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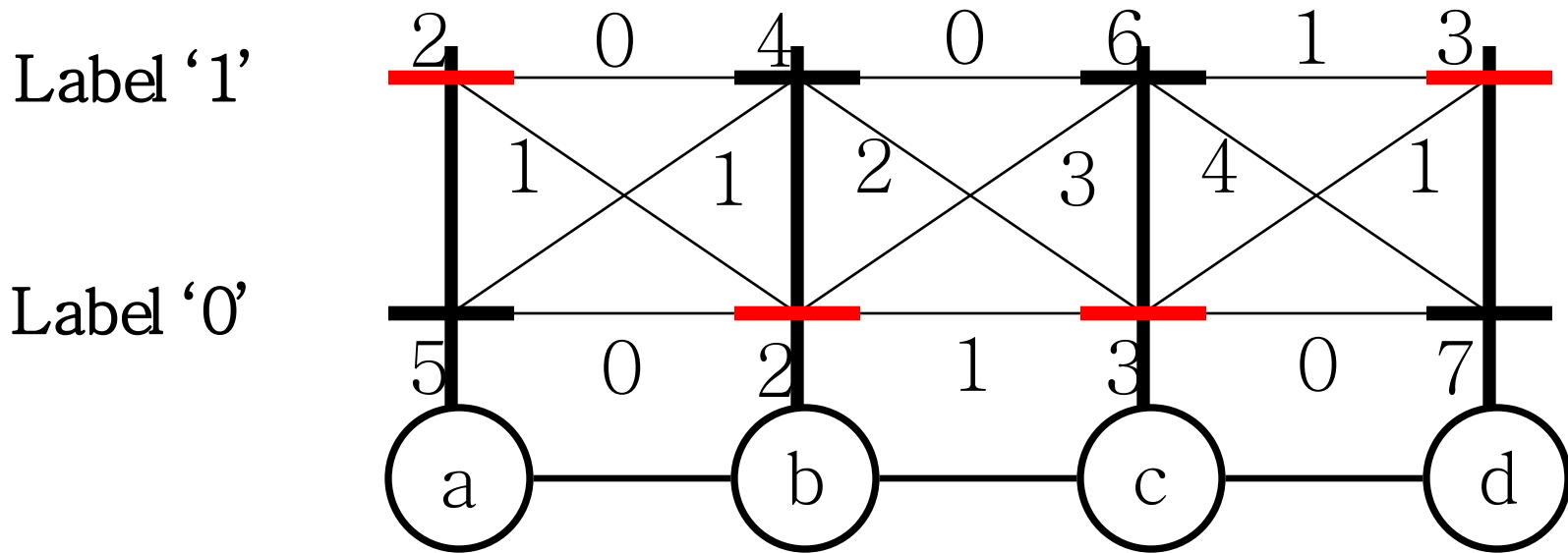
Efficiently Solving Convex Relaxations for MAP Estimation

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Aim

- To solve convex relaxations of MAP estimation



Random Variables $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$

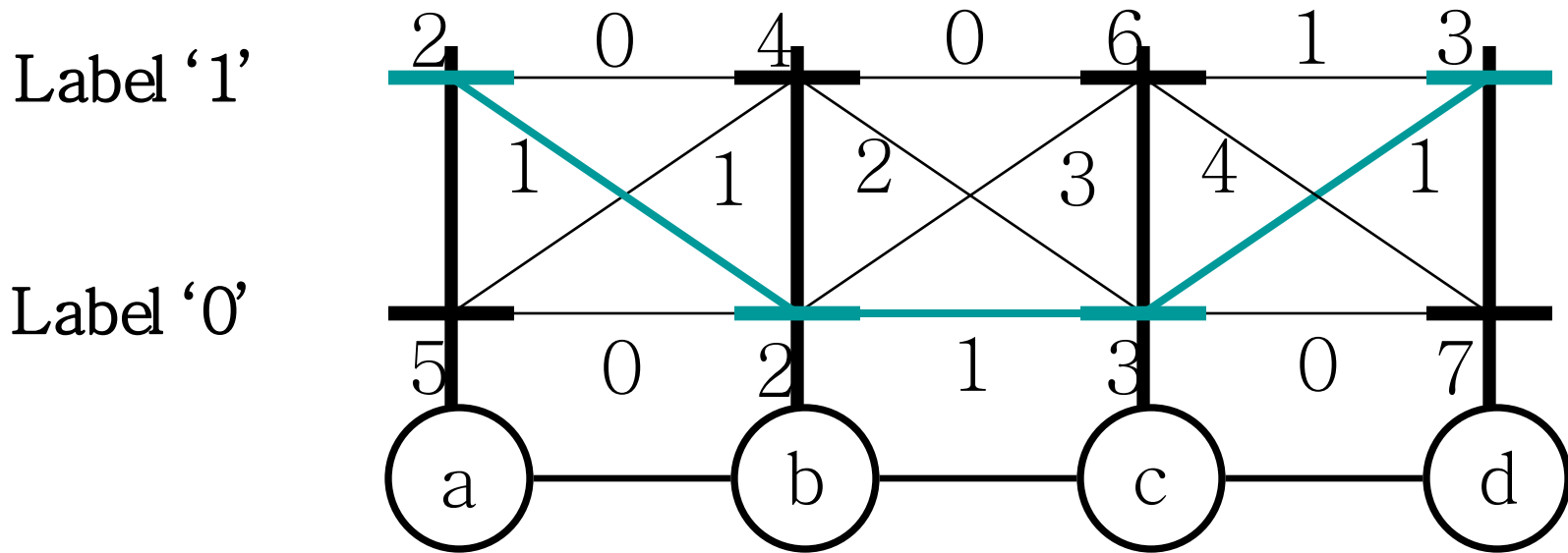
Edges $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d)\}$

Label Set $L = \{0, 1\}$

Labelling $m = \{1, 0, 0, 1\}$

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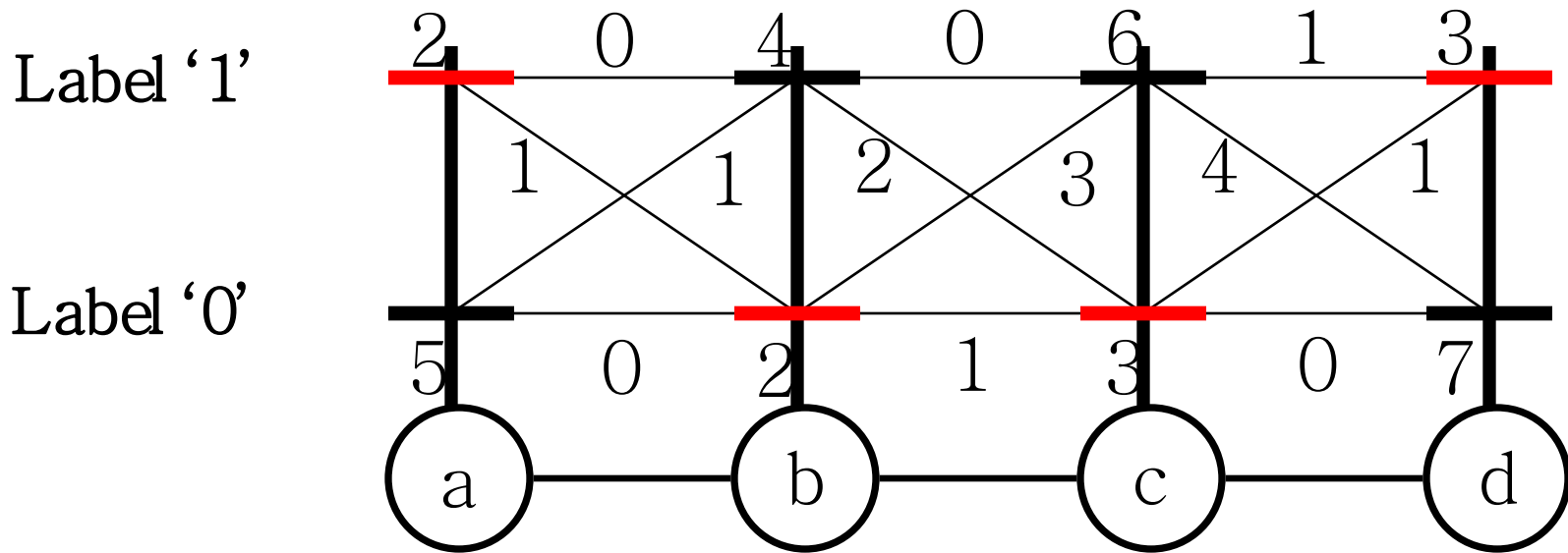
$$\text{Cost}(m) = 2 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 1 + 3 = 13$$

Minimum Cost Labelling? NP-hard problem

Approximate using Convex Relaxations

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- To solve convex relaxations of MAP estimation



Objectives

- Solve *tighter* convex relaxations – LP and SOCP
- Handle large number of random variables, e.g. image pixels

Outline

- Integer Programming Formulation
- Linear Programming Relaxation
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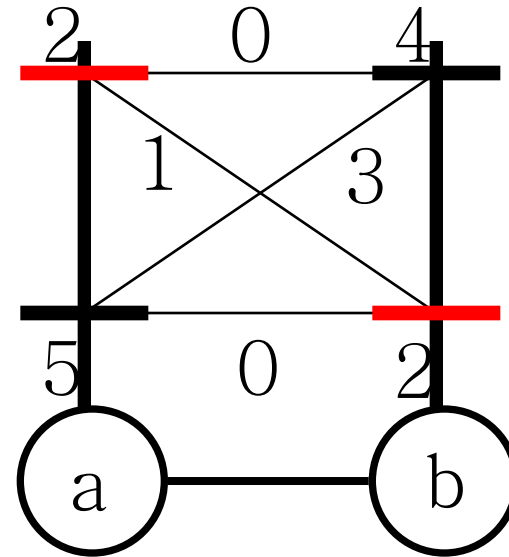
Integer Programming Formulation

Unary Cost

Label '1'

Label '0'

Labelling $m = \{1, 0\}$



Unary Cost Vector $\mathbf{u} = [\textcircled{5} \textcircled{2} ; 2 \ 4]$

Cost of $a = 1$

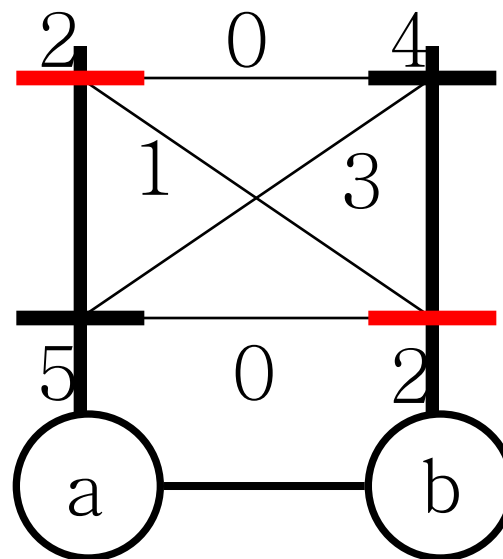
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Unary Cost Vector $\mathbf{u} = [5 \quad 2 \quad ; \quad 2 \quad 4]^T$

Label vector $\mathbf{x} = [\textcircled{-1} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad ; \quad 1 \quad -1]^T$

Recall that the aim is to find the optimal \mathbf{x} $a_i \neq 0 = 1$

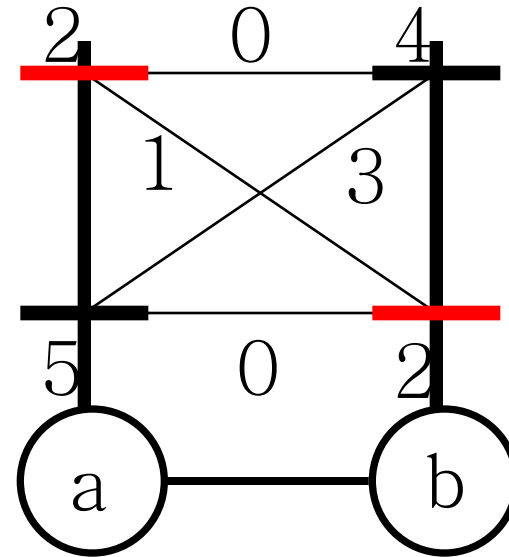
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$$\text{Sum of Unary Costs} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \mathbf{u}_i (1 + \mathbf{x}_i)$$

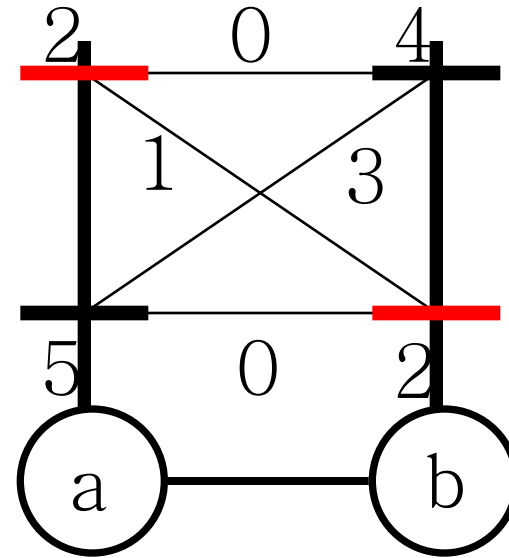
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Pairwise Cost

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Labelling $m = \{1, 0\}$



Pairwise Cost Matrix P

0	0	0	3
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
3	0	0	0

Pairwise Cost of a and a

Cost of a = 0 and b = 0

Cost of a = 0 and b = 1

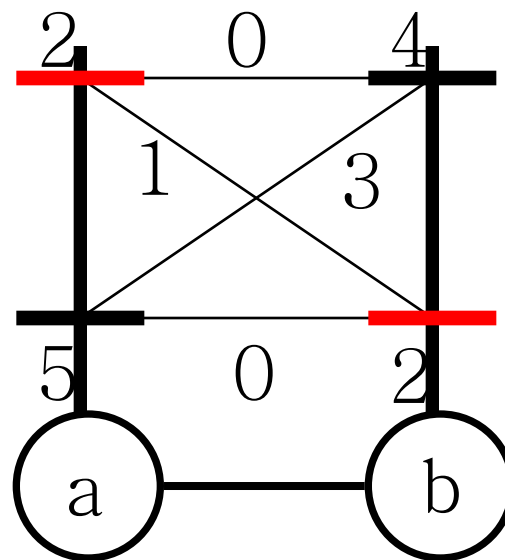
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Sum of Pairwise Costs

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} P_{ij} (1 + x_i)(1 + x_j)$$

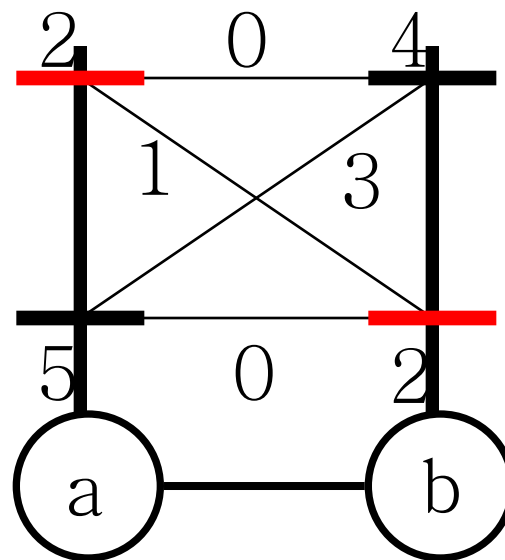
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Sum of Pairwise Costs

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} P_{ij} (1 + x_i + x_j + x_i x_j)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} P_{ij} (1 + x_i + x_j + X_{ij})$$

$$X = x x^T$$

$$X_{ij} = x_i x_j$$

Integer Programming Formulation

Constraints

- Integer Constraints

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T$$

- Uniqueness Constraint

$$\sum_{i \in a} \mathbf{x}_i = 2 - |L|$$

Integer Programming Formulation

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \operatorname{argmin} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum \mathbf{u}_i (1 + \mathbf{x}_i) + \frac{1}{4} \sum \mathbf{P}_{ij} (1 + \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{x}_j + \mathbf{X}_{ij})$$

$$\sum_{i \in a} \mathbf{x}_i = 2 - |L|$$

Convex

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T$$

Non-Convex

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Linear Programming Relaxation

Schlesinger, 1976

Retain Convex Part

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T$$

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Schlesinger, 1976

Retain Convex Part

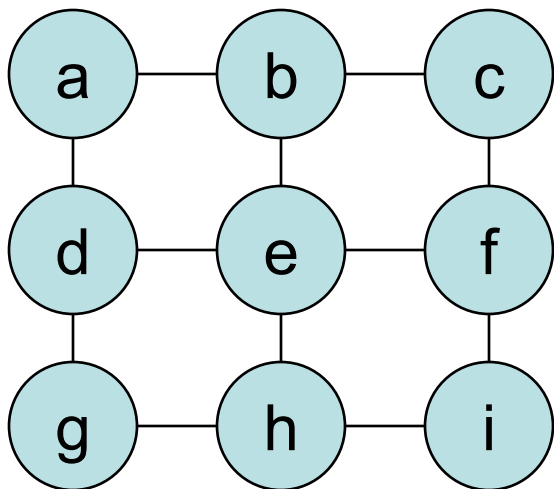
$$\mathbf{x}_i \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij} \in [-1, 1] \quad 1 + \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{x}_j + \mathbf{X}_{ij} \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{j \in b} \mathbf{X}_{ij} = (2 - |L|) \mathbf{x}_i$$

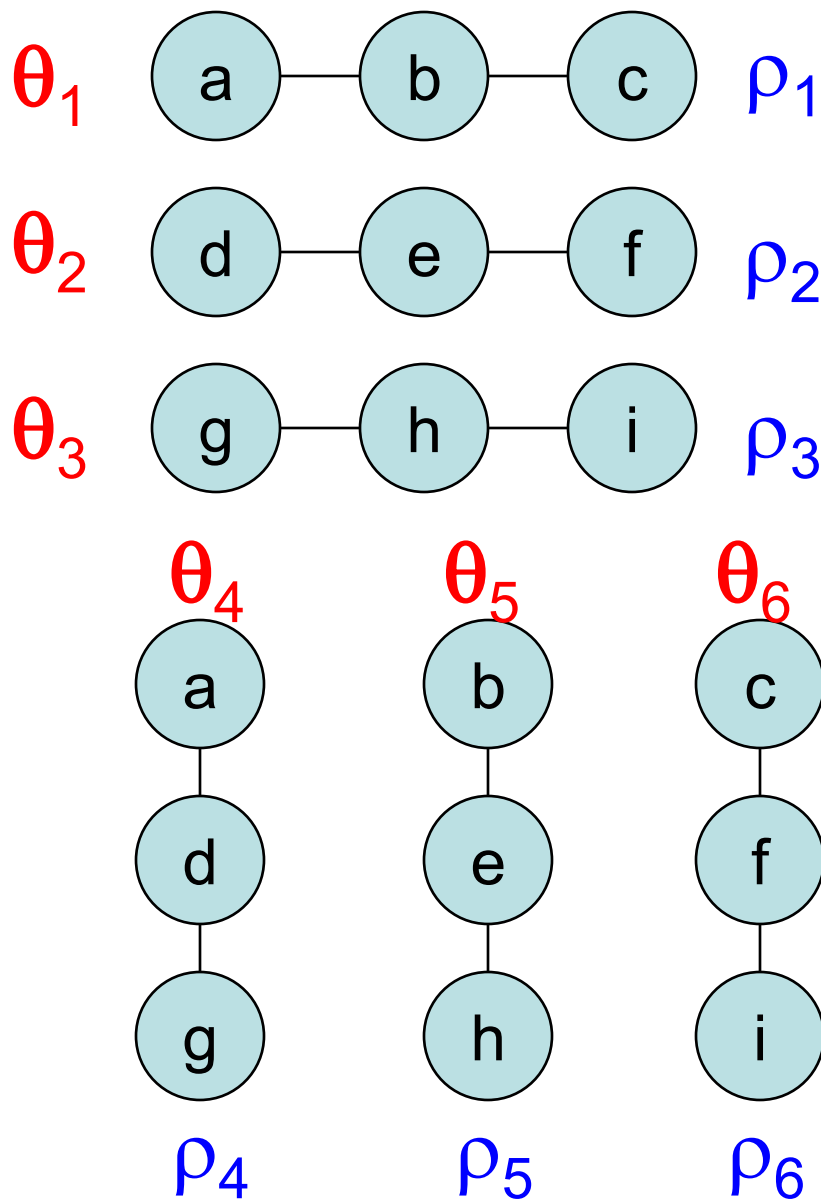
Dual of the LP Relaxation

Wainwright et al., 2001



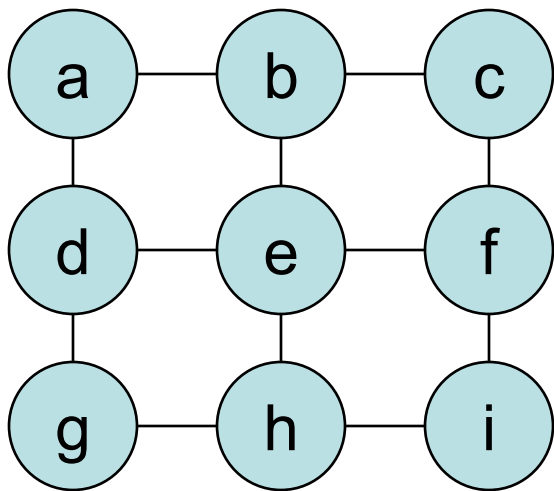
$$\theta = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{P})$$

$$\sum \rho_i \theta_i \equiv \theta$$



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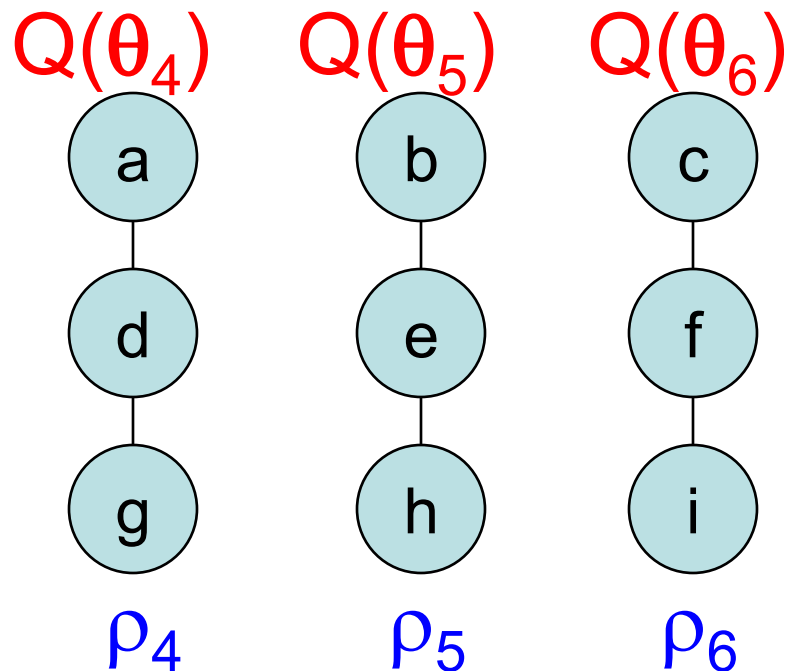
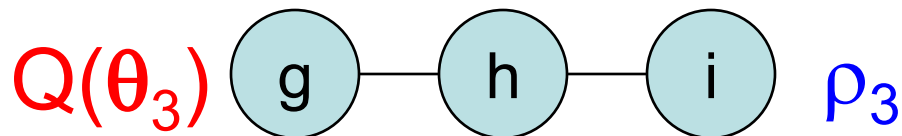
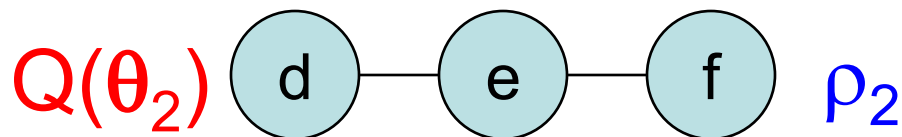
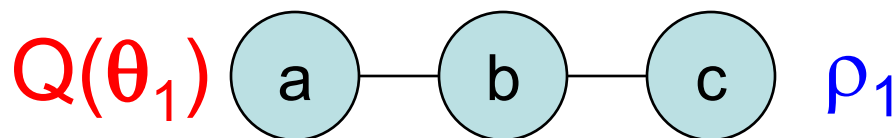


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Dual of LP

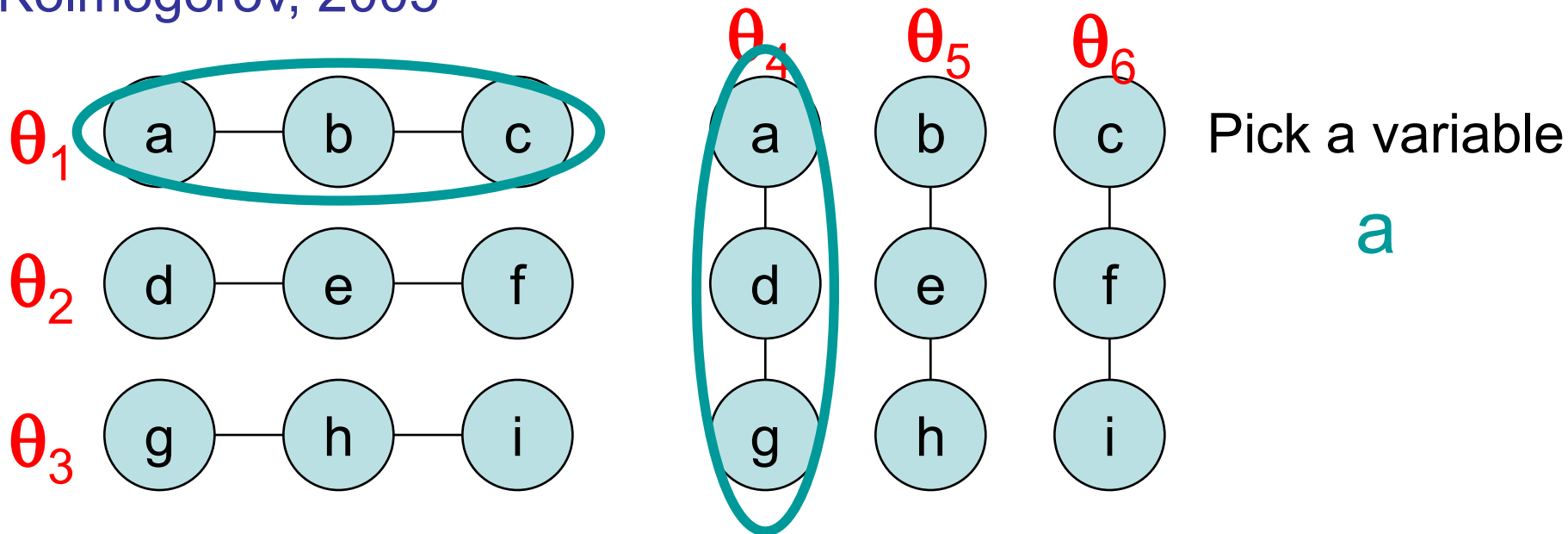
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Tree-Rewighted Message Passing

Kolmogorov, 2005

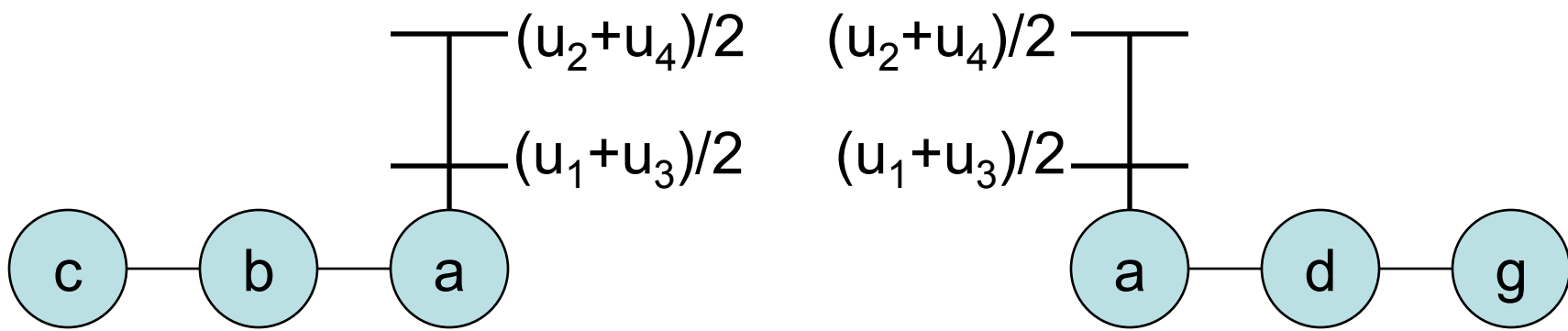
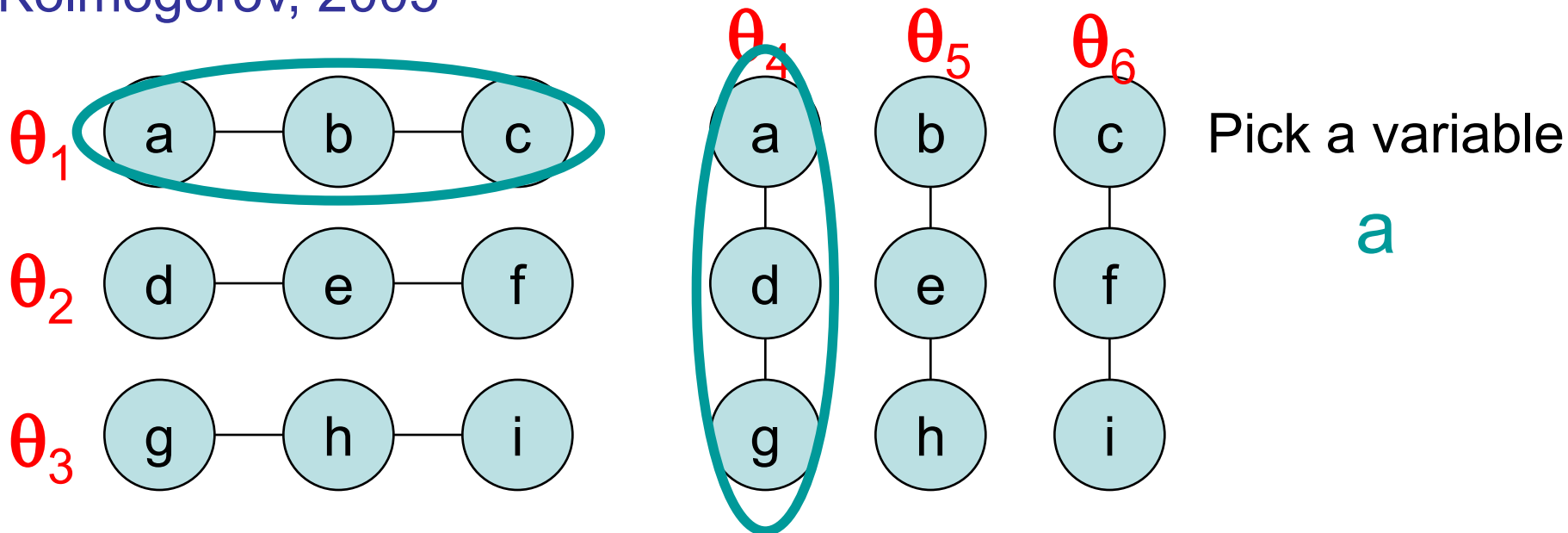


Reparameterize such that u_i are min-marginals

Only one pass of belief propagation

Tree-Reweighted Message Passing

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Average the unary costs

Repeat for all variables

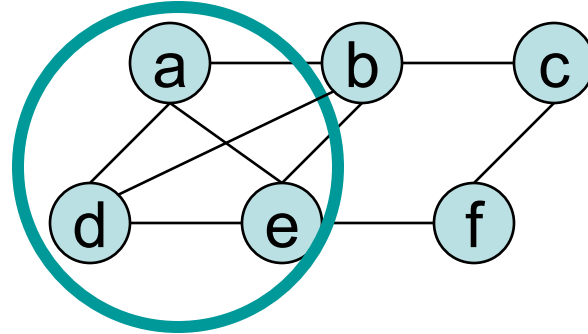
TRW-S

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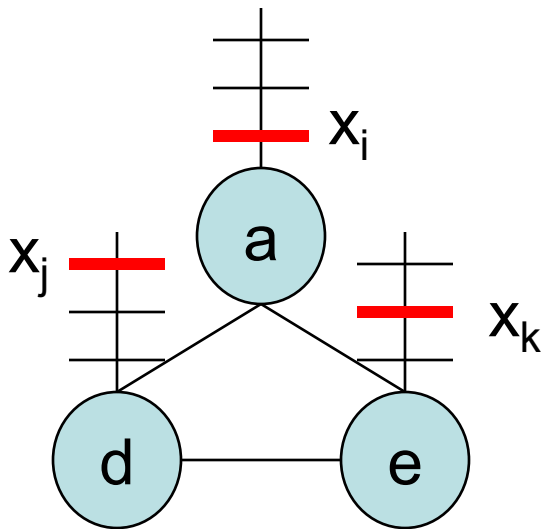
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Cycle Inequalities

Chopra and Rao, 1991



At least two of them have the same sign



$$X = xx^T$$

$$x_i x_j \quad x_j x_k \quad x_k x_i$$

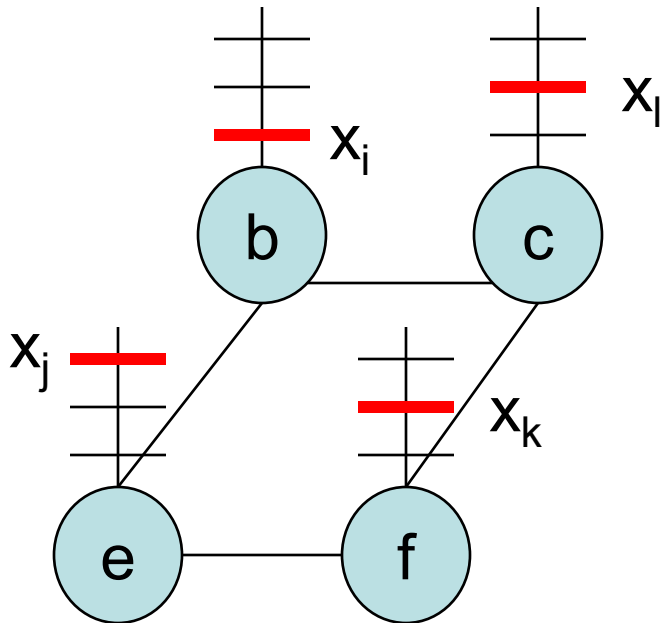
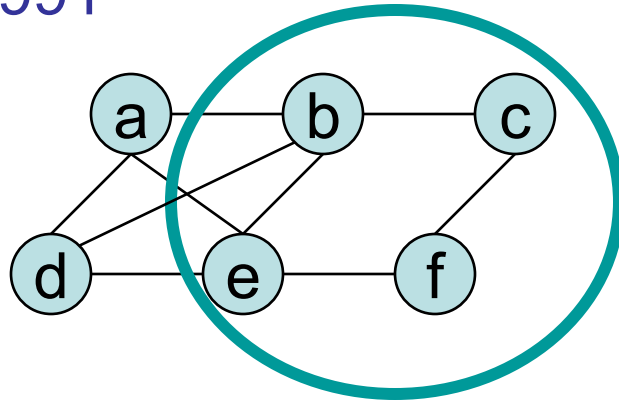
$$X_{ij} \quad X_{jk} \quad X_{ki}$$

At least one of them is 1

$$X_{ij} + X_{jk} + X_{ki} \geq -1$$

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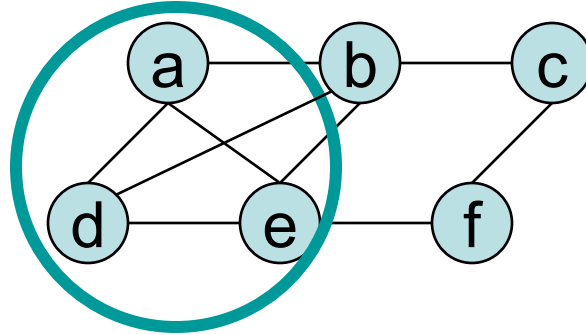
$$X_{ij} + X_{jk} + X_{kl} - X_{li} \geq -2$$

Generalizes to all cycles

LP-C

Second-Order Cone Constraints

Kumar et al., 2007



$$\mathbf{x}_c = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x_j \\ x_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X_{ij} & X_{ik} \\ X_{ij} & 1 & X_{jk} \\ X_{ik} & X_{jk} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{x}_c^T$$

$$\mathbf{X}_c \succeq \mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{x}_c^T$$

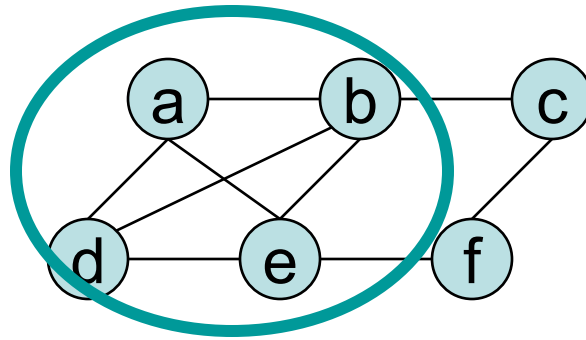
$$\mathbf{1} \bullet (\mathbf{X}_c - \mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{x}_c^T) \geq 0$$

$$(x_i + x_j + x_k)^2 \leq 3 + X_{ij} + X_{jk} + X_{ki}$$

SOCP-C

Second-Order Cone Constraints

Kumar et al., 2007



$$\mathbf{x}_c = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x_j \\ x_k \\ x_l \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X_{ij} & X_{ik} & X_{il} \\ X_{ij} & 1 & X_{jk} & X_{jl} \\ X_{ik} & X_{jk} & 1 & X_{kl} \\ X_{il} & X_{jl} & X_{kl} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

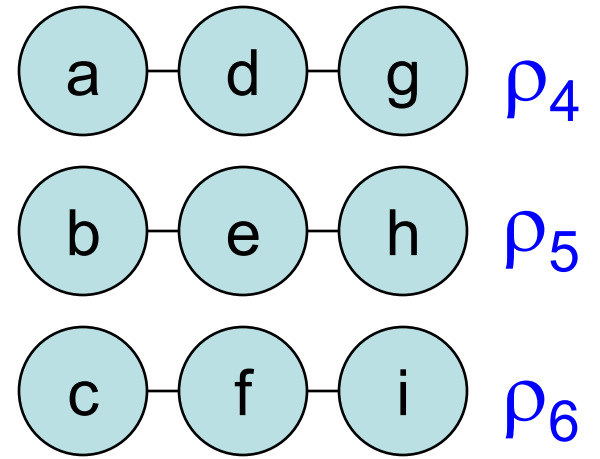
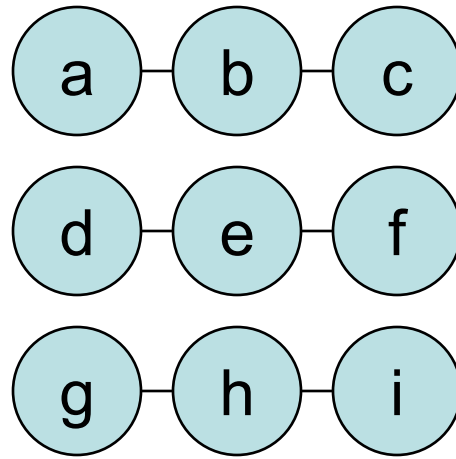
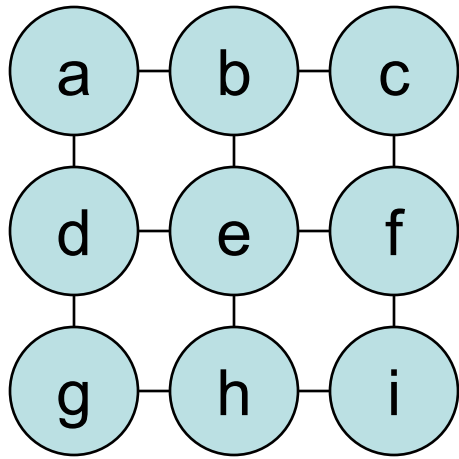
$$\mathbf{1} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_c - \mathbf{x}_c \mathbf{x}_c^T) \geq 0$$

SOCP-Q

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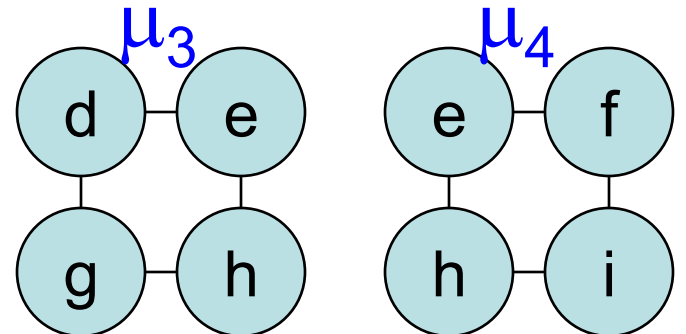
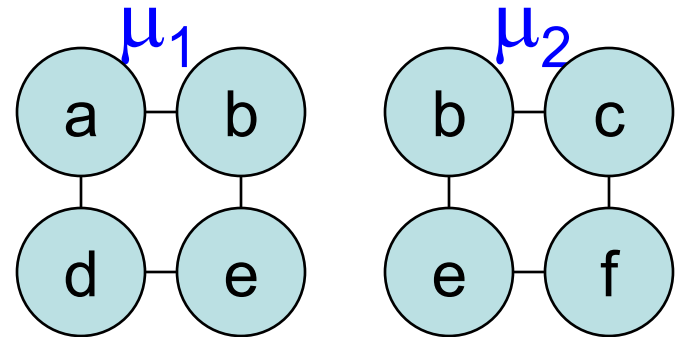
Modifying the Dual



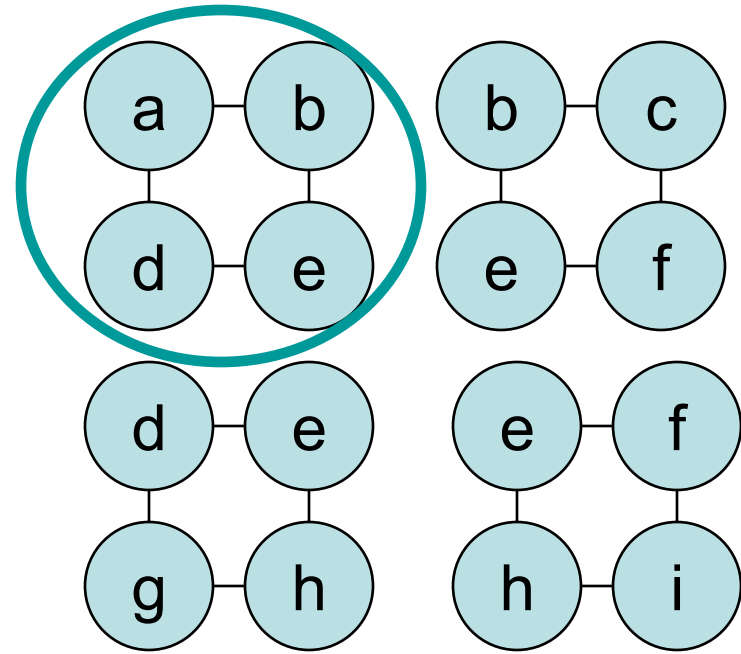
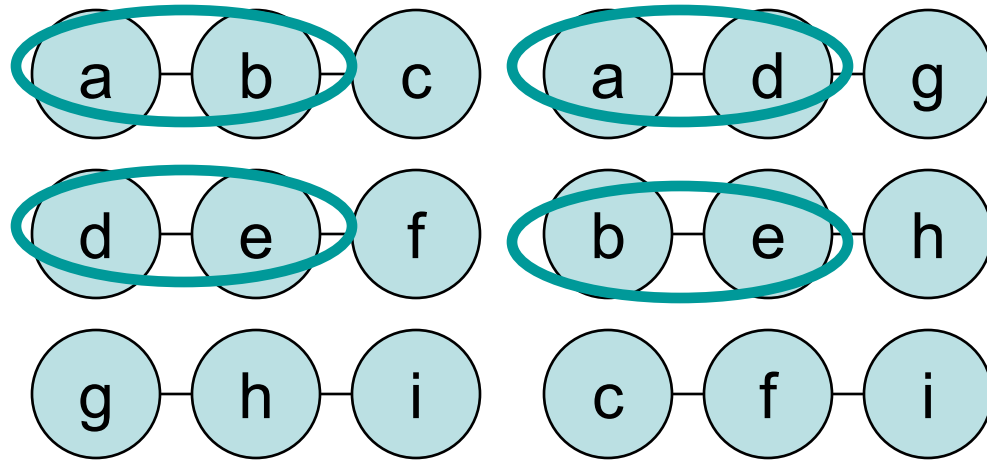
$$\max \sum \rho_i Q(\theta_i) + \sum \mu_j S_j$$

$$\sum \rho_i \theta_i \equiv \theta$$

$$+ \sum \mu_j S_j$$



Modifying TRW-S



Pick a variable --- **a**

Pick a cycle/clique with **a**

$$\max \sum \rho_i Q(\theta_i) + \mu_j S_j$$

$$\sum \rho_i \theta_i \equiv \theta$$

Can be solved efficiently

$$+ \mu_j S_j$$

REPEAT

Run TRW-S for trees with **a**

Properties of the Algorithm

Algorithm satisfies the reparametrization constraint

Value of dual never decreases **CONVERGENCE**

Solution satisfies Weak Tree Agreement (WTA)

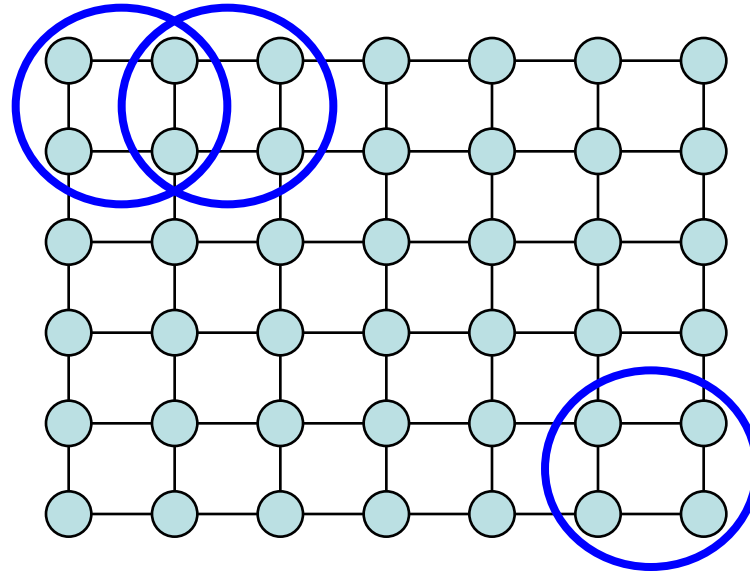
WTA not sufficient for convergence

More accurate results than TRW-S

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4-Neighbourhood MRF



Test SOCP-C

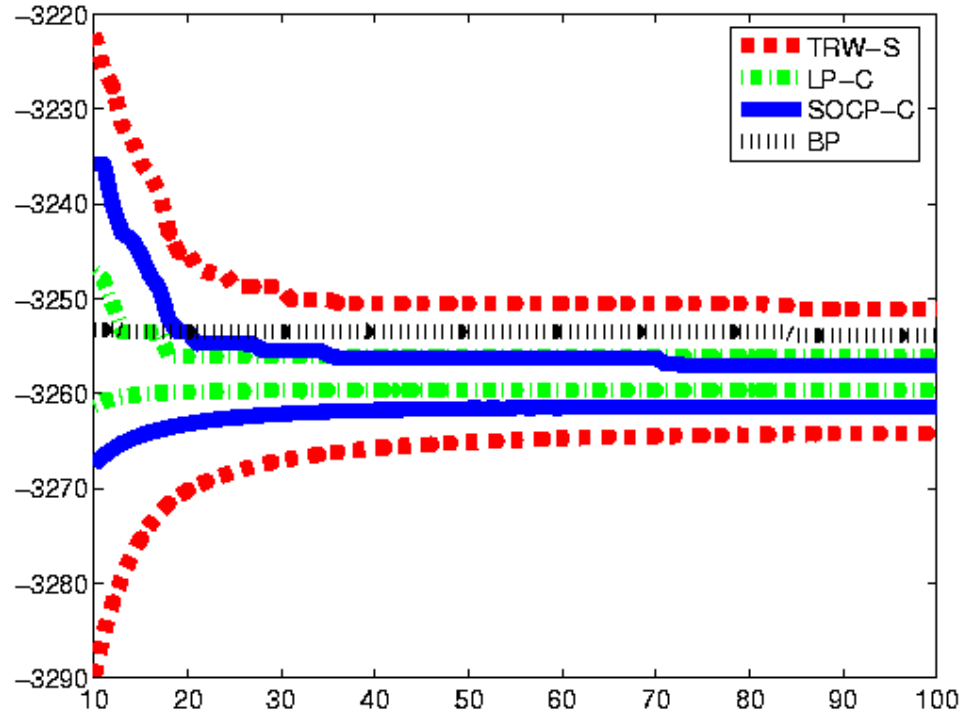
Test LP-C

50 binary MRFs of size 30x30

$$\mathbf{u} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{P} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

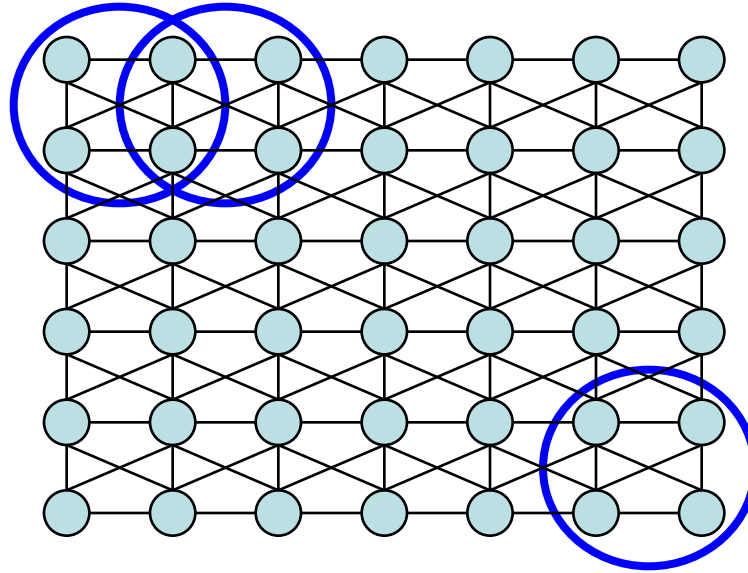
4-Neighbourhood MRF



$$\sigma = 5$$

LP-C dominates SOCP-C

8-Neighbourhood MRF



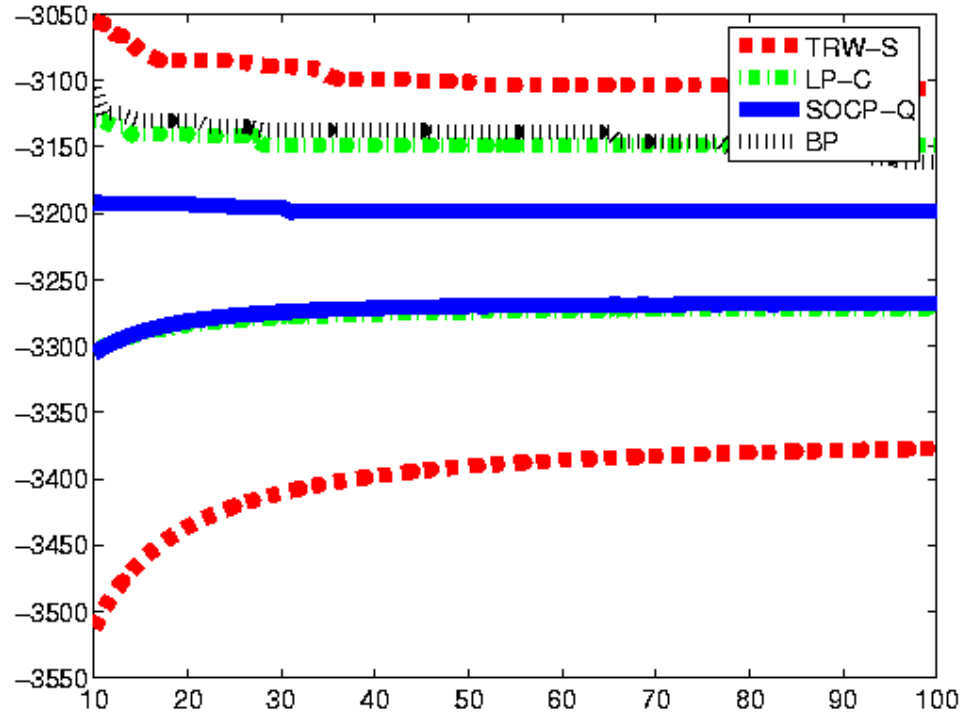
Test SOCP-Q

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$$\mathbf{u} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{P} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

8-Neighbourhood MRF



$$\sigma = 5 / \sqrt{2}$$

SOCP-Q dominates LP-C

Conclusions

- Modified LP dual to include more constraints
- Extended TRW-S to solve tighter dual
- Experiments show improvement
- More results in the poster

Future Work

- More efficient subroutines for solving cycles/cliques
- Using more accurate LP solvers - proximal projections
- Analysis of SOCP-C vs. LP-C

Questions?

Timings

Linear in the number of variables!!

Video Segmentation



Keyframe



User Segmentation

Segment remaining video ...



Video Segmentation

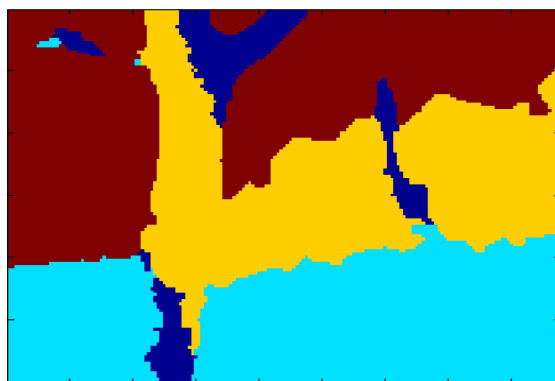
Input



Belief Propagation



8175



25620



18314

Video Segmentation

Input



$\alpha\beta$ -swap



1187



1368



1289

Video Segmentation

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α -expansion



2453



1266



1225

Video Segmentation

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TRW-S



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Video Segmentation

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LP- ϵ



719



264



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Video Segmentation

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SOCP-Q



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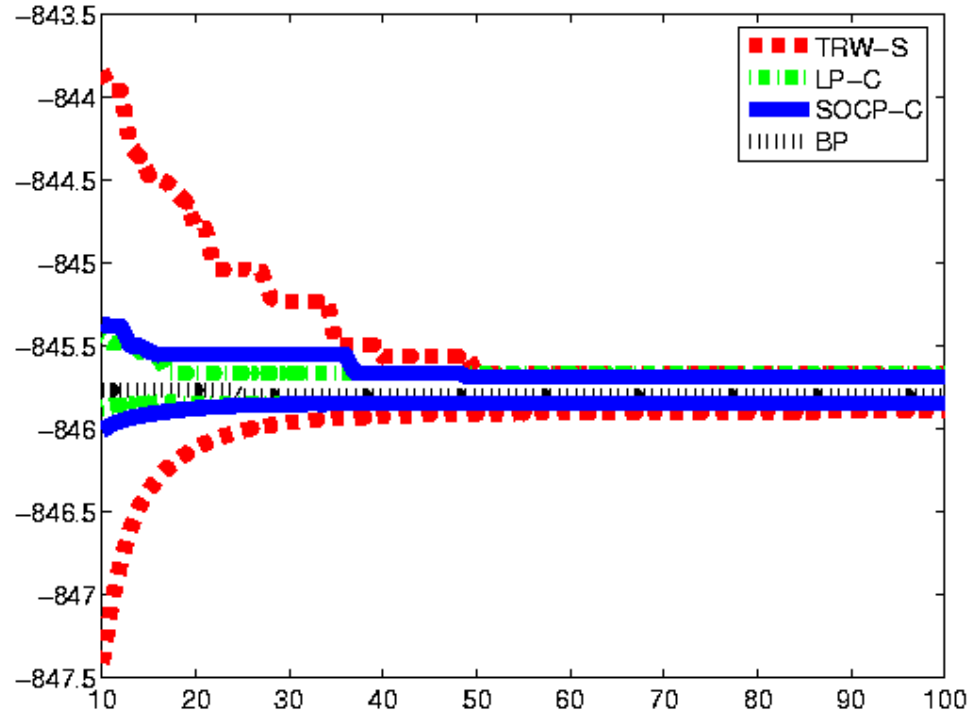


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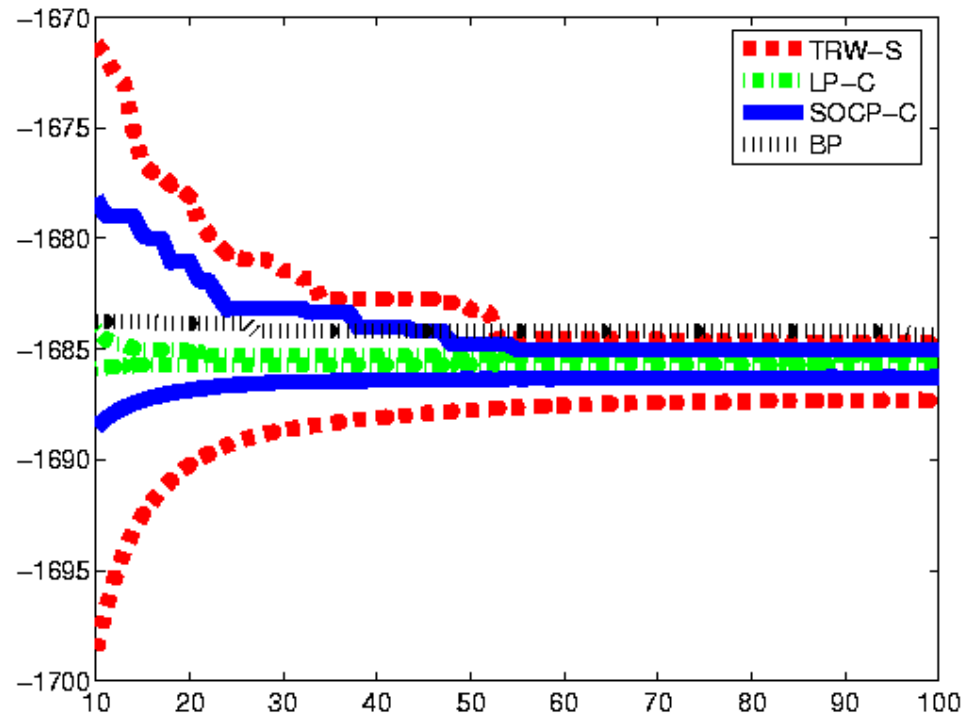
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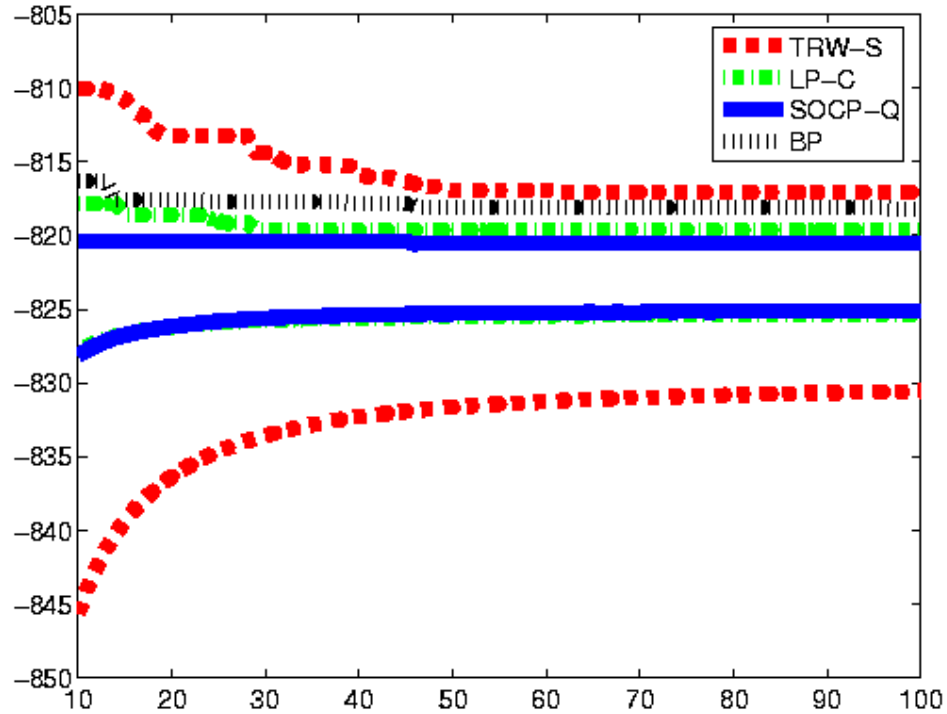
$$\sigma = 1$$

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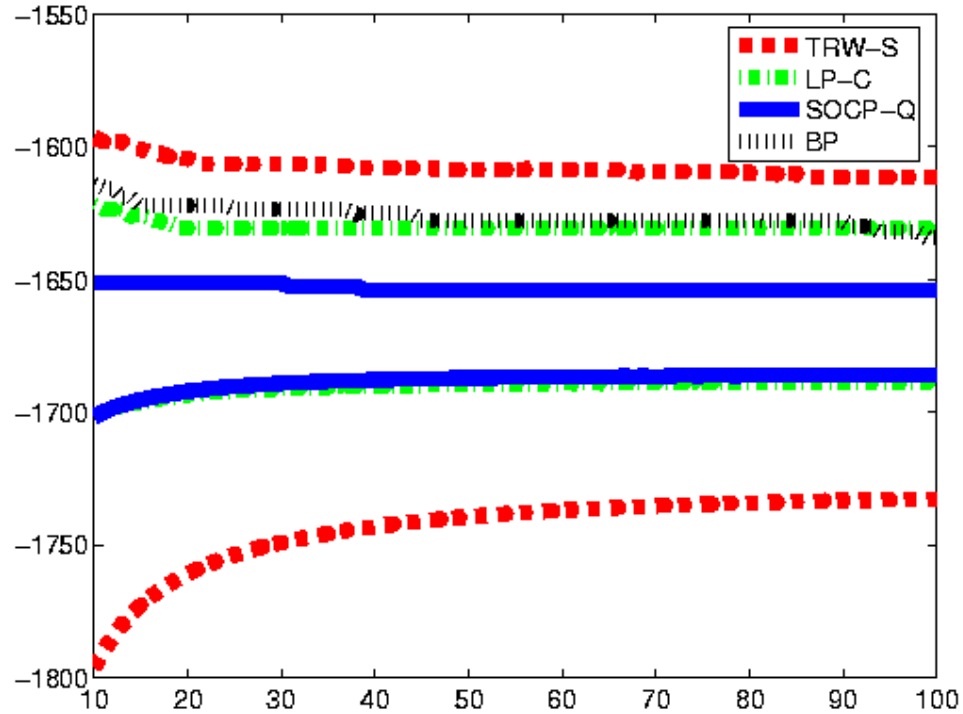
$$\sigma = 2.5$$

8-Neighbourhood MRF



$$\sigma = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

8-Neighbourhood MRF



$$\sigma = 2.5 / \sqrt{2}$$