cubic running time !!!!**

**Just a few lines of matlab code !**

**Memory consumption scales well for sparse matrices**

**Provably convergent to a local maximum of  $F$  in a linear number of iterations producing the same sequence of intermediate solutions as WL with flooding**

[Kersting, Mladenov, Garnett, Grohe AAAI 2014]

Matlab code available at <http://www-ai.cs.uni-dortmund.de/weblab/code.html>

## Perfectly Hashed Color Refinement/ Weissfeiler Lehman

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**Algorithm 5:** HCGCR( $A$ ): Hashed CGCR

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- 1 Let  $\pi$  an array where  $\pi(i)$  equals to the  $i$ th prime;
- 2  $c^{(0)} := \mathbf{1}$ , i.e., the all 1 column vector;
- 3  $m^{(0)} := 1$  (the maximal color) and  $k := 1$ ;
- 4 **repeat**
- 5 |  $c^{(k+1)} := \text{COLORS}(c^{(k)} + A \log(\pi(c^{(k)})))$ ;

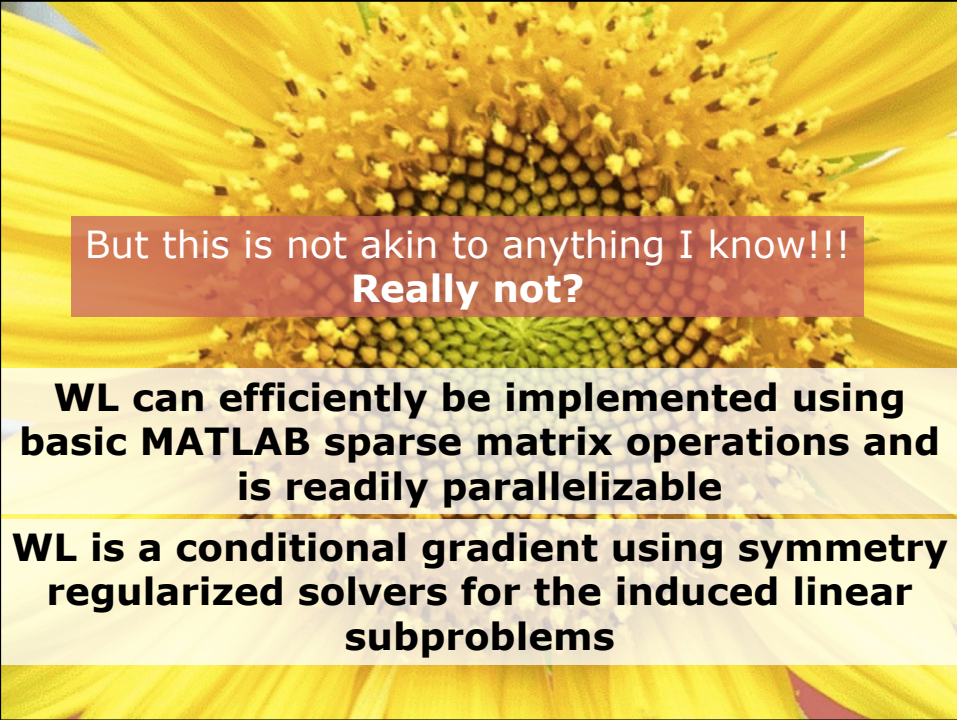
**This is quadratic and can actually be turned into quasi-linear time using asynchronous updates**

**The fundamental theorem of arithmetic tells us that this is provably correct**

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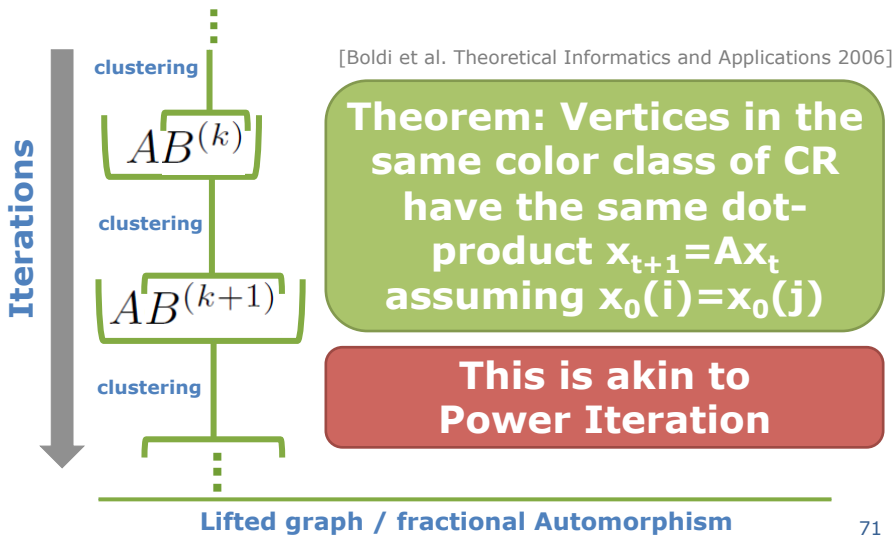
But this is not akin to anything I know!!!  
**Really not?**

**WL can efficiently be implemented using basic MATLAB sparse matrix operations and is readily parallelizable**

**WL is a conditional gradient using symmetry regularized solvers for the induced linear subproblems**

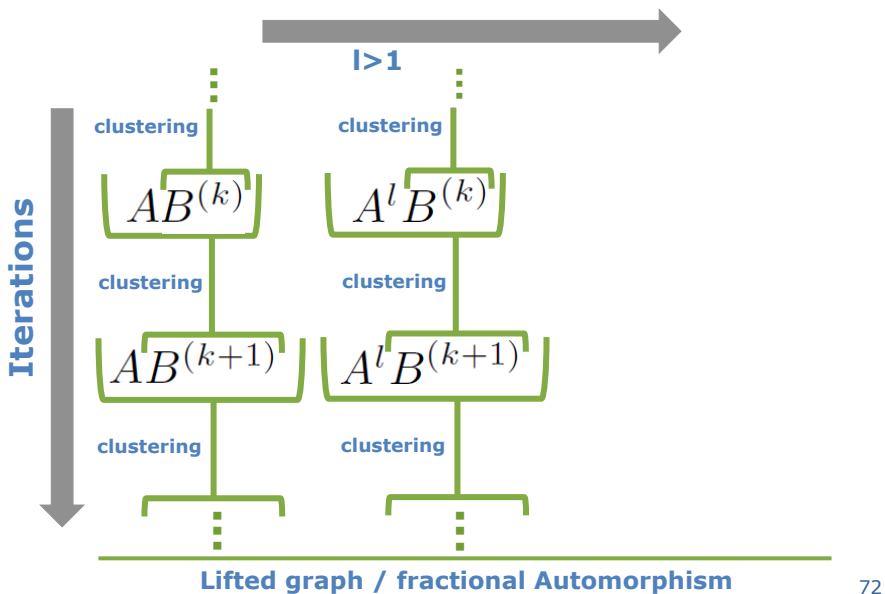
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## Sparse Matrix CP/WL

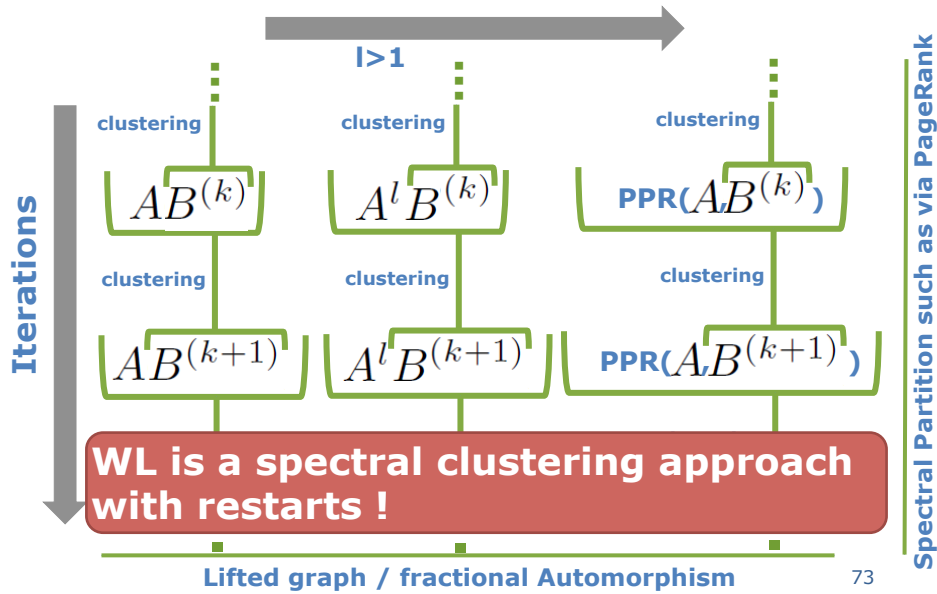


[Kersting, Mladenov, Garnett, Grohe AAAI 2014]

## Power Iterated CP/WL



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## Empirical Illustration using Matlab

Name / Description	# nodes	# edges	Avg. (5 reruns) time in sec. / median # CG iteration				S	C		
			Hashing	Pflfix	Pflfix	Pflfix				
chain100001: Chain graph	100001	100,000	699.62	50002	420.18	●1252	●136.59	2892	< 0.01	49%
grid1000: Grid graph	1,000,000	1,998,000	96.26	501	77.44	●21	●23.87	41	0.43	13%
email-EuAll: Email comm. netw., EU res.	265,214	365,030	●0.32	8	6.09	●5	0.51	●5	0.05	81%
soc-Epinions1: Who-trusts-whom netw.	75,888	405,740	●0.08	5	1.60	5	0.14	●4	0.02	30%
web-Google: Web graph from Google	875,713	4,322,051	●5.61	17	163.49	●11	14.67	●11	1.03	40%
flickr: 2005 crawl of flickr.com by D. Gleich	820,878	9,837,214	●1.32	●5	59.70	6	3.47	●5	0.61	40%
lung2: Transp. in lung, Uni. Aukland	109,460	492,564	4.84	227	3.39	●10	●1.48	26	0.06	59%
xenon2: Complex zeolite, sodalite crystals	157,464	1,933,344	0.96	35	3.81	●5	●0.78	10	0.16	59%
<b>Total</b>			4	1	0	6	4	4		

Name / # graphs / avg. # nodes	Hashing	WL	CGCR	S
MUTAG / 188 / 17.93	●0.23	0.53	0.6	—
ENZYMES / 600 / 29.87	●0.64	3.46	2.08	—
NCI1 / 111 / 29.87	●5.25	16.07	93.81	—
Weighted MUTAG	—	—	●0.40	—
Weighted ENZYMES	—	—	●1.82	—
Weighted NCI1	—	—	●111.53	—

## Why should I care?

- Well, this suggests to view lifting as an approach for clustering, community detection, and role discovery

## Power Iteration Clustering with Restarts

- One iteration of Power Iterated WL using k-Means instead of exact clustering essentially mimics Power Iterated Clustering [Lin, Cohen ICML 2010]

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### Algorithm 6: PICGCR( $A$ ): Power Iterated CGCR

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1  $B^{(0)} = \mathbf{1}$ ;  
2  $m^{(0)} := 1$  (the current maximal color) and  $k := 1$  ;  
3 repeat  
4    $B^{(k+1)} := \mathbf{PIC}(\mathbf{I}+\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}^{(k)})$   
5   Set  $m^{(k+1)}$  to the number of columns of  $B^{(k+1)}$ ;  
6    $k := k + 1$ ;  
7 until Clusters are not changing significantly anymore  
8 return  $B^{(k)}$ 
```

**kMeans with  $\mathbf{I}$  clusters over all colored early state distribution**

## Empirical Illustration

Dataset	$k$	PIC			PICWR		
		Purity	NMI	RI	Purity	NMI	RI
Iris	3	<b>0.9800</b>	<b>0.9306</b>	<b>0.9741</b>	<b>0.9800</b>	<b>0.9306</b>	<b>0.9741</b>
PenDigits01	3	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>
PenDigits17	3	<b>0.7550</b>	<b>0.2066</b>	<b>0.6300</b>	<b>0.7550</b>	<b>0.2066</b>	<b>0.6300</b>
PolBooks	3	0.8000	0.4641	0.7702	<b>0.8667</b>	<b>0.6205</b>	<b>0.8405</b>
UBMCBlog	2	0.9480	0.7193	<b>0.9014</b>	<b>0.9530</b>	<b>0.7488</b>	<b>0.9104</b>
AGBlog	2	0.9566	0.7426	0.9170	<b>0.9574</b>	<b>0.7492</b>	<b>0.9185</b>
20ngA	2	<b>0.9600</b>	<b>0.7594</b>	<b>0.9232</b>	<b>0.9600</b>	<b>0.7594</b>	<b>0.9232</b>
20ngB	2	0.8800	0.5563	0.7888	<b>0.9450</b>	<b>0.7042</b>	<b>0.8961</b>
20ngC	3	<b>0.6433</b>	<b>0.4955</b>	<b>0.6923</b>	0.6417	0.4932	0.6902
20ngD	4	0.5425	0.2979	0.6538	<b>0.5637</b>	<b>0.3283</b>	<b>0.6845</b>

**Clusters are nothing but fix budget fractional automorphisms of datasets**

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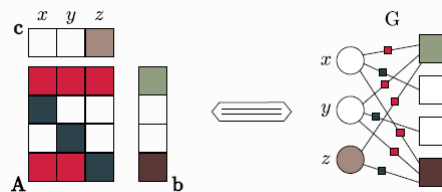
[Mladenov, Ahmadi, Kersting AISTATS 2012]

If you still do not care, what about **lifting linear programs**, working horse of AI, OR, ...

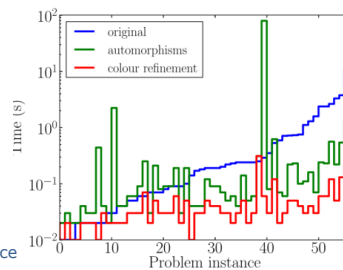
$$\max_{[x,y,z]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3} 0x + 0y + 1z$$

s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Run WL on the „LP“-graph to reduce the dimension of the LP



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## Lessons learnt

- Loopy Belief Propagation and Linear Programming can be made aware of computational symmetries
- This can result in great speed-ups
- Computational symmetries can be detected using the Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) algorithm
- WL computes fractional automorphisms in quasi-linear time; essentially no overhead!
- Few lines of Matlab code realize WL (with flooding) using sparse-matrix operations
- Strong connections to community detection, role discovery, graph kernels, clustering, ...